

Firemen's Barbecue

Big Event for this Section

The firemen's barbecue given Wednesday of last week was a decided success from many viewpoints. When Giddings plans an entertainment, it tries to do things in a big way, and in order to make a success of such big events, there is much work for the promoters.

The 33rd anniversary of the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department was fittingly observed, and the fire boys, both the present membership, and the many who have served faithfully during by-gone years, were enthused at the response of the citizenry in helping to make the affair a big event in this part of the State.

Many business men offered prizes, and during the day, all places of business were closed and almost everyone went to the park to enjoy the day.

The street parade was very good, exceeding the expectation of many, and convincing any one who is the least doubtful that Giddings can put on a good parade. The decorated trucks and autos were pretty and each one was a work of art. Those decorating motor vehicles had taken much pains and spent some money in their efforts.

About 6000 pounds of good barbecued meat, 2250 loaves of bread and 2000 buns were ready at the noon hour. Dinner was soon over and the various contests followed. Some events were quite amusing, and often times the judges were in a predicament—especially when it came to selecting the prettiest lady, one judge asking that they be excused from that contest. When it came to judging the slow auto race one judge had been accustomed to picking the fastest winner, and so began his decisions—then after seeing the conditions began anew—only to select the car making the quickest time instead of the longest time after the races were run. The airplane flights and parachute jump were thrilling. Many passengers used the opportunity of taking a flight in the airplane.

Many baseball fans expected a good game of baseball—and they were not disappointed. The parking space and the grand stand were crowded to capacity—and so many strangers, at that. The Caldwell team came over as one of the crack teams of the state, having many victories, and few defeats to their credit. Giddings had not played a game this season; in fact, did not have the equipment for a game. But, the visitors were defeated to the score of 5-1. It was a good game from start to finish, and rather touchy for the Giddings baseball enthusiasts who knew our lack of practice this season, but true to Giddings fashion, when they undertake a thing, they make a good job of it.

The ball at night was about the biggest ever given in Giddings. There were so many strangers that it made a Giddings person feel good to meet up with another townsman. Standing room in the ball room was uncomfortably close while dancing room was one grand mass of gay couples. The cold drink stands at the ball sold out and had to refresh their stock toward midnight, and every one went away having enjoyed the best of eating, refreshments and entertainment that it was possible to squeeze into one day.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Best Decorated Autos**
 1. \$25 in gold, I. G. McGee.
 2. \$15 in gold, Mrs. A. P. Hillsberg.
 3. \$10 in gold, Otto Schubert.

- Prizes for Buick, Studebaker or Star Autos, Best Decorated**
 1. I. G. McGee—\$25 accessories.
 2. Hm. Hillsberg—\$15 accessories.
 3. Henry Harms—\$10 accessories.

- Prizes for Ford Autos**
 Slowest, Frank Brooks—\$10 in parts.

- Best decorated—Miss Anne Peters, Casing.
 Oldest—Paul Kiel, \$5 in parts.
 Oldest man driving, Y. Thompson, Lexington.

- Best looking 1917 Model—R. O. Siegmund, Leebetter.

- Prizes for Dodge Autos**
 Oldest and most miles—S. S. Willard, 15 gallons gasoline.
 Coming greatest distance—W. C. Wagner, Port Arthur.
 Fattest man driving—G. Richard, Brenham, 5 gallons gasoline.

- Prizes for Oakland Cars**
 Best Decorated—P. H. Luecke, Storage battery.

- GENERAL PRIZES**
 Oldest woman driving car—Mrs. Houston, Somerville.
 Lightest married woman driving car—Mrs. S. S. Moore.

- Largest family—Paul Morkisch, wife and 10 children.
 Family coming longest distance—Aug. Schultz, Fayette County.

- Family with largest number of girls—Hm. Moerbe, 11 girls.
 Oldest copy of "Giddings News"—Dec. 7, 1894, Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

- Next oldest copy—July 8, 1898, Mrs. J. L. Rousseau.
 Third oldest copy—June 1, 1900, John Schautschick, Scribner.

- (Mrs. Rousseau brought a copy of the "Lone Star," predecessor of the "News," dated May 24, 1878.)

- Largest number of headings, "The Giddings News"—Robert Sohn, Brenham, 28 in number.
 Essay on relation of a Bank to a Community—Barry Lee Bishop, \$5 in gold.

- Latest married couple—Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dies, Lincoln, having been married four days.
 Oldest couple—Mr. and Mrs. Benn, ages 74 and 68.

- Man with shortest hair—J. H. Donaway.

- Man with largest foot—Herman Seelke, Paige, shoe size 12.

- Lady with largest foot—Mrs. Otto Harms, size 9.

- Lady with youngest baby—Mrs. Ernest Berger, baby age 4 weeks.

- Youngest married lady—Mrs. Alvin Bohot.
 Oldest lady—Mrs. Elizabeth Winter, age 80.

- Second largest family—Fritz Sump.
 Best pair of mules—R. W. Milburn.

- Man with largest head—Hm. Seelke, Paige, hat size 8.
 Family having largest number boys—Aug. Baack, 9 in number.

- Fattest baby—H. C. Albers, Waldeck, age 10 months, weight 27 pounds.

- Prettiest lady—Mrs. Milton York.

- Prettiest girl not over 6 years old—Dorothy Simmang.

- Best lady dancer—Miss Eunice Hillsman.
 Best gentleman dancer—George Johnson.

The exhibits of farm products and live stock by J. A. Schkade of Lincoln were quite interesting and showed what Lee County can do. The exhibit of field products contained: Darso, Kaffir Corn, Pop Corn, Field Corn, Squaw Corn, Broom Corn, Cotton and Rhodes Grass. His cattle were several head of registered stock which had taken prizes at the State Fairs. Mr. Schkade has taken orders for several head of his fine stock and also sold much Darso and other seed to interested people—showing one benefit of a fair to people.

The occasion passed without any mishaps at all. Due to the careful supervision of parking by the officers there was no "jam" of cars, and movement at all times was free, except when the autos followed the parade three abreast and they unnecessarily changed to single file to enter the grounds. It was some crowd of people, and not a single accident, day or night.

The fire department cleared about \$200 from the occasion. This was without paying for labor which was donated by the members and others of the town.

Prizes were offered by the business men and chamber of commerce. Everybody closed his business at ten o'clock and remained closed the remainder of the day and the night and the streets were practically deserted.

The members of the fire department are thankful to each and every one for any effort, encouragement, donation, patronage or whatsoever that tended to make the occasion a success. They hope to show their appreciation by their untiring efforts in the future.

Giddings feels grateful to all her neighboring towns for the large attendance present and trusts that the friendly relations will continue. La Grange, Smithville, Caldwell and Brenham sent numerous representations, and the Mayor of Brenham and many prominent citizens of that place, accompanied by Brenham firemen in uniform added to the dignity of the affair. The judges in the several contests were: Hon B. F. Teague, Wm. Morris and T. W. Parkhill, all of Brenham.