

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FAIR WEEK IN MOUNT AIRY

Preparations Being Made For Biggest and Best Fair in History of Asso.

MANY NEW FEATURES

Large Premium List Has Attracted Many Exhibits—Seventy-Four Race Horses Booked to Enter Contest for Big Prizes.

Next week is fair week in this city and indications point to the largest attendance in the eleven years that the fair has been held under the management of Edw. M. Linville. The fair now has a large corps of assistants on the job getting everything in readiness for the opening next Tuesday morning and for four days and four nights there will be a season of entertainment, amusement and instruction such as this section has never before witnessed.

No money has been spared in an effort to make this the greatest fair possible, the management has secured the best attractions that are on the road and the success of the fair is already assured.

The race program is one of the best to be offered by any fair on the circuit and the prizes offered have attracted the sign-up of 74 race horses. Some of the fastest animals on the track have been booked and with the splendid track that we have some records are sure to be broken. The track here is known all over the country as one of the fastest dirt tracks built and when the races are staged in Mount Airy racers always look forward to the breaking of some former record. Thus the word goes out to the world that certain records were broken on Mount Airy's splendid track and at the same time our people are privileged to witness some of the most thrilling events in the racing world.

Secretary Linville has a large number of assistants who are looking after the exhibits that will be placed on display in the main exhibition building. Here a large collection of farm and home grown products will be on exhibit. The large amount of premium money that is offered the people of the country for their exhibits this year has caused them to take great pains in the selection of articles and the building bids fair to be full of articles.

The following departments have been set aside for the display of exhibits: Agricultural Department under the direction of J. Luther Wood. In this department the live-at-home exhibit will be one of the features where one will see the large number of articles that it is possible to grow on the farm. Premiums for this exhibit alone run as high as \$50.00. County agents are also given a booth for the display of county exhibits.

The Fruit Department will be managed by J. B. Sparger and the display of all kinds of fruits is given much encouragement by liberal premiums. On the second floor of the building Mrs. J. D. McCollum will manage the Needlework Department, where there will be on display a wonderful array of handwork by the ladies.

One of the fast growing departments of the fair is the Poultry. A great revival of interest in this line has arisen in this county and never before have the people shown so much interest in any one subject as they have in poultry for the past two or three years. The people have made great progress in this line and the exhibits at the fair will bring many revelations to those who have not been actively engaged in the poultry line.

The Dog Show under the direction of Walter Banner will prove one of the features of the fair. There is some of the finest blood around this city that can be had and the sportsmen take great pride in the display of their fine blooded canines.

The Pantry Department will prove one of the most interesting features of the week, for you can count on the women folk bringing in large quantities of their canned goods and pantry supplies.

The Flower and Education Departments will be located on the second floor of the building and here will be found many things of interest to the public.

The general admission for the fair is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. What is known as thrift tickets will be sold this year, four for \$1.50. They are transferable and can be used by any one. After the fair begins the sale of thrift tickets will be discontinued and only the regular admission tickets can be purchased. The thrift tickets can be purchased from Stuart Lowrey at the Bank of Mount Airy where Secretary Linville has them on hand.

The midway will be supplied by the famous Nat Reis Shows. M. J. Donahue, advance agent for the shows, is now in the city assisting the management in getting everything in readiness for the opening day. This show has the reputation of being right at the top in the matter of high class entertainment. Mr. Donahue says his company has added many new features to their already large collection and they are continually striving for a better show and midway. There is nothing objectionable and unclean about their entertainments and wherever they have gone they have been praised for the high class exhibitions they have staged. They are bringing here many forms of amusement among them being two ferris wheels, a merry-go-round, the whip, caterpillar, merry-mix-up, and the hay-day. The hay-day ride is one of the latest features to be offered the public and is said to be one of the most sensational features of the midway.

Secretary Linville has also secured the services of a dozen or more troupes who will do the free act stunts. The success that he has made of each succeeding fair is proof that the fair this year will be even greater and better than any previous one. Lay aside the cares and duties of a busy life for a week, make your plans to take in the fair, and enjoy the week by meeting your friends at the fair ground beginning next Tuesday.

Revival Services To Be Held At First Baptist Church.

