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COMMUNITY FAIR AT VASS

The Vass Community Fair as Seen by a Visitor.

If all North Carolinians could have attended the little Community Fair at Vass, on October 26th, they would have received inspiration and pep sufficient to last a year.

Vass is a small town on the northern edge of the Sandhills, and is known throughout this section of the state as a town of boosters. Big boosters, little boosters, and middle-sized boosters make up the population, for every inhabitant is a booster.

The Vass Community Fair was a success from every standpoint. The livestock exhibits were good, the crop exhibits were better, and the woman's department was magnificent.

The exhibits were shown under a large tent, and were most attractively arranged. The display of farm products was a credit to any community. Excellent corn, cotton, and tobacco; pumpkins as big as a barrel; collards which would cover a city lot; other things in proportion.

The curio department was well gotten up, and very interesting. The school department, displaying the work of the pupils of the Vass graded school, bespoke the ability and ingenuity of both faculty and students of both faculty and students.

In the woman's department the fancy work was good, but the traffic was thickest around the culinary department. Pies, cakes, doughnuts, candy, biscuit and breads of the very finest, made the passerby linger for a second look.

The feature of the day's festivity was the parade, which depicted in pageant form the early history and development of our country. The roster of the parade was as follows:

1. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain.
2. Columbus and Crew.
3. Queen Elizabeth.
4. Sir Walter Raleigh.
5. Priscilla and John Alden.
6. Puritans.
7. Dutch Colony.
8. Indians.
9. Scotch Highlanders.
10. Georgia Prisoners.
11. Daniel Boone.
12. Georgia and Martha Washington.
13. Betsy Ross and Maid.
14. Columbia and Uncle Sam.
15. Young America.
16. Merchants.
17. Farmers.

The large float representing the Vass Cotton Mills brought forth much favorable comment.

There were about fifteen hundred visitors on the grounds.

If Vass continues to boost, and at the same time produce the goods, she will soon be the leading town of the Sandhills.

Prize Winners

- Best 10 ears corn:—1st, H. D. Keith; 2nd, G. S. Edwards.
 Best 5 stalks cow-peas:—1st, W. T. Pulliam; 2nd, W. T. Pulliam.
 Best Soy Beans:—1st, W. T. Pulliam; 2nd, H. D. Keith.
 Best peck Rye:—1st, P. L. Gardner; 2nd, W. M. Blue.
 Best peck Wheat:—1st, W. M. Blue.
 Best peck Soy Beans:—H. D. Keith.
 Best peck Cow Peas:—1st, A. K. Thompson; 2nd, A. A. McNeill.
 Best bunch Peanuts:—1st, A. F. Hicks; 2nd, D. Cameron.
 Best stalk Sorghum:—1st, E. L. McNeill; 2nd, Dan Cameron.
 Best 5 stalks Millet:—1st, Dan Cameron.
 Best stalk Cotton:—1st, J. McN. Cameron; 2nd, A. Cameron.
 Best peck Cottonseed:—1st, A. Cameron.

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CAMERON NEWS

Misses Minnie and Bonnie Muse, who are teaching at Roberdell, came home for the week-end.

Mr. Cameron McLean came down from Greensboro to spend the week-end with his little daughter, Margaret, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean.

Mrs. Mag Cameron and daughters, Misses Sallie and Bessie on route 1, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Cameron's mother, Mrs. E. A. McFadyen who is quite feeble. Mrs. McFadyen is in her ninety-first year.

Mr. A. Cameron, of Vass, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean.

Mr. E. M. Borst, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker and Miss Minnie Muse motored over to Deaton's Nursery, Saturday.

Dr. A. L. O'Briant is beautifying his yard by planting evergreens.

Miss Annie Borst was hostess to the Young Ladies Auxiliary on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Clyde Gaddy and Miss Myrtle Gaddy, with little Hattie Belle, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson.

Miss Lucile Rogers spent Sunday with Miss Annie Hartsell.

Mr. Hugh Jackson, of Center church community, passed away suddenly, Saturday, at quite an advanced age. The interment took place at Center cemetery. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Perry, of Carthage.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomasson died Sunday. The interment taking place on Monday afternoon in Cameron Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by Rev. O. B. Mitchell.

Misses Mamie and Kate Arnold, Miss Chrissie McLean and Mr. Tom Arnold attended services Sunday at historic Long Street Church.

Misses Lady and Lucile Loving spent Sunday with Miss Eva Graham.

Mr. J. J. Irvin accompanied Rev. L. H. Joyner to Lemon Springs, Sunday.

Miss Loula Rogers came over from Sanford for over Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Ray and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent Sunday in Sanford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ray, Jr.

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The Cameron Correspondent at the Vass Community Fair

Vass is pretty apt to again win the laurels for the best community fair. A wonderful exhibit of everything that can be grown, raised, cooked, made with hands, invented with brains, and all displayed in such an artistic and systematic manner. The canning, pantry supplies and fancy work were simply wonderful. Not an inferior article in all the great exhibit. The school exhibits were exceptionally fine. The pantry supplies made everybody hungry. The farm products were superb. There were no scrubs among the livestock and poultry, nor anything that could claim kin to a scrub. The parade was grand and thrilling. Follows the program: Music by the Laurinburg Brass Band, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, Columbus and Crew, Queen Elizabeth, Sir Walter Raleigh, Priscilla and John Alden, Puritans, Dutch Colony, Indians, Scotch Highlanders wearing the Cameron tartan, Georgia Prisoners, Daniel Boone, George and Martha Washington (children attendants), Betsy Ross and Maid, Columbia and Uncle Sam, Young America, Lake view School, Merchants, Farmers.

