

# The Kings Mountain Herald

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, October 21, 1915.

PAGE, Editor and Owner

PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR

## Gaston County Fair

BIG SUCCESS

Effort most successful for first County Exhibit

Following is an abbreviated account of the Gaston County Fair as blue pencilled from Friday's Gazette. From this and other accounts we have seen and heard of the fair it must be handed Gaston that she made a splendid beginning in this line of endeavor.

Gaston county's first annual fair will close tomorrow night and the record made by the association both as to attendance and as to exhibits will be one of which the county has just cause to be proud. Up to two o'clock this afternoon more than 10,000 people had passed through the turnstile since the opening of the grounds Tuesday morning. These are all paid admissions except a few hundred school children who went through on free tickets Tuesday. This figure would have been larger by perhaps 2,000 had last night been more favorable. Yesterday afternoon saw the largest crowd that has been on the grounds at any one time during the fair. The baby show and Better baby's contest drew quite a crowd yesterday afternoon.

Because of the enormous amount of work resting upon Secretary Lloyd and president Craig it has been impossible for them to get the list of prize winners in the various departments ready for publication today and the Gazette regrets its inability to give them to its readers. The full list will appear Tuesday.

It has been the unanimous opinion not only of the local people but of visitors from many other sections that, for a first showing, Gaston county's fair is up to any ever seen in the State. Notwithstanding the fact that only a very short time was available for making all the preparations, everything has gone along smoothly and the exhibits are first class. The most disappointing exhibit was that in the agricultural tent. This disappointment was not because of any lack of quality in the articles shown but in the quantity. Just why the farmers did not manifest a larger interest is not known unless it be that not having known of the fair early in the fall of the spring, they did not raise anything especially for exhibition. As a matter of fact the corn, potatoes, onions, apples, pears and many other products of the farm shown were splendid in quality and did credit to the agricultural interests of the county. Next year will no doubt bring a large and varied exhibit to the agricultural building. One display that attracted very widespread attention and a very large number of most complimentary remarks was that of the Girls' Canoeing Club. The nine jars of jellies, jams, preserves, etc., looked so toothsome that one was tempted almost to slip one under his coat and make way with it. The canning club gives credit to deserve great credit for the showing they made and it is to be commended to do still greater things in this line next year.

The Horticultural Club exhibit was also very attractive. It was ninety odd boys in the county club this year and there should be twice that number next year. The club boys were in attendance at the fair and doubtless were greatly benefitted by examining the various agricultural exhibits.

In the fancy work tent there were displayed a large number of dainty and splendidly executed pieces of hand work turned out by girls and women over the country. Those in a position to know say that this exhibit was a splendid one.

In the livestock department the showing was a fine one. In fact it was, taken altogether, perhaps the most creditable exhibition on the grounds. In the livestock pens were to be seen fine specimens of the Black Angus, Hereford, Holstein, Jersey, Short Horn and other varieties of beef and milk cattle; and the beauty about it was that each specimen was a Gaston county product. There were no fancy show sections belonging to professional exhibitors from other sections. These were barred by the rules of the association, the idea being to show the public what Gaston county can produce in the line of livestock. There were a few sheep and an excellent showing of hogs. In the last named department there were not a great many specimens but those shown were fine. There were Poland Chinas, Duroc Jerseys, O. I. C's., Berkshires and other varieties. In the horse show the number was small but again the quality was high. Among the most admired animals was a magnificent Percheron stallion belonging to Mr. W. B. Elam and several Percheron colts belonging to Mr. T. M. Sparrow. A number of owners of splendid horses in the county had intended to exhibit animals but circumstances of one kind or another arose to prevent their bringing them in. Next year it is believed that there will several times as many horses and mules shown. More will be said about the livestock exhibit in Tuesday's Gazette when the prize list will be given.

One rather disappointing feature of the fair was the midway which was evidently not up to the expectations of the management. It was fair but as good in quantity as had been expected. This is a feature which can be improved on next year.

Of course the stellar attraction was the flying machine. Frank Champion with his Blériot monoplane did some splendid flying and was watched admiringly by thousands. Yesterday afternoon the Gaston Guards participated in the battle between the monoplane and the fort, adding quite a good deal to the spectacular feature of the event. The fact, built on the eastern edge of the grounds was completely demolished.

