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## JUNIOR C. OF C. FAIR EXCURSIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY WAY

THE EXCURSIONISTS FOUND THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNS VISITED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE FAIR

## GREATEST ATTENDANCE EVER IS EXPECTED

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is an Institution of Young Business Men whose Efforts Have Been Ever Useful in the Development of the Great South Plains Country.

Again the Junior Chamber of Commerce has faced a problem with stern determination to offer a solution, and again its value to Lubbock and the great South Plains has been demonstrated.

The fair has naturally taxed our citizens in every conceivable manner, a good many of our businessmen having given liberally of their time and means for its success, and the problem of interesting the nearby towns to a higher degree was left to the responsibility and deliberations of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the result that two automobile excursions, or booster trips were made.

Thursday, about thirty cars were to be seen making their way from the court yard, they having gathered there at seven-thirty, and as soon as all arrangements were made, the trip started. Idalou, Lorenzo, Ralls, Crosbyton, Post City, Southland and Slaton being the towns of the route outlined.

Needless to say much good was accomplished, as speakers Owen McWhorter, Curtis A. Keen, L. T. Martin, Jack Lewis and W. C. Rylander made splendid accounts of themselves at the towns visited.

The caravan was received very enthusiastically by all town enroute, in some instances encouragement was given for the boosters to make an early return. More especially was this the case with our eastern neighbor, Crosbyton, whose fair opened on the day the excursion was made. Crosbyton had a great exhibit, and they say that somebody is going to have to hustle if they expect to carry off the prize from the South Plains Fair, for they are coming over with the best they have as judged from their exhibits. As a fitting climax to the visit to that thriving city, Pat Murphy, lumberman at that place, had gathered in about forty nice, large watermelons, and had them out on ice in preparation for the Lubbockites. These were very eagerly devoured by the hungry bunch as it would be two o'clock before they would get to Post where dinner was waiting them.

The Lubbock "Home Brew" Quartette, in dinky dignitas, very ably assisted in the carrying on of the program mapped out for the trip, and at each place was very enthusiastically cheered and cheered. The general sentiment of the minutes speeches made at each place was that "this fair is to be a fair, not for Lubbock people, but for the entire South Plains, and with the cooperation of the people of the Plains can be made into one of the greatest educational and advertising institutions of the West."

It is the hope and ambition of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to take a prominent place in cementing a common friendship between all South Plains citizens. Bound in a common work, and inspired by the self same possibilities, the people of this section have every cause to work together. The great South Plains country is too big, the country too clean, and the people too characteristic of its features to waste valuable moments squabbling over the little non-essentials, and evidently this fact has been borne home to them, as the excursionists met businessmen, merchants and farmers who were glad to extend a glad hand of friendship to them, welcoming them and their good work through the very doors of their cities and homes, and with this atmosphere permeating the hearts and lives of our people, there is no reason why progress and prosperity will not be enjoyed.

The Thursday's excursion was great for the excursionist as well as for the fair. Not a one of them will fail to admit that they learned a little more of the wonders of the country traversed. The trip removed them from the confines of their respective homes and their home town, to survey the country that has made Lubbock, and all other towns visited the wonderful places they are, and in becoming better acquainted with the people along the route, they have a greater ideal for the country which they hope to boost.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is a permanent organization, composed of substantial, young businessmen. These young fellows are awake at every moment when an opportunity to advance the interests of Lubbock and the great South Plains is revealed, and their enthusiasm is based upon a strong ambition to continue the good work, as a result of which the Thursday's excursion was not enough to tire the young men in well doing, as though threatening rain had its effect on some who were to furnish cars for the occasion, ten well loaded cars were given at the starting point at given time, whose occupants were ready for another invasion of our neighboring towns.

This trip was composed of a good

many of the fellows who had made the Thursday's excursion, and a good many who on account of pressing work were unable to participate in the first day, but were enthusiastic about the good that such trips could accomplish for the fair, and gladly accepted the opportunity to be one of the "gang" on this trip.

