

# AN EPITOME OF THE KINSTON FAIR, WHICH MAKES ITS INITIAL BOW ON TUESDAY NEXT---SPLENDID PROGRAM

### Ten Counties—A Double Quintette of the Old North State's Best—Will Exhibit Resources Which Will Be Eye-Openers to Those Who Know Not of the Possibilities of This Great Fertile Belt—How the Fair Idea Got Its Start and the Object of the Undertaking

Kinston's first annual fair will be formally opened next Tuesday about noon.

It will be in fact East Carolina's Fair. Ten counties will participate. All will send big crowds to view the results of the efforts of Kinston's business men, who in preparing for the biggest fair ever held in Eastern Carolina, invoked the "Kinston Spirit" to win again, and won. The exhibit will be more of a success than the most sanguine Kinstonian anticipated. Persistent striving, co-operation and advertising have worked a splendid achievement. Practically all the "preparations" have been completed. The preparations were started by the directors of the Kinston Fair Association, which is a child of no less an organization than the Chamber of Commerce, some months ago. They have kept incessantly at it. Nothing good was ever accomplished without work. The Fair directors have all worked hard and hopefully, and their hopes have been realized, and their work has accomplished much. East Carolina has poured from its cornucopia liberally for this occasion, and if the agricultural, horticultural and other exhibits loom up when all are in, as the managers expect them to, they will be a revelation, even to natives of the section.

#### Fair to Run Four Days.

The Fair will run for four days, closing formally on the evening of the 12th. The grounds will be brilliantly lighted with electricity, the current furnished by the city. The grounds, a short distance west of the city, are commodious, as well as the buildings on them. There is an air of cleanliness and neatness over all. There will be a sufficiency of guards to prevent any disorder, although none is in the least feared. Sleuths who know the tough sections of the North Carolina and Virginia towns thoroughly will co-operate with the local authorities in keeping off the crooks.

#### Racing Program.

The racing program will extend throughout the four afternoons. On Tuesday there will be a gentlemen's driving race and 2:14 pacing event; on Wednesday, a pony harness race for boys under 15 years, pony running race for boys under 15, a 2:17 trot and 2:18 pace; on Thursday farm horse race, mule race, 2:22 pace and 2:24 trot, and on Friday, ox race, firemen's hose wagon race, 3:00 trot and a free-for-all, trot or pace. The rules of the National Trotting Association will govern the racing. Money will be divided by 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. Substantial purses have been allowed. Most of the races are open to horses owned in the counties comprising the fair district—Lenoir, Wayne, Greene, Pitt, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Pender and Carteret. A number of animals are already in the stables, and the entries are expected to be by far the most complete ever had at a fair in this section. Mr. P. S. B. Harper is chairman of the racing directors, having as his assistant, Messrs. E. V. Webb and W. A. Mitchell.

#### Poultry Department.

The Poultry Department is in the charge of Messrs. T. H. Martin, W. E. Parrott and L. O. Moseley. Poultry exhibited must be owned by people in the fair district, and be worthy of premiums to get them even should there be no competing entries. Provision is made for every species locally known of chicken, duck, goose, turkey and other fowl.

#### Live Stock a Feature.

The Department of Live Stock is presided over by Messrs. J. H. Mewborn, R. F. Hill and W. T. Moseley. Entries must be from the counties in the fair district, and animals must possess some merit to win premiums. Several prizes are offered in each of the following classes: Standard bred horses, draft horses, farm and driving horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. The Bright Leaf Tobacco Belt is coming into its rightful own as a livestock producing country, and the Kinston Fair is expected to have a wholesome effect on this line of industry.

#### Educational Interests Cared For.

The Children and Educational Department has as its head Miss Hattie Parrott, Assistant County Superintendent of Schools, known throughout the State as an education expert. Miss Parrott, one fair official has said, has been one of the persons who has contributed most for the coming event's success. She has affiliated with her Miss Mary Wat-

son, Miss Alice Tull and Mrs. W. T. Moseley. Children under 17 years of age are at liberty to compete for more than half a hundred prizes offered for various specimens of juvenile workmanship.

#### Curios and Antiques.

Mrs. W. T. Hines is in charge of the Antiques and Curios Department, assisted by Mesdames J. F. Parrott and N. J. Rouse. "While only a few premiums are offered in this department," the Fair Association has announced, "a special booth will be provided for all historical relics, curios and antiques under the charge of the directors. All who are interested are respectfully invited to assist in making a creditable exhibit. Prizes ranging from \$1 to \$5 are offered for the largest collection of antiques, best piece of old china or glass, best piece of pewter and the like.

#### Fine Arts and Painting.

The Department of Fine Arts and Painting is directed by Mesdames R. L. Crisp, J. F. Taylor, W. A. Mitchell and E. B. Marston. This will be replete with exhibits of oil paintings, water colors, pen and ink drawings, photographs, hand-painted china and other things in the fine arts line.

#### Fancy Work.

Mrs. E. Y. Speed, Mrs. W. C. Field and Mrs. L. M. LaRoque are the efficient committee supervising the Department of Needle and Fancy Work. Prizes in this department are very numerous.

#### Dairy Supplies.

The Department of Pantry and Dairy Supplies is under the watchful care of Mesdames H. F. Brown, I. H. Mewborn, R. W. Wooten, E. Z. Webb and Miss May Oettinger. The premium list here is also very complete.

#### Flowers and Plants.

Plants and Flowers, a department separate and apart from the others appealing to the feminine fair patrons, is directed by Mesdames A. Mitchell, C. F. Harvey, L. J. Mewborn, H. C. Edwards and K. Denmark, all of whom have had considerable experience in flower culture.

