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SEVEN COUNTIES TO HAVE BOOTHS AT ROANOKE FAIR

Exhibit Spaces Secured Monday By Their Representatives

Miss Pauline Smith and Miss Alexander, district and home agents from Washington were in town Monday, and made arrangements for booths for seven of the eastern counties to put on exhibits at the Roanoke fair here, Nov. 13th to 16th.

The counties to have booths are as follows: Washington, Beaufort, Halifax, Craven, Northampton, Bertie and Perquimans. The entrance of booths in the Roanoke fair this year is a big step towards the goal of the association, making it a district fair which it has been the plans of the association to make it.

Along with this group of counties would have been Nash county, but for the fact that the Nash agent has been selected as one of the judges during the fair, which bars the county from competition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staten and Mr. J. L. Holliday accompanied Miss Smith and Alexander to the Roanoke fair grounds Monday evening where they viewed the buildings, making very favorable comment on the buildings and grounds, and selecting the spaces for their exhibits, which will add much to this department of the fair this year.

THE WHOLESALE TRADE LARGEST IN THREE YEARS

Reserve Board's Report Also Shows Retail Trade Increase

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Reports to the federal reserve board covering business conditions during the past six weeks show that wholesale trade was the largest in three years, that retail trade increased nine per cent over a year ago, although the seasonal increase over the summer business was smaller than usual and production of basic commodities declined. Employment was maintained at the high level of the last several months.

While a review of the board, made public today, shows a decline of five per cent in production in the six week period and a reduction of 10 per cent from the peak reached in May, some commodities, including cement and sugar meltings, were produced in larger quantities than in the months immediately preceding.

There also was an increase in contract awards for business and industrial buildings. Due to the increase in contract for residences, new building construction, as a whole, however, showed a reduction as compared with preceding months. A substantial reduction in the production of iron and steel also was recorded.

Distribution of all classes of commodities by the railroads continued at a high rate in September and early October. This condition, the review points out, reflects the increased retail and wholesale trade as well as the heavy stocks held by retailers at the end of September. The board found that retail stocks were 13 per cent larger at the end of September than on the same date a year ago.

Tom Tarheel says that the cotton farmer who doesn't plow up his cotton stalks this winter and plant something for food and feed for next year is plainly inviting disaster.

Come to Williamston before you buy.

FORSEES GREAT DEMAND FOR ENGINEERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATE

CHAPEL HILL, Oct. 27.—John H. Dunlap, secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers, addressing the William Cain Civil Engineering society, the student chapter of the American Society of Engineers here Thursday night, predicted that the demand for engineers during the next 10 years will be in far excess of the supply.

He said that estimates show that within the next 10 years 40,000 graduates of engineering schools will be needed each year, while, engineering schools at present are graduating only about 9,000 a year. Thus, he declared, the opportunities for those who fit themselves for this new era will be unequalled.

THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL OPENED ENCOURAGINGLY

Many Friends and Patrons Attend Opening Exercises

School opened here last Monday morning, October 22nd. Many patrons and friends were present to witness an enthusiastic opening. County Superintendent Pope was with us and after speaking in a forceful manner made a good impression on the people.

The following are the teachers for the present year: Miss Madge Elliott from Davidson; Miss Nellie Spivey from Rich Square; Miss Reva Jefferson from Washington; Miss Carrie Belle Manning, Mrs. C. T. Robertson and Prof. Geo. W. Smith, who are residents of the community, and the last two named were on last year's faculty.

The school has recently procured a fine set of stage curtains and these add much to the attractiveness of the auditorium.

We are much indebted to the merchants, bankers and business men who purchased the advertising space on the curtain and thereby made it possible for us to obtain the nicely painted set of curtains and stage setting. We hope that when our farmers go shopping they will remember our advertisers.

The vocational agricultural teachers carried the following boys to the State fair at Raleigh: Gabe Roberson, Geo. A. Roberson, Geo. K. Roberson, Grayner Lilley, Hubert Hardison and Raymond Peel. These boys did crop and stock judging at the State college. The boys were given a banquet at the college and were given special privileges while at the fair. They all report a good time and say the trip was very educational.

