

# Virginia's Great Progress in Agriculture Shown at State Fair

## JERSEY CATTLE EXHIBIT IS LARGEST IN COUNTRY

Short-horn Exhibits in Grounds Number 147 Specimens—Some Famous Prizes—Winners.

## ACCA FARM JERSEYS ON VIEW

Governor Stuart's Russell Beef Cattle Compete for Prize With Thomas F. Ryan's Nelson County Herd. Judging Will Begin To-day.

Standing foremost among all the live stock exhibits at the Virginia State Fair, are the herds of beef and dairy cattle, which this year so far exceeded the original accommodations reserved for them that additional stabling room had to be found in the buildings assigned to horses. President Henry Fairfax said yesterday that it was the best showing in cattle Virginia had ever made. In addition to native-bred cattle are several herds from other States come here to compete for the much-prized blue ribbons of the local show. Among the cattle exhibits there are 147 Short-horns, the second largest number gathered at any one fair in the country, and ninety-six entries of Jersey cattle, the largest number ever exhibited in Virginia or in any other fair in the United States. The Acca Farm Jerseys are easily among the first in their breed, including as they do one grand champion, which has won two first prizes, two champions which have won twelve second prizes, and a reserve champion which has won eight third prizes and four fourth ribbons. The prize cow of all is not exhibited this year, because of an injury to her hip early last winter. Her official record is, however, worth mention. In one day she was tested for 22 pounds of milk and 3.99 pounds of butter. In seven days she gave 324.4 pounds of milk and 27.31 pounds of butter. In eleven months she gave 12,033.9 pounds of milk and 916.351 pounds of butter.

## GOVERNOR STUART EXHIBITS FINE CATTLE

Among the better known exhibitors of prize herds are Governor Henry C. Stuart, whose stock farm in Russell County is known everywhere in the country, and Thomas Fortune Ryan, of Nelson County, whose herds have many winners of blue ribbons in fairs throughout the East. J. S. Dobbins & Sons, of Horace, Ind., are exhibiting a fine herd of Red Polled Jerseys. A herd of Brown Swiss cattle has come all the way from Meadville, Pa., and the Holstein breed is well represented by the exhibit from the Woodstock Farm, near Washington. The exhibit at Wide Water, near the Manassas Hall Farm, at Fredericksburg. In addition, there are fine specimens of Red Poll and Dutch Belted fat cattle. The judging of the cattle will begin this morning at 9 o'clock, when Jersey bulls four years old and over will be inspected. Horses, Clydesdales, four years and over, will be judged at 10 o'clock. Percherons will be judged at 10 o'clock. Berkshire swine and Cotswold sheep will also be judged this morning.

## JUDGES ARE EXPERTS IN DIFFERENT LINES

The judge of horses is Professor E. M. Pife, of the University of Ohio; the judge of dairy cattle, H. S. Berry, of Kentucky; the judge of Short-horns, Henderson, of Washington; the judge of swine, T. B. Pierson, F. W. Harding, of Waukesha, Wis., president of the American Short-horn Cattle Association, will judge all the fat, or beef, cattle. Notwithstanding the fact that each day at the offices of R. W. Spillman, director of the cattle exhibits, of the classes to be judged the day following. Mr. Spillman said yesterday that there were more cattle at the fair than he had ever seen, and he experienced some difficulty in finding stable room for the entries. Mr. Marshall, an official of the association, who is in charge of the cattle exhibit, said that it was the best cattle exhibit he had seen in the Eastern States, and President Fairfax was particularly pleased with the evidence that Virginia is paying so much more attention to the raising of cattle now that the cost of living is so much increased.

## Churches Operate Booths

Local churches and charitable organizations are using theaching voids of the fair visitors as a means of adding goodly sums to their exchequers. In more than a dozen spots on the grounds can be found booths conducted by the church workers, and each was busy yesterday in serving the lines of hungry customers. Among the churches having booths on the grounds are the Epiphany Episcopal, Ascension Church, Highland Methodist, Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Methodist, Church of the Covenant, Venable Street Methodist, Meade Memorial Episcopal, Westminster Presbyterian, and others. A number of formal orders, among them the Odd Fellows and Pythians, have rest tents, where persons can enjoy a few minutes of ease from the bustle of the midway. Attendants are on hand to make these places attractive and beneficial to the users.

