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Big Caldwell County Fair Begins Next Tuesday Morning

Airplane Flights Every Day; Soldiers' Big Parade Tuesday

BIG SOLDIERS' PARADE STARTS PROMPTLY AT TEN O'CLOCK

Robinson's United Shows Will Furnish Attractions Night and Day—Thousands of People Are Expected to be Here for the Four Days' Events—Exhibits of Livestock Will Surpass Exhibits of Former Fairs—There Will Be Plenty of Fun, Amusements and a Jolly Good Time for Everybody

Tuesday morning the Caldwell county fair gates will be thrown open for one of the greatest fairs ever held in western North Carolina. Thousands of people, representing every section of the entire surrounding country, are expected to be here for the four days' show. Nothing has been left undone; everything is ready and waiting for the opening day.

The very first big number on the program is the parade of the soldiers of the county—soldiers, sailors and marines of three great wars, the civil war, the Spanish-American war and the great world war—who will gather for this big parade, which will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. The place of assembly is on Mulberry street between the Henkel building and Gwyn's garage. Every man in Caldwell county who served in any capacity in any of the wars is expected to join in this parade and the celebration which is to follow when the parade reaches the fair grounds. All soldiers in the parade will be admitted free to the fair grounds and then dinner will be served them.

The only thing that could possibly put a damper on the coming fair next week is the work of the weather man, and now every indication points to most favorable weather. This fair gives every promise of being all that the officials have hoped for. The indications now are that their greatest expectations will be surpassed. The county is ready for the four big days and thousands of people are going to be here.

The exhibits this year are going to show something of the county's possibilities. They are going to show what is being done in the county this year. They will point out greater things that may be done next year and in the years to come. Already the county has taken a rapid stride in

the direction of better livestock. The number of pure-breds placed on exhibit will be far greater than at any former fair.

Robinson's United Shows, which have been engaged by the Fair Association to furnish the amusement during fair week—both day and night—are shows well known to the amusement loving public. The Robinson shows promise refined and amusing entertainment. There are eight shows in all, and the riding devices, including a big Ferris wheel, a merry-go-round and a new device which they call "over the top."

The management of the Robinson shows has had long experience in catering to the public. From year to year new attractions have been added and the public demands have been met in every respect. With the many new features the shows stand supreme in the amusement world, and those who visit the Caldwell county fair next week—Oct. 7, 8, 9, 10—will carry home with them pleasant recollections of a pleasant time spent with pleasant people in a pleasant way.

Some of the attractions of Robinson's United Shows are the Georgia minstrels, the sensational submarine show, musical comedy, the marvelous aerial Nelson, along with an aggregation of athletes.

There are a thousand good reasons why you should attend the Caldwell county fair, Oct. 7-10, but two will be sufficient. You should have county pride enough to see what your neighbors are doing and have done this year; and then, having worked hard yourself, you will enjoy the rest and recreation it will give you, and the opportunity it will afford you to meet old friends, and new, and get new ideas to help you in your work.



School Children's Parade During a Former Fair

PROGRAM

CALDWELL COUNTY FAIR, OCT. 7, 8, 9, 10

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 a. m.—Grand parade of soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars. Parade forms between Henkel building and Gwyn's Garage, on Mulberry street. Line of march from Harper avenue to Willow street, from Willow to West Trade; West Trade to monument; to Fair Grounds.

12:00 m.—Opening address by Hon. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, N. C.

1:00 p. m.—Free dinner served to all persons in parade formation.

2:00 p. m.—Airplane ascension. There will be an airplane exhibition between the hours of 12 and 2 p. m. daily. There will be a free old-time colored plantation show every evening at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 8 and 9

No definite program has been arranged for these two days. Many different events will take place, such as livestock parade, athletic contests, flying machine exhibitions, etc. Announcements will be issued each day of the attractions for that day.

