

THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE

WHAT GOES ON . . .

By Jane Nunnally

J. A. Percifull took in Angelo, Monday afternoon. Jess has now fixed up the back of his store a great deal, moved around show cases, changed partitions, and has it looking a lot nicer. Go in and see for yourself.

R. E. Hickman was in Angelo, Monday, too, but didn't get caught in the rain.

Noel Percifull had a birthday last Sunday, December 8, and to properly celebrate the occasion, his wife had a party, including the Frank Sayners, Gerald Proctors, R. T. Caperton's and Jerry Bell as guests.

Mrs. H. A. Springer was home Sunday on a visit.

Barney Riggs of Fort Stockton, formerly, was there for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hayley of San Angelo had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sims, Sr. The Tuffy Sims were also there for the food.

Mrs. Bob Coleman left, Tuesday, for Portales, New Mexico, to visit her mother, Mrs. Steve Kennedy, who has been ill.

Tuffy Sims, Bob Coleman, and Vernon Glenn recently made a trip to Abilene.

Rev. J. A. Branaman of Lubbock, was in town during the week. He came down for the Jess Scott funeral, and stayed to preach Sunday at the Kickapoo Baptist Church. He was formerly a pastor in Bronte, staying here for 13 years, but leaving in 1934.

Glad to report that Maxine and Billy Dan Labenske are home from Washington. He's on a 21-day furlough, and will have to report back on December 30, but will be here for Christmas. He's now at the Puget Sound Naval Yard in Bremerton.

Have you noticed how many of the stores here have their Christmas decorations up? Looks mighty pretty right now.

Mmes. Mattie and Clark Glenn and Carolyn Glenn went to Angelo, Wednesday, and the Clark Glens, and Mrs. Mattie Glenn recently went to Hereford to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Glenn, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sults of Rising

Star spent Tuesday night with the Charlie Keeneys on their way to Fort Stockton to visit the J. E. Congers. Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Keeney, and Mrs. Sults are sisters.

Carlos Webb is getting along all right, according to Clarence. Seems they never write letters, so Clarence phoned Carlos the other night, who's been in New Mexico eight years, and learned he was in Albuquerque helping to select a new preacher. Seems Carlos is Sunday School superintendent, so Clarence never did get to talk to him.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Boies of Kennewick, Washington are in Bronte visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keesee. Avid readers of the Enterprise, they've kept up with Bronte and Coke County news while away, so knew just about what was going on.

Mrs. John Coalson phoned in to express her thanks to all the folks who helped out with the Union WHD Club quilt, which was won by Beverly Kay Browning last Saturday. Mrs. Coalson was especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bruton, and to the Pruitt's Store for their help, and declared the Club took in \$31.10 towards a good cause.

Last Wednesday, December 11, was Shirley Ann West's 11th birthday anniversary, so she was a very pleased and happy young lady. Many happy returns of the day, Shirley Ann.

Wondering what to get for a Christmas gift? Why not a gift subscription to the Bronte Enterprise? It comes every week for a year, reminds the person of your thoughtfulness, and we include a gift card telling the folks that they are getting the Bronte Enterprise, for a year, through your thoughtfulness. Sure, give them the Bronte Enterprise!

The Methodists had quite a hymn singing and choir practice last Wednesday night, as they get ready for the Christmas program on December 22. Don't forget the young people's party next Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the City Park.

BROOKSHIRE BROWSSINGS . . .

By Homalie Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. Red Holland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilbert of San Angelo came out Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Duffy went to Brownwood Saturday, and spent the week-end with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Hedges, Howard Glegghorn, Mr. and Mrs. Red Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boatright, Mr. and Mrs. Sparks Boatright and many more were present for the barbecue Mr. and Mrs. Yater Boatright gave at Miles Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark and girls spent the week-end in San Antonio and Corpus Christi visiting Mr. and Mrs. Y. G. Stephenson at San Antonio and Ida Ruth and Frances Clark at Corpus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris of San Angelo came out Sunday to visit W. M. Alexander and children.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Essary visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Duffy, Saturday night.

Mary Kroll and daughter of Christoval is visiting this week with the John, Clayton, and Edwin Bednars.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oates of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Foster spent the week-end in Big Spring.

The Charlie Browns, Bill Gilberts, DeLanias, and Polly Ann Sprague of Angelo were over to the Johnny Browns on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boatright of Miles visited the Alexanders over the holidays.