Messrs. Wilson, Dyess, Wandell and Holland, dressed as negro comedians, had played such conspicuous part in the Thursday's excursion, and their efforts were realized to be so valuable, that though the trip necessitated great sacrifices by them in leaving their businesses for the second day, they willingly and gladly accepted the responsibility of going. The writer never missed hearing a one of their ditties and would make another such ride for that privilege, for they are entertainers of the real merit. They were instrumental in gathering large crowds, among whom circulars, cards and souvenirs advertising the fair were abundantly circulated, and it was after their performances that W. C. Rylander and Richard L. Douglas gave their hearers a hearty welcome to attend the fair and assured them that all Lubbock is eager for their coming.

Messrs. Rylander and Douglas are splendid speakers, and their messages were to the point, snappy and interesting.

The places visited by the excursionists Friday were: Ropesville, Lamesa, Meadow, Brownfield, Tahoka, O'Donnell and Wilson.

At Ropesville, the first stop on the excursion, the cars were bunched, and it was from the congenial citizens of that thriving community that we were given encouragement, which made us all realize that the trip was to be a success. The school at Ropesville was visited by the committee composed of W. C. Rylander, L. C. Ellis, E. C. Simmons and R. L. Douglas, to make an announcement of the opening day of the fair being especially for the school children.

At Meadow the light rain had driven most of the farmers from their crops, and the excursionists were fortunate in having a large crowd to hear the talk made by Mr. Rylander, and the "Home Brew" quartette again proved their knowledge of the entertaining art.

The big show came off at Brownfield, when Rylander spoke more than ten minutes to an enthusiastic gathering, congratulating them for their success in winning the county exhibit prize last year, and encouraged them to continue the good work, the key note of his address being a hearty welcome to them to come to the fair. A prominent Terry county farmer interrupted Mr. Rylander by declaring that Lubbock people were just as welcome to Terry and Brownfield, and that no doubt the largest delegation from any one county would attend the fair from that section.

After the Home Brewers had finished their part of the program, the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce treated the crowd to a watermelon feast, fine Tom Watson and Ice Cream specimens from the V. B. Reeves farm, seven miles northeast of Brownfield, proving the adaptability of that soil to growing melons.

After a few minutes partaking of the delicious feast, the quartette was so imbued with the spirit of good fellowship that they expressed their appreciation with that comical ballad, "Way Out Yonder by Myself," which terminated the program there. L. C. Simpson immediately put the siren into operation, and before long the "gang" was on the road to Lamesa.

In spite of the watermelon feast at Brownfield, the long ride had sharpened the appetites of all the crowd, and on arriving in Lamesa a rush was made to a popular dining room, where the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church served a splendid dinner.

That demonstration of their knowledge in the culinary art led us to believe that Lamesa is a true one hundred per cent. A No. 1 town, which was further expressed by the splendid attention given the comedians, who it seems were always at their best shortly after a good feed. W. C. Rylander again made an enthusiastically delivered address urging the closest co-operation of the people of Lamesa in making the great fair to begin here Thursday a decided success, the crowd having become so large about the truck on which he stood that special effort had to be made to relieve the congested condition of the sidewalk.

The Dawson County Fair was in progress, and the crowd was growing hourly, the largest attendance in the history of the fair being expected.

From Lamesa the tourists went to O'Donnell, the road between the two points being especially good, in-

## WARD SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE NEARING COMPLETION

The three Ward School buildings, bonds of which were recently voted by the taxpayers of Lubbock county, are fast nearing completion under the able supervision of Contractor Ernest Lee, who has the contract for the work.

The new buildings are located, one each in the northwest, southwest, and southeast sections of the Lubbock Independent School District, and with one already in operation in the northeast division which was built two years ago, puts Lubbock far to the front along educational lines, giving the children of the rural districts opportunities for schooling that, in many parts of the state, the majority are yet deprived of.

The buildings under construction are of brick structure, 24x56 feet, divided into two rooms for classes with sliding partition doors between so that the entire building can very easily be thrown into one compartment. Each room is equipped with a large, spacious cloak room. Entirely new equipment will be installed, and it is expected that within a very short time things will be in readiness for the opening of school in the wards.

Contractor Lee is rushing the work in every possible consistent manner, and is putting up the jobs, not only as a credit to him, but as a monument to the taxpayers of the Lubbock Independent School District who have the education of their children at heart.

The buildings are identical in size, construction and workmanship.

