

## FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

### Wednesday the Big Day, But People Were Interested All the Week in the Fine Exhibits

With the closing of the Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair on last Saturday comes an increase in good feelings to the people of this county. As a result of the large attendance and interest shown in the exhibits have more closely knit the people; they have by the success of the fair, been made justly proud of Randolph county and this is a healthful feeling.

From the opening of the fair on Tuesday, it was evident that those who had expected little or nothing from the attempts at a representative fair, were mistaken. These gladly acknowledged their fault and in Asheboro, at least, there was concerted action to make the best of the opportunity.

Wednesday was by all odds the largest day and best day of the fair. Fully four thousand school children were in the fair grounds, almost ten thousand others were in attendance. It was no fault of the fair itself that the day marked the highest point reached, but the fact that those attending the fair were practically all Randolph people and had to drive through rather bad weather kept them from turning on the next day.

One of the best features of the fair was Health and Good Roads Day.

An address on public health was made by Dr. W. S. Rankin in the forenoon. At night he gave another interesting lecture, treating of tuberculosis illustrated with stereopticon views.

Dr. Rankin is a live wire and is doing much good for the State.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt made two addresses on good roads and had large and most appreciative audiences to hear him. Mr. Wells, representing the Government Good Roads Department also made a most instructive address in the auditorium in the fair grounds.

A feature of the parade Wednesday was the pupils of Asheboro graded school riding in floats, drawn by traction engines, each float carrying a banner on which was inscribed mottoes, some of which were as follows:

- "Good Roads and Good Farms go Hand in Hand."
- "The Highest Tax is Bad Roads."
- "The Best Roads is the Shortest Way to Market."
- "You Build the Roads and we Will Pay for Them."
- "Dirt is Cause of Disease."
- "It's Easier to Kill the Fly than to Cure Typhoid."
- "Prevention is Better Than Cure and Far Cheaper."

There were a large number of automobiles in the parade, all hand-somely decorated.

The poultry exhibits were perhaps the most creditable of the exhibits of the fair, although the displays of farm products and of domestic craft were fine, entrained chickens, large yields of corn, peanuts and cotton; there was fancy work of every species, every article a masterpiece in its class.

True to their avowed intention, the management of the fair kept the grounds free from side shows, merry-go-rounds and fakers. Still a man might have his girl's picture made while he waited just outside the fair grounds; there were "weenies" pork-chops, pop and fruit to spare; so Randolph folk, not expecting the millennium, were content at a Randolph fair.

The Thursday's attendance, while not so good as that of the day before, was large, numbers remaining in the city over Wednesday night. The same interest in the exhibits, which had characterized the visitors of the first two days, was again manifested. Awards had been made for the best exhibits, and the exhibitors were busy explaining the worth of their entries to their friends who were congratulating them on their success.

The crowds gathered at 10 a. m. as on other days and listened to the music of the band. At 10:30 Dr. W. S. Rankin of the State Board of Health addressed the crowd on sanitation.

At 11:30 came a parade of good roads machinery, automobiles and vehicles of all kinds. After dinner the Good Roads Association met at 2 p. m. in the auditorium of the

fair grounds, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt addressed the meeting, making a strong plea for good roads and talking sensibly and in a clear cut manner of the ways and means of securing them.

At 8 p. m. there was a general assembly at the court house auditorium with short addresses by visitors and another address by Dr. Rankin.

Friday, which had been set apart for Home Comers Day, proved a bit of a disappointment. The numbers of home comers responding to the call of their birthplace was few. Those who had come had much of the pleasure of the day taken from them by the raw weather.

There was still a small surplus of people in Asheboro, but as compared to the other days of the fair the town looked deserted. The addresses of the home folks failed to materialize, no one seemed to know what to do with himself, the aviator was forced to stay in because of the wind—there was little doing.

The day was passed by most of the visitors in hugging the fires in stores and hotels, which were and looked far more hospitable than out-of-doors.

But there was scheduled for the night a program with a number in which one could keep warm. A country dance of the old fashioned sort was given in the court house auditorium. Home-Comers, other visitors, townspeople and all turned out well for the last function of the fair.

Introduced by Solicitor W. C. Hammer, Mr. Wan, Stevenson, one of the old time school teachers of Randolph county, began the evening's program by chanting geography. Mr. Stevenson tells in his chant of the wonders of the universe, the glories of the United States and the location of the capitals of the states. All the wonders he goes into excepting those things which have transpired within the last quarter of a century, in which time Mr. Stevenson has not changed his chant.

