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Large Crowds Attend County Fair

This is Baby Day and Biggest Crowd of Week is Here—Exhibits Well Arranged and Make Attractive Display—Midway Lined With Shows and Crowds Are Thronging the Buildings and Grounds Day and Night—Splendid Free Attractions.

EXHIBITS BETTER THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS FAIR HERE

This is baby day at the fair and the largest crowd of the week is thronging buildings and grounds.

"Biggest and best" can truthfully be applied to the seventh annual Robeson county fair which opened here Tuesday at noon and lasts through Friday. The agricultural, poultry, hogs and livestock exhibits are superior to any ever displayed at a Robeson county fair. The exhibits are also better arranged, making a more attractive display, than at any previous fair.

Besides the exhibits, which fill the three large exhibition buildings, there are many and better outside attractions than has been brought here at any previous fair. The midway attraction are more numerous, while a big free act is put on in front of the grandstand twice daily. There is plenty of amusement for young and old.

Aeroplanes Give Free Entertainment
Two aeroplanes furnish air attractions each day. A large U. S. army plane furnished by the War Department comes over from Camp Bragg each afternoon, flying over the fair grounds for a spell. Then a tricky birdman from Raleigh furnishes the thrills at 3 p. m. This plane does all sorts of stunts over the fair grounds, including looping the loop, tail spin, falling leaf, etc.

Agricultural, Home Economics, Industrial, Etc.

In the main building one finds the agricultural display, home economics, industrial, old relics, fancy work etc. Upon entering the building one is first attracted by the splendid and varied display of fancy work. This exhibit is above the usual and portrays what the ladies of Robeson county can produce in this line. It is indeed a creditable showing.

Pantry Supply Exhibit.
Next one must "take in" the pantry supply exhibit, which is also varied and attractive. In this department are found cakes, pies, bread, fruits, eggs, butter and all sorts of pantry supplies. This is another interesting feature and it again shows the skill of the ladies of the county.

Agricultural Products Make Fine Show.
Following this in line are the agricultural exhibits, and a dandy showing it is. Here one finds corn, cotton, tobacco, beans of all kinds, peas, okra, onions, potatoes, both sweet and Irish, tomatoes, turnips, grains of all kinds grown in this section, pepper, chufas, melons, hay, meat, pumpkins, kershaws, etc. The exhibit is displayed in a most attractive manner and is a creditable showing.

Tallest Stalk of Tobacco.
The tallest stalk of tobacco that ever grew is found in this department. It measures around 20 feet in length. The leaves were "cropped" as high as a ladder would reach and then some were left at the top, the grower being unable to get them. It is a curiosity within itself.

Canned Goods, Potted Plants and Flowers.
While the fruit shortage this year cut down the canned goods display, a very creditable showing is made in this department.

The potted plants and flower display is another attractive feature. The display is most attractively arranged.

Old Relics and Curios.
The old relics and curio display is better than ever. In this department one finds Civil and World War relics, including guns, German, American and French helmets, trench knives, canteen cans, a German bayonet and numerous other articles of interest. Old cooking utensils and other ancient articles are there. A chair in a glass bottle causes much guessing as to how it got there. Another chair is labeled "Baby chair of A. P. McAllister, Mrs. F. C. Townsend, W. O. Thompson, Mrs. V. D. Baker, Elsie Thompson and five little Bakers". The chair was used by the above named in their infancy.

Health Booth.
The county board of health has an unusually attractive booth, showing the best methods of preventing and handling all sorts of diseases. This display is a credit to the county health department and was arranged by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, Miss Leila Edwards, clerk to the county health officer, and Mr. J. E. Floyd, county sanitary officer. Two small model sanitary privies are shown in the display. This is one of the interesting and instructive features of the fair.

Individual Booths.
There are five splendid individual agricultural booths in the main building. These were prepared by Miss Julia Wessel, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sam Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Joa Neal Regan and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton West. All

Confer About Threatened Strike

Brotherhood Chiefs and Railway Labor Board Are in Conference in Chicago.

Cleveland, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The scene of action in the threatened nationwide progressive railroad strike to begin October 30 shifted back to Chicago today with the announcement that the three local members of the Big Five railroad brotherhoods had accepted a request from the Railroad Labor Board that the five chief executives confer with the board in Chicago Thursday afternoon.

President Stone tonight issued a signed statement in reply to statements made by Joseph V. Defrees, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in Washington yesterday, denouncing the threatened railroad strike as a "most cruel and unjustifiable attack upon the people and government of the United States."

