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Big Celebration To Be Held In Clarendon July Fourth

Plans for the big Fourth of July Celebration are almost completed and everyone is living in glorious expectation of the great event. As was stated last week, the entire proceeds of the program are to be given to the Red Cross to furnish material for the many workers who come to the rooms.

There will be a number of speakers on the war, the Red Cross and other momentous subjects. Several of the important candidates will also figure in the day's program. Good music will be rendered at the beginning of the program.

Mr. J.T. Patman is the chairman of the committee, and from what he has been known to do, there can be no doubt that the program will be excellent in every phase. People from far and near will flock to the Athens of the Panhandle to take part in the biggest and most patriotic celebration that has taken place here for years.

The last number of the program, but by no means the least, will be the baseball game between the East and West side business men. Mr. G.C. Davis has been made captain of the East side and Paul Shelton of the West Side. You can depend upon a fast game and most likely a close one. it will be worth your money and more.

The first assembly will be on the Court House square. No dinner will be served, so unless you can hold out through the day, bring a piece of corn bread in your pocket.

The program follows:
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.— Music.
11:00 to 12:00 p.m.— Red Cross address by Rev. J.W. Story.

Mr. And Mrs. Noack Victims Of Influenza

Mrs. Bernhard Noack died at the Adair Hospital, Thursday evening December 5th, and her death was soon followed by her husband's, Bernhard Noack, who passed away last Saturday morning, Dec. 14th.

The whole family, father, mother and their three children, had fallen ill with the influenza. They considered themselves fairly over their sickness when of a sudden their temperature began to rise, and their condition seemed to grow worse. They called the doctor, who ordered them to the hospital at once. Tuesday afternoon Dec. 3rd, the ambulance was sent for them to their home, some three miles south of town. They were hurried to the hospital where proper attention could be given them. The following day the mother had her baby girl taken to J.E. Noack's, in whose care the child now remains. Thursday morning the mother fell into a delirium from which she never recovered until death claimed its victim that same evening at 6:20 o'clock. Her body was placed to rest in the Citizens Cemetery. Her husband, though very low, remained conscious or semi-conscious for nearly a week after her death. On Thursday of last week all hopes for his recovery were abandoned and Saturday morning at 9:45 he also succumbed. Sunday afternoon he was laid beside his life-long companion. Rev. J.H. Kollmeyer, Lutheran pastor, officiated at both burials.

Three children, one son and two daughters, aged one, five and eleven years, mourn the loss of their parents. May the Lord be their comfort for the present, and their Guardian and Protector in the future!

Besides their children, Mrs. Noack, nee Kaatz, is survived by two brothers, one of whom, Mr. Fred Kaatz, is a well known citizen of Donley County.

Both of our departed friends were in the prime of life, she being 33 years, 4 months and 3 days of age, and his being 38 years, 11 months and 21 days. May the Lord keep their bodies unto a blessed resurrection, and comfort the bereaved with His bountiful grace.

—Contributed on special request of The Clarendon News.

*The Clarendon News
December 19, 1918*

From 12:00 m. to 2:00 p. m. you will have time to eat your corn bread

2:00 p.m. an address by Judge Carigan of Wichita Falls. This will be followed by speeches from the candidates for Congressional, County and District offices.

5:00 p.m.—Baseball Game.

The committee is trying to secure the services of the Cavalry Band at Amarillo, but that is not yet settled.

*The Clarendon News
July 4, 1918*

J. Silas Hayter Influenza Victim

In a year replete with many losses to this community by the inexorable hand of death, no loss has evoked such universal sorrow to the citizenship of Clarendon and Donley County as the death of J. Silas Hayter, which occurred in the dawning hours of Monday, December the 9th.