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin in the First Baptist Church, this city, on Sunday, October 3, 1926. The preacher for this occasion will be Dr. T. Clagett Skinner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Skinner is one of the strongest pastors and preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention, holding strong pastorates and leading in evangelistic meetings as opportunities permitted.

The church is indeed fortunate in being able to secure his services at this time, as this is the first meeting, outside his pastorate at Lynchburg, he has accepted since going to that important field.

He did a notable work in the old First Church at Columbia and his work has started off in a most auspicious way at Lynchburg. If you desire to hear a man with a deeply spiritual message backed up by a life just as spiritual you must hear Dr. Skinner. If you hear him once you will want to hear him many times during his stay in Mount Airy.

The music for this meeting will be led by local talent; the congregational singing under the leadership of the pastor. Make your plans to attend as many of the services as you can. Don't forget the dates of the meeting, October 3-17.

Mr. and Mrs. Pace In New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pace are now occupying their new residence on Church street next to W. E. Woodruff's residence.

The house is bungalow style with seven rooms, hardwood floors, breakfast alcove, two baths, and other modern conveniences.

Tobacco Going High As Week's Sales End

Greenville Average is \$25.55, Almost Double The Price Paid Last Year.

Greenville, Sept. 11.—The Greenville tobacco market for its first week of the present season broke all previous sale records as to the number of pounds sold and only one season before has the average price equalled the same period for the first four days of the opening.

The market sold this week 2,772,498 pounds for an average of \$25.55, which was nearly a million pounds more than what was sold the first week last year, and the average price was almost doubled, as figures for last season show \$14.51. This week there were \$708,828.47 paid out to the growers while for the same period last year the total sum for the week was only \$276,714.98.

The growers continued the marketing of their inferior grades, and each day's sales were principally of the very commonest of primings. The good tobaccos have not put in their appearance and it is not expected that much of these grades will be offered for three or four weeks yet although the small quantity sold has brought good prices.

The fourth set of buyers which was added this year has prevented block sales this week, and with this addition it would require over a million pounds to block the market.

Rocky Mount's Average For Opening Week Was \$25.46.

Rocky Mount, Sept. 11.—Official figures for sales on the Rocky Mount tobacco market for the opening week, which started Tuesday, as announced today by the tobacco board of trade, show that \$11,816 pounds were sold here at an average of \$25.46 per hundred pounds during the four days period.

While the total offerings were considerably less this week than for the first week last season, the price represented a gain of more than 10 cents a pound.

Large Increase in Farmville Prices.

Farmville, Sept. 11.—The Farmville tobacco market closed its first week's sales for the season with satisfactory figures. The number of pounds sold during the week were 882,394 for \$226,106.42. The average price was 25.74. The difference between this and last year's first week was \$11.86 last year's average being only \$15.10.

Enfield Claims To Be Leading In Price.

Enfield, Sept. 11.—Enfield's tobacco market has led the State with the highest average, according to all data published to date. The market has sold 230,006 pounds for \$63,031.18, at an average of \$27.39 per hundred. The tobacco board of trade, Kiwanis Club and business houses are backing the market to the limit. Business is brisk and both farmers and business men are enthusiastic over the high prices. The offerings consist mostly of primings.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned From the Files of The Mount Airy News 21 Years Ago This Week

The Mount Airy schools opened Monday with an attendance of 600.

Rev. E. M. Taylor writes an appreciation of the life and work of his fellow minister, Rev. E. B. Hines, who passed away August 23, 1905.

In a large advertisement The West-Hill Co. announces the closing of their retail business, going into the wholesale line exclusively.

The following produce prices were paid 21 years ago this week: Apples 25 to 55c, cabbage \$1.00, Hens 8c, butter 14c, country hams 14c, eggs 14c, dried apples 2c, wheat 90c.

Financial reports of the two banks show total resources of \$390,000. (Today they have a combined total of \$3,000,000.)

S. M. Hale purchased a large lot on Pender Ave. and started the erection of a 12 room residence.

N. W. Dobbins purchased the J. L. Ashby residence and moved from White Plains to this city.

John A. Young offers for sale a number of pure bred Jersey calves.

Two New Citizens Added to Surry

Two Men See The State For Citizenship Following Conviction Of Crime.

The last term of Dobson Court by its action added two new citizens to the voting list of this county. D. G. Baker, of Sileram and G. H. Goodson, of Round Peak. Both men are past 60 and long since served their time in the state's prison.

