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Elgin School

Opens Monday, Sept. 11.

BIGGER, BETTER, AND LIVELIER THAN EVER

Four years high school work to be given.

Domestic Science, Manual Training, Athletics, Literary Work, Debating, a cheap hot lunch at noon, and every thing given in an up-to-date school will be taught by FOUR TEACHERS.

Why not Come to Elgin High?

THE SCHOOL THAT HAS TAKEN COMANCHE COUNTY TRACK MEET FOR LAST TWO YEARS

Jasper Carter To Improve Road.

Jasper Carter, an old and highly respected citizen of Sterling and more familiarly known as Grandpa Carter, died at his home there of paralysis at 10 minutes past midnight Monday night, after a lingering illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Rev. H. B. of the Christian church in the Sterling Methodist church, interment in the Sterling cemetery.

Deceased was past 75 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, three sons, John, Fletcher and William, living in or around Sterling, and three daughters, Mrs. Geo. Williams, of the Wood Reserve, Mrs. Arde Ruff who has lived at Gary, and Mrs. Kate Murphy of Colorado, Kan. Miss Maud Carter, who formerly taught in the Elgin schools, and Mrs. J. A. Price of Elgin, are granddaughters.

Speed Program Ready.

A good program of harness and running races has been prepared for the coming State Fair. The meeting opens on Monday, September 25. A pair of races of both kinds will be run daily, with the addition of a free-for-all pace on Friday, the closing day.

All the harness events are late closers this year, which assures a larger entry list in each race. Entries close September 11, when the horse must be named.

The 1916 Premium List gives full particulars of this and all other departments. A copy may be secured on request to Secretary State Fair, Oklahoma City.

Advertise in the CHAMPION.

To Improve Road.

Some of the citizens living near the Elgin Post school house have been working during the past week to raise funds to cut down the rock hill in the road running east and west just north of the school house. They state that they have received \$400 from the board of county commissioners and a very liberal donation from the business men of both Elgin and Apone.

It will be no small job to blast out the rock in the road more, but by using dynamite and perseverance the citizens believe that it can be accomplished. In the past it has been a hard task to haul a load over this hill so that the proposed improvement will be a great benefit to all concerned.

Selecting Kaffir Seed.

In 1915, Floyd May, of Cold Springs, selected enough kaffir seed in the field to plant 20 acres. He harvested the remainder of the field from which this seed was selected and put it in a crib. Later, it was threshed.

In the spring of 1916, the field selected seed gave a perfect stand while it was almost impossible to get a good stand by using the common seed from the same field. He considered the field selected seed cheaper at one dollar per pound than the common seed at one cent per pound.

In three hours, a man can select enough seed to plant 40 acres.

J. E. PAYNE, Faison R. Snyder, Okla.

CHAMPION SAYS got results.

Indian-Negro Confesses.

Last Thursday night about 15 tons of hay and 2 1/2 tons of broom corn were burned for H. H. Huddleston on his lease two miles north and one half mile east of Fletcher. About one year previous to that some one set fire to Mr. Huddleston's barn on the same place, which was destroyed, making a total loss in both fires of some \$800 or \$900.

Suspicion lay at the door of a mixed negro-Indian named Manuel Whitebear who had had some trouble with Huddleston over some stock. Whitebear was living with an Indian named Perry Whitmore whose stock broke in and did some damage to Mr. Huddleston's crops. Whitebear went after the stock and agreed to stand for the damage of \$1.00. Later when asked for the money he had Huddleston he did not have it. He went home and soon sent the money for the damages.

On Friday night some of the citizens assembled and went to home of Perry Whitmore calling for Whitebear. At first Whitebear said he was there but when told that they wished to see him, Whitmore changed his story and said he was not there. Then the crowd proceeded to search the house and found him in a sort of raised store room.

They took Whitebear out and down to cross roads where there was a good tree. Then they gave orders to some of the men to go down the roads in the different directions and not let anybody pass them even if they had to kill them. These orders having been obeyed then they began to talk about what a suitable tree they had before them to strangle him up. At this juncture in the proceeding some members of the crowd began to interfere for the negro saying he might not be guilty. Others said he was guilty and that they were ready to proceed.

At this time the negro became talkative and told the fellows who had interested in his behalf that if they would keep the others from hanging him he would tell the whole story. They replied and told him to get busy and tell it when he did, telling how he had set fire to both the barn and the hay. The sweat box had worked and the crowd had accomplished its purpose, getting from him evidence to convict that possibly no court could have secured.

The crime being committed across the line in Caddo county Whitebear was taken to Anadarko and placed in jail. He has been getting the rental from an Indian lease and has signed away this rental to Huddleston for a long enough period to repay him for all his losses.

Since he has arranged to repay the losses which he caused it remains to be seen what action will be taken against him by the courts.

Last Days of Pompeii.

The biggest and most spectacular attraction ever brought to the state fair, has been engaged for the coming show to be held in September, 23 to 30.

No other out door extravaganza has equaled the success of this masterpiece "The Last Days of Pompeii." It has been shown to the public all over the world for the past fifteen years at events of a similar nature. More than three hundred people are employed in its presentation, and due to the space necessary to stage it, most of the action is in pantomime, though chorus work is a prominent part of the rendition. Thousands of dollars worth of fireworks will be used in its week's stay at the Oklahoma state fair, arrangements having been made for a presentation every night from Sunday to Friday inclusive.

This is one of the many features secured for the tenth annual state fair.

Fresh Beef On Sale All the time at J. N. BALLOU'S

Stand Privilege Sold.

