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FARMERS' PICNIC LARGELY ATTENDED

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The third annual picnic of the Caroline Farm Bureau and Farm Extension Service, was held at the Concord Camp Ground on Friday, August 14th. The attendance was large, estimated at 1,500, the exhibits were many and very interesting. Everybody seemed happy as farmers are always happy when they leave their cares behind them for a day's recreation and a good feed from a lunch basket.

The cottages were graciously loaned to the ladies of the various community clubs, and were resplendent with decorations and filled with useful articles demonstrating the many home arrangements, which the home extension service recommends as advantageous to the housewife, equally from an attractive, labor saving and economic standpoint. The Preston Community Club specialized in hand-made women's clothing and useful articles of needlework, and the exhibit was a credit to the club.

The Williston ladies gave a dress form demonstration and also of various household arrangements. The Ridgely Club's exhibit was pertaining to home dyein gand fancy needlework.

The Andersontown-Hobbs ladies demonstrated housekeeping in general and kitchen and dining room arrangement. Some very fine hand made furniture was loaned them for the exhibit by the maker, the Rev. C. H. Atkins. The girls club also gave a very fine exhibit of canned fruit and vegetables and dressmaking.

The Preston Farm Bureau local exhibited a booth which shows the wonderful possibilities of this section in the agricultural industry, as apparently specimens of every product grown outside the tropics was exhibited.

Five young Holstein bulls were shown by the Caroline Cooperative Bull Association, the type of which plainly indicates that the milk producers of Caroline county are on the right road to ultimate success.

A most instructive dairy cow demonstration was given by Prof. Conover of the Dairy Extension Service, using a living model to demonstrate the points to be taken into consideration for the selection of high producing stock.

Prof. Oldenberg, crop specialist, gave a very interesting demonstration as to the selection and care of farm seeds. Prof. Rice, poultry specialist of the State College had charge of the poultry end and exhibited different types of laying stock, explained methods of feeding to produce the most eggs at the most profit, and the proper method of feeding to grow stock to proper maturity.

The Boys' Calf Club exhibited some young stock which plainly shows that the dairy business is permeating into the systems of the coming generation in such a manner as to make this one of the leading dairy sections of the country in the future.

Three teams competed in the horseshoe pitching contest, Ridgely, Preston and Concord. Messrs. Beauchamp and Fischel of Concord, who won the trophy last year, again demonstrated their ability to hang on ringers and remain the unbeaten champions.

The music was furnished by Orme's Orchestra who discoursed some very excellent selections which were received with liberal applause.

A humorous, though very instructive play in three acts entitled, "Joe Guess wins $1,000," was enacted in the auditorium at 11 a. m.

The play depicted the evolution of Joe Guess, a haphazard farmer from Toad Hollow, who did everything by guess, as his name implied, who thru the acquaintance of Bob Profit and Bill Know, was induced to learn the value of keeping records of his business, thus knowing rather than guessing as to results. Though side splitting in its perspective, it was so permeated with reality that it was undoubtedly the most educational feature of the day.

The afternoon was given over to speaking in the Auditorium. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley of Denton, after which the President, Mr. Harry Holsinger delivered a short address, in which he stated that the Farm Bureau Federation of the county was in the best condition, both as to membership and finance which it had ever been..

Mr. Holsinger then introduced Mr. Miles Fairbanks, the state organizer of the Farm Bureau Federation, who gave a short address. Mr. Fairbanks was followed by Dr. Bomberger, who was the principal speaker of the day. Dr. Bomberger spoke at length, discussing the value of efficient organization, and cooperative community spirit, and stated that if the Farm Bureau member did not receive his money's worth in actual remuneration, he still had the best insurance policy in the world because he had the biggest organization in the country working for his interests. He quoted figures to show the relative value of the capital of the agricultural industry as compared with all other industries, which when computed, give the former a lead of five billion dollars in excess of all the combined industries of the country, and stated that the realization of the true value of the American farmer as a national asset became apparent when the administration at the beginning of the World War frankly admitted that the war could not be won unless the farmer did his utmost, and that his response to the appeal was so emphatic that with the ending of the conflict the surplus was of sufficient volume to react disastrously to the agricultural industry. Dr. Bomberger further stated that the agriculurist should always consider himself at part with all other occupations, put his business on a sound business basis, and not look up to and worship any other class as his superior.

