

THE FAIR EQUALLED ANY IN THE STATE.

LIST OF PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS.

Mr. W. J. Seifreth, one of the best posted men on agriculture in Louisiana and who was sent here to report the Fair last week had the following to say about the exhibits which is worthy your perusal:

"New Iberia has established a number of new records with her splendid fair. She took the lead with her initial attempt at such enterprise. She made it absolutely free as far as both entries and admissions were concerned, and she gave a show that was equal to anything the state has seen outside of the state fair at Shreveport. There will be altogether \$2500 given away in prizes; there is the keenest competition in all classes; there are some of the finest cattle, swine and poultry in the country; every feature is of educational value, and there are no side shows to cheapen the affair and divert the attention.

The most commendable exhibits are the New Iberia spirit and the wonderful progress of the Teche valley in an agricultural way. It is only a year and a half ago that Dr. J. A. Goodwin, parish live stock officer, induced the farmers to bring in an entire carload of thoroughbred bulls of the short horn type. Then Congress passed Broussard's bill to establish a demonstration cattle farm and extension service and though it was understood that the state penitentiary site in the parish would be favored, it came near defeat because of the delay in tick eradication. New Iberia helped to win that fight, too, by organizing a creamery. By that time progress had become a habit, and the Teche fair was the next step. Dr. Goodwin and Mr. A. C. Bernard and others launched the project only a little over a month ago, and the achievement in that brief time was really marvelous. The extension experts present said that no initial endeavor in any county in the North compared with it, and declared that a mark had been set which parishes older in the business would find it hard to reach.

Exclusively Educational.
The resolve was based upon the desire to make the event exclusively educational, with concrete lessons in animal industry, better farming and diversified crops possible to the fertile section. There were to be no races, no undignified diversions, and the only outside privileges were those in the refreshment line, bestowed to help the Woodmen of the World in their building fund. An invitation was extended to other sections to compete, to give the farmers the opportunity for comparison, and so as to realize deficiencies as well as improvements. There were responses from Donaldsonville to the Texas line, which made the fair still more worth while.

New Iberia was especially enthusiastic about the coming of Evan J. McCall, master of Evan Hall, in Ascension parish, who brought his magnificent short horn herd, headed by the Taft bull, Watson, and his even more famous herd of Duroc Jersey swine with Louisiana Defender, the royal boar.

The money for the fair was raised by popular subscription and patriotic services. The parish police jury voted \$250, the city of New Iberia a like sum.

H. S. Sealy, the newly elected mayor, turned over \$150, the whole of his first month's salary. Banks and mercantile firms and individuals contributed from \$100

down, and the total was quickly completed. The poorer people, as a rule, volunteered their labor and services in any way required. Carpenters and draymen worked without pay. Even the negro band which headed the parade of cleverly decorated trade floats, set the example of civic spirit. The railroads put on a two-thirds fare from anywhere in Louisiana, with a five days' limit. Cups and other prizes were donated to add to the cash awards. The Mellhennys, of Avery Island, erected an exact duplicate of the elaborate booth at San Francisco, made up of products grown in Iberia. There were half a dozen buildings right in the heart of the city fitted up for far purposes, making it convenient for the people as well as providing shelter, which could not otherwise be erected in time.

The only new structure was a judging pavilion, surrounded by raised seats, which permitted a large crowd to become familiar with the points which counted in the approach to perfection. If there was anything omitted it was not apparent, for every phase ran smoothly despite a heavy noon-day rain. There was a holiday crowd out day and night, but the banner attendance is expected Sunday, when there will be excursions from all points between New Orleans and Beaumont, especially as nigh every hamlet has been circularized. The New Iberia Chamber of Commerce and the Iberia-S. Mary Live Stock Association, joint sponsors, are jubilant over the result, claiming that they have convinced the world that this is the coming live stock country, that a great transformation has been worked, the one-crop system shelved, and that dairying and beef production are permanent farm industries in the section.