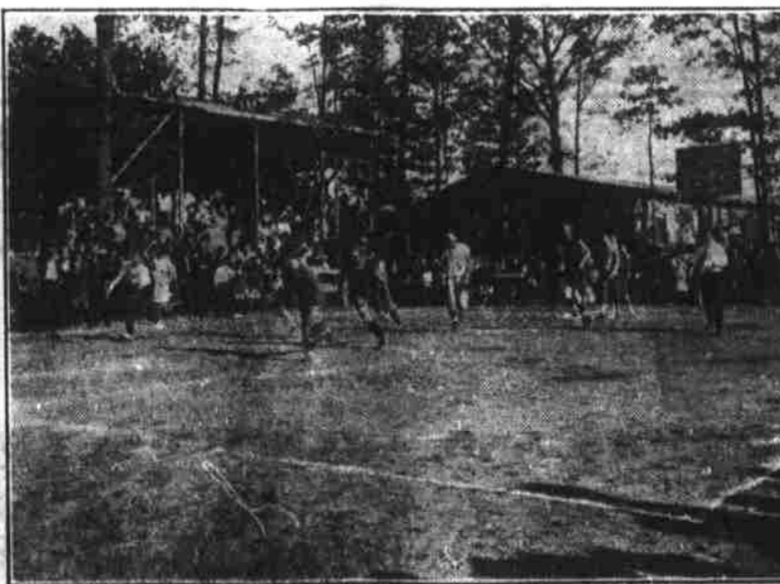
Friday, Oct. 10—Children's Day

Free admission tickets will be given to all school children of the county not over 15 years of age. The tickets will be given out during the hours of 9 to 11 o'clock on Friday morning. All children must gather on the Public Square to get their tickets. Supt. R. M. Smith will have charge of these school children tickets.

Every person in the county is requested to be present on the opening day. All soldiers and sailors are expected to march in the parade in uniform. Free dinner will be served to them. Bring a basket and have a joyful day of it.

Judges in all departments will award premiums on Friday morning.

Gates will be opened at 8 a. m. and closed at 6 p. m. for the day, and will open at 7 p. m. and close at 10:30 for the nights.



Championship Games Are Scheduled

PASSENGERS MAY GO UP EVERY DAY DURING THE ENTIRE FAIR

Airplane Will Make a Cross-Country Flight to Lenoir; Expected to Arrive Here on Monday Afternoon and Be Ready for Exhibition Flights on Tuesday, the First Day of the Fair—Passengers Will Be Carried Following Exhibition Flights

The big army type airplane will be here next week and will make flights every day during the fair. The aviator in charge of the machine is expected to arrive here via the air route, flying from his last place of exhibition. He will be accompanied by his mechanic. The aviator was an instructor for the government during the period of the war, and he is said to be one of the most clever flyers in the game. He had been in exhibition work for a period of several years before he went into the government service. The machine used is of the Curtiss army training type and is the safest machine in use for the carrying of more than one person, it being the same machine used in the instruction of a great number of the most successful pilots developed during the recent war.

The flying machine will be one of the biggest attractions of the fair week. There are hundreds of people of this section who never had an opportunity of seeing a machine before. This is the first ever to come to Lenoir or to any point in the county. The fact that it will carry passengers makes it all the more interesting. There are dozens of persons who wish to take a trip, and this will afford them the opportunity. Passengers will be taken just as high as they wish. The aviator promises this. Lenoir and the entire county may be seen from high in the air by those who will take the trip.

R. M. Young, manager for the aviator who flies here next week for the fair, giving daily exhibitions of over-trench flights and passenger carrying, is the sponsor for a good story on the aviator on a recent cross-country trip in the middle west.

The aviator had picked out several good-looking landing fields and after making a swoop at them and leveling

off for the landing he found that he was confronted with several "Keep out of this air" signs placed at such an angle that he could not fail to see them. These signs are even now very plentiful all over the wheat belt and are placed there in all seriousness by the farmers in that section.

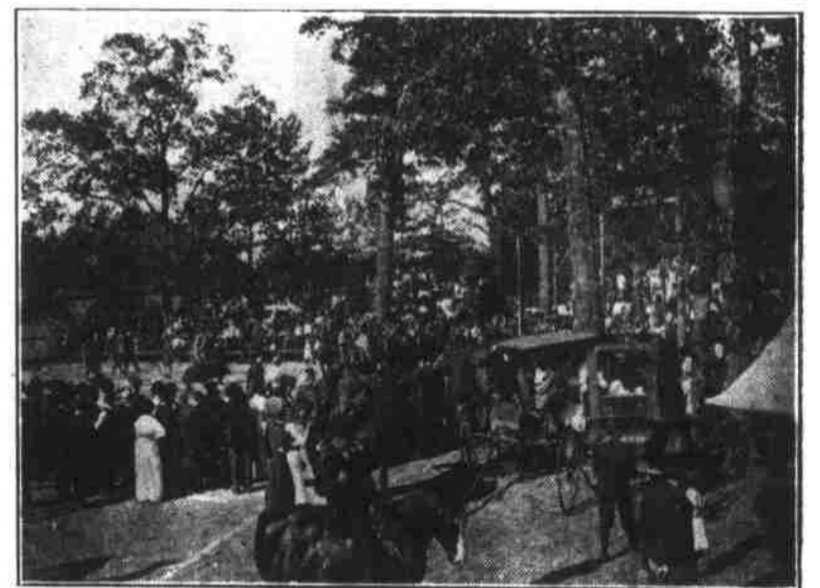
They seemed to worry the aviator not a little, for he was tired out from a long turn at the "stick" and several hours of continuous flying in bad head winds. Being unable to land without one of these things staring him in the face, he turned about and returned to Overland Park, in Kansas City, where the Young hangars are located.

