

Goldsboro Place Of Next Meeting

Drainage Convention Adjourns After Successful Session Following Report of Committees and Election of Officers

Goldsboro was named as the place of the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Drainage Association which adjourned Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock after the report of committees and the election of officers.

Former Congressman John H. Small was re-elected president and Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the association.

Delegates remaining in the city after the Wednesday afternoon session will be given an automobile ride over the new brick highway to Weeksville.

Features of the Wednesday morning session were addresses by W. A. McGirt, manager of the North Carolina Landowners Association; and by Dr. T. H. D. Griffiths, of the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Griffiths' general theme was malaria as it relates to drainage and he urged that drainage for health be linked up with drainage for agricultural purposes.

A fuller report of Dr. Griffiths' speech will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Mr. McGirt stressed the importance of drainage as an essential in the development of Eastern Carolina and urged business men to devote more of their time to the drainage problem and other questions so vital to the future of this section. The speaker stated that he would not hesitate to compel the children of our public schools to study the problems of our Coastal Plain, if he had the power to do so, that these children after they reach maturity, might understand the handicaps that are retarding our development and proceed to remove them.

Other speakers were C. G. Elliott, of Washington, D. C.; A. H. Cline, F. P. Latham, Dr. James L. Alexander, and H. M. Lynde and F. P. Bartel, of the Department of Agriculture.

C. G. Elliott's address was a review of North Carolina reclamation work and he was given a vote of thanks by the convention for his timely address.

Following Dr. Griffiths' speech, Dr. Alexander, of Charlotte, told how Charlotte delegates attending a drainage convention in Elizabeth City became interested in drainage for health and went back to Charlotte and eradicated malaria from that town.

The other speakers of the day discussed the drainage and the remarks of H. M. Lynde on this subject will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Report on Resolutions
Following is the report of the committee on resolutions which was adopted by the convention shortly before adjournment.

The North Carolina Drainage Association assembled in this, the eleventh annual convention, may view with a pardonable pride its records of achievements during the past fifteen years.

North Carolina's activities in drainage are known far and wide, and the rich soils made available by drainage are in demand far beyond the confines of the state. In spite of this progress, however, some older cultivated sections are lagging behind in this movement, and upon these we urge the necessity of falling in line and reaping the sure reward to be gained throughout drainage.

Since this Drainage Association, may be well called the pioneer, in a series of progressive moves in our state which culminated in acts of the past legislature.

Therefore Be It Resolved—That this Association extend its congratulations to the Governor of North Carolina and to the members of the General Assembly of 1921 for the liberal contribution to the progress of the state embodied in the passage of appropriation for good roads, education, health, welfare and agriculture. The unanimity of action in

matters of such broad interior argues well for the state's future progress. Resolved—That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the officers of the Association for the planning of this most excellent program and to the speakers who have offered such instructive suggestions and advice.

Resolved—That this Association commend the co-operative work being done by the Drainage Division of the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The pioneer work being done in the tile drainage field and in terracing is worthy of highest praise.

Resolved—That this Association does hereby tender its thanks to Mr. C. G. Elliott, not only for his presence and constructive address at this meeting, but also for past valuable assistance rendered the cause of drainage in this state and the nation.

Resolved—That we urge upon the next General Assembly the necessity of providing the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey with funds to carry on investigations and distribute data obtained in stream flow, throughout the state. This information is badly needed by the drainage engineers of the state.

Resolved—That this Association urge upon drainage engineers the necessity of recording for future use all data collected for drainage districts, and that such data be recorded with the Geological and Economic Survey so as to link with other surveys in the state, thus aiding in the enormous task of finally completing a topographic map of this state.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be tendered the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Elizabeth City for their cordial reception and genial hospitality offered and for the splendid arrangements made for the presence of the delegates during their stay here, and to the newspapers for their hearty cooperation in advertising and reporting the convention.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be tendered its President, Hon. John H. Small, not only for his abiding interest in drainage, but also for his continued devotion to all matters relating to the welfare of the citizens of the state.

Resolved—That this Association offer felicitations to its Secretary, Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, in his first appearance before it in a number of years. It is our wish that we may long have available his splendid counsel and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. MENGLE, Chm.
H. M. LYNDE,
R. O. BAGLEY,
J. L. BECTON,
W. D. ALEXANDER,
T. J. NIXON,
W. M. HINTON,
R. L. BANKS, JR.

