

Governor To Visit in Bronte

AD-LIB-BEN

Again this week we are addressing this column to citizens of the Norton School District.

We are more than glad to admit that we have an ulterior motive in doing this. Our aim is, with no apology, to try to induce as many Norton citizens as possible to vote for consolidation with Bronte School on July 2.

We know that we need your children in our school, and we feel that we have the best deal available to you after disastrous fire earlier this summer. First of all we would like to make some realistic comparisons of your tax costs as they are now, and what they would be if you joined with Ballinger or Winters, with what they would be if you joined with Bronte.

Davy Crockett, a land owner in the Norton School district, and well known to most of you, was kind enough to supply us with figures on what he now pays in school taxes on 240 acres of land located in the Norton District.

Norton's tax evaluation, we are told, are based on a figure which is 25 per cent of the actual value. The actual value figures were set not many years ago by a professional evaluating firm, which also set values for the Ballinger School District.

Using the figures calculated from Mr. Crockett's tax receipt, the actual value of his 240 acres is \$33,280. Taking 25 per cent of this for tax purposes gives us a figure of \$8,320. When this figure is multiplied by the \$1.50 tax rate, it gives \$124.80, which is the tax he paid.

Using this same actual value of \$33,280, we will calculate the tax on this same land, using the 35 per cent which Ballinger uses for tax valuation purposes. This gives \$11,648 for the valuation for tax purposes, if this land were located in the Ballinger School District. When we multiply this figure by \$1.78, which is Ballinger's tax rate, we come up with \$207.33 which Mr. Crockett would have had to pay if his 240 acres were in the Ballinger District.

We don't know much about the basis of setting actual values in Winters School District, but we have learned that 48 per cent of the actual value is used for school tax purposes. If we use the same \$33,280 on this 240 acres and take 48 per cent of it, we will arrive at a figure of \$15,974 valuation for tax purposes. Winters has a tax rate of \$1.55, and if we multiply, we will find that the taxes there would amount to \$247.59.

On the other hand, if this land were valued for tax purposes at the highest rate in the Bronte School District (\$14.90 per acre for cultivated and \$7.50 for pasture land, Mr. Crockett's total value for tax purposes would be \$3,213.80. When this is multiplied by Bronte School's tax rate of \$1.76 we find that, if his land were in the Bronte School District, his taxes would amount to \$56.56.

It is pretty obvious that taxes
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Boxholders Sent By Enterprise

This week's Enterprise will go to all boxholders in Bronte and the routes which run out of here. The extra papers are being sent out during the July bargain days

Youth Revival Set By First Methodist

A community-wide youth revival is being planned for next week, Sunday through Friday nights, at the Methodist Church. Youth of the community are making all arrangements.

Evangelist Steve Harper of Abilene will do the preaching. A McMurry College student and former pastor of Weinert Methodist Church, in May of this year he was appointed as associate evangelist with the Ed Robb Evangelistic Association in Abilene. Tentative arrangements also call for a song leader and pianist to come from McMurry and other Abilene college youth will be present at different services during the week.

Harper has recently returned from a religious crusade in Indonesia with the Ed Robb Association. Ed Robb conducted a revival here last year.

Services will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 Monday through Friday, with youth leaders in charge. Refreshments will be served each night after services.

Everyone is invited to attend the five services, regardless of age and young people of this area are especially urged to attend.

Douglas McCutchen is master of ceremonies and Kathy Kiker is publicity director.

so everyone in the area may know about the special rate for subscriptions.

The July bargain days is an annual event at The Enterprise and allows everyone to save 50 cents on any subscription.

Regular price in Coke and adjoining counties of \$3.50 has been reduced to \$3.00, and the regular price of \$4.50 anywhere else in the United States has been reduced to \$4.00.

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Hospital to Have Immunization Day

The John Harris clinic will be the location of the local portion of Texas' statewide immunization project Thursday, July 25.

The Polio portion of this program will be open to all ages with a future date to be announced for completion of the two dose series.

Measles and DPT (diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus) vaccines will be available to all children through the third grade. However, those participating in the polio series cannot receive the measles immunization until a later date.

A 25c fee will be charged to offset the cost of administering the measles and DPT vaccines only.

Governor John Connally will be in Bronte July 29, if present plans work out. Announcement of the visit was made Wednesday morning by Mayor Royce Lee following a telephone conversation with Frank Hildebrand, executive director of the Texas Tourist Development Agency.

Hildebrand told Lee that the itinerary as submitted to the governor for his approval includes

a stop of some 15 to 20 minutes in Bronte.

The visit here will be made as part of the governor's tour of the Texas Fort Trail, which he will make July 29 and 30.

Tentative schedule calls for Governor Connally to be in Bronte at approximately 10 a.m. He is due to arrive at Fort Chadbourne at 9:30 a.m. after spending the night in Abilene and driving this way through Tuscola and Winters.

Mayor Lee said that a reception will be held at the city hall during the short visit. Refreshments and a hand shaking session are now planned.

More definite information on the local plans will be printed in next week's Enterprise. Anyone who wants to help make the governor's visit in Bronte more pleasant is invited to contact the city hall, the mayor said.

Following his visit in Bronte, Connally and his party will go on to Robert Lee where they will tour the Robert Lee Reservoir project now under construction. The caravan will then move on to San Angelo where a luncheon will be held in honor of the governor's visit.

The Texas Forts Trail, over which the governor and his party will travel on July 29 and 30, covers 608 miles and passes through 19 Texas counties. It is one of 10 Travel Trails announced as Texas tourist attractions earlier this year by the governor. The trail goes nearby many of the frontier forts which were erected in the middle 1800s to protect settlers against Indians.