Mr. Hayter was stricken with influenza about the middle of last week and by Saturday his condition had become so critical that it was deemed advisable to move him from his home to the Adair Hospital, especially as his wife had also contracted the malady. A complication of kidney trouble rendered ineffective the remedies of the best medical skill, and from a delirium which began early Sunday afternoon, he passed into a stupor Sunday night from which he never rallied and death came silently at seven o'clock Monday morning. On account of the nature of his illness none of his children were permitted to be present in his last hours, but the poor wife had been brought in and was forced to witness his passing from her sick bed without being able to go to his side. The tender age of the dead man's five children, the illness of his wife, the enforced isolation of his death and his short illness imparted to his death a more intense sadness than ordinarily follows in the wake of the death angel.

The remains were carried to the residence of his brother, W.T. Hayter, where the funeral services were held at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning and from whence the funeral cortege passed sadly to the Citizens Cemetery where the body was suitably interred for its long rest.

The funeral service was held by Rev. J.W. Story of Amarillo, until recently pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. C.N.N. Ferguson pastor of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Slover, President of Clarendon College. By special request two songs, led by Prof. R. Deane Shure were rendered, "One Sweetly, Solemn Thought", and "Crossing The Bar." A large concourse of Clarendon people were present in spite of the epidemic, to render tribute to the sterling worth of Mr. Hayter's manly character, and no one present had any other thought except that of the serious loss that had befallen our community.

Mr. Hayter was just past 36 years of age and was one of the prominent business men of our city. He was a man of recognized sound judgement, was public spirited and most unselfish in his dealings with his fellows. He was serving in a most exemplary manner as Food Administrator for Donley County; he was a member of the school board for the Clarendon Independent School District; he was the most efficient chairman of the board of stewards of the Clarendon Methodist Church, which he loved with all the fervor of his devoted being. Few men have as much influence in the community as J. S. Hayter had, and be it ever to his credit that that influence was never used except in the cause of truth and righteousness. Our city has suffered an irreparable loss but we have a Wonderful heritage in the remembrance of his Christian life and character. This writer knew him for a very little more than a year, but we loved him as a brother, and



Parking down the center of Kearney Street was once the norm as shown in this photo taken in about 1917 before the brick paving was put down in 1919. This photo is looking north from the intersection of Third and Kearney.

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Parking In Center Of Street Resumed

This morning the parking of motor vehicles went back to the usual order by placing cars in the center rather than the sides of the street. For more than a month the parking has been on the sides of the street at the advice of Engineer Caraway.

The fact that the cars had run only on the sides of the street for more than a year was causing a faster sinking of the pavement there than the center, but now that the center of the street has been used for travel sufficiently to equalize the sinking, parking in the center will be the order.

The Clarendon News, August 5, 1920



A bandstand partially visible in this 1916 photo stood for about 15 years on the Court House lawn where the war memorial is today.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Bandstand Is Sold, Yard to be Grassed

Standing on the courtyard for more than fifteen years, the old bandstand has served its purpose well, but new situations have arisen and progress must be made so the building was sold by the Commissioners Court the fore part of this week and was removed to a new resting place.

The court holds that the bandstand is a good thing, but that the courtyard should be beautified and the stand had to go. During the past week, the entire yard of the courthouse has received a thorough ploughing that a seed bed might be prepared for grass that is to be placed there during the months of the summer.

County Judge Alexander was especially desirous that mention should be made of the excellent job the man did on that place.

The Clarendon News, March 14, 1929

Faculty Recital Called Off

On account of the influenza scare the faculty recital at the College on Monday night is postponed to a later date.

The Clarendon News, October 10, 1918

No Serum Available For Influenza

There is no known specific serum against Spanish influenza. The serums now being used in army and navy camps are in the nature of experiments as to efficacy against influenza.

This information came to the state health department in a telegram from Surgeon General Braistod of the navy. State Health Officer Collins wired and asked for some form of preventive treatment and the reply was as follows: "Understand army using vaccine made at its laboratory as preventive of pneumonia in camps where disease pre-

vails. No Serum treatment for influenza known. Vaccine for prevention, has been made by us and being used experimentally. Useless as therapeutic measure."

- BOARD OF HEALTH.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent the starting and spread of Spanish influenza. The Red Cross has issued some very lucid directions on to how to avoid and control this epidemic, which The News is reproducing in this issue. Let every one read the warning and give careful attention to the protection of the community.

