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ROANOKE FAIR OPENS HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Many Thousands of Visitors Expected During Four Days

PLANS COMPLETE FOR GREATEST EXHIBITION YET

Many Exhibits Have Already Arrived; Shows to Arrive Sunday Night

TUESDAY SCHOOL DAY

All School Children To Be Admitted Free Opening Day; County Race Set For Friday

Thousands of people from all over Eastern North Carolina are expected here next Tuesday when the Roanoke Fair Association opens its seventh annual show, and as the week advances, the attendance will increase. Plans for the section's greatest show are complete, and Manager John L. Rodgers stated this morning that he was more than pleased with the outlook for the fair, that the people are assured one of the best fairs ever staged here or any place in this part of the State.

Already the exhibits have started rolling in and the chickens, hogs, horses, et cetera, don't seem to know what it is all about. Probably D. M. Roberson's 4 carloads of hogs will be able to enlighten the barn-yard inhabitants, since they have been made old at the game by showing at the northern fairs. By late Monday afternoon, one of the largest lists of exhibits will have been entered at the grounds, according to advance reports from the various sections in this and adjoining counties. Preparations for the special displays have been underway for weeks and during the past few days work has been under way in the exhibit halls. The group displays will feature the exhibit halls, it is understood.

The fair's free acts, this year are pointed out to be the very best to be seen at any fair anywhere. Al Nuttle, with his one-man band, is expected in this week and ready to do his performances during all four days of the fair. Besides Al and his own acts there are six other free attractions that comprise a complete show within themselves. The acts will be presented twice daily in front of the grand stand.

Mr. L. A. Lee, advance man for the W. T. Stone Shows, arrived here yesterday, and he says Mr. Stone is bringing one of the best shows ever seen here. Mr. Lee stated that the shows have met with much success and the comments have been very favorable in the Pennsylvania towns where they have played during the past several weeks. The shows have played fairs in towns having over 50,000 inhabitants, and in practically every case return engagements have been arranged for next year. The shows, carrying seven rides, 11 shows, and 40 concessions and dining tents, will leave Hanover, Pa., late Saturday and will arrive here late Sunday. The shows, forming a train unit of their own, will be handled over the Pennsylvania lines and the A. C. L. by special engines. Unloading operations will not be started until early Monday morning, Mr. Lee stated. The midway will be completed late Monday or early Tuesday morning, ready for the opening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Lee stated that the Stone Shows form a clean, compact, and reliable organization, that the people

Program of the Seventh Annual Roanoke Fair

Tuesday, September 25—School Day

All School Children, Whether from Martin or Any Other County, Will Be Admitted Free at the Main Gate Until 5:30 P. M.

8:00 a. m.—Gates open, with W. T. Stone Shows "on the midway."
10:30 a. m.—Judging begins in all departments.
12:30 p. m.—Band concert by Victor's Band, in the grandstand.
1:30 p. m.—Races and free acts; 2:22 pace and 2:24 trot; \$300 purses and added money; largest entry list in fair's history. Greatest program of free acts ever offered in this section between the races.
Football game, Robersonville vs. Williamston.
3:30 p. m.—Inspection of exhibits, and midway running in full blast.
8:00 p. m.—Free acts program in front of grandstand; with selections by Victor's Band.
9:00 p. m.—Fireworks display. Midway open until midnight.

Special Demonstrations in Woman's Building at All Hours During Day

Wednesday, September 26—County Day

8:00 a. m.—Gates and midway open.
9:30 a. m.—Special demonstration in Woman's Building.
12:00 m.—Awards in all departments completed.
12:30 p. m.—Band concert in grand stand by Victor's Concert Band.
1:30 p. m.—Races called; 2:14 pace and 2:16 trot; \$300 purses and added money; big list of entries. Free acts between races.
8:00 p. m.—Band concert. Free acts in front of grandstand.
9:00 p. m.—Greatest fireworks display ever seen at a fair here. Midway open until midnight.

Second Attempt to Burn Factory Made Wednesday

A second attempt to fire the plant of the Blount Manufacturing Co. here was reported last Wednesday evening when a small blaze was extinguished by Edwin Cox, young son of one of the plant's employees. The fire had burned only a few minutes when it was discovered at 6:30, and no damage resulted.

An investigation showed where paper soaked in oil had been used in starting the fire, and that it was the work of a person apparently crazy. Suspicion turned from two men supposed to have attempted to fire the building last Sunday night to another source, which police or the plant owners refused to discuss.

360 ENROLLED AT NEGRO SCHOOL

Face Handicap in Loss of School Building; Doing Best They Can

With their building burned to the ground, 360 local colored children are attending classes in their churches and lodges. Principal Hayes stated yesterday that they had accepted their fate and were making the best of the handicap caused them by the loss of their building.

The school has eight teachers this year, and even though they are facing unfavorable conditions, the principal is predicting a good year for the pupils. The enrollment this year is decidedly larger than it was last fall, practically 75 new pupils entering the school this year for their first time.

