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## Fire Prevention Day--Friday, October 8th.

Gov. Richard I. Manning has issued a proclamation designating Friday, October 8, as Fire Prevention Day. The Kingtree Hardware Co., who are always on the alert, are prepared to assist you in the proper observance of this day. We have the justly celebrated **Baxter Fire Extinguishers** in stock and can sell them to you at factory prices. Come and see them. Hanging one or more up in convenient places in your home, place of business, ginnery, garage, stables or barn may prevent a disastrous fire and may be the means of saving the life of your loved ones or of saving many thousands of dollars. It will cost you but very little to prepare for an emergency. The wise man looks forward and prepares, while it is the foolish man who has to console himself with regrets. Be wise and call on and purchase from

Coffins and Caskets.

**Kingtree Hardware Co.**  
EVENTUALLY--WHY NOT NOW?

We Lead--Others Follow.

## FIRST COUNTY FAIR OPENED HERE MONDAY.

The Exhibition Pronounced a Great Success by  
Visitors--Live Stock Second to None in  
State--Household Exhibits Fine.

The first agricultural county fair to be held in Williamsburg county opened its gates Monday morning under the management of the Williamsburg County Fair association. The opening of this fair was an epochal event in the history of the county and the State of South Carolina and adds another valuable chapter to the material and progress industrial advancement of her people. With the arrival of Carl Metz's band from Charleston on train No 80 Monday morning new life and interest seemed to breathe into the nostrils of the already enthusiastic promoters and all those especially interested in the success of the Williamsburg county fair. Promptly at 9:30 o'clock members of the band gathered in front of the court house, where they gave a concert, after which they repaired to the fair grounds.

The grand stand was well filled with interested spectators and at 10:30 President Nesmith officially opened the first event of its kind and scope ever held in the county.

Following President Nesmith's address to the people, Mayor Wm R Scott, on behalf of the town of Kingtree and her citizens, extended to them welcome and the open hospitality of the town.

Hon P H Stoll then, in his usual pleasant manner and aptitude, addressed the people in behalf of the county and the association. It was a happy occasion for Mr Stoll. Twelve years ago, he said, he began to advocate a county fair through the columns of his paper, the Kingtree Star. He had since done so through the columns of The County Record, and at no time had he lost an opportunity to urge the importance of such an organization in Williamsburg county. The speaker's hopes were realized on this opening occasion and the splendid fair was for, and in the interest of the people of Williamsburg county and not for the people of Kingtree; they were welcome to this splendid fair, brought about by the co-operation of the people of Williamsburg county.

Mr Stoll told his hearers what an uphill business it had been to bring this great proposition to a reality and he hoped they would not stop here, but push it on from year to year, making it greater and grander as the years roll round.

By way of illustration as to the improvements made along agricultural lines in general, Mr Stoll referred to the hog, stating that there was a time and a class of citizens who claimed that a hog that could not outrun a negro is not worth a darn and they did not believe in

raising such specimens as were on exhibition at this fair. The theory of a good hog has changed and the hog that can outrun a negro is nearly no hog at all.

Hon J W Ragsdale was the next speaker. It gave him great pleasure to be here on this magnificent occasion as a representative of the Federal Government. He admitted that it was a hard task for a politician to make a speech without touching upon political topics, which he did, referring to the great European war situation, Mexican affairs, the Federal banking reserve system, the great unselfish and benevolent attitude of the American Government towards the belligerent nations. Mr Ragsdale, in concluding his remarks, eulogized the South and said she was never before so completely in the saddle as at the present time. He praised President Wilson, and other Southern gentlemen who hold high offices in the National Government.

Mr Ragsdale finished his remarks by congratulating the people of Williamsburg county for "having found yourselves" and upon the progress and the extraordinary accomplishments of her boys and girls.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Upon entering this big building one would think for a moment he was entering the Garden of Eden, but that's not so. It is merely an exhibition of choice flower, ferns and various potted plants, propagated in and placed there by the ladies of the county. On the north side of the building the first booth is occupied by products of the girls' canning clubs; in the second is to be seen an exhibition of household products, such as, canned and preserved goods, bread, cake, butter, etc.

Then comes the exhibit of the pupils of the Kingtree High and Graded school, and the last is occupied by the Union Graded school, each with highly creditable exhibits. The booths at the extreme east end of the building are devoted to the use of the colored people who have there an exhibition of household and agricultural products.

The right and left center of the building is divided into a number of booths, occupied by private individuals or firms. On the left center from the main entrance, the first booth is that of the Kingtree Drug Co, with an attractive line of toilet articles, patent medicines, stationery, candy, etc; the second is that of J M Truluck, with saddles, harness, whips, lap robes, etc; adjoining this is the handsome double booth of the Kingtree Furniture Company which, with its handsome

chairs, sofas, rugs, etc, etc, is most inviting to tired visitors. Just across the isle you come to the booth of the Kingtree Hardware Co, filled with a handsome assortment of that popular firm's wares, from roofing to kitchen ranges.

L A Woodruff, optician, of Florence, occupies the adjoining section with a large line of eye glasses and scientific devices for testing the eyes.

In the last section of the row we find an interesting exhibition of gasoline machinery, automobile accessories and electrical fixtures, and our venerable friend, Capt Conrad Constine, who is in charge.

On the right center of the building are booths of the ladies of the Episcopal church, where lunch is served daily.

The King Hardware Co have an attractive section where a line of their gas stoves and ranges are displayed to excellent advantage. The People's Mercantile Co comes in next with a nice display of shoes, groceries, toilet articles and various other things such as they carry in stock. The most attractive individual booth, perhaps, in the building is that of Mr S A Graham. In it he has thirty-five or more specimens of products raised on his farm in the Heinemann section. The exhibit embraces long and short staple cotton, hay, sugar cane, two 40-pound hams, lard, corn, oats, collards, peppers, pears, a variety of canned and preserved goods, fresh grapes, apples and pears, eggs, butter beans, field peas, Irish potatoes, four varieties sweet potatoes; two of peanuts, turnips, etc. Mr Graham is a progressive farmer and his exhibition clearly demonstrates what a live farmer in Williamsburg county can do if he makes an effort and wants to "live at home."

The booth of the boys' corn clubs is attractive for its selection of corn and other farm products.

The exhibition of fancy needle work is simply superb, there being on display some of the handsomest designs we have ever seen. Most of them are county made.

The fine arts department is also a most attractive booth and contains some beautiful pictures.

The exhibition building is a scene of veritable beauty, where unbounded interest centers from the time its doors are open until they close at 5:30 in the afternoon. The decorations are gorgeous and attractive, while the thousands of agricultural, household and other articles on exhibition are said to compare with

any ever seen at larger and older fairs.

The fancy work department presents an elaborate and beautiful display of needle work, such as make a mere man stand and gaze in astonishment as he realizes what "the female of the species" can do with their dainty hands.

OUTSIDE EXHIBITS AND ATTRACTIONS.

The live stock exhibit is excellent and the swine department is said by experts to be far above the average.

The poultry department is especially interesting. There are several hundred beautiful fowls on exhibition, embracing a large variety of the different breeds.

The free attractions are of a high order and attract much interest. The aeroplane flight Tuesday afternoon by Aviator Frank Champion was quite a revelation to the people of this community. Unfortunately an engine cylinder blew out after the aviator had attained considerable height into the air and started on his aerial tour. His machine behaved nicely and came to the ground under control about a half a mile from the starting point. This feature of the program had to be called off.

Time and space forbids us giving a fuller account of the big show in this issue of The Record, but in our next issue we hope to give the name of every prize winner in each of the various departments.

Rain yesterday afternoon somewhat interfered with the day's programme.

PRESIDENT NESMITH'S ADDRESS.  
Ladies, Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens:—

This is an occasion of unusual pleasure and gratification to me. For some years I have had foremost in my mind plans and aspirations for a successful county fair in Williamsburg county. A little more than a year ago I was chosen president of the Williamsburg County Fair association, an honor I today feel proud of.

By co-operation we have developed and brought into existence the thing nearest my heart. Of the twenty-odd counties in South Carolina holding successful fairs this season, many of them are capitalized with as much as twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, and many of them pay big dividends. Corporations, I fear, seeking to make money out of the people. The Williamsburg County Fair association does not seek to make one cent beyond paying its debts and developing the property it now possesses.

The Williamsburg Fair association

## Stoves! - Stoves! - Stoves! Wire Fencing.

To make room for our fall stock we are making special prices on Cook Stoves and wire Fencing. Come in, let us show you and make you prices.

**WILLIAMSBURG HARDWARE COMPANY,**  
Headquarters for Guaranteed Goods.

## Important to Fence Buyers!

Just arrived, one carload  
"PITTSBURG PERFECT"

and one carload of  
"CAMBRIA STAY"

or wrapped fence. We have very attractive figures on these two cars of fence. Request us to give you prices.

**The King Hardware Company**

The Popular Hardware Store  
Kingtree, - - South Carolina

All very rich men began by putting money in the Bank. They were all careful men.



ANDREW CARNEGIE SAID: "THE MAN WHO DOES NOT AND CANNOT SAVE MONEY CANNOT AND WILL NOT DO ANYTHING ELSE WORTH WHILE. THE BEST WAY TO ACCUMULATE MONEY IS TO RESOLUTELY SAVE AND BANK A FIXED PORTION OF YOUR INCOME, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE AMOUNT." The careful man knows the truth of this.

AS A POOR SCOTCH BOY, ANDREW CARNEGIE CAME TO AMERICA. WOULD HE HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST MEN IF HE HAD SPENT HIS "FIRST" EARNINGS? NO. HE BANKED AND SAVED HIS MONEY AND BECAME RICH AND POWERFUL. THEN HE COULD AFFORD TO BE GENEROUS. BANK YOUR MONEY.

**BANK WITH US.**  
WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.  
**Farmers & Merchants National Bank,**  
"ABSOLUTELY SAFE" LAKE CITY, S. C.  
Loans Made on Cotton at 5 Per Cent.

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