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GREENSBORO CENTENNIAL

Thousands Here to Celebrate One Hundredth Anniversary of Gate City of North Carolina.

The Dispersed Abroad Join With Citizens of the Community in Great Civic Celebration to Commemorate Founding of City One Hundred Years Ago—Municipal, County, State and National Governments Lend Aid to the Success of the Occasion—A Century's Growth Along Industrial, Commercial and Educational Lines.

Greensboro is celebrating this week the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the little village that has grown into one of the liveliest and most progressive cities on the map. The gates of the city have been thrown wide open and a most cordial welcome is extended to each of the thousands of visitors who have come to join in the celebration of this important event in the life of Greensboro. The sons and daughters of North Carolina dispersed abroad are here in large numbers, among them being many who went out from Guilford and other counties many years ago to seek their fortunes far from kindred and amid new surroundings. It is not exaggerating to say that the event is decidedly the biggest civic celebration ever undertaken in North Carolina. It is greater than the people of Greensboro had any idea it would be, and the success of the occasion in every particular is all that could be desired.

SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY.

Greensboro pulpits occupied by eminent divines. The celebration of Greensboro's one hundredth anniversary was opened Sunday with special services in the city churches. The pulpits were occupied by distinguished sons of North Carolina. All the choirs had prepared special music for the occasion and the congregations were unusually large. In fact, it is doubtful if so many people ever before attended divine services in Greensboro in one day.

The congregation at West Market Street Methodist church was addressed by Rev. Wilbur F. Tillet, D. D., dean of the theological department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., who chose for his theme, "The Place of Religion in the Making and the Mission of a Christian Nation." He discussed the connection between a nation's prosperity and its recognition of God and laid down the proposition that perfect prosperity is possible only when all the people praise God. The speaker discussed in a most learned and interesting manner the influence of the Christian religion in the civilization of the world, saying that in no country has the relation between church and state been adjusted so happily as in the United States.

The sermon at the First Presbyterian church was delivered by Rev. Samuel M. Smith, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia, S. C., who spoke with great eloquence and power from the passage of Scripture reading: "Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that keep it; except the Lord keep a city, the watchmen waketh in vain." Dr. Smith spoke of the wonderful progress of Greensboro, with special reference to the esprit de corps exhibited by the citizenship in religion, business and society.

Dr. Smith went out from the First church, having been the eldest son of the late Rev. Jacob Henry Smith, D. D., for nearly half a century pastor of the congregation, and he was heard by one of the largest congregations that ever filled a church in Greensboro. Many of his hearers pronounce the sermon the greatest effort of his life.

Dr. William Louis Poet, president of Wake Forest College, delivered a learned and instructive address from the pulpit of the First Baptist church and in the same edifice at night an able sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, D. D., of Richmond, Va., one of the most eminent divines of the Baptist denomination. Among others who preached in the morning were: Rev. Shuford Peeler, at the First Reformed church; Rev. C. A. Weiss, at the Lutheran church; Rev. Joseph A. Watts, at Forest Avenue Baptist church; Rev. William A. Barr, D. D., at St. Barnabas Episcopal church; Rev. William G. Hubbard, D. D., at the Friends' meeting house; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, D. D., at Grace Methodist Protestant church; Rev. T. A. Wharton, D. D., at Westminster, Presbyterian church; Rev. John N. Cole, D. D., at Centenary Methodist church; Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, at St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

Sacred Concert in Auditorium. The largest audience that ever gathered under one roof in this part of the South assembled in Greensboro's new auditorium Sunday after-

noon to witness the sacred concert given by the Greensboro Musical Association, assisted by the centennial orchestra and the band of the Twelfth United States cavalry. Every available seat in the immense auditorium was occupied and several thousand people stood on their feet while the programme was being rendered. The streets surrounding the structure were filled with people unable to gain admission. No such crowd has ever been seen in Greensboro.

Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, president of the centennial board of managers, presided over the meeting and presented Rev. Samuel M. Smith, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., who delivered the invocation.

A special musical program was rendered. A feature of special interest was the singing of patriotic songs by a choir of 2,000 school children.

The pulpits of the city Sunday night were occupied by eminent laymen and ministers who delivered addresses and preached sermons appropriate to the centennial occasion. A union meeting of the Methodists of the city was held at West Market Street church, where Dr. Edwin Mims, of the faculty of Trinity College, delivered an historical address on the advancement of Methodism during the past century. Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Norfolk, Va., and a native of Greensboro, spoke at the First Baptist church; Hon. Richard H. Battle, of Raleigh, at St. Barnabas Episcopal church, and Dr. L. R. Hobbs, president of Guilford College, at the Friends church.

THE ATTRACTIONS MONDAY.

Big Parade by School Pupils—Centennial Oration by Dr. Winston.