Secretary Wallace Coming
At the opening of Wednesday morning's session of the association, the secretary read a telegram from Mark W. Potter, saying that he could not be present and a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace expressing regret at his inability to attend the convention, but expressing the hope that he will be able to visit this section in the near future. President Small will endeavor to arrange a trip through this section for Secretary Wallace, which will include a stop-over in Elizabeth City.

Secretary Wallace's letter follows:
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
Washington, D. C.
March 23, 1921.

Dear Mr. Pratt:
I am in receipt of your letter of March 21, and thank you for the invitation to be in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Get Ready For Community Sing

The public schools are manifesting a great deal of interest in the "Sing" that will be held under the auspices of Community Service of Elizabeth City Friday night.

Thursday morning of this week a rehearsal of the children of the primary grades will be held and it is hoped that the result of this preliminary practice period will work off many of the rough spots in the singing of "The Old North State."

On Friday morning the children of the upper grades will have a preliminary practice number on "The Star Spangled Banner." The general public is requested to learn all the words to "Dixie" and when the call comes, to be ready to sing as they never sang before.

The "Sing" is not for public school children alone. It is for all of Elizabeth City; the place is the Court House Lawn and the time is 7:30 p. m. Friday. The songs will be flashed upon a screen.

Pennsylvania R. R. Celebrates Today

New York, April 13.—The Pennsylvania Railroad celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary today. Flags flew from every station, train and building, and whistles of locomotives were turned loose for half a minute at noon.

University Honors Thomas Jefferson

Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—The 178th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson was observed today at the University of Virginia, which he founded.

Many citizens of the commonwealth observed the Governor's proclamation to join the university in honoring the memory of the great Virginian. Brief exercises were held at Jefferson's grave at Monticello.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

New York, April 13.—The opening of the baseball season today was greeted with good weather generally. The National American Association and Southern leagues began their schedules.

to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association on April 12 and 13.

In view of other engagements already made, I regret to advise that I cannot give you a favorable reply. I shall hope, however, to visit your section of the country in the near future.

Very truly yours,

HENRY C. WALLACE,
Joseph Hyde Pratt,
Secretary North Carolina Drainage Association,
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Speakers Tuesday afternoon were S. H. McCrory, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who spoke on the economic value of reclaimed swamp lands; Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, who discussed the development and progress of agriculture in North Carolina and commended highly the work of the North Carolina Drainage Association; Judge Francis D. Winston, who made a ringing speech commending the work of the association, stressing the fertility of the soil of this eastern section and the need of drainage to take off the surplus water; and Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, who stressed the need of draining adequately the cultivated lands of this section by the establishment of drainage districts.

Mr. McGirt's Speech
W. A. McGirt, vice president of the North Carolina Landowners Association, and recently-appointed member of the State Highway Commission, was the first speaker on the program at the Wednesday morning session. In part Mr. McGirt said:

"Too many of our business men are either ignorant or indifferent as to our advantages and disadvantages, and have no time to devote to constructive movements, such as drainage, which will prove of incalculable benefit to them in business life," Mr. McGirt said.

"Every business man," he continued, "should give at least 10 per cent of his time and God given talents to the state in which he lives. If he is a good citizen, he should help build his state. Drain the great Dismal Swamp and build a great trunk line highway connecting Elizabeth City with the rest of the state and every business enterprise here will enjoy a tremendous increase in volume of business."

The same rule applies to every
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TRIPLE ALLIANCE HAS CALLED STRIKE

Ten O'clock Friday Night Is Time Set—Miners, Owners and Government Unable to Reach Agreement

London, April 13.—Britain's triple alliance of labor will call its members on a strike at ten o'clock Friday night.

This decision follows the inability of miners to reach an agreement with owners and government for settlement of the coal strike which began April first.

Other labor organizations may become involved. Serious injury has been done the country by the continued uncertainty over the industrial situation, according to newspapers here.

Government Issues Statement
The government has issued a statement:

"In the event of the threatened extension of the stoppage of work, the government wishes to make it clear that they will use the fullest power to protect workers who remain at work in any services essential to the life of the community. In any settlement the government will give their support in assuring that the position of such workers shall not be prejudiced."

