

Thursday Was Another Good Day At Gaston County Fair

Charlotte and Mecklenburg Folks Come Over About 500 Strong.

GASTON CATTLE AWARDS

Awards in Poultry Department Are Also Announced Today.

While the delegation from Charlotte and Mecklenburg county did not quite measure up to expectations there was a fair sized crowd from across the river here Thursday.

The day crowds Thursday were not so large as those of Wednesday. However, when evening comes and the midway attractions get under way, the crowds gather from all over the county and make merry.

Chief interest centers in the announcement of the awards of prizes and honors. Some of these are being published today and others will follow as fast as they come from the judges' books.

One of the best of the commercial exhibits in the agricultural building is the demonstration of Homelite, the electric light and power plant of the Simms Magneto Company.

The exhibit of the woman's building continues to attract. The Jolly Jester draws big crowds every day. His lectures are entertaining and instructive.

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Crowd Is Not as Large as Was Expected—Still, They Had a Good Time and Went Back Home Happy—Pleased at Mecklenburg Cattle Exhibits.

(W. B. Ragsdale in Charlotte Observer)

GASTONIA, Oct. 12.—Between 800 and 1,000 Charlotte and Mecklenburg county people made the trip to Gastonia this afternoon to attend the big Gaston County fair and they unanimously voted it the biggest and best fair that has ever been put over in that county.

As a "delegation" however it didn't delegate. Some one threw a cog in the machine and gummed the whole works. Several hours before the official delegation was planning to leave a number of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county people had already arrived at the fair.

They were to have composed the official Charlotte delegation arrived at the four mile post on the Dowd road, which was to have been the concentration point at the cross road, a drink stand on one side, a young lady being the sole guardian. So the delegation passed by, one and two cars at a time.

A welcoming committee composed of Mayor R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, Thomas L. Craig, president of the Gaston County fair association, Judge A. C. Jones, T. W. Wilson and others left Gastonia to meet the Charlotte and Mecklenburg people at Lowell, planning to give them the best that Gastonia and Gaston county had in the way of warm welcomes.

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PROGRAM CORNERSTONE LAYING NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING OCTOBER 20

Dr. W. H. Fraser, of Queens College, to Be Speaker of Occasion.

TRAINED CHOIR TO SING

Grand Lodge Masons of North Carolina to Have Charge.

An event of interest to the Masonic fraternity in Gaston county is the laying of the cornerstone of the new high school building on South York street next Friday, October 20.

The program in full follows: The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, will convene in the Baptist Annex at 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, October 20, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the high school building. Grand Lodge called from labor, the procession will move in funeral order to the site of the new high school building.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, to the audience. Prayer—Grand Chaplain. Raising of cornerstone. Cornerstone Ode—Choir. Deposit.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, to audience. Lowering of cornerstone. Testing the stone—Respective officers.

Conservation of stone—Corn, wine, oil—Choir. Invocation—Grand Master. Public Grand Honors—"Send Out Thy Light" (Gounod)—Choir.

The charge—Grand Master. Receiving the work—A. G. Myers. Introduction of orator—O. P. Mason. Oration—Dr. W. H. Fraser, president Queens College.

America—Chorus of school children. Proclamation—Grand Marshal. Duxology—Audience. Benediction—Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge will return to the Annex, where labor will be resumed and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

Music under the direction of Mr. H. Grey Steele. Picnic dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

Lodge meeting 7:30 o'clock. Work in Third degree by Gaston Lodge No. 269, A. F. and A. M. A district meeting will be held in the morning, the program of which follows: 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, October 20, 1922. J. S. Armstrong, of Lincoln, N. C., D. D. G. M., president.

Program: Invocation—Rev. Roswell C. Long. Address of Welcome—For City of Gastonia, Mayor R. G. Cherry; for Gaston Lodge No. 369, A. C. Jones. Response—R. B. Nixon, Lincoln Lodge No. 137, Lincoln, N. C. Reports of lodges.

Address—Senior Grand Warden J. LeGrand Everett. Benediction—Rev. W. C. Barrett.

CONTEST OVER WELLS' OUTLINES OF HISTORY TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 13.—A controversy over the adoption of Wells' Outline of History as a textbook at the Kansas State Normal School at Emporia, has been referred by Governor H. J. Allen to the State Board of Administration for final settlement.

The board has supervision over all the state educational institutions.

"I have received a number of letters protesting the adoption of the book," said Governor Allen today. "One oppose Mr. Wells' treatise on world history, claiming it is irreligious, another that it is improper from the moral standpoint. None of the opposition has been based on the fact that Wells is British."

