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COUNTY FAIR IN FULL BLAST

Thousands of Visitors Are Attending Daily and Are Well Pleased With Exhibits.

SPLENDID EXHIBITS OF FARM PRODUCTS

Attractive Individual Booths and Other Interesting Features—Exhibit of Old Relics.

Surpassing all previous fairs in every respect, the fifth Robeson county fair and peace jubilee is on in full blast and thousands of visitors are attending the fair each day—and these visitors are well pleased with the splendid exhibits of farm products, poultry, livestock, household economics, domestic art, individual booths, old relics and the many other attractions that it takes to make up a fair worth-while.

The fair is being held in the Farmers' brick tobacco warehouse and there is plenty of room for displaying all the exhibits, with passage-way between. The arrangements in general are much better than they have been heretofore and Manager W. O. Thompson is being complimented on every hand for the success of the 1919 fair.

Splendid Exhibits of Farm Products.

As had been hoped by the fair officials, the exhibits of farm products is more varied and of better quality than at previous fairs. In this department one is attracted by the splendid showing of all farm crops adapted to this section, including corn, cotton, potatoes (both Irish and sweet), beans and peas of all kinds, melons, all kinds of field and garden seeds, pumpkins, citron, hay, peanuts, rye, wheat, oats, cane, home-raised meats, nuts, butter, wines, vinegar, pepper, collards, tomatoes, turnips, eggs, mushmellon, watermelons, egg plants, beets, squash, Feterita grapes, peaches, apples, all kinds of canned goods, etc.

Besides the general display of farm products, there are several creditable personal booths that are attracting much attention from fair visitors.

J. N. Regan Booth.

In a booth arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Regan of the Ten Mile section one finds practically everything that the farm produces, and much more than the average farm. The exhibit is varied and consists of tobacco, cotton, corn, fodder, millet, hay, turnips, melons, gourds, citron, cashaw, soy beans (two varieties), velvet beans, peanuts, pumpkins, peas, rye, wheat, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes (three varieties) home-raised meat, cane, tomatoes, castor beans, grapes, apples, peaches, walnuts and hickory nuts, a large variety of canned goods, including fruits, vegetables, pickles, sweet potatoes, etc., pantry supplies, such as cakes, eggs, butter, bread, vinegar, wine and numerous other articles. This display is indeed a credit to Mr. and Mrs. Regan and their farm.

B. Sam Edwards Booth.

Another dandy individual booth is that of Mr. B. Sam Edwards, in which he has displayed many farm products, home products, etc. In this booth one finds a most attractively arranged display of corn, fodder, hay, collards, peas, potatoes (both Irish and sweet), pepper, gourds, peas and beans, squash, peanuts, meal, grits, cashaw, sunflowers, okra, oats, pumpkins, onions, carrots, egg plants, soy beans, canned goods and fancy work.

L. B. Barnes Booth.

Another attractive booth was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barnes of R. 3, Lumberton. In this booth one also finds a most attractive display of the things grown on an ideal farm. The display consists of cotton, corn, hay, Irish and sweet potatoes, fodder, okra, beans, cotton seed, a variety of field and garden seeds, pumpkins, melons, citron, collards, peanuts, figs, grapes, pepper, eggs, meal, flowers, canned fruits and vegetables, home-raised syrup, jellies, pickles and a splendid showing of domestic art.

Mrs. Julia Wessell's Exhibit.

Mrs. Julia Wessell also has an attractive display consisting of more than fifty varieties of farm products.

Other Attractive Features.

Another attractive feature is a general display of fruits, grapes, bread, cakes, tomatoes, besides many other articles too numerous to mention.

The largest pumpkins ever seen at any fair were brought in by Mr. Arch McNeill of Rennett. One weighs 127 pounds, while the other is a close second, weighing 106 pounds.

In the old relics exhibit fair visitors

CUTTING SCRAPE AT FAIR GROUNDS TUESDAY NIGHT

Ross Brown Dangerously Cut By Charles Hunt, Indian, After Knocking Hunt Down With Cane—Asa Brown Talked Too Much and is in Jail—Ross Brown at Hospital.

Ross Brown, colored, was dangerously cut by Charles Hunt, Indian, at the fair grounds about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Hunt used a knife and inflicted several gashes on Brown, who, according to witnesses to the fight, had knocked Hunt down with a walking cane before the cutting took place. Brown was taken to the Thompson hospital, where his wounds were dressed. Hunt was arrested and taken to jail and was released under bond yesterday.