Dot Stephenson and Ida Modgling stayed all night with Martha Boatright, Tuesday.

Georgia Mae Nixon had Thanksgiving dinner with the Willis Smiths, and the Homer Clarks visited the Jim Clarks, Wednesday night.

Frank Keeney was in Angelo last week, and the W. H. Rogers and two children were here from Stockdale.

HOMEMAKING CLUB NEWS

By Della Gibson

The Club met December 9 and the meeting was called to order by Bobbie Tomlinson, president, and minutes of the last meeting were read by Norma Gentry, secretary.

Girls were appointed to serve on the refreshments committee for the Christmas party on December 20. We voted to draw names and decided that the officers of the Club would decorate the tree.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to Betty Pittman and Patsy Luckett, who discussed "Date Etiquette."

BROOKSHIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST PLANS REVIVAL

According to J. D. Phillips, the Church of Christ at Brookshire is to begin a meeting Sunday night, December 15th, which will continue for one week.

Mr. Phillips will do the preaching, and has issued a cordial invitation for folks to come to the services.

MRS. ANDERSON'S FATHER DIES

Hugh Parker of Waxahachie, farmer and contractor, and father of Mrs. George Anderson of Bronte passed away on Friday, November 29, at his home.

He was survived by Mrs. Parker, and by two daughters, Mrs. B. F. Taylor of Dallas, and Mrs. Anderson, and by a son, Don Parker, of Fort Worth.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means to thank all the people who were so lovely and kind to us at the time of the passing of Jess Scott. Words cannot express our appreciation of your thoughtfulness, and all we can say is that we are truly grateful.

The Family of Jess Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dan Labenske have come in from Washington, and are visiting the J. W. Labenskies and the Noah Pruitts. Welcome back, folks.

ENTERPRISE HAS BIRTHDAY

The Bronte Enterprise is now one year old under its new owners, Exton Talley and Ed Nunnally, Jr. The two men, along with J. H. Mullane of San Angelo, purchased the Bronte Enterprise last November, a year ago, and the first issue of the enlarged paper was printed on December 14, 1945.

Since that time, the Enterprise has enjoyed a substantial growth, and it now boasts of the largest circulation of any other newspaper in Coke County. In addition, the Enterprise features news from its special correspondents, located all over the Coke County trade territory. These include Mrs. Charles Ragsdale of Blackwell, R. T. Whitehead of Blackwell, Homalie Clark of Brookshire, Carole Dismore of Maverick, Doris Pettit of Robert Lee, William Jessie and Mrs. Tom Green of Tennyson, Billy Joe Gartman of Sango, and Betty Joyce Shelburne of Norton.

The Enterprise features news about folks you know, and each copy of the paper contains anywhere from 500 to 1,000 names of people you know and live with. A column devoted to farm, ranch, and livestock news is also featured, as well as Texas business notes, school and church news, WHD and other club news, and in short, you'll always find the latest and best news in the Enterprise.

It is the best legal paper in the county, which means, simply, that it is entitled to print legal notices. The Bronte Enterprise was also honored last spring when it won a first place prize in the state-wide contest sponsored by the Texas Press Association for having the best set, or best looking ads of any other paper of comparable size in Texas.

The editor, Mrs. Nunnally and David moved out to Bronte from San Angelo last April, as soon as Edward Rawlings finished their rent home, and they are planning not only to build their own home later on, but are also planning for a new, enlarged, and modern building which will someday be the home of a bigger, better, and finer Bronte Enterprise.

C. R. Smith has now turned radio commentator, and appeared last Tuesday night over KGKL in San Angelo as a studio guest when the editor gave his weekly program on Bronte and Coke County news. Clytus got along fine.

Texas Business News . . .

Agriculture provided one of the brightest spots in the Texas business picture during October, according to the Texas Business Review published by the University of Texas Bureau Business Research. General business activity declined 2 per cent from its September level, but farm cash income and shipments of livestock, poultry, and eggs were up from 39 to 64 per cent.

Business activity of all types was 12 per cent higher this October than a year ago and 79 per cent above the prewar 1935-39 average. Farm cash income in the same comparisons was up 47 per cent and 214 per cent, respectively.

