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That There Were Between Eight and Ten Thousand Visitors in Oxford Wednesday

GENERAL B. S. ROYSTER PRESIDENTS JEWEL

St. John's Day is synonymous of a great crowd. They began to arrive early Wednesday morning and by one o'clock the streets were thronged. It was a good looking crowd, numbering between eight and ten thousand people, Granville county contributing between four and five thousand, the remainder coming in from adjoining counties and on excursions from Weldon, Keyesville, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Durham, and intermediate stations. It was an orderly, well behaved crowd, not a curse word uttered or a drunken person seen during the entire day. The day was intensely hot and in the business district great throngs flocked to the large barrels of ice water at Landis & Easton's, The Long Company's, Berkenson & Green and other stores to quench their thirst.

OBJECT OF MEETING

The object of St. John's Day is to assemble the people, to strengthen the ties that bind and to get a better conception of the great orphan work carried on by the Masonic fraternity of the State. It has been an annual event for many years and it grows in popularity. It seems to give the public great pleasure to visit the grounds once a year and wander about the great buildings, listen to the speeches and the sweet songs of the orphan children and rest beneath the heavy foliage of the tall oak trees. Many of the families contiguous to Oxford bring well filled baskets and dine in the shade of the trees, but the excursionists look forward with whetted appetites to the annual barbecue. There was three hundred pounds of the most delicious barbecue served this year. This was thought to be ample, but the supply was exhausted before one o'clock.

EXERCISES IN GROVE

The exercises in the grove were opened at noon by a prayer uttered by Rev. J. H. Blalock, of Weldon, Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Fraternity, which was followed with a song by the orphan children entitled "O, Worship The King." Mr. D. G. Brummitt was down on the program for the address of welcome, but not feeling well enough to talk, he requested Mr. A. A. Hicks to extend the welcome, which he did in a right royal way in a five minutes speech. At the request of Grand Master Alderman, Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, responded to the address of welcome in elegant style, which was followed by a song entitled "The Old North State," in which the children won applause. In this oration Mr. J. C. Kittrell, of Henderson, fully sustained his reputation as being one of the best orators in the State.

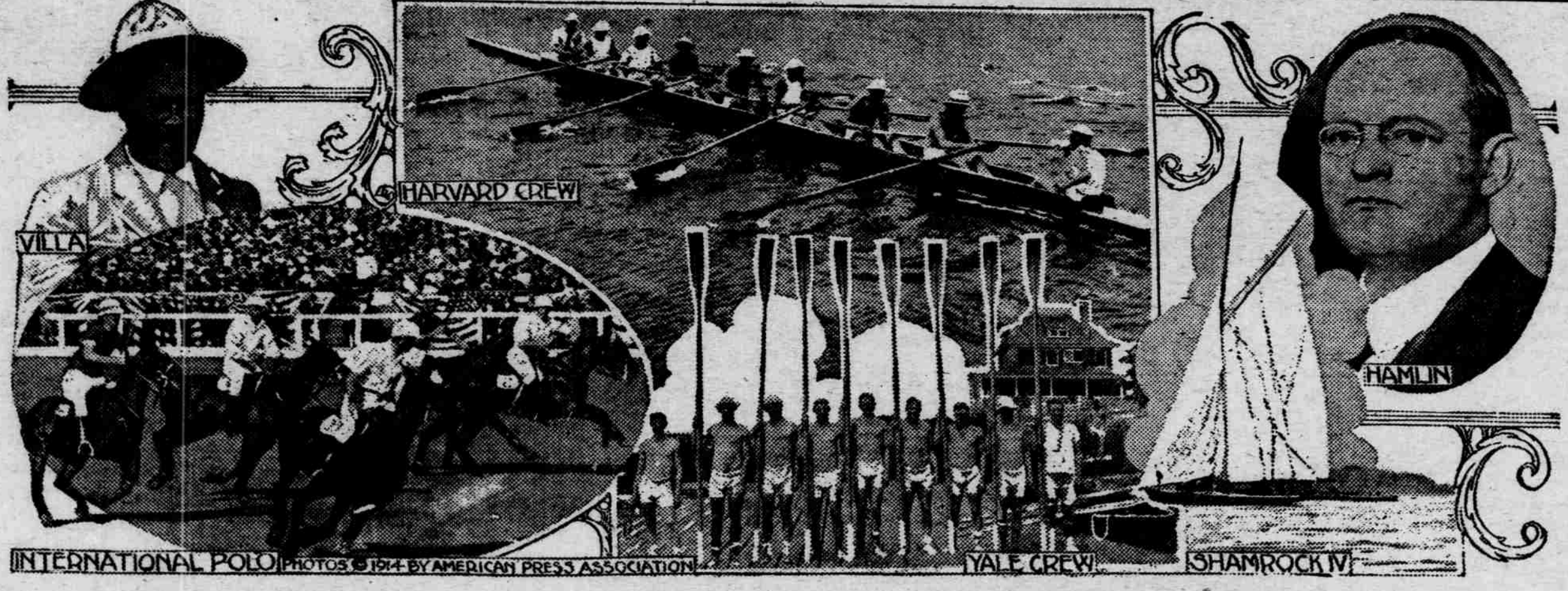
PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

