

ATTENDANCE RECORDS SMASHED AT FAIR

Crowds Present On Thursday Made New High Mark For Fairs Held In Cabarrus County

IDEAL WEATHER WAS IMPORTANT FACT Officials Announce That the Crowd Present Thursday Was Greater Than on Tuesday, Former Record Day.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY ALL Visitors From Other Fairs Impressed With Crowds and Manner In Which the Fair Has Been Conducted.

A crowd that shattered all previous attendance records visited the Cabarrus County Fair Thursday when Cabarrus County Day was observed.

By noon Thursday it was evident that a new record for attendance would be established. At that hour thousands of persons were already within the gates and others were arriving in an endless stream of autos.

But the record did not draw the attention of all the people by any means. While the races were in progress there were huge crowds on the midway.

By noon Thursday the wind which swept with chilling effect over the grounds Tuesday and Wednesday had died down and as a result atmospheric conditions were well suited.

And such a crowd! The land seemed alive with human beings. Thousands of autos were parked within the grounds and hundreds of others found parking space in the open places and woods adjoining the fair grounds property.

From the offices of Secretary Spencer the grounds resembled beehive. Everywhere there was activity and it seemed that each inch of ground held a human being.

And the tremendous crowds within the gates gave an added zest to everyone. The persons taking part in the free acts seemed to catch the spirit of the holiday.

Certainly such thoughts must have been in the mind of Grace Direct, famous mare of Penny Brothers stables, of Greensboro.

Other horses on the track ran with the spirit of abandon shown by the crowd that was there.

MORE THAN 20,000 AT FAIR HERE THURSDAY Dr. T. N. Spencer, secretary of the Cabarrus County Fair, announced this morning that between 23,000 and 24,000 persons visited the fair grounds Thursday when a new attendance record was made.

"We are certain that more than 23,000 persons were in the grounds Thursday," Dr. Spencer stated. "The exact number is not yet known."

2:10 1-4 and other racers entered in the 2:17 pace covered the track twice in the fast time of 2:12 1-4.

Business houses in the city closed at noon for a half-holiday and the clerks spent the afternoon at the grounds. It was just as well that the stores were closed; few people were there left to do trading, and that few must have realized that the clerks were given an opportunity to see the features of the fair rather than learn of them from customers.

The major portion of the crowd that was in the grounds in the afternoon stayed there for the night performances. To this majority was added other hundreds who came in at the close of the day's work in the cotton mills, other manufacturing concerns.

And the crowd was an interested one. Its members visited all of the exhibition halls; gave undivided attention to the free acts, especially the "crazy" Ford; ate "hot dogs," drank "dopes" and chatted with keepers of the various booths; inspected all booths that offered wares for sale; took chances at some of them.

Plans for next year's fair are in the making now. The fair officials have been shown that the people are with them in their efforts to give the county one of the biggest and best fairs in the South.

Will Fly From That City to Lakehurst Without Making Scheduled Stop. Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The last lap but one of the return transatlantic flight of the navy dirigible Shenandoah was completed there early today when she picked up the landing cable from the Fort Worth mooring mast, approximately 36 hours and 30 minutes after she cast off at San Diego, California.

Leaves Fort Worth. Fort Worth, Oct. 24.—The Shenandoah left Fort Worth at 10:30 a. m. for Lakehurst, N. J., going by the northern route. Cities over which she will pass include Little Rock, Dayton and Cumberland, Md.

Secretary Wallace Seriously Ill. Washington, Oct. 24.—Secretary Wallace of the Agriculture Department, has suffered further complications from the operation he underwent last week for the removal of his appendix and gall bladder, and his condition is reported as serious.