Spanish Influenza Precautions

1. Keep in mind that, like most contagious diseases, influenza is spread by contact; that is, by the transfer of the poison from one person to another, it is spread by sneezing, coughing and spitting, at which times the discharges from the nose and throat are scattered in the air.
2. Avoid crowds as much as possible, including moving picture places, theatres and other assembly halls. When feasible, avoid crowded street cars.
3. When sneezing or coughing, place your handkerchief before your nose or mouth.
4. Make sure that you are properly clothed, in accordance with the varying changes in temperature prevalent at this time of the year.
5. Fresh air is always good. Keep your bedroom windows wide open, and secure as much sleep as possible.
6. Keep the digestive organs in good condition.
7. Drink water freely.
8. Avoid common drinking cups, common towels and similar utensils.
9. Wash your hands frequently.
10. Use a mild antiseptic as a nose spray or as a mouth gargle, especially if your throat is sore or there is tendency to sneezing.
11. If you have a "cold" use utensils for your personal use exclusively, or if in contact with one so affected, be careful not to handle utensils used by them.
12. Consult family physician at first onset of symptoms suggestive of influenza.
13. Spread this information as much as possible in newspapers, moving picture shows, school houses, churches, etc.

F.G. Pernoud, Medical Adviser, Southwestern Division, American Red Cross.

The Clarendon News, October 10, 1918

823 Women Register To Vote

Women registered in Donley County to the number of 823. This number is approximately 75 per cent of the male voting strength and is larger than was generally anticipated.

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The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—**That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,** laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.—He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.—He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.—He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.—He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.—He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.—He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.—He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.—He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.—He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.—He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.—He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.—He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.—He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:—For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:—For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:—For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:—For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:—For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences—For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:—For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:—For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.—He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.—He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.—He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.—He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.—He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.—We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.— And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

MECHANICAL.
I know a young fellow who would rather have a miss in the car than two in the motor.

GEOGRAPHICAL.
Many a romance begun beside a splashing waterfall at a summer resort has ended beside a leaky faucet in a kitchen sink.

WAR STORIES.
An American applied at a Canadian recruiting office to enlist. He was a long way from home, but still had that old hill-billy brand of honesty. "I suppose you want a commission," said the officer. "Not me." was the reply. "I'm such a poor shot that I'd rather work on a straight salary."

FAMILY STUFF.
I know a woman who is telling the public that her husband can't keep her in clothing. Her husband says he brought her home and can't keep her in that either.

COMPETITION.
The boys are conscripted by Uncle Sam to bear arms. The girls are conscripted by Dame Fashion to bare legs.

NOTORIETY.
There might have been "a message to Garcia." The world may be in a turmoil filled with anxiety, but the simple little message that carries volumes of consideration is couched in these five words: "What will the neighbors say?"

ROAMIN' ROUND.
Down in central Texas last week while the boys did the hard work, I stopped for breakfast at a nifty "all-out" filling station where the highways forked about a mile north of Mason. James J. Ray, about the most courteous fellow one could meet, operates the station. He has a rustic building of native flag stone. A real swell place to eat. He sells gas and while I ate, he fixed a tire. Worker? Sure! That young man is the livest wire in central Texas and the most deserving. I knew he wasn't a native from the time I first saw him get around and put out the willingness to cooperate.
When you want real service, stop with Jimmy. An "allout" station is where they feed and fill at the aame time. His prices are most reasonable.
SUGGESTION.
The celebration period is right ahead. More than fifty people in Texas must die Friday if the average is maintained. In addition to that, 370 will be injured, over half of them by fireworks. Later, 13 will die from lockjaw and burns if the yearly average is maintained. And while you are driving around there is another thing to remember: The worst diet in the world is a pickled driver in a traffic jam!
The Donley County Leader,
July 3, 1941

