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Entire State Takes Part In Celebrating Chowan Bridge Event

From Currituck to New Hanover and from Sea to Mountains Came Throng at Edenton Wednesday

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His Speech of Welcome Made Fine Impression and Evoked Favorable Comment on All Sides

Close to 15,000 persons from the length and breadth of North Carolina and her sister states gathered in old Edenton Wednesday to rejoice amid pageantry, speechmaking and feasting over the breaking of the last barrier between the Northeastern counties and the remainder of the State on the occasion of the opening of the half million dollar Chowan Bridge, a structure of concrete and buttressed timbers stretching a mile and a half across the lower Chowan River.

The scene was one to stir the imagination, as Frank C. Kugler of Washington, member of the State Highway Commission from the First District, clipped the ribbons, after a brief ceremonial in which Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long welcomed representatives of the seven counties to the north of the Albemarle Sound back into the intimate relation with the rest of the State that they had enjoyed before railroads had made North Carolina rivers barriers to instead of bearers of commerce. Overhead there circled two large Army dirigibles, the TC-5 and the TC-9, from Langley Field, accompanied by an escort of six planes. The huge blimps, their sides gleaming silver in the morning sun, dipped until their landing ropes trailed the tops of the long line of automobiles on the bridge. Then the two leviathans of the air settled into a straightaway course over the mile and a half length of the bridge, side by side.

A Gala Occasion

The crowds cheered. From the Coast Guard cutter Pamlico, moored in close proximity to the bridge, there came strains of martial music by the Army band at Fort Bragg, on hand for the occasion. Then, as a long line of automobiles from the west passed over the great new structure, the cars from the east proceeded to a point near Governor Charles Eden's original tomb, turned about, and swung in behind them on the journey to Edenton.

At the town limits of Edenton, there was a second bit of ceremonial when representatives of North Carolina's ancient capital, dressed in Colonial costumery, tendered the keys of the town to Lieutenant Governor Long in behalf of the visiting thousands. In the vanguard of the procession was an antique carriage, originally the property of Governor Samuel Johnston, of Edenton.

The value of the bridge, as a practical factor in the upbuilding of the material wealth of the State; as a means of improving social relationships between North Carolinians, and as a mighty spiritual factor in breaking barriers of misunderstanding and intolerance, was discussed by speakers in the program that followed on historic Edenton Common. The official program closed with a luncheon in Willis Terminal, overlooking placidly beautiful Edenton Bay, at which Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, was toastmaster. The program there was a continuation of the felicitations at the earlier ceremonies, those taking part including Mayor J. L. Wiggins of Edenton; Heriot Clarkson, associate justice of the State Supreme Court; former State Senator J. H. McMullan, of Edenton; Representative John H. Kerr, of the Second North Carolina District; Representative C. L. Abernethy, of the Third District; General C. C. Vaughan, of Franklin, member of the Virginia Highway Commission; W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture; J. Kenyon Wilson, of Elizabeth City; T. S. White, of Hertford, and others.

No Serious Hitch

The day's festivities were carried through without a serious hitch. Traffic policemen from Norfolk assisted in keeping the many hundreds of automobilists moving in orderly fashion, and there were no accidents.

A heavy shower, however, caught those departing for home late in the afternoon, and stalled many cars, particularly on the State Highway from Edenton eastwardly through Elizabeth City to Currituck.

Incidentally, the celebration marked the formal opening of the Virginia Dare Trail as a new historic and scenic highway across the Albemarle counties, terminating at Roanoke Island and Kill Devil Hill, respectively the scene of the first attempted English settlement of America, and of the world's first plane flights.

Fair daughters of Edenton in costumes of the Colonial period

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STATE OFFICIAL OPPOSES TOLL ON NEW BRIDGE

Will Do Anything Within His Power to Repeal Them, Lieut.-Governor Long Tells Crowd

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But Remarks Encourage Hope of Early Reduction in Tolls if Traffic Holds Up to Present Levels

J. Elmer Long, Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, is strongly in favor of dropping the tolls on the Chowan Bridge. He stated himself thus in the course of an address at the bridge celebration at Edenton and Eden House Wednesday, in terms that could not be misinterpreted.

Declaring he was glad the Northeastern counties were back in North Carolina physically, as they always had been in spirit, the Lieutenant-Governor voiced a feeling that justice at last had been done these seven counties, and that the State at last had paid a long standing debt.