The case of Baker is unique for this day and time especially on account of the heavy penalty that was inflicted upon him. Back in the days when he was convicted stealing was counted one of the most serious crimes against society that any one could commit, and one caught in the act, regardless of the amount of goods he secured, was most sure to be dealt with harshly. The people in those days did not consider so much what the thief got but rather that he tried to get something that did not belong to him. In Baker's case he was convicted at the April term, 1896, of Dobson court, of stealing a package of turnip seed from the store of old man Dick Reeves, at Sileram and was sentenced to 12 months in the state prison by Judge McNeil. Baker was later hired out to a construction company who used him to help build the old C. F. & Y. V. railroad between Mount Airy and Wilmington. Baker spent most of his time working in McKinney's cut.

Goodson is now 70 years old and his case originated about 15 years ago, when he was sent to prison for several years on the charge of incest. He served his time and has since lived in the Round Peak section.

When one is convicted of a crime that calls for a sentence in the state's prison it automatically takes from them their rights of citizenship, barring them from voting or holding office. In order to be restored a suit against the state must be brought in the Superior Court and it requires the testimony of five men that the person has been a man of good character for five years after the completion of his sentence to be restored to his former status.

MEET INSTANT DEATH AT A GRADE CROSSING

Young Men Were Mangled Beyond Recognition When Extricated From Wreckage.

Fayetteville, Sept. 8.—E. C. Bethune, Lakeland, Fla., and Burney Smith, of Goldsboro, met instant death in a crossing accident at Walter's siding on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, near Smithfield. The car occupied by Bethune and Smith was struck by passenger train No. 33, running from Richmond to Fayetteville. The bodies of both men were mangled beyond recognition when they were extricated from the mass of wreckage to which the automobile was reduced. The pilot of the engine was considerably broken up in the collision and the train four hours late in its terminus here, arriving at 1:20 this morning.

Bondsmen For Surry County Officials Resist Payment

Men Who Secured The County By Going On Floyd Eldridge's Bond Now Claim They Are Not Liable. Other Court News.

In Dobson Superior Court last week the bondsmen who signed the bond of Floyd Eldridge, former county treasurer, through their attorneys, W. M. Jackson and J. F. Hendren, asked that they be relieved from any liability. There are 27 men living in Elkin and the country above who signed the bond of Mr. Eldridge when he assumed the office of treasurer. When Mr. Eldridge went out of office he was short some \$20,000 which he lost in the bank failure at Elkin and in stock purchased in a Wilmington fertilizer concern. After three years of litigation the county secured a note from Mr. Eldridge for the shortage, same being secured by his bondsmen. Later Mr. Eldridge turned all his property over to his bondsmen and they have sold it and reduced the amount due the county to about \$12,000.

Mr. Eldridge owned one of the largest farms in the county at Zephyr, and was comfortably situated for a farmer, but this now has been sold to pay the shortage that existed with the county. His property was sold at public sale and bought by G. G. Tucker, of Winston-Salem, 600 acres of it bringing around \$12,000.00. Mr. Eldridge continues to live on the place, having leased it from Mr. Tucker.

The latest effort of the bondsmen to get released from their liability is founded on their discovery that Mr. Eldridge had never signed the bond that they themselves had signed and now they have come into court and set up the claim that the bond they had signed was not binding in that Mr. Eldridge had never signed it. On first thought it would appear that it was a great piece of carelessness for the county commissioners to take a bond that was not signed by the official giving it, but the records on investigation show this to be the case, and it may cost the county the \$12,000.00 that is now due it. The bond speaks for itself and shows that Mr. Eldridge never signed it, and it also bears the approval of the board of commissioners who were A. W. George, W. W. Thomas and N. D. S. Hill. Whether or not the balance of the note can be collected is a matter for the courts to determine, but regardless of the result the neglect in having the papers properly executed in the beginning on the part of the county commissioners then in office will probably form the basis of further court action and the county will have to go to considerable additional cost and time to get the money that had been entrusted in the county treasurer's hands.

