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AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

A COUNTY ORGANIZATION EFFECTED SATURDAY.

Object to Promote and Interest Farmers in the County—Valuable Prizes Will Be Offered to Boys and Girls—Boys Encouraged to Organize Corn Clubs, and Girls Will be Urged to Have Poultry Clubs and a Canning Contest.

In connection with the seed-corn test exhibit last Saturday the Randolph County Agricultural Association was formed. This association has for its purpose the promotion of better conditions of rural life. Particular attention will be given to the encouragement of the Co-operative Farm Demonstration Work in the County and also the organization of Young People's Farm-Life Clubs. The movement originated in the minds of a few men who have become deeply interested in the possibilities of the demonstration work, whether among men, boys or girls.

Prof. I. O. Schaub, of the A. & M. College, and the special representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, was present by arrangement to present the organized work to the farmers. Mr. Schaub's particular work is to organize clubs all over the State, and his plan is to have clubs of boys and girls in all school districts in the State in the near future. Randolph County has shown that her people are ready to take hold of ideas of this kind, and the Government is now ready to assist in the movement.

At the conclusion of Mr. Schaub's address a committee was appointed to submit a plan of organization and also to suggest officers of the Association. The following rules were agreed upon:

1. That the organization be known as the Randolph County Agricultural Association.
 2. That the officers be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.
 3. That the executive committee consist of the officers and one member of the association in each township.
 4. That any white citizen of Randolph County, regardless of occupation, be allowed to become a member of the association upon the payment of a membership fee of twenty-five cents, and that the officers and executive committee be authorized to solicit members, and also contributions to be used as prizes.
 5. That the officers of the association be chosen for one year.
 6. That the association meet annually, the date for this annual meeting to be fixed later by the executive committee, and that special meetings may be held at the call of the president.
 7. That the executive committee be empowered to offer prizes for adults and also for boys and girls, and also to have full control of the same.
 8. That seven members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 9. That the association money be paid out upon the warrant of the president and the secretary.
 10. That the treasurer shall give a detailed report at every annual meeting of all receipts and disbursements.
- The following officers were elected: President, T. J. Finch; Vice-President, A. B. Coltrane; Secretary, E. J. Coltrane; Treasurer, B. F. Newby.
- The following members of the executive committee have been appointed for various townships:
- Trinity, D. M. Welborn; New Market, J. F. Beeson; Providence, S. E. Coble; Liberty, J. W. Williams; Randleman, B. H. Lester; Columbia, W. E. Foushee; Franklinville, I. H. Pugh; Asheboro, E. B. Ross; Back Creek, Troy Redding; Tabernacle, Dr. C. C. Phillips; Concord, J. A. Keams; Cedar Grove, E. E. Vancannon; Grant, R. F. Finch; Coleridge, W. E. Brower; Pleasant Grove, Lige Brady; Brower, B. Tyson; Richland, J. C. Lowdermilk; Union, J. D. Welch; New Hope, J. T. Thornburg.
- The members of the executive committee were authorized to enroll members of the association in their respective townships. Membership is limited to people over eighteen years old. Boys and girls under eighteen are admitted whenever they enroll in the clubs for which there

FAVORS CURFEW LAW.

Children Should be Put Off Street by Law if Parents Fail to Look After Them.

Mr. J. P. Cook, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Training School for boys in a recent interview published in the Raleigh News and Observer, says in answer to a question as to the Curfew Law:

"I have seen already even with a limited study of those who have come to the Training School, that the greatest trouble confronting us now is an inflated idea of what so many people are pleased to call personal liberty, and the neglect of the great virtue of parental training. My sympathy is with the so-called bad boy—he is just simply the product of his own environment; this and no more. If a man is thoughtful enough to house his horse or cow, or strive to know where the pet dog is, he should be made to house his children when nightfall comes. They must be run off the street by the authority of law and forced to stay in at night, if parents persist in this lawful neglect of a sacred and important duty. The Jackson Training School, though in operation only one year, has furnished examples that absolutely prove the soundness of this position. And the authorities of the institution, from the superintendent down to the least important employe, by using kind but positive government with these boys, who at home were regarded hopeless and worthless, have seen idleness and listlessness fade into energy and a lively interest; pale faces and dull eyes change to color and brightness; frail, weak bodies to growing strength and hope. Regularity, system, discipline, love, trust, teaching, work and prayer have already convinced me that there is hope for the great majority of those whom the impatient public pronounce worthless and hell-bound. It is not the boy—it is the environment. Give him a chance."

