

ancy. A unique feature of the fair will be the dairy judging contest in which prizes of \$20, \$12 and \$8 will be awarded to the boys or girls under 18 years of age who are most proficient in the art of picking out the good points of dairy cows. This is expected to be an educational feature worth while and the state department of agriculture has given half the premium money.

**Free Attractions.**

While the fair will be representative of Catawba products and enterprises more than anything else, it is the purpose of the directors to afford plenty of wholesome amusement for the visitors here during fair week. Nothing but clean exhibits will be permitted to show. The aeroplanes, which has played such a prominent part in the Great War, will give two flights every day—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 3, 4 and 5. Secretary Henderson is in correspondence with an aviation company, and expects to close the contract soon. Other announcements as to amusements will be made later.

**Have Become Famous.**

During recent years Hickory and Catawba county have become famous throughout the United States as a result of the dairy and creamery industries, in which Catawba is leading the south. The cooperative idea exemplified in the successful operation of dairies, creameries and kindred industries is the same idea that has propelled the fair. In this organization are to be found the men who have brought Catawba forward, and Hickory has been the central point in this wheel of progress. Concrete examples of these remarkable achievements will be on exhibition in Hickory when the products of the hills and valleys of Catawba county are displayed before the eyes of thousands early in November.

**Officers and Directors.**

The officers and directors of the Catawba County Fair Association follow:

President, John W. Robinson; Vice-President, N. W. Clark; Secretary, A. C. Henderson; Treasurer, J. J. Willard. Directors: J. D. Elliott, John W. Mauser, Enloe Yoder, S. E. Killian, Geo. E. Bisanar, J. W. Shuford, H. C. Lutz, H. P. Williams, L. M. Bollinger, W. R. Lutz, W. J. Shuford. District Vice-Presidents: H. P. Lutz, Newton; B. A. Whitener, Maiden; Homer Little, Oxford Ford; Garland Settlement, Granite Falls; James R. Huffman, Connelly Springs; Henry F. Elliott, Catawba; R. W. Starnes, Taylorsville. Amusement committee: H. P. Williams, H. C. Lutz, J. L. Cilley, N. W. Clark and K. C. Menzies.

**WILLIAM SPRAGUE IS DEAD IN PARIS**

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Sept. 11.—William Sprague, the famous war governor of Rhode Island, died here today at the age of 84 years. He was a friend of the late President and Mrs. Frank H. Nathan, old friends, were with him when the end came. His day to sail from New York. Simple funeral services will be held here.

**SENT UP FOR ASSAULT**

LaFayette Miller, who was convicted before Recorder Campbell yesterday afternoon of the charge of attempting to assault a young girl of Highlands and appealed for a new trial. The case came near being more serious than simple assault.

**HANDSOMEST BUILDING OF KIND IN STATE**

When the interior decorations of the First National Bank were completed last week, Hickory was able to say with truth that this city had the handsomest bank building in the state. There are more costly and more imposing buildings than the First National, but there is not a strictly bank building anywhere in the state that begins to measure up to the local institution in attractiveness and beauty. The artist's eye may be seen in every line, figure, stone or column.

**VIOLENT FIGHTING IS REPORTED BY FRENCH**

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Sept. 11.—Last night, very unusually violent artillery fighting was reported at official war statement today. There have been further particularly violent artillery engagements in the department of the Meuse and along the front in Loraine.

**BERNSTOFF SAYS HE WAS HANDS OFF**

(By the Associated Press) New York, Sept. 11.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, emphatically denied today that he had attempted to use James F. J. Archibald as a message bearer to Germany.

"In view of repeated assertions by several newspapers, that I sent messages by Archibald, the ambassador said, 'I wish to state that I never gave Mr. Archibald a single penny or said anything to him. I thought I had made that plain in Washington. I did not attempt to use Mr. Archibald, chiefly because I did not think it safe to do so.'

**DR. SIKES**

Wake Forest, N. C., Sept. 11.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, who has been elected to the position of president of the National Association of Economists, will be in charge of the annual meeting of the association at Wake Forest, N. C., on October 10 and 11. Dr. Sikes is a well-known economist and has been active in the movement for the improvement of the economic conditions of the South.

Chicago close behind with .265 and .262 respectively. Foster, Boston, won 18 and lost 6, leads the pitchers. Captain Doyle has again batted himself into the lead in the National League with .327. St. Louis leads in club batting with .257, Cincinnati comes next with .254. Doyle also leads in the number of extra bases, 215, while Cravath of Philadelphia leads in runs scored, 76. Carey, Pittsburgh, with 34, leads the base stealers. Mamaux, Pittsburgh, won 20, lost 7, leads the pitchers. Bennie Kauff, Brooklyn, with .354, leads Federal League batters; Magee in runs, with 82; Kauff, with 43, leads in stolen bases. Allen of Pittsburgh, leads the pitchers with 21 won and 9 lost.

