

THE EVENT OF EVENTS.

THE INSTITUTE SURPASSES ANYTHING OF THE KIND EVER HELD IN FAIRFIELD.

The Large Crowd Look With Pleasure and Wonder-What Was There-What was Done-Who Had Exhibits and Who Got the Premiums.

Once more the Farmers' Institute held under the auspices of the Fairfield Agricultural Society has come and gone.

Once more is the Society, the county and the exhibitors to be congratulated upon the creditable display and the achievement and advancement of an undertaking, which but four years ago, was a crude embryo.

From a modest little collection of the products of the county in the Court House four years ago has developed an exposition of the valuable resources of the county, representative of the thrift, energy and progress of her people.

More glorified in its display than the most bewildered dreamer and enthusiast in the effort could have pictured in his imagination.

Each year since the custom of holding these institutes was begun, has found it larger and more extensive in its exhibition, and its exhibitors and visitors more numerous.

It is now the great festive occasion of our people when they flock in from all parts of the county and vie and compete with each other in their artistic, domestic, scientific, industrial, mechanical and agricultural skill.

It is their own fair and burns anew a pride in their county and kindles a hope for greater possibilities for its development.

Seeing the remarkable quantity and quality and variety of the products that can be produced here in Fairfield, they look upon it with gladness of heart, and go home more hopeful of the future.

"This is splendid," "I had no idea Fairfield could get up such a thing," "This is the first one I have seen, but I didn't know it was such a big thing as this," were the kinds of remarks that fell from hundreds of lips.

Yes, Fairfield can, and the magnificent display on the 3rd and 4th inst. proves conclusively, unequivocally and very practically that a great many things can be done in Fairfield that a great many people don't believe the committee is a great object lesson to all our despondent and despairing people.

The many kind of things that have been done or grown or developed under the hands of the men, women and even the children, and placed as a great picture gallery in the Armory and thereabouts, are striking and forcible lessons that, which intelligent, systematic, faithful, hard work and perseverance our people can live at home; and that well too.

Early Monday evening the several energetic and hard working committees were busy arranging everything, and they deserve the compliments from the Society for the taste displayed and their indefatigable energy.

The Armory was a grand scene. The beautiful works of art done by fair hands gave the hall an attractiveness that made the one end of the hall appear in all its splendor; and the less ornamental products of the farm at the other end and along either side gave food for thought for those who viewed the beauty that lies in the necessities of common life, while in the centre were the household exhibits of every kind; wines, jellies with their variegated shades of color were beautiful to the eye, and with the substantial such as hams, bread, etc., made many wish that they could be permitted to use not the sense of sight only. Both Tuesday and Wednesday the streets and everywhere were thronged with people.

Each man, woman and child showed that they were proud of what was being done. The merry laughter of the children, and they were plentiful, augmented the pleasure of the days. They were great days for Fairfield County. Everybody seemed to feel it; the crowing cock felt it and said so; the prancing colt felt it; the bellowing cow said she thought so too; the cackling ducks, geese and the gobbling gobbles all joined in the chorus, and even the grunting hog granted out assent and approval to what all others said. The patent medicine man, the side show man all found it a great affair—especially for them. Farmers enjoyed it, doctors left their patients for a time to see it, lawyers threw down their law books to watch what was going on, merchants slipped out when they could leave so many customers, the girls and boys couldn't be held at school, the housekeepers left home and left their husbands to get their dinners as best they could. It was a season of privilege, a holiday occasion. Indeed it was a unification for Fairfield. All politics, prejudices, troubles, cares and anything to mar the pleasures of the day were locked up in the closet at home.

HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES.

Too much can scarcely be said in praise of this most interesting department. Of course some things were a little better than others, but the most attractive of the exhibits in this line was probably that of Mrs. M. H. Mobley, who had taken great pains in the arrangement of the numerous jars of preserves and decanters of wine and succeeded in making a most creditable display.

Mrs. T. L. Johnston, Mrs. T. W. Rawls, Mrs. T. Harden, Mrs. H. Y. Milling are the ladies who had the best exhibits.

The following is a list of the exhibits and the names of the exhibitors:

Mrs. T. L. Johnston, loaf of bread, butter, and various varieties of jellies, preserves, pickles, wines, and canned fruits.

Mrs. F. A. Neil, six kinds of jelly, preserves, pickles, and canned fruits.

Mrs. W. R. Doty, six varieties of jelly, preserves, pickles, and canned fruits.

Mrs. H. Y. Milling, several different kinds of wine, jelly, preserves, pickles, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. T. Harden, canned fruits and vegetables, preserves, pickles and jellies.

Mrs. S. R. Rutland, different varieties of preserves and jelly, pickles, and canned fruits.

Mrs. T. W. Rawls, jelly, preserves, pickles, and canned fruits.

Mrs. J. A. Gadsden, bread, butter, and various dried fruits, eggs, winter apples.

F. A. Neil, preserves, pickles, bread, two kinds of wine, butter.

Mrs. J. M. Smith, pickles, preserves, and canned fruits.

Mrs. J. Keller, pickles, canned fruit, apples.

