

CATAWBA FAIR DATES ARE SELECTED BY DIRECTORS

Last Week in September Chosen for Big Event
Premium Committee to Work on Better Prizes for Exhibits--Enthusiastic Meeting of Directors Held.

The directors of the Catawba Fair association met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon to hear a report of the committees on date and premium list. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held by the association, and work will be pushed from this on as it has never been pushed before.

President N. W. Clark, in opening the meeting, said it was important to settle the date of the fair at this meeting; that dates have already been selected by near-by communities for their fairs, and the only open dates were the last week in October or the last week in September. After considerable discussion it was decided to take September 25, 26, 27 and 28. This, it was contended, would be late enough to insure a good display of field crops, and would come in at a time that would be most advantageous to the farmers.

The matter of free admission on the first day of the fair was discussed at length, and it was the consensus of opinion that the only free admission on that day would be up to noon for exhibitors to place their exhibits.

The president asked for the sense of the directors on the creation of an executive committee, stating that many things came up that called for quick action and he did not feel like assuming too much responsibility; to secure a quorum of the directors as many of them lived out of town. Mr. Geo. E. Bisnar said he did not think such a committee necessary; that the association had officers they could trust, and in ordinary matters their judgment was all that would be necessary.

Farm Demonstrator Mask said he contemplated organizing all over the county a string of community fairs that would be held about a week preceding the Hickory fair. The winners of premiums at these community fairs would then compete with each other for premiums at our big fair, and the final winner take the exhibit to the state fair at Raleigh. It is proposed to have at least one community fair in each township, and, if possible, bring in some from our neighboring counties. This movement, it was claimed, would arouse the greatest interest all over the county, and result in the best exhibits ever held here.

Miss Mary Rowe, assistant county superintendent, was present, and said that with the perfecting of her organization of the canning clubs and sewing clubs she felt assured that those departments would make a good showing this fall, and she suggested that the fair association put up tent inside the fair grounds to accommodate the boys' clubs and girls' clubs, in uniforms, perhaps, to act as assistants to the directors of the different departments. This would not only be of great help to the fair association, but would be splendid training for these boys and girls who would probably be the future managers of Hickory's fairs.

Chairman Mask, of the premium list committee, announced the following apportionment of work for that committee, with instructions that each member get busy at once and be prepared to report at a meeting of this committee at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday, March 22, at 2:30 p. m.:

H. B. Mask—Field and garden crops.

G. E. Long—Educational.

H. P. Lutz—Dairy cattle, John Mouser—Horses and mules.

Miss Mary Rowe—Pantry department and canning clubs.

A. K. Joy—Manufacturers' display.

L. M. Bollinger—Hogs and sheep.

WILSON AMAZED AT PROPOSAL TO STRIKE

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 14.—President Wilson is amazed at the proposal of a nationwide railroad strike at this juncture of international affairs. It was stated authoritatively today that he expected railroads and men at their conference tomorrow to consider the state of the country's foreign relations and make every effort to agree. It is possible that he may appeal to both sides on that ground. Today the president was in touch with the situation through Secretary Wilson.

MUSICAL COMEDY AT THE HUB THURSDAY NIGHT

Tom Holland's Musical Comedy featuring "The Dainty Maids" of melody will commence a three nights engagement at the Hub theatre Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. There are eleven people in the company, mostly pretty girls. This is said to be one of the best little musical comedy tabloid shows that has come this way for some time. Good Pathe pictures will be run in connection with the show and popular prices will prevail. Watch for our big ad in this paper Thursday evening.

NEWTON POWER OFF; PAPERS NOT PUBLISHED

The power lines or transmitters were out of commission at a junction this week and as a result the Enterprise and Catawba News printing houses had no electricity to drive their motors. Both papers missed publication Tuesday, and everything was thought to be all right again Tuesday night when another transformer blew out. The light and power folks promise service Thursday. In the meantime the linotype of the Hickory Record will be running tonight in order to set up enough straight type for publication Friday in case there should be more trouble at Newton.

MR. J. H. McLELLAND DIES AT NEWTON

Funeral service of Mr. J. H. McLelland, prominent business man of Newton, whose death occurred Tuesday, was held here at the Presbyterian church there Wednesday at 11 o'clock. He was 65 years of age and is survived by his widow.

Mr. McLelland came to Newton many years ago and at once assumed a prominent place in the business and social life of the community. He served as register of deeds several years ago, and was one of the best and most highly esteemed citizens of the county.

He had been secretary of the Newton Building and Loan Association practically since its organization, and was an elder in the Presbyterian church and his loss will be felt by the whole county.

SALISBURY SELECTED FOR CONVENTION CITY

Salisbury was awarded the 1917 convention of the Woodmen of the World in session this week at New Bern, according to special to morning newspapers. Hickory's delegates had asked for the convention, but Salisbury had more votes.

