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EXHIBITS ARE SPLENDID COMMUNITY FAIRS NOW BEING HELD

First of Series Held Monday at Lucia Followed by One at Mount Olivet Yesterday—Displays of Canned Goods, Fancy Work and Field and Garden Crops a Pleasant Surprise to Those Who Visited the Fairs—Ladies Have Done Splendid Work.

Largely attended, with representative exhibits, and bringing the people of that neighborhood in closest touch in the splendid work, the first of the Gaston county community fairs was held at Lucia Monday. Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair and others who went out from Gastonia were loud in their praises of the work done by the people of Lucia. When Mr. Holland addressed those present regarding preparations for both community and individual exhibits for the county fair a unanimous vote was taken to hold the community fair again next year, thus insuring its permanency as an institution at Lucia.

The fancy work display, the canning display, the home industries and cooking display and the field crop exhibit were each worthy of especial mention. The exhibits were attractively arranged along one side of the school house.

The judging was done by Mr. W. G. Yeager, of Davidson county, Miss Annie Lee Rankin, of Mecklenburg county, and Miss Florence R. Winn, of Lincoln county. County Agent J. B. Steele was present all day and rendered valuable assistance in many ways. Miss Georgia Copeland and Mr. C. F. Thomasson were in charge of the work of entering, being assisted by the young people of the community.

Officers of the Lucia community fair are the following: J. H. Underwood, president; Mr. R. E. Lee, vice-president; Miss Ada Connell, secretary; Mrs. C. A. Beatty, treasurer; chairman of committees, Mr. A. U. Stroup, agriculture; Mrs. J. M. McIntosh, canning; Miss Rosa Belle Rogers, fancy work; Mrs. U. L. Black, home industries and cooking. Gastonia people visiting the community fair held at the Mount Olivet school house Tuesday were unimpressed in their praise of the splendid exhibits in all departments there. Crowds were present all day and there was no lack of enthusiasm. A unanimous vote to hold the fair there again next year was taken in the afternoon.

The ladies had most evidently done splendid work in preparing for the fair, a fact attested by the splendid and varied canning, home economics and cooking, and fancy work exhibits. And that the men had been busy, too, was proven by the splendid field crops exhibits. Some good poultry and live stock was also entered. The exhibits were very attractively arranged in the school house and were viewed throughout the day by the crowds from Mount Olivet, surrounding communities and Gastonia.

Mr. W. G. Yeager, of Davidson county, Miss Annie Lee Rankin, of Mecklenburg, and Miss Susie O. Elliott, of Cleveland county, were the judges. Miss Georgia Copeland and Mr. C. F. Thomasson were in charge of the work of entering exhibits, being assisted by several. County Agent Steele spent the day at the fair, assisting in selecting exhibits and otherwise aiding in many ways. Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair was also decidedly on the job.

The active officers of this splendid fair include Mr. E. S. Rhyne, president; Mr. John Fronberger, vice-president; Mr. Tom Jenkins, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Will Jenkins, assistant treasurer; chairman of committees, Mr. J. L. Jenkins, agriculture; Miss Pauline Shannon, canning; Miss Pearl Jenkins, fancy work; Mrs. M. A. Shannon, cooking; Miss Annie Jenkins, home industries.

MR. FRANK McARVER DEAD PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSED TODAY

Had Been Critically Ill for Two Weeks or More Suffering from Uraemic Poisoning—Member of Board of County Commissioners and for Twenty-five Years Manager of Craig & Wilson Farms—Funeral at First Presbyterian Church Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mr. J. Frank McArver died at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon at the City Hospital where he had been in a very critical condition for a week. Funeral services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, past of the First Presbyterian church. Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M., will have charge of the burial ceremonies at the grave.

J. Frank McArver was born January 14th, 1860, and was hence in his 58th year. The old McArver home place, where he was born and where he spent his boyhood, was about two miles south of Gastonia and not far from his present home. His father died some years ago; his mother is living at the age of 80. He was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Thomas Hanna. To this union were born five sons and two daughters, namely: Jewett, Presley, Cletus, William, James and Misses Ola and Mabel McArver. William and James are both in the army but are at home on furlough from Camp Sevier at Greenville, S. C. His second wife, who survives, was a daughter of the late Dixon Hanna. Two sons, Albert, aged 12, and Martin, aged ten, were born to this union.

