

ACTS THAT WILL THRILL

BIG LINE OF AMUSEMENTS AT FAIR

Most Daring Stunt Ever Attempted by an Aeronaut to be Shown on Fair Grounds—World's Champion Lady High Diver and Fancy Swimmer Also to be Seen Daily; Also Thrilling Trapeze Acts—These Three Acts Being Free—Midway to be Largest and Finest Ever Seen in This Part of Country—Worth Coming Miles to See.

Thrilling, sensational, hair-raising—these are but a few of the adjectives that might be used in describing the mammoth free acts provided by the management for the second annual Gastonia County Fair to be held in Gastonia October 3rd to 7th inclusive. One of these, the double-barreled balloon ascension, will be seen here for the first time in the South. The balloonist ascends to a height of 4,000 feet. He is packed inside of a cannon attached to the balloon. At a pistol signal from the ground he ignites an explosive which shoots him far out into space. He descends a thousand feet in a parachute and cuts away with another parachute. The cannon is automatically cut away from the balloon and descends to the earth in a parachute of its own.

It is the most daring aeronautic act ever seen in this country and is by itself worth a trip to the fair. On Wednesday the aeronaut will give a straight balloon ascension. Thursday he will give the triple parachute cutaway. Friday he will give the balloon ascension with the cannon act as described above. Saturday he will give a balloon ascension with a double parachute cutaway. If you fail to see this you have missed something that you may never have an opportunity to see again.

Another free act is that by Miss Margaret Quincy, the famous high diver and fancy swimmer. Miss Quincy dives from a height of 75 feet into a pool of water three and a half feet deep and gives daily exhibitions of fancy swimming. This is a significant act and one you cannot ord to miss.

BRISTOL'S SOCIETY CIRCUS.

attraction which always finds with both old and young folks at the Great American Shows Society Circus, where Mr. Bristol exhibits trained horses and ponies. The white horses are beautiful and particularly intelligent. In performance many tricks not other trained horse exhibitors can do.

has been called the animal educator and the Society Circus at the County Fair during the 2nd, will admit that military drill is astonishing of all "leap frog," which white horses take the star performer is a mathematically same time she e, furnishing a whenever There is not about the per- animals and afford from erent from t only is it is filled features e of the who is is the knows win not ery- they all

The ponies have their share of performance. Little Patsy, no bigger than a large dog, many surprising tricks which talk, but they can do nearly everything else and the intelligence to display is a source of wonder to who visit the carnival.

TURNER, THE ARMLESS WONDER

Job has lost his championship for the personification of patience. in his place is Millard Turner, the Armless Wonder, who is travelling with the Great American Shows. Turner doesn't give a demonstration—he preaches a sermon, his sermon is extremely short, in fact, it is acted, not spoken. When Turner was 25 years old, he lost both his arms, up to the elbow, and one leg, in a saw mill accident at Emporia, Kan. That was 12 years ago, for eight years Turner has been shaving himself, making furniture, writing, using a knife and fork as well as any one with the use of both hands. Turner gives a demonstration to his audience of threading a needle and sewing, he ties his necktie and does all the other things a man with hands would do naturally, and he ex-

plains in an interesting manner how it took him four years to learn to do these things. Turner is an object lesson of what can be done by a person losing his hands, and with it all he is as jolly and pleasant, and more so than many people possessing all of their fingers and thumbs.

HAPPY JACK, THE FAT MAN.

Happy Jack Eckert, of Georgia, will be among the visitors to the Gaston County Fair next week. Mr. Eckert enjoys the distinction of being the largest Elk in America, and was one of the honored guests at the big Elk's convention at Reading, Pa., last August. He will attract considerable attention in Gastonia, for he weighs 739 pounds, but he denies the allegation that he is fat, claiming that he is built in proportion, measuring eight feet, seven inches around the waist and seven feet around the chest, with limbs only in proportion to carry his great weight.

"Happy Jack," as he is universally known among his friends and acquaintances, is not handicapped by his size but is agile and gets about readily. His requirements are somewhat unusual for his method of travel is by either baggage or box car, he is too large to enter the door of any ordinary coach or Pullman. When getting about the town he rides on a truck and uses a large chair and a pair of steps which he carries with him, made especially to hold his 739 pounds.

