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Fair Last Week Was Bigger and Better

Thousands More Entries Than at Any Previous Fair—Exhibition Building Will Be Enlarged Before Next Season.

"Bigger and better" can be truthfully applied to the eighth annual Robeson county fair, which opened here on Tuesday evening of last week and closed Saturday. One thousand more entries were made in the three exhibition buildings this year than at any previous fair, and exhibits were a credit to the great agricultural county of Robeson.

Officials of the Robeson County Fair association are now planning to enlarge all the exhibition buildings before the next fair season, in order to be better able to "house" the increasing number of entries.

Not only were the exhibits better this year, but there was a notable increase in the number of visitors over last year. Thousands of people, young and old, thronged into the fair grounds and buildings each day and night and they were pleased with what they saw. The citizenship of the county as a whole is beginning to realize that this is not a Lumberton fair, but a Robeson county fair, and interest is fast growing in the organization, the purpose of which is to promote the agricultural and industrial life of the county at large.

Children's Day Friday was "Children's Day" and thousands of children attended the fair on that day. Many of the schools observed a holiday and all school children were admitted free from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The "kiddies" apparently had the time of their lives, and the occasion will not soon be forgotten by them.

The exhibits were judged Thursday. Those in the home economics department were judged by Miss Marion Swain, home demonstration agent of Scotland county. The agricultural exhibits were judged by Mr. H. L. Newman, farm demonstration agent of Scotland county. The poultry exhibits were judged by Mr. J. D. Lee of Graham, who has judged the poultry at several of the Robeson fairs.

The industrial exhibit of the hardware department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store attracted much attention from fair visitors.



ELIJA FISHER
Prominent citizen of Fairmont who died last week following long illness. His funeral Thursday was attended by a large crowd.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED FOR FUNERAL OF ELIJAH FISHER

Hundreds Gathered to Pay Last Tribute of Respect to Memory of Public-Spirited Citizen—Masonic Funeral—Many Beautiful Floral Designs

Fairmont, Oct. 16.—The funeral services of Mr. Eljha Fisher were held in the First Baptist church last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, where hundreds had gathered to pay their last respects to their fellowman and friend. The local Masonic order had full charge of the ceremonies at the church and the grave. The interment was made in the family plot of the Fairmont cemetery, and the grave was hidden with a mass of beautiful floral designs.

This death marked the end of a townsman who had the interest of the town and community at heart and who had at different times been the highest official of the town. Long will he be remembered as one who helped make Fairmont a good place in which to live and a man who was always considered a Christian gentleman. During the time of the funeral not a single business house in the town was open for business, showing the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held by his people.

Prizes Won by 5 Babies at Baby Show at County Fair

First Prize Won by Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. M'White—Four of Five Prizes Awarded Girl Babies—Forty Two Babies Entered.

Forty-two babies were entered in the baby show at the county fair Thursday. All fine and dandy youngsters. The prize-winners were:

First-prize—H. S. M'White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. M'White, Sr. of R. 1, Lumberton.

Second-prize—Evelyn Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hubbard of Lumberton, R. F. D.

Third-prize—Constance Rachel Monroe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Monroe of Lumber Bridge.

Fourth-prize—Annie Culbreth Gaitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaitley of Parkton.

Fifth-prize—Sarah Belle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith of the Lumber Bridge section.

Lumberton babies, fine as they are, failed to win any prizes this year. It will be noted that the Lumber Bridge and Parkton communities came in for the majority of the prizes. While the winner of the first-prize was a boy, the girls came very nearly capturing them all—four of the five winners being of the feminine gender.

There was much interest in the contest, each mother "knowing" that her own baby was the very best baby in the world. The babies were graded according to the rules furnished by the State Board of Health. The "better babies" department of the county fair is a feature that is looked forward to with interest each fair season.

Co-op Members Satisfied.

The following from a card received by Mr. F. Grover Britt, local editor of The Robesonian, from Mr. J. C. Lewis, who had charge of the warehouse operated here by the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association during the last season, will be of interest to Robesonian readers:

"The co-operative spirit is enormous here, satisfaction among members 100 per cent. Receiving lots of tobacco every day, quality the best I have ever handled."

