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"Ben Hur"—Great Picture

On Thursday and Friday nights of last week we had "Ben Hur" at the Robert Lee Theatre under the auspices of the school. It was a great picture and merited a larger patronage than were present. The total receipts for both nights were \$108.25, expenses paid to Mr. Puett \$48.50, leaving a net balance of \$64.75. This has been used to pay the balance on the school mimeograph and the remainder applied to payment on library books bought this year. A statement of these expenditures together with the amounts received from the magician show and tag campaign last fall may be seen at W. B. Clift's.

We want here and now to express our appreciation of the theatre people in giving their time and equipment free to this cause. If we were all as willing as they to go out of our way to help put Robert Lee school on its feet, we would soon be getting somewhere. We hope our people will show their appreciation by giving Mr. Puett a good crowd the next time he puts on a special program. He sure deserves as much.

We wish to thank, also, every one who assisted the program with music. Only those who saw the picture can know just how much was added to the scenes by proper music at the right time. While every one who aided cannot be mentioned by name, we wish especially to mention Mr. Humphreys, who, though not living here or in any way connected with the school, yet gave two nights of his time to add to the effectiveness of the program with lovely violin music.

B. M. Gramling.

Death Claims Baby

The death angel came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley in Valley View community last Friday, March 1st, and took away their 14-month-old baby, Hardy Ray.

The little fellow had not been doing so well lately when he took the measles which terminated in his death.

The Rev. J. A. Corder of Robert Lee preached the funeral and the precious little body was laid to rest in the Valley View cemetery Saturday.

This little life just budded here—
"Twill bloom in God's garden over there

In that fair land of endless day
Where Death can never take away.

No sin had marred its face and form;
It had not faced Temptation's storm.

But sweet and innocent it passed
To that land untouched by sorrow's blast.

Look up, ye sorrowing ones and know

That in a little while you'll go
To join your baby Overthere

In that heav'nly home so bright
and fair.

They Like the Paper

Below is a copy of two letters we recently received and, because we appreciate such letters, we are reproducing them. We do not always print letters of such character but these two struck a peculiarly responsive chord in our heart:

"San Antonio, Texas,
February 12, 1929.

"Mr. A. W. Puett,
Robert Lee, Coke County,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Puett:

I have just been looking through a copy of "The Observer" dated Friday, February 8th, and cannot resist the temptation to write and congratulate you on your paper.

"The first thing we look for in a newspaper are the ads of the dry goods merchants. They are bountifully represented in yours. In addition there are a goodly number of other advertisements which indicate to us that you are running a live newspaper and are going out after business.

"If you should be in San Antonio at any time, we would enjoy meeting you. In the meantime—congratulations again!

Cordially yours,
M. HALF & BRO.
Harry A. Half."

"Norton, Texas,
February 15, 1929.

Mr. A. W. Puett,
Robert Lee,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Puett:

"Enclosed find \$1.50 for which please send the Observer one year to H. A. Hayley, Lufkin, Texas.

"You are getting out a good, newsy paper, and I shall always have a tender place in my heart for the Observer; for I was "the devil" helping to put it out thirty years ago and spent many happy days there.

"My own subscription is paid for another year.

"Best Wishes.
Mrs. W. L. Hayley."

City Council Meets

The city council met here Monday night in regular session and passed a few ordinances two of which are published in this issue of the Observer.

In April an election will be held for the purpose of electing a mayor and two aldermen as required by law for the first year of incorporation. After that, an election will be held every two years.

Baylor Band to Play

Hear Baylor University band of forty-two members on its All State Tour Program to be rendered at the Goodfellows Bible Class, 9:45 Sunday morning, First Baptist Church, San Angelo. Members of the band will have charge the full hour. Good music which you will enjoy—all are invited. Come. Prof. McCracken in charge. Goodfellows Bible Class.

An Ordinance

Requiring all able-bodied male inhabitants of the City of Robert Lee between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years, except ministers of the gospel actively engaged in the discharge of their duties, to work on the streets and public alleys thereof and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Robert Lee:

Sec. 1. That all able-bodied male inhabitants residing within the corporate limits of the City of Robert Lee, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years, except ministers of the gospel actively engaged in the discharge of their duties, shall be liable to work on the streets and public alleys thereof, not to exceed five days in any one year, or furnish a substitute, or pay a sum of money not to exceed \$1.00 for each day's work demanded, provided, however, that any person liable for such duty may relieve himself of such liability by the payment to the tax collector of said City of Robert Lee, the sum of \$3.00, such payment to be made on or before the first day of April of the year for which such liability exists, and the tax collector of said City of Robert Lee is hereby authorized to issue him a receipt therefor.