## LUNCHEON CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT LITTLEFIELD

Littlefield, Sept. 18.—A weekly luncheon club has been organized by business men here. This organization will attend to the duties usually incident to commercial clubs, combining entertainment features. Arthur P. Duggan is president and E. L. Speight secretary-treasurer. The club will be affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

## BIG SPRING BANKS TO SHOW INCREASE IN DEPOSITS

Big Spring, Texas.—The three banks of Big Spring at the close of business on September 15, had \$1,428,858.30 on deposit, \$428,329.81 in cash on hand, \$1,055,155.05 in loans and total resources of \$1,998,202.95.

With cotton and other farm crops being marketed steadily the banks will show quite an increase in deposits during the next few months.

deating that progressiveness typical of the people of Dawson county. At O'Donnell many farmers and the entire business population of the little city welcomed the tourists, after which the Home Brew Quartette again pleased an enthusiastic audience with their witty songs, and after Richard L. Douglas spoke to those assembled, assuring them of Lubbock's desire to entertain them during the fair, a rush was made for the cars and the journey continued.

Whether the fact that Bob Haynes had just completed printing his Lynn County News, or some other thing of possibly equal importance had transpired in the city of Tahoka that evening was the cause of so many people crowding the streets of that busy town is unknown to the writer, but certainly there was a reason for the great crowd that welcomed the tourists into the city. "Rock Island" Wilson, captain of the Home Brewers gave out some valuable information concerning the fair in an eloquent and enlightening address, which received applause, after which Mr. Douglas concluded the program with an invitation for the people of Lynn county to come to the fair, assuring them that it was the desire of every citizen of Lubbock to meet them here on that occasion. Mr. Douglas received much applause when he complimented the people of Tahoka and Lynn county for maintaining such "magnificent roads," which he declared he gained that county "a reputation that is known as far as Lynn County is known." Mr. Douglas seemed at his best on this occasion, and the other Lubbock boosters gave approval of his commendations to the people of that progressive county. The roads were beyond reproach from the time Lynn county was entered until we had passed out on the west border of that county.

The value of those trips to Lubbock and the Fair compares favorably to their value to all those fortunate enough to have been along.

The boys who made arrangements for the cars to go are: Bennett Slagle, L. E. Hunt, E. C. Simmons and J. E. Griffith.

The efforts of R. L. Douglas, L. H. Simpson and Louis F. Moore in making the excursions the success they were are to be appreciated, and reflects well upon the alertness of those gentlemen for anything designed to boost Lubbock.

## 115 BALES GINNED HERE SATURDAY; PICKERS NEEDED

115 bales of cotton were ginned here Saturday, bringing the total number of bales ginned here to date past, the thousand mark.

The staple sold at 19 1/2 cents, with seed at \$24.

The greatest cry for help at this time is by the farmers who are eager to have their cotton gathered before the winter weather sets in, and the demand is far past the supply of available hands.

The Chamber of Commerce has worked incessantly and faithfully for the farmers in trying to bring hands here, but owing to the fact that the continued dry weather caused the Plains' crop to open a great deal earlier than usual, and that at this time cotton picking is in full swing further east, the extreme West Texas counties are all experiencing like difficulties in securing pickers.

From \$1.25 to \$1.50 is paid the pickers, with 25c less when board is furnished.

While opinions differ greatly as to the total yield of Lubbock county this year, a good many have expressed the belief that the total number of bales for the season will exceed last year's production, increased acreage being responsible for this opinion.

From a close survey of the proposition, it is seen that those most familiar with conditions about over the country are most optimistic about the large yield.

## AMERICAN HELD CAPTIVE BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Oklahoma City, Sept. 21.—John C. Chaney, an American oil man, is being held captive by Mexican bandits who are demanding \$5,000 for his release, according to a special dispatch from Tampico, Mexico, received tonight by the Daily Oklahoman here.

Chaney, general field superintendent of the International Petroleum Company (Mexican), was captured at Agua Nacida, September 10, while on a trip of inspection covering drilling operations, the dispatch says.

L. E. Gardner, assistant to the president manager of the oil company, and H. J. Nichols, chief chemist, have returned to Tampico from the Tampico country, where they went in an endeavor to get in touch with Chaney's captors, according to this dispatch. It was impossible to establish communications, they reported, because of heavy rains, which made the roads and trails impassable.

## UNCLE SAM HAS FEW TROOPS ALONG BORDER

Washington, Sept. 17.—Uncle Sam has long boasted that on the long border line between the United States and Canada there is not a foot nor a troop. Uncle Sam's southern coast line for long reaches is now almost deserted, due to the retrenchment policy.

