

GREAT AGRICULTURAL FAIR AURORA

CROWDS ATTEND EXHIBITION FROM ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTY

Occasion One of Moment. The Exhibits Were Creditable and Praiseworthy. Fine Display of Stock, Poultry, Hogs and Agriculture. Ladies Department Was Creditable. Gala Day for Richland Township.

Over two thousand people were in Aurora yesterday attending the fifth annual Agricultural Fair and for the fifth time those who attended have returned to their homes impressed with the fact that this thriving section of country is still on the map—doing business at the old stand notwithstanding that it suffered heavily by the memorable wind and flood storm of September 3. The day was an ideal one—there was no excuse for people not to attend, so they took advantage of the elements and flocked to the prosperous village of Aurora from all sections of Beaufort county and adjacent counties by boat, train, auto, carriages and cart to take in the sights and they were fully rewarded for the time given and the money spent. The fair was certainly a most creditable one from any viewpoint—the exhibits of farm products—the stock and the delicate work of woman was indeed wonderful to behold. Every exhibit evidenced skill and brain and a Daily News man frequently heard expressions that the exhibit of stock, poultry, etc., far surpassed that seen at the New Bern Fair which drew from all sections of Eastern Carolina while those of Aurora came principally from Richland township.

It was an exhibition of what the citizens of Richland township do and the way they perform it proves the old story so often heard that there is no better farming country in the world nor a more hospitable people. This record was more than sustained on yesterday. The Aurora Agricultural Fair is run and operated by a company headed by some of the very best citizens of the community. The officers are President, B. H. Thompson; vice president, W. H. Hooker; secretary, J. F. Wilkinson; treasurer, John W. Chapin, with a board of energetic, hardworking directors. Perhaps the largest crowd to attend the fair from any point was none other than Washington. A special train leaving here yesterday morning over the Washington & Vademore road left here at 10:45 with three cars practically filled with ladies and gentlemen and children and by the time the train reached Aurora there was not standing room as at every station more passengers crowded into the cars.

THE PARADE. Reaching Aurora about noon the train was met by a large concourse of people and in a very few minutes after greetings had been exchanged between citizens and visitors Chief Marshal F. J. Guilford, wearing his parade and began the march to the fair grounds. Like Aurora always does things this parade was an inspiring sight. Headed by the chief marshal and his fifty assistants and the Aurora Concert band playing martial music the parade moved from the depot amid cheers from the bystanders. The most attractive feature of this pageant was the beautiful floats filled with students from the respective schools of the community. Five hundred children from the schools of Aurora, Idalia, Royal, South Creek, Campbell's

Creek, Edward and other points occupied them. Of course Old Glory re-dominated in the decorations of the floats. To watch their smiling faces, their buoyancy of spirit and their young life blood attuned to the key of the occasion made one feel prouder than ever that he was a North Carolinian and a citizen as well of good old Beaufort county. After parading the principal streets of the town the parade finally dispersed at the fair grounds.

THE EXHIBITS. Upon entering the grounds the first sight to catch the visitor was the exhibit of poultry—which it is doubted has ever been surpassed at any fair in North Carolina. J. W. Chapin had a fine exhibit of Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds; J. S. Rowe and Mrs. W. P. Bost showed beautiful Light Brahmas and Hamburgs. The exhibit of White Cock Strains and White Plymouth Rocks, by Messrs. L. T. Thompson and C. S. Dixon were very attractive. The turkey exhibit would have made any farmer in Connecticut who always prepares a bird for the president's table each Thanksgiving proud. There were gobblers weighing from 24 3/4 to 28 1/2 pounds. Mr. Jesse W. Mayo showing the largest turkey.

HOG SHOW. If any visitor left the fair grounds yesterday without visiting the hog department they simply missed half of the show for it was purely a credit to Richland township, and it is suspected that the judges did not have smooth sailing in awarding the prizes to the different contestants. L. T. McGowan, who resides near Washington, and a very creditable show of Poland Chinas. A. W. Baker exhibited two pigs 16 months old, the larger weighing at least 500 pounds and the smaller 400 pounds. The exhibit of B. H. Thompson in this department was one of the many attractions of the fair. He had on exhibit 22—ranging from the suckling to the full grown—the largest in the bunch being only 15 months old; they were beauties and attracted farmers from far and near to their pen. Richland farmers certainly know how to raise hogs, anything else as to that matter. The prospects are for a fine crop of meat there this year.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT. Now if there is any one thing in which Richland township excels all others it is that of farming. This has been their boasted pride and record for decades. While the storm did damage to the crops this year the people were not undaunted in their efforts to show what their soil can do as an instance B. H. Thompson had on exhibit a basket of Irish potatoes, planted in September 3 and covered over the morning of the September 3rd storm as large as a good size apple—they would average this size. Talk about sweet potatoes. Mr. Thompson had them galore, forty-two filling a flour barrel and this is not a good year for sweet potatoes either. B. H. Thompson is certainly an ideal farmer judging

