

ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR OPENED TUES.

Hon. A. W. McLean Made Splendid Address Opening Day—Parade Was Good

The fourteenth annual Johnston County Fair opened here Tuesday and each day has been full of interest for those who have attended.

The opening day was featured by the parade which formed at eleven o'clock at the Court house and wended its way to the Fair Grounds. Several floats were in the parade, the one arranged by the Woman's Club of Clayton easily taking the first prize. A seven passenger automobile was profusely decorated with the Halloween motif the occupants being dressed as ghosts to carry out the same idea. Two ghosts marched in front and two guarded the rear. Even the proverbial black cat had his place in the driver's arms.

The second prize was won by Mrs. C. B. Register, of this city, whose automobile covered in white and adorned with autumn foliage and flowers presented an attractive appearance.

When the parade reached the fair grounds, the fair officials and the speaker for the occasion, Hon. A. W. McLean of Lumberton, took their places in the speaker's stand arranged in the center of the race track area. The secretary of the fair Mr. Robert A. Wellons, called upon Dr. R. J. Noble of Selma president of the Fair Association to present the speaker, who for twenty-five or thirty minutes held the close attention of his hearers.

Mr. McLean began by saying that he felt very much at home here among people so much like those among whom he was reared. He compared the two counties of Johnston and Robeson, saying they were somewhat like two race horses especially in the production of cotton, one county being ahead one time, the other, another year. This led him to his subject. The occasion—an agricultural fair—demanded, he said, an agricultural speech, and with Johnston one of the premier agricultural counties of North Carolina no more fitting topic could be selected than some phase of the great industry of agriculture.

He recalled the fact that North Carolina has been dubbed the Rip Van Winkle State, due to the fact that she was unable to develop her resources after the Civil War. These conditions, however, are now changed. Recent years have shown progress in the building of good roads, in the improvement of educational facilities, and in the development of natural resources. Commendation is heard frequently beyond the borders of the state. But even though the progress of the Tar Heel state has been marked Mr. McLean emphasized the fact that there are still things to be done. Among these is the wiping out of illiteracy. The state has made progress in this but it is not enough.

The next thing in order, is the solving of the problem of making agriculture more profitable. The natural resources of North Carolina are more varied than of any state in the union. North Carolina stands fifth in the total value of all crops. She raises big crops of tobacco and cotton, but the profits are small and the reason, according to Mr. McLean, is because farmers have not paid enough attention to diversification and balanced farming. They have not considered the costs. The farmers must produce not only in a large way but must make a net profit. If Henry Ford should run his business like many North Carolina farmers, he would go broke in two years. He mentioned the waste of time in ginning cotton when a two horse team with two men is required to wait at the gin from 12 to 24 hours to get a bale of cotton ginned. But one of the chief reasons for farmers not receiving fair profits stated Mr. McLean is the system of dumping produce on the market. The farmers are responsible for these wasteful conditions. They fail to keep books and figure the cost of raising a crop of cotton or tobacco or raising a cow or hog.

There is only one remedy, the speaker declared—Education and more education. Not education in the ordi-

EUROPE TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT

Finally Agree Upon Expert Inquiry Into Reparations Tangle

London, Oct. 30.—Europe is to make another effort to unravel the everlasting reparation tangle. The British government today decided to accept the French Premier's reservations and the British charge d'affaires at Washington was instructed by cable tonight to inform Secretary Hughes of the decision of the powers to enter a conference of experts such as Mr. Hughes suggested in his reply to Foreign Secretary Curzon's plea for American participation.

If all goes well, this commission of inquiry will be started before the overseas Premier leave London, and it is hoped that in spite of France's severe restrictions, it may lead to a larger plenary conference on the whole European situation, at Washington or elsewhere, in which the powerful mental nations like the United States may make their voices heard.

British Decision

Sir John Bradbury, the British reparation delegate, whose opinion on France's terms of the experts' conference was sought, informed the British government today that while some of the conditions would sharply limit the scope of the conference, he felt that Great Britain could not take the responsibility of uttering a peremptory "no" to France and risk the loss of America's participation.

There is a strong desire among British government officials that the experts' committee shall have an American chairman, whose neutrality and disinterestedness they feel would insure a greater measure of impartiality and justice in the committee's decisions. They would welcome as the American member, it is said, a financier, as J. P. Morgan, or a lawyer of such repute and foreign experience as Roland W. Boyden or Paul Cravath.

To Invite Japan

Japan will be invited to join in the discussions of the expert committee.

The British believe that Japan's detachment from the immediate affairs of Europe will enable the Japanese member also to take an objective, unbiased view of the reparation problems and, with the American delegate, exercise a moderating or even mediating influence upon the discussions of his more interested colleagues.

