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THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR WAS A SUCCESS IN EVERY PARTICULAR

Community Exhibit Surpassed All Expectation—General Exhibits Good.

The Granville County Fair opened yesterday morning under a cloudy sky, but the attendance on the first day was small. Wednesday was selected as the gala day and it is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 people passed through the turnstiles, and there was also a good attendance on Thursday, the last day of the fair.

The Parade.

The best part of the parade was a band of good looking young men riding on horse backs. There were no floats or floats.

Management Exuberant.

The fair management was exuberant over the splendid showing they made this year. The weather was ideal and the crowds were exceptional. The management itself as being very successful in all who have assisted in the entire program.

The Exhibits.

The farm and field crops were an attraction. They were not so numerous as in previous years, but they were selected and displayed with care. The home economics exhibits were beautiful, and reflected thought and care on the part of the housewives of the county, and school exhibits reflected much credit upon the teachers and children of the county.

Culbreth Community Exhibit.

The Culbreth Community exhibit was a revelation. Dr. Meadows had previously stated that the community would make a good showing on account of long drought no seedling to see such excellent specimens of vegetation. There were more than 500 pieces in the exhibit—no two pieces being alike. The exhibit was so full and complete that it was merged with the general farm exhibit. The handling of some splendid women of the community was very attractive, the most remarkable being an all-wool suit of pretty design, the product of the sheep, which was carded and spun within sight of Bowling's Mountain. There was also a home-made Scotch shawl and an Irish garment that revealed much artistic skill.

The Corn Exhibit.

Despite the long drought, the corn exhibit was far ahead of all previous years. This is attributed to the work of the splendid young men who have obtained the "old men" within the last few years.

General Exhibit.

Everything that was not in the other exhibits was classed as general exhibit. There was a very fine display of native apples; the sweet fish potatoes were perfection, and there were the finest samples of ham, bacon, canned goods and woman's work.

Poultry Exhibit.

The poultry exhibit was not as large as in former years, but the birds were a fair sample of what can be done in the poultry line in Granville County.

Swine and Sheep.

A limited number of hogs and sheep were exhibited this year. E. T. Jones exhibited a number of very fine sheep. The sheep exhibit was the best of the year.

School Exhibits.

John and Stovall were the only ones placing exhibits this year. The exhibits were splendid and attracted much attention and praise. We noticed a pretty child's garment in the exhibit made by little Miss Taylor of the Fourth Grade, a dress by little Miss Dean of the Fifth Grade.

Machinery Exhibit.

E. H. Crenshaw's saw mill attracted large crowds as it reduced a number of logs to a high class of lumber.

RAM CONOR AND TICKETS ON ROAD PROGRAM

William A. Representative Willamson "Taxation and the State Road Program." Oct. 6.—At the state convention which is to be held at Raleigh, October 11 and 12, "Taxation and the State Road Program" will be discussed by W. G. Connor, Jr., representative from Wilson county and Hon. J. H. Parham representative from Granville county.

Some other interesting speakers at the road convention will be Leo Pinchurst, the business genius who is to discover Moore county to the world and Mr. Turtis will discuss "Resort Development in North Carolina as a Result of the State Road Program."

According to the number of letters which are being received from all sections of the state, there will be a good attendance at the convention. Every battery should have water every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Co.

STOCK BOUGHT IN FERTILIZER COMPOUND TO BE WASTED

Several People in Granville Hold Stock In The Concern.

Another alleged wild cat stock promotion company in which farmers of Eastern North Carolina sunk their money into to find that stock they bought is practically worthless has been revealed in the investigation by receivers of the Carolina Phosphate and Fertilizer Company, with headquarters in Raleigh, according to reports from a special receivers' hearing Monday and Tuesday in Greenville.

D. C. Fussell, of Raleigh, was president, and W. H. Moore was secretary-treasurer of the concern. At the time of organization, the company was capitalized at \$2,000,000 with not a penny paid in. It is charged. Stock salesmen, according to counsel employed by stockholders, portrayed the enterprise as a gigantic fertilizer corporation which owned phosphate land in Florida and would manufacture their product at Raleigh, Greenville and Fairmont. A building was constructed at Greenville and machinery received, but the only thing paid for was the freight it is said. All other items or expenditures are still unpaid.

An inducement to farmers to purchase stock was an offer, it is said, to sell every purchaser three tons of fertilizer at below cost price. In other words, a bona fide purchaser would be entitled to at least one free ton of fertilizer.

The Public Ledger learns that quite a number of farmers in Granville county hold stock in the concern.

