

## Randolph Fair of Great Proportions

### Attendance and Interest far Greater Than Anyone Had Foreseen.—Two Days Just Passed Foretold Even Greater.

Randolph's first fair since 1877, opened Tuesday with 200 per cent. more of interest shown and felt than had been expected. True, those promoting the fair had hoped that it would be representative of the good county in which it was held, but no one had expected to see the number of exhibits which kept pouring into the buildings.

In farm products, cattle, poultry and domestic handwork the entries were more numerous and more worthy than many people had thought the county contained. It was seen that Randolph people were really interested in Randolph's fair, which assured its success.

The crowd was large for an opening day and consisted principally of Randolph citizens, many of them exhibitors. The out-of-the-county representation was considerable, and seemed to think well of the appearance put up by their hosts.

#### Tuesday.

Tuesday morning the trains were met by the Franklinville Band and some of the old fiddlers. The crowds came in early and Asheboro began to take on the appearance of Midway. The exhibitors kept the entry-takers busy in the fair grounds and soon they had more entries than they had foreseen and provided blanks for.

Those who had decided that the Randolph farmers would not avail themselves of the opportunity to exhibit their products were forced to acknowledge that they had been premature in their decision.

The out-of-the-county visitors Tuesday were quite numerous, many coming from Guilford, Moore and Montgomery. The most of the morning was spent in getting used to the occasion. At noon came the parade.

#### Address by Dr. Hill.

The formal opening of the fair was at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, an address by Dr. Hill, President of the A. & M. College of North Carolina, on the subject of "Scientific Agriculture." This address was well delivered and well received, many pronouncing it the best thing of the sort which they had ever heard.

#### Parade at Noon.

At noon there was a parade of saddle and driving horses, cattle, poultry and representatives of the townships of the county. Led by the Franklinville band the parade wound its way from the old court house to the fair grounds, advertising some of the features of fair week, giving evidence that this fair was a Randolph affair and displaying some pretty entries in horseflesh. Over the parade circled the dirigible balloon, which is flying on all days of the fair, the aviator giving a clever exhibition of his control of the monster machine.

After dinner there was a short band concert, another flight by the dirigible and a free aeronautic performance on a stage in the center of the grounds.

#### Illustrated Agriculture.

At 3 o'clock began a series of interesting and instructive illustrated lectures on agriculture conducted in the auditorium of the fair grounds by Professor Schaub, of the A. & M. College.

#### Crowd Interested.

Throughout the entire day the crowd was interested and good natured. Everyone seemed anxious to see the exhibits and all were pleased with them. Those who had been saying that it was going to be a small fair began to compare the opening favorably with that of the Central Carolina fair. Everyone smiled—and did it from the inner feeling and no sense of duty. The first and opening day of the Randolph's Fair had been a decided success.

#### Wednesday

With more people in Asheboro than the most optimistic advocate of the Randolph fair had thought possible, Wednesday, the big day, Educational and Woman's Day, opened with an assembly at the court house. This was supposed to have been at

10 a. m., and had on the night before looked improbable of occurrence because of threatened rain. The assembling really began at nine o'clock, and with the meeting of old acquaintances from all parts of this and adjoining counties few cared whether they were a bit previous or not.

Never was a prettier day; the air with just a bit of nip in it, the sun warm, the sky fair and best of all the Randolph people satisfied with Randolph's fair. The county people who were not here Tuesday, those who lived close enough in, took advantage of the perfect weather and came into town early. By 8 o'clock the whole town was astir with what was perhaps the largest crowd in its history.

#### Address by Supt. Joyner.

First among the events of the day was the address at 10:30 of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, who spoke of a cause which has of late been warmly espoused by Randolph—that of education.

Following this at 11:30 came a great parade of the school children on trains of wagons pulled by a traction engine. The wagons were nicely decorated and mighty well filled.

At 2:30 came the address by Mrs. F. L. Stevens, of Raleigh, in the fair ground. Mrs. Stevens is an able as well as eloquent exponent of domestic science. Her address was well attended and well received. Following came a flight by the airship and the exhibit of the free attractions.

The first of the real races of the Asheboro Horse companies was held between Depot street and Sunset avenue. The winner of the series of events, which consists of yesterday's race and races today and tomorrow, will be announced after the last race.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in looking over the exhibits and in talking the fair over in groups.

