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Seventh Annual Roanoke Fair Gets Under Way Here Today

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN ARE GUESTS TODAY

Expect Former Attendance Record To Be Broken Before Close of Day

MANY MORE EXHIBITS

Swine and Poultry Departments Are Again Commanding Most Attention

The seventh annual Roanoke Fair was opened here this morning when thousands of visitors from all sections in this part of the State came to view the largest array of exhibits yet seen at a district fair and to enjoy the amusement features. Shortly after the noon hour, automobiles in an almost unbroken line were being driven into the grounds, indicating that the attendance records of the last year would be broken before late today. Estimates of the attendance were varied, several people stating that the crowd would number 6,500 and more. The number will not reach its peak until late today.

Preparation of the exhibits continued a greater part of the morning, the work being completed in time for the inspection by the thousands of visitors. There are many special features this year, and while the general run of exhibits is better than last year, the swine and poultry departments are probably commanding the most attention. Both these departments carry a larger number of exhibits than were seen last year. Mr. C. W. Jacks had not completed his count of the number of birds in the poultry building, but he stated that there were more than 1,500 on exhibit. Dozens of States throughout the country were represented with prize herds, and with hundreds of local birds on exhibit. Mr. Jacks' department is a feature within itself.

Again the swine department carries one of the best exhibits to be seen at any fair. Mr. D. M. Roberson, superintendent of the department, has just returned from a tour of the biggest fairs in the country, and he says the exhibit here will match any of them he has seen. Five carloads of swine were unloaded at the grounds late yesterday, and the show is declared the best ever seen here. Breeders from several parts of this State and several from other sections of the country are competing for the premiums, and there is some keen competition. More than 300 hogs are in the pens, and all the leading breeds are included.

The woman's department maintains its high rating, and the exhibits and demonstrations there are commanding a great deal of interest and attention. The quality of the exhibits is said to be better than it was last year, and the articles on display are more numerous. During the remainder of the week demonstrations in home work will be held by leading home agents and others interested in the work. Twice each day, Miss Eleanor Covington will hold a demonstration having to do with arts and crafts. These demonstrations are very interesting and are being watched by hundreds. Several county women will give demonstrations in bread making, chair upholstering, and baking.

Several home agents from adjoining counties are here taking an active part in the demonstration work, and many new things are being advanced in the interest of home work and methods. Friday morning, Miss Violet Alexander, Beaufort County's popular home agent, will give a demonstration in preparing a lunch for the

All-County Race To Be Feature Friday

According to statements made at the Roanoke Fair race track this morning, the all-county race here next Friday will be one of the track features during the week. Messrs. Barnhill and Leamon Taylor, of Everetts, and G. H. Manning, Oak City, and Henry Johnson, Robersonville, are planning to enter horses in the race, and it is thought one or two other racers will take part. The entry list for the special race will include only those horses owned by county residents, and where the horses have not raced in the regular races.

CLOSE CALL FOR 5 LOCAL BOYS

Car Turns Over Four Times But No One Is Injured Very Badly

Five boys of the local football team suffered minor bruises Sunday afternoon when their car, a new Ford sedan, turned over several times a short distance the other side of Everetts on highway No. 90.

The driver of the car, Hibble Liverman, attempted to pass another car and ran two wheels off the concrete. He was running about 45 miles an hour and when he tried to pull the car back on the hard surface it turned over. Professor B. E. Hood, who was with the boys, was badly cut on the head but not seriously. Three stitches were made in treating the cut. Young Liverman was scratched about the face. Three boys riding the back seat escaped injury.

The damage to the car was not very great.

Deputy Sheriff Captures Two Stills Yesterday

Deputy Sheriff Roebuck drove out to the country yesterday afternoon and picked up two nice copper stills, one of about 50 gallon capacity and the other of about 100 gallon capacity.

The stills were not in operation at the time, but a large quantity of beer was soaking near by in a large vat.

The stills were located on the Lanier poccasin in Griffins township. After making his report to the sheriff's office here, another search was ordered, and Sheriff Roebuck with a deputy returned to the same section and brought in a third still and several gallons of liquor.

