



NOT SO HOT!

Well, fokes, the Fair dun purty well this year in sum respects, but in others it wuzn't so hot, wuz it? It's all over now... an' a little frenly, konstruktive critticism won't hurt nobddy. If we're ever a-goin' to have a rule Fair in this kounty—like we yooce to have, we kaint continue to go on blime-like to the faults an' short-comin's of our present set-up an' methods.

Now, on the out-set, Uncle Abe wants it distinkly understood that he is not critticism' Mr. Smith an' the Executin' Kommittee, nor the American Leegun neethur... it's a wonder they dun as well as they did do almos' single handed, fur but

very few of our farmers an' stock-razers took enny active part in it. It's bin the observashun of this kolyum that Fairs don't jist kum of their own a-kord, an' they shore kaint be brawt about by magick—no, sir-ee! It takes long-distance plannin' (as Pres. Rozzyvelt wood say) also co-operashun an' plenty of work to have a shore-nuff Fair.

We yooce to hold our Fair on the Sulfer Springs Rd. below Doc Smathers's an' from Smathers St. back to the hill-side, (course that seekshun is neerly all bilt up thar now) an' that made a fine place fur a Fair. Then we had a Pres., a Seek-atary, an' different kommittees what wuz on the job long before the openin' day, so that everything wuz in reddyness when they give the word to "Let-er go!"

It's a little dis-apintin', to say the leest, fur fokes to go out to a Fair on the afternoon of the openin' day an' find it not open, carpenters an' exhib-itors bein' still at work. "To tell the trooth," as Shurf Welch sez, our Fair this year kum purty kloze to a wash-out in more ways than one. I feel shore that the kommittee got the best lo-kashun they cood git, handi-capp'd like they wuz fur lack o' munny, & so foarth; but we'll haff to do better'n that—fur that swampy, out-o'-the-way place alone wood kill enny Fair!

In respect to the concrete drive ways it wuz allrite, but in 1/2 a doz. other ways it wuz all wrong. Lokated between the ol' Ban' Mill "skeletons" above an' 1/2 a doz. live hawz pens an' standin' water ditches below, we ser-vely had a pleezin' an' sweet-smellin' back ground—yes, sir-ee!

This Fair, Mr. Editor, will probly be nole as our Frog Pon' Karnival.

If that's the best place we can git to hold our Fair it cood be fixt up, i. e. opened up, made larger an' im-proved till it wood do purty well. An' in this case, an entrance wood ser-tinly haff to be made from the East, No. 10 Highway side. Not all the wet fokes you saw on the furst nite wuz in the rain... all them thar wettest ones fell in Kichlan' Cr., tryin' to "coon" the ol' trusele. They wuz strangers, ye see, an' coodn't find enny other way to our Frog Pon' Karnival.

FAIRS WE YOOCE TO HAVE

Now, in them "good ol' days" we had a Fair that interested not only the karnival krowd, but the good, substanshal, progressive men and wim-men of the kounty. We didn't have enny group ex-ibits mutch, 'cept from the skools, but the individual ex-ibits wuz sump'm wurth goin' to see!

The rekords that Dave Noland, Billy McCracken, Fyleet Howell, Albert Walker, an' others made with their ex-ibits in live stock, agriculcher products, apples, & so foarth, is still a matter of lokal an' famly pride. Gitten the bloo ribbon at our own Fair didn't satisfy em, so they car-ried on to Rawley—Atlantur—an' oth-er places an' won thar—yes, sir-ee!

An' our hoss races up thar at Sulfer Springs wuz sump'm to attract fokes too—"I'm tellin' you." Course, thar wuz sum objecksun to the bet-

Hoffman Visits Landon at Home



Something amusing must have been the topic of conversation when Gov. Harold Hoffman of New Jersey, right, visited Gov. Alfred M. Landon, left, G. O. P. presidential nominee, at the latter's Topeka home, judging by the jovial manner of the two executives.

Canton To Tackle Bryson City Friday

Hoping to stretch their victory march to three straight, the Canton Black Bears settled down the first of this week to hard work in preparation for their game Friday night with Swannanoa. This will be the second Blue Ridge Conference game for Canton.

In defeating Bryson City 32 to 0 last Friday night, the Bears showed improvement in charging, blocking and team play. The home team made 16 first downs to Bryson City's 1. An unusual feature of the game was the punt during the entire game. Coach Poindexter used 35 players in the game and as a result of the showing of some of the reserves they may get the starting call against Swannanoa.

Canton is tied with Mars Hill for the lead in the conference race with one victory and no losses. Tryon-Saluda, Biltmore and Swannanoa have not played any conference games as

yet, but more o' the munny "staid at home" than than duz under the present methods of financin' the Fair. Howsomer, the best part uvit wuz, that we had a hole lot more Fair—an' less karnival.

