

SOME COMMENTS FROM TEXAS PAPER ON ARDMORE TRADE EXCURSION VISITORS

The following is taken from the Denison, Texas, Herald. Ardmore boosters were loud in their praise of the cordial welcome extended them by the Denison people.

At 2:30 Friday afternoon Secretary King of the Denison Chamber of Commerce, handed Jack Tinsman, chairman of the chamber entertainment committee a telegram informing the Denison people that a delegation of Ardmore folks, "stepping lively," would arrive at Denison at 3:30 o'clock. Thirty minutes after the telegram was received six automobiles loaded with a bunch of lively steppers from Denison drove to the intersection of the Preston-Pottsboro road and soon after arrival noticed a streak of dust coming from the north. The dust streak grew heavier as it approached the Denison party and at the intersection of the roads, while the cloud of dust blew away a large Pathfinder car halted, and the advance guard of the high stepping Ardmoreites stepped from their cars and with lusty cheers for Denison declared the reception at the cross roads to be true Denison hospitality. In the party were Arthur Oakley, driver, Perry Maxwell, president of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, James Barron, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and James N. Sanders of the Stroman, Motor party. Several minutes were spent getting acquainted when thirty more cars rolled up from the north and after an official photograph was taken the trip was completed to Denison.

The Ardmoreites are on a four day tour advertising the stock show and automotive show March 9-12. Texas towns on their schedule are Denison, Sherman, Whitesboro and Greenville.

Paraded Down Main Street

The party was headed down Main street to the Union Station and back to Tony's Palm Garden where the men were served cigars and drinks and the ladies candy and drinks.

Mounting the elevated platform in the rear of the confectionery the band, 20 pieces, from Ardmore, gave a concert. President L. L. Shackelford of the Denison chamber of commerce then introduced Judge J. W. Hassell who welcomed the visitors. He stated that Denison had just an hour advance notice of their coming but Denison always would go the limit on welcoming her friends. "A little thread of muddy water running between us does not make any difference in the character of our people—we all have the same things in common. We are of the same source and are working together for the same things. We

wish to co-operate with you in building a road from Denison to Ardmore." (Applause.)

Ardmore responded through Dr. Chappel pastor of Broadway church in that city. He spoke of the new idea entering business and the day of co-operation and asked that Denison come over to Oklahoma state "when they had to leave home."

The Herald Welcomed

At this juncture J. F. Tinsman came in with an armful of Heralds, the paper just being off for the afternoon. These were distributed among the visitors. Judge Hassel mounted the speaker's stand and stated that the 16-page paper was just the regular issue and indicated that a larger edition would have been gotten out for the visitors had they known a few minutes before they were coming. Many visitors made favorable remarks on the size and full news service carried by the paper.

About 5 o'clock the visitors, who had created quite a stir in the city, were escorted by a number of Denisonians on the last leg of their trip for the evening, the thirty cars heading for Sherman where they spent the night. Denison might have had the visitors for the evening had adequate hotel accommodations been in the city, a member of the party stated. Several asked as to the hotel and reluctantly answers that always savored of the apologetic were made the visitors. Particularly this embarrassment was felt when the visitors on arriving dust-covered and tired, could be offered no adequate place where they might make their toilets and rest for a few minutes.