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## COUNTY FAIR WILL OPEN SEPT. 24TH

Continues For Four Days and Nights—Friday, 24th, School Day—Get In Exhibits.

The Randolph County Fair opens Wednesday morning, September 24th and will continue through Saturday, the 27th, four days and four nights. The management has perfected its plans for the fair and everything will be in readiness on the 24th for the opening of the biggest and best fair ever held in the county. People from all over the county as well as adjoining counties are interested, and every indication is that the attendance this year will be unusually large and the exhibits more numerous and better than ever before.

Especially the agricultural and live stock exhibits are expected to surpass all former efforts. Already the known entries will make these departments bigger and better than they have ever been in the history of the county fair. The poultry show promises to be one of the chief features of the fair. More space has been provided for all exhibits and it is anticipated that all departments will show a decided improvement over former years.

The fair management especially calls attention to the changes in the fancy work department. Refer to the 1923 catalog for entries which will be added to those laid down in the 1924 catalog, or if the 1923 catalog has been mislaid and you are interested in entering an exhibit in this department write Mr. W. C. York, Asheboro, N. C., for full particulars. Entries may be made in table linens, bed linen, quilts, handkerchiefs, counterpane, and in the infant's and old ladies' sections in addition to those given in the 1924 catalog.

Up to 9 o'clock the opening day of the fair everybody will be admitted free of charge. Free parking space may be had just across the street from the fair grounds.

School day will be Friday, September 26th. All school children will be admitted free this day whether school has begun or not.

Attention is called to the fact that all exhibits must be in place by 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The fair management has engaged the Nardier Brothers Show for the duration of the fair. A number of free acts have been provided.

It is urged that every person in the county make an effort to attend the fair at some time during its duration. It is the management's policy of offering to the county what is being done along many different lines of endeavor whether you have an exhibit to make or not.

## Port and Ship Measure Is Economic Question

John G. Dawson, state chairman of the Democratic executive committee, has issued a statement in which he states that the state ship and water transportation is not a political question, but is an economic question. He says that the Democratic party as a political organization would act unwisely in taking sides on the proposition.

In concluding his statements the democratic leader asserted that "it will be my purpose that the democratic organization devote its energies to the regular issues now before the people, and that the state ship and water transportation question be left unhampered by partisan considerations."

Mr. Dawson declared that the matter would be thoroughly discussed and considered by the people before the general election and they would "doubtless record an intelligent verdict upon its merits. He discouraged any attempt to put the question before the voters as a matter for political arguments between the democrats and republicans during the coming campaign."

## ASHEBORO SCHOOL HAS GOOD OPENING

Largest Enrollment in History of School—Indications Point To Good Year's Work.

Monday morning, September 8th, the Asheboro city school opened with the largest attendance in the history of the school. The opening day, there were 819 pupils enrolled. The numbers of the students in the various grades were as follows: First, 121; second, 102; third, 115; fourth, 107; fifth, 76; sixth, 78; seventh, 57; eighth, 40; ninth, 51; tenth, 30; eleventh, 22.

Superintendent W. H. McMahan announced that things are already moving along nicely and will be running smoothly within a few days. This year there are two sessions instead of one, as was the case last year. The pupils march in the building at 8:30, and at 8:40 the tardy bell sounds. This is Western Union time. At noon there is an hour for lunch, from 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock, and at 3:00 and 3:15 in the afternoon pupils are dismissed.

The opening morning a large number of parents and friends of the school were present at the opening of the school, and while there was no chapel service, Mr. McMahan made a few announcements and welcomed the new teachers and pupils. All indications point toward a splendid year's work.

## Parents Are Invited To Meet Teachers Friday

The school committee of the Asheboro Woman's Club is arranging for all parents and guardians who have children in the school to meet at the school building Friday evening. This meeting is for the purpose of meeting the new teachers of the faculty and becoming better acquainted with the old teachers, thus making this the best year in the history of the school. Not only are the parents especially urged to come out on this occasion, but the school board as well will be present.