In the evening an educational meet was held at 8 p. m. Short addresses and interesting talks were made by visitors to the fair. Music was furnished by the band.

#### Three More Days of Fair.

There will be three more days of the fair—all good days. Today will be Health and Good Roads Day, with a strong and interesting program. At 10:30 Dr. W. S. Rankin will address the assembled crowd on the subject of public health. A parade of good roads machinery will be held at 11:30. The Good Roads Association will be addressed at 2 p. m. by Dr. J. H. Pratt and Mr. H. B. Varner. At 8 p. m. there will be a second meeting with short addresses.

Tomorrow will be Home Coming Day and from the number who have come and are coming in on every train this home-coming will be the feature of the fair. At 12 m. there will be a parade of Randolph born and bred, some who live here still and others who wish they did. In the evening will be an old country party.

On Saturday the fair will be given over to the colored citizens of the county.

#### Premiums for Farmers' Parade.

For the best mated pair of farm mares, judgment to be given after consideration of size, shape and style, Walter Parrish, of Hill's Store, was given the first prize, \$5, offered by Hon. Robert N. Page.

For the best mated pair of farm mules, \$5, given by Hon. Robert N. Page, J. Herman Johnson took first prize, K. L. Winningham second, one sack guano.

\$5 by Robert N. Page, first prize for best pair farm horses, was won by M. C. Henley, second prize, one sack guano went to J. A. York.

The prize for the most attractive stall, \$5 by Robert N. Page, was won by the Big Four Poultry Farm. O. Bush was awarded the first prize, \$2.50 by the Association, for the saddle horse, second, Dock Finch.

John Weil, of Trinity, was adjudged to have the best single driving horse and awarded \$5 by the Association. Joe McDowell took second place.

K. L. Winningham's Old Wagoner's outfit took first place and got a prize of \$3, given by the Old Wagoner's Keenon. Second prize, a dozen good cigars, went to Marshall Varner, of Troy.

For address of outfit and freakishness of get-up Bristow and Lowe took first \$5, with L. B. Lambert second.

#### Editor Caldwell Ill.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, the veteran editor of the Charlotte Observer, has been seriously, if not critically ill, for the past several days. Fears for his recovery are entertained.

#### Heroes at Waynesville

Edgar, the four year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Applegate, of Waynesville, displayed unusual presence of mind in saving himself from death by suffocation, when fire started by matches with which he was playing, swept the interior of his parents' home. When the flames became threatening, the little fellow jumped into his mother's trunk and remained there until Theodore McCracken rushed into the flames at the risk of his life and bore the trunk to safety.

#### Tragedy Near Shelby.

Lucius Randall, a prominent business man of Goffney, S. C., shot and killed Sam Woither, a wealthy farmer near Shelby, last Sunday afternoon. Randall was giving a party of children an outing in an automobile and Whither because of prejudice against the machine, drew a pistol on him. Randall claimed he fired in self-defense and was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

#### Marriage at Central Falls

One of the prettiest weddings that ever occurred in Central Falls was solemnized last Thursday evening when Miss Mary Estelle Allred, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allred, became the bride of Mr. Malphens Fernando Hinshaw, the popular young son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Hinshaw. The wedding was a quiet home affair, with only the immediate families and very close friends of the contracting parties present, and took place at the home of the bride's parents.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme carried out being white and pink.

In the parlor where the ceremony was performed an improvised altar was formed, surrounded by ferns, pink and white chrysanthemums. The Methodist ceremony was used and Rev. R. A. Lyndon officiated.

The first of the bridal party to enter was Miss Matel Allred, a sister of the bride, with Mr. Ira G. Hinshaw, brother of the groom. The groom entered with his best man, Mr. Clifford R. Hinshaw, another brother. The bride entered on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Ella Allred.

The bride was beautiful in a white satin dress entrain with pearl trimmings. The bridal veil was of tulle and caught on either side with clusters of lilies of the valley. The bridal bouquet was of white chrysanthemums.

The maid of honor and bridesmaid wore beautiful ling-rie dresses with pink sashes and carried pink bouquets. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the dining room where a dainty course of ices was served. The dining room was presided over by Miss Clara Connor, in white silk with lace trimmings, and Miss May Hinshaw, in light green silk with pearl and gold trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw are two of the most popular young people of the country, and they carry with them the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends who wish for them a long and happy married life.