COLONEL WEBB BELIEVES THE PRICES WILL IMPROVE

He Believes The Common Grades Will Advance.

All markets are now open and the crop is moving although farmers are not disposed to sell as rapidly as heretofore, at the beginning of the season. We believe this is a good idea, for we are thoroughly convinced that there will be no decline in prices, but on the other hand we believe there will be gradual improvement as the season advances. Good tobacco—tobacco of desirable character are selling well at the present time and we expect to see better prices on such types as can be used. Common tobacco are low in prices and will probably continue so, but we believe that there will be an advance in prices on the common stuff later in the season. The crop is short from last year. The best we can expect is 60 to 65 per cent of last year's production. Farmers will have sufficient time to handle their tobacco and to handle it well, and there is no reason why they should be in a big hurry to sell.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

APPLE AND CHERRY BLOOMS

Six Weeks More Of Warm Sunshine Would Produce The Second Crop.

The apple and cherry blossoms on the trees in Col. W. B. Ballou's garden speak well for our climate. The only difference between our climate and that of California is that the apple and cherry trees in Col. Ballou's garden bloom in March and September, while in California they bloom in February and August. California produces two fall crops of apples and cherries, while we are cut short by frost only three weeks on the first and three weeks on the second crop.

FINE SPECIMEN OF RICH CANADIAN TOBACCO

Mr. W. B. Hobgood, of Route 4, who has been with the tobacco interests in Canada this season, returned home this week. He brought with him a fair sample of rich yellow tobacco which sells on the Canadian market for 95 cents and \$1.00 the pound. The leaves are about 18 inches long and sweet enough to chew in its natural state. Many farmers examined the samples with a jealous eye.

Mr. Hobgood states that the Canadian crop is handled cooperatively, which has proven to be very satisfactory to the growers.

CUPID WAS NOT VERY ACTIVE IN SEPTEMBER

Only Ten Couples Plighted Their Troth During The Month.

Six whites and four colored couples were the extent of cupid's activities in Granville during the past month. Feeling somewhat alarmed at the small number of contracting parties, Mr. Charles G. Powell, Granville county's popular and obliging register of deeds, kindly referred us to the marriage record on file in his office, and we found that the same number of licenses were issued during September 1920 and September 1921.

According to the record, December leads in number of marriages. There were 52 licenses issued by Mr. Powell last December; 42 in November; 34 in October and there were only 27 June brides in the county. The total number of licenses issued during 1920 was 349.

A. AND E. COLLEGE CONCERT AT THE MANSION TONIGHT

Under the Auspices Of The Raleigh Masons.

The A. and E. College Brass Band of thirty pieces will arrive from Raleigh this afternoon in automobiles.

This is one of the very best bands in the State. It comes to Oxford under the auspices of the Raleigh masons and gives a free concert at the Orphanage tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of Orphanage, extends a hearty invitation to everybody to come out and enjoy the music.

There are enough seats around the elevated platform in the grove to accommodate a large crowd.

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Annual Session To Be Held At Mt. Zion Church Next Wednesday, October 12.

The order of business is as follows: Session Wednesday morning followed by introductory sermon by W. W. Reynolds. Organization; report on periodicals by Rev. J. D. Harte; report on orphanage by L. B. McFarland.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2 to 2.15 miscellaneous; 2.15 to 3.00, Sunday Schools by Rev. C. A. Upchurch; 3.00 to 4.00, education by C. O. Mainor; 4 to 4.30, ministerial relief, by F. W. Hancock, Jr.

Thursday Morning.

9 to 9.20, devotional exercises; 9.20 to 9.50 roll call; 9.50 to 12, missions by Rev. J. B. Curran; 12 to 1, woman's work by Mrs. John Webb; miscellaneous; 2.45, miscellaneous; 2.45 to 3.15, temperance, by J. T. Blackwell; 3.15 to 3.30, family worship, by Dr. E. B. Meadows; 3.30 to 4, digest of church letters; 4 to 4.15, obituaries, by Rev. G. T. Tunsall.

REPORT INDICATES FURTHER DECLINE IN COTTON YIELD

Government Monthly Forecast Of Condition Slumps Off Another Half Million From Previous Estimate.

(Department Of Agriculture.)

Further decline in the condition of cotton during September resulted in a reduction of 500,000 bales in the forecast of production issued by the Department of Agriculture which places the total crop at 6,537,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. The condition of the crop was reported as being 42.2.

Below Worst Previous Record.

Today's condition report shows the crop to be 1.2 points below the worst previous record. Over most of the belt there was but little middle crop and practically no top crop.