## Deflation Charged To Republicans

Gen. L. Shaver, chairman of the Democratic national committee, in a reply to Secretary Wallace's statement of September 4th, charging deflation and farm depression says: "It is apparent that the exigencies of partisan politics have pressed Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to reverse and stultify himself in the statements he issued on September 4, charging the last Democratic administration with responsibility for the deflation of agricultural prices and the consequent distress among American farmers. Mr. Wallace's latest explanation of the farmers' bankruptcy and poverty during the year, 1924, is a repetition of the Harding-Coolidge regime at least adds variety to his contributions on the subject. It is the fourth or fifth version of the farmers' sad plight he has offered since 1921.

"The true cause of the present and recent condition of agriculture is to be found in the deliberate policy of reverse pursued by Republicans themselves. The written record of their culpability will be cited. It begins with the resolution adopted by the Republican 66th Congress. This resolution was offered by Senator McCormick, Republican, of Illinois. Here it is:

"Resolved, that the federal reserve board be directed to advise the senate what steps it proposes to take or to recommend to the member banks of the federal reserve system to meet the existing inflation in currency and credit and the consequent high prices, and what further steps it proposes to take or to recommend to mobilize credits in order to move the 1919 crops."

"This resolution was not merely the undertaking of Senator McCormick as an individual Republican. It was part and parcel of the policy of his party. The Republican platform of 1920, adopted more than a year after the passage of Senator McCormick's resolution, contained this declaration:

"We pledge ourselves to an earnest and consistent attack upon the high cost of living by rigorous avoidance of further inflation in our government borrowing and by courageous and intelligent deflation of our over-expanded credit and currency."

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## LAY CORNERSTONE TRINITY SATURDAY

Masonic Ritual To Be Used—Prof. M. C. S. Noble Will Deliver the Address.

It has been announced by R. K. Stewart, Master of Numa F. Reid Lodge No. 344, A. F. and A. M., of High Point, that this lodge has accepted the invitation of the County Board of Education of Randolph county to lay the cornerstones of the new school building at Trinity, N. C.

The cornerstone ceremonies will be held on Saturday, September 13th, at 4:00 p. m. An interesting and impressive program has been arranged for under the leadership of Mr. Bruce Craven. Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the State University, will deliver the address.

The exercises will begin promptly at 4 p. m., and will be presided over by Supt. T. Fletcher Bulla of the county schools. Mr. L. F. Ross, Chairman of the County Board of Education, will then make the formal request for the Masonic ceremonies, and the cornerstone will be laid with the usual masonic ritual under the leadership of R. K. Stewart, Master of Numa F. Reid Lodge of High Point. Braxton Craven, founder of Trinity College, was one of the first members of the lodge, and the stone will contain the words "In memory of Braxton Craven."

The speaker will be introduced by Prof. J. Ralph Weaver, head of the Trinity township school, head of the limestone, which will be of limestone, will contain a copper box in which will be deposited a history of the institution, and other important data. On one side the stone will be inscribed with the Masonic Emblem and inscription, while the other will bear the words "In Memory of Braxton Craven", followed by the names of the members of the County Board of Education, Architect, etc.

The new building replaces the old Trinity college building and will be a modern structure to accommodate the High School for all of Trinity township, and the elementary grades for the town of Trinity.

Trinity High School, comprising the consolidated schools of the whole township providing for a population of two thousand people, will open on Monday, September 29th, the date opening being due to the necessity of teaching in private residences until the new building is ready on January 1.

Prof. W. C. Dula, Principal of the High School, will teach the languages, and the other high school teachers will be as follows: Miss Emma L. Chadfin, mathematics; Miss Florence Kirkman, history; Miss Ruth Hickerson, English; Miss Annie Groome, Science.

The teachers in the elementary school at Trinity will be Mrs. Kate Norment, first grade; Miss Mary Hogan, second; Miss Virginia Johnson, third; Miss Blanche Farlow, fourth; Miss Bessie Johnson, fifth; Miss Carrie Miller, sixth; Miss Cammie Vaughn, seventh.

