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OLD TIME FARMER EXHORTS ON FAIR

Endorse The Slogan—"A Big Fair
Or no Fair at All. Everyone
Get Busy."

Dear Wiregrass Farmer:

The announcement in last week's paper that Turner county was to have a fair this coming fall has met with general approval everywhere we can hear of. Not alone with approval, but with gladness. Especially among the young people of the different clubs. Everybody is waiting anxiously to see what prizes are to be given so they may select what they want to exhibit. There should not be a farm in Turner county that has not some produce, some animal or chicken to show. Turner county has had a heap of advertising, but if every farm in the county contributes in some way to this fair, we would have one like of which never was seen before. Fellow farmers what you say? Let us not alone encourage our wives, our boys and our girls, but let us pitch in ourselves and do all we can to make this the greatest fair ever and one that will make all previous advertising seem as nothing to the great boost Turner will get from 1923 fair.

We are heartily in sympathy with the slogan expressed in last issue: "A Big Fair or no Fair at all," that's in keeping with Turner County. She has been doing big things, let us keep up that lick in connection with the fair. Not alone in connection with quantity but also quality. We rejoiced to see that Ashburn Creamery butter was bringing one cent a pound more than others. Let everything at the farm show next September 20, 21, 22, have similar quality and class about it. This can sure enough be done by commencing in time to get everything fit for the fair. You may think you have nothing worth showing but you will be surprised with a little attention to any proposed exhibit what you will have by September. That is really the object of a fair, to encourage the individual, the family, the district and the county to do their best in quality production. Then they are sure enough encouraged when they see what they can do. When one finds out his power to do things he attempts greater things. One success leads onto another.

Already we hear of different members of families telling the others that they are going to beat them with what they are going to show at the fair. This spirit of competition is healthy. Let it extend to schools. What school will have the best and most exhibits? Who in each school will win the most prizes and what school in the county is going to beat all the rest? The same "dare" will provoke neighbor to win over neighbor and district over district and the best that is within us will be brought out. The individual as well as the county at large will be benefited.

Hurrah, everybody, let us all get the most we can and make the most we can out of Turner County Fair. I intend to win something myself, though I am An Old Time Farmer.

OAK HILL SCHOOL CONSOLIDATED WITH REBECCA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

At a call meeting of the Board of Education last Friday, the Oak Hill School District was consolidated with and made part of the Rebecca School District, to become effective for the fall term.

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George T. Betts Passes Away Saturday Night

Great Gathering Paid Last Tribute to Our Beloved Leader and Builder
On Monday Afternoon at Methodist Church.



GEORGE T. BETTS.

former Presiding Elder, Rev. A. W. Reese. The theme of the remarks made were: "He went about doing good." Hundreds of telephone messages, telegrams and letters of sympathy poured in from all over the state. Two of these expressed so beautifully how Mr. Betts was regarded over the state that they were, by request of friends, read at his funeral.

The following was from Mr. W. R. Crites, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, of Rome:

"The death of Mr. Betts brings grief to hearts of every patriotic Georgian. Greater love hath no man than to give his life for a friend. He gave his life for his state and his passing can be considered nothing short of a state wide calamity. He had his dreams and as these dreams are realized his monument will be found in the smiling faces of emancipated farmers all over the state. May another be found with the enthusiasm and the courage to finish his work. I was proud to call him friend."

The following was from Mr. Alfred C. Newell, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce:

"In the passing of your husband, the state of Georgia loses a servant whose vision was wonderful, whose efforts were truly unselfish and whose purposes were large. Just as Henry Grady died loving his country into peace, so George Betts died loving his state into a better era. No one realizes more than I do his unstinting sacrifice of time and talents. His soldier death means a rich heritage of heroism for all of us. I grieve with you and I grieve for you."

Alfred C. Newell, Pres., Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Sweet and appropriate music was rendered by the following singers: Mesdames H. I. Shingler, J. J. Story, J. R. Burgess and O. C. Turner accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Shingler at the piano.

The active pall bearers were: The Messrs. C. H. Bishop, C. W. Evans, J. L. Evans, E. A. Rogers, O. A. Bozeman, C. E. Thrasher, Charlie Betts and E. C. Harrell.

The following honorary pall bear-

ed by day without the thought of remuneration or recognition and kept everlastingly at it until he fell in the harness. His life was virtually a living sacrifice. He poured it out, trying to inaugurate a system of farming that would put the operations of the Georgia farmer on a paying basis, enabling him to give his family, at least, some of the comforts and pleasures enjoyed by those of other vocations and more especially to give the farmer's children a fair chance at an education, such as that afforded by consolidated schools and other modern advantages that rightfully belong to them.

He saw his duty to the farmers of Georgia and found in doing his duty in the lines of Tennyson—

"Not once or twice in our rough island story,
The path of Duty was the way to Glory."

Thus closed the early life of one who, being dead, yet speaketh.

Much sympathy is felt for his wife, Mrs. Betts, who with her four sweet girls, Josephine, Maude, Kathryn and Anne, survive him. Also for Mrs. A. G. Ketchum, who was reared as his sister. They are the objects of prayer and sympathy. The noble wife in the midst of her tears and sorrow, has the same passion on her that rested upon her departed husband, for the uplift of rural Georgia, and before leaving the grave requested from a group of prominent visitors that the work commenced by her husband be energetically carried on by Georgia's leaders.

It was suggested by some of the Atlanta delegation present that a memorial fund of \$100,000 be raised in Georgia for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Georgia Association, to which George T. Betts gave his time during the last two years of his life—To first sell Georgia to Georgians and then to sell Georgia to the world at large.

People from every section of the county as well as from a distance, were present to pay respect to Turner's illustrious son. It would be impossible to enumerate each, but many we met in person. The relatives included: Mrs. Maud Moyers and Miss Maud Moyers from Atlanta; Mrs. J. H. Handwerk and daughter, Helen, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bivins, of Cordele; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilcox, of Hawkinsville; Mr. E. C. Harrell, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. W. O. Betts and Mrs. E. McCormick, of Fitzgerald; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Evans and son, Mr. Carlos Evans, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Betts, of Perry, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ketchum, of Vienna; Miss Bessie Lawrence, of Eatonton; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evans and Mrs. E. L. Vickers, of Tifton; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bozeman, of Shingler and Col. and Mrs. Oswald Bozeman, of Syl-vestor.

Those representing the Georgia Association were: Mr. F. H. Abbott, Secretary of Atlanta and Waycross; Mr. C. K. Ausley, First Vice-President of Bainbridge. Those from Atlanta included: Mr. R. O. Crocker, of the Atlanta Trust Co., Mr. B. S. Barber, Secretary of Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Newton S. Thomas, real estate representative; Messrs. Sam Tally and C. H. Knapp, representing the L. W. Rogers Co. From the State College of Agriculture, of Athens were: Messrs. D. F. Hungerford and H. C. Appleton. Mr. R. C.

PEANUT DIRECTORS TO MEET MONDAY

Final Act of Permanent Organization
To Be Charter Application—Middle Ga., Farmers Sign Fast.

Directors of the Georgia Peanut Growers' Co-operative Association will meet in Albany next Monday to apply for a charter of incorporation for the new co-operative marketing organization. This will be the final step of permanent organization of the "co-op" which is expected to be a big influence in better prices for peanuts.

Ballots went to all members in the original territory last week and they will be returned to the election managers this week. A vote to be counted must be in the hands of the election committee by Thursday night, as the committee meets Friday to consolidate the vote and declare the results. There will be one directory each from the ten districts in the original territory, besides the office of Public Director, to which the Governor has already appointed Colonel Robert E. L. Spence, executive chairman of the original organization. New districts will be laid out in other parts of the state when the campaign now being waged there is completed, and each of these districts will have a director.

Work of signing contracts in the up-state counties is moving along rapidly, and by fall that part of Georgia may have as many acres under contract as the original territory now has. One Middle Georgia county, in fact, has taken the leadership of acres signed away from Mitchell and Early counties, the banner South Georgia counties. Jasper county is now the leader of the state, having more than 7,000 acres under contract, while Mitchell has 5,000 and Early, 6,300.

Other Middle Georgia counties that are signing rapidly, are Putnam, Baldwin, Morgan, Greene and Oglethorpe. In addition to these, there are several South Georgia counties that were not in the original twenty-five that are coming into the association enthusiastically. These include Lowndes, Wilcox, Pulaski, Bleckley, Laurens and others. Fully 35 or 40 more counties will be organized before fall.

Dunlap came from Macon.

In the Tifton delegation were: Editor John L. Herring, Judge R. Eve. Messrs. M. E. Hendry, W. S. Cobb, R. C. Ellis and T. J. Parker. Col. A. S. Bussey and Mr. E. A. Vinson came from Cordele. Fitzgerald's delegation included Mr. C. A. Newcomb, President of Chamber of Commerce; Mr. C. T. Owens, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce; Mr. J. E. Turner, Vice-President of Exchange National Bank and Mr. G. R. Womble.

From Moultrie, representing the G. A. S. and C. R. R. were Messrs. J. N. Pidecock and J. R. Hackett. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fleming and Mrs. Morgan Thompson, of Hawkinsville, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bailey, of Cobb, were also present.

The Sylvestor delegation included: Messrs. H. C. Camp, J. O. Hollomon, J. H. Tipton, J. H. Hillhouse and J. N. Summer.

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