

# Connecticut Tercentenary Celebration

AT

## NORTH BRANFORD

Saturday, July 27, through Sunday, July 28, 1935

### *Program*

#### SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 10.00 A.M. Parade, featuring horse-drawn floats, *Village Center*.
- 10.45 A.M. Exhibition drills by the local and visiting fife and drum corps, *Old Training Ground, Village Green*.
- 11.00 A.M. Hobby show opens, with over one hundred exhibits on display, including antiques, scientific, artistic, educational, and whimsical objects, livestock, etc., *Town Hall and grounds*.
- 1.30 P.M. Baseball game, Colored Thunderbolts of Connecticut vs. North Branford Town Team, *Trap Rock Field*.
- 4.00 P.M. Historical pageant in nine episodes, with orchestral accompaniment, Clinton Julian of Branford, conductor, *Trap Rock Field*.
- 7.00 P.M. Hobby show, closed during the pageant, reopens, *Town Hall and grounds*.
- 8.30 P.M. Street dance, with fifteen-piece orchestra, *Village Center*.

At intervals throughout the day, sight-seeing trips may be taken to points of interest. These will include a visit to the Indian Well; a tour of old houses, of which North Branford has several, built between 1700 and 1800; inspection of the old cemetery opposite the Green; a seven-mile drive around Lake Gaillard, through the courtesy of the New Haven Water Company; and an expedition by flat car, under the auspices of the New Haven Trap Rock Company, along Totoket Mountain to the Trap Rock Quarry, one of the largest in the country.

A cafeteria luncheon will be served in the Chapel on the Green by the ladies of the community, and throughout the day refreshments may be obtained at stands at various places.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 28

- A.M. Tercentenary commemorative services in the churches.
- P.M. Hobby show in the Town Hall.

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The area now known as North Branford was a part of the territory of Totoket purchased from the Indians in 1638 by Theophilus Eaton and his associates. As the original settlement of Branford grew, the sons and grandsons of its founders pushed to the north and established farms. The first house in this district was built in 1680. By 1724 there were enough inhabitants in the "North Farms," as the settlement was called for many years, to warrant the building of a meetinghouse in their midst. The parish remained a part of Branford, however, until 1831, at which time a separate township was incorporated, including within its boundaries the present villages of Northford, Totoket, and North Branford.