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FIRST FAIR IS SUCCESSFUL

Plans For Bigger and Better Fair Next Year Now Underway—Many Interesting Exhibits.

"Did you see this?"
"Yes, and look at this."
"Now isn't that a beauty?"
"You know, I think this is a credit to the county. We can have a real fair next year, with such a beginning as this."

Such comments could be heard last Friday at the Franklin school building, where farmers and their wives and townspeople gathered at the Macon County Bread and Butter Show.

The show, advertised for three days, actually failed to materialize for more than one—Friday; and it had its limitations. But, on the whole, it was successful, and a remarkable showing, considering the fact that it was the first fair held in the county in a number of years, it was generally agreed.

There were exhibits from various sections of the county, and of various types, including a few splendid specimens of livestock, some crop exhibits, lots of kitchen and needlework exhibits, and a number of interesting heirlooms.

Primarily, it was a woman's fair—the major portion of the exhibitors being women, and the majority of the exhibits being the work of women. But the men who had exhibits brought things of which to be proud.

Perhaps of most interest were the objects with a historical significance—brought to the show not for blue ribbons, but simply to make the fair more interesting. Among these were a quilt—apparently as good as it was the day it was made, three-quarters of a century ago; a baby dress and tea apron, each over 75 years old; a counterpane woven and the fringe made by Mrs. Mack Gillespie, mother of Mrs. J. Henry Slagle, in 1870; a counterpane made by the youngest sister of Governor Swain, Miss Mary Swain, who died in 1818 at the age of 15; an epaulet and cockade worn by J. L. Moore, when he was a colonel in the State militia in 1830; a history of the Bible, bearing the name of John Bulgain and the date 1700; and a piece of linen, made from flax grown, spun, and woven in Macon county.

Another exhibit that attracted no little interest was the topographical cast of Macon county, made by high school children in the Franklin school last winter.

While no count was made of the number attending the fair, those in charge of booths at the show declared that people were coming and going all day long. In the middle of the afternoon, approximately 100 persons were present at one time, and none stayed for any great length of time, the crowd constantly changing. A conservative estimate, it was stated, would place the number attending at, at least, several hundred.

The list of those winning blue and red and white ribbons appears elsewhere in this issue, in the county agent's column, "Bread and Butter Show."

... weeks, that a building, a year ago, was all the bad things he could call

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REID CABE
LOCAL AGENT

DEATH CALLS T. E. CAMPBELL

Thomas E. Campbell died at his home here last Wednesday morning, following a brief illness. He would have been 72 years old a few days later.

Mr. Campbell was stricken with paralysis on Sunday morning, death coming three days later.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Cunningham, of near Franklin; one brother, John Campbell, of Asheville; one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Wilkes, of Franklin; and one son, Lon Campbell, who lives near Franklin.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. A. P. Ratledge at the local Methodist church, of which Mr. Campbell had been the faithful janitor for a number of years, and interment was at the Iotla Methodist cemetery. Services at the grave were held by Mr. Ratledge and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Presbyterian pastor here. A large number of friends were in attendance at both services.

Mr. Campbell, who had lived in this county practically his entire life, was the son of the Rev. William Coleman Campbell, who, in his time, was one of the leading preachers of the Holston conference of the Methodist church, at one time having been located at Franklin.

... any thing new, whether be schools, roads, or a courthouse

An elderly man once commented substance as follows:

"I have been married three times. And each time I got married I was as though I weren't ready—I was quite where I felt that I ought to be financially. But I realize now that if I had waited to get entirely ready I wouldn't yet be married the first time. For we never really get ready to take any decision. Because, after all, when we aren't ready, we mean that the obstacles haven't been removed and the conditions aren't quite ideal. Well, the obstacles never are all moved, and the conditions never quite ideal."

That, it is submitted, is a pre good philosophy for every day application in a very practical and from perfect world. And it seems apply with considerably more to the question of the courthouse jail than do the arguments of the who urge that we "wait" without suggesting what we will gain by "waiting."

The obstacles never will be all moved, and the conditions never quite ideal.

School News

"Three cheers for Mr. Houk," was heard on every side last Thursday afternoon when he so graciously announced that we might have a holiday Friday. He did this on account of the fair which was held at the school house on that day.

The co-operation of the Home Economics girls in the selling of drinks and sandwiches shows the interest that they are taking in their work. We, the school, feel that they should be encouraged and helped in getting better equipment for the kitchen. Last Friday Mr. Houk brought over a gasoline stove to try out. The whole class, including Miss Morgan, was delighted with the results and are impatiently waiting for the day when they can exchange their smoking oil stoves for nice gas stoves.

While we are boosting the Home Economics department we must not forget to mention the fact that it won three blue ribbons on the canned vegetables at the fair.

The Franklin football team played Waynesville in a very close game Saturday afternoon. The faithful few who compose Franklin's team fought hard until the last minute. During the first half the line held the hard-hitting backfieldmen of Waynesville for only one firstdown, Franklin lead the score at the end of the first half 7 to 0. We want the patrons of the school and the town to support us, and we will show you a winning team.