Some few of the audience had attended the schools taught by Mr. Stevenson. To them his chant was an old and pleasant memory, to others it was highly entertaining because of its great variance from the geography lesson of their day.

After this the marshals gave over their regalia to their ladies, a silver loving cup was presented to winner of the reel races, and the assembly went into an "Old Time Country Party" as an adjourned session.

Then the snugly-fitting sappers, bright lights, mass of the old fiddlers and the crowd's rare good humor gave the large assembly the real appearance of an old time "frolic" or "shindig." Everyone was asked to dance a set; anyone who had a specialty was asked to put it on. Even a meeting of suffragists could not have been more thoroughly democratic.

Naturally there were some on the floor who could not dance, but who had nerve enough to try.

It is well that a "square dance" breaks up at an earlier date than a ball or German. All of those dancing Friday night were tired, had done as much work on the floor as would be required to plow an acre; they were in fine trim to turn in at 10 o'clock and sleep. At 11 o'clock the town was full of snores, except from one nook where "Boss" Newsom, with a squad of trusty henchmen, pined for Adolphe until Morpheus rapped him over the head with a stuffed club and he was freed from the cares of Jamaica ginger, swapping horses and even from prining for "Adolphe."

Saturday was Colored Day of the fair. It had been thought advisable by the management to give over the fair grounds on the last day of the week to the colored business men and farmers for their exclusive use.

The offer was greatly appreciated and Friday afternoon saw the colored farmers taking advantage of it, bringing in their exhibits. The colored citizens of the town were also busy, an especially deserving exhibit being that of their graded schools.

A parade was scheduled for 10:30 a. m. and was pulled off in spite of the rain, which had been threatening all the week, and which descended when the time came for parading. The band, being composed of sand-hill folks from Sanford, never minded the rain a whit but marched blithely through the own, bespangled, noisy and not unmusical.

The feature of the day was the speech delivered by Dr. J. D. Davis, of the A. & M. College, Greensboro. He spoke of "Education in all Forms," and urged his people to become benefactors, showing that all honest work is honorable work. He exhorted all his people to not waste time in trying to do what they were not fitted to do. On the whole, his speech was regarded the best ever delivered here by a colored man.

The exhibits were creditable, indeed, surpassing the expectations of the supporters.

The most attractive booth contained exhibits from the industrial department of Asheboro graded school. No one who saw those exhibits can doubt that the children are being given the right kind of training.

The weather was bad but the conduct was good. This shows that the colored people of Randolph are an appreciative set.

### A Fine Fair

The following is clipped from one of the reports of the Randolph Fair in the Enterprise:

"The exhibits are numerous and exceedingly good, especially poultry and farm products, including cattle and live stock, much of which is fine. The handwork of the ladies deserves special mention as to the number and the beauty of the exhibits."

There is some surprise among the visitors that the fair, being the first, is as extensive and meritorious as it is, but when one takes into consideration that this county (Randolph) rates more wheat than any in the State, that its citizens are farmers, who make their living by farming, and not speculation, and who have some of the best farms in the State, who always have wheat, corn, hams, chickens and the products of the farm raised by themselves, they are in position to exhibit and compete with anything in the State or elsewhere."

Corn, corn everywhere at the fair and then some more.

There were some pumpkins at the fair, some of them weighing nearly 100 pounds.

The display of farm machinery and implements was superb.

The town's display of electrical goods was fine.

The biggest and best county fair ever seen by any one, was the unanimous verdict of all.

The live stock was not so good, although upon the whole, it was most creditable.

To state it briefly the fair and homecoming week were a great success in every particular.

You could hear it on every side last week. Nobody blames the rooster for crowing. The fair was big enough to crow over.

Nobody ever believed there was as much fine poultry in the county as was shown at the fair last week. No better exhibit can be found anywhere.

There was one thing lacking at the fair; there should have been a booth with old swords and relics of the Civil war and the Revolutionary war. These would have been a great curiosity and we should have them at the fair next year.

The woman's department of the fair last week was the admiration of everybody with its display of fancy work, dairy and poultry products, ferns, flowers, quilts, counterpanes, patch work, rag carpets, jallies, jams, pickles and almost everything else, was the most creditable display at the fair.

### To Start Orchard

Dr. H. C. Daniel, who now lives in Salisbury, is at his old home near Bringle's Ferry, on the Yadkin river at Lick Creek in Davidson county this week planting an apple orchard of 500 trees of winter varieties. He is planting his trees on the northwest side of a high hill.