Mr. McArver had been engaged in farming operations all of his life. For the past twenty-five years in addition to his own farm, he had managed the large farms of Messrs. Craig & Wilson. He was a most successful farmer and business man. He was thoroughly conversant with his work and put much energy and thought into it.

Mr. McArver was taken to the City Hospital last Thursday. He had been unwell for about a month prior to that time though he had been up town frequently during that time. He suffered from an attack of acute Bright's disease, which developed into uraemic poisoning. For several days before being taken to the hospital he was in a stupor most of the time and has been unconscious for a week past. He has been unable to take any substantial nourishment and did not respond to treatment. Everything possible was done for him but without avail.

Deceased was a deacon in the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and was a member of the building committee in charge of the construction of the new church building now being erected. He was a citizen of great value to the community and to the county. The latter he had served most efficiently for several years past in the capacity of county commissioner. He had a host of friends to whom the news of his death will bring a shock of very keen sorrow. Until attacked by his final illness he was a man of very strong physique and was apparently in the very prime of life.

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NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Field Marshal Haig Opens New Offensive in Belgium East of Ypres.

MAY CUT OFF U-BOAT BASES

Germans Start Another Lot of Peace Rumors—Kerensky Proclaims Russian Republic But Must Curb Extreme Radicals—Labor Troubles in the United States.

BY EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Following the usual devastating artillery fire, a great attack on German positions in Belgium was begun by the British forces early Thursday morning. The offensive, the fiercest of recent months, embraced a wide front east of Ypres. The first day's fighting, which will be known as the battle of Menin road, resulted in big gains, for Field Marshal Haig's troops, especially in the important sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Hollebeke. The Germans resisted desperately and the British were compelled to advance over ground covered with water-filled shell holes, barbed-wire entanglements and fallen trees and in the face of a murderous machine-gun fire from the many small concrete redoubts that have to a considerable extent, replaced the German front line trenches. But the British heavy artillery had done its work well, and the Tommies pushed ahead, slaughtering the enemy or driving them far back.

The Germans naturally knew the attack was coming, but could not foresee just where it would be made. Haig's selection of the field for this offensive indicates that he intends to try to force Ruprecht of Bavaria away from the Belgian coast and to cut off the German U-boat and airplane bases along the shore between Zebruggo and Neuport. Such a move by the British has been looked forward to for a long time.

Italians Getting Ready.

The Italians seem to be gathering themselves for another leap at the throat of Austria, and their generals declare they must and will administer to the foe a decisive defeat in the field, and then they will be in a position to continue their advance on Trieste, and perhaps on Ljubach. Meanwhile activity in the Trentino has increased and the Latins hit the Austrians there several times last week. That the latter have called on re-enforcements wherever they could get them is evidenced by the presence of Turks among the prisoners taken by the Italians in recent days.

Along the French front the few changes of the week were at the expense of the crown prince's forces. That fatuous young man is still trying to recover the plateaus of the Aisne and the lost positions near Verdun and sacrifices his soldiers with prodigality.

German Peace Rumors.

That Germany intends to make new peace proposals before many months becomes increasingly evident. Last week saw the sending up of several "trial balloons" from Berlin, including an industriously spread report that Great Britain had suggested terms, and a story that the Kaiser would surrender Belgium and restore it. These feelers met with no sympathetic response by the allies. Great Britain flatly denied the alleged peace offer; Premier Painleve reaffirmed France's determination to continue the war until Germany gave up Alsace-Lorraine and pledged reparation for the damages she has caused; and America went steadily ahead with its tremendous preparations.

The German papers are permitted by the censor to discuss the peace rumors freely, probably to prepare the people for some move by the government, but neither the German nor the Austrian government seems to be yet in the proper mood to command any consideration from the allies, which are all on their guard.

The pope, it is reported, will send out new peace proposals to the belligerents. (Continued on page 8)

TO-DAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The cotton market opened this morning with October contracts selling at 24.30, January 23.65.

Mississippi received a million dollars for the cotton crop grown on the State prison farm the past year.

