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THOUSANDS TO ATTEND COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR

BIG EVENT OF YEAR

Athletic Contest, Display of Handiwork and Oratory to Claim Attention.

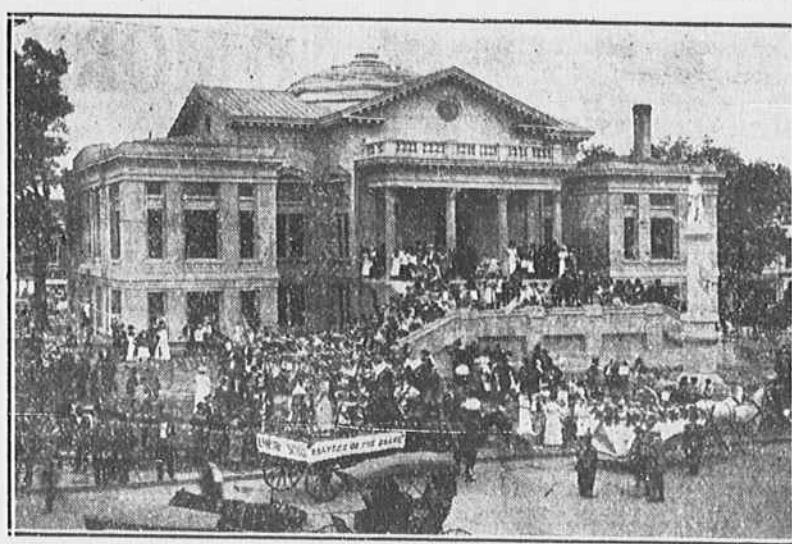
EVERY DEPARTMENT TO BE REPRESENTED

Four Thousand Children Expected in the Parade. Great Educational Event, for which the County Educational Department, the County Teachers and School Children have been Making Preparations, will Take Place next Friday, the 18th. Mammoth Crowd Expected.

To the Teachers of Laurens County:

It is only one week before Laurens county is to celebrate its first annual County School Fair, Friday, April 18, is the date appointed for this event. The slogan for the day is four thousand and school children in Laurens. Its success depends on you. Never before has so great interest been shown in a county undertaking. So far as we know not a school will fail to be represented.

We not only want the school children and teachers, but trustees and everybody interested in the schools—which should mean every person in Laurens county. It is estimated that there will be ten thousand people in Laurens. Nobody can afford to be absent for the day will be filled with interesting features—the literary contests, the elementary and high school meets, the grand parade and the ex-



The County Court House, where the Children's Exhibits will be held all during the day. (Scene during the Annual County Fair).

PROGRAM

- (1) **10 O'CLOCK.**
Literary Contest—City Graded School Building.
Reading.
(a) First and second grades—room No. 8. Conducted by Miss Emily Meng, Miss Lois Ervin, and Miss Kiddie Arnold.
(b) Third and fourth grades—room No. 4. Conducted by Miss Ella Roland, Miss Genie Aiken and Miss Madge Harris.
(c) Fifth and sixth grades—room No. 11. Conducted by Miss Annie Davis, Miss Mae Roper and Miss Mary Martin.
Spelling.
(a) Fourth and fifth grades—room No. 10. Conducted by Miss Bessie Barnett, Miss Ella Belle Copeland, and Miss Bessie Brown.
(b) Sixth and seventh grades—room No. 6. Conducted by Miss May Delle Barre, Miss Nannie Simpson, and Miss Lottie Young.
(c) Eighth, ninth and tenth grades—room No. 5. Conducted by Miss Fannie Creighton, Miss Irene Dillard, and Miss Mary Cartwright.
Arithmetic.
(a) Third and fourth grades—room No. 3. Conducted by Miss Annette Stover, Miss Ida Turner, and Miss Bernie Wallace.
(b) Fifth and sixth grades—room No. 9. Conducted by Miss Dorcas Calmes, Miss Mary Belle Babb, and Miss Blanche Pinson.
(c) Seventh, eighth, and ninth grades—room No. 2. Conducted by Miss Laura Barksdale, Miss Dessie Stewart and Miss Marie Stokes.
- (2) **11 O'CLOCK.**
Elementary Athletic Meet—Graded School Grounds.
(a) 100-yard dash. (b) Low hurdle. (c) Running high jump. (d) Running broad jump. (e) Pole vault. (f) 75-yard dash—male teachers only. (g) 50-yard dash—girls only. (h) Potato race. (i) Shoe race. (j) Three-legged race. Referees—Allie Lee, Carlos Moseley, Jno. Wells Todd, J. J. Adams.
- (3) **12:30 O'CLOCK.**
Picnic dinner on school grounds.
- (4) **1 O'CLOCK.**
Grand parade—Children, teachers and trustees. Form at school grounds.
- (5) **2:30 O'CLOCK.**
High School Athletic Meet at school park on West Main street.
(c) The children's exhibits—the most interesting feature of the day—at the Court House. Doors open from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. In charge of Mrs. Willie Anderson, Mrs. Mary Copeland, Miss Hannah Tolbert, Miss Wessie Lee Dial, Miss Sadie Sullivan.
The High School Oratorical Contest in graded school auditorium at 8:30. Admission, adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. Presentation of medals and trophy cup.