**DID ANYBODY SEE THAT SUBMARINE**

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 11.—Secretary Lansing today expressed the view that the United States is now facing the question of whether it will permit a court of arbitration to decide the matter of submarine warfare. Mr. Lansing refused to comment on the position the United States will take. He admitted that, after sifting the evidence and affidavits of passengers and officers of the Arabic, a conclusion had been reached, but there was nothing to indicate that any one had seen a submarine.

**THOUSAND AT UNIVERSITY**

Chapel Hill, Sept. 11.—Special. Over 1,000 students already have registered at the University of North Carolina, this being the greatest registration during the first week in its history. It is believed that the number will be increased to 1,200 before spring.

**ONLY THREE PROTESTS MADE AGAINST INCREASE**

Raleigh, Sept. 11.—A member of the Corporation Commission said last evening that definite official protests against recent increases in the county tax assessing authorities have been received from not more than three counties and the commission has made only one change in the assessment increases, this being a reduction of five per cent in the case of one county assessment on which had been an increase considerably more than that.

"This commissioner declared that it is the purpose of the commission to stand firmly for the percentage of increase announced. There has been personal, but unofficial letters regarding increases received from quite a number of the counties involved, but official effort for reduction of increases in percentages made only by two or three counties.

**Ship Pass Through Canal**

Panama, Sept. 11.—The channel of the Panama Canal was sufficiently deepened today at the scene of the new slide to permit the passage of ships which were waiting in the canal at the terminals to pass.

**SOME SHOP TALK ON THE FIRST ISSUE**

Hundreds of Hickory people appeared to be almost as interested in the appearance of the Daily Record as the paper itself, judging by the number who called around at the office just before press time. And this is to indulge in a little hyperbole most likely, because a part of the force worked all night, and most of it has put in about eighteen hours a day for the last two days.

The new paper encountered the usual difficulties. The up-to-date press refused to deliver the goods last night, until two or three pressmen had coaxed it a bit, and it was early this morning before the right sort of persuasion was used. When the little fellow did get to going, however, it hummed.

Outside of the rush of ads—which were gratefully received and which everybody in the office hopes will never grow less—the force got along fairly well. The linotype has got the right motion, and can turn out many columns of new type a day. In a few days at least everything will be running smoothly.

Mr. Herbert H. Lowery of Newton was here yesterday.

**MARKETS**

**NEW YORK COTTON**

(By the Associated Press) New York, Sept. 11.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 10 to 12 points higher in the early trading on higher Liverpool cables, reports of more active demands for cotton, the first showing of southern spot cotton and the growing disposition to disregard international politics. Wall street and the commercial houses again were active buyers.

**WALL STREET**

New York, Sept. 11.—Today's stock market developed no features. In the early dealing investment issues were neglected while war specialists manifested reactionary tendencies, Studebaker declining more than 2½ points. Crucible steel was heavy at the outset, but recovered. United States steel changed hands in large blocks at small fractional losses. Chesapeake and Ohio made small gains.

**COTTON FUTURES**

New York, Sept. 11.—Cotton futures opened firm, Oct. 10.22; Dec., 10.45; January, 10.74; March, 11.03; May, 11.30.

Cotton closed steady. October, 10.12; December, 10.45; January, 10.64; March, 10.94; May, 11.19.

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Judge Cline was gratified at the expression of the Yanceyville Sentinel, published in Caswell county, which advocated him for governor. The judge said today that he was proud he was being elevated a little to that. The Winston-Salem papers gave him a round of applause for the manner in which he handled the most sensational case that has been tried in that section in many years.

The only avowed candidates for governor on the Democratic side are Attorney-General J. W. Bickett of Franklin county and Lieutenant-Governor Elisha L. Daughtridge of Edgecombe county.

**FOREIGN MONEY IS STILL GOING DOWN**

(By the Associated Press) New York, Sept. 11.—The Anglo-French commission rested today after its somewhat strenuous activities yesterday, and the members and their wives prepared to spend Sunday at an island resort.

Sterling exchange rates were unchanged at the opening, but fagged at the close. Pound sterling rates ranged from \$4.69½ at the opening, \$4.67½ at the close. Other foreign money was unchanged.

**BUYS LENOIR PAPER.**

Mr. Fred H. May of Wendell Secures News.