It is understood that Gen. J. C. Smuts, Premier of South Africa, and some of the other progressive delegates to the Imperial Conference were opposed to acceptance of the French restrictions, favoring a larger, full-dress conference, even without France, but the opinion of the more moderate and calmer counsels within the Cabinet prevailed and it was decided to make a start at least with the smaller conference.—Associated Press.

nary acceptance of the term—book learning, but education that is a process of instruction and inspiration that enables one to perform our life work successfully to ourselves, our fellowmen, our country and our God. Burbank has little book learning, but is a highly trained man in his line. Ford has not much academic education, but is well educated along mechanical lines. Just so, the farmer who can raise crops at a profit is trained. And to this end he thinks the education of a farmer should look. The educational system of North Carolina, must broaden so that the prospective farmers may learn of plant life, of plant food, of soil conditions, of insect life, of manufacturing, and of marketing. The system must broaden in such a way as to include civic and industrial education for the rural population. The rural children need to have an equal chance with those of the towns to develop, and when this is accomplished, North Carolinians can show a state not only greatest in the United States, but the greatest on the top side of the earth.

The speech of Mr. McLean was well received by a representative audience from the county. The guest of honor remained throughout the day and took in the Johnston County Fair.



Mrs. Annie Strubbe Shearer who will sing at the Methodist Church Here Sunday Night

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE MOTOR TITLE M. E. CHURCH HERE REGISTRATION FEE

Mr. Shearer, Organist, Will Be Assisted by Mrs. Shearer, Soprano

An organ and voice concert recital of unusual attractiveness will be given in the M. E. church on Sunday evening by two musicians of international reputation; J. H. Shearer celebrated Scottish concert organist and Annie Strubbe Shearer, brilliant Canadian soprano. These musicians recently completed a concert tour of America covering 18,000 miles and giving over two hundred concerts in the leading Universities, auditoriums and churches. On this second trans-continental tour after which the Shearers continue through Australia, we have been fortunate in securing a stop over in Smithfield. Press notices of recent concerts speak of these artists in the highest terms and we are assured of an inspiring concert.

These musicians recently gave a concert in the First Presbyterian church of Goldsboro, and the pastor Rev. P. McIntyre has the following to say about their wonderful performance:

"The good sized, dignified, rather sleepy looking audience many of them present from a sense of duty that assembled last night in the First Presbyterian church to hear the Scotch organist Prof. Shearer and the Canadian singer, Mrs. Shearer listened but for a few moments to these skilled and wonderful performers when they sat up, rubbed their eyes and realized that they were the luckiest people in Goldsboro. Oh, what they would have missed in the way of a musical treat had they stayed away. Only once in a decade is Goldsboro fortunate enough to hear such singing and playing, such a happy combination of instrument and voice selections, rendered by so pleasing and charming personalities.

"Prof. Shearer played ancient and modern pieces showing the development of the organ, martial music and Scotch fantasies. Some of his own compositions rendered formed an interesting and unique feature of the program. Mrs. Shearer has a voice of great range and sweetness and power. She held the audience spell bound while she sang.

"There were people present who said it was the most enjoyable musical evening they had ever spent. Any church or school that featured good music will make no mistake in securing Professor and Mrs. Shearer for a performance."

ENGLAND'S OLDEST NEWS-PAPER PASSES OUT

London, Oct. 27.—England's oldest newspaper the Pall Mall Gazette passed out of existence with today's issue. Its property leading features and title will be absorbed by the Evening Standard. The original Gazette was founded in 1803. For many years the Gazette was owned by William Waldorf Astor, who disposed of it soon after the outbreak of the war.

CHAUTAUQUA TO BE HERE 3 DAYS

Guarantors Hold Enthusiastic Meeting; Dates Are to be November 13, 14, 15

For the second time Smithfield people, old and young, are to have the opportunity to enjoy a three day Chautauqua program. The program given here last year was good but it is generally conceded that this year's program is an improvement. Swarthmore stands for wholesome, uplifting entertainment. The lecturers and musicians are all worth while, about whom a more detailed program will be published later.

Tuesday evening Miss Mary L. Flynn, of Swarthmore, Pa., circuit director, was in the city and met with about ten of the guarantors—as many as could be reached on short notice—and planned for the coming event No. 13, 14, and 15. Miss Flynn characterized the meeting as one of the best she had been privileged to attend, and the enthusiasm has spread since to those who were unable to be present.

At the meeting, Mrs. A. S. Johnston was made chairman of the ticket committee with the following captains in the four wards: first, Mr. T. R. Hood; second, Mr. W. W. Jordan; third, Mr. W. L. Fuller; fourth Mrs. Thel Hooks. These captains will appoint helpers, and next week a ticket campaign will be put on. The advertising committee appointed is composed of Mr. John R. Morris, chairman, Mr. Robert F. Smith and Mr. C. V. Johnson.

The superintendent of the Chautauqua here this year will be Miss Meddie O. Hamilton of Wichita, Kansas. She gives a brief lecture each afternoon on some of the poets, her lecture on Burns being one that is always especially enjoyed.

