

EVERYTHING READY FOR THE SCURRY COUNTY FAIR COUNTY COTTON CROP ESTIMATE 25,000 BALS

BOLL WORMS QUIT WORK COTTON MAKING FASTER

Estimators Place this Year's Crop Higher Than Farmers Think Possible

Whether Scurry county produces fifty thousand bales of cotton, or not a single bale, has not an iota of influence upon the price of the staple, as any reasonable man knows full well, yet there are some people, and some who raise cotton, make a practice of under-estimating the crop before it is gathered because they are afraid the bullish report will send the price down a glimmering. Others, however, believe the crop will be short so that they may have the thrill of a pleasant surprise when a better crop is gathered. Then, of course there are a few natural born pessimists to whom everything looks dark and dreary and they prophesy a short crop and hope it turns out short so they can say "I told you so."

Last year Scurry county produced nearly forty thousand bales of cotton and the most optimistic of farmers on the first of September would not have estimated the crop at more than half that amount. And that brings us back to a recollection of the fact that there never has been a year in the history of cotton production in this section when an accurate estimate was possible on the first of September.

But at this time, the survey the fair association has made during the past few days, and the

have examined cotton sections of the county for the purpose of getting an accurate estimate as possible for business reasons. But among these estimators there is a range of difference in opinion to the extent of ten thousand bales.

The present condition, according to investigators who may be considered as reliable, is reported as spotted to the extent that there are some times parts of fields that will make half a bale to the acre and spots in the same field that will make less than a fourth of a bale. And in the examination of different farms as a whole the same condition is found, in some instances due to lack of moisture and in others due to the ravages of the boll worms. The worms, however, are now about all gone, according to investigators, and where there is moisture cotton has been making in great volume for some days.

The most conservative of those who have examined present conditions estimate the present crop for Scurry county at twenty thousand bales, but admit that considerable more cotton could be produced under favorable conditions. And the investigators are inclined to be liberal, or conservative, that favorable conditions will obtain, estimate the county's crop at thirty thousand bales, while others place the total yield at twenty-five thousand bales.

But even accepting the lowest estimate the amount of money the crop will bring to Scurry county farmers will be about two million dollars, and that's some money.

ARGE CROWD ATTENDS OPENING SNYDER SCHOOL

A gathering of about two thousand people was present Monday Morning when the 1928-9 term of the Snyder school was formally opened. As many as could be seated in the auditorium witnessed the exercises, while many more were turned away because of lack of room.

Standing, the audience sang America, after which they were led in prayer by Elder Montgomery of the Church of Christ.

Hon. J. E. Rentell, City Attorney, addressed the body. Other addresses were given by Rev. George E. Alexander, Elder Montgomery, Dr. I. J. Arks, Rev. J. F. Lawless, of the Christian churches of the town, and Hugh Taylor, President of the school board and A. A. Bullock, county Superintendent also made addresses. Superintendent Wadsworth after a short talk, introduced the school faculty.

Mr. H. F. Springfield, Director of the choral club and orchestra, furnished the music necessary for the occasion.

The Snyder Schools are starting out very auspiciously this year. The enrollment has exceeded that of last year by one hundred. There are enrolled in the high school three hundred pupils in the grammar schools the enrollment is about 1,000, making the total enrollment a glorious success.

DRILLING MAKES HEADWAY AT HILMER NO. ONE

There has been some delay in operations down at the Lambeth Petroleum Company's Hilmer No. 1, but drilling was only interrupted for brief periods and the hole is making good headway, now past 800 feet.

A bit was lost, but soon recovered, and reaming was necessary to pull down the 12in casing several hundred feet to cut off salt water, some two or three strata of which has been encountered, but with day and night work good progress has been maintained, and the drilling will be rushed as fast as possible.

The drilling contract between Mr. Watson, the driller and the Lambeth Petroleum Company calls for a hole four thousand feet deep if necessary to get oil, and then it may go deeper if practical in case oil in paying quantities is not found shallower, if indication justify. And the fact that the drilling contractor will not be paid until he reaches four thousand feet depth, or finds oil, is certain, and that there will be no time

THE SHOW BUTT

A. R. Wright, manager of the Alamo Exposition Shows and America Producing Rodeo, was here yesterday to get things lined up for the presentation of his show at the Fair grounds and have out the information that his entire outfit of three hundred people and all the newest attractions of various kinds would be here for the entire week from Tuesday to Saturday.