CONFERENCE TO BE DECISIVE

Held at Paris Early in May—American Representatives Expected—Leaders Already Confering

Paris, April 13.—Decisions of utmost importance regarding Germany will be sought by the Allied Supreme Council at a conference probably at Paris early in May.

The conference is regarded by France as decisive if it is declared here. There is speculation as to whether President Harding's policies as outlined before Congress yesterday do not foreshadow the presence of American representatives.

Marshal Foch and other military leaders have been holding conferences to discuss the action which the Supreme Council may eventually decide upon.

ANTI-TYPHOID CAMPAIGN SUCCESS IN THE COUNTY

The anti-typhoid campaign is proving a success in the county. The county people are being inoculated and it is hoped that the town people will avail themselves of the opportunity and help stamp out the deadly disease.

There are three more Saturdays on which inoculation will be given here at the courthouse. Three treatments are necessary, so those who are going to be inoculated should be on hand Saturday. The work is done without charge.

KEROSENE CHEAPER

New York, April 13.—Reduction of a cent a gallon on the wholesale price of kerosene is announced by the Standard Oil Company. The price is fifteen cents.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED

Covington, Ky., April 13.—Four persons were killed and six badly injured in the collision of an automobile with a Chesapeake and Ohio engine at a grade-crossing here today.

Smuggled Drugs Seized In Brooklyn

New York, April 13.—Drugs valued at a quarter million dollars, said to have been smuggled into the country by a band of international drug smugglers, were seized today in a Brooklyn residence.

BITTER TOWARD AMERICANS

Constantinople, April 13.—Russian Bolsheviks are bitter toward Americans and are not permitting them to leave Russia, according to Anne Keiser, of Philadelphia, who arrived here today from Odessa.

Mrs. S. B. Harris is improving at her home on Cherry street after a serious illness.

HELP WANTED—STEADY EMPLOYMENT to work in Finishing Room. Ideal Hostelry Co.

Snooks Evans Off For Norfolk

"Snooks" Evans, farmed out by the New York Giants to Norfolk for the 1921 season, left here Wednesday morning to join his team.

Calvary Baptist Church Organized

On Sunday night, April 10th, a company of men and women met at Calvary Mission Chapel on Riverside Drive for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. Although the weather was cold and rainy a goodly number were present. After a brief devotional service, led by Rev. R. F. Hall, the necessary steps were taken to complete the organization. The names of nineteen men and women who had secured their church letters were then read. The following resolution was presented and read by Rev. R. F. Hall:

Whereas, a Baptist Church is constituted by the voluntary agreement of a company of regenerate persons who have been baptized on a profession of faith in Jesus Christ; coming from other Baptist Churches of like faith and order for the purpose of uniting in covenant for worship, for instruction, for the observance of Christian Ordinances, and for such service as the gospel requires; recognizing and accepting Christ as their supreme Lord and Lawgiver, and taking His word as their only and sufficient rule of faith and practice in all matters of conscience and religion; And—

Whereas, there has been, for quite a while, an increasing interest manifested on the part of those who are to constitute this Church, and those who are to bear the expenses and the responsibility of its support; And—

Whereas, after mature deliberation on the part of such persons, meeting together for consultation, canvassing all sides of the question as to organization, taking counsel of wise and discreet brethren, waiting on Almighty God in prayer for divine guidance; we most earnestly feel the necessity for, and the practicability of such an organization, and have met here for that purpose.

Therefore be It Resolved:— That, guided as we believe by the Holy Spirit, and relying on the blessings of Almighty God, we do, here and now, by this act, constitute ourselves a Church of Jesus Christ, to be known as Calvary Baptist Church of the Chowan Association, to perform the service of Christ and to be governed by His will, as revealed in the New Testament.

Such an act, here and now, makes such a company of disciples a Church of Christ with all the rights, powers, and privileges of any New Testament Church.

After the adoption of this resolution a prayer for strength, guidance, and blessings was offered by Rev. R. F. Hall.

The New Hampshire Articles of Faith were presented and adopted as a standard for the church, and the Standard Church Covenant was also adopted by the members of the church.

The following officers were elected:

For deacons—S. S. Davis, Lewis B. Twiford, Tom W. Harrell, Malachi Jennings.

