



Town of Coventry Has Made Extensive Plans to Celebrate First Old Home Week

Commemoration of Three Significant Events-- Bi-Centennial of Town, of First Congregational Church and Formal Beginning of Erection of Booth-Dimock Memorial Library.

Tomorrow (Sunday) the town of Coventry will commence a week's celebration of three important events--the bi-centennial of the town, the centennial of the First Congregational church and the formal commencement of the erection of the Booth-Dimock Memorial Library, each event in itself of great significance to the town's citizens--present and past, to say nothing of those who are to be citizens in future years.

For many months the loyal sons and daughters of the historic old town at the extreme eastern section of Tolland county have been preparing for this three-fold event with an ever increasing ardor that can possibly spell nothing but success. Never in the history of the town has it looked to better advantage than at present, spotlessly clean, wholesome and refreshing. Lawns are as velvet, buildings of all kinds are freshly painted and the town's beauty is further enhanced by the art of skilled decorators as the myriad of flags of all sizes attest. Electricity has been employed to give the town an extra portion of light by the addition of many temporary lights above the regular ones that the citizens have enjoyed for the past few years.

ed the tract of land about Coventry from this amicable Indian chief. The story of the settlement of the town and its early occupation will be told by



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President of Town Committee.

the historians who have been chosen to recite those events during Old Home week.

Historical Documents at State Library.

During the celebration next week State Librarian Goddard will have on exhibition in the main hall at the state library all the documents, data and original manuscripts that are in the possession of the commonwealth pertaining to Coventry, so that anyone may have an opportunity to inspect them at leisure and obtain a clear conception of the history of the town.

Greetings from Coventry, England.
The executive committee, in charge of the Old Home week celebration, has received from the Mayor of Coventry, England, a letter that will be read from the platform on the Old Training ground on Thursday, which is to be observed as Town Day, in which cordial greetings are extended. The committee is also in receipt of a package of pictures of various scenes in Coventry, England. These pictures have all been framed by the committee and will be on exhibition with the Historical Loan exhibit in the vestry of the Methodist church.

Enthusiasm Over Sea.
One letter that has been received by a member of the committee from an enthusiastic citizen of Coventry, England, suggests that on the several days of the Old Home week celebration the civic flags of the city be raised over the public buildings and that cablegrams be exchanged with the citizens of Coventry, America.

Noted Men of Coventry.
Among the noted men of Coventry, the most famed was Nathan Hale, the patriot spy, Samuel Huntington, third governor of Ohio, son of Rev. Joseph Huntington, a pastor of the Old church that is celebrating its 200th anniversary, Lorenzo Dow, the eccentric preacher, who spoke to thousands dur-

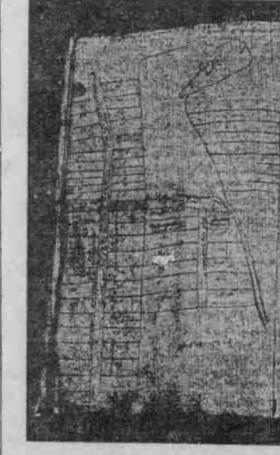
ing his tours as an evangelist throughout the New England States, Canada, England and Ireland. Harlan Page was born at the North part of the town. He was a very devout Baptist evangelist and was associated with the American Tract society of New York city for a long period. Another preacher identified with the early religious life of the town was Rev. Joseph Moscham who preached a year or two before he began active service in the town as minister of the word of God in the early part of 1798, when he commenced a tireless career of 40 years of hard and faithful service in the town as a regular minister. Rev. Mr. Moscham is buried in the Nathan Hale cemetery, as was his wife, who was Esther Williams, daughter of Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, Mass., and a captive with her father and family, who were taken by a tribe of Indians to Canada in 1794, at the time of the famous Deerfield raid and massacre. A sister and her mother died on the way to Canada, but she returned some years later and passed her life in Coventry.

Natural Beauty Spots.