Racing Turtle Visits Local Service Station
Do you know of a cross-country turtle race or any other turtle races in this area? Tuesday morning Wallace Raney opened up his Conoco Station across from the City Hall and was greeted by a racing turtle in his office with the name Tom printed on his shell along with the numerals 7-2354. Raney has no idea of where the turtle came from or how it got in his office. A little nudge on his back with a stick showed that he was a racer alright, for he would really take off.
Donley County Leader, July 29, 1954

The July 4th Parade Marshall, Jerry Hawkins, and Rodeo Parking specialist, left made the rounds Tuesday morning leaving trophies that will be given by local merchants. Gene Alderson, Alderson Chevrolet will be giving the 1st place parade and J. E. (Slick) Johnston, representing James Owens Leather Goods is holding the 1st place Riding Club Trophy. At right is Bob Boston, president of the Outdoor Entertainment Association, that has been turning cartwheels getting everything lined up for the entire celebration. We can all appreciate Bob's efforts as he certainly has put in many hours and lots of hard labor. Bob has been ably assisted by Don Thornberry, past president of the association.

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Scouts from Clarendon Explorer Post No. 33 went swimming and ate supper at Pampa Friday evening. They were, back row, Cathy Thomas (guest) from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Julie Wise, Mike Boothe. Darrell Rives, Richard Woody, Farrell McAfee, Jeff and Debbie Campbell, Lucy Saye, Kay and Johnnie Spivey. Bottom row — Mary Nell McGarity, Barry Doane, David Butler, Larry Doane and Ralph McGarity.

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Citizens Hold Celebration At Martin

Citizens of the Martin community gathered at the local school house Sunday for one of those old-fashioned, neighborly gatherings famous in the past and celebrated with singing, preaching and dinner “on the ground.” Many interested visitors from Clarendon, Lelia, Hedley, Sunnyview, Ashtola and other nearby places were on hand to aid in the celebration. Rev. Baker preached an excellent sermon. The afternoon was given over to the singers, tho handicapped by the non-arrival of new books ordered, made the welkin ring with the joyous sacred songs.

School came to a close at the Martin schoolhouse Friday. An excellent exhibition was given by the pupils that was well attended. Miss Mary Fair, who taught the present term, is held in highest esteem by the good people out there who are loud in their praise of her good work.

The Clarendon News,
May 27, 1920

Six-Year-Old Boy Gave \$3 To War Work

Proving the oft repeated assertion that children are more patriotic than adults, out in the Martin community little Edwin J.R. Cox, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Cox, gave all his savings to the United War Work fund, consisting of pennies and nickles to the amount of \$3.00.

So far as we know this is the most liberal donation considering the capital of the giver, that has yet come to light in Donley county, and puts to shame men who possess large incomes. Edwin's act gives evidence of a vision and liberality that bodes well for the new generation and he will no doubt be a leader in the affairs of this country in years to come.

Rev. T. B. Hilburn, who with his wife have been visiting in Clarendon, this week, will take the pastorate at Mobeetie, and is moving there this week.

The Clarendon News,
November 21, 1918

Forced to Sleep in Chair—Gas So Bad

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Douglas-Goldston Drug Co.
The Clarendon News,
March 14, 1929



The Clarendon High School Band stands on the steps of City Hall in 1940.
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Buckner Gets Property At Goodnight

About one hundred people assembled in the First Baptist church at Goodnight July 16 to witness the transfer of the college property here to the orphans home. Dr. Buckner had wired Rev. J.R. Hicks of Claude, Texas that he would come to Goodnight on Tuesday, July 16, to receive for the Baptist general convention the property of the college for the orphans' home. Rev. Mr. Hicks phoned or wired quite a number to be present to welcome Dr. Buckner and to witness the transfer of the college to the home and many responded. Among the number were J.L. Smith, Mrs. J.L. Smith, T.M. Bruner, J.E. Gates, Dr. J.E. Nunn and Dr. S.P. Vineyard from the First Baptist church of Amarillo.