The government has adopted stringent regulations intended to restrict the exportation of gold. Persons leaving the country may not take more than \$200 in gold, and other exportations must be in exchange for merchandise to be consumed in this country.

THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY CONCRETE ROAD FROM COAST TO COAST

Secretary J. A. Rountree, of the Bankhead Highway Commission, Was Gastonia Visitor Tuesday and Gave Interesting Information—Local Commission to Be Organized Soon.

Inaugurating plans for the selecting of the National Highway through Gaston county as the route for the Bankhead Highway, J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead National Highway Commission, was Gastonia's guest of honor for a brief time Tuesday while on his way over the proposed route from Charlotte to Spartanburg and on to Atlanta. While there was but short notice of his coming a good-sized crowd of representative citizens was present at the Chamber of Commerce to greet him when he arrived. Nothing since the coming of the Southern Railway to Gastonia could be of greater importance to the city than the securing of the highway, in the opinion of many enthusiasts who were present.

Mr. Rountree is not urging any route except the best, and to ascertain which is the best he is making a trip through the country, gathering data. He is also preparing the way for the coming of the big commission which will be here in November and which will include several United States senators, a government engineer, a representative of the War Department, a representative of the American Automobile Association and others. This party will make a trip over the entire route and when it returns to Washington it is expected that they will place before Congress a request for immediate action in building a military highway from Washington to Atlanta and on.

Chairman C. C. Armstrong, of the special chamber of commerce committee named to look into the Bankhead Highway proposition, is out of the city for a few days but before he returns all data will be in hand so that the committee may begin the work of organizing a county Bankhead highway commission, the unit through which the work must be handled. Every one in Gaston county will be asked to be a member of the commission in order that all possible pressure may be brought to bear to secure the routing over what is generally regarded as the only logical highway for the purpose.

Vice-President S. A. Robinson and Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce met Mr. Rountree upon his arrival in Charlotte from Salisbury with a delegation of Charlotte boosters Monday night and arranged for him to be brought to Gastonia Tuesday. Tuesday morning Director W. H. Adams of the Chamber Commerce and the secretary met Mr. Rountree in Charlotte in Mr. Adam's car. Upon arrival in Gastonia at 11:30 he was met by a number of citizens and was introduced to them by President Seapark of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Rountree spoke briefly and interestingly. There are two proposed routes for the highway through North Carolina. One would go by Richmond, Raleigh and Durham and on to Columbia. The other would come by way of Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte to Gastonia and on to Spartanburg and west. Proper advocacy of the highway is to be gained by organizing and organizing at once, Mr. Rountree stated. The cantonments on the Gastonia routing should make it appeal to the Government as the proper line to follow for a military highway. The highway will traverse 13 States, going from Washington to California. It will pass through 12 cities and towns at which government military camps are located. The road, when built, will be under the Federal Government's supervision and always maintained in a high state of repair. It will be constructed most substantially so as to stand up to the exigencies of military traffic between the cantonments.

Mr. Rountree took luncheon at the Armington as a guest of the chamber of commerce. He was then taken to Linwood by J. H. Kennedy, W. H. Adams and Commissioner R. K. Davenport, at which point he joined Secretary Gabel, of the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce, who had motored to Gastonia to meet him. While in Gastonia he was shown over the city and was given full facts about the county highway system by Chairman Davenport of the board of county commissioners and others. At Linwood he met County Commissioner A. T. Lindsay.

The congressional party will spend the night in Charlotte on the 7th of November trip and will then make a stop in Gastonia, perhaps for luncheon. Senator Bankhead of Alabama, Senator Martin of Virginia, Senator Overman of North Carolina, Senator Smith of South Carolina, Senator Smith of Georgia, and many congressmen and others will be in the party.

Through the agency of the chamber of commerce and its committee organizations will be immediately effected in order that nothing may be left undone to secure the highway for Gastonia.

A few days ago 60 members of the Scituate Historical Society visited the "Old Oaken Bucket" homestead in Greenbush Village, and drank water from the old well made famous by the song written by Samuel Woodworth a hundred years ago.