Much interest centered in the presentation of a jewel to Grand Master John H. Nichols, who in 1872, by his vote in the Grand Lodge, converted old St. John's College into an orphan asylum. As the presentation speech of General B. S. Royster contains so much interesting history of the Asylum we requested permission to publish it in full. In presenting the jewel General Royster said:

GEN. B. S. ROYSTER'S SPEECH

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: I esteem it not only an honor but a distinct privilege to have been requested by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to participate in this portion of the exercises of this great day.

Some forty odd years ago, there came before the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the most important question which the brethren had heretofore been called upon to determine. On June 24, 1855, the Anniversary of the birth of St. John the Baptist, the corner stone of the Main building now standing upon these grounds was laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, and St. John's College came into being. In December 1857, the Trustees of the College reported to the Grand Lodge that the building had been completed at a cost of twenty three thousand dollars, with thirteen thousand dollars of this amount due and unpaid. In the following year the College was opened and it struggled on with scant success until 1861, when its doors were closed and remained closed while all of this Southland of ours was bleeding and sorrowing on account of the Civil strife between the North and South. At the close of this struggle the Trustees of the College made arrangements with John H. Mills to remove the female school he was conducting in the town to



INTERNATIONAL POLO PHOTOS BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. The international pony polo matches were played at Westbury, N. Y., and the English challengers won in two straight matches, defeating the American holders of the championship cup. The America's cup challenger Shamrock IV had her first trial spins and showed impressive speeding qualities. General Villa and General Carranza had a break in their friendly relations in Mexico, Villa seizing most of the territory captured by the rebels. Charles S. Hamlin of Massachusetts was appointed a member of the federal reserve board by President Wilson. The Yale and Harvard crews rowed their annual contest on the Thames river near New London, Conn. The illustration shows the rival varsity eights as they appeared before the contest.

News Snapshots Of the Week

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS. About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public. Ledger Readers GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY. New Automobiles—Dr. S. H. Canady, of Oxford, and Mr. John Morton, of Bullock, have purchased new automobiles. Greatly Benefited—We are pleased to learn that Mrs. W. W. Brummitt, of Shady Grove, has returned from a hospital greatly benefited by the stay. Received New Truck—The Colored Orphan Asylum has received the new automobile truck, and put into commission at once on the brick yard. Dirty Place—The filthiest place Thursday morning was on the corner of College and Hillsboro streets, and for the benefit of good health needed attention. Our Usual Rain—Wednesday was a very hot sultry day, and in the afternoon had our usual 24th rain, which was a blessing to the sweltering crowd of people. One Drunk—In the large and orderly crowd in Oxford on Wednesday we never saw but one man under the influence of liquor, and he was too full for utterance. 300 Automobiles—It is estimated that 300 automobiles were in Oxford on the 24th, and making an average of five to each machine, they brought to the town 1,500 people alone. Backed off Track—On Wednesday while one of the excursion trains on the seaboard road was backing on the "Y" the end car went off the end of the embankment at Parham's Mill. Accidents the 24th—The only accidents the 24th was that one small dog was killed by an automobile and one buggy wheel smashed. Two automobilists were hauled up for exceeding the speed limit. Virgilina the Whiskey Mecca—Since Clarksville went dry Virgilina has become the whiskey mecca for this territory and hundreds of gallons of the hot stuff are being hauled from there daily by automobiles. Storm Near Lewis—The thunder storm which passed over Lewis section Wednesday was accompanied by a high wind, and blew down fruit trees and tops off of some old houses on the farm of Mrs. Martha Chewning. Wrestling Match—Two of our heavy weights engaged in a wrestling match Tuesday afternoon in the rear of a store and the under man happened to be dumped into a mud hole and in consequence had to re-clothe himself. Married Second Time—Mr. Hawkins Suit and Miss Stella Duncan, of Berea, certainly took their friends by surprise last Sunday by becoming man and wife, as they did not know that the old gentleman had commenced courting the second time. Pleasant Visitor—Our sanctum was invaded last Saturday by Noel Bros. the pleasant and versatile editor of the Roxboro Courier. They are wide-awake and progressive and are doing a good work for Roxboro and good old Person county. 34 Pigs Barbecued—The people on the 24th proved that they were great lovers of barbecue as 34 good sized pigs nicely cooked had been eaten up by two o'clock and the demand had not been supplied. We take it that 50 pigs will have to be provided the next 24th.

ABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Old Granville Will Be Ably Represented in the Senate and House of Representatives. MESSRS. TITUS CURRIN AND D. G. BRUMMITT. It was a fore gone conclusion from the very first that Granville county would be ably represented in the legislative halls. The farmers wanted one of their number to represent them in the Senate and they made no mistake in placing Mr. Titus Currin and Dr. Meadows on the ticket. They are both fine men and they conducted their campaign on a high moral plane, and each of them are stronger to day than when they entered the campaign, Mr. Titus Currin winning out over Dr. Meadows by 59 only votes. Mr. Currin is a progressive, prosperous young farmer. His elegant estate near Oxford takes on the shape of a model farm. It is said of Mr. Currin that whatever he does he does well. He is chairman of the Granville County Board of Education and is ever on the right side of any question for the material advancement of his beloved Granville. Mr. Currin possesses an intuitive mind. He is thoroughly posted on all public measures of the day and has the happy faculty of grasping and holding the concrete facts of a question. This senatorial district is fortunate in having Mr. Currin in the Senate. The old stereotyped phrase, "logical candidate," does not apply to Mr. D. G. Brummitt. His sound practical sense, logical reasoning power and eloquent speech brought him to the fore. He is absolutely clean in politics, and has been chairman of the Granville County Executive Committee for several years and dreads the putrid air of a political arena as much as any man we ever saw. He has a faculty of measuring up men and measures readily and accurately. He sets the nail and drives it home with the sledge hammer every time. In the true sense of the word, Mr. Brummitt is a man of the people, and the passing years adds to his popularity and in the coming years he will be known as the "Commoner of Granville." He is one man we are willing to trust in politics anywhere along the line either by night or day. He will come out of the House of Representatives stronger than he went in.

SECRETARY OF THE FAIR

Directors of Granville County Fair Association Elected Mr. Eugene Crews Secretary of Fair. HE WILL IMPART LIFE AND VIGOR. The Granville County Fair Association some weeks ago elected Mr. Eugene Crews secretary of the Fair to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Prof. J. F. Webb. The election of Mr. Crews was kept a secret, more or less, on account of the campaign, he being a candidate for Register of Deeds. Mr. Crews is a progressive young man, possessing the knowledge and energies necessary to develop and strengthen the Fair along all lines. As a chain can be no stronger than its weakest link a Fair can be no stronger than its Secretary. Mr. Crews takes hold of the Fair at a time when it is in splendid shape. He is entirely familiar with its strong and weak points and he will devote his entire time and energies to round off the sharp corners and strengthen the weak places. Backed by a splendid Board, it will be Mr. Crews' aim to make the Granville County Fair second to none in the State. The Public Ledger joins Mr. Crews in his high and laudable undertaking, and we extend to him and the Fair Association our best efforts to develop the Fair, and by so doing the resources of town and county are enhanced two fold. Owing to the lateness of the crops the Fair this fall will be correspondingly late, the date being set for the last week in October. Mr. Crews, the new Secretary, is quite busy, and has been for the past two weeks engaged in getting the premium list in shape. He can be depended upon to work up the enthusiasm so essential to the life of the Fair by his personal contact with the people of the county. A bigger and Better Fair should be the slogan of every one in Granville County. Prof. J. F. Webb, the retiring secretary, deserves much praise in handling the affairs of the Association from the inception of the Fair. He was a strong advocate in launching the enterprise and served to make it one of the best county Fairs in the State and leaves it in splendid shape.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There. SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW. Mr. Joe Clement, of Route 1, was in Oxford Thursday. Mr. L. H. Dement, of Route 5, was on our streets Thursday. Mr. Sam Robards, of Green's, was in Oxford on Wednesday. Mr. Charlie Currin, of Stovall section, was in town Thursday. Mr. R. L. Wynne, of Durham, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday. Mr. S. W. Brown, of Four Oaks, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday. Messrs. McBragg and John Mayes, of Stem, were in Oxford Thursday. Mr. H. O. Furman, an old veteran of the road, is at home for a few days. Mrs. Williams and little son, Stanford, of Clayton, are visiting Mrs. J. N. Pitman. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. T. Coble and daughter, of Greensboro, visited here Wednesday. Mrs. Fannie Wood, of Windsor, is spending some time with her son, Mr. J. Robt. Wood. Mr. L. F. Wilson, of Greensboro, was the guest of his brother, Mr. O. D. Wilson Wednesday. Mrs. Skinner and children, of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Julia Minor on College street. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Minor, of Durham, were the guests of Mrs. Julia Minor on the 24th. Misses Nannie and Lizzie Karnes, of Durham, were the guests of Miss Alline Hicks this week. Dr. Winston, C. D. Britt and Rev. W. W. Parker, of Franklinton, were Oxford visitors Thursday afternoon. Mrs. George Tillery, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, on Raleigh street. Miss Ethel Buffalo, of Raleigh and Miss Clyde Morris, of Durham, were week end visitors of Miss Lillian Taylor. Mr. Robt. Kittrell, who now makes Henderson his home, was in Oxford Wednesday shaking hands with his old friends. Dr. Morehead Emmett came in from Richmond and attended the marriage of his cousin, Mr. Lee Taylor Thursday night. Mr. Cellie Winters, of the State University and correspondent for a number of papers, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell have returned from their trip to Lexington, Ky., where Mr. Mitchell attended the Convention of the tobaccoconists. Mr. C. J. Adcock, of Durham, a former resident of the Berea section, was in Oxford on the 24th and his old friends were glad to see him again. Mrs. Irvin Mangum and little son are at Panacea Springs, and we are pleased to learn that they are being greatly benefited by the use of the water. Mr. and Mrs. Gholson returned a few days ago from their Northern bridal tour and are receiving the congratulations of their many friends. Our old friend Wyatt Bradford, of Henderson, was among the large throng in town Wednesday and his old Granville friends extended him the glad hand.

