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Old Settlers Reunion and Texas County Fair (Houston, Mo.).

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This is a program from the 46th Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Texas County Fair, 8-11 August 1956, at Houston in Texas County, Missouri. The program includes the schedule of events, rules and officials of competitions, and advertisements.

The Old Settlers Reunion and Texas County Fair is an annual event held at Houston, the seat of Texas County. The 1956 Fair featured agricultural and livestock exhibitions common to such events, including a horse show, exhibitions of cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, and agricultural produce, and a home economics section. Entries were judged and cash prizes awarded in the various categories. Entertainment included a horse pulling contest, concerts by the military band from Fort Leonard Wood and the Houston High School band, square dancing, and miscellaneous variety acts. A special feature of the Fair was the homecoming of Emmett Kelly, the famous circus clown known as “Weary Willie,” who was a native of Texas County. Kelly performed during the first night of the Fair, and was the guest of honor the following night for dedication of the “Emmett Kelly Park” in Houston.

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