Silver Anniversary National Editorial Association.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual session of the National Editorial Association will meet in New Orleans February 10-12.

A side trip will be made by boat to Panama, touching at Cuban points.

Delegates who will attend from North Carolina are: R. F. Bessley; Monroe Journal; E. H. Gibson, Laurinburg Exchange; W. B. Harker, Scottish Chief; H. B. Varner, Lexington Dispatch; J. P. Cook, Concord Uplift; J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh News and Observer; C. H. Poe, Progressive Farmer; D. O. St. Clair, Sanford Express; A. S. Dockery, Rockingham Post; J. J. Farris, High Point Enterprise; Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro Courier.

There is on the program from North Carolina: "The Local Paper's Neglected Opportunity—Promoting Rural Development."—By C. H. Poe, Editor of Progressive Farmer.

The Duty of the Press in the Good Roads Movement in the United States—by President H. B. Varner.

The Law—Its Enforcement. By Josephus Daniels, Editor of Raleigh News and Observer.

Joe Mitchell, Chappell, Walter Williams, A. E. Winship, and other prominent journalists in different parts of the United States are on the program.

Of Interest to Members of Poultry Club.

The Courier will begin publishing in a week or two a series of articles on Poultry Raising for the benefit of the Girls' Poultry Club, and we call the attention of the young girls to the importance of these articles. We have an interesting proposition which we will give on application.

Randolph county is the first county in the state to undertake the organization of the Poultry Club.

Mr. Gaston W. Ward, aged fifty-six years, died at his home on Spring Garden Street in Greensboro last Saturday. Mr. Ward has been a resident of Greensboro for a number of years and was the owner of the West End Drug Store.

is no fee of any nature. If boys or girls desire to enter the contest they should write to the secretary and the application will be furnished at once.

More complete particulars in regard to the young people's clubs will appear in next week's papers.

E. J. COLTRANE, Secretary.

THE FEBRUARY PRIZES

The free trip to New Orleans, our January prize, was won by Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, of Glenola.

We are going to give a prize for February to the young lady who secures the largest number of subscribers during that month, provided she gets more than 20,000 votes during the month. We are going to leave the selection of this prize to the Contestants, and want each of them to write us at once and let us know what she would prefer. We cannot give too expensive a prize but would be willing to give one costing as much as a buggy, a sewing machine or a scholarship to some Business College in this state. Please start right now and get in line for the February prize. Get your friends to help you solicit subscriptions.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity.	3617
" Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2.	701
" Lena Cole, Dewey.	2751
" Olive Moffitt, Asheboro, Route 1.	291
" Mary White, Glenola.	7586
" Flora Free, Randleman, Route 2.	200
" Maud Miller, Fullers, Route 1.	1164
" Nettie Luther, Eleazer.	916
Miss Maude Curtis, Ramseur.	4901
" Bessie Albertson, Trinity.	2011
" Betty Shamburger, Hills Store.	3407
Mrs. W. P. White, Ramseur.	200
" A. B. Coltrane, Glenola.	22946
Miss Lola Trotton, Asheboro, Route 1.	401
" Ida Cox, Ralph.	401
" Emma Pierce, Seagrave.	1400
" Effie Pressnell, Mitchell.	4207
" Linnie Dorsett, Farmer.	416
" Effie Harvell, Abner.	437
" Nannie Hill, Rachel.	408
Mrs. M. B. Goins, Trinity.	201
Miss Lydia L. Swaiter, Lassiter.	613
" Estelle Stanford, Archdale.	300
" Maud Foushee, Staley.	1000
" Melia Frazier, Franklinville.	208
" Cora Vanceannon, Seagrave.	301
" Moleta Yow, Central Falls.	13067
" Mary Smart, Franklinville.	1800
" Linnie Cameron, Liberty.	6415
Bess Farmer, Randleman.	6322
" Margaret Slack, Seagrave, N. C. Route 1.	200
" Alice Burgess, Ramseur, N. C.	408
" Hattie Luck, Seagrave Route 2.	200
" Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1.	600
" Hannah Coltrane, Randleman.	200
" Myrtle Johnson, Worthville.	3314
" Stella Kelly, Troy.	1500
" Hazel Stanton, Randleman, Route 1.	208

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

One Instantly Killed—Two Fatally Injured—Swain County Court House Wrecked.

