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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

GREAT CROWDS GATHER TO WITNESS THE CEREMONIES

Impressive Program—The President Given an Ovation—Cannons Roared and People Rejoiced.

Official name: Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition.

Character: Military, naval marine and historical exposition.

Nature: State, national and international historic celebration.

Purpose: Commemoration of the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people in America.

Location: Exposition grounds on Hampton Roads, near Norfolk Portsmouth and Newport News Virginia.

Size of exposition grounds: 400 acres of land space and a 40-acre water space between the grand piers.

The prevailing style of architecture at the exposition is Colonial.

The ceremonies which presented the Jamestown Ter Centennial Exposition to the world were performed at noon Friday with all the dignity and splendor befitting the occasion.

Thousands of men, women and children crowded about the speakers' stand on Lee's parade where, in the presence of a most distinguished assemblage, President Roosevelt spoke the words of dedication and at the same time pressed a gold button that started the machinery of the Exposition in motion.

Simultaneously the thousands of flags and banners on the beautiful buildings were thrown to the wind and a deafening salute boomed forth from the scores of warships of the United States and foreign powers that dotted the historic waters of Hampton Roads.

The salute was applauded by thousands of people, who had been waiting for that glad moment for many months, and they were happy. In truth the three cities that are within a stone's throw of the exposition, and in fact all Virginia was never so happy in all its eventful history as it was Friday.

The great state that has given the Nation seven Presidents, whose men and women have been famous in days of peace and renowned in war, whose citizens are as patriotic as are those of any of the galaxy of states in the Union, whose history is a book of great achievements of romance and industry, whose products are among the best that the country can offer, is today the happiest among the many over which the old flag floats in grace and in pride.

Friday's celebration was participated in by the President of the United States, the foreign diplomats from Washington, members of Congress, of the army and navy, together with the governors and staffs of a score of states.

The patriotic and historical societies were well represented, among them the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, Society of Colonial Wars, United Confederate Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic. The cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News, the mayor, of which had declared the day a public holiday, sent thousands of visitors to the opening.

Everything being in readiness, at 11:30 o'clock the President and his party landed from the yacht Mayflower at the pier and were received with an artillery salute. Flanked on either side by a line of troops, the party were escorted to the speaker's stand amid the cheers of a large crowd.

Promptly at noon President Harry S. George Tucker of the exposition company arose, and announced the beginning of the ceremonies, and the Right Rev. Alfred Magill Randolph, bishop of the diocese of southern Virginia, invoked the divine blessing.

Bishop Randolph concluded his invocation with the Lord's prayer, in which the audience joined. The official exposition hymn was then sung by a grand chorus of 500 voices assisted by the Washington Choral Society.

The music of the hymn was written by Wilbur Force Owst, of Boston, and the words were by W. A. Pegram, of Baltimore.

Governor Swanson spoke briefly, extending to the people of the United States and to the residents of countries abroad a cordial welcome to Virginia, President Tucker, as the chief executive of the exposition, then delivered an address at the conclusion of which he introduced President Roosevelt.

There was tremendous cheering for the President when he arose to speak. The President's address, which was of an historical character and one of his most successful efforts along that line, was listened to with close attention by the vast multitude.

The conclusion of the President's speech was the signal for the opening

THE ROAD QUESTION.

Mr. Wyatt Walters, of Brassfield, Heard From Again.

Mr. Editor will you allow me space to express myself again on the road question which is deservedly attracting so much attention at present? The idea seems quite prevalent that the money obtained from the proposed bond issue should all be spent in making macadam roads.

Now I cannot see any practical judgment in attempting to make macadam roads in this part of the county, where rock is very scarce and very hard and sand is the most bountiful thing in sight.

However, I suppose it is not proposed to make any macadam roads in this part of the county—or any other kind for that matter judging the future by the past.

The idea that a good road can be made of nothing but crushed rock is a serious mistake. This fact has been proven to me both by observation and experiment.

Where a clay road is properly thrown up and graded and then covered deep enough with sand, gravel or some material that will not work into mud, it will prove as good as any macadam road.

Now what would be the judgment in hauling rock long distances and crushing it with costly machinery when some such material is near at hand? Certainly I admit that in very many cases using crushed rock is the most practical thing to do. But let us not forget that while a dirt road will cost about \$200 a mile a macadam road will cost about \$2,000.

Let us also remember that there was no reason to expect most of the dirt roads which have been made in Granville to be proof against mud, because these were not properly made. Let those who advocate macadam roads exclusively do just a little calculating.