Liquor Poisonous. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 24.—More than 40 per cent. of the liquor being seized by prohibition officers throughout the country is spurious, and a large part of it actually poisonous, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes declared today, on the basis of analyses made by chemists of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Gen. Wu Pei-Fu Dismissed. Peking, China, Oct. 24 (By the Associated Press).—President Tso Hui issued a proclamation at 8 o'clock this morning ordering the immediate cessation of hostilities and dismissing Wu Pei-Fu, commander of the Peking military forces, from his present post.

FEATURE DAYS AT FAIR A FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH Rowan County Day Civic Clubs Day SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH Sales Day Fraternal Orders Day

ALL NIGHT SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL JAMES AND BRIDE James, Shot His Wife's Father and Brother Near Norfolk. (By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Oct. 24.—An all night search by possees of Buck Trout Swamp failed to locate Frank James and his bride, whom he forced to accompany him after he had shot her father and brother, J. P. Mahan and Hugh Mahan, respectively.

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The race in which Grace Direct performed was the feature of a program that offered other fast races. Two other harness races and a running race were offered to the multitude that had smashed its way into the fair grounds and in all races the horses moved with a swiftness that demonstrated they were at the top of their form and that the track was in perfect condition.

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Prohibition Wins in Toronto. Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24.—Revised figures in the Ontario liquor plebiscite up to 8:30 o'clock this morning gave a majority of 30,467 for the temperance act. The figures in the "dry" column continued to mount as returns are received from the rural districts.

Appeals to Gov. Morrison to Find His Missing Daughter. Raleigh, Oct. 24.—An appeal to the governor to aid in finding her missing daughter, is contained in a letter received at the executive office from Mrs. Leon Gatlin, of Filmore, N. Y., whose letter stated that her daughter, Bessie Gatlin, aged 15, disappeared on the night of September 18th with a man from Cleveland, Ohio, and that she thought she had gone south.

With Our Advertisers. Federal tires are sold and recommended by Howard's Filling Station.

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GRACE DIRECT SETS STATE TRACK MARK IN RACE THURSDAY

The Mare Owned by Penny Brothers Traveled Mile in 2:04 1-4 Minute Faster Than Previous Record.

BELIEVE RECORD COVERS THE SOUTH Well Known Horsemen Believe Time Best Ever Made on Southern Track—Other Fines Races Were Offered.

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DEMOCRATIC LEADER BACK IN EAST FOR CAMPAIGN CLOSING

John W. Davis Returns to New York From Which Point He Will Conduct His Campaign for Few Days.

GREATER NEW YORK WILL HEAR HIM President Coolidge In Address Before Business Men Gave His Ideas On Management of Government.

Abard Davis train, en route to New York, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 24.—John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for President, was returning to New York today from his final tour of the middle west, prepared to begin tomorrow the closing program of his personal campaign, with an intensive drive in greater New York and vicinity.

The candidate ended his middle western trip last night in Cleveland with what was described as the most extended pronouncement regarding the Ku Klux Klan and other secret organizations made in recent years by a Presidential candidate during a campaign contest.

Coolidge Gives Ideas of Government. Washington, Oct. 24.—Having summed up his views on government administration and campaign issues in his address before the United States Chamber of Commerce, President Coolidge today had a few other engagements on his calendar prior to the election and none called for an extended speech.

In the statement of his position on government problems last night Mr. Coolidge said further tax reduction is possible, and asserted that the administration is prepared to continue co-operation in international affairs in the interests of peace, ready to investigate agricultural conditions to place farming on a profitable basis, and is determined to maintain a protective tariff.

The address was delivered before a meeting of the eastern division of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

LaFollette Speaks. LaFollette's special en route to Syracuse, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., Oct. 24.—As he travels eastward today from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he spoke last night, to Syracuse, N. Y., where he is scheduled to deliver an address tonight, Senator Robert M. LaFollette, independent Presidential candidate, declared in a statement that "it is being whispered about by bankers, railroad operators, industrial trusts, and the press controlled by them that should LaFollette be elected there will be a panic, that credit would be shortened, and that banks will withdraw their support to business."

"This is the same old bluff that has been used at this stage of every campaign in which there has been a real issue," he continued.

THE COTTON MARKET October Opened at Advance But Later Positions Were Unchanged to 3 Points Lower. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 23.—Heavy final October notices, reports of light to heavy frosts in many parts of the south, and relatively steady Liverpool cables were features of the cotton market early today.

Test For Truth Serum. New York, Oct. 24.—Scopolamin, "truth serum," will be tested on 10 inmates of Sing Sing prison, it was announced today by Dr. Carleton Simon, deputy police commissioner, who is in charge of the city's narcotic squad.

Used Part of Flag As a Danger Signal. Washington, Oct. 23.—Police today pounced hard on Edward H. Eaton, who used part of an American flag as a danger signal on the end of a junk wagon. He was charged with desecrating the flag and made to put up \$100 as collateral bond. He declared a helper had attached the signal and that he was unaware the flag was used.

Six Seaplanes Leave Hampton Roads. (By the Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Oct. 24.—Six seaplanes left Hampton Roads naval base this morning in a race to Bay Shore, Md., for the first cup offered by the Navy League of the United States.

Miners Strike. Scranton, Pa., Oct. 24.—Eleven thousand employees of the Pennsylvania Coal Co., in the Pittsburgh district and at Underwood, Pa., went on strike today.

12 PREMIER RACERS TAKE FINAL SPINS ON CHARLOTTE TRACK

Auto Drivers Getting Ready For the South's First Auto Classic Set for Tomorrow on the Speedway.

\$25,000 IN PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN The Drivers Will Travel 250 Miles and Each Had to Make 110 Miles During the Practice.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Oct. 24.—Twelve of the country's premier automobile race drivers today took their final practice spin on the recently completed Charlotte speedway, preparatory to the \$25,000 inaugural contest Saturday afternoon.

Two hundred and fifty miles is the distance necessitating 200 trips around the mile and a quarter oval. The winner will get \$10,000 while the remaining \$15,000 will be divided among the other nine "place" men in the order in which they cross the finish line.

Race fans from many sections of the country were arriving here today and indications point to a crowd of more than 50,000 persons when the race starts tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"Happy on the Way" to Charlotte. Raleigh, Oct. 24.—Hundreds of persons from throughout eastern North Carolina started out bright and early today for Charlotte by automobile to attend the 250-mile automobile race there tomorrow. Every highway had its quotas of cars en route.

The railways in this section are running special Pullman cars leaving tonight for Charlotte, several of them running from this city. At the ticket office it was stated at noon that all space had been reserved, with inquiries still coming in.

LAST SESSION OF U. D. C. CONVENTION HELD TODAY May Urge That Gen. Pettigrew's Figure Be Placed on Stone Mountain. (By the Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, Oct. 24.—The annual convention of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy entered its last session here today with final action on the meeting to place the figure of General James Johnston on Stone Mountain.

Revision of the divisional constitution so that it would be more in conformity with that of the general organization will complete the work of today.

CAN INCOME TAX RETURNS BE PUBLISHED IN PAPERS? This Question Will Be Decided by the Department of Justice. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 24.—The Department of Justice served notice today that it would require a careful examination of the statute and a final ruling, newspapers which publish income tax returns will do so at their own risk.

The department's announcement was made while Secretary Mellon and other ranking officials at the treasury were withholding any definite opinion. Revenue Commissioner Blair, however, indicated he regarded publication of the returns as a violation of the law.

FOUR MEN HANGED IN OLD MONTREAL PRISON Had Been Found Guilty of Murder of a Bank Messenger. (By the Associated Press.) Montreal, Oct. 24.—Four men at dawn today paid the penalty on the gallows in the Old Bordeaux jail for the murder of Henry Cleroux, a bank messenger, after the robbery of a collection car of the Bank of Hochelaga last April.

Two other men who were also sentenced to die, escaped the hangman's noose by a last minute commutation of their sentence to life imprisonment.

