

Colonial Village at World's Fair Is Ready

Stepping into the Colonial Village at the world's fair this summer will be like stepping out of the present time into another century. One hundred and fifty years of time will drop by the wayside and the visitor will be greeted by historic buildings that carry the tale of early Americanism in their bosoms.

A village street lined with old elms and old-fashioned lamp posts, a colonial garden with yew and box hedges, bright with hollyhocks, geraniums and old-fashioned flowers and a village green resplendent with graceful fetes and gay affairs is now ready just south of 25th street along Lief Erickson drive.

"See America First" is the motto of the Colonial Village, which will be the only thoroughly American exhibit along the street and villages on which it is located.

Entering from Lief Erickson Drive, you will see the old Paul Revere house in Boston and the Governor's Palace. The State Capitol from Boston, the House of Seven Gables which achieved immortality from the pen of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington's birthplace at Wakefield and Martha Custis' colonial kitchen, where no doubt young George often helped himself to doughnuts; all these are features of the little village, which will have a flavor of early New England at one end and of stately Virginia at the other.

At the south end of the village, Old North Church will stand. From its belfry will shine the two beacons that told Paul Revere of the coming of the British by sea. At the far end of the street, Meeting street it is to be called, Mount Vernon stands in authentic replica.

Across a village green, through beautiful shade trees will be the home of the nation's first President. The Daughters of the American Revolution are sponsoring the Mount Vernon replica and will serve as hostesses each day during the fair.

Proceeds of the Mount Vernon exhibit are to be used to purchase the beautiful Nellie V. Walker monument for the State of Illinois. It will be placed at the end of the Lincoln Memorial bridge at Lawrence County and depicts the arrival of the Young Man Lincoln and the Lincoln family in Illinois in their covered wagon.

A tiny Pilgrim settlement with rude houses of split logs and thatch such as Miles Standish, John Alden and the fair Priscilla once occupied is to be tucked into a corner of the village. Betsy Ross' house and a Betsy Ross sewing an American flag is to be another feature of Meet-

ing street. Even Ben Franklin's press is being erected and copies of "Poor Richard's Almanac" are to be available.

The village smithy, the witch's house, the ducking stool and the stocks, narrow Cockloft lane with its cobble stones and fitful oil lamps, a pirate's gaol and naturally the old grog shop of colonial days are being provided.

Two big inns, famous in colonial days, the Wayside Inn and Virginia Tavern are to occupy places at the edge of the green, so that diners may watch the daily drills and fetes that have been planned.

The North Shore chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hostesses in Mount Vernon during the month of August.

Voice of the People

Mrs. George Lyman, of Highland Park, has requested The Highland Park Press to republish an article entitled "The Right to Cheat Children," which appeared in a recent issue of the Woman's Home Companion. The article follows:

"The enemies of childhood are gaining powerful support as the child labor amendment in spite of them moves toward its inevitable victory. Notable among the recruits is Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. We have the greatest admiration for Dr. Butler's championship of many liberal causes, and we should never accuse him of sinister motives. But we much fear that he is back in the last generation of liberalism which cared so much about the forms of government that it forgot what government is really for—the protection of human values. So we find him mouthing the unreal phrases which have been familiar ever since the long fight against child labor began: The amendment "would attack our government at its very foundation . . . might send federal agents and inspectors into every home, every family, every school church in the land . . . quite equal to anything which has been brought about in communist Russia . . . nothing more indefensible or inexcusable than this amendment has been brought forward at any time in our nation's history . . . vast control by the Congress over home and family and school and church . . . invasion of the historic rights of our

states and local governments as well as those of the family."

"We who advocate the amendment are charged with being sentimental in our attitude and misleading in our assertions. But we charge in return that our opponents are sentimental about that impersonal thing, the state. And we charge that they are misleading in their assertions that the amendment would result in invasion of the home, church and school. They know perfectly well that nobody has ever intended or ever would intend to prevent a girl from washing dishes for her parents or a boy from doing chores about the farm. They know that our attack is wholly upon the exploitation of childhood by greedy parents and employers — in factories, mines, sweatshops, on the streets at night, on industrialized farms, in migratory labor camps. They make much of the rights of states to make their own laws. Yet they know that the states have failed, for the simple reason that in backward states employers are able to keep down labor costs by using children and their competition drags down the standards of other states. And they know, to put it bluntly, that not all parents can be trusted.

"No, they are the real sentiment-

alists, because for the sake of a vague governmental ideal they are blind to reality; they are deluded into making this fight at the expense of helpless children. We who would abolish child labor are the realists, the hard-boiled. We say that liberal sentiment has had its chance, that while we have been waiting for states to do their duty millions of children have been cheated of health, playtime and schooling. We are not going to debate child labor in terms of the prohibition mistake, or of communist Russia, or of historic traditions such as states' rights, or of ancient proverbs such as "every man's home is his castle." We refuse to be driven off the main argument."

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