Mrs. Jno. M. Smith, pickles, several kinds of wine, loaf, apples and eight varieties dried fruit.

Mrs. M. H. Huey, pickles, bread, butter, and canned fruits.

Mrs. D. J. Macaulay, preserves, pickles, and canned fruits.

Mrs. C. E. Cathcart, canned fruit, bread, butter, and various dried fruits, eggs, winter apples.

Mrs. J. A. Gadsden, bread, butter, and various dried fruits, eggs, winter apples.

Mrs. G. H. McMaster, two kinds of wine, canned tomatoes.

Mrs. James Richmond, three varieties of wine, butter.

Mrs. Thos. Anderson, two different wines.

Mrs. Isehower, six varieties of dried fruit, and very fine winter apples.

Mrs. T. Harden, several kinds of dried fruits, butter.

Mrs. J. S. Cathcart, Jr., butter.

Mrs. W. D. Mobley, butter.

Mrs. S. C. Cathcart, Sr., butter.

Mrs. J. A. Gadsden, bread, butter, and various dried fruits, eggs, winter apples.

Mrs. R. E. Ellison, home cured ham, bread.

Mrs. Anna McCants, two loaves of bread.

Mrs. G. B. Dunn, loaf of bread.

Mrs. F. Elder, loaf of bread, butter.

Mrs. R. Y. Turner, fine winter apples.

Mrs. H. R. Romyed, nice lot of apples.

Mrs. M. H. Mobley, a very fine exhibit of wines, preserves, jellies, pickles.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS.

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The following are the names of the exhibitors, followed by the articles entered by each.

Mrs. J. W. Murray, white Holland turkeys.

Mrs. F. McMaster, black Langshans, Plymouth Rocks, coop of fancy pigeons.

Mrs. T. Harden, group of white Leghorns.

Eber Rabb, pair Langshans, Plymouth Rocks, light combs.

H. B. Refo, five pair bronze turkeys, pair fan.

Mrs. R. W. Featherston, pair bronze turkeys.

W. M. Cathcart, English rabbits.

Thos. Anderson, pair white Holland turkeys.

M. H. Huey, pair Langshans.

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W. D. Mobley, pair Ebdon geese, Muscovy ducks.

M. H. Huey, brown Leghorns and game chickens.

Rev. R. H. Jones, coop of buff cockerils.

Mrs. E. M. Turner, coop brown Leghorns.

M. M. Lemmon, trio brown Leghorns.

M. H. Huey, pair game bantams.

R. Y. Turner, coop bantams.

D. Egleson, coop of game chickens.

W. D. Wylie, two coops fine game chickens.

F. E. Propst, Plymouth Rock chickens, geese.

Miss Maggie Thompson, trio Plymouth Rocks.

FIELD CROPS AND GARDEN PRODUCTS.

This department was very complete, and the articles exhibited very fine.

J. M. Stewart, sheaf oats, six stalks corn, bushel bread corn.

W. A. Neil, sheaf oats, bushel rust-proof oats, bushel bread corn, bushel red peas, one gallon sorghum, six stalks sugar cane, bread corn, several stalks of peas.

John D. Harrison, fine second crop oats.

W. R. Doty, display of harness and saddles.

F. J. Smith, turnips.

T. L. Johnston, bushel each of sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, speckled, black, white, farmer's friend, lady, whippoorwill, red stock, T. L. J. Sprid and cow peas.

J. H. Neil, sheaf oats.

W. B. Rabb, sheaf of oats.

T. G. Robertson, sheaf oats, bread corn, bushel potatoes.

G. H. Measler, exhibited fine cluster bread fruit from his Florida place fine tomatoes, oranges.

T. W. Rawls, bushel each rust-proof oats, bushel bread corn, bread corn, collection garden vegetables, sweet potatoes, turnips.

W. M. Patrick, bushel wheat.

R. A. Patrick, bushel wheat.

J. A. Douglas, bushel rust-proof oats, bread corn, feed corn.

J. H. Neil, rust-proof oats.

W. D. Doty, rust-proof oats.

F. A. Neil, bushel rust-proof oats, six stalks corn, bread corn, pumpkin.

J. W. Bankhead, bread corn.

H. S. Wylie, six stalks corn, bread corn.

L. L. Mobley, six stalks field corn, bread corn.

F. B. Anstey, six stalks corn, yellow six stalks white corn, feed corn.

C. S. Ford, white bread corn.

S. H. Terrace, feed corn, pumpkins.

H. G. Tennant, bushel mixed peas.

R. E. Ellison, cabbages and pepper.

Mrs. J. A. Gadsden, collection garden products.

M. M. Huey, collection of garden vegetables, very fine, turnips.

F. Elder, bushel sweet potatoes, sorghum and sugar cane.

J. W. Wylie, bushel sweet potatoes.

W. B. Rabb, bushel sweet potatoes.

J. G. Johnson, bushel Irish potatoes, sorghum and sugar cane.

J. D. Harrison, turnips.

G. H. McMaster, bushel sweet potatoes.

R. Y. Turner, 92 pound pumpkin, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes.

Mrs. Cathcart, bushel sweet potatoes, sorghum and stalks of cane.