GEO. L. PITTS
County Superintendent of Education.

hibits. Mr. Lavender, manager of the moving picture show has arranged to have pictures made of the various scenes of the day. Let none of your pupils faces be missed when the reel is shown at the opera house.

There will be nine literary contests—three in each of the following subjects—read, spelling and arithmetic. Ten events have been arranged for the elementary athletic meet. Each school will be allowed one pupil for each contest. Every teacher should have representatives in all these contests. After a year's work the pupils should be encouraged to measure their work with that accomplished by other children.

The parade will be the greatest feature of the day for here every child can enter. Be sure to have the pupils dress in white and arrange them in line according to size. We earnestly urge the trustees to march with the children, following instead of leading the line.

The exhibits will be displayed in the court house. They will be received at the county superintendent's office Wednesday, Thursday and until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Mark each article by giving child's name, school, age, and grade. Do not forget to certify to its originality. Send the name of your school, written in large letters to be placed by your exhibit.

After discussing the prize question with many teachers, it has been decided to limit the prizes to blue and red ribbons. We trust the teachers will impress upon their children that the honor is sufficient without any material reward. Think of your school having the best speller, reader, or mathematician in the county.

The program of April 18 covers every minute of the day. There can be no waiting. The events will begin promptly at the appointed hour. Be sure to be on time.

Yours truly,
Geo. L. Pitts,
Supt. of Education,
Will Lou Gray,
Supervisor of R. S.

Off to the Contest.

Master Hugh Aiken will leave Friday for Greenville where he will represent this county in the Piedmont Oratorical contest which is to be held the same evening. About fifteen schools are represented in the contest and the winner of first place must prove himself an orator of no mean ability. The people of this city will watch with interest the outcome of the contest for they are sure that their representative will be among the leaders when the judges make their decision.

WILL TEACH VOICE HERE.

Mr. Everard Calthrop will Organize Class Tomorrow, Friday.

Mr. Everard Calthrop, the well-known tenor soloist and vocal teacher has decided to organize a class in Laurens. He will come here tomorrow, Friday, for the purpose of discussing plans and arranging for the immediate beginning of classes. He wishes to meet all who are interested in voice training at the residence of Mrs. H. K. Aiken on Friday at 11:30 a. m. A number of people have already signified their intention of joining the class and others are expected.

The coming of Mr. Calthrop will mean a lot to the musical education of Laurens and his decision to arrange a class here will, no doubt, meet with enthusiastic approval. Mr. Calthrop received his early training in New York and later studied under the most noted of the English voice teachers in London. Besides possessing a fine tenor voice, he is accomplished in every branch of music. He has had remarkable success in Greenwood, where he now has a class of over thirty voices and is directing a choral society of nearly seventy-five singers.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHERS.

Superintendent of Education and Rural School Supervisor Issue Last Call to the Teachers Telling When and Where to Assemble and Other Information.

