

Improved Facilities for 1948 Fair-Goers

Relocation of Chutes and Pens Brings Action Closer to Stand

New Exhibit Building

By a Staff Writer
CHAMBERS — The annual Holt county fair and rodeo dates are growing near—September 1-2-3-4.

According to officials of the Holt County Agricultural association, the sponsors, the fifty-sixth annual exposition has promise of being "one of the best—if not the best" in the history of the association.

Secretary Edwin Wink of Chambers, has announced that considerable expense has been undertaken to improve the existing facilities for accommodation of visitors and their products.

"The rodeo chutes and pens, which of necessity had to be rebuilt, are being placed to the east of the center field, facing the grandstand," Mr. Wink explained. "Thus much of the rodeo action is being brought closer to the spectators."

The members of the board were undecided as to the new location for the shoots and pens. Gus Obermire, veteran

rodeo producer, suggested the new positions.

To better accommodate the various 4-H club projects and women's extension club projects, the fair officials have ordered construction of a new building, measuring 22x40 feet, situated on the south side of the trees on an adjoining acre obtained a few years ago.

The dance floor has been enlarged from its original 40x60-foot size to 40x100 feet. Kay Mills and his orchestra have been signed for Friday, September 3, and Don Loflon and his orchestra will appear on Saturday, September 4.

The new 4-H and extension building paves the way, Mr. Wink said, for an improved school exhibit. In the past the schools and 4-H shared a building. The older building will be devoted exclusively to schools.

Thursday, September 2, is school day and all school children in Holt county are being invited to be guests of the fair and there will be no admission charge for children of school age.

The program has not yet been completed, Mr. Wink explained. "Watch The Frontier and other newspapers for later announcements," he added.

Fish All Night At Lake Andes

CELIA—Roger and Rodney Dobins visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Scott, Sunday night, July 18, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobins, jr., went to Lake Andes, S. D.

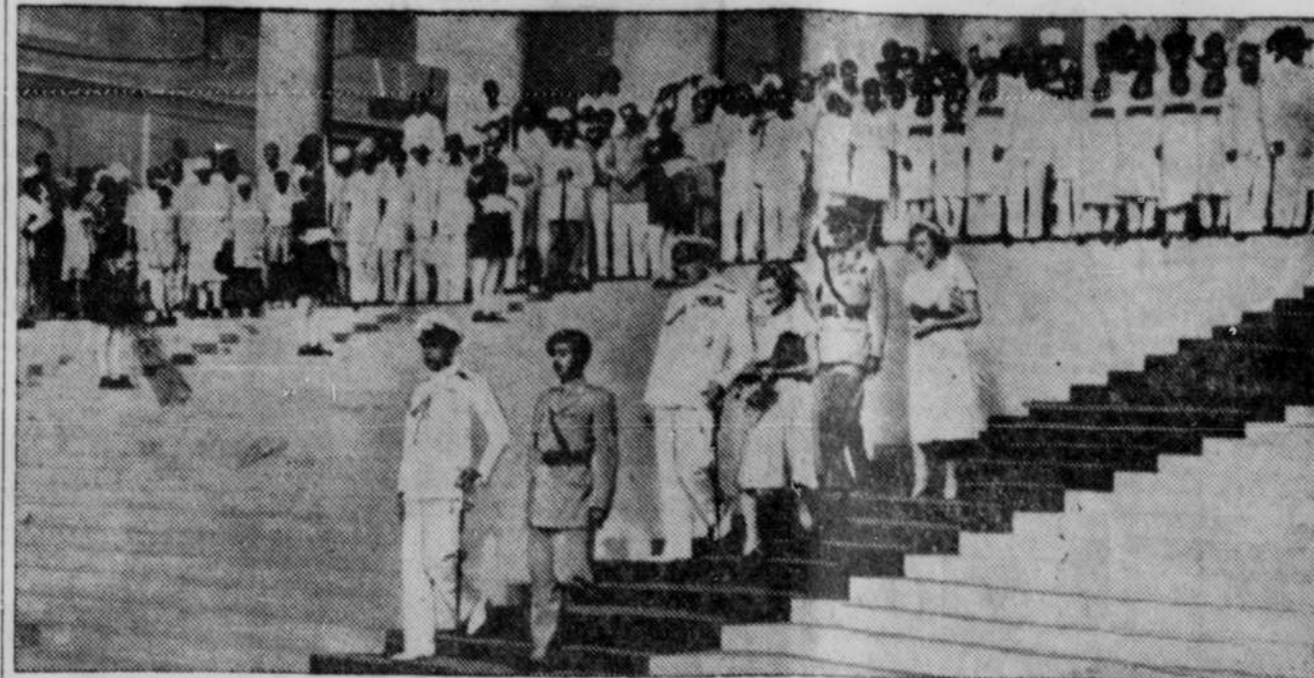
They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bouska, of Atkinson.