Included among the forts are Fort Chadbourne in Coke County, Fort Richardson at Jacksboro, Fort Belknap in Young County, Fort Griffin, north of Albany, Fort Phantom Hill, north of Abilene, Fort Concho in San Angelo, Fort McKavett, west of Menard and Fort Mason near Mason.

Last Rites Held for Miss Ada Woullard

Funeral services for Miss Ada Woullard, 87, of Eldorado were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bronte Church of Christ. Burial followed in Fairview cemetery under direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Miss Woullard died Tuesday morning in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo after an illness.

She was born Jan. 10, 1881 in Gatesville and taught school in this area for 35 years. She taught in Bronte from 1902 until 1930 and also taught at Eolia, Lometa and surrounding towns. She retired in 1948.

Survivors include a brother, Woullard of Odessa, and five nieces and three nephews, including Leslie Woullard, with whom she had made her home for many years.

Pallbearers were Arnold Richards of Abilene, Roy Bankhead of Grandview, Ryan Bankhead of San Angelo, Ray Coalson and L. L. Wilkins of Bronte and Lloyd Wynn of San Angelo.

Patty Lou and Nancy Rawlings left Sunday to spend the week with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Meador and family, in Abilene.

200 Attend School Meet

Approximately 200 interested patrons of the Bronte and Norton School Districts were present last Saturday night for a meeting to discuss questions concerning consolidation of the two districts.

Supt. C. B. Barbee served as moderator for the meeting. Seated at a table in front of the auditorium were members of Bronte School board of trustees; Supt. John Freeman of Norton; James L. Golson, Bronte High School principal, and B. D. Snead, tax assessor-collector for Bronte Independent School District.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag by Boy Scout Gene Glenn. The Rev. A. S. Masterson led the invocation.

Following the meeting, which lasted over two hours, those present went to the school lunchroom where refreshments of cold drinks, coffee and cookies were supplied by First National Bank of Bronte.

Only the Facts

Barbee told the audience at

the beginning of the meeting that he was interested only in presenting the facts on questions concerning the consolidation. He added that this desire for accuracy was what prompted him to have the men listed above at the speaker's table. "If I make an incorrect statement, these men seated here in front of you are the most knowledgeable we have to correct it," he said. "All our school board members and our tax assessor collector, Mr. Snead, are familiar with the information you are about to hear," he added.

Also present for the meeting was D. K. Glenn, chairman of the Coke County board of trustees. He stated that the Coke County board had been polled and its members are agreeable to recommendations made by the Bronte board in regard to student transfers, detachment of certain areas for annexation to other districts, and other matters which require approval of the county

school board.

The complete text of Superintendent Barbee's introductory remarks and 31 questions and their answers are being run on another page of this newspaper. The information contained in the answers, Barbee said, can be backed up by school records, tax records, state school laws, and other sources which are public records and available for anyone to check.

After Barbee concluded reading of these 31 questions and answers, he invited anyone in the audience to ask any question or make any comment regarding consolidation. Some 30 minutes was used in this discussion period.

Mayor Royce Lee pointed out that the law provides that all taxable property in a district which is received into another district must be equalized as soon as possible with the property in the receiving district. His point
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MISS REES NAMED TO TEXAS TECH DEAN'S LIST

Lubbock — A graduate of Bronte High School has made the Dean's List at Texas Tech College, Lubbock, for the Spring semester.

Marla Rees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rees of Bronte, was included when the announcement was made June 20 by George Heather, Dean of the School of Business Administration.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be carrying a minimum of 12 hours and make at least a 3 point average out of a possible 4 points.

Miss Rees is a senior business major at Tech and has been attending summer school this summer.

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AUSTIN, Tex. — With his veto power Gov. John Connally has the last word on the free-spending works of the special legislative session.

He has until July 23 to exercise this privilege. Speculation is high that he will strike from the 1969 budget several million dollars worth of items and a number of controversial riders.

Lawmakers wrote into the appropriations bill several things which Connally already had publicly disapproved of in previous veto messages.

There is speculation that he may knock out of the appropriations bill as much as \$10 million worth of spending that has been programmed by the Legislature — much of it in conference committee.

Connally also is being urged to veto appropriation riders restricting the Air Control Board from using state funds to investigate pollution caused by cotton gins. He probably will do so, since he axed the same provisions last year.

Another rider likely to feel Connally's hatchet would deny salary funds to any state employee who took a leave of absence to work in a political campaign. This proviso wasn't in either House or Senate bill originally. How it showed up in the conference committee report is a mystery of the special session.

Some legislators contend that the governor cannot veto riders. But Connally has done it effectively in the past, and nobody has yet to challenge his authority in court. It's a good bet he plans to do it again.

LCB OFFICIAL TO RETIRE — Aubrey R. Cartledge, chief of the Liquor Control Board's enforcement division and target of criticism in Attorney General Crawford Martin's report on that Board, plans to retire. He's a 33-year veteran of the board.

Cartledge is expected to ask the Board, later this month, to let him retire August 31, two weeks after he reaches 65 years of age.

In Martin's investigative report, he claimed that Cartledge "failed to demonstrate any supervisory control over agents," and added, "It is our feeling that as long as he remains chief of the enforcement division this situation is not likely to show improvement."

DWI TEST LAW STILL NEEDED — Up to the point where the bill by Rep. Don Cavness of Austin to require blood and-or breath tests for intoxication in drivers was killed by the State Senate, it was the subject of an added debate: Cavness said Texas would lose Federal highway aid if the bill failed. Some lawmakers insisted that this was not so.

Weldon Hart of Texas Good Roads Association says the Federal government has the "legal right to withhold 10 per cent of Texas' Federal highway funds" until such a bill is passed. Hart predicts that the Cavness bill will make better progress in the

1969 session.

HUNTING SEASONS SET — Texas nimrods can start making those fall hunting plans. Parks and Wildlife Commission has set the new hunting regulations.

Deer season will open on November 9 in most areas of the state. General limit is three, no more than two bucks (there are exceptions in some areas). An extended, experimental deer season was established for Nov. 9, Jan. 7 in Frio County.

Mourning Dove season starts October 1 and extends until October 30 in the north zone. Dates for the southern zone are Sept. 21-Nov. 19.

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ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 678,324.23
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	630,090.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	501,145.24
Other Securities	6,000.00
Loans and discounts	1,099,168.98
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	17,032.05
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,931,670.50

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,959,474.03
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	228,415.90
Deposits of United States Government	2,070.11
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	318,710.46
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,508,670.50
Total demand deposits	\$2,192,054.60
Total time and savings deposits	\$ 316,615.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,508,670.50

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock—total par value	\$ 50,000.00
No. shares authorized 500	
No. shares outstanding 500	
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	223,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 423,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,931,670.50

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$2,157,484.70
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	1,102,590.03

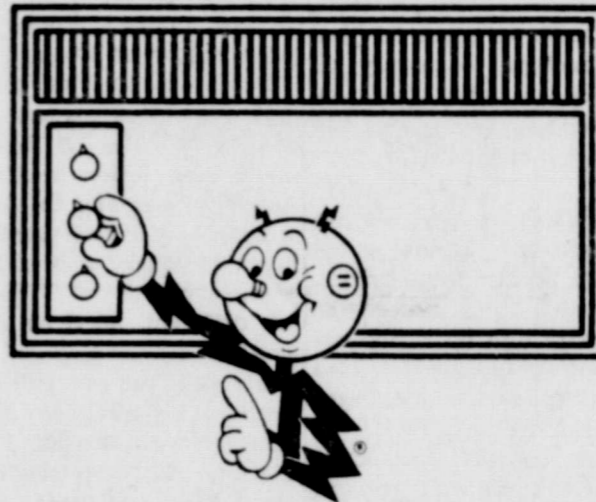
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Ballinger Wins Little League Tourney

Competition for this year's Little League players of this area ended Tuesday night when Ballinger All Stars defeated the Colorado River All Stars 1-0. The win put the Ballinger lads into the quarter-finals of the District 5LL tournament and play will continue Thursday night at Snyder.

First two games of the tournament were played in Robert Lee Monday and Tuesday nights. In the first game, Ballinger defeated Winters, 2-0, to advance to

the game with the local team. Mike Rodriguez hurled a no hitter against Winters, while teammates Randy Hutchin, Ernest Quirino and Mario Garcit all got hits which resulted in two runs.

Querino was the pitcher in the contest with the Colorado River All Stars, and allowed five hits. The only run in the game was made by Fredrick Snell. He singled in the fifth and came home on two passed balls and an error.

The Ballinger team will play Snyder All Stars Thursday night in a contest at Snyder.

Members of the Colorado River All Star team were from two teams in Robert Lee, two in Sterling City, one in Bronte and one

Mrs. Rippetoe Writes Book

Mrs. J. M. (Odessa) Rippetoe of Bangs has written a book, "While Heaven Waited," a story which unfolded here in Bronte when her daughter, Belva Karen, became ill and died of neuroblastoma, an incurable form of cancer. Many Bronte residents remember well the late 1940s and early 1950's and the child's fight for life. The book relates the story of the child's undying faith in God and the parents' struggle as they knew the child could not live.

The book is scheduled for publication next spring. Because of the high cost of publishing, Mrs. Rippetoe is advance-selling the book which will be ready for distribution immediately after publication.

The Rippetoe's now operate a pharmacy in Bangs but are former long time residents of Bronte. They owned and operated a drug store and pharmacy here for many years and established the Karen-Gayl Hospital, now Bronte Hospital, named for the two Rippetoe daughters, Belva Karen and Nona Gayl.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Tidwell Jr. family of Lamesa were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Winnie Tidwell, and with the James Arnold Tidwell family.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Halamicsek and John, accompanied by their mothers, Mrs. Jim Patton and Mrs. W. A. Halamicsek, both of San Angelo, spent the weekend in San Antonio and attended the HemisFair '68.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Collins and Janie of Kerens spent the weekend here in the E. G. Collins and Elmer Hurley home. Janie, a recent graduate of Kerens high school, is attending Navarro Junior College at Corsicana.

E. C. Seay returned last week after a trip to Dublin, May, Sidney, Comanche, DeLeon, Stephenville and Gustine where he visited old friends and his sister, Mrs. Cora Carlile in De Leon.

Sherry Robbins of Kermit has visited the past two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robbins. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Robbins came for her and spent the weekend in the Robbins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Broussard and Roy of Mineral Wells stopped in Bronte briefly Tuesday to visit friends. They were enroute to San Angelo to visit her parents. Broussard is employed by Bell Telephone Co. there.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Keeping Cool

Keep cool this summer with these suggestions.

Vary the work schedule during the summer. Since more energy is used while working in the heat of the day, plan some housework for early morning hours or at night. Keep housework to a minimum.

If part of your home is air conditioned, plan to use that room for as much of your work as you can.

Mealtime can be cool time if you cook when it's cool and put the food in the freezer or refrigerator and reheat at mealtime. Top-of-the-range meals along with fruit and pudding desserts will save baking and eliminate oven heat.