Happy Jack is good-natured, healthy and contented, and every afternoon and evening he will be found at the carnival entertaining crowds of interested people, and showing the various medals he has been awarded for being the biggest man in the United States.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

One of the feature attractions with the Great American Shows is the Old Plantation Show, known as the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. It consists of twelve clever colored people who can both sing and dance, and among whom are comedians who are really funny.

Molly Pocol, the leading woman, has made a reputation as a buck-and-wing dancer, with a style of her own that is out of the ordinary. George Robinson, the leading comedian, succeeds in keeping the audience laughing every minute that he is on the stage. The costumes of the performers are attractive and everything about the show aids in making it worth the price of admission.

Bill Roberts sings high-class ballads in a tenor voice which would bring him fame and fortune if he only had the opportunity to cultivate it. Altogether the plantation show has been proving a winner wherever the Great American Shows have played and those who visit it during Fair week are sure of a good laugh and an enjoyable half-hour.

WONDERLAND.

Wonderland is the place where you find a collection of unique people and animals gathered from all four corners of the earth. The way to really enjoy a show such as this is to talk to the unusual people, they are always willing to answer questions, and usually they prove to be very interesting people. Then the collection of animals should interest everybody, the mother monkey with her babies seems to be very near to human in the way she handles the little ones. There is a monster bear and a tiny cub, both of them remarkably intelligent. Snakes from all parts of the world are in the care of a young girl who willingly answers all questions concerning them, for she understands and loves her pets.

There are also lions and birds of all kinds, together with the people who are usually termed "freaks," none of which are repulsive, but sure to prove entertaining to all who visit Wonderland at the Fair.

THE MAN-EATING SHARK.

A new attraction has been added to the list of the Great American Shows, it is a man-eating shark, 12 feet long. This shark was captured off the coast of New Jersey after having killed two men. To those who have read in the daily papers of these horrible monsters and how they infest the coast waters of late this immense shark should prove very interesting. It will be found in a glass tank made especially for it, in which it is preserved and kept in perfect condition by embalming. The young man who is in charge of this great sea monster answers questions and tells of his and their habits.

is undoubtedly the most perfect specimen ever caught and well visit. This other fellow worry. Come five days of fun, education and amusement. attending Gaston County go home with and out- and an inward tickle. of fun. See the Dandy s.

SUBMARINE SHOW.

Wonderful New Attraction Secured for Midway at the Fair—Shows How Submarines Operate.

One of the most popular of the many attractions with the Great American Shows, the carnival company which comes to Gastonia for the week of October 2nd, is the Startzell Submarine Show, with its working models of Uncle Sam's submarine boats. Mr. Startzell gives a clever talk on submarines and their uses, at the same time conducting a sham battle with perfect models of the various types of these terrible fighting machines.

The watcher sees the enemy's dreadnaught approaching and the quick action of the submarine of the new type as it comes up broadside, fires a shot and dives instantly, finally sinking the battleship. The exhibitor shows a model of the old type of submarine which works by motor power for which it needs storage batteries, also demonstrating the method of using the compressed air and water ballast. In comparison with this comes the latest invention in submarines, which is the work of Capt. Stancey, of Hamilton, Ohio, an ex-submarine sailor who is at present building these boats for the government.

This new type resembles a fish in its movements in the water, it works entirely by motors, with propellers fore and aft, and carries no water ballast, in action it is the quickest and wickedest under-water worker ever known. It also carries a safety device by means of which, should the machinery go wrong, the boat will return to the surface of its own accord. All these and many more interesting facts Mr. Startzell tells about these machines of war and now that "war and the rumors of war," are taking up so much space in the daily papers submarines are something everybody wants to know about. The models are presented in an immense glass tank which is mounted on an automobile truck made especially for it, the water is clear and all the under-water maneuvers are plainly seen through the glass. The Great American Shows management are justly proud of Mr. Startzell's submarine show for it is not only a novelty, but something that both the grown folks and the kiddies want to see.

THE SILODROME.

The Silodrome with the Great American Shows has won much favorable comment wherever the shows have played. It differs from the usual motordrome carried by most carnivals in that the sides are perpendicular and the daring riders race at break-neck speed around them, performing many stunts of trick-riding that are unique and unusual.