Omar Conley was instantly killed, Warren Banks fatally injured and Register of Deeds W. L. Francis, seriously hurt by the accidental discharge of a stick of dynamite in the register's office at Benson city, N. C., last Thursday night. Banks and Conley were thawing dynamite on a radiator, to be used on a fishing trip. It is supposed one of the sticks fell to the floor. The explosion which followed shattered the doors and windows in the building and seriously damaged the entire west end of the court house. Many valuable records and legal papers were destroyed. Register Francis was working at his desk when the explosion occurred. The court house was built about three years ago and cost \$75,000.

Death of Former Ambassador.

General William F. Draper, former Ambassador to Italy, died at his home in Washington, D. C., last Thursday after a prolonged illness, at the age of 68 years.

General Draper was the inventor of the famous Draper Loom and was one of the pioneer textile men of the country. He had large cotton mill interests in the South. His fortune was estimated at from eight to twelve million. It is stated that a new loom which he has just perfected is worth millions.

More Randolph Rabbits.

A few days ago the Enterprise noticed the large shipments of rabbits from Sophia. We are informed this morning by the agent there that so far 6,072 rabbits have been shipped this season. The largest shipments have been made by Mr. E. A. Farlow, who has shipped 4159.

This is a good record for a small village. What do you suppose the entire county could do if all the hunters were to get busy?—High Point Enterprise.

Receiver For Eagle Furniture Company of High Point.

On the application of local creditors, the Eagle Furniture Company of High Point was placed in the hands of a receiver, last Saturday. It is stated that the total indebtedness is about \$110,000. Mr. R. F. Dalton was appointed temporary receiver.

Mrs. Sallie A. Johnson, widow of Robert Johnson, died recently at her home near High Point.

FARMERS' BIG DAY AT ASHEBORO.

Inclement Weather Does Not Prevent a Large Attendance, Fine Farm Demonstration Work, Seed Corn Test and Prizes Awarded.

The farmers, their wives and children for several weeks have looked forward to last Saturday as an event of more than usual importance in the affairs of this county. The Farmers' Seed Corn Day, Boys' Corn Club Day and the Girls' Poultry Club Day was advertised throughout the county to be at the Court House on last Saturday.

Notwithstanding a light snow-fall on Friday night and the extremely bad weather there was a goodly number of farmers from almost every section of the county present, and quite a number of boys from different parts of the county were present.

The day was too bad for the young ladies to attend. Government Farm Demonstrator for North Carolina, Mr. C. R. Hudson, who has been located at Statesville for the last year or two but who moved his headquarters to Raleigh two weeks ago, was present and made an interesting address on what farm demonstration work had done for North Carolina and his talk was especially instructive on the selection of seed corn.

Prof. C. L. Newman, head of the Agriculture Department of the A. & M. College of North Carolina, discussed commercial fertilizers and other subjects in a manner which showed his familiarity with every subject which he handled.

Prof. I. O. Schaub, who is in charge of the Farm Demonstration work in the A. & M. College, made an address directed principally to the boys in which he outlined the plans of the Young People's Farm Life Clubs.

Mr. J. L. Hall, who has been for three years County Farm Demonstrator in Rowan County, and who is a most successful farmer and an intelligent gentleman, made an instructive talk on the cultivation of corn.

The addresses by these four gentlemen were all well received and every one present felt he had been more than repaid, and several times over for coming through the slush and mud.

There was a seed corn test and about twenty-five or thirty farmers brought seed corn. The explanation and the instructions given for selecting seed corn was probably the most interesting part of the program. At the close of the seed corn test these four gentlemen, who have been named above, acted as judges in awarding prizes. Mr. I. H. Pugh, of Franklinville township, received the prize of \$2.50 for the best ear of seed corn. Mr. Troy Redding, of Back Creek township, was awarded the prize of \$1.50 for the next best ear of seed corn, and Mr. Brown, of Grant township, son of Daniel Brown was awarded the third prize. These prizes were given by the citizens of Asheboro.