The main building is probably attracting more attention this year than it ever did before. The articles exhibited are being viewed by practically every visitor. For several days preparations were under way in booking special exhibits, and yesterday afternoon farm and garden products were arriving by truck loads. Advertising booths are declared to be the best, in years, and they form a show within themselves.

The school exhibits, white and colored, are equally as good as those prepared last year, and the children from all over the county have enjoyed seeing the work prepared by their fellow students.

We missed the races and free acts, but reports from those who did witness the two programs indicate they are unusually good. Tonight, as well as every night during the fair, the fireworks will be anxiously watched by the thousands. The program begins immediately after the free acts are completed, or some time between 9 and 9:30.

The W. T. Stone midway compares favorably with those owned by the Nat Reiss and G. L. Dobyn's organizations, which showed here last year and the year before. The concessions, shows, and rides reach from one end of the grounds to the other, and even before noon everything was running full blast.

Thousands of school children from this and adjoining counties are the guests of the fair association today, and they, with the thousands of older people apparently are having the times of their lives.

LOCAL BREEDERS BIG WINNERS AT NORTHERN FAIRS

D. M. Roberson Returns With Prize Swine for Roanoke Fair

WON IN ALL CLASSES

Have Won Approximately \$3,600 in Premiums on Tour of Fairs in Two States

"We have had a very good season, so far," Mr. D. M. Roberson stated yesterday upon his return from northern cities, where he has been exhibiting his prize hogs at the various fairs. Mr. Roberson has been showing at some of the largest fairs in Pennsylvania and New York during the past several weeks and returned all the way from Allentown, Pa., to exhibit his herds at the Roanoke Fair here.

During the tour the breeders have won approximately \$3,600 in prizes. Their profits were greatly interfered with, however, when expense items proved to be unusually large in the northern towns.

The Messrs. Roberson had their best week at Ebensburg, Pa., where they won \$915 in premiums. They were the big winners there and outclassed practically everything on exhibit with their breeds. The herds were divided at Syracuse, N. Y., and winnings totaled only \$200. At the Indiana, Pa. fair they were awarded practically all the prize money. Last week the herds were placed on exhibit in Allentown, where the owners were given \$620 in prizes. The Allentown Chronicle has the following to say about their showing:

"In the swine show a newcomer to the Allentown fair, showing his herd here for the first time, J. J. Roberson, journeyed all the way from Martin County, N. C., to annex the leading honors in this class, practically sweeping the field in three of the six firsts and other awards in the others. "J. J. Roberson annexed five firsts, nine seconds, and five thirds, and also showing junior champion boar and sow in the Duroc-Jersey class. He made practically a clean sweep with his Hampshire, securing all the ribbons for all the champions in this division, both senior and junior, and taking fourteen firsts, thirteen seconds, and four thirds. There was no disputing the right to exclusive honors in the Berkshire class for J. J. Roberson, whose entries annexed thirteen firsts, nine seconds, and three thirds, as well as both senior and junior champions. Another triumph was marked up for J. J. Roberson in the Chester White class, as the North Carolina exhibitor won ten firsts, six seconds, and nine thirds."

The breeders will exhibit their herds at this State during the next several weeks before traveling South to exhibit at the fairs there.

SUPERIOR COURT STILL IN SESSION

High Water Prevents Judge From Getting Here Until 2 O'clock Monday

Proceedings in the superior court here last week and so far this week have been few, much time having been lost in clearing the criminal docket of stubborn cases and because of unfavorable weather during the first few days. Yesterday the court was delayed until 2 o'clock on account of the high water in the Tar River, which prevented the judge's arrival here at the morning hour. Judge M. V. Barnhill, resident judge of the district, is presiding, Judge Nat Townsend, scheduled to hold the court this week, having been delayed in Mecklenburg. The fourth civil case to go before a jury, called yesterday afternoon, is that of Hughes against Salisbury. Only two witnesses had been examined when the court was adjourned yesterday, will last through today and probably a part of tomorrow.

