

DIME BOX FAIR

**Successful in Every Department—
Poultry, Live Stock and
Agricultural**

The Dime Box Fair which was held last Friday was a decided success from every standpoint. The exhibits were numerous, the crowd was large and the entertainments were complete. The occasion shows the possibilities of Lee County when there is cooperation among those interested in the welfare and the development of any community.

To the principals of the three schools Messrs Krenek, Hejmanek and Reat is due the credit of working up the plan, and with the good assistance rendered by the people of the three communities the occasion will go down as an important event in the history of Dime Box.

At ten o'clock the parade of school children marched throughout the town, followed by several acts, some of which were decorated. The crowd then gathered at the school house where the school children sang patriotic songs. Miss Nola S. Apple delivered an address in which she stressed the community cooperation that is sought in order to promote good school advantages. The editor was called upon for a speech, for which he was not prepared as he went to be a spectator, but the call was made so strong that it was necessary that he say that the fair was not beyond his expectations because he knew what a good country surrounds Dime Box and what good farmers are out there, also he hoped that they would make it an annual fair.

After looking at the many exhibits that were collected on the outside, some one said "Dinner." The ladies were conducting a lunch counter where good eating of all kinds was at hand. The editor was advised that his money was "no good" there, but to help himself—well, that's 'nuf sed. As we left the table, we were handed a what we called a bouquet. The lady procured as large a box as she could conveniently find and she began by placing a slice of each cake until she was only one half around the table when the box was filled. The collection was of many hues and it was pretty in looks as well as delicious in taste. You should have seen the junior Bishops eating cake that night.

Speaking.

Soon in the afternoon, an address was delivered by Dr. Pittinger of the State University. His theme was "Democracy in Education" wherein he stressed the plea that our educational system does not offer equal opportunities for all the children—for the rich and the poor, for the town child and the country child, for the ambitious and for the retarded pupil. The editor was at one

time a student under Dr. Pittinger and we consider him one of the most versatile and best posted men at the University. His address was delivered in a plain easygoing manner, every word of which was understood, and with forceful deliberation which impressed his hearers that an uneducated democracy is the prey of demagogues while an educated democracy is the nearest approach to ideal government that civilization has or will ever know. The audience gave the best of attention and his address was well received.

Rev. Scoott explained the work of the Near East Relief of which he is the county chairman.

The judges headed by W. M. Coleman County Agent of Burleson Co. had then announced the prize winners, which fact with the basket ball games provided sufficient entertainment for the remainder of the afternoon.

That night the school children presented "Deacon Dubbs" to such a large crowd that standing room was all taken and many were turned away. The receipts were \$103.00.

The list of prize winners will be printed next week.

The exhibits were numerous and the keen interest that was shown in the displays showed that the people appreciate seeing what their neighbors produce as well as competing with them.

Notes on the Fair

The prize work of Mrs. John Orsag was perhaps the most favorably commented on of any piece displayed. It was the coat of arms of the U. S. cross stitched in colors and the piece doubtless would have been a prize winner at the state fairs.

Charles Henson had on exhibit a basket of eight puppies of one litter. It was a pretty sight and the pups were the

most favorite playthings with the youngsters on the grounds.

The paper weaving by Ella Schuhmann was very pretty, and the popcorn balls by Louise Schuhmann were good enough to eat.

The table scarf by Bernice Zelenewitz was a piece of very choice work. It was the comment of the many admirers. Bernice and her sister Mrs. Orsag are quite talented in the hand work line.

Mrs. C. A. Karcher exhibited hand work that was over thirty-five years old. There were pretty designs in those days as well as today.

For pecans, Prof. E. E. Krenek found time from his school to set out a grove of paper-shells, and he is beginning to reap the fruits. He has 50 trees and he sold all his pecans at 50c per lb.

Chas. Michalk and Joe Krenek are the prize potato growers. Joe took first prize with sweet potatoes, some of which weighed 5 lb. each. Chas. took first prize with Irish potatoes and second with sweet potatoes. Both gentlemen thought that the editor had not eaten any Dime Box potatoes for quite a while, so they presented him with the potatoes shown at the fair, for which they have our thanks.

Adolph Spacek had hard luck with his bananas. The strong wind blew the tree over and broke the bunch off, several days before the fair. However, he exhibited the bunch which was about half ripe—and home grown at that. What is it that Lee County will not produce?

Anton Mikulin had a popular exhibit—a pet coon. The creature is a fine plaything and its fur was pretty enough to adorn a fur-trimmed cloak.

Speaking of furs for cloaks, we cannot forget to mention Anton's cage of skunks. Yes, SKUNKS. You never have

seen a cage of prettier animals, and tame too. He raises them and markets the hides. He sells some hides a high as \$6.00, but it takes a very pretty fur which stripes to bring that amount. He will soon kill ten and he says that he will get from \$2.50 to \$5.00 each for the furs.

The basket ball games were too one-sided to be interesting. Dime Box played Lexington, boys and girls, and the visitors lost both games by a big margin. The Dime Box players have good team work and they are accurate goal shooters. We shall look for some more victories from them this winter.

Financially, the fair more than payed expenses and the people out there are to be congratulated on their efforts and it is to be hoped that they will soon begin laying plans for another fair for next year.

The Methodist Home Waco

The Methodist Home has at present 259 children, and since its organization we have clothed, fed and educated 1875 children. We are enlarging the buildings and during the coming year we want to provide room for 100 more children.

The Home is owned by the Methodist church of Texas. Will you have part in this Christ-like work of making this possible.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

"Study the home and know its needs. Every church a collection on or before Dec. 25." Sunday Dec. 18 "Orphan Home Day" Resolutions by every conference in Texas.

We will have our offering for the Home Sunday morning Dec. 18, at the close of the preaching service.

Remember the Home is kept and maintained by free will offerings, and has no other source of income.

J. F. Garrett, Pastor.