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THE COMMUNITY FAIR

The community fair idea that has been epidemic in the county has been a good thing. In Vass, as in other communities where these fairs have been held, the interest was pronounced, and many new ideas were awakened in the heads of the people. In Vass, as elsewhere, the exhibits were many, and the attendance was large. A community fair is not a state fair, and some of the big adventures were not visible here in Vass, but the main proposition was in evidence, the purpose of bringing the people into closer contact with each other and of showing all of us something of what we are doing and can do if we want to. The community fair was not a pretentious effort, but it was a success of that type which comes close to the everyday life of the neighborhood, and creates a firmer contact with the things we depend on.

Whichever way we look at the fair it was a success worth while. It brought the people together, which is one good result if nothing else followed. But beyond that it made us all better acquainted with our local resources, both of natural material and opportunity, but also with the ability of the people to accomplish what they want to accomplish. That one farmer makes a good exhibit of cotton or tobacco or corn or anything else is notice to another farmer that he can do it if he wants to. That one man can bring to the fair a good hog or a good cow tells all the rest of us that others can do the same thing. A fair puts up to the individual the plain proof that much of what we do not do is not the fault of some influences in distant points, but of our own failure to bring about the things we can if we choose.

The broad lesson of the community fair is not the temporary enjoyment of the community gathering of friends and neighbors, or the pleasure that comes from presenting a superior product from the farm or the home, but the general knowledge that this community has a great reserve power if we are willing to draw against it. That reserve power is largely individual effort. We have shown that we

can draw against the bank of natural opportunity by making the proper effort in work and understanding, and that if we make that effort right the draft will be honored. It has been for the exhibitors, and that is proof that the same call will be honored by anybody. That is the lesson of the fair, and it is a highly important demonstration.

THE SOUTHERN PINES BOOM

Southern Pines is a separate community from Vass, and a few miles away, but we all recognize that the great prosperity of Southern Pines and Pinehurst has a lot to do with the prosperity of our own community. As those two centers flourish the reflected prosperity is bound to hit in this vicinity.

Therefore it is gratifying to see the neighbor towns finding development moving in active gait. The big event of course is the Mid-Pines country club, for there has been expended somewhere around three-quarter of a million dollars to make a new winter resort center, and there this winter will be a big new crowd in a big new area. Mid-Pines will be an addition to the two prominent factors of the county in attracting winter tourists who will be important ultimately in the development of the resources of the county. The value of Mid-Pines to the county cannot yet be understood, for this is a movement that will keep broadening from their beginning.

But the smaller influences are also at work. Southern Pines has been carrying out a building program that has been a big help in sustaining the prosperity of this county at a time when other places have felt the general dullness so common over the country. Carpenters, masons, plumbers, and labor of all sorts have had work at good wages all summer and these men go into the winter with the prospects just as good as any time of the year. Building is pushing right ahead, and nobody is bold enough to forecast what is just ahead.

But one significant thing is the modest gait that is starting up at the Manly end of Edgemore. Three new houses are announced this week as about to be commenced near the Presbyterian church, and a beginning of that sort always means more. This is the commencement of a new community center, and from those centers always springs the bigger expansion. This Manly movement is one of the signifi-

cant features of the Southern Pines and Knollwood boom.

A FAVORED COUNTY

The report of the cotton crop of the state shows that Moore county will come nearer having a normal production this season than almost any other county in the state. Our county is not a big cotton county, and it has not this year its full acreage in cotton, and has not a full yield. But it seems to have on the acreage planted about the best production that is found in the state, and better than is found in many counties of the whole United States.

In Moore, as elsewhere, the weather conditions have been bad, but in Moore they have not been as bad as in most places. In the Sandhill section the weather has been more favorable than any in any other part of the county, or in any other part of the state. All over North Carolina streams and springs are dry but in the sand they are not much affected. Springs that have served for generations are still serving, and in the sandy townships streams are still running, although up in the clay townships streams are recognized only by the depression in the ground. They are wholly destitute of water in many places. Weather conditions in the sandy section are better than almost anywhere else in the state, and as a result crops seem to be better here.

It was the custom at one time to laugh at the sterility and poverty of this part of North Carolina. Today it is quite generally realized all over the state that in the Sandhills this year the natural conditions for making crops have been the best found in the state, and it is also the general sentiment that in Moore county is the greatest degree of prosperity and the most active industry.

