

# Golden Jubilee Celebration 'One Of Best' In Alex History

A tug-o-war scheduled for 4 o'clock was called off because, said one team member, "we're all just too dog-gone tired."

That underestimated statement summed up the feelings of the members of the Alexander Commercial Club, who sponsored the celebration, after one of the biggest and most strenuous celebrations in Alexander's history last Saturday.

The event, Alexander's Golden Jubilee and "Chip" Monson day, was the original old settlers day in this McKenzie county town. More than 410 old-timers registered and were given ribbons to designate the number of years they had spent in McKenzie county.

A parade kicked off the events at 11 o'clock. Floats bordered on an old-time theme and all of them showed much imagination. Top prize for floats went to the band

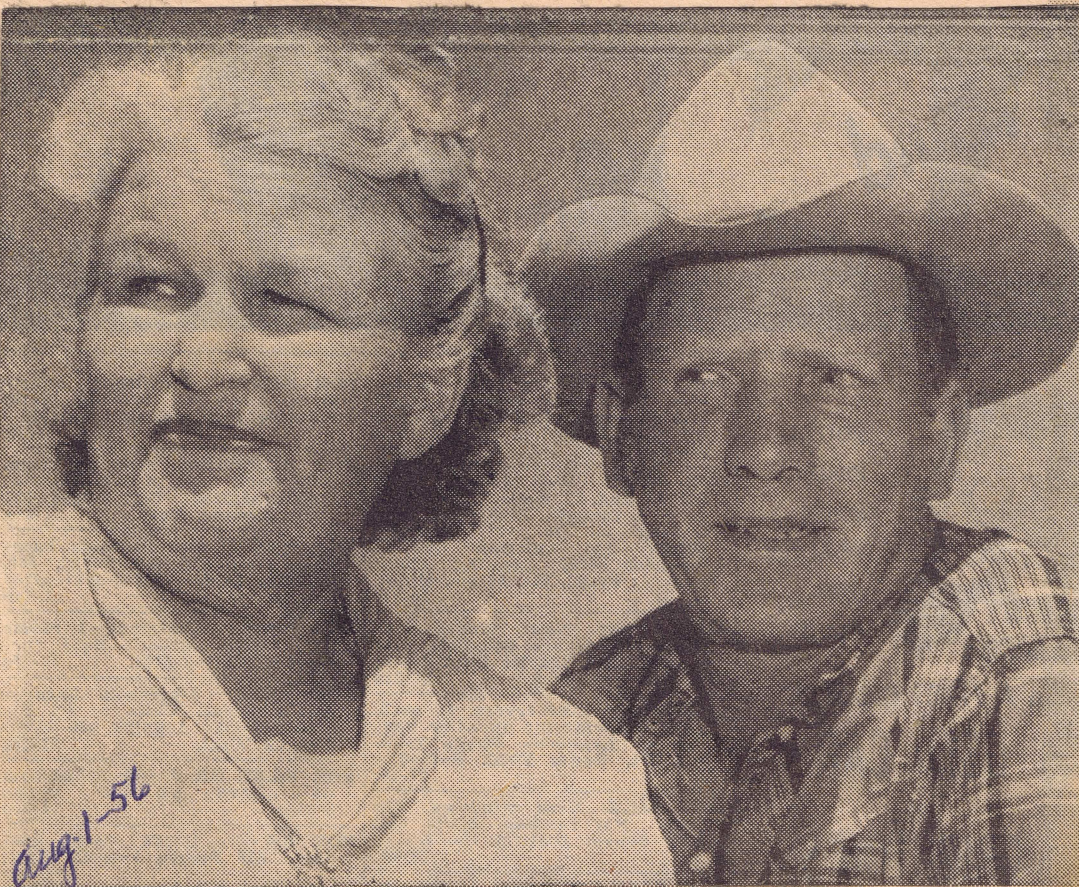
mothers whose unit depicted an old time fiddler bowing his fiddle in the shade of a wash line of 'long johns.' An impressive group of horses ended the colorful parade.

At noon the crowd estimated at 1500, flocked to the park where they were served beef barbecue, pickles, beans and coffee. The beef for the celebration was furnished by "Chip" Monson, Alexander resident.

The program moved to the ball park where the Badlands Saddle Club performed an intricate horse and rider drill. The precision of the unit was exceptional and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the maneuvers.

Horse races finished the stock events and were followed by a baseball game between Watford City and Alexander youngsters.

The tug-o-war never got started, so ended the big Alexander Golden Jubilee.



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**GOLDEN JUBILEE IN ALEXANDER** — C. H. "Chip" Monson and his wife (pictured) will be honored guests during the Golden Jubilee celebration to be held September 8 at Alexander. The community will hold its 10th annual Old Settlers' Day, a popular event in McKenzie county. "Chip", who came to Alexander in 1906, is donating the beef for a free barbecue that has in past years attracted thousands of Williams and McKenzie county residents. The steering committee consists of William Lanz, Alfred Melby and Albert Mrachek who are organizing the committees and plans for the celebration.



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Old Settlers Day.*

**HOT STEAMIN' BEANS** — A be-ribboned rancher gets his plate filled with bean at the spectacular bean pot that hangs each year in Alexander park during the festival. The ladies prepare the beans which are dumped into the huge pot simmering over the fire.