
THE LARGEST CELEBRATION IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Celebration of the Inland Waterway opening on August 30th.

Washington and Belhaven are to give around \$1,500 in cash to make this celebration one of the most important of its kind ever to take place in Eastern North Carolina.

Belhaven is asking Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties to join in a "Basket Picnic" to be held in Belhaven on the above date.

Many outside renowned speakers will be present, including O'Max Gardner, (our next governor of N.C.), our present governor, Angus W. McLean, Josephus Daniels, John H. Small the father of this Inland Waterway, if title can be confined to one man.

Belhaven will be appropriately decorated with flags and bunting.

The war department will send down seaplanes, airplanes, submarine-chasers, revenue cutters and other small crafts; also blimps and dirigibles.

Other amusements consisting merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, shooting galleries and by way of entertainment boat races and ball games. There are expected to be present from 5,000 to 8,000 people. We are cordially inviting you to join in the celebration of the opening of the Inland Waterway from Boston to Beaufort, by bringing a well-filled "Basket" and making this the biggest and best picnic ever held in N. C.

We expect to supplement the basket dinner by barbecuing around 3,000 or 4,000 lbs of trout.

Amplifiers will be so arranged that one can hear the speakers for quite a distance distinctly, even from your automobile. Mr. J. A. Wilkinson has tendered the use of his porch for this occasion.

One of the greatest events of Eastern N. C. Don't forget the date, Aug. 30th, at Belhaven. Come and bring a carload and a basketfull of rations.

DREDGE CURRITUCK

On August 1, 1928, Dredge Currituck finished cutting the Inland Waterway Canal. For several years she has labored steadily and untiringly and finally made it possible for boats traveling the waters from points north and south to have a nearer, less dangerous and cheaper route of travel. This is one of the greatest achievements of Eastern North Carolina. A boat carrying Standard Oil products was the first to traverse this channel. On August 10 Capt. R. W. Jones made the first trip from Fairfield to Washington, D. C.

Dredge Currituck has gone to Norfolk, Va., where she will undergo repairs for several weeks.

Work is now rapidly going on in the construction of a bridge across the channel on Number 91 where the channel intersects it. This bridge is to be a draw bridge. The railroad bridge is about completed. We congratulate Capt. D. T. Aldredge in his wonderful work. All who came in contact with him learned to like him. He knew how to handle his crew and endeavored to keep a group of congenial men on the force.

Many who began to work with Capt. Aldredge are still with him. Capt. Jenkins, chief engineer, has played his part in helping to carry the job through to the end.

Read elsewhere in this issue an account of the celebration to be held Aug. 30th at Belhaven.

Men we shall miss you who have lived in our midst these years. We extend a welcome to come back when convenient.

DREDGE AT FAIRFIELD

Mr. Pelage Spencer is now dredging the Carter Canal. This channel will be four and one-fourth miles long and will be used by boats for transportation. The dredge is owned by Mr. T. J. Mann of Lake Landing. We are glad to see this good work going on.

GLIMPSES OF GLORY.

Sometimes we stand upon some mountain height to see reflected in the West the sun's twilight splendor, token of the dying day. In awe we behold the beauty of the sunset as an external expression of that wonderful love and holiness which abide at the heart of our great universe. There is an experience akin to this in the spiritual life. There are times when we are aroused by some great unselfish call or inspired with some mighty truth, that the gates of the soul are lifted and glimpses of the eternal seem to be vouchsafed to us. But how much more frequently and easily they seem to come within the sanctuary! There, in mystic sweet communion, or under the spell of eloquent sermon or lofty prayer, or suddenly lifted on the wings of a heavenly hymn, the everlasting doors go up, the Eternal for a moment is revealed, the King of Glory has come in!

One often pities the blind because they can not see the things of this world. But I have known blind folk whose spiritual eyes were wonderfully keen. All day long they had glimpses of spiritual glory which I could never see. Because the light of this world was darkness to them, the eyes of their souls were continually turned toward the heavenly realm. Fanny Crosby said she never could have written her hymns if she had not been blind!

Some day, for each one of us now living, the gates of heaven will be lifted, the everlasting doors will go up, and we shall know the Lord of Life in all His fullness. We shall see this King of Glory. But until that wondrous day, there is a definite duty for each of us. We must fling high the gates of our own hearts that the King of Glory may come in.

A Christian at his work should be like an artist working from a model, looking alternately from the rude material in his hands up to the perfect example which he imitates, and down from that to the rude material again.

What would your property or business be worth without the church?

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.—Benjamin Franklin.