WRANGELL ISLAND FOLKS ARE NOW IN SIBERIA Carried There by Russian Transport From Colony Established by Stefanov. (By the Associated Press.) Petropavlovsk, Siberia, Oct. 24 (By the Associated Press).—After a tempestuous voyage, the soviet Russian transport, Red October, arrived here today from Wrangell Island, Pa., survivor of the expedition which Vilhjalmar Stefansson took to the island a year ago, and with 12 Esquimaux members of the expedition who are American citizens.

Trustees of Clemson Still in Session. Clemson College, S. C., Oct. 24.—At noon today the trustees of Clemson College were still in session considering the problem created by last week's walkout of a portion of the student body. No statement has yet been officially made with regard to the proceedings of the meeting.

FINE WORK DONE BY CABARRUS COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Since July, 1923, Has Graded and Top-Soiled Thirty-one Miles of Standard Width Road in County.

EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD BE PROUD Of the Work Accomplished.—Work on Hard Surface Road to Mt. Pleasant is Progressing Nicely.

Mr. Editor: If anything makes a man feel good, it is permanent improvements of any kind. And probably there is no one class of permanent improvements in which we are all more vitally interested than in the betterment of our highways.

The citizens of Cabarrus who can look over the permanent road work that has been done and is now being done in the county and not feel good is a pessimist with a bad liver.

Let us first consider the state work. Cabarrus joins the other ninety-nine counties of the state in singing the praises of the state highway organization, and especially the head of the State Highway Commission, Mr. Frank Page. We believe there is no man in the public life of the state today who is more deservedly popular or more highly esteemed than Mr. Page. He has built up a wonderfully efficient organization of what he calls "red-blooded he men." Just such a type of man did the state have in charge of the hard surface projects completed in our county within the past twelve months.

All who knew him had a good word for Mr. G. G. Dunlap, engineer in charge of the projects. Tourists and traveling men agree with us that there are no smoother or better built hard surface roads in the state than the thirteen miles built in Cabarrus under Mr. Dunlap's supervision.

In addition to these completed hard surface projects the state has built eight and a half miles of high class top soil road crossing the south end of the county on the Charlotte-Albemarle route, and has with county aid let the contract for hard surface road from Concord through Mt. Pleasant. This project is now under construction and will be progressing well.

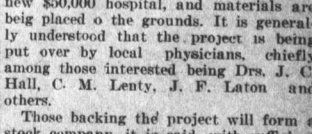
Next let us outline the work and organization of the county highway commission. In June, 1923, the Cabarrus County Highway Commission was organized under an act of the 1923 legislature, road matters theretofore having been administered by the county commissioners. We feel that the county has been most fortunate in the selection of the men appointed by the legislature to serve on this commission and we have been exceedingly fortunate in the selection of Mr. W. G. Brown as engineer to represent them in the prosecution of their work. There is close and hearty co-operation between Mr. Brown and the commission and the organization functions as a unit. The commission's engineer has their confidence and the confidence of the public, and matters which under the old regime required weeks and months to handle are now frequently disposed of by Mr. Brown in a few minutes and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The administration of our road affairs now has the appearance of an honest-to-goodness business proposition.

Mr. Brown has been supplied with adequate and up-to-date equipment both for

Work Begins on New Hospital at Albemarle. Albemarle, Oct. 23.—The contract has been awarded for the erection of a new \$50,000 hospital, and materials are being placed on the grounds. It is generally understood that the project is being put over by local physicians, chiefly among those interested being Drs. J. C. Hall, C. M. Lentz, J. F. Laton and others.

Those backing the project will form a stock company, it is said, with sufficient capital to guarantee complete equipment and a thoroughly modern hospital building. The building will be located in West Albemarle, on the knoll between the C. M. Palmer residence and the home of Contractor Harwood.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Fair and continued cool tonight and Saturday; light frosts in west and central portions tonight.