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WOMEN WILL PLAY A LEADING ROLE

Ladies To Direct Many Departments At Fair Here In October

Heads of the various departments of the fair to be presided over by the women, with many of their assistants met Tuesday afternoon in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to begin their annual effort to round up an array of exhibits interesting to the thousands who will visit the exposition this year.

That the women of the Dunn District play a very large part in directing the annual fair is evidenced by the fact that of the forty-two directors and assistant directors engaged in managing the various departments twenty-five of that number are women.

The complete list of departments, directors and assistants follows:

- Horticultural—Miss Isabelle Young, chairman, Mrs. Charles Highsmith, Mrs. J. R. Butler, Mrs. H. B. Taylor, Mrs. H. S. McKay. Home Economics—Miss Elizabeth Bridge, chairman, Mrs. E. C. Geddie, Mrs. L. J. Best, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Purdin, Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mrs. Hattie Ennis. Live Stock—Eugene Smith, chairman, J. L. Sorrell. Horses and Mules—Paul Turlington. Cattle and Swine—F. B. Warren, Sheop and Goats—Joe McLamb. Poultry and Pet Stock—Italia McLoud, chairman, E. T. Draper, Craven Lee, C. H. Randall, W. C. Kanoy. Fine Arts and Painting—Mrs. W. E. Coltrane, chairman, Miss Blanche Grantham. Hand Painted China—Mrs. J. C. Clifford, chairman, Miss Lucile Howard, Mrs. N. A. Townsend. Needle and Fancy Work—Mrs. J. J. White, chairman, Mrs. J. J. Lane, Mrs. C. S. Hicks, Mrs. L. A. Hart, Mrs. E. M. Jefferys, Miss Hermie Ennis. Educational—H. P. Gettry, chairman, Mrs. O. M. Johnson, Miss Rachel Clifford, B. D. Bann. Farm and Field Crops—W. H. Turlington, chairman, H. A. Edge, B. F. Parker.

John W. Thornton Chief Marshal October Fair

John W. Thornton, former fire chief of Dunn, has been appointed chief marshal of the forthcoming fair to open in Dunn one week from next Tuesday. He will appoint his assistants between now and a week from next Saturday.

The appointment of Mr. Thornton gives universal satisfaction. He is known to about everybody in the Dunn District, and is excellently fitted to direct the handling of the big parades and crowds that will be held and that will come to Dunn during fair week.

Boy Is Accidentally Killed While Hunting

St. Pauls, Sept. 25.—Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church here at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, for Neil Archie McNeill, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McNeill, of the Reamert vicinity, who was accidentally killed while squirrel hunting Saturday afternoon.

It seems that he and an Indian who lived on his father's plantation were hunting together, and at the time were shooting at walnuts. The boy, having his gun cocked ready to shoot, stooped to pick up another walnut, when a dog rushed by, upsetting his gun, which discharged, the lead taking effect in the extremity of the boy's head, death resulting immediately.

Goldboro Drinkers Have Strange Malady

Goldboro, Sept. 24.—Fifty or more habitual drinkers of Goldboro and vicinity drank corn whiskey Saturday night and Sunday, and have since been stricken with a strange malady, believed to be "gray terror," as all stricken became gray. None had died from the strange disease tonight.

"Red" Powell Marries Miss Selma Fountain

Richmond, Va., Sept. 26.—Robert Ellis Powell newspaper man, 29, of Raleigh, took out license here today to marry Miss Selma Fountain, 22, of the same city. Powell described himself as a native of Whiteville, N. C. Miss Fountain was recorded as being originally from Pitt county. The marriage was performed this evening.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR S. S. WORKERS

Schools Will Be Held At Fayetteville And Jonesboro In October

Last year a very successful training school for Sunday school workers was conducted in Hay Street Methodist church, Fayetteville, in which over two hundred Sunday school workers were enrolled. This year it is proposed to have two such schools conducted in the Fayetteville District, and all officers and teachers in the Sunday schools of the District are invited to attend the school most accessible to them. One of these schools will be conducted in Hay Street church, Fayetteville, beginning on Sunday night, October 7, at 7 o'clock, and closing on the Friday night following. The other school will be conducted in Jonesboro the week following.

The courses of study with instructors for the Fayetteville school are as follows:

- 1. "Sunday School Organization and Administration," Prof. J. M. Ormoul, Trinity college, instructor. 2. "Pupil Study," Prof. B. G. Childs, Randolph-Macon college, instructor. 3. "Beginner Organization and Administration," Mrs. C. L. Van Noppen, Greensboro, instructor. 4. "Primary Lesson Materials and Teaching," Miss Georgia Keene, conference elementary superintendent, instructor. 5. "Junior Organization and Administration," Miss Virginia Jenkins, elementary superintendent of the Western North Carolina conference, instructor. The same courses will be given in the school at Jonesboro, and with one or two exceptions the instructors will be the same. These schools are intended for all Sunday school officers and teachers, for young people seventeen years of age and over who desire to equip themselves for efficient service in the Sunday school and in other organizations of the church and for the duties of parenthood, and for parents who wish to study the problem of training and nurturing the religious life of children. The schools will be held under the management of Mr. L. L. Gobel, Sunday school secretary of the North Carolina Conference. He has been very fortunate in selecting his faculty. All the instructors are on the accredited list of the Sunday School board of the church, and are especially qualified for the work they are to do. This means that those who attend the school will receive instruction from teachers who have become specialists in the subject they are teaching. While these schools are conducted under the management of the Methodist church an invitation is extended to workers in all Sunday schools to attend and make use of all the opportunities of the school. The instruction given will be of equal value to all Sunday school workers.