While tearing down the street in a taxicab to his hotel he noted a large sign over the door of an establishment reading "Free air," and, tapping the driver on the shoulder, asked him to stop. He rushed into the building, shouting to the man behind the desk that he wanted to know "where the free air was." He hadn't seen any for a week.

The answer was quickly forthcoming as the big fellow behind the desk looked our aviator over, and, pointing to a long hose that emanated from a big tank overhead, said, in utter disgust: "Why, where do you suppose we would keep it, you boob. It's out there in the tank." After the aviator had recovered he again looked over the door and noted more carefully the reading of the sign: "Gasoline filling station. Free air."

Explanations were in order and our pilot had a hard time convincing the man that he was really in earnest, and after he found that the fellow was an aviator he threatened to throw him through the door, thinking that he was being "kidded."

The life of a super-airman is truly a hard one.



A Part of the Big Crowd at a Former Fair

A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBIT HERE

In the local, county and district fairs all through North Carolina this fall there will be special exhibits under the auspices of the North Carolina bureau of fire and accident prevention, as directed by Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal Jas. R. Young. And specially stressed in these exhibits will be "streamers" and paintings demonstrating "What Fire Means to North Carolina."

In portraying the ravages of fire in this State it will be stressed that about 316 people lose their lives annually; four million dollars of property destroyed; 812 dwellings burned; 26 schoolhouses and 104 churches destroyed yearly. All these losses, it is demonstrated in the placards, come from hazardous exposures (flames spreading from house to house), poor electric wiring and carelessness in using electric appliances, defective flues and chimneys, carelessness with matches, sparks on combustible roofs, lightning, stoves and furnaces, hot ashes and coals, accumulations of trash and spontaneous combustion and incendiarism.

Most such fires, the placard insists, could be prevented by not building too close, using non-combustible roofing, proper installation of wiring and reasonable care with

electric irons and other appliances, tearing out defective flues and having all built from the ground with four inches of brick work, lined; use of safety matches and keeping them from children; adequate lightning rod protection; use of standard stoves and furnaces properly protected with metal from wood exposures; metal containers for ashes; trash not allowed to accumulate, and co-operation with the State department in running down, convicting and punishing those guilty of setting fire to property.

Representatives of the State insurance department will be in charge of these fair booths and a great variety of placards and other literature designed to aid in fire and accident prevention will be distributed.

Until clean-up week (Oct. 5-11) and fire prevention day (Oct. 9) these campaigns will be especially stressed and a fine spirit of co-operation is being developed all over the State in this movement.

PLENTY OF AMUSEMENTS

The amusements at the Caldwell county fair this year will be worth coming hundreds of miles to see and enjoy. They will put a good taste in your mouth that will last till the next fair. Laugh and the world laughs with you. Come to Lenoir Oct. 7, 8, 9 and 10 and you will have many laughs to take back home with you and make farm life more joyous.



Some Caldwell-Raised Horses Exhibited at a Former Fair

MAKE IT A BIG JUBILEE

Caldwell again calls you to a superb exhibition of what she has been doing the past year. The memory of other county fairs should give you the inspiration to see this one—the latest and best. Come and see what your old county is doing. It makes all the people happier to meet once a year, mingle with their old friends, and make new ones. And then it is a joy to talk over what you have accomplished, and see what your neighbors and your county men and county women have achieved. It stimulates one to greater efforts. It makes country life worth living. Let's make it a big county jubilee, with our neighbors in adjoining counties meeting with us to rejoice over the fruits and blessings of the past year.

If you have but one tiny curiosity you have produced, or some novelty you have made, or a jar of preserves or pickles, or a can of vegetables you pride yourself on—bring it in and place it on exhibition. Every little item along the line of endeavor goes to make a great exhibit; and it is the desire of the fair managers this year to show to the best advantage Caldwell county life and activities. In the multitude of exhibits is the power of attractiveness. You'll feel happy over having shown what you have done. Your county men and county women will feel proud of you. Shake hands with the fair—and make an exhibit.

FAIR WORK BREAKS RECORD AGAIN

With the closing of the application date for fairs a new record in fair work has been realized, not only for North Carolina, but for the entire country. Breaking its 1918 record of 261 fairs, which in itself was a nation record, the co-operative fair work for this coming season is written in figures of 275 fairs. Nothing like this has ever been accomplished in other states, and Dr. C. J. Galpin, chief economist in charge of all country life work and rural problems for the United States department of agriculture, in a letter to Mr. S. G. Rubinow, assistant to director and chairman fair committee, states that "in this work North Carolina, without any doubt, is leading the entire country."

Most of the credit for this work, which is indeed a fine accomplishment, is due to the district agents, the farm and home demonstration agents, and the various fair secretaries, with whom these officials cooperate, backed up by the splendid support of the public. District Agent J. M. Gray of Asheville, N. C., who has charge of eighteen of the mountain counties, has recorded one special fair, one district fair, nine coun-

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