Mr. Lewis is now managing a co-operative warehouse at Drake's Branch, Va.

London, Oct. 12. (Associated Press).—Checks for \$50,000,000 are rare even in these days of big finance, but a check for that amount will be turned over to the United States government Monday on account of Great Britain's interests on her war loans from the United States.

LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS LETTER

Poultry Association Made Fine Showing at County Fair—Babies Win Prizes—Lyceum Course—Social and Other Items.

By Leila Hubbard

Lumber Bridge, Oct. 14.—The Lumber Bridge high school is glad to announce that the first number of their Lyceum course will be presented in the school auditorium October the 24. This number is "The Venetian Trio" and one of the features of their program will be a Venetian program in National dress.

The following spent the week-end with Mrs. Douglas Smith: Mrs. M. H. Allen, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Miss Nancy Allen and Mr. Harry House of Littleton and Miss Sadye Baskerville of Fayetteville.

The Lumber Bridge poultry association made quite an enviable showing at the Robeson county fair this week. The following prizes were won.

Mr. D. B. Monroe—Barred Rocks; 2nd prize—Cockerel; 1st and 2nd prizes—pullet; 1st prize—trio.

Mr. T. C. Balfour—White Leghorns; 1st prize—Cockerel; 1st and 2nd prize—pullet.

Mr. Archie B. Willford—Barred Rock; 1st prize—Cockerel.

Mr. J. S. Johnson—Buff Orpington; 1st and 2nd prize—trios.

Mr. I. L. Newton—Rhode Island Reds; Practically all prizes.

At the advice of the judges at the Robeson county fair Messrs. D. E. Monroe and T. G. Balfour are sending some of their birds to the State fair.

Outside of the Poultry association the farmers of our town are winners in other lines, for Chason Brothers won 1st prizes in Duroc hogs.

On Thursday afternoon a number of the ladies of the town entertained the Lumber Bridge high school faculty at a picnic at Shaw's mill. When the guests arrived they found a camp fire burning brightly and supper cooking over the fire in real Gypsy style. While supper was being prepared the guests spent the time in fishing, gathering wild flowers and fortune telling on Lover's lane. When supper was served the guests found a picnic dish from Florida. "Perlieu", with pickles and coffee an accompaniment. Then as the evening shadows fell they lingered and sang until the darkness sent them home.

Invitations have been received in town which read as follows:

Miss Margaret Brown, sponsor of the senior class of 1923, will entertain her class at the teachers' Monday evening, October 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marley, Wednesday, a daughter, Rebecca McKethan.

Two babies from Lumber Bridge were entered in the baby contest at the Robeson county fair this week. Constance Rachel Monroe and Sarah Bell Smith it is reported today that Constance Rachel Monroe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Monroe, won third prize. We understand that there were forty-four babies to be judged. Further results of the contest are not known to the correspondent.

Among the improvements in our town we note a quality shop, Mrs. A. J. Bruden, proprietor. This combination of fine sewing and millinery has made it quite popular with the ladies this fall. Not less popular is the Pastry Shop of Mrs. Charles Harris, where delicious home baked cakes can be secured by the busy house-wife every Saturday.

Rev. E. M. Brooks filled his appointment last Sunday in his usual way, leaving early Monday morning to conduct a series of meetings at Fairmont.

Mr. A. J. Marley has been quite ill for the past few days in Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville. It is reported that his condition is not much improved.

Dr. Hill Preached Twice Here Sunday

Sermons of Great Clearness and Power Preached at Chestnut Street Methodist Church Yesterday by Wonderful Presbyterian Minister of Maxton.

Despite the more than 93 years which the days of the years of his life number, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., far-famed grand old Presbyterian minister of Maxton, with the fire and vigor of youth preached two sermons of wonderful lucidity and power at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday. At the morning service the main auditorium of the church was filled to its capacity, and in spite of the inclement weather a fair-sized congregation attended the evening service.

