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The Clay County Fair In the Centre of Attention This Week

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After a rest of two years, the Clay County Fair is open this week, and it is brighter, busier, and better than ever before. As if the rest had done it good, it comes to the front with an exhibition that equals any which has been made at any of the larger Fairs held in this vicinity during the year. There have been a great many notable exhibitions, but to this year must be awarded the medal for extensiveness and interesting qualities. If it were possible to pick out any one of the former exhibits and place it alongside of this year's show, the anterior would pale into insignificance and immediately long for a back seat. The live stock department, the floral hall, the fancy work and household departments, and the school exhibit are all well filled, and it would afford a rich treat as well as a surprise for the average Easterner to peep within the gates of the Fair-grounds and see the products of the farms and fireside which are on exhibition there. It seems as if everyone was taking an interest in the Fair, and was putting forth every effort to help make it a success.

The grounds have been well fitted up for this season's show. The secretary's office is now on the west side of the main entrance, and a turnstile gate admits the pedestrian who, heretofore, has been obliged to pass in at the large gate. The stock pens are ample, and all filled. The track is in good condition, and all the buildings have been improved in appearance. A good string of horses have

been entered in the races for today and tomorrow, and some exciting speed sports may be looked for.

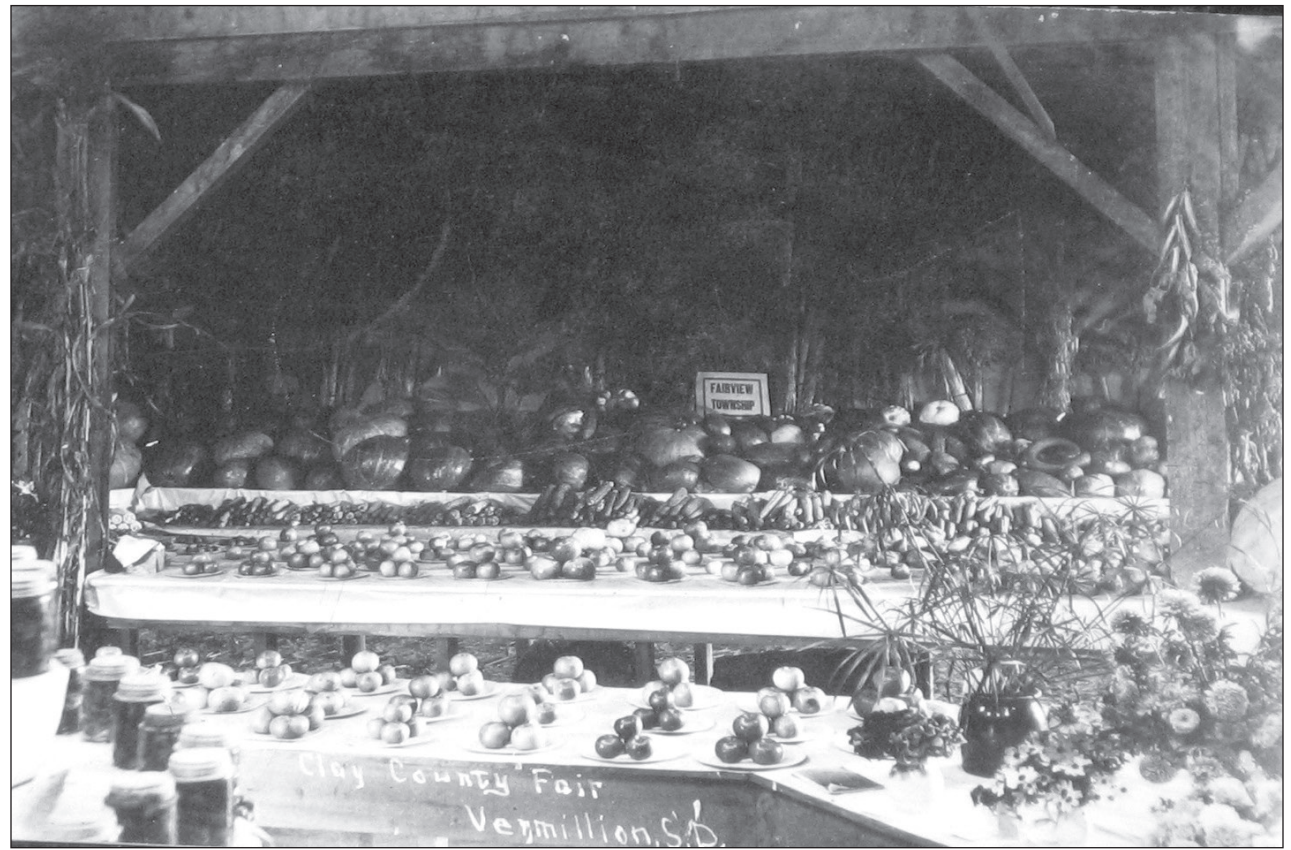
STOCK DEPARTMENT

The department is well-filled this year and all of the best in the county is on exhibition. The old-timers were all there and some new ones had their stock on exhibition. On the list of exhibitors for horses are to be found Lee & Prentis, John Jackson, G.W. Woodworth, William Montague, J.W. Farell, W.L. Matson, Mel Vaughn, J.K. Dennison, Ole Junker, John McKellar, C.R. Grange, John Bruyer, and E.H. Maurer.

Exhibitors of cattle are Lee & Prentis, Shorthorns; Templeton, Edmonds & Co., Herefords; P.W. Peterson, Herefords; L.A. Anderson, Aberdeen-Angus; Norm Washburn, Black Poll; William Everett, Jersey; and Carl Nelson, Red Poll.

The exhibition of swine filled up all of the available space, and it was necessary to construct additional pens to accommodate the entries. Among the exhibitors are P.W. Peterson, who has eight pens of Poland-Chinas; A.J. Pierce, six pens of Poland-Chinas; L.A. Larson, eight pens of Duroc Jerseys; H.C. Hanson, four pens of Poland-Chinas, including the fine sow that took first place at the Sioux City and Yankton fairs; J.P. Hansen, four pens of Poland-Chinas; W.H. Montague, five pens of Duroc Jerseys and Chester Whites; E.H. Maurer, seven pens of Poland-Chinas.

There are some fine pens of sheep – owned by George Sparks and J.H. Weed.



The poultry exhibit is accommodated in a large tent just north of the floral hall. The exhibit this year is a fine one. H.P. Larson, the Alsen poultryman, has twenty different varieties of chickens, besides turkeys, ducks, and geese; also different varieties of pigeons. Bruehler & Engler, the Beresford poultry fanciers, have only a part of their exhibit on the grounds. In their pens at home they have seventeen different varieties of chickens and eleven varieties of pigeons. Fred O. Haviland of Meckling, the White Wyandotte specialist, has also some fine fowls on exhibition. Hallie Woodworth has some White Wyandottes. E.H. Maurer has some pens of fine ducks. Howard Peterson's pens of Angora goats are attracting considerable attention. He has some fine animals on exhibition.

IN FLORAL HALL

Over in Floral Hall there is a wonderful display. The rivalry between Fairview and Vermillion Townships has

done wonders in bringing out a big display in this department. Fairview's color is red for a background, and that of the Vermillion Township exhibit is yellow. The biggest and best of everything is to be found here. There the individual exhibits are, something that takes the eye of every visitor. Among the exhibitors we notice the names of Partridge, Collar, Jones, Coffield, Cowles, Carpenter, Russell, Maurer, Chaussee, McCapes, and many others. The fruit display is a wonderful sight. If there is anyone that doubts the success of fruit raising in this county, a glance at this exhibit will convince him that it is a success, and a big success, too. The household manufactures department presents a fine appearance, and the array of preserves, jelly, cakes and breads is enough to tempt the most delicate appetite. "South Dakota Honey Leads the World," is the legend that directs you to the exhibits of the sparries of the county,



and you behold a swarm of sweetness with which there is nothing that can compare. Upstairs the business men of the city have arranged neat and attractive displays of their wares. Those having booths here are Messrs. Grange & McVicker, Lee & Prentis, S.M. Totten, J.C.F. Elmore, Thompson-Lewis Co., Hawkins Hardware Co., and C.F. Lotze. Mrs. H.G. Tilton has a fine display of decorated china of her own work that may be seen at Mr. Elmore's booth.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING
Over at the School Building can be seen some of the work of the scholars of the Clay County schools. This exhibit occupies the east side of the building. On the west side is the fancy work department, and a goodly display it is.

AROUND THE GROUNDS
A tintype gallery is one of the Nickel catchers. A

colored couple is operating an eating camp east of the grandstand. The Baptist ladies of Burbank have established an eating house near the west end of the grandstand. The racing stables present a busy appearance. There is a good string of horses on the grounds, and the owners and keepers are camped near the stables. There is a full complement of soft drink establishments, cane and knife racks, and kindred money makers. The popcorn business seems to be the long suit up there. E.C. Barton has a fine exhibit of machinery which occupies the space between the floral hall and the school building. It is proving an attractive feature of the fair.

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PIKE Chapter Rising To The Top

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For the Plain Talk

Once again USD has proven the quality of its students, particularly those of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity chapter, or PIKE.

Recently the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity recognized top performing chapters at a bi-annual gathering in Memphis, Tennessee.

"It's called PIKE academy," said USD Chapter President Nathan Christensen. "Basically all PIKE chapters meet once every two years. It's a leadership conference as well. They talk about running a chapter, recruitment, running a chapter and then there are several sessions about just bettering yourself as a professional person. We won nine awards while we were there ranging from our success at recruitment to the Alumni Advisory Board of the Year."

Most notably, the fraternity was honored with the most prestigious honor, the Robert Adger Smythe Award given to the top 10 percent of the PIKE chapters.

"This is their third consecutive year receiving it," said PIKE advisor Dzenan Berberovic. "It takes everything into consideration from membership recruitment to membership retention and membership education. Philanthropy and community service are taken into account as well."

According to Berberovic the USD PIKE chapter raised over \$37,500 last school year for charitable causes with a large portion of that going to the kids with cancer in Sioux Falls at Sanford Children's hospital which is the chapter's charity of choice.

"Fraternities can get a bad rap but USD is so unique in that sense that they have a chapter like Pi Kappa that really teaches men about manhood and the things you're going to be expected to do in life," Berberovic said. "PIKE is very lucky to be there and set the standard for much of that on campus."

Since this is the fraternity's third consecutive year receiving the award, they were recognized one step further.

"It's actually called Legacy level once you get it three times in a row and we're proud of that," Christensen said. "Once you get it five times in a row it's Dynasty level and that's really the elite of all the chapters. We're on our way up and we're very proud of what we have accomplished."

The challenge now according to Christensen is to keep that upward trajectory.

"There's always room to improve," he said. "Just because we won an award for being the top 10 percent doesn't mean we stick with where we are now. That's probably the hardest thing, motivating the guys to keep doing better and better."

The Vermillion and USD community has proved an excellent environment for this and other student groups to flourish according to Christensen.

"We work closely with the food pantry," he said. "We go every week and help clear out the stock. They're really open to having us come over and help. I know for multiple events we go to different businesses and they're always willing to help out. I know they're kind of bombarded with all the fraternities and organizations but they're always willing to help anyways. Whether it's donate some food or just gift cards if they can't do money."

The community support is something not all fraternities around the country enjoy.

"It really gives us a good background to go with," Christensen said. "There are quite a few chapter campuses where they don't get that support and bad things end up happening to them. With the backbone of the community behind us it really makes our campus thrive for sorority and fraternity life."

Berberovic agrees.

"I know that the community is so supportive of them," he said. "I know that anytime that PIKE does a philanthropy they always have support from the students and the university and the community members come out for it. You can't do it alone. You need people to help you and they've really been able to get a lot of support. I think USD and Vermillion are such special communities. That has allowed the fraternity and sorority community to be successful."

According to Berberovic, at the end of last school year the USD PIKE chapter had over 90 members who earned more spots on the Dean's List than any other fraternity. Members earned a cumulative amount of around \$120,000 in scholarships and performed countless hours of community service and campus involvement.

"I think the chapter has grown and flourished right alongside USD," Berberovic said. "They've moved into being a well-respected chapter internationally in all of PIKE. I think when it comes down to it, the type of people that the chapter recruits, they're from all walks of life. They're student athletes, they're people who are in honors. They just are guys who enjoy being involved and they enjoy service and that gives you a very enriching experience. They really built an organization that they're proud of and I think they're seeing the results of membership in Pi Kappa Alpha and what it does to them because they're experiencing so much leadership experience and service. All of that will help in the long run."

Remodel

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ally complete by the time school starts," he said. "The major construction work will be taking place in the boiler room which is below level and is sealed off from the classroom area. The students won't even know that there's anything taking place there. The hallway area by the gymnasium is a major ventilation control area and they will be working in that area while classes are going on which should be a minimal distraction. There could be some things that will be an inconvenience but we're working to make that as minimal as possible."

According to Froke the construction that would get in the way of students should be done in the nick of time.

"It is truly a monumental task to complete a \$5.2 million project in the span of time that we have to get things done," he said. "We knew that from the beginning. Everybody has just worked hard to address that timeline. We are confident that the hallways and classrooms will be in generally good shape for the return of students; however there will be work taking place through the month of September primarily in the heating area, the boiler room, some of the ventilation area to get things ready for the heating season."

According to Froke, the deadline for the heating system to be fully operational is October 1.

Though Froke said the project has gone fairly smoothly, they can't pat themselves on the back quite yet.

"Things will have to go very well for the next week to ten days," he said.

"They're in the process of putting up ceilings now. We have some classrooms finished now but everything has to be finished. Restrooms are in progress right now. We're expecting the plumbers to be able to get at those areas pretty soon. The work in those areas will be right up against the deadline. Chemistry and Biology rooms will be complete. That's our plan. Most of the floors are in and the ceramic tile. That should be finished up this week. All the new lab stations are in. The plumbing is currently being put in those lab stations. That's been quite a job."

Along with these improvements the high school now enjoys new lighting which makes a phenomenal difference according to Froke.

"Also all the classrooms and offices have received a fresh coat of paint," he said. "We have a new carpet in some areas."

The commons area is also currently filled with new classroom furniture still in plastic.

"The school board wanted to see an

upgrade in classroom equipment so most of the classrooms will have new desks," Froke said. "Actually they're tables so we're going for a new look that way. There will be the narrower conference-type tables and chairs in most of the classrooms. We're keeping some of the desks that are in good condition."

The required clearing out of the school for the project has been a blessing according to Froke.

"There was a lot of old junk that was stored in places that was moved out that had no use at all," he said. "We have the same shell of the building but everything inside has been upgraded. I'm hoping that the improvements that were done over this spring and summer will extend the life of the high school building 30 or 40 more years."

Most of the school improvements are actually below the surface and behind the scenes according to Froke.

"Most of the improvements that are being done are hidden in the ceiling and in the tunnels below so most of the work that was done will not be visible," he said.

This does not mean a major change will not be noticeable.

"We had a lot of complaints before about some rooms were too cool and some rooms were too hot and we weren't able to regulate the temperature in the rooms adequately," he said. "Also we had many drafts around the old windows. That's another thing, there have been all brand new windows installed. They're done. Those are very efficient windows designed to insulate. We're making a more comfortable environment through heating, air conditioning and ventilation and also making the system more efficient through the high-tech equipment that is being installed currently."

The high school project has been one of major concern for Froke.

"It's been one of my main priorities throughout the summer to see how the project is coming along and how I can assist to make the work flow as easy and as fast as possible," he said. "I'm there virtually on a daily basis conferring with the job superintendent and also the principal and Johnson Control leadership as well."

Froke said the group has worked together when problems have arisen though nothing major has come up.

"I'd have to say the project has moved along quite smoothly," he said. "We knew we would be coming up against a tight timeline. Any of the problems we have faced have been quite minimal. People have worked together very well. Johnson Controls and the Johnson Controls Superintendent have done a great job coordinating the project and communicating with us so things have worked well. The sub-contractors have all been on the job and worked hard to make this timeline work. I think overall the project has gone well."