The long expected and eagerly awaited County School Fair is to be held next week. Friday morning will see the roads leading to the county seat lined with every imaginable kind of vehicle bearing people to Laurens to be present during the exercises. Truly it will be a day, the like of which has never before been seen in this county or in South Carolina. Superintendent of Education Geo. L. Pitts and Miss Will Lou Gray, Rural School Supervisor, assisted by Supt. B. L. Jones, of the city schools, have been busy for weeks and weeks making preparations for the event and the teachers of the county, with the children too, have been working incessantly to make the day a success. From reports from all sections of the county and from the indications gathered through letters in this issue and in previous issues of The Advertiser, great preparations have been made on every side, the children are vastly interested in the occasion and a big crowd will be here. It is estimated that four thousand children alone will be present to join in the exercises, to take part in the parade and to get their pictures taken by the motion picture man. In addition to the children, over two hundred trustees and about 150 teachers are expected to be present, not to mention the thousands of grown-ups who will be here to witness the exercises and to demonstrate personally that their hearts are with the teachers in the work they are doing.

It is a question which phase of the school fair will receive the greatest amount of attention from the big throng. To the children themselves, doubtless the literary contests in the graded school building, beginning at 10 o'clock, will be the most interesting event of the day. These contests, some in reading, some in spelling and some in arithmetic, will be held in the different rooms of the school building and will be participated in by children of all ages.

After these literary contests, the elementary athletic meet will be held on the school grounds, where such feats as hurdling, pole vaulting, running, potato racing, etc., will be pulled off by the younger boys and girls. After this part of the program is finished, about 12:30 o'clock, a big picnic dinner is to be spread upon the school grounds. For this most important event, the "public is cordially invited to be present and to bring well filled baskets." This is expected to be the biggest dinner ever served in Laurens county.

At one o'clock will take place the grand parade, in which all the trustees, teachers and school children are to take part. It is thought that at least four thousand school children will be in this parade. This is the crowning event of the day. It will form on the school grounds and march through the public square. At some

point on the way, moving pictures will be taken of the scene and these will be shown some days later in the picture show here. Miss Will Lou Gray has issued special instructions about the program for the day which will be found in another part of this paper.

At 2:30 o'clock the high school athletic meet will be held at the new grounds on West Main street, next to the home of Mr. D. H. Counts. The ground has been put in splendid condition by the city officials and will be in fine shape for the meet. No admission. The day will be brought to a close with the annual high school oratorical contest. This is to be held in the school auditorium, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. An admission fee of 25 and 15 cents will be charged for this in order to defray the expense of the meeting. The medals and trophies won during the day will also be presented at this time, as will the medals for oratory. The judges for this contest have not been announced.

All during the day, in the county court room, will be shown the children's exhibits. This will probably be the most generally popular feature of the day. Here the drawings, paintings and articles of handiwork will be displayed. The doors will be open all day and a continuous stream of people is expected.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

Rev. E. Pendleton Jones to Preach the Sermon and Rev. John F. Vines is to Deliver Literary Address.

Supt. B. L. Jones has announced the speakers for graded school commencement week. Dr. John F. Vines, of Anderson, will deliver the commencement address in the school auditorium Monday night, June 24. Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, of Newberry, will preach the annual sermon at the Baptist church Sunday night, June 1st. Both of these ministers are men of distinguished ability and Mr. Jones considered himself fortunate in securing them for these addresses.

EXHIBIT at Richmond.

Miss Will Lou Gray has been busily engaged for the past few days and weeks collecting an exhibit from the county schools to be sent to the Educational Conference at Richmond. The conference is to be held next week and prominent people from all over the south are expected to be present. The exhibit from Laurens county is a very creditable exposition of the work being done here at this time. It was shipped last night. Among the exhibits is a copy of this number of The Advertiser.

LAURENS COUNTY SCENES IN PICTURES

"Movy Man" to be Here Day of School Fair.