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Stores Planning to Close On Thursday Afternoon

It was generally agreed among most of the merchants to close their stores Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock that the clerks might visit the fair. Mayor Coburn stated that the majority of the merchants were planning to close for the afternoon, and that it was likely that practically all the business houses would be closed for the afternoon.

During the past several fairs, the stores have granted their clerks a half-holiday.

LOCAL MARKET CONTINUES TO SHOW STRENGTH

Big Sale Yesterday With Prices Considered Better

GROWERS SATISFIED

Still Much Damaged Tobacco Coming in On Account of Bad Weather Last Week

"Tobacco is selling as high, and I believe a little higher today than it has this season," Mr. M. T. Gardner stated yesterday afternoon when he was asked how his tobacco sold on the local market. Mr. Gardner made a splendid average and even asked us to tabulate it a second time when it was found to be \$38.44. And while Mr. Gardner's sale is only one, he stated that the entire sale was exceptionally well. It was the opinion of many that the average would have gone beyond 20 cents for the whole market had there not been a large quantity of damaged tobacco on the floors. A great deal of the damaged weed is coming in now, as farmers found it impossible to keep dry during last week's storm.

Yesterday there were farmers here from Suffolk, Va., Enfield, and Warrenton selling on the local floors, indicating that they know a good market.

The sales yesterday gave general satisfaction to the large number of farmers on the market, and today the golden weed was pouring in in large quantities. With fair weather prevailing good sales are expected during the next several weeks.

TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

Held in Courthouse Here Last Saturday; About 75 Are Present

The Martin County teachers met in the courthouse here last Saturday afternoon in their first meeting of the 1928-29 school term.

In opening the meeting, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the local Methodist church, led in prayer and made a short talk. Supt. R. A. Pope, in addressing the teachers, outlined a few of the duties of the teacher and urged that each one be liberal in his work and kind to every one. He pointed out that by doing this, a successful year in the schools would follow. As a means of safeguarding the health of the children as far as possible, the teachers were asked to report all diseases among their children to the county health officer, Dr. William E. Warren. Many teachers enrolled with the North Carolina Educational Association at the suggestion of the superintendent.

Following the grouping of the teachers, officers for the year were elected as follows: Mr. D. N. Hix, president; Miss Mildred Darden, secretary. By a vote of 54 to 21, the assembly decided to continue holding its meetings here.

Schedules for future meetings of the teachers will be worked out by the Messrs. R. I. Leake, H. M. Ainsley, and L. H. Davis, assisted by Superintendent Pope.

SMOKE HOUSE RAIDER ACTIVE

Famed Griffins Township Meat Thief Makes Three Visits Friday

The Griffins township famous smokehouse raider made another charge last Friday night in that section.

This time he broke the door to Mr. David Griffin's smokehouse and took every pound of bacon there. Fortunately Mr. Griffin had disposed of all his meat, except about nine hams before the thief made his visit. The same night the smokehouse of Mr. A. D. Griffin was visited but the lock was too strong and the thief failed to gain an entrance.

The rogue then went to the home of Mr. Jesse Lilley and stole every ham there except a piece of one which had been cut.

It is thought by the people around the neighborhood that it is a home boy who is doing the stealing but so far they have been unable to trap him.

Kiwanis Club Not To Meet Wednesday

There will be no meeting of the Kiwanis club tomorrow, it was announced this morning by the club's president, R. L. Coburn. The meeting was called off when it was learned that the ladies serving would be busy at the fair.

The regular meeting will be held next week, it was stated.

Program of the Seventh Annual Roanoke Fair

Thursday, September 27—Everybody's Day

8:00 a. m.—Gates open, with W. T. Stones Shows on the midway. All departments and exhibits halls open.
9:30 a. m.—Special demonstrations in Woman's Building.
1:00 p. m.—Band concert by Victor's Band in grandstand.
1:30 p. m.—Races called: 2:10 Pace and 2:20 trot; \$300 purses and added money. Greatest program of free acts ever offered in this section between the races.
3:30 p. m.—Special demonstrations in the Woman's Building.
8:00 p. m.—Free acts program in front of grandstand; with selections by Victor's Band.
9:30 p. m.—Fireworks display. Midway open until midnight.