The Junior Chautauqua which is an attractive feature of the three days, will be in charge this year of Miss Emily Morris, a graduate of West Virginia University. The program is planned especially for boys and girls from six to 14 years of age and consists of stories, games, boys' stunts, folk games, and the presentation of a pageant on the last afternoon of Chautauqua.

The pageant, "Her Family on Display" is the story of the Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe. Miss Morris will bring to Smithfield the great shoe house of the old woman, and out of it will come tumbling the big and little boys and girls of Smithfield, who are Junior Chautauquans, to present their various stunts and programs for Columbia, the Old Woman's distinguished visitor. Every boy or girl who has a Junior Season ticket will take part in the pageant.

The list of guarantors is as follows: Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Dr. and Mrs. Thel Hooks, The Smithfield Herald, The Smithfield Observer, E. S. Edmundson, Robt. F. Smith, W. S. Ragsdale, W. H. Austin, N. L. Perkins, W. W. Jordan, W. N. Holt, C. V. Johnson, Mrs. H. H. Radford, J. R. Barbour, W. L. Fuller, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Chas. A. Creech, J. N. Cobb, T. R. Hood and Mrs. D. T. Lunceford.

Wilson Vs. Smithfield Today

The local football team will play the Wilson Highs here today at the High School gridiron at 3:30 p. m. The Smithfield team although somewhat crippled on account of several men being out will be ready to meet the bunch from Wilson. Wilson has a very strong team this year and this game is expected to be one of the best of the season. The Wilson team won from the Selma Highs last Wednesday by a score of 21 to 0. The game here today is the first game of the North Carolina State Football Championship Series. All those who like a good football game will have the opportunity to see one this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harper, Mrs. W. H. Lindsay nee Miss Daisy Ellis, and Mrs. Zilphia Ellis of Wilson attended the fair here Tuesday and visited relatives and friends.

CO. FAIR EXHIBITS ARE VERY GOOD

Some Departments Make Better Showing than Others; Hogs Are Very Good

Today closes the Johnston County Fair for this year. Some of the exhibits are better than ever before and some departments are no so good. In the Woman's Department, the pantry supplies make a very good showing, particularly the cured meat, cakes and candies. The honey display deserves special mention. An interesting feature conducted in this booth was the electric fireless cooker demonstration each day by Mrs. Lee Sanders.

Quite the usual display of cut flowers and ferns were shown, chrysanthemums, dahlias and roses predominating.

A popular niche was the space devoted to old curios and relics, each with a history well worth knowing. Among the curios was a miniature cultivator made by a fourteen year old boy, Raymond Robbins, of near Pine Level—probably a future McCormick.

The canned goods, jellies and preserves were very good. All of the entries showed skill and the arrangement displayed each jar to advantage. A new idea in this department was the demonstration in jelly making given Thursday by two club girls, Miss Janie Edwards of Pine Level, R. F. D. and Miss Sallie Herring of Selma.

The art department was larger this year than heretofore, and attracted quite a bit of attention. The prize posters used to advertise the fair were on exhibition in this booth. Miss Edna Hilderbrand won first prize, and Mrs. W. H. Lyon, second.

The usual amount of fancy work was on display and was commented upon by lovers of dainty needlework.

The space allotted to community exhibits was noticeably vacant there being only one community booth that of Selma. This exhibit was exceptionally fine and it would have been hard for any other community to beat it. It certainly deserved a blue ribbon.

The school exhibits were also lacking. Only two schools in the county—Selma and Four Oaks—were represented. These reflect credit upon the teachers and pupils in these schools. The work shown covered every grade from first to eleven, and all the work showed originality.

The field crops were not so numerous and only one industrial farm exhibit that of Mr. Harper Sanders, was shown. The quality of the produce however, was good.

The poultry show was worth seeing. There were the usual number of entries with practically every entry purebred stock. Rhode Island Reds and White Wyandots were in the majority. One man entered over 100 fowls.

The entries in the stock department with the exception of hogs, were few, but the hogs were undoubtedly the finest ever shown at a fair here. Every available pen was used and several new ones were put up after the fair started. Only purebred stock was exhibited. Duroc Jerseys were most numerous but there were fine specimens of Poland Chinas and Hampshires.

LLOYD GEORGE HAS DOUBT ABOUT PLAN

Richmond, Oct. 29.—Commenting upon press dispatches from Paris setting forth Premier Poincaré's views on the adjustments, David Lloyd George, former premier of Great Britain, declared here today that if the French prime minister meant that there was to be no reduction under any circumstances in the London total of "132 thousand million marks, then there wouldn't be any inducement for Germany to do anything." If there were a proper adjustment, he added, Germany probably would do her best to pay up. "Otherwise," he said, "she would lie down in the ring; lie down like a tadpole in the mud."

Mr. C. L. Britt, who lives near Garner, was in the city yesterday and gave us a call.