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GASTON'S THIRD ANNUAL FAIR IS IN FULL SWING

THOUSANDS OF GASTON SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE THROING THE GROUNDS TODAY

Community Fair Exhibits Form One of Leading Features of This Year's Fair — Sixteen of Them, Every-one a Revelation of Community Activity and Progress — Free Acts Every Day — Old Time Singing Last Night and Again Friday Night — Biggest Attendance in History of Fair Expected.

Gaston county's third annual fair began at 6 o'clock yesterday evening and will continue through Saturday of this week. A cold rain from the northeast was casting its gloom over the landscape yesterday morning and continued till noon or later. It was a gloomy prospect for the first day of the fair. By late afternoon, however, the rain had ceased, though the sky was still overcast with clouds. Notwithstanding this drawback, the attendance on the first night was really larger than the management expected under the circumstances. The big feature of the opening night was an old-time singing participated in by a hundred or more of Gaston county's best singers, led by L. L. Henderson and Charlie Pearson. It was the intention of the management to have this singing outside and a big stand had been erected especially for the purpose, but the cold damp atmosphere made it desirable to hold the singing inside, so the public rest room was utilized and it was filled with singers and auditors. The American Tune Book was used and the singers did themselves proud.

This morning the sun shone brightly and everybody and everything connected with the fair wore a large round smile. The prospects now indicate a very large attendance for the remainder of the week, providing his dictatorship, Jupiter Pluvius, will act in a seemly manner. Yesterday's rain prevented a few exhibitors of cattle and livestock from getting here with their exhibits. Hence a few exhibits in those lines which would have been entered are not here.

Without question the big feature of the fair this year is the showing made by the community fairs. There are 16 of these collective exhibits and one cannot look at them without being proud of the communities represented or without wondering, at the same time, how the people of these several communities managed to get together, in a short time, such splendid exhibits of canned vegetables and fruits, field crops and seeds, fancy work, etc.

The communities having exhibits are the following from Gaston county:

- Lucia. Mount Olivet. New Hope. Plagah. Union. Sunnyside. South Point. Landers Chapel. Fanhandie. Costner. Cherryville. The other five are: Daniels, Lincoln county. Reepsville, Lincoln county. Catawba Springs, Lincoln county. Northbrook, Lincoln county. Laney's Chapel, York county, South Carolina. No one in Gaston or surrounding counties should miss seeing these community fairs. They indicate a

progressive spirit on the part of the people in the rural districts which shows more activity than they are usually credited with. These exhibits would be a credit to the most progressive community in any part of the county.

Secretary Holland has provided two splendid free attractions in the shape of a balloon ascension each day at noon and acrobatic stunts by the well-known Stirewalt family.

The Smith Greater Shows, which are furnishing the attractions, arrived in the city over the Seaboard and P. & N. Sunday evening and by last night their tents were all in place and ready for business. The wild animal feature which is something new with shows of this character is attracting much attention. The elephant, of course, catches the eye of the small boy.

Much favorable comment is heard on the new buildings and it is the universal opinion that they are not only commodious and well arranged but that the air of permanency which they lend to the fair is worth a great deal. The arrangement is ideal and the accommodations are splendid. The lighting, both on the outside and the inside, is splendid. In fact the exterior is brilliant at night with hundreds of electric lights around the eaves of the buildings.

Today is school children's day for Gaston county and several thousand school children are expected to visit the grounds. The Gastonia city schools are giving a full holiday as are most if not all of the other schools in the county. Free tickets have also been given all of the school children in Cleveland, Lincoln and York counties and thousands of them are expected to attend before the end of the week. The educational exhibit is attracting much attention and most favorable comment.

While the fair is really just getting well started it is hardly taking a chance to predict that it will in every respect eclipse both previous fairs.

On account of the inclement weather last night, which rendered it necessary to hold the old-time singing indoors, it is announced that the singing will be repeated at 7 o'clock Friday night outdoors.

Reports from the fair grounds at noon today were to the effect that a record-breaking crowd was there.

U. S. WILL REJECT LATEST GERMAN PEACE OFFER.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. — The United States will reject any German peace proposals based on the status quo ante bellum. High officials made this plain today in discussing the peace terms published in dispatches from the Tages Zeitung. They pointed out that President Wilson had such an offer in mind when he declared in his speech yesterday that war must continue until the enemy is beaten. President Wilson would probably favor a policy of no indemnities, no annexations, if at the same time the German people would discard autocracy for a Democratic government. But officials are inclined to discourage peace discussions on the ground that it will be taken by Germany to indicate that the nation is not solidly behind the President.

NO SPECULATION ALLOWED IN COTTON SEED OIL.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 9. — Speculative trading in cotton seed oil was prohibited by the Produce Exchange today, following advice that the Washington authorities had determined to prevent any speculation in food stuffs.

