

# County Play Day Better and Better

Saturday, May 12th, is the day set for Griggs county's annual Play Day.

There has been some little misunderstanding as to the date, there being a report afloat that the date was later, but May 12th has been definitely fixed for the event.

And, judging by the tentative program announced by the office of the county superintendent, the 1923 Play Day is going to be more entertaining than ever. New features are being added this year that are certain to prove attractive to both children and parents. The athletic events, drills and plays will be as extensive as they have in previous years. A declamatory contest and an interesting spelling contest are added features this year. The program schedule as announced follows:

10:30—Athletic events.

12:00—Lunch hour.

1:00—Drills and folk plays.

2:00—Declamatory contest.

4:00—Movie.

8:00—Spelling contest.

The declamatory contest is sponsored by the Knights of Pythias lodge of Cooperstown and is divided into three divisions. First and second prizes of gold medals with the winners' names engraved upon them will be awarded in the contest for the rural schools of the county. Like prizes will be awarded winners in the declamatory contest in which pupils of the graded schools of the county will participate. A loving cup with the winners' name engraved upon it will be the award in the contest in which high school students of the county are eligible. These contests are causing interest in many schools and an excellent program in this connection is anticipated. The declamatory contest for city and high schools will be held on May 25, and for the rural schools on the afternoon of Play Day.

The Cooperstown Masonic lodge is responsible for the spelling contest which will be enjoyed, and the lodge will award several beautiful prizes. First, second and third prizes will be awarded winners of the spelling bee in the rural school division. A like contest for graded school pupils is arranged for. Gold, silver and bronze pins will be awarded the winners. Many schools have already reported their intentions to take part in this contest and pupils are drilling daily for the event, the teachers expressing themselves as being in hearty co-operation with the purpose.

Further plans for Play Day will be announced in following weeks.