

## Employes of 'Commerce Family' Forget Finances for Annual Outing William T. Kemper Entertains More Than 1,000 at His Farm Near Martin City.

Bankers and bathing beauties ate barbecued pork and beef, drank soda pop in the pasture and called hogs at the second annual William T. Kemper picnic Saturday afternoon for employes of the "Commerce family" banks. The picnic was held on the Kemper 1,200-acre Red Fox farm, south of Martin City.

Crowning event of the festive picnic for employes of the four Commerce banks and their families, more than 1,000 in all, was the distribution of service buttons by Kemper to his veteran employes.

At the conclusion of the day's festivities Kemper assembled the employes near the pasture band stand and announced he was inaugurating the distribution of service buttons.

Bronze buttons went to employes in the service of the Commerce Trust company 10 years or more, silver buttons to veterans of 15 to 20 years' service, gold to those with 20 to 30 years, and gold with diamonds for those of 30 to 35, 45 and 65 years of service.

Oldest of all Commerce Trust company employes was veteran Henry C. Schwitzgebel, a vice president, who has completed 65 years with the bank. To his gold button was attached biggest of the diamonds. A 45-year veteran was C. M. Vining, a vice president, and a 35-year veteran was E. P. Wheat, cashier of the Commerce.

Buttons went to 208 employes in all, 83 to 10-year veterans, 83 to 15-year men, 16 to 20-year men, 17 to 25-year and six to 30-year employes.

The picnic was for employes of the Commerce Trust company, Plaza Bank of Commerce, East Side Bank of Commerce and Union Avenue Bank of Commerce.

Bathing beauty judges were Jozach Miller, jr., Jesse W. Rubey, Lee Dunlap and Judge W. O. Thomas. Bathing beauty winner in a group of sixteen contestants was Miss Helen Finch, employe of the Commerce Trust company.

William T. Kemper, jr., was the master of ceremonies. James M. Kemper, president of the Commerce, aided his father in entertaining the banking family. William Garrett, a carpenter at the Commerce building, won the hog calling contest from such veterans as J. C. Nichols, W. L. Simms and others. John Mulvihill won the men's bathing beauty contest and Eugene Brouse took the fat men's race.

There were contests, pop and balloons for the children. Following the contests, 800 pounds of beef, as much pork, pickles, olives, ice cream and other foods were served in the old-fashioned picnic mode.