The party spent the night fishing in Lake Andes.

Other Celia News
 Mr. Gibson, of Page, and Mr. McKim, of O'Neill, combined rye for Lex and Paul Forsythe, F. O. Hammerberg, O. A. Hammerberg and George Beck last week.

Hans Lauridsen took Lex and Paul Forsythe to Chambers, by truck, Thursday, July 22, where they loaded and brought home 2 new rakes, which the Forsythes had purchased in Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Samms and Diane and Mrs. O. A.



BRITANNIA NO LONGER RULES IN INDIA

The sound of a shrinking British empire was in the air as Lord Louis Mountbatten and Lady Mountbatten (center) and their daughter Pamela (rear) left government house at Delhi, India, for the last time. Thousands of cheering Indians and government officials were on hand as the Mount-

battens left the palatial executive residence in a state coach and proceeded to an airfield to board a plane for England. Great Britain's long rule over the sub-continent of India actually ended last year when the nation was given its political freedom and divided into the 2 independent states of India and Pakistan.

MRS. HOKE, 80, RITES AT EWING

Hammerberg were O'Neill visitors Tuesday, July 20.

Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and Roger were visitors at the George Beck home Monday, July 19.

George Beck and son, Duane, and the Lockman twins, Garry and Glen, of Stuart, visited O. A. Hammerberg Monday, July 19. The twins visited their aunt, Mrs. George Beck, and family from July 16 to 21.

Mrs. Charles Dobias, jr. and sons, Roger and Rodney, visited the O. A. Hammerberg family Monday, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pease and son, Bob, visited his brother, Walter Pease, and family, at Emmet on Sunday, July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Samms and Diane, Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg visited Mrs. Ray Pease, on Tuesday, July 20 and picked a bushel of beans to can.

Frickel brothers are the owners of a new 12-foot combine. They formerly owned a threshing machine and threshed for others a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blackmore and son, Bob, of Atkinson, and Leonard Chaffin are putting up hay for the Kilmurrys.

Halley's comet will next be seen in 1986.

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Came to Holt When County Was Abundant with Indians

EWING — Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at the Ewing Methodist church for Mrs. William Hoke, 80, who died at her home in Ewing early Tuesday morning, July 20.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. Donald Vogel, pastor of the Ewing United Presbyterian church. Vocal music was provided by a quartet, Mrs. Vera Anson, Mrs. Harriet Welke, Ebon Grafft, and Mr. Vogel.

The pallbearers were: Melvin Gunter, Lafayette Gunter, Louis Beckman, her nephews, and Alton Gunter, William Gunter and Duane Hord, her grandnephews. Burial was at the Ewing cemetery.

Phoebe Jane Gunter Hoke daughter of Calvin and Ruth Gunter and wife of William Hoke, was born July 16, 1868, at Centerville, Ia.

She came to Holt county in 1871 when this area was an untamed prairie abundant with Indians. Her folks settled on the old Ike Billings place 2 miles east of Ewing. In 1876 they moved to a farm 1 mile north of Ewing, which since has been known as the Gunter farm and is now owned by Lionel Gunter.

Jane, or "Jennie," as she became known later, attended a country school near her folks' place. Many of her playmates were Indian children who lived along the Elkhorn river.

As a young woman she became famous as a cook, working in hotels in Neligh, Plainview, Norfolk, Omaha and other places.

In 1905 she married William Hoke, of Ewing, and came to live on the Hoke place 2 1/2 miles east of Ewing, where she lived until the time of her death.

