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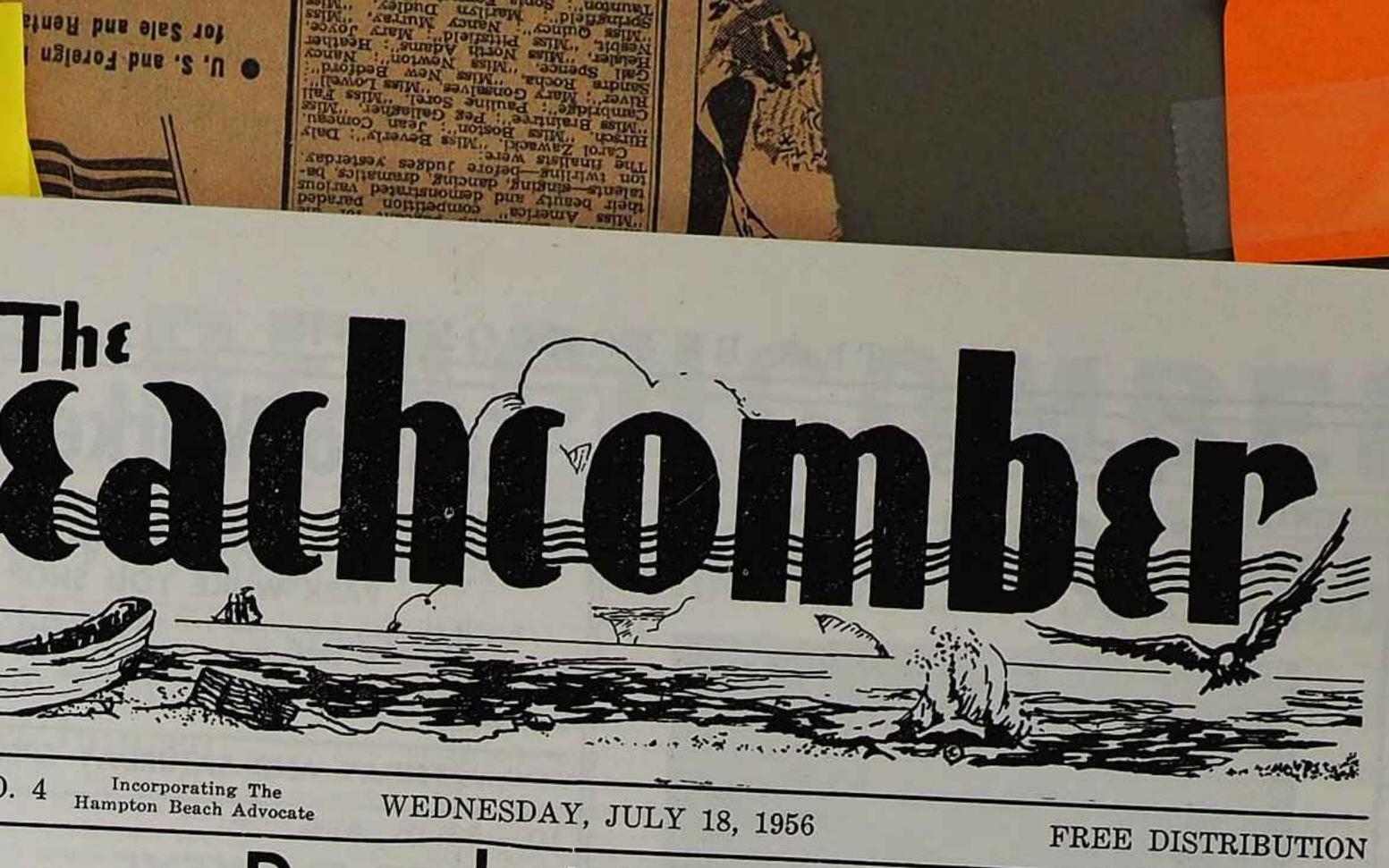


