

FAIRS ... ideas
New York is all set now to hold the largest World's Fair ever staged in 1939. It will be the first truly international exposition to be held in America since the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

The first World's Fair was the Crystal Palace Exposition in London in 1851. Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, inspired it. He thought that British industrialists and businessmen were behind those of the Continent in many ways. Bringing industrial and commercial exhibits to London might stimulate British industry, he thought.


The results proved that he was right. Britain's great industrial and artistic development really began with that World's Fair of 1851.

The real purpose of a genuine World's Fair is to stimulate the interchange among nations not only of goods but of ideas.

PROFITS ... sometimes aim
The motive behind many expositions which call themselves World's Fairs is that of putting on a big show to draw large numbers of visitors to a town or region, so that local business interests can make a profit by selling them food and lodging, gasoline and souvenirs. Staging a fair is a good way to bring money into a town.

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position of 1933-34 was a purely commercial enterprise, which paid back all the money that it cost and resulted in a great deal of business for the city's merchants and hotel keepers. It was not, in any real sense a world's fair. It did serve to provide a useful background and a large audience for the big advertisers who put on spectacular and interesting displays.

TEXAS ... its Centennial
This year the big fair is the Texas Centennial at Dallas. Something like \$25,000,000 has been spent to provide an exposition which, within its scope, promises to be both educational and entertaining.

The show at Dallas will open on June 6. The whole Southwest is enthusiastic about it and the indications are that every road leading to Dallas will be crowded with cars all summer, and the railroads, bus lines and air routes will have all the traffic they can attend to.

From the advance announcements that I have seen, I think the Dallas Fair will be worth anybody's time.

The historic event which this Texas Centennial commemorates has always seemed to me one of the most stirring episodes in our national history. I am glad to learn that one of the important buildings at the Dallas Fair will be the Hall of Heroes. It seems to me that the times call for recognition of the fact that America was founded and developed by men who were not afraid to fight.

CALIFORNIA ... its fairs
Out on the Pacific Coast I think people are more exposition-minded than in any other part of the country. I don't know just how many fairs of national or international importance have been held out there, but they had a mighty good one at Portland, Oregon, in 1905. There have been three or four at San Diego, San Francisco had a splendid and genuinely international exposition in 1915, and now the announcement has been made that there will be another big fair on an island in San Francisco Bay in 1938.

That will be well worth going to see. No American's education is complete if he has not seen California. And by 1938 the two greatest bridges in the world will have been completed, the one across the Golden Gate connecting San Francisco with the Marin County Peninsula, to the North; and the great bridge across San Francisco Bay, tying Alameda County to the western metropolis.

I hope I can go to that fair, and I wish I could go to the one at Dallas this year.

VALUES ... always there
I have seen quite a number of World's Fairs, and have never failed to learn something of real and permanent value from every one of them. I was a small boy when my father took me to the Philadelphia Centennial of 1876. I still remember vividly some of the exhibits which started my childish mind to try to figure out the whys and wherefores of various human activities.

I got a lot out of the Chicago-Columbian Exposition of 1893, the Pan-American at Buffalo in 1901, the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904 and various smaller expositions that I have visited.

Southern G.O.P. Boom



WASHINGTON, May 20.—Republicans in the Southern states want to have a say in the nomination of a national G.O.P. ticket this year. Florida has a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination in J. Leonard Replegie of Palm Beach, above, who has also been endorsed by Georgia and Alabama. It is reported here that the boom for Replegie is gaining rapidly.

Farm Notes

(W. B. Collins, County Agent.)
Wool prices will probably start off at 30c per pound or better this year. The better price being offered for wool will be a temptation to a large number of farmers to sell their wool as it is sheared instead of waiting for the Pooled Wool to be sold.

With W. W. Mast and W. R. Billings, and J. L. Fox on our Wool committee this year, it seems that these men should be able to sell the twenty or thirty thousand pounds of wool which will be sold through the pool at a better price than individual farmers will be able to get for their comparatively small lots of wool.

Every farmer should hold his wool for the pool or until the pooled wool is sold in order that he may get the price which his wool is worth.

Last year, eighty-three farmers shipped 884 lambs through the lamb pool direct to market, without having to pay anyone handling charges on their lambs. These farmers made an average saving of \$5.00 or more each, by selling their lambs through the pool. So far as I know, every farmer who shipped his lambs through the pool last year was well pleased with the price he received for his lambs.

We will begin shipping pooled lambs this year as soon as a deck of lambs can be made up and we will continue to ship once a month thereafter, until all the lambs in the county are sold.

It will be to the advantage of all sheep growers if a larger percentage of the lambs are shipped through the pool this year.

The farmers of Watauga county will save money on their lambs and wool this year if they will only get together and stick together with their lamb and wool pools.

