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WELCOME TO ALL FAIR VISITORS

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR OPENED YESTERDAY

**Splendid Exhibits---Folks Having a
Good Time---Splendid Co-op-
erative Spirit Shown**

It is an unfortunate coincidence that in order to appear on schedule time, The Courier must go to press at noon on the opening day of the County Fair, and in consequence thereof a full report of the day's attractions must of necessity be deferred until our next issue.

At this early hour the indications for larger crowds than the county has yet known are most flattering—larger even than that memorable occasion of the Vance-Settle debate, now nearly half a century ago, which has been generally regarded as the greatest assemblage of people in the history of our county records. From this day on to the end of the fair it is confidently expected that more people will come to Asheboro than ever came before for any purpose. And this is to prove one of the valuable features of the occasion, for, as stated editorially in these columns last week, we must get better acquainted; we must know each other if we are to put our shoulders to the wheel and with one accord push our county to the front rank.

You should not only regard it a loyal citizen's obligation to come yourself, but you should influence your neighbor to do likewise. You are sure to be more than repaid. Get a copy of the program and study it; note the many good things in store for you. There is something to interest every element of our people no matter what their calling may be. The farmer, the merchant, the mechanic, the day laborer—everybody, in fact—will find something having a special appeal to his or her interest.

Nor have the young people been neglected. Besides the interesting and instructive exhibits ample provision has been made for their diversion. There are many shows—good, clean shows, too, the management having taken special care to exclude anything improper or of a swindling nature. There is nothing on the grounds not well worth the admission price, which in every instance is reasonable.

For reasons stated it is not possible at this time to attempt a detailed description of what is on hand or yet to come, further than to note that all exhibits, so far, are of a superior order. It is expected that all on the schedule will be in place before sundown of this date. No doubt it will prove of particular interest to the ladies to know that some magnificent art specimens await their criticism. There is a quantity of hand-embroidery that compares with any that ever came out of a Spanish convent; and China and oil paintings, baskets and pottery of a character to prove that we have genuine talent right here at home. But come and see for yourself. The full story will be told next week.

ASHEBORO CITIZENS CO-OPERATING TO MAKE THE FAIR A SUCCESS

The Asheboro citizens are extending cordial greetings and a hearty welcome to all Fair visitors. The new bakery is giving samples of cooking and the Cash and Carry Grocery samples of N. R. G. Laundry Tablets. The Wood Cash Clothing Company and W. W. Jones & Son are giving a ticket into the fair grounds with each purchase amounting to \$10.00. Mr. J. F. Cranford is giving 10 per cent off on every \$1.00 purchase; Waggon Clothing Company a 15 per cent reduction on everything. Pritchard's Grocery is giving 5 pounds of sugar for 20 cents with every \$1.00 cash purchase; Wood & Moring are having their fall and winter opening and have made special prices for fair week. Covington & Prevost are giving receipt books to housewives. Asheboro Bargain House has reduced the price of gas to 22 cents a gallon and is offering from 25 to 50 per cent discount on shoes.

The Old Hickory Cafe is giving free ice water and is also donating something daily to the Woman's Club booth at the fair, for the benefit of the community building.

The banks, the factories, the merchants and all the citizens of the town assure the people who come to the fair that they are welcome to the best town in North Carolina.

REPUBLICANS PICK REYNOLDS FOR CHAIRMAN

The North Carolina Republican executive committee met at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro Tuesday and unanimously elected former Lieutenant Governor Charles A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, chairman of that committee. His name was the only one presented to the meeting.

J. F. Thomas Dead
Mr. Jefferson Davis Thomas, died at his home near Liberty Friday and was buried Saturday. The funeral service was held in the M. E. church at Liberty at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was buried at Fairview cemetery, the members of the Junior Order having charge of the services at the grave. Surviving him are three sons and six daughters.

ARE THE CATHOLICS BECOMING A MENACE

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, September 29, 1921—What is the cause of the alleged rapid growth of the Klu Klux Klan in the Northern and Western States?

It is said by some of the Klansmen in Washington that this growth is due to the organization having taken up the battle against the alleged Catholic menace to the country.

Now is there such a thing as an Irish Roman Catholic danger facing the welfare of this country? The average American who is as tolerant as the air he breathes is loathe to believe there is. In a land where there are seven non-Catholics to every one Catholic and where the constitution preserves the freedom of worship to every individual, no one likes to believe there is any sectarian menace lurking in the body politic.

But Washington has become the official center of two diametrically opposing forces in the United States. They are Roman Catholic and anti-Roman Catholic and the battle between them has centered around the Towner-Sterling bill in congress. The Towner-Sterling bill proposes to raise the bureau of education to a department with a cabinet officer at its head and appropriate \$100,000,000 annually to the States according to the number of their schools and the number of illiterates in their population. It is a measure designed to augment and strengthen the public school systems in the States without in any degree interfering with State control of the schools. North Carolina would receive from the Towner-Sterling bill from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 as a supplement to the State's appropriation for public schools.

