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Final Details Of Coke County Live-At-Home Fair Completed at Enthusiastic Meet

The final details of the Coke County Live at Home Fair, which is to be held in Bronte, August 4, were completed at an enthusiastic meeting of those constituting the steering committee, in the directors' room of the First National Bank, Wednesday afternoon.

Everyone present was anxious about the 1933 Fair and all expressed the belief that with rains at the proper time the Fair this year will be one really worth while. Everyone present likewise expressed surprise at the large proportions the Fair assumed last year. It being the first attempt at a county-wide fair, those who were directing, were inexperienced, except the county agent, B. J. Baskin, in such work. Hence it was the unanimous belief of all present that with favorable conditions this year, the exhibits and the attendance will surpass last year.

With the belief in mind that the Fair will be larger and better this year all present pledged themselves to do their best to make this year's annual exhibit

of Coke County's gardens, orchards and fields, as well as dairy products and cured meats, a credit to the country.

A complete entry list is being prepared and will be printed in due time, which will give complete information as regards exhibits and so forth.

It was decided that notice for all entries of exhibits must be given to the director of that particular department by 5 o'clock on the afternoon of August 2nd, and all exhibits must be in place in the exhibit hall by 5 o'clock on the afternoon of August 3rd, except all perishable products, such as fruits, vegetables, butter and other like exhibits.

The judges' announcements of winners will be made at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the day of the Fair, and the exhibitor will not be permitted to remove any of the exhibits until 5 o'clock that day.

It will be well to file this copy of The Enterprise for future reference so that you can have this definite information before you any time you may wish to recall as to the above rules.

Cotton Meetings To Be Held

There will be some cotton meetings held in Coke county next week. Just what is to come before the meetings The Enterprise is not advised nor can we find out. But, it is of first importance to every cotton grower. Hence when you hear of a meeting in your community, it behooves you not to treat it lightly but to attend and get all the information you can and at the same time give encouragement to the endeavor that is be-

ing made by the government to bring relief on the cotton situation. If some of the things we read as to the government's course of procedure are true, The Enterprise does not favor the proposals. But, it is well enough to get first-hand information and know exactly what the government wants done about the cotton situation and what it proposes to do to relieve the cotton farmers.

Money Needed On Irrigation Promotion

There is necessarily some expense in the work of the preliminaries with reference to the movement to promote the mammoth irrigation project now under advisement.

A few men are giving their time and spending their own money simply for the common good. This is not right—it is the duty of every citizen within the territory to do his "bit" in this undertaking, which, if taken hold of by the government,

will inure to the financial good of all.

Bronte, Robert Lee, Sweetwater and San Angelo will be asked for a small sum each with which to defray the expenses involved. Frank Keeney and F. O. Key are a committee in Bronte, to raise Bronte's amount of this fund. Don't wait for these gentlemen to call on you—they are busy men, but go see them and get on "the dotted line."

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carroll, Mrs. Carroll's sister, Mrs. Effie Allen, returned Monday from Junction where they had visited Mr. and Mrs. Carroll's son. The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll had been visiting at Junction returned home with their parents.

GEORGE CHISHOLM BUYS R. G. ROSSER RESIDENCE

George Chisholm, the hustling manager of the West Texas Utilities in Bronte, is now a full-fledged citizen of Bronte. We mean by that, Mr. Chisholm is now a home owner in the city.

A few days ago Mr. Chisholm bought the R. G. Rosser residence from the J. A. Grimes estate. The residence is located on Franklin street, in the southeast part of town. It is an elegant little cottage. Mr. Chisholm has already begun an improvement program and when finished it will be a most delightful home.

Mrs. M. A. Kopeckey returned Tuesday from a visit with her mother at McCamey.

Dr. J. D. Leonard and sons, Woodrow and Dwaine, will leave Tuesday for a visit to the doctor's old home at Sparkman, Arkansas. The boys expect to get a complete "lineup" on the activities of "dad" when he was a youngster. It has been some time since Dr. Leonard visited his old home—so, he is looking forward with much anticipation of his trip "back to the scenes and places of childhood's years."