In the afternoon the County Agricultural Association was formed with ex-Sheriff T. J. Finch as President, Mr. A. B. Coltrane Vice-President, Mr. E. J. Coltrane, Secretary, and B. F. Newby, Treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers and a member from each township.

One branch of the Agricultural Association will be the Boys' Corn Club, which will hold a meeting in the near future. Another branch of the Agricultural Association will be the Girls' Poultry Club which will meet at the same time with the Boys' Corn Club. Membership in the Agricultural Association is limited to men and will cost 25 cents each. Any citizen of the county regardless of occupation may become a member. The executive committee is instructed to solicit membership. No membership fee will be charged to either boys or girls, and any boy desiring to join the Boys' Corn Club or any girl desiring to join the Girls' Poultry Club will please send his or her name to Mr. E. J. Coltrane, the county organizer.

A plan published in another column under Mr. Coltrane's signature outlines the rules and regulations of the Agricultural Association and its branches. More extended explanations with details will be furnished upon application to Mr. Coltrane and will be published in the Courier in a future issue.

Valuable county and township prizes will be given in the boys club and also in the girls poultry club.

Mr. Coltrane requests that every boy and girl who desires to enter the contest send their name and address to him within the next ten days, and all names sent will be put on the mailing list to receive the government bulletins on corn growing and poultry raising. It is important that these names be sent in as soon as possible. Of course it is not absolutely necessary that they be sent within ten days, but the sooner the better.

SERIES OF TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Three Meetings in Eastern Part of County Next Week—All Teachers Expected to Attend.

Beginning Thursday, February 10 at Liberty, I shall hold a series of three meetings for the teachers in the eastern part of the county. The second meeting will be held at Franklinville on Friday, Feb. 11th; and the third at Shiloh on the following Saturday, Feb. 12th.

All teachers in the eastern half of the county will be expected to attend these meetings; that is, every teacher must attend some one of these three meetings. Teachers in Liberty, Providence, Columbia, Franklinville, Coleridge, Pleasant Grove, Brower, Grant, and Richland Townships will find that this will be their best opportunity to attend any one of the meetings in present county series. Teachers will be expected to be present by ten o'clock in the forenoon. The work at Liberty and Franklinville in the forenoon will consist of observing the work in the school-room. In the afternoon conferences will be held. Young People's Clubs will be the principal topic for discussion. Boys and girls will be welcomed to each meeting in the afternoon. We hope to make arrangements for a special representative from the Agricultural and Mechanical College to be present and discuss Boys' Corn Clubs and Girls' Poultry and Canning Clubs.

Teachers will close their schools for the day and attend the meetings. This will also give boy and girls an opportunity to be present. Committee men and patrons are invited to the afternoon sessions.

E. J. COLTRANE,
Co. Supt. of Schools.

Prizes to Randolph Farmer Boys.

Randolph county will probably not have as much as \$1200, the amount Guilford County has raised to be given in prizes to the Boys' Corn Club. In Guilford county \$50.00 was offered for the capital prize, and \$25.00 was offered to each township; and also twenty-five \$15.00 prizes, twenty-five \$10.00 prizes, and twenty-five \$5.00 prizes for the county.

Today is seed corn testing day for that county and the Association will hold a roasting meeting in Greensboro today. It is important, however, that our committee make arrangements to give liberal prizes and if possible there should be raised as much as \$1000 or \$1200.

Randolph county stands at the head of the list as a wheat growing county; and a Randolph boy grew the largest yield of corn in the state last year.

Convicts Best Labor for Roads.

Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and Secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, has called a meeting of the good roads advocates in Raleigh for the purpose of discussing the matter of assisting those counties in the State that wish to build good roads. The meeting promises to be largely attended.

Mr. Pratt favors the use of State convicts in road construction.

"Our counties," he says, "are now using a great many of their convicts in road construction, and to what advantage the State convicts can be used for the same purpose should be carefully considered. It seems to me that the use of the State convicts in the construction of public roads would be of much more advantage to the State than to use them in the construction of railroads, which in the end pass into the hands of corporations."

The High Point Enterprise says that Mr. Carl Hill, son of Mr. Nathan Hill, and formerly of this county, has completed a most beautiful residence. The style of architecture, especially the porch is something new for High Point.

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