

Truman Will Launch State Fair Tuesday

North Carolina's 1948 State Fair, presenting hundreds of entertaining and instructive features, will swing into action Tuesday, October 19, with President Truman scheduled to open the annual exposition with an address on agriculture.

An invitation to visit the fair was extended to the President by Fair Manager J. S. Dorton and Commissioner of Agriculture D. S. Coltrane, and was accepted promptly by Mr. Truman. He will be the first President to attend the N. C. State Fair since President Theodore Roosevelt addressed a throng on the exposition grounds in 1905. Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke at the fair when he was Governor of New York.

Next week's five-day State Fair is expected to draw nearly a half-million visitors if the weather is good. Manager Dorton has arranged the most attractive program ever offered at the Fair, with a record-breaking number of top-notch exhibits augmenting a sparkling entertainment schedule that promises "something different every day."

Premiums for competitive exhibits total \$25,000, highest prize money ever offered by the fair. Over a half-hundred large commercial exhibits will be displayed. Farmers will compete for special prizes, including \$1,000 offered to the first North Carolina farmer who grows 200 bushels of shelled corn on an acre of land. In event none of the contestants reaches the 200-bushel goal, \$100 will be awarded to the entrant producing the greatest amount of corn on an acre.

Free gate passes have been distributed to 400,000 school children in counties which normally send groups of pupils to the fair. School superintendents in other counties may get passes for their pupils by writing to Dorton.

Wake County school children will be admitted to the fair Tuesday upon presentation of their school passes. A similar arrangement will be in effect Friday for all other school children.

A new carnival—the James E. Strates Shows—will have 50 modern rides and clean shows on the midway. A glittering musical revue—George A. Hamid's "Fancies of 1948"—will be presented nightly at the grandstand. A dozen thrilling circus and hippodrome acts will intersperse each afternoon and night program at the grandstand, and a spectacular display of fireworks will climax each evening's entertainment.

Harness races are scheduled for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday under sanction of the U. S. Trotting Association. Jack Kochman will present his World Champion Hell Drivers Wednesday afternoon only in a two-hour, thrill-packed program of racing, crashing and smashing automobiles.

Some of the nation's leading speedway drivers will compete Saturday in auto races presented by the Sam

Nunis Speedways under sanction of the American Automobile Association.

A new feature each afternoon and night at the grandstand will be a State Fair Folk Festival, presented by Bascom Lamar Lunsford and offering a large variety of folk dances and music.

Beer Revenue Aids Towns And Counties

Beer taxes collected by the State during September totaled \$589,187.85, sending the aggregate amount collected from beer in the first nine months of 1948 to the record-breaking figure of \$4,263,939.78, the State Department of Revenue has reported.

The figures do not include sales taxes paid on beer or local and Federal license taxes.

Half of the money will be distributed on a per capita basis to counties and municipalities that license the sale of beer. Local governments that do not permit the legal sale of beer do not share in the distribution.

Meantime, the Department of Revenue announced that approximately \$3,000,000 would be distributed to counties and municipalities in November as their share of State-controlled beer revenue for the year ending September 30. During that period, the State collected approximately \$6,000,000 in beer taxes.

The 1947 General Assembly, which doubled the State tax on beer, provided that half of the net collections should be distributed among local government units that license beer sales. The revenue department said this year's distribution, which will be the first for a full year, would be made in the last half of November.

County Agent Advises On Pasture Seeding

I. C. Yagel, County Agent, today reminded farmers:

"It is time now to get that permanent pasture seeded. Fertility is the key to successful pastures. A soil test is necessary to determine the proper amount of lime and fertilizer to apply. However, one to 1½ tons of agricultural lime is necessary for clover unless the land has been limed recently. Six hundred to 800 pounds of 2-12-12 or 0-14-7 fertilizers are helpful in getting pastures established. Annual applications of about 500 pounds of 0-12-12 fertilizers are recommended."

In establishing a pasture, the agent advises mixture containing at least one perennial grass and one or more adapted permanent pasture legumes must be properly sown on a well prepared seedbed. The seedbed should be stirred by plowing or double discing (or its equivalent) and should be firm before the seed is sown. Lime and fertilizer materials, where necessary to assure a good stand and growth, should be worked into the surface soil before seeding. The seed should be covered lightly with a brush or weeder. The approved pasture mixtures and seeding rates per acre for Perquimans County are as fol-

lows:
Mixture No. 1: Ladino clover, 3 lbs.; fescue, 8 to 10 lbs. (Ky. or Alta).