Dare-devil Zeke is the star rider and his performance is one that holds the spectators breathless at all times. For those who enjoy thrills the Silodrome is the place, there is never a dull minute while the show is going on.

THE MIRACLE SHOW.

In the Miracle Show at the carnival will be found four of the most mysterious illusions ever offered for public approval. The usual illusion show offers just one attraction but in the Miracle with the Great American Shows there are four, each one more puzzling than the one before. These illusions are very artistic and beautiful, also they give all who see them plenty to think over and wonder about for they are just what the ballyhoo man claims them to be, "mysterious and puzzling."

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

Young man do you know that you are expected to be at the fair accompanied with the girl of your choice? We not only count upon your presence and your friends anticipate it, but the girl looks forward to the trip, and you will do wrong to disappoint us all. Don't run the risk of being thought bashful or stingy, but engage the girl at once, and if necessary get two girls. Girls never look so bewitchingly beautiful and fine as when dressed in holiday attire appropriate for a day at the fair. Among so many affecting scenes there is no better place to train the affections, and Cupid's arrow shot by beaux who gallant the fair sex hither and thither and talk familiarly over the objects of interest, seldom misses the mark. The young men of the times and girls of the times always go to the fair, and many a happy marriage is the sequel to a courtship that had its beginning in the inspiring scenes of a rural fair ground.

If you have any farming problems that are worrying you, come to the Gaston County Fair and ask J. M. Gray, farm demonstrator for Gaston county. He'll help you solve them.

Murphy's Busy City. A complete city, train, depot, blacksmith shop, cutting wood and numerous other things.

BOYS AND GIRLS PIG CLUB WORK.

During the year there has been placed with the members of the Pig Club about thirty registered Berkshire sow pigs. Besides these there are a number of members who have good hogs for meat purposes only. Many of these boys and girls are going to exhibit their animals and show to the farmers of the county that hogs can be grown economically and at a profit. They are producing this year meat at less than half the price the merchant is charging for fat back. What does this mean to the farmers of the county? To some it is only an idle tale, to others it means the difference between profit and loss, the difference between fat back and ham for breakfast.

These boys and girls are not guessing that they are making a profit from their hogs. Each one is keeping records of the cost of the pig, weight when purchased, cost of feed (including pasture), and the weight at killing time; or if it is used for breeding, the weight at the end of each four months until mature. Some of the results from this careful work will be on exhibit for every one to see and judge for themselves whether or not there is a profit in hogs. It is also planned to have a model farm laid out for the best crops for hog raising with a model hog house and a family of hogs occupying them.

Some one will be in charge of these exhibits who will be able to explain any points any one may wish to bring out and to give suggestions as to the management of hogs on the farm.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

Progress is born of experience, and no place has yet been suggested where so much experience can be had in so short a time and at so little expense as at our fair.

One of the sublimest things in the world is the plain truth, and when we say that the fair this year will be excellent, we want it understood that we mean to be forcible as well as sublime.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and if we see nothing but the ripple without the substance. It is only they who attend our fairs that see the current and are making the most of time as it flies.

If you wish to behold the greatest of great things, the biggest of big things, the choicest of choice things, the most useful of useful things, the most interesting of interesting things, the most attractive of attractive things, the most amusing of amusing things, in fact, a little of everything and the climax of all the great and good things worthy of visiting and studying, the fair is the place to go.

POULTRY SHOW IS FEATURE.

The poultry show of the Gaston County Fair will be one of the real features of this year. The finest fowls of the Piedmont section will be shown by the hundred, and the aristocratic birds will be seen to advantage in the special tent provided for them.

This show is presented each year by the poultry fanciers, who give liberally of their time and money to promote the poultry industry of this section.

Modern and uniform cooping will be used, with capacity of several hundred specimens. Clean competition is offered. The show is open. The management considers itself especially fortunate in having been able to secure the services of Mr. F. J. Marshall, conceded to be one of the best judges of poultry in the entire South. Mr. Marshall has not only had the distinction of acting in the capacity of judge at a large number of the leading fairs in the South, but at the last three World's Expositions. The benefit of this man's advice and wide experience will be almost invaluable to the exhibitors.

That your birds will be well cared for you will readily agree when you learn that we have engaged the services of Mr. E. G. Warden, of the New-England Poultry Farm, Mecklenburg county, N. C. Mr. Warden will act both in the capacity of secretary and superintendent. He has had years of experience in this kind of work, and is not only competent but entirely reliable.

