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The Consolidated Schools

It is gratifying to observe the attention that Vass is steadily attracting from all directions. Three men were at dinner at the hotel Friday, and they were from Durham and Richmond. The tone of their talk disclosed that they were driving northward through the country, and that they had passed through two or three of the more widely known towns of the neighborhood about dinner time, but they pushed on to get to Vass because they had heard of the new hotel here, and they preferred to arrive a little late rather than to put up at the hotels of the other towns when they could reach Vass. Their conversation during the dinner was largely about the town and the new hotel, and it was appreciative all the way through.

But the hotel is only one feature that draws attention this way. The cotton market is another, and the crowd of wagons that are at the gin these days makes the travelers on the trains look out of the windows of the cars and remark about the Moore county cotton crop and the prosperity that is indicated here at Vass. That gin there by the railroad is one of the best advertisements in the county.

Another is the big school house and the crowd of children that breaks loose when the doors are opened. A school of that size in a town like Vass is one of the surprises, and it surprised the state school authorities when the number in attendance was reported the other day. The state official wrote back that Mr. Matthews must be mistaken, for there were not so many children in the district. Mr. Matthews answered that he knew that there were not so many children in the district, but that our school attracted them from all around, and that he had the children there on hand to show as evidence. The Vass school is a wonder. Almost two hundred children, and a big truck that brings them back and forward from the country territory, and a graded system that classifies the children in the grades and gives them the widest opportunity.

Vass is trying out a big experiment in this school work, and it has gone far enough that it appears to be wholly satisfactory, and to say to the rest of the county and state that Vass is keeping at the front in more things than one.

"The Little Clodhopper," presented by the Community Club here last Friday evening was a marked success. \$65.00 was realized for the benefit of the school.

OCTOBER 11 A RED LETTER DAY FOR VASS

Vass Community Fair Said to be Best in Moore County  
—Nearly One Thousand Exhibits on Display—  
2500 People in Attendance

The Community Fair was a greater success than even the most optimistic had hoped for, and while much credit for this success is due County Agent Wall, Miss Proffit the Home Demonstration agent, Mrs. Craft, County Nurse, and Mr. Chas. W. Picquet, the Secretary of the Sandhill Fair Association. Too much credit cannot be given the people of the surrounding vicinity who co-operated so splendidly with the townspeople, and the local committee in charge of the fair, especially Mr. E. L. McNeill, who took such great interest in every phase of the work.

There was a wonderful collection of exhibits in all the departments totaling nine hundred. Among the two hundred and fifty-six exhibits of Farm Products, Livestock and Poultry were found the following:

Watermelons weighing 54 pounds, sweet potatoes weighing 12½ pounds, pumpkins 56 inches in circumference, some of the finest tobacco grown, wheat, oats, corn, rye, beans, peanuts, cane, peppers, in fact all known varieties of farm and garden products,

were 198 dainty pieces made by the Matrons and Misses of the community, and in the curio department, with 133 exhibits, were such articles as a wedding dress worn in 1880 complete with hoop-skirt and bustle, a piece of the apple tree under which General Lee surrendered at Appomatox, old coins, Cuban stamps, and Confederate money, a jug brought from Scotland in 1802 (full of Scotch rye then, but empty now), a Bible used in 1767 when Alexander McKay, a former resident here, was married in the Bahama Island; a walking stick belonging to Daniel McLeod, who was killed May 25, 1870, by the Lowery Gang, when those desperadoes terrorized this section, killing several persons before they were killed; a copy of the North Carolina Presbyterian published at Wilmington January 26, 1887; a bayonet used in the Revolutionary War and many other curios worthy of mention.

The floral display and the school exhibit including an exhibit by the music class were also worthy of mention, and the parade proved more than

Tobacco Prices

Tobacco continues to bring the highest prices that have been received by the farmers for fifty years or more with the exception of two years ago. From thirty to fifty cents all around for a load is not unusual, and some of the prices have gone above a dollar. There is no longer any complaint about tobacco prices. It looks now as though the crop will average well up toward thirty cents for the whole season, and maybe it will get higher. Tobacco held over from last year and sold this year is bringing much higher prices than it sold for last year. The tobacco situation is as much different as cotton. Cotton is holding around nineteen or twenty cents, but it seems to be uncertain as to the future, some predicting a higher market, and some saying that the present price is about as high as the market for finished goods will permit the mills to pay.

