

GOVERNOR SWANSON GETS ROUSING RECEPTION.

"His Excellency" and "First Lady in Virginia" Accompany Board of Fisheries to the Islands of Virginia.

WILD PONY-PENNING A FEATURE

Governor Swanson's party, which had been cruising the ocean and bay sides of the Eastern Shore for several days, reached Onancock Thursday morning from Chincoteague, aboard the State flagship, Commodore Maury, having attended the annual pony round-up on the historic old island the day previous.

The penning of the ponies was made a great jollification and the Governor addressed a large open-air meeting in the afternoon. The pony-penning feature was a new one to the Governor and Mrs. Swanson, and they both appeared greatly to enjoy the day.

They were given a royal reception by the islanders, and were entertained by a number of prominent citizens. Governor Swanson is the first executive (not campaigning) to visit Chincoteague and his presence was one of the distinctive features of the occasion.

His speech was a very happy one, and was frequently applauded. The Governor opened a match ball game between the Chincoteague and Hog Island teams, and a great shout went up when he entered the field and twirled the first ball.

The party drove through Onancock with Mayor L. W. Doughty and other prominent residents. The Maury is in charge of Commodore W. McDonald Lee, chairman of the State Board of Fisheries, and all the members of that body are in the cruising party.

The party left Onancock at 10 o'clock Thursday for Saxis and Tangier Islands, and returned to Old Point Friday, spending the day at the Jamestown Exposition.

Those making the cruise on the fast flying flagship of the oyster navy are Governor and Mrs. Swanson, Senator and Mrs. George B. Keezell and son, Hon. R. A. James, Hon. B. Massie, Hon. W. McDonald Lee and Hon. S. W. Mathews, of the Board of Fisheries; Hon. J. R. Rew member of the House from Accomac; Mr. J. G. Rogers, superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad; Lieutenant J. Barney, of the Eighth United States Cavalry; C. A. Boyce, of the Times-Dispatch; H. M. Tyler, of Richmond, L. T. Quinby, editor of the Accomac News, and Rev. T. C. Davis, Editor of The Oysterman.

The Board of Fisheries held a meeting at Chincoteague, and the entire trip around the Peninsular was being made for the purpose of gaining information concerning the oyster question to be used in the next General Assembly. Governor Swanson is observing conditions closely, and will have something to say in his message to the Legislature on the subject. Messrs. Lee and Mathews, who are the Tidewater members of the Board, and who know every rock shoal in the inlet, are explaining things, as the party proceeds, to Governor Swanson and up country members.

—C. A. B., in Times-Dispatch.

Editor Edmonds, of the Peninsula Enterprise, was one of those at Chincoteague to welcome the party. His son accompanied the party back to the bay as did also Capt. John Drewer and father. Capt. James Aidelotte, of Chincoteague, piloted the yacht over the bar into and out of the inlet.

When Saxis Island, at the head of Pocomoke Sound, was reached the next day the party was entertained at dinner by Capt. John Drewer, and in the afternoon Pastor Lennon, of the Southern Methodist church, threw open the doors of his capacious edifice where the governor addressed the people on moral, educational and State topics. His Excellency was introduced to the packed house by the Pastor, who paid him an eloquent tribute as a God-fearing man and an executive who had the courage of his convictions. After the address an informal reception was held and we have never seen a more openhearted and cordial demonstration. Old men and ladies grasped the hands of the young Governor and his handsome spouse, with tears in their eyes, wishing them well in their course. This was the first visit of a Governor to this place.

This cordiality was paralleled at Tangier Island. The party was in the hands of Capt. W. D. Dise and T. A. Crockett, and for more than a mile through the quaint street of less than eight feet in width, the sides were lined with enthusiastic men, women and children, some fourteen hundred in all, all greeting the party. The only Governor that had previously visited the Island was Governor O'Ferrall. So Mrs. Swanson, like at Chincoteague, bore the distinction of being the only "Mrs. Governor" that had ever set foot there. Here too the Pastor, a Northern Methodist, threw open the doors of his church—possibly the most magnificent and spacious church ever erected in a country place, and the only one on the Island—and in glowing terms introduced the Governor, who delivered a magnificent speech. After the address the Pastor invited all who had not shaken the hands of the Governor, his wife and members of the Board of Fisheries, to file past and do so. This occupied nearly half an hour, and was an occasion of much enthusiasm.

The night down the Bay was pleasant, as indeed was the weather the entire time—genuine "Swanson weather", which term is becoming proverbial throughout Virginia.

The cruise might be called a whirlwind one, starting at Old Point they stopped at Chincoteague (up the ocean coast), back to Cape Charles, Onancock, Saxis, Tangier and winding up at Jamestown. The demonstration at each point indicated how exceedingly popular are the Governor and his wife and did admirable credit to loyal and hospitable Virginians.