

The Lexington Reunion

Big Crowd in Attendance

Fully three thousand people were in attendance at the reunion at Lexington Wednesday, July 4th. The occasion has been in existence for twenty-seven years, planned originally as a reunion for the Confederate Veterans, more than one hundred in number at that time. Now that the number of Veterans has dwindled gradually until it has reached about fifteen, with nine of those present Wednesday, the reunion is held each year and has become a home coming for former residents of that place.

People were there from far and near and the day was spent pleasantly. A sufficiency of good meat was to be had at a reasonable price and free ice water was provided in abundance. Hon. E. A. Camp of Rockdale and Geo. B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke to large and interested hearers. Amusements consisting of steer riding, goat roping, horse racing, base ball, and several other stunts provided fun and diversion all day. Good music was played throughout the entire day by the Thorndale band.

The special prizes offered in the Ford contest resulted as follows:

The first prize for the largest family (\$5.00 in gold) was awarded to John Melcher of Fedor. With his wife and ten children crowded into one auto, there was hardly room for any more. The oldest child was sixteen years, the youngest was ten months. Mrs. Melcher also

won the fourth prize for being the fattest woman brought to the reunion. There were few entrants in this contest, the ladies seemingly appeared to be as shy about their weights as about their age.

The prize for the auto coming the greatest distance to the reunion was won by Albert Eschenberger who with his family had driven from Brownwood. W. H. Makowsky of Lexington was awarded a prize for the oldest car, 1913 model. Mrs. A. C. Droesche of Houston was declared the tallest woman and received a prize, while her husband was given a prize for the auto with the most accessories, having about all that could be desired, he having paid slightly over \$300 for the accessories, when new. The oldest man driving a Ford was Y. Thompson of Lexington, who is 75 years of age.

The day passed without any mishaps. Everything was well planned in advance with ample parking space and another section for wagons and buggies. There were a number of marshals of the day who guided the traffic and prevented any accidents.