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THE CELEBRATION.

To Be Held on Roanoke Island in 1903.

THE FOUR GREAT GATEWAYS.

Indians as They Were When Sir Walter Raleigh Found Them, one Feature of the Show.

The four great gateways to Roanoke Island, where it is proposed to celebrate in appropriate form the historic events connected with Sir Walter Raleigh's efforts at colonization more than four hundred years ago are, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Washington and New Bern. From some of these in our State each visitor must embark for the island. And, fortunately, these towns afford ample facilities, so that there need be no monopoly at any of them—though it is said that already there is manifest a disposition to want to monopolize the "way," but happily there is no opportunity for such a plan, as each of these fine towns has advantages to offer, once the celebration is under way.

The enterprise of Elizabeth City will no doubt see to it that commodious steamers make daily trips to and from the island and the hospitality of that goodly town will be equal to and demands made upon it. Col. Creech, that dear old father in newspaperdom, will vouch for his city.

Certainly no less will be expected of historic old Edenton; the town itself, with its traditions, buildings and people all associated with the early history of the Old North State, will find that hundreds of visitors will make that delightful town a gateway to the celebration. They will provide jaunty, spick and span steamers to transport the throngs who will journey their way. Both these towns will show to the world the beauties of the Albemarle Sound.

Those visitors who make Washington, Beaufort county, their gateway, will explore Pamlico river and Pamlico sound. Such steamers as the wideawake Washingtonians will provide, will be sure to please the public. This promises to be one of the busiest of the "ways," as her railway facilities are good and her superb passenger steamers will have many landings to make down the river.

New Bern, that beautiful town at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers, will also be one of the popular "ways" for visitors to the island. She already has a line of comfortable steamers which make regular landings at "Sycow" the port of entry to our historic island. But these will be added to and the old steamers painted and scrubbed and made as bright as a dollar for the great event.

These New Bern boats will explore the whole length of Pamlico Sound in finding the means of its visitors; in fact, each of these interesting Eastern towns has advantages peculiar to itself, and the enterprise of each may be depended upon for making the most of its special features regardless of its neighbors.

Congressman Small to Meet The Chamber of Commerce.

Congressman John H. Small and Hon. T. G. Skinner will be here Wednesday July 23 1902, and the Chamber of Commerce and all interested Citizens are requested to meet them at the Court House on that night for the purpose of discussing the important question of selecting a site for the Gov. Building.

It is now up to the people of Elizabeth City. If they wish the handsome \$120,000.00 building placed on isolated Matthews Street, let them stay at home. On the other hand if they want the building on a desirable site let every tax paying citizen attend this important meeting. Let Congressman Small know that you disfavor the bill as it now stands and we can rest assured that the Elizabeth City Government Building will be erected on the site that meets with the approval of the public.

Among the advantages which the Sound region will reap from the celebration, will be in creating a stimulus to the building of the great inland waterway from Wilmington to New York by the United States government. This would afford and inland, or land protected waterway for movings either way the navy of commerce between the points indicated, and would be of incalculable value to our country in time of war with any foreign power or when storms rage in the open sea.

It might also bring about the finishing of some of the projected lines of railroad in that region, as stimulate the opening of other steamboat lines. It would bring to the attention of the world the great advantage of soil for profitable trucking, of the waters for profitable fishing and of the forest for profitable lumbering. The cheapness and ease with which life may be sustained in that region will be sure to attract the attention of the home seeker, and the possibilities above enumerated will attract the investor, the farmer, the fisherman, the lumberman and the canner of fruits, vegetables and fish. These are, briefly, some of the advantages to be gained by the residents of the Sound region from the proposed celebration.

There is some confusion among our people in regard to the "exposition feature." It will not be an exposition in the ordinary sense, at all. In the building called a museum will be shown historic objects, replicas of incidents and events in the history of the colonies planted there, and pageants of the same character will be shown in the open air. There will also be in the museum costumes, arms, wares etc., of the time; on the shores of Roanoke Sound there will be a camp of Indians in tepees, engaged in the ordinary occupation of Indians—making baskets, blankets, bows and arrows and the like, just as were found four hundred years ago by Amadas and Barlowe. These will be studied and prepared to form that part of the celebration which will appeal to the eye; while a great literary feast will be spread daily before the visitor, consisting of lectures, orations, sketches, etc. These features show at a glance the character of the celebration and will, by their novelty, prove of great interest to all visitors.

T. K. BRUNER.

GREAT TIME IN RALEIGH.

Three Days of Splendid Pleasure at Fireman's Tournament, July 22-24.

Raleigh is getting ready for a magnificent time next week. The North Carolina Fireman's Tournament will be held there on July 22 23 and 24, and this means a series of thrilling events.

All the railroads give reduced rates. Raleigh will have its doors wide open and guarantees a jolly time to all. The fire departments of over thirty-two towns will be here, and there will be excitement of all kinds—such as Steaming Contest, Hook and Ladder Contests, Hand Reel Races, Hose Wagon Races, Egg Races, Sack Races, Hurdle Races, Wheelbarrow Races, Individual Foot Races, Band Concerts, Grab Reel Contests, Great Baseball Games. Three days will be filled with enjoyment and big money prizes are offered.

At night there will be lawn parties and vaudeville. The city is very attractive now. Pullen Park and the Zoo draw crowds. A visit to the Capitol and to the splendid State Museum, should not be forgotten.

Remember the dates and go. President McNeill, of the State Fire Association, says this is going to be the greatest meeting yet held. The programme of the different events certainly promise great sport and enjoyment.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY JULY 22ND.

11 A. M.—Convention called to order by the President.

Prayer.
Address of Welcome.
Report.
Regular Order of Business.

