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\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Indications Point To Great Fair Here With Record Attendance

Largest Premium List In History of Fair—West World Shows to Provide Midway—More Than 60 Horses Already On Hand.

The grounds of the Carolina-Virginia Fair near this city are abuzz with activity in preparation for the fair that opens next Tuesday morning and continues until Friday night. Already the arrival of race horses has filled the stock barns, 80 of these fine animals now being on hand with others expected to arrive the last of the week. A purse totaling \$4,000 is offered in prizes to race winners during the fair.

The midway is being furnished by West's World Shows with seven riding devices and scores of attractions to furnish amusement to the public.

A marvelous fire works program has been arranged for each night and the free acts that will be given at different times during the day and night are among the most thrilling that Manager Linville could book. They include: The Casting Howards, who perform sensational catches and breakways in mid-air; May Collier, thrilling high dive actor, and termed the "Beautiful Mermaid," diving from a brilliantly electric lighted apparatus at night; Victor's Band, with many new features and without a peer in the musical world; DeMarie and Marlette, a contortion act, giving performances that few now accept.

Indications point to a large display of farm and home products and this feature of the fair is expected to prove most attractive to the visitors. The poultry club work will be well represented by its members, and their birds will draw the same premiums as those in the regular poultry exhibit, and yet they will not be compelled to compete with any except the club members.

The usual low prices of admission will continue to prevail—25 and 50 cents with free admission for automobiles, as there is abundant parking room in the grounds.

Policeman Breaks Leg On Motorcycle

Policeman C. F. Melton is expected to be confined in Martin Memorial Hospital for a month nursing a broken leg. Monday morning about six o'clock as he started out from the police station on a motorcycle he lost control of it and the machine dashed across Moore Street into the building of the Swanson Motor Co. Mr. Melton's leg was caught between the machine and the building breaking his leg below the knee. The motorcycle was one the police had captured several weeks ago as a stolen machine. Some man drove it here from Indiana and later abandoned it when the police started an investigation revealing that it had been stolen.

Popular Citizen Dies After Short Illness

The death of Isaac Ratney, of this city, on Monday was a surprise to his many friends in and around this city. He was taken ill Sunday and at once operated on at Martin Memorial Hospital for appendicitis but his condition was such that he never rallied. The remains were buried at Salem Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was well known here and liked by all. He was a native of the Lowgap section, but had engaged in the goods business near here for a number of years.

New Pressing Concern

Phillip Snow is now associated with W. R. King in the pressing and cleaning business in this city, the firm being known as King and Snow. They recently spent \$2,000 putting in new machinery and have a truck service for gathering and delivering work. They will specialize on the cleaning of silks and other delicate articles and this department is in charge of an expert in that line. Their place of business is in the rear of Money Barber Shop.

Mrs. Della Banner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. Matt Banner and other relatives in Greensboro.

Snake Story Grows As New Sections Report

Recently "The News" clipped a snake story from The Stanley Herald which told about a mother snake being killed on the streets of Albemarle and when she was run over by a passing car, 15 little snakes which she was carrying in her body were squirted in a stream from her mouth, the snake was traveling parallel with the street. The story brought others to light of a local nature and we published one by Mr. McCraw about a copperhead mother snake and her 8 babies sunning themselves in the road and the mother taking time to gather up her brood in the face of danger and the little ones coming out again after he had run over the mother with his car. Next came a story from Mail-carrier Holyfield where 32 young were credited to one mother. This week we are publishing a story told by D. J. Denny, Pinnacle, Route 3, who not only vouches for this story himself but adds the names of Hylton J. and Gilmer Denny and Monroe, James and Samuel Gibbons either of whom, he says, will support him in this story.

Just a few weeks ago several of the men and boys of the Deron section about 4 miles southwest of the town of Pilot Mountain went on the noted Pilot Mountain to gather some berries and while up there they came in contact with a mother garter snake and one of those unmerciful visitors cut a hole in her body with a rock and to their great surprise when the battle was over and the smoke of excitement had cleared away they had killed the mother and sixty-two (62) of her young, these measured about 5 inches in length and further yet she was carrying all of them inside of her own skin when found.

