

GUILFORD BATTLE GROUND EXERCISES

Monument and Tablets Are Unveiled

Largest Attended Annual Celebration in Its History—The Principal Address Was Delivered by Dr. B. F. Dixon, Short Addresses are Made— May Erect Club Building—Three Deaths.

By ANDREW JOYNER.
Greensboro, N. C., July 4.—The annual celebration at Guilford Battle Ground today attracted an immense throng of people from Greensboro and surrounding cities and towns. For several weeks President J. M. Morehead has been planning for the event, which was extensively advertised all over Piedmont North Carolina. The result was that all trains arriving in Greensboro this morning were crowded with people coming to participate in the day's activities. In point of numbers today's celebration was attended by as many if not more people than any like occasion in years. The Southern Railway operated special trains from the West Market street crossing to the Battle Ground every forty minutes and every train leaving the city was crowded to the platform. In addition numbers of people drove out in automobiles and other conveyances and hundreds of farmers residing within a radius of several miles of the Battle Ground brought their families to enjoy the pleasures of the celebration.

The day dawned bright and everyone left the city with pleasant anticipations of an enjoyable outing as well as a thought that they would be entertained and instructed by the addresses of the different speakers, and thus be more thoroughly imbued with the patriotic sentiment that every true American feels in celebrating the day.

Those in charge of the formal exercises arrived at the Battle Ground at 10 o'clock and the procession formed in front of the president's cottage and proceeded to the pavilion, where the exercises took place. Mr. G. B. Brashaw was master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Citizens band, under the direction of Prof. Jas. R. Dilworth. The exercises opened with "The Star Spangled Banner," by the band, followed by prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Edmund Harrison of Richmond, Va. The principal address was delivered by State Auditor B. F. Dixon, who told in a highly entertaining manner of the life and career of Peter Francisco. At the conclusion of his admirable address there were short talks by different speakers and the exercises closed with music. "The Old North State."

Following the exercises the procession formed and marched to the monument marking the center of Gen. Greene's line of regulars and to the tablets erected to the memory of Col. William Washington, to the Marquis de Breda and to Peter Francisco, one of the bravest fighters in the continental army. The monument and tablets being very impressive. An interesting fact in connection with the unveiling of the latter tablet is that it was unveiled by the great, great grandchild of the soldier in whose memory it was erected. They are Master Robert Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Porter, of this city, and Miss Carrie Francisco, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Porter.

The Merchants and Manufacturers Club, at a largely attended meeting Saturday night, appointed a committee to consider the advisability of erecting a modern club building, and to report their conclusions at an early date.

The club now occupies the entire second floor of the Dixie Fire Insurance building, and it is its purpose to erect the new building before the expiration of the present lease.

It is learned today that Mayor J. S. Wynne, of Raleigh, has sold to Mr. J. R. Thomas, of Greensboro, the corner building occupied by the Greensboro Drug Company on Elm and Market streets. It has a thirty-five foot frontage on Elm street and the price

to sold, to have been one thousand dollars a lot.

Several Deaths.
Very great sorrow is felt here at the death of Mrs. P. A. George at her home in Mr. Airy Saturday night, after a brief illness of typhoid fever. She was a daughter of Judge and Mrs. R. C. Strudwick, of this city, and leaves an infant six weeks old. As Miss Rosalind Strudwick, she was a favorite here, and was married to Mrs. P. A. George, of Mr. Airy, about two years ago.

Mr. W. F. Banner died at St. Leo's Hospital this morning, after a long illness. He was a fine character, and until his health failed several months ago was one of our best citizens.

The remains will be taken to Greensboro for interment.

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