"But I don't like tolls," he went on, "and if I can do anything to repeal them—anything under God Almighty's sun—I'll do it."

Mr. Long went on to say that if it wasn't unconstitutional, he would undertake a campaign of lobbying in the next General Assembly to remove the tolls.

Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, declared Mr. Long's remarks anent removal of the tolls struck a responsive chord in his heart. He went no farther, however, other than to say that the collections from the bridge in the first 17 days of operation had far exceeded the expectations of the Commission and that, whereas $65 a day covered the fixed costs on the bridge, its income had approximated $165 a day, alowing $100 daily to be deposited in a sinking fund to retire the bridge bonds.

Mr. Page gave the final cost of the bridge alone as $542,028. The material used in its construction, he added, would load 994 freight cars, or a train eight and one-half miles long.

A strong hint that the State Highway Commission would reduce the bridge tolls in the early future was conveyed by the speaker in the declaration that the Commission only planned to charge enough to retire the bonds in a reasonable length of time. He stated that it was intended to hardsurface the approaches to the structure as early as possible, and predicted that when this hardsurfacing was done, there would be a still further increase in revenue from tolls.

A conception of the Chowan Bridge as of high spiritual value to North Carolinians everywhere was given by former Mayor Albert L. Roper, of Norfolk. He described highways as spiritual arteries, carrying friendliness and understanding from one community to another, and dispelling intolerance, "the curse of any land," born of misunderstanding and ignorance.

The value of the bridge as an essential unit in the Nation's system of coast defenses was stressed by General A. J. Bowley, commandant at Fort Bragg. The general voiced the hope that it never would be needed thus, but pointed to rumblings in China, Vienna, Nicaragua and elsewhere as evidence that "the day has not come when we can look for eternal peace."

PUBLISHERS MEET AT MOREHEAD CITY

Morehead City, July 21.—(AP)—Tar Heel editors and publishers were in session here today swapping ideas in what was generally conceded to be the most powerful agency in the State, newspaper work.

The North Carolina Press Association heard President A. C. Huneycutt, of Albemarle in a ringing address.

The Associated Press club of North Carolina also met in semi-annual meetings today with J. Lawrence Horne, Jr., of Rocky Mount, sitting as president, and Correspondent J. H. Jenkins, of Charlotte acting secretary, in executive discussion looking for development of the Associated Press service in the State, with its more than 30 member daily newspapers, through extension of its wire system aimed to lay down a greater volume of news to both larger and smaller papers than ever before. Development of the new Associated Press feature service was also commended.

Seventy-Five Cities Will Be Host to Lindbergh While on Tour

Every section of the United States will see and hear America's "Lone Eagle" on his tour of the country flying the "Spirit of St. Louis." Seventy-five cities will have as guest the airman whom several already have feted enthusiastically. The promotion of commercial aviation is the purpose of Colonel Lindbergh in making a three-months tour of the Nation. The New York to Paris non-stop aviator left New York July 20. The announced itinerary follows:

July 20-31—Hartford, Conn., Providence, R. I., Boston, Portland, Me., Concord, N. H., Springfield, Vt., Buffalo and Syracuse.

August 1-15—Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Dayton, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Chicago and St. Louis. August 16-31—Moline, Davenport and Rock Island, Milwaukee, Madison, Wis., St. Paul and Minneapolis, Little Falls, Fargo, Sioux City, Des Moines, Omaha and Denver.

Sept. 1-15—Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Boise, Butte, Spokane, Seattle and Portland. Sept. 16-30—San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Reno, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tuscon, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Oct. 1-15—Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Jackson, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Spartanburg, Winston-Salem and Richmond. Oct. 16-20 — Baltimore, Atlantic City, Washington, Wilmington, Philadelphia and New York City.

Stops also will be made at Schenectady, Erie, Pa., Springfield, Ill., St. Joseph, Mo., Kansas City, Wichita, Kans., Sioux Falls, S. D., Lordsburg, N. M., and Abilene, Texas.

RUMANIA TAKES LOYALTY OATH TO LITTLE KING

Nation Mourns Ferdinand As Body Lies in State With Officer Standing Guard in the Great Castle

COUNTRY IS CALM

Bucharest, July 21.—(AP)—A whole nation mourned today for its king as the body of Ferdinand lay in the great hall of the castle at Sinaia, with officers of local mountain regiment standing guard.