Mixture No. 2: Fescue, 6 lbs.; (Ky. or Alta); white clover, 3 lbs.; Kobe lespedeza, 12 lbs.; Dallis grass, 8 lbs.

Mixture No. 3: White clover, 3 lbs.; Kobe lespedeza, 15 lbs.; Dallis grass, 10 lbs.

The clovers and fescue grass should be seeded between now and October 15. All clover seed should be inoculated before sowing. Where lespedeza and Dallis grass are used in the mixtures they should be seeded the following spring in February or March.

Speaking Contest Plans Announced

The North Carolina agricultural speaking contest for white high school students, in which more than 4,900 contestants in 82 counties competed for \$6,000 in prizes last spring, will be held again in 1949, it has been announced by J. Frank Doggett, Extension soil conservationist at State College.

As in past years, the contest will be sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association in cooperation with all agricultural agencies.

The general subject will be "Proper Land Use and Treatment—Its Effects Upon the Economy of North Carolina." Contestants may emphasize any one or any combination of several land use practices to show how production and income may be increased to bring about better living conditions for the entire population of the State.

Maximum time allotted for each speech is 12 minutes. Each contestant must attend a supervised farm tour where good land use and treatment are being practiced.

The final contest will be held in Raleigh next March 25. School contests are suggested for March 4, county contests for March 11, subgroup contests for March 15, and group contests for March 18. The counties of the State are divided into 10 groups for the contest.

More Wildfowl This Year, It Is Reported

Although several weeks until official opening of the migratory waterfowl hunting season, reports from persons residing in the vicinity of Currituck, Albemarle, Roanoke and Pamlico Sounds indicate that wildfowl will be more abundant this year than last season, according to Julian Oneto, member of the operating staff of the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head.

Already scattered flocks of Canada geese have been arriving in the Currituck area, according to reports, and with the first chill weather of autumn, more are expected. Oneto based his opinion on the game situation, not only from reports by coastal guides and residents, but also from the national news that the migratory waterfowl breeding grounds in Canada and the Far North have produced a bumper crop of ducks and geese during the past summer.

Health and Beauty

By Dr. Sophia Brunson

BREAKING BONES

People wonder why it is so easy for old people to break their bones. A young person can receive hard falls and blows, often with no ill effects, but an old person may have a slight fall and fracture the hip or some other bone. The reason is that age causes such a reduction of animal matter in the skeleton that the bones lose their elasticity. They grow chalky and brittle, so that light falls will often cause serious fractures in an old person.

Much has been learned about bones from X-rays. The causes of several distressing diseases have been found out in this way. Quoting from Dr. Evans: "Some two years before the disease was recognized, a man developed a pain in his back which was called pyletis (pus in the kidneys). A year later he complained of a pain in his side, which was called pleurisy. Three months later he stubbed his toe on a rough place in the pavement and developed a pain in his chest. X-ray pictures of the chest showed some broken ribs."

A disease called multiple myeloma was suspected. Science has discovered tests for diagnosing this malady. They were applied, and the man was found to be a sufferer from this dread condition, which is due to cancer of the bone marrow. It is progressive and spreads from one bone to another. It so weakens the bone that it breaks wherever the disease locates itself. In the case mentioned, a bone fractured about once a month.

A friend of mine, a surgeon, had a similar experience. For several months he was supposed to be suffering from rheumatic pains in different bones and joints. Then his bones commenced fracturing. Towards the end he was bed-ridden on an air mattress and was handled with exceeding care, but in spite of every precaution, his bones continued to break.

Some people are born with such

fragile bones that they fracture very easily. Most of them have a tendency to deafness and the whites of their eyes are of a bluish cast.

It is difficult for fractures to heal if the sufferers have too little lime in their systems. Milk is our greatest source of lime and children especially should be given an abundant supply of it daily. This helps them to form good sound teeth and bones.

W. S. C. S. MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Banks. The meeting was opened by the president,

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN COLUMBIA AND EDENTON

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, October 17, at 8 A. M. in the Davenport Funeral Home, Columbia, and at 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon on "Christ Our Friend," Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Sunday School, with confessions in Columbia 7:45 to 7:55 and in Edenton 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Week-mornings: Mass, Communion and Rosary in Edenton.

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