Services in Everetts Baptist Church Sunday

Regular services will be held in the Everetts Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and that night at 7:30. Mr. E. L. Baker, of Wake Forest, preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.

connected with the shows are from the South and are anxious to get below the Mason-Dixon line.

The fair's manager stated this morning that the number of horses here for the fair was larger than last year, that the races will be the best in the district. Recent rains have packed the track, and the races will hold their own at the fair this year.

Three races will feature the program Friday when a county race will be held, in addition to the two regular races. Several local horsemen will enter their horses in the race which is expected to furnish real entertainment for the track followers and horse admirers.

PROCEEDINGS OF MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Criminal Docket Takes Up Over Half of First Week

MANY CASES TRIED

Most of Cases Were for Minor Offenses, But All Hard Fought; Judge Moore Presiding

The calendar for the September term of Martin County superior court now in session here was greatly interfered with when Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, and a part of yesterday were used in the trial of criminal cases. The calendar called for the disposition of the criminal docket the first day, and while there were no big cases up for trial, the minor ones were hard fought by the solicitor and defendant attorneys. The fines imposed by the court were few and small, and while there were many road sentences meted out, practically all of them were suspended.

The cases called include the following:

Capias was issued in the case charging Kader Barnhill with seduction. A no pro was returned in the case charging J. S. Williams with assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Graham Mangum failed to appear when he was called.

C. C. Sheppard was found not guilty in the case charging him with selling liquor.

Nep Powell pled guilty when faced with an assault with a deadly weapon charge. Judge Moore gave him six months on the roads, but suspended the sentence upon the good behavior of defendant and his paying the costs. Herbert Cullifer was found not guilty of passing worthless checks.

Elijah Jones was given eight months on the Edgemont County roads when he was found guilty of larceny.

Amos Spruill was found not guilty of operating an automobile while he was intoxicated.

In the case charging Jim Henry Nelson and Shep Weatherington with larceny, Nelson failed to answer the court's call and Weatherington was given twelve months on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon his good behavior and payment of costs.

The case charging John R. Hopkins with seduction was ordered removed to a Washington County court. Vernon Allbrooks, a young white boy, pled guilty in the case charging him with housebreaking and larceny. He was sentenced to three years in the State prison should he fail to remain at the East Carolina Training School for boys, near Rocky Mount. Young Allbrooks entered the home of Mr. H. D. Harrison here several weeks ago where he stole about \$40 and a few clothes. Two reasons were advanced for sending the boy to the training school by the judge, one having to do with the boy's age and a second having to do with an apparatus.

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TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Is First Meeting of 1928-29 Term; 65 Teachers Expected

The first meeting of the Martin County teachers for the 1928-29 term will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, in the courthouse, according to announcement made in the office of the county superintendent, R. A. Pope, Wednesday. Approximately 65 teachers are expected to attend the meeting.

While the general assembly will be held in the court room at the courthouse, the reading circle work will be carried on in the class rooms in the local building, it was stated by those in charge of the meetings. The general meeting was scheduled to be held in the courthouse when it was necessary to convert the school's auditorium into classrooms.

Superintendent Pope stated that the plans followed heretofore in the reading circle work would again be followed this year, that there would probably be a few minor changes in one or two phases of the work. The number attending the first meeting will be small compared to the expected numbers at future meetings, since only the longer-term schools are now in their 1928-29 term.

Visiting teachers are cordially invited by Williamston and its people and are asked to make themselves at home while here.

TOBACCO SALES CONTINUE TO SHOW BIG INCREASES ON LOCAL MARKET; OVER 375,000 POUNDS HERE TODAY

VICTOR'S CONCERT BAND



Appearing in concerts twice daily, Victor's Concert Band will be one of the featured attractions at the Roanoke Fair here next week. In the grandstand at 1:00 and 7:30 P. M.

Little Damage in County As Result of Storm This Week

RAILROAD AND MAIL SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED

Swamps and Streams Are At Highest Level Since 1879

HEAVY RAIN TUESDAY

Traffic Over Practically All Roads in Eastern Carolina Is Suspended; Wind Does Little Damage

While there were more than one thousand people killed and property valued at millions of dollars was damaged by a tropical storm in Porto Rico and Florida, this section escaped serious damage when the storm passed over and made its way up the coast. A heavy rain fell throughout the day Tuesday, and although there was much wind, no serious damage resulted in this immediate section. Several towns reported trees blown down and a few roofs that were unseated in the storm.

Flood waters were reported in all sections of eastern Carolina, and the highways in many places were covered with water, making travel impossible in several communities. Train service on many of the roads was badly interfered with, and regular schedules were called off in many cases.

Trains on the main roads of the Atlantic Coast Line were held up, and for more than 2 days people on the main roads went without service. The train plying between Plymouth and Rocky Mount arrived here on its regular schedule Tuesday night, but was unable to reach Jameville on account of washouts. On its return trip, the train was unable to reach Everetts on account of washouts between here and that town until Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday the train went as far as Jameville, where it was held overnight.

