

# Johnston County Fair

## Smithfield, North Carolina

### November 7th, 8th and 9th, 1917

The Fair this year promises to be the best we have yet held. Great efforts are being made to have the best exhibits of Live Stock, Poultry, Farm and Garden Products, Pantry Supplies, Fancy and Art Work ever seen in Smithfield. We will have the best Midway ever seen here; Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, the whip and other attractions.

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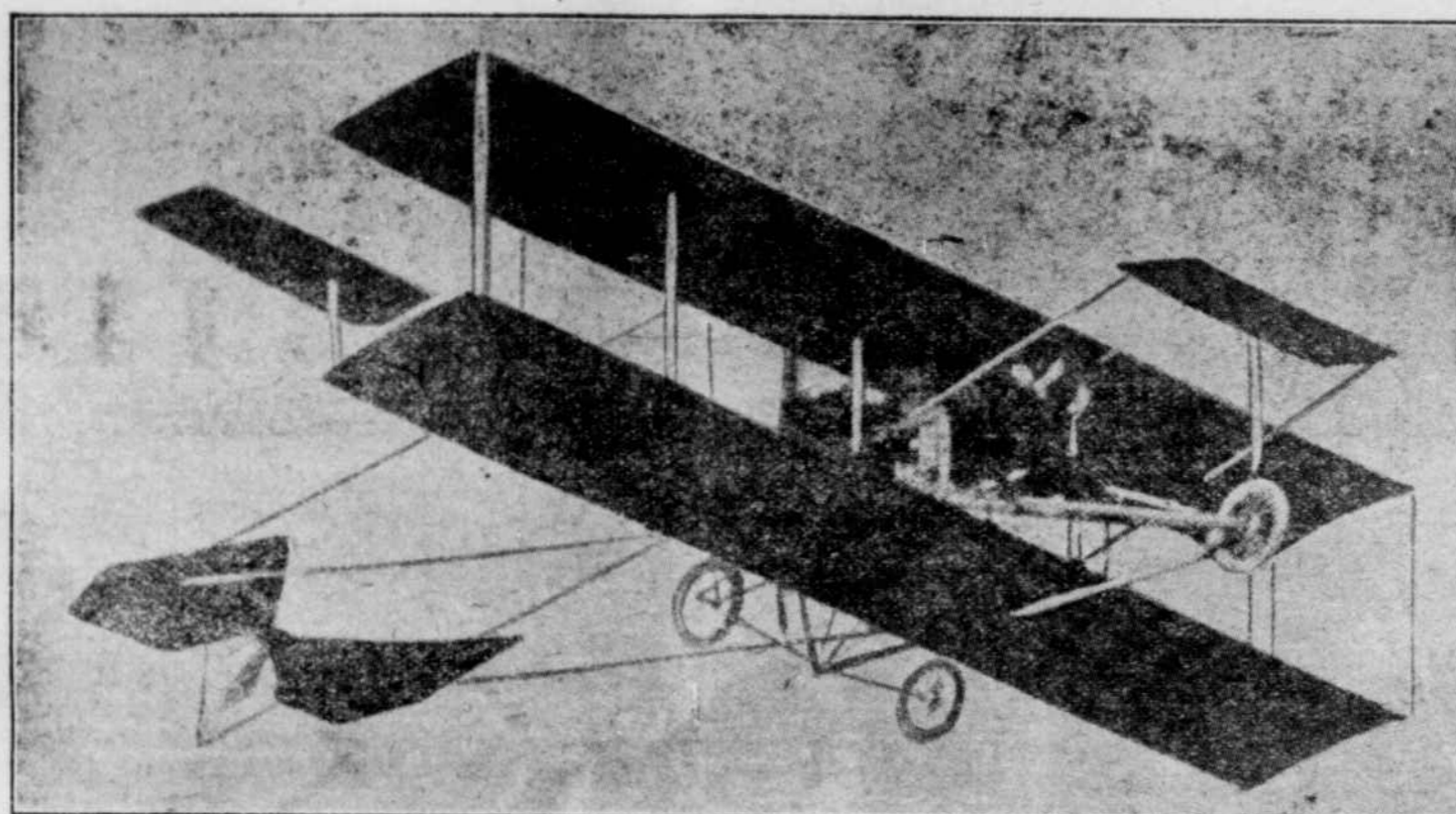
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### MATHER, the World Famous Aviator Will be Here During Our Fair



