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President Talks to Great Throng at Battle Scene

Chief Executive Urges Nation to Follow Example of Sturdy Colonists of 150 Years Ago

Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19.—The surrender field of Yorktown felt again today the tread of marching men in powdered wigs, commemorating George Washington's victory of 150 years ago.

Present was the 31st President of the United States and most of the distinguished officials of the Army and Navy. They, with twice as many spectators as there were combatants in the field on that memorable day of 1781, watched with rapt interest as the British General, O'Hara, in tight-fitting uniform, offered the sword of Cornwallis to Washington.

Mr. Hoover found inspiration in the picture which the pageant evoked, and urged the nation today to emulate the sturdy colonists of revolutionary times, and have faith in the future of their country.

"If we look back over these 150 years, we see our nation making progress with every decade," the President said.

"While temporary dislocations have come to us because of the World War, we must not forget that our forefathers met similar obstacles to progress time and again, and yet the nation has swept forward to ever increasing strength."

Rise of America
"The unparalleled rise of America has not been the result of riches in lands, forests, or mines; it sprang from the ideas and ideals which liberated minds and stimulated the spirits of men. In those ideas and ideals are the soul of the people."

"No American can review this vast pageant of progress without confidence and faith, without courage, strength and resolution for the future."

Nearly 30,000 persons heard the President's speech, but there were nearer 20,000 spread around the 260-acre field for the afternoon pageant. It was a good-matured crowd which even gave Cornwallis some applause when Washington's dinner to General Rochambeau was re-enacted.

The President caught a note of that friendliness in his speech when he paid tribute both to the defeated British and the French allies. He answered the criticism which had been stirred up some weeks ago by those who were fearful that the surrender pageant would be an insult to the British. He pointed out that "the ideals for which the Americans fought also went forward and triumphed in England itself."

French Recognized
The French were recognized by the President as historical American allies. "That sentiment, continuing down through our history, finally flowered in cooperation which the American people gave to France in their defense against an overwhelming enemy," Mr. Hoover said.

Marshal Pétain, Ambassador Claudel and French naval officials were cordially received, a matter which may have some significance in connection with the visit of Premier Laval, who is due to arrive in Washington Wednesday.

It was a busy day for the President. As the U. S. S. Arkansas steamed into the York river after sun-up, it found fifty cruisers and destroyers from the scouting fleet drawn up in saluting line. Flugs flew from every rope and wire. Mighty three-pounders boomed continuously for nearly an hour, exchanging salutes between the President, admirals and French officials.

Mr. Hoover stood on the bridge wearing a silk hat. It was the first time he has received full naval honors.

As soon as he came ashore he caught the spirit of the Yorktown celebration. His automobile route to the pageant field was lined with the Continental soldiers. Behind them were hot dog stands and souvenir salesmen reminiscent of a more modern era.

Gifts were showered upon him and Mrs. Hoover. After his speech, they received two gold medals from Senator Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, who said they were in recognition of their efforts to make the centennial celebration a success. Swanson became ill and was unable to attend a luncheon of 1,000 persons under an army tent. There, Mr. Hoover was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws. In accepting he paid tribute to Virginia hospitality.

Pageant a Feature
The afternoon pageant was the big feature of the day for the local celebrators. It lasted more than two hours, starting with a musical folk dance and ending with a large program of the progress of American development. First came the officers of the A. C. Then the men of commerce and finally a wild dance in modern costumes. Among the

Asks Place For F. M. Simmons

Senator Copeland Urges That He Be Named to Tariff Commission

Washington, Oct. 19.—Several weeks ago Senator Royal S. Copeland, of New York, wrote President Hoover urging him to appoint former Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, to the United States Tariff Commission. He also asked Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic leader of the Senate, to join him in a movement to place the name of the Senator before the White House.

The White House, it is understood, is about to appoint former Senator Daniel F. Steck to the only vacancy, that caused by the death of Alfred P. Dennis, Democrat, of Maryland.

In the meantime friends of Mr. Simmons have written to him asking him how he felt about the movement. The answer from the sage of New Bern has been that he is healthy, and happy looking after his farms and seeks no job.

A report that Senator Morrison had endorsed Mr. Simmons could not be confirmed here today as Mr. Morrison is in New York and all of the White House force is at Yorktown. Friends of Mr. Simmons doubt if Mr. Morrison had taken such action.

Mr. Simmons is due to arrive here in a few days to look after some property he has in nearby Maryland. Frank A. Hampton, now practicing law here, is handling the property.