More books are still coming—girls and boys can be seen very grimly handing over dollar bills for them. They go about it in a way that makes you feel that they mean business and better business the second school month than the first.—A. B. S. '28.

Another Old Timer

Mr. J. T. Bryson, in renewing his subscription to The Press last Saturday, stated that he has been a subscriber since the first issue of The Press—more than 41 years. This is quite a record and one that The Press appreciates.

OFFICIALS VISIT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Rankin, Director Duke Endowment, and Dr. Pusey, Formerly President of the American Medical Association and Now Chairman of Board of Directors, Among Those Who Inspected Angel Brothers' Hospital.

With a view to making use of certain hospitals in the state in connection with the Duke University Medical school a delegation of prominent doctors has recently been studying hospital conditions in various parts of the state. This delegation in pursuance of its mission visited Franklin Tuesday and left early Wednesday morning. While here the delegation made an inspection of Angel Brothers' hospital and expressed surprise at the size of the local institution and the completeness of the equipment. Since Angel Brothers' hospital was designated more than a year ago as one of the few hospitals in the state to receive the benefits of the Duke Endowment fund Dr. Rankin and the other members of the delegation found no reason for removing this hospital from the list of those connected with the Duke Endowment. On the other hand they were exceedingly complimentary in their remarks concerning the local hospital.

Members of the delegation included Dr. William S. Rankin, of Charlotte, director of the Duke Medical Endowment; Dr. William Allen Pusey, of Chicago, ex-president of the American Medical Association and now chairman of its board of directors; Dr. William Davidson, dean of the new Duke Medical school and formerly of Johns Hopkins hospital; Mr. Chapman, superintendent of Mount Sinai hospital of Cleveland, Ohio, and director general of the hospital division of the American College of Surgeons; and Dr. Laughinghouse, State Health Officer.

After spending the night at the Scott Griffin hotel the delegation left early Wednesday morning for Brevard.

FRANKLIN YOUTH HEADS FAIR AT STATE COLLEGE

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—The Students' Agricultural fair at State college will be held Oct. 11 and 12, and plans now being put into operation indicate it will be one of the leading events of the college year, according to an announcement from Fred S. Sloan of Franklin, president of the fair.

This year, according to Mr. Sloan, the officers of the fair have obtained a larger list of premiums than ever before and the floats and exhibits as well as the individual entries will cover more ground floor than in previous years. The value of the prizes offered ranges from 50 cents to \$50 with a total value of more than \$1,200.

One interesting feature will be a judging contest when students will display their knowledge of livestock, poultry, crops, and garden and orchard products.—Asheville Times.

MRS. SLOAN WILL ENTERTAIN P. T. A.

The local Parent-Teacher association will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Sunnyside Farm, with a party, to be given by Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Kate Smith, Mrs. Neville Sloan, and Mrs. George Slagle, on Friday of this week, October 7, at 3:30 o'clock.

In addition to members of the P. T. A. a cordial invitation is extended to parents not members of the organization and others interested in P. T. A. work. A particularly cordial welcome awaits the teachers in the local school.

Gray Goes Enloe One Better

J. S. Gray from Smith's Bridge township recently read in The Franklin Press where Mr. Enloe had touched thirty ears of corn in his field without moving from his tracks. Mr. Gray now says that he decided to try the stunt in his field and that he succeeded in touching 62 ears while standing in the same place. Mr. Gray also had some corn that grew so high he had to walk on the ears in order to top his corn. Old Baron Munchausen is becoming restless in his grave.

COMMISSIONERS REVOKE ORDER

The Macon County Board of Commissioners, on petition of a comparatively large percentage of the voters of the county, Monday rescinded its order for the issuance of bonds with which to build a combination court house and jail. The action was taken at a meeting at the court house, called by the commissioners in order to give the people of the county opportunity to express their wishes in the matter.

Slightly less than 100 persons were in attendance at the meeting. The petition, requesting the commissioners to rescind their order and, failing that, to call an election on the matter, was presented by A. W. Horn, employed as attorney by the opposition to the courthouse and jail. The petition contained the names, Mr. Horn, said, of, he thought, between 1,700 and 1,800 voters—he was not sure just how many.

The meeting was called to order by C. R. Cabe, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, who explained the meeting's object and then asked Gilmer A. Jones, county attorney, to read the order calling the meeting. Mr. Jones, after reading the order, referred to the recommendations of numerous grand juries with reference to a courthouse and jail, and told the meeting of the statement of Judge W. F. Harding, when he was here a few months ago, that he expected to have the county commissioners indicted for failure to do their duty had they not taken steps by that time to provide a satisfactory jail when he again returned to Macon county. Judge Harding, at that time, Mr. Jones said, urged the advisability of a combination court house and jail.

Faced with that situation, the commissioners, Mr. Jones explained, carefully considered the matter, and came to what they considered the best solution of the problem—a combination courthouse and jail.