The castle in the shade of great pines was the place where Ferdinand passed away early yesterday morning. It was built by his Uncle King Carol, and at his own request Ferdinand will be buried beside his uncle and his Aunt Queen Elizabeth, better known to the world as Carmen Sylva.

Rumania's new king, Michael I, a flaxen haired boy of six has already been installed before the national assembly as Ferdinand's successor and the agency council which will act until Michael becomes 18 years of age, was sworn in at the same time. All parties took the oath of allegiance to the monarch; the Liberal ministry after the formality of tendering its resignation to the regency council which was rejected continued at the helm.

State troops throughout the ountry have sworn their allegiance to the new regime and the capital and country are calm. The general commanding the Bucharest area has issued an edict prohibiting al manifestations, spreading of false rumors and public discussion of the dynastic question. He has also decreed that all theaters must be closed and there shall be no music or dancing until after the funeral Saturday. Public buildings are occupied by soldiers.

Bucharest heard the booming of guns at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon knew that the boy king had ascended the throne. The child, dressed in white silk suit, black tie and patent leather slippers holding the arm of his mother, the former Princess Helen of Greece, passed before the deputies and senators in the house of parliament to receive their cheers. When the brief ceremonies were over the little king hardly understanding what it was all about could not conceal his pleasure, and an officer of the guards heard him whisper to his mother "let's go home, mamma, I am hungry."

A letter of King Ferdinand delivered to Premier Bratiano Tuesday night, seemingly as if the king had a presentiment of death, after reviewing the events of his reign, begged that the dynastic succession be flooded out as he had decided upon in January 1926—shortly after Carol renounced his royal prerogative and left the country.

Carol was the only member of the family missing at the bedside

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FIGHT EXTRA TONIGHT

With its own leased wire connected direct to the ringside of the Dempsey-Sharkey fight, The Advance will be in the best position in its history tonight to announce the results of the fight blow by blow as they come in over the wire and to issue an extra when the fight is over.

Associated Press dispatches will be read from the window of the editor's office to any interested fans who may gather on the streets in front of The Advance shop and the extra will be put on the streets as soon as mechanically practicable after the fight.

By reason of the fact that this is the first event of the sort on which The Advance has enjoyed the advantage of being able to get Associated Press reports over its own leased wire, it is hoped that the extra can be put on the street in record time.

Sixteen Foot Road Clear To Norfolk To Open Tuesday

A hardsurfaced highway, paved 16 feet wide all the way, will become available between Elizabeth City and Norfolk next Tuesday with the opening of the newly-completed Sligo-Moyock Road, it was announced today by T. B. Wilson, resident engineer for the Station Highway Commission.

Completion of this highway provides two routes between the two cities, hardsurfaced throughout their length. The other is the George Washington Highway, via South Mills, Deep Creek and Portsmouth. The paving on it is not less than 16 feet wide except for a 12 miles stretch from Elizabeth City northwardly to the vicinity of South Mills.

The distance from Elizabeth City to Norfolk is given as 42 miles via the George Washington Highway, and as 44 miles over the route via Moyock. To offset the difference in favor of the former road, however, the motorist must take a ferry from Portsmouth into Norfolk. But the other route, has the choice of a toll bridge in Berkley, or a free bridge in Campostella.

No ceremonies will attend the opening of the Sligo-Moyock road link, it is announced. This particular sector is 10 miles long, and extends from Sligo to the State line, where it connects with Virginia's hardsurfaced highway system into Norfolk. It was finished last Tuesday a week ago.

SPINSTERS CLUB RECITAL AT CAMDEN FRIDAY NIGHT

Camden, July 21.—The Spinsters Club of Camden will give a recital in the Camden High School auditorium under the auspices of the Sign Pine Methodist Church Friday at 8:15 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant evening is looked for.

Pretty Girls Here Appear In Movie On Spud Crop

That the business of harvesting the section's potato crop, even including the "grabbling" that nobody takes much delight in, is not so prosaic as most Northeastern Carolinians are inclined to regard it, is to be demonstrated in a Fox News movie to be shown at the Alkrama Theater here Monday night.

The picture, which is entitled, "The young women of this champion potato raising country turn out to help harvest the bumper crop," was taken on the farm of Paul White, on Body Road, just outside Elizabeth City.

