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## SEABOARD LOCALS.

### School News—Pleased With Community Fair—Details of Death of Charley Ericson.

Miss Mary Ellen Reid, Garysburg, spent last week here with her cousin, Miss Florence Leake.

After spending a month here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, Miss Fannie Foster returned to her home, Portsmouth, last Friday. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Ripley Foster, who spent several days, sight-seeing and shopping.

Mr. Ezra Bowers and daughter, Miss Daisy, Littleton, are on a visit to daughter and sister, Mrs. Green F. Gay.

Mr. James R. Taylor and wife, Gumberry, spent Sunday after noon here, guests of the family of Mr. J. R. Bradley.

Mr. Ben Sykes and family, Garysburg, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. C. P. Stephenson and attended services at Seaboard Baptist church.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. W. W. Jones is able to be out and mingle with her many friends again.

Miss Annie Phillips, Fayetteville, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. L. Harris.

Several from here attended the Community Fair, Rich Square, last week. They were well pleased with this infant effort, and predict that many more such fairs will be held in the county another year. Many Northamptonians know that we live in the best county in "The Old North State" so why not advertise its good qualities, annually, all over the county, and let other folks see what our good county is capable of producing.

The Oconeechee Graded School opened its fall session Monday morning with appropriate exercises. With Misses Elizabeth Harris, Principal, Zenolia Harris, Assistant, and Pauline Stratford in charge of the Primary department, this school has a teaching force of superior strength and we expect to hear of good work accomplished this session. The patrons showed their interest by assembling in large numbers. These folks stand by their school, improvements are added each year and its doing a great work.

"King Cotton" is still the topic of conversation and consideration also. The price, which has been the highest, since the sixties, reached 17 cents here Monday. The belief still prevails, that it will reach 20 cents before the end of the season, and it looks now as if it might reach that high water mark. More than 2000 bales have been marketed here since the season opened about one month ago. Nobody is storing cotton in this section.

The tragic death of Mr. Charley Ericson, Jr., Monday, the 9th., was one of the saddest and most shocking that has ever occurred here. He, in company with a couple of friends, as fond of hunting as himself, were out coon hunting at 2 o'clock A. M. In order to catch the coon a tree had to be hewn down, a limb from that tree struck him in the head and crushed his skull. His friends did everything possible for his comfort, phoned for a doctor at once, but he was so injured no mortal hand could help, and he died before reaching his home. He leaves to mourn their loss a heart-broken young wife and 18 mos. old baby, a devoted mother and father, two brothers and one sister. The funeral was conducted by Pastor K. D. Stukenbrok last Wednesday afternoon, after which interment was made at Mt. Carmel church, beside his lamented sister, Mrs. Anna (Ericson) Harrell. So young and vigorous, just beginning to enjoy life with his little family, to whom he was all love and tenderness, it seems hard that this separation should have to be made, but God knows best.

To each of the bereaved, the sympathy and prayers of the whole community are going out continually. To the prostrate young wife and aged mother we hope "The Everlasting Arms" may be close about them and through their tears and heartaches they may soon be able to say "Thy Will be Done."

Quite a number of our town's folks are anticipating a pleasant trip to Raleigh Fair this week. Dr. M. R. Stephenson and son, Matt, Messrs. Tommie Stephenson, Stonewall Edwards, Bailey Maddrey and Miss Mary Pruden expect to leave Tuesday night, this party will be joined at Gumberry by Mr. R. F. Barnes.

Miss Inda Collins of the Seaboard State High School is a victim of chills again this week. She has been at her post for several days, but had to take her bed again Monday. Miss Mary Pruden is supplying for her until she is able to take her place again.

Mr. R. F. Barnes, Gumberry, has contracted for Acetylene lights to be installed in his attractive country home. Mr. Barnes expects to have water put in his house also.

The Betterment Association is arranging for an interesting meeting at the High School building next Friday evening at 7:30. The meeting a week ago was postponed, owing to sickness among the officers. All who are interested in the progress of the school are expected to evidence same by their presence.

Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok filled his regular monthly appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. He occupied the preaching hour in telling his flock of the forward work reported at the last session of the West Chowan Association. The ideal Indian summer day filled the people with a church going spirit so a large crowd was present and enjoyed to the uttermost his complete report of the Association.

Gumberry Graded School will open on the morning of the 23rd. Miss Baskerville has been secured as principal. She comes highly recommended, and with Miss Lillian Taylor as assistant, who has taught successfully in this school for the past three sessions we feel that this school will begin a year of good work. Interested patrons and friends are cordially invited to be present at the opening exercises.

The building committee of Seaboard Baptist church are requested by Pastor Stukenbrok to meet him at the church next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Business of great importance will be transacted and all should be present.

Crocker & Stancell are having a new tin roof put on their store house. It will not only be water proof, but will be a protection against sparks as well.

Miss Willie Stephenson is spending this week in Washington, D. C., visiting the family of Mr. W. M. Stancell.