Many Farmers Taken From Delinquent List

Columbia, S. C., May 16.—Payment of over \$1,424,400 of state and county taxes in North Carolina has removed the names of thousands of farmers from delinquent tax lists and helped reduce farm tax sales in the state to less than half of the 1933 level, according to Julian H. Scarborough, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia.

Some 12,900 North Carolina farmers refinanced their debts through the Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner since the Farm Credit Administration was organized and, in many instances, the loans included funds to pay back taxes owed by farmers to local tax authorities.

The total amount loaned for the purpose equals an average tax payment of about \$110 per farmer refinanced.

The \$1,412,400 covers tax payments in connection with \$28,187,000 of land bank and Commissioner loans made in North Carolina from May 1, 1933 to January 1, 1936. About 5.1 per cent of this amount was used for tax payments.

Payment of back taxes as a result of Federal land bank refinancing has provided timely assistance to the various counties to pay school teachers, county officers and meet other local government expenses.

FICTION SECTION

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Two-thirds of the people who attend world's fairs go to have a good time. They would not go at all if shows and entertainments were not provided for them. The pill of learning always has to be sugarcoated, but even those who go to such events in the spirit of frolic, are bound to get something of solid value out of them.

Reynolds To Address Junior Convention

Members of the Junior Order from this area are expected to join those of other sections of North Carolina in the observance of the first annual home-coming celebration to be held at the Junior Order orphans home, Lexington, N. C., Saturday, May 23. An elaborate program, featuring an address by U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds, has been worked out and hundreds of Juniors with their families are expected to attend.

The home-coming celebration was approved at the last session of the State council, held in Wilmington, as a means of bringing the membership of the order together once a year at the orphanage for an all-day visit.

The program, tentatively arranged and announced by Monroe Adams, Statesville, state councilor, provides for a session in the Vance auditorium at 11 a. m., at which time Senator Reynolds will speak; a concert by the little symphony orchestra of the home in the afternoon; a baseball game between Lexington orphanage and the Oxford Masonic orphanage; and a picnic dinner.

Notices have been sent to all subordinate councils by the state councilor concerning the celebration and urging large attendance. According to word received here, many councils are making plans to charter buses for the transportation of large delegations while motorcades are being considered by others.

The complete program will be completed within a short time, state officials of the order have announced.

FARMER BLAMES POLITICS FOR ACCIDENT INCREASE

Raleigh, May 15.—Captain Charles D. Farmer of the highway patrol expressed the opinion today "in a way, politics might be considered indirectly responsible for the increase in automobile accident fatalities now being noted."

The captain reasoned, he said, "with the increased interest in politics in recent months the newspapers have practically deserted our safety campaigns and many of the civic clubs, which have done a great deal to reduce accidents with their drives, have stopped even pretending to talk safety on the highways and have begun discussions of politics."

"It is a fact that virtually all have abandoned their safety campaigns. Yes sir, they've just about forgotten safety and resumed their old habits of driving fast and reckless."

Zionville News

Miss Grace Pennell from Boone, was a guest here recently of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Reece.

Among those spending the week-end with relatives in the village were Fred Castle and Butler Roberts, both from Bristol, Va.

Mrs. Tom Wilson has returned to her home at Silverstone after visiting for a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Greer.

Mrs. W. S. Penn returned Monday from Bristol, Va., where she was a guest of friends over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Strickler and family and Mrs. Oscar Strickler, from Kingsport, Tenn., were visiting relatives here and at Mabel Sunday.

Master G. C. Wilkinson is suffering with a fractured collar bone which was injured from a fall.

Rev. W. C. Payne from Blowing Rock, filled his appointment at Zionville Church Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, May 22 has been set as a day to work on the cemetery at this place and if there are any living outside the community with relatives or friends buried here, your help will be appreciated.

Mrs. Victoria Hodge has returned

to her home here after visiting relatives in Mabel for the past few days.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilkinson over the week-end were: Mrs. John Adams, Misses Mae Yonce, Vera and Lula Mae Strickler, from Kingsport, Tenn., and Mr. Howard Cadd from Roanoke, Va.

Mr. W. C. Wilson returned to the CCC camp near Baker'sville Sunday after a brief visit with his family here.

Miss Ettie Yonce was called to Neva, Tenn., last week due to the serious illness of a sister, Mrs. J. D. Snider. At this writing Mrs. Snider remains unimproved.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Maggie Stanberry who is in a Wilkes hospital, has improved sufficient enough for an operation to be performed and more hope is given for her recovery.

Mrs. John Wilson has returned to her home at Mead Camp after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller for the past week.

Mrs. Sallie Mitchell, Mrs. Lottie Maine and daughter, Hazel, visited Sunday with friends at Trade, Tenn.

Several from this community attended the singing convention at Mountain City Sunday.

Memorial Day

We will gather soon to pay tribute to the heroic dead who gave their lives in the past that we of the present might enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness. On this hallowed day we join in paying our respects to the veterans who have passed, many of whom it was our honor to serve when Death called them.

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