JINGOISM AND PATRIOTISM

This country is not ablaze with enthusiasm for war, but glowing with determination. That's the difference between jingoism and patriotism. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MILLINERY OPENINGS DRAW MANY LADIES

This was millinery opening day in Hickory and, though the weather was raw, it was not too bad to keep the ladies from attending in large numbers. The styles were as attractive this year as ever, and some of the showings were enough to delight the eye of any miss or matron. The milliners have taken unusual pains with the spring offerings and all the novelties of the season are on display.

FRENCH SNAIL FARMERS MAKING GOOD FORTUNES

(By Associated Press)
Paris, March 5.—French snail farmers are making tidy fortunes out of the war. More than half the French supply of this delicacy has been cut off by the German occupation of Luxembourg, Belgium and Northern France, and the market price has risen accordingly. The demand for snails has also been stimulated by the new food regulations, which class snails with oysters as a "hors d'oeuvre" of which one may eat as much as one wishes.

As many as a half a million snails worth \$5 to \$10 a thousand, can be reared on an acre of land. They have to be fed only once a day, preferably in the evening. A bed of 100,000 snails will consume a wagon load of cabbage in a few minutes, and the noise which they make at their repast is like nothing else in the world.

COUNCIL MAKES PLANS FOR STREETS

Mr. J. N. Amber of Winston-Salem Tuesday night was awarded the engineering work in connection with the building of new permanent streets in Hickory, city council selecting him in a competition with Mr. Gilbert C. White of Durham and Messrs. Reed Tull and Harwood Beebe, former A. and M. football stars, and engineers now employed on construction at Granite Falls. Mr. Amber's bid was 3 1/2 per cent on the cost of construction, Messrs. Tull and Beebe 4 per cent and Mr. White's 6 per cent. Bids will be made of Thirtieth street in the improvement district and it is hoped to start work as soon as practicable.

Messrs. A. K. Joy and W. A. Self, representing the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before council and asked that the lean-to erected at the rear of Mr. P. A. Miller's livery stable be removed. This shack is on the Southern Railway's right of way, is said to have been put up during the night and, in the opinion of Mr. Self was a clear case of trespass. The Southern had authorized the city to have the shed removed, and council instructed City Manager Ballew to proceed forthwith.

The question of the Brookford road came up informally, but it was the sense of the board that Hickory would stand its part of the cost with the Brookford mill people and the township road commission.

REASONS FOR HAVING A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public libraries have without doubt become an essential part of a public education system and are as clearly useful as the public schools. They are not only classed with schools but have generally become influential adjuncts of the public schools.

The main purpose of the library is to counteract and check the circulation and influence of the empty and not infrequently vicious books that are so rife.

The economical reason for establishing free public libraries is the fact that public officers and public taxation to manage and support them efficiently will make them available to the largest number of readers. It will make Hickory a more desirable place of residence and thus retain the best citizens and attract others of the same character.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. Jas. I. Good of Philadelphia will deliver an illustrated lecture tonight at 7:30 at the Reformed church on the 400th anniversary of the Reformation. Dr. Good spent many years in the archives of Europe gathering material for a history of the Reformation, and, owing to the fact that he has a wide knowledge of profane as well as secular history, his lecture will be brimming with information. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Good delivered his lecture in Newton Tuesday night before an audience that taxed the capacity of the church and reports from there say it was splendid. It is hoped that Hickory people will turn out in large numbers.

SOLOMON RULES AS HEAD OF ZULU FOLKS

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 14.—General Botha, prime minister of the Union of South Africa, has recognized Solomon, the hereditary chief of the Zulus, as administrative head of the tribe, a step which, students here expect, will bring about peace between the warring natives in the British colony.

How Solomon was given the task is interesting. The prime minister, who is also minister of native affairs, summoned Solomon—son of the once famous Dinizulu and grandson of Cetewayo—and informed him that he had decided to appoint him to administer the Zulu tribes. General Botha told him that he was being sent back to his father's district "to maintain peace and not to make trouble. You must understand very clearly that you are not being sent to raise military kraals or impis. I want peace now and rest of the Zulu nation."

Solomon is to be directly responsible to the government for the tribe, and he was urged to promote education and do everything possible to improve its position and character.