The swarming plague of boll weevils has advanced almost to the limits of the belt, being through the lower third of North Carolina in eleven counties over Tennessee and over most of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Practically everywhere the weevil is in such numbers and doing such damage as has not been experienced since the period of its initial invasion.

Forecast By States.

Virginia—Forecast, 10,000 and condition 53.
North Carolina 489,000 and 54
South Carolina 644,000 and 40
Georgia 722,000 and 33
Florida 15,000 and 50
Alabama 460,000 and 46
Mississippi 646,000 and 48
Louisiana 245,000 and 41
Texas 1,863,000 and 38
Arkansas 677,000 and 53
Tennessee 217 and 62
Missouri 48,000 and 70
Oklahoma 405,000 and 33
California 68,000 and 73
Arizona 45,000 and 81
All other states 7,000 and 83

Forecast of lower California's production was placed at 31,000 bales, included in California's total, but excluded from United States total.

OXFORD TEAM DEFEATS BILL HOLDINGS NINE

The team that Capt. Lee Gooch got together in short order for a special game on the local grounds Wednesday, shut-out the Wake Forest team by the score of 7 to 0. Some of the boys who played good ball here during the summer were out of practice. The attendance was about 600.

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL ROAD ABOUT COMPLETE

(Durham Sun)

The erection of two concrete bridges is all that stands in the way of the announcement of the completion of the University boulevard. This afternoon the work of paving the important highway was completed. The Orange county end being the last to be declared finished insofar as the work of placing the paving is concerned. Durham's end has already been completed and traffic is passing over it.

STATE WILL NOT TRY TO COLLECT BALANCE PENDING COURT ORDER

Railroads' Tax Cases Continued Until January—State Gets Cases Continued and the Railroads Get a Motion To Dismiss Denied—Agreement Is Binding Document.

Greensboro, N. C. Oct. 6.—Attorneys for the Southern railway, the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and the Atlantic and Yadkin railroad got together with attorneys representing the state of North Carolina in federal court here yesterday, the contestants agreeing that the railroad companies pay taxes to the counties and municipalities of the state on the valuation admitted by the railroad companies, while the matter of paying additional taxes, the difference between the valuations the railroads admit and that set by the state tax commission, will be fought out later in the federal court.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS ACTIVE THIS WEEK

College Street Business Property Sells For \$25,500.

A few of the transfers of real estate for the past week.

Jack Hicks and wife to J. A. Elliott and wife, a certain tract in Oxford Township, consideration \$1000.

B. S. Royster, Jr., and wife and others to Mat Harris, 10.50 acres in Oxford Township near Kintons Fork, consideration \$650.

F. W. Hancock, Jr., and wife to Roston Ovey, 99.1 acres in Brassfield Township, consideration \$3500.

J. P. Floyd and wife to L. F. Perkinson, certain lot on New College street, consideration \$3500.

W. T. Curran and wife to Alma Daniel, a certain lot or parcel of land on the East side of Wilmington Avenue, consideration \$3250.

W. W. Crews and wife to A. J. McGhee, certain lot or parcel of land in Oxford Township, consideration \$1133.

William H. Daniel and wife to S. V. Morton, 77 acres in Walnut Grove Township, consideration \$1500.

L. F. Perkinson and wife to F. W. Hancock, Jr., certain lot on New College street, consideration \$5000.

J. A. Brinkley to N. L. Clement, two tracts in Dutchville Township, consideration \$6000.

W. W. Crews and wife to W. H. Hunt, 101.2 acres in Salem Township, consideration \$2075.

F. W. Hancock, Jr. and wife to L. F. Perkinson, certain lot on East side of College street, consideration \$25,500.

I. H. Baker et al to W. W. Crews, certain lot in Oxford Township, consideration \$2000.

MANY PEOPLE HERE REMEMBER THE KILLING FROST FORTY YEARS AGO

The Tobacco Was Late and the Most Of It Was Killed.

Mr. Joe Baird does not look to be much over forty years of age, but he remembers very distinctly the long drought of 1881 and the killing frost that followed on the morning of October 5, just 40 years ago last Wednesday.

Mr. Baird said that nearly all vegetation was killed by the long drought, but when the drought was broken late in the season and the copious showers came, the tobacco took on new life and the farmers were hopeful of producing a fair crop. They had toiled all the summer only to see their corn and other vegetation burnt and wasted. Everything gone to ruin, their only hope was lodged in the success of the slender tobacco stalk. A killing frost came on the morning of October 5, and ruined the tobacco crop. The frost was unexpected and the only tobacco that was saved was cut a day or two previous.