Drowns as Auto Runs Off Bridge

Sam T. Carson Drowns; Brother Escapes Death

Washington, Oct. 21.—Sammie T. Carson, widely known attorney of Greenville, was drowned near Washington tonight when his car plunged through the railing of Tranter's Creek, and into the deep waters of the stream. His brother, Baxter, accompanied him, escaped death when he managed to get out of the car through a partly opened window and swam to the surface of the creek.

The attorney and his brother were on their way from Washington to Greenville when the accident occurred around 7:30 o'clock. The stream runs along the Beaufort-Pitt county line.

The brother of the dead man said that as the car plunged to the bottom of the creek he was just able to get out through a window of the closed machine and swim to shore. He went to a nearby house and summoned aid. Badly cut and bruised, he was taken to Greenville for medical treatment.

Sammie Carson is very well known throughout North Carolina. He was a graduate of Trinity college, now Duke University, where he was prominent in athletics, having been a member of the baseball team for several years. He was 30 years of age.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Bundy and Mrs. Thelma Carson Moore, besides his brother, Baxter.

The body was recovered at a late hour. It was found outside the car, Mr. Carson apparently working himself out of the machine before being drowned. Being unable to swim he could not reach the surface.

Dangers was one who apparently was representing a Chicago gunman. He ran about firing indiscriminately. The Goddess of Liberty, who was presiding, asked the leader of the participants whether he knew on what sacred soil he trod. The leader answered back:

"Yes, it is America, the land of liberty, gold and pleasure."

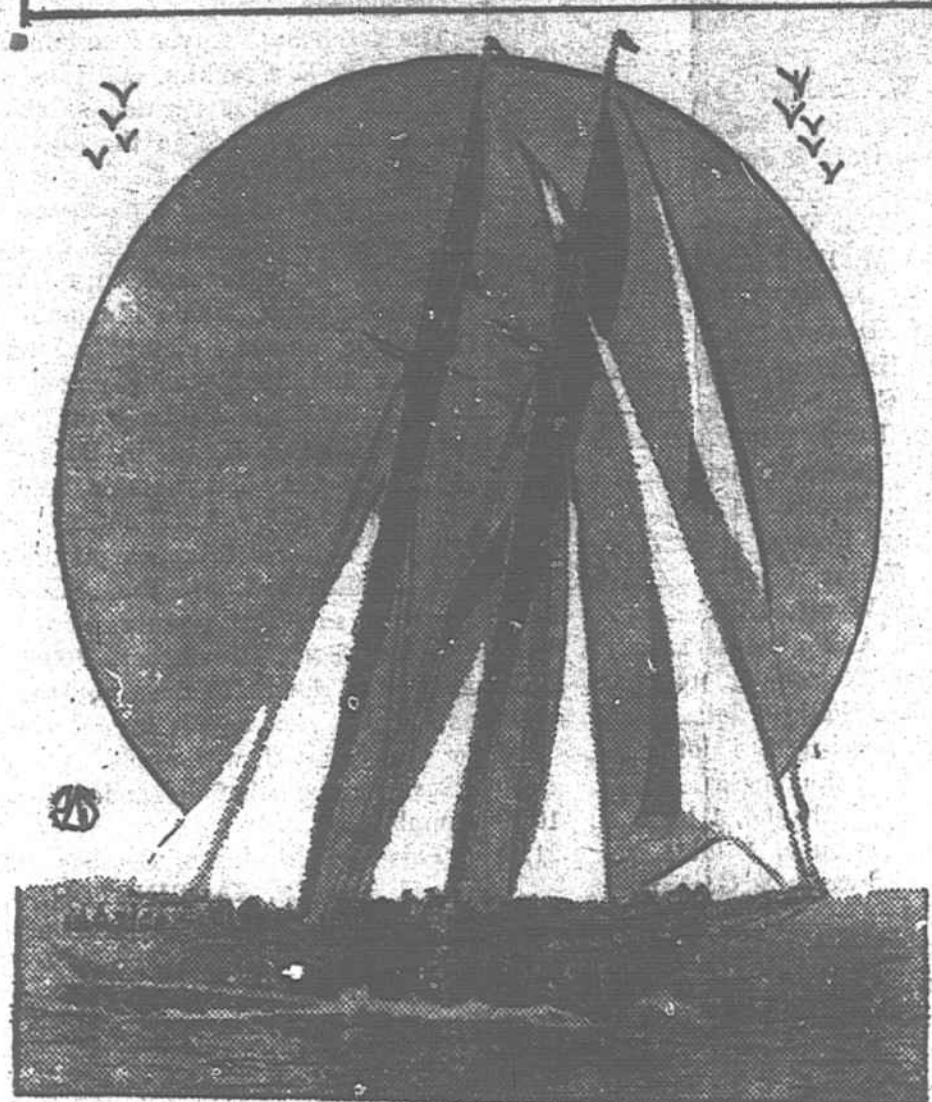
The goddess advised him to hold aloft in centuries to come, life and liberty.