#### Garden and Field Crops.

Garden and Field Crops take up the most space in the premium list. The department is in charge of Messrs. C. Felix Harvey, Geo. West, H. W. Davis, L. P. Tyndall, Guy Dawson, J. H. Barwick and R. G. Hodges, and is the most important of all. Premiums are offered for the best agricultural exhibit all to be grown by the exhibitor, and the best single exhibits of cotton, tobacco, corn, hay, grain, wheat, and all kinds of vegetables. There are hundreds of prizes in all in this department.

#### Men Who Made Fair.

The men who comprise the fair officers and directorate are: F. Clyde Dunn, president; Dr. J. M. Parrott, first vice-president; E. V. Webb, second vice-president; J. H. Canady, secretary; W. B. Douglass, assistant secretary, and W. D. Hood, treasurer. Directors, E. G. Barrett, J. M. Parrott, J. W. Goodson, Harvey C. Hines, E. V. Webb, William Hayes, N. J. Rouse, J. A. McDaniel, J. H. Canady, W. D. Hood, C. Felix Harvey, J. F. Taylor, P. S. B. Harper, J. M. Quinn, F. C. Dunn, Thomas H. Martin, W. D. LaRoque, C. Oettinger, H. H. McCoy, and H. E. Moseley. Messrs. N. J. Rouse, P. S. B. Harper, J. W. Goodson, H. E. Moseley and J. Taylor comprise the executive committee.

Honorary vice-presidents and the counties of which they are residents follow: H. W. Brothers, Lenoir, A. J. Collins, Jones; John C. Davis, Lenoir; T. B. Henderson, Lenoir; T. B. Henderson, Onslow; W. L. Kennedy, Lenoir; J. R. Murvin, Wayne; G. B. D. Parker, Duplin; K. E. Sutton, Lenoir; N. W. Taylor, Carteret; M. F. Westbrooke, Duplin; L. J. Chapman, Pitt; J. R. Dixon, Jones; C. L. Hardy, Greene; J. L. Jackson, Lenoir; W. B. Becton, Lenoir; J. E. Cameron, Lenoir; R. G. Creech, Lenoir; E. A. Hawes, Pender; Parker Howard, Lenoir; W. D. Mewborn, Greene; G. P. Powers, Pender; G. V. Richardson, Craven; W. C. White, Craven; E. H. Waller, Lenoir; Hayes Hbadwick, Jones; J. Exum Jr., Greene; W. B. Hargett, Jones; Benj. N. Lewis, Pitt; S. O. Middleton, Duplin; D. W. Patrick, Greene; O. W. Quinn, Duplin; J. R. Turnage, Pitt; C. S. Wallace, Carteret; Dr. J. L. Nicholson, Onslow; T. G. Sutton, Lenoir; Heber Worthington, Lenoir and James Wood, of Wayne.

#### Special Trains and Rates.

Special trains will be operated from some points in the neighboring counties to the Fair, and reduced rates will obtain during the week from all points within a hundred miles.

#### Grand Opening Parade Tuesday.

The real beginning of the big event will be at the Courthouse at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, when with a flourish and ruffles a parade will be put in motion that will be on a scale with the Fair itself—a parade many blocks long, with hundreds of mounted marshals a la cavalier, two bands, troops, scores of floats and decorated automobiles, and probably as the most important figure in it, the Hon. E. L. Daughtridge, Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, and Hon. W. J. Bryan, former Secretary of State, who will speak at the Fair grounds following the giving of the Fair by President Dunn for the association to the people of the ten counties.

The Kinston Fair will be as clean as possible. Fairness is its foundation. In everything they have done to bring it about, the directors have been fair. And now they are spelling purity with a capital P. The customary midway, a little larger than at most fairs of the class, will be no important part of the whole, but here will be nothing in it of a questionable order. The very first performance by Krause's more than a dozen shows will be witnessed by men ready to censor to a finish. The midway attractions were selected not only because of their known merit as shows, but because of their freedom from the objectionable.

### Straightening Streams With Dynamite

The ancient Egyptians were noted for their crops because, as history states, they "sowed their seeds in the Nile." This does not mean that they actually cast the seed in the river. At certain seasons of the year the Nile overflows its banks, depositing on either shore a rich silt or earth that is highly conducive to bumper crops, and the wise ancient Egyptians, realizing this, profited thereby.

Water is a necessity. The tiniest brooks up to the largest rivers play an important part in the scheme of things inasmuch as they are nature's way of

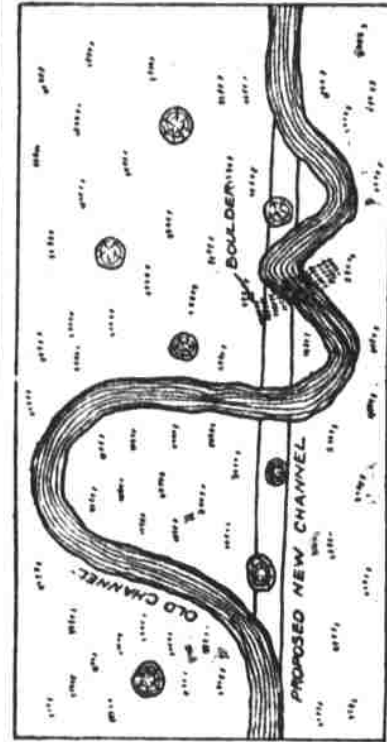


Diagram of Stream Troubles That May Be Corrected by Blasting.

both irrigation and drainage. But being formed according to nature's dictates their courses do not always jibe with man's desires or needs. Rock ledges impede their progress. Overhanging stumps and trees retard

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