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## RULES GOVERNING COKE COUNTY FAT STOCK SHOW

The Board of Directors of the Coke County Fat Stock Show have set the following rules to govern entries, exhibitors, judging, awards and general rules of the show. All exhibitors are urged to take note of these rules. Attention is called to date, hours, awards and care of exhibits.

### RULES OF COKE CO. FAT STOCK SHOW

- Entries:
  - All entries are free.
  - All entries must be owned by the exhibitor.
  - All entries are limited to Coke county. Exception is made under this rule to 4-H Club boys and Vocational Agricultural boys that started their work during the present year activities and are still carrying on their work under the direction of either the County Agent or the Vocational Agricultural Instructor.
  - Entries must be made by 6 p. m., Wednesday, March 1st, 1933.
- Exhibitors:
  - All animals must be in their assigned places by 9 a. m., Friday, March 3rd, 1933.
  - All animals must remain in their assigned places until 4 p. m., Friday, March 3, 1933.
  - All owners must care for, guard, protect and preserve their individual exhibits as the Coke County Fat Stock Show management does not undertake to do so, and shall not be held responsible for loss, injury, damage, etc., to same. The exhibiting of any animal or animals by any exhibitor is proof of his acceptance of this rule.
  - All pens, stalls, etc., must be kept clean by the exhibitor occupying same during the hours of the show.
  - Exhibitors must refrain from smoking about the show premises.
  - Exhibitors will not be permitted to blanket any animal during the show hours.
  - Only the exhibitor owning the animal or such attendant as he may designate shall be permitted to enter the judging ring with any animal.
  - If any exhibitor has any complaint to enter about any part of the Show he is urged to make same before the show is over.
- Judges:
  - The single judge system will be used.
  - Time for judging of the different classes will be displayed upon a public bulletin board. Exhibitors will keep posted on the time of showing their exhibits. Failure to exhibit (Continued on last page)

### JOSEPH CARTER DECEASED

Joe Carter died at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mathis in the Tokeen community, Friday night, February 10, 1933, and following religious services at the Tokeen Baptist church, Saturday afternoon, the body was put away for its last rest, beside the companion of his youth, who preceded him thirty years ago, in the Midway cemetery, near Goldsboro. Deceased was in his seventy-first year when death came and called him.

Joseph Archibald Carter was born in Alabama and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carter. The parents of deceased came to Arkansas, in White county, when he was just a little boy. His parents became neighbors of the parents of the writer. There deceased grew to young manhood and almost into middle life before coming to Texas, and his parents and the parents of the writer became most intimate friends and through the long years were almost as one family. Deceased came to Texas in 1889, stopping first in Erath county where he remained but a brief time, then moved to Coke county. He resided in Coke county only a little while and then went in 1894 to the Tokeen community. There he was married to Miss Adelia Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Baldwin, who also had come from the same community in Arkansas and settled in the Tokeen community. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive to mourn the going away of their father, all of whom reside in the immediate community where they were born and reared and were present when their father was called by death. They are Mrs. Sam Mathis, Mrs. G. H. Grey and Gilbert Carter. Besides the children there are nine grand children all of whom were present, a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Sowell of Erath county and other loved ones.

Following the death of his companion, though it was long years ago, yet he never married again, but made his home with his children and lived for them and his grand children and other loved ones and friends and the good that he might do. The funeral was largely attended by friends of a life-time, in the Tokeen community and from other places. To the writer it was somewhat like giving up an older brother—for in the long years of life when the writer was barely out of infancy, the life of deceased became a part of the life of the writer. Deceased in his boyhood and young manhood was not one of those who "sower wild oats." His was a circumspect life and one of our most blessed memories of our own mother is that she (Continued on last page)

### P. T. A. BANQUET QUITE SUCCESSFUL

The Bronte P. T. A. banquet at the tabernacle Monday night was a great success everywise and then some, according to Mrs. N. W. Pitts, chairman of the finance committee of the banquet.

The attendance was large, the program excellent and the menu enough to tickle the appetites of the gods. One hundred and seventy plates were served.

Mrs. P. T. Crist, president of the Association, and Mrs. Pitts, both, express their appreciation for the splendid cooperation given in the undertaking. Especially is the part appreciated of Miss Opal Patterson and the Home Economics girls, Pro. R. L. Petty and the Vocational Agriculture boys and all the committees that had been appointed. Each one rendered great help which is much appreciated. Also do those in charge of directing the banquet appreciate the large attendance and the encouragement given. The proceeds go for the benefit of the school and will meet some much needed funds.

### WOMANS PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Sixteen members responded to roll call with "Some event of note in the lives of American Presidents," when the Womens Progressive Club met with Mrs. L. T. Youngblood, as hostess, on Thursday afternoon February 9. "Lincoln," was the subject of an excellent program, led by the hostess.

Mrs. T. F. Rogge read a very interesting paper on "The Boyhood and Early Manhood of Lincoln."

Mrs. H. R. Wilkins spoke on "Lincoln as President."

"Literary Gems from Lincoln," were read and discussed by Mrs. A. N. Rawlings. "Battle Hymn of the Republic," was sung by the club. An ice course featuring Valentine colors, was served during the social hour which followed the program. On February 23, Mrs. B. F. Bridges will be hostess to the Club.

### ROBERT LEE BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. F. S. Higginbotham was hostess to the Bluebonnet Bridge Club of Robert Lee, on Friday afternoon February 10, at her lovely ranch home north of Bronte.