Veteran potato growers who see the picture will be astonished to observe a number of the city's society belles engaged busily in the task of "grabbling" and loading spuds. Some 25 of them were pressed into service for the film, one of whom is driving a patented digger invented by Milton B. Sample, next-door neighbor to Mr. White, and himself regarded as one of the most progressive farmers in the County.

The subtitles of the picture are illuminating. One is: "The most attractive of the digger-chauffeurs." Another is: "These girls know their vegetables."

Arrangements for the picture were made jointly by Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, County Agent G. W. Falls, Mayor Jerome Flora and a representative of the Fox Film News Company. The picture was taken about three weeks ago.

From the fact that Fox News Films are shown in hundreds of movie theaters throughout the country, those in charge of arrangements for the patoto feature feel that Elizabeth City is gaining much worth while publicity from the stunt.

COLONY FOR WOMEN TO BE NEAR KINSTON

Kinston, July 21.—(AP)—Directors of the State Industrial Farm Colony for Women have approved a site four miles from here.

The farm on which the colony will be established is located at the "Briery" and was purchased some years ago by the Caswell Training School directorate. The purchase was authorized at the last session of the General Assembly.

SUFFOLK COLLEGIANS TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Elizabeth City will take on the Suffolk Collegians in a baseball game here Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, it is announced by Leslie B. Belanga, associate manager of the local team. Elizabeth City defeated the Collegians in Suffolk Wednesday afternoon by a score of 5 to 0.

Edwards, newly acquired Elizabeth City shortstop, and Whitaker, new infielder, showed up excellently in Wednesday's game, according to Mr. Belanga, and are expected to be in the lineup Friday.

Has Singing School

This is C. B. Rollins, now conducting a singing school at Shiloh, oldest Baptist Church in North Carolina and mother church to every other church of the Baptist faith in Lower Camden and of a number in other counties as well. Mr. Rollins will carry his singing school at Shiloh through this week and next and will then lead the singing at Shiloh for the week's revival beginning on July 31 and at Pleasant Grove for the week beginning August 7. Singing schools were once the regular order in the country churches of this section. Shiloh has resurrected this interesting institution under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. Mr. Barrs. The singing school is held at 10 o'clock each morning and 8 o'clock each night.

Capital Of Nation Honors Fliers Of Pacific

Washingon, July 21.—(AP)—The National Capital and the Army are prepared to honor two heroic aviators, Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert F. Hegenberger of the Army Air Corps, first to span by airplane the Pacific Ocean from the mainland to the Hawaiian Islands, upon their arrival here by air from Dayton, Ohio, scheduled for late today.

While their fellow aviators are to furnish the major portion of their welcome the two fliers were listed to receive the reward of their government, certificates citing them for the distinguished flying cross upon their arrival. Secretary of State Kellogg was designated to extend the official greeting and present the certificates the decoration proper to be awarded by President Coolidge later upon his return to Washington.

Army, Navy and Marine aviators were to stage an exhibition of stunt and formation flying for a half hour during which several parachute jumps were scheduled.

Total Automobiles Crossing Bridge Set At 4,800

In round numbers, 4,800 automobiles passed over the new Chowan Bridge Wednesday in the course of the celebration, between the hours of 6 in the morning and 7 at night, according to a long distance telephone message from R. G. Shackell, editor of the Edenton News. Thirteen hundred of these cars went over the bridge between 10 and 2 o'clock, he stated.

On the basis of these statistics, embodied in an official count made at the bridge, Mr. Shackell estimated the attendance at the celebration at not less than 16,000 persons. He explained that four boats were in operation on the Edenton-Mackey ferry all day long, and while many of the visitors crossed the bridge more than once, these were offset largely by others coming over the State highways from the east and northeast who did not visit the bridge.

Of the visitors, 450 official guests had luncheon at the Willis Terminal. Figures at a barbecue stand operated by the Methodist Church on Broad street disclosed that 1,800 persons were served there, Mr. Shackell stated, and at St. Paul's Parish House, where dinner was served by the Episcopalians, preparations had been made for 600 persons—and everything was sold out early in the afternoon. Other stands operated by the Baptist Church and by individuals also reported a record business, though no definite figures were available, according to Mr. Shackell.

At the subscription dance given last night as the concluding event of the celebration, he reported, there were 200 couples and 100 "stags," making by far the largest attendance at any dance ever given at Edenton.

The orderliness of the large crowd was best exemplified by the fact that officers in charge of affairs reported not a single altercation, not a case of intoxication, not an arrest, and not an accident during the day.