There could be made with the \$100,000, only about 50 miles of such road, but little more than 5 miles to the township. This would scarcely be a good start. But as an experiment it would be entirely too much. I am convinced that as a people, we do not know how to make roads, and so should go slow until we learn. I believe that a suitable man should be employed for all his time and put in charge of the work. He should be required to inform himself thoroughly and by every possible means on the subject of road making. There should be used during the first year only a small part of the proposed bond issue. We cannot afford to waste the money. Mud alone is bad enough, but mud and bonds are a little too much.

W. R. WALTERS.

A New Enterprise Near Town.

Messrs. Ham Powell and Titus Currin will embark in a new enterprise near Oxford. They will enter into at once the manufacture of cement brick and blocks for building purposes, which will no doubt prove a paying business. The plant will be near the home of Mr. Currin where nice white sand is convenient, and work has already commenced on the sheds. These gentlemen will get the Southern to put in a siding at their yards as they expect to manufacture blocks on a large scale. The Public Ledger wishes them much success.

Lecture Before Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club and its friends listened to a delightful lecture-talk from Dr. Benjamin H. Sledd, of Wake Forest College, last Friday night at the home of Rev. Francis W. Hilliard. The term lecture-talk is used because while Dr. Sledd held a carefully prepared manuscript he did not confine himself to it, but interspersed the lecture with bits of humor, pathos and poetical imagery sufficient to place him thoroughly in rapport with his hearers.

His lecture was on Shakespeare, his life, his methods, his teachings, how to study and how to teach him, was both delightful and suggestive. He discussed at length several plays and his talk was full of such genuine poetical feeling, expression and insight that it made many of us feel that we wished he were to give us some of his own charming verses. A delightful hour was spent in social converse at the close of the lecture.

of the Exposition. All eyes were fixed on the president as he touched the golden key that set in motion the machinery of the exposition. Simultaneously hundreds of flags broke to the breeze and cannon roared their accompaniment to the strains of "America," played by the massed bands. So loud was the uproar that the benediction closing the exercises was unheard.

SUPERIOR COURT SESSION.

CONVENED WEDNESDAY WITH JUDGE JUSTICE PRESIDING.

It will be a two weeks Term with a Larger Docket than Usual, both Criminal and Civil.

Granville Superior Court convened Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock for a two weeks term. The plain, practical Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, is presiding, who could not reach Oxford until Wednesday morning. His charge to the grand jury was comprehensive on their duties and on the various grades of crime. It was a clear, instructive dissertation on the law, and no doubt every member of the grand jury is thoroughly cognizant of his duties.

On account of the length of the charge consideration of the criminal docket was not taken up until after the dinner recess.

All the regular court officers are in attendance, these being Solicitor A. L. Brooks, Clerk Charles Crews and assistant W. T. Lyon, Sheriff Howard and Deputies Charley Turner, R. E. Booth and Conrad Walters.

The following were drawn and duly sworn as members of the grand jury with R. C. Puckett, foreman, L. H. Dement, J. W. Daniel, J. L. Carrington, J. W. Holeman, C. J. Roberts, G. F. Downey, N. H. Woodlief, H. E. Overton, W. T. Blackwell, J. G. Hunt, W. E. Tunstall, L. M. Duncan, N. B. Dickerson, D. C. Frazier, H. S. Wilkins, J. M. Curran, R. W. Allen.

The following cases were disposed of Wednesday afternoon:

State vs Elmore Gooch, disposing of mortgage property, not guilty.

State vs Dock Frazier, and others, failing to make report, plead guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of half cost.

State vs Frank Davis, c. e. w., guilty; \$10 fine and cost.

State vs Calvin Lyon, retailing without license at Creedmoor, guilty, 9 months on public roads. He is an old offender and been on the road before, but was pardoned on the plea of consumption. He should be allowed to serve out his term this time.

State vs Jack Blalock and Wm. Glover, a. w. d. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Frank McGhee, removing crop, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Frank Davis, a. w. d. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs D. Weaver, c. e. w., guilty, \$10 fine and cost.

State vs Lewis Heffin, a. w. d. w., guilty, \$10 fine and cost.

State vs Robert Burwell, c. e. w., guilty, 4 months on public roads.

State vs John Mallory, Sherman Thorp and Paul Jones, guilty only as to Mallory.

Beulah Church.

