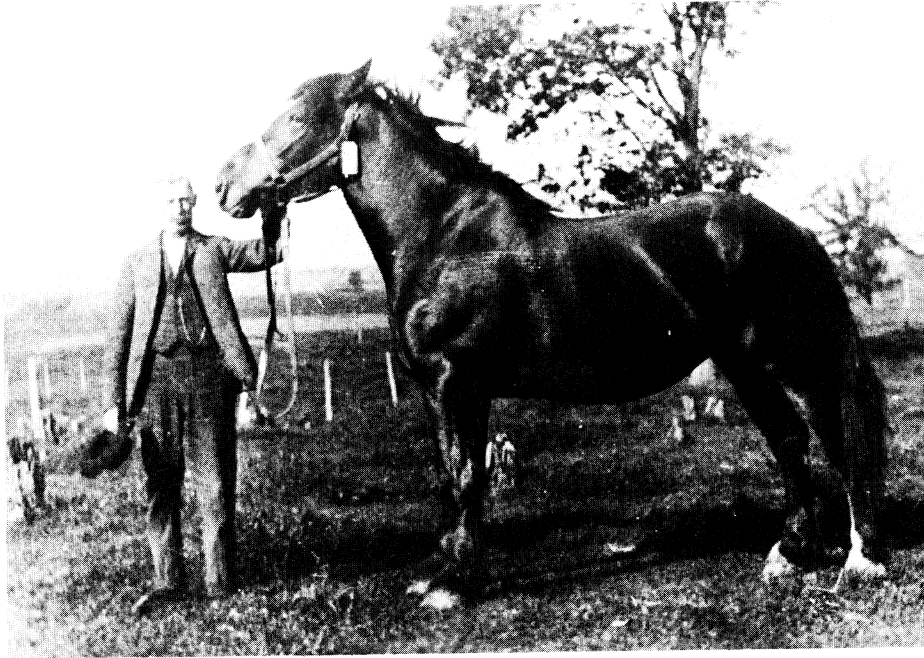


Fair

Eden Fair



Harrison White and his horse at the Eden Fair.

For a number of years prior to 1889, Edenville boasted of annual agricultural fair. The Eden District Fair Association was organized on September 18, 1889.

The first officers we have on record were taken from the 1895 Fair Book. President, J.W. Goodman; Vice President, S.P. Girton; Secretary, H.M. Weeks; Treasurer, W.B. Nason, along with twelve directors.

C.B. Rhodes gave ground that a fair might be organized and held in Edenville. The first fair ground was located at the north end of main street, a beautiful piece of meadow skirted by a fine grove. This was later turned into a farm, which was purchased in 1908, by A.F. Pike from Mr. Bolei, where Greg Maxwell now lives. Here the association had permanent buildings, a stock barn, an art hall, an amphitheater and a ½ mile race track.

Described below is an account of the contests and activities which was held at most of the fairs.

The attendance for the three days of the fair was 3,500. The second day a record breaker. This is an account of the second day, "there were many people there and they kept coming until J.S. Booth had sold 1,300 tickets."

The showing of stock was fine. Among the many exhibitors were Jake Waltemeyer who had three good stallions and many mares and colts of Percheron-Norman stock. William Vance, of State Center, had splendid Clydes'. Kimberly and Carr, of Collins, had a fine lot of Shires', Norman's and Cleveland Bay's. W.H.

A. F. PIKE

Eden View Stock Farm

Breeder of

Short Horns and Polan China Hogs

One half mile north of Dopot, Rhodes

Morris had a fine stallion and four mares all showing the Arabian breed by their peculiar spots. The Buck brothers, Rhodes, had fine Shorthorn cattle. Among the many head of cattle the one that attracted the most attention was the Shorthorn's of Mitch Andrews and "Doc" Capron.

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— OF THE —

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Agricultural Society

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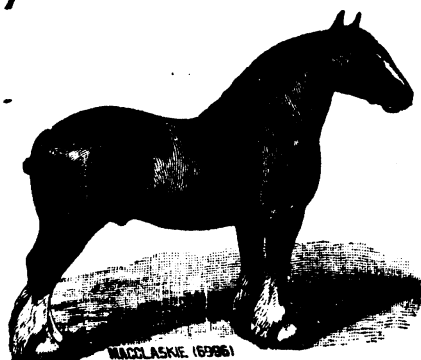
JOHNNIE LONG heads the herd, assisted by SELDOM SEEN 2d. Sows in the herd are: Lady Baily, 86714; Miss Tecumseh Corwin, 86712; Black Perfection, 86724; Lady Wilks 2d; Lady Wilks, 86716; Susie White Legs, 86710; Wood's Choice, 86720; Black Tecumseh, 86711; and others.