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BEACH SERENADE — Lifeguard Fred Bennett is the center of attention as he is shown being erenaded by the three Hampton sisters; Pauline, Dolores, and Lillian. Having lost a bet with Fred, the girls had to pay off with a public serenade in full view of onlookers on the sands at Hampton Beach, N. H. -Photo by George Hagopian



Famous Band Here Saturday



Rated among the top industrial bands in the nation the A. C: Sparkplug division of General Motors concert band will give two concerts from the Hampton Beach band stand, Saturday evening, July 21st. The concerts will replace the regular concerts by Chuck Hill and his band. One concert will start at 7 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

This 40-piece band is made up of men who work as employees of the General Motors corporation in the Flint Michigan plant. They are given an outing each year and play several concerts throughout the country. The men have chosen Hampton Beach for the second year in succession as one of the places they want to put on their entertainment. The band will feature many specialities in the instrumental groups and will also present a very beautiful and talented young lady vocalist.

BAND (Continued on Page Seven)

Conn. Vocalist **Talent Parade** Winner Monday.

All the way from Thompsonville, Conn., to top all other contestants in Monday night's Talent Parade was nineteen-yearold Ronald Cormier. Ronald won first place in the senior division with his vocal of "Everybody's Got A Home But Me."

A close second went to Beverly Nolan, 18, of Malden, Mass., with her rendition of "Mr. Wonderful".

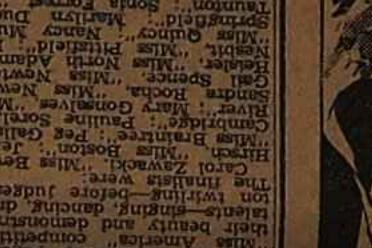
In the junior division Beth Reidel, 11, of Holyoke, Mass., won first place with her baton twirling act to "Liberty Bell" and "Anchors Aweigh."

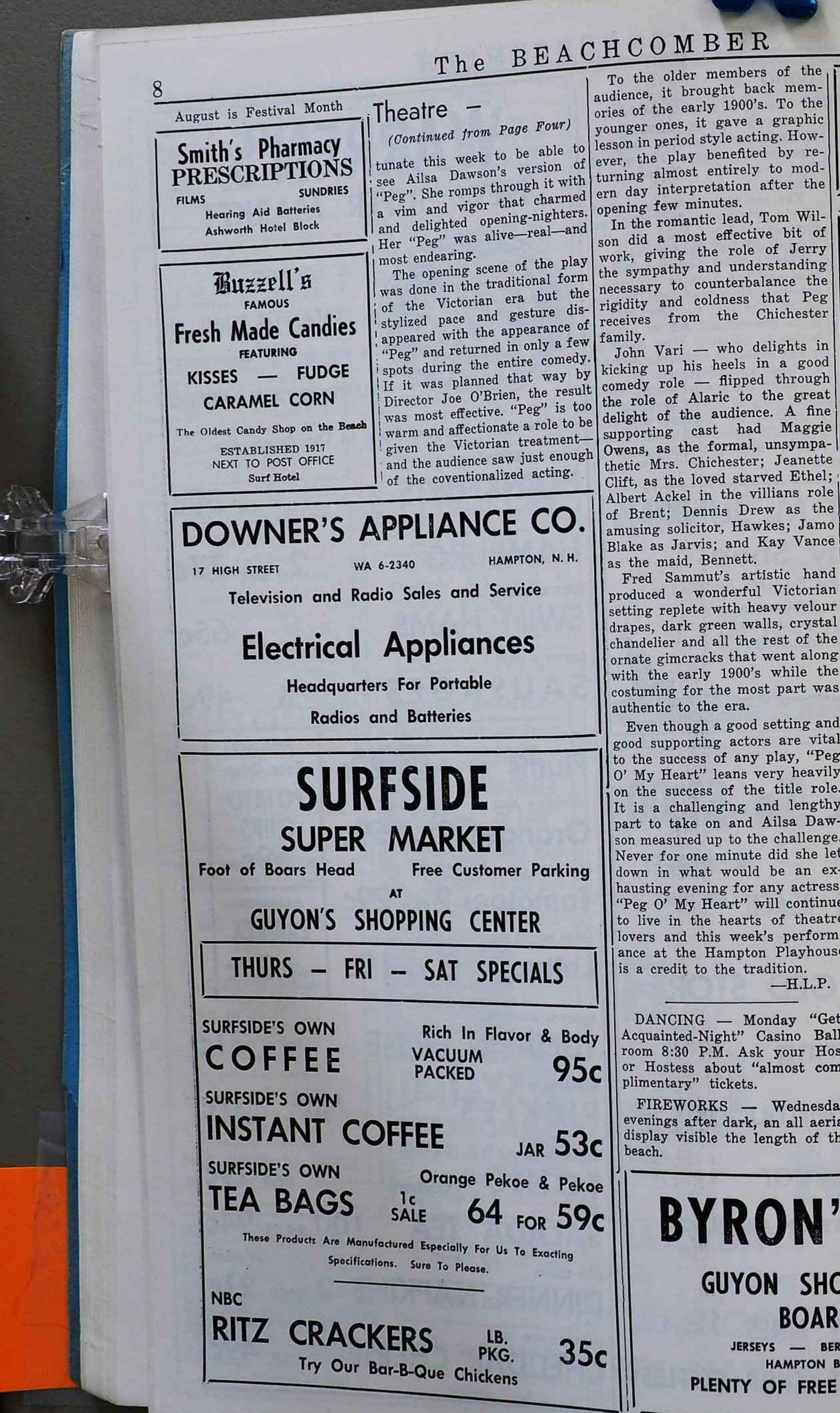
Taking a close second was Miles Lemkin, 13, of Lowell, Mass., who did a trumpet solo of "Cerry Pink and Apphle Blossom White".