The Fair Association investigates the show and the public may be in the assurance that all features will be clean and wholesome as well as entertaining. And three hundred people together with the big ferris wheel, Merry-go-Rounds, Merry-Mix-up, Tilt-a-Whirl, a new sensational ride that thrills, and other side shows and front shows and games, etc., ought to be able to furnish all the amusement of this nature that the public may require.

The Alamo shows organization is considered one of the biggest of the carnival kind in operation and is referred to generally as the "Aristocrat of the World," according to Manager Wright, and our Fair Association was enabled to contract them as they were enroute at this time from Roswell, New Mexico, to San Antonio where they are engaged for the American Legion National Convention.

Mr. Wright is a breezy westerner that the public will like and his shows will drag big crowds to the Fair.

THE FIGHT

The program of boxing bouts at the Cozy Thursday evening attracted a considerable crowd of fight fans and they were well entertained.

The first bout between Bill Hutchinson, Jr. and Jun'or Thompson was fast and good. The kids battled right royally to a draw.

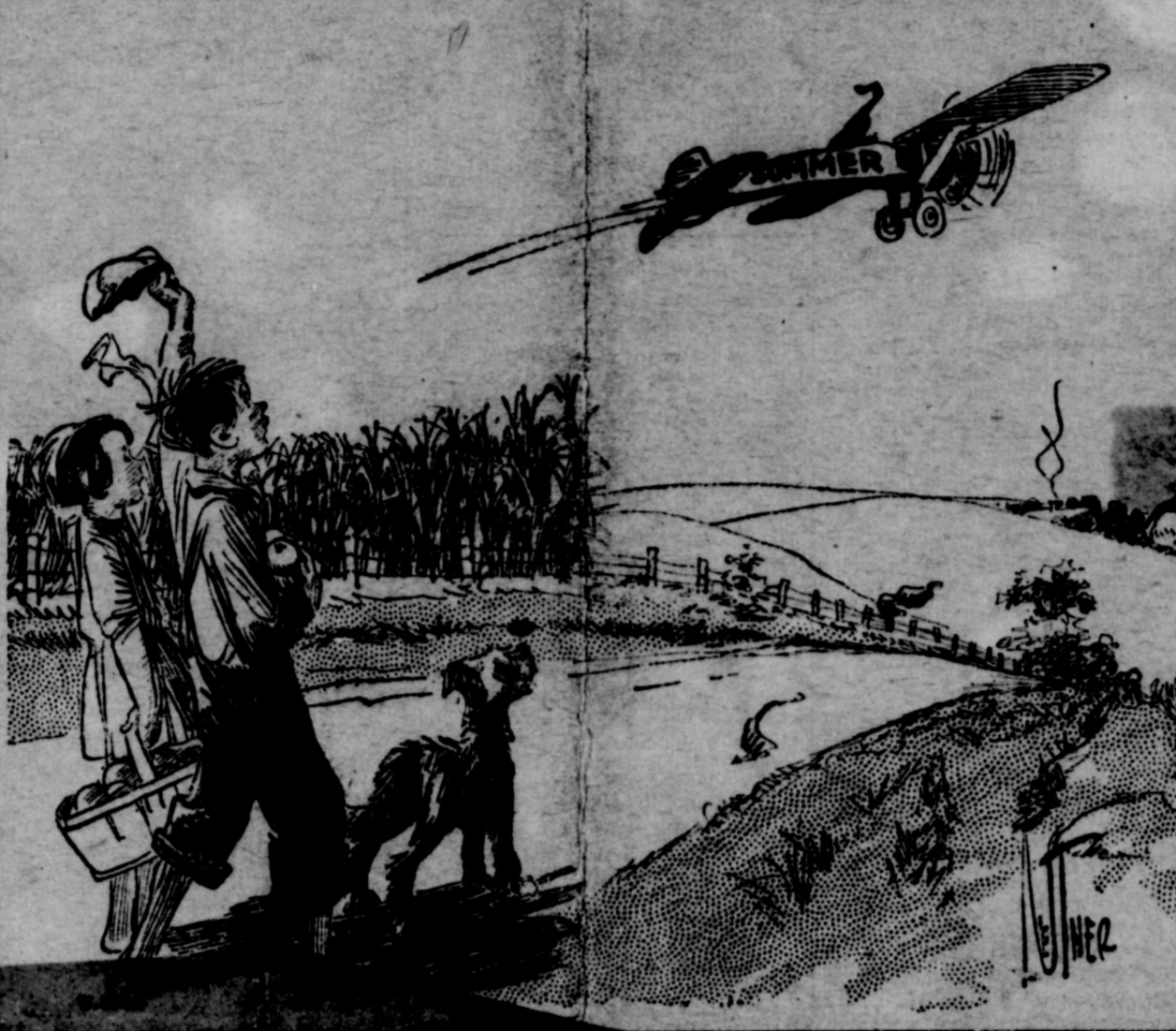
E. E. Wallace, Jr. vs E. C. Payne, Jr. was another kid bout that interested the fans and the decision went to Payne on points.