Mr. John E. Manning and two sons, Edwin and Joseph, Mr. A. T. Whitley, Mr. Harmon Roberson and Mr. David Roberson, all of this community attended the State fair.

The Asa Manning Farm Life school will observe Friday, November 2nd, as Arbor day.

PHILATHEAS TO MEET WITH MRS. ROGER CRITCHER, JR.

The Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist church will hold their regular meeting Friday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Roger Critcher, Jr. All members are urged to be present.

"If you can't win, make the one ahead of you break the record," is a good slogan for Tar Heel farm club members.

COUNTY CLERK MAY BE INDICTED IN SAMPSON

Cases Are Presented to the Sampson County Grand Jury

RALEIGH, Oct. 27.—Indictment against the Sampson county clerk of the county is expected to follow as the result of state auditor's and state treasurer's records produced before the grand jury Friday in an effort to probe the pension warrants of the county.

Major Baxter Durham, state auditor, and H. R. Williamson, teller of the office of Treasurer Lacy, are believed to have been before the grand jury with the state's books which gave the process of paying out state's pensions. Ten of such cases were before the grand jury and many others are to come. It is alleged that pension warrants have been issued to persons who are not entitled to receive them and that money has been paid to the dead.

The state officials have feared something of this kind ever since the auditors last spring began to inquire into the system of checks and balance which the state had not set up in its accounting.

The Price, Waterhouse and company accountants made very sharp animadversions on the State's way of doing things. There was no allegation that anybody in the State's administration had done any shady bookkeeping, but there was abundant testimony that the state's books could be put over the State. If the Sampson case pans out this will be an evidence of the inequitable bookkeeping.

ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY EVENING IN HONOR OF POPULAR BRIDE-ELECT

Mrs. Elbert S. Peel Was Charming Hostess Complimentary to Miss Josephine Davis

On last Friday evening from 9 until 11, Mrs. Elbert S. Peel entertained at three tables of bridge, complimentary to Miss Josephine Davis bride-elect.

The living room was decorated with red zinnias and ferns. Bridge was played for an hour and Miss Martha Cotton Crawford, another popular bride-elect of this season made the high score, and was presented a box of fancy stationery. Then a parcel post boy brought a large package for Miss Davis, and when she opened she found pretty gifts from all present.

An ice course, followed by mints was served. Those invited were, besides the honoree: Misses Martha Cotton Crawford, Vella Andrew, Martha Slade Hassell, Margaret Ewert, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., Mrs. Robert Heydenreich, Mrs. Oscar Andjrag, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Mrs. Robert Gurganus, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Jr., Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, Miss Carrie Delle White and Mrs. J. W. Manning.

WHERE'S THE PIN-HOOKER

Mr. Tobacco Grower—who did not sign contract in Association because of large price paid for crop by pin-hooker and speculator:

What are you going to do now that that the pin-hooker and the speculator have deserted you? Why not come into the association with your friends and neighbors; why not cease riding high to prosperity?

GERMAN SEPARATISTS ARE LOSING HOLD

Most Places Invading Party Being Subjected to Guerrilla Warfare by the Loyalists

COBLENZ, Oct. 27.—The new Rhineland republic today is in much the same position as a few days ago. Separatists with difficulty retain their hold on Aix la Chapelle, Weisbaden, Bonn, Mayence, Duisburg, Dusseldorf and Crefeld, while their strength here remains to be seen. At most places the republicans are being subjected to a sort of guerrilla warfare by the Loyalists. This, however, requires frequent intervention of the French and Belgian troops to restore order.

POINCARÉ GIVES STAND OF FRANCE AT AN UNVEILING

America Must Abide by the Versailles Treaty He Asserts

SAMPIGNY, France, Oct. 28.—Premier Poincaré in a speech here today declared France would refuse to allow the reparation commission to be devasted of its functions or replaced by some other body. He said France could not agree to any reduction in the German debt.

The premier asserted that he welcomed American representation on a committee charged by the reparation commission to investigate Germany's capacity to pay, but every act of the committee must remain within the terms laid down by the Versailles treaty.