The Fourth Regiment Band of Norfolk will furnish music for the Emporia Fair October 24 to 27th.

## COMMUNITY FAIR

### First Held In Northampton A Fine Success—Women Lead The Men In Exhibits.

(BY DAVID H. BROWN)

We believe the most memorable day the people of this section have had for a long time, was last Thursday, when at Rich Square we had our first Community Fair. The fair was held under the auspices of the Community Service League of that place. This was one of the first steps this League has taken for the upbuilding of the community. They could not have made a wiser move at this time, for we believe that this very thing is destined to awaken the whole community to greater interest in community uplift. There is nothing which stimulates interest more than getting together a collection of different things which people in all parts of the community are interested in. Of course we must admit that this was a small fair compared with some of the county fairs in the State, but we doubt if any community in this or any other State can boast of a more successful fair for its first. It was not until just a few weeks ago that a Community Fair was thought of for Rich Square and consequently there was little time to get ready for it. But people in Rich Square and surrounding neighborhoods responded in a remarkable way to the requests that they bring out something to exhibit and help make the fair a success.

The live stock exhibit was not large, but there were some fine cattle, pigs, mules and horses there. The poultry exhibit was also worthy of mention. Mr. C. W. Stanford from the A. & M. College, judged the live stock. He was favorably impressed with the good exhibition of stock there; for so many people seem to have an idea that we cannot grow fine stock in this section. Mr. Roberts, the Farm Life School man, thought there were mules at Rich Square on exhibition that day that would take blue ribbons at the State fair at Raleigh. It is true there was not very much fine stock exhibited. It is also true that there is not a great deal of fine stock in this section, but there is enough here, and there was enough at the fair last Thursday to demonstrate the fact that we can raise as good stock right here in the Roanoke-Chowan section as can be grown in North Carolina. The reason our people have not taken more to the growing of good live stock has been because of the fact that everybody's stock has been allowed to run together in the woods. Now that every man must take care of his own stock we believe stock-raising in this section is going to be a profitable and a growing industry.

In the school building in one of the large class rooms was a magnificent display of farm products. Products from our own Northampton county soil which any community might be justly proud to see exhibited at a fair. There was corn which looked as if it might have come from the great State of Iowa, fine bunches of peanuts; excellent specimens of different varieties of cotton, pumpkins weighing 48 pounds, a fine lot of sweet potatoes and second crop Irish potatoes and pecans. The fruit exhibit was one of the most interesting features in the large

show room. Most of the fruit was exhibited by Messrs. Frank and Leroy Outland who live near Rich Square. We doubt if at Raleigh or any other fair in North Carolina will there be any nicer fruit exhibited than was on exhibition at Rich Square last Thursday. The Outlands had four or five different varieties of apples, all of which looked to be perfect in every respect. They also had pears and peaches. It might be of interest to some to say right here that these gentlemen take a great deal of care in growing fruit and their trees are sprayed a number of times every year. There were many other things in this same room which we cannot now take time to mention.

In another class room was a display of potted plants which was one of the most beautiful pictures we ever beheld. The plants and flowers were kindly furnished mainly by Mrs. Miller. The display attracted considerable attention. There was also in this room a health exhibit which was extremely interesting and instructive.

In still another room was the exhibit from the ladies. In here there was fancy work, consisting of some of the finest and most delicate work which the human hand can do. It was a wonderful display, surpassing everybody's expectations. The writer heard one person say, who has attended the Central North Carolina Fair at Greensboro and also the State Fair at Raleigh, that the fancy work display was much better than she had ever seen at either of these places. Then, too, there was in this room prize pound cake, bread and rolls, and home made candies, a fine display of eggs, and farm butter. Nor should we fail to mention the fine ever-bearing strawberries which were picked and brought there that morning by Miss Bertha Copeland of Eagletown. Just think of having fresh strawberries the middle of October.

There was in this room, also, a remarkable display of canned goods put up in tin cans and glass jars. The exhibits by the county clubs presided over by Mrs. D. H. Brown, County Demonstration Agent, were good and deserves special mention. The beans and peaches were beautifully packed. The soup mixtures were equally as attractive. Besides the thirty or forty different jars exhibited by the clubs, the ladies in Rich Square and surrounding communities sent in some very attractive specimens.

Nor must we fail to mention the model kitchen which was fitted up by Miss Fallon, the Domestic Science teacher at Rich Square High and Farm Life School. This kitchen was in one end of this same room. Everything was conveniently arranged and planned by Miss Fallon. She had her large cooking range, a stove, iceless refrigerator, fireless cooker, kitchen cabinet, sink, tables, shelves, and in fact, everything which goes to make the farm kitchen convenient and attractive. And still she did not have one thing more than the average farm woman can have at little expense if she will

only get the "old man" interested in using a few carpenter's tools. Mr. J. W. Jessup, of George, sent an ironing board and a clothes rack for the model kitchen which added much to the looks of the already attractive kitchen. We must not forget to mention the fact that Mrs. Henry D. Holoman, who was chairman of the different committees who got up the exhibits in this room worked unceasingly in her efforts to make the exhibits, from the ladies, a grand success. There was no one who saw the display in this room, who was not ready to pronounce Mrs. Holoman a lady with exceptional business ability.

The Womans Betterment Association served hot lunches during the dinner hour. It was evident that skilled hands had prepared these lunches, and everybody who partook of the dinner could testify to this fact.

Aside from the other attractions of the day there were a number of addresses made in the large school auditorium. In the forenoon talks were made by Drs. Stephenson, Seaboard, and Lewis, Jackson, on the reason we need a county hospital. They both made some strong, earnest pleas for the erection of a hospital in this county. There was a large and appreciative audience to listen to these two eloquent speakers. Many people seem to have an idea that the doctor is expecting a big rake off by establishing such an institution in this county, but these big hearted doctors said there was no foundation for this belief. "For it is not a scheme to make the doctors richer, but that humanity may be served," said Dr. Stephenson. He further said, "Any doctor who does not have the health of his fellow man more closely to his heart than he does the desire to make money is not worthy to be called a doctor." These two gentlemen showed that it was not a selfish notion of the doctors to thus favor a county hospital, for so far as money is concerned it would do them harm. To prove that it was not for personal reward, Dr. Stephenson referred us to a little more than a year ago when the doctors advocated the free vaccination of every person in Northampton for the prevention of typhoid fever. These doctors believed every doctor in the county lost as much as \$500 by this one thing. Dr. Stephenson said the year before the vaccination he had 35 typhoid patients, and the year of the vaccination he had only one case. Still he was a hearty advocate of the free vaccination and so were all the other doctors in the county. They thought that a hospital built in the central part of Northampton would prove a blessing to many homes in this county, for at such a hospital as they propose to build, they expect to be in a position to treat those who would ordinarily not be able to go to Norfolk or Richmond. They expect to have a good surgeon at the hospital all the time—one who can perform delicate operations.

The Junior Baraca class of the Baptist church will give a Halloween party Friday night, in the school auditorium. Come and have an evening of fun.

Dr. C. G. Powell of Ahoskie secured the members of the Ahoskie Brass Band here Tuesday night. On account of threatening weather they did not reach here till late.

## AFTER TAX-DODGERS.

### Several Hundred Wayne County Citizens Indicted For Failure to List Property For Taxation.

A report comes from Goldsboro that the solicitor of the local court had placed 470 warrants for alleged tax dodgers in the hands of the sheriff and hearings were to begin this week; and that more than 200 additional cases were being prepared, making about 700 in all. The warrants charge non-listing of more than a million dollars in solvent credits, notes, mortgages and other personal property, and involve the wealthiest men and women of Wayne. Various methods of tax-dodging had been resorted to, it is said—men made their property over to their wives and the wives had listed practically no property, and so on.

This tax-dodging is an old story and it is not peculiar to Wayne county or to North Carolina. It exists in greater or less degree in every county. Men who pose as leading citizens, who occupy the chief seats in the synagogue and sing "Jesus Paid it All" with an unctious that would lead one to believe they were ready to be transported to the Celestial City without dying, do not hesitate to rob the government—and to rob their neighbors who bear their just proportion of the public burdens—by keeping back a part when it comes to tax-listing. The fact that they swear lies when they do that doesn't cause them to halt. They soothe their consciences, when they have any, by saying "others do it." Taxes are too high, anyhow, or, "I pay more than the folks who talk about me." In this respect also many women, good women, who raise their hands in horror as they contemplate the wickedness of this world, regard every cent of tax paid as so much money unjustly wrung from them, and they would keep back all if they could when the tax lister appears.

But all this is an old story, it is repeated. The interest just now is to see how the Wayne authorities come out. We're hoping they will stand fast and wring from every tax-dodger every cent due, in addition to exposing him—holding him up so that all can see the manner of man he is. But we don't expect that. We've known these investigations to be started with a blare of trumpets and later they dissolved into thin air. The tax-dodgers of consequence are usually men of wealth and prominence and influence. The men whose business it is to enforce the collection of taxes hold office by virtue of the votes of the populace. Except in rare cases they're afraid to offend men of this type and men of this type know it. Occasionally an officer of courage, who believes that the law should apply to all alike, starts out after the special privilege class and at once the political bosses and others start the cry: "Don't! you'll hurt the party; you'll hurt yourself; better let it go"—and usually they let it go.

We have in North Carolina an antiquated and unjust system of tax assessment—one that bears unequally, which is so administered that the less one has the more tax he pays in proportion to what he has; and the more he has the less he pays in proportion to what he has. But the people refused to endorse a proposition to change the method. In addition our system of collecting taxes is too often haphazard, so that much is lost by incompetent or indifferent tax collectors failing to give due diligence to their work.—Savannah Landmark.