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THE ANNUAL TARBO- RO FAIR GOOD ONE

Edgecombe County Fair Will be
Held in Tarboro, October 30,
and November 1, 2 and 3—Agricultural Exhibits Among the very
Best in the State—Negro Day to
be Observed.

For the past few years the Annual Edgecombe County Fair has drawn heavily on this section of the State for its patronage. This has been for several years a popular drawing card, and each succeeding year the Edgecombe Fair Association has added new and better features and provided better agricultural exhibits. This year they are offering one of the very best fairs in the State, and the exhibits are representative of the various crops raised in Northeastern Carolina.

On another page of this paper the Edgecombe Fair Association carries a large display advertisement, announcing the dates of their 1916 Fair, which opens October 31, and continues through November 3rd.

In this connection we desire to say that they are giving the best farm display this year than ever before given. In addition to the various exhibits, they will have a real English Aviator to fly for them in their aeroplanes every day, and a balloon ascension also and other free attractions. Five or six adjoining counties have exhibit booths there, and are getting together the best stock exhibit ever seen, also chickens. Their midway will be chock full of dandy shows.

A special train will be run over the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on Thursday, November 2nd, from Tarbo, with special rates at all intermediate points. This train will leave Tarbo at eight o'clock and return after the Fair, with special rates every day of the Fair. For further information as rates apply to the local ticket agent.

Another item of special interest to the negroes of this section will be Negro Day, Saturday, November 4th. John C. Dancy one of the biggest and brainiest negroes of this part of the country, will make an address on this day. All colored people who desire to attend the Fair on this special day get apart for their race could go down on the morning train and get back after hearing him, as he makes his speech at one o'clock.

These facts, coming direct from the Secretary of this Association, are presented to our readers with avowed purpose of gaining for the Edgecombe Fair Association a wider popularity among our people, whose interest are identical with those of our sister county. The agricultural exhibits will consist of products raised in this County, and it will be an educational asset to all who might attend. Besides this, the free attractions each day will be worth going. We hope several of our local people will attend.

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OPPOSING STOCK LAW OR NO FENCE LAW

There is being some talk among certain classes of our people about a Stock Law for Hertford County, and I wish to express my views in regard to same.

First, I can see nothing in it but that of a selfish motive; and God forbid that selfishness should rule our country. Most of the advocates of this law say that we will have a more prosperous country, and more stock and better stock. I can see no reason in their argument, because they own plenty of that land that is worth nothing for pasture. If they were so much interested in stock raising, why have they not fenced off their waste land and been raising more and better stock for so these many years? I will answer: simply because our people are not interested in the stock raising, nor would they be interested if we had the stock law. Let every man who has the land to spare fence it and have some good stock. We would be glad to see it, but do not oppress the poor unfortunate fellow by depriving him of the privilege that hurts no man, who has little or no land. He is the fellow that must bear the burden and heat of the day. They need all the encouragement and help they can get. The fact is that they are the people that keep the generation up. They are raising a large per cent of the children of our country. The upper class is doing but little to multiply and replenish the earth, and God forbid that this should be so.

Today when every one can have a few cattle and hogs, there is not enough beef and meat to supply our home demand. The price of beef is now ranging from ten to eighteen cents, and hog meat from eighteen to twenty five cents, and the people are complaining very heavily at those prices. If we have the stock law, we have little of each, and the price will be just about what it is today. Some say that beef and milk and butter from cattle on free range are not wholesome. This might be true if you allow your cows to barge infested with ticks. My personal experience teaches me that one teaspoonful of sulphur twice monthly will keep cattle as clean of ticks as those kept in pastures.

They say we can stamp out hog cholera, and I think it would in a great measure, because we would not have hogs enough for the cholera to bother with. If you will care for your hogs on free range as you would be obliged to care for them in pens or pastures, you would have but little cholera. For twenty-five years while living on my farm, I raised all the hogs I wanted. I attended to them myself. I kept a trough at my feeding place, in which I kept plenty of salt, ashes and sulphur all the time; and, I was not bothered with cholera. Hogs become diseased from the want of that medicine and attention that a great many people neglect to give them. Every hog that dies does not die from the cholera.

If the adjoining counties see fit to have the Stock Law, I believe we can fence against them, and with proper attention, we can raise and sell them enough meat and beef in a short time to pay for the fencing. I have heard some say that stock running on free range damages the growth of timber. Such argument is bosh. You very well know that when we take stock off free range the undergrowth would soon grow up so thick that it would impoverish the timber trees, and in a few years our woods would be inhabited with vicious animals. Some say we have no fences now, and that is true. I would like to vote for a law to compel every farmer to keep a lawful fence, which would be five feet (Continued on page eight.)