For the Archdale school will be Mrs. Hunter Hannah, Principal, and Misses Nancy Singleton and Ruth Welborn.

Mr. Miller school, Misses Lena Thornton and Mary Trublood; and Miss Grace Burton at Prospect.

Music teacher for Trinity and Archdale, Mr. Harve Stahl.

## Methodist Episcopal Church Matters

(By W. H. Willis.)

Until further notice the hour for our evening services will be 7:30.

Rev. W. F. Womble, presiding elder, will preach next Sunday evening, and hold our fourth quarterly conference.

The writer officiated at the marriage service Monday of Henry Evans and Sara Garren, young people of the Caraway section.

Rev. G. W. Clay is conducting revival services at Farmer this week.

The pastor will be in his pulpit Sunday morning, and will preach on "Good Results from Looking into a Glass."

## Farmer Community Fair

The Community Fair at Farmer will be held on the 19th. People from all the surrounding sections are urged to bring something for exhibit. This Fair is not intended for Farmer alone but for the whole southwestern part of the county.

A table will be prepared for serving a picnic dinner, and everybody is urged to bring a basket, and let us make the occasion one of social pleasure, as well as educational value.

## FOUR COMMUNITY FAIRS NEXT WEEK

First at Seagrave Tuesday—On Succeeding Days at Flint Hill, Holly Springs, Farmer.

Four community fairs will be held in the county next week. The first of these fairs will be held at Seagrave next Tuesday, September 16th. This will be the first event of its kind held at Seagrave, the fair there having been organized this year. However, reports from the lower part of the county indicate that the fair will enjoy a good patronage. There is a large section of the county to be served by this community fair, and the fair management has put forth extra efforts to get all the people in the adjacent territory interested in the event.

On Wednesday, the 17th, the community fair at Flint Hill will be held for the second consecutive season. Thursday, the 18th, is the date for the fair at Holly Springs. Farmer fair will be held on Friday, the 19th.

Extensive preparations are being made for these fairs and every indication is that they will surpass all former efforts both in attendance and also in the number and quality of the exhibits.

These community fairs will have booths at the county fair which begins the 24th. An exhibit will be offered for the best community fair as a whole.

## Maine Goes Republican

Unofficial returns from the election held in the state of Maine Monday night show that the Republican candidate for governor by a majority of approximately 50,000 votes. They elected a Governor by a majority of 36,000, which was less than the normal Republican majority in the state. Four years ago the majority was about 66,000 and four years ago over 66,000 of our Republican candidates for Congress were elected.

## Married in Circuit Tent

An unusual setting for a marriage was that of the wedding of Miss Lila Bowman, of Climax, to Mr. Alfred G. Jobe, of Greensboro, which took place Thursday night of last week in the Bob Morton circus tent in Greensboro. The ring ceremony was officiated by Mr. Morton, who was the 66th marriage to take place under his tent during the years of his experience as a show man. Mrs. Jobe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bowman, of Climax. Mr. Jobe is a mechanic and holds a position with the Hodgkin Motor Company, at Greensboro.

## Alamance Democrats Name Ticket

The Democrats of Alamance county have named the following ticket for the fall election:

For Sheriff, C. D. Story; Register of Deeds, Ben M. Rogers; Surveyor, Lewis H. Holt; Coroner, Dr. R. M. Trolley; Legislature, W. S. Coulter; State Senate, Adrian M. Carroll; County Manager, W. O. Warren; County Commissioners, John T. Love, Dr. Chas. E. Kernode, J. Archie Long and R. B. Newlin.

## Chairman Dawson Against Debates

In a statement issued Friday afternoon Democratic Chairman John G. Dawson went on record as opposed to a joint discussion with the republicans by Angus Wilton McLean or any other democrat.

The republicans cannot discuss their own party record, and therefore would be forced to an effort to obstruct an honest and open consideration of the matters involved," he set forth, adding that the democratic party record can be better presented to the people when the speaker is "left free from participation in humorous and trivial subjects."