NEW HOSPITAL OPENS TODAY

The Gaston Sanatorium, a new general hospital, opened its doors this morning. It occupies the building on East Long avenue at one time occupied by the old Gaston Hospital and later by the Colonial Hotel. This property was purchased some time ago by Dr. D. A. Garrison, who is one of the leading instrumentalities in the organization of the new institution. Associated with him are a number of Gastonia's physicians. A charter has been secured and a meeting will be held shortly when officers will be chosen. Miss Florence Bradford, of Charlotte, will be the superintendent of the sanatorium.

The building, which contains 20 rooms, has recently been remodeled and renovated throughout and put in splendid shape for a hospital. The operating room and the sterilizing plant are equipped with all the latest appliances.

In connection with the sanatorium there will be conducted a training school for nurses.

MR. JENKINS DONATES PIANO

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, who a few years ago moved from Gastonia to Asheville, where he is president of the American National Bank, has made a gift of a handsome piano to the betterment association of the Flint and Groves mills. Mr. Jenkins is president of the Flint Manufacturing Company and a large stockholder in the new mill, the Groves. It is stated that it is not uncommon for Mr. Jenkins to be expressing his co-operation and assistance with the operatives of his two mills by gifts to them. Recently he contributed very liberally to the purchase of musical instruments for the Flint-Groves Concert Band. He is not a frequent visitor there, by any means, but expressions of this character show very plainly how interested he is and anxious to contribute to the betterment and welfare of the operatives there.

The Flint and Groves Betterment Association has had erected only recently a splendid building where any club meeting, devotional exercise of any religious denomination, or gathering of any nature participated in by operatives of the mills may meet.

BRITISH MADE BIG GAINS NEAR YPRES.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 9. — The French and the British last night joined in a gigantic drive over a wide front northeast and east of the Ypres. "Satisfactory progress has been made," stated Gen. Haig's report. Heavy fighting continues. The object of the British was to throw the Germans from that part of the Pashendale road they still held and capture German positions near the Ypres-Menin road, thence northward past Reccalacre and Hoelcapelle. The Germans resisted stubbornly but everywhere were thrown back.

MORE LOANS MADE TO GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. — New loans of \$40,000,000 dollars each were made today to France and Great Britain, which brings the total loans to the Allies to \$2,600,000,000.

PLANS NOW COMPLETE FOR THE SECOND DRAFT.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. — Plans are now complete for the next draft. Practically all registered men will be called for physical examination, which will be much more rigid than was the case in the first draft.

PRACTICAL COAL MAN TO AID FUEL DICTATOR.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. — President Wilson is said to be looking for a practical coal man to aid the fuel administration.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 10. — The cotton market opened today with January contracts selling 26.45; May 26.95.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. S. J. Hand, deceased, late of Gaston county, North Carolina, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before

October 16, 1918 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons who are indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement with the undersigned. This 10th day of October, 1917. P. W. HAND, Adm. Lowell, N. C. W-N14

FAVOR THE PROSECUTION TWO DECISIONS IN THE MEANS CASE

Both Judges Webb and Cline Refuse to Sign Orders Declaring District Attorney Dooling and Solicitor Clement in Contempt — Defendants in Means Murder Case Lose First Trial.

Charlotte Observer, 10th.

Solicitor Hayden Clement, representing the State in its case against Gordon B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King near Concord on the night of August 29, yesterday won a victory for both himself and James T. Dooling, of New York, when Judge James L. Webb refused to sign the rule of citation requiring J. T. Dooling and associates to appear and show cause why they should not be held in contempt for failure to deliver over to the officials of Cabarrus county certain papers which they are alleged to have taken from the apartment of Gaston B. Means in New York.

The announcement from the bench here was in line with a similar decision made by Judge E. B. Cline in Salisbury, refusing to sign a motion perpetually enjoining the defendants from carrying away these papers, or in the second place refusing to sign an order compelling the defendants to return such papers to Cabarrus county in the event that they had carried them back to New York.

Judge Webb said yesterday that he had declined to sign the order asked for by E. T. Cansler of counsel for Means, because he did not wish to embarrass attorneys on either side of the case. He said that the assertion of Solicitor Clement, who stated in open court in Salisbury that to do so would embarrass him, caused him to decline to sign the papers.

The decision by Judge Webb, taken in conjunction with that of Judge Cline yesterday leaves the prosecution in complete possession of whatever papers they may have taken from Means' New York apartment. If counsel for the defense sees the papers it will only be through courtesy on the part of the attorneys representing the State.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Oct. 9. — Mr. Cliff Jenkins spent Sunday in town with homefolks on a furlough from Camp Sevier, where he is in training.