Dr. Hill arrived Saturday morning and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Townsend. He will visit around among his numerous friends and ardent admirers here today and tomorrow and will return to Maxton tomorrow evening.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 12.—President Marcelo T. De Alvear was inaugurated as the 18th president of Argentina today with imposing ceremonies. He took the oath before the Argentine congress this afternoon in the presence of a distinguished assembly, including the diplomatic missions of numerous countries. In a brief inaugural address he outlined the program of his administration.

Fairmont News

Fair Well Attended by Fairmont People—K. K. K. Placed Wreath on Grave—First-Class Tobacco Market—Circus Day October 21.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, Oct. 16.—The eighth annual Robeson county fair, which has just closed, was well attended by Fairmont people, and many have been heard to remark that this was the best fair that had yet been offered by the Robeson county people. On Thursday Fairmont was not well represented there as a great many of her people remained in Fairmont to pay their last respects to the late E. Fisher, who was buried that afternoon.

During the burial services of Mr. Fisher Thursday afternoon three white-robed figures marched silently to the grave and placed thereupon a beautiful wreath of flowers. No one had to ask the question who they were, for it was generally understood that it was another of the good deeds of the local order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Little Miss Woodberry Chambers, who has been very ill with diphtheria, has again been restored to health, as has others who were so unfortunate as to suffer the same disease.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. H. H. Warwick last Thursday at the home of the deceased, several miles east of here. Mrs. A. T. Stone of Fairmont is a daughter of the deceased.

Mr. W. B. Jennings, who has been confined to his room for the past several days, is somewhat improved, while the condition of Miss Lorena Lewis, who has been ill for some time, is at this writing not improving as her friends would like.

Faulk-Brown

A marriage of unusual interest took place in Lumberton last Tuesday when Miss Freda Faulk of McDonald became the bride of Mr. Bland P. Brown of Fairmont, but who has made his home near McDonald for the past few months. The marriage was a complete surprise and the ceremony was held in the Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, with Rev. W. F. Traywick of Fairmont officiating. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to Fairmont, and again left for Fayetteville and Norfolk, Va., where they will spend their honeymoon. Both of the young people are well known in this community and have lots of friends who wish for them a happy and successful married life.

Married in Florida

News has reached Fairmont of a marriage which occurred in Florida last week when Mr. Farese Lewis was married to a native of Florida, the name not being yet announced here. Mr. Lewis is a native Robesonian, having gone to Florida a few months ago where he accepted a position with Mr. Leslie Stephens, who does a general mercantile business near Tampa. Mr. Lewis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jetter D. Lewis, who live on North Walnut street.

First-Class Tobacco Market

It was very gratifying indeed to read the report issued from State headquarters in the issue of the News & Observer of October 12th which showed that Fairmont ranked right along with the other first-class tobacco markets of the state. This report was for the month of September alone, showing that Fairmont averaged over 21cts per lb. while the entire season's average was \$21.87 per hundred. During the month of September the market sold over 700,000 pounds.

Circus Coming

Arrangements have been completed for arrival of the Cole Brothers circus, which will show here twice on October 21st. This circus played here two years ago and was considered a very good circus indeed. While it is not as large as Hagenbeck-Wallace or Barnum & Bailey, it is one of the best small circuses on the road.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Price and Master George Tapscott returned last Thursday from Charlotte, where they spent a few days, during which time Master George underwent a slight operation at a sanatorium.

Secretary W. O. Thompson is to be congratulated on the beautiful fireworks which he secured for the Robeson county fair this year. This was one of the many outstanding features of the four-day festival.

Remember, Fairmont people, that THE ROBESONIAN has a representative here at Fairmont who will gladly assist you in any advertising you may want and renew your subscriptions to the paper. It is not necessary to go to Lumberton for your transactions with The Robesonian and the representative here will appreciate your business.

New Brunswick, N. J.—The case against Clifford Hayes, who was held four days as the slayer of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, blew up with a boom Thursday when Raymond Schneider, Hayes' accuser, repudiated his entire story of the crime and said it was all a lie.