The premier, who delivered a long speech at the unveiling of a monument to the war dead of the village in which his country residence is situated, said:

"We constantly are being asked to proceed to a fresh estimate of Germany's capacity to pay. What does that mean? I fit means by a roundabout way to reach a diminution of the German debt, that is a combination which we are resolute not to favor.

"If it means an estimate of what Germany can pay tomorrow and in the near future, nothing is more necessary than such an examination.

"The commission on reparations is charged by the treaty with such a task, and there are no grounds to take one of its most important functions from it."

M. Poincaré said the commission was above suspicion; it had shown itself competent and impartial; it was obliged to give Germany with confidence a fair opportunity to present her observations.

JUDGE KERR TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION TO GOVERNOR

RALEIGH, Oct. 27.—Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton, elected to Congress in the recent special election in the second district, yesterday appeared at the office of the governor and presented his resignation from the superior court bench of North Carolina.

Governor Morrison, it was announced by an associate of the executive's office, will formally appoint Thomas M. Pittman of Henderson, successor to Judge Kerr on his return from a tour of the western part of the State.

The counties winning first prizes for agricultural exhibits at the State fair this year are those which employ farm agents. Columbus county, with a new program of agriculture fostered by County Agent J. T. Lazar, won the first prize.

MEXICAN BEAN BEETLE SPREADS IN NORTH STATE

Indications Are That It Will Be Very Destructive Next Year

RALEIGH, Oct. 29.—"It seems as if life is just one bug after another," says Prof. Franklin Sherman, chief division of entomology. "While our eastern farmers are all astir over the boll weevil, our friends in the mountains have abundant cause for uneasiness over the Mexican bean beetle.

"This insect became established in Alabama about 1919 and has spread chiefly to the northeast, with some indications of a preference for rather high, cool climate. It invaded our counties of Cherokee and Clay in 1921 and by the end of 1922 was in six or eight counties. Meanwhile it spread across north Georgia and into South Carolina, and also through Tennessee and into Kentucky. During 1923 it has spread into the southwestern part of Virginia and into Ohio.

"Messrs. Mitchell and Harris of our force have just returned from a scouting tour to determine the limits of its spread in our State for this year. They have found it in portions of the counties of Polk, Rutherford, Gaston and Cleveland, this presumably representing its northwest spread from South Carolina. We also know it to be in Madison which evidently is a result of spreading up the French Broad river from Tennessee. And, of course our own State-bred beetles are spreading from county to county all through our mountains. It is already known to be at Swanton in Buncombe.

"Mr. Crawford of this division has been located at Bryson City for the season, where he has made studies and tests looking toward the control of the pest. He is working in the light of facts already established by state and federal workers in Alabama. While the control of this beetle presents some peculiar difficulties, yet there are methods which promise well and these will be worked up for publication before the next planting season.

"The insect is of the lady beetle family, and can both crawl and fly freely. It is about one fourth inch long, yellow or brassy, with small black spots. A closely related species with larger spots is often found on pumpkin and squash. This new comer has a decided preference for beans, especially the table variety.

"On a recent trip I went into Cherokee county to sense the attitude of the people who have now had it in full force for two years. Some think it has been less destructive than last year. In many gardens early beans were 'eaten up', but later plantings, though damaged, have made a fair crop.

"It looks to me as if it will present as serious an issue, with regard to table beans as the common potato beetle did with regard to Irish potatoes fifty years ago."

Mr. T. F. Harrison left this morning for the northern markets, where he will purchase new goods for his firm, Harrison Brothers and company. In order to secure the latest goods for the mid-winter months, Mr. Harrison is making another trip to the markets this season, and in keeping with the policy of his firm, will secure the best offerings obtainable in the northern markets.

COME To Williamston!

GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH TO EXHIBIT IN WILSON SOON

World's Ten Times Biggest Circus—Kingling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Headed This Way

The world's one big circus—Kingling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey combined—draws nearer and its hundred cars will come "ten thousand wonders" to exhibit in Wilson, Saturday, Nov. 3rd.

World toured and world conquering this truly greatest show on earth is now fully a third larger than it was when it last visited this locality.