POPULAR COUPLE WED.

St. Stephen's Church Where the Marriage Vows Were Taken, a Scene of Rare Beauty. THE CONTRACTING PARTY ON BRIDAL TOUR. One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized Thursday night at St. Stephen's when Miss Martha Ferebee became the bride of Mr. Leonadas Taylor. That the affair was of social importance was shown by the fact that the church was crowded to the doors long before the time for the ceremony and large numbers of people stood outside to catch a glimpse of the bridal party as it entered. The church was beautiful in its decorations of white and green and the altar was a dream of beauty in its arrangement of ferns as a background for the party. Mrs. Capeheart played the wedding march as the bridal party entered to its familiar strains. The ushers, Mr. J. C. Cooper, of Fayetteville; Mr. W. L. Mitchell, Mr. D. K. Taylor, and Dr. Morehead Emmett, of Richmond, entered first, followed by two groomsmen and two bride's maids in the following order: Mr. A. H. Taylor and Mr. J. L. Taylor; Miss Josephine Brown and Miss Nett Gregory; Mr. J. A. Taylor Jr., and Mr. B. T. Smith, of Wilson; Miss Mary Webb and Miss Annie Gregory, of Stovall; Mr. N. M. Ferebee, Jr., then came the dame of honor, Mrs. M. C. Taylor, in a gown of pink crepe meteor, with bouquet of lavender sweet peas. The maid of honor, Miss May White, in a lovely pink crepe meteor gown, with Dutch cap, carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas, as did all the pretty bride's maids, preceded the bride. The bride made a pretty picture as she entered, wearing an exquisite gown of charmeuse, court train, with orange blossoms and pearls, with a conventional veil and carried a huge bridal bouquet. The groom with his best man, Mr. M. C. Taylor, entered from the vestry. Dr. N. M. Ferebee, father of the bride, gave his daughter in marriage, and Dr. Horsfield, the bride's pastor, in the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church, made them one. The reception at the home of the bride immediately after the vows were taken was a delightful affair and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were charming entertainers. The guests included the friends of the contracting parties, and not the least of the attractive feature of the evening was the display of wedding presents that so aptly testified to the popularity of the young couple. Immediately after the reception Mr. and Mrs. Taylor departed for Henderson in an automobile where they took a fast train for the North, the objective points being New York, Boston and Niagara Falls. On their return to Oxford they will be the guests of Mr. Taylor's parents until their lovely home, which is now underway, is completed. The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. N. M. Ferebee a retired Naval Surgeon. She is of that olive, hazle-eyed type of Killarney, famed in verse and song. She possesses many fine and noble traits of character and is universally popular in the social circles of Oxford, Norfolk, Tarboro and other places where she has been frequently entertained. The groom is from that good old Granville stock of the Taylors that have been identified with best interest of Oxford and the county for more than a generation. He is a prosperous young business man and is popular in the business and social life of Oxford. Among the out of town guests were: Mrs. Kennon, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Stamp Howard and children; Dr. and Mrs. Green and Miss Clark, of Tarboro.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Voters of Granville: It would give me pleasure to thank in person, every participant in Saturdays primary, however as that is impossible I take this method of expressing my appreciation. Knowing Joe Renn and Eugene Crews as I do, the honor could not have been greater. I desire above all else for those who opposed me to know that I have only the kindest feelings toward them. For those who made it possible for me to be nominated, I wish to extend a heart full of gratitude. Saturday's expression of your confidence has aroused the desire, "if it be in my power," to serve the county with greater zeal. I shall endeavor to discharge my duty in such manner that no one shall regret selecting me as his choice. Trusting that each and all may feel that I am "your Register of Deeds," I beg to remain Truly Your Friend JIM POWELL