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AIR FROLIC WILL DRAW BIG CROWDS

Best Advertised Attraction Ever Filled Off in the Great Southwest

Following the big Armistice Day celebration Friday, Liberal will be the scene of the biggest airplane frolic ever staged in Kansas. The aviators are already arriving and others will come Friday to be on hand to compete for the prizes.

The legion boys, the Lions Club and the Liberal Chamber of Commerce are cooperating to make this the biggest and best affair ever given in this section of the state, and are sparing no trouble or expense that the crowds be entertained as never before.

The program for the air frolic is as follows:

- Saturday, November 12th, 1921
- 1:00 P. M., Battle formation of government planes.
- 1:30 P. M., Wing walking and acrobatics, including standing on head on upper wing, hanging by teeth under plane, standing on top wing while it loops, spins and spirals and many other stunts.
- 2:00 P. M., Looping contest for the commercial planes. (cash prize)
- 2:30 P. M., Twenty-five mile race (triangle) for government planes; (loving cup.)
- 3:00 P. M., Fifteen mile handicap race (open to all) (loving cup)
- 3:30 P. M., Parachute contest in landing for spot from 1000 to 5000 ft. (loving cup.)
- 4:00 P. M., Special Acrobatic contest; loops, spins, immelman turns; (loving cup.)
- 4:30 P. M., The human squirrel will fly two miles on his back; (plane up side down.)
- 4:45 P. M., Spot landing contest with dead motors from 1000 ft. (cup.)
- 5:00 P. M., Sensational Parachute drop; (a real thriller) by Miss Hardin a lady aviatrix.

Sunday, November 13th, 1921

- 1:00 P. M., Bombing formation of big planes protected by scout planes from the enemy.
- 1:30 P. M., Aerial combat (same as used in a real fight) This is worth the price of admission alone.
- 2:00 P. M., Curtas race 10 mile; Jr. 4's and OX Standards (cash prize)
- 2:30 P. M., Special Wing walking and stunt work.
- 3:00 P. M., Altitude test of 3 minutes for DeHaviland planes; (cup)
- 3:30 P. M., Forty mile handicap race (open to all); (cup.)
- 4:00 P. M., Four parachute drops from one plane (all at once) racing five thousand feet to the ground.
- 4:30 P. M., Lady wing walker (best in the world.)
- 5:00 P. M., Bomb dropping contest for spot on field and many other special stunts.

That those from a distance may secure accommodations for the night a committee from the Lions Club is holding up all the rooms in the city. The committee consists of Henry Goss and Rev. F. Olin Hunt. Parties having rooms phone Mr. Goss at 121.

The various committees are as follows:

- Finance: Ed Donley and Chas. Taylor.
- Treas: J. H. Salley.
- Entertainment: Ray Kennedy, H. R. Knotts and H. C. Moss.
- Grounds: E. D. Cooper and Irwin Dir.

Concessions: R. E. Summers, E. W. Davis and Rolla Tobias.

Season tickets sell for \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children under 16. Children under 10 admitted free.

The sights at this meet will be different from those usually seen. The committees have spent hundreds of dollars getting the best talent that money can buy and the planes contesting will receive a split of \$800 in cash prizes.

Come to Liberal both days if possible as there will be new stunts each day that you will want to see. The good things are divided and if you see it all you will want to be on the ground early each day.

'GENE STOUFER GETS GOOD JOB IN CHICAGO

Another Liberal Boy Lands a Nice Berth in the "Big City"

'Gene Stoufer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe K. Stoufer, who went to Chicago a short time ago, has again broken in to the newspaper game in a pleasing. After working on the Liberal papers he went to the city and this week Liberal friends received copies of the Lincoln Square News, and the name of E. E. Stoufer appeared at the mast-head.

The paper is the official organ of the Lincoln Square Business Men's Association and has a guaranteed circulation of 8,000 copies. The pages are magazine size but there is a great quantity of them, and it is a real sheet.

The Democrat predicted that 'Gene would make good and it begins to look as if our prediction would come true. While young in years 'Gene has a lot of newspaper talent and will develop into a good newspaper man. No one is more pleased to hear of his success than the Democrat and we hope he continues to rise.

WRESTLING MATCH FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Legion Has Arranged for the Burton D. Mann Garage, Formerly Old Armory

Through the courtesy of Mr. Burton D. Mann Dodge distributor, the Lawrence Wimmer Post of the American Legion of this city, has been able to put on the biggest wrestling match that the city has ever seen, this match is to take place Saturday night between Mr. Elmer Guthrie of Hutchinson and "Demon" Bartell of Wichita.