Placing third was Richard Putnam, 12, of Manchester with his dance routine to "Bye Bye Blues."









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To the older members of the audience, it brought back memories of the early 1900's. To the younger ones, it gave a graphic tunate this week to be able to lesson in period style acting. Howsee Ailsa Dawson's version of ever, the play benefited by re-"Peg". She romps through it with turning almost entirely to mod-

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In the romantic lead, Tom Wilson did a most effective bit of The opening scene of the play work, giving the role of Jerry was done in the traditional form the sympathy and understanding of the Victorian era but the necessary to counterbalance the stylized pace and gesture dis- rigidity and coldness that Peg appeared with the appearance of receives from the Chichester

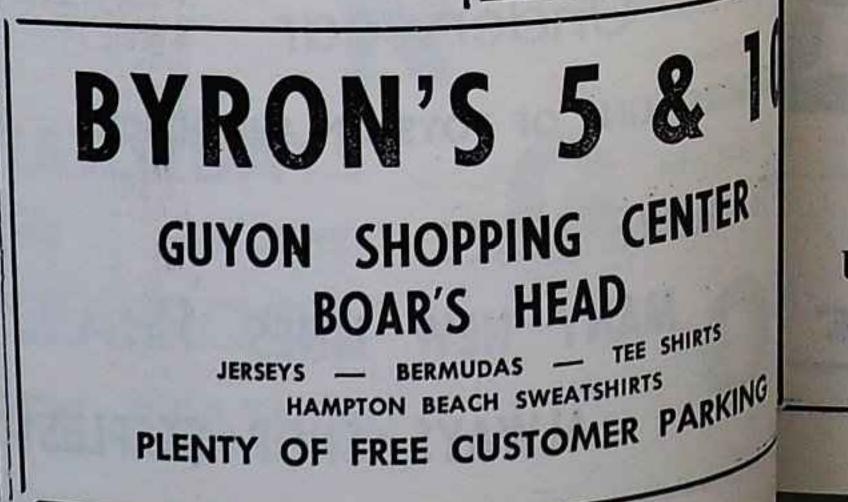
John Vari — who delights in If it was planned that way by kicking up his heels in a good Director Joe O'Brien, the result comedy role — flipped through was most effective. "Peg" is too the role of Alaric to the great warm and affectionate a role to be delight of the audience. A fine given the Victorian treatment- supporting cast had Maggie Owens, as the formal, unsympathetic Mrs. Chichester; Jeanette Clift, as the loved starved Ethel; on a nerve, the brain come Albert Ackel in the villians role the full amount of life force of Brent; Dennis Drew as the it and the part of the body amusing solicitor, Hawkes; Jamo that nerve supplies, is bound have Blake as Jarvis; and Kay Vance | come weakened and diseased as the maid, Bennett.