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THREATS OF DEATH FOR CONGRESSMEN

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Threats of death have been received in large numbers during the past few days by leaders in Congress who have been active in securing the passage of war legislation. Senators Chamberlain and King have received an especially large number of threatening letters. The post-office department will be asked to trace these letters. It is believed that they come from pro-Germans, members of the I. W. W., draft opponents and plain cranks.

BREAK NOT YET COMPLETE

(By International News Service.) BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—President Arroyo has not approved the break with Germany.

JAPANESE MISSION COMPLETES WORK

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The work of the Japanese mission to the United States has been finished. Count Ishi bade farewell to President Wilson this afternoon. Officials announced that negotiations between the mission and the United States had been most satisfactory, but refused to divulge the details of what had been actually accomplished.

BRITISH ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Sept. 26.—The British advance in Belgium has been resumed. Gen. Haig's forces attacked over a wide front northeast of Ypres this morning, making good progress. The War Office announced at noon. These attacks followed a tremendous bombardment of German positions from near Langemarck to the district south of Ypres-Roulers road. Advances state that the German casualties have been heavy.

BIG INCREASE IN MERCHANT MARINE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The shipping board announced today that by the end of 1918 the United States will have a merchant marine aggregating 1,600 ships totaling 9,200,000,000 tons. These figures compare with a present tonnage of 3,000,000,000 and a total of only half a billion at the outbreak of the European war.

COMMITTEES CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The House and Senate committees on Foreign Affairs today conferred with President Wilson on the foreign slacker bill and the proposal that American representatives participate in an inter-ally congress. Favorable action is expected on the slacker bill, and possibly on the other measure.

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SIX KILLED IN LONDON AIR RAID

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Sept. 26.—Six persons were killed and 15 wounded in last night's air raid on London. The raid was a failure from a military standpoint, the Admiralty announced. Only two of the planes succeeded in fighting their way past the coast defenses.

OTHERS INVOLVED IN KING MYSTERY

(By International News Service.) SALISBURY, Sept. 26.—Additional arrests in the Means-King case are predicted as a result of statements of Attorney Dooling and Detective Cuniffe. Both intimated that other persons will be taken into custody but refused to divulge their identities, except that one will probably be a woman.

BREAK WITH GER- MANY APPROVED

(By International News Service.) BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—The action of the Chamber of Deputies in voting for a break of diplomatic relations with Germany has received general approval throughout the republic today. Whether the break in relations will be followed by a declaration of war is still uncertain.

FRANCE MOURNS BRILLIANT AIRMAN

(By International News Service.) PARIS, Sept. 26.—All France is mourning today for Captain Georges Guynemer, the world's most brilliant airman, who has been missing for the past two weeks and has been officially given up as dead. Guynemer had brought down 50 German aeroplanes and was known as the king of flyers. He was only 23 years old. He was last seen flying behind the German lines from the British front. Several Germans were ascending to attack, but Guynemer was so skillful a flyer that his companions felt no uneasiness.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Total for Last Week Was 23,035—Less Than Previous Week.

London, Sept. 25.—Total casualties of all British ranks in all the war theaters for the week ending today are reported officially to have been 23,035. The casualty lists are subdivided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 103.

Men killed or died of wounds, 4,430.

Officers wounded or missing, 432.

Men wounded or missing, 18,070.

Edward Wheeler, of Marion, S. C., has been wounded or overcome by gas while in action in France, according to a cablegram received by his family. He is a second lieutenant in the British artillery.

At the Cora cotton mill in Kings Mountain a few days ago W. H. Harvey, it is alleged, struck an employee of the mill named Timmons Barnett in the left temple with a machine hammer. Harvey is in jail and Barnett is in a critical condition.

Gaston County Leads State Community Fairs Going On

LUCIA

Monday, Sept. 24th

MOUNT OLIVET

Tuesday, Sept. 25th

NEW HOPE

Wednesday, Sept. 26th

PISGAH

Thursday, Sept. 27th

UNION

Friday, Sept. 28th

SUNNYSIDE

Saturday, Sept. 29th

SOUTH POINT

Monday, Oct. 1st

LANDER'S CHAPEL

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

PANHANDLE

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd

COSTNER

Thursday, Oct. 4th

CHERRYVILLE

Friday, Oct. 5th

Saturday, Oct. 6th

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