In addition to the many innovations offered then, the present season's program number ten more trained with annual displays—making thirty in all—and the most superb trained horse acts that Europe has ever produced. The wild animal and equine displays of the past were introduced merely that the Kingling Brothers might judge of their popularity. So enthusiastically were these numbers received that the famous showmen immediately arranged for the purchase of the world's finest acts of this kind. An entire equine circus was bought outright and brought to this country last winter.

And while the Kingling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey agents were securing this and the trained tiger, polar bear, lion, leopard and jaguar groups, they had orders to engage the foremost men and women performers of the European capitals. And these stars from the city jungle are all to be seen with the wonder circus of 1923.

There are five companies of trained seals, many dogs, bears, monkeys, pigs and pigeons. Added for good measure is the mammoth menagerie of more than 1,600 animals. It is the biggest circus program the world has ever seen, given under the largest tent.

CROWDS FLOCK TO THE MOOSE FESTIVAL

Record breaking crowds are expected tonight by Kenosha Lodge of Moose at the spring festival at Greater Sheesley Shows, South Fremont and Selma avenues. Inclement weather has kept many away from the attractions during the week, but special programs have been arranged for tonight and overflow crowds seem assured.

This is the last night of the festival and it will be accounted a success if weather permits the attendance of those who have been kept away. Last night thousands thronged the big midway, whirling on the merry rides, and the caterpillar and terrifically doing a hard office business. The performing jugglers and circus are popular with the women as well as the thrilling aged vaudeville tented vaudeville, and all the other shows.

Kenosha has had no cleaner organization here than the Sheesley Shows, which are known as the most modern on the road. After the close of this successful engagement, plans will be put under way for a return booking of this amusement organization next season.—Kenosha, (Wis.) News, May 19, 1923.

The Dixie Warehouse has some very good averages noted in their advertisement in this issue of The Enterprise. Sam Mangum is showing his ability as a warehouseman, and with his co-workers, Joe Taylor and Colonel Shumaker, make a team that is hard to beat.

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE GALA ONE IN WASHINGTON

Celebration Comes Off Nov. 12. Arrangements Being Made

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Plans are now fast getting into shape for the biggest Armistice day celebration in the history of Washington. As Armistice day this time falls on Sunday the celebration will be pulled off on Monday, November 12th. The orator of the day will be Hon. William Umstead of Durham, who was a member of the famous 81st division. Other speakers of note are also on the program. The committee on arrangements say that the parade will be one of the outstanding features of the day. Added to this the big oyster roast and competitive drill between Co. "I" 120 infantry of Plymouth and Battery "C," of this city besides other attractions not yet given out means an occasion long to be remembered.

Every ex-service man in Beaufort county is looked for and an invitation has been extended to every ex-service man from Washington, Bertie, Tyrell, Martin and Hyde counties to come and help in the celebrating of one of the most memorable days in history. Thousands of visitors are coming.

DR. SLEDD THINKS MORE OF MOTHERHOOD THAN OF POETRY

WAKE FOREST, Oct. 28.—Dr. Benjamin Sledd one of the best loved members of the Wake Forest faculty, evidently believes that motherhood is a higher calling than versification. Such is the conclusion that one would draw from a letter which he recently wrote.

An unmarried woman sent the venerable scholar a 30,000 line poem entitled, "Men, Nature and God," with the request that he read and criticize the poem.

Dr. Sledd is reported to have replied in substance: "When you are married and have ten or six children, giving them the proper attention, I shall be glad to read and criticize your poem."

Dr. Sledd is known as a poet and a scholar throughout the south. Poets and would-be poets often send their verse to him for criticism. Seldom, however, do the efforts reach the 30,000 line class.

Verses by Dr. Sledd has been well received. Just now who is gathering material for his "Hands Across the Sea."

LITTLE BILLIE CLARK ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Little Billie Clark entertained about fifty of his little friends yesterday afternoon from three until five o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark in New Town, in honor of his seventh birthday.

The little fellow is very popular with his little friends and was happily remembered with many pretty gifts.

Out door games were enjoyed an hour, and then delicious ice cream and cake were served in the dining room, where Halloween decorations were attractively used.

Name the farm this winter. Circle Grove farm sounds better than "Old Latham Place." Looks nice on a letterhead, too.