The "Vass Fare" float was substantial (Continued on page 12)

THE SANDHILL FAIR

Lakeview, N. C., Oct. 30, 1922. Editor The Pilot:

For a year or two we have been intending to call the attention of the people who are interested in the progress of this section to a few facts about the Sandhill Fair:—

Because, when the Fair was first started, we lived at Pinehurst and became acquainted with the way the Fair is conducted, and as from year to year we have found out what the financial results have been, we have felt that, possibly, there was not a clear understanding as to just how the fair is operated and financed. Mr. Picquet's job is to get the exhibits out, and he appeals to our pride of section and patriotism and I shall not touch on this, but what I want us all to remember is what I think might be termed a question of fairness and justice. As to finances, there is no comparison between any fair grounds I have seen in the state of North Carolina and the fair grounds provided by Mr. Tufts for the Sandhill Fair.

These buildings, a large part of which are never used during the entire year except for the fair, to my knowledge cost thousands of dollars. A number of them were built under my supervision, and the second year the fair was held at Pinehurst about twenty thousand dollars was expended in this way, and, while we know nothing of the expenditures since then, our general knowledge of such things would lead us to believe that there has been spent something like fifty thousand dollars for equipment for the fair; of this, not one dollar has been paid by any of us.

The fair, so far, has been operated at a loss every year, and the only question has been the size of the loss, and of this loss none of us has ever paid a cent. In the other counties of North Carolina, the people of the counties who are interested in development have had to put their money in cheap, shabby buildings and leave it tied up there from year to year, and in the most of them when there is a deficit (which there usually is) these same public-spirited citizens have to go down in their pockets to make good—unless the deficit is taken care of by a lot of low, degrading shows that are an injury to any community.

Next, as to the operation of the fair: The arranging for men to take charge of the fair; for providing for printing, drayage, oversight, police, bookkeeping, and the one-hundred-and-one things that go to make a fair run smoothly, the most of which can be appreciated only by those who have helped to make our community fairs a success, are all handled by the Pinehurst organization, without an hour's worry or work from any of us.

The part that Mr. Picquet asks us to do is to help with the parade and other local features of entertainment; to bring, or send, the things that we make our own that would go to make the exhibit feature of the fair a success, and to help with the arrangement of the different exhibits in the fair buildings. Each year, a few public-spirited people have given of their time freely and willingly in work arranging the exhibits in the fair buildings, and have tried to make this feature of the fair a success, and, to be frank, each year I have had the feeling that the great majority of us people who are being benefitted by this fair are not giving it quite a square deal, for each year the part of the fair that is left to us, in my judgement, has been the weakness of the fair. I do not say this as it may ap-

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COUNTRY PAPERS AT STATE FAIR

The winners in the country weekly newspapers contest held at the State Fair, Raleigh, N. C., have been announced as follows:—

- Class 1. For make-up of front page:
 1st, The Franklin News, Franklinton, N. C.
 2nd, The Graphic, Nashville, N. C.
 3rd, The Warren Record, Warrenton, N. C.

- Class 2. Community News:—
 1st, The Independent, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 2nd, Moore County News, Carthage, N. C.
 3rd, Hertford County News, Ahoskie, N. C.

- Class 3. Editorial Page:—
 1st, The Pilot, Vass, N. C.
 2nd, The Sampson Democrat, Clinton, N. C.
 3rd, The Mount Airy News, Mt. Airy, N. C.

This exhibit and contest included more than fifty North Carolina weekly newspapers and attracted much interest from Fair visitors. It is the first time that the country weeklies have received such recognition in this state. All pages were exhibited on the walls of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association booth, each paper being allotted sufficient space so that its whole front page was readable.

The judges made careful study of the papers taking them down from the walls for close comparison and study before passing final judgement on contents and make-up. Each judge worked separately and the final ratings were determined by percentages. Geo. A. Moore, superintendent of the Mitchell Printing Company of Raleigh, John Livingston, formerly of the Raleigh News and Observer and now with the Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, and A. O. Alford, of the Agricultural Extension Service, who is a deep student of country newspapers, acted as judges in this contest.

R. W. GREEN.

A NOSE FOR NEWS

Not everyone has a nose for news. In fact, if we started out to count noses today we feel sure we'd find very few that could actually "scent" a news item, unless it was of tremendous importance. And yet everyday something is occurring in your home or your neighborhood that is actual news. The comings and goings of yourself and your neighbor; unusual crop harvests; stock or farm product sales above the market figure—all that is of interest to someone. It may appear small on the surface, yet of such things are readable newspapers made. We can't be everywhere at the same time, and we can't hear all of the things that are going on that should be in the paper. That's why we'd like to have you—and your neighbor—train your nose for news, and send us or bring us or telephone us items which you feel we haven't heard. It all goes to make up your home-town paper, and your home-town paper goes a long way toward reflecting the hustle and progress of the community in which it is published.

A New York woman wants a divorce because her husband hit her with an axe. Some women are so awful touchy.

Fewer men would have axes to grind if they had to furnish the motive power for turning the grindstone.

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