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## THE SANDHILL FAIR

The Berkshire Bulletin, printed at Springfield, Illinois, has much to say about the Berkshire Show and Sale at the fair last November. We wonder if the people of Moore county realize what great benefit they receive from this annual affair? Below we give a part of what the Bulletin had to say:

The Southern Berkshire Congress Show at Pinehurst, N. C., this year had the largest number of Berkshires exhibited anywhere and the best Show ever held in the South. It fulfilled an ambition of Mr. Leonard Tufts, proprietor and owner of Pinehurst, that if given eight years time he would collect and exhibit the largest Berkshire Show in this country and have it at his Sandhill Fair, which is held the middle of November, each year, at Pinehurst. Mr. Tufts has seen his ambition gratified within five years from the time he started. The show was as good as the exhibit of Berkshires at the National and the under-six boars and gilts were better. This was the largest class at Peoria and the best of the year, but was excelled at Pinehurst. Taking it altogether the Congress Show was the very best of the year and while the exhibits over the country increased better than 30 per cent over any previous season the Pinehurst show can be regarded as being just a little the best of any on record. There was a total of 200 head of Berkshires shown, 24 head in the sale which followed and nine head of pig club pigs or a grand total of 233 head of pure-bred Berkshires shown in the State of North Carolina.

The breed owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Leonard Tufts for the handsome manner in which he has gone forward with his plans for promoting Berkshires in the South. Probably no other one breeder has spent the time and effort, in recent years, to promote Berkshires as Mr. Tufts has and it is most gratifying to know that his earnest efforts on behalf of the breed is bringing a liberal reward.

Judge E. J. Barker, Thorntown, Indiana, judged the breeding classes as well as the barrows. He steered a consistent course for the right type and good hogs. There was not a dissenting voice in the two days of judging, which testifies to his splendid work as a judge and has still further added to his reputation.

There were 157 entries in the breeding classes, and 43 in the barrow classes, or a total of even 200 head of Berkshires competing for the \$2,600.00 put up by the Sandhill Fair.

The broad smile of Mr. Tufts on the second day of the fair was occasioned by an admission report of twelve thousand people. It became necessary to stop selling auto space as early as 1 o'clock as there were

## FARM DEMONSTRATION

The annual question of a farm demonstrator and home demonstration agent comes up before the county commissioners again probably at the next meeting and it seems to be as it has been in the past a debatable question. Some of the people who express their views to The Pilot are anxious to have the agents continued and others say the cost is too great. The commissioners do not like to talk on the subject prior to their election, but they seem to think it is a matter which the money available to pay the bills will have to be considered. It appears from the statement of county expenses for 1921 that it takes about \$30,000 to run the county a year, and that of this sum the courts, county, home and other specified features take more than half, leaving for the general county work about \$14,000. Of the general county fund the farm demonstrator, the home

demonstration agent and the county nurse are receiving, according to the county statement, \$309 a month, or considerable more than a fourth of the general county fund. That is the situation that the commissioners are facing, and that is the argument those who are opposed to the demonstration agents are splitting up. The county is allowed to levy only 15 cents on the property valuation for county purposes, and it becomes a question of where to get the money.

But those favoring the continuation of these agents argue that it is a step backward to allow them to go, and that they are worth their money and that the county can not well afford to let them go. The Pilot hears both sides of the story, and probably the commissioners hear more. Whatever of discussion is done must be done soon as the board must do soon what is done.

## BUILDING UNDER WAY

One of the most significant things about Vass is the new buildings are coming along. The new Beasley brick block is practically finished on the outside, and the inside work will go along as fast as the weather permits. It will be ready for use in the early spring. It is one of the substantial buildings of the town and the county. Rumor says it is to be followed by others in a short time.

Under construction now are three fine new houses that will cost for the three probably around \$10,000. E. L.

McNeill is building the largest of these on the edge of the town. It will be fitted with all the modern conveniences, water, heat, lights, etc., and will be a nice rural home. Dan Smith is putting up a roomy bungalow that will add materially to its section of the community, and George Hilliard has under way another new house that will be attractive and comfortable. This taken altogether gives a satisfactory amount of building for a town of this size, and keeps the builders employed.

## GOOD DEMAND FOR LUMBER

The demand for lumber is right good these days, although prices are not so high as was thought for a while. "But," said Walter Graham in speaking of conditions, "I don't care to see prices too high. The closer the mill men make prices the more building we are going to see, and I notice that when prices take a shoot upward the call for material shuts off. It is better for the lumber mills to have a sale for their stuff at a reasonable price than to have the price too high and no sales, and it seems to me we have to look for reasonable prices from now on so people can build." Mr. Graham looks for a satisfactory trade in the coming year, but not at much higher prices.

## SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL EXTENSION WORK

The following is the schedule of Division of School Extension from January 13th to 20th:

13th at Hemp; 14th, Putnam; 16th, Cameron; 17th, Vass; 18th, vacant; 19th, Eagle Springs; 20th, Farm Life School.

FLORA McQUEEN,  
Director.

## MILL GOES ON NIGHT RUN

One of the best bits of news recently is that the cotton mill has started on the night run. This will give employment to 35 or 40 more hands, and distribute a considerable additional sum of money at each pay day. This step was taken because the yarn trade has reached a point where it will take the output of the mill, although the prices are not advanced to a figure that leaves a very big margin. But the management figured that if more hands can be employed that will be so much of a benefit to the community, and to operate full time means that the machinery and equipment are not standing idle half of the time. The overhead expenses about any factory do not stop when the whistle blows, but continue day and night. It is hoped that the start to run at night means that the slow improvement in the demand for yarns means that better days are ahead. The expectation is not for a very swift return to old conditions, but that a gradual increase in output will be called for as the trade slowly picks up. From time to time little spurts in the textile trade have been experienced, but so far they have been only little spurts, to let up in a few days after they start. But in each movement of this sort a little gain is noticed, and it is thought that as spring approaches the gains may continue little by little until a better state is reached.

## ENFORCING LIQUOR LAWS

A writer in one of our exchanges, discussing enforcement of the liquor laws, declares that nowhere in the country is there whole-hearted co-operation and team work among city, county, state and federal officials in aggressively enforcing dry laws. He points out that in any town where such co-operation can be effected, the prohibition laws will permanently command respect. The writer doubtless has not observed the operation of the law in every section of the country. There are some towns in which the local officers work with county and state officers in backing up the federal officers, and we point to Vass as one of those towns. Public sentiment must, however, back any officers who seek to enforce any law, and our own officers are only going to be just as enthusiastic in their work as the public is in encouraging them. We can't give them too much encouragement if we want our laws enforced, liquor laws or any other kind of laws. And the sooner we learn this the sooner we will become even more proud of the results achieved.

A Paris woman predicts the end of the world is coming on April 1st. We print this information for the benefit of the man who usually puts off paying his subscription until along in July.