Following Dr. Bomberger, Mrs. Sipple, president of Federation of Women's Clubs, gave a very interesting and instructive address, after which Congressman T. A. Goldsborough, was introduced. Mr. Goldsborough spoke of the progress of the last few years, development of the good roads movement, and the general trend of the times toward the betterment of mankind, in his usual forceful manner.

The fine exhibits, large attendance and cooperative community spirit which was so plainly in evidence, together with the genial weather, gave an atmosphere of wholesomeness to the occasion which will long be remembered by all who were prsent.

Too much credit cannot be given to the County Agent, Mr. L. M. Goodwin, and County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Bessie Spafford, for the success of the farmers' picnic, as it was largely through their untiring and painstaking efforts that difficulties which some would have believed unsurmountable were overcome, and this, the third annual picnic of the Farm Bureau and Farm Extension Service, made a Red Letter day in the history of Caroline County Agriculture.

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The following is a list of prize awards at the Farmers Picnic, Concord, August 14, 1925:

Kimono dress made by girl 12 or over:
1. Ann Green, Denton
2. Frances Lee Cooper, Denton
3. Kathleen Moore, Denton

Kimono dress made by girl [illegible] or under:
1. Martha Smith, Moores
2. Ruth Grèaves, Denton
3. Ruth Donovan, Chestnut Grove

Gown:
1. Ann Green, Denton
2. Ada Linn, Concord
3. Frances Lee Cooper

Bloomers:
1. Jane Wine, Denton
2. Frances Lee Cooper

Sewing bag:
1. Sidney Trice, Chestnut Grove
2. Ann Green, Denton
3. Gertrude Larimore, Chestnut Grove

Stocking darn:
1. Mary Virginia Sherwood, Hillsboro.
2. Belle Lane, Williston

Towel:
1. Willie Taylor, Hillsboro
2. Martha Smith, Moores

Buttonholes:
1. Martha Smith, Moores
2. Ruth Donovan

Miscellaneous: Napkins:
1. Mary Virginia Sherwood, Hillsboro

Best display:
1. Marion Linn, Concord
2. Viola Trice, American Corner
3. Mary McNeal, Harmony

Best jar apple sauce:
1. Dorothy Neal, Williston
2. Dorothy Gottwals, Moores

Best jar Blackberries:
1. Jennie Todd, Harmony
2. Mary McNeal, Harmony

Best jar of cherries:
1. Mary McNeal, Harmony
2. Viola Trice, American Corner

Best Jar of plums:
1. Marion Linn, Concord
2. Elizabeth Downes, Williston

Best jar of peaches:
1. Edna Clopper, Hillsboro
2. Viola Trice, American Corner

Best jar of pears:
1. Viola Trice, American Corner
2. Marion Linn, Concord

Best jar of Huckleberries:
1. Mary McNeal, Harmony
2. Nettie Lord, Harmony

Best jar of strawberries:
1. Hazel Buker, American Corner
2. Dorothy Neal, Williston

Best jar of asparagus:
1. Jeannette Sharp, Hillsboro

Best jar of corn:
1. Marion Linn, Concord
2. Viola Trice, American Corner

Best jar of beets:
1.. Viola Trice, American Corner
2. Marion Linn, Concord

Best jar of string beans:
1. Mary McNeal, Harmony
2. Elsie Todd, Harmony

Best jar of lima beans:
1. Marion Linn, Concord
2. Louise Sullivan, American Corner

Best jar of greens:
1. Dorris Samis, Hillsboro
2. Margaret Maloney, Williston

Best jar of tomatoes:
1. Louise Sullivan, American Corner
2. Marion Linn, Concord

Best jelly:
1. Ada Linn, Concord
2. Hattie Lewis, American Corner

Chicken (cold pack):
1. Viola Trice, American Corner
2. Elsie Nagel, American Corner

FEDERATION TO PICNIC AUG. 26

The annual picnic of the Caroline County Federation of Womens Clubs will be held August 26th, Wednesday, at Choptank. An interesting program has been arranged by the Twentieth Century Club.