Well Entertained

The people of Goodnight royally entertained the visitors. The board met at 2:30 p.m. and after a short executive session and report by Rev. Mr. Hicks that \$5,838 had been raised in cash to pay the debt of the college in full

Vacation Time Is Here

The Clarendon and Donley County pennants are here. Let no local automobile leave this city for a tour of Texas or other states without one or more pennants prominently displayed. Clarendon is known over Texas and nearby states and people will welcome the opportunity to ask questions about our city and our country. Certainly there is no citizen who will be in too great a hurry to disseminate the gospel of prosperity and plenty in its native element Clarendon and Donley County. Get that pennant today.

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May 27, 1920



Unidentified men threshing Kaffir corn near Clarendon in about 1913.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

with a little to go on and in addition about \$2,000 more would be paid in soon, the board voted unanimously to deed said college property to the home. This being done, Dr. J.E. Nunn, a trustee of the college, in an appropriate speech presented the deed and abstract to Dr. R.C. Buckner, who in turn received same with appropriate words. Then Dr. Buckner outlined the policy to be pursued by the home and laid the work on the hearts of all present to support the home.

Rev. Mr. Hicks, who had led in the campaign to raise the debt, was asked to continue

his work until all the churches had responded and paid in their pledges or would make donations to the home, as it would take two or three thousand dollars more to properly equip the home for occupancy.

Two Hundred Children

The home will accommodate about two hundred children and will be added to as occasion demands. The property is easily worth \$40,000 and includes several buildings, and 120 acres of land. Goodnight is believed an ideal location for such home and the whole Panhandle is proud to have the home located here. It

is pointed out nothing has been lost by those who have given to Goodnight college for the home will serve a greater place in the work of the denomination than the college could have done.

The Clarendon News
July 18, 1918

We Need More Plows, Sows, & Hens For Donley County

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Clarendon High School students dress up for Kid Day during the fall of 1947.
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Boys’ And Girls’ Hold Club Show

The exhibits at the Boys’ and Girls’ show held Saturday were uniformly good, but the county agent expressed some disappointment because a larger per cent of the members did not exhibit. About forty members out of 125 were present but the number of exhibits were less than thirty and consisted largely of the grain sorghums. This was partly due to the fact that the show had been postponed four times on account of the influenza situation, and partly because the parents were too busy to assist the boys in bringing the livestock in—especially from the farther points in the county. Quite a number, however, phoned Mr. Bennett that they or some of their neighbors had the Influenza and were afraid to allow the children to attend the show.

John Naylor brought in an extremely well set up calf, and is planning to feed him under the direction of the county agent for the fat stock show. The calf was picked this spring and grown for size rather than finish until the last few weeks, and Mr. Bennett expects him to be a winner when fitted for show. There is a movement among the promoters of calf club work looking to the sending of a car of baby beeves from the Panhandle club members to the International next year.

Harvey Shaw of Hedley was the only member who brought an exhibit in all branches of the work he was entered in where more than one club was joined. However, he brought his grain in the wagon box too close to the pig—and the pig was the only exhibit he had eligible to

the contests when he arrived. R.O. McFarling, also of Hedley, brought in his big herd boar for use in the stock judging contest. This boar is one of the show hogs of the county and the agent heartily appreciated the opportunity the members had of scoring this specimen.

Truman Stogner of the Windy Valley community was the heaviest prize winner, taking first in the kaffir, first in the Red Maize, and sweepstakes in the grain sorghums. The .22 rifle put up by H.C. Kerbow & Sons went to him.

In the stock judging contest, some difficulty was experienced by most of the participants, but the honors finally went to O. Merideth of Giles. The agent is planning to make the work part of the winter instruction for the members and expects a really creditable stock judging team at the next year’s show.

The usual prize of a trip to the Dallas Fair was unavailable this year. The merchants of Clarendon and Hedley, however, made a handsome prize list for the contestants, and the county agent is deeply grateful to them for their generous support of this phase of his work.

During the next year, Mr. Bennett will confine his efforts to the boys; the girls will be under the direction of Mrs. Chitwood and will engage in the regular home economic work. C.C. French, the state pig club agent, will be with the county agent next, week in enrolling boys in the pig club work. Mr. McFarling and Mr. Rain will cooperate next year to see that the

boys have the best in pigs for this work.