Mrs. Higginbotham is a member of the Club. The Valentine motif was featured in the decorations for the home, bridge accessories and table appointments. Red candles in silver holders centered the quartet tables where the guests were served with a delicious salad course.

Club members present were: Mmes. Fred Roe, J. S. Craddock, B. J. Baskin, J. C. Snead, Gerald Allen, Eva Mahon, Bruce Clift, Mammie Landers, W. W. McCutchen and Wayne Clift.

Included in the hospitality, outside the Club were, Mrs. Paul Good, Mrs. W. B. Wilbanks and Miss Mittie Russell.

### MAN'S HEART STOPPED, STOMACH GAS CAUSE

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Ad-lerika rid him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine. Leading Druggist—In Blackwell by Hunt Drug Store.

The interest is growing week by week in our Womens Missionary society. They are doing a fine work.

Brotherly,  
W. E. Anderson.

## Coke County Fat Stock Show To be Held Friday, March 3rd

The second annual Coke County Fat Stock Show will be held at Robert Lee Friday, March 3rd. The Show will open at nine a. m. and will end with the Rodeo program. Fat calves, breeding stock of all kinds and a big rodeo make up the days program. This show is open to the people of Coke County for showing their best livestock and all entries are free.

The main feature of the Fat Stock Show will be the calves fed by the 4-H Club boys and Vocational Agricultural boys of the county. Champions will be selected in each class, and the winner of each class will com-

pete for the Grand Champion of the show. There will be ten or twelve 4-H Club calves shown and six Vocational Agricultural calves shown. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. An added feature to the 4-H Club show is the show halter being awarded by the county agent to the boy that has the best trained calf.

The judging of the different classes will start at ten o'clock, and will be followed by a sale of calves that will not be carried to other shows. W. I. Marschal, County Agent of Tom Green County, will be the judge of the show.

## ENTRY DATES FOR EXHIBITS IN COKE COUNTY FAT STOCK SHOW

All parties planning to exhibit livestock at the Coke County Fat Stock Show should take note of the rule stating "all exhibitors must send in their entries by 6 p. m., Wednesday, March 1st."

Entries should be listed with the superintendent of the Department you wish to show in. Below is listed the names of the

superintendents of the different departments:

- Boys Calf Show—Bruce Clift, Superintendent.
- Breeding Hereford Show—Fred Roe, Superintendent.
- Hog Show—J. S. Craddock, Superintendent.
- Sheep and Goat Show—Joe Dodson, Superintendent.

### COMMISSIONER'S COURT

The commissioner's court convened on February 13th 1933, for its regular monthly meeting, all members being present, and transacted the following business.

Road overseers for the various public roads of the county were appointed.

It was ordered that McNeil Wylie, tax assessor be allowed \$80.00 per month for the months of March, April and May, and \$48.00 per month for the months of June, July, August, September and October of 1933.

It was ordered that the county judge's salary be reduced 25 per cent: \$490.00 to \$367.50 per year, and the Ex-officio County Superintendents' salary be reduced 25 per cent: \$900.00 to \$675.00 per year. Said salary was reduced upon the recommendation of county judge, O. L. Gerron.

It was ordered that the county agent be retained at a salary of \$600.00 per year, or \$50.00 per month: The vote was 3 for, and 1 against: J. K. Lofton, E. T. Sparks and Ben Brooks for (Continued on last page)

### THE UNKNOWN FUTURE

The following verses were sent us by a dear mother whose only son was killed accidentally in an airplane wreck some weeks ago. We print the verses because they are rich in the loftiest and happiest sentiments known to human kind.

I am thinking of the future,  
As I trace the day and year,  
For the past is in God's keeping,  
The future His mercy shall cheer;  
And what looks dark in the distance,  
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future  
Has less bitter than I think;  
The Lord may sweeten the water  
Before I stoop to drink,  
Or, if Marah must be Marah,  
He will stand beside the brink.

It may be He has been waiting  
For the coming of my feet—  
Some gift of such rare blessedness,  
Some joy so strangely sweet,  
That my lips can only tremble  
With the thanks I cannot speak.

My heart shrinks back from trials  
Which the future may disclose;  
Yet I never had a sorrow  
But what the dear Lord chose:  
And I send the coming tears back  
With the whispered words, "He knows."

So I go on, not knowing,  
I would not if I might,  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light,  
I'd rather walk with Him by faith,  
Than walk alone by sight.

—SELECTED

### CITY DRUG STORE FRONT IMPROVEMENTS

C. C. Glenn has had a corps of men busy the past several days improving the front of the building occupied by the City Drug Store.

The improvements include a modern awning, and a plate glass to take the place of one that has been broken for some time.

These improvements greatly beautify and make more attractive the place of business of the City Drug Store. Mrs. L. Johnson, owner of the store, plans other improvements of her busi-

### METHODIST CHURCH

The sand and gravel has been put on the church yard for curbs and sidewalks, and the yard will be beautified within the next few days. This act upon the part of the congregation shows, thrift, pride and love for the church.

Our subject for Sunday morning will be, "Building" 1 Sam. 27-10. Sunday School 10 A. M. 27-10. Sunday School 10 A. M. and 7:30 preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. There will be preaching at Fort Chadbourne at 3 P. M. The general public has a cordial invitation to worship with us.