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Herds headed by the two grand boars, **TOM, 3rd., 33315**, sired by **TOM, 2nd, 30577**, and was used in Hammonds great herd of Onedia, Ill. Next is **Jay Greenwood** sired by **Jay Wilkes 17777**, which is one of the grandest hogs living and sold for \$950.00.

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Short-Horn Cattle

—AND—

PURE-BRED POLAND CHINA HOGS

GOLD LEAF KNIGHT (Vol. 39) heads the herd.

Owner of 2nd Wiseton of Vista, Vol. 26, page 836; **Tudie Mowcher 2nd**, Vol. 25, No. 19, and owner of the following sows:

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Inspection invited.

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Correspondence and inspection invited.

**SHORTHORN
...CATTLE**

AT ——— •



EARLY DAWN FARM

ONE AND ONE-HALF
MILES NORTHEAST OF
RHODES, IOWA

HENRY FLOTO,
PROPRIETOR

HERD HEADED BY

GOLD LEAF KNIGHT, 2nd.

BULLS FOR SALE

INSPECTION INVITED.

In the hall was a fine display of fruit, grain, vegetables and flowers. Sunflowers large enough to use as umbrellas. Snyder, of State Center, had a splendid collection of vegetables, with fifty varieties of potatoes among his collection.

Mr. Gambell, the school teacher, had a little corner spaced off in the hall, where he displayed the last year's work of the pupils of the Rhodes School. Mat-weaving, printing and writing by the small folks. Examples in arithmetic and map-drawing by the larger ones, and some fine penmanship and drawings by his more advanced students. Rhodes is to be congratulated for their fine school.

As usual the ladies were on hand with their fine needlework, embroidery, beautiful quilts and many other things worth seeing and admiring. A showcase was filled with relics of the Indian race.

W. Mally, a farmer boy, from Ames Agricultural College made a fine speech to the crowd on the necessity of scientific knowledge to the farmers. The speech was full of pith and point and was well received.

The bands from Rhodes and State Center, probably others not heard mentioned, discoursed sweet music throughout the day. A dance was always held in the evening, which was enjoyed by young and old.

There were many activities held during the three days. Ball games were started on the first day, with the championship being held in the afternoon of the second, with the winner receiving \$15. Horse and mule racing was one of the big attractions, with the rules being governed by the National Association. The prize money varied, ranging from \$25 to \$125, with a total of \$1000 to be given away. Some of the races were not only with horses, mules and ponies but between bicycles and horses. Rob Gray and several others took part in these.

This was taken from the book of Edna Buck's history of Rhodes, "she enjoyed the carriage race where the contestants had to harness and hitch their horses to their buggies and circle the track once. Here the young chaps got a chance to show their outfits to the public."

Many different track events were held, races, throws, running, jumping and etc., with no entry fee being charged. There was a grand parade of stock and the sale of animals and property, with the charge of the sale to be 1%.

Other events that went on were as follows: The man who looked like he spoke the truth, "said he went to the fair gates with \$50, walked up the aisle and topped all the games and found himself broke before he got to the grandstand," others ran the same gambit with much the same report. There was everything there from the modest dice box to the Board of Trades that would take the puzzled editor years to figure out the percentages. The gamblers came to town with about \$8,000 but left with \$11,000, a very good profit considering the price of oats. They did a big business the first two days, but public sentiment got too hot for them the last day, so they pulled their freight to escape arrest.

The children saved their money all year, looking forward to the fair, when they could spend it on the merry-go-round, rides, ice cream, candy and trinkets. The merry-go-round was sometimes run by an engine and sometimes by a horse that would go round and round. Some remember Mrs. Bob Miller's delicious cream candy, wrapped in red or blue oiled paper. One boy was going to buy a pony whip until he found out it could be used for a rod of correction.

Now, think of the prices that were asked: admission to the grounds 25¢ for adults, 15¢ for children and 25¢ to park your team of horses; the best stalls for your animals cost \$2, with hay and straw free.

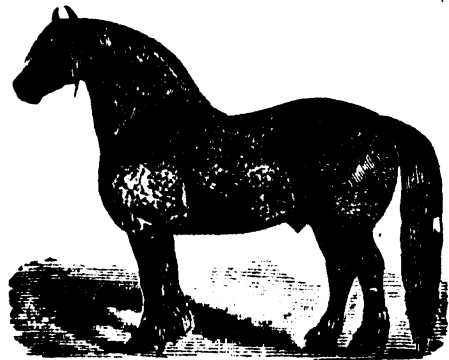


Max Lamb, age 21 months, drinking pop at Eden Fair in 1909.