The scene closed with the "Star Spangled Banner" and the entire crowd on its feet at attention.

After the pageant, the President reviewed the 5,500 men of the Army, National Guard and V. M. I. Naval forces were also in line.

It was after 4 p. m. when the Presidential party motored back to the Arkansas to go aboard ship for the return trip to Annapolis. They will arrive there early tomorrow and the President will return immediately to the White House.

Fastest Yankee Fishing Schooner



The "Gertrude L. Thebaud" is shown crossing the line after her test race with the "Elsie" and before her contest with the Nova Scotian "Bluenose" the North Atlantic fisherman's trophy.

Monday Favored the Farmville Market With Best Day of Season

Monday Best Day of Season in Pounds and Price Average

With the largest volume in pounds, and grades said to be superior to previous offerings, the Farmville tobacco market experienced its best day of the season on Monday of this, the seventh week, setting two records in weight and price average. Total poundage was 514,965, for which buyers paid \$61,600.42, at an average of \$11.98. Competition was decidedly keener among the buyers and farmers generally expressed themselves as better satisfied with sales than at any time this season.

Sales of Tuesday took a drop, which was unusual in this belt, and which is often the case following a block, 285,776 pounds being sold at an average of \$9.22, the shrinkage of the average being due it was said to a large quantity of the lower grade offerings on the floors.

A definite decline of price was noted on Wednesday when 140,088 pounds were sold for \$13,981.75, at an average of \$9.98 per hundred weight. A number of individual averages were higher than on Monday.

Sales for the week amounted to 1,564,296 pounds, for which the total amount of money paid out was \$158,678.08, with an average of \$10.14.

Farmers evidently took note of the fact that the Farmville tobacco market stood at the top with its average for September sales, as shown by government reports, for it was noted that a greater number of grow-

EVERYTHING SET FOR STUNT NIGHT PROGRAM

With many varied and amusing stunts lined up and the curiosity of the public mind genuinely aroused as to this novel method of entertainment, the Friday Stunt Night program to be given in Perkin's Hall, and sponsored by the Woman's Club, promises to be a tremendous success in every sense of the word.

The curtain will rise at 8:15 and fun and frolic will reign supreme for the rest of the evening. The program will consist of stunts, STUNTS, STUNTS, planned by the various departments of the Woman's Club, of which Mrs. R. E. Boyd is the efficient head, and executed by local talented actors and actresses.

A dime show it is in truth, but this signifies the cost of admittance only, for in quality and high class entertainment it ranks A1.

QUIET HOUR TO BE HELD IN PREPARATION FOR EPISCOPAL MISSION

A quiet hour will be held in the Episcopal church on Friday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 in preparation for the preaching mission, which is to begin on the following Sunday evening. Every member of this congregation is urged to be present at this time and take part in the meditation and service of preparation.

Honorable McLean to Speak to Tysons at Annual Reunion Nov. 6

"Gentleman from Beaufort" to Deliver Principal Address at Annual Event Near Here

Greenville, former president of the Reunion, will give the early history of the Tysons and the various patriotic organizations of the community, which stand foremost in any movement for the protection and promotion of the home and family life, will be represented on the program.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Andrew Joyner, and Brigadier-General Benjamin Hawkins Tyson are among other distinguished Tysons invited to take part in the program which is to be somewhat varied by musical numbers and readings from Tyson composers and poets. The genealogical report is always an outstanding feature of the Reunion and promises to be even more interesting this year being in the capable hands of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti.

A basket dinner will be served on the grounds at noon.

FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET Farmville, N. C.

SALE CARD	Hobgood's	Knott's	Monk's	Bell's
For Week Beginning				
October 26				
Monday	1	1	2	2
Tuesday	2	2	1	1
Wednesday	1	1	2	2
Thursday	2	2	1	1
Friday	1	1	2	2

State B. & L. Record Unusual

No Failures During the Present Financial Depression; Condition Is Good Now

Raleigh, Oct. 20.—"During the present financial depression the Building and Loan associations of North Carolina have come through without a failure, and at this time it is the honest belief of your supervisory officials that there is no question as to the solvency and strength of every association operating in the State," O. K. LaRoque, deputy insurance commissioner in charge of the building and loan bureau, told members of the American Business Club at their luncheon meeting at the Carolina Hotel yesterday.

