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### Get Ready for the Fair

The season for holding the annual Williamston Fair is approaching, and if we can get the right idea of the purpose of a fair we can make it of much value to our section.

We live in and constitute an agricultural section, with many livestock possibilities as well, and it requires considerable knowledge and science to properly conduct both. There is, of course, methods of farming that we all know something about, yet there are a great many other things that we do not know anything about that would make farming much more profitable and perhaps easier.

For instance we have not mastered the science of producing and using the proper seed, and we often plant an inferior variety when good seed would be just as cheap and yield much more. In other words, we can learn a lot from our neighbors if we will just observe his methods.

We have plenty of time to select the best of our field crops for exhibition at the fair and get paid for carrying them there. At the same time we may help a neighbor by taking him and showing him things he does not know.

Then, too, we meet folks at the fair that we have not seen in a long time. It is a very enjoyable thing always, to see our friends and to make more friends.

### Trying To Do Too Much

We may have made a mistake in our school system by trying to do too much. We have undertaken the job of doing everything for the child, even picking him up at his home and sitting him down in the school room, which must be ideal from the standpoint of comfort.

We are probably teaching, and certainly leading the children to believe that there is nothing but a life of ease bliss ahead of them, and they will probably never learn that what has been done for them was through effort and sacrifice and that they themselves will have to undergo some hardships in order to carry the succeeding generation as far as they themselves have gone.

The idea that a mile or two is too far to walk to school which we are teaching to our children, may come back to us all over North Carolina when the negro begins to demand transportation; and then we will find the truck cost nearly doubled.

Work has become so easy that we are having to invent play to balance the body in order that it may have the proper strength.

Our school system may be perfect. We do not know. But look out for rising costs.

### Cure for "Bridgits"

#### Gates County Index

It is reported that the State Highway Commission has a sad case of "bridgits" on its hands as a result of its decision to spend around a million and a half dollars bridging Albemarle Sound into Highway Commissioner Julian Wood's home town of Edenton. If the Highway Commission wants some advice from us on a remedy for this malady, brought on by numerous protests over the location selected for the bridge, we would say that the best way to get rid of the "bridgits," a trouble something like the jitters or the advertised "coffee nerves," would be to cut out the bridge and switch the million and a half dollars to building roads on land. Eastern North Carolina has a lot of water around the edges, sounds, oceans and the like, but it also has a lot of mud right in its middle.

However, if the Highway Commission and Commissioner Wood are plumb set on building a bridge that will link the South Albemarle and the North Albemarle sections together, giving the South Albemarle an outlet to the markets of the north for its farm produce by highway to restore the communication lost with the outside world when highway transportation killed off the ancient method of water transportation, we are for the bridge that costs the least and gives the most people the most service. That is a bridge across the Roanoke River from Plymouth into Bertie County. It will serve the same purpose as the million-and-a-half Edenton site and leave about two-thirds of that amount for building roads that are really needed—roads to take communities out of the mud.

### National Champion To Be in Jamesville



Peter McLaren, who claims the wood-chopping championship of America, will stage a log-cutting contest and demonstration in Jamesville Monday, September 28, at 10 a. m. at the store of Davenport & Hamilton.

This contest has been arranged by Davenport & Hamilton, who are to be congratulated for arranging for the visit of this colorful champion. McLaren, whose wizardry with an axe has carried him from a poor farm lad in Australia to the peak of his profession.

In chopping tours covering a score of years he has chopped before hundreds of thousands, both here and abroad. McLaren, who is nearly 50 years old, claims that outdoor chopping is a great physical developer. His own condition bears out this claim.

The contest is open to any man who has not previously competed against McLaren. A prize of \$50 will be paid to any contestant if McLaren fails to chop through a log in two-thirds of the time the contestant takes. The handicap gives all good choppers a sporting chance to win the prize money, as it is just like giving 33 yards in a 100-yard dash.

The only restriction made is that no contestant be permitted to use a Plumb axe. This is the only axe which McLaren himself ever uses, and he refuses to chop against a Plumb axe and also allow the handicap.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the demonstration. Choppers wishing to compete should bring their axes with them. It costs nothing to enter the contest.

**WANTED: IN HEATED HOME IN**  
Williamston two rooms with private bath, either furnished or unfurnished; ready for occupancy Oct. 1st to Dec. 1st. Give location. Reply Post Office Box 374, Williamston, N. C. \$22 31

**NOTICE**  
North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of James E. Smithwick, sr., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same to the undersigned, or her attorney, within one year from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This the 31st day of August, 1936. EMILY S. SMITHWICK, Executrix of the Estate of James E. Smithwick, deceased. at 6tw Elbert S. Peel, attorney.

## There Is No Mistake About It WE Just NATURALLY SELL TOBACCO HIGHER

AT THE  
**Roanoke - Dixie Warehouse**  
WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

Despite the fact that a majority of our sale was common tips Monday, we had a good sale, and the medium and good types sold extra well. Our customers were well pleased. Look at one of the sales made Monday:

J. W. HUGHES -- Bertie County

82	43	\$ 35.26
136	47	63.92
62	49	30.38
84	51	42.84
50	53	26.50
54	64	34.56
468		\$233.46

## WE HAVE FIRST SALE FRIDAY

Roanoke - Dixie Warehouse

# A Solid Week of Pleasure & Profit Beginning Next Monday

# THE WILLIAMSTON FAIR

## September 28th - October 3rd

Children Admitted Free To Fair Grounds & Grandstand Tuesday Until 4:30 P. M., A special program planned for Youngsters.

Harness Races Wednesday Thursday and Friday Professional Auto Races Saturday Afternoon

Farmer's Day Wednesday WITH HON. Lindsay Warren AS SPEAKER Farmers admitted to grounds for half price until 1 p. m.

MAIDS, MIRTH, MELODY

"The Winter Garden Revue"

Performing Each Night Before the Grandstand

10 Thrilling Novelty Acts

Dazzling Fireworks Display

Outstanding Exhibits

Competing for \$1,400 in Prizes

Under Same Management as State Fair, Raleigh, October 12-17