Moore county makes a good cotton crop and a good tobacco crop, and a good peach crop, and a variety of other things, and when it comes to a local market for the thing made on the farm it is here waiting the product.

This has been a hard year in business generally throughout the United States and the world. We have had a share of the depression, but as compared with other places we know little about real disturbance. With cotton reduced in yield it is high in price, and the tobacco crop is bringing the highest price known since the civil war with the exception of two years ago. All of which shows that nothing is the matter with Moore county.

Harry R. Ihrle, attorney, of Carthage, has moved his law office from the Sinclair Building to the Seawell Building, occupying the front room upstairs over the Parks Store Co.

LOUISE GRAVES OF CARTHAGE STILL LEADS

The third week of the voting contest for the most popular young lady to represent the Fairy Queen in the parade at the fair leaves Miss Graves in the lead by a wider margin than last week with pearl Hurley, of Aberdeen, making a good gain and Virginia Caddell, of Carthage, moved up from sixth to third place with five votes more than Helen Ruggles of Southern Pines. Vass has thrown her hat in the ring by starting off with 190 votes while Cameron divided her first votes between Miss Hunter and Miss McPherson.

There is a growing interest in the contest as shown by the increase in the total vote over last week of 240, and there will probably be one or two more surprises next week.

The Secretary finds it will be necessary to have all votes in not later than Monday night in order to get the report into one of the local papers which goes to press one day earlier than the others.

The vote this week brings the total as follows:

Louise Graves, Carthage.....	520
Pearl Hurley, Aberdeen.....	235
Virginia Caddell, Carthage.....	230
Lois Sanford, Vass.....	190
Helen Ruggles, Southern Pines.....	170
Anna Patch, Southern Pines.....	145
Margaret McIver, Carthage.....	125
Ethel Battley, Carthage.....	75
Mary Ritter, West End.....	55
Mabel Kelly, Pinehurst.....	45
Margaret McKeithen, Aberdeen.....	40
Lucy Monroe, Pinehurst.....	40
Hattie B. Yow, Carthage.....	40
Nellie Hunter, Cameron.....	25
Mamie Smith, Niagara.....	25
Sallie Farris, Carthage.....	20
Lula McPherson, Cameron.....	10
Valera McCrummon, West End.....	10
Dora Hartley, So. Pines.....	5
Alliene Thomas, Aberdeen.....	5
Total vote - - - -	2010
Votes this week, 1125.	

SANDHILL FAIR BALLOT

These Five Votes are Cast

FOR

OF

to represent the Fairy Queen in the Parade of Fairies at the

SANDHILL FAIR, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1921.

Fill out the above ballot for your favorite candidate and mail it to

CHAS. W. PICQUET, Sec'y, Pinehurst.

PERSONALS AND

Mesdames S. R. Smith, Latchlin, and Miss Lillie in Sanford shopping last

Mr. Gordon Thomas and Raleigh for the week-

Mr. J. Bruce Cameron accompanied by Mrs. D. of Pinehurst, attended at the school auditorium nig.

Mr. W. F. Thompson home in Troy on a short day.

Miss Ila Norman, of the guest of Miss Os part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith Agnes Smith, Myrtle McMillan attended Union church, Sunday

Mr. Rufus Hancock, and Nonnie Norman, visited Miss Jewell Ed

Dr. W. Biddle Gilman was in town Wednesday

Mr. Arthur Thompson day with home folks Route 1.

Miss Bertie Cameron Route 3, was in Vass week.

Mrs. John Caviness, son, Joseph, spent one with Mrs. J. H. Oldh

There will be preached the M. E. church, Sun 7 o'clock, by Rev. Woo

Miss Flora McQueen of the County Welfare county, will give a movertainment at the Va torium Saturday evening 10 cents.

Mrs. Stacy Brewer ter, Mrs. J. B. Eastview, Thursday.

COTTON REPORT

Raleigh N. C.—The experienced record of year in drought, heat age, boll weevil damage, usage of fertilizer, ear shortage late and to

Although conditions for the early harvest there has resulted the and lowest production Grades should be good followed the largest cotton stock perhaps

The crop report released covering North Carolina production of 489,000 bales, casted from a 54 per cent, the total value 1,000 as against last year oned at 16.2 cents per ing to \$70,800,000 value increased value per pe per acre value, this than last year's and o of two years ago.

The acreage is four 70 per cent of last year 79 per cent in compar 70 per cent; production and total apparent va