J. Waltermeyer.

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Correspondence solicited.

Thomas Swalwell with his horse at the Eden Fair, and
Mr. Bodie.



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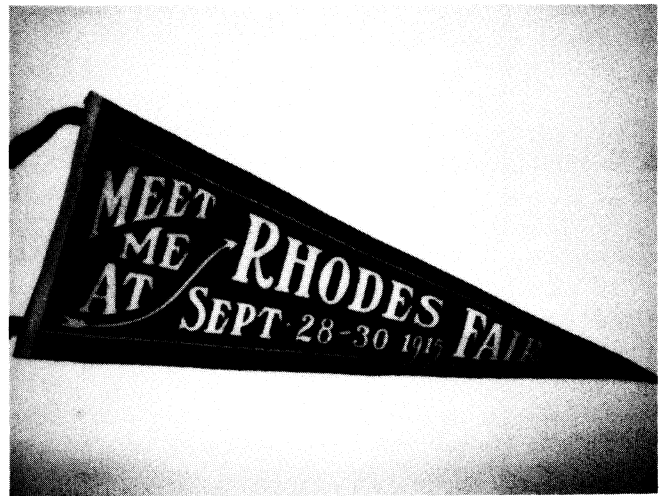
WALTERMEYER BROS.



Good Rigs. Fair Prices.
Only Hearse in Town.

Corner Main and Walnut Streets.

There were also balloon ascensions, these being made and then landing at Freland's, northwest of town. George (Peg) Chamberlain would take his dray and go pick them up.



The Eden District Fair organized in 1889 gave way to the Eden Agriculture Society in 1894.

The fairs were spoke of as being as big as the county fairs. Interest began to lag, purebred livestock business declined and due to some unsatisfactory arrangements in securing the grounds the fair was abandoned for two years, 1902 to 1904.

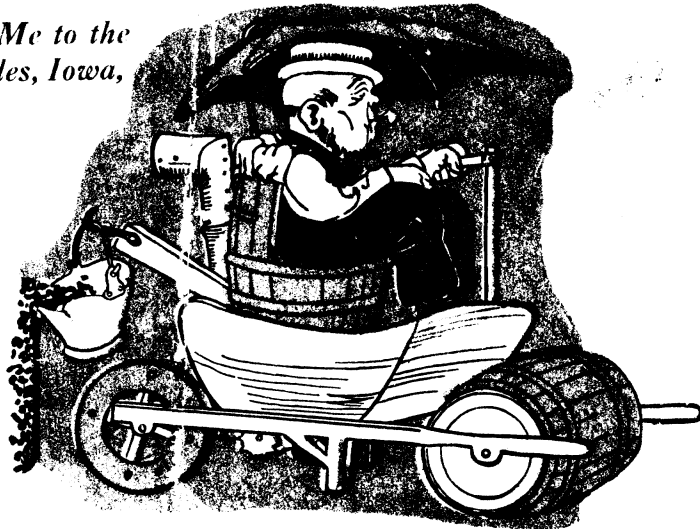
In 1905 it was re-organized being re-incorporated under its old name, with a sufficient number of stockholders to guarantee the successful financing of the venture. The officers of the society in 1905 were: President, H.G. Buck, Rhodes; Vice President, George W. Marsh, State Center; Secretary, H.M. Weeks, Rhodes; Treasurer, Ollie Luttikin, Rhodes, along with a board of directors of twelve men. The stockholders of the society included well known men from Rhodes, State Center and Colo, there being 102 stockholders.

It was at this time they had a general superintendent in charge of different areas of the fair. Namely a few; grounds, livestock, tickets, flowers and etc, with women holding some of the jobs.

At this time the fair was moved to the west side of Edenville. The new ground was on the north edge of what was then the Ellsworth Harmon farm, now owned by Bonnie Trowbridge. There was a nice hickory and oak grove, where many families would eat their picnic lunches.

Lafe and Ben Overman, cut down the trees, with axes, clearing six acres for the fair to be held at this site. New buildings were built, with barns that went from the gate clear down to the top of the hill. All the buildings being in a line, on the west end there was a hog barn, a barn for everything, chickens and etc. The barns were used to exhibit livestock. The Art Hall was used to exhibit vegetables, fruit and fancy work. There was a platform where speeches were made. Wrestling matches were also held. Guy and Earl Elliot of Collins were some of the wrestlers.