Then Herman of Snyder vs Kid Willis of Fluvanna went the scheduled four rounds and was good, but Payne got in the best exhibit of the skill in boxing and was given the decision.

Following these, the semi-final bout between Lester of Fluvanna and Kid Ziegler of Fluvanna took the ring and it was a little scrap. About even, but the boys handed them to each other liberally, the Kid taking the decision of four when he was floored in the third round, but he was given a scrapper than ever.

This fight was also a draw. Then came the main event between Claude Hutchinson and Battling Mc Curry. Claude better knew a few tricks, but the fight was fast and exciting. In the third round the Battling until he so hard his hand was broken and he could not go on with the fight. When the song sounded for the beginning of the fourth round the Battling tossed the towel in and gave up the scrap, the decision going to Claude on a technical knock out.

Good-by



SNYDER NEWS ANNOUNCES BIG AUTOMOBILE AND CASH PRIZE CAMPAIGN STARTING SATURDAY, SEPT. 15TH

NEW WHIPPET PURCHASED OF THE NUNN MOTOR CO. AT A COST OF \$750.00 FOR FIRST PRIZE

Second Prize will be \$100 in Gold to the Lady Securing the next Highest number of Votes in Five weeks' Campaign. Contest starts Saturday Morning, September 15th, and closes Saturday afternoon Oct 20th

"A SNYDER NEWS IN EVERY HOME,"

is our slogan, and as means to accomplish this end surely and quickly The News offers "Ambitious Ladies" of Snyder and surrounding territory a new Whippet Coach, \$100 in gold, or a cash commission in exchange for their spare time during the next five weeks.

How can they do it? No doubt this question will be asked many times following the announcement, and we wish to state here and now that it is purely for circulation. This is not a Beauty or Popularity Contest or a scheme to make money at all but a straight forward business proposition put on for the purpose of gaining a county-wide circulation in a few weeks time.

And now if you are one of those ambitious ladies who wish to present yourself with a New Whippet Sedan or One Huidred Dollars in Gold the first thing to do is call at The Snyder News office and let us tell you all about it, as an early start will mean a great deal in a short campaign of this kind.

Have you yearned for a motor car all your own to whisk you away to the land of pleasure, or smooth highways—to place where you can forget your troubles—have you ever realized how much your earning power could be increased if you had a motor car of your own to speed you over the country? Probably you have, and if you have a chance of a lifetime to have your wishes gratified.

The attractive manner in which the Whippet Sedan and \$100.00 in Gold are awarded gives every candidate a fair chance the campaign a fair chance regardless of where they live. A candidate in the campaign will be found a page advertisement giving all details and a nomination blank. When this blank is filled out and sent to the Campaign manager, whose desk is in the office, will be found a "first subscription" coupon which will count 10,000 votes when properly filled out. So any lady getting ONE subscription to the News will have over 10,000 votes as a start on their way to the ownership of a new automobile of the Snyder News, it will count for 2,000 votes. Also on this page

or \$100.00 in Gold.