Friday, September 28—Homecoming Day

8:00 a. m.—Gates and midway open.
9:30 a. m.—Special demonstrations in Woman's Building.
12:30 p. m.—Band concert in grandstand by Victor's Concert Band.
1:30 p. m.—Races called: 2:17 pace and 2:20 trot; also all-county race. Largest entry list in history of the fair. Free acts between the races.
3:30 p. m.—High school football game, between Williamston and Ahoskie schools.
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.

NAME 4 MORE GAME WARDENS

Organization for Enforcement of Game Laws Is Now Completed

With the appointment of four additional game wardens by County Warden Hines last week, the organization for the enforcement of game laws in Martin County was made complete. The wardens appointed last week by the county warden include Tommie Whitley, Griffins Township; Walter Bailey, Bear Grass; P. A. Cherry, Williamston; and R. S. Price, Williamston and Bear Grass. Mr. A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass merchant, was authorized to sell hunting licenses in his section.

The enforcement of the game laws will be handled by 14 district wardens headed by the county warden. Several indictments have already been ordered, and a strict enforcement is expected.

NAME COUNTY CHARITY BOARD

To Advise and Assist State Board of Charities and Public Welfare

A board of charities and public welfare for Martin County has been appointed by the State board of charities and public welfare at Raleigh. The members are Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald of Williamston, Rev. E. P. West, of Hamilton; and Mr. R. O. Martin, of Jamesville. The terms are for one, two, and three years, and the following appointments will be for three years as the county boards are organized on the plan of rotation.

Four Violators of Game Laws Tried in County

County game warden, J. W. Hines, says that four violations of the hunting laws have just been before the courts in this county. Jim Henry Scott and Jim Braswell, of Hamilton, were tried by J. E. Edmondson, a justice of the peace, on a charge of hunting without license. Each was fined \$5.00 and charged with the costs.

Ransom Roberson was held on a charge of killing a deer out of season and Ira T. Coltrain for hunting deer out of season. Each pleaded guilty of the charges preferred against them. The two men were released upon payment of the costs when they explained to Justice of the Peace A. Corey that they had gone to look for hogs wandered from a pasture during the high water and then when a deer ran by, Mr. Roberson automatically shot him.

TAR RIVER IS NOW FALLING

Crest Is Past at Tarboro; Town of Princeville Under Water

Reaching a crest slightly over 30 feet, the Tar river at Tarboro was reported on a standstill yesterday, and a fall in the high water was in evidence today. Greenville is having its highest water today according to reports.

Tarboro was the mecca for thousands of motorists from over the section Sunday, the high waters attracting all kinds of attention. With the water very near the record level of 1924, all lowlands along the stream are completely inundated and boats are being used along the streets and thoroughfares near the river.

The Negro village of Princeville, just across the river from Tarboro, is almost entirely under water with scores of Negroes forced to abandon their homes and business is at a standstill. It is expected to be several days at least before the water recedes sufficiently to permit their return.

According to official highway reports, Route No. 90 will probably be opened late tomorrow, that the water was falling slowly and so definite time when the road would be opened could be announced. While the water continues to run across the highway at Greenville, it is thought the road will remain open to traffic.

SOON BEGIN TO MARKET COTTON

Few Farmers Will Begin Ginning This Week; Price Is Low

The marketing of another of this section's main crops was started this week when farmers started carrying their cotton to the gins. Very little of the crop has been prepared for the market at this time, however.

The present price for the crop is in keeping with those paid for other farm commodities, but marketing specialists are of the opinion that the price will show greater strength later on. This expected increase depends, it has been pointed out by specialists, to a great extent, upon the channels used in placing the crop on the market. The North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association is stressing the importance of its system of marketing, stating that the methods advanced will, in all probability, result in a better price for the crop before the season is over.