Paper plates at some meals save on dishwashing, too.

Cooking outdoors eliminates heat. Meals served in the backyard or on a porch gets away from kitchen heat.

Diet changes are not necessary in summer, but a person needs fewer calories than in winter. Many people prefer dishes such as salads, cold cuts, cold soups, and frozen desserts in the summer.

More liquids are needed to replace fluids lost through perspiration, especially after exercising.

Wearing cool colors, such as blues and greens, gives an illusion of coolness. Lighter colors, especially white, reflect light and actually can be cooler.

Loose-fitting clothing made from porous fabrics, such as knits and woven material, are cool. Cotton and linen, which are absorbent, and freshly laundered clothing also are cool.

They suggest wearing less jewelry as the temperature climbs. Heavy chokers and necklaces look and feel hot. Lightweight, enamel jewelry gives summer dresses a lift.

Exhaust fans in kitchens, bathrooms or other rooms where heat or water vapor builds up are helpful. Attic fans keep roof heat from affecting upstairs bedrooms and they cool during the night.

When a house has cooled during the night, it can be kept cool longer by closing the windows and pulling the shades in the early morning. A well insulated house will remain cool until evening when it can be opened up again.

Air conditioning, of course, can keep a house comfortable in spite of high temperature and humidity. Air conditioners filters need to be cleaned regularly to increase cooling efficiency.

When traveling a short trip in the car, sticky plastic seats can be uncomfortable. An easy, inexpensive cure for this stickiness is to spread a large beach towel across the seat. Another more expensive remedy is the use of cushions on the seats to allow air

circulation between you and the seat.

In an air conditioned car, leave the windows open part way for the first few minutes after the air conditioner is started. This blows the hot air out and makes cooling more rapid.

New Trends in Wall Finishes

The trend in walls inside and out is low-maintenance.

More vinyls and plastic coated wallpapers are appearing on the market with tough finishes that can easily be scrubbed with soap and water.

New wood paneling is easy to clean and some is sturdy enough to withstand hot grease, alcohol, and repeated exposure to water.

Paint falls in the easy-care category, too. The water-based types, for both interior and exterior use are quick and easy to apply and scrubable. Brushes and rollers used to apply water-based paints wash clean in water.

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4-H Dress Revue and Tea Scheduled For Thursday in Robert Lee Rec Hall

Annual Coke County 4-H Dress Revue and Tea will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 18 (today) in the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. The public is invited to attend.

Participating in the clothing program have been 25 4-H club girls. The program has consisted of constructing at least one garment and instruction on buying, grooming, posture, care of clothes and accessories.

Judging will be done earlier

HERE'S BLACKWELL

By Mrs. Rockety Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Mathie Romine were hosts for a farewell party Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker. About 75 were present for the party in the Romine's Oak Creek Lake cabin. Mr. Parker, grandson of Lee Gaston, will leave soon for service in Vietnam.

Square Henson of Midland visited Sunday with his grand mother, Mrs. M. L. Maples.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Oden of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oden and family and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Jordan. Other visitors in the Oden home were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oden and son of Levelland.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Irvin Hanna, Barry and John Jr. were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper of Matador; her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shacklatt of Whitesboro; and Mr. Hanna's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Hanna of Fort Stockton.

Mrs. M. M. Walters and Carla have been visiting in Burns, Oregon with their son and brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hambrick and Burley. While there they attended a rodeo in Silver Lake, Oregon and also visited in Boise, Idaho. Visitors for the weekend in the Walters home were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hamilton and David and Steve Walker of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Waggoner, Jerry, Mike and Allen of Garland and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hipp, Barry, Jettie, Tammy and Debbie of Midland visited over the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mmes. Josie Hipp and Jettie Tubb.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chew visited in Abilene Saturday with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Chew and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shoupe and children. Glenn Shoupe returned home with them for a visit.

George Russell and Austin Jordan are patients in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Lela Ainsworth of Snyder spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ware.

Thursday and ribbons will be awarded all participants during the Revue. Winner in both the senior and junior division will participate in the District VII Dress Revue in San Angelo Aug. 15.

4-H members expected to model garments Thursday in the Revue are Peppy Boykin, LaDonna Scott, Audrey Walker, Rhonda Askins, Sheri Pitcock, Rebecca Walker, Linda Blair, Connie Blaylock, Sharon Walker, Ofelia Minjarez, Lupe Flores, Mary Elaine Lackey, Darlene Brice, Sue Lindsey, Lesa Lindsey, Karen Blair, Kay Brice, Jeania Tinkler, LaNell Flowers, Mary Jane Zuniga, Rosa Sanchez, Martha Gonzales, Kelly Lawhon, Lucia Garza, and Rosa Sanchez.

HISTORICAL MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18

The Coke County Historical Association is calling a meeting for Thursday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Coke County Court house.

Members will discuss moving of the Saul Ranch House and other matters.

Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting, according to Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, local chairman.

Bible School Set By First Baptist

Service in Spanish

A special service in Spanish will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and a special invitation is given to Spanish speaking residents of the area.

Youth Rally

A youth rally will be held at First Baptist Church in Winters at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. A film, "Fast Way Nowhere" will be shown, followed by a fellowship period.

Vacation Bible School

A Vacation Bible School is scheduled for First Baptist Church July 21-31. Sunday will be preparation day for the school with a meeting of workers scheduled for 2-4 p.m.

Classes will be held each day from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for all ages from nursery to the junior department. Intermediate and young people will have their classes each day from 7 to 9 p.m.

Associational Meeting

Runnels Baptist Association will hold a workers conference Monday at Third Avenue Baptist Church in Ballinger. WMU and board meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m., supper will follow at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:15.

Debbie and Bobby Caulder, children of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Caulder of Nederland, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Caulder at Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker at Robert Lee.

FRIDAY IS "WORK NIGHT" FOR LOCAL MASONS

A "work night" at the old depot building has been set for Friday night by the local Masonic Lodge 962. The building is being remodeled and readied for occupancy by the Lodge by Aug. 1. The Masons have an indefinite lease with Santa Fe Railway for use of the building.

Eastern Star Chapter 1048 of Bronte will furnish sandwiches, home made ice cream and cake for the workers and their wives. Mrs. Olive Keeney is Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star chapter. Work will begin about 5 p.m. for those who can come that early, with the refreshments to be served about 7 p.m.

Keith Noe Resigns Teaching Position

Keith D. Noe has resigned as science teacher in Bronte School, it was announced this week by Supt. C. B. Barbee. Noe had taught here only one year, and has accepted a science teaching position in the Purcell (Okla.) School, and will enroll in night school to work toward a MS degree at the University of Oklahoma.

A letter from Noe received this week by The Enterprise stated his regret at leaving the Bronte School and said it was "a most painful decision to leave."

He cited the fact that had he remained in Bronte he would have been forced to take summer courses in American history and Texas State Constitution, required for all Texas teachers.

"These two courses would have cost me better than \$300, thus nullifying the raise that I received for this coming year," he said.

He added, "Please convey my love and affection for the people and youth of Bronte."

RUMMAGE SALE SET

Bronte Eastern Star Chapter is planning a rummage sale for July 27 at the old Santa Fe depot, which is being converted into a Masconic Lodge and Eastern Star Hall.

Worthy Matron Mrs. Olive Keeney asked everyone to save articles no longer needed for the sale. She also requested that everyone bring the items to her home, or call a member of the Eastern Star who will pick them up.

Charles Masterson left Sunday for the second term of summer school at the Texas A&M Adjunct at Junction. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Austin Masterson and plans to enroll as a freshman student at A&M University at College Station this fall. His father took him to Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baugh of Stanton are spending a few days with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes. Sunday visitors in the Hughes home were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilmore of Stanton, and a grandson, Mike Payne of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baugh of Big Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennings and their grandson, Doug Jennings, of Realto, Calif.

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Baker Family Has Annual Reunion

The annual Baker family reunion was held last Saturday and Sunday. A barbecue dinner was served Sunday at the site, under large live oak trees near a spring, on the W. T. Baker home place. Both Louis and Roy Baker live on the place.

The seven living children of the family were all present and included: Jim Baker and his wife, Tulsa, Okla.; Louis and Roy Baker, and their wives, Tennyson; Mrs. Albert (Maggie) Davis and Mr. Davis; Guy Baker and his wife and Beatrice Baker, all of San Angelo; and Mrs. Bessie Brunson, Midland.

Three members of the late Mrs. Baker's family were present, and were Will T. Burton and his wife, Compton, Calif.; Bev Burton and Mrs. Bessie Hambrick of Kopperl.

Other family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker, Jr. and Jimmie, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Fannin and Tracy, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. John Mc. Kee Wesley, Karen, Ricky, Ronda and Dennis, Houston; Richard T. Baker, Margie, Cindy and Cheryl, John Cockburn, Will Lenoir, Dean McLemore, Louisiana; Mrs. E. J. Tucker, Laura and Mary Jane, Blackwell; J. G., Brady and Glenda Mills, Bronte.

Coming from San Angelo were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Baker and Lee, Mrs. Bessie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leifeste, Dian and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cowley, Charles, Bobby, Rickey and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Baker, Brandon, Bev and Denna, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hulsey, Mr. and Mrs. David Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yancy, Wayne, Lou Ann and Sidney, Mrs. Ara Kunkel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward, David and Bubba, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Courtain and Mary Helen, Mrs. Tracy Ballard, Christine and Pat Lorri-more, Becky Jones, and Andy Warren.

Also Clyde Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hibbitt, Christoval; Mr. and Mrs. Boone Rainey, Goldthwaite; Mrs. Julia Holley, Hank, Rob and David, Denver Colo.; Vara Mims, Abilene; Mrs. H. F. Whitt, W. M. Homesley, Mrs. D. W. Kelly and Jackie Kelley, Miles.

Local neighbors and friends of the family calling included Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Graves Jr. and Roger and Jerry, Sam Gaston, Wayne Hegwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Lamberth, Cindy, Lori and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sonnenberg, Bruce and Otto, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Tischler, Billy and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cason, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, Vidette and Valeta.

Last Rites Held George W. Cope, 70

Funeral services for George W. Cope, 70, were held last Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Norton Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Farmer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in San Angelo, officiated. Burial was in Norton Cemetery.

Mr. Cope suddenly became ill at home Wednesday and was taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Cope had lived in Norton since 1915 until he retired in 1963 and moved to San Angelo. He was born April 11, 1898 in Sterling County and was married to Della Harding in April 1929 at Norton. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Dean Stephenson of Midkiff; two sons, Wendell Cope of San Angelo and Bill Cope of Midland; three brothers, R. T. and M. M. Cope of Norton and U. J. Cope of Miles; and eight grandchildren.

BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS

By Mrs. Herbert Holland

The community received from .2 to .5 inch of rain. A good rain is needed.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Lee were Jimmy Lee, Kyle and Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coates, of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brasher and Johnny of San Angelo visited them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Balkum and Janice attended the Cothran reunion in Ballinger Sunday. About 40 were present. Jesse Williams of Denver, Colo. visited the Balkums last week. Janice Balkum is home from Texas Tech, Lubbock, after attending summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caudle and children of Bronte were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle. The Caudles visited in San Angelo Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oates.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Flanagan and girls of Tyler visited her parents, the Charlie Browns, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melvin Brown and children spent the weekend in Canadian, where they attended a golden wedding celebration for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Less Carlton attended the Coleman rodeo last week.

