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A PEEP AT THE FACES OF THE FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE 1914 GRADUATING CLASS OF THE DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL WHO WON THEIR HONORS LAST FRIDAY



LOUISE MILES.



GOLDIE BISSELL.



DORA HAYES.



PAULINE COAD.



ELVA LUCAS.



MARGUERITE KRIETTE.



DOVIE ODUM.



FRIEDA NEAL.



HAROLD MILLER.



GLENN BROCK.



LAIRD WOODS.



HERSCHAL PRICHARD.



FRED GOOCH.



GEORGIA ELLIS.

INJURED AT BALL GAME

HERSCHELL PRICHARD KNOCKED SENSELESS AT THIRD.

Young Athlete Made Butting Post for Amity Player in the Game at Rickreall Saturday.

While playing baseball with the Dallas Highs at Rickreall Saturday afternoon, Herschell Prichard, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Prichard of this city, suffered an accident which rendered him unconscious until 6:30 Sunday morning, at which hour he revived and expressed surprise at finding himself the object of so much attention.

Young Prichard was officiating at third base. An Amity player started from second to third. The Dallas catcher in throwing the ball to Prichard, threw high. The third baseman jumped for the sphere, while the runner made a long slide for the bag, in the performance of which act he knocked Prichard's feet from under him. The Dallas lad struck the ground with the side of his face, tearing the skin from the cheek, the fall causing slight concussion of the brain.

Three physicians worked over young Prichard for some time in an effort to revive him into consciousness, but their efforts were fruitless. Later in the afternoon the injured player was brought home in an automobile. His High school companions gave him every attention possible.

SUPPERS PARALYTIC STROKE.

H. P. Shriver Brought Home From Outing With Difficulty.

Last week while H. P. Shriver, an old veteran, R. D. Jennings, Frank Schriver and Allen Woods were on an outing on Boulder creek, four miles from Black Rock, the former was overcome with illness and the party was forced to return home. On Wednesday morning, while Mr. Schriver, who is 72 years of age, was preparing breakfast, he suddenly fell to the ground with what was apparently a paralytic stroke. To get Mr. Schriver to Black Rock, the nearest town, for medical attention, it was necessary for his son Frank to carry him on his back a mile or more, the rest of the distance being accomplished by placing the stricken man on a horse and holding him there until they reached their destination. Mr. Schriver was brought to his home in Dallas as soon as possible. It was found that his left arm is affected. Considering his advanced age he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Schriver, who was in Portland attending the Rose festival, returned home Wednesday evening, upon receiving word of her husband's affliction, and is now at his bedside. R. D. Jennings, a son-in-law of Mr. Schriver, was also overcome at one time during the trip, and it became necessary to roll him in blankets to resuscitate him. Mr. Jennings was going up a hill with a horse, the animal taking the lead, and in trying to keep up with the quadruped, became exhausted with the result that he required considerable nursing before he was able to continue his journey.

The party had a fine catch of fish and reports that the wily ones were biting fine.

Politicians Make Hay.

Politicians were busy at the Rickreall picnic last Saturday, and the "dear people" were given the glad-

hand by a score or more men who are seeking their suffrage next fall. Dr. Withycombe, republican nominee for governor; Dr. Smith, democratic nominee for governor; R. A. Booth, the republican nominee for United States senator, and many of the lesser lights, including nominees for district and county offices, were present. It was "an opportune time to make hay."

SECRETARY IS NAMED.

Republican Headquarters Will Be Maintained at Observer Office.

Mr. Hampton, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, on Saturday last appointed Lew A. Cates, publisher of The Polk County Observer, secretary to the committee, and headquarters will be maintained at the secretary's office until after the campaign next fall. Republicans from every section of the county are invited to call upon Mr. Cates when at the county seat.

The committee will probably hold an all-day session early in July, when definite plans will be formulated for the campaign, which will be one of the most thorough ever known to Polk county. Chairman Hampton will not be idle in the meanwhile. Due notice of the meeting will be given by the secretary and a full attendance of precinct committeemen will be expected.

POLK IS HARD HIT.

Grant Lands Cannot Be Assessed Until Litigation Ends.

Polk county will lose approximately \$28,000 tax money in two years on account of a ruling just made by the attorney general with reference to Southern Pacific lands. In an opinion rendered last week, Mr. Crawford says the Oregon and California grant lands cannot be listed for assessment until the suit to revert the land to the government is settled in the United States supreme court.

The railway company refused to pay the 1913 tax on this land, and as it will not be assessed for 1914, the county will be short the tax on this property for at least two years. The amount collectable on these lands in Polk county is something over \$14,000 each year.

Espee Company Censured.