"In a recent analysis of some of the associations in the State, it was found that the net amount invested in loans at this time in these particular associations is less than half the present value of property covered, these values having been arrived at through a recent re-appraisal of all the property covered," he asserted.

"The financial structure of North Carolina is sound. The thing most necessary to a renewal of progress is the re-establishment of confidence on the part of the public in their financial institutions. When this is done and our people begin to discuss confidence rather than depression and high taxes, a change will come over us and the barriers on the road to progress will be removed."

"In this undertaking, your Building and Loan associations will do their full part and since they are sound and in position to withstand hard knocks, they are useful institutions to serve as a battering ram against the barriers of despair and the detour signs of depression."

"During the year 1930, nearly 5,000 homes were financed in North Carolina through Building and Loan associations. In addition to this, about 100,000 members built up thrift accounts through these organizations and prepared themselves for the hard winters ahead."

"Building and Loan Associations have developed as mutual co-operative institutions without attracting the attention of the people generally. They have been developed by the common man—not the man who has been seeking wealth but by the common man (sometimes I think the uncommon man) who inspired by the love of his community and the desire to be helpful to his neighbor has worked for the good of his community and without a great deal of material reward."

"A Building and Loan Association is not a bank and the members are shareholders rather than depositors. It is essentially a non-liquid institution and investors in building and loan stock must not expect immediate response to withdrawal requests for the reason that monies invested are used in long term real estate loans. The average gross income to associations on loans made is about 6 1-4 per cent per annum. The average expense is approximately 1 per cent, leaving just a fraction over 5 per cent per annum net income on the capital invested."

"On what is known as installment stock, these profits are allowed to remain in the association until maturity of stock. A compounding of these profits through this method will equal an earning rate of a fraction over 6 per cent simple interest during the time the average series runs. It will thus be seen that the investor secures a reasonable return on the investment and the safety is assured by reason of the fact that under the law these associations may loan only on first real estate mortgages."

SERIES OF MEETINGS CLOSED AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The revival services being held at the Christian Disciples church came to a successful close on Sunday evening with a sermon of great power and inspiration delivered by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, who conducted the meeting, and whose closing message dealt with Paul's plea before King Agrippa, and the king's reaction to the appeal.

Taking as his text Agrippa's words, "Thou almost persuadest me to become a Christian," the preacher pleaded with those who had not confessed Christ to yield to the Spirit and urged professing Christians to be more Christlike in their living and dealings with others.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO NEGRO SECTION

The local fire department responding to an alarm from box 52 Tuesday morning, found the roof of a house owned by Viola Hope and Netta Raspberry, in the negro section, ablaze. Chemicals were employed and the flames extinguished before much damage was done.

Death Quietly Ends Life Of Thomas A. Edison

Frizzelle Voids Tax Injunction

Dismisses Action in Pitt to Upset Levy by County Commissioners

Greenville, Oct. 19.—The injunction which has held up the collection of taxes in Pitt county since October 5, at which time the books were supposed to have been turned over to collector, was dismissed today by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, following a hearing here on last Saturday. In dismissing the action, Judge Frizzelle ordered that the tax-books be turned over to the proper officials for the collection of 1931 taxes.

The injunction was obtained by S. T. Hooker and others who contended that property values were excessive and contrary to the State law. Both sides submitted their case before Judge Frizzelle Saturday at which time he announced that he would make known his decision today.

Dismissal of the injunction today makes the fourth time that the county has won out in suits brought in the last two years in connection with tax levies. Two former suits were dismissed some time ago, the court declaring them to be "frivolous" and an attempt to cause delay. They were brought by S. T. Hooker and S. I. Dudley, the latter being a member of the board of county commissioners.

It was announced today that the fight will be carried to the Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the assessment program as provided by the last General Assembly.

Seek Special Legislature

Resolutions Asking the Governor to Deal With Cotton and Tobacco

Greenville, Oct. 20.—Resolutions calling on the Governor of North Carolina to call a special session of the Legislature to deal with acreage reduction of cotton and tobacco were adopted at a mass meeting at the court house here yesterday afternoon.

A copy of the resolutions will be presented to Governor Gardner by a delegation from this county at a meeting to be held in Raleigh tomorrow. Representatives of several other counties in this section of the state will attend the session and present similar resolutions asking the governor for a special session to deal with the serious situation confronting the two principal crops at this time.

Governor Gardner has made it known that he will definitely decide at the meeting as to whether or not he deems it necessary to call the legislators into session to provide legislation along the lines adopted by other cotton producing states.