From Charleston, S. C. to Brownsville, Texas, the only troops are the coast guard troops at Galveston. The coast guard troops at the Texas coast city have been, or will soon be, augmented by an anti-aircraft outfit, bringing the complement up to sixteen officers and 238 men.

## ANOTHER COTTON PICKING RECORD REACHES HERE

The report of another cotton picking record reached this office the first of the week. Lee Pate and Claude LeFevre are the record breakers this time. Mr. Pate picked 711 pounds and Mr. LeFevre 593 pounds, making a grand total of 1214 pounds of the fleecy staple for the two of them on that day. The leader force feels that if they could make an average of picking cotton like that it would pay them to close the shop and help the farmers gather this crop before the cold weather comes along and ruins the good picking.—Lorraine News.

## CLIFFORD HUNT'S DODGE CAR RETURNED SUNDAY

Big Jim Robinson and Clifford Hunt returned Sunday evening from Big Spring, where they secured the Dodge car stolen from Mr. Hunt several weeks ago.

They went to Sweetwater, where a deputy sheriff directed them to Big Spring, a Texas Ranger Captain and his men assisting in locating the car there.

It had been purchased by a cafe owner who used it as a service car, and though the car was new when it was stolen, it has been so badly abused that its appearance is greatly different to when it was taken from Mr. Hunt's garage.

Over seventy-two per cent of the persons whose sketches appear in the twelfth volume of "Who's Who in America," just published, attended college. Fifty-nine per cent of them are college graduates.

## AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES OF SOUTH PLAINS ARE UNDEVELOPED

EXPERIMENT STATION CROPS ARE SUPERIOR TO THOSE ON OTHER FARMS; SHOWS NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS

## EDUCATION FEATURES KARPER'S WORK

The Fact That Too Much Land and Too Small Production Per Acre is Hurtful to the Farming Industry Here is Undisputed by Those Experienced in Better Farming.

## ANOTHER BONUS MEASURE INTRODUCED IN SENATE

Washington, Sept. 21.—Senator Bursum, Republican, New Mexico, late today, introduced in the senate another bonus measure defined in its title as the "Veterans Refund and Adjusted Compensation Act."

The measure would provide for payment of \$20 for each month of service together with the return of all compulsory allotments made by the service men and payments on account of government insurance between April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1919.

No provision is made for financing the bonus.

Where the amount due a veteran did not exceed \$50 it would be paid in full on October 1, 1923. In all other cases 50 per cent would be paid October 1, 1923, and the remainder on October 1, 1925, together with interest at 4 per cent.

The obligations given by the government on unpaid sums could not be used as security for loans except under regulations prescribed by the secretary of war and navy.

## MINERS MISTREATED. UNION MAN CHARGES

Fort Worth, Sept. 20.—Charges by John Wilkinson, district president of the United Mine Workers, that State Rangers are being used to coerce and intimidate striking miners in the Thubert and Mingo districts will be investigated by Adjutant General T. D. Bartin.

Ranger Captain R. W. Aldrich is on his way to Mingo to investigate conditions there.

Wilkinson sent additional complaints to Senator Morris Sheppard and to United States Attorney General Daugherty charging that State Rangers were "using tyrannical methods of aiding the mine operators at Mingo."

Wilkinson charged that State Rangers have invaded tent camps of the strikers, threatening them with arrest on vagrancy charges.

Fifteen have been arrested and brought to Fort Worth for questioning by Federal officers and were released here without means of getting back to their homes, 100 miles distant. Some of them walked back.

In addition, three men brought here Sunday claimed to have been held twenty-four hours in jail without food, it is charged, and when released by Federal authorities walked back to Mingo.

## 3000 AT OPENING OF MITCHELL COUNTY FAIR

Colorado, Texas, Sept. 22.—Five thousand visitors had passed through the gates into the grounds of the Mitchell county fair within a short time after the fair was officially opened here this morning by Hon. L. W. Sandusky, of this city. Hundreds of visitors have been arriving hourly throughout the day and the attendance Saturday is expected to reach fifteen thousand.

Judging in the pig and baby beef entries has been in progress all the afternoon. This judging is in charge of John Simpson, animal husbandman of A. & M. College. Every pig and calf entered in this department is registered. Judging in the poultry, dairy cattle and other live stock entries will commence Saturday morning.