The adoption of the textbook is said to have been through the recommendation of Prof. W. H. Carothers, head of the department of history at the State Normal School, and with the approval of President Thomas W. Butcher.

Rivals



Robert J. Ludland (below), suburban conductor, is candidate for assemblyman in Nassau County; N. Y. His opponent is F. Trubee Davidson (above), son of the late Henry P. Davidson and heir to millions; Ludland daily punches Davidson's commutation ticket.

That he will do this is regarded in best informed circles as altogether unlikely. It is recalled that he has been in close agreement with Lloyd George on all of the great political questions since the beginning of their association, and he has endeavored to convince that he cannot and does not wish to escape his share of the responsibility for the course which has been followed.

Mr. Chamberlain is represented as being convinced that continuance of the coalition is not only desirable but inevitable as no party is likely to emerge from an election with an independent majority. Moreover it is stated that he would in any case refuse to lead the party against his colleagues in the cabinet with whom he has no political agreement and for whom he cherishes close personal friendship. This being so, conservatives say, he must quit his leadership, for they are against Lloyd George and all of his policies.

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IN ANSWER TO RADIO'S S. O. S. CALL 217 PERSONS ARE SAVED FROM THE BURNING SHIP, CITY OF HONOLULU

POLITICAL CRISIS IN ENGLAND IS BIGGEST TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Feature Is Opposition of the Conservatives to Austen Chamberlain.

NEWSPAPERS ARE FULL

Chamberlain Has Been In Close Agreement All Along With Lloyd George.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Discussion of the political crisis again fills the principal columns of the newspapers this morning. The outstanding feature of the situation is an increased indication of the hardening of the conservative opposition to Austen Chamberlain's continuance as leader of the unionist party unless he cuts loose from Prime Minister Lloyd George and the coalition.

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If Your Name Is Clarence, Fall In

Newark, N. J., Oct. 12.—"Clarences" of all the nations are organizing for war on the wags who call them sissified.

Recruiting has started in Newark, following the call to arms from Clarence Massey, of Cleveland, who declares he is a two fisted "lar guy and tired of being called "Mama's boy."

"On the vaudeville circuits and everywhere they say Clarence is false," says Massey, "and some of these smart Alec's think a fellow has to have a name like 'Bull Spivens' or he's a mollycoddle."

As the organization work goes on it is reported that Percivals, Algerons and Llewellyns have offered to organize a brigade or two.

ROTARY LUB HEARS SEVERAL GOOD SPEECHES

Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, L. L. Jenkins and W. J. Shuford Entertain Club—Dr. Miller Puts On Good Program—Price Lineberger Is Teased By Rotarians.

Thursday's Rotary luncheon, one of the best and most enjoyable in many weeks, was featured by the presence of a number of visitors, three of whom, L. L. Jenkins, of Washington, George A. Graves, of Mr. Airy, and W. J. Shuford, of Hickory, made interesting and entertaining talks. The principle speech of the day was made by Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, who has just returned from a Western trip.

The program was in charge of Dr. O. L. Miller, and was introduced with a short talk by Dr. Pascal McLean, veteran surgeon. Dr. McLean gave the club some interesting information about his profession.

An amusing feature of the program was the advice given H. Price Lineberger, who was married last evening. He was called to the telephone and as he returned the notes of the wedding march were sounded and the advice posted on placards was handed him. "Lay down the law to her," said Garland. "Love is blind, but marriage is an eye opener," said Sam A. Robinson. There were several others of similar nature.

W. J. Shuford, of Hickory, past president of the Hickory Rotary club, made a very interesting and amusing speech. He is in the economy business at Gastonia, and urged the business men of Gastonia to stand behind the fair and give it all of the encouragement and support it needed.

Rev. Mr. Johnson's speech was heard with deep interest and attention. He described in a vivid way the beauties of the many scenes on the western coast, and in Canada where he visited.

The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening, Oct. 19, when the nurses and community workers will be guests of the club.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and probably Saturday; somewhat warmer Saturday and in extreme west tonight.

GASTONIA COTTON.

Today's receipts ..... 73 bales Price ..... 22 cents

The firm of J. H. Cutter & Co., has offer to buy every bale of cotton produced in Mecklenburg County this season on the basis of paying 80 per cent of its value on date of delivery and carrying the commodity until such a reasonable time as the growers might desire to sell outright, paying them the remainder then and without having charged them for insurance, weighing, warehousing and any other incidentals usually accompanying the plan of borrowing money against stored cotton.