The following firms contributed the prizes: H. C. Kerbow & Son, .22 rifle. Joe Goldston, gold medal. Clarendon Mercantile Co., \$2.50 in trade. Autrey & Dean, Cush and Carry, \$2.50 in cash. Connally Grain Co., \$2.50 in cash. Marquis Conservatory, \$2.50 in trade. Harned Sisters, \$2.50 in trade. Baldwin Bros, \$2.00 cap and scarf set Hayter Bros. \$4.00 fur cap. The Vogue Millinery, \$2.50 in trade. Sinner’s Style Shop, \$1.25 string of beads. Strickland Story, \$2.50 cap or gloves. E.M. Ozier, Groceries, \$2.50 in trade. Stocking Drug Co., choice of novel. Pastime Theatre, 10 tickets. Bryan & Son, \$1.50 box of candy. Rathjen’s Shoe Store, \$2.00 in trade. Walker & Shelton, \$2.50 Thrift Stamps. H W. Taylor & Son, choice of pocket knife. Bartlett’s Art Studio, \$2.50 in trade. Clarendon News, \$2.00 subscription. Furr Grocery Co., Hedley, \$2.50 cash. R. S. Smith Produce, Hedley, \$2.50 cash. Barnes & Hustings, Hedley. \$2.50 cash. Guarantee State Bank, Hedley, \$5 W.S.S.

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The Fifth of July Celebration in Clarendon Monday was a full day in every way. It is variously estimated that there were from six to twelve thousand people in town with at least fifteen hundred cars milling thru the streets during the day. There were a number of interesting features of the day and please a number of people of different taste. It was not expected that everybody would like everthing - folks are not made that way but there was a feature for each person and everyone found something of interest for them during the day.

The Motor Parade at ten in the morning brought out the longest line of automobiles ever seen on the streets of Clarendon. A large majority of the cars had some form of decoration in addition to the specially decorated cars that entered the Chamber of Commerce Competition for the Canning Clubs. This particular feature of the day's program was the greatest success of the day. The ladies of the town with only one or two exceptions assisted the several communities in the decoration of their cars with a most esteemable enthusiasm in spite of the fact that a number of them had children competing with a car of their own representing the Clarendon Schools Canning Clubs.

Every competing club won. Not the first, second, or even third prize possibly but something more than a mere prize - that is a fuller spirit of co-operation, mutual appreciation and general good fellowship that goes with friendly competition. There were more than 250 girls in uniform that took part in the parade, most of whom were hauled in Buick cars, designated as the official car of the day not because they were the best car to be had - for it would be foolish to try to so designate a particular car - but because there were more of this make available and hence would make the competition all the way thru more equal and fair. It could not be the fault or credit of a club that another club happened to get a finer car to decorate - or ride in - hence the use of Buicks to haul them.

Ten clubs entered the competition and with three out of town, disinterested judges, who knew not one person in a single one of the clubs - was almost impossible to render a definite decision. With each of the three judges of a different opinion as to the winning cars, it was necessary after the parade to visit each car a number of times to compare them, talk over their relative points, to vote, re-vote and cull out until a definite decision was made — it was almost as bad as the Democratic Convention with 44 ballots.

Each car came in for mention and close consideration. The judges in rendering their final decision would not say that the three they chose were the best decorated, prettiest or any other single par excellence point of the ten — but judged upon the two points specified in the June 23 issue of *Clarendon News*: “First, best general appearance; second, most novel idea shown in decoration.” The first point covered neatness, pleasing appearance of car, drivers, and girls. The second point covered individuality, striking showing made, attractiveness and novel features of decoration with consideration of appropriateness.

Upon this basis the Martin School Canning Club car decorated by Miss Ruth Stocking, Miss Roberta Morris and Mrs. J. D. McAdams took first place. This was the car driven by Fred Rathjen and with the rosettes predominating as a decorative feature with particularly striking

decoration of the wheels.