"Mr. Defrees states that the anticipated withdrawal from the service contemplates a most cruel and unjustifiable attack upon the citizens and government of the United States. This creates the impression that the railroad workers are not loyal citizens and is an unwarranted and undesired accusation upon a body of men who have proven their loyalty. We point with pride to the number of railroad employes who volunteered their services in the great war."

HARRIS DIED IN ELECTRIC CHAIR THIS MORNING

A phone message to The Robesonian from the Fayetteville Observer states that J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, died in the electric chair in the State prison this morning, Governor Morrison remaining firm in his refusal to commute the sentence of death for the murder of F. W. Monish at Ridgecrest last year.

These displays are well arranged and make a creditable showing. These are to be commended for their efforts in making the Robeson county fair what it should be.

Industrial Exhibits.
There are numerous industrial exhibits, including automobiles, motorcycles, ranges, pianos, etc. Mr. J. H. Floyd, proprietor of the Lumberton Marble & Granite Co., also has a display of tombstones and monuments in the main building.

One of the most attractive showings in this building is a seed display put in by the Humphrey-Coker Seed Co., of Hartsville, S. C. In this display is found an attractive and instructive showing of seeds of various kinds and unpicked cotton. The seeds were grown on the pedigreed seed farm of the Coker company, near Hartsville.

Representatives of the Rumford and Horsford's baking powder concern have a dandy booth, where hot biscuits and cake are served free. The biscuits and cake are cooked in the booth.

Mr. J. H. Wishart, local groceryman, has a dandy booth, where hundreds of food articles are displayed in a most attractive manner.

Ladies of Trinity Episcopal church have a booth, where hot lunches, cakes, pies, ice cream, etc., are served.

Poultry Exhibit Finest Ever.
While the Robeson fair has been noted for its chicken shows, the poultry exhibit this year is the largest and best in the history of the fair. Hundreds of fine chickens of all breeds are there. Then there are other fowls, including geese, ducks, turkeys, etc. A number of rabbits, white and black, are also in the show. The poultry exhibit alone would be worth traveling miles to see.

Fine Livestock Exhibit.
The hog, cattle and livestock building is filled with fine specimens of all these. More hogs, cattle, ponies and horses are on display than at any previous fair.

As a whole the exhibits are creditable and a worthy showing of the agricultural life of the leading agricultural county in the State—Robeson.

Judges of Exhibits
The home economics exhibits were judged by Miss Dorothy Dean, home demonstration agent of Bladen county. The farm products were judged by Mr. L. T. Lazar, farm demonstration agent in Columbus county, and Mr. R. K. Craven, farm demonstration agent of Bladen county, while the poultry was judged by Mr. J. D. Lee of Graham. The judging in these departments was completed yesterday. The livestock is being judged today by Mr. Paul S. Oliver of Marietta, a graduate of the A. & E. college.

Mr. J. T. Glover has one of his "Kiddies' Delight" marry-go-rounds on exhibition and many children are enjoying a free ride.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ivey and children, Misses Cora and Aileen, and Masters Jonnie, Bowman and L. J. Jr., of R. 3, Lumberton were among the visitors in town yesterday.

Geddes Royally Welcomed By Scots

British Ambassador In Speech at Red Springs Makes Plea for Better Understanding of World Problems by the People—Scottish Society Meets.

Red Springs, Oct. 18.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador from the court of St. James to the United States, was given a royal welcome here today by the Scots of the two Carolinas who came from all sections to greet him. It was a democratic audience who came to find in England's official representative a true democrat himself.

From the time the ambassador reached Red Springs, accompanied by General A. M. Bowley, commander of Camp Bragg, and Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the college, he was accorded a continual ovation. The Camp Bragg military band sent to Red Springs through the courtesy of General Bowley were seated on the portico of main hall when the distinguished visitor arrived.

Standing under the flags of Great Britain and America, the ambassador paused during the playing of the British National anthem "God Save the King," followed by "The Star Spangled Banner." Every seat in the auditorium was taken long before the exercises began and standing room was at a premium.

As the ambassador entered with President Vardell, General Bowley, Donald MacRae, British vice consul of Wilmington, Secretary Tennant of the British embassy at Washington, and members of the board of trustees, the entire audience rose and led by the college orchestra under Dean C. G. Vardell sang the British National anthem.

Following the invocation by Rev. T. F. Opie of St. Stephen's Episcopal church the Flora Macdonald orchestra played "From the Highlands", after which the Ambassador was presented.