Surry County Commissioners, under the chairmanship of W. J. Byerly, have had to use a strong hand with the last two retiring treasurers in order to keep the county from losing large amounts of money. No sooner had the county gotten the Eldridge matter in half way satisfactory condition than another county treasurer, W. B. Marion, of White Plains, on retiring from office was checked up short \$12,000, and it took the services of an auditor and the payment of about \$750 in clerical fees to get his accounts in proper condition to force him to a settlement. The county now holds his notes for the shortage which he is paying off in installments.

To protect the county from instances of this nature and the needless loss of money the last legislature did away with the office of treasurer, effective with the retirement of the present official, Mr. Hauser, and after December let the county officials will meet and elect from their own selection a whole time treasurer and county manager combined. A county treasurer will handle close to a million dollars during his term of office and not every person who might get elected to the office would be competent to run a business where that much money is handled, but with the power of selecting the treasurer left in the hands of the commissioners this condition can be remedied.

Judge Dwyer put in a full two weeks of work in an effort to get all the cases possible off the docket, but one who has never attended a civil court can't realize the many little things that can come up to delay the settlement of cases. Many cases that

are estimated to take up considerable time were continued. One of the cases that was expected to be tried was that of Jan. Peindexter, of Elkin, suing for a divorce. His wife is resisting effort and was in court with two attorneys to fight the case for her. Mr. Peindexter is represented equally strong. This couple has been married for over twenty years, having one grown son. Six years ago they had a settlement or division of their property and now Mr. Peindexter is suing for a divorce on the grounds of five years of separation. Both parties had a number of ladies from Elkin in court to testify for them. There is no imputation against the character of either party, but their married life is said to have been a stormy one.

The much talked of Lawrence-Harkynder case went over to another court. Lawyers for both sides were in court during the whole term but to the layman there was no effort on the part of either side to bring the case to trial. Mr. Lawrence in his office and apparently satisfied if the other side does not want to push the case he has no objection, but he had his witnesses summoned and ready. At the last minute the case was called but the court at once realized that it would have to be continued on account of lack of time to try it. Mr. Lawrence's friends contend that the plaintiff in the matter if she wanted the case heard would have made a demand for its call in the early part of the session and not have let the case drag along through two weeks of court and waited until all the time was consumed. Both sides still say they are pushing for a hearing but it does not so appear to the layman who sits in the back of the court house. To him either side could have made lots more efforts to bring it to a trial than was exerted during the term just closed.

White Plains Schools Open Sept. 20th.

White Plains, Sept. 12.—The White Plains High School will open its fall session here next Monday, September twentieth. The school has made considerable progress in the last few years and the prospect is good for the best year in its history. It is expected that the new modern building will be ready for occupancy by the first of January, an event which will give added interest and enthusiasm to the whole community. The faculty is composed of the following: first grade, Miss Vera Stamey, Newton, N. C., second and third grades, Miss Iva Scott, Pinnacle, N. C., fourth and fifth grades, Miss Marie Woods, White Plains, N. C. sixth and seventh grades, Mrs. W. E. Woodruff, Mount Airy, N. C., high school, Miss Maude Simpson, White Plains, N. C., Mr. David L. Kelly, Yadkinville, N. C., and Mr. I. O. Hauser, principal, Shoals, N. C. The first faculty meeting for the year will be held on Saturday morning, September 18th. All the teachers are expected to be present at this meeting which is held for the purpose of discussing and planning the work.

Grim Reaper Thins Confederate Ranks.

Again we are called upon to report the passing of another of Surry's Confederate Veterans; at 7 A. M. Monday J. S. Ramey, a beloved citizen of Lowgap, laid down his earthly cares to answer the roll call over yonder.

Mr. Ramey was 84 years of age, born and reared in the section where he spent his declining years; he was a good citizen and gave to his country five sons and three daughters, several of whom are among the substantial citizens of the Lowgap section. The aged wife, ten years his junior, also survives. The funeral was conducted from the Mountaineer View Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Poole, of Grayson county and the Rev. Mr. Hall, of near Westfield officiating.

Will Pay Only For Arrest Of Distiller.

Lumberton, Sept. 10.—At their regular monthly meeting in the court house the county commissioners discontinued the regular allowance for the capture of whiskey stills and instead an allowance of \$25 each was made for the capture of persons convicted of operating a still, providing the other making the arrest destroys the still. Therefore the commissioners have paid \$20 for each still captured.