

Fifth Annual Roanoke Fair; September 27-October 1; Bigger and Better Than Ever Before

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# ROANOKE'S GALA DAYS

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## PLANS COMPLETE FOR 1926 FAIR

### Premiums Greatly Increased, Bigger and Better Amusement Attractions

#### Is Now Greatest District Fair in Eastern North Carolina; Exhibits Expected to be Far Superior to Any Ever Shown Here

#### Geo. Doby's Shows to Furnish Attractions For Midway

The present plans of the management of the Roanoke Fair will bring to this section one of the greatest events ever recorded, for they call for something surpassing all past records. The people of the entire section of Eastern North Carolina will see in the Roanoke Fair here September 27 through October 1, one of the greatest district fairs ever held. In an interview with Mr. H. M. Poe the first of this week, we learned many new things about the fair to be held here the latter part of this month, things that were so startling that the statement—greatest fair ever held—is made with all sincerity and truthfulness. Practically all the plans have been completed and with the addition of others nothing will be changed other than in the volume of happenings, for the present plans will bring to us the best of everything that goes with a fair.

Judging from the outlook for the fair from the standpoint of exhibits, we have cause to believe that this year will be one of the outstanding ones when it comes to the educational value of the district fair. With the best crops we have ever had now being harvested and with a keener interest in the other fellow's method of farming we are assured that there will be many exhibits and all of a prize-winning nature. The special exhibits that will be on display will be well worth a trip to the fair this year, for they will be of the highest type imaginable. In connection with exhibits, the management has worked unceasingly for the past several months, preparing those things that will be forth while. We wish we could go through the list and point out the special features that will be in the exhibit halls this year, but this we cannot do here. We can say that the premiums offered this year surpass those of last in value, practically every department witnessing a large increase in the number given.

And while there has been very much attention given this side of the fair, the children's part, and in many cases the part belonging to all of us, the amusements, has caused the management to travel many miles and to spend the largest amount of money ever spent in getting them here. No contracts were signed without a personal interview first being made and the merits and features of them weighed. In fact, Manager Poe, set a standard at the beginning and everything had to measure up to that standard before final arrangements were made. We would like here to go into detail, telling you just what there will be in the way of amusements at the Roanoke Fair this year, but we can do more than casually mention them and say that they will be of the most pleasing nature, and will be of the clean and wholesome type. A midway that any member of the family could see and not be embarrassed is one way we can recommend it to you.

Save the dates, September 27 thru October 1, and be at the Roanoke Fair; you are welcome and we insist on your being here.

#### PHUNNY PHORD PHREE ACT



Above is shown the Phunny Phord Phree act, one of the side-splitting free acts to be put on at the Roanoke Fair this year. This attraction was well recommended to the fair management and should prove one of the biggest attractions there.

#### Your Friends Will be Here, So Arrange to Meet Them

We place a premium on anything that is beneficially uplifting, of an educational value and a forerunner to progress, and with this in mind we devote this entire page to the Roanoke Fair to be held here September 27, through October 1. In doing this it is far from our intention to overstate the things we would want you to know about but with all sincerity, we would like to place before the people of this section the true merits of the Roanoke Fair here this year, so that you with thousands of others might have an idea what to expect and that you might join the

thousands of others and attend the best fair ever held in this section of the State. In your spare moments, read this through, show it to the children and during Fair Week lock up the chickens and the house and come—amusement for the children, educational exhibits for the grown-up and free acts along with many other things for all.

Let us say here, to convey to you ever feature of our fair is impossible; so just come to Williamston during Fair Week—a hearty welcome awaits you. May we expect you?—Ed.

#### Complete List of Attractions

With fifteen separate and distinct attractions the "Joy Plaza" this year at the Roanoke Fair bids to be one of the greatest ever. These fifteen do not include the riding devices, but such things as museums, circuses, etc. We wish we could go into detail with all these attractions but to do so is impossible here, however we wish to mention enough of them so that you will have an idea of what the "Joy Plaza" is made up of, and enough to prove to you that you don't want to miss this fair.

**George L. Doby's Circus Side Show**  
A complete exhibition of wonders gathered from all parts of the universe and arranged for exhibition to ladies, gentlemen and children. Introducing novelties of a newer nature, all on a 100-foot stage.

singers, Charleston dances, instrumentalists, comedians, dancers and cake-walkers, presenting a complete minstrel first part, after show, and vaudeville program. Seats for 1,000 persons.