Fred Sammut's artistic hand aligned vertebrae producing produced a wonderful Victorian setting replete with heavy velour drapes, dark green walls, crystal chandelier and all the rest of the ornate gimcracks that went along with the early 1900's while the costuming for the most part was authentic to the era.

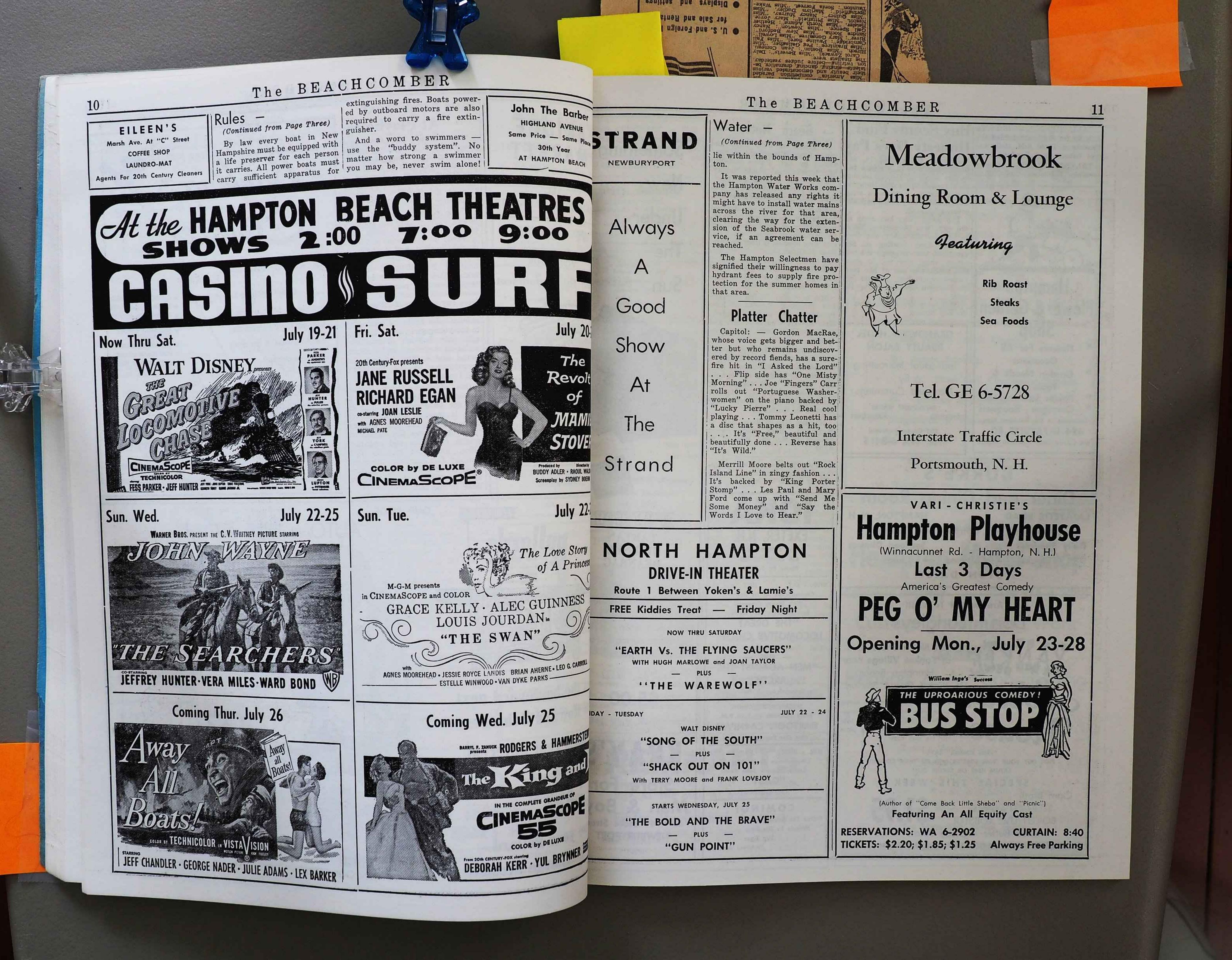
Even though a good setting and good supporting actors are vital to the success of any play, "Peg O' My Heart" leans very heavily on the success of the title role. It is a challenging and lengthy part to take on and Ailsa Dawson measured up to the challenge. Never for one minute did she let down in what would be an exhausting evening for any actress. "Peg O' My Heart" will continue to live in the hearts of theatre lovers and this week's performance at the Hampton Playhouse is a credit to the tradition. -H.L.P.