Sec. 2. The board of commissioners of the City of Robert Lee may cause all persons liable to work on the streets and public alleys thereof, to be called out to such work in detail or in whole force as may be deemed best for the better improvement of said City of Robert Lee, and may appoint a suitable person for the purpose of summoning all persons so liable to such duty, and fully authorize him to summon all persons so liable, to perform such labor.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed to give three days' previous notice by summons in person or by writing to each person so liable, of the time and place, when and where, such person is required to appear and work on such streets and alleys. If the summons be in writing it may be served by leaving the same at the usual place of abode of the person summoned with some person residing at such place who is not less than ten years of age, or if no person ten years of age or over can be found at such place, the same may be served by posting such notice on the door of such place of abode.

Sec. 4. No person shall be compelled to work on the streets and public alleys of said City of Robert Lee who has not been residing within the corporate limits thereof for the space of fifteen days preceding such summons.

Sec. 5. If any person who is liable to work upon the streets and public alleys of the City of Robert Lee under the provisions of this ordinance, after being legally summoned, shall fail to attend either in person or by able and competent substitute, or fail to pay to the person so summoning him the sum of \$1.00 for each day he may have been notified to work on said streets and alleys, or having attended shall fail or refuse to perform good service, upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100.00.

6. The above and foregoing ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication as required by law.

Approved and passed this 4th day of March, A. D. 1929.

J. B. Craddock, Mayor.
J. L. Roy Knight, Com.
J. V. Dodson, Com.

Attest:
Jas. A. Corder, City Clerk.

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Bronte News Notes

BY MRS. FRANK KEENEY

Revival Closes

The revival that has been in progress at the Methodist church for two weeks with the Rev. Ed Phillips of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, doing the preaching; came to a close Monday evening when the evangelist delivered an inspirational sermon to the young people of the town and community. The Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, with their leaders, came in a body and occupied sections reserved for them. The results of the revival are felt to be far-reaching in many ways. There were several accessions to the church.

Baptist Meeting in April

The Baptist meeting will be on the seventh of April with the pastor, Rev. R. D. DeWeese, doing the preaching and Mr. Homer S. Matlock, of Seminary Hill, leading the singing and assisting in other ways. An earnest invitation is extended to everyone to be present at all services.

Boy Scouts Give Barbecue

Last Friday afternoon the Camp Fire Girls were special guests of the Boy Scouts at a barbecue at the Mays crossing on the river. Two goats were barbecued, which, with other things that go to make a picnic lunch, furnished the main feature of the occasion. Some eight or ten of the mothers and the leaders of the two organizations were present. Games of

different kinds were enjoyed by the large number of boys and girls who went.

Little Boy Loses Eye

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gollibar, former Bronte citizens but now of Lubbock, will regret to know that their small son, C. R. Jr., suffered the loss of an eye last week as the result of running a splinter into it while playing. It was necessary to take the eyeball out, it is reported.

Bronte Locals

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Price attended the funeral of a relative at Brownwood last Thursday.

I. M. Cumbie and Floyd Bridges made a trip to several points on the plains last week.

R. N. McGuire of Abilene attended to business in Bronte Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Bell and children of San Angelo were in town Sunday.

Miss Maurice Goad of San Angelo came over Saturday to visit with homefolks.

Loyd Wynne who is attending the Abilene Christian College spent the week-end at home.

Rev. and Mrs. R. D. DeWeese were Ballinger visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. McCutchen, who has been in San Angelo for medical treatment for some time, returned last week much improved.

Pioneer Woman Dies

Mrs. Sarah John Webb, aged 66, wife of Uncle Joe Webb, died last Friday, March 1st., at her home near Edith.

She was born in Burleson county, Texas, January 18, 1863, and was married to Joe Webb January 10, 1883. To this union was born one child which died in infancy.

She, with her husband, moved to Coke county in 1887 and settled on the place where they were living at the time of her death.

Later, Mrs. Webb came to be known as "Aunt Sarah," being called by that name by all who knew her for any length of time, especially by those in her home community; for if anyone got sick in the neighborhood, back in the days when her health was good, it was "Aunt Sarah's" hands that lent assistance and helped to pull them through.

She had been a member of the Christian Church since early life, and lived a devoted christian life.

G. E. McCraw of Robert Lee preached the funeral and the body was laid to rest by the side of her baby in the Paint Creek cemetery.

An Ordinance

Making it unlawful for any person to pursue any occupation, calling or profession in the City of Robert Lee which is taxed by ordinance of said city and prescribing a penalty therefor.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Robert Lee:

Sec. 1. That hereafter any person who shall pursue or follow any occupation, calling or profession, or do any act taxed by ordinance of said city, within the territorial limits of said city, without first obtaining a license therefor, shall be fined in any sum not less than the amount of the taxes due, and not more than double that sum.

Sec. 2. The foregoing ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication as requested by law.