The weakest spot in the October business situation was the failure of retail trade, particularly in soft goods, to respond to the usual seasonal stimulus of the holiday season. Dollar sales figures aided by price advances were still rising, but the seasonal gains were not there in consumer durables. Texas department and apparel stores made less than one-fourth their usual sales gain between September and October this year and for all independent stores the gain was about two-thirds of normal.

The position of labor in the current business situation was strong in October. Employment and pay rolls were both on the upgrade and only 78,366 persons were unemployed in the 21 larger cities of the state.

Federal Internal Revenue Collections
The federal government collected \$58,469,523 in revenues in Texas during October. This sum raised the total collected during the first 4 months of the current fiscal year to \$289,479,282 or 5 per cent more than in the corresponding months of 1945. Collections in the First or South Texas District were down 9 per cent while collections in the Second or North Texas District have declined only 1 per cent. Withheld income taxes accounted for about half of the total collections in both districts.

Failures
No business failures were reported in Texas during October. In the first 10 months of this year 6 failures were recorded as compared with 5 in the comparable period of 1945.

During October the Bureau of Business Research of The University

RAIN!

It started misting, more or less, last Tuesday morning, and by afternoon late, it began to pour. That kept up in fine form till around mid-night, and from then on till morning it rained cats, but no dogs.

Herman Rogge said his tank measured 3 3/4 inches of rain, but Uncle Ed Rawlings said his place got four inches.

Ed Stevens was so interested in the rain up on the Butterfield Trail that he was all set to go up and see how much his wheat had grown.

Bill Thomason said the Colorado River got up in the pits there, and somebody saw Lynn Keeney down by the river pulling a car out.

Kickapoo and Oak Creeks got on a bit of a rise, too, and a man 10 miles east of Blackwell reported six inches of rain on his place.

The old city lake in Bronte is now six feet from the spillway, or in other words, the water is 14 feet deep there, and the new lake on the Ballinger road now carries four feet of water in it.

The town got very well flooded up, and since the storm sewer drain by the corner of the bank is stopped up, water ran across the street about knee deep, got up pin Caperton's station about a foot from Emmett's door, and even set the bullfrogs to croaking.

In short, it rained, folks!

of Texas estimated that 315,900 persons were employed in the state's manufacturing industries. This represented an addition of 3,800 workers over September. Employment in October 1946 was about 1 per cent higher than in October 1945.

In October 263 corporations were chartered in Texas, as compared with 263 in September. A year ago only 137 companies were incorporated during October. Of the 263 incorporated in October of this year, 76 were merchandising establishments, 37 manufacturing concerns, and 18 construction companies.

Sales of Texas motor vehicle dealers hit an all-time high in October when they rose 9 per cent over September to reach a level 95 per cent above their prewar average according to tabulations. Previous high month was May 1941 when sales were 92 per cent above the average month of the 1935-39 period. The high dollar volume of sales is an indication that the automobile industry is not only back into production but into the distribution of its products.

MOMENTS . . . MAVERICK

By Carole Dismore

Mrs. Archie Smith was shopping in Ballinger, Monday, and she patronized Bronte Enterprise advertisers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Tomlinson of Ballinger spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith last Sunday.

Mrs. Frazier, who has been visiting her daughter in New Mexico, is glad to be back home again.

Mrs. Hodge, who is now living in Wilmeth, is a good neighbor we're sorry to lose.

Mrs. Jewel Frazier was a Ballinger shopper last Monday, and R. E. Cowan and Archie Smith were in Angelo on Tuesday looking for a windmill.

Mrs. T. J. Lee was in Ballinger, Tuesday.

Bro. Carville and Mrs. Carville, Gailene and Flora Bell had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Langford and Rosa Lee last Sunday.

Joe Dismore and Ed McAuley went to the auction sale in Angelo last Tuesday.

The Jack Dismores and son, Gerald, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Cab of Josephine and Royce City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Manuel, Mrs. Bill McCamey, and Mrs. Pearl Dismore shopped in Ballinger, Thursday.

Mrs. Jerry Landers has been on the sick list for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Lee have a fine new son. Congratulations. Time for Joe to pass the cigars now.

Mrs. R. T. Lee, Mrs. Connell McAuley honored Mrs. Wayne Kiker with a shower here Friday night. Mrs. Kiker is the former Dorothy Lee.