Coventry abounds with nature's beauty spots on all sides. Many of these are about Lake Waugumbaug (spelled Waugumbaug upon the original survey of the site of the town of Coventry). One spot that has attracted perhaps as much attention as any is what is known as Underwood Island, owned by Albert and Edward Underwood of Boston, formerly known as Upper Island, where Captain Kidd's treasure is supposed to have been buried. Innumerable holes in the surface of the island show where people have dug in search of the priceless treasure. The Hamlocke is another charming spot--a beautiful grove bordering the north side of the lake.

This spot was a part of what was known as the Jesse Root place. Jesse Root was a former chief justice of the supreme court.

The Old Training Ground is another attractive spot. From this site a fine view of the lake to the westward may be obtained. Upon this spot, or adjacent to it, the activities of the town were centered in early days as it was here that the academy was located,



ORIGINAL SURVEY OF TOWN OF COVENTRY.

stands a portion of the trunk of a large sycamore, famous because of the fact that from its branches was cut a staff, a portion of which still remains on the trunk, and a flag was hung in the breeze therefrom in honor of the election to the presidency of Andrew Jackson.

Attractions of the Lake.

The visitor to the lake will find plenty to keep him entertained, as there are many amusements and pastimes, such as boating and fishing. The lake itself comprises three power boats with a carrying capacity of from 36 to 45, besides many row boats, canoes and private launches.

The advantages of Coventry as a summer resort is indicated by the fact that at present upwards of 40 cottages dot the lake shore, besides a large number of temporary camps and tents.

First Town Meeting in 1712.

The first town meeting was held June 2, 1712, to see if the electors of the town would vote to have the town establish a grist mill. At that time a grant of land was deeded to a South Norwalk man who started a grist mill in 1716, the site now known as the T. H. Wood property. The last town meeting was held August 2, 1912, for the purpose of seeing whether it was expedient to purchase a G. O. W. hall for a town hall.

Handsome Catholic Church.

Among the early settlers were a few Catholics who afterwards were considerably increased in number. Mass was first celebrated in what is known as the Old Spaulding house. Today Catholics occupy a large place in the town's activities and have a thriving parish with a fine church--St. Mary's, with Rev. John F. Donahue as pastor.

Site of Important Industries.

Coventry has enjoyed a diversity of manufacturing industries and is today recognized as a thriving industrial center. In the days within the memory of some of the older residents of this vicinity windmills were manufactured in the town by Halliday, the inventor, who had erected a product of his fertile brain upon the side hill, at the W. B. Bennett place. As far back as 1814, Deacon John Boynton built a machine shop in the village where



1864 to 1866, when Schuyler, Harlow and Graham purchased the plant and removed it to Bridgeport. It is now known as the Union Metallic Cartridge company, one of the largest firms in the world that manufactures cartridges.

Opening Exercises Sunday.

The celebration for the week commencing tomorrow (Sunday) with services in all of the churches of the town and continues throughout the week, concluding with the formal exercises Friday evening. The program for Sunday, August 25, follows: First Congregational church, South Coventry; 10:45 a. m., organ voluntary; doxology; invocation, Rev. Duncan T. Dowd; hymn, "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past"; responsive reading; solo.



MISS RUTH A. HIGGINS,
Bicentennial Poetess.

Rev. A. Storrs; scripture lesson, Luke vii: 22-40; Rev. H. M. Bartlett; prayer; offering; anthem; sermon, Ps. lxxxviii: 16-22. "Life in the Old Church." Rev. Nestor Light; prayer; Rev. H. M. Bartlett; hymn, "O, Where Are Kings and Empires Now"; benediction. 7:30 p. m. Service of worship and song; soloists, W. A. Tucker; Scripture lesson, Isaiah, ii: 1-4. P. m. Congregationalism in Connecticut, illustrated by numerous stereoscopic pictures of persons, places, churches and historical landmarks. Rev. Sherrod Soule, superintendent of Missions for Connecticut.