Approved and passed this 4th day of March, A. D. 1929.

J. B. Craddock, Mayor.
J. L. Roy Knight, Com.
J. V. Dodson, Com.

Attest:
Jas. A. Corder, City Clerk.

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A. W. PUETT Editor and Business Manager

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The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere the end of our contention.

Last Monday gave us a new president—Herbert Hoover. All good citizens, whether they voted for him or not, will wish him well and strive to help him make his administration the best ever. If you don't feel that way about it you are not a 100% American.

Comes now at this writing—Tuesday—beautiful Spring days! Birds are singing; bees are beginning to buzz around; vegetation is springing up getting ready to don its garments of green. These things are sufficient to make one pause and thank his Creator for the beauty of life, for this world, and the privilege of remaining in it. Why not?

THE LAST LAUGH

Something less than a hundred years ago the city fathers of a small town in a New England state were debating over the advisability of changing from whale oil to the newly discovered kerosene for street lamps.

The town was stirred by the controversy until finally a citizen, doubtless of the reactionary school, contributed this bit of verse:

"It would not cause us great surprise
If some presumptuous ass
Should snatch the lightning from
the skies
Or light our streets with gas."

The author has been forgotten. But he unknowingly proved himself a true prophet. What was conceived in ire and sent on its way as a bit of withering satire became an actuality, probably within the author's lifetime.

Those who are skeptical of our modern industrial age and its future may find themselves in the same position as this village wit. Progress waits for no man and has a talent for turning jokes back upon their creators.

LONELINESS

Talk about loneliness—I imagine at this hour 't would be difficult to find anyone in this world more lonely than Uncle Joe Webb of Edith as he walks alone over the acres of the old homestead where he and his deceased wife spent three-quarters of their lives together. His eyes see her no more; his

ears, ever alert to the sound of her voice, will hear that voice no more. Everything is quiet. Even in the song of the birds there is a note of sadness. Grief-stricken, solitary, aged, he must journey on.

You, who are his neighbors, be not unmindful of him in this hour of supreme grief. Visit, encourage and cheer him on his way.

The marriage license bill passed by the legislature recently requiring those who wish to get married to file application with the County Clerk three days prior to the time set for wedding, also requiring the male to furnish a health certificate, is a good law. This will give some of them a chance to sober up before they marry, eliminating the divorce evil later.

Owls Kill Skunks

Owls are said to be the only birds that will attack a skunk. They kill with their talons, seizing the odoriferous mammal by the scruff of the neck and severing the spinal cord. Animals as a general rule will attack the skunk only when starving.

Keep Piano in Tune

Piano authorities say that it is true that a piano really does deteriorate in tone if it is not tuned at least twice a year. They say it should be tuned from two to four times a year, preferably four times.

"Movies" in Education

Experiments sponsored by the National Education association and conducted by Doctor Wood of Columbia university and Doctor Freeman of the University of Chicago show that children make 38 per cent greater gains in science by learning these subjects partly through motion pictures.

Tires for the new Ford are specially made to give long wear



WHEN the new Ford was designed, it was immediately apparent that a new tire would have to be made to match the car's performance. It was distinctly a new problem, for here was a car with quicker acceleration, greater speed and more braking efficiency than any car of similar size or weight.

So that every Ford owner might be assured of maximum tire mileage at the lowest cost, the Ford Motor Company devoted many months to research and experiment in conjunction with the leading tire manufacturers.

As a result, certain definite specifications were developed for tires for the new Ford. These specify cords of certain strength and texture, a large volume of tread and side-wall rubber, sturdy non-skid design, and reinforced plies for protection against bruise breaks—all the strong features of construction formerly considered for only the largest tires.

Great care also was taken to secure the best riding qualities in connection with the transverse springs and the Houdaille shock absorbers.

Though the Ford tires are designated as 30 x 4.50, they have the resiliency and air space of much larger tires because of the drop center rim of the steel-spoke wheels.

For best results, the tires on the new Ford should be kept inflated to an air pressure of 35 pounds and checked regularly to insure this pressure all the time. This is important. Low inflation breaks down the side-walls of a tire. By causing overheating, it also destroys the rubber that acts as an insulation, with consequent separation of the cord.

At the end of each 5000 miles, when you have the front wheels packed with grease, it is a good plan to have the wheel alignment checked. This will prevent premature wear.

When punctures come, as they will with any tire, you will find the Ford dealer particularly well-equipped to make repairs quickly and at small cost. See him, too, for replacements. Then you will be sure of getting tires built specially for the Ford car according to definite Ford specifications.



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An Apology

We are sorry . . . very sorry that so many people were turned away at our style show . . . we had not anticipated such a great response and had made no arrangements for another showing . . . so it was impossible to repeat the performance the next night.

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