

BICENTENNIAL

1776-1976

LOVE AMERICA DAY

Bronaugh Park June 12, 1976



PROGRAM

COMMITTEES.

SYNOPSIS of BRONAUGH

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. Ladies bring in quilts and bring food to Shelter House 10:00-12:00.
2. Men have planned some games for the period 10:00-12:00.
3. Everyone present register at the Park for all Door Prizes donated by the places of business in Bronaugh.
4. Master of Ceremonies will introduce Bronaugh's Mayor, who will officially welcome those in attendance.
5. Mayor John Post will introduce Rev. Brooks Shook who will ask the blessing before we eat.
6. Enjoy the good food and drinks--Joe Shook and Group are guests.
7. Program
 - (a) M.C. will introduce Rev. William Bell who will offer a prayer as part of Flag Raising Ceremony.
 - (b) Group song "America" led by Betty Garton.
 - (c) Song by the Brownie and Girl Scouts.
 - (d) Speech "America Heritage" by Tricia Rich.
 - (e) Song by the small children of Baptist Church.
 - (f) Song by Janet Sheaffer and Linda Gulliford.
 - (g) Instrumental number from Christian Church.
 - (i) Gospel-Patriotic numbers by Joe Shook and Group.
8. Drawing for all door prizes donated by places of business in Bronaugh. LeeEarl Shearburn has donated pictures of the old Bronaugh Hotel and they will be given to the lucky numbers as far as they will go.
9. Next is open-house for the Antique Shop, Craft Shop, Library, and the Quilt Display in the Lion's Building. DO NOT FORGET TO VISIT THE LOCAL MERCHANTS.

LAST BUT FAR FROM LEAST, WE THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS COOPERATED SO WHOLE-HEARTEDLY IN THE BICENTENNIAL EVENT.

Executive Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1976 when our nation is celebrating its bicentennial, Bronaugh is celebrating its nintieth birthday. Most of us are aware of our nation's history, but few of us know the history of our town. Plans for Bronaugh were begun in 1886 by the Bronaugh Town Company, but the people of the area disagreed on the location for the town. Some wanted it to be west of the railroad tracks; others favored a site east of the tracks. A settlement was established to the west which was called Zulu. Eventually the stores in Zulu moved across the tracks, and Bronaugh was started. The difficult to pronounce name came from the donor of the land, W.C. Bronaugh.

During its ninety years, Bronaugh has had an impressive number and variety of businesses: 3 general stores, 2 drug stores, 2 blacksmith shops, 2 coal mines, 2 banks, 2 barber shops, a hardware store, lumberyard, feedmill, hotel, livery stable, shoe shop, millinery, notions and racket store, furniture store, real estate office, photography studio, poultry and produce store, phone company, post office, contractor, depot, stock buyer, and shipping agency. Bronaugh also has a fine high school. The greatest population ever reached was in 1910 at 450. Several of these businesses were burned over a period of time and usually around 2:00 a.m. Some thought a conflict over the location of a second railroad system may have accounted for some of the fires.

Bronaugh can be proud of the progress its schools have made. The first school was held in a small one room house. In 1887 a two story school was built across from the Methodist church, but there were no divisions into grades, nor were diplomas given. Later the school was graded and the ninth and tenth grades were added. Finally in 1922 a new elementary and high school was erected. In a weekly column, "Bronaugh, Then and Now," published in the Bronaugh Journal, Maggie Dorris wrote of the new building, ". . .it has many modern conveniences never dreamed of in our school days and we can but wonder if the children and young people appreciate the wonderful opportunity that is theirs." Today Miss Dorris would be even more impressed with the AA classification and the plans for a newer elementary building.

Just as Bronaugh has maintained its school, so it has maintained its churches. The Methodist church was built in 1887; the Baptist church organized in 1895; and the Christian church built in 1910. These three churches continue to play an important part in the life of our town.

An excellent description of the Bronaugh of 1885 was printed in Miss Dorris's column. She wrote of what she saw in her memories, "a prairie of luscious, green grass waving in the breeze, cows are grazing contentedly and some farmers can be seen mowing grass with a scythe; all is peaceful and serene." Although we have replaced the scythe with the tractor, few other changes have marred the peace and serenity of our countryside.

An appropriate conclusion was written by Miss Dorris as she concluded her series devoted to her memories of Bronaugh. "To many of you who have read these memories of mine, and to some who have known Bronaugh only a short time, it no doubt seems like a sleepy little village with nothing to attract or hold people, but to we, who have known it from its beginning, it embodies most of our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our fears, most of our friendships and all that we hold dear.

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MAR-LON
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Dairy Barn
Hurst Welding
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Fertilizer Plant
Barber Shop
Library Club
Crafts Shop
Antique Shop
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Bandstand Decoration

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Park and Shelter House Committee

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Master of Ceremonies

Raymond Townson

Clean-Up Committee

We don't want to slight
anyone, so everyone that
can work on this committee.