**Freak Animal Exhibit**  
Nothing like it in all the world; many imitators but no successors. The big herd includes steers, sacred cattle, horses, heep, and all freaks of old mother nature, yet all healthy and well.

**Doby's Wonderland**  
A mammoth side show of Hindu illusionists, Singalese troops, dancers and craftsmen, armless wonders, magicians, glass blowers, serpent charm-ers, cabinet escapes, Punch and Judy shows and many others.

**South Sea Islanders**  
With the pygmy queen of a native tribe in picturesque costumes, this type—a close descendant of the ape have all the characteristics of the animal, yet are possessed with almost human intelligence, unable to talk, yet uttering guttural sounds clearly understood by each other and by their keepers.

**Fairyland Shows**  
A complete and comprehensive animal exhibition, including denizens

#### Swine Show to be Another Feature

Department F, swine, of the Roanoke Fair has gained a wide reputation, many people from other states attending to see this show and that of the poultry department.

Premiums have been increased by hundreds of dollars this year and the number of exhibits is expected to rise considerably. Mr. D. M. Roberson, a large breeder, has charge of this department and he has accomplished a marked success in building up this department.

#### Previous Fairs a Credit to the Entire Section

#### Association Now Entering Its 5th Year With Brightest Prospects

Entering its fifth year, the Roanoke Fair Association during that time has staged such fairs that can be classed with the most successful ones to be found anywhere. They have been a credit to Williamston, our county and section, and we owe to those in charge our most ardent support. Being of untold educational value the four past fairs have played a great part in the advancement of every phase of life from the farm to the most humble kitchen. This year will see a continuation of such fairs, with the result that this will be of even greater value along that line. Since its organization in 1921 Mr. J. G. Staton, president of the association, has put his best efforts behind it and has spared no expense in making this fair equal those elsewhere. Under the capable management of Mr. H. M. Poe, the fair has been brought about, each year there being a better and bigger one. Mr. Poe's efforts have been of no small consequence, and it is with the greatest of pleasure that he announces this one to be the best all.

His work this year has been of the most intensive sort, several months having been spent in making those arrangements that will assure a real fair.

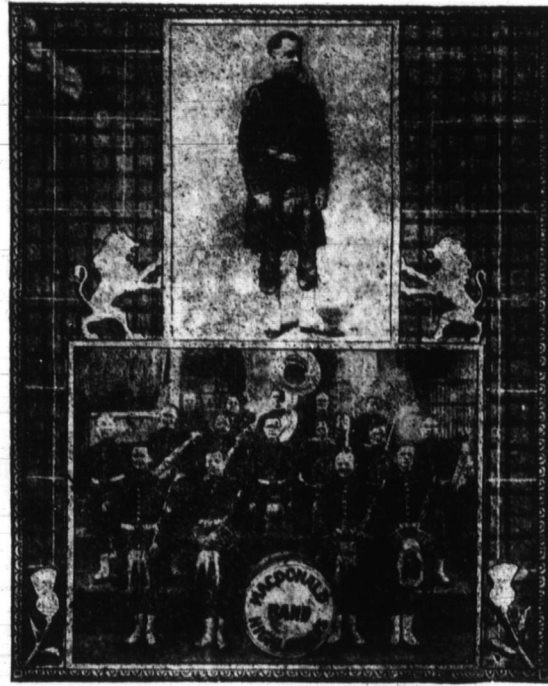
The efforts of these men and others connected with the association are supported, as has been seen, by thousands of people in Pitt, Edgecombe, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Halifax, Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, and other counties. With this large number of supporters, you can well expect the Roanoke Fair to be a worthy one. They want you to join that number, if you have not already done so, and it is their aim and purpose to offer such a varied program that each and every one will be pleased and benefitted.

of the jungle, wild and domestic beasts and tropical birds and serpents.

**Pusey's Horse and Pony Circus**  
A miniature circus with trained horses, dogs, and ponies, funny clown and comedy mules. Featuring "Lady Norfolk," the horse that roller skates.

**Pertle Brother's Wall of Death**  
Daring auto and motorcycle racing, hitting with death at every turn.

#### MacDONALD'S SCOTCH HIGHLANDERS



Patrons hail with delight the news that MacDONALD'S Royal Scotch Highlanders Band has been secured by the Fair management for a return engagement this year. The band needs no advertising beyond the mere announcement that it is coming back. Ask those who heard it last year. There are seven new features with the band this year, including a contralto, tenor, two pipers and dancers, and cornet, xylophone and trombone soloists. Twice daily in front of the grandstand, at 1 and 7 p. m.