**BIBLIOPHILIC PAPERS.**  
Following were the winners in the Baby Show yesterday:  
First Division, ages up to one year: First prize, Ruth McLeod, Babington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Babington; second prize, Both Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Pratt.  
Second Division, ages one year to two and a half years: First prize, Rachel Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Spencer.

## PUBLIC LAWS HONOR ROLL

ON PUBLIC MONEY

Towns, school boards, etc. publish statement.

We notice in the Troy Montgomerian of September 2nd that a suit had been started against the town commissioners for failure to publish the annual statement. That paper in commenting upon the suit stated that the statement is not required by law to be published in a paper, but can be posted on bulletin board or other public place. In view of the erroneous idea which prevails in the majority of the towns of the state, and among the bulk of the editors, THE SILVER CITY GRIT desires to furnish a little enlightenment.

Says the Grit, "Chapter 123 of the laws of 1911 specifically states that all towns of 3,000 population and over must publish their statements FOUR times a year, and towns under 3,000 must publish them once a year, in a Newspaper having its publication in the town where such moneys are collected. There is no getting around this! The commissioners are liable and should be indicted for failure to publish in the local paper the statement of the town's finances. And this is nothing but right. The taxpayers should be allowed to know minutely how much money is collected and how expended, and this serves as a righteous check against graft and extravagance."

**THE LAWS**  
Section 1—That statements, showing the receipts and disbursements of public moneys by municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporations, and administrative boards of limited territorial jurisdiction, under grant of power from the State, shall be regularly published, as follows:

1. Boards or aldermen of other governing bodies of all incorporated cities and towns having a population of three thousand or over shall likewise cause to be published, as hereinafter provide, either monthly or quarterly statements of all municipal receipts and disbursements, which shall be itemized and show from what source received and to whom and on what account paid, shall likewise cause to be published annually, at the end of each and every fiscal year, condensed and classified statements of such municipal receipts and disbursements, showing the source from which received and the account on which expended.

2. The boards of commissioners of all incorporated towns having a population of less than three thousand; boards of graded school trustees and other governing and administrative bodies of school districts created by special act of the General Assembly; county boards of education; boards of road commissioners and fence commissioners charged with the supervision, maintenance, and repair of public roads and fences; the governing bodies of all other quasi-municipal corporations; all other administrative boards limited territorial jurisdiction under grant of power from the State, charged with the receipt and disbursement of public moneys, and for the publication of those receipts and disbursements no other provision is made by law, shall cause to be published annually, at the end of each and every fiscal year, statements of all receipts and disbursements of public moneys collected and expended, which statements shall be itemized in the manner provided in the preceding subsection, for itemizing monthly and quarterly statements of municipal receipts and disbursements, and shall further contain a classified summary of such receipts and disbursements, showing the source from which received and the account on which expended.

Sec. 2 That all statements of receipts and disbursements hereinafter provided for shall be published in some newspaper having its place of publication, or which is of general circulation in the county, city, or town, in which

FIRST MONTH

Kings Mountain Graded School Honor Roll.

**FIRST GRADE**— James Micham, Isabelle Stivers, Evelyn Meek Purvly, W. W. Wells Gamble, Nell Ford, Sadie White, Edna Payne, Ruth Bennett, Forrest Hardin, Sallie Walker, Emory Hullender, Albert White, Ollie Falls, Casper Hutchins, Pauline Stewart, Clarence Ford.

**SECOND GRADE**— Orangel Berrett, Charlie Carpenter, Margaret Cornwell, Norma Falls, Charles Fulton, Bertie Lee Hambricht, William Jackson, Ethel Lackey, Margaret McGinnis, Francis Mauney, Doyl Moss, Bright Richardson, Lawrence Styers, Brown Ware, Clyde Ware, Ida Walker, Charles Watterston, Ethel Styers, Jack Hunsaur, Gladys Wright.

**THIRD GRADE**— Rebecca Kerr, Pearl Styers.

**FOURTH GRADE**— Margaret Lackey.

**FIFTH GRADE**— Ruth Plouk, Gertrude King, Gussie Huffstetter, Lexter Ware, Besie Ramsaur, Frederick Wue, Nell Watterson.