The initial Mitchell County Fair was opened at 10 o'clock this morning by a big parade through the principal business streets of Colorado. Eighty-seven cars and trucks, many of them profusely decorated, formed the line of parade.

The main exhibit building, eighty by one hundred feet in size, is crowded with booths. In the fine arts and needle work departments are being shown probably the most interesting exhibit at the fair. Some of the articles in this department are claimed to be one hundred years old.

Miss Lottie Pritchett has been declared winner in the Queen's Contest just closing and will be crowned queen of the fair Saturday night with elaborate coronation ceremonies on the fair grounds.

Fred McDonald of Caldwell, was here Saturday transacting business. He has only six acres of cotton this year, but expects to gather two bales and reports that the food crop is very good, one hundred and forty acres of land being planted to the various crops known to the plains country, and he is, of course, able to keep all his livestock without losing money on account of high cost of food.

Lightning hit a supreme court judge's house. It is not known what damage he had just made.

Lord Robert Cecil says he hopes to lecture in America. It sounds more like a threat.

The value of the farm lands adjacent to Lubbock is only partially known.

This great fact is realized by farmers, businessmen and stockmen, yet getting down to an immediate solution is a thing that is given too little time, if we observe rightly.

The Agricultural Experiment Farm, near the city limits of Lubbock, and which is placed in no more fertile land than is to be found in most any part of the country, is yielding as much as from two-fifths to one-half bales of cotton to the acre in a good many tracts, while farms in other parts of the county are being raked to the last row for from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds to the acre, and prospects for the second picking are not at all promising.

This is a matter of farming altogether. Mr. Karper, at the head of the experimental farm, knows soil formations, cultivation and plants better than perhaps any other man in the state, yet he is not an old man by any means, and we are sure that had he been in the farming business from a producing instead of an educational standpoint the result of his work would be just as noticeable.

Educate the farmer and the farmer will build that industry beyond the narrow confines it has known since it has been a vocation in this country.

Practical farming dwindles in comparison to the work Mr. Karper has accomplished on the experimental farm, and there is a reason, yet there is not a boy on the farms of Lubbock county but who can learn the business just as well as Mr. Karper has learned it, and every hour of this time spent in study will be well paid for before he will have applied his knowledge to that industry many years.

This is a matter which should be given the closest consideration of all persons interested in the development of the great south plains, and which will have to be looked after before the full value of our lands for farming purposes will be realized.

There have been a great many farmers so intensely interested in the things that Mr. Karper has done on his farm that they have made regular visits to the place to watch developments, and the value of their observations have been realized, while scores of Lubbock county farmers perhaps have never stated the place, and perhaps don't realize what is in store there for them.

The farmer and his problems are of such vital importance to the development of the plains country that anyone whatever cannot but help take an active interest in them, and it is well therefore that businessmen, bankers and merchants encourage the fellow who is doing his best to get the full benefit of every day's work on his farm, thru systematic cultivation of his land, and it will be but little while until diversified, well regulated farming will be the order of the day on every one hundred acres of land in Lubbock county.

A great deal of attention given to poultry, hogs, dairy cattle and intensive farming on less acreage is needed on the lands of the great South Plains.

All together for immediate development of the agricultural possibilities of the greatest country anywhere.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY AGENTS ATTENDED DAWSON CO. FAIR

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings and Miss Mabel Marsh, went to Lamesa last week to attend the Dawson County Fair.

Miss Marsh judged the exhibits in the Woman's building, consisting of canned goods and sewing, while Mr. Jennings helped to judge the livestock and agricultural exhibits.

They report much good work having been demonstrated at the fair, and that the people of Dawson county have made wonderful developments was everywhere in evidence.

Mr. Jennings said that the finest horses and mules anywhere were among the livestock, and that the hogs were equally as good, with the dairy cattle proving that interest in finer herds is being shown.

Geo. W. Hargrove of Littlefield, was here Saturday transacting business. Mr. Hargrove has been a leading factor in all progressive moves of that thriving community since the town was staked off several years ago, and is just as enthusiastic about the future developments as ever. He has been on the plains long enough to know that there are great possibilities in agricultural sections here.

A bald barber can't sell his hair restorer because he has no hair for the business.

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