VERMONT CHURCH MARKS 150TH YEAR

East Poultney Baptists Will Open 3-Day Celebration on Village Green This Evening.

GOV. SMITH TO BE GUEST

Tribute Will Be Paid to George Jones, Co-Founder of The Times, and to Horace Greeley.

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RUTLAND, Vt., Aug. 15.—A three-day celebration of the sesquicentennial of the Baptist Church at East Poultney, Vt., will open tomorrow evening with a dinner on the village green at which Governor Charles M. Smith of Vermont will be the guest of honor.

Speakers will include Leon S. Gay, president of the Vermont Baptist State Convention; Miss Helen Griffin of Poultney Baptist Church; the Rev. Dr. Paul Douglass, for the churches of Poultney; Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of THE NEW YORK TIMES; Professor Mary Landon Sague of Vassar College, and Broadus E. Willingham of Mercer University.

The history of Poultney will be recalled in addresses Saturday morning. Mrs. Helen Hosford Kilborn of the Daughters of the American Revolution will discuss "The Beginnings of Poultney"; the Rev. Curry M. Spidell of Bellows Falls, historian of the State Baptist Historical Society, "Vermont Baptists These 150 Years"; the Rev. Dr. George E. Robbins, secretary of the Vermont Council of Religious Education, "Vermont's Contribution to Religion"; Mr. Sulzberger, "The Newspaper of George Jones," and Dean William Henry Crawshaw of Colgate University, "Education, Yesterday and Today."

George Jones, who with Henry J. Raymond founded THE NEW YORK TIMES in 1851, was born in the village of East Poultney. In the village also Horace Greeley, editor of The New York Tribune, served his apprenticeship in the printing office of The Northern Spectator.

A historical marker will be unveiled at the birthplace of George Jones by Mrs. Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger on Saturday afternoon. A marker will be unveiled at the Horace Greeley House by Mrs. Cornelia B. Bliss Symons. Other markers to be unveiled are at the first court house, by William S. Ward of Washington; the oldest union church in America; the first library in Vermont; the Mallary House; the first school house, the town marker on the green, and the Pine Tree House.

In the evening a historical pageant, "Green Mountain Days," written and produced by the Rev. Frederick Ellsworth Wolf, minister of the church, will be presented. Most of the cast of 150 persons are descendants of the original settlers of the town of Poultney.

The communion cup of the founders will be used at the morning service, Sunday, when the Rev. William F. Davison of Royal Oak, Mich., son of the Rev. Thomas Davison, pastor of the church from 1914 to 1925, will be the preacher. After a dinner on the green, there will be an afternoon service in which Alton L. Miller of Boston, past president of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Rev. Dr. Whitney S. K. Yeaple of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Dr. Philetus H. McDowell of the First Baptist Church, Glens Falls, N. Y., will take part.

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