by the fine exhibit of his yesterday. Everything conceivable raised on the farm was there for the visitor to see. Corn, pea hay, pumpkins, beets, rutabagas, turnips and what turnips they were, averaging in weight over 4 pounds apiece. Many a fellow's mouth watered and longed to stick his tooth in that mammoth county hams suspended at the center of his exhibit; it looked luscious enough to bite without submitting to the ordeal of cooking. Then, too, were seen several fine bunches of quail from his farm. His corn show was indeed attractive. He showed the difference between corn raised from the same seed for the past ten years without cultivation and that which was the difference was well marked. A pumpkin as large as a bushel measure was displayed by the P. D. C. Company and another by C. Smallwood nearly as large. Pumpkins seem to thrive in and around Aurora as well as potatoes. The best exhibit of F. G. Myron was highly complimented. The entire agricultural exhibit was one that section should be proud of—not only should the citizens residing in Richland township but throughout the entire county.

ATTRACTION OF FAIR. If there was any one attraction at the fair that called forth more admiration than another it was the exhibit of J. E. Deal, a prosperous stock raiser of Richland. He had on exhibition a mare which he purchased six years ago for the sum of \$45.00. There stood the mare mother with five colts in a pen seeming to be monarch of all they surveyed and did not seem at all disconcerted by the many visitors they received. Mr. Deal only recently refused the sum of \$1,100 for the colts. Another fine horse exhibit was that of George Huddell. He showed a 12-months-old colt weighing the scales at 1,075 pounds. Of course the exhibition of a watermelon made the sons of Ham's eyes gleam.

FINE RECORD. There was an exhibition at the fair yesterday and the day before sixty-one colts, ranging in age from 3 years down raised in Richland township. F. R. Alfred alone showed nine fine colts and a stallion and Jack. The stallion was a beauty.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT. Of course this department needs no comment from the Daily News, suffice it to say that it was creditable and meritorious from every standpoint. All day people flocked to this attractive department, saw the attractive cakes, home-made utter, embroidery and fancy work of all descriptions and kind. A Daily News man was especially indebted to Mesdames L. T. Thompson and J. W. Chapin for showing the exhibits and their history. A hand painting by Miss Rena Hooker was one of the attractions in this department—she is surely an artist. The crochet work by Mrs. W. A. Thompson showed her to be an artist in her line; the pecan exhibit of Mrs. J. W. Chapin, being seedlings and grafted, gave the visitor some idea of this culture in good old Richland.



NORMAN HACKETT In "A Double Deceiver."

The ladies sold quite a number of the exhibits as every visitor inspecting would almost invariably inquire, "are these for sale?"

MOTOR BOAT. A four foot motor boat made by D. A. Campen was examined and viewed with admiration all day. Mr. Campen not only constructed the boat which is 4 feet long and 12 inches wide, but he constructed the motor as well. It proves conclusively that he is a mechanic of no mean order and should prosecute his gift.

HOME INVENTOR. F. F. Cherry, a prosperous merchant and farmer of Aurora, had on exhibit guano distributors which he has invented. The machine distributes, plants and cultivates. It will be a great thing to the farmer. Mr. Cherry is manufacturing these distributors now in Aurora and proposes to increase his capacity at an early day. They must be seen to be appreciated.

BALLOON ASCENSION. Well, the balloon ascension was the feature of the day to a large degree, especially to the little tots. Professor Raub made his flight successfully, going up several thousand feet and then falling gracefully back to earth by means of his parachute.

THE JUDGES. The judges awarding the premiums in the farm, poultry and stock department were: Messrs. J. J. Eborn, of Bay-side; E. R. Mixon and S. F. Freeman, of Washington. The ladies selected to award the prizes in the woman's department were Mrs. W. T. Boyd, Mrs. J. D. Eborn and Mrs. E. W. Ayers.