Standing under the American flag with the British Union Jack to his right, the flag of Canada to his left and flanked by the portrait of the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald and the cross of Saint Andrews, Sir Auckland made an eloquent and earnest plea for a better understanding of international problems by the people, the voters of the country, whom he styled the real rulers in the democratic countries of today. The price of peace between great nations today whose ideals of democracy are similar is eternal vigilance over the policies adopted by these nations, he said. No nation can stand alone, the welfare of one is the welfare of the other. We are bound by ties of trade, by ties of blood and by ties of thought. We cannot get away from international relations.

The ambassador spoke optimistically of the coming conference in Washington and expressed the belief that much good would result from this great gathering of nations. Speaking directly to Flora Macdonald students, seated in front of him, Sir Auckland referred to the priceless tradition of education which had come down to them from Scotland and characterized the colleges of the land as the guardians of civilization and the makers of stable world peace. His address, delivered extemporaneously, held the entire audience from start to finish, an audience one hundred per cent Scotch.

Immediately following the address the ambassador was the guest of honor at a luncheon in the college dining hall. During the courses the band from Camp Bragg rendered a program of music especially arranged for the occasion, Scotch airs predominating.

Scottish Society Meets.
Following the luncheon the Scottish Society of America met in the auditorium. Hon. J. P. McNeill, of Florence, S. C., presided in the absence of Governor Cameron Morrison. Rev. John McSweeney, of Rowland, chaplain of the society, offered prayer, after which a number of new members were taken in.

Mrs. Beatrice McEachern Bullock resigned as secretary-treasurer in favor of Miss W. Eloise McGill, of Fayetteville, but was retained as associate secretary-treasurer. The executive council elected for the year is made up of Hector McNeill, Florence, S. C.; J. W. McLaughlin, Raeford; Rev. D. McIntyre, Blenheim, S. C.; and Mrs. D. P. McEachern, Red Springs.

An invitation was received by the secretary to hold its next meeting in May in Bennettsville, S. C.

Applicants for Postmastership at Boardman

Washington correspondence of the Raleigh News and Observer says Troy Hester, J. E. Hill, R. Nye, Miss Fannie Fields and Mrs. Rebecca J. Stevens are applicants for the postmastership at Boardman, according to the lists given out by the Postoffice Department. The vacancy occurred April 1, last, the examination was held September 10. The salary is \$1,100

Probably the reason the traffic police have so much trouble bringing motorists under control is that nearly every motorist is an ex-pedestrian.—Kansas City Star.

New Phone System Modern, Complete

Troubles Incident to Change Have Been Remedied and Service is Improving—Well Equipped Plant Provided with Conveniences for Employes.

Change to the new telephone system here was made with remarkably little interruption in the service, which already has shown marked improvement over the service, it was possible to render under the handicap of the system that has been scrapped. Of course the new system is new to the operators and they cannot make connections as quickly as they will be able to make them after they become accustomed to the improved system, but even so connections are made now more quickly and more satisfactorily than they were made under the old system.

Lumberton now has a telephone system as modern and complete as any town in the State. A trip through the new plant is interesting and instructive, especially under the guidance of a man competent to explain all the intricate details. A Robesonian representative had that pleasure some time ago, before the plant was completed, under the direction of Mr. Morgan B. Spier, district manager of the Southern Bell, and again yesterday with Mr. G. E. Woodruff, equipment supervisor for North and South Carolina, who leaves today after spending a week here getting the new plant in operation.

To a layman it looks like every possible device for insuring quick and efficient service has been installed, from the switchboard where the "hello" girls answer your calls to a card index which enables repair men to quickly locate any trouble. Of course to the uninitiated it looks like a hopeless confusion of wires and batteries and switches and things, but inspection under the guidance of an expert reveals order in the seeming chaos and one sees that every small and large battery, every switch, every wire, every small piece of carbon, every tiny piece of mica, has an important job in the intricate whole which is designed to protect the telephone user and make the service efficient to the nth degree.

Provision also is made for the comfort and convenience of employes. Miss Bertha Gooden, who has been chief operator for the past 3 years, and the young ladies who work under her direction, have conveniences now that they did not know in the old quarters. Steel lockers are provided where the young ladies may keep their hats, gloves, cloaks, etc., and a rest room, carpeted, furnished with easy chairs, its walls adorned with attractive pictures, is a retreat where off-duty intervals may be spent in comfort.

Manager Rogers and his entire force now work under much more favorable conditions and more efficient service may be expected as the operators become more familiar with the new.