Mrs. Harry Inabnet, of Springfield, S. C., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Leonhardt.

Misses McKee, Rice, Albright and Hord, teachers in the graded schools, spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson left yesterday for a trip to the mountains, being accompanied by their daughter, Miss Edith, and her guest, Miss Hudson, of Matthews.

Dr. Frank Robinson spent yesterday with his sons, J. Linwood, at Rutherfordton, and Frank, Jr., who is a student at Westminster school.

Little Miss Evelyn Holmes celebrated her ninth birthday anniversary at her home Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4. Quite a number of the "beaux and belles of the future" were present. After many delightful games they were ushered into the dining room, which was tastefully decorated in cut flowers and potted plants. The color scheme of pink and white and was beautifully carried out. In the center of the table stood a big white cake on which gleamed nine pink candles. After refreshments were served the little folks took their leave, wishing little Miss Holmes many happy returns of the day.

TO HOLD PEACE CONFERENCE IN SOFIA.

(By International News Service.) GENEVA, Oct. 10. — A peace conference will soon be held at Sofia between the Kaiser, Emperor Charles, the King of Bulgaria, and a representative of the Sultan, to determine what terms will be offered to the Allies.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY IN COUNTER ATTACKS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 10. — Strong German counter-attacks were launched during the night against newly won British possessions, the war office announced today. The Germans were everywhere repulsed except along one mile of the front South of Ypres-Staten railway, where the British were forced back a short distance. The German losses were extremely heavy.

AT THE MOVIES

COZY. TODAY: "The Double Standard," "The Texas Sphinx." THURSDAY: E. K. Lincoln in "The Grey Seal," "Welcome Home," Hearst-Pathé News. FRIDAY: "The Show Down," a thrilling Bluebird photo-play in 5 acts.

IDEAL. TODAY: "An Alabaster Box." TOMORROW: "Sunshine and Gold," featuring Baby Marie Osborne.

PAVING WORK COMPLETE CITY HAS SPENT \$255,000 ON STREETS

City Engineer Ross Makes Final Report on Paving, Showing Nine Miles of Asphalt Streets Laid — City Now Has 25 Miles Concrete Sidewalks—Mr. Ross Resigns to Go to Charlotte—City Council's Monthly Meeting.

After making a final and detailed report on his work since he took a position with the city in February, 1916, City Engineer Lloyd Ross last night tendered to the city council his resignation to accept a position with the city of Charlotte. The work of street paving having been completed, the council accepted his resignation, to take effect at once. It is understood that Mr. Ross will go to Charlotte this week to superintend the construction of an asphalt road from the city to Camp Greene. The contract for that work has been secured, it is understood, by the Noll Construction Company, of Chattanooga, Tenn., which firm has just completed the paving of nine miles of asphalt streets and a mile or more of additional concrete sidewalks in the city. Mr. Ross' report, given below, shows that the city has spent \$255,000 for paving and also shows what was saved in the work as compared with today's prices on the same class of work.

Very little business was transacted by the council, which held its regular meeting for the month of October last night. The question of a sewer disposal plant for the city was brought up and was referred to the water and light committee with instructions to investigate and report at the next meeting. It was decided to install gas heaters in the city hall. Mr. J. P. Reid representing property owners on South Broad street presented a petition asking that the property owners on that street which is in reality a double street—with the C. & N.-W. Railroad in the center,—be taxed with one-fourth the cost of paving instead of one-half and the petition was granted, thus putting the property owners on that street on an equality with those on other paved streets as to the amount they are required to pay for paving.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen City of Gastonia, N. C.: Dear Sirs: I wish to render report on the work constructed under my supervision since entering your employ in February, 1916.

Since that time we have paved or repaved over nine miles of asphalt streets at a total cost of about \$255,000, including necessary work in connection with same as curb and gutters and storm sewers. We have also added about a mile of cement sidewalks which makes a total of nearly 25 miles of walk according to records on file.

In addition to the above the street railway company has paved practically every foot of trackage that lies on city streets or about 13,000 feet at an approximate cost of \$27,000, exclusive of the amount spent in preparing the roadbed for the paving which cost heavily and all cost on same was borne by car company.

Some of our streets have been down now for 18 months or more and from the showing made are showing a minimum of defects, and should be in good condition at the time of the expiration of the guarantee by the contractor from present showing. The resurfaced streets are liable to mark up again in hot weather owing to the bituminous base but should give good service for some time although cement gutters may be required later in some places owing to the flat grade of the streets.