Mr. J. R. Marley has moved from Liberty to Thomasville where he has accepted a position with the Thomasville Chair Company as lumber and timber inspector. Mr. Marley formerly held this same responsible position in a most satisfactory manner. His duties call him into many counties.

#### Couldn't Afford to be Governor.

About as good a story of successful negro farming as I know, says Mr. Clarence Poe in the current World's Work, is one told by ex-Governor Aycock, of North Carolina. While Governor, he made a trip to his old home in Goldsboro, and in the course of the visit ran across an old negro, Calvin Book, who had educated himself, learning his letters from an alphabet scrawled on r pine shingle by a country carpenter, and had also acquired considerable possessions by his industry and prudence.

"It's mighty glad to see you, Mr. Aycock," he said, "and mighty glad you are Guv'ner of the State." And then he laughed the darkey's contagious chuckle. "As for me," he continued, "you know I couldn't afford to be Guv'ner."

"Couldn't afford to be Governor? why not, Calvin?" "Cause you see, sir, I gits more for my strawberries than North Carolina pays the Guv'ner for a whole year's work!"

#### Nineteen Big Pumpkins Are Grown On One Vine

A pumpkin vine of unusual qualities and bearing pumpkins of unusual number and size, grew this year near the barn of W. P. Bennett, who lives in this city, at 212 Belmeade avenue. The vine, which is known as a "volunteer," that is, one which grew without planting or attention, has produced 19 pumpkins, no one of which is less than a water bucket in size. Fourteen of the pumpkins have already been laid aside, and some of these have been converted into custards and other "pumpkin" foods. Five are still on the vine and will be taken off in the next few days.—Daily News.

#### Death of a Little Child.

Joseph, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Spencer, of Farmer, died last Thursday in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where he had been taken for treatment some days before. The remains were brought to Asheboro, Friday, and taken to Farmer for interment that afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. T. Stover.

Fire, which originated from the bursting of an oil feed pipe, last Saturday almost destroyed the large blacksmith shop of the Southern Railway Company in Spencer and seriously, if not fatally, burned Earl Goodman, a young white man employed in the shop. The pipe bursted without warning and Goodman was enveloped in flames of burning oil. He rushed to a barrel of water and jumped in with the hope of saving himself. Later he was carried to the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium in Salisbury for treatment.

#### Ramblers Meet.

The members of the Ramblers Book Club and a number of invited guests met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Hoston B. Hiatt and through the charming hospitality and excellence of the program for the afternoon the meeting proved one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The pretty home on Fayetteville St. was tastefully decorated for the occasion with dahlias and chrysanthemums.

The program consisted of several subjects of an interesting nature. The first paper, The Holy Season in Russia, was read by Mrs. J. T. Penn. How Russia became a Christian Land and Early Russian Literature by Mrs. J. A. McMillan—Reading, Moscow Bells by Miss Ida Byerly.—All these subjects were handled in an instructive and entertaining manner.

At the conclusion of this delightful program the bustess assisted by Miss Lillian Branch served a delicious salad course, coffee and sandwiches.

An opinion handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States last Monday, forehadows complete control of all the railroads in the country by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The court held that hereafter all locomotives, cars and other equipment used on any railroad which is a highway of interstate commerce, must comply with the Federal safety appliance act.

#### MR. O. R. COX DEAD.

### Died at His Home in Asheboro Friday—Sketch of His Life.

The death of Mr. O. R. Cox, which occurred at his home on Sunset Avenue last Friday, marks the passing of a man whose life was a part of the industrial history of Randolph county. Born on a poor farm, Mr. Cox passed through the ranks of plow-boy, school teacher, merchant and sheriff to the head and principal owner of a cotton mill, being at the time of his death connected with many business interests of this section of the state. In every way his life was a successful one, and one which in part and whole may justly be admired by those who knew him.



Mr. Cox was born in 1844, the son of a small farmer. He was educated in the free schools of the county and Mt. Olivet Academy. After his school days he for a time taught in the Randolph schools. In 1868 he took his first step into the world of business affairs, taking a position as a clerk in the general store of Mr. Hugh T. Moffitt at Moffitt's Mills. Later he went to Cedar Falls and engaged in merchandizing.