Mrs. B. E. Cowan and children, Evelyn and Wanda, were in Ballinger, Saturday.

Mrs. Carville visited Mrs. Ida Hooten, Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Lee visited her mother Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Ft. Worth visited here, too, the other day.

Mrs. T. J. Lee, Mrs. Leslie Carlton, Jr. Mrs. Bill McCamey met Wednesday evening to decide what should be done about the Christmas party.

Personals . . .

Otis Smith has purchased himself two pre-fabricated hutments from Army surplus material. They measure 16 x 16 feet. R. W. Rees also purchased one 16 x 48 feet, and both men are proud of what they've purchased.

Steve Badley was in Abilene, Tuesday, and set sail for Angelo on Wednesday.

Our thanks to George Anderson for helping us get unstuck out of the mud, and to Brooks and Bonnie Browning for lifts during the high water and mud. If it isn't our battery going dead, it's the mud.

Rev. George McCrary, Jim, Geneva Tomlinson, and Peggy were office visitors last Monday, when all discussed plans for the young folks' party tomorrow night. The time is set for 5 o'clock, down in the City Park. The idea is that the youngsters will bring their own grub, such as sandwiches or drinks, and come ready to eat and then frolic. Christmas carols are on the docket too, plus other songs and fun, and the affair isn't necessarily confined to the Methodists. If you want a good time, fun, singing, and your own eats, come on down to the park tomorrow night at 5, and then, of course, a good time starts in. Rev. McCrary and his family will be there, as part of the MYF, and the editor and his family, for the latter's Sunday School class is involved.

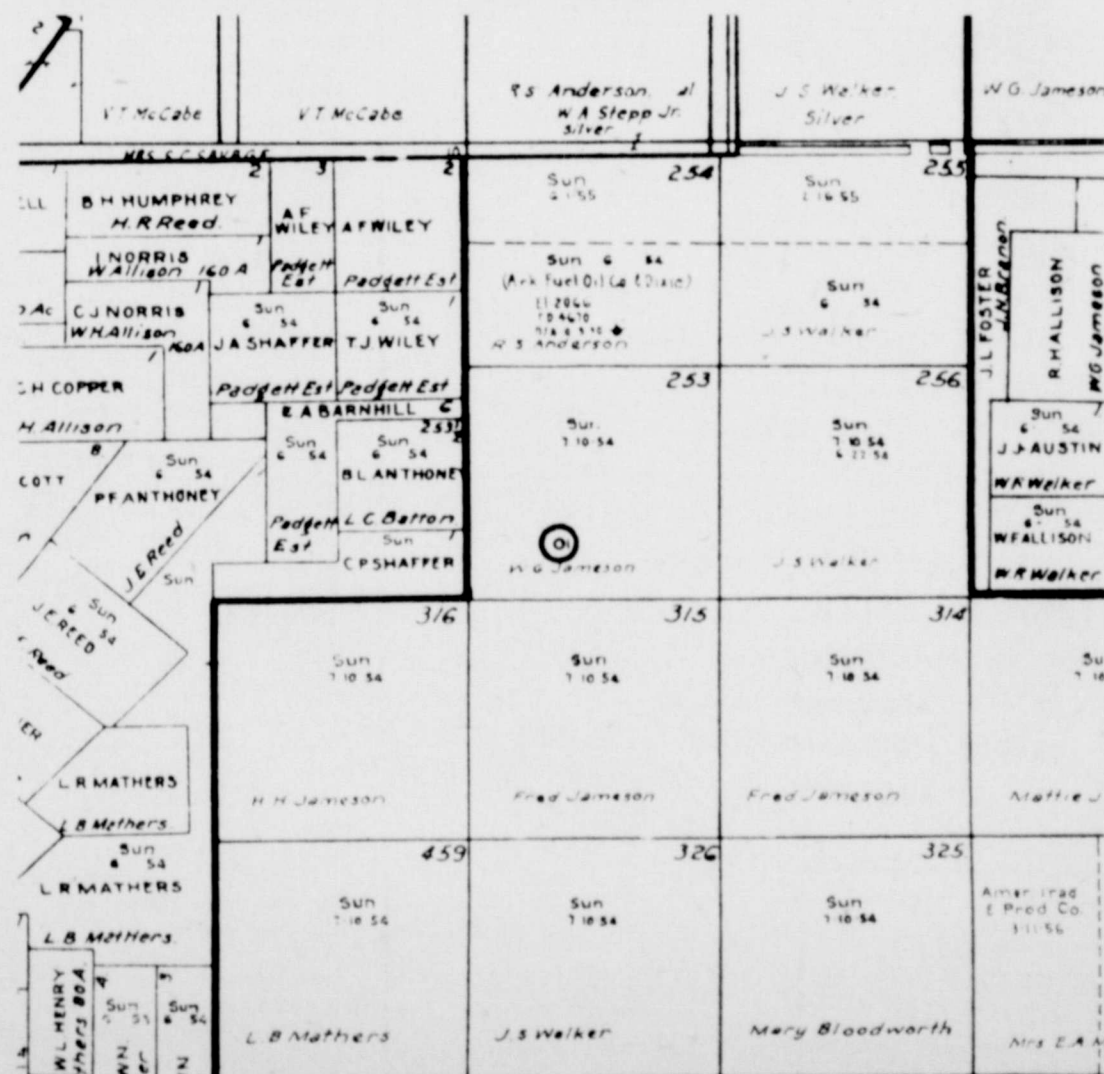
After school, Pete Taylor, along with Marlene Arrott, were having fun out in front of the Central Drug. Dewey Luckett drove up then, and out popped Dorothy, Kat and Jean. Quite a harem, Dewey opined.