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the Lions club to meet at 9 a.m. in the band room of the Casino where collection boxes will be distributed. Each volunteer worker will receive a gift, and several radios are being offered as prizes for the collectors.

Purpose of the drive states chairman Dr. Lawrence Saulden is to obtain the financial backing which makes possible Lions donations to charity throughout the year. During 1955-56 approxi-mately \$1,500 was expended on such worthwhile projects as eye sight conservation, medical treatgoal for this year is to exceed the contributions of previous campaigns.

Hampton Beach

O! let us stay at Hampton Beach And dream through summer

We shall not long to further reach

Than through it's ocean haze.

And from the long, hard, sandy stretch

Where bather's seek their zest We see the ways of life that

Here joys may find it's quest.

The riders in the modern cars, And on buses that you meet Are gaining health, and jolly ways

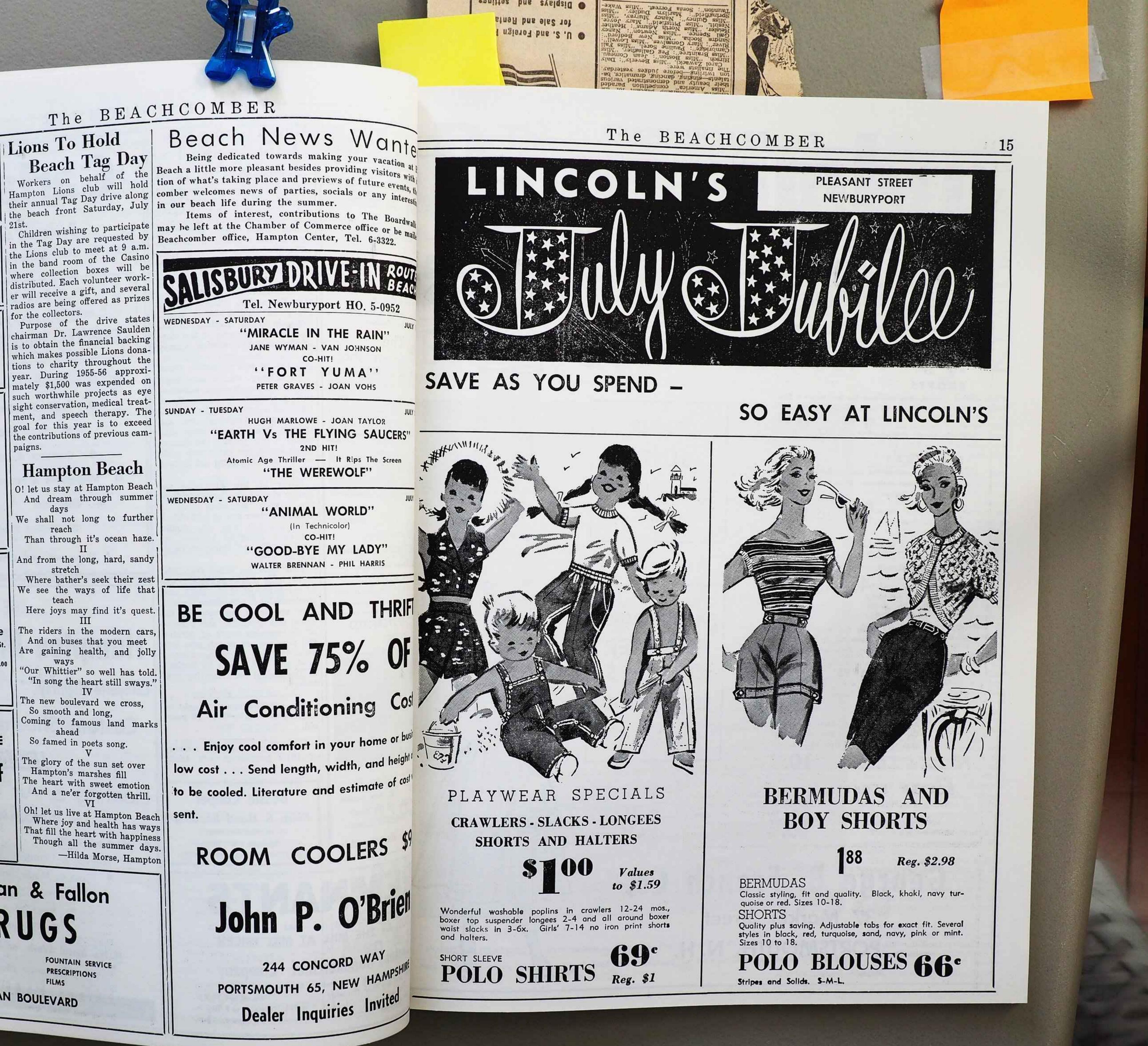
"Our Whittier" so well has told. "In song the heart still sways."