It is very seldom that a killing frost occurs in this section before the 18th of October. We were within six degrees of a killing frost last Wednesday morning, but there is very little tobacco on the hill in this section.

BOLL WEEVIL NOW IN VANCE COUNTY

Cotton Pest Found Under Curious Circumstances.

(Henderson Dispatch)

At last the boll weevil, the hated and dreaded pest that has worked such havoc this year and in previous years to growing cotton crops throughout the South, has made its way as far north as Vance county, according to those who are familiar with the insect. Its discovery here was under rather curious circumstances, however, having been found in a newspaper in the Croatan club.

LARGEST BREAK OF THE SEASON ON LOCAL MARKET

More Of It and Better Grades Coming In This Morning.

A look at the floors of the five warehouses at 9:30 this morning, the hours of going to press, the indications point to the largest sales today of the season, and the quality has improved considerably since last week.

JURORS DRAWN FOR THE NOVEMBER TERM OF GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT

The Board Of Commissioners Empower Attorneys To Use Their Best Judgment In The Suit Brought By The Railway Against The County.

The County Board of Commissioners met last Monday, the following members being present: J. Ennis Davis, Chairman; C. G. Daniel, W. L. Clark, T. G. Taylor, B. F. Curran.

To Assess Damage

Mr. Fred Curran was appointed one of a committee to assess the damage, if any, to land of H. Dorsey and May E. Dorsey estate; Mrs. C. H. Landis, B. K. Lassiter (the S. Dorsey land); W. N. Critcher land; also Joe Peed and William Jones.

Suit Against County.

It was unanimously agreed that the attorneys to the Board be given power to act as they see fit in regard to the railway suit started against the county.

Order Rescinded.

The Board rescinded the motion adopted at the June 7, 1921, meeting, wherein they allowed Mrs. H. A. Greenway a special allowance of \$5 per month, her husband having been pardoned.

Tax Books Ready.

The tax books for the year 1921 were presented to the Board, taxes having been computed and placed upon the books in legal form. On motion of Commissioner Clark it was ordered that the same be turned over to E. D. Hunt, sheriff in Granville County, with the usual order to collect the same.

The Jurors.

The following jurors were drawn for November term of Granville County Superior Court:

First week—G. T. Lawrence, G. F. Clark, C. L. Bowling, R. A. Yancey, Coley Weary, W. D. Stipson, R. H. Newton, J. B. Clark, C. L. Fowler, Gaston Curran, W. E. Vaughan, W. M. Veasey, W. O. Cheatham, R. T. Wallers, R. J. Gooch, O. J. Tingen, J. E. Peary, N. C. Brummitt, J. T. Critcher, John S. Watkins, Sidney May, B. M. Owen, E. M. Hart, John W. Bullock, E. R. Slaughter, J. L. Suit, W. G. Wilson, J. E. Coley, R. S. Hart, J. S. Curran, D. C. Gresham, W. H. Horton, Jonah Cozart, J. L. Davis, A. H. Powell, Edgar Weaver.

Second week—J. M. Ellington, W. D. Gooch, J. T. O'Brian, Roy Ellis, C. M. Tillotson, J. M. Clayton, J. M. Talley, J. W. Newton, Robert Owen, R. L. Hart, J. S. Hart, D. B. Dean, J. M. Newberry, B. T. Strother, Elijah Woodleaf, T. E. Dixon, S. M. Hockaday, A. M. Roberts.

OOFORD TOBACCO MARKET

There Is a Slight Advance On All Grades—Good Tobacco In Demand.

Warehousemen and buyers inform the Public Ledger that all grades have advanced on the local market during the last week. We are advised that 100,000 pounds of the better grades averaged \$50 per hundred pounds, but that within itself signifies that good tobacco brings a fair price. The proper way to report the state of the market is to include the price of all grades. With 250,000 pounds sold on the Oxford market the general average was only about \$20 per hundred.

Other markets are claiming larger sales and better prices than prevail on the Oxford market, but there seems to be some doubt in the minds of the buyers that there is any material difference in the price of the same grades here and elsewhere.

Oxford has been and should be the best market in the State; if not, it is up to the buyers to get busy at once. The following statement from the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade should have weight with the tobacco growers:

"All tobacco with color or grades of quality have advanced considerably since the opening sale. Some sales have averaged above twenty-seven cents for the entire sale; cutters selling as high as seventy-five cents, wrappers as much as one dollar per pound.

"We know Oxford is living up to her well-earned reputation, 'the highest and best market in the Old Belt.'"