The Clarendon Grammar School car was judged second over the Hedley car, which took third, from appropriateness only. The Grammar School Car was decorated by Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chas. McMurtry and featured, in addition to the huge American Eagle on the radiator and flags, bunting, etc. — a very active Uncle Sam of about six years with High Topped Hat, striped breeches and all complete — it was this last feature that gave it precedent over the Hedley car after the judges had tied the two cars on points granted for them several times.

The Hedley car was decorated in Gold and White, and carried pretty little girls in little yellow and white dresses with parasols of same color. It presented possibly the most novel and pleasing decorative scheme and except for the fact that it failed to feature with any strength something in keeping with the day was sure of a second or a possible first place. The judges asked to see this car for the fifth time before making their final decision.

The Goldston car came in for close re-examination due to a number of pleasing features in the decorative scheme. The fringe that bordered the running board, fenders and all other distinct lines of the car, together with the pleasing streamer effect came in for considerable comment and discussion on the part of the judges.

The Clarendon High School car broke on about the same basis with the Goldston car, particularly striking feature of this car being the huge Roman Candles that were featured on the car. The huge eagle that held the American Flag in his beak was also a striking display.

Ashtola, Giles, Windy Valley, Naylor, and Lelia Lake cars made good showings and each of them came into consideration for some special feature. Ashtola was runner up for third place on first ballot but lost out on later ballots. The other cars were mentioned favorably and were attractive displays. Like any other competition - they all could not be winners. Like all competitions some folks were not satisfied with the judges' decision - but in view of the fact that not one of the judges even knew the names of the schools, except for the signs on the cars, much less did they know the individuals from the different schools - consequently they were absolutely free to judge just as they saw it and without the slightest possibility of prejudice or favor.

The judges were C.G. Spencer of Dalhart, Texas, E.R. Logan of Waco, Texas, and R.D. Logan of Ft. Worth, Texas. They were all men that have seen a number of decorated car parades, know show windows, and consequently were fully competent to really judge the cars presented on their individual merit alone. They were pleased with the good showing made and suggested that it be made an annual affair - allowing the entry of individual cars in a separate classification next year. They were impressed with the sporting qualities of the Canning Clubs in the total absence of spiteful yells and remarks that sometimes accompany such a close contest. It speaks well for the kind of folks we have in Donley County.

In addition to the competing cars there were a number of specially attractive cars in the parade. The Stevens made a nice showing, and the Stevens Sedan liked to have taken a place in the competition in spite of the fact that it was not eligible to enter. The judges asked if it was supposed to have a name on it that they did not see.

The two Shrine Cars attracted much attention and considerable comment, with the Red Fezzed Sons of the Desert, Shrine Emblems and Khiva Signs to lend atmosphere to the

showing. The Clarendon Shriners are a going bunch and are as delighted that Amarillo won Khiva Shrine as if they had done it themselves. They are organizing to assist some of the aspiring brethren over the Hot Sands in the August Ceremonial at Amarillo.

The Dodges were strongly in evidence with their suggestive signs — chief among which was the sign

“Twice Around the World and Still Looking Good” — meaning that that Dodge had traveled 50,000 miles.

The Fords are always there and this parade was not an exception. There was but one great trouble—and that was that our streets were just one fourth long enough to hold the cars — and that 3-4 of the cars were not in the parade. It is remarkable how many folks in the world are too blooming contrary to take part in anything in the world that they do not suggest themselves. Considerable publicity had been given to the fact that every car was to be in the parade— and yet 3-4 of the folks stuck in their cars on main street and wouldn't, budge - of such is life however, and it is about as good as you can expect from some folks.

The political speaking resulted in each candidate convincing himself at least that he was the logical man for the place. As usual most folks listened and will vote just as they had intended voting before they spoke, but still they like to hear the boys deliver themselves. A number of good speeches, and promises were made, and now that the Presidential nomination has been cleared for the present it is expected that State and Local Politics will begin to boil with some real interest and pep.