LOW RATES TO THE FAIR.

Railroads Will Sell Cheap Round-Trip Tickets.

All railroads entering Gastonia have entered into an agreement to sell cheap round-trip excursion tickets to Gaston County's Second Annual Fair, which will be held in Gastonia, N. C., October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1916. This will enable thousands of people in the territory of Gaston county within a radius of more than 100 miles to visit this big event for a trifling sum.

These low round-trip tickets are on sale Sept. 30th to Oct. 7th, inclusive, good returning Oct. 9th. This not only will enable those who wish to come to the Gaston County Fair to do so but will enable friends and relatives to come for a ten-day visit. The Southern Railway has announced that the will put on a rate of three cents per mile plus 25 cents for the round trip. This is a very low and liberal rate and covers a very wide territory. The Carolina and Northwestern Railroad will base their excursion rate on four cents per mile round trip, with a minimum rate of 50 cents. This rate applies on the entire line. The Piedmont & Northern Lines will put on their accustomed low round-trip rates.

Prospective visitors to the fair would do well to consult their ticket agents several days in advance to see that he is supplied with the excursion tickets.

MUSIC IS THE SOUL AND SPIRIT OF ENTERTAINMENT.

Yes, grand is the music they play at our fairs. The latest, the sweetest, the most pleasing airs. It'll gladden your heart and give you good cheer. You'll surely remember it till the fair next year.



THE CORN CLUB WORK.

The work of the members of the Boys Corn Club is pretty well known over the county. To place it before the people in a more impressive manner there has been a space allotted to these boys. There they will show some of the products that they are growing and also some of the results of the work during the past few years.

Few farmers in Gaston county realize that the boys of the county can take an acre on any farm and within one year's time double the corn crop of that acre and considerably lessen the cost of production per bushel. This is being done every year by boys. Some of the reasons for this increase in production and decrease in cost will be explained here in such a way that any one can understand and follow the principles governing this production. Every one should see these exhibits and learn why it is that the boys of North Carolina average over sixty bushels of corn to the acre while their fathers only average between nineteen and twenty.

PREPAREDNESS.

The watchword of the hour is "Preparedness." Our Nation is being mobilized, but the military feature is only a part. Industrial preparedness is now occupying the biggest minds of the country. The Nation is mobilizing, and the Gaston County Fair, October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1916, is to be the concentration camp for the best efforts of Gaston county. The fair is preparing to show each individual attending this concentration camp a magnificent series of exhibits of the agricultural and industrial progress of Gaston county. Exhibits in which every one taking a part will have taken stock of what he has accomplished, and get inspiration for greater progress.

The Gaston County Fair is playing its part in this general spirit of preparedness. Do you want to play your part in the preparedness propaganda? Then, prepare to come to the Gaston County Fair, October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1916, and bring the whole family. Fun for both old and young, and a good time for all.

The most daring motorcycle riders you have ever seen. Don't miss the motor drome. A large tent full of dazzling and wonderful miracles. The most complete miracle show on the road.

CORN CLUB AND PIG CLUB BOYS SPECIAL SPACES.

The progress of the boys and girls of the Boys' Corn Club and the Boys' Pig Club takes rank with the greatest achievements of the farm development and improvement work now being carried on in the South. This special work has met with instantaneous success.

The Boys' Corn Club will display their products in a special tent provided for them. The club is organized under the direction of the county demonstration agent, Mr. J. M. Gray, and the exhibits are under his direct supervision. Considerable interest has been manifested by the boys, and that their displays will be large and creditable is sure.

The Boys' Pig Club will be there in full force. A new and modern pig barn has been erected, and a space for the boys set aside. Indications are that so large will be the entries in this department that even though the room provided is three times that of last year, it will be crowded.

Its enthusiastic appreciation of this work is expressed by the fair management in offering special prizes lists to both the Boys' Corn Club and the Boys' Pig Club.