LEE GOOCH TO MANAGE DURHAM TEAM NEXT YEAR

Many Friends Glad He Will Be So Close To The Old Home Town.

Capt. Lee Gooch, the well known Oxford baseball star, former manager of the Richmond club, of the Virginia League, and more recently the home-run king of the Moline club of the Illinois State League, will succeed Frank Manush as manager of the Durham, Piedmont League next year.

Many friends here are glad that Lee will be located so near to the old home town.

PRICES FOR TOBACCO AT WILSON CONTINUE GOOD

The Buyers In This Section Should Get a Move On Them.

Wilson, Oct. 4.—Prices on the Wilson tobacco market continue to improve as the better grades are being placed on the warehouse floors. Monday 648,876 pounds were sold for \$223,480.29, an average of \$34.44 per hundred.

STATE LAUNCHES A CAMPAIGN TO WIPE OUT LOSS BY FIRE

Schools Clubs and Citizens Asked To Join Hands Against Fire Demonstration.

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—The State Department of Insurance has launched the biggest offensive against the god of carelessness, fire, ever attempted since this department of the government sprang into existence.

Following up the appeal made by Governor Morrison in his fire prevention day proclamation, the Insurance Commissioner is calling upon all superintendents and teachers of the public schools, the secretaries of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and mayors of the state to join hands in properly celebrating the day.

"There's a fire chief in your town," says the commissioner in his letter, "and October 9 and 10 are fire prevention days. Talk it over with the chief. Your ideas and influence will help. Too late after the fire."

Accompanying each letter is a cartoon depicting the first giant taking a toll of 337 human lives and six millions in property during 1920. The commissioner says:

"Three hundred and thirty-seven lives and six millions lost in property is too great a toll for one state to pay, and we are writing you as secretary of an active civic organization, hoping that you will bring the subject of this letter before your club between now and October 10, fire prevention day."

A MEMORIAL FOR REV. R. C. CRAVEN

The Ministers and Other Good People Of Oxford Commended.

(Raleigh Times)

If permitted, we should like to commend the action of the ministers and other good people of Oxford in gathering together for the purpose of bearing witness to the value of a life ended some days since by Rev. R. C. Craven with a bullet through his own brain.

Not one inexplicable act, even at its close, is able to destroy the worth of a life largely given over to the service of others. Those who knew Mr. Craven will speak of him as a man who loved and wrought for his fellows. Thinking so highly of him, they are unable to give any reason save that of mental derangement for his suicide. But even if they could, it is his life and not on action that Oxford and other communities in which he ministered will have been affected by.

As for the explanation of his departure, he has already made that to the source of life, and it would profit little his friends to theorize in regard to it.

We don't believe that the world grows more case-hardened and callous as it shimmies, joy-rides and home-brews its way onward. Some of the iron in its blood may have been lost—or made more soluble, thus reducing the danger of hardened arteries—but the milk of human kindness is on the increase.

Not so long since it would have been hard to draw the brother ministers of a clergyman suicide together for the purpose of testifying to the dead man's usefulness. Only recently those among and for whom he had labored would have spent their time sitting in judgment on a case wholly outside of their jurisdiction; now they estimate that which they knew, which they received, which has become a part of them.

Understanding, sympathy, charity; is virtue less virtuous because less stern?

"WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE"

Virginian Thinks He Has Found Perpetual Motion.

Isom Beasley, of Cabin Creek, Va., a school teacher by profession believes that he has at last solved the problem of perpetual motion. Mr. Beasley, whose age is 72, has just finished a reunion at Peterstown with his two brothers, Joe and Bob Beasley. The inventor is the baby of the trio, and naturally the senior brother whose ages are 97 and 94, respectively, are very proud of their baby brother since they believe that he has really accomplished the impossible for wheels to turn forever without a single stop.

His invention consists of weights and he is certain that he has solved the long sought for problem of perpetual motion. John Chandler, a Peterstown carpenter is at this time making parts for Beasley's invention and the inventor feels so confident that he has hit it that he is preparing to place his invention on a large scale. Joe, the senior brother, in discussing the invention, is reported as saying: "That kid always was smart, and I hope the boy has solved perpetual motion and wouldn't be at all surprised if he has."

WOMEN TO ORGANIZE A THIRD POLITICAL PARTY IN AMERICA

The Alice Paul political organization—the national woman's party—is getting ready to go on the warpath. Its leaders announce that it is to be a "third party; one that will not affiliate with either of the old parties."

Miss Anita Pulitzer will lobby before the North Carolina Legislature for equal rights for womankind.