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Mr. Cutter indicated that his offer provides terms which out-co-operates the "co-operative societies" the organization which the farmers have perfected among themselves in order to sell their own cotton through their own companies. It is understood that the farmers are advancing only 60 per cent of the market value of the staple and make charges against the growers in the way of warehousing, insurance and other incidentals.

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AIDED BY THE STRANGE FELLOWSHIP OF THOSE WHO GO DOWN TO SEA

Scores of Sea-Going Craft Turn to Rescue at Distress Call.

RADIO OPERATOR HERO

Stood By His Post Until All the Passengers Were Saved.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—The radio man's bridle on space, and that hardly less potent thing, the fellowship of those who go down to the sea in ships, stand responsible today for the safety of 2173 persons—the ship's company of the steamer City of Honolulu, which burned yesterday. The readiness with which mariners of half a dozen craft, from pleasure yachts to dreadnoughts, of the Pacific fleet, offered themselves for the rescue of their distressed fellow travelers afloat, was but an echo of a story first told so long ago that men have forgotten the time of the telling, but the tale of the radio's part belongs to a more modern generation. They mingled, this old thing and this new one, to save life.

Early yesterday, while she was 670 miles off San Pedro, Cal., fire broke out in the second class cabins of the steamer, one-time pride of the North German Lloyd line and more recently leader of the Los Angeles Steamship Company's new Honolulu service. Unaccountably the flames gained such headway on the fighting crew that, two hours later, it was necessary to abandon ship. But before that time came, the radio had cried far and wide the "dot-dot-dot, dash-dash-dash, dot-dot-dot" (S. O. S.), that means distress, distress and human extremity on the high seas.

Two ships, the Enterprize of the Matson line, and the Thomas, an army transport, west bound from Hawaii, caught the signal and turned toward the position the operator had given. A pleasure yacht, The Casnia, cruising to Honolulu with her owner, E. L. Doherty, and party of friends aboard, caught the appeal and turned her bow that way. Los Angeles caught the signals, and navy vessels stood by to race with death to the scene of the fire. San Francisco caught the signals, and waited a while until the radio operator on a distant ship had turned that vessel, too, toward the scene.

It was the ship, the West Faralon, M. M. Walk, master, that swept down the sea-lanes to the City of Honolulu and effected the rescue.

But she did not get there until more than four hours after the flames had forced the captain, his first officer, the chief engineer and the radio operator, who had stayed behind to be rescued, to the stern of the burning ship. The officers stayed to advise, suggest and confer; the radio operator stayed to keep the West Faralon advised, lest she miss the boat loads of passengers floating nearby and the rescue be delayed.

The fire broke out between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning; the passengers were put outside at 8; the captain left the steamer after 10; the West Faralon arrived about 2:30 in the afternoon. By a quarter to four the last boat load of castaways had been hauled aboard the West Faralon and that ship, left every corner crowded with cargo and human beings, lay to a mile from the fire swept vessel and all hands watched her burn. All hands, that is, but the radio operator—he was busy sending messages that told the world the steamer's company was safe and other messages that kept the Thomas steaming southward to provide for the rescued passengers some smoother comforts than the plinking of the West Faralon decks.

The Thomas' officers planned to transfer the City of Honolulu's passengers early today rather than risk accident in the darkness of the early morning. The Thomas will bring them to San Francisco. They had been bound for Los Angeles.

There, just before the Thomas reached the West Faralon, the story was broken this morning, for shore radio stations ceased communicating with the vessels so that the West Faralon radio might be used to guide the transport to her.

The cessation left much untold—the cause of the fire, the reason it spread with such fierce rapidity, the details of the fight against it and those more gripping details that made up the story of the flight in the lifeboats and the rescue.

What time there had been before the break the radio of the West Faralon was busy with reports to government agents—for the City of Honolulu and the West Faralon both were shipping board vessels—messages to the owners and a brief bulletin or two to refer to the word that all were safe. There was no opportunity for much that was of public interest to be transmitted. And then, too, rescuers and rescued were too much occupied with the business of settling down aboard the West Faralon to spend much time telling of their experiences. But they did not

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J. H. Cutter Proposes to Buy all Mecklenburg Farmers' Cotton

Will Advance 80 Per Cent, Carry It Without Cost to Grower, and Allow Later Privilege of Closing Out at Better Price Any Time He Sees Fit—Will Take More Than a Million Dollars to Do It—Thinks It Beats Co-operative Plan.

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of the staple is represented in the 80 per cent initially advanced. There are no strings, however, to his offer to pay 80 per cent immediately and then the full price any time between now and May 1, no matter to what extent the price is advanced.

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Mr. Daniels' Story to Appear Tomorrow

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