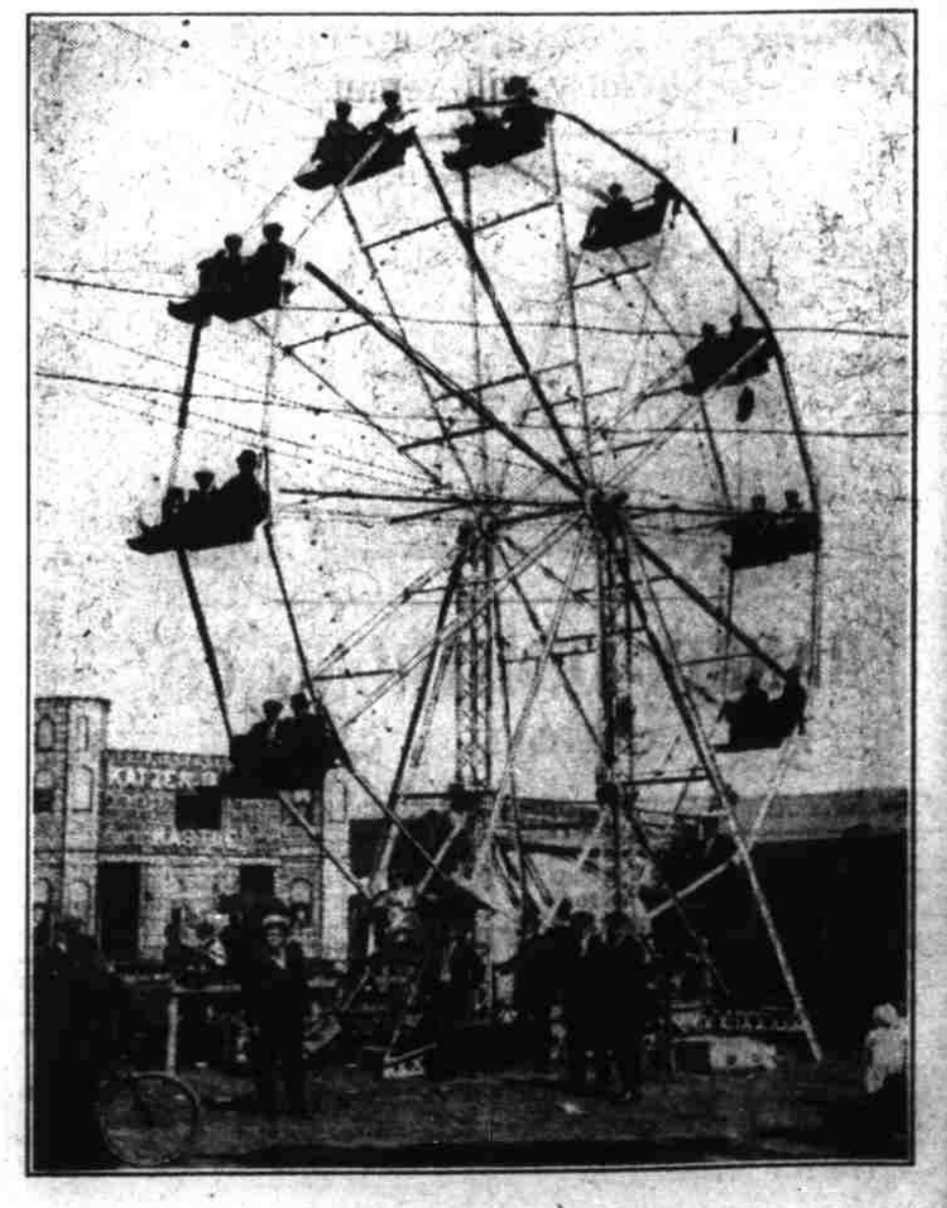
MUSIC IN PLENTY AT FAIR.

Two Brass Bands Playing for Your Pleasure.

There will be music in plenty at Gaston County's Second Annual Fair October 3rd to 7th, inclusive. Two high-class brass bands have already been engaged to entertain the thousands of daily visitors on the grounds. These bands are under the direction of band masters of national reputation and it will be a treat to all, playing anything from classical and operatic pieces to rag time and all the popular airs of the day.

POLITICAL DISPLAY.

Visitors to the Fair who want to meet all the candidates for office are assured they will be able to do so. The fair is in the midst of the campaign and this year political interest will be great, and the rivalry among the party nominees and their supporters will be so strong that we are convinced that all the candidates will display themselves.



BIG ELLIPTRIS WHEEL.

READY FOR THE DRILL

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