Asa Brown, colored, a brother of Ross, was arrested yesterday and is in jail charged with trying to keep the officers from taking charge of Ross after he had been cut. Several negroes had something to say about the officers taking Brown into custody at the time.

Recorder's Court.

T. M. Baker, colored, was given a 6-months' road sentence on the charge of the larceny of a watch by Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson yesterday. Baker came to Lumberton with the carnival which is playing Lumberton this week in connection with the county fair. He quit the show and went to the home of a Lumberton colored man to board and is said to have left with a watch that belonged to the man with whom he secured board.

David Reid Regan was found guilty of disorderly conduct and violating the automobile ordinances of the town. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

James Bryan was found not guilty of disorderly conduct and violating the auto ordinances.

William Warwick and Minta Stewart were found guilty of trespass and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Woodell-Scott.

Miss Minnie Scott and Mr. Willie Woodell, both of Raynham, were married here yesterday afternoon at the court house, in the office of the register of deeds, the ceremony being performed by Justice M. G. McKenzie.

tors are made to sit up and take notice as they gaze upon a Bible 90 years old; a basket 175 years old; a powder horn made October 17, 1807; a "Tippet" made of home-made cloth which was worn by a Robeson county girl 141 years ago; old guns and pistols, the type used in days of yore; a toy stove 130 years old; old quilts, blankets, an old-time flax wheel and winder. In the display one also finds a number of world-war souvenirs, consisting of a German gas mask, a German shell, belt, etc.

Poultry Show.

The poultry show has been a feature at all Robeson county fairs and this year it is up to the usual standard. There are more than one hundred entries in this department, besides turkeys, ducks, geese, pigeons, rabbits and probably other things overlooked by the reporter. This exhibit, like all the others, would attract attention at a State fair.

Health Exhibit.

The county board of health has a most instructive and attractive booth. Charts are shown that impress upon visitors the importance of swatting the fly, the menace he is to good health and numerous other charts pointing the way to better health, as well as showing the ways of bringing on illness and hastening death. This booth was arranged by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Miss Leila Edwards, his clerk.

Commercial Displays.

A number of local business men have attractive displays, representing their line of business. Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son and Mr. L. H. Caldwell are showing a complete line of farm implements. The Lumberton Furniture store, Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, and Messrs. D. G. Best & Son, all local furniture concerns, also have creditable booths that are attracting much attention. The Lumberton Electric Co. and the Delco light people also have attractive booths in the fair building. There is also a display of automobiles to attract autoists and those who would like to become autoists.

It would be difficult to find a more delightful display of fancy work, domestic art, painting, etc., than is in the general exhibits of this line.

Prizes for Individual Booths.

The individual booths were judged yesterday and the prizes were awarded as follows: First, \$10, Mr. J. N. Regan; second prize, \$8, Mr. L. B. Barnes; third prize, \$6, Mr. B. Sam Edwards.

The largest crowd that ever attended a Robeson county fair is here today. Tomorrow is live-stock day.

The ladies of Trinity Episcopal church are conducting a lunch counter in the rear of the fair building. Lunches and refreshments are being served.

HENRY MERCER ENDED LIFE WITH GUN

Mentally Unbalanced Young Man Commits Suicide at Home of His Father.

Mr. Henry Martin Mercer, aged 25 years, ended his life by shooting his brains out with a shotgun at the home of his father, Mr. W. J. Mercer, in Howellsville township, about dark Monday evening. The young man was in his room when he fired the fatal shot. Other members of the family were eating supper when they heard the report of the gun and rushed to the room to find the victim lying on the floor dead. The shotgun used was lying by his side. Number 4 shot were used and the load shattered practically every bone in the young man's head. Deceased had been mentally unbalanced for some time, it is said.

Actions of the unfortunate man had caused the family to fear that he might attempt to end his life and all the gun shells kept at the home had been hidden, and it is not known where he secured the shell used in ending his life.

The funeral was conducted at the grave Tuesday at 4 p. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton and interment was made in the family burying ground.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED ON LOVETT ROAD

Concrete Bridges Are Being Put In On This Road.

Mr. Geo. L. Thompson, township road supervisor in Lumberton township, asks The Robesonian to state that all traffic will be blocked on the Lovett (Lumberton-old Kingsdale) road beginning today and for an indefinite period. The road is blocked on account of the work of putting in concrete bridges on the road. Porter & Boyd, contractor, of Charlotte, to whom a contract has been let for the erection of 14 concrete bridges in Lumberton township, began yesterday the work of putting in the bridges. Three bridges will be put in on the Lovett road, where the first work is being done.