MARSHALS BALL. The climax of the Agricultural Fair came last evening when the marshals gave a ball at Thompson's Hall, which was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The light fantastic was tipp'd until the wee sma hours, after which all repaired to their respective homes and thus the Aurora Fair of 1913 was history.

FINE SECTION. As before stated there is no finer section of country to be found anywhere than Aurora and Richland township. Everywhere can be seen tangible evidences of the thrift, energy and push. The people are alive. Truly it can be said of them they are not evidences of things not seen far from it. They have civic pride that has always placed them in the forefront. The town of Aurora has only within the past few months purchased a 400 light electric plant which is being installed. The citizens are hospitality itself. A cordial welcome awaits any stranger and the latchstring can be seen on the outside. It is always a pleasure to visit these good people and mingle among them and with them—anyone feels better by so doing. The special train returned to Washington yesterday afternoon

PROGRAM OF THE TEACHERS ASSEMBLY

The program of the thirtieth annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, to be held in Raleigh, November 26-29, has been sent out to the teachers of the state by Secretary E. E. Sams, and it showed that great things in the way of inspiration, enlightenment, and information are in store for all who may be able to attend. A perusal of the mere list of names of the speakers on the program of only the general sessions shows that these meetings alone would more than repay for his trip to Raleigh the teacher from sea-board Currituck or from farthest Cherokee. The first session will be addressed by Governor Locke Craig, State Superintendent J. Y. Coyner, Joseph William Bailey, and President J. D. Eggleston of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, former State Superintendent of Virginia, and one of the greatest authorities on rural education in the country.

On Thursday evening, November 27th, the president's annual address will be delivered by A. C. Steynolds of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, who is his year president of the Assembly, and it will be a plea for a professional body of teachers for North Carolina and suggestions as to how to secure this professionalization. This evening will be further featured by an address on the Montessori Method, by Dr. William Heard Kilpatrick, professor in the Teachers' College, Columbia University.

The Friday evening address will be delivered by E. C. Branson of the Georgia State Normal School, who created such enthusiasm at the State University some time ago, organizing "Know-Your-Home-County Clubs." He will give the teachers at the Assembly Continued on Second Page.

DID YOU EVER STOP AND think about where and how you could save money on your groceries, shoes and notions and get only the best guaranteed goods? The best of everything at lowest prices is my motto. Your money back if not satisfied is my guarantee. Phone 97. J. E. Adams.

CELERY-CHEAPEST PLACE in the city to buy celery, bananas, apples, etc. Phone 97. J. E. Adams.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS. The gas-bus Marion stopped her regular schedule on Monday night last for probably one week for the purpose of making improvements to the passenger department. 11-21-2tc G. W. BOWEN.

CHARGE ACCOUNTS SOLICITED of trustworthy people. J. E. Adams.

on time and today nothing but the very highest praise is being heard for the great fair of yesterday and the warm-hearted citizens of Richland township. In closing this hurried sketch permit this scribe to say that Conductor C. S. Whichard of the Washington & Vademore special was courtesy itself and did all within his power to make every passenger comfortable, while to Engineer Samuel Laughinghouse, who presided at the throttle, every one is indebted for a safe journey going and coming.

PROGRAM GIVEN BY JUDGES OF AURORA FAIR YESTERDAY

Stock, Poultry and Farm Judges Were J. D. Eborn, E. R. Mixon and S. F. Freeman. Judges Womens' Department, Mesdames W. T. Boyd, J. D. Eborn and E. W. Ayers.

The following premiums were won by the following contestants at the Aurora Agricultural Fair yesterday. The judges did their hard and difficult task well and should meet with approval by all who took part in this creditable exhibition:

STOCK. Best pair of pigs under six months, L. T. McGowan. Prize \$2. Second best pair pigs under six months, C. C. Archbell. \$1.50. Heaviest hog any age and kind, L. T. Thompson. \$3. Second best hog any age and kind, R. L. M. Bonner. \$2. Best male hog, any breed, B. H. Thompson. \$3. Second best male hog, any breed, B. T. Bonner. \$2. Best sow and pigs, B. H. Thompson. \$3. Second best sow and pigs, F. J. Guilford. \$2.