**SIXTH GRADE**— Nell Gansler, Winnie Vera Mauney, Mi. am Goforth, Robert Kuntz.

**SEVENTH GRADE**— Jaun's Mauney, Sarah Allison, Ruth Hunter, Lawrence Falls.

**EIGHTH GRADE**— Ambrosy Mauney, Bryan Ford.

**NINTH GRADE**— Willie Ramsaur, James Hambricht, Willson Ramsaur.

**TENTH GRADE**— Mattie Ware, Mary Polton, Mary King.

**Our Christmas Issue.**

The Herald is already preparing for full dress at Christmas. We have selected a very handsome design of holiday cover and will issue a special Christmas edition of the Herald. This splendid cover has three pages of blank space for holiday advertising which has been practically sold already. The merchants have been exceedingly alive to this splendid opportunity of placing their holiday goods before the public just at the psychological moment and in the most attractive style. The special issue will be mailed about Wednesday, December 22nd, just in time to catch the Christmas shopper.

Let all advertisers in this Special Christmas issue have their copy in the shop by December 10th, if possible. And let Christmas shoppers look out for the numerous bargains which will be offered.

The Herald wishes to thank every person who has subscribed and thereby helped to make possible the Christmas issue.

Mr. W. L. Plouk was in Gastonia Saturday.

such public moneys are received and expended, and the cost of such publication shall not exceed one-half of one cent per word.  
Sec. 3 That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
Sec. 4 That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and until the 1st day of January, 1916.

## The McSwain

By E. S. McSwain

Navigation in all its branches is well represented and the showing is very complete and interesting, showing the various kinds of boats used by all nations. Locomotives are well represented both in steam and electric, as well as the various kinds of cars used in the different cities, the best and largest of every thing being the watchword in preparation of the exhibits, as well as the latest inventions for the prevention of accidents and appliances for the protection of life and property. The automobile is here well represented, well nigh all manufactures of any consequence having space in this building and displaying the best of their wares. It is truly a great collection and is the center of attraction for the enthusiastic autoist, but it would be a bad place to select a car since the machines are so numerous your interest would become divided, however, if you want any kind of a machine it is here shown.

The palace of Agriculture next claims our attention, which cover seven and one half acres with about forty acres more adjoining devoted agricultural interest. This is of special interest to those interested in farming for it is here that the products of farms far and near are on exhibit, as well as the latest and most modern machinery for farming. It is indeed a great collection of the fruits of mother earth and a place where you can spend days to good advantage. The exhibits are well arranged so that any particular section or state can be readily singled out and its products carefully examined. For every product there are shown here.

Passing on we come to the Palace of Food Products, which is in reality a part of the Agricultural exhibit though it is in a separate palace. This was a very delightful place to visit as it showed you not only what your next door neighbor had to eat, both vegetable and animal, not only what the man in the adjoining state had on his menu, nor did it stop with the spread of "Pete Samuel's" table, but circled the globe, practically all nations having come forward and "set their tables for company", so to speak, as it represented the best there is from all the feed stores of all the world. It did not stop at exhibiting either for here and there you would find a comfortable booth in which were served various luncheons, each having for its dominating feature some particular article of food; here tea, there coffee, over yonder chocolate, and so on down the drink line, as well as the same round of the various things to eat. In the preparation of these things for the public you were not only given a sample of the finished article just as it would appear on your table, but with the same operation you were shown the very best methods of preparing it, in various forms.

Next we shall enter the Palace of Horticulture, which is constructed almost entirely of glass and covers over five acres of land, and which is surmounted by a great glass dome 100 feet high. Being constructed of glass it

properly represents its many sufficient admits light. ing count number but all are representative exhibits. Things modern in the same is in packing press things the most children fruits. We the late the P. allusion plies reason plom cor. and into various industries in this palace kind of metal and many you of before, and to attempt to. Having gone to Palaces with a ing glance at the exhibits with the hope with this drawing heavy tion from a what we have with the impos with the brief of Peeling the outside, we out and view wonders there. First let us go of Jewels, which height of 43 feet architectural dominating feature of the exhibition. The outline tower is defined by hundred thousand glass "Jewels" or tremulously, the spherical disturbances them to flash and scintillate in a thousand tints and colors. This is a beauty but to be fully appreciated must be seen at night the specially prepared illumination which makes its way far beyond description viewed it by night and whereof we speak. Passing on we view the Court of Flowers and the Court of the Universe of Abundance; Court of Court of Flowers and the Setting Sun and other archaic courts, of Farther on we visit the hall of the States; in which to out of the fifty-two are sent, by nice, well and elegantly furnished ings costing from about \$200 to \$2,000,000, chief of which is the California Building and which with all its furnishings, equipment and mass of displays occupies a large These buildings are all of new well