The new boulevard we cross, So smooth and long, Coming to famous land marks ahead

So famed in poets song.

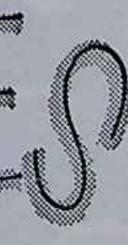
The glory of the sun set over Hampton's marshes fill The heart with sweet emotion And a ne'er forgotten thrill. VI

Where joy and health has ways That fill the heart with happiness Though all the summer days.



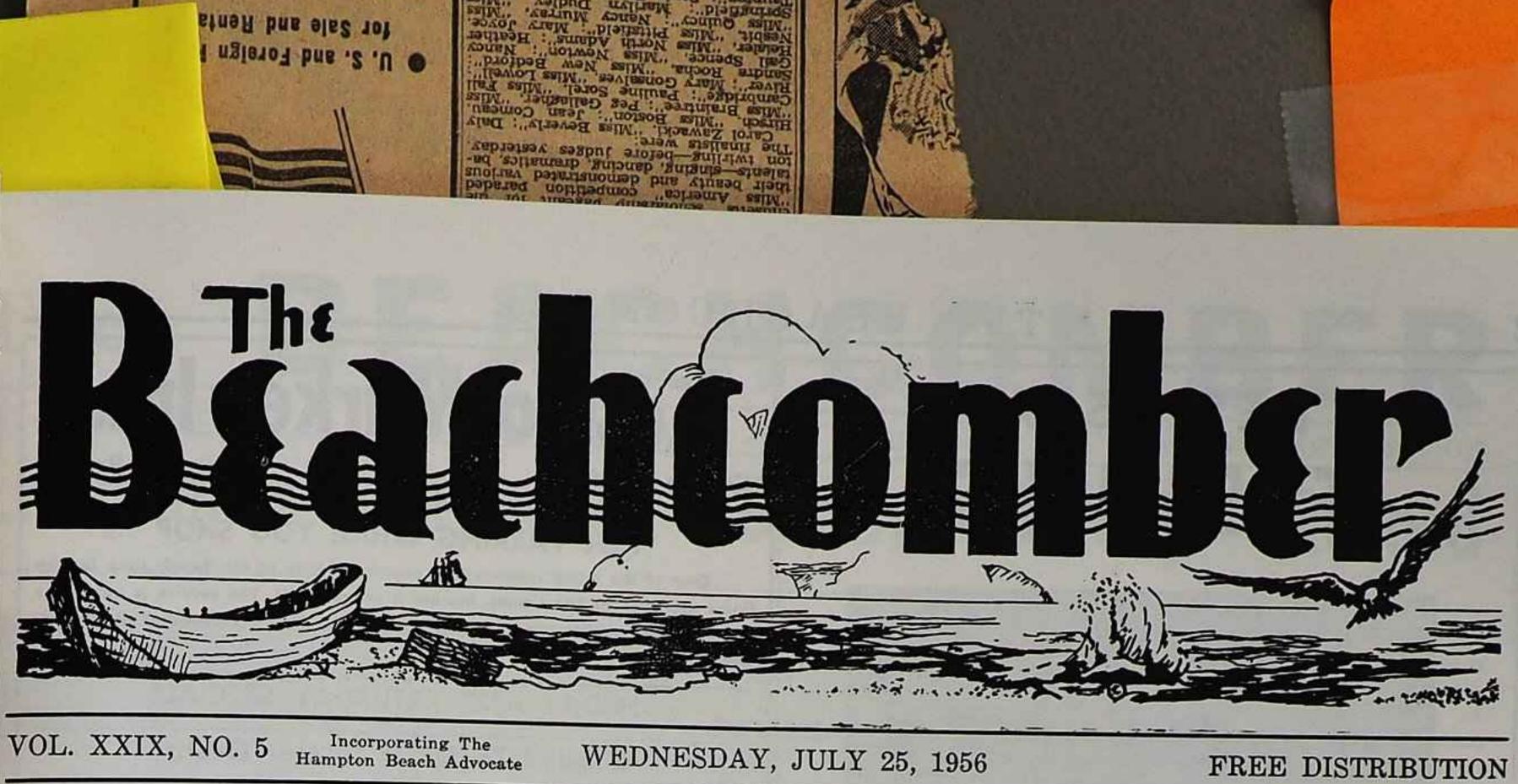
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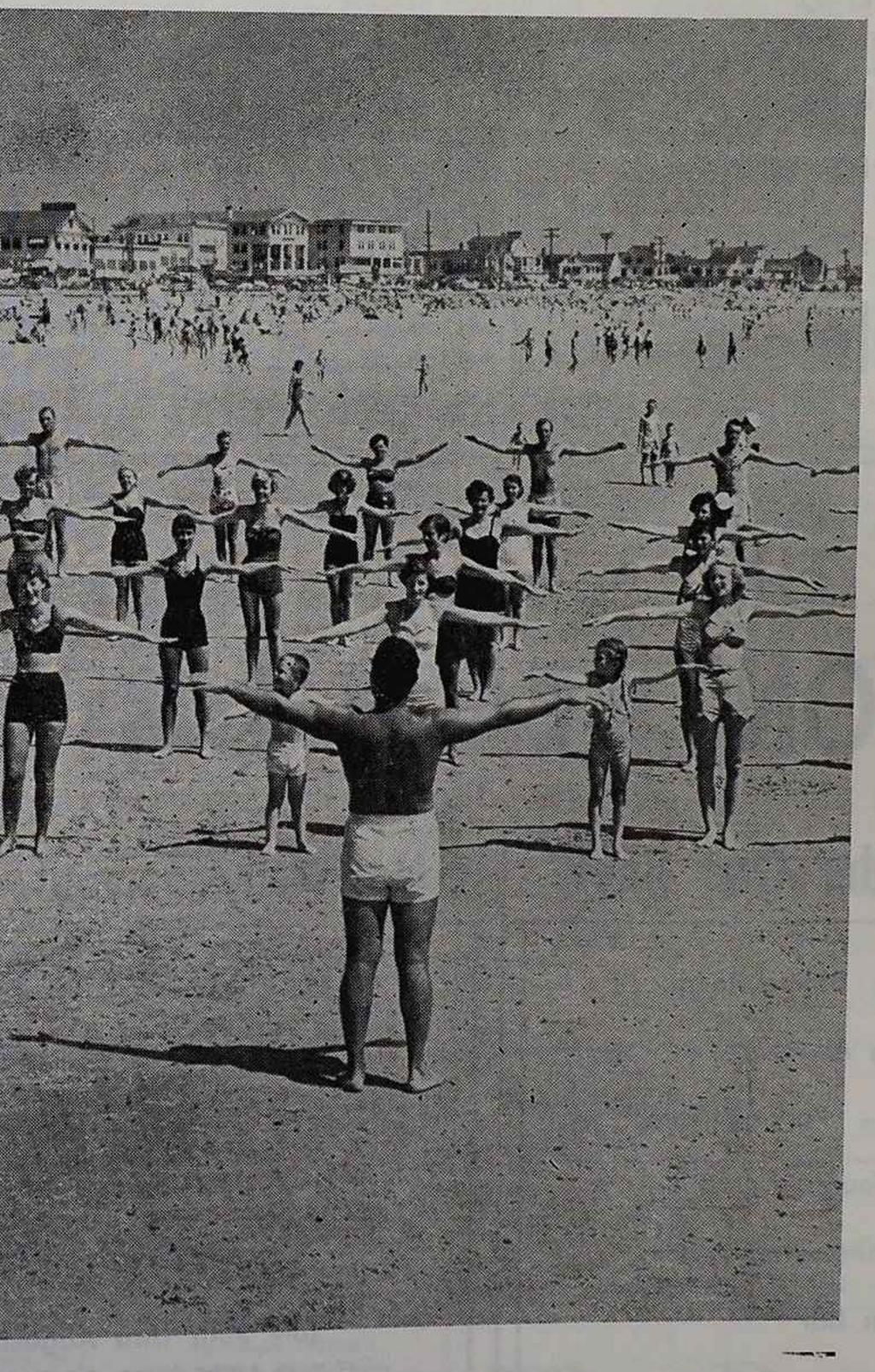