Sabbath, April 28th, was rather an ugly day. The clouds were dark and lowering and we were threatened with a cold rain. But unfavorable as the morning was a goodly number of people gathered for Sabbath School at Beulah Church, located at Providence. The school numbered 40 and the pennie collection for benevolence was 41 cents. The school has only been organized four weeks. Our aim is to gather in at least 75 scholars.

There was a boy at this school last Sabbath who walked six miles and was there in good time. Two girls were there who had walked two and a half miles. The Superintendent said he wanted the six miles boy, and the two and a half miles girls to shake hands with each other. They did so. This shows what people can do when they try. The Sabbath school is worthy of such effort.

The large class of Mr. T. J. Smith was glad to have him with them again after a three weeks tussle with the grip. Mrs. Bessie Piper is making herself very useful in the school by leading the singing and in other ways. Mr. G. W. Royster bids fair to make a live Superintendent. He is putting his whole soul into the work.

Beulah church will have preaching and church conference on Saturday before the second Sabbath in May at 3 o'clock p. m., and Sabbath school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. second Sabbath mornings. You are cordially invited to meet with us.

S. S. WORKER.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

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THE ROAD BOND ISSUE.

DON'T MUDDY THE WATERS, AS WE HAVE MUD ENOUGH.

The Power Given Commissioners, or Highway Commission to Dispense Money.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to a certain feature of the road bond question which is being discussed we desire to say to those who are alarmed as to how the interest on the proposed bonds is to be paid, that this interest may be paid out of funds received from the dispensaries or from any other source where there are funds available for that purpose.

The fact that this is not specified in the bill providing for the bond issue does not mean, as we take it, that our county authorities cannot and will not use the dispensary money on the bonds. Now let us have no muddying the waters as we have mud enough, so as to confuse the people.

We have a bill which is not voted down by our people that will give us permanent improvement on our roads. To be sure it does not please some people in every particular, nor would any bill which might be passed. While we know some good people in our county really oppose this measure, yet we have an idea that there are certain ones who are using these objections to prejudice the people against the bond issue, in other words their objection is a mere subterfuge to influence others to vote against the measure, which they really in truth oppose.

Let every man come out and take a bold stand on this important question. Now we come back to the main question we started to discuss.

The act authorizing the issue of bonds by Granville county to build, macadamize and improve the public roads of the county provides that in order to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund for taking up said bonds at maturity, the Board of Commissioners shall annually levy a sufficient special tax on property and polls, and that at the expiration of ten years from the issuing of said bonds then shall be levied, in addition to the tax for interest, a sufficient tax to pay off one thousand dollars of said bonds, and the Commissioners may, after ten years from the issue of the bonds levy a tax sufficient to take up five thousand dollars of said bonds.

The acts creating the dispensaries in Oxford and Creedmoor provides that one fourth of the profits of said dispensaries shall be paid to the road fund of Granville county. These acts do not specify how this dispensary money shall be expended on the roads.

The Commissioners, or the Highway Commission, have the right to apply these profits to the payment of the interest on the road bonds if they so desire, or they may have the same expended in working the roads, or they may set it apart as a sinking fund for the purpose of taking up the road bonds at maturity.

The authorities of the county having in charge the road work of the county we believe can be depended on to levy as small a tax as is possible, and their good business judgment will suggest to them the importance of applying as much of the dispensary profits as they can to meet the interest and principle of the road bonds.

We doubt if the bonds could have been sold on the market if the act had provided that the interest and principal should be paid with the dispensary profits. Purchasers of bonds demand something more certain for the payment of the interest and principal of such bonds than the continuance of dispensaries and the uncertainty of the profits therefrom. While these institutions continue, and while we are getting profits from them, we can use such profits to pay the interest and principal of the bonds, and thus reduce the special tax or render it entirely unnecessary, but suppose our dispensaries should be abolished, how can the interest and principal be met except by taxation.

Let the people of the county have good roads and let them be paid for as far as is possible with the dispensary profits, but do not let the people vote against the bond issue because the act does not guarantee that the principal and interest will be paid with such profits.

It is a well known fact that the adjoining counties to Granville, in fact nearly all the counties in the State which have built permanent roads have done so by issuing bonds. The fact is this is the only way any county can ever build macadam roads unless it has sources of wealth to draw from which we have not. Are we to continue to travel over roads full of holes

JOYOUS BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Thirty Odd Sweet Little Girls Entertained by Allene Hicks.