Recorder's Court

Tecumseh Locklear Bound to Higher Court on Charge of Assault on Wife With Deadly Weapon—Other Cases
The following cases have been aired before Recorder D. H. Fuller this week:

Tecumseh Locklear, Indian, assault with deadly weapon upon his wife, Katie Locklear, bound over to the Superior court under a \$1,000 bond. Locklear was charged with shooting and seriously wounding his wife several weeks ago. He is also charged with shooting Jim Dial, Jr., at the same time.

Dewey Ellis, operating jitney without paying town license; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Frank Parnell, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

J. L. Horton, violating auto ordinance; judgment suspended upon payment of cost and cost remitted.

Ben Blount, colored, violating sanitary laws; prayer for judgment continued.

Arthur Powell, colored, drunk on public highway; fined \$15 and cost. Powell was also charged with carrying concealed weapons, the State agreeing to nol pros with leave.

Colored Fair Next Week

It Will Begin Tuesday and Last Through Friday—Attractive Premiums Offered—Reduced Rates on Railroads

The second annual Robeson county colored fair will be held at the fair grounds here next week, beginning Tuesday and lasting through Friday. Indications point to a "bigger and better" fair, according to the promoters. Attractive premiums are offered for all kinds of farm products, poultry, hogs, cattle, etc.

A baby contest will be held Thursday at noon, prizes being offered for the best all-around baby. Reduced rates will be given on all railroads leading into Lumberton for the fair. There will be mid-way attractions and other features that go to make up the usual county fair.

Best Means of Fighting Boll Weevil

Dusting Cotton With Calcium Arsenate and Turning Under Stalks and Rubbish in Fall Recommended by Government Expert in Address at Opening of Fair.

USE IT RIGHT OR DON'T USE IT AT ALL, HE URGES

Dusting cotton with calcium arsenate and breaking land in the fall, turning under all cotton stalks and rubbish, were recommended as the best means for fighting the boll weevil by Mr. R. B. Hood, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in an address at the fair grounds Tuesday at noon. Quite a sprinkling of farmers and business men heard the address, which was clear, concise and timely.

Mr. Hood is considered a boll weevil expert, having made a study of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions in the States where the weevil has been operating for several years. He is connected with the government boll weevil laboratory at Tullahoma, La., where all sorts of tests have been made. The speaker was introduced by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator.

Calcium Arsenate Most Effective
While many plans for fighting the weevil have been tried out, the use of calcium arsenate was declared by the speaker to be the most effective. However, he urged that unless the government rules are followed strictly that farmers would not profit by the use of the poison. "If you are not going to use it right, don't use it at all," was his advice. Many who have used it will tell you that it will not work. Generally these allowed a negro tenant or some other unreliable person to use the arsenate and the government rules were not followed. While the speaker did not recommend the use of any special make of machine, he urged the importance of purchasing both dusting machines and the poison through the advice of the county demonstration agent. He also urged that farmers have the calcium arsenate tested either by the county agent or the government before using it.

Farmers were advised to test the dusting on a small acreage for the first year. He recommended the use of from 5 to 7 pounds per acre each dusting and dusting every four or five days until the weevils disappear from the cotton fields. The speaker brought out the fact that it is almost useless to dust cotton when it is raining every day.

Asked about the use of sweetened poison, the speaker stated that the government did not recommend or discard the use of this. He emphasized the fact that the government tests showed the calcium arsenate dusting to be the most effective.

The large type of dusting machine was recommended where the cotton acreage is over 8 acres. Farmers who intend to grow cotton on a large scale should purchase the large type of dusting machine.

The best time for dusting depends largely upon the seasons, according to Mr. Hood. Cotton should be dusted at night after the dew has fallen and the winds have much to do with the effectiveness of the dusting. If the dusting is done right and at the right time good results will be obtained in every instance.

The speaker discarded the plan of picking up "forms" after the month of June. Cotton stalks should be out and plowed under as soon as the cotton is picked.

Government tests show that an average of 6 per cent of the weevils live through the winter. In some instances 10 per cent are not killed by the cold.

Asked as to the advantage of burning stalks and rubbish, Mr. Hood advised that breaking land early in the fall was just as effective in destroying weevils and less expensive.

Mr. Hood spent Tuesday and yesterday at the fair, making headquarters at The Robesonian's booth. He talked with many farmers about the weevil and gave valuable information as to the best methods in meeting the enemy—the boll weevil.