#### Poultry Department Again a Big Feature; Considered the Best in Southeastern Part United States

The poultry department of the Roanoke Fair has within the past four years built such a reputation that it now ranks with the best poultry shows in the country. The country's largest newspapers have praised it, and bird owners in the many states look upon it as one not to be missed. Under the superintendence of Mr. C. W. Jacks, of Rocky Mount, it has grown to unbelievable prominence in poultry circles. This year bids to be the best year, and you may well

know that this feature of the fair will be worthy of a long trip to the Fair.

Last year there were approximately 1,500 birds from nine states; single entries and single cooped. You can well imagine the vastness of the job of handling 1,500 separate coops. This department has grown to such an extent that the poultry building has been practically rebuilt, the size being increased by double.

they race at terrific speed on a perpendicular wall. Trick and fancy riding.

**Hollywood Peep Show**  
A laughing gallery fully equipped with hundreds of arcade machines, scales, radio phones, photo machines, post-card emporium, name plates and a peep show of wonders created for the little folks. Special music.

**La Zara, the Paradox**  
An European feature, offering an enigma to scientists and specialists, presented by Mme. La Zara, with dazzling settings and gorgeous costumes. Billed as "half man and half woman."

**The Irgotis Family**  
From the Isle of Luzon, Philippines, comes this group of strange people in native costumes, songs, and dances. Ornaments and handicraft with scarf and Togo weavers seen in native dances and festivities.

**Mounted Organs**  
A complete band unit of pipe organs, imported from Italy, with chimes, bells, and pipes equal to a 40-piece band. Mounted on a Garcola float with gold leaf. Besides these there are the Giovanni organs, similar to the above.

#### Free Acts Program Greater Than Ever

Manager Poe has told us about the free acts and we can hardly wait to see them. He says they are increased over those of last year. They are better, in fact they are the best to be had.

Among them you will find the Phunny Phord, the greatest comedy act of the day. The Ford does everything but talk. You see the picture on this page.

The Rogoes, famous wire walkers and unique contortionists, appear in tricks never before attempted on the wire.

Featuring in fast trapeze acts, whirling and dropping, ground tumbling, and other features, the Armstrong Trio, will constitute a show alone. Then the fire works with an entire change of program will be far above those of last year. Some of this seems almost impossible, but Manager Poe is standing his ground with the facts. These with other acts will constitute the list of free attractions this year. O! we most forgot to mention the band; and once we would, one of the best free attractions would be left off. You want to hear this band if you haven't; those who heard it last year can almost be depended upon to return to hear it.

#### Full Program Will be Put on Monday Night

#### Concert by Royal Scotch Highlanders Band a Feature

The Roanoke Fair will be officially opened this year on Monday night, September 27, with a full program. This special opening will be characterized by a unique display of fireworks and tree acts. MacDONALD'S Scotch Highlanders Band will be there and a large number of selections will be rendered. In fact the Fair will be in full swing Monday night, when everything will be running.

Manager Poe states that the program this year is such an outstanding one that it is absolutely necessary to open on Monday night, for it would be little less than murder to have everything in readiness and then fail to offer it to the Fair's patrons.

On this night, the famous Scotch Highlanders will be there; and any one who heard them last year will tell you that a trip of many miles is not to be considered when it comes to hearing them. Besides the bandsmen there will be singers, pipers and dancers, featuring Miss Jessie Robertson, contralto; Miss Catherine Anderson, piper and dancer; W. Fraser Steele, tenor; J. O. Gaulttunen, cornet soloist; John J. Heney, xylophone soloist; Thomas F. Deveney, trombone soloist; William Adamson, piper and dancer. A full program of classical, popular, vocal, novelty, instrumental and dancing number will be presented on opening night, and you can't well afford to miss them. And then there are the other features. A full program of free acts will be rendered. The latest in fireworks, and the program will be the most elaborate ever seen here.

The program, this year is such an extensive one that five nights and four days are required to complete it; so bear in mind that it will take as many days and nights to see it all.

#### Several New Riding Devices on Joy Plaza

Just enough here to say that there will be new, better and bigger riding devices on the "Joy Plaza" this year. England has a contribution in the form of the Hey Day. It is the go of the season, and the one coming here was expressly built for the Geo. L. Doby's shows.

There are six mammoth rides besides several other smaller ones. They are as large as can travel, and the best to be had at any fair.

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