

# Buyers From All Companies To Be Here

## Fairs of United States Will Bring the Farm to Twenty-Five Million People in 1925

Approaching Roanoke Fair Is Symbolical of The Remarkable Growth of Agricultural Exhibits in This Country

In 1810, one fair; in 1925, two thousand fairs.

In 1810, an attendance of about five thousand; in 1925 an estimated attendance of approximately twenty-five million.

These figures, in a nutshell, tell the story of the marvelous growth of the American fair from the humblest beginning to its present-day status as an important factor in agricultural education. They are of special interest here in view of the approaching Roanoke Fair, Williamston, N. C. which will be held November 3-6.

### Origin of Fairs

Elkanah Watson of New York has been credited with being the father of the American fair. In 1815 Watson organized the agricultural society of Albany, N. Y., and proceeded to establish fairs and cattle shows in the neighboring counties. In 1819, due mainly to his influence, the New York legislature appropriated ten thousand dollars a year for six years for premiums on agricultural and home manufacture products. In 1832 the state agricultural society was founded and work started in other eastern states. But while Watson was busy converting farmers and legislators to the value of fairs, the Col-

umbian Agricultural Society held what is believed to be the first exhibition of its kind in Washington, D. C. in 1810.

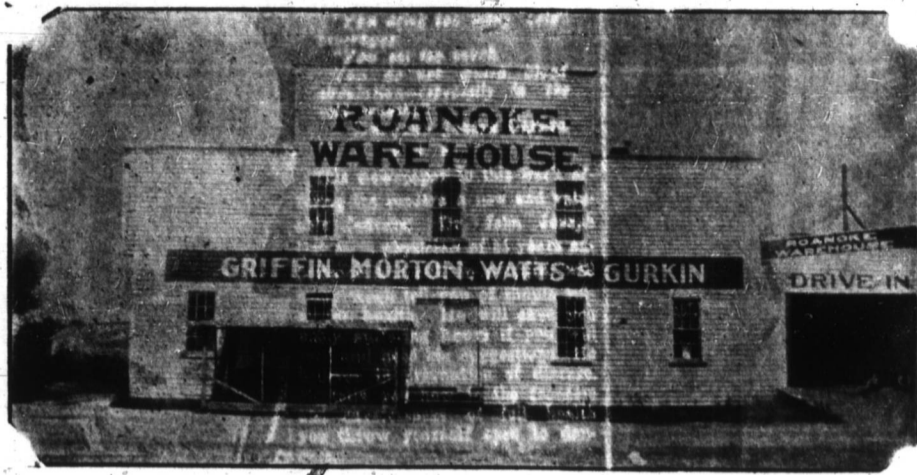
Pittsfield, Mass., shortly thereafter inaugurated regular agricultural exhibits, and from these first small efforts grew up our system of community, county, state, district, national and international fairs which cover practically every section of the country.

The development of the fair in the United States has been one of normal growth and expansion, according to Samuel R. Guard, director of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation and one of the leading exponents of agricultural exhibits in America. The successful contestant in a local fair naturally wished to compare his products with those of winners in other local fairs. That was how the county fair came to be. The state fair with its wider appeal was the next logical step, and there county winners went to settle disputes on the relative merits of their products. Eventually this led to competition between state, culminating first in the inter-state fair, later in the national show and finally in the international exhibit. Many a national champion grain grower or livestock breeder today can trace his success to some little honor captured at the county fair years ago.

### Inspires Ambition

The appealing thing about the county fair is the opportunity it offers the farmer to compare his own work with that of his neighbors and so inspires in him a healthy ambition to improve himself and his work, states Mr. Guard. Within easy distance of his home, he can examine the best animals, grains, fruits, and vegetables, poultry and honey and determine where he falls short of the mark. Likewise his wife can pit her needlework, her baking and pastry, her canned fruits and vegetables against those of other farm women and

ROANOKE WAREHOUSE  
Griffin, Morton, Watts and Gurkin, Proprietors.



The Above House Bids Strong for a Large Patronage This Season. The Props. are Hustling "Boys".

## Griffin, Morton, Watts and Gurkin Expecting Banner Season For The Roanoke

The Five Members of This Firm Are All Hard Workers And Are Universally Popular Among Tobacco Growers

In the management of the Roanoke Warehouse we find a personnel unsurpassed, for it is here that we find the most minute detail cared for. We find in these men that spirit that is vitally necessary in the successful running of any kind of business, and it could be no better directed than when their attention was attracted to the operation of a tobacco warehouse. Messrs. Roy T. Griffin, Hubert Morton, W. B. Watts, Claude Griffin and Jimmie Gurkin will operate the of Roanoke this year.

each will be stationed at that post which will assure the smooth running of a tobacco warehouse. Messrs. Watts and Griffin will have charge of the office. Mr. Morton will run the sales, and he is experienced in that end. Messrs. Gurkin and Claude Griffin will be floor managers, and congestion stands no show when these two men are around. All in all, they are hustling "boys" and your interest will be well cared for by them.

