A SUCCESSED SOMMUNITY FAIR

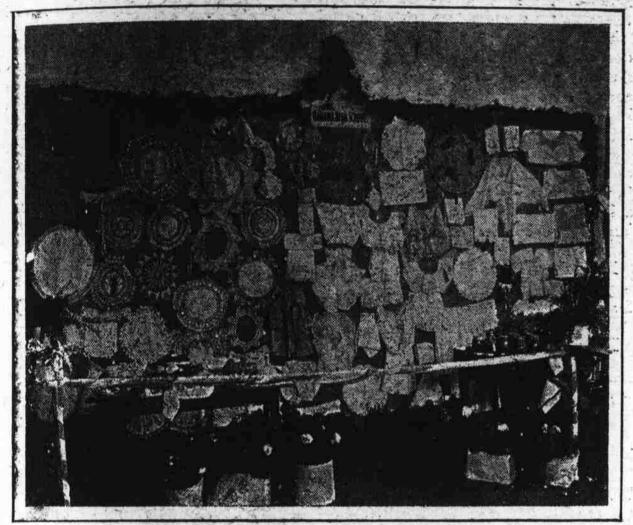
How Two Townships Came Together and Held a Fair That Was the Talk of the Countryside-Second Prize Letter

By Roy Thomas

C, this fall shows what a rural com- officers and directors were named. munity can do when there is unity of It was decided that the fair should effort by the people."

number and quality of exhibits with townships-Mangum and Lebanon. many county fairs. There were 1,500 How Exhibits Were Entered,people in attendance, 1,400 individual There are nine schools in the two entries, comprising 50 head of horses, townships, so each school was as-25 head of cattle, 20 hogs, 40 coops of signed a booth. The patrons and

THE Bahama Community Fair munity was held six weeks before held at the Bahama Farm Life the date of the fair. The Bahama Fair School, in Durham County, N. Association was organized and the be held for one day and that the ex-The fair compared favorably in the hibits should be restricted to two



DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND ART EXHIBITS

chickens, 800 entries in the field supporters of each school entered crops department, and over 500 dis- their products with that particular plays in the domestic science and art school. This arrangement helped each department. The fair was opened school to make a splendid showing, at nine o'clock in the morning with a and also allowed the individual enparade three-quarters of a mile in tries to compete for prizes. length. The parade, headed by a Regulations .- All field crops and Commerce, made a short address of charged to enter the fair grounds. welcome. The judging, which was done by representatives of the A. and M. Col- ter its own booth-entering and placlege, was conducted so that there was no conflict in judging the entries of each department. This arrangement enabled the people to observe the judging of all exhibits, and it proved a most satisfactory plan. It was really a short institute course for the farmers. When a farmer brought up his horse, cow or hog to be judged, the good points and defects of the animal were pointed out. If his animal won the blue ribbon he was told why, and if it did not, he was told why his neighbor's animal was better than his. In the field crops department the farmer was told what qualities should constitute a good exhibit of corn, potatoes, wheat, etc., and then he was told why this entry of corn was better than another. The many questions asked the judges was evidence that the people were there to get some real benefit from the judging. The event that attracted most attention in the livestock department was the saddle horse contest in which there were twelve entries. After the judging, athletic contests were held and at four o'clock the fair closed. The erection of the exhibit hall two weeks before the fair was a splendid example of community cooperation. All the materials and lumber for the erection of this building were furnished free by members of the community. This building was used for the school and field crops exhibits.

brass band, was composed of floats domestic science and art exhibits and horseback riders from the var- were entered the day before the windows in front of the children. ious schools in the community. Af- fair, and the livestock was entered Then, too, the rooms were crowded ter the parade, Capt. E. J. Parrish, before nine o'clock on the morning representing the Durham Chamber of of the fair. No admission fee was added.

do the judging. There was no expense to the fair association for the services of these men.

Prizes-Our idea was that the school should be the unit of each neighborhood, and in order to make it worth while for the schools to compete a prize of ten dollars was offered for the best school exhibit, five dollars for the second best and two dollars for the third best. Forty dollars in cash prizes were offered to the individual entries. Twenty dollars of the premium list was given by the State Department and the remainder was secured by private subscription.

Dinner.-Instead of the usual picnic dinner, lunch and cold drinks were sold. Ordinarily, enough can be, made in this way to pay the expenses of the fair.

How Premiums Were Paid,-The premium money was deposited in a bank in Durham and a check signed by the secretary of the fair was mailed to each winner.

The people of the Bahama community surely think that the fair was worth while, for they are already. making plans for next year. , An exhibit hall large enough to accommodate all the exhibits is being planned. The fair will be held two days instead of one, and many new features will be added to the program.

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A TEACHERS' HOME

Buffalo School District Put up a Handsome Schoolhouse and Made a Teacher's "Manse" of the Old Building

THREE years ago the Buffalo I School Manse was the Buffalo schoolhouse. It was then considered about the second best school building in Cherokee County. But the lighting was poor, coming from all sides, causing cross lights which were bad on the children's eyes. In some of the rooms there were even even after a third room had been



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organized and managed may be of interest to other communities con- best float. templating having a community fair.

Preliminary Organization .- A mass meeting of the people of the com-

Preparation of Accommodations.-Each school was required to look afing the exhibits and decorating. Temporary stalls and pens for the livestock were erected several days before the fair by men of the community.

Supervision of the Departments .--A man of the community and two students of the farm life school were assigned to each of the following de-

As soon as the new building was decided upon, it was mentioned that the old one would make a delightful "Teacher's Manse." This idea was a pleasing one, as it was hard to get board.

The old building was then remodled and is now the most convenient of modest four-room homes.

A large garden furnishes the teachers with vegetables and the children with a demonstration plot.

This year the teachers have raised



CANNED AND PRESERVED GOODS EXHIBIT

try and field crops. Girls were put chickens. in charge of the domestic science and art departments.

Parade .- Each school was required to furnish two floats and as many A brief outline of how the fair was horseback riders as possible. A prize of two dollars was offered for the

Judges .- Mr. W. H. Hutt, Chairman of the State Committee, arranged for two men from the A. & M. College to

partments: cattle, horses, hogs, poul- a nice fat hog and almost a hundred

So far, the manse has been a success, the teachers living together amicably, which is contrary to the usually accepted idea that women cannot get along together.

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