TO TAKE PICTURES OF BIG PARADE

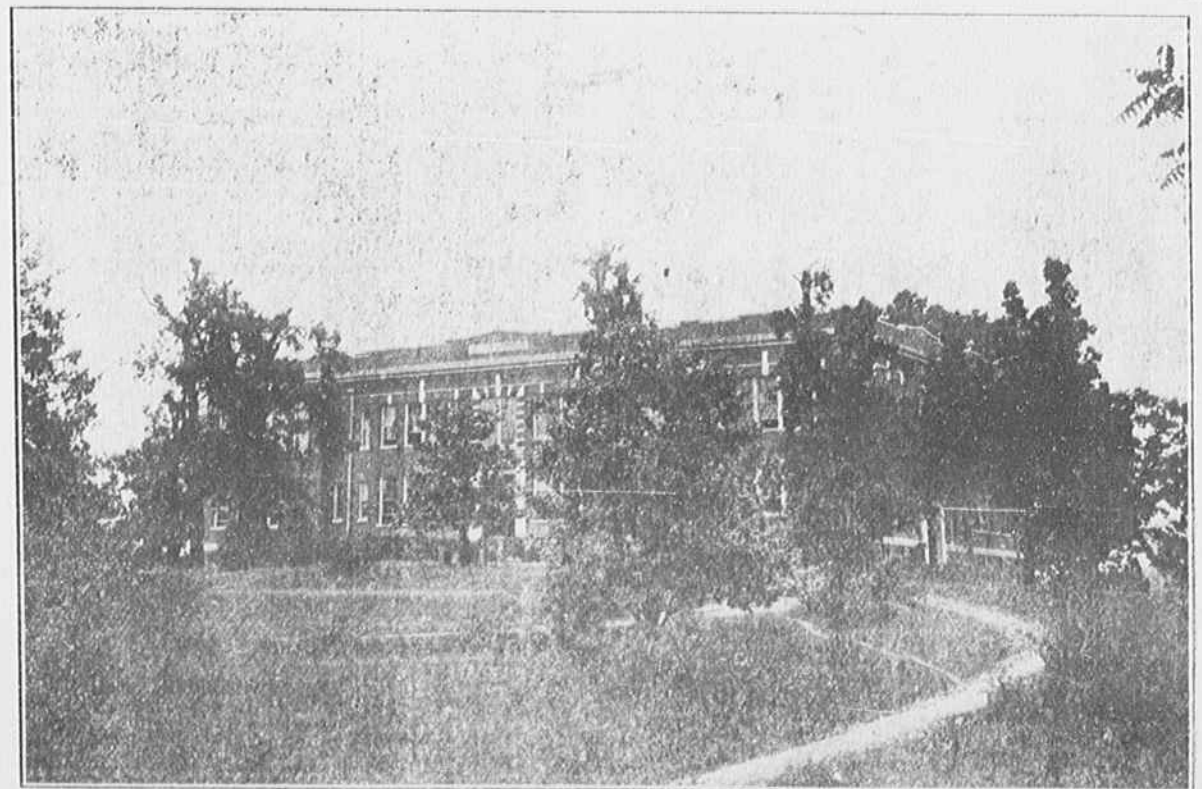
For the First Time in the History of Laurens Moving Pictures will be Taken of Scenes Here. School Children to Have Prominent Place in Picture.

Doubtless no other feature of the day next Friday will receive a larger share of attention than will the moving picture man. This is an entirely new "wrinkle" in county fair programs and it promises to furnish its part as a drawing feature for the day. Manager Lavender, of the local moving picture house, as has been before stated, has secured a moving picture man to come here the day of the school fair to take scenes along the line of march during the school parade and to visit other points of interest in the city to take pictures to be shown here and elsewhere. The School Fair of Laurens county is probably the first fair in the south to have pictures taken of it in this way. Several days after the fair, time enough being given to develop the films, the pictures will be shown in the opera house here, at Newberry, Yorkville and other places.

One thousand feet of film will be used in the picture. The greater part of it will be taken up with the parade in the afternoon. In this parade the school children, the trustees and teachers are expected to take part. Besides these, the military company, the police force, the fire department and other local associations are invited to enter. Automobiles of the city are expected to bring out their machines and fall in line, with their cars decorated, if possible. After the parade, the picture man will go to the athletic grounds where he will take pictures of the boys while going through with their stunts. All of the athletes will probably be lined up and a group picture taken of them at the same time.

In addition to the scenes taken in connection with the school fair, the picture man will visit the glass factory, probably the cotton mills, the residence districts and other places, where pictures will be taken showing the commercial activities of the city and her beautiful advantages as a place of residence.

Mr. Lavender is going to considerable expense in having this man here the day of the fair, so he is expecting the people to co-operate with him in securing the best possible pictures and scenes in the city. Unless the people take an interest in it, the picture will not show up the city as well as it should and its value as an advertisement will not be very great. So everybody is urged to take a personal interest in this phase of the day and get into the parade with automobiles, carriages and horses.



LAURENS CITY SCHOOL (Where the Contests will take place.)