Each of these men will be found on

## MARKED GROWTH IN BUSINESS OF B. S. COURTNEY FURNITURE STORE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT HERE

Since the establishment of the B. S. Courtney furniture store in Williamston, a steady growth has been noted until this establishment is now housed on one of the town's best stores on Main street. Each year has found a material increase in the stock carried by this firm. Today the home can be furnished from top to bottom and from kitchen to parlor at this store.

The business knowledge of Mr. Courtney, sole owner and manager of the store, has been gained through years of experience in this line of business. He is able to offer to home furnishers that class of furniture which every purchaser would take pride in when friends visit their homes. This store carries practically everything in the house furnishing

line and makes a specialty of the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet, Majestic Ranges, Wilson Heaters, and Edison phonographs.

During the establishment of this business, Mr. Courtney has demonstrated that he is a man of honesty and reliability. He has also proved to be one of our most representative merchants, and a citizen who takes an active part in any movement for the moral and material advancement of this community and section. His firm is a loyal supporter of the local Chamber of Commerce, both financially and a personal way.

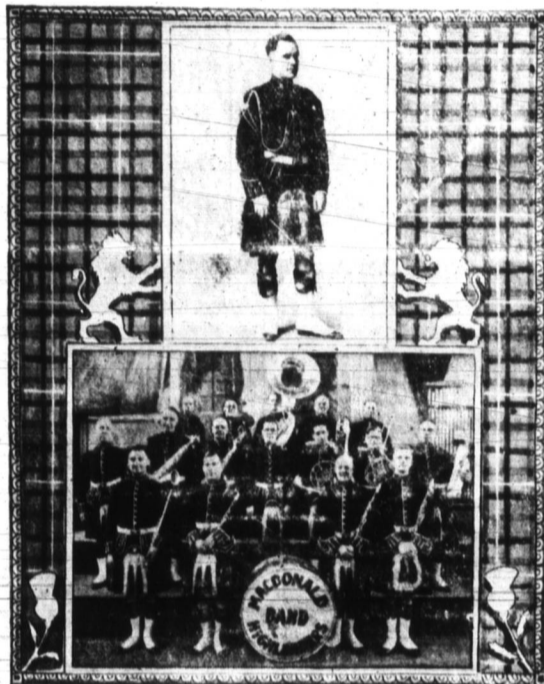
This firm, through prompt and courteous service, and fair treatment has built up a large installment business in this and surrounding counties.

enjoy the thrill and reward that comes of victory. Altogether the country fair stimulates friendly competition that has been responsible for much of the farm progress in the past century, he says.

The educational value of the farm implement and equipment displays that or part of all the better fairs

is one of the most commendable features, according to Mr. Guard. State and federal government exhibits bring home to the farmer lessons in growing his products more economically and efficiently, and household furnishings and labor saving devices on view work directly for the improvement of country life.

## McDONALD'S BAND



It will be well worth a trip to the Roanoke Fair to hear McDonald's Scotch Highlanders' Band. Such a band is something unusual in this part of the country, and you will be pleased to hear them perform each afternoon and night at the fair here November 3, 4, 5, and 6.

To these men much credit is due, for by their efforts the success of the Williamston market was made possible in no small way. It is with much interest that we watch these men this year in carrying on this good work and striving in order that they might win the admiration of every farmer.

Messrs. R. T. and Claude Griffin and Jimmie Gurkin are successful farmers, and we are sure a continued success will follow them in the management of the Roanoke warehouse. Bill Watts is well experienced in office work, and he with Mr. Griffin will be on the job when it comes to handing out checks. Hubert Morton has had many years of successful experience and this year bids to be the best yet for him in running the sales.

All of these men welcome you to the Roanoke and guarantee you every courtesy, highest market prices and square dealings.

### ATLANTIC COAST INVENTORS

The following patents were issued last week to Atlantic Coasts inventors:

Virginia—Ernest M. Bailey, South Boston, Headlight controlling device; Thomas E. Daughton, Dooley, Soda dispensing device; Walter F. Ferguson, St. Paul, coil attachment.

North Carolina—Thomas M. Price, Raleigh, Strainer box for locomotives; Perry B. Turner, King, air heating furnace.

South Carolina—Robt. E. Dulin, Bowling Green, Cotter pin tool.

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