Hayes-Barton, residence of Governor Samuel Johnston built about the year 1800, was overwhelmed by throngs of visitors all day long, Mr. Shaikell stated. The home is situated on Edenton Bay, about half a mile from the town, and is regarded as one of the best existing examples of the architecture of its day in this part of the South.

Many of the visitors at the celebration attended a baseball game in the afternoon between Edenton and Colerain. The latter nine won, 5 to 1.

TO HAVE WEINIE ROAST

The Berean Class of the Blackwell Memorial Church will be host Friday night to a weinie roast, honoring the Fidelis Class and the class of Mrs. Arthur Twiford. All guests are asked to meet at the Queen street entrance of the church at 7 o'clock sharp. A jolly evening is planned and it is hoped that all members of classes invited will be on hand.

NAVAL OFFICIAL WILL VISIT SITE OF FIRST FLIGHT

Assistant Secretary Warner, in Charge of Aeronautics, to Fly to Kill Devil Hill Friday

IS SEEKING DATA

Will Confer With Persons in Close Touch With Wrights 25 Years Ago; Officials Here Going

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Warner, in charge of aeronautics, will fly down to Kill Devil Hill, on Virginia Dare Shores Friday to confer with persons who were in close touch with the Wright brothers 25 years ago when the first successful plane flights took place, it was announced Thursday by Commander J. A. Price, of the Seventh District of the Coast Guard.

Secretary Warner's visit will be in connection with the erection of a great memorial to aviation authorized at the last session of Congress, acording to Commander Price. He will come by seaplane, and is expected to arrive at about 11 o'clock in the morning. Arrangements for the safe landing of the plane, and for entertainment, are being handled by the Coast Guard, with Captain W. H. Lewark, keeper of Kill Devil Hill Station, in charge.

Commander Price will journey to Kill Devil Hill Friday morning by automobile, arriving in time to greet the secretary and his party. An official delegation from Elizabeth City, headed by Mayor Jerome Flora, and E. C. Conger and R. C. Job, respectively president and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will go also.

In authorizing the memorial on Kill Devil Hill, Congress named the Secretaries of Commerce, War and the Navy as a committee to determine upon the type, size, location and other details. The tract on which it is situated was presented to the Government by companies at present engaged in a large development on the North Carolina coast, and is to be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on August 18, birthday of Virginia Dare.

Commander Price's notification of Secretary Warner's impending visit came by long distance telephone from Coast Guard headquarters in Washington Thursday. He was asked particularly to arrange conferences between the official and the following individuals who were closely in touch with the Wrights during their experiments which culminated in the world's first successful flight December 17, 1903:

A. D. Etheridge and W. S. Dough, of Kitty Hawk; W. J. Tate, keeper of the lighthouse at Long Point, below Coinjock; A. W. Drinkwater, telegraph operator at Manteo; John Moore, of Nags Head; and Captain John T. Daniels, of Manteo.

MRS. SNYDER SCARED APPEALS TO PARAMOUR

New York, July 21.—(AP)—The New York Daily News say that Mrs. Ruth Snyder, frightened by her approaching electrocution has appealed to her one time paramour, Henry Judd Gray to assume full responsibility for the murder of her husband.

"If you will take full responsibility for Albert's death, and exonerate me, I will when set free, devote all my time and funds in saving you."

This says the Daily News is the message the former Queens Village housewife gave one of her keepers at Sing Sing Prison to deliver to the former corset salesman. Whether the message was delivered the keeper refused to say.

Warden Lewis Laws, says he knows nothing about the matter. Both Mrs. Snyder and Gray are occupants of the Sing Sing death house but their executions are held up pending appeals.

FIRPO BELIEVES DEMPSEY WILL WIN

Buenos Aires, July 21.—(AP)—Luis Angel Firpo, who in 1923 came close to knocking out Jack Dempsey, only to be dropped himself in the second round believes that the former champion will knock out Jack Sharkey.

HISTORIAN FOR COUNTY NAMED BY COMMISSION

Appointment of Ralph Pool, Elizabeth City newspaperman, as county historian for Pasquotank was announced in a letter today from A. R. Newsome, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission. The office was created by the last General Assembly as a means toward preserving valuable county records and traditions that otherwise might be lost.

Persons having historical data on Pasquotank County have been requested to assist the county historian in collecting it for preservation in the Hall of History, at Raleigh.