Miss Carman Joe Barron of McCamey, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kopeckey. Miss Barron is a sister of Mrs. Kopeckey. She is returning from Lubbock where she was a student in Texas Tech the past year.

REWARD FOR DOG

A red dog with some white on him, and white tip on tail—answers to "Billie," when called. Reward for information leading to his recovery. He was our little girl's dog—for that reason we prize him highly and are anxious to get him back.
D. M. West.

THE WOMANS PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Mrs. T. H. Rogge entertained the Womens Progressive Club and several guests on Thursday afternoon of last week, at her home.

Pink roses and fern formed the floral decorations with the color motif of pink and green being carried out in the refreshments and service.

Six tables of bridge and 42 were arranged for the afternoon's entertainment.

Mrs. Cecil Glenn scored high in bridge, and Mrs. B. F. Bridges in 42.

Other guests included, Mrs. O. H. Willoughby, Mrs. M. A. Butner, Mrs. Lucy R. Warner, Mrs. Frank Keeney, Mrs. F. S. Higginbotham, Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. A. N. Rawlings, Mrs. L. T. Youngblood, Mrs. Roe Williams, Mrs. H. O. Whitt, Mrs. J. J. Youngblood, Mrs. Clint Wilkins, Mrs. R. L. Keyes, Mrs. R. E. Cumbie, Mrs. W. O. Keesee, Mrs. Chas. Keeney, Mrs. J. D. Leonard, W. J. Gideon, Mrs. Clint Duncan, Miss Gladys Glenn and Miss Easterland of Beaumont and Mrs. Guy McLaughlin of San Angelo, sister of the hostess.

E. W. HUDMAN WRITES

E. W. Hudman who has been sojourning at Deming, New Mexico, with relatives for some weeks, wrote the editor an interesting and appreciated letter a few days ago.

Among other things Mr. Hudman says:

"We have been having lots of rain for the past several days. The weather is fine and cool. One can sleep all he wishes. Be sure to start my paper this way regularly, for I enjoy "the old home" paper about as much as I do this climate."

Mr. Hudman tells of making a trip with some relatives from Deming across the Oregon mountains to Alamogordo, then 26 miles almost straight up to Cloudcroft, making the trip almost altogether in low gear. They found a dead deer in the mountains; they also saw a fresh bear track. "There are lot of antelope in this part of the country, and they are pretty and fat."

METHODIST CHURCH

Services at the Methodist church, Sunday June 25:
Sunday school 10 A. M.
Preaching 11 A. M.
Epworth League 7:45 P. M.
Evening worship 8:30 P. M.

We are gratified with the attendance and interest in these services. Still we feel that there are many of our people who are not being reached and believe some of them do not realize the loss they are sustaining unto themselves by failure to attend church. People who are busy six days of the week with temporal affairs and many distressing problems of the day, certainly need the restful, edifying and refreshing benefits of worship on the Sabbath. Our Heavenly Father knew this and in His care and provision for us gave us such a day, and Jesus realizing this insisted that we observe the Sabbath as the day to be used by man in improving himself spiritually, and in providing himself with such knowledge as would enable him to be what God intended that he should be. So let us be present and take advantage of every service in our church on God's refreshment our souls so much need.

"The church with a welcome to all" welcomes you.
Wallace N. Dunson,
Pastor.

Ballinger's Forty-Seventh Anniversary To Be Gorgeous And Gala Occasion; Great Crowds Expected To Attend

Ballinger is known all over the West as an outstanding city in many particulars. Especially is it known as to its hospitality. And the average Ballinger citizen is jealous of the good name of his town, particularly as to its hospitable spirit.

In fact, the spirit of hospitality of "the old West" holds on at Ballinger to a degree known to but few West Texas towns. There is a reason: through the years, from the day the town was brought into existence, it has given emphasis to its origin and harks back ever and anon to the day when Ballinger came into existence. They have been careful to observe now and then the town's birthday.

Therefore, it is enough to know that Ballinger is going to observe its forty-seventh birthday next week, to be assured that a day of real entertainment is in store for all who attend—a day in which the program will include "the old West" as well as "the new West." So, it will be a day when "the old West" and "the new West" will meet—indeed the features of entertainment for the day so blend that one will live both in the past and in the present at the same time.

Indeed, those directing the day's program, as well as every citizen of the town are seeking to make the celebration of the Forty-Seventh Anniversary of the city an event that will stand out distinctly, separate and apart from all other entertainments ever given even by the city itself.

Articles of pioneer days—relics, pictures, clothing, etc. of the early 80's will be on display in the display windows of the various business houses of the town. The "Hickville Band" from Ranger has been invited.

Hon. Coke R. Stephenson of Junction has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker of the day.

The day's program will begin at 10:20 with the arrival of the ancient train, representing the first train operated into Ballinger, on June 29, 1886.

Free lunch will be served to all "old-timers" who were here as long as forty-five years ago. Others who go are expected to carry their lunch baskets, for it would be unreasonable to expect Ballinger people to feed the many thousands who will be there—so, unless you have lived here for forty-five years, be sure to take your lunch.

A two-page invitation is carried in this issue of The Enterprise, as well as an individual invitation from the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, paid for by the progressive business institutions, the names of which appear in the invitation, inviting one and all to come to Ballinger that day. If you go and you expect to do any shopping, The Enterprise will appreciate it, if our readers will buy from those extending the invitation.

Truly, Ballinger is going to "pull a big un."

"Uncle Bill" Kellis; Methodists; Baptists; Preachers; Booze

This subject has a long name—but justly so, for it is a long subject, made that way by the route that "Uncle Bill" Kellis, editor of the Sterling City News-Record, and booze defender, took in attempting to answer some straight questions The Enterprise submitted to him in these columns recently. After quoting press reports to the effect that Bishop H. A. Boaz, bishop of the M. E. Church, said that members of the Methodist church who persist in selling beer, should it become legal, will finally be excluded from the church, should they continue to sell the legalized booze, we went further and raised the question as to whether or not it was just as inconsistent for a church member to vote for beer as it was to sell it. We submitted the question to "Uncle Bill" as follows:

The following press reports were sent out the other day:

"If and when 3.2 beer becomes legal in Texas, any Methodist who persists in selling it will be excluded from membership in the church, Bishop H. A. Boaz has announced.

Methodists found guilty of selling the beverage will be 'disciplined' first, the bishop said. After that, failure to desist from the practice will result in the culprit's dismissal from the church. x x x.

That sure is an interesting question—one we would like to have the views of "Uncle Bill" Kellis on. "Uncle Bill" says that in theory he is a Baptist but holds no communication with any religious denomination. And just to go a little farther with

the line of reasoning, if it is consistent for a church member to sell legal booze, then, is it not consistent to allow the preachers in these several churches to drink this fine, wholesome (?) Democratic booze? In fact, is it not consistent for the preachers not only to drink the "deadly poison," but why not allow the preachers to sell it? By the way, if it is consistent and best to have booze, why not have it sold under the auspices of the churches and let the preachers sell booze through the week and then preach on Sunday? It seems that would be beautifully (?) consistent—for, as the poor drunkards die, the preachers could bury them.—Bronte Enterprise.

"Now, since you ask me, Brother West, I am constrained to give you a part of my views on that question."

After going off at a tangent and saying many things not touching the question, on the issue of the Methodists, "Uncle Bill" just "shells down the corn" and says:

"If I believed as Bishop Boaz does and held the reins as well as the whip, I would make every member of my church toe the mark, or I would boot him out of it. * * * If I were a member of Brother Boaz's church, I would forget that I was a free born American citizen and do just what the bishop said for me to do."

Now that is a one hundred per cent answer to the question. The thrust of "Uncle Bill" at the bishop as a "boss," has nothing to do with the direct question we asked and to which, barring the thrust, he gives a direct answer.
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