Uncle Abe, fur one, thinks that them thar "Iron Claws" an' other gamblin' dee-vices ort not to be allowed at the Fair. The authorities generally won't allow sitch things to be operated in the kounty by enny of our citizenz, on the principle that they air miss-leadin' an' harmful to the young fokes an' that they ten to corrupt morals in general. Very good! Then why allow strangers to cum in an' operate skores of em rite before the ize of our children an' bag em to "play"—whitch our citizenz woodn't do.

An' it's none too soon rite now to begin plannin' fur a bigger, bet-ter an' kleener Kounty Fair nex year.

Mrs. Sam Dean sez she likes Uncle Abe, an' the Horse pittet notes best. Grate Scotts, shades o' Shakespeer an' name o' Tom Walker! Well, this kolyum hopes to be konvalessin'—or what-chu-call it soon.

Uncle Abe's bin a watchin' hiz poscher-er sump'm, a mite more kerfully ever sence he saw Dr. Sisky's chart out at the Fair, showin' peepie how to stan'.

Best I cood understand it, we orter keep our stummick or stummicks (sum fokes have 2, ye no) sorter pulled in an' our shoulders strait... yore bay winder is the mane thing to watch, if you've got enny; caws, when-ever you pull yore bay winder in, yore hed an' shoulders will natcherly go up—yes, sir-ee!

The poschers, or way fokes stan', on Dr. Sisky's chart air labeled Good—Middlin'—Pore an' Bad. Now, don't enny boddy tell Doc, but I'm a-goin' to watch an see whitch class he falls in.

Doc wood probly say, like our noted collerd preacher tells his kongrega-shun—

"You all do like I tells ye to do—not like I do."

Well, Mr. Editor, I don't think I can stan' it mutch longer... with all these wars an' roomers, strikes, kampane speeches, radyo krooners an' barber-shop talk—an' my hay fever a-gitten wurser besides! If they don't soon let up a little on, "Noboddy's Darlin', But Mine," I NO I'll pass out—it'll be the last straw!

So, I want Bill Bars, Manse Cagle, Theo. McCracken, Glenn Brown, Lee Forgyson an' all other good Dimy-crats to pray fur Uncle Abe... kaze he wood like to live to see Roozyvelt tected agin.

S' long! UNKLE ABE.

FACTS from Washington

From The United States News, Washington, D. C.

Of the more than five million motor cars manufactured in the world last year, some four million were made in the United States. Great Britain ranks second and Germany third.

Farm Real Estate taxes showed a reduction of 36 per cent between 1929 and 1935, the average tax per acre dropping from 58 cents in 1929 to 37 cents in 1935.

More Women and children are becoming interested in the sport of fishing. Information collected by the Bureau of Fisheries shows that in 1935 one-fifth more anglers' licenses were issued to women and children than in the preceding year.

WPA concerts and other musical performances during the period between Jan. 1 and Sept. 15 drew a total audience of 32,000,000 persons. There now are approximately 15,000 persons employed on the Federal Music Project.

If American steel and iron plants operated to a full capacity, they would consume four times as much water every day as is used in all New York City. Annual consumption of water in this industry exceeds the storage capacity of any of the world's dams with the exception of Boulder dam.

Forty-two cents of the average food dollar spent last year by the typical working man's family went back to farmers while the balance went to distributors and processors.

Workers in manufacturing now are employed one-fifth fewer hours than in 1914 but their average weekly earnings are more than one-third larger, the National Industrial Conference Board reports.

yet. Last week's play by conference teams showed Waynesville in a 48 to 0 victory over Hayesville; Black Mountain 20 to 0 over Weaverville; Tryon-Saluda 49 to 0 over Roebuck, S. C.; Mars Hill 12 to 6 over Hand-lesonville in the only conference game of the week; Canton 32 to 0 over Bryson City.

Attendance Drops In Sept. At Bethel

Perfect attendance at Bethel school during the month of September declined almost fifty per cent below the record made during the month of August; 493 pupils made perfect attendance records during the first month, but during the second month only 278 pupils were present and on time each day.

The second month, however, showed an increase in the number of pupils making the honor roll. 114 pupils made the honor roll during the second month, an increase of ten over the first month. Of this number, twenty-seven made the "A" honor roll and eighty-seven the "B" honor roll.

The following pupils made the "A" honor roll: Eleventh grade, Mary Penland, Mary Hardin, Hugh Frady, Marie Powell, Kenneth Travis, Robert Welch, Snirley Boyd, Virginia Hill, and Mary Phillips.

Tenth grade, William Donaldson, Mildred Hargrove, Eula West, Jessie Edwards, and Cathern Henson.

Ninth grade, Lenoir York, Lois Brown, Cordie Caldwell, Grace Frady, Ethel Rogers, Dolores Boyd, Hazel Burnett, Mary Donaldson, Ethel

Frazier, and Rozelle Shumolis. Eighth grade, Irene West and Thel-ona Green. Third grade, Jean Tucker.

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