The formal exercises of the centennial Monday were held in the auditorium, following a mammoth parade of the pupils of the colleges and schools of Guilford county. The auditorium was crowded as on Sunday afternoon, thousands of people being turned away. The educational parade began to move from the campus of Greensboro Female College shortly after 10 o'clock, passing along West Market street to court square; thence down South Elm to Washington; thence along East Washington and Forbis streets to the auditorium. The procession, numbering more than 7,000 school boys and girls, presented a most imposing spectacle and elicited frequent and prolonged applause from the many thousands of people who lined the sidewalks and occupied every point of vantage along the line.

The procession moved in the following order: Mounted police officers and marshals, followed by the White Oak band, the musicians being attired in natty uniforms of white duck; students of Greensboro Female College, wearing white dresses and white hats with light green bands; a combination forming the college colors; students of the State Normal and Industrial College, dressed in pure white and carrying tiny North Carolina flags and the Normal colors, white and yellow; pupils of the Jamestown High School, in maroon and black; Pleasant Garden High School, in orange and black and wearing jaunty caps; the Mill Point school, in white; the Brightwood school, in green and white; the Bessemer High School, in red and white and wearing velvet caps; the South Buffalo public school, red and blue; Proximity graded school, white and yellow; White Oak graded school, orange and white; the Revolution graded school, Nile green and white; the Oak Hill public school, white and dark green; the Scalesville public school, navy blue and white; the Getsemane public school, red and white; the Pomona graded school, white and green; the Muir's chapel public school, light blue and white; the Crow Hill public school, blue and white; the Battle Ground public school, blue and white, with United States flags; Guilford College graded school, maroon and white; Stokesdale public school, in green and white; the Greensboro graded schools, headed by the practice school of the State Normal and Industrial College, in purple and white, and followed by the Asheboro street school, in orange and black, the girls wearing yellow sashes and the boys attired in Continental uniforms; the Davie street school, in blue and white; the Lindsay street school and the Greensboro High School, in orange and purple.

All the schools received liberal applause, perhaps the most vociferous being accorded the pupils of the Asheboro street school and the graded schools at Proximity, Revolution and

White Oak Cotton Mills. There were no happier, brighter or more attractive children in the procession than those of the mill schools.

Master Will Bain, the eight-year-old son of Alderman and Mrs. E. E. Bain, rode his Shetland pony at the head of his playmates of the Asheboro street school, impersonating Gen. Nathaniel Greene. The sturdy little fellows marched through the streets with the air of conquering heroes and bore themselves like real soldiers in their Continental uniforms. The pupils of this school were awarded the prize of \$15 for making the best showing in the parade. The prize was awarded by a committee of the following ladies: Mrs. Charles D. McIver, of this city; Mrs. Mary Mendenhall Hobbs, of Guilford College; Mrs. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, and Mrs. W. G. Ragsdale, of Jamestown.

It was after 11 o'clock when the army of school children marched into the auditorium in perfect order and took seats in the section reserved for them. When Gen. Nathaniel Greene (Master Will Bain) rode his little pony through the entrance at the east end of the building in command of his playmates, the immense audience gave a mighty cheer.

In the Auditorium. While the audience was arriving and being seated the White Oak Band, which has been designated as the official centennial band, rendered several selections of lively music.

The exercises were opened with the song "America," rendered by the students of the State Normal and Industrial College, under the direction of Prof. Herman Hoexter. This was followed by the invocation, which was made by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, pastor of Grace Methodist Protestant church, after which Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, president of the centennial board of managers, presented Col. James T. Morehead as the presiding officer of the centennial exercises. In performing this duty Mr. Bradshaw spoke briefly and most eloquently of the significance of the occasion.

Col. Morehead presented Mr. A. B. Kimball, who delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. Mr. Kimball was very happy in his remarks, saying Greensboro bids the thousands of visitors thrice welcome to this prosperous and hospitable city.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kimball's address, the White Oak Band rendered "The Centennial March," which was composed for the occasion by Mr. R. L. Martin, director of the band. Presenting the state government, Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston extended a welcome to the sons and daughters of North Carolina and all other visitors. His speech, while short, was a most eloquent and patriotic utterance. Mr. Winston caught the crowd by declaring that, for a long time, North Carolina has been busy managing her own affairs and furnishing leaders for the other states of the union. Every sentence of his speech was punctuated with applause.

Rev. Turner A. Wharton, of Columbia, Tenn., a native of Greensboro, responded to the addresses of welcome in a felicitous manner.

The Centennial Oration.

The centennial choir and the students of the State Normal and Industrial College sang "The Old North State," after which Col. Morehead presented the centennial orator, Dr. George T. Winston. Dr. Winston, always eloquent and pleasing, was at his best on this occasion. He chose for his subject "The Old North State as a Nursery of Men." Dr. Winston declared Greensboro to be the center of gravity of North Carolina and briefly reviewed the history of the state and its wonderful development during the past century. He gave a birdseye view of human progress in science, philosophy, war and industry, interspersing his remarks with frequent humorous thrusts at the follies of modern life.

The learned orator made an earnest plea for universal peace, compulsory education, prohibition and for the regulation of hours and places of labor by women and children. He justified the disfranchisement of the negro in the Southern states and the government of inferior races in Asia, Africa and America by the Anglo-Saxon, with his more humane, more peaceful and more progressive civilization.