The writer of this article is not caring very much about garter snakes but if any reader can beat this one report up and give her credit to the limit.

Thrills At Galax Fair Not On Program

Those who attended the fair at Galax, Va., last Wednesday experienced a thrill not on the program when one of the passenger airplanes, which were doing a thriving business, failed to rise rapidly enough in the take off and crashed into the fences surrounding the race track, the landing field being just inside the circle. Very little damage was done and no one hurt, though the plane was headed for one of the show tents and but for the fact that a ravine caused the machine to make a nose dip into the earth and checked its course, the story of the damage might have been very different.

Again one of the carts drawn by a race horse turned up throwing the driver over the horse's head, the man suffered a broken collarbone but was sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the Galax hospital where his injury was treated.

Another accident occurred when a mother with a babe in her arms got on one of the riding devices and the child was thrown from her arms when a sharp swing was made and the child was seriously injured.

Joe W. Johnson to Practice Law in Mount Airy

Joe W. Johnson, son of Editor J. E. Johnson, has decided to practice his profession of law in Mount Airy. Joe successfully took the recent examination put up by Chief Justice Stacy and was sworn in at Dobson last week before Judge A. M. Stack, being presented to the Court by J. H. Folger.

Clem Wrenn a T. B. Patient

Visitors to this city from North Wilkesboro say that it is now understood about that town that Clem Wrenn is a sick man and has been for a long time. It is now recalled that for as much as two years he has had a bad cough, and when the financial tangle developed in connection with his bank his health became bad, and it is now believed that he has a well developed case of T. B. and is in a sanitarium hoping to recover.

Fancy Gap Road Now Being Rocked

Rocking Road to State Line—Stretch at Lovell's Creek Now Being Paved.

Workmen in North Carolina and Virginia are now busy putting the last touches on the Fancy Gap road which will make of it a good road all the coming winter. The construction crew of the Fowell Paving Co., arrived in this city Tuesday and will begin pouring concrete on the short stretch of road between the corporate limits of the city and the Lovell's Creek bridge. A high fill was necessary to reach the new bridge and during the summer the dirt was allowed to settle before the state attempted to concrete the road. The fill is now sufficiently packed by the heavy traffic over it the past few months and the state expects to see it paved before another week passes.

The Virginia authorities on their side of the line are buying large quantities of flint rock from the farmers of Carroll County to be used in rocking the Fancy Gap to the foot of the mountain. The road in the mountain is of shale dirt the most of the way and this will not be bothered until the road leading to the line is rocked. Farmers are paid 75 cents per two-horse load for the rock delivered either at the station near the state line or near the foot of the mountain. This winter traffic will be detoured over the old road at the foot of the mountain, for there is a short stretch that has been built where high fills exist and this will not be rocked until the dirt settles during the winter. Travel will be on the old road leading by Tow's store, which road is in good condition.

The road to the top of Lowgap from Galax will soon be completed. It is of rock construction and those who have traveled it say our Virginia friends have graded and built as fine a road from Galax as they have traveled over.

Sheriff's Sale To Be Advertised Next Week

All persons who owe county tax and have real estate upon which collection can be made will be advertised by Sheriff Haynes in The News next week and for three issues thereafter. The sale will be held on Monday, Oct. 17th. Sheriff Haynes insists that payment be made by Saturday this week, as the names of all will be placed in the hands of the printers next Monday morning, and after that date additional cost will be added to the tax ticket.

Judge Stack Tries His Hand at Cleaning Up Surry's Court House

For some reason or other Judge A. M. Stack, who just closed a term of court at Dobson, has gained a reputation for doing the unusual at times. This week there has gone the rounds of the press an account of a charge to a grand jury in Forsyth County in which he took a "fling" at Henry Ford and wanted to see that automobile magnate use some of his millions for reformatory purposes. His charge was couched in strong terms and has been published and commented upon in the state press at large.

