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Mr. Lemay: I fear you think I have forgotten the promise made in my last communication, respecting the operations of the Davie County Agricultural Society: My reason for delaying was, the Society failed to hold any regular meeting, on account of the nonattendance of its members. The Constitution of the Society required a majority of the members to constitute a quorum to do business; which we failed to get at every appointment; but the friends of the organization did not wish the thing to fail, and were determined to make another attempt, and try to improve by experience. The friends of the old Society (which was considered dead) assembled at Farmington the 13th Sept. and organized a new one, called The Davie County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, and located the same

at Farmington. The following are the officers, viz. M. Fulford, president; W. H. Perry and M. Cuthrell, vice-presidents; J. F. Cuthrell, secretary; and G. W. Johnson, treasurer.

The Society, (notwithstanding the lateness of the season,) resolved to hold a Fair the last Thursday in Oct. The curious of the county were inquiring if the Fair would be worth attending, considering the shortness of the time for preparation? The answer was returned, Come and see. The members were working men, and went at it with that resolution and determination that is praiseworthy in individuals or societies. A suitable place was selected and prepared; and when the morning came, the heavens appeared in all their beauty and grandeur, which gave evidence of the favor of the Deity and the success of the undertaking. As the sun advanced in his course, so the large crowds of spectators advanced to the Fair grounds; and as the crowds passed round the enclosure and viewed the beautiful animals that were exhibited, the inquiry was, "Did you believe that there would have been half so many things exhibited, or that there were half such fine animals in the county?" The

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