

The Giddings News

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Firemen's Barbecue

Big Crowd in Attendance

A big, big crowd was in attendance at the Firemen's barbecue given Wednesday. The merchants, clerks and citizens joined hands in putting over a big event in a big way. People came from far and near. Brenham, La Grange and Smithville sent large delegations and all other towns within fifty miles of Giddings were represented.

The parade of decorated autos was pretty and was the subject of much favorable comment. The barbecued meat was excellent and there was an abundance of it, there was plenty of good music and entertainment throughout the day closing with a big ball at night. The aviator came up to his promises of giving the people some stunts, and the parachute drop by a special aviator in the government service at Kelly Field was thrilling.

The day passed without any mishaps. Everything was arranged so as to prevent any delay in reaching or leaving the grounds, because the number of autos was beyond the expectation of any one in Giddings. There were cars in every direction, then when you would go to another place, there would be still more cars. The barbecue grounds were full, the baseball park was full and the prairie where the airplane would land was also circled with autos. At night, it seemed as if there were more autos on the grounds than during the day. The floor was crowded with dancing couples, and there would not be more than five home couples on the floor at any one time. Giddings never entertained so many visitors, and the day seemed to be one of enjoyment for everyone.

The cash prizes in gold offered for the best decorated autos were awarded as follows: 1st prize, \$25.00 to Prof. McGee; 2nd prize, \$15.00 to Mrs. A. P. Hilsberg; 3rd prize, \$10.00 to Otto Schubert. Herman Hilsberg, upon receiving the money graciously said that all his efforts were for the benefit of the volunteer fire department, and he returned the money to the company.

J. P. Buchanap of Brenham spoke and praised the membership of any volunteer fire fighting organization, the members who are so united not for any profit to themselves individually, but to be called out at any time of night or weather to fight the fires of their own or their neighbors property.

Due to the lengthy list of prize winners, the entire list has not been completed at this writing, but will be published next week.