## HENRY C. DOCKERY DEAD

### Prominent Citizen of Rockingham Passes

Col. Henry C. Dockery, editor of the Rockingham Post and among the foremost citizens of the Pee Dee section, after a few days illness from heart failure, died at his home in Rockingham on midnight of last Monday at the age of 61 years.

Col. Dockery had been for years one of the best-loved and most public spirited men of his section. Besides being an active force in the news paper world. Mr. Dockery was the largest farmer of this part of the state and was interested in various enterprises. In all things he stood for the public good and especially did he advocate the cause of the farmer.

In the "eighties" Col. Dockery was a member of the legislature, later was United States Marshall of the Eastern North Carolina district for eight years. He was the son of Gen. Alfred Dockery and the brother of Oliver H. Dockery.

## Townships in Randolph to Vote on Railroad Bonds

The board of commissioners of Randolph county has called an election for December 11, 1911, to vote on the question of issuing bonds for the Randolph and Cumberland as follows: Pleasant Grove Township \$10,000, Coleridge \$30,000, Columbus \$25,000, Franklin \$25,000, Randolph \$30,000, New Market \$15,000.

The following registrars and judges of election were appointed: Pleasant Grove, J. A. Ward, registrar, B. M. Caviness and J. R. Welch, judges; Coleridge, J. M. Caviness, registrar, Frank Brown and L. A. Graven, judges; Columbus, Walter Leonard, registrar, W. C. Stout and J. O. Forester, judges; Randolph, E. P. Hayes, registrar, J. A. Russell and J. S. Swain, judges; East and West Franklinville, O. H. Jolley and E. O. York, registrars, Groves Black, W. O. Tippitt, W. H. Bonkemeyer and A. M. Williams, judges; East and West New Market, Elwood Stanton, registrar, R. L. Causey, K. G. Coltrane, J. A. Wall, A. B. Coltrane and Lee Nance, judges.

## Company No. 1 Winner of Races.

In the reel races held by the Asheboro hose companies on the last three days of the fair, Hose Company No. 1 won two of the three races and was presented with a handsome silver loving cup by the merchants of the city and the fair association.

The best time was made by Hose Company No. 2 in Thursday's race with a time of 40 3/4 seconds in running 150 paces, laying down and disconnecting. The time of the deciding race was 45 seconds, and the other race was won in time not so good, but which speaks well of the work done by the companies in so short a time for practice. Both companies are composed of men who a month ago could hardly run the 150 paces, and as for doing so at top speed there was nothing working.

The loving cup remains in the possession of Company No. 1 until next fall when it will have to be defended. It is hoped that the challenging parties will then consist of more than one hose company. It is probable that this will be the case if the interest shown in the amateur fire department continues to grow as it has of late.

A mail pouch containing \$20,000, enroute from Raleigh to New York, has turned up missing and is supposed to have been stolen in or near Greensboro. It had been signed for by a north bound mail clerk, whose name has been withheld, but who has been suspended for carelessness.

Bloodhounds put on the trail of a person who had been near an open switch lock which had caused a wreck at Swansboro, S. C., trailed the scent to the home of a negro, Lawrence Robinson, who is now under arrest, charged with wrecking the train.

The body of an unknown negro was found on the railroad track near Lexington one day last week. It was thought that the negro had been run down by a train, but there was a small in his forehead over the right eye and it was decided to saw the skull open and look for a bullet. The operation was performed and a .44 calibre bullet was found at the base of the skull.

## Election Returns Meagre

### Scant Reports Have Come in from Elections, But Democrats Feel Encouraged by Showing Made

### Masonic District Meeting

Deputy District Grand Master R. E. Austin, of Albemarle has fixed the date of the meeting for this district at Asheboro for Nov. 21 and 22.

The first session of the district meeting will be in the Lodge Room of Balfour Dodge on the evening of Nov. 21 at 7:30 o'clock for working instructions.

One of the State lecturers Rev. J. W. Rawell will be present and exemplify the work of all the degrees. There will be sessions of the delegates also on Nov. 22 and again on the night of Nov. 22.

It is to be hoped that this meeting will aid increasing enthusiasm for the cause of Masonry in this section, and that the lodges in this county will take a greater interest in promoting the order. Large delegations are expected from the several counties composing the district, and it is really to be desired that full delegations represent the different lodges in Randolph county.

Every lodge should be called together without delay and proper representation provided for. The sooner this is done the better. Let there be no delay about this important matter, for a full representation is greatly to be desired.