As Mr. McLean made the acceptance of the debate challenge of Col. M. Meekins, his republican opponent, subject to approval by the democratic executive committee, Mr. Dawson's statement serves as a rejection of that proposal or any other challenge that might come from the G. O. P. camp.

## Asheboro To Have Cash and Carry Grocery

The D. Fender Grocery Company, of Norfolk, Va., has leased to Mr. E. L. Hedrick the building now occupied by the Buick sales room, next door to Cox-Lewis Hardware Company on Depot street, for the purpose of opening up a cash and carry grocery. Work will be started immediately in the installation of the furniture and fixtures necessary to the display and arrangement of the stock to be carried. The D. Fender Grocery Company operates a chain of 175 cash and carry grocery stores throughout North Carolina, and Eastern Virginia under the name of the Fender Stores. The company has a reputation of carrying quality groceries at low prices.

## MORRISON OPENS FIGHT FOR PORTS

Says State Is Dependent on Railroads—Confident Port Development Will Pay.

Governor Cameron Morrison launched the campaign for the development of ports and water commerce for North Carolina at Rockingham Monday night and devoted his speech of an hour and a half to show the people why water transportation is essential. He made an earnest appeal for public support of the program of the state port and ship commission's program.

The Governor stated in the opening of his address that "our one weakness is that we have only one mode of transportation for the ever-increasing commerce of our agricultural, industrial, and commercial life." "Our only means of transportation is by rail for long and short hauls, and sometimes by truck on short hauls." But, according to the Governor, we should not be content with rail transportation alone, but should develop and use the 2,000 miles of waterways in the state in order that we may have additional service.

He cited the development of water transportation and port facilities in Maine, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia and other states, which have voted money for ports, and wherever it has been done it has been a paying proposition to the people of these states.

By way of showing that water transportation development is not a new departure he cited the democratic national platform which he says makes a clear-cut declaration for development of inland waterways. He also asserted that Calvin Coolidge and John W. Davis are in the present campaign advocating the development of these inland waterways. The Governor stated that the state is paying an annual freight bill of \$55,000,000 and referred to what he declared to be a move on the part of railroads to increase the freight by ten million dollars. Freight rates are 33 1-3 per cent higher "in this state than in Virginia. He pointed out that the people pay the freight bill, but do not pay tax for the support of the state government for the reason that the state taxes have been taken off the great mass of the people.

The Governor expressed confidence that the port and terminal development would pay for itself, pointing out that it has done so everywhere else. The state's factories turn out tonnage than that of the states of Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia combined. He stated that "we cannot now build a city on our own shores, although we are building magnificent ones in Virginia, because we sit down and refuse to use the opportunities God gave us."

Concluding with a reference to the state-owned ship feature of the proposed port terminal development, the Governor declared many people register their fears over that possible undertaking when everyone knows that the state's factories turn out tonnage than that of the states of Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia combined. He stated that "we cannot now build a city on our own shores, although we are building magnificent ones in Virginia, because we sit down and refuse to use the opportunities God gave us."

The Governor proposes to be on the stump practically every day between now and election on the subject of the port terminal development of the state. The matter will be submitted to a vote of the people in the fall election for ratification or rejection. The proposition calls for the issuing of \$7,000,000 in bonds for the purpose of developing ports and necessary facilities for the building of a half for the purchase of ships.

## To The Art Patrons

We hope to make the Art Department one of the most attractive, as well as the best exhibits of the fair this year, and those in charge of the department earnestly request all those having exhibits to please bring or send in time to enter. This applies to anyone in Randolph county. Get your fair book and read carefully all the things listed in this department.

Best of care taken of exhibits.

MRS. J. T. UNDERWOOD, Supt.  
MRS. J. G. CRUTCHFIELD, Asst.  
MRS. J. D. ROSS, Asst.