The Legion feels proud to present to the public such men as the above, while Mr. Guthrie needs no introduction to the fans, having wrestled the Terrible Turk, Frank Burns and Vanaman and having won all three bouts it might be well to say a few words with reference to "Demon" Bartell. Demon Bartell may be remembered as the celebrated mat artist who toured Australia under the leadership of Mr. "Snowy" Baker, the famous fight producer and while in Australia he defeated the best 158 pounders that Australia could produce. Since returning from Australia, Demon Bartell has been under the management of Mr. Tom Law, the wrestling promoter of Wichita and the majority of his matches have taken place in that city.

Mr. Guthrie is well qualified to wrestle under the auspices of the American Legion owing to the fact that he served on the battle field of France as Sergt Guthrie of the 353rd Infantry 89th division. The following is a clipping from the Hutchinson paper "Elmer Guthrie gets belated decoration; Reno County Boy awarded D. S. C. for Heroic Conduct in last Drive; Elmer Guthrie, well known to local wrestling fans has a much coveted decoration awaiting him when he returns from the harvest fields where he has been working. Sergt. Almond of the local recruiting office received a distinguished Service Cross for the Reno county boy by mail yesterday so far he has been unable to get in touch with Guthrie.

The citation shows that the award is made for conduct on the opening day of the last big push which found the 89th division advanced about 20 kilometers and well across the Meuse river on the morning the armistice was signed. It was in the fighting of the first day when the Kansas boys in the 363rd infantry distinguished themselves together with the 364th infantry in capturing the Barricourt height commanding the entire-Meuse valley against heavy opposition on the part of the Boche. The Kansans had but little artillery support in the feat which was consummated on November 2nd. due to the fact that the artillery could not possibly get up whole rows of machine nests along the crest of the heights and in the under brush intervening did not stop the Kansans.

LEGION FELLOWS HAD A BIG TIME AT K. C.

Turned the Old Town Upside Down and Hit the High Spots in Society

Liberal had a big delegation in attendance at the Annual Convention of the American Legion in Kansas City last week, and the fellows all admit having had the time of their lives. The city was expecting a lot of pranks and was not disappointed. The cops were blind to the doings of the Legionnaires, and there was nothing to interfere with their fun.

One member tells of a bunch of fellows who took a donkey and a steer into the Muhleback hotel, and not satisfied with this stunt, went into the rooms, secured pillows, cut holes in them and showered the feathers down upon the crowd in the lobby.

Another bunch took over a drug store and run it until they tired of the sport, but everyone took the antics good naturedly and there was no trouble from any source.

Traveling men complain that they could not get hotel, train, trolley or taxi accommodations, and after one experience, steered clear of the city.

Among those from Liberal were: Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Nighbors, Price Davis and sister, Harry Lightcap, Clayton Malone, Rolla Tobias, Harry Ravenscroft, D. C. Stoner, Tom Horton, Eugene Franklin, Grover Still, Susie and Dorothy Farmer, Tolman and Eldon Dudley, Frank Pile, Nolen Bond, G. Rector, Alvin McHargue, Walter B. Knig and Nova Dickerson.

There were possibly some others whose names we did not learn.

BYERS PUTS OVER BIG LOAN COMPANY FOR THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Organization Perfected Wednesday Evening Which Will Be of Tremendous Importance in Agricultural and Live Stock Industries

TO DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$1,000,000.00

Local Board to Have Absolute Supervision of Credits and Will Loan on Stock, Farm Products and Land

An organization of far-reaching importance was formed in the room of the First National Bank in Liberal Wednesday when the Liberal Loan Company was organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

The organization is the idea of O. P. Byers, president of the Kansas & Oklahoma railroad, the Wichita & Northwestern and other lines. Mr. Byers, realizing the need of the farmers and cattlemen of the Southwest, went to Washington and met with the War Finance Board and with the assistance of Senator Curtis and Congressman Tinscher convinced the Board that there was need for finances for the finances for the live stock and farming interests of this section. As a result of the conference Mr. Byers was informed that all the money would be placed at the disposal of the company he expected to organize and he returned to Liberal to perfect the organization.

The final plans were completed Wednesday evening when the following officers and directors were elected:

- President, J. F. Fuest.
- Vice Presidents: J. A. Kelley, J. N. Evans, C. G. Stevenson and W. P. Byers.

Treasurer: C. E. Woods

Secretary: Jennie Karau

The Board of Directors will be composed of J. F. Fuest, J. A. Kelley, J. N. Evans, C. E. Woods, Ernest Wilson, E. M. Dean and W. P. Byers.

The formal organization makes available to the farmers and stock raisers \$1,000,000.00 at this time and the organization has the promise of more if needed. Applications are being received today for loans and there is no red tape. The board of directors has the power to pass on collateral and it is expected to have the money available within a few days after the approval of the security.

The company will loan money on live stock, either already in the possession of the raiser or to purchase additional stock, will also loan on any kind of grain, broomcorn or other farm-product held on the farm, as well as second mortgages on land up to a certain point.