Because of the value of the prizes offered and the short period that the campaign will have to run, candidates are expected to enter, not only from the city of Snyder, but from every school district in the surrounding territory.

After reading the details of the News's big offer, ladies in this paper, prospective subscribers are urged to communicate with the Campaign manager, who will be glad to give them the benefit of his experience and advice with a view to their earning a cash prize in a little systematic effort.

The campaign will be on from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. until further notice to accommodate those who are anxious to get an early start. Send in your nomination today. You will not be sorry when you drive around in a new car a few weeks later, won by your own efforts. Don't wait to see what your friends and neighbors are going to do about it, be the first to get a start in your community.

Turn to the page advertisement now, read it carefully, then hurry to the Snyder News office and let us tell you about it.

ORGANIZED AND READY

The second attempt to organize brought fruit Monday evening at the Snyder News office when the "Hoover For President Club" was launched upon the political sea and sailed out on its voyage with colors flying under full canvas. About eighty-five people gathered on this occasion and the promptness with which they went into the work of organization after an eloquent appeal by Mrs. Richmond Bowlin, a republican political organizer from New Mexico, indicated that this block of local people are really in earnest about the Democratic ship this year because Governor Al Smith of New York is at the head of the ticket. It seems that the objection to Governor Smith is on account of the fact that he is an advocate of the prohibition law of the country, and not on the account of

the fact that he is a member of the

Catholic church as some are led to believe. This latter condition is objection to Smith, but Snyder people are loyal to the constitution of the United States and positively do not countenance or tolerate with regard to the religious beliefs of the candidates of either party.

J. F. Lawless was the secretary of this meeting and upon his surrender his chair to Mr. John R. Cox local high school principal, when the latter was elected president of the Club. A. P. Moore, president of the local business man, was succeeded by Mr. P. B. agent at this place was elected secretary and treasurer.

The purpose of the organization is to foster other organizations of like nature throughout the county and through these organizations to influence voters to vote the republican ticket next November.

A collection was taken up and eight dollars was contributed to the treasury on this occasion, but at the next and subsequent meetings the members will be expected to kick in liberally to raise the necessary funds to pay speakers, traveling expenses and other needed expenses in carrying on the campaign.

Out of the eighty-five people present on the occasion of the organization Monday night seventy-nine signed up as members which made it almost unanimous and there was some evidence of enthusiasm for the cause promoted.

GRAHAM BEALL DEAD

News was received yesterday by the Buchanan families that Graham Beall youngest son of Judge W. W. Beall of Sweetwater had died. Graham, the youngest child, was twenty years old. He was a very promising young man, a perfect type of robust young manhood. He was stricken suddenly of acute appendicitis. He was immediately operated on at Houston last Saturday afternoon and every effort was made to save his life. Peritonitis set up, and he was called to his eternal home on

EXHIBITS COMING IN FAST MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED

Booths all Taken by Local Firms and Privileges Sold Out Quickly

FIRE DESTROYS TRICE HOUSE

The first fire of importance occurring in Snyder for several months destroyed the Trice Boarding and rooming house on N. Broadway St. last

when they were all awakened by fire and smoke, the whole house seeming to be ablaze, and the flames had made such headway as to render the escape of the family and other occupants of the building a difficult proposition. The Trice family got out safely by jumping through a window, saving only scant clothing, and the roomers on the first floor either rushed through the thick smoke to the front door or lined out the windows and none were injured except Oscar Wilson, local barber, and George Haslem, Citizens Ice Co. employe, who were rooming on the second floor were not so fortunate. When these boys were awakened by the smoke in their room they quickly dressed and attempted the stairway, but a sheet of fire met them and their room immediately burst into flames. Finding the window their only way out they plunged through a window. Wilson struck a branch of a tree on the route of his plunge to the ground and was bruised somewhat, but Haslem fell clear of the tree and when clear of the building both boys found that they were painfully burned in their plunge through the flames. Haslem was burned over his left shoulder and face, but not so seriously as was Wilson's burns on the face, chest, arms and shoulders. Both were conveyed to the hospital at once where they remained under treatment.

