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THIS, THAT AND OTHER

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There were many while during the latter part of last week and the first of this when I wondered if small town fairs really pay in any way for the prodigious amount of labor required to prepare for them.

Here we were, scores of us, rushing around doing dozens of jobs making plans and changing or discarding them, buying, begging, or borrowing equipment for booths leaving housework undone for the doubtful privilege of slaving for one organization or another, becoming almost tearfully discouraged and fearing the whole thing might be a sad and silly flop.

However, by Monday night the warehouse really began to look fairish. All afternoon workers mainly women, had toiled at the booths. Of course the men had to bring in the heaviest articles, drive the trucks, do a good bit of hammering and sawing, climb the tallest ladders, etc.; but the high thinking and artistry were strongly feminine. (And be it remarked in passing that the man who can't submit to being bossed for a season has no place in preparations for a fair.)

On Tuesday we were all proud of ourselves and our neighbors. Such canned fruits and vegetables! Such flowers and fancy-work! Such school and community exhibits! If the prizes didn't go to us individually, we felt glad for some one more fortunate—as well as more skilful.

It is hard for me to be properly enthusiastic over the gorgeous display of fireworks that A. V. Medlin supervises each night at the fair. My saving soul recoils from the sight of so much money going in so short a time. But it is thrilling for those who enjoy such sights and sounds.

I saw A. S. Hinton wearing a red ribbon and thought he had taken second prize for husbands. I knew who had the best one. But Alonious hadn't taken any prize; he was merely a superintendent of something or other.

There is lots of fun in wandering around looking at exhibits and watching folks. Why I'd rather watch folks than monkeys! And there is pleasure in seeing friends and meeting their friends, and in going out on the midway to gasp and shudder while those acrobats risk their lives—or at least, their bones—giving the shows that are free. I haven't had time yet to see any of the pay shows except the mice, the monkeys and the minstrels, but I liked them. I've decided that, after all, fairs are worth while.

P. T. A. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Wake P. T. A. will be held next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. All parents and friends of the school are invited to be present.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

For the last hundred years or so voters have gone to the polls and found two lists of candidates on their ballots. One bore the name Republican, the other Democrat. Today both major parties are torn and battered, mainly because of internal dissension. Authoritative observers are forecasting that we are on the verge of a political realignment that will mean the death of the old parties, the birth of new ones.

have the support of logic and reason. In the old days a political party stood for definitethings and every candidate who ran on its ticket gave them his allegiance. At the present neither party has a program that a majority of its members honestly support; neither can consistently obtain the allegiance that is essential to party discipline. In the Republican party, for example, are such diametrically opposed men as Senator Reed of Pennsylvania and Senator Norris of Nebraska; it would be hard to think of a single issue on which they agree, yet each carries the same party label. In the Democratic party, a conservative such as Senator Glass of Virginia is faced with a radical such as Senator Bone of Washington—while the head of the party, President Roosevelt, maintains a middle ground between these opposing attitudes. The titular leader of the Republicans—yet close to half of the party's members in the Senate oppose his principles, and many of them, such as Johnson, Norris, La Follette and Borah refused to support him when he ran for reelection in 1932.

New parties, when and if they appear, will be definitely opposed in principle as well as name. One will consist of conservatives, the other of liberals and radicals. It is a noteworthy fact, as the always astute Frank Kent of the Baltimore Sun recently pointed out, that President Roosevelt did not once mention the name "Democrat" during the speeches he made on his tour of the United States and territories. Many persons close to Washington affairs think that the President is seeking to effect the realignment now, that he wants to do away with the Democratic party and start a new one made up of people who believe as he does when it comes to national policies.

A more concrete illustration of the current trend is afforded by the California primaries. In that state Republican Senator Johnson filed for both nominations, carried them both by heavy majorities. And Upton Sinclair, a life-long Socialist but a Democratic candidate, rode easily into the gubernatorial nomination over all "regular" Democratic candidates. In many states party lines have been destroyed in this manner.

The textile strike has upset all the business barometers, and has clouded the outlook for fall improvement in general business.

The 3 largest species of snake in South America are the boa constrictor with a length of 15 feet, the yellow anaconda, 20 feet, and common anaconda which reaches a length of 20 to 25 feet.

General News

Wilson Cannery Running

Wilson's NRA cannery has begun operations with a force of 58 persons employed. Others will be added until quota of 361 are at work. The plant has a capacity of 5,000 cans daily. Raleigh's cannery opened on Tuesday with more than 100 workers. It has been stated that the cattle for canning in Raleigh will be slaughtered at Wilson, the same abattoir preparing the carcasses for both plants.

The President Speaks

On last Sunday night President Roosevelt spoke over the radio to the nation. He reviewed the work of the NRA, stated that it will shortly be reorganized and revised and promised omission of features that have proved not to work well with retention of more important sections. He declared "we are moving forward to greater freedom and greater security."

Johnson Retired

Gen. Hugh Johnson since its organization the head of NRA has retired from leadership and has been succeeded by a governing body. He stated that the proposed reorganization is that which was advocated by him weeks ago. In a farewell speech Gen. Johnson declared the moment of his retirement to be at once the saddest and the happiest of his life.

Margin Of Safety

Prof. R. C. Eddy, director of the Mass. Highway Accident Survey declares that few accidents occur through unforeseen circumstances and that the margin of safety maintained by the driver is the great factor in prevention. The margin of safety is willingness to incur delay for the sake of possible danger, and is determined primarily by the driver's mental attitude, Prof. Eddy says.