Mr. Byers went to Topeka to secure a charter and it was but a few minutes tack. He explained the proposition to Governor Allen, Judge Reed, Secretary of State Pettijohn and a member of the supreme court of Kansas and all promised their hearty co-operation. Governor Allen said "nothing which has happened in the last ten years which will be of such far-reaching importance."

The organization of the company will not only benefit the agricultural interests of the Southwest, but will effect every class. It is a stipulation that the company will lift the farm paper now held by the banks, and this will allow the banks to finance other lines and will mean a revival of business in this section which just now is hampered by lack of ready money and should be the dawn of a new era of improvement in Liberal and surrounding territory.

The company loans at 5 per cent for three years, enabling the farmer or stockman to turn his products at the most favorable time thereby receiving the benefits of the best markets.

The Liberal company is the second organized in the United States. The first was organized at Fort Worth, and as a result the price of steers jumped \$1 per head in a few weeks time. It will be seen from this that the company will be a big boost to the cattle industry, forster increased production and as the country prospers so will the city and its institutions.

This is not a money-making proposition for the men back of it, but is in the interest of the common good, and it could not be placed in better hands. The officers and directors are all men whom the people have the

greatest confidence, and the fact that the proposition is to be handled right here at home will expedite the transactions.

The southwest owes a debt of gratitude to O. P. Byers for spending his time and effort in putting the proposition across and all must admit that he has done one of the biggest things for the country that could be done.

When this money begins circulating things are going to look up in Liberal and we hope that the people will give the credit to Mr. Byers and the gentlemen who are associated with him in distributing this money.

The Hutchinson News has the following regarding the organization:

Washington, Oct. 22.—Large advances for financing livestock interests are to be made to a new livestock company being organized by O. P. Byers, Hutchinson, Kansas, it was announced today by the War Finance corporation. The new company, the corporation said, is to be capitalized at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and is to take care of the financing in connection with restocking the farms of southwestern Kansas with cattle.

A message this morning from Mr. Byers states that he had seen Senator Charles Curtis and Congressman J. N. Tinscher on Thursday and on Friday morning called on Eugene Meyer and Mr. Thompson and they called the directors of the War Finance corporation together.

"The Board has assured me that we can have credit of ten times our capital. They are glad to take female cattle as security. They talk big figures. Congressman Tinscher and myself suggest starting with \$100,000 capital. Loans can be made for full purchase price if parties are prepared to care for stock. Two years maturity of a million dollars is now available for our locality and I am satisfied we will have generous treatment in credits here. Curtis and Tinscher are responsible for this whole situation."

A few weeks ago Mr. Woods, a well known banker of Liberal was here on his way to appear at the regional meeting of which Pet Nation of this city is a member. At that time preliminary plans were laid for the forming of a cattle association for this very proposition. It is the biggest thing for the southwest which has come the stockmen's way for many months and will revive stock-raising in the southwest. Plenty of feed is on hand to stock all the big ranches it is said.

COOPER LIKES TO RIDE THE AIR LANES

Prominent Real Estate Man Made Flight While Billing Air Frolic

E. D. Cooper, manager of the John W. Baughman offices, took quite an airplane trip Monday. He accompanied Aviator Mayes to Plains, Meade, Bucklin, Dodge City and home by the way of Garden City and Sublette.

Earl says the plane is very comfortable means of travel, and that this long trip did not tire him in the least. After the twenty-five miles he felt at perfect ease and no more concerned than had he been riding in a car.

He says that all the towns visited showed quite an interest in the affair and that it is likely that there will be good crowds here if the weather is favorable.

A. H. Courtney was a visitor from Wichita Wednesday.

Pre-war prices 1837 Rogers Knives and Forks, \$7.50 per set.—Wilkins, Jewelers.

Martin Quin was up from Beaver Wednesday visiting and attending to business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Buckles and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Buckles of St. John were visitors in the city the first of the week.

EVANS ELECTED CASHIER OF PEOPLES STATE BANK

Frank G. Boles Is New Assiat. Cashier Both Officers Widely Known Over Southwest

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples' State Bank held last week, J. N. Evans was elected cashier to succeed T. A. Tegarden deceased, and Frank G. Boles, the popular merchant, was elected to succeed Mr. Evans as assistant cashier.

Mr. Evans was one of the organizers and has been with the bank since its organization and has had a large part in the management and success of the institution. He came to Seward county with the early settlers and has remained because he realized the possibilities of the country. He was for several years postmaster here and is interested in the Evans Harness company, one of the most substantial business institutions in the Southwest.

The Board acted wisely in selecting Mr. Evans for the place. It will take a good man to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mr. Tegarden, for no one could be better liked or more popular and at the same time better judge of investments.

Mr. Evans through his long residence here, his knowledge of values, his wide acquaintance and a reputation for square dealing lasting more than a quarter of a century, is admirably fitted to succeed to this important position. He has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who are congratulating the Board on their selection.