Visiting Mrs. Barbara Lee and family Monday was J. P. White of Dumas. Also visiting Mrs. Lee last week was Mrs. Muriel Taylor of Happy, who also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Inmon, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner. She is a niece of Mrs. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Haygood of Mareta, Ga., have spent ten days with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sikes. Mrs. Sikes is taking a series of rabies shots, after being bitten by a rat, presumed to be rabid.

Tony Holland stepped on a big

rattle snake Sunday while walking in the pasture. He escaped being bitten.

Mrs. Herman Miller returned last week from San Angelo where she had received medical treatment.

Susan Herrin is visiting Marguerite Sellars in Altus, Okla. Brenda Herrin returned Sunday after attending the Baptist Encampment at Glorieta, N. M.

Sammy Morgan of Houston is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ethel Morgan.

Mrs. Kate Slaughter spent the weekend in Bronte with Mrs. Less Webb. Visiting Mrs. Slaughter Friday were Mrs. Lillian Carlton, Mrs. Ivan Slaughter and Johnny and Mrs. Ardell Richards, all of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Emory, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of San Angelo, Mrs. Bert Hester of Miles and Kem Iski of Garland visited the Herbert Hollands Wednesday.

Mrs. Vernie Smith spent Wednesday in San Angelo with Joe Ray Lummus, Mrs. Bertha Boner and Mrs. Azell Yoes. The Smiths visited Sunday in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Yoes.

Weekend guests in the J. A. Gaddy home were Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and girls of San Angelo, Mrs. Ray Collins of Ballinger, Mrs. Betty Grooms and girls of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Burris and Rev. M. D. Durham of Dimmitt.

Sallye Harris of Texas Tech, Lubbock spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Edna Harris, who returned to Lubbock with her Sunday. Sallye lacks five weeks of practice teaching.

Mrs. Cecil Patton and Mrs. Jim Hambright entertained Sunday night after church the visiting ministers, Rev. M. D. Durham of Dimmitt and Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Burris of Dimmitt. Ice cream and cake were served. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roper and Messrs. Patton and Hambright. The revival meeting at Norton Baptist church closed Sunday night.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Friends here have received announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Sherry Chyral Adami to Ricky Joe Whatley.

The wedding will be Saturday, July 27, at First Methodist Church in Cisco.

Miss Adami is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Adami. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. (Buddy) Whatley of Cisco, former long time residents of Bronte.

Mrs. James Saylor received word Saturday of the critical illness of her mother in New Orleans, La. She left Bronte Tuesday en route to New Orleans.

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Persons interested in serving with the Peace Corps should fill out an application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Applications are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C. 20525.

Thousands of volunteers are currently serving in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Peace Corps programs which will begin this fall utilize people with education, agriculture, health and community action backgrounds, to work with the people of emerging nations in self-help projects. Volunteers with technical skills need not have college degrees to qualify for Peace Corps service.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rees and Marla went to San Antonio last weekend. They spent Thursday night with relatives at Kerrville then went on to San Antonio Friday where they visited Mrs. D. C. Petty and visited the HemisFair. They returned Sunday and Marla went on to Lubbock where she has employment for the rest of the summer.

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The Bronte Enterprise

Bronte, Norton Residents Discuss Consolidation

Below is the text of introductory remarks made by Supt. C. B. Barbee at last Saturday night's meeting of Bronte and Norton School patrons. The meeting was held to discuss the July 27 Consolidation election.

The meeting is being recorded on a tape recorder so that accuracy can become a matter of record. Upon the assurance that the tapes will not be altered or damaged and that they will be properly returned, they will be loaned to those who request the use of them. You are privileged to use your own recorder or any other device you prefer in preserving the business of the meeting.

It is good that as many of you as who are in attendance have interrupted your busy schedule to let your interest be known in the educational welfare of children. As always, it is disappointing to note that there are others who should be here to share in this

pertinent information.

In most cases consolidation has never been an easy thing. It has happened to a great number of school districts in our big state, and all of this did not happen just a long time ago. About a half-century ago there was a total of 8599 school districts in our state of which 8053 were common school districts. The number of districts was reduced in 1948-49 to 4474, and today there are only 1326 school districts. On the basis of the foregoing report, referring to the reduction in the number of districts, it has been predicted that the next ten years will see the disappearance of the remaining 368 common school districts in Texas. Eight counties

of our 254 are educating one-half of our school children.

Consolidation is a democratic process permissible by law whereby one, by exercising his right to vote, can have a direct say in what happens to his school and in which school district the school children of his generation and the generation to come can be educated. It has been pointed out accurately that annexation is, by law, a function of a County Board of Trustees. When a number of the residents of the Norton Rural High School District sought assistance in filing a petition calling for the consolidation election of the Norton and Bronte districts, that assistance was agreeably given by officials of the Bronte School District. Assistance was given because those officials in Bronte who are in a position to make a decision believe that under the circumstances that exist that students who want to attend the Winters School, those who want to attend the Ballinger School, and those who want to attend the Bronte School should be permitted to do so. The petitioners had no assurance that their wishes would be granted. Too, there are certain legal restrictions that would not permit even a County Board to act in what it would consider to be the best interest of a group of people. It is believed by the Bronte people that a high school student who has

had the unfortunate loss of his building should not be handicapped in losing his eligibility in U.I.L. events. It is also believed that a school district who transports its students to a school district should be properly reimbursed for these services. We shall present a suggestion later in the meeting, a solution to the fulfillment of the wishes of ALL the residents of the Norton district.

Money has not been a factor in the desire to assist the parents of the Norton school community. Only last Tuesday was it officially known that there will be no incentive aid money coming to Bronte if the consolidation election is favorably voted.

Questions & Answers

Below are 31 questions and answers which were discussed at the meeting.

In an effort to provide as much information as possible in one short meeting, I shall present some of the questions that have been asked and answer them according to information received. A sincere attempt has been made to get adequate information and to share it so that you will have a proper basis for making a decision. Some questions may be of more interest to some of you than are some of the other questions. All are considered to be important; and there will be other questions that should be asked, and if the answers to them are not available tonight, every effort will be made to get the correct answer. Here are some of the questions:

1. When does the consolidation election carry or fail?

To carry the consolidation election there must be a simple majority vote in each of the two districts.

2. What is the contest period for a consolidation election?

The consolidation election must be contested within thirty (30) days from the day the returns are canvassed.

3. How often can a consolidation election be voted?

If the Bronte-Norton consolidation election fails, it cannot be voted again for one year.

4. Is a bond assumption election required if the consolidation election carries?

No. School Law, Article VII, Section 3b, as amended November 8, 1966, incorporates into the consolidation agreement that provision which was previously contained in the bond assumption provisions.

5. What school properties are transferable in a consolidation election?

All school properties are transferable when the election carries.

6. Will any of the existing Norton facilities be made available for Norton community use?

Yes. Through an agreement, some of the remaining buildings can be sold, leased, and/or loaned to the community as community buildings, civic centers, meeting places for various organizations, and similar uses.

7. Will a six-grade school be maintained at Norton?

The answer has to be an indefinite one. The same standard will be applied there as is applied here. Mainly, the question "Is it

quality education?" must be answered. In other words, if the facilities, the number of pupils, the qualifications of the teachers, and the other aspects of the program comparable to that which students in grades 1-6 would be receiving in Bronte, the answer would be "yes." If it were determined that the students could not receive a similar education, the answer would likely be "no." Also, if a six-grade system were established there, the length of its existence would again be determined by the above mentioned criterion.

8. Will the Bronte School District honor the contracts of the professional personnel of the Norton district?

Yes. The law requires that the receiving district honor the contracts. In addition to the professional contracts, the Bronte School District would like to employ a busdriver, maintenance man now employed by the Norton District, and one of the lunch-room workers.

9. Who would be the governing board of the new district?

The board of the independent school district would be the governing board according to Article 2806B, which became effective August 30, 1965. At the next regular election the first Saturday in April, namely April 5, 1969, seven trustees would be elected district-wide. The seven who are elected will draw for terms. Those drawing numbers 1, 2, 3 will serve a one-year term; those drawing numbers 4 and 5 will serve a two-year term; and those drawing 7 and 8 will serve three-year terms.

10. Is it possible for members of the Norton Board to become members of the new board prior to April 5?

Yes. The Bronte Board has agreed to the resigning of two of its members so that two members of the Norton Board can be appointed to the new Board. The two appointed will be the two names submitted by the present Norton Board. Proportionate representation was arrived at by area represented — Bronte, 314 square miles; Norton, 107 square miles.

11. Can a Board member be elected by place?

Yes. When a candidate runs for a place, he is running against a trustee now holding office or a candidate for office, and ballots

will be cast district-wide.

12. Can a trustee be elected from a geographical area?

No. The law does not provide for one being elected from a geographical or designated area.

13. If the July 27 consolidation election carries, when can taxable property of the Norton District be placed on the tax rolls of the Bronte District?

Taxable properties of one district may be transferred to the tax roll of another district anytime prior to the setting of the tax rate for the coming year and within the time limit needed for such transfer. When new properties are placed on the tax roll, they will be equalized with existing properties.

14. What is the tax rate for the Bronte School District for 1968-69?

The tax rate is \$1.76. A \$1.50 shall be used for the purpose of a maintenance tax and 26c shall be used for the retiring of bonded indebtedness.

15. What is the 1968-69 valuation of the Bronte District?

\$10,625,000. This is a continuous increase from \$6,995,000 in 1963. From the period 1963-67 local valuations on real estate and personal properties increased a half-million dollars which was due mainly to the building of some 42 new homes. This also accounts for some of the increase in the last two years of 88 pupils in the enrollment.

16. What are the land values of the Bronte District?

There are only two classes of land on the tax roll, grassland and cultivated land. The grassland is on the tax roll from \$4 to \$7.50 an acre. There are a few, 4 or 5, small tracts of land with fine homes on them that are on the rolls for \$20 to \$24 an acre. The dwellings in the town are valued at about 25% of their cost. Three at random surveys show average acreage value on tax roll to be \$7.90, Mr. Snead said.

17. Are your tax records available that a survey might be made and, or, that certain tracts can be figured?

Yes. Any and all properties are a matter of record, and interested parties are encouraged to check the records. Many acreages adjacent to the Norton District are figured already.

18. Will taxes be increased year after next?

Who knows? People more in-

telligent than the superintendent of schools or board members do not have an answer to this probing question. Based on past records, the school district will be asked to provide whatever funds are needed to give the students of the district an adequate education.

19. If consolidation carries, will the Bronte District be agreeable to granting transfers to other adjacent districts?

Yes. This is one of the services that the Bronte District feels should be rendered to students and to parents in the Norton District.

20. If consolidation carries, is the Bronte District agreeable to the detaching of certain territories to be annexed to adjacent districts?

Yes. Again it is believed that the wishes and desires of students and parents can best be realized by permitting them to be annexed to the district of their choice. This must be done according to the procedure of law (Article 2742F), the agreeableness of the people within the designated area, and the consent of the adjacent district to assume its share of the financial responsibility in honoring contracts as outlined above in question 8.

21. Can a student be transferred to another district that is not contiguous?

No. Article 2697.

22. Will the students in the Norton District be eligible for U.I.L. participation in all adjacent districts?

This is questionable since both affirmative and negative answers have been received and must be further developed. However each student would be eligible if his territory were annexed.

23. Are all adjacent districts to come into the Norton District for the purpose of transporting pupils?

No. Even if the County Board approves transfer of pupils it also has to designate a receiving district and only this district would have approval for a bus route.

24. While Norton is in an undecided status, are school officials of the adjacent district eligible to inform students of the Norton District the contents of their programs according to U.I.L. rules?

Yes. This is not considered recruiting.

25. Where will the voter vote? The voter will vote at the box

of the school district in which he resides. County lines, precinct boundaries, and other distinctions that apply in other instances are not applicable here.

26. Who can vote?

Anyone who is a resident whose name appears on the registered voters list is eligible to vote.

27. Under the circumstances what considerations will be extended to the Norton students in the academic field?

Where good teaching is involved in a well administered program, each circumstance related to the child is taken into consideration.

28. Will a Norton student be guaranteed a position on the starting lineup of one of the athletic teams?

The merit system is applied in determining what students shall make the starting lineups on all athletic teams.

29. Will equal opportunity and consideration be given to a Norton student as he relates to the program?

Yes. Under a consolidation or an annexation program the Norton student would no longer be a Norton student and all Bronte students are placed on the merit system.

30. Will the Coke County Board of Trustees honor any request of the Bronte Trustees to detach and annex certain territories?

The chairman of the Coke County Board has issued a statement, will issue a statement, will sign a statement and will go on record saying that the Coke County Board will honor any and all requests by the Bronte Board.

31. What is the accreditation status of the Bronte District?

There is on file a report carrying the signature of the Director of the Division of Accreditation of T. E. A. outlining the very few deficiencies of the Bronte School and recommending that it continue as a fully accredited 12-grade system. Mr. Ken Clover, the director, will issue additional statements if needed. Whether consolidation carries or fails does not change the accreditation status of the Bronte School. At the rate of growth of the past few years, Bronte will likely become a Class A District School within two years.

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J. B. ARROTT TO MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arrott and family will soon be moving to Ballinger. Arrott has received a promotion in his work with the Texas Highway Department and will be maintenance foreman at Ballinger, beginning August 1.

MRS. PARKER HOSTESS FOR BRONTE HD CLUB

Mrs. Truman Parker was hostess for the Bronte H.D. Club last Wednesday. Mrs. C. E. Arrott presided. Mrs. Charles Ragsdale was hostess for the program on "Being Neighborly" and was assisted by Mrs. Henry Rogers. A refreshment plate was served to ten members and one guest, Ida Le Parker. Ladies present were Mes. Ray Coalson, Myrtle Smith, O. R. McQueen, Ertell, Herbert Holland, J. C. Boatright, Ragsdale, Rogers and Parker. Mrs. Ragsdale will be hostess for the next meeting July 24.

SILVER HOMECOMING TO BE SUNDAY, JULY 28

The annual homecoming event for the Silver community is set this year for Sunday, July 28, in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited and urged to make plans to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boyer of New Orleans, La. are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henry. Boyer is stationed in New Orleans with the Navy and is on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragsdale spent the weekend in Fort Stockton with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ragsdale.

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His taxes in Ballinger district would be \$207.33; subtracting \$56.56 leaves a savings of \$150.77.

Our calculations for the Winters District show he would pay \$247.59; subtracting \$56.56 leaves a saving of \$191.03.

Of course all the figures cited above are based on use of the arbitrary figure of \$33,280 as the actual value of the 240 acres, and this might vary somewhat in the Ballinger and Winters districts. However, we do feel that this comparison is probably as realistic as can be found.

Another point on which there has been some question is eligibility of Norton students for participation in U. I. L. events. Supt. C. B. Barbee tells us that if Norton consolidates with Bronte, the students who come here to school positively will be eligible immediately to participate in all

We were also advised by the superintendent that if the consolidation election carries, and the tax rate for Norton School District has not been set, it may be possible to get Norton District values in line with Bronte values for the 1968 tax year.

However, this would depend largely on being able to secure and transcribe tax information from the Norton tax records to the Bronte tax records in time to get out statements by the Oct. 1 deadline. It would largely be a matter of being able to get the necessary clerical work within the time limit involved.

We sincerely hope the above information will be of interest to citizens of the Norton area, for it is most pertinent to the questions you must surely have in mind before you decide how you will vote.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Berry Jr. and Johnny and a friend from Scottsdale, Ariz., were visiting Coke County friends Thursday and Friday. The Berrys are former residents of Bronte and Tenynson.

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in making this comment was to indicate that Norton property owners would enjoy a school tax decrease possibly on their 1968 taxes and certainly on their 1969 school taxes.

It was also pointed out that Texas school laws require equalization of property values as soon as possible, and the Bronte School board has agreed to expedite the matter as quickly as is physically possible.

E. F. Glenn, executive vice president of First National Bank, made one of the last comments of the session when he said, "I don't see any use beating around the bush about this matter, so I want to say that we want the Norton District to consolidate with Bronte. We will welcome you and I urge all of you to vote for consolidation."

CHEERLEADERS WASH CARS

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