12,512 BALES GINNED.

Cotton Ginned in Robeson to Sept. 25 is 635 Bales Under Number Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

There were 12,512 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the 1919 crop prior to September 25th, as compared with 13,147 bales to same date last year. This report was furnished by The Robesonian by Messrs. J. W. Barnes and J. A. McLeod, special agents for Robeson county.

OPTIMISM NOW PREVAILS ABOUT PRESIDENT'S CONDITION

Washington dispatch, Oct. 15: Absence of any new complications in President Wilson's illness brought from his bedside late today the assurance that he is "getting better." Elimination of the recent annoyance caused by a slight enlarged gland has removed the only outstanding obstacle to his convalescence and about the White House there was manifested a decided atmosphere of optimism.

NEW COTTON REPORT IS TO BE ORDERED NOV. 2ND

Quick action by Congress on a resolution ordering the Agricultural Department to issue a new cotton report on November 2, showing the crop condition as of October 25 was promised Tuesday by House leaders.

Jim Byrd, Serving Term at State Prison, is Dead.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis was advised by wire today that Jim Byrd, formerly of Lumberton, was dead at the State prison. The message did not state what caused Byrd's death. Byrd was serving a 15-year sentence in the State prison for murder, having been convicted about 8 years ago of killing William Smith Jr. The killing took place at the Lumberton cotton mill.

Dan Shaw's Condition Favorable—Walters Still in Jail.

The condition of Dan Shaw, who, as stated in last Thursday's Robesonian, lost his left leg as a result of a shooting scrape of which he was a victim, is reported as favorable. Shaw lives in Columbus county and was shot following a general row and fight in the Globe Swamp section Sunday, October 5. Austin Walters, who is charged with the shooting, is still in jail.

A. V. G. Wishart Named as Assignee.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. R. C. Birmingham, who had conducted a grocery store and meat market on Elm street for several months, made an assignment Monday afternoon. Mr. A. V. G. Wishart was named as assignee. The liabilities and assets have not yet been determined.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mrs. Stephen Lawson Was Found Dead This Morning at Her Home Near Orrum.

Mrs. Stephen Lawson, aged about 70 years, was found dead in bed at her home near Orrum this morning. Deceased was in her usual health when she retired last night. Death was due to heart trouble. Mrs. Lawson is survived by her husband and seven children, besides a number of other relatives. The funeral will be conducted from the home tomorrow at 11 a. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, pastor of Big Branch Baptist church, of which deceased was a loyal member.

The deceased was well-known and possessed a beautiful Christian character which won for her the love and admiration of all who knew her.

Mrs. Ernest Inman of Fairmont.

Mrs. Ernest Inman died yesterday at her home at Fairmont. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be made in the family burying plot.

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGill.

Katie Louise, 13-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGill, died Tuesday night of colitis at the home of her parents at Marion, S. C. The funeral was conducted at the grave at 9:30 this morning by Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorhouse, pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian church, and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery. The remains were shipped to Lumberton yesterday afternoon. The parents of the child formerly lived here.

Lillian Woodell, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Woodell of Dublin, Bladen county, died at the Thompson hospital early yesterday morning of heart trouble. The funeral was conducted at the grave at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Fleming, a Baptist minister, and interment was made in the Woodell burying ground, near Back Swamp church.

MEETING IN INTEREST OF AMERICAN COTTON ASSOCIATION

State Campaign Director S. G. Rabinow and ex-State Senator Frank Gough, chairman for Robeson, outlined the plan of organization of the American Cotton association at meeting of farmers and business men at the court house at noon today. Other speakers who were expected could not be present. Further report of the meeting will be given in the next issue.

OXFORD COMPANY AT GRADED SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

The Oxford Company, in song and drama, will be the attraction at the graded school auditorium this evening, performance beginning at 8:30. This is the first of a Redpath Lyceum course of seven high-class attractions that will be presented here during the fall and winter. The Redpath bureau has for years enjoyed the reputation of being the very best in the business, sending out nothing but the highest-class attractions obtainable, and the Oxford Company is said to be one of the best of its 1919-1920 attractions. This evening a costumed opera, "The Doll," will give full 60 minutes of entertainment, and in addition to the opera the Oxfords will give a program of miscellaneous musical selections.