As the editor was wending his way home Saturday afternoon tired and weary from the week's work, wondering if he had accomplished any good, a large number of sweet girl voices rang out from the porch of the pleasant home of our good friend A. A. Hicks: "Hello Brother Britt." It shed a bright ray across our path and we forgot all about being tired and careworn, and went in and joined the beauties that represented so many of the dear homes of our prosperous town.

We soon found the cause of the happy assemblage—that of celebrating the birthday of our dear little friend Allene Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks was in her glory entertaining the children, which she knows how to do to perfection, and had prepared elegant and tempting refreshments in honor of the event that had called such a galaxy of beauty and grace together.

When they had all gathered around the sweetly decorated table in the handsome dining room it was indeed a grand scene and a feast for the lovers of the beautiful to look upon. The girls were all tastily dressed in white, the emblem of purity.

There were there sweet maidens fair, With brown eyes and golden hair; And others fair with blue eyes and golden curls.

And as they crooked their elbows, The ice cream slipped down with a whirl.

They indulged in a number of games and their sweet voices echoed through the grove, and the joy of the afternoon will not soon be forgotten by the dear little lassies as "Sister" Hicks proved a charming little hostess.

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CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

MEET IN OXFORD WEDNESDAY AND ELECT OFFICERS.

Judge Graham Chosen Commander—Major Gattis—Resolutions of Thanks and Reunion.

The Veterans of Granville county met Wednesday, May 1st, and on motion of A. W. Graham Milton Blalock was called to the chair and James K. Wood acted as Adjutant. There was a large attendance.

The election of officers being in order Spencer R. O'Brian nominated Judge Graham for Commander. The Judge asked to be excused and begged them to elect some Veteran as commander, but they declined to do so and elected him by a unanimous vote; Capt. Abner D. Peace was elected 1st Lieut. Commander, Milton Blalock 2d Lieut. Commander, and James K. Wood Adjutant.

On motion it was ordered that the Commander appoint the non-commissioned and all other necessary officers.

The matter of attending the Reunion was then called up and Major C. H. Gattis, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Seaboard Railroad, being present was requested to address the meeting and did so, explaining the arrangements for taking the Veterans to Richmond and then to Jamestown. He made a very pleasant impression on the meeting and upon motion it was decided that the Granville Veterans would go to Richmond by the Seaboard route.

Upon motion of Judge Graham the following resolution was adopted:

The Confederate Veterans of Granville county assembled in Camp Maurice T. Smith, No. 1277 U. C. V., hereby express our appreciation of the action of our Senator, Hon. A. A. Hicks, and our Representative, Hon. B. S. Royster, in having passed the bill to provide for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of Granville county. Therefore be it resolved,

That we tender our thanks to our Senator and Representative for their patriotic services in thus attempting to perpetuate the memory of our comrades.

That a committee be appointed by our commander to act with the Daughters of the Confederacy to wait upon the commissioners of the county of Granville and the Town of Oxford and urge the appropriation of amount designated by the General Assembly for the erection of said monument, and that said committee shall also assist in the selection of a design for said monument and in the erection of the same.

The names of the committee and of the non-commissioned officers will be announced later.

The Veterans will assemble in Oxford at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 29th, and will take the Seaboard train about 11 o'clock in Oxford and will meet the special train from Durham at Dickerson and the special from Charlotte and Raleigh at Henderson. The train will arrive in Richmond about 4:30 o'clock p. m. There will be excursions to Petersburg, Seven Pines and others places and on the following Tuesday the Granville men will go to the Jamestown Exposition and spend two days and return home. The railroad fare will be small amount of \$4. The veterans will be entertained in Richmond, but will pay their lodgings and meals at Jamestown which will not exceed \$1 per day.

The families and sons of veterans can go at the same price as the Veterans, but will have to look out for themselves in Richmond.

Judge Graham will go to Richmond before the 29th and complete arrangements for lodging the Veterans.

All Veterans and sons of Veterans who intend going should at once send in their names to James K. Wood, Adjutant.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Commander.

M. BLALOCK, Commander.
J. K. WOOD, Adjutant.

The Smallpox has Disappeared.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. S. D. Booth has entirely recovered from a severe attack of the grippe, and has resumed his practice. He was in the Southern part of the county Friday, and discharged all the smallpox cases and thoroughly disinfected the houses. We have no smallpox in Granville now, and it goes without saying that Dr. Booth from his long experience with the disease knows exactly how to treat it to the best advantage. It is a pleasure to us to say that he ranks among the best health officers in our good old State.

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