T. W. Robertson, sweet potatoes, sorghum and stalks of cane.

F. R. Rabb, sweet potatoes.

W. M. Gadsden, sweet potatoes, sorghum and sugar cane, turnips.

F. A. Neil, sweet potatoes.

J. H. Neil, sweet potatoes.

F. Smith, turnips.

Jno. Isehower, collection of garden vegetables.

W. A. Neil, gallon of sorghum and sugar cane.

Messrs. T. W. Rawls, F. A. Neil, W. B. Rabb, Jno. Isehower had bales of cotton on exhibition.

Messrs. H. S. Wylie, F. A. Neil, J. D. Harrison, T. W. Robertson exhibited very fine hay.

Messrs. F. A. Neil, R. H. Mobley, T. W. Rawls and W. A. Neil exhibited fine specimens of stalk cotton.

M. H. Mobley exhibited some fine stalk cotton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Winnboro Drug Store tastily arranged exhibit of toilet articles, lamps, etc.

Q. D. Willford & Co. beautiful case of millinery articles, very showy.

Macaulay & Turner, elegant exhibit of fine shoes, slippers.

J. A. Gadsden, Standard Sewing Machine Co. exhibited a sewing machine, on which the agent showed some beautiful samples of its work, and doing for the visitors all kinds of exquisite fancy work.

White Oak Cannery, a most creditable display of their canned fruits and vegetables of every kind.

Ladies' Ginning Factory, a splendid display of the canned goods of our new enterprise.

Ketchin & Cathcart, Franklin stove made by the Richmond Store Co.

W. A. Neil exhibited a pocket watch 140 years old, made by Hugh Neil in 1752; an old badge worn by slaves in Charleston many years ago. A very interesting exhibit this was.

FINE ART AND FANCY WORK.

This department was of course the center of attraction for the ladies, but the display was so magnificent that it could not attract the attention of those most intelligent observers.

Mrs. R. H. Jones, crocheted Afghan. Tizrah Ketchin, aged twelve years, pretty bed spread and pillow shams, rugs made from bagging; a very creditable display for one so young.

H. M. Ketchin, robe trimmed with antique crocheted lace.

Lotie Blair aged twelve years, beautiful worsted quilt.

Mrs. Mary C. Rien, crocheted window curtains, one of the best of the exhibits.

Miss Marion McMaster, beautiful rug made from bagging.

Standard Sewing Machine Co., elegant display of fancy machine work.

Mrs. F. W. Habericht, a boy's suit of clothes made by herself, and splendidly done, too.

Miss Eunice Connor, large collection of embroidery and various kinds of fancy work.

Miss Mollie McMaster, embroidered skirt.

Mrs. S. S. Gibson, collection of crocheted and knitted lace, one of the most exquisite of the exhibits, showing several new patterns.

Mrs. F. E. Propst, table mats made from wadding.

Miss Floride Dwight, one half dozen drawn work, finger bowl doilies, very pretty indeed.

Misses Marie and Jennie Beatty, jewelry made from embroidery.

Miss Kate Lord, beautiful jewelry case.

Mrs. V. A. Robinson, beautifully embroidered table scarf.

Mrs. D. J. Macaulay, embroidered fire-screen.

Miss Eunice Anderson aged twelve years, pretty outline embroidered bed spread.

Miss Maggie Elder, robe de nuit trimmed with crocheted lace.

Miss Ella Doty lovely slipper bag, Mrs. Ben. H. H. H. room start.

Miss Ella Doty, novel and pretty.

Mrs. T. Harden, beautiful pair cushion.

One of the most unique and remarkable pieces of work in this department was a doll made entirely of shucks, by Mrs. Mary. It is an attempt at a great feat of artistry.

Miss Mamie Bolick a large collection of crayon drawings, among which a number of studies from nature were to be seen, all of which were beautifully executed.

Miss Nannie Cummings, a number of oil paintings, each piece exhibited remarkable skill in execution.

Miss H. A. Jones four oil painted studies from nature making an exquisite show.

Mrs. F. M. Clarke, crazy exquisite quilt.

Miss Lizzie Gerig, lovely crazy quilt.

Miss Eunice Connor also had exhibited beautiful quilts.

Mrs. H. A. Jones, beautiful crazy quilt.

Mrs. T. G. Robertson, patch work quilt.

Mrs. H. F. Gibson, beautiful lumber-quilt.

Mrs. P. M. B. Holley, very pretty rag rug.

Mrs. J. S. Cathcart, Jr., lovely artificial bowers made of worsted zephyr.

Miss Mamie Bolick cabinet of fancy work of different varieties.

Miss Ella Doty, and exhibition a beautiful bag made of silk ribbon, filled with silk weed from Kentucky.

Mrs. Rawls, Mrs. W. R. Doty, and Mrs. Romyed had beautiful collections of chrysanthemums.

Mrs. H. A. Gadsden, collection of chrysanthemums.

Mrs. W. B. Murray, a fine collection of pot plants.