The program will be as follows:

11 a. m., music by Hudson quartet of East New Market.

Song, America.

Welcome address, Mr. J. F. Spence, Choptank.

12-1:30, lunch (coffee and lemonade will be served by the hostess club, ice cream will be one sale).

1:30 p. m., music by quartet.

Address, Sen. D. G. Harry, Harford county.

Music, by quartet.

Address, Prof. W. H. Jump, Wyoming, Del.

Song, America, the Beautiful.

Contest consisting of two members from each club in the county; prizes will be given to winners. Boost your club.

The families of club members are cordially invited.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORT

The week was marked by seasonable weather, with heavy showers during the first half in the southern portion of the section; to the northward the showers were light, as a rule, except moderate generally in Garrett county. In southern Maryland some damage to property was caused by lightning and by a heavy thundergust; the latter also damaged some crops as did hail.

Favorable weather conditions caused a further improvement in crops and pastures. Gardens, truck and pastures are now mostly in good condition.

Corn continues good to excellent, and is growing well. Early-planted corn is earing heavily, while the late-planted is tasseling or beginning to ear.

In Garrett county threshing of wheat and rye, harvesting of oats, and haying were interrupted by showers; buckwheat is beginning to fill out. Elsewhere in the wester portion of the section threshing of wheat, rye and oats also remains unfinished. Marketing of grains continues.

Digging of early potatoes is now confined to western Maryland. Late potatoes are doing well. They are in bloom generally between the Allegeny Mountains and Chesapeake Bay; on the Eastern Shore cultivation continues. Sweet potatoes continue in good condition; they are maturing over the southern Eastern Shore, where digging has begun in some localities.

Tobacco is good and mostly in bloom. Some damage resulted thereto by hail early in the week.

Picking of early apples continues in the western portion of the section. Early varieties of peaches, a poor crop, are ripening and picking is in progress. Pears and small fruits are also being harvested. Cantaloupes are plentiful.

Harvesting of sugar corn, string beans, etc., continues.

Plowing for fall seeding of grains is well advanced.

FAIRS TO BRING FARM TO 25,000,000 PEOPLE IN 1925

Fair Symbolical of Remarkable Growth of Agricultural Exhibits in the United States

In 1810, one fair; in 1925, two thousand fairs.

In 1810, an attendance of about five thousand; in 1925 an estimated attendance of approximately twenty-five million.

The figures, in a nutshell, tell the story of the marvelous growth of the American fair from the humblest beginning to its present-day status as an important factor in agricultural education. They are of special interest here in view of the approaching Cambridge fair which will be held August 26 to 29.

While the fair idea has been taken hold of tremendously in the United States, it is not a native to this country. Fairs run back to ancient days but in the olden times they were more after the manner of a bazaar or market, only held with less requency, very much like the fairs in vogue in Germany and other European countries today. The American fair traces its ancestry back only to about the middle of the eighteenth century, when a group of progressive farmes in the Tees River valley in northeastern Britain joined to bring their livestock together for comparison. It has been termed the first agricultural fair and was the model after which were patterned the hundreds of country fairs both here and in England.

Origin Of Fairs

Elkanah Watson, of New York, has been credited with being the father of the American fair. In 1815 Watson organized the agricultural society of Albany, and proceeded to establish fairs and cattle shows in the neighboring counties. In 1819, due mainly to his influence, the New York legislature appropriated $10,000 a year for six years for premiums on agricultural and home manufactured products. In 1832 the state agricultural society was founded and work started in other states. But while Watson was busy converting farmers and legislators to the value of fairs, the Columbian Agricultural Society held what is believed to be the first exhibition of its kind in Washington, in 1810.