There was much complaint about the manner in which the Southern Pacific company handled the crowds, going and coming from the Rickreall picnic last Saturday. The evening car, crowded to the guards and with passengers riding in every conceivable place outside, was wholly inadequate and other facilities were resorted to by those who declined to wait for a later car. At the same time a locomotive and steam equipment was idle in the Dallas yards. Dozens of people remained at home because of the inadequacy of transportation facilities.

Six Independence Graduates.

The Independence high school graduating exercises were held Friday evening. There were six graduates, they being: Wayman Williams, Iles Sandifur, Asa Willard Reeves, Cora Marie Smith, Cecil Antonio Swope and Verena Vale Hiltbrand.

Ray Boals Goes East.

Ray Boals, who graduated from O. A. C. last week, has accepted a position as teacher in the Agricultural college, and left last week with Professor Graff to observe equipment and methods of teaching in some of the large eastern colleges.

WATER RATES HEARING

MR. GATES OCCUPIES STAND FOR CITY AND UTILITY.

Tentative Value of Property Is Question First to be Considered By Commission.

The State Railroad Commission is today continuing its hearing in the water rates case instituted by the city of Dallas against H. V. Gates. Yesterday the commission called Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Anna M. Coad, N. P. Miller and H. V. Gates for the city, and afterwards Mr. Gates for the utility, the question being the tentative value of the system. Mr. Gates occupied the stand the greater part of the afternoon, and was called again this morning, when the commission resumed its session at 8 o'clock.

Two appraisals of the property were made, one by the commission's engineer and the other by Mr. Gates, with a difference of some \$15,000 in the figures. The tentative value is what the commission is endeavoring to determine at this hearing, after which the whole matter will be given consideration at Salem, and some definite conclusion will be arrived at within a fortnight.

Track Meet in Monmouth.

The pupils in the grammar grades of the Monmouth Training School held a track meet Friday afternoon at the school, both boys and girls having a part. The running broad jump and 50-yard dash were features of the contest. Ribbons were given the pupils for first, second and third prizes. The meet was under the supervision of Miss Laura Taylor, physical instructor of the school.



Seated in his Chicago home, Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, the world's greatest preacher, is seen in the above picture talking to members of The Elwyn Trio, the musical artists selected by him to furnish half-hour concerts preceding his lectures on the chautauqua this summer. He is the star attraction at the Dallas chautauqua and will deliver his latest masterpiece of eloquence, "The New American," although there have been many requests for his famous "Savonarola."

A million dollar sermon was once preached by this pulpit king. One of the regular attendants at Central Church, the Chicago congregation of 4,000 souls served by Dr. Gunsaulus, was Phillip Armour, king of meat packers. In one of his prophetic moods the minister painted a word-

PICNIC IS BIG SUCCESS

ANNUAL EVENT AT RICKREALL DRAWS LARGE CROWD.

Addresses and Sporting Events Prove Instructive and Interesting. Amity Defeats Dallas.

The largest and most successful picnic ever held within the confines of Polk county was that at Rickreall last Saturday, when the schools of the entire county united in celebrating the close of the fiscal year. Of the 172 eighth grade graduates 163 were present, enjoying a day of recreations after long and strenuous labors. And with them came old and young from city and rural realm until a conservative estimate gave the aggregate number present at 3,000.

The address of the day was given by Prof. M. S. Pittman of the Monmouth Normal, and the diplomas were presented by School Superintendent Churchill. Both educators gave interesting and instructive talks, which were appreciated by the attentive audience. Mr. Churchill urged the eighth graders to continue their work in the high schools. An entertaining part of the program were the solos by Alma Strayer and Frank Snyder. The Training school orchestra and the Rickreall band furnished music for the occasion.

After a basket dinner, the afternoon was devoted to games and sports. In a hotly contested game of ball the Amity High school team defeated the Dallas Highs by a score of 4 to 2. In the evening the Artisans gave a ball at the Rickreall hall, which was also largely attended.

Sporting Results.

Fifty yard dash—First place, L.

Wimberley, Monmouth High; second place, W. J. Mulkey, Monmouth High; third place, Ross Jennings, Perrydale High.

Two hundred and twenty yard run—First place, L. Wimberley, Monmouth High; second place, W. J. Mulkey, Monmouth High; third place, E. Hoisington, Dallas High.

Half-mile run—First place, E. Hoisington, Dallas High; second place, Parks, Monmouth High; third place, Weber, Monmouth High.

Mile run—First place, E. Hoisington, Dallas; second place, Parks, Monmouth; third place, Weber, Monmouth. Discus throw—First place, Weber, Monmouth, 90 ft. 9 in; second place, Eakin, Dallas, 86 ft. 9 in; third place, Hoisington, Dallas, 83 ft. 3 in.