The Catholic church is now engaged in opposing the passage of the bill with every atom of its strength as it has fought the public school system of the States for the last 30 years. Its chief program we are told is to block the Towner-Sterling bill in congress in order to prevent the nationalization and coordination of the public school system in the country and to break it down in communities where there is a large Catholic population. The Catholic schools in the United States are controlled entirely by Jesuits, and the Jesuits, we are told, have never changed since they were expelled from every country in Europe.

The church has built a great university here in Washington and is now erecting one of the most costly national shrines in the world. The Knights of Columbus raised \$5,000,000 and offered to put in a memorial building for the American Legion provided its control was held by the Catholic church. The offer, of course, was positively declined. But it shows that the church has great national ambitions and is planning the foundations for wielding great influence at the nation's seat of government.

The only organization here that is openly exposing the opposition of the Catholics to public education as exemplified in the Towner-Sterling bill is the Masons. They publish a magazine called the New Age and coming from an order so ancient, respectable and conservative, some of the statements in this magazine are alarming. It alleges that the Irish crisis has been engineered by the Catholic church in America for the purpose of embroiling our country in war with England in order to destroy Protestantism. It says that the bulk of the \$10,000,000 raised here for Ireland has been kept here for Catholic propaganda and the influencing of congress against the Towner-Sterling bill and to aid in the recognition of the Irish republic.

Lloyd George learning of the dangerous activities of the Irish-American priests in behalf of the recogni-

RAMSEUR NEWS

Miss Irene Johnson, of Greensboro, spent the week end here.

Miss Queen Milton, of Greensboro, was a visitor at Mrs. H. C. Parks' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foust, of Mount Vernon Springs, spent Sunday at Dr. Tate's.

Mrs. James Free, who has been at Memorial Hospital several days, is rapidly improving, we are glad to hear.

Mr. Elmer Yow, of Odell Hardware Company, Greensboro, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, of Greensboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, of this place, Sunday. Mr. Johnson is the nephew of Mr. Ed Johnson and is his namesake.

Mrs. Clapp, of Randleman, is spending a few days with Mrs. J. H. Bur-

Congressman Wm. C. Hammer and Mrs. Hammer spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Leonard and family.

Messrs H. B. Moore and J. W. Parks made a trip to Atlanta last week.

If no delay is made this week the Sunday school of the Baptist church expects to meet in their church next Sunday. The improvement on this building gives them a splendid arrangement for Sunday school work and a fine assembly room for church services.

Rev. W. M. Smith had us guessing last week when he announced his subject for Sunday to be "Ramseur's greatest need". He answered this question to the satisfaction of all who heard him Sunday morning. We haven't heard a dissenting voice yet. His claim was that our greatest need is men. Real men and more men of the right type is the crying need of our country and our community.

HOOVER-PRESNELL FURNI- TURE STORE CHANGES NAME

John and Charles Presnell have for some time owned an interest in the above store and undertaking establishment. T. J. Hoover, the other partner, has sold his interest to the Presnell brothers.

This business was established by J. W. Jolly more than 15 years ago, later J. H. McCain acquired, later C. C. Cranford, who sold out to the Presnell brothers.

The style of the firm is to be Asheboro Furniture Company.

John M. Hammer Farm to be Sold
Mrs. John M. Hammer, of Greensboro, has put her farm near Franklinville in the market and it will be sold by The American Realty Company of Greensboro Saturday at 2:30 p. m. There are about one thousand young fruit trees on the farm, a good 5 room house, outbuildings and some timber.

Col. Bingham Gives Up School

Colonel Robert Bingham, who has for many years been head of the Bingham school at Asheville gave up the active control of the school this week. Col. Bingham is 88 years old and is the fifth generation to operate the school. The Colonel's son-in-law, Major S. R. McRee assumed control. Col. Bingham married Della Worth, daughter of the late Dr. J. M. Worth, of Asheboro, and a sister of Mrs. Addie McAlister. Mrs. Bingham has been dead a number of years.

tion of the Irish republic determined to see the Irish question or if he found it impossible to do so, to plainly warn the Protestant people here what it meant. The danger we are told is by no means past for if the Irish can possibly bring the issue of an Irish republic before the arms limitation conference they will do so. It is still on their program.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Rev. W. M. Smith will preach next Sunday morning on the greatest need of Franklinville, everybody invited.

Mr. W. C. Tippet and family spent Saturday and Sunday at W. B. Cox's at Rockingham.

Messrs. Charles Cox and Clem Apple, of Greensboro, were in town one day last week and secured a lot in the northern part of town near Mr. L. W. Jones' residence and will in the near future erect a garage, gasoline tank and general auto repair shop.

The Senior Baraca Class entertained the Senior Philathea Class last Saturday evening at the baraca building. Among the visitors were Rev. W. M. Smith and family, of Ramseur. Interesting talks were made by Rev. Mr. Smith and W. D. Maness after which cream and cake were served.