Pittsfield, Mass., shortly thereafter inaugurated regular agricultural exhibits, and from these first small efforts grew up our system of community, county, state, district, national and international fairs which cover practically every section of the country.

The development of the fair in the United States has been one of normal growth and expansion, according to Samuel R. Guard, director of the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, and one of the leading exponents of agricultural exhibits in America. The successful contestant in a local fair naturally wished to compare his products with those of winner in other local fairs. That was how the county fair came to be. The state fair with its wider appeal was the next logical step, and there county winners went to settle disputes on the relative merits of their products. Eventually this lead to competition between states, culminating in the inter-state fair, later in the national show and finally in the inter-national exhibit. Many a national champion grain grower or livestock breeder today can trace his success to some little honor captured at the county fair years ago.

Inspires Ambition

The appealing thing about the county fair is the opportunity it offers the farmer to compare his own work with that of his neighbors and so inspires in him a healthy ambition to improve him self and his work, states Mr Guard. Within easy distance of his home, he can examine the best animals, grains, fruits and vegetables, poultry and honey and determine where he falls short of the mark. Likewise his wife can pit her needlework, her baking and pastry, her canned fruits and vegetables against those of other farm women and enjoy the thrill and reward that comes of victory. Altogether the county fair stimulates friendly competition that has been responsible for much of the farm progress in the past century, he says.

The educational value of the farm implement and equipment displays that are part of all the better fairs is one of the most commendable features, according to Mr. Guard. State and federal government exhibits bring home to the farmer lessons in growing his products more economically and efficiently, and household furnishings and labor saving devices on view work directly for the improvement of country life.

SELF RESPECT

By THE CRACKER

The pathway through life is a difficult trail and with grades and obstructions beset, and if you go straight you are often assailed by woes which temptations abet. There are devious ways that detour around, where the pathway is easy and smooth, through lanes cool and shady where flowers abound and pleasure invites you forsooth. But the straight away course is the road to success that is permanent, lasting and sure; for that which you earn will alone stand the test and naught can be gained by detour. And the trail that you travel is viewed by the world, and the guide that your footsteps direct will not lead astray if forever unfulred, you maintain your own self-respect.

SPARKLIN FAMILY REUNION

The annual reunion of the Sparklin family was held on Wednesday, August 12. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was not feasible to hold the meeting on the lawn of the Grove Church as has been the custom. However, the spacious home of Mr. Robinson C. Murphy, a member of the family residing nearby, was thrown open for the occasion, and more than 60 members and friends of the family assembled and were entertained in a real home-coming fashion.

The feast, spread on long tables, were more than up to standard, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. But the real treat of the occasion was the social features. The company joined heartily in singing familiar hymns, and prayer was offered by Rev. T. C. Smoot, of Denton. Rev. L. Sparklin, of Newport, Del., family historian, traced the family history back more than four hundred years to the original home in the hills of Kent, England.

Several interesting addresses were given. The principal address was made by Rev. W. J. DuHadaway, of Bridgeville, a connection and life-long friend of the family. This was given in his inimitable style, and was a rare treat. This closed one of the most pleasant and profitable reunions yet held, and the company departed, after having fixed the next meeting for Wednesday, August 11, 1926, at Grove Church.

BIBLE SCHOOL ENDED FRIDAY

The Bible School held in the Church of the Brethren ended last Friday, completing the ten day's work. Sixty-five pupils were enrolled who came quite regular. A few others came for a few days only. One of the most encouraging things about the school was the fact that on the last day a group of the children came to us and pleaded for the school to continue another week. We wished that it might have continued for two or more weeks as is done in many city schools. We appreciate that patronage given by the town people very much. With only a very few exceptions each pupil brought the fee of one dollar, which makes the school possible without being a burden to any one.