Since the opera house has been altered for other purposes no performances other than those provided in the Lyceum course are expected to be given here this fall and winter. Every one who can do so should take advantage of the opportunity the Oxfords give of an evening of wholesome and delightful entertainment. Single admission tickets are only 50c for adults, 25c for children under 15. Season tickets for the entire course are only \$2.50 and \$1.25.

"BE CAREFUL DON'T TAKE CHANCES, WATCH YOUR STEP"

Members of the Seaboard Air Line's safety committee, spent a short while here yesterday, stopping over on route to Wilmington. This nation-wide safety period lasts two weeks, beginning October 18 and lasting through October 31. The safety committee are urging upon railway employees the necessity of being careful in their work, thereby safeguarding the public and the people with whom they work.

The committee is composed of the following men: J. E. Carter, Portkton, chairman; H. H. Sedden, H. E. Bennett, A. S. Gregerson, R. V. Harrell, J. M. McDonald, of Hamlet, C. C. Page and H. H. Thomas, of Raleigh, M. C. Austin and A. B. Crowell of Monroe.

The slogan for the campaign these two weeks will be: "Be careful. Don't take chances. Watch your step."

Mr. Joel Ivey of Raynham was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

E. I. POOLE IS NEW COTTON GRADER FOR ROBESON

Mr. E. I. Poole, who resigned recently as local cotton buyer for the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills, which position he had held for a number of years, has been appointed government cotton grader for Robeson, succeeding Mr. P. F. Johnson, who has been in charge of the office here since the season opened but who resigned to accept a position as local buyer for an out-of-town cotton firm. The appointment was made yesterday by Mr. P. H. Hart, director of cotton marketing and grading for North Carolina, who spent Tuesday and yesterday in Lumberton. Mr. S. W. Holman of Raleigh arrived yesterday to take charge of the office temporarily and will be with Mr. Poole for a few days. Mr. Johnson will make headquarters in Lumberton and will buy cotton for McConnell, Brooks & Co.

TO PENALIZE STRIKES OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

Inclusion in the permanent railroad railroad legislation of a provision to penalize strikes of railroad employees was decided upon Tuesday by the Senate inter-State commerce committee by a vote of 14 to 1.

The committee did not enter into details of the anti-strike provision, the vote merely being on the question of adopting the principle of penalizing employees for striking. Senator Stanley, Democrat, of Kentucky, cast the only opposing vote declaring he did not believe anti-strike provisions could be enforced.

STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO AVERT STRIKE OF MINE WORKERS

Immediate steps to avert the threatened nation-wide strike of bituminous coal mine workers are to be taken by the Federal government. After President Wilson's cabinet had discussed the situation at length Tuesday, states a Washington dispatch, Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor announced that he would invite John L. Lewis, president of the United States Mine Workers of America, and John L. Brewster, representing the operators, to confer with him in Washington, probably Thursday.

Invitations to Marriage and Wedding Reception Recalled.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Because of the recent indisposition of Judge T. A. MacNeill, the bride's father, invitations to the marriage and the wedding reception of Miss Cammie MacNeill and Mr. James M. Russell are recalled.

The marriage will be solemnized on Thursday evening, Oct. 23rd as planned, the ceremony taking place at home. Only the immediate families and a very few close friends will be present.

—Robeson Confederate veterans who attended the reunion in Atlanta last week say they had a delightful time. Commander M. G. McKenzie of Camp Pope says he was not one of the men referred to in press dispatches as throwing kisses at the girls and dancing jigs during the annual parade but that Rev. F. A. Prevatt who lives on R. 1 from Lumberton, was the man who threw the kisses and that Mr. C. W. Smith of R. 4, Lumberton, was undoubtedly one of the men who did the jig-dancing stunts. But Mr. McKenzie is just trying, no doubt, to implicate others along with himself.

—Dr. C. M. Flowers, veterinary surgeon, has located in Lumberton for the practice of his profession, as stated in an ad elsewhere in this issue. Dr. Flowers was in the army, later was engaged in government tuberculosis work, and after that was meat and milk inspector in Greensboro. He and Mrs. Flowers have rooms at Mr. J. D. McMillan's Pine street.

—Mr. W. Bert Ivey of Proctorville will open Monday an office on the second floor of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mill office building, Elm street, for the practice of law. Mr. Ivey is a graduate of Wake Forest college and received his law license last spring.