While holding court at Dobson Judge Stack was credited with another unusual act, in that one of the first things he did when he walked into Surry's beautiful temple of justice was to have the janitor remove all cuspidors from the court room. And he did not stop at the court room either, but the jury room was cleaned up, the cuspidors were even removed from the Solicitor's room, and those concealed in the back corner of the jury box failed to escape his vigilant eye. And to the "natives" it was certainly unusual to have these receipts, as so unceremoniously removed. There was secret resentment on the part of some of the attendants upon the court but no one cared to run the gauntlet of His Honor's discretion in the matter by voicing a protest.

And again there are many who approved the action of the Judge in ridding the "temple of justice" of such vessels that easily become an

Work Progressing On New Theatre

Modern Structure Being Built by John Banner—Will Be Used by Boone & Bonbow.

With actual construction work under way this city is assured of another moving picture theatre, and the new promoters have set out to make it the most modern that still can produce. The building is being erected by John Banner on his property at the rear of the Dr. Banner Building and it will be leased by P. A. Boone and E. Q. Bonbow. It will be 50 x 110 feet and have its main entrance through the Dr. Banner building on Main Street. This building has been leased and will contain besides the entrance, offices for the manager, and rest rooms for both ladies and men. The seating capacity will be 1,000. One feature of the new theatre is that it will be entirely fire proof construction, having concrete floors and being heated with a new system of hot air circulation, thus assuring a fresh supply of air from the outside at all times.

A. M. Short is now setting forms for pouring the concrete foundation and when this is finished Contractor D. H. Cook will at once begin the actual construction of the main part of the theatre.

Mr. Bonbow has been on the northern markets for several days buying material for the theatre equipment. He has purchased an organ that cost \$16,500 and the seats that will be used are of deep upholster, 1,000 of these being used.

Mr. Bonbow will be actively associated with Mr. Boone in the management of the theatre and will soon move here and make this city his home.

Installing Machinery in New Knitting Mill

W. A. Smith, superintendent of the new knitting mill now being erected on Willow Street, arrived in the city Monday and is now supervising the installation of the knitting machines and other machinery. Workmen have the roof on the building and carpenters will be ready to turn it over by the time the machinery is set. Mr. Smith expects to have the mill in operation in two or three weeks. Fifty machines are being put down for the present and will be used for knitting men's hose. Mr. Smith is a former resident of this city, having charge of the knitting room of the Renfro Hosiery Mills for a number of years, and is an experienced machinist.

Eastern Carolina Farmers Are Disappointed Over Tobacco Prices

When the Hickory Nuts Are Ripe.

Of all the sport in this good land that of hunting the squirrel when the hickory nuts are ready is one of the finest. Every one who enjoys a hunt knows that along about now squirrels have a way of getting on a big hickory tree early in the morning and cutting the new nuts. Then it is easy to still hunt and get as many as you want if you know how.

All this was known to some of the members of the last legislature and when they made the new game laws they gave the squirrel until the middle of September to have his freedom. And so all hunters are in danger of prosecution who hunt the squirrel before the 15th of this month. And the bag limit for any one day is ten squirrels. Possum may be hunted after October the first and rabbit after November the first. Any citizen may hunt after these dates on his own land, but before any one can hunt off his own premises he must have license. County license can be had from any deputy warden, the county game warden or the clerk of the Superior Court and cost \$1.25. License that permit one to hunt out of one's own county and in any county in the state cost \$5.25. W. L. Steele, of Mount Airy, is a deputy game warden and W. F. Thompson is county warden.

HEAT WAVE STILL REIGNING IN WEST

More Deaths Reported in Big Cities; Corn Crop Helped By Torrid Weather

Chicago, Sept. 14.—A heavy blanket of torrid air continued to envelop the Middle West today, driving the mercury to record heights and resulting in suffering, prostrations and deaths.

Chicago, with a temperature of 95 degrees, led the list with seven heat fatalities. St. Louis reported four. The total of deaths throughout the country was estimated at more than a dozen. Kankakee, Ill., reported 99 degrees, the hottest day of the year there.

The high mark here equalled that of yesterday and was within one degree of the record for the summer, being the highest ever set in September. While city dwellers suffered, farmers were elated over the opportunity for crops to mature.

