

Along The Way



By Emily Killete

Today farmers compete among themselves in contests of yield and efficiency. During the early to mid 1930s, farmers competed in different areas and one was checkers!

A photo or drawing of farmers in the local store during the early 1900s would not be complete without evidence of a checkerboard somewhere in the picture. Today's farmers are not as likely to be associated with spending their leisure time around a checkerboard at the local general store. Instead, the farmer of today has changed from the seasonal worker to a year-round businessman tending a variety of field crops and raising livestock. The efforts of making farming efficient and economical have resulted in changing the types of competition among the farmers. Yield contests and production efficiency awards instead of checkers occupy a farmer's competitive conscience.

The May 3, 1934 issue of THE DUPLIN HERALD published an article about statewide checker finals and a Kenansville farmer was among the contestants. The article follows: **Statewide Checker Finals May Fifth**
The checker champion among North Carolina farmers will be determined in Raleigh on Saturday, May 5. On that day, the 12 district winners in the American nitrate of soda contest will meet for the finals, to be held in the Sir Walter Hotel at 10 a.m. The matches will be refereed by H.C. MacNair, president of the Southern Checker Association, and widely known in checker circles.

The contest has been going on for several weeks and has renewed a great deal of interest in this venerable sport. All of the local matches have revealed good playing ability and the finals should be intensely interesting to followers of the game. Admission is free and arrangements have been made to take care of a large number of spectators.

Both the winner and the runner-up in this contest will be awarded a ton of American nitrate of soda; in addition, the winner will receive a handsomely engraved gold medal. After the matches, the contestants are to be guests at a dinner given in their honor by The Barrett Company, sponsor of the contest. Dr. C.G. Atwater, manager of the Agricultural Development Bureau, will preside at this function.

Competitors in the finals will be: Tom DePriest of Shelby, Joe Clark of Barium Springs, M.L. Tingle of Grantsboro, W.B. Veniers of Richlands, Arthur J. Strickland of Kenansville, C.B. Vaughn of Ahoskie, L.T. Sumner of Harrellsville, W.T. Rowland of Willow Springs, J.C. Ellis of Nashville, B.C. McIntyre of Laurinburg, and F.C. McCormick of Laurinburg.

The following story appeared in the April 26, 1934 issue of THE DUPLIN HERALD. After reading the story which happened in Goldsboro you will probably look back to make sure the issue is not an April's Fool edition!

Local Firemen Threatened

It is understood that the local society of tooth dentists is considering seriously the prosecution of two local firemen, Lee Sanford and Speed Hollowell for practicing dentistry without a license. They are accused of and admit having pulled a tooth out of the mouth of a New York chauffeur, one Mike Shea who stopped in at the fire station one night last week suffering from the toothache.

SARECTA BARBECUE

The Sarecta United Methodist Church will be sponsoring their spring barbecue supper Saturday, March 30, from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Pork and chicken plates will be available. Prices are \$3 for pork or chicken, and \$3.50 for combination plates. Prices include the desserts, too.

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uppercut so he wouldn't know what it was all about.

After the operation the patient was loud in praise of the efficient work of the practical dentists and his laudations reached such a pitch that the whole story came to the ears of the local D.D.S. It was such an efficient job it is said to have aroused quite a bit of professional jealousy and hence the threatened prosecution.

Mr. Shea was chaffering a Col. Nathan said to be half owner of the New York Yankees ball club.

A further development of the episode was a near fight staged by

the two dentist-firemen over the possession of the extracted tooth, which each one wishes to wear on his watch chain as a symbol of his avocation.

One version of the way the tooth was yanked was that after Lee had tied the string around the upper part of the painful tusk, he tied the other end to a siren and then when he gave a blast on the blood-curdling instrument of noise, Mike naturally jerked back and out came the tooth. But Speed denies this as he wishes to claim fool credit for holding Mike. Mike offered to set his relieviers up

to a couple of bottles of beer but since the Fire Department Sunday School has been in operation the

boys even hesitate to drink a milk shake. They compromised on accepting a cigar a piece.

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