### Letter from Iowa.

The Courier received the following letter from Mr. W. P. Ailred, now a member of the House of Representatives in the State of Iowa:

Mr. Editor: I have received three numbers of The Courier in the past three weeks, which I have read with the greatest interest, especially the announcement of the home coming week during the Randolph Fair, and I assure you and all the people of my native State and county that it would have afforded me untold pleasure to have been present with you and enjoyed the festivities with friends and relatives, as well as all the citizens of the county in which I was born, not far from New Salem, April 26th, 1846.

On the 15th of September, 1853, with my parents, Maudlin and Ellen Ailred, I left the State for the West, being nearly 58 years ago. Although nearly my whole life has been outside of your borders, I have never forgotten nor have I ever regretted that I first saw the light in North Carolina.

I note with pleasure the rapid advance being made along all lines that materially benefit the State, and the earnest interest that seems to prevail among all classes of citizens for the improvement of agriculture and stock raising, as well as the good roads movement. The recent interview with Senator Overman on the Back-House movement in your issue of Oct. 19th, seems to me to be timely and good, and I am glad to know that your Constitution provides for immigration through the proper officers, I see many familiar names among those referred to by your many correspondents.

Wishing you a fine splendid week and an enjoyable season together during the Fair and Home-Coming week, and enclosing draft for one dollar to pay for the Courier for one year, I am Sincerely yours,

William Patterson, Ailred, Corydon, Iowa, Oct. 31, 1911.

### The Sheriff Wants Your Taxes.

Sheriff Birkhead is making his round for the collection of taxes. His appointments will be found elsewhere in The Courier.

Everyone is requested to meet him at the appointments. The demands of the teachers must be met. Their salaries are now paid at the end of each month. It used to be that the teachers' salaries were not paid until the close of the school term. Not so now. So it can be seen why the Sheriff insists on an early settlement of taxes. There are other demands made besides the salaries of teachers.

Taxes have to be paid and why not pay and be done with it? It will suit the Sheriff mighty well for you to take this view of it.

From the meager election returns which have come in Massachusetts shows up as having again gone Democratic, also New Jersey. In New York its doubtful as to who has majority in the assembly. Kentucky has gone safely Democratic. Democratic mayors have been elected in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, O. Rhode Island Republican. Indications are that New Mexico will have a Republican legislature.

### Chapel Hill Letter

Chapel Hill, Nov. 8.—In keeping with the spirit of the broadening University the Randolph County students have formed a Randolph Club and resolved to let the people of their good county know of the many improvements being made at the State University.

As a result of the steady growth of the University new buildings have been added, yet more are needed even now. During the summer vacation the Mary Ann Smith building was remodeled, the South and Old West buildings were re-fitted, improvements were made in the library. This year two new dormitories and a new lecture hall will be built.

Even with these much needed improvements the University will be cramped to accommodate the number of students who are entering each year in search of fitting themselves for service to the state of North Carolina in her University. The student body and the needs of the institution have for outgrown the conception of them which held by the State at large.

In football the University is, with a light and in many respects a new team, making an extremely creditable showing, having vanquished her old rival, Davidson and tied with the strong V. P. I. team. Interest is now centering on the climax of the grid-iron struggle, the meeting with the University of Virginia at Richmond on Thanksgiving Day.

### Powell-Dry

Miss Annette Dry of Albemarle and Mr. D. Earle Powell of Asheboro were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dry, at Albemarle, last Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Only the bride's immediate family and a few friends, the wedding, which was a simple home affair and a complete surprise to most of the acquaintances of the young people. Mr. Powell left Asheboro Sunday morning, telling only a very few of what he intended. By Monday at noon he had completed arrangements for the wedding, at four o'clock was married and on Tuesday morning arrived in this city with Mrs. Powell.

Mrs. Powell is the daughter of Mr. R. N. Dry, a prominent merchant of Albemarle, and a popular young lady, numbering her friends by the score. Mr. Powell came here from Greensboro the first of last month and accepted a position with the Standard Drug Company, but in the short time that he has made many friends by reason of his attention to business, consideration of customers and frank disposition.

Asheboro welcomes the bride and groom and hopes to see them as permanent residents.

### Sand Clay Roads

North Carolina is rapidly coming around to an appreciation of the value of sand-clay roads as a permanent form of building material. The old system of macadamizing is gradually losing in popular favor, and, strange as it may appear, experiments are teaching that the best substitute for this improved method is after all the cheapest. It is calculated that the sand-clay roads now being constructed in Cleveland county cost only \$250 a mile, while the average cost of a mile of macadam in Mecklenburg, which has more than 200 miles of the improvement, is roughly estimated at \$4,500. For elasticity and for permanency, the sand-clay variety is regarded as vastly superior to the macadam.—Charlotte Observer.