## Women's Dept. Crowded

The Woman's Department occupies more than twice as much space as it did last year, and the quality of the entries has kept pace with the quantity. Miss Catherine Coleman, superintendent of the department, is unable to find room for the proper display of the beautiful handwork sent in by the women of the State. Embroideries, laces, babies' caps, dresses, quilts, coats, and rugs form a colorful mass on the shelves and hanging against the white-covered screens of the booths. The painstaking and difficult work of the women of the State was never displayed to such advantage and it is wonderful to think of the number of stitches taken on these articles since the last fair. The work of the children is particularly good, and the department is full to overflowing with their offerings. Some of the dolls dressed by the little ones are real beauties. Preserves and canned goods are, for the first time, put in a separate booth, and the quality is, according to Miss Coleman, the highest in the history of the fair. Much of the canning and preserving was done by the receipts sent out by the Department of Agriculture, and the results speak for themselves. Cakes, pies, breads and all perishable exhibits are due to-day, when judging will begin in this department.

## Parcel Post Demonstration

Uncle Sam turned advertiser, and it must be said that his first effort is a winner and is bound to be crowned with success. This remark applies to the parcel post exhibit in the Industrial Building, which means the government hopes to popularize this latest of his many postal innovations of recent years.

The parcel post exhibit was the center of attraction yesterday. It was erected entirely by employees of the local post-office, and was decorated and trimmed by them, the goods being loaned by local merchants.

The principal object of the exhibit is to show the visitor to Richmond the great possibilities of the parcel post as a cheap means of transportation of parcels and small pieces of freight. The whole display is one big object lesson, the exhibit in its own story. If further explanations are needed, a polite clerk is on hand to enlighten the questioner. In the booth, packed for shipment, can be seen stoves, farm implements, paints, hats, dresses, musical instruments, telephones, baby carriages, flowers, oysters, eggs, fruit trees, groceries, saddles, harness, chaises, pumpkins, carpets, pumps, wagon hubs, machinery and scores of other articles.

Carts and boxes for shipment of fragile goods are on exhibition, as is a patent bucket for the shipment of liquids, which was designed by a local man. The methods of proper packing are demonstrated. A. J. Lewis, superintendent of mails; Assistant Postmaster W. R. Southward and Charles I. Robinson are the principal workers at the booth, although Postmaster Hay T. Thornton will lend a hand when he arrives home from Washington.

Parcels can be mailed at the booth, and a special messenger service has been established on the grounds by the post-office, but that is not the point in making regular trips to the post-office, and it is expected that many of the exhibits will be sent home by Uncle Sam's up-to-date delivery.

## Girls' Canning Club

Occupying twice as much space as heretofore, the girls' canning clubs have one of the most attractive, and appetizing exhibits at the fair. The display of home-made products of Virginia maidens is to be seen in the Farm Demonstration Building, where three large booths are decorated with toothsome foods for winter consumption. Miss Ella Agnew, who has charge of this work in Virginia, said yesterday that she was more than gratified with the results of her labors. The year has been a hard one, but the girls rose to their task, and have outdone themselves with examples of their work. There are now twenty-two counties represented by the girls' canning clubs. The new ones are Spotsylvania, Albemarle, Campbell, Albemarle, Isle of Wight, Tazewell, Warlick, York, James City and Culpeper. Those with exhibits this year again represented are: Halifax, Dinwiddie, Giles, Shenandoah, Westmoreland, New Kent, Charles City, Rockingham, Prince William and Nottingham. Special exhibits for older girls were taken from Halifax, Henrico and Nottingham Counties.

In variety, the girls have apparently canned every conceivable product of the Virginia farm. Some of the exhibits are in glass jars, allowing the visitor an opportunity to inspect the contents on the luscious fruits and vegetables. Others are in regulation cans, but look none the less appetizing. The exhibitors will give demonstrations beginning in front of the booths. A canning outfit is on hand, and everybody, especially men, is invited to come out and witness the girls' work.

Three large booths are taken up with the canning club exhibits. The whole is under charge of Miss Agnew, with a corps of assistants. Among the exhibits are mint jelly, asparagus, rhubarb, corn, cranberries, apples, and fruits, jellies and vegetables in production. Liege surrendered last night to superior tactics, bursting shells and screaming rockets, a defense was put up, but fort after fort was forced to lower its colors, and after a steady cannonading of five minutes, the defenders capitulated to a greater foe.