Mr. Joe Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Better Rail Service Rowland to Alma

Maxton, Alma & Southbound Put on Motor Cars for Better Passenger and Freight Service—Social and Personal Items from Maxton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Oct. 14.—Miss Virginia Borden of Goldsboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry A. McKinnon.

The Current Topic Book club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Dal Croom. After the roll was called to which each guest responded by giving a news item of interest, minutes of the previous meeting read and business transacted, the club played "rump" for an hour or so. Salad and coffee were served and the club adjourned to meet next Friday.

Mr. Henry McQueen of Wilmington and Mr. John F. McNair of Laurinburg spent the day in Maxton Wednesday and Mr. McQueen left with Mr. McNair to visit him at his home in Laurinburg. Mr. J. G. McCormick of Wilmington was also in town on that day on business and left for Rockingham.

The Maxton, Alma & Southbound R. R., which runs from Alma to Rowland, has purchased the chassis for a motor car; the body of this car and for the trailer, is being built at the road's shops in Alma. The car and trailer will be equipped with a compartment for passengers, which will give considerably better service to the people of Rowland and points between Rowland and Alma. It is the intention of the management to operate two trains per day, as they figure this can be done at much less expense than the steam train. Some of the officers of the road made a trip with the new car and trailer to Rowland on last Tuesday and the new equipment was eminently satisfactory. This is a new feature in connection with railroad traffic in this part of the country.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was held Thursday afternoon at the church. This was a social meeting and an entertainment was given by Miss Katie McQueen's circle.

Squire S. S. Small spoke the words in the court house Saturday afternoon that united in marriage Lula Sampson and Dave Butler, Indians. He also officiated at the marriage of Garfield Smith and Thomas McNeill, a colored couple, on the same afternoon.

A fox race of more than 4 hours duration ended in the capture of a grown male fox in the eastern part of town early this morning. The fox was "jumped" in town and did not go outside the corporate limits during the chase. Several dogs made up the "pack" and a large number of people gathered to witness the race.

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Miss Nettie Boyette and Messrs. Mosette Hobbs and Allen Darden of Clinton spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huggins, Pine street. They were accompanied to Lumberton by Miss Leah Stanley, who is a member of the faculty of the Pineland school for girls, Salemburg, at which school Miss Boyette is a student. Miss Stanley visited her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barrington. They made the trip in Mr. Hobbs car.

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Election Officers Issue Statement

Give Reasons Why Ballot Box "Found" in Great Marsh Cannot be One Used in Election in St. Pauls Township.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a statement made by election officers of St. Pauls township in regard to the "finding" of an alleged stolen ballot box in the Great marsh.

These officers go into the matter at length in support of their statements that it would have been impossible for a ballot box to have been taken away and another substituted without the knowledge and connivance of at least two of the election officers, and that the ballot box alleged to have been found is unlike in certain notable respects the ballot boxes used in the primary last June and bears evidence that it was not one of the ballot boxes used.

J. W. COPELAND COMES TO THE STATE TO SEE A. W. MCLEAN

Raleigh Cor., Oct. 15, Greensboro News: J. W. Copeland, representing the national Democratic committee, is in Raleigh to see National Committeeman A. W. McLean tomorrow and to gather such material as will aid the party in its national fight. Mr. Copeland is an Iowan. He says the party's chances nationally are superb, but he can not hide the fact that it needs money, and he isn't trying.

Death of Mrs. John Snipes

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 2, Oct. 14.—Mrs. John Snipes, 73 years old, died of Bright's disease, a shock to the family and friends. She was well known and had lots of friends. A large crowd was present at the home. The remains were interred at Pleasant Hope church. Her husband died in 1920.

There were 8 children in the family and all have passed except one, Mr. I. J. Davis. Mrs. Snipes was a good Christian woman, she always tried to do right. Her home was about 2 miles below Fairmont with her son Mr. Peary Snipes.