The bronc busting races and exhibition flying was staged in the afternoon and drew a large crowd. The horses stepped out with a will and spilled two would-be money takers. The West continues to hold to its early form of amusement—even after the country becomes much more thickly settled than is this section. It is usually necessary to import a large majority of the riders but due to the near by ranches of this section the riders in Monday's show were boys that most of the crowd have known for years and their showing was watched with considerable interest from a personal standpoint as well as a pure delight in seeing good riding.

First Money, \$30.00 went to Buck Beard, who rode the sorrel pony. Jess Freeman took second money by riding the Blue Darter pony. Third money, \$10.00, went to Elmer Rose, who rode the 1st horse. As in every form of competition each contestant except the two that were pilled, really believed that they won First place but Judges, Allen Jeffries, Lu McClelland and Chas. Derrick returned the awards as they saw and they have been seeing pitching horses for all their lives and are competent to know real horses and real pitching.

In the races Buren Ware won first in the fastest pony race seen here in a number of years, Fontayne Elmore won second place. The Relay races staged by three teams were good and of more than passing interest. Using three mounts each, changing their horses after each round, skill in handling the horse, saddle and speed of the horse—all were determining factors in the race. Buren Ware won first prize of \$20 and Fred Lynn second prize of \$15.

The stunt flying was disappointing to everyone —more so to the management than any one else. The pilot fulfilled the letter of his agreement but gave a very poor exhibition from every standpoint. His loops were scattered, his one or two little Immerman's were little more than half turns, and his one five or six round spin was back over the residential section of the town and seen by less than

a hundred people. All told it was a most pitiful exhibition of stunt flying that has drawn money since the development of the plane out of its infancy of uncertainty and rather discredited the whole day's otherwise perfect flying.

According to statement by Secretary Keen "If that little wiggle was worth \$60 I have - wasted Fifty million dollars worth of stunt flying in my day — and was never a Stunt Flyer at that. He fulfilled the letter of his contract and so we left it up to him whether he thought it was worth the price or not — he seemed to think so and we paid. In a matter such as stunt flying, or similar exhibitions you buy the good will and intent of the man putting on the exhibition and there was no rule or measure by which you can accurately measure the quantity you get and say you either did or did not get your money's worth. But the management was disappointed with the showing made and apologize for calling that exhibition stunt flying at all."

The dance was a full house affair and the music was especially good it is reported.

The Clarendon News,
July 8, 1920

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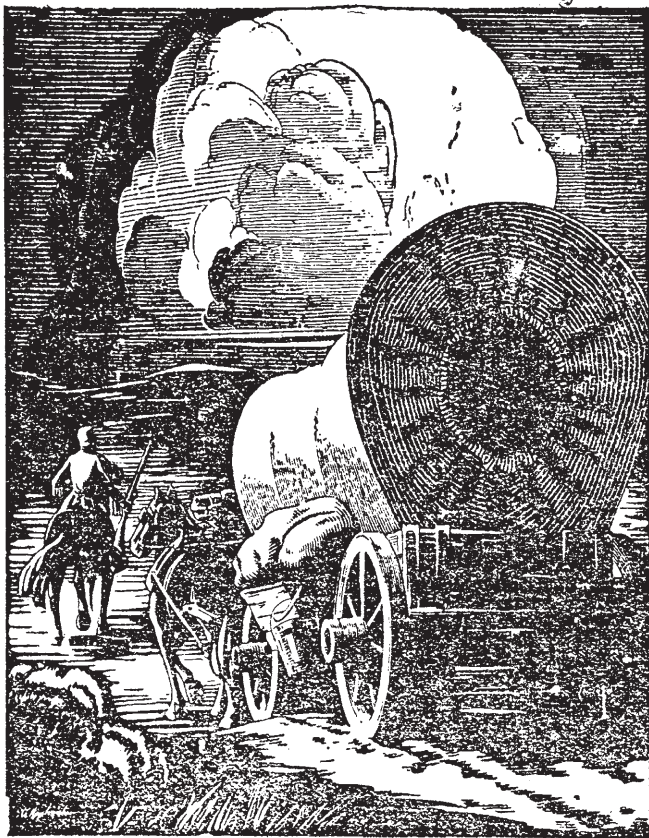
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