FINE PEACH PROSPECT

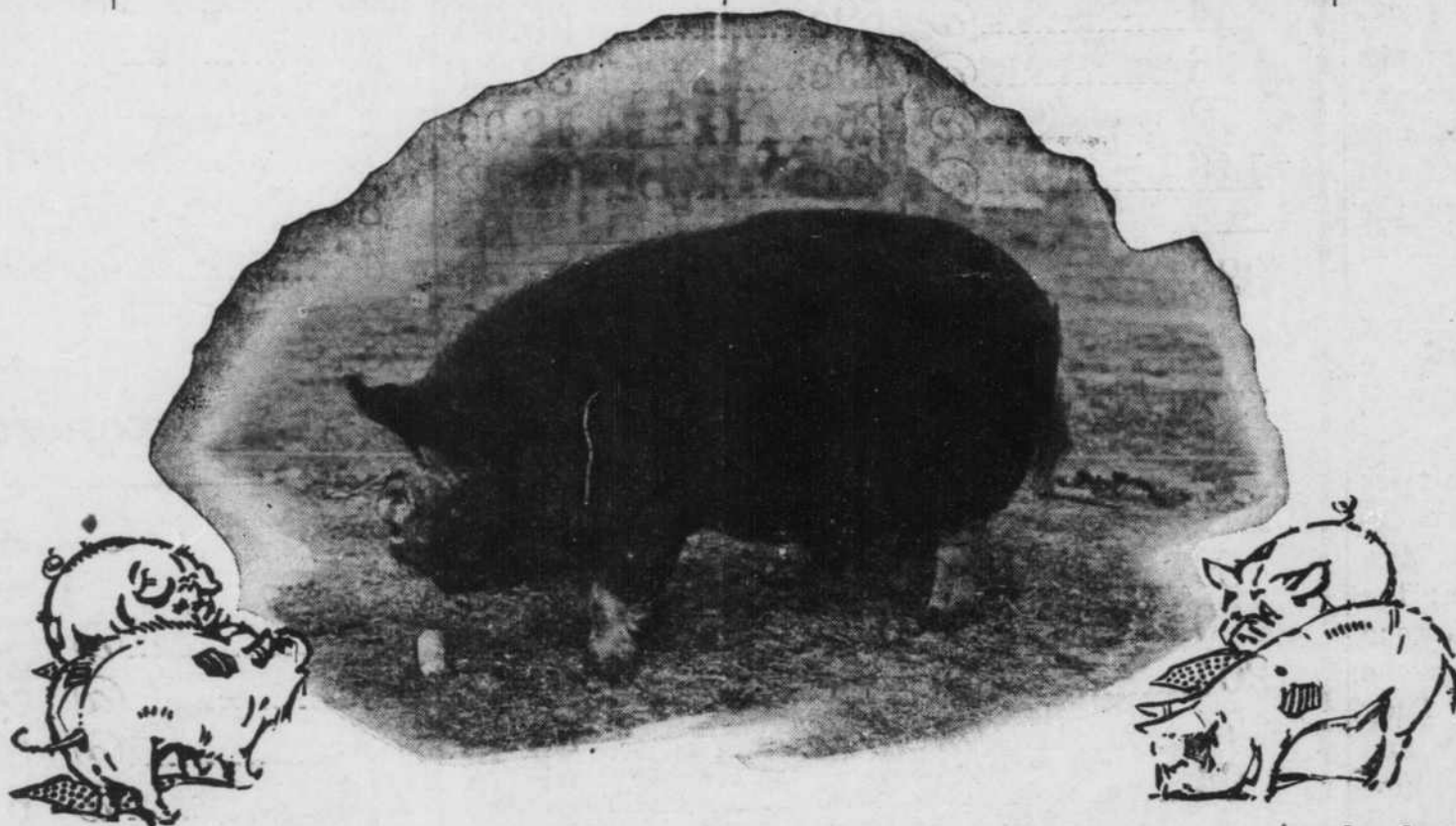
The peach growers have gathered figures pertaining to the orchard development this winter, and from Thad Page comes the statement that about 600,000 trees will be set in the Sandhills between now and spring. On all sides are new orchard prospects, and more are in the formation stages.

To make matters all the more promising it is announced that two buying organizations will be in the field next summer. The Standard Growers which was represented this year by a force of twenty men under the direction of Joseph Gentile, will keep an office open at Aberdeen all winter and be on hand in the spring to make contracts with peach growers. But the Gentile brothers who were big men in the association this year, have withdrawn their interests and will be at the head of another big association, and they have written to the growers of Moore county that they will

be here also to buy their share of the peach crop. This will mean two of the biggest distributing corporations of the country established at Southern Pines and Aberdeen to take the peach crop, which will be much bigger than ever before, and this will give a better market, and make conditions still more active in the fruit trade than ever.

1st prize.  
Best stalk Cotton—A. Cameron, 1st prize, W. B. Graham, 2nd prize.  
Best pound wrapper tobacco—J. B. Muse, 1st prize.  
Best pound Cutters—Leslie Farm, 1st prize, J. B. Muse, 2nd prize.  
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200 Prize Beauties like this one will be seen at the Sandhill Fair this year. Some of them are coming from California.



fine pigs, hogs and cows, turkeys, rabbits, ducks and geese.

In canning, the housewives made a showing second to none with an exhibit of 265 articles. There were preserves, jellies, jams, and all varieties of fruits grown in this section displayed in such an attractive manner that it was hard for the judge to decide who were the prize winners.

There were 14 exhibits of homemade candies, 16 exhibits of cakes, 8 of bread, and 10 of the great American standby pie.

In the fancy work department there

interesting. The prize for the various exhibits were awarded as follows:

Farm Products—best ten ears of corn, J. T. Matthews, first prize; Robert and Julian Leslie, second prize.

Best five stalks Soy Beans, Mrs. P. Gschwind, first prize, D. J. Blue 2nd prize.

Best sheaf Wheat—Wm. Blue, first prize.

Best peck Rye—Thomas Medlin, 1st prize, D. M. Cameron, 2nd prize.

Best peck of Wheat—E. C. Jessup, 1st prize, J. B. Evans, 2nd prize.

Best peck Cowpeas—D. H. McNeill,