Opening of Peace Congress.

The opening session of the North Carolina Peace Congress was held in the Smith memorial building Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and was attended by a large audience, many distinguished people being present. Lieutenant Governor Winston was the presiding officer. Mayor Brandt delivered the address of welcome in a brief and appropriate speech. The response was made by Lieutenant Governor Winston, who also presented the orator of the occasion, United States Senator McCrea, of Kentucky. Senator McCrea, who is one of the most distinguished men in the country made an eloquent and entertaining address on "The Possibilities of the Pan-American Union."

The auditorium was filled again Monday afternoon to witness the drilling of the infantry and cavalry soldiers sent here by the government under the command of Capt. Robert E. Lee Michie. Company L of the Seventeenth Infantry drilled from 4 to 4:30 o'clock and Troop L of the Twelfth cavalry from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock, the Twelfth cavalry band furnishing music the meanwhile. The pretty evolutions and difficult manoeuvres greatly pleased the crowd, which gave evidence of its appreciation by liberal applause.

Grand Concert.

The principal attraction at night was the grand concert which was given in the auditorium by the Greensboro Musical Association, directed by Mr. R. Blinn Owen, and the centennial orchestra, directed by Dr. John H. Wheeler. It was one of the most artistic and interesting musical events ever given in this city, the program being rendered with exceptional skill and ability.

SHAM BATTLE YESTERDAY.

British and American Forces Meet at Guilford Court House.

The military feature was the chief attraction of the centennial yesterday, the event of principal interest being a reproduction of the battle of Guilford Court House. The sham battle, participated in by the regulars of the infantry and cavalry branches of the United States government and eight companies of the North Carolina National Guard, was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that ever assembled on this historic spot. It is estimated that the crowd of spectators numbered 15,000 or more people. The companies participating in the sham battle were: Company L of the Seventeenth Infantry, Troop L of the Twelfth cavalry and the following companies of the North Carolina National Guard: Greensboro, Reidsville, Winston-Salem, High Point, Burlington, Mt. Airy, Lexington and Concord.

The British forces were commanded by Col. W. S. Minor, of Durham, and the American by Col. J. N. Craig, of Reidsville.

The soldiers mobilized at the auditorium at 9 o'clock in the morning, and after parading the streets, moved to the West Market street crossing of the Southern Railway, where they boarded a train for the Battle Ground. Col. Craig, in command of the American forces, detoured his men at the intersection of the new Salisbury road, from which point he took his position in defense of the old Guilford Court House site. Col. Minor detoured his men at Battle Ground station and about noon marched upon the American forces, the combatants meeting ten minutes later in the ravine near Lake Wilfong, where most of the fighting took place. The firing continued for an hour.

The umpires—Maj. Max Barker, of Salisbury, and Capt. R. E. L. Michie, of the Twelfth cavalry—will render their decision later as to the winning side.

The firing of the blank cartridges sounded like the "real thing," although veteran soldiers present were not impressed with the idea that the movements of the soldiers represented real war. The officers in command say that the thousands of people on the field made it impossible to follow the original lines of battle in their entirety.

THE GOOD ROADS CONGRESS.

First Session Addressed by Governor Ansel and Others.

The opening session of the good roads congress was held in the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was presided over by Lieutenant Governor Winston, who made a strong, practical speech in calling the body to order. The meeting was attended by a large crowd of people including many visitors. Among the latter were many members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, which is holding a meeting here in connection with the good roads congress.

The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Hon. M. F. Ansel, of South Carolina, whose effort gave great pleasure to his hearers. He was voted a resolution of thanks for his splendid presentation of the subject of good roads.

Another striking speech was made by Mr. M. V. Richards, of Washington, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway.

Another session of the congress will be held tomorrow, when addresses will be delivered by Mr. E. J. Watson, commissioner of immigration for South Carolina; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, North Carolina state geologist; Congressman Richards, of Alabama, and others.

Midway Attractions Galore.

The biggest Midway that was ever seen at a Greensboro fair greets the sight of visitors at the Central Carolina fair this week. Stretching from the old driveway gate to the grand

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stand and also bordering both sides of an avenue that has been opened from the main building to the new Agricultural building is a bewildering array of attractions that are calculated to amuse and instruct, according to the tastes of sightseers. Chief among these attractions are Captain Sorcho's deep sea diving exhibit, Ferari's wild animal show, a Wild West show, two Ferris wheels, a Kerogoround, Old Plantation show, Morgan's "Merry Widows," the Electric theatre, the original Aztec Twins, the Fat Boy, snake shows, etc., while in addition are the airship, the government troops, the bands and no end of other attractions.

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The Fair in Progress.

The Central Carolina fair opened yesterday under the most favorable auspices in the history of the association. The weather was all that could be desired and the attendance was large for the opening day. The exhibits are in place and are pronounced decidedly the best ever made at a fair in this section.



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