## Assaults Wife With Hatchet

Mrs. J. F. Allred is lying in a critical condition in Dr. Wesley Long's hospital as the result of an assault by her husband Monday afternoon. The couple lived on the High-Point Greensboro road in the "Palmer's Tent" and in the absence of the owner of the tent, Mrs. J. Harrison, who is in Kentucky attending the fair, Allred had been attending to the business. From appearances, Mr. and Mrs. Allred had just finished a meal when Mr. Allred assaulted his wife with a hatchet, which was thrown up in the air and struck the skull just behind the right ear. It was only by a small margin that the large blood vessel inside the head was missed, and the brain was exposed. Mrs. Allred was picked up by a car and taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed for later her husband was taken to the city jail where he is being held without bond.

## Youthful Slayers Get Life-Term Sentence

Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., and Richard A. Loeb, two sons of millionaires of Chicago, tried for the kidnaping and murder of a schoolboy neighbor, Robert Franks, were yesterday morning sentenced to life term in the penitentiary by Judge John E. Calvery. The trial was long drawn out and there was much speculation as to the outcome.

## MT. OLIVET ITEMS

The young people from his section who have left for school are: Misses Ola and May Wynn, to Elise High School; Misses Gertrude and Swannia Bray, to Ennsworth High School; and Miss Maude Lee Tyson, to Greensboro College.

Mr. G. W. Teague and family attended the old soldiers' reunion at Silver City last week. They were accompanied by Mr. L. O. Sugg and Miss Maudie Sugg.

Miss Nellie Sugg will leave the last of this week for Eagle Springs where she will spend the summer vacation. Her mother, Mrs. Sugg, will accompany her to the mountains.

## DEMOCRATS SHOWING POLITICAL STRATEGY

Davis Will Not Campaign In Far West—Republicans Fear Election of Democrats.

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, September 8.—John Davis' decision not to carry his campaign personally into the far West and Pacific Coast states is interpreted here by some democrats to mean that in those former Republican strongholds where LaFollette has shown greater strength than Davis Democrats will be encouraged to throw their votes to the progressive ticket in order to defeat Coolidge. Every Western state where Davis is believed to have a fighting chance will be contested by the Democrats but states like California, Oregon, Washington and the Rocky Mountain group where in many instances straw votes show the progressive ticket running ahead of Coolidge and the Democrats showing a poor third word will be passed to the Democrats when they need it, what to do to elect Davis.

Such a policy will of course be officially denied but it is admitted at headquarters here that Mr. Davis cannot in a few short weeks campaign convince the West that he is a progressive. What there is of the Democratic party in most of the states west of the Mississippi River is closer to LaFollette than to Davis. LaFollette's selection of Senator Wheeler of Montana as running mate and the defeat of W. G. McAdoe in the New York convention have practically put the Democrats out the race in the far West.

Therefore, good political strategy for the Democrats at this time is to encourage the third party where it has a chance to defeat the Republicans and where the Democrats have no chance. There are two good reasons for this strategy: Democrats have been able to work with the LaFollette progressives in all internal tax legislation and the tariff and there is small chance that the LaFollette party can capture the Presidency in the November election.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the Democrats to ignore all attacks made upon the party by Senators Wheeler and LaFollette. Mr. Davis in none of his speeches so far has made any direct allusion to the third party and Chairman Shaver has charged the Republican party with being wholly responsible for the existence of this new party. LaFollette, he pointed out, is the natural bitter fruit of Republican domination of the government for so many years.

On the other hand practically all the speeches of important Republican leaders since the opening of the campaign have contained ferocious attacks upon the candidates of this new party. James M. Beck, the present Solicitor General of the Coolidge administration, told a Republican gathering here that the Democratic candidates were not in the race this time and the one danger that he saw was the possibility that LaFollette would receive enough votes to throw the election into congress with three months uncertainty as to who would be the next President with a panic in the meantime. If congress had to determine who should occupy the White House Mr. Beck foresaw a cloud of bribery and debauchery encompass Capitol Hill.