Javelin—First place, Mulkey, Monmouth, 138 ft; second place, Brown, Amity, 132 ft; third place, Wimberley, Monmouth, 71 ft. 10 in.

Running broad jump—First place, W. J. Mulkey, Monmouth; second place, L. Wimberley, Monmouth; third place, M. Mulkey, Monmouth.

Running high jump—First place, F. Gooch, Dallas High; second place, C. Daniels, Monmouth; third place, W. J. Mulkey, Monmouth.

Free for all—Fifty yard race, Barham, Dallas. Prize, a fountain pen.

Free for all—One hundred yards—Lee McKee, Bethel. Prize, a pocket knife.

Best looking baby, nine months old, Nate Black's baby of Independence.

Prettiest girl, Mabel Hayes of Rickreall; second prettiest girl, Georgie Ellis.

Shortest man—William Hunter, Corvallis.

Tallest man—J. F. Smith of Monmouth.

Man with largest family—E. L. Hayes of Rickreall.

Woman with largest family—Mrs. Sam Smith.

Best looking old bachelor—Ray Munson, Rickreall.

BREAK GROUND FOR CHURCH.

Nice Little Edifice Will Cost From \$1200 to \$1500.

A report from Eola is to the effect that the work of building an M. E. church is progressing nicely. Several men of the community spent Friday of last week clearing the lot and digging the basement. The church is to accommodate about 150 people and will cost between \$1200 and \$1500. Three-fourths of the amount needed is already subscribed and plans are on foot to raise the balance needed. The people there are interested and the prospects for an increased church membership are good.

Free Temperance Lecture.

A temperance lecture by Rev. A. D. Mulligan, pastor of the Methodist church of Sheridan, accompanied by stereopticon views by Rev. Creston of the Congregational church, will be given free, at the Methodist church at Ballston next Friday night.

Dr. McNicol Honored.

Dr. McNicol attended the Rose show at Portland last week and also attended the State Osteopathic association meeting, where he was elected vice-president for the coming year.

Installs Milking Machine.

Walter West, one of Airlie's most progressive farmers, has installed a four-unit milking machine, which will lessen his labors very materially.

WILL IMPROVE STREETS

COUNCIL DECLARES ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE WORK.

Several Blocks To Be Macadamized If Remonstrances Are Not Brought to Bear.

The council contemplates the improvement of several blocks of streets this season, notwithstanding the remonstrance against bettering the condition of these same streets a few weeks ago, but the improvement will be of a somewhat different character and more to the liking of the property owners abutting. At a meeting of the council last night Alderman Hayter expressed the desire of residents on Hayter street to have that thoroughfare made mud-proof, and this started something. Alderman Barber, chairman of the street committee, having knowledge of the wish of his constituency in the matter, proposed that Hayter street, between Washington and Maple, a distance of three blocks; Jefferson, between Clay and Ash, a distance of one block; Shelton, between Ash and Clay, a distance of one block; Ash, between Lyle and Main, a distance of three blocks, and one block at the extreme end of Clay be improved by macadamizing, all, except the latter, to have eight inches of rock to a width of forty feet. Mr. Barber recommended that the council declare its intention to make the improvements, and the recorder was ordered to give such notice in the regular way of such intention.

Mr. Stewart was present and the mayor made some inquiries concerning the condition of the rock crusher and the quarry, and found that both were in fairly good shape; that with about four days' work the whole works could be easily started. It is the purpose of Mr. Stewart to wash the rock at the quarry, which may be done by adding slightly to the machinery already installed.

Mr. Barber moved that the street committee be instructed to move the "shoulders" of the gravel on the Salem road within the city out about two feet and then roll the same, he believing that there is sufficient gravel on the highway to widen it to this extent, and the council gave his proposition unanimous support.

The street commissioner was also instructed to notify all property owners to cut the grass in front of their respective lots, including the parking, and to clean up generally. The commissioner, on order from the council, was instructed to fill the holes immediately adjacent to the hard-surfacing.

Bridge Is Condemned.

Acting upon the recommendation of Alderman Barber, chairman of the street committee, the council condemned the Hagood bridge, and ordered that it be closed to traffic until such time as it could be repaired. A thorough examination of the structure had been made by a competent engineer and its condition warranted the action. It will be made safe under the direction of Mr. Monson.

Septic Tank Location.

Mayor Van Orsdel suggested that a committee be appointed to visit the Insane asylum at Salem for the purpose of inspecting the septic tank at that place and conferring with the builder, and then to secure a competent engineer to decide upon the proper location for the Dallas tank, and the council coincided with his views and Aldermen Miller, Barber and Knight were named. In the

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