But, the county attorney concluded, the commissions "have no intention of arbitrarily forcing anything on the taxpayers that they don't want."

Mr. Horn then elucidated the position of the opposition. He stated that, out of 4,869 voters voting at the election, between 1,700 and 1,800—or far more than the required 15 per cent—had signed the petition; and he told the commissioners: "You can either rescind the order, or call an election. Now ask you to rescind the order."

Mr. Horn stated that those opposing the project of a new court house and jail realized something had to be done about the jail, and that that would cost money—that there would be no criticism of the county commissioners for going ahead and doing what they thought best about the jail.

Commenting on the bonded indebtedness of the county, Mr. Horn referred to it as \$808,000, and said that the debt would be about \$1,000,000, should bonds be issued for the court house and jail.

Dr. S. H. Lyle, commenting on the apparent opposition to the project of constructing a new building, suggested that the present jail be adequately repaired, or that a third story for the jail be placed on the present courthouse.

Chairman C. R. Cabe suggested that, in view of the petition, the commissioners would like to have a few days to consider what was best to do, but Mr. Horn was insistent that they decide immediately. After retiring for a few moments, they announced their decision to rescind the order.

The county attorney then pointed out that the commissioners had wanted an expression from the people, and that they always wanted the voters to express themselves on public matters. He also corrected the statement of Mr. Horn that the present county debt was \$808,000. The records showed, he said, a present total debt of \$658,000, with \$325,000 due the county by the state, cutting the net total to \$333,000.

Mr. Horn, at the conclusion of the meeting, told his hearers that the commissioners had assured him they had no desire to act contrary to the will of the majority, asserted that there was no feeling against the commissioners, suggested that the present jail be repaired, and suggested men from whom he thought materials should be bought, and a man to do the work.

The meeting was concluded in complete good humor, so far as could be discerned, and with considerably more good feeling all around than was present when it was called to order.

MACON COUNTY B. & L. GROWING

Established Five Years Ago—Has Helped 79 Persons to Build or Buy Homes—Has Loaned \$73,250.

Five years ago, a group of Franklin people quietly organized a mutual association here, known as the Macon County Building & Loan Association.

The organization's growth has been steady, and rapid, but comparatively little has been said about it, and its size today and the amount of business it does will no doubt come as a surprise to the majority of the people of the county.

The association, like other Building and Loan associations, had three objects: to help the average man save consistently; to help the average man own his home; and to create machinery whereby the small savings of the earner and the investment of the man who has accumulated some money can be turned into homes, the saver and investor meanwhile being secured against loss and given fair interest rates on their money.

Its primary purpose, however, was to build new homes and to make home-owners, and without a lot of figures as to the amount savers have put aside by means of the association, and the amount invested by those who had money, a few figures as to the loans to home-builders and home-buyers will suffice to give an idea of the growth of the organization.

During its five years of existence, the association has helped 79 persons to build or buy their homes. The aggregate of these loans has been \$73,250. One can get an idea of how the association has grown by the fact that, of this total, nearly a third has been loaned in recent months. The larger it becomes, of course, the greater the number of loans it can make.

The organization opens its books twice a year for new members. The first of this month it opened its eleventh series of stock, and it is inviting those who wish to save, those who wish to build or buy homes, and those who wish to invest their surplus in Macon county homes, under safe conditions, and at a fair rate of interest, to become members.

Briefly, this is the way the Building & Loan machinery works: The man who wishes to save may buy as many shares of stock as he desires. He pays 25 cents per week on each share of stock. At the end of each year his proportionate share of the organization's earnings are added to what he has paid in, and, by this method, each share becomes worth \$100 at the end of a period of about six and a half years. At that time, if he has not borrowed from the association, he is paid in cash \$100 for each share of stock he originally purchased.

The man who wishes to borrow money takes as many shares of stock as he wishes to borrow hundreds of dollars. He then files his application for a loan. When his turn for a loan comes, a loan committee passes on the value of the property offered as security, the association attorney, on the property's title, etc., and the loan is granted. He pays six per cent interest on the loan. When his stock is matured, it will equal the total of the loan, and the two cancel each other—the borrower, in other words repays the loan in installments of 25 cents per week per \$100 borrowed.

The man who has \$100 or more in cash he wishes to invest in shares of pre-paid stock at the rate of \$100 per share. He is guaranteed five per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and the principal invested is not subject to taxation. He may withdraw his investment at any dividend period (October 1 and April 1) on 30 days' notice.

At the head of the association are the following business and professional men: H. W. Cabe, president; Gus Leach, vice-president; Gilmer A. Jones, secretary and treasurer and Dr. S. H. Lyle, Sam L. Franks, J. S. Conley, R. D. Sisk, Alvah Pearce, George Dean, and S. R. Joiner, directors.

Carmichael-Angel

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carmichael announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice Elizabeth, to Mr. Thomas Weldon Angel, Jr., on Thursday, August 25, 1927 at Franklin. They will make their home at Franklin after the 10th of October.