

A Beauty of a Beast



These days the black Angus bull calf shown by his owner, Henry Justice of Bethel, is well-nigh worth his weight in gold. In the background is Miss Sarah Moody with a bull belonging to her father, L. C. Moody. The animals were among the prize winners at the Pigeon Valley Fair livestock show. (Staff Photo).

her recipe?" As vivid as the flowers were the handicrafts; indeed, multi-colored flowers formed the center of an exquisitely made hooked rug. Crochet work ranged from elaborate spreads to dainty place mats. "I'd never have the patience to finish a spread," commented one visitor, "but the design of that dolly gives me an idea." Quilts and quilt tops formed eye-catching patterns. The "Dresden Plate" was there, and many other designs that have become classics.

A whole section was filled with articles made from feed sacks. Ingenuity and painstaking work was shown in quilts, luncheon sets, pillow cases. "I never thought of using a figured sack for a pillow case. I've used white ones, but I think I'll get hold of a pretty print next time."

A group of antiques took the imagination back to the early days. Women examined a bread tray over 150 years old that could have fitted in with any modern decorating scheme. An odd-looking iron with a chimney was explained as a charcoal iron: "You just put your coals into the base and it keeps hot much longer."

Indoors and out, the crowd drifted back and forth. People took the opportunity to catch up on their visiting and to meet folks who would be strangers no longer; they studied the exhibits for ideas that they could carry home. And more than one exclaimed, "Just wait and see what I'm going to enter in the fair next year!"

Judy Stevenson Queen of Fair
Judy Stevenson of Stamey Cove was named queen of the Pigeon Valley Fair Thursday night, with Joann Neil as her maid of honor. Crowning of "Miss Pigeon Valley" was one of the highlights of the beauty contest and talent show preceding the formal opening of the fair. Princesses from the other communities were Pauline Shepherd, Nell Woody, Velma Singleton and Deiores Styles.

Stanley Swayngin, singing beloved mountain songs, captured top honors in the talent show. Turner Cathey served as master of ceremonies for the show, with Coach C. C. Poindexter taking over for the cakewalks which followed. Second place went to the Pleasant Balsam Quartet from Saunook; its members are Kenneth (Red) Smathers, Mary Evelyn Plemmons, Bessie Browning, Arthurine Mehaffey and William Plemmons.

Dancing accounted for the third prize, won by Stewart Sentelle with his buck and tap numbers. The Mount Zion Quartet placed fourth with the singing of Mrs. Robert Justice, Charlene Henson, Martha Metcalf and Bobby Thompson.

Placing fifth was 78-year-old J. D. Justice, who "really picked the banjo." Mrs. J. Edgar Burnette, soloist, won sixth prize; and a duet by Ann and Ashby Cathey rounded out the awards.

Not in the competition were the Bethel school glee clubs, directed by Mrs. Delma Phoenix and Carl Painter, Jr. The 40-member high school club presented three selections; and Mr. Painter's sixth- and eighth-graders one number each.

Following the talent exhibition, Coach Poindexter took charge of half a dozen cake walks. The ladies of the participating communities had donated the cakes for these, as well as making candy sold during the show. They had extended their efforts to include cakes for the three judges of the beauty contest. Mrs. Logan White, Jimmy Deaton and Jack Chapman.

Other winners were: draft horses—George Stamey, first and second; Walter Rhodes, third; balloon race—Russell Coleman, Jane Stamey and Carl Green, Jr.; five galled—June Gibson, Carl Green and Neal Stamey; chair race—James Green, Wayne Stamey and Russell Coleman; fast race—Russell Coleman, Billy Allison and James Green; slow race—Russell Coleman, Carl Green, Jr., and Kenneth James.

Entries in the various agricultural and home exhibits were judged by members of the staff of the county farm and home agents' offices, assisted by outside officials.

