

Visit to Old Haywood Fair Bring Back Fond Memories

"School Girl Of Old Fair Days" Recalls Many Happy Moments Spent At Them

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School day at the Haywood County Fair stands out as one of the most cherished memories of my childhood days.

We always had the Fair to look forward to, which kept starting to school from being such a horror.

The fair was usually held the 4-5-6-7 and 8th of October, with the sixth being set as school day. Back then the Waynesville students came from the scattered territory from the old Baptist Church, where Mrs. R. L. Allen's home now stands up to the high school, which was about where the Methodist church is now located.

The primary grades would march to the high school where they would get in line—from the first to the tenth grades—with each child carrying a flag of the United States, for which they had previously contributed one cent.

With flags waving, we marched down the street, as proud a group of children as ever took part in a parade. We turned at Depot Street and continued on to the fair grounds on Smathers Street.

We had to wait in line as each grade

passed through the gate, where we were oked by the gate keeper, as all the school children were given free admission.

We had to keep order. I shall never forget how tired we were, but it was soon forgotten after we were inside the grounds.

We were usually met at the gate by one or both of our parents who had arrived earlier with a bountiful picnic lunch.

About the first amusement we would seek was the merry-go-round. From there to the snake eater's den, then the spider woman, and with the faith of children believed them all to be the real thing.

When we could slip away from our mothers, we would watch the demonstrations of the hoochy-coochy dancers, who at that time were considered about the wildest creatures living. Their tents wasn't considered a fit place for husbands or children.

The exhibit building was a great place of interest—especially where our school work was on exhibit. We were very proud to point out our work to all observers.

After a bountiful dinner, we usually went to the grandstand to watch the horse races, which I did then, and still consider, the greatest sport in the world. I can still hear the shouts of: "Come on Bob," a favorite race horse owned by Dr. Tom String-

Souvenirs Of Old Fair Still In Use

Among some of the souvenirs brought to this office of the old Haywood County Fairs, a cut glass sugar bowl, with the inscription, "Uncle Joe to Edna." The persons being Joe Howell Mehaffey to his niece, Edna Bright, who was the winner of the blue ribbon in the baby contest.

Of the same material, was a canoe, given to Edward Bright. Both of these souvenirs are being used daily by Mrs. Ed Bright.

field, and a favorite of race track lovers for many years.

After the races, came the balloon ascension, which was the only form of aviation in this country in those days. When the balloon would reach a certain height, the balloonist would cut loose and float down to earth in his parachute, only to land where fate led him, ranging anywhere from a tree-top to Richland Creek.

About four or five o'clock in the afternoon, frantic parents would start trying to round up their children, which was often a hopeless task, sometime taking several hours.

I am glad that we are having a fair again, and hope that the children will enjoy it as much as the children of the "Old Fair" did—and as I said before, a visit to the Old Haywood County Fair is one of my dearest memories.

Cost of Congressional Record
It costs something like \$45 a page to print the Congressional Record.

Long's Machine In Louisiana Is Now Split Wide Open

New Orleans, La.—The political machine left by Senator Huey P. Long was split wide open by announcements of Lieut. Gov. James A. Noe for Governor and Wade O. Martin, public service commissioner, for the United States Senate, in the January primary.

The announcements caused considerable excitement. Gov. O. K. Allen, who had said the state ticket would be chosen at a caucus to be called by him, would not believe they were genuine announcements.

The Governor closeted himself in his office with a group of his associates and discussed the announcement. He could not conceive of Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin taking such steps without his sanction. Later the two men joined the Governor's conference. They had driven from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

Mr. Martin had been just about selected to run for the unexpired term of Senator Long, but the statements accompanying his announcement indicated that he would offer for the regular six-year term beginning in January, 1937.

Climate in Egypt

Egypt has several kinds of climate. There are only four months in the year when the weather is too hot for the average inhabitant of temperate zones. In northern Egypt there is a fairly even temperature all the year around.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

W. L. Penland to W. H. West.
R. H. Putman, etrux, to Vaudney Putman.
W. S. Hicks to A. R. Rhodarmer.
A. R. Rhodarmer to W. S. Hicks.
Mrs. Callie Anderson, et al, to G. H. Fish.
T. H. Henson to Dixie Henson.
J. A. Inman to R. C. Ledbetter.
J. R. Morgan to A. D. Sauer.
Edward A. Anthony to Metropolitan Realty Company.
W. R. Medford, etrux, and F. R. Medford, etrux, to Ben Medford.
James M. Cagle to E. J. Mintz.
T. J. Semmes to Margaret J. Semmes and Shelby H. Semmes.

Marriage

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

Fred T. Blankenship to Alarvid, both of Cherokee.
Samuel M. Wilson to Mary both of Canton.
M. H. Clarke, of Leicester die E. Taylor of Bethel.
J. Huntley to Barbara Kusa of Asheville.
Wiley Gosnell to Edie F of Canton.
Ray H. Ruff, of Hazelwood ma Pressley, of Waynesville.
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