The sanguinary conflict will be resumed to-night, to-morrow night and the other nights that the Virginia State Fair is in operation. It was the culmination of a brilliant display of fireworks, which will be long remembered by the small, but enthusiastic crowd in the grand stand.

As a battle, Liege was a disappointment, but as a fireworks display, it was a huge success. As a feature it was totally eclipsed by Niagara Falls, a beautiful set piece, and this, in turn, was outdone by the transformation of a glowing bed of roses into an American flag.

The fireworks are equal, if not superior to those of last year. Rockets exploded and sent showers of brilliant colored sparks. Gigantic flaming palm-trees mingled with colored balloons, while other rockets released dozens of exploding wheels in the air. One bomb, exploding in the air, set off an ordinary rocket, gradually became more luminous, until the naked eye could not stand the glare, and the ground hundreds of feet was as light as day.

Large set pieces vied with the rockets in adding light and color to the scene. Long poles held gigantic pin-wheels, which turned into flaming aeroplanes, sailing on a level with the grand stand. The display wound up with thousands of Roman candles, sky-rockets and bombs being set off simultaneously.

Preceding the fireworks display was the long list of attractions, which will be shown nightly in front of the grand stand.

## PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

Office of the Mayor, Richmond, Va., October 5, 1914. The Council of the city of Richmond, by joint resolution, has determined that the State Fair, to be held at the grounds of the State Fair, in the city of Richmond, on October 7, 1914, be a holiday for the city. The city departments are concerned, in order that the officers and employees of the city may be present at the State Fair on that day, and has requested and authorized the Mayor of the city to issue a proclamation accordingly. Therefore, in pursuance of that resolution, hereby give notice that the municipal offices of the city of Richmond will be closed on October 7, 1914, and that work in all of the city departments will be suspended during the hours of the respective departments. GEORGE ANSLIP, Mayor.

## BETTER BABIES' BOOTH ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Infants From Six Months to One Year to Be Judged To-day.

## OLDER CHILDREN TO-MORROW

Physical Perfection and Disposition to Count as Much as Mere Looks. Exhibit of All Articles Used in Care of Babies.

Mothers may gain many points in the interest of their children if they drop in on the Better Babies' Booth at the Virginia State Fair Grounds. This exhibit, which is a new department of the fair, is located in the Industrial Building, and in charge of the Richmond Federation of Mothers' Clubs, and the Parent Teachers' Association.

The booth is in charge of Mrs. Whitlock, and a visiting nurse is on hand every day to answer questions from mothers, and the doctors layettes, for baby's toilet, cribs, carriages and clothing, all of the most approved design. There is also demonstrations in the proper bathing of children, preparation of food, and the making of the baby's bed.

The federation will also conduct a Better Babies' Contest, in which prizes will be given to children having the best physical development. The cooperation of the State Department of Health and local physicians has been secured, and every child entered in the contest will receive the best of attention.

## COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN THREE DIVISIONS

The competition is in three divisions, in each of which first and second honors will be awarded. The first class, for babies from six months to a year, will be examined to-day from 11 to 3 o'clock; the third class, for children from three to five years, on Wednesday at the same hours, and the second class for children between one and two years, on Thursday.

The prize winners will be announced at 7 o'clock Friday afternoon by Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, of the State Board of Health, and Mrs. William A. Burrows, president of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs.

Over 200 babies have already been entered, many from out of town. The examinations will take place in tents erected just outside the entrance of the Industrial Building. The demonstrators co-operating are: Miss Coralie Johnston, Miss Snyder and Miss Minor; Dr. Cullen Pitt, Dr. McGuire Newton, Dr. N. T. Ennett and Dr. St. George Grinnan.

## State Dept. Takes Hand

Perhaps there has never been a more instructive exhibit at the Virginia State Fair than that of the State Department of Agriculture. The department has taken this year for the first time the Virginia farmer what it is endeavoring to accomplish for his benefit.

The exhibit occupies one of the largest booths in the Industrial Building, and is subdivided into sections, the work of the Dairy and Food Division and the Botany Division could be viewed separately from the main part of the display.

The department has on hand samples of every kind of fertilizer in use, and will endeavor to teach the farmers this week the value of each. As an example of this work, it will show him that the dark and odoriferous fertilizer near so valuable as the light and practically smellless variety. The material which goes into the fertilizer is shown by specimens in large glass jars.