For church clerk—J. W. Randolph.

For trustees—S. S. Davis, Lewis B. Twiford, J. W. Randolph.

Rev. R. F. Hall was unanimously called as pastor.

The meeting adjourned after singing "Bless be the tie," and the benediction was offered by the pastor.

The organization of this church was largely the outgrowth of many years of faithful and efficient efforts on the part of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church. They have been conducting a Sunday School in the Chapel each Sunday afternoon for a number of years. The untiring efforts of E. F. Aydtlett and S. S. Davis and their corps of faithful Sunday School workers have led this work in a steady growth.

Last fall they felt the need of a Sunday night preaching service in Elizabeth City and secured the services of Rev. R. F. Hall, pastor of Berea and Corinth Baptist churches. From that time on there has been such an increasing interest manifested in the work that the necessity for and the practicability of organizing a church has been felt on every hand.

WAITS FOR PEACE

Washington, April 13.—Harding today told the delegation urging the release of Eugene Debs and other prisoners convicted under the espionage act that he would take no action until peace is declared.

BANQUET WAS HUGE SUCCESS

No Long Speeches But Much Good Fellowship and Real Enjoyment Tuesday Night

A banquet that in good fellowship and genuine enjoyment has never been surpassed in Elizabeth City was that at the Southern Hotel Tuesday night given by the citizens of the town, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, to the visitors and delegates attending the convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association now in session here.

There were few particularly brilliant speeches and there were no lengthy speeches, whatever. Toastmaster Worth announcing in the beginning that the lights would go out automatically by prearranged mechanism, should any speaker exceed the time limit of ten minutes. But there were a number of very good speeches and even speeches that were not so good were too brief to be tiresome. It was not speeches that made the banquet an overwhelming success. It was the spirit of good fellowship and hearty enjoyment, the freedom from restraint and the free flow of wit and humor about the banquet table that prevailed throughout the evening.

A unique note was struck in the beginning in the music provided for the feast. A double quartet from the colored State Normal here was on hand to sing old time negro melodies and the appreciation of this entertainment on the part of the city's guests was most keen. Some of the older heads felt like joining in the chorus of the old familiar plantation tunes and Judge Francis D. Winston, who was in a most happy frame, could not resist the temptation to chime in occasionally when the note particularly pleased his fancy.

But the entire crowd was given the chance to sing all they wanted to before the evening's program was over; for after the normal student singers had retired Roy L. Hoffmeister between courses led the assembly in a number of old favorites, including Old Black Joe, Swanee Ribber and Dixie. When the speaking had begun Hoffmeister led a sort of cheer in song as each speaker was called on, Judge Winston drawing the biggest ovation.

Particularly notable were the speeches made by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, former Congressman Small and J. M. Ferris, of Norfolk. Others called on were Major W. A. Graham, F. A. Winkie, C. Woodard, of Wilson, W. O. Saunders, Herbert Peele and Judge Francis D. Winston, Judge Winston making the most entertaining talk of the evening.

The theme of Mr. Small and Mr. Ferris was the same: The advantages enjoyed by Eastern North Carolina as compared with other sections of the United States.

"If I were a young man," said Mr. Small, "I would as soon settle in this section and undertake here to carve out my fortune as in any section of the continent—and I have travelled in almost every region of the Union and in many parts of the American continent besides."

Mr. Small also took occasion to congratulate Elizabeth City on its growth and development, on its thriving Chamber of Commerce, on its co-operative community spirit, and to express the appreciation of the association for the handsome fashion in which Elizabeth City had played the host to the convention.

Mr. Ferris, born in the West, travelled all over the Union, a student of farming conditions wherever he had been, spoke in glowing terms of the advantages of this section in the fertility of its soil, which he said compared favorably with that of the delta of the Nile, in unsurpassed climate with three times the growing season of Minnesota, in its abundant rainfall and in its nearness to the great consuming centers. In these latter respects he compared it to the prairies, to the more southern states and to the extreme western states. Some of these, he pointed out, are subject to prolonged droughts which sometimes utterly destroy the crops. Others are subject to disastrous floods which inundate the land and sweep away millions of dollars worth of wealth. None of them can so easily reach the great consuming centers. Our needs, he said, are drainage and transportation.

Colonel Pratt talked of linking up
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