WEDNESDAY JULY 23RD.

9 A. M.—Street Parade.
11 A. M.—Engine Contests.
2 P. M.—Horse Hose Wagon Races.

STEAMBOAT ROUTE TO HATTERAS SECURED.

Editor Tar Heel:

For the information of those concerned I will say that I am authorized, by the managers of the N. & S. R. Co. and the O. D. S. S. Co., to say that they will put a try-weekly steamer on the route between Roanoke Island and the town of Hatteras by August 1st.

Very truly,
EDMUND ALEXANDER.
July 17th, 1902.

4:30 P. M.—Base-Ball.
5:30 P. M.—Championship Reel Races.
8:00 P. M.—Band Concert.

THURSDAY JULY 24TH.

9 A. M.—Hook and Ladder Contests.
11 A. M.—Hand Reel Contests.
2 P. M.—Grab Reel Contests.
3:30 P. M.—Special Feature Races.
4:30 P. M.—Base-Ball.

PRIZE CONTEST.

If You Guess Nearest Right The Prize is Yours.

To the boy or girl who guesses nearest to the number of copies of The Tar Heel issued this week we will give a two years subscription free of charge. If you wish you can sell the subscription and keep the money or you can have the paper sent to some friend as a gift. All that you have to do is fill out the blank below and mail it by July 24th 1902. In our issue of Aug. 1st 1902 we will publish the name of the winner together with the number guessed.

I guess the number of TAR HEE'S issued on Aug. 18th 1902 to be..... copies.

Name.....
Address.....
Address all answers to
W. O. SAUNDERS,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
P. O. Box 181.

To enable all to stand a far show we will say that last weeks issue was between 2,500 copies and 3,000 copies.

An Editorial Job.

Ever since Job invented the boils industry, some fellow willing or unwilling has had to keep up the business. Our turn struck us last week and we are now writing our editorials white standing. We are convinced that the most acceptable place for a boil is on your neighbor, who is a candidate for office. —Wilkesboro Chronicle.

THEY HAVE COME.

As Predicted in These Columns The Locust Has Arrived.

The seventeen year locust has made its appearance in the fertile fields of Pasquotank. Only the advance guards have appeared but already one can almost hear the thrumming of an army, excelling in numbers the house fly and mosquito. This unwelcome visitor resembles the ordinary locust in color and in noise but any child will tell you that his size is almost double that of the fellow who comes with us annually.

This vast army that is now approaching are direct descendants of the leaders of the locusts that were sent by the Lord to plague the fearful Pharaoh. A negro preacher says he is identically the same insect that accompanied the diet of honey on which the apostles fed while in the wilderness.

Another thing about this seventeen year insect; he is good for nothing but to rid the land of vegetation. He will alight on a tree or blade of grass or vegetable and eat until he can eat no more. After enjoying a meal he fastens his claws deeper and sings until hungry again. There is nothing classical about his musical selections and in truth there is no melody in them. He sings, seemingly for the sole purpose of blowing himself. After playing havoc with crops the locust will disappear as mysteriously as he came and for another seventeen years his presence will be missed.

Euclid Heights Road.

Euclid Heights road is rapidly nearing completion. Already the road is practically open to traffic and all that is now lacking is horses capable of drawing the tremendous grading machine that is now ready to be used in adding the finishing touches. The Euclid Heights road will be a marvel of beauty. In its entire length not a single bridge is seen as all sewerage is conducted under ground. Ex-Sheriff Cohoon, who is superintending its construction is sparing no efforts towards making it a good road model and his efforts have not been in vain. Aside from being one of the prettiest drives in the State, it will save three fourths of a mile each way to all travel to and from lower Pasquotank.

GRANDY.

Grandy, N. C., July 15.—Correspondence of the TAR HEE.

Mr. L. B. Woodhouse left for Elizabeth City and Norfolk last week where he will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Tom Evans, wife and children, of Caffee's Inlet, are visiting friends and relatives on the main land this week.

Messrs. Richard Dowdy and Dennis Barco spent Saturday and Sunday at Knots Island and they report a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Jessie Evans after spending a few days visiting her parents has returned to her home at Corolla.

Miss Mary Murrell, of Jarvisburg was the guest of Miss Laura Woodhouse Sunday evening.

Y. M. C. A. BLD'G.

Quarters Have Been Selected.

LOCATION A DESIRABLE ONE.

Building on Fearing and Poindexter sts. to be Remodeled and some additions Made. Ample Funds.

In our last issue we gave assurance that the question of quarters for the Young Mens Christian Association would be definitely decided within a week. Our predictions proved correct as the committee this week made its selection.

The building on the corner of Fearing and Poindexter streets, opposite the Citizens Bank, which is owned by Mr. C. H. Robinson and has until recently been occupied as a boarding house, is the place selected as the home of the Y. M. C. A.

The building is a commodious one and the location very desirable. Of course some changes will have to be made before it will meet the requirements of the association. This will necessitate the expenditure of several hundred dollars. The property was leased to the association by Mr. Robinson. He will bear the expense of certain alterations to be made. Among the changes will be the addition of a wide veranda running on three sides of the building. This will give it a more homelike appearance and the novelty will appear forcibly to the visitors eye.

The building, not being large enough to accommodate the gymnasium, an additional room 32 feet wide by 67 feet long will be erected in the rear and used for athletic purposes. To enumerate the many changes and additions, to be made, cannot be accurately stated however, we learn that when the doors are thrown open to the members an expense of at least a few thousand dollars will have been incurred, this includes furnishings.

The Young Mens Christian Association of this city will boast a home second to none of any sister society in a town of like size. The building will be handsomely furnished and ready for occupancy by September 1st 1902.