FOSTER REUNION.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Pupils of Calvin C. Foster at Hampton on Wednesday--Thirty Register for Dinner.

Pupils who attended the Foster high school in 1856 met at the Grange hall in Hampton Wednesday for their fourteenth annual reunion. Calvin C. Foster, the teacher of fourscore and two years, was able to be present and meet his pupils.

The morning was spent in a social way. At noon the Grange ladies served an excellent dinner. In the afternoon the following programme was carried out: Violin solo by Jacob Starkweather, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace N. Jewett; Auld Lang Syne, by pupils; welcome address, Sarah A. Tiffany; response by teacher; singing, Home, Sweet Home; roll call, to which the pupils answered, some with selections, others with songs and speeches. Principal Myron Palmer of Bay Path Institute, Springfield, entertained with readings. Mrs. Willoby of Scotland sang Sunshine River Follows Rain. The room was attractively decorated with flowers. These students answered the roll call: Della E. Hammond, Sarah A. Tif-

fany, Mary A. Collins, Verne E. Cleveland, Annette Clark, Sarah H. Jewett, Susan A. Fuller, Jacob Starkweather, Allen Jewett, Abbie Williams, Susan K. Thomas.

They came from Hartford, Springfield, Norwich and Northampton. Many out of town guests were present. Thirty registered for dinner. The reunion closed by singing America.

Their Majesties and Society.

The king and queen during the present season have caused it increasingly to be plain that they are determined to put an end to certain facilities which had crept into the preparation of the lists of those received at court or participating in any social function at which royalty is expected to be present. The latest proof of this, learns the London correspondent of the Birmingham, Eng. Post, is the severe notice their majesties have taken of the scandal of the sale and exchange of tickets for the royal enclosure at Ascot, which recently came before the law courts. No desire was entertained at court to publish the names of all the ladies concerned in this strange transaction, though they have been freely mentioned in society gossip; but an order has been given within the past few days that none of them is again to receive invitations for any court function whatever. This particular trouble had been going on for years, and had proved difficult of full detection; and it has been due mainly to the eager endeavors of over-rich Americans to obtain admission at any cost--and the price offered sometimes was very high--to the royal enclosure at Ascot. Apart of course, from the social transgressions to which this practice gave rise, it is plain that the safety of their majesties might be involved if places near their person at functions when all concerned were of their guard were made matters of sale.

Opinion of a Good Insurgent Wanted.

Cummins having authorized a bolt of the national ticket by Iowa progressives who find, after proper investigation, that they believe the Taft nomination was stolen at Chicago, why should Iowa standpatters who find, after proper investigation, that they believe Kenyon and other progressive candidates on the state ticket got there by the fraudulent aid of democratic votes, vote for progressive members of the legislature to support Kenyon's candidacy? And if it's going to be fixed up according to the Cummins orders, why and how is any standpatter bound to support any insurgent on a ticket when he is morally certain that democratic votes at the June primaries cut an important figure in putting those names on the state, congressional and county tickets? Let some good insurgent answer these questions in the interest of republican harmony, to help the progressives win and the standpatters lose.--Collaps Clipper.

A Dyspeptic's Reflection.

It is claimed now that automobiles do easy living and the man window and easy living are causing American women to lose their slenderness and grace of figure. This probably comes from some dyspeptic who hasn't laughed since the last time he saw a woman riding a bicycle.--Cleveland Leader.

A Dangerous Symptom.

The Colonel has a "peculiar feeling" for Governor Johnson, the says so himself. So Governor Johnson had better look out. As all of us--Bull Moose excepted--remember, he once proclaimed a deep and hearty feeling for Mr. Taft.--Hartford Times.

What the Colonel Would Do.

La Follette says he has a new plan to amend the constitution, but Colonel Roosevelt would remove the need of tinkering by practically abolishing it.--Philadelphia Ledger.