In 1876 he was elected sheriff of his county, but resigned in 1878 to become the active head of the Cedar Falls Cotton Mills, of which he was secretary and treasurer and general manager for over 30 years. He found the mill small and but a feeble prospect of what he left it. The business and capacity of the mill under his management more than doubled, he looking after everything.

Three years ago Mr. Cox sold his interest in the mills at Cedar Falls and moved to Asheboro. But if it had been his intention to retire from active business he soon decided differently, for he was soon a factor in the business life of the town which

proved of great benefit. He organized first the Acme Hosiery Mill, managing this until a few months ago when he sold out and entered into the hardware business with the firm of Cox-Lewis.

For some years he had been a director of the Bank of Randolph, a stockholder of the Asheboro Chair Co. and Asheboro Roller Mills.

His out of town interests were extensive and his business cares many, but there was always enough time for him to take a prominent and earnest part in the affairs of the town and county. He was elected a member of the last legislature and entered on his public duties with the same earnestness of purpose which characterized his business life.

His death called him from his work at a time of full maturity,

when his life was a reflection of the life of his community. Death found him actively engaged in business, active in support of his religious and political convictions, a friend of the better things of life, an earnest worker always, and gave him a well earned rest.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss White, and 5 children. His first wife was a Miss Brooks of this County to whom were born six children, but who is survived by but two.

The funeral, which took place Sunday afternoon at Cedar Falls, showed the respect and esteem which the people of his County had for Mr. Cox. A large number paid their respect to his memory by attendance on the last rites; more would have done so had it been possible.

The honorary pall bearers were: Messrs. W. H. Watkins of Ramsear, Benj. Moffitt of this place, W. P. Pickett of High Point, A. C. McMaster of Asheboro, Hugh Parks of Franklinville, W. J. Arnsfield, W. P. Wood, E. R. Ross, J. S. Lewis and W. J. Scarborough of Asheboro.

#### OLD FIDDLERS HAD MERRY TIME.

### Fiddled Their Way to Recognition of the Part They Play in the County.

Scraping lustily, marking time with both feet, and some with eyes and lips, "Ye Old Fiddlers" of the convention held in the court house Tuesday night made merry from 8 p. m. until away along into the shank of the night, gaining for themselves and their trusty bows and boxes recognition that was enthusiastic.

The event had been heralded and put in charge of that able boss of "ahindigs," Squire Neese Elder, so it was well attended and well worthy of its splendid reception. No fiddler had to play second fiddle unless he so desired; and the only reason his merit was not rewarded on the first fiddle was that there were not enough prizes to go around.

With the guitar and the banjo the fiddlers were given a bit of help, Bub Pugh never having been afraid of Jake Miller at any game. It was plunkety-plunk against fiddle until the poultry exhibit, which had crowded all day, was about ready to begin for midnight.

In awarding the prizes the judges took everything into consideration, but patting must not have formed as great a part of the estimate as had been thought by the entrants, for County Superintendent Lassiter—accused by some of playing the violin—won his first prize for first fiddle by fiddling solely and did not

pat so well as several of the audience were.

Second first fiddle went to Mr. J. F. Cousins. First second fiddle was awarded "Jake" Miller, second second fiddle to Mr. J. F. Cousins. First on banjo went to Mr. Carl Nance; first on guitar to Mr. John Adams. First for dulcimer to Mr. S. T. Hill.

All of the firsts were prizes of \$5.00; the seconds \$2.50.

#### CHARGED WITH MURDER

### Ed. Hodgkin Arrested Near High Point—Accused of Murdering John Lovett

Ed. Hodgkin, who lives near Jamestown, was arrested last Saturday morning charged with the murder of John Lovett, whose mangled body was found on the railroad track at Mandenhall's crossing, October 19. It was at first thought that Lovett had been killed by the train, but later foul play was suspected and evidence pointed to Hodgkin. He was released however for lack of evidence at the preliminary hearing.

Rev. L. Smith, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Troy for several years, has resigned to take a charge in Virginia.

#### Shooting at Burlington

Dan Austin, a negro 26 years old, shot and probably fatally injured Jim Workman, a white boy of 12. Both were drinking.