The association is calling for one-year contracts at this time, and the membership in the organization is expected to be considerably larger this year than it has been in the years past.

Organization of Democratic Veterans for Martin County

The State Headquarters has recently appointed Julius S. Peel District Chairman of the Democratic Veterans Organization, and very shortly a complete Martin County unit will be perfected. Mr. Peel states that this organization will be one of the most active in the county and a number of well-known speakers will be invited and are expected to speak in this immediate Eastern section. More complete information to all democratic war veterans will be forthcoming within a few days.

RED CROSS DRIVE IN COUNTY GETS GOOD RESPONSE

Total of \$171.85 Collected In County Outside of Robersonville

\$136.85 IS RAISED HERE

Hamilton Has Made Best Record So Far, Reporting \$35; Robersonville Has Own Chapter

As the rescue work goes on in the storm-ridden sections of Porto Rico and Florida, the appeal of the American Red Cross for funds continues. Horrible accounts are coming from the devastated sections, where the bodies of many were cremated when it was found impossible to dispose of them in a way more commonly following. Disease is said to be spreading, and hundreds of thousands of people are on the point of starvation.

Martin County is almost within reach of its quota, and before the week is past the amount and over will be raised, according to Mrs. E. S. Peel, vice chairman of the Martin County chapter. Donations received up to last night amounted to \$171.85 for the entire county, with the exception of funds raised in Robersonville, where an independent chapter operates. Mrs. M. B. Boyle, of Hamilton, reported \$35 raised there during the past few days. Comparatively speaking, that amount stands out more than any one reported to date. Williamston has donated \$136.85, according to a check of the money yesterday.

The organization in this county is functioning very well, but in one or two sections it has not been perfected, but Mrs. Peel states these sections will be visited within the next few days when solicitors will be named. In Oak City, Mr. H. M. Ainsley has been made head of the campaign, Mrs. C. T. Roberson is serving in Griffins Township, and Mr. E. H. Ange is receiving donations in Jamesville. No reports have been made from those centers at this time.

COUNTY AGENT'S AUGUST REPORT

Twelve County Agents Are Visitors Here During Month

County Agent T. B. Brandon followed an intensive schedule in performing his duties in the various communities last month. So busy was he that his report comes a few days late.

During the month twelve county agents from as many counties paid Mr. Brandon a visit and investigated farming conditions here. The visiting agents were here the greater part of one morning and asked about general crop conditions and the farming industry as a whole and as it followed in this county. Many of the agents wondered why Martin County farmers were not rich, and they were surprised to find such excellent farming conditions and so many hard-pressed farmers. Several of the agents stated that without a doubt this was the finest farming county they had been in, and that they would like to live here.

The agents, coming from Moore, Polk, Scotland, Cumberland, Montgomery, Richmond, Harnett, Lee, Robeson, Anson, Union, and Stanley Counties, were accompanied by their district agent, Mr. O. F. McCrary. The Mexican bean beetle kept the agent busy during the latter part of the month, and much control work was carried on. The beetle was disastrous to gardens in many places, and in all probability the damage will be greater next year, Mr. Brandon said. Results of cotton and tobacco demonstrations were obtained and filed for reference, but the findings are not complete at this time.

Besides his regular duties, Mr. Brandon spent much of his time preparing for the fair here next week. He stated yesterday that prospects were good for the best array of farm products here this year than at any time before.

The agent's report: 17 days in field work, 5 days in office work, 5 days annual leave, 104 office conferences, 87 telephone calls, 121 letters written, 40 farms visited, 824 miles traveled on official duties, 5 articles written for local papers, 285 head of hogs were treated during the month. Some time was devoted to the local county fair.

Hoover and Smith Cars Collide Here Sunday

Two Ford cars, one carrying an Al Smith tag and the other carrying a Hoover tag, ran together at the intersection of Route 30 and Route 90 at the edge of town Sunday night. It was about an even break, for both cars were badly wrecked and the occupants of each received minor injuries.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY RANGER

in "FANGS OF THE WILD"

Also REEL COMEDY And Serial "The Jungle Goddess" and

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY