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OUR COUNTY FAIR

For some years this section of country wanted a Fair, and at last we got one. Under the management of Mr. E. M. Linville, who has been the real motive wheel from the first, the Fair has been a success, as we usually employ the word. It has been able to make a reasonable profit and pay some debts that were incurred and furnish attractions that brought the people here in large numbers from all the surrounding country.

Fairs are as old as history. From the earliest time we read of the Fairs that have been held over Europe and Asia. In England it was once the custom to get a permit from the King before a town could hold a Fair, and he granted these permits only to those upon whom he pleased to confer special favors.

Back down the ages Fairs have been usually commercial efforts. Traders largely made up the Fair, and these men of merchandise would come from far distant lands and bring their stock in trade along with them and stay until they sold out.

The old Jewish people made their Fairs a religious affair. To the Jew the highest and best was a display of his religious sentiments, and no gathering was, to him, what he wanted, unless it was of a religious nature. And so when one comes to think of it a Fair is right much of a picture of the minds and thought of the people who give it.

If this is true then our own Fair speaks well for our neighbors in many ways. First the displays of fruits and canned goods and cooking would indicate that we are highly developed in the matter of the preparation of foods, and this, beyond question, is an accomplishment that is well worth while to develop.

Our Fair would indicate that our people are highly developed in love and friendship. To many people the Fair is an opportunity to meet friends and renew acquaintance. It is rare that one sees among the thousands any thing in the nature of friction or discord, but rather a universal spirit of friendship and good fellow feeling. Brawls and misconduct and rudeness of every name and nature are conspicuously absent.

Our Fair indicates that our people are making rapid progress in their efforts to improve their methods of farming and business. Great interest is taken in any new invention, any new farm machine, or any device that is supposed to be an improvement over the methods that have been in vogue among the people.

If one is to judge the moral status of our folks by the shows that make up the Midway, then we are sorely lacking in this development. But then one can not safely conclude that the general public is endorsing the attractions that are coming to us and which are supposed to help to make the Fair a place of amusement for the young and old are able to get amusement from such attractions. We are inclined to the opinion that the one weak place about the modern Fair is the low order of the shows that make up the Midway. If we are right in this a certain way to change the nature of the attractions would be for thoughtful citizens to simply refuse to patronize them and show their disapproval in this way. So long as the folks of a land swarm into a tent where a woman is displaying her person in tights, just so long will that kind of a show be on the Midway.

Taken all in all the Fair is all right and is, and can continue to be, a great force in the future progress of our section of the State.

Farmers Meeting At Dobson

Next Monday the farmers of this county will hold a meeting in the court house at Dobson for the purpose of further discussing the plan of the Farmers Tobacco Growers Marketing Association. Reports as to the success of the organizers in the tobacco belt at large as well as here in Surry county will be rendered. J. B. Swaim, state organizer, will be present to render any aid he can in furthering this plan that is being offered which is claimed by the promoters will greatly increase the price of tobacco for the farmer.

Prosecutor in Recorder's Court Resigns.

J. E. Carter this week resigned as prosecutor in the Recorder's Court. No one so far has been named as successor to Mr. Carter. The names of both Wm. Graves and Judge A. E. Tilley are being prominently mentioned as probable appointees.

LARGE CROWDS ATTENDING THE FAIR

Plenty of Attractions—Exhibits Best Ever—Balloon Ascension Daily.

This week is a big one for all of Surry county, it being Fair week, or "the favorite week of the 52." The gates of the fair grounds were thrown open to the public Tuesday and large crowds are attending. The weather is ideal, not too hot or too cool, and every body is enjoying the occasion. The crowds are orderly and the officers are having little to do except stand by and watch the throngs as they pass by.

Secretary E. M. Linville this year has the largest collection of exhibits of any previous year, and the midway furnished by Billy Clark's Broadway Shows will do credit to even a state fair. The people lack nothing for their entertainment. On the grounds in a ferris wheel, the ever present hobby horse, the spinning top, the whip, and that recently invented machine of amusement and thrill, the aero swing. Besides these there are shows and candy and doll stands strung up and down the grounds from fence to fence.

Races are being held every day. There are about 50 horses here to take part in these contests and in this list will be found some of the fastest horses on the tract. The free acts during the intermission of the races is the best yet. The trained horses perform with wonder and amusement and the clowns keep the crowds in a continuous uproar.

And there is a balloon ascension daily. This is still the most thrilling performance yet found to offer the public. The ascensions have proven, at our fair, a failure in entertaining, but the old time balloon with the lady leaping from the parachute four thousand feet from terra firma still spell binds the heart.

The farm implement and machinery display is a very elaborate collection. Here is seen all kinds of machinery for the country home—the home lighting plants, water outfits, washing machines, power churns, electric fans, electric sewing machines, etc. The farmer is interested in watching the demonstration of the tractors, plows, harrows and operation of saw-mill, grist mill, and other farm machinery.

In the live stock exhibit are to be seen some fine selections of animals, especially in this true of the cattle and hog exhibit. The poultry exhibit is said, by those who know, to be equal to that of a state fair.

The agricultural exhibit is said to be the finest ever shown here, and certainly the variety and quality of the products shown does credit to the farmers of this section. The exhibition building is proving very attractive this year. On the first floor are to be found booths attractively displaying furniture, musical instruments, electrical household appliances, etc.

The Woman's Club has a booth for the sale of lunches and another to take subscriptions for "The Country Gentleman," their gain from both booths goes into their war memorial fund.

A new form of embroidery is being demonstrated on this floor. The Maxwell House coffee manufacturers are serving hot coffee free of charge at their booth.

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association has a booth where farmers may learn the advantages of co-operative marketing and sign up with the Surry association.

The fruit display does not of course equal the display of other seasons, but it is highly creditable, and quite a surprise to the majority of people who felt that the rain-frees of the spring had ruined all the fruit in this section.

On the second floor the State Board of Health and Red Cross have an interesting and instructive display under the supervision of our County Health Officer and County Health Nurse. Twenty-eight babies' names have been registered in advance for the Baby Contest. At 11:30 a. m. each day a demonstration is given in baby bathing, the right and wrong methods of feeding and clothing baby are also demonstrated. Infant welfare, influenza, tuberculosis, and other health bulletins may be had for the asking.

The art exhibit contains some fine examples of the skill of those gifted in the use of the paint brush with oil and water colors as well as china painting and crayons.

The fine needlework on display is certainly a tribute to the women of the county, this is the largest and most exquisite display ever shown here, and we think could not be excelled anywhere.

The display of cut flowers is unusually handsome, and the pantry department would be a credit to any community. The scarcity of fruit has not detracted from the display of canned goods. In this department is a fine display canned by girls under 15 years of age, and another by the members of the Home Economics department of the Woman's club. A splendid exhibit by the Sunrise bakery also comes under the pantry department.

The Tobacco Market.

Tobacco on the Mount Airy market continues to bring a price that is proving satisfactory to the farmers. Breaks have been light owing to the farmers coming to town to take in the fair this week. So far the average on the Mount Airy market has stood around 23 cents. This is better than is being made by other markets in this state and should be proof to all that this market can get you as much and more for your tobacco.

Forbids Preacher's Marriage.

New York, Sept. 17.—Bishop Manning has ruled that no clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church may perform a marriage ceremony for the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, and his fiancée, Mrs. Rita de Asotta Lydig, a wealthy parishioner, who has been divorced twice, the New York Times says it has learned from a reliable source.

Officers After Liquor Violators

Both county and city officers have been on the go this week running down clues as to liquor violations. The coming of large crowds to the fair is supposed to have been an incentive for the liquor violators to get busy in their operations, but they have been greatly hampered by the activity of the officers.

On Monday Officers Hatcher, Ashburn, and Policemen Lawrence and Jones made a raid a few miles north of town on the Fancy Gap road and captured a still in full blast. No one was present at the time. On the same day these officers made a raid up in Stewart's Creek township and destroyed a steam outfit.

The greatest surprise was furnished the inhabitants of this section when Officers Ashburn, Hatcher and Jones searched the car of John A. Atkins and found 12 one-half gallon fruit jars full of liquor in the foot of his Essex roadster.

The officers had received information that Mr. Atkins would be found with a quantity of liquor in his car if they would proceed to a certain point and wait for him. They were told that he would deliver a load of the ardent to some parties just beyond the new concrete bridge on the White Plains road leading out of Mount Airy. The officers proceeded to this point and arrived there about 8 o'clock. They secreted themselves in the bushes by the side of the road and had been waiting only a short time when they saw Mr. Atkins coming. Mr. Atkins stopped his car just after crossing the bridge and when he did this the officers made a rush for the car with the result as above stated. The liquor was wrapped in three different burlap sacks and was stored in the foot of the roadster. In the car with Mr. Atkins at the time were three of his small children.

Mr. Atkins was placed under a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance before the Recorders court, and his car taken in charge by Sheriff Ashburn to be sold and the funds turned into the county school treasury. No date has been set for the trial of this case.

Considerable surprise was expressed about town over the arrest of Mr. Atkins as he is one of the leading real estate men of this section and has made considerable money dealing in real estate.

X-Ray Machine Installed

Dr. H. R. Hege has recently installed the latest and most improved model Ritter X-Ray machine in his dental office in this city. By the use of this machine Dr. Hege will be more enabled to determine the disease or defect at the root of a tooth, as it makes a clear and distinct picture within a very short time which will show the slightest trouble hidden at the root of the tooth from human eyes.

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With this addition to his already modernly equipped office Dr. Hege can now boast of one of the most completely equipped dental parlors in the state.

New Ice Plant.

The Granite City Mills, of this city, has purchased a modern fifteen-ton ice making plant which will be installed and run in connection with the mill, the power being furnished by the city electrical power plant.

The new ice plant will assure this city an ample supply of ice and will be in operation by March 1, 1922.

The plant was purchased from the Southern Construction and Supply Co. of Atlanta, Ga., and is manufactured by the York Manufacturing Co. of York, Pa. It is a modern plant and under the management of our genial townsman J. S. Bray, who is president of the company, the new enterprise will no doubt be successful.

Intoxicating Home Brew Is Illegal

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Warning that the making of intoxicating "home brew" is illegal has been issued by Roy A. Haines, United States Prohibition Commissioner.

Numerous inquiries have been received recently, he said, concerning the home manufacture of fruit juices, growing out of reports that the head of a household was entitled to make 200 gallons of wine a year under permit.

The prohibition unit's attitude on the home brew question was defined by Mr. Haines as follows:

"Non-intoxicating fruit juice can be made in the home. Intoxicating wine, home brew and distilled spirits may not be made. Two hundred gallons of non-intoxicating fruit juice may be manufactured tax free by the head of a family registering with a collector of internal revenue.

"This tax exemption provision has been the source of confusion. The effect of this is not to allow the manufacture of 200 gallons of intoxicating wine free from restrictions of the national prohibition act, but merely to allow the manufacture of 200 gallons of non-intoxicating fruit juices free of tax."

GREENSBORO WOMAN SUES HUBBY FOR WAGES

Asks \$5,400 for Services Rendered in Husband's Bicycle Repair Shop

Does a man own the services of his wife asks the Greensboro Record as an introduction to this story: That is the question that the jury in Guilford superior court will probably be called upon to decide in the case of Mrs. Cora L. Dorsett vs. F. A. Dorsett, in which she is suing for the sum of \$5,400 for services rendered during a period of three years, from November 17, 1917, to November 15, 1920. A complaint has been filed recently in the office of Clerk Mason W. Gant, of superior court, in which Mrs. Dorsett starts suit to recover the amount stated above for the services alleged to have been rendered.

The complaint declares and alleges that during the month of July, 1917 the plaintiff and defendant were married in Guilford county and lived together as man and wife.

The complaint continues and says that the defendant was engaged in business on South Davis street, in the city, doing business repairing bicycles, guns, keys and locks, and other things. That in addition to performing her domestic duties, the plaintiff entered the place of business on November 17, 1917, where she waited on his customers, made keys, worked on bicycles and guns and other instruments to be repaired, continuing that work until November 15, 1920.

Continuing, the complaint sets forth that the plaintiff has been advised and believes that under the laws of North Carolina she is entitled to pay for services rendered the defendant, which she alleges were worth \$150 per month for three years.

Therefore, she prays the judgment of the court in the sum of \$5,400.

This is the second suit started by Mrs. Dorsett against her husband, one being filed last winter in which she sought a divorce and later secured alimony until the divorce case was finally settled.

The trial of the case will probably prove somewhat interesting as the old English common law which held the property and services of a wife to be the services of her husband, may be brought in. Several years ago Judge Walter Clark, of the state supreme court, began holding that a woman is entitled to wages for her services, and that they are not the property of the husband, and in 1913 a law to that effect was passed by the general assembly of the state.

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Rev. Calvin Gregory, of Kansas, has been accepted as temporary pastor of the Friends church in this city. Rev. Gregory is quite a young man but has been preaching for five years. He is married and has one small child. He comes highly recommended, and it is probable if he likes the people here and they like him, that his services may be retained as pastor.

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