The Division of Botany will show the value of seed and seed selection, at the same time giving a practical demonstration of the same. The State seed law. Samples of seed, both pure and impure, are to be seen, and the farmer will be given instruction in how to test his seed at home.

The Dairy and Food Division has on hand samples of the most improved dairying accessories, including buckets, churns, separators, and other apparatus. It shows how to test milk, how to determine its value, and how to determine the amount of moisture in butter.

Charts and tables are used to show the harm of adulterated foods, and a specimen of each of the chemicals which are applied to all the foodstuffs, including butter and other foodstuffs. A practical demonstration of the methods taken to detect this misbranded and adulterated foods is given, and the consequence is also shown.

## Hotels Well Filled

Page after page in the registers of Richmond hotels were filled yesterday with names of visitors here from every rural district, town and city in Virginia. From many sections of surrounding States, the State Fair. Some of the visitors came Sunday, to be here when the gates at the Fair Grounds were opened yesterday morning, and last night found practically every room in the Richmond comfortably filled with visitors.

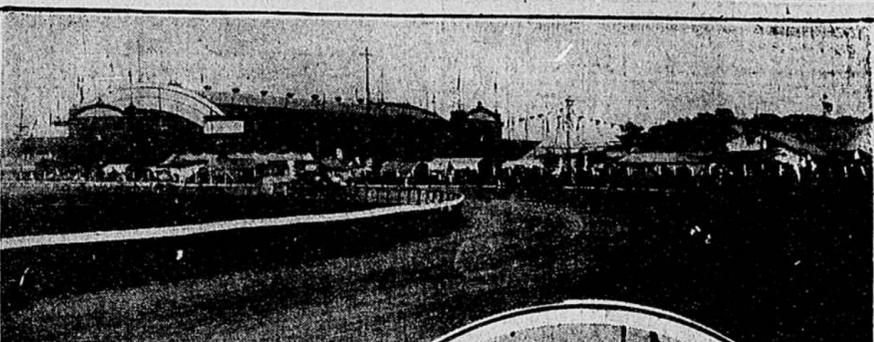
"We have more people here than we have ever had on the opening fair days," said the clerk at Murphy's Hotel last night, "and there is every indication that we will have the largest crowds this year that we have ever had. We have several rooms left, but they are filling up fast."

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Weather conditions favorable. It is more than likely that every incoming train to-day and to-morrow will bring a large number of visitors to Richmond from every direction. The majority of the visitors who arrived yesterday will remain until the fair is over.

## SCENES AT VIRGINIA'S LARGEST STATE FAIR



A SECTION OF THE FAIR

## THREAT OF RAIN DOES NOT CHECK OPENING OF FAIR

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counties showing, as against forty for last year.

The farm products display, which is housed in the Industrial Hall, is equal to the average, and is dressed to more advantage. Of fruits and vegetables there is no lack, and apples and other fruit from the Piedmont sections make a splendid showing. Grains and tobacco are displayed in abundance in the booths of railway companies and in separate displays, especially tobacco, which has not yet lost its prestige because of the shortness of demand in the European markets. In short, the fair, as an exhibit of the agricultural products of the State, is above the average in all respects. Other fairs created the interest among the farmers, and they have responded in greater degree and with a higher grade of products than they have shown heretofore. Every section of the State is represented to some extent at least, and the State as a whole has outdone itself.

In the Industrial Hall there yet remain a few finishing touches to be put on, some of the exhibitors having been delayed by the rain on Saturday.

The free attractions began at 2 o'clock, and were shown continuously until 5 o'clock. Another of those which pleased the most were the Bobber Arabs, a crowd of fifteen, who went through the very manner of tumbling and pyramiding, and, as a spectacular finish, thirteen of them climbed on top of the leader and were held by him for several minutes. A diminutive dandy, Trice, who did all sorts of fancy stunts; Howard and Lorne, in which the latter executed sprightly jumps and turned handstands as lightly as his masters; Alma Meiers brought a thrill when she dived ninety feet into a shallow pool and came out with a smile and a howl. Then there were the Russian dancers, the agile Bard Brothers, the Ernest Trio, who did all sorts of fancy stunts; Howard and Lorne, in which the latter executed sprightly jumps and turned handstands as lightly as his masters; Alma Meiers brought a thrill when she dived ninety feet into a shallow pool and came out with a smile and a howl. 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