Orphanage Class Will Give Concert in Parkton Oct. 24.

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage will give a concert in the school auditorium at Parkton October 24th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Messrs. D. A. Sikes, J. M. Johnson and A. B. Williamson constitute the local committee that has arrangements for the concert in charge.

—Beatrice Melvin and Andrew Lesane, a colored couple from Bladen county, were married in the court house today at 11:30 of the clock, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Mesdames H. M. McAllister, John Knox and N. A. McLean, and Miss Agnes McLean heard the address delivered in Red Springs Tuesday by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, and attended the lunch given in his honor at Flora Macdonald college.

COTTON MARKET
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 17 1-4 cents the pound; strict middling 17 3-4 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—A light shower fell here early this morning, laying the dust which has been something fierce about the fair grounds.

—A singing class from the Oxford orphanage will give a concert here on the night of October 26.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Annie E. McCormick and Mr. Thomas Jefferson McCormick.

—Justice M. G. McKenzie married his 450th couple this morning when he performed the ceremony for Ester Cromartie and Charlie Crump, colored, at the court house.

—A Ford touring car belonging to Mr. H. C. Moore, a traveling man who lives in Wilmington, was stolen from near the fair grounds last night. No trace of the car has been found.

—The condition of Mr. E. Knox Proctor, who, as was stated in Monday's Robesonian, underwent an operation Sunday night for pus appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium, is reported as favorable.

—Mr. H. E. Thompson of Allenton, who was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon, says that his mother, Mrs. Malinda Smith, who lives with him, has not missed reading The Robesonian since the first issue in 1870.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Mrs. R. S. Beam, and Mrs. Beam's guest, Miss Mary Entwistle of Rockingham, went yesterday to Raleigh to attend the State fair. They will return home tomorrow. They made the trip in Mayor White's car.

—Phillip Melvin, Jr., and Lloyd Roach each won a \$1 savings account at the First National Bank by being the first to discover a misspelt word in an advertisement on circulars dropped "from the sky" Tuesday and Wednesday at the fair grounds and over town by Mr. Elwood Whaley.

—Messrs. J. Dickson McLean, David H. Fuller, Lawrence Parker, Earl Thompson and Elwood Whaley left last evening for Raleigh in Mr. McLean's auto to attend the State fair. They stopped in Fayetteville last night to see a show at the opera house.

—Mrs. A. H. McLeod and two sons, Masters A. H. Jr. and James Burt, left today for Iola, Kansas, to join Mrs. McLeod's husband, who left several days ago for that place to look after business interests. They will spend several days in the West. Mr. McLeod is interested in some oil wells in Kansas.

—Thirty-three cases of diphtheria in the county have been reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, since September 23. More cases have been reported from Lumberton and Red Springs than any other sections of the county. The disease is no more prevalent than usual at this season, however, according to Dr. Hardin.

—From Baker sanatorium: John McLeod of Clarkton returned home Monday after undergoing an operation for acute appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium.—Baby S. C. Adams of Gibson was discharged home Monday after undergoing treatment.—Miss Aggie Davis of Maxton, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday morning, is getting along nicely.

—Mr. J. F. Raybon, Confederate veteran, and daughter, Miss Murch Raybon, of Lumberton, and Messrs. R. McA. Nixon of Lumberton, McKay McKinnon of Maxton and J. B. Malloy of Parkton, Sons of Veterans, are among the Robeson county people who expect to attend the Confederate Veterans reunion in Chattanooga next week. Mr. M. G. McKenzie, commander of Camp Pope, thinks that others will go from Robeson county.

Record of Deaths

Mrs. Mary Taylor of Wishart Township.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, aged 97 years, died Tuesday at her home in Wishart township, death resulting from the infirmities of old age. The funeral was conducted today at 10 a. m. by Rev. E. N. Cashwell and interment was made in the family cemetery, near Antioch church. Deceased is survived by seven children.

Floyd Sanderson, Jr.
Floyd, Jr., 3-years-and-6-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sanderson of North Lumberton, died Tuesday of colitis.

Miss Annie Elizabeth Anderson.
Miss Annie Elizabeth Anderson, aged 81 years, died early this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herod Allen, two miles east of Lumberton, with whom she lived. Death resulted from the infirmities of old age. The funeral will be conducted from the Allen home tomorrow at 10 a. m. by Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, and interment will be made in the family burying ground in East Lumberton.

Mesdames Irvin Jenkins and Lee M. French went today to Charlotte, where they will spend a few days.