Mr. Boles is equally as well and well and favorably known, and while he will not appear behind the window at the bank will be convenient when his judgment and services are needed.

The Peoples State bank has made a wonderful growth since its organization and with these men at the helm should continue on its upward course.

NEW HOBBLE RESIDENCE ONE OF NEATEST IN TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hobbie and family are now at home in their beautiful new home on North Sherman.

The house is most pleasing in design and nicely proportioned. It is modern in every sense of the word and is one of the nicest homes in the city.

The building was erected by the Paul W. Light Lumber company, and Mr. Hobbie says that their plan of building is most satisfactory. He is loud in his praise of the firm, and says that he likes to speak a good word for a company which does a good job, and that he is glad to recommend their plan and their execution to anyone contemplating building.

STARTING ON ANOTHER SECTION OF THE K. & O.

Grading Contract for First Two and a Half Miles is Now Completed

LeMonnier Brothers have finished their contract for the grading of the first two miles on the Kansas and Oklahoma railroad out of Liberal and have started on the second two and one half mile contract. They have started grading on the Gasway farm and pushing on toward Hugoton.

The best information we can get is that the management will have no trouble in Stevens County and if there is no further opposition in that section the work will progress at a rapid rate.

All concede that the road is just as good as built and unless some unforeseen circumstances arises Liberal will have another railroad before spring.

C. F. Hall of Kansas City was here this week on a business trip.

W. H. Robertson of Wehita was a visitor in the city this week.

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Good Apples at Riggle Bros. \$1.75 per basket.

C. J. Clark of Wichita was looking after business interests here this week.

J. C. Embey of Garnett, Kansas was transacting business here this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carlson of Bell Plain were here visiting in the city this week.

THE ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM COMPLETE

All Arrangements Have Been Made For Third Annual Celebration

As the Democrat goes to press the finishing touches are being made on the big Armistice Day celebration to be started Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

This is the third anniversary of the signing of the Armistice and if we could just enter into the affair with the thrill that was ours on that November day three years ago and turn out as loyally as we then did this celebration would be so full of pep that it would enliven a wooden statue.

The day's program is full of good entertainment, as will be seen by looking at the program elsewhere in this issue. The committees have worked hard to get everything lined up and there should be no hitches.

This will be the first appearance of the new Liberal band, and those who are in position to know, say that the band is making some excellent music.

In the evening a banquet will be served the visiting legion men at the Sanford Cafe and preparations are under way for a great feed and a big time. Admission will be by ticket and those who are fortunate enough to be present are assured of a pleasant dinner.

The fellows are figuring strong on the grand military ball at the Liberal Auto Company garage. This is said to be the largest dance floor in this part of the state and there is room for all. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the dance, age is no bar and those who never saw a war will be welcome if they have the price of a ticket and a pleasant disposition.

The people of Liberal are urged to cooperate with legion members in the matter of the parade. Everyone turn out and help make this a real parade.

And as the clock points to the noon hour remember that the body of an unknown soldier, representing the unknown soldier dead, is being lowered into the grave at Arlington National Cemetery. No matter what your errand pause and remain absolutely silent for two minutes as the body is placed in the tomb. If you are driving a car stop the engine, no matter where you are, and remain silent two minutes. This is a matter to be observed by all and no one with an ounce of patriotism in his makeup will intentionally violate it. Two minutes is a short time to devote to the honor of the unknown dead and no one should begrudge it.

Hon. John W. Daves who has just returned from a trip to the battlefields of Europe, will speak in the evening telling of the sights he saw and conditions in that country. His address is educational and interesting and should be heard by all.

Look up the program and clip it out for reference, and try to be a part of the celebration and show the ex-service men that their efforts are appreciated.

At 8:30 the Guthrie-Bartell wrestling match will be staged at the old armory, now the Burton D Mann Garage. Both Guthrie and Bartell are clever wrestlers and an excellent bout is promised.

FLEW FROM OMAHA TO SATANTA IN ONE DAY

Aviator Williams Made a Good Trip By the Air Route

Aviator Errett Williams arrived in the city Tuesday morning to take part in the big air carnival. He was accompanied by his wife. He had been to Kansas City and Omaha where he took part in an air carnival and drove his plane from Omaha to Satanta in one day, coming to Liberal the next morning. Williams is one of the real ones in the air game and takes in all the big meets and wanted to be on hand early for the Liberal meet, Saturday and Sunday. He says there are a lot of planes coming this week to take part also.

B. J. Scott of Hutchinson was transacting business in the city this week.

WILL MAKE PAVING NARROWER ON S. GRANT

The City Council held a special meeting Monday morning to hear a petition from the property owners on South Grant asking that the paving on the four south blocks on that street be reduced from 46 to 30 feet in width. The petition being almost unanimous it was allowed.