Memorial Service

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

To the memory of Miss Belle Harris Bennett, president of the Woman's Missionary council of the M. E. church, South of the Woman's Missionary auxiliary of Chestnut Street Methodist church will hold a "memorial service" Friday, the 20th, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the church.

Every woman of this church and congregation is cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

MRS. O. C. NORMENT, President Woman's Missionary Aux. Chestnut Street Methodist church.

Recorder D. W. Bullock of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Nice Office for Rent—National Bank of Lumberton.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 3/4 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

Regular meeting St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Thursday night, 8 o'clock. Work in second degree.

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Edna Marie Nye and Geo. B. Nye, both of the Orrum section.

Mr. A. E. White Saturday purchased a 42 1/2-acre farm in Britts township from Mr. I. D. Britt, the consideration being \$3,800.

Community service pictures have been suspended for the present, owing to a break-down of the machine used. They will be resumed as soon as repairs can be made.

The condition of Mr. W. W. Carlyle who has been under going treatment at the Westbrook sanatorium, Richmond, Va., for several weeks, is reported as very much improved.

Mr. Arella Smith of Wisharts township is the third candidate to "come out" for road supervisor in that township. Mr. Smith will run on the "Independent" ticket.

Rosa Lee Locklear and Frank B. Chavis, Indians, were married in the Robesonian office Saturday afternoon at 1:30 of the clock. Justice F. Grover Britt spoke the uniting words.

Mr. Fred H. Townsend left Saturday evening for New Orleans, La., to attend the national convention of the American Legion. The convention opened today and lasts through Friday.

Mr. Graham Smith of Red Springs fractured his left arm Thursday night when his car ran into a ditch at a curve on the Fayetteville road, near Meadowbrook cemetery. The car was also slightly damaged.

The condition of Mr. W. W. Singletary, who has been seriously ill at his home, East Fifth street, since Monday night of last week when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, is reported as somewhat improved today.

Mr. Everett Davis, who lives up Rennet way, remarked when in town Saturday that on the day before he got through with his cotton this being the first time in his life that he had gotten through picking, hauling and ginning cotton by October 13th.

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U. N. C. Alumni Form Association Here

J. Dickson McLean Heads Robeson County University Alumni Association—To Hold Annual Banquet—Committee Will Prepare Resolutions on Late Judge McNeill.

An organization of the alumni of the university of North Carolina was perfected at a meeting held at the Goat club here Thursday evening. Mr. J. Dickson McLean was elected president and Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle secretary of the association. Twenty members of the alumni were present at the meeting, which was addressed by Mr. T. A. McNeill.

Messrs. L. M. McKenzie, Jno. G. Proctor and F. Ertel Carlyle were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions relative to the life and death of the late Judge T. A. McNeill, former president of the Robeson County Alumni of the university.

The new organization plans to hold an annual banquet on the 12th of October. Barbecue and other refreshments were served at the meeting Thursday night and those present report a most delightful gathering.

TWO LARGE STILLS CAPTURED IN SADDLETREE TOWNSHIP

Two large copper whiskey stills were captured in the woods on the Williams plantation in Saddletree township Saturday at noon. While the stills had apparently been operated a short time before, they had "cooled down" when located by the officers. Around 300 gallons of beer were also found near by the stills. The owners were absent and no arrests were made. The stills were captured by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman.

Two Cars Collided and Went Down Embankment—Nobody Seriously Hurt.

A near-serious automobile accident occurred about midnight Thursday night when a Buick touring car driven by Heck McGirt, Indian, and a Ford driven by Mr. Law Gregory collided on the hard-surfaced road just beyond the iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street. Both cars went down the embankment several feet. Two women, whose names were not learned, who were riding in the Buick suffered several scratches and bruises, but escaped serious injury. Both cars were badly damaged. Mr. Gregory was driving to the right, according to those who witnessed the accident.

The New Animal is a Meadow Mole. Mr. Joseph Hester of Richardson has named the "new animal" which was recently discovered by Mr. G. B. Wishart of R. 4, Lumberton. Mr. Hester, who was a Lumberton visitor Thursday, says the animal is a Meadow mole.