—Rev. A. H. Porter, who recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Rennett, is now at Duke where he has accepted the pastorate of a church.

Vice President Marshall spoke at Kinston Tuesday at the opening of the 15th county fair there.

Ralph Guerry of Richmond, Va.; M. Kadis of Goldsboro and J. A. Steward of Lancaster, S. C., have been expelled for hazing from the State college at Raleigh where they were members of the sophomore class.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Mrs. Hardin expect to leave tomorrow night for a business trip to Fayetteville and Kinston.

Mr. J. R. Lawson of Orrum is a Lumberton visitor today.

MARKET REPORT.

Today—Strict middling, 34 cents; middling 33 1-2. The market Tuesday ranged from 33 1-2 to 34 cents and yesterday it ranged from 34 to 34.87 1-2 cents.

Below are quoted prices being paid on the local market for several items of country produce. The Robesonian hopes to make this report of service to its farmer readers and will add to the list of articles quoted as it is able to do so.

Eggs—55c. Ham—40c. Sides—35c. Shoulders—32c.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Robt. M. Herndon and Nola Gray.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister, county welfare officer, spent yesterday in the Raynham section rounding up children of school age not in school.

—Messrs. Jno D. and S. W. Purvis, proprietors of the Norfolk Tailoring Co., of Fairmont, passed through town Monday night en route to Baltimore to buy goods for their store.

—Forty-seven white, six Indian and 27 colored teachers took the State and county examination conducted by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, here Tuesday and yesterday.

—The C. C. Murphy Land Auction Co., of Wilmington made a successful land sale for Mrs. A. C. McGowan, near Philadelphus, Tuesday. The land was sold at auction and Mr. Geo. L. Cannady of Dunn was auctioneer.

—Messames E. K. Proctor, Jas. D. Proctor and R. R. Carlyle and Miss Lillian Proctor went Tuesday night and Mrs. T. C. Johnson yesterday morning to Charlotte to hear Gallucci last night. They will return home tonight.

—Misses Anna and Emma Dirstein arrived last night from Henderson, W. Va. They came to join Miss Edith Knight, who is located as welfare worker at the Dresden cotton mill. These three ladies will work here this winter.

—Mr. A. J. Smith spent part of last week at McColl, S. C., with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Davis, who has been seriously ill. Mrs. Smith accompanied her husband to McColl and is still there. The condition of Mrs. Davis is reported as improving.

—Robbers relieved Mr. Grover T. Page of two new automobile tires Tuesday night. The tires were removed from his auto which was standing in the back yard at Mr. Page's home, North Elm street. The robbers also took one tire off Mr. S. V. Powell's car at the same time. Both cars were near together.

—As will be seen from an advertisement in today's paper, all persons paying their State and county taxes before December will be allowed a 1 per cent discount. After January 1, 1920, one per cent will be added each month. That is, 1 per cent will be added for January, 2 per cent if not paid before February and 3 per cent if not paid before March. This is a State-wide law passed by the last Legislature.

—The three meat markets now doing business in Lumberton do not charge above 35 cents for beefsteak. Mr. R. C. Birmingham, who Monday made an assignment was the only market man that had charged as high as 40 cents the pound and now that he has gone out of business this statement is made in justice to the other markets. In the price list recently published by The Robesonian beefsteak was listed at 35 to 40 cents the pound.

—The Supreme court has reversed Judge W. P. Stacy of the Superior court in the case of Rowland Barnes (colored), administrator of Walter Barnes, vs. the Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. and the Southern Express Co., in which suit was brought for \$15,000 (colored), administrator of Walter Barnes, who was accidentally killed at the station here some time ago while assisting in loading a piece of shafting. Judge Stacy ruled that the companies were not liable for damages. Barnes was represented by the local law firm of Johnson & Johnson.

—Hon. A. W. McLean, one of the four directors of the War Finance corporation, arrived yesterday from Washington on a business trip to his home here. He will leave to return to Washington tonight or tomorrow. Mr. McLean says that at a dinner at a Washington country club Monday evening he sat near Hon. Joseph Tumulty, the President's private secretary, and was assured by Mr. Tumulty that Mr. Wilson's condition is entirely favorable and that his recovery is confidently expected. Mr. McLean received the same assurance from one of the specialists who has been attending on the President. Mr. McLean says that feeling in Washington is very bitter, that old-timers say it is bitterer than during the period following the War Between the States.

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