The Hokes had 3 children, DeWitt, Verna and Genevieve. Mrs. Hoke reared 2 of her stepchildren, William and Sylvia; 3 of her stepchildren, Ethel, Elsie and Mabel.

Mrs. Hoke united with the Methodist church while a young woman.

She was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society of that church. In the rural area where she lived she took an active interest in the Jolly Workers' Sewing club and the Farmers' Union.

Mrs. Hoke was a lover of flowers.

In 1934 she became ill with arthritis, and she spent the rest of her years in bed or in a wheel chair, especially after her hip was broken from a fall in 1936.

During her last years she was cared for by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Hoke.

Over the years she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. DeWitt Gunter, have been celebrating together their common birthday anniversary on July 16.

Survivors: Widower, who is now 92-years-old; son, DeWitt, of Ewing; 2 daughters, Verne Pennington, of Napierville, Ill., and Genevieve Nelson, of Plainview; 3 stepchildren, William Hoke, of Cleghorn, Ia.; Mrs. Ethel Prunty of Cleghorn, Ia.; and Mrs. Sylvia Harvey, of Neligh; 5 brothers, James and DeWitt Gunter, of Ewing; Ulysses Gunter, of Sand Point, Ida.; Barney Gunter, of Twin Falls, Ida.; and Clarence Gunter, of Saskatoon, Canada; 1 sister, Mrs. Rosa Beckman, of Klamath, Ore.; 4 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 stepchildren, Mrs. Elsie Gunter and Mrs. Mabel Prunty; 3 brothers, John, Milo and

Dorsey; 2 sisters, Cora and Lulu, and 1 granddaughter, Arleta Pennington.

The hairspring in a lady's wristwatch is less than one-third the diameter of an average human hair and vibrates 18 thousand times an hour.

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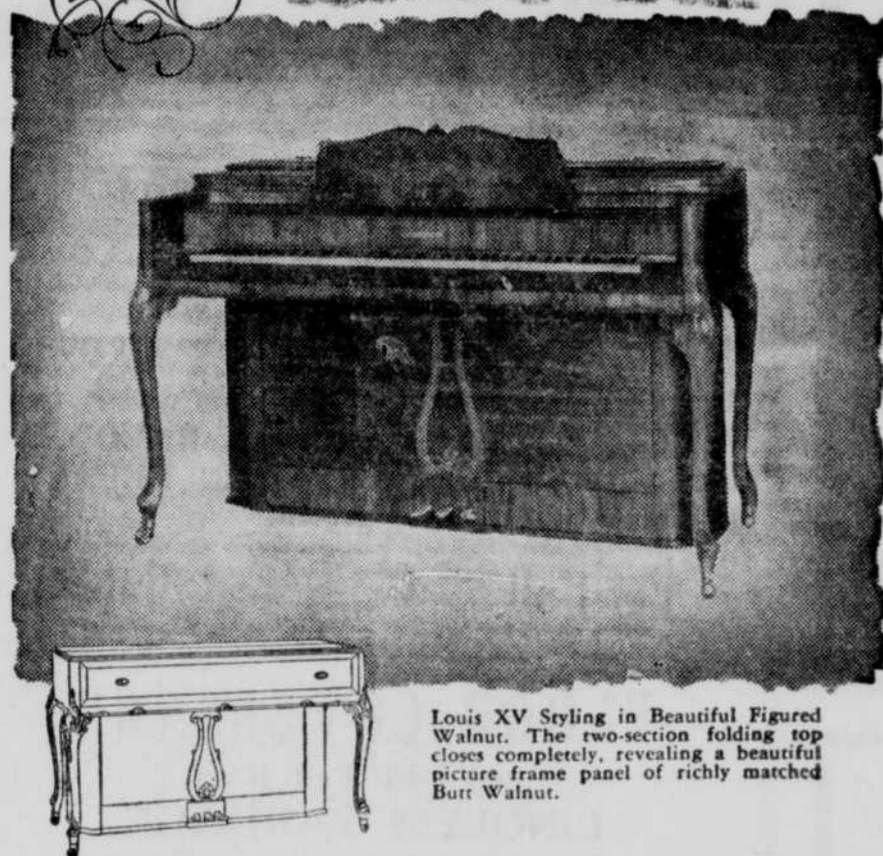
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