HARNETT FARMERS PLANTING VETCH

Interest Growing In Cover Crops And Permanent Pastures, Says Edge

"I have already ordered a ton and a half of hairy vetch seed to be mixed with oats and planted for hay by the farmers of Harnett county," said H. A. Edge, county farm demonstration agent, who was a Dunn visitor Monday evening. Interest in winter cover crops and permanent pastures is growing among Harnett farmers, according to Mr. Edge. Several farmers have already started permanent pastures in the county, which means that more livestock will be raised in Harnett, added the demonstration agent. Realizing the necessity for a wider diversification of crops by Harnett farmers, Mr. Edge has put much of his attention of late to preaching more hope, cattle and poultry to the farmers with whom he comes in contact. That his work along this line is bearing fruit is evidenced by the growing interest in permanent pastures, which mean more livestock on Harnett county farms.

Shoots At Two Men He Finds At Home

Wilson, Sept. 24.—Van Walston, a white man, is in the hospital from the effects of having thirty shots lodged in his back and head. J. A. Baker, who runs a poultry farm near the city, has been jailed on a charge of doing the shooting. Baker says that he returned home to find Walston and Alex Rose on his premises after they had been warned to stay away. They fled precipitately but before a shot gun had been discharged in their direction. Baker says they had been "tagging" after his wife. As soon as Walston is able to get out, Baker will have a hearing before a local magistrate. This is said to be the second time that Baker has taken a shot at Walston. The first time was on Sunday night when Walston was shot, but the last load was bird shot. Mrs. Baker is reported to have deserted her home, and to have gone to an adjoining county.

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Edmond Dudley, negro, 92 years old, yesterday set a new record hereabouts, being the oldest man ever to receive a marriage license in the county. Dudley, whose wife died four years ago, came before Hunter Ellington, deputy register of deeds, and passed through all the formalities necessary to secure a license to marry Mollie Williams, a widow, whose age was given at 56 years. Both parties are from near Wake Forest. The applicant was accompanied by his youngest grandson, who is 26 years of age.—News and Observer, Sept. 21.

LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM IN MAKING

Coch Spratt Moore Thinks Prospects For Crack Team Very Bright

That the Dunn high school this year will have a football team which will give a good account of itself when the season opens is evidenced by the keen interest being manifested already by high school boys. A further evidence is the fact that J. Spratt Moore, noted athlete, of Rock Hill, S. C., will coach the local team this year. Already twenty-three local high school boys are engaged in the try-out process for making the team, and others are expected to enter. Mr. Moore is urging the importance of all the high school boys entering in an effort to make the team. The boys meet on the high school grounds each afternoon at 4 o'clock, and already they are practicing in handling, passing and sprinting. While the material from which the team is to be picked is inexperienced in the game, Mr. Moore stated after the practice yesterday afternoon that the prospect for a crack football team in Dunn is very bright. He expects to have a team ready for the first real game in two or three weeks.

Ford Gives Fire Engine To Mount Vernon

Washington, Sept. 22.—In its mad rush to turning out one or two cars a minute, the force of the Ford Motor Company recently stopped long enough to make a chemical fire engine to protect Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. The apparatus arrived today, a gift of Mr. Ford. He recently visited the shrine, and was so impressed with the fire danger that he telegraphed his factory to make an engine and ship it posthaste.

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Cotton Gin Burned Near Fayetteville

The Golovin cotton gin, located seven miles north of Fayetteville on the River road, was burned, together with fifty bales of cotton, Tuesday about noon, according to The Fayetteville Observer. The fire started from a gasoline engine and spread quickly over the entire plant. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, only a small part of which was covered by insurance. J. G. Stubbs, of Fairmont, was owner of the gin, and was the heaviest loser. This was the third gin in which Mr. Stubbs was interested to be burned during the past two years.

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LILLINGTON WILL BE REPRESENTED

Great Interest In Coming Fair Reported From Western Harnett

Dunn will have to go strong this year if it is to succeed in defeating Lillington for first honors at the fair here. Reports from the county seat indicate that everybody up there is working to place first rate exhibits in every department of the exposition which is to open here October 9. Mrs. J. H. Dixon, chairman of the committee at work in Lillington, and is doing a wonderful work in the interests of the fair. The Lillington exhibit is to be one of the most attractive features of Floral Hall, which, from the present outlook, will be much too small to accommodate the great number of exhibits to be carried into the fair grounds from the four counties surrounding Dunn. The effort at Lillington is characteristic of every community in central and western Harnett, according to Miss Elizabeth Bridge and Mrs. W. O. Johnson, who have canvassed the entire county during the last two weeks in an effort to arouse farmers and communities to the great opportunities offered to them through the fair. Many communities west of the Cape Fear are planning community exhibits, and that there is no doubt that this year's event will be the most interesting yet held in this respect. A strong effort will be made this week to get Coats, Angier, Buie's Creek, Broadway and other towns of the county to place group exhibits in every department.

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Kills Himself When There Is No Hope of Getting Treatment

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Three white women, Mrs. Frances Thompson and her two daughters, of Abbotts township, claim to have been severely flogged by five masked men on the night of September 9th. They accuse near neighbors of being guilty of the crime, and swore out warrants against Noah Thompson, Buck Norris, Ezekiel Cook, Marior Cook and Wash Edwards. These men were given a hearing before R. H. Marshburn, J. P., at Elizabethtown Saturday and bound over to court under \$2,000 bonds each.—Bladen Journal.

Dunn Couple Married in Hartsville, S. C.

Daniel Cupid was the winner, and Miss Marie Surles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Surles, and Buddie Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norris, were married Wednesday in Hartsville, S. C. It was a runaway affair, and the marriage-bent couple encountered some difficulties before succeeding in getting the unsmiling words spoken. They left Dunn in a Ford road