The schools in Cincinnati were closed when the thermometer registered 92 degrees and in Chicago afternoon classes in portable school buildings were discontinued. Decatur, Ill., announced schools would close at noon each day until the heat spell was broken.

Western Canada experienced a wave of freak weather southern Manitoba sweltering with heat while snow fell lightly in northern Alberta. Saskatchewan had a taste of both extremes.

The western prairies were drenched with rain. At Edmonton the mercury sank to 34 while at Winnipeg it was 89, and at Emerson, Man., 92.

Temperatures continued in the 90's in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and parts of Texas, one prostration being reported at Kansas City, in addition to two deaths yesterday.

At least one more day of the belated heat wave, which settled over the country in mid-summer fashion yesterday, was promised.

"Fair and warm Thursday, probably becoming unsettled Thursday night," was the prediction of Henry J. Cox, official forecaster of the Chicago area.

The greater part of the country, to the Atlantic, is in the path of the torrid wave, the only exceptions being certain lake regions and New York and New Jersey.

Iowa reported the most rapid progress ever made by corn during September in that state as a result of the ninety-degree heat. Department of Agriculture officials said it had advanced maturity on the crop and increased the percentage that will be safe from frost.

Illinois total corn crop was predicted on Sept. 1 at 55 per cent of normal, based on August conditions. This estimate will be greatly increased if the heat wave continues. A. J. Surratt, agricultural statistician, said.

High Prices On Southern Markets Not Realized In Eastern Carolina

In the past few days there has been raging in the tobacco markets of Eastern North Carolina a dispute as to the truthness of the reports that are being sent out in regard to prices paid for the weed. It develops that newspaper reports do not agree with the opinions of the tobacco growers as to the averages that are being paid and latest accounts are that the farmers are disappointed with the prices they are getting. While the press accounts would lead one to think that an optimistic air prevailed on the markets of the bright belt, tobacco growers claim otherwise to be the case.

The Raleigh News & Observer, which has correspondents all over that section of the tobacco belt, had the following to say Wednesday about the price claims of the farmers and the reports that are being given the public:

"When the sale of tobacco opened on the Georgia and South Carolina markets early in the season the reported prices gave great encouragement to the growers in Eastern and Central North Carolina. They protested—as did the business men of most communities—over the plan of postponing the opening of the markets in Eastern North Carolina as late as the first Tuesday in September. Much of the tobacco was cured in August and farmers wished to sell their tobacco as soon as it was ready for sale.

"When the markets opened in Eastern North Carolina the tobacco growers sent so much on the opening day that the markets were overstocked. The price was disappointing. The tobacco has been brought to markets in overwhelming quantities and this rushing in is believed by many to be somewhat responsible for the disappointing price. Business men are urging farmers to bring their tobacco in in smaller quantities so as to end the jam. There is a difference of opinion as to the average price on the various markets, but whereas the farmers expected over 20 cents and hoped for 25 cents the price averaged less than 19 cents, and some say less than 18 cents.

"The Washington Progress reports that the papers have not been telling the truth about the price of tobacco and have been exaggerating the prices the farmers receive. The News and Observer has printed the reports from its special correspondents who, if they have erred have done so because information on which they relied was not accurate. It is far from their desire or the desire of this paper to print any misleading statements.

New Store Building on Market Street

J. W. Simmons this week began excavating for a store building on his lot on Market Street near the Nelson building. Mr. Simmons is putting down a foundation for a five story building, but will build three stories for the present. It will be 25 feet on Market and 30 feet deep, of brick with Mount Airy granite front. He is building it for rental purposes.

Lecture at Moravian Church

A lecture Friday night 7.30 at Grace Moravian Church, "Familiar and Unfamiliar Scenes." About 50 slides will be used illustrating the work of the Moravian Church in the Blue Ridge Mountains. All these pictures have been taken this summer.

A silver offering will be received which will go to the Ladies Aid towards furnishing a carpet for the church.

Words of Appreciation

Herndon, Va., Sept. 16.—Please find enclosed check for renewal of subscription to The Mount Airy News. I can't get along without The News it seems a letter from home. Mrs. A. E. Steele.

Mount Airy was on the state's honor roll for June being among the towns and cities reporting no loss by fire.