Truck and Vegetable Crops
Winners in the various truck and vegetable classes were listed as follows: Irish potatoes (cobbles)—Junior Frizzell, Guy Mease, J. A. Sisk; (Green Mountain)—Bascorb Thompson, C. S. Rawlings, Charles Ray Blaylock; (Sequoia)—Bascorb Thompson, T. A. Cathey, Jack Shook; onions (yellow)—Junius Mashburn, Ray Singleton, Charles Ray Blaylock; candy roaster—W. A. Pharr, Edwin Mann, Bascorb Thompson; pie pumpkin—Max Burnett, H. Henson; acorn squash—W. L. Pharr; butter beans—Harris Sentelle, J. M. Long; beets—Harris Sentelle, Vernon Harris; cucumbers—Harris Sentelle, Jimmy Briggs; carrots—Harris Sentelle; squash—Harris Sentelle, Jack Chason; gourds—David Pressley; tomatoes—Worth Wells, C. S. Rawlings, Mrs. Way Mease; string beans—J. M. Long, Nellie McCracken, C. S. Rawlings; okra—Harris Sentelle, Charles Mains; sweet potatoes—C. S. Rawlings, Thomas Rhodamer; pumpkin—Donald Parriss; pepper (bell)—Clyde Metcalf, Charles Henderson, T. A. Cathey; (hot)—Fred Warren, Elwood Chambers, Bobby Green.

Shop Exhibits
Four first prizes were awarded for shop exhibits. They were: Elwood Chambers, a desk; Charles R. Blaylock, a utility table and a

what-not; Donald Burriss, a wall whatnot. Prizes to be continued next week.

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In less than twenty-four hours a growth is visible in the culture. A little of this culture is put into each of five other glass tubes, each containing a different chemical sugar. It is from the reaction to these sugars that the laboratory staff can identify the disease beyond a doubt. Pullorum and coccidiosis, two of the more common diseases Dr. Gatz has found here, can be definitely diagnosed only by laboratory work. "Quite often you think you're looking for one thing—but you find something else wrong."

Besides coccidiosis and pullorum, Dr. Gatz has found the most frequent poultry diseases in the area to be typhoid, blue comb and parasites. "Most chickens have coccidiosis at one time or another," he says. Under the microscope the coccidiosis protozoa look like tiny sea shells.

Since the laboratory opened the first of the year, Dr. Gatz has taken care of more than twelve hundred birds. The number is growing rapidly as more and more people learn of the free service so easily available. A lady who owned three turkeys brought one in. "And how she managed that big squawking thing on the bus, I can't imagine," recalls Mrs. Hall.

Chickens have been sent from Murphy and from points as far away as Statesville and Shelby. One chicken successfully made the trip by parcel post, in spite of the fact that sending other than baby chicks by mail is illegal. "We had

want to spend it. This money was made available through 1951 Powell Bill for use by the towns and cities on their 5,212 miles of non-highway system streets. It comes from a half-cent per gallon of the state gasoline tax, and the municipalities will get this portion of the gasoline revenue each year.

The analysis was prepared by James S. Burch, the Commission's engineer of statistics and planning. It marks the first time that the actual street mileage in North Carolina has been computed.

Burch said further analysis will be made by population. He anticipates that the completed analysis will be of national interest because rarely, if ever, has all street mileage been measured carefully and simultaneously in any state.

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MORE ABOUT Pigeon Fair

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was complete to a brown bear poking his nose through the fresh mountain ivy leaves. The three prize winners, West Pigeon, Center Pigeon and East Pigeon, furnished a panorama of the activities of the entire valley.

Arrangements of cut flowers and pots of growing plants led the eye to the end of the room. Enormous dahlias, spikes of "glads", dainty pompoms, velvety African violets, made many a gardener ask, "How does she grow such beauties, and doesn't she have a knack for arrangement?"

The long table laden with home-canned foods proved that no artist's picture of a jar of jelly—or berries—or tomatoes—can ever look quite as tempting as that jar itself, with the afternoon sunlight glinting through it. Across from the canning beckoned moist, rich cakes, pies to make your mouth water. Women turned the exhibitors' tag to read the maker's name. "Do you think she'd let me have

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