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MILL STONE FACTORY RUNNING

The millstone factory at Cameron has passed into the hands of Alex McPherson, and will be operated to its extent from now on. This has been a successful industry for many years, but the scarcity of labor during the war and the inability of the Graham brothers to give it as much attention as it needed has led them to sell the factory to Mr. McPherson, who will push the work vigorously. The demands for the stones and for the mills made at the factory has always been good, and it can have all the business it can do.

CORN AND HOG PRICES

Citizens of Vass may not know it, but the corn market is now lower than it has been in ten years, while hogs are bringing from \$8 to \$9 per hundred. The relation between corn and hogs is abnormal, and for that reason farmers in many states are finding it more economical to feed their corn to the hogs, and then sell the hogs, than to sell the corn direct.

It is the time of year when we expect corn and hog prices to run along together, and when they do not consumers usually feel the effect, while the farmer is pushed a little closer into a tight corner. Corn is showing a weakness and hogs are starting to climb. The result will be higher prices for pork products for those who dwell in town and cities, and less money going into the rural districts by reason of short corn sales. It looks like a great season ahead for the packing industry.

Don't grow into the belief that corn prices won't affect you simply because you don't happen to be raising corn. Try and remember that if the farmers can't get good prices for corn they must get better prices for other products, and that means that you and the other fellow are going to be called upon to put up the extra money. Anything that hits the producer of food hits the consumer of food. So it would seem a pretty good time for everyone to refrain from too much pork for awhile, until the corn market gets a chance to catch up with it.

CAN YOU SPELL?

Not long ago we urged citizens of Vass to start a movement looking toward the establishment of a series of community sings here, a night set apart every few weeks when the entire community could assemble and indulge in an hour or two of singing. Now we want to amend that suggestion a little and couple with the sing an old-fashioned spelling bee. No form of entertainment ever approached the spelling bee, and for many years it afforded amusement for people in every section of our broad land. Why not revive it; why not see if there isn't just as much entertainment to be had nowadays at a spelling bee as there were in the days of our

Special Features That Every Farmer Should See at The Sandhill Fair Next Week

Visit the Big Show First

There will be a big tent erected in the fair grounds in which a special livestock exhibit will be placed. There will be one-half dozen portable pens placed in the center of this tent and each pen will be in charge of a lecturer.

Sheep

Geo. Evans, State Sheep Specialist, will arrive Tuesday P. M. with one of the prettiest displays of sheep ever seen in the Sandhills in connection with this he will have a wool exhibit and all the necessary equipment for handling sheep. He will be in charge of the sheep booth each day and will give you all the information necessary for the proper management of handling sheep.

Family Milch Cow

Next there will be a booth showing a good family milch cow and this will be in charge of Mr. J. A. Arey, dairy specialist, and he will have some of the most common utensils used in the home for handling milk and its products. He will talk each day to all those who are interested in purchasing a good family milch cow and will give you a lot of good information that you should know if you own or ever expect to own a milch cow.

Brood Sow and Her Litter

The next pen will have a good brood sow showing her litter, and some facts and figures concerning production for home use. Mr. W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist, will be in charge of this booth and will give information to all who are desirous of learning more about raising hogs for home use.

Jay Bird Crows

There will be no Jay Bird Crows at the Sandhill Fair this year; but in addition to the big poultry show there will be a special booth prepared in this tent in which there will be shown some of the nicest foundation stock, showing some of the different breeds of the best poultry to be used on the farms. Mr. A. J. Oliver, the well known poultry specialist, will be there and be ready and willing to help you out with your poultry problems. If you eat chicken and eggs you would be foolish if you fail to hear Oliver and his poultry story.

Bees Making Honey

Don't get scared for the next booth will be all caged in and in this menagerie will be the wonderful C. L. Sams, State Beekeeping Specialist, assisted by Mr. Luther A. Fink, of Cameron, with a bee exhibit showing the real live workers making honey. They will have quite a beekeeping and supplies on exhibit and will make their story so interesting that many will venture to go in the cage and get stung just to handle the little fellows while they are so busy working.

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Prepare now to spend at least one day if not all three days in seeing what is termed the best, cleanest and most up-to-date fair held in the South.

fathers and mothers, days before anyone dreamed of moving pictures and lecture courses? It strikes us that it would be a good idea to try it at least, and see if we can't add a little more pleasure to the winter evenings ahead of us than we have ever known in the past.

SOME ROUGH ROADS

The recent rains have put the roads somewhat out of condition in some places, but the forces are doing what the weather permits to keep traffic moving. Where new clay has been applied recently the result has been mud, but travel and dragging will speedily bring a better surface.

NO HUNTING ON CAMP BRAGG

The order from the provost marshal of Camp Bragg that hunters will be subject to arrest and trial before the federal court and that all guns caught on the camp territory will be confiscated does not make a hit, but the interpretation is that the camp is a military reservation, and that guns on the reservation other than those of the soldiers of the army are a threat at the peace of the government. Hunters are not allowed on the reservation, and might as well realize that.

The worst of "isms" is the rheumatism

CARBONTON DAM HOOKED UP

John R. McQueen has finally hooked up the lines from the power plant at the dam at Carbondon and now Moore county has the benefit of this bigger supply of electric current. With the improved condition of the water in the dams of the Moore county streams the situation is much better, and the outlook for the winter seems now entirely satisfactory.

MISS LOUISE GRAVES WINS

(Chas W. Picquet)

By a plurality of 985 votes, Miss Graves wins the honor of representing the Fairy Queen in the Parade of the Fairies at the Sandhill Fair.

Miss Pearl Hurley, of Aberdeen, and Miss Lois Sanford made wonderful spurts but Miss Graves' early lead throughout the contest proved too much to catch.

Ballots poured in this week from all over the country and as they all came in comparatively small lots it looks like a clean contest carried on in a spirit of friendly rivalry.

Here is the final vote:

Louise Graves, Carthage.....	12595
Pearl Hurley, Aberdeen.....	11610
Lois Sanford, Vass.....	8025
Virginia Caddell, Carthage.....	1645
Helen Ruggles, So. Pines.....	910
Sallie Harris, Carthage.....	805
Hattie B. Yow, Carthage.....	775
Anna Patch, So. Pines.....	300
Doris Eddy, So. Pines.....	290
Margaret McIver, Carthage.....	205
Nell Hunter, Cameron.....	175
Ethel Battley, Carthage.....	140
Lucy Monroe, Pinehurst.....	105
Mamie Smith, Niagara.....	95
Mary Ritter, West End.....	85
Mabel Kelly, Pinehurst.....	60
Dora Hartley, So. Pines.....	25
Total - - - - -	37845

WHEN IT RAINS

To grow the crops that feed you requires an average of 20 inches of rainfall, or 2260 tons of water to the acre. If rain stopped falling altogether and we had to haul water to the farms from rivers and lakes, the labor involved would be so enormous that people would have to stop manufacturing, abandon their cities and their civilization, and all flock to the country. The effort required to haul water and wrest a living from the soil would be so big that we would not have time for anything else. A few showers of their absence make tremendous differences in humanity's scheme of things. No wonder we talk about the weather. No wonder we are forever speculating whether it will rain or not. That isn't prompted primarily by concern over the effect of rain on our clothes and intended trips. It is an inheritance from ancestors who did no work except to get food, and to whom a shower often meant a rescue from death.

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