

State Fair Offering \$25,000 In Premiums

Approximately \$25,000 will be offered in agricultural premiums at the 1948 North Carolina State Fair which will be presented at the spacious fairgrounds near Raleigh October 19-23, Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager of the annual exposition, has announced.

The amount of prize money sets a record for the fair, and it is expected to result in a large array of the finest products of North Carolina farms. Premium books are being distributed now.

In addition to the usual awards for farm and home ribbon-winners, the State Fair is offering this year for the first time a \$1,000 cash prize to the first North Carolina farmer producing 200 bushels or more of corn to the acre, with the prize going to the farmer producing the greatest amount over 200 bushels in the event that more than one grower surpasses that mark. Nearly 400 farmers have entered the contest.

R. W. Shoffner of State College again will aid Dr. Dorton as assistant manager of the entertaining and edu-

catinal exposition. General directors of exhibits will be J. Warren Smith, Dr. I. Q. Schaub, Dr. J. H. Hilton and Cecil D. Thomas, prominent leaders in North Carolina agriculture.

Anticipating a record attendance of a half-million people if good weather prevails throughout the five-day fair program, Dr. Dorton said "reports from all over the State indicate there is more interest in this year's fair than in any of the previous State fairs."

Early applications for exhibit space indicate the huge exhibition halls and outside exhibit areas will be crammed with the best North Carolina has to offer in agriculture, arts and industry.

Warm Up

Hostess—"This is Captain Banks, who has just returned from the Arctic regions."

Pretty Guest—"Oh, do come nearer the fire—you must be cold!"

No Compliment To The Horse

Farmer—"Let me tell you, my friend, that horse knows as much as I do."

Friend—"Well, don't tell anybody else. You might want to sell him some day."

Health and Beauty

By Dr. Sophia Brunson

THE NERVOUS MODERN CHILD

If this restless jazz age does not soon come to an end, the world will be crowded with physical and mental wrecks.

Children were formerly kept comparatively quiet during infancy and childhood. They were also put to bed early at night. During the day they played with a few simple toys or romped in the gardens or under the trees.

Today their nurseries are fitted up with every kind of contraption intended to amuse and interest them. Ambitious mothers try to teach them to fit maps and puzzles together at a very tender age. As soon as they begin to toddle they play in the streets where life is a constant source of danger.

Poor little things dart back and forth on treacherous skates and scooters, escaping automobiles, looking and listening at every turn for the juggernauts of death that strike so swiftly, maiming or killing. They are tense and on the quiver every moment, for they cannot romp, skate and play where deadly machines dart back and forth without realizing that at any moment they may be crushed under a truck, automobile or motorcycle.

When they go to school, the work is of necessity under our public school system, so arranged that a certain amount must be covered in a given time. They are still further stimulated by the offering of various rewards or distinction if they attain certain standards.

The result is that some children easily reach the coveted goal while others who may have tried equally as hard and failed, feel bitter and keen disappointment which is further aggravated into resentment against the teacher who was in no way to blame.

If you enter a moving picture theater where there is a show of a character which is most exciting, filled with fighting and dangerous hair-breadth escapes, you will find the place packed with children of all ages, squealing, yelling and otherwise giving vent to their excited pent-up emotions.

Do you wonder that nervousness is increasing among children? It is a disease that is growing by leaps and bounds. The nervous child, unless placed in the proper environment and treated as he should be, will grow up into a neurotic, delinquent or psychoneurotic. He may ultimately land in an insane asylum. The latter institutions are becoming so overcrowded that at the present rate of increase in their population in a few years the sane, normal people that are left will be unable to bear the burden of the unfit.

Drycleaning Hints Offered By Agent

Pointing out that drycleaning mishaps increase during fall and winter months when the activities of the housewife are more confined to the house, Miss Nina Braswell, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, urges homemakers to exercise care in using drycleaning materials.

Home drycleaning with flammable cleaning fluid she said, has disfigured or fatally injured many persons, and has burned houses to the ground or demolished them by explosion. She added that the National Safety Council recommends commercial drycleaning as less expensive, more effective, and much safer.