About a hundred persons interested in both crops attended the meeting here and several expressed themselves as in favor of the reduction of acreage through legislation. The speakers were: Senator M. K. Blount member of the Legislature from this county, Mayor R. C. Flanagan, Charlie Little, J. C. Galoway, J. R. Moye, M. O. Blount.

Although no committee was named to present the resolutions to the governor, it was stated that a representative delegation would attend from this county and use its influence in behalf of the cause.

EPISCOPAL MISSION TO BEGIN SUNDAY

A preaching mission, which is usually designated as a series of meetings in many churches, having as its theme, "Witnessing for Christ in His Church," will begin in the local Episcopal church Sunday evening and continue throughout the week with services each evening at 7:30. The mission will close the following Sunday morning.

Rev. Alexander Miller, rector of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, will preach, and the mission will be conducted by the rector, Rev. J. Q. Beckwith. Rev. Miller is well known throughout Eastern Carolina as a forcible speaker and an outstanding Bible student, and his messages will no doubt be inspiring and helpful.

These services will not be held merely for Episcopalians, but for the community in general, and it is hoped that every person interested in the spiritual uplift of the town will take advantage of the cordial invitation to attend.

Members of Faithful Family Courageous in Face of Final Ordeal

By SIDNEY P. WHIPPLE.
West Orange, N. J., Oct. 18.—In the dark hour of early morning, Thomas Alva Edison today passed peacefully from a deep sleep into death, and a world whose civilization he revolutionized paid reverent homage to the most brilliant inventive mind it had ever known.

There was peace in the chamber where his figure, serene in death, now rested. There was peace throughout the sunshine-flooded park where he made his home. The physical manifestation of the world's reverence was borne in by his sorrowing family through those myriad channels of communication he himself had worked to perfect—by telephone and telegraph and radio. But within the grounds of Lakewood Park there was only the occasional purr of an automobile to disturb the silence in which they permitted him to rest.

Outside the five great gates of the park were uniformed guards preventing an anxious and curious world from intruding upon the Edison family. Inside, at the garage which had been their headquarters during the long hours of Edison's illness, were the representatives of the nation's newspapers—and the great journals of many foreign lands—to give the world their portrayals of the final scenes in a life crowded with activity and color.

Last Hours.

Edison's death, at 8:24 a. m., was an almost imperceptible transition from the deep coma in which he had lain for 54 hours. Through the night, while his nurses and his friend and physician, Dr. Hubert S. Howe, hovered watchfully over him, Edison's relatives had gathered at the bedside and in adjoining rooms with foreknowledge that the end was near.

Quietly, a few moments before his fluttering heart beat gave Dr. Howe the final sign that death was at hand, his family had been summoned to the bedside. Then the great inventor's heart stopped beating. That was all.

"Calmly submissive to the will of the Almighty," Mrs. Mina Miller Edison, his wife, bowed to the inevitable and bravely accepted the passing of her husband. In a dignified and courageous message to the world, through the press, her family later expressed their admiration for her strength under this ordeal.

Announcement of Edison's death was contained in a bulletin passed to newspaper men in the garage only a few minutes after life had deserted his great frame.

Arthur L. Walsh, vice-president of the Thomas A. Edison Industries, Inc., who venerated Edison, stood in the doorway with a yellow slip of paper in his hands. His eyes were wet. His hands trembled. He needed hardly to speak, and when he did, it was in a voice muffled with sobs.

"Here it is boys."

A second later the news had flashed through the world that Edison was dead.

At The Bedside
At the bedside when Edison's sleep became dawning were Thomas A. Edison, Jr., William L. Edison and Marion Edison Oser, children by the inventor's first marriage; and Charles Edison, Madeline Edison Sloane and Theodore Edison, his children by his second marriage. Another group of close relatives were in an adjoining room.

In their arrangements for the funeral services, the Edison family considered the desire of the world to participate in the expression of affectionate tribute that followed his passing. Two days, Monday and Tuesday, were set apart during which the general public may file past his bier for a final glance at the man whose life has changed the course of living for millions.

"The body will lie, not 'in state,' but simply, as he would have wished, in the library of the Edison laboratory, from 9 a. m., until 6 p. m. For those of his friends and associates, his workmen and companions in shops and laboratories bearing his name, still another hour, preceding public view, was set apart.

The library where the body will rest is in the three-story main building of the group of structures that form the Edison laboratory.

DIES WHILE WRITING TRIBUTE TO EDISON.

Boston, Oct. 19.—Dr. Samuel W. Stratton, chairman of the corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and president of the institute from 1923 to 1930, died suddenly last night in his Back Bay home. Death came as he was dictating a tribute to Thomas A. Edison.