Rev. W. Barringer, of Salisbury, was the guest of Dr. T. I. Fox a few days last week.

Mr. Hugh Parks and Misses Hattie Craven, Minnie Tippet and Grace Moon attended the Sunday school conference at Jamestown last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas, Mrs. Peter Allred and daughter, Lillie, and Katherine Julian went on a shopping trip to Greensboro last Wednesday.

Sam Ryder, of Greensboro, was a visitor here one day last week.

Mr. Lattie Rodgers and family, of Winston-Salem, spent last week with H. M. Pilkenton.

Mrs. W. H. Tippet, who has been visiting at Greensboro for some time, returned last Thursday.

W. F. Hunsucker, the Courier representative, was here one day last week.

Mr. H. H. Slack, of Liberty, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fentress spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of Mr. W. C. York and also spent some time with their daughter, Miss Ollie, who is in school at Greensboro College for Women.

D. A. Hunter colored has moved to his new residence north of his old home.

Charlie Pike, colored, of High Point was in town last week.

Robert Marley, colored has moved from Cedar Falls to his new residence on Potter Creek, South Franklinville.

Miss Pollie Hughes, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with her parents, on Laurel Street.

Several of our people attended protracted meeting at Gray's Chapel Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Lutterloh made a business trip to Greensboro one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lewis, of Greensboro, visited Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Black Sunday.

Apple and cherry trees are blooming in this community and some of our oldest prophets are saying it is a sign of a hard winter.

Mr. L. H. Curtis went to Greensboro Monday.

Messrs. Hugh Parks and G. C. Russell went to Charlotte one day last week.

ANOTHER NEW RAILROAD

Bonlee and Western to Come to Asheboro

Mr. H. A. Denson, of Bennett, in an article in the Chatham and Record, says that the Bonlee and Western Railroad will in the near future be extended from Bennett to Asheboro. The road later, Mr. Denson says will be built from Bonlee to Pittaborg, Chapel Hill and Durham. This is good news; we take it that Mr. Denson has obtained his information from the officials of the road.

\$25,000 Fire at Albemarle
A fire causing damage estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 broke out in the business section of Albemarle Saturday afternoon. The blaze started in the A. P. Harris building.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR HAS MANY EXHIBITS

The Randolph County Agricultural Fair began yesterday morning and will continue throughout the week. While the long drought the latter part of the summer has cut short the farm and garden products, yet the exhibits in this respect are most creditable indeed. Mr. Troy Redding is in charge.

The pantry department is in charge of Mrs. McLaurin Cranford and the art department in charge of Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, while Mrs. C. L. Cranford is in charge of the fancy work department.

As superintendent while J. M. Allen is in charge of cattle, and J. B. Humble of hogs.

Prof. Harbison has charge of the poultry exhibits.

T. F. Bulla is superintendent of the educational department.

Mr. W. W. Lindley is at the head of the dog exhibit.

Mrs. D. S. Coltrane and Miss Essie Ross has charge of Better Baby Contest. This department is in the residence of D. S. Coltrane across the street from the main entrance of the fair grounds.

Other ladies and gentlemen are actively participating in the fair. The foregoing list was obtained from the secretary.

Large crowds are in attendance and the exhibits in all the departments are not only most creditable to Randolph county, the largest wheat producing county in the state and the finest agricultural section, but they are excellent. The Courier which has done its best to give publicity to the fair welcomes one and all, and urges each and every one to visit the fair and carefully observe the various exhibits. In this way much of the activities of the tillers of the soil of this section can be seen.

The fair grounds are in the ball park in the western part of town on Oak Avenue, in what is known as Hammer Park.

The Courier will be glad to see its friends either at the fair grounds or in the office in the second story of the Law Building.

Serious Auto Accident Near Charlotte

One man is dead, another in a hospital in Charlotte, and three others in jail, as the result of an auto accident at Sugar Creek, two miles from Charlotte, Tuesday.

A touring car containing five "soldiers of fortune" and traveling at a high rate of speed, crashed into a horse ridden by a small boy, and was overturned. The rider was hurled through the air landing on top of the automobile. He shook himself and scurried away through the fields, apparently unhurt. His identity is unknown. The occupants of the car were Carl Wilson, of Durham and Norfolk, who was injured, though not seriously, Frank Harmon, of Cincinnati, who died after reaching the hospital, F. G. Molter, an ex-soldier, who gave his home as Torrington, Conn., H. J. Green, a sailor, of Live Oak, Fla., and John O. Boyle, a moulder, of St. Louis. The three latter are held in jail as witnesses. Wilson was driving the car. Some of the occupants were looking for work.

Trial Results in Fight at Thomasville

A hand to hand fight was staged on the main street in Thomasville last Friday as a result of Judge Howell K. Kyser, judge of the recorder's court, having had Willie Trotter up in court for driving a car while intoxicated. The judge was halted on the street by Charlie Trotter, father of the boy. A few angry words were passed and the men came to blows, but were soon parted with little personal injury to either.