Mr. Beck finally admitted the real cause of his fear was that if LaFollette and Wheeler were allowed to go on gathering votes in the country would be delivered into the hands of the bandit Bryan Brothers. "Bill and Brother Charlie," and the devil would now be to pay. The Democrats have no chance but with Daves and Beck the spectre of "Brother Charlie" always finally looms upon the horizon and the Bill of Old is spilled in the back ground with gnashing teeth.

Even President Coolidge is beginning to see red. In the shadow of the new statue of LaFayette in Baltimore, the President warns the country against the assaults of socialism and the red dragon upon the constitution. Senator Wheeler will doubtless call on LaFayette, one of the leaders of the French Revolution to reply to this speech of the President. The real fear of the Republicans is not the election of Robert M. LaFollette or Charles W. Bryan to the Presidency but of John W. Davis. They are now using these scarecrow to keep Davis off the reservation. If Davis succeeds in working up any real enthusiasm before the election, the Republicans, it is believed here, will attempt with the spectres of LaFollette and Bryan to stage a panic.

## COMMISSION NAILS MEEKINS' CHARGES

Supervision of Banks Not Political Question—Percentage Compared.

Isaac M. Meekins, Republican candidate for Governor, made a charge in his speech at Asheboro that the supervision of the state banks has been careless, and went on to state the large number of bank failures in comparison with national bank failures. He has continued to make this charge wherever he has made a speech. A statement issued Saturday by the Corporation Commission shows that losses to depositors, through the failure of national banks during 1923 were double to losses to depositors in the failure of state banks.

Fifteen of the 535 State banks, with resources of \$2,195,998 failed during the year, while three of the 83 National banks, with resources of \$4,501,550 collapsed. There are seven times as many State banks as National banks, though the proportion of credit belongs anywhere, the Commission says, it belongs to the failure of the National banks, and the more so because State banks are allowed to exist for the service of the people, in weak communities where a National bank would not be chartered.

## No Political Issue

Supervision of banks is not a matter that should be concerned with politics, the statement declares, exploring the fact that such mischievous subjects have been brought into the discussion. The statement reads:

"Col. Isaac Meekins, Republican candidate for Governor, has been reported in the press as criticizing the supervision of State banks in this State, on account of failures of State banks and is reported to have set up a comparison of the small number of failures of National banks and the larger number of failures of State banks as condemning the State banking system. It is regrettable that comparisons of this character should be made for partisan purposes. There is no politics in the supervision of either State or National banks. Supervision of both systems of banks is carried on through expert bank examiners who follow almost identical systems of examination and supervision, and any effort to discredit or undermine either system by comparison with the other is unjustified and mischievous.

"There were only seven failures of State banks in this State last year and only three failures of National banks. Does this discredit the State banking system or its supervision? Not at all. If it discredits either, it would discredit the National system; for while there were exactly five times as many State banks that failed, there are nearly seven times as many National banks in the State and the percentage of State banks was less than of National banks. There are 535 State banks and only 83 National banks. The failure of several of the State banks was the direct result of the failure of National banks.

"The State banks that failed in 1923 had total capital stock of \$270,560 and the total capital stock of National banks in the State that failed in 1923 was \$326,000.

"The resources of State banks failed in 1923 were \$2,195,998; total resources of National banks in the State that failed in 1923, \$4,501,550.

"It should also be borne in mind, when comparative criticism of this character is offered, that the liberality of the State banking system has encouraged and developed banking facilities and conveniences in the small towns all over the State, where National banks would not be permitted to operate, and upon small capitalization that would not be permitted under the National system.

"In several States of the Union there were more bank failures in the one year of 1923 than in all the history of both State and National banks in North Carolina. The large number of failures of both State and National banks in North Carolina and in other States where such failures have been in much greater proportion than in North Carolina, have been in large part due to the rapidly fluctuating and radically changing economic conditions that have prevailed, and it should be assumed that both State and National banks and bank supervisors will profit by these experiences. Criticism for purely partisan purposes will not help."

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