As advertised last week the executive committee for the Elgin fair was given a public auction on Saturday afternoon to the highest bidder. Although there were quite a number present at the sale, there were very few bidders, as it seemed to be new to most of them and they were somewhat afraid to make the venture.

H. P. Kosacker put up the highest bid, which was \$75, and he took in as partners P. R. Bennett and H. P. Wetzel, who now compose the concession committee. This amount goes to the finance committee to help defray the expenses on the premises offered for the agricultural exhibits, the prizes for the races and other sports, for erecting a building in which to make the exhibits, and for other expenses.

Before the sale was made it was explained that the privilege was being sold to use the streets, alleys and vacant lots on which to place stands, shows, merry-go-round and other amusements at the fair. The question was raised about the use of vacant lots and this was explained that if the owners of vacant lots would not consent to their being used that it would be impossible to raise funds to have the street fair.

The above committee does not expect to conduct the stands themselves but expect to sell out the right to others to conduct the various kinds of stands, such as general eating stands, hamburger stands, cold drink stands, baby racks, etc. Any person who buys a stand right will be given a printed list containing the words "License Stand" so that the general public may know who is conducting the fair.

H. P. Kosacker has been selected as chairman of the committee and will look after the locating of the stands and other outside business. Any one wishing to purchase a stand right can phone, write or call on H. P. Wetzel, Sec. Treas. of the committee.

On The Elgin Routes.

W. G. Sorrels of route 2 left Friday for a week's visit in Oklahoma City.

W. E. Murray of route A went to Muskogee Thursday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Isabelle Porter and mother, who had been visiting at the home of the former's uncle, M. L. Porter on route 2, left the latter part of last week on their return trip to Henderson, Ky.

Henry Hasenbeck of route 3 left Friday morning on a trip to different points in Illinois.

Will Cost has moved into the house of E. West just north of Elgin on route 3.

W. E. Halbrooks, J. N. Stinnett and J. G. Bunch of the auto route A left Sunday morning for Trinidad, Colo., to file on public land.

Shay Hunt of route A was operated on at Lawton Saturday night and so far is doing very well, returning home Tuesday.

W. E. Lerow of route A has been having some bad luck with his stock. Last Tuesday he lost a valuable mule and on Wednesday had a very sick Jersey cow, but she is recovering.

J. F. Mitchell, W. E. Lerow and C. B. Ricketts of route A hauled ten loads, about ten tons, of broom corn to Lawton Monday which they sold for \$140 per ton, bringing about \$1400.

Davey Ricketts, who has been working at Augusta, Kan., returned Sunday to his home on route A.

Notice.

I wish to state for the benefit of my patrons and friends that I have sold my practice to Dr. Chester Martin and he will have active possession on and after Aug. 20. I will add that Dr. Martin is a young man thoroughly qualified and competent in every way to take care of your business.

Yours, J. F. GAMBLE, M. D.

LUMBER

Let us figure your house or barn bill. No matter how large or small your bill will receive our careful attention.

Remember we can furnish the material for the foundation as well as complete hardware bill.

Badger Lumber Co.

A Place For The Kiddies.

Many a tired mother has breathed a sigh of relief, after several hours of sightseeing at the state fair, to find the Nursery and Kindergarten where children are placed in capable hands for a quiet nap, or to mingle with the other little fellows in playing the games provided.

The Federation of Mothers' clubs of Oklahoma City have charge of this department during the fair period and it is open to all visitors.

Home Again.

J. F. King and wife returned Friday afternoon from a five weeks' overland trip in their Ford car through Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. They traveled 8,035 miles and had only one puncture. Their son Buford, who was at York, Neb., and their daughter, Miss Annie, who was at Omaha, Neb., returned home with them.

Another Sale.

Saturday morning Dr. J. F. Gamble sold his Ford car, medical practice and good will to Dr. Martin of Fletcher who will begin his practice here next Sunday. It has not been learned yet what Dr. Gamble expects to do but he is thinking some of going back to North Carolina, his native state.

Meeting Thursday.

All those affiliated with the Methodist church are requested to meet at the church at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon in order to lay plans for the stand which the church will conduct at the street fair.

Sold Residence.

On Thursday S. M. Davis sold his residence property in the south part of town to J. K. Inman of southern Texas, who moved into same first part of this week.

Mr. Inman has a ranch on the Mexican border but on account of impending dangers rented his ranch and decided to locate elsewhere. He was formerly located in this locality so decided to move here again in order to send his children to school here.

Mr. Davis does not contemplate leaving Elgin but instead will erect a new residence at once. He was intending to remodel and make an addition to his residence then decided to sell and build new.

192 Car Loads.

Some people, when they see water melons shipped by the car loads, wonder where they grow in such abundance. Let us tell you.

Up to last Friday, August 11, there had been 192 car loads of water melons shipped out of Comanche this season. Of this number 84 car loads were shipped out during the week previous to that date. On Monday of last week the farmers weighed over the scales at that place 296 wagon loads of watermelons.

Quits Medicine.

Dr. H. M. Winn, formerly of Sterling, was a caller here Monday. He has been located at Oklahoma City and Spencer but has quit the practice of medicine and is now making headquarters at Lawton in the automobile and oil business.

Fairness Helps Credit

It is never too early to begin building up your credit. The boy begins building up credit by being fair in his play. Everyone advises fairness either in play or business. There is nothing that inspires confidence so quickly. This bank goes without fairness to its patrons.

BANK OF ELGIN

THRESHIN' TIME

Will soon be over, and you will begin figuring on that new house, or barn, or granary that you are going to build.

We have in stock a full line of building lumber which is suitable for building anything you wish.

Orange and Sumac Cane Seed, 75c per bushel.

Cow Peas - 2 1/2c lb.

D. E. McAnaw