Mr. Fred H. May of Wendell, Wake county, passed through Hickory today en route to Lenoir, where he will engage in the newspaper business. Mr. May has purchased the Lenoir News from Mr. H. C. Martin and, beginning next week, will be in full charge. He is an energetic young man, has had several years of experience in the weekly field, and is worthy of confidence and trust. Mr. May was lured to this section by the climate and the unparalleled development of the foothills.

**Federal Pension System.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11.—Congressman J. W. Ragsdale of South Carolina, speaking before the United Association of Postoffice Clerks, denounced the present pension system as "iniquitous" and said he intended to work for the passage of a law which would give pensions to civil employees of the Federal Government as well as to soldiers.

Frank T. Rogers was re-elected president of the association.

**Will Fire on Rangers.**

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 11.—A body of Carranza troops who entrenched themselves at the Progresso crossing of the Rio Grande, 30 miles above Brownsville shouted across the river that they would not fire upon American troops but would reserve the right to fire at any rangers, deputies or civilians who appeared on the American side.

**Sweet Potato Growers.**

The Catawba County Sweet Potato Growers Association, with 18 members present, met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon. The association was making plans for handling the fall crop.

**CITY FEED COMPANY TO HAVE NEW HOME**

The City Feed Company has bought the corner lot at 13th street and Trade avenue and will erect thereon as soon as plans are drawn up a modern brick building, when the store at 1222 10th avenue will move into its new quarters. Messrs. Blackwelder and Gibbs will have one of the best locations in the city and the building, which will occupy a space of 40 by 90 feet, will contain two or more stories.

**AUSTRIA SILENT ON MR. WILSON'S REQUEST**

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 11.—Austria had not responded today to the American demand for the recall of Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States. The Washington officials had nothing to say regarding the statement of Ambassador Bernstorff in New York that he gave James F. J. Archibald no statement or had anything to say to him.

**ATLANTA OFFICERS INVESTIGATE CASE**

(By the Associated Press) Atlanta, Sept. 11.—Pending the holding of an inquest late this afternoon, officials took no action in the death of Alf. C. Ford, as the result of a pistol bullet wound inflicted Wednesday morning at his home. The body was held today at a local undertaker, notwithstanding Mrs. Ford's request that it be sent home early today.

An examination of the weapon used caused officials to doubt the statement made by Ford that the pistol fired in his hand. It was said that the trigger appeared to have been snapped five times, and four cartridges failed to explode when struck by the trigger. Mrs. Ford sobbingly reiterated that the shot was fired by her husband shortly after he left his sleeping porch and returned to the house Wednesday morning.

**Maximum Temperature**

Hickory had some weather yesterday, according to the government thermometer as manipulated by Mr. Gwinn, the maximum temperature being 91 degrees. It was cool enough in the early morning, but it had pretty early.

Just twelve years ago a segregated school was established in Hickory. It was only after a struggle that the movement for better school facilities was carried over, the school board, composed of such men as Dr. J. L. Murphy, H. McComb, J. F. Abernethy, C. Geitner, McCoy Moretz, and others were backed by the women and the generous-hearted men of the town, and the North building was erected.

The school grew at such a rate that it became necessary three years ago to erect another building. The school board, consisting of G. F. Ivey, A. A. Shuford, S. L. Whitener, Dr. H. C. Menzies, and H. F. Elliott, planned for the erection of the South building.

**Continued Growth.**

The schools have continued to grow at such a remarkable rate that another building will have to be erected before another year. For the first week of school this year the enrollment in the white school is 762 pupils, and in the colored school 186 pupils. For the year the enrollment will be in the white schools not less than 875, and in the colored school 250.

In 1904, when the school was first opened, there were only about 300 white children. In 1915, the South building was erected, and the enrollment of white pupils was 450. For the year 1915-1916 the enrollment will perhaps reach 900.

**Work Improves Also.**

These figures give some idea of the annual growth made by the public schools of Hickory. And the improvement in the work done has kept equal pace with the increase in attendance. The course of study now covers eleven years, seven years in the elementary grades, and four years in the high school grades. From the enrollment by grades as given below it will be seen that the attendance in the upper grammar and high school grades is unusually large.

The enrollment by grades follows:

Grade	Enrollment.
First A.	42
First B.	33
Third	33
Fourth	49
Fifth	50
Sixth	44
Seventh	44
Eighth	49
Ninth	52
Tenth	27
Eleventh	17

**South School.**

First A.	41
First B.	28
Second	23
Third	
Fourth	
Fifth	
Sixth	
Seventh	