Best display of hogs by any farmer, Eddie Casey. \$5. The most colts by one mare, J. E. Deal. \$5. Best stallion, F. R. Alfred. \$5. Best Jack, F. R. Alfred. \$5. Best mule colt under two years, F. R. Alfred. \$5. Best milk cow, B. H. Thompson. \$3. Second best milk cow, C. L. Browne. \$2. Best heifer, C. T. Allen. \$2. Best pair mules owned six months by exhibitor, B. H. Thompson. \$3. Best bull, any breed, F. R. Alfred. \$3.

POULTRY. Heaviest turkey, Jesse W. Mayo. \$1. Best trio of turkeys, Mrs. W. M. Hooker. \$1. Best trio geese, B. B. Thompson. \$1. Best trio chickens, Haywood Browne. \$1. Best trio ducks, Ray Tur Bonner. \$1. Best Pen Buff Leghorns, B. T. Bonner. \$1. Best pen White Leghorns, H. S. Smith. \$1. Best pen Brown Leghorns, Mrs. C. S. Dixon. \$1. Best pen Plymouth-Rocks, C. S. Dixon. \$1. Best pen Bantams, Harold G. Guthrill. \$1. Best pen Buff Cochine, Henry Lee Thompson. \$1. Best pen Silver Spangled Hamburg, Mrs. W. R. West. \$1. Best pen Orpington, L. T. Thompson. \$1. Best pen Rhode Island Reds, Mrs. J. W. Chapin. \$1. Best pen Indian Games, T. B. Aldridge. \$1. Best pen White Brahmas, T. Litchfield. \$1.

PRODUCE. Stalk cotton showing greatest number matured bolls, B. H. Thompson. \$2.

HAMS — ARMOUR'S STAR. The best to be had at any price at 20c per pound. Genuine smoked shoulders at 16c per pound. Phone 97. J. E. Adams.

COTTON MARKET. Seed cotton, \$4.75. Lint cotton, 12 3/4. Cotton seed, \$20 per ton.

BIGGEST AND BEST LINE smoked and salt meats in the city at lowest prices. Full line everything good to eat, and a good many things to wear. Come and see. J. E. Adams, Phone 97.

Best peck peas, any variety, W. S. Best. 50c. Second best peas, Frank Cuthrill. 50c. Best peck peanuts, Bryan Middleton. 50c. Best half bushel Irish potatoes, B. H. Thompson. 50c. Best half bushel sweet potatoes, P. D. C. Co. 50c. Largest pumpkin, P. D. C. Co. 50c. Largest half bushel sweet potatoes, B. H. Thompson. 50c. Largest half bushel turnips, B. H. Thompson. 50c. Stalk bearing most ears corn, Ralph Tunstall. \$1. Best display of corn, B. H. Thompson. \$2.50. Best ten ears corn, C. C. Flowers. \$2. Second best ten ears, G. K. White. \$1.50. Best home grown bale hay, C. L. Browne. \$1.50. Second best, B. H. Thompson. \$1.

LADIES' DEPT. Best butter, Mrs. Mabel Huddlestone. \$1.50. Second best, Mrs. Casey. \$1. Best peas, Mrs. Bland. 50c. Best home made, Mrs. R. T. Brown. \$1. Best chicken, Mrs. B. T. Brown. \$1. Best corn, Mrs. Ann Litchfield. \$1. Best candy, Mrs. Miss Charlotte Brown. \$1.50. Best fancy work, Mrs. Charlotte Brown. \$2.50. Best display of hand embroidery, Mrs. T. R. Brown. \$1. Second best, Mrs. Sae Litchfield. 50c. Best hand made lace, Mrs. T. A. Watson. \$1. Best fruits, Mrs. T. E. Guilford. \$2. Best food, Mrs. Gaskins. 50c. Best hand painting, Miss Rena Hooker. \$1. Second best, Mrs. Carl Whitehurst. 50c. Best hand-stitched handkerchief and huts a hole, Katherine Power. \$1. Second best fancy work, Mrs. Carr. 50c. Best pecans, Mrs. J. W. Chapin. 50c. Best cake, Mrs. L. T. Thompson. \$1. Second best cake, Mrs. D. C. Guilford. 50c. Best child's cake, Miss Lucille Tripp. \$1.

There will be an Educational Rally for the Beaufort County Schools, the City Schools, and the Washington Collegiate Institute Monday, November 24th, 8 P. M., at High School Auditorium. The following eminent speakers: President D. H. Hill, A. and M. College; Hon. John H. Small, Bishop Theodora S. Henderson, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Special Music by High School Chorus; Miss Smith, Soloist; Miss Bryan, Reader.