For persons who find it necessary to do their own drycleaning at home Miss Braswell warned that it is imperative to use only a nonflammable cleaning fluid. She added that a fluid may be marked "non-explosive" and still be flammable.

"Never, under any circumstances, use gasoline, naphtha or kerosene for garment-cleaning purposes," she said.

The home agent said the following rules, suggested by the National Safety Council, should be observed at all times:

Do the drycleaning outside the home, where toxic or other vapors will be quickly dissipated.

Store cleaning fluids outside of house in a marked container.

Keep hands out of the solvent—use a suction washer.

Avoid getting cleaning fluid on clothing or exposed part of the body.

Dry garments or articles thoroughly outside before taking them into the house.

Keep children away from drycleaning operations.

Observe these simple precautions even in removing small spots from garments.

Farm Land Prices Abnormally High

Farm land values in 35 states, including North Carolina, now equal or exceed the boom level of 1920, according to Moyie S. Williams, Extension farm management specialist at State College.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the only large area where land values are still below their 1920 peak is the corn

belt and the Northern Plain states. This is one of the areas where land prices boomed the highest after World War I and where values dropped the most during the 1930's. The present inflation seems to have reached its highest level in the southeastern states, especially in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, he said.

The average value per acre of farm real estate in North Carolina during July, 1948, was 157 per cent higher than the 1935-39 average. Only six states have had a larger increase, the specialist said.

The rise and continued strength in farm real estate prices and in demand for farm land has resulted largely from the strong demand for agricultural commodities and increases in farm incomes. The full price and income situation for the crop year 1948 is not yet definite. However, record wheat and corn crops in prospect for the nation as a whole point to somewhat lower prices. If this prospect develops, land values may not rise as much as the present high rate of land returns would indicate.

The relatively rapid increase in many farm cost items during recent months may be another curb influencing land values. Buyers in the present market must be prepared for a situation where rising costs may reduce their net income even though gross income continues, Mr. Williams said.

WHO KNOWS

- When did World War II start?
- What outstanding event in World War II occurred on September 8, 1943?
- According to the Constitution, how old does a Senator have to be?
- Name the chiefs of the three branches of the U. S. armed services.
- In what crops do Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas lead the nation?
- Who owned these famous horses: Rosinante, Marengo, Traveller, Tony?
- Who is Premier of Eirie?
- Who is the "Red Dean"?
- What is a "hectare" of land?
- Name the capitals of Australia and New Zealand.

THE ANSWERS

- September 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland.
- Italy surrendered to the Allies.
- Thirty.
- Army: General Omar N. Bradley; Navy, Admiral Louis E. Denfield; Air Forces, General Hoyt E. Vandenberg.
- Corn, rye and wheat, respectively.
- Don Quixote, Napoleon, Robert E. Lee, Tom Mix.
- John Costello.
- Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, so-called because of his pro-Soviet views.
- 2,471 acres.
- Canberra and Wellington, respectively.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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parliamentary assembly governed by rules of order. The people sat back in their seats and listened to the cool and sobering words of their leader, with the result that reason and common sense began to reassert themselves. When the leader saw that sanity had been restored, he dismissed the assembly and the people went home.

He displayed the qualities of real leadership. He showed his independence of the popular clamor when that clamor was born of unreasoning prejudice which grew into mere hysteria and his clear thinking and love for his city and its people saved them from committing acts which would

have brought disgrace and punishment on the city he was responsible for.

The appeal of Demetrius to a crowd which resulted in an unthinking, irresponsible mob, is the appeal often used today—that of an interest backed by religious prejudice. The real application of Christian principles in the world would be almost as disturbing as was in the days of Paul, when he and his companions were accused of turning "the world upside down." Christianity is honored and revered by many so-called leaders of business industry so long as it does not interfere with the conduct of business or with the profits received by some businesses. Then its "friend" demand that it cease meddling with business and confine itself to a circle of individual morality.



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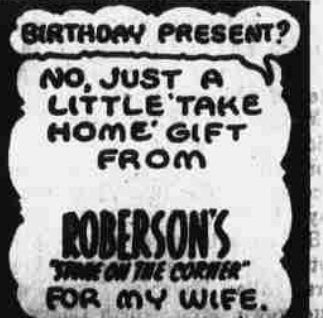
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