The fire alarm was turned in as soon as the fire was discovered and the volunteer firemen were on the job in a few minutes in full force, but the flames had enveloped the building, and the upper story was in flames. Nearly all the first floor was being fiercely rendered it impossible to save the building or any of the contents.

The water was turned on in full force and the blaze soon brought under control and was entirely extinguished with the aid of fire balls still standing.

The building was the property of H. G. and J. T. Trice and valued at \$5000.00, was covered by insurance. The building, valued at \$2500.00, was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Trice and was also partly covered by insurance.

The fire was from some unknown cause, but appeared to have caught first either in the rear or somewhere on the second floor.

An interesting episode of the occasion was the recovery of a purse from the burning building that had been left by a roomer under his pillow when he was awakened to find his room full of smoke and the flames crackling all around. It was natural under the circumstances for him to forget his money in a quick getaway, and it was also natural for him to remember it after he was safely outside without any place to lay his head. And when he thought of it he looked the firemen over for a hero and "kicked Bob Boles Rushing up to Bob in a frenzy of despair he wailed that all the money he had in the world was in his purse under a pillow in his room on the ground floor and asked if there was anyone that would take a chance of the roof falling in and go through the fire and smoke to the room and bring out the purse. "Sure" answered Bob as he swung to a noose in the business of directing the water to the burning building, and relinquishing his noose hold to another fire-

According to reports from County Agent Willis and Watt Scott the Sixth Annual Scurry County Fair will fully meet the expectations of the public in the matter of growth and interest and the occasion will be a big one in the growth of the state.

Mr. Scott, who is in charge of the Dairy cattle exhibit, states that several exhibitors have been secured and a number of county agents indicated that they would have exhibits prepared in this department.

The Fair management and committee Friday, the 21, the second day of the Fair as Snyder Day and the cooperation of the local public is expected and will be expected in making the day over in grand form. Snyder business houses will be expected to close on that day from 1 o'clock P. M. for the balance of the day and evening, and everybody will be expected to attend the Fair. The entertainment feature of this day will be the football game between Snyder and Moton high school teams and it will be a battle royal. There will also be other features of the making kind that will be special during the day, and the Old Fashioned Contest will be held in the evening.

Forest Sears in charge of booths reports that local business men quickly took all the twenty booths and there were not enough to go around so another section of booths was prepared that all may be accommodated.

The following is an outline of program for the three days, held in by County Agent Willis. Thursday Morning: Big Parade. Thursday afternoon: Sports. Friday is one of the high points in the program. The Entertainment Committee have secured the services of Bill Hutchinson and he is being assisted by Watt Scott and a number of others in arranging a series of tests that are going to be rich.

The Fat Men's Race, Greased Climbing, Greased Pig Catching, Rolling Pin Contest, The Tarr Race and others will entertain a crowd.

Friday: Snyder Day. The judging of exhibits in the forenoon in the afternoon Football-Snyder vs Moton, and

BACK HOME

H. G. More and family have had a long drive in their new Dodge to visit Mrs. More's parents. During their stay of three weeks, they made many trips out into the adjacent country. The fact that they were in other states does not mean that they made longer drives than do from points here in Texas, it only illustrates that other states are no comparable to Texas in size.

The principal cities visited by them were Chattanooga, Tenn., and Rome, Georgia.

Mr. More says the people here there have good homes and seem entirely satisfied, but Mr. More attributes their contentment to the fact that they have never seen Texas.

man he donned a slicker, called for the hose men to play the water on him and dove into the smoke and fire, making his way to the room where he recovered the purse and came with it to the owner. The fire department, but now had wanted to share the cost of the purse with Bob, but the fireman declined and went work as if it was all his own. The purse cost \$5.00, but it meant much to the owner and it is always will be remembered with pride. Bob won't get a hero medal for the job, but it proved the hero metal that is in him and whenever the occasion arises where courage is required Bob Beall will be there to the point without thought of fear or reward, but just because he wants to be a hero.