*You Auto go with Me to the
Rhodes Fair, Rhodes, Iowa,
Sept. 24-27, 1912*



ALL ARRIVAL, SUBJECT TO DELAY CAUSED BY STRIKES, HIGH
WATER, MEASLES AND OTHER ACCIDENTS
BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

Rhodes Fair

24th ANNUAL EXHIBIT

SEPT. 22-3-4-5

Daily Programme

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

General entry day. No admission fee. Free attractions.
Entry books will close at 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Ball game, Rhodes vs. State Center. Free Attractions,
wrestling matches, and other sports.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Stock judging. Ball game, Melbourne vs. Collins. Ad-
dress by Hon. John T. Hamilton, and probably by Hon.
Maurice Connolly.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Free attractions. Parade of premium stock. Address by
Hon. S. F. Prouty, M. C., and Hon. Jno. Dennison, Dubuque.
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GOOD BANDS

Will be on the grounds the three last days of the fair. Music
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FINE MERRY-GO-ROUND

The stock will be judged by Rex Beresford of Ames and
the poultry, farm and garden exhibits will be judged by Glenn
Richards of LeGrand.

C. J. Buck, Pres. H. M. Weeks, Sec.



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Remember the Date

It was remembered by Wayne Hildreth that there were, "concession stands by the bushel; with pop 5¢, hamburgers 10¢ and pie for about 10¢, with the pie being cut from a big pan in just four pieces. These pies were made by church women, who used real fruit, without preservatives, as we have today."

One other event to be mentioned is a baby contest that was held for several years, with a lot of our local talent winning.

A county fair was also held along with a fair being held at Edenville-Rhodes. The state appropriations were divided between the Edenville-Rhodes and the Marshalltown Fair. Due to politics, the state appropriations were all given to Marshalltown so the last fair held here was in 1917.

It was a sad time for the adults, as well as the youngsters, as many good times were had by all. However, many old timers recall with "a smile and a twinkle in their eye" many events of these fairs.

Submitted by

Gladys Gray and Betty Dannen



Food booth at the Eden District Agricultural Fair, from the left; Sam Gray, Steve Vauthrin and Elzia Bonham.



The ball game Saturday between State Center and Rhodes at the fair-grounds was won by the visiting club. The grounds outside the diamond was covered with grass about a foot high and caused quite a number of "lost balls." The boys on both sides made some very good plays. The game stood 18 to 21 in favor of State Center. Come again boys.

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Eden Fair

The fair ground used to be where the Bert Pike place was. Then they bought the place known as the Alexander place, two guys, Lafe and Ben Overman cut the hickory trees down, cleaned about six acres with an ax and then they had the fair out there.

Did I ever go to the Fair?

I played ball at that time. What did they have at the Fair?

They had barns that went from one gate clear down to the top of the big hill. They had horse barns and hog houses and a building for chickens.

They had rides and a balloon ascension.

Rhodes had a fair that was better than Marshalltown's fair.

We had a lot of good times.

By golly, they had concessions stands by the bushel. Them days a hamburger cost 10¢, pop was 5¢, and the ladies sold pie for the church, a piece of pie cost a dime.

They didn't have all the junk food and perservatives and everything.

*Memories by
Wayne Hildreth*

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Rodeo in Rhodes.

Olden Days

Henry Clark and his family owned the property in Rhodes, Joe Davis' home, which was used for a stopping off place for the stagecoach. He also owned the property where Glen Holcomb now lives. Henry's son, Leonard Clark, married Nellie Richmond, daughter of Alonzo and Amanda Richmond.

Leonard Clark and his brother Harry, their brother-in-law, Larry McAdams, and his brothers, Jake and Mark, went to Buffalo Gap in the Black Hills. They brought back wild horses from their uncle's ranch to State Center by train.

They drove the horses to Rhodes where they held a "Wild West Show" during the fair in 1907 or 1908.

After their performance they challenged anyone to bring in horses and they would ride them. Later the Clark families and the McAdams families moved out to the West. Leonard and Nellie Clark moved to a ranch near Billings, Montana.

Rodeo

The Rodeo or Wild West show was held in July of 1925. It was very hot and held on the west edge of Rhodes. The rodeo officials came to me and wanted me to ride the buffalo. I signed to do so, but my dad put a stop to it. It was the year I was to enter the freshman class in the fall.

I'm a 75 year old lady if that's what you call girls like me. I was Velma Pearle Dannen back then.

*Submitted by
Velma P. Curry*



Forrest Jackson was six months old when his parents, Ed and Mary, entered him in the baby contest at the Eden District Fair. He won second prize, receiving a rocking chair. His wife, Thelma still has the chair and the dress he wore.



Forrest Jackson