Below I give an approximate estimate of the difference in the cost of the paving as it was laid and the cost as it would be if laid under contract made at the present prices on the same grade of work, based on prices from recent lettings:

136,740 square yards asphalt cost	\$182,466.40.
136,740 square yards would cost today at \$1.90,	\$259,806.00.
84,274 lineal feet curb and gutter cost us at 50c,	\$42,137.00.
Would cost today at 60c,	\$50,564.40.

Saved to the city which paved about 3.3 miles extra, \$85,767.

Attached I give an approximate estimate of work done on each street showing cost, yardage, curb and gutter and length. For a more accurate estimate see final estimates on file with city clerk.

I wish to thank the members of the Board and former Board for any help given me in my work and hope my services have been satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,
LOYD MC. ROSS,
City Engineer.

THIRD GAME TODAY.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 10. — Prospects for today's game are good. The rain has ceased and weather is fair with southerly winds. Manager Rowland sticks to his choice of Ciccotte to pitch for the White Sox. It is believed Manager McGraw will pitch Salls.

BIG GERMAN PLOT REVEALED TODAY

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. — That Count Von Bernstorff, while ambassador here, plotted the destruction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad and carried on the work of sabotage in the United States was made known by the State Department today when three telegrams were made public, two from the Berlin Foreign Office to Bernstorff and one from Bernstorff to Berlin. The first telegram was dated Berlin, January third, and instructed the ambassador that the German general staff desired "energetic action in regard to the proposed destruction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad at several points." It states that Captain Boyd had been given instructions and orders Bernstorff to provide him with the necessary funds.

The second telegram was dated January 26th, and tells Von Bernstorff that he can secure particulars about carrying on sabotage in the United States and Canada from Joseph McGarrity, of Philadelphia, John Keeling, of Chicago and Jeremiah O'Leary, of New York. All three are reliable, but O'Leary is not always discreet. They were "indicated by Sir Roger Casement message". The message says that sabotage can be carried on at all munitions factories but railway bridges and embankments must not be touched and the embassy must not be compromised, either in sabotage or Irish propaganda.

DARLING DISCLAIMS CONNECTION WITH PLOT.

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Oct. 10. — Jasper Darling, who was president of the embargo conference held here, denies any knowledge of German propaganda in connection with the conference.

O'LEARY DENIES ANY CONNECTION WITH PLOT.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 10. — Jeremiah O'Leary denies any connection with Germany or its agents.

MORE OF BERNSTORFF'S DUPLICITY REVEALED.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. — The second of three telegrams made public this morning by the State Department was signed by a representative of the German General Staff. The third message was from Bernstorff to the Foreign Office in Berlin and stated that "The embargo conference in regard to whose earlier fruitful co-operation Dr. Hale can give information, is about to enter upon a vigorous campaign to secure a majority in both houses of Congress favorable to Germany" and request further support. "There is no possibility of our being compromised." The State Department made no comment on the messages which were given out today.

MEXICAN VICE-CONSUL ARRESTED.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 8. — Jesus Martinez, Mexican Vice-Consul, has been arrested for refusing to comply with the draft law. He was released on \$5,000 bail bond.

TWO MORE EFIRD STORES.

Efird Brothers Open New Stores at Anderson, S. C., and High Point, N. C., Making a Total of Twelve Stores in the Efird Chain.

Two more links in the Efird chain of department stores were added this week with the opening of stores of this syndicate at Anderson, S. C., and High Point, this State. Only recently a new store was opened at Raleigh by the Efirds, making a total of 12 big department houses now being conducted by these enterprising gentlemen. The Anderson store, which will be thrown open to the public Saturday, is in charge of Mr. S. L. Brownlee, while the High Point store will be under the management of Mr. W. S. Lee, for a time with the store at Monroe, but later with the Salisbury house of Efird's.

Of this chain of 12 big stores, forming one of the largest mercantile syndicates in the Carolinas, Mr. J. B. Efird, of Charlotte, is president and general manager; E. L. Efird, of Winston-Salem, is secretary and treasurer. Other members of the Efird organizations are J. R. Efird, of Raleigh; F. H. Efird, of Columbia, S. C., and J. W. Efird, of Durham.

Since opening the store in Charlotte, the success of this well-known firm has been remarkable. It has only been about 12 years since the first store was opened and since that time an average of one new store a year has been added to the chain, J. B. Efird, who is principal head of the corporation, stated that they had several other towns in the Carolinas under consideration and likely would have stores in these towns within a few months.

D. A. R. MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The regular October meeting of the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. M. Caldwell at her home on South York street.

Buy Your Tickets---Avoid Rush

UPTOWN TICKET OFFICE

In Front of Postoffice

15c Round Trip

Square to Fair Ground or Fair Ground to Square

ADMISSION TO

The Big Gaston County Fair

October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917

Adults: Day 35c, Night 25c.

Children: Day and Night 15c.

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary