

Lee County Colored Fair

The Lee County Colored Fair was held in Giddings Saturday with only an average attendance. The number of exhibits was not so many, considering that it was a county fair. The displays of corn and needle work were the largest and most varied, about 18 corn exhibits having been entered. The poultry exhibits were excellent, many varieties of chickens being exhibited. One display of rugs and a quilt by Margaret Young, made from grain sacks was good.

Fine sugar cane was on display by Robert Shepard, of Beat Five. The cane by actual measurement was 11ft. 5in. in height. Robert has made quite a success this year with honey drip cane, he having planted 4 acres and he has made 4 barrels of syrup. He has made 1600 gallons of syrup for the neighborhood, and is still making syrup. M. C. Rivers of Beat Five exhibited some fine chickens. He has been selling 12 doz. eggs a week and raised 160 fryers this year. He has Brown Leghorns and his money from eggs almost buys his groceries through the year.

The fair was a good beginning to show what the colored people of Lee County are doing toward better agriculture. The county agent J. W. Smith (colored) used the fair as a means of instructing his people in improved methods of farming, stock, and poultry raising. The merchants of Giddings were liberal in their donations for prizes. Now, that a beginning has been made possibly a colored fair for Lee County can be made permanent.