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Article from Poughkeepsie Journal, May 22, 1959

Half Moon Replica Welcomed in City

Supervisor Burger (R-Eighth ward), acting for the County of Dutchess, this afternoon welcomed a replica of Henry Hudson's ship Half Moon in its stop in from of the Postoffice. It left here for Beacon, Peekskill and New York City in a tour which will take it to cities on both sides of the Hudson river as part of the festivities commemorating the 350th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson river.

Miss Gale Brownlee, a Woodstock model who is traveling with the ship, presented a Hudson-Champlain medal and a commemorative plate to Supervisor Burger in behalf of state officials associated with the celebration.



Picture from Poughkeepsie Journal, May 23, 1959

SUPERVISOR ELTING BURGER (R-Eighth ward), acting for the County of Dutchess, accepts a Hudson-Champlain anniversary commemorate plate yesterday in front of the Postoffice from Woodstock Model Gale Brownlee, who has been traveling with a replica of Henry Hudson's ship the Half Moon, in the background. From here the ship was taken to Beacon, Peekskill and New York City. It will be transported to most cities of the Hudson valley during this summer's celebration ceremonies.

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Article from Kingston Daily Freeman, July 23, 1959

Half Moon Replica to Anchor At the Library Fair Grounds

With the Library Fair taking precedence as the top news story in Woodstock these days, interest ran even higher this week with the announcement of several new features.

Fair chairmen have just completed arrangements for the now famous replica of Henry Hudson's "Half Moon" sailing ship, currently touring the state on behalf of the 350th Hudson-Champlain Year-of-History Celebration, to anchor up at the fairground on Fair Day. The boat, modeled in exactitude to one-third the scale of Hudson's original, was designed and built in Woodstock by artist John Pike, and will pull into town on the morning of July 30 with Gale Brownlee, beautiful New York model and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Feeley of Woodstock, aboard as hostess. In period costume and wig, she will conduct fairgoers on a tour of the miniature vessel for a nominal admission.

A replacement for the master of ceremonies spot was made known this week with the announcement that Ernie Ward, for many years one of Radio Station WKNY's most popular newscasters and announcers and now associated with IBM's public relations department, will handle the microphone and loud speaker during the Fair's six-hour stand.

Big news for art lovers was also in the wind this week. An extremely valuable and rare lithograph by the late and great artist, George Bellows, has been donated to fair chairmen, and chances will be sold on this signed work of his 1920 period at the Art Booth. A real collector's item, the Bellows' lithograph will be on display in the window of the Bank of Orange County in Woodstock prior to the Fair.

The Great Expectations feature is also gaining momentum and newly formulated plans call for several prizes to be awarded every hour on the hour, beginning at 1 p. m. Winning tickets will be tossed back into the barrel after each separate drawing, giving winners eligibility on five occasions during the day to win such top notch items as a \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bond, a Stereophonic Hi-Fi Phonograph, and an All-Transistor Radio. Another Great Expectations prize to be highly coveted will be an original evening gown, designed exclusively for the Fair by John Boland, executor of many wedding and evening dresses. The dress will be modeled all afternoon by pretty Barbara di Benedetto of Woodstock Gardens. Original ceramics, beautiful lamps, and many other valuable prizes will be raffled off by a multitude of barkers at the Great Expectations booth, whose site will be marked this year by a giant vermilion and silver missile soaring high into the air above the Library grounds.