Service on many of the train and bus lines has been restored, but it will be several days before conditions get back to normal, it is thought.

The rainfall in this part of the State was said to be from 4 to 8 inches. A check here showed where 7 inches fell during the day, flooding swamps and creeks to the highest point since 1879.

Traffic between here and Windsor has been held up for several days on account of bridges being washed away. Reports from that town yesterday stated that the dam on the Edemont road near Windsor was expected to break at any time. Highway force and repair trains have been active since the storm repairing roads and tracks damaged by the high water.

Paving Company Delayed By Unfavorable Weather

Unfavorable weather conditions prevented the completion of the paving project on the road between here and Windsor this week, and it is understood that it will be some time next week before equipment can be placed here preparatory to the paving of this end of the route.

Reports from the Bertie town yesterday stated that water was knee deep in many parts of the town, and that travel was completely cut off in several directions.

17 CENT AVERAGE MADE THURSDAY ON 250,000 POUNDS

Large Amount of Damaged Weed Has Been on Floor This Week

PRICES MUCH BETTER

Weed Sold Here Yesterday for As High As 49 Cents; Damaged Tobacco Lowers Average

The Williamston Tobacco market maintained its lead in selling tobacco for the high dollar this week in spite of a large amount of damaged tobacco on the floors. The average yesterday for approximately 250,000 pounds would have reached 20 cents, according to tobaccoists, had there not been much damaged weed on the market. The official average for the day's sales was given as \$17.31.

Aside from those paid for damaged piles, the prices have soared here this week, reaching as high as 49 cents in many instances. Numbers and numbers of piles reached the 40-cent mark, and prices ranging from 25 to 30 cents have been general.

The warehousemen here are working as they have never worked before, and with one of the best sets of buyers to be found anywhere, the market is taking on new life that is bringing thousands of additional pounds of the golden weed here. Farmers from far and near are selling on the local market, and in practically every case they are pleased with their sale.

The largest break in the market's history was reported today when approximately one-third million pounds of tobacco were brought here. Warehousemen were giving their personal attention to every load they possibly could in an effort to guard the interest of their customers. And while the unloading process appeared slow to many of those waiting outside two pairs of scales in each house were in constant use. Their service was excellent. The day's sale will block for two houses complete their sales, it is thought.

Prices are said to be as high today as they have been since the market opened. General satisfaction seems to prevail and it is a rare thing to see a grower turn a tag.

Next week is fair week here, and the warehousemen are planning for good sales. They invite the farmers here on their season's record, and with the assurance of the highest market prices, courtesy, fair treatment, and service.

Bulletins

CHAUTAUQUA IS TURNED DOWN

Civic Organizations Recognize Merit of It, But Refuse to be Sponsors

Several of the town's community and civic organizations refused to sponsor a chautauqua here this year when they were approached by a representative of the chautauqua people this week asking that they back the show. While practically all the members of the various organizations were agreed that the institution is a good one, they were of the opinion that the show should come here on its own merits.

It is generally understood that the town will have no chautauqua here this year.

Local Warehouse Offers Cash Prizes to Farmers

In an effort to stress the importance of properly handling tobacco, Messrs. Bennett, Barnhill and Veasey, proprietors of the Farmers Warehouse here, are offering \$50 in prizes for the three best handled and packed piles of tobacco. Tobaccoists state that the farmers lose thousands of dollars where tobacco is not properly handled and packed, and that any work done to stress the importance of correct handling will be well worth while.

Farmers everywhere are invited to attend the demonstration and compete for the prizes. A short talk will be made by a leading tobaccoist at the sale next Thursday morning.

RECOVERS 12 STOLEN HAMS

John A. Griffin Gets Part of Meat Taken from Smoke House Back

Mr. John A. Griffin recovered 12 of his stolen hams this week in Tarboro when the thief, Roy Lilly, attempted to sell them. The boy's actions were suspicious to police authorities there, and they ordered an investigation. Young Lilly told the Tarboro officer that Mr. Martin "Bettel" policeman, knew him, and suggested that he be called to make sure his identification. The Tarboro officer drank it all in, and while he was telephoning, young Lilly made his escape. He has not been heard from since he left the Edgemont town.

Young Lilly is a resident of this county, living in the section where he raided Mr. Griffin's smokehouse. The boy's connection with similar robberies has not been established, and the others who lost meat are still losers.

Frank M. Barnhart Named Head of Bear Grass School

Mr. Frank M. Barnhart of Oxford, has been recently appointed principal of the Bear Grass school. He will arrive within the next few months to begin his work when the school opens the latter part of next month. Mr. Barnhart is a graduate of Duke University and has had several years' experience as a teacher and principal. This is his first year in this county.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

BOB STEELE

in

"DRIFTIN' SANDS"

Added

COMEDY AND SERIAL

"The Golden Stallion"