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Beauty Queen Contest Aug. 2



POPULAR FEATURE for vacationists at Hampton Beach are the daily calisthenics conducted each morning on the sands directly behind the bandstand by George Donovan, head lifeguard.

Eighteen lovely young ladies from all sections of New England and Canada, have already entered the contest to select "Miss Hampton Beach of 1956" which will be held next Thursday evening, August 2, at 7:00 p.m. from the bandstand. This year, something a little

different will be done. In previous years, Miss Hampton Beach was chosen the last week in August. This year, however, she will be selected the first week so as to let her reign throughout the entire Festival month. The queen will be chosen Aug-

until August 30th.

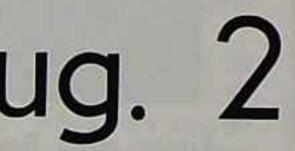
As usual George Hagopian, official photographer for the Chamber of Commerce, and Dick Hand, of WBZ-TV, will be on hand to take pictures and movies. This year the girls will be given a card with a number on it, and when they step out on the bandstand, the master of ceremonies, Bill Elliot, will call off only their first name, their number and age. They will pr. ceed out onto a special raised platform, nd then return to a designated place on the bandstand. The field of beauties will gradually narrow down until the judges have picked a queen.

On August 30, the queen will be crowned, with a king for the queen to be chosen at the last moment. The queen will then proceed to the Casino Ballroom for the Coronation Ball, where she will be surrounded by a full court of approximately 125 lovely young ladies. The judges will be announced

Henry Hamel.

The queen will receive a \$200 savings bond, and will ride on the Chamber of Commerce float in the beauty parade on August 24, and will ride on the float in the Chilrden's Day parade on August

Applicants must be single, over 16 years of age and of good character. Application blanks may be secured from the Chamber of Commerce office. Mr. Henry Hamel is in charge of the contest.



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