The final program Sunday evening was made up of samples of the various activities of the school work. The well filled house was accepted as an expression of interest and good will of the friends and neighbors.

WEAVER-SATTERFIELD

Miss Etta Satterfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Satterfield, and Mr. Henry Weaver, both of Tuckahoe Neck, were quietly married at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. M. E. Wheatley on Tuesday evening of last week.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Hank Alderbush says that the bathing suits worn this year are abbreviated down to quotation marks.

Abe Grimsley went to the beach the other day, but didn't enjoy himself much because he forgot his glasses.

Tobe Dufunny allows that the postoffice department don't make much money offa bathing suits that are sent by mail.

CHAUTAUQUA SEASON IS HERE

Many Towns on Shore Are Enjoying Week Of Fine Programs

Chautauqua! That inspiring word is again on the lips of thousands on the peninsula this week and next and they will think of Chautauqua until it comes again next year.

Swarthmore Chautauqua swooped down on the peninsula last Saturday landing at Chestertown where it holds forth until the 21st. Other points on the Shore and the dates it will be there are as follows:

Cambridge, August 17-23.
Cape Charles, Va., August 18-24.
Pocomoke City, August 19-25.
Seaford, Del., August 20-26.
Salisbury, August 21-27.

The program this year is the regular splendid program which is always put on by Swarthmore from the moment the curtain rises on the first performance until it goes down at the close of the last night.

One who has heard the entire program this year told a representative of this paper that they were simply delighted with it this year. It seemed as though it were the best program Chautauqua had ever put on. With such a splendid recommendation, all who can, surely will attend.

On the opening day the afternoon program consists of a concert by the Royal Welsh Male Quartet and the junior chautauqua. In the evening another splendid concert by the quartet and a lecture by Dr. Robert McGowan who takes the place of Mr. Frank Dixon who died since signing on the program scheduled.

The junior chautauqua is held each morning thereafter.

On the second day in the afternoon, is a health demonstration by Mr. and Mrs. C. Rucker Adams and in the evening a full concert by the Vernon-Johns Company composed of solos and string music. This program was heard Tuesday evening by the writer in Cambridge and receives his endorsement of the splendid program which was rendered.

The third day afternoon program is a concert by the Llera Mexican Serenaders who also have half of the evening program. The music of this group is splendid. Following the evening concert is an illustrated lecture "America's Answer to Egypt" by E. H. Thompson, who has spent many years in Egypt studying the ruins of cities and dynasties and his lecture is well worth going many miles to see and hear.

Marchetti's Swiss Yodlers, who have previously been heard in this section delights the audience with their splendid Swiss music in the afternoon and evening concert and Mr. Montaville Flowers adds to the evening program with a lecture on "Of One Mind."

A recital on the afternoon of the fifth day varies the program when the Smith-Ringgold Company are present, to which is also added a lecture-recital by Emily Farrow Gregory. In the evening is that part of the program that every one likes to see—the play. This year, as in years passed, the play is one picked from thousands received by Swarthmore in a contest for the best play of the season and is called "The Next Best Man." This play has practically no moral lesson and no sober thoughts in it. If your sides cannot stand a good hearty laugh for several hours you had better stay home. However, you might go and exercise your lungs with a good laugh which will probably be better than a doctor's tonic and will clear the cobwebs of your brain for another season when all the fun and foolishness that is stored in the play, gets inside your head. Remember, the play is on the fifth night—not the last night as formerly.

On the last day the juniors hold forthduring the first part of the afternoon with the play which they have learned during heir week of chautauqua work. How you will enjoy seeing the youngsters—your boys and girls—take part on the stage. Following the junior play a concert by the Imperial Marimba Band will be given and they will also give a full evening concert.

Denton for two seasons has been without chautauqua but a number of persons who are interested in the good of the community have signed the contract for a winter three-day chautauqua which will be held here during the coming winter. Further announcements of which will be made later.

We have a few copies of the program which is now being given on the Shore and we will be glad to show them to you if you will call at this office.

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