Arrangements have been made with the Young Aeroplane Company of New York City to have Carl Mather, the World Famous Aviator, here during our Fair. Mather is considered one of the best High Flyers in the country and his stunts will make everyone sit up and take notice. Mather will do all the crazy stuff, and is said to be a treat when it comes to thrills that make your hair stand up. Mather's sensational flying is said to be wonderful. He has made many flying trips in the big cities and everywhere he has flown he was considered one of the greatest Aviators ever known. An Exchange, from Atlanta, Ga., says that Mather made a thrilling flight over the city, going at the rate of seventy miles an hour, he drove his machine through the clouds, which soon developed into a mist and rain and he was above the clouds by this time, he became lost and in trying to get back to the field, found himself several miles away. Undaunted by his experience, Mather turned his machine and headed for the city again and could be seen coming out of the clouds in an altogether different direction from where he disappeared. He was wet when he landed and said that he had had some experience. He was in the air just 35 minutes.

The above is only a sample of the many daring stunts that Aviator Mather performs. Mather is described as being a modest young man, and is said to look like a North Carolina native. There are eleven Aviators with the Young Aeroplane Company but Mather is said to be one of the most clever of the bunch.

Better Exhibits

Better Midway

Better Racing

Better Free Attractions

The Town and Fair Grounds will be decorated in National Colors by the Washington Decorating Co. of Washington, D. C.

Every progressive citizen in the county and his neighbor will be here.

Wednesday will be a big day. The Aviator will make his initial flight and will fly over the town and court house and drop souvenirs from his Aeroplane for the school children.

The management confidently expects every school boy and girl in the county to be here and in line on Wednesday at 10:30 a m. All school children in line will be admitted to the grounds for 15c each. Liberal prizes are offered for the school making the best showing in the parade.

## See The Big Attractions on the Midway

One of the free attractions to take place is that of the Aerial Georges, who will perform on the Fair Grounds twice daily in unequalled and unbelievable displays of desperately dangerous mid-air exploits on the trapeze, concluding with the iron jaw act, making one of the most stirringly stupendous and comprehensively complete exhibits of Aerial skill, nerve, grace and intrepidity ever witnessed in this or any other country.

The Feature Free Attraction will be furnished by the World's Premier Aquatic Marvel, "Up-High Billy Klein," who twice Daily will take his own life in his hands and mount a ladder to a lofty tower suspended 128 feet in mid-air and dive head foremost into a tank of water scarcely four feet in depth.

Then comes the old plantation show, or Happy Days In Dixie, presenting an Ethiopian entertainment replete with Comedy, Pathos and Music and is redolent of the atmosphere of the Sunny Southland and Negro Characters are delineated and portrayed by famous negro artists.

The big Show will arrive here Sunday over the Coast Line Railroad on their own all-steel special train of 25 cars.



One of the Big Attractions

## World Famous Shows

When the Dorman and Krause World's Famous Shows come to this city to furnish the attractions for the Fair to be held here Nov. 5th to 10th, they will bring a new big Merry-Go-Round that has been considered by all who know of or who have seen this mammoth riding device to be one of the finest ever carried over the country with a traveling organization. All of the horses are as large as small size live horses and no expense has been spared on the entire device to make it unequalled by any other portable machine. Lavishly decorated with electrical equipment, one of the largest imported concert organs discourses fine music to the whirl and twirl of the thousands who enjoy to the fullest extent the pleasure of this popular big feature.

The Musical Beers, a family of talented musicians, offer a most pleasing musical entertainment, interspersed with dancing and funny comedians. Also they offer "Orvetta" in the greatest living pictures ever seen. Beautiful and artistic posings shown on revolving pedestals. The beauty, grace and skill of Fair Woman predominant in this one big feature.

Among the Absolutely new entertainments which this mammoth amusement company will bring to the Fair this year is a brand new riding device never seen before except in Luna Park, called the "Whip." This is an extremely sensational amusement and is the reigning craze where ever it is presented. Those who have seen the device in operation aver that it is more sensation! than the big Roller Coasters and Chute the Chutes which prevail in the large northern parks. To realize the real pleasure one must ride it.



## Everybody Coming