TARIFF COMMISSION NAMED BY WILSON

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 14.—President Wilson today named the following as members of the tariff commission: Prof. Frank W. Taussing of Harvard University; former Representative David J. Lewis of Cumberland, Md.; former Representative William Kent of Kentfield, Cal.; Daniel C. Roper of McCall, S. C.; E. P. Costigan of Denver, Col.; and W. S. Culbertson of Emporia, Kansas.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
	Open	Close
March	18.00	17.70
May	18.00	17.60
July	17.78	17.47
October	17.92	16.74
December	17.03	16.85

HICKORY MARKETS		
	Open	Close
Cotton	17.75	17.75
Wheat	2.00	2.00

CHICAGO WHEAT		
	Open	Close
March	1.14	1.14
May	1.14	1.14
July	1.14	1.14
October	1.14	1.14
December	1.14	1.14

THE PRINCESS VISITS HICKORY

The local motion pictures made of Hickory and the people, showing manufacturing plants, etc. will be shown at the Hub theatre March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Three days in connection with some other good pictures to be selected. Don't forget the dates and be sure and come and see Hickory in three days to give all a chance to see it before it is taken away. This will be your only chance to see it, so don't miss the opportunity.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Local rains tonight. Colder in the extreme west portion and warmer in central and southeast portions. Thursday fair and somewhat colder interferred moderate east winds becoming variable.

TEN AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED STEAMER

(By Associated Press)
New York, March 14.—The American teamship Algonquin with 10 Americans aboard, was sunk by a German submarine on March 12 with the loss of vessels and cargo of \$7,000,000.

The American officers received notice of the sinking of the ship through cables. Twenty-seven members of the crew were reported safe.

Formerly a Canadian owned vessel under British registry, the Algonquin was transferred to the American flag last December when she was purchased by the American Star line.

FRENCH MOTHER DID NOT KNOW SON WAS HERO

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, March 15.—Madame Nungesser, mother of the French aviator who has brought down twenty-one German aeroplanes, has just reached Paris in a party of elderly Frenchwomen repatriated from the invaded northern territory of France. She was in complete ignorance of her son's achievements in the war, which have made him one of the great popular war heroes.

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Another Great Retreat by Germans on Somme is Recounted in Late News

(By Associated Press)
Another great retreat by the Germans on the Somme front is in progress. The consequent British advance has brought them almost to the outskirts of Bapaume, the speedy fall of which is expected.

The high ridge west of the town is now in British hands, the Germans having abandoned their great defenses here on a front of three and a half miles.

Various theories are given for the movement here. The theory that von Hindenburg is withdrawing his troops in the hope of forcing the British into the open, where they might be trapped, is put forth in Berlin.

If von Hindenburg's attempt was to entrap the British, his attempt was frustrated by the British tactics, according to Paris critics. They say the Germans, beginning to retreat as a strategic operation to interfere with the British plan for offensive, were compelled to continue their progress by the British, who have not given them a chance to stop.

Berlin's official report of the last few days does not mention the retreat in the Somme region. It says the British operations there last night on the Ancre sector were repulsed.

Fighting of a notable character is in progress on the Franco-Belgian front, not the least significance possibly is a French operation in the St. Mihiel region southeast of Verdun. The French in an attack late yesterday made an attack on the position, capturing one point. The Germans admit that one of their posts here was pushed back in new attacks on the hotly contested positions near Maisons de Champagne and have made fresh progress themselves in this region.

The Turks apparently are still in retreat up the Tigris. They announce the evacuation of that city indirectly, recording a Turkish retirement from the south of Bagdad to a point between Bagdad and Samarra, which latter place is on the Tigris about 75 miles northwest of Bagdad.

On the Russian front the operations have consisted mostly of raids. On the Macedonian front, however, there seems to be a movement by the entente in force. Berlin reports assaults north of Monastir. All the attacks failed, according to Berlin.

ROBBERS SHOOT PAYMASTER TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)
Cleveland, March 14.—Cuyler Mowrey, paymaster for N. J. Rich and Company, knit goods manufacturer, was shot and killed by two automobile bandits in front of the Rich factory today. The robbers secured \$5,400 and escaped.

ATTENTION BARACAS AND PHILATHEAS

It is not too early to begin talking "convention" in your class. As most of you know it will be held in Asheville this year, May 17-20 and there should be a large delegation from Hickory. The following is taken from the March Herald:

"Two special and very attractive features for the benefit of those who will attend the convention have already been provided. An organ recital will be given at the convention at Grove Park Inn—the finest resort hotel in the world, on Saturday, May 19th. It is worth a trip to Asheville just to see Grove Park Inn and the beautiful scenery about it. In addition to this treat arrangements have been made to set aside Monday following the convention as Baracas Philathea day on Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountain. Many of the delegates will want to take advantage of this opportunity of visiting this famous peak, and of revealing in the beauty and grandeur of its scenery.

But in thinking of the many good things that are in store for us in Asheville, let's not forget that the real purpose of our going has to do with the Master's business. The beautiful scenery in its beautiful spring setting, the royal good time that will be afforded up by as hospitable people as are on earth, and the outing, are all side issues and the anticipation of the pleasures that are allowed to eclipse in our minds the real purpose of our going."

Take this matter up in your classes as soon as possible and keep it before them.

POSTMASTER AT HENDERSON

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 14.—President Wilson today nominated Isaac J. Young to be postmaster at Henderson, N. C.