Officers of the Fair.
The officers of the Teche Fair are: Chairman, Dr. J. Arthur Goodwin; secretary, A. C. Bernard; treasurer, Fritz Dietlein. Department superintendents and directors: Woman's work—Mrs. Albert Estorge; farm crops—Henry N. Pharr; machinery and commercial display—George W. Dallas; dairy cattle—J. C. Hendricks; beef cattle—John R. Taylor; horses and mules—J. S. Suttle; swine—P. A. Landry; corn—S. L. Broussard; canned goods—Luke L. Bertrand; poultry, L. F. Lallande; transportation—J. S. Power; home manufactures—Vic J. Erath; privileges and concessions—R. A. Jacob; electric lighting and water—L. F. Villermine. The finance chairman was Ed. L. Estorge; Mayor Sealy was chief of reception; Walter J. Burke of the speakers' committee and the Ladies Civic League arranged the elaborate decorations.

The dairy cattle display was perhaps the largest and there were some fine show as well as working herds. Extension experts S. W. Kiser and A. R. Moist did not always give the prizes to the dandies, as they considered that the animals, that most practically met the farmers needs were entitled to consideration even if not as well groomed as the aristocratic idlers. H. N. Pharr exhibited the largest Holstein herd yet seen at any fair in Louisiana, with the big bull, Maggie Netherlands Louisiana, bred by Dr. Clarence Pierson at the Jackson Insane Asylum, as the star attraction. John Pharr and others swelled the Holstein list. The Pharr dairy development is only a one year wonder, and there are over a hundred head

on the plantation, which now ships to New Orleans daily. The gaining of Jerseys, young and old, was also impressive, and well up to the average of Northern fairs.

Among the Jersey princes was a show bull from Tennessee, which Luke Trainor, veteran lumberman, invested in as an incentive to up-build herds in his neighborhood. There was a small company of select Guernseys, the best a bull belonging to Robert Pesson, a young local dairyman. To make the dairy snow or more service there were milking machines and other modern devices in operation, and all the local implement firms erected a home-made silo filler, which were kept going all the time, so the farmers could see the simplicity and economy of the entire process. Superintendent Kendrick, who handles the Pharr dairy and the local creamery says that dairying in the section has been revolutionized in eighteen months, the herds have expanded and improved, the cattle better fed and handled, the production increased, and the farmers delivery to the creamery doubled in number. A number of other sugar planters will soon put in dairy cattle to supply the creamery.

Beef Cattle Display.
The beef cattle display also set a new mark, and there were not only some great show animals, but sturdy stock that had thrived on open pastures and ranges. Bob Patout had a bunch of prize Herefords, headed by Vernet Prince XII, one of the great sons of the champion Point Comfort XIV. He also had a Red Poll champion bull, called Brueggerhoff, in compliment to the State Fair secretary. McCall's Watson, his Short Horn bull, found a rival worthy of his steel in Pleasant Prince, which H. N. Pharr brought out at the last Shreveport fair, out of the great Lookabaugh herd from Oklahoma, after he had won the junior championship at three state fairs in succession. Expert Kiser was enthusiastic about the beef herds, both as to size and quality, and said that the display showed that the extension campaign was bearing glorious fruit. Louisiana was not only selecting the right cattle, but was feeding and handling them to the best advantage.

In the same barn were horses, mules and jacks. These were all home products and compared with any, bearing out the contention that the state could raise all her live stock at home. The only criticism was that in some cases smooth conformation was bred for, rather than bone and muscle. Jules Darby, a native farmer, had an exhibit entitled to a special medal. He showed a mare and her progeny, consisting of five fine mules and a colt, and in foal again.

Leading Attraction.
The swine building was one of the main attractions, because of the enterprise of McCall. His big Durocs were especially timely and treasured visitors, because the variety was almost unknown here. The majority of hogs shown were Tamworths and Hampshires of the bacon type, and the mammoth lard hogs were almost curiosities. Iberia will now introduce the breed so popular in Ascension and elsewhere.

Prof. Rolf came from Baton Rouge to judge the poultry, and found 417 birds of a standard that moved him to remark that the rest of the state would have to hustle some to equal it. The most numerous class was the Rhode Island Reds, and the main winner in the class was Ambrose Viator, who took four prizes in one contest. Although some of the best chickens in the state were on hand, New Iberia fanciers more than held their own. Jim Colgin captured Barred Rock honors, Jack Lamperez led in White Wyandottes, and L. F. Lallande in Black Orpingtons.

One of the special buildings was for farm crops, and it was a little palace of diversification. Sugar cane, cotton, corn and rice were in finest and fullest force. There were oats and all kinds of clovers and other forage and hay crops. There were oranges, grapefruit, pears, figs and peaches. There was even one of nature's honey factories, from Loreauville, in operation, the bees never ceasing work and seemingly enjoying the chance of showing off. Demonstration Agent S. L. Broussard praised the entire exhibit, as it fully proved that diversification was the rule and that all crops could be and were being success-

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tiest in arrangement, but there was not too much crowded into the place. Women and maids, of course, displayed their best preserves, canning, needle and other handiwork; there were flowers and ferns, and other samples of the gentler arts. Then, grand dames noted for the possession of historical souvenirs, some dating back to Washington's early days, laid them at the shrine of the fair. Some of the relics were extremely interesting. One was a loom 100 years old, which is still weaving the Attakapas jeans in vogue then. Prosper Romero, 85 years old, loaned it and his daughter, Mrs. Alcee Romero, operated it. It was built by his maternal grandmother's brother for her use. There were other looms of the long ago, garments worn in various weaves, papers long out of print.

Prizes.
Jersey bulls, three years and over: New Iberia Dairy Company, first, New Iberia, La.; Maurice Bergerie, second; J. N. Pharr and Sons, third, Olivier, La.; bulls, two-year and under: J. A. Pharr, Berwick, La.; bulls one year and under: Geo. W. Dallas, first, New Iberia, La.; Mudd & Doremus, second, Burke, La.; bulls under one year: J. N. Pharr & Sons, first, Olivier, La.; G. J. Mestayer, second, New Iberia, La.; cows five years and over: J. N. Pharr & Sons, first, second and third, Olivier, La.; cows three years and under: J. N. Pharr & Sons, Olivier, La.; first; heifers two years and under: J. N. Pharr & Sons, first, Olivier, La.; heifers two years and under three, New Iberia Dairy Company, first; heifers one year and under: New Iberia Dairy Company, first, second and third; heifers under one year old, New Iberia Dairy Company; senior champion bull over two years: New Iberia Dairy Company; junior champion bull; J. N. Pharr & Sons; junior champion female under two years: New Iberia Dairy Company; grand champion bull any age: New Iberia Dairy Co. Guernseys—Bulls under two years: Robert S. Pesson, New Iberia, La.; junior champion bull: Robert S. Pesson.

Holsteins—Bulls 3 years and over: J. N. Pharr and Sons; bulls two years and under: Cesaire Broussard, first, New Iberia, J. N. Pharr and Sons, Olivier, La.; second; Bulls under year: J. A. Segura, Segura, La.; first; J. N. Pharr and Sons, second; senior champion bull, over two years: Cesaire Broussard, New Iberia, La.; Junior champion under two: J. A. Segura, Segura, La.; Grand champion bull, any age: Cesaire Broussard, New Iberia, La.

Graded Jerseys under three, cows: J. N. Pharr and Sons, first, second, third; cows two and under three years: W. J. McGrew, first, New Iberia, La.; J. N. Pharr and Sons, second, third; heifers one and under two years: Wm. Lour, Jr., first; Mrs. H. F. Bell, second; L. F. Lallande, third; heifers under one: J. A. Viator, first, New Iberia, La.; W. J. McGrew, second; Mrs. H. F. Bell, third.

Graded Jerseys, registered bull and three females: J. N. Pharr and Sons, first, second; Maurice Bergerie, third.

Graded Holsteins under one year: J. A. Pharr, first, Berwick, La.; Alfred P. Pesson, second, third, New Iberia, La.

Beef cattle—Herefords: Bull two and under three years: H. Patout, first, Patoutville, La.; bull one and under two years: J. N. Pharr and Sons, first; cow five years and over: J. N. Pharr and Sons, first; cow five years and over: H. Patout, first; J. N. Pharr and Sons, second; cow two and under three years: H. Patout, first; heifer under one year: J. N. Pharr and Sons; senior champion bull over two years: H. Patout; junior champion bull under two years: J. N. Pharr and Sons; senior champion cow under two years: H. Patout; junior champion cow under two years: J. N. Pharr and Sons; grand champion bull, any age: J. N. Pharr and Sons; grand champion female, H. Patout.

Short Horns—Bull under three, E. J. McCall, Donaldsonville, La.; first; J. N. Pharr and Sons, second; Louis P. Pesson, third. Bulls under year, E. J. McCall, first, second; R. F. Broussard, third, New Iberia, La. Heifers under one year, E. J. McCall, first, second, third. Senior champion bull over two years: E. J. McCall. Junior champion female under two years, E. J. McCall. Grand champion bull, any age, E. J. McCall. Grand champion female, any age, E. J. McCall.

Aberdeen Angus—Bulls two and under three years H. Patout. Senior champion bull over two, H. Patout. Grand champion bull, any age, H. Patout. Cows over three years, J. N. Pharr & Sons, first, second, third. Heifers under one year, J. N. Pharr and Sons, first, second, third. Steer and heifer under two years, J. N. Pharr and Sons.

Swine—Berkshires, aged boar, Patout Bros., first. Junior yearling boar, J. N. Pharr and Sons, first.

Poland China—Senior yearling boar, James Dugas, first. Aged sow, Maurice Bergerie, first. Junior sow, D. A. Theriot, New Iberia, La., first. Senior champion

sow, Maurice Bergerie, first. Duroc Jerseys—Aged boar: E. J. McCall, first; senior boar: E. J. McCall; junior boar: E. J. McCall and Sons, first; senior pig: E. J. McCall, first; second; junior pig: E. J. McCall, first; third; aged sow: E. J. McCall, first; second and third; yearling sow: E. J. McCall, first; second; junior yearling sow: E. J. McCall, first; senior champion sow: E. J. McCall; junior champion sow: E. J. McCall; and sow: E. J. McCall; champion boar: E. J. McCall.

Hampshires—Aged boar: Place Stock Farm, New Iberia, La., first; Estate Mrs. Al. Dry, second; junior yearling boar: Frederick Decuir, New Iberia, La., second; junior pig: Belle Place Stock Farm, first; junior sow pig: Dallas, first and second; Decuir, third; senior sow: Belle Place Stock Farm; senior champion boar: Belle Place Stock Farm.

Tamworths—Aged boar: Place Stock Farm; junior boar: Belle Place Stock Farm; junior boar pig: Place Stock Farm, first and third; senior champion boar, any age, Belle Place Stock Farm.

Prizes in Poultry.
The following prizes and honors were awarded in the building:

American Class—Barnmouth Rocks: James T. of New Iberia, first, second and fourth cock; first and second cockerel; first fourth and fifth pullets; H. S. Sealy, exp. for best of Plymouth Rocks, all birds.

White Rocks: Chester cock, New Iberia, La.; second cocks; first, second fourth, fifth hens; first and fourth; first and second cockerels; first and second pullets.

Columbia Rocks: of New Iberia, La.; first hen; second, fourth hens; first cockerel; first and second pullets.

White Wyandottes: Lamperez, New Iberia, La.; third hens; first and second cockerels; first and fourth pullets. Bertrand Lambert, own best non Wyandotte McGrew, New Iberia, La.; cock; fifth hen. E. C. Bernard, fifth cockerel; fifth hen; third and fifth cockerels.

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