Enrollments Increased

The fact that college enrollments during Sept. show an increase of about ten per cent over last fall is attributed partially to the fact that jobs are still scarce and that farm prices are better; but mainly to the availability of federal relief funds to students. Western colleges report the largest gains.

Hauptmann Case Progresses

Officials are busily at work seeking new and conclusive evidence to convict Bruno Hauptmann of extortion in the Lindbergh kidnap case and assert that they are making satisfactory progress. The accused man's lawyer may have him plead insanity.

The State of Delaware has placed in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C., a statue of Caesar Rodney, famous colonial statesman who while ill, rode 80 miles to vote the Delaware colony into the Revolutionary War.

When the committee appointed to build a fence around the apple tree planted by Samuel Reed, at Evanston, Ill., in 1840, decided to have a look at the landmark they found that the tree had disappeared.

THE FOUR COUNTY FAIR

This week perhaps the best fair ever held in this section is in full swing in Zebulon. On Wednesday night there were more cars parked along the streets in the business section than ever was seen before in the town at one time.

The exhibit hall is in the Center Brick warehouse. It has on display some of the best farm products ever seen in this community. In addition there is a great variety of novel and useful things on exhibit. The flower exhibits are unusually good, especially the dahlias and zinnias.

There are many side shows and rides of almost every kind. The shows are clean, the cleanest ever seen in this community. The fireworks at about ten o'clock each evening are well-worth coming to Zebulon to see. The last day will be Saturday. If you have not been to the fair, you had better come. If you have been, come again. It is a good show any way you take it.

On Saturday night Mr. Roberts, the efficient manager, will give the public the grand climax of the week's entertainment when two local young people will be married. They are Miss Virginia Williams and Edson Wood. Rev. Theo. B. Davis, by the special request of the young couple, will perform the ceremony on the grand stand. The microphone will be used and the people may both see and hear the ceremony.

Control Of Hessian Fly

North Carolina wheat growers can save themselves thousands of dollars every year by controlling the Hessian fly.

The only positive method of control is in keeping the fly out of the wheat, for little can be done to prevent damage after it infests a field, says C. H. Brannon extension entomologist at State College.

The flies lay eggs in the plant which hatch maggots. The maggots feed between the leaf sheath and the stem, greatly damaging the plants and reducing the yield. The fly also infests barley and rye, but does not attack oats.

Methods which will aid the wheat resist the fly damage are: crop rotation, plowing under infested stubble after harvest, destroying all voluntary wheat, using good seed, fertilizing well, plowing early to secure a compact seed bed, and cooperating with neighbors in insect control.

Flies from one field will infest another so it is important that all growers in a community work together in eradicating the pest Brannon stressed.

The greatest control measure is that of planting at the proper time to avoid the fly. The planting should be as late in the season as the seed can be sown without seriously reducing the yield.

Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the entomology department, has recommended the following planting periods for North Carolina: Coastal plain region, October 15 to November 1; Piedmont section, October 1 to 15; mountain area, September 15 to October 1.



Hear ye! Hear ye! All yez members of the Mutual Admiration Club. Sister M. F. (Monkey Face) Cockerell desires to join with us in our group of growlers as we sit in melancholy discontent. Peeved, peeved, peevedest, that's her I evidently rubbed her the wrong way. I'm sorry Mad-wa-zell.

Have just read where a gentleman up North, has decided to build an organ that is twice the size of any in existence today. To my way of thinking, that's some "pipe dream"!

"A Navajo Indian," states a news item, "eats as much as a ton of dirt each year in his food." So that's where they got that "Another redskin bites the dust!"

My good and trusted friend, Mr. Corbett, of the Barber shop Corbetts, Esq. informs me that our mayor can be seen at practically any old time with a bag of popcorn in his paw inhaling it by the five cents worth. "Quite evidently," commented the above heretofore mentioned commenter, "The way to the mayor's heart is paved with perpkern."

Dianna ye mind Knight Corbett that Fair Week is the only time in the year that it's permissible for one of the mayor's standing to tread our spacious boulevards with a sack of popcorn in one hand and a pass to the side-shows in the other?

Taking everything into consideration The Four County Fair is the cleanest morally that the Old Swashbuckler has ever witnessed with the naked eye. And I've seen them all. Well, I have seen two or three, at that.

I have had a cold, a bad cold, for nearly a week now and for the life of me I can't learn to blow my nose gracefully. I have, however, learned to hold it down to two blocks. I could be heard three blocks at first.

One of the younger gentlemen of our village informed me that they shot four da-go bombs and two popcicles during the fireworks Monday night. Oh Mr. Ripley. Tha'sall, Tenk you.

AGRICULTURE CLUB

The Y. T. H. F. Club of Wake-ton met on Monday September 24, for the first time this year. The total number of members was 43, which is a great increase over last year. The officers of the club are as follows: President, Troy Mayes, Vice-President, Harold Ferebee; Secretary, Proctor Scarborough; Assistant Secretary, Marshal Strickland; Treasurer, John Fowler; Francis Richard Hoyle; Reporter, Censor Willard.

The club is planning to put on an exhibit at the N. C. State Fair the last of this week.

Reporter.

"A sharp tongue may sever a good friendship."