ANOTHER VOTER COMES OUT AGAINST STOCK LAW

Dear Editor:

Since you have so kindly offered the columns of your paper, to those desiring to discuss the proposed Stock law issue for Hertford Co. I feel, since the board of commissioners have passed that the question is to be voted on at the coming election Nov. 7th, that all the voters of this county should carefully weigh the matter and try to inform themselves as to the probable good or injury of such a law for this especial County. I, as a land renter wish to offer my feeble protest against such a law, as I am sure it will work awful hardship on the poor farmers of this County, because they are not permanently located, and the question of them preparing suitable pasture for their stock is simply out of the question, for clovers and other crops would have to be cultivated in order to keep our milk cows, as a few acres of pine bushes and briars will not answer. If, as some advocates of the stock law claim, that they can raise superior stock by keeping them confined in a small pasture, then why can't they go ahead and fence their land. It will not cost them any more at present than if they had the Stock Law.

In this County, the main source of food to fatten hogs are the waste peanuts left on the ground which would be a total loss. Now, what are we going to do about this? The tenant will not be furnished with fencing any longer. He would have to buy the wire himself or lose the only chances he now has of providing his family with meat, and the tenants are not the only ones to suffer. There are a large number of small land owners whose stock travel down the long lanes to the swamps and help themselves to the abundance of grass and weeds that grow in such places, and which is too far away to think of using as a pasture and some times it all belongs to a few men.

It is a great benefit to woods land to have stock run on it, as they keep down the undergrowth of briars, weeds and poison vines which would otherwise attain such a growth that the farmers could not haul out their woods mould and straw, an essential requisite of soil improvement. As the doctors are agreed that the woods are a menace to health, by causing an increased number of mosquitoes, this one item alone is enough to offset anything said in favor of the Stock Law.

One of the largest landowners in this county says he is against such a law as he is sure it will make it hard on the landless tenant. (God bless such an unselfish heart. We are going to stick to him. I see signs of the man or set of men trying to take the milk and butter away from the small farmer getting his just portion at the polls. Now if you think a Stock Law is a sure cholera cure, please refer to Iowa and some other hog raising states and you will find a greater loss from this disease than North Carolina has ever suffered.

Well, my article is getting too long. There are more very important reasons why every farmer and friend of the farmers should vote against this piece of class legislation, but I am satisfied it will meet with a glorious defeat anyway. I close with an humble plea, Mr. Townsman, don't bite the hand that's feeding you.
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WINTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

First Month Gratifying and Work

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Winton, N. C., Oct. 18.—The first month of school was very gratifying to the friends of the school. The attendance was excellent and the work of the students was, on the whole, eminently satisfactory.

The High School Department, with an enrollment of 26 and with two teachers devoting their entire time to High School subjects, is doing splendid work.

The addition to the curriculum that was made this year gave the school its first Senior Class. The class has six members and has elected the following officers: President, Edward Knox; Vice President, Susie Brett; Secretary, Hugh Jones; Treasurer, Ruby Banks. The remaining members of the class are Bessie Lee and Paul Watson. The other officers of the class will be elected in the spring. The lower classes in the High School will organize within a short time.

Through the instrumentality of the Ladies' Betterment Society, seventy five new volumes have been added to the school library. These, as well as the old books, are being widely read by the students.

Among the visitors at the opening exercises during the past month have been: Rev. J. N. Bynum, Rev. Braxton Craig, Rev. M. B. Slaughter and Dr. T. T. Speight.

The school has been seriously affected by an epidemic of whooping cough in the community. At present there are eight cases among school children, and in addition two others are detained at home on account of having been exposed to the disease. Few other cases are anticipated since there are now only ten children in the school who have not previously had the whooping cough.

The N. W. Britton Debating Society, composed of the boys in the High School and the sixth and seventh grades of the Grammar School, and the Winton Literary Society, composed of the girls in the High School have commenced their activities and are doing good work. Both of these societies meet bi-weekly.

The officers of the N. W. Britton Debating Society are: President, Paul Watson, Vice President, Edward Knox, Secretary and Treasurer, Hugh Jones, Censor, Ernest Banks and Critic, K. E. Williams. The society has made an arrangement with the North Carolina Library Commission whereby it obtains suitable material on the subjects debated. Last year the society's representatives were successful in both of their triangular debates in the State High School Debating Contest and sent two teams to the final debate at Chapel Hill. The society will enter representatives in the contest again this year.

The officers of the Literary Society are: President, Annie Banks; Vice President, Elizabeth Griffin; Secretary, Josie Piland; Treasurer, Gladys Jenkins. Last year a member of this society won the O. Henry Memorial Cup, offered by the two literary societies of the State Normal College for the best short story written by a High School girl in the state. The cup will be contested for again this year. The society has accepted a challenge to debate the girls in the preparatory department of Chowan College. Arrangements for the debate will be made later.

There is an active athletic spirit in the school and the school will be represented next spring by a girls basketball team and a boys basketball team. Tentative schedules have already been arranged for both teams.

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