According to County Clerk Willis Smith, Russell N. Walls and Velma Clements were issued a marriage license on December 6.

The County Commissioners' Court met last Monday, but reported more or less routine business. That included a lot of bill paying, as well as invites from tax experts who told them how to properly evaluate oil wells for taxation purposes. Quipped one, "let's wait till we get the wells, then we can decide how to tax them."

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rogers were here from Hobbs, New Mexico, for the Jess Scott funeral.

COKE COUNTY'S OIL WELL



The Sun Oil Company's No 1 Allen Jameson is shown encircled on the map above. It is on a block of about 20,000 acres which Sun has expanded since oil was struck a month ago. Near the top, the heavy broken horizontal line is the Coke-Mitchell County boundary, and the three vertical lines in the upper right corner are at the junction of Mitchell and Nolan counties.

Sun Oil is now erecting two 1,000 barrel storage tanks at this well, a discovery oil producer from the crinoidal of the Strawn section of the Pennsylvanian.

The well is now shut in, while the last production natural was 23.78 barrels of pipeline oil through a quarter-inch tubing choke in six hours ending Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. By Wednesday morning, pressure

had increased to 1,100 pounds on the tubing and 1,400 pounds on the casing, while pay is from 6,225-45 feet in open hole.

Sun is also preparing to start No. 1 Fred Jameson, which is a quarter mile south of the pool opener, and it is rumored without confirmation that five other wells are to be put down between Bronte, Robert Lee and Silver.

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standing of any person, firm or cor-
poration is not intended and will be
gladly corrected upon notification.

TENNYSON TOPICS . . .

By Mrs. Tom Green

William Jessie Green came home
last Friday and is happy to be back
home. He's feeling fine, but will have
to be in bed for about three months.

Mrs. Sudie Brown has been visiting
her children and friends this week.

Floyd Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Brown, Russell and Della Gibson,
J. M. and Gene Stewart were all over
in Angelo shopping Tuesday, and of
course they patronized Enterprise ad-
vertisers. Also there were Mr. and
Mrs. James Gilmore, Mrs. John Athey,
and Mrs. Tom Green.

William Jessie has had a lot of
visitors, including Mrs. Hubbard Hol-
land who was over Saturday, Peggy
Greer of San Angelo, Dub Sims of
Bronte, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie
Brown of Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Duffy were at
Tennyson and stopped by to see the
Greens. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Glasscock
and Jimmie were at home this week-

end and Jimmie and Mr. Glasscock
came out to see William.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crews and
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilbert
and children of San Angelo were out
visiting with the John Browns and
Charlie Browns, Sunday.

Miss Bessie Stewart and Mrs. Anna
May Howell were visiting Mrs. John-
nie Brown, Tuesday.

John Clark drove the bus to An-
gelo, Tuesday evening to see the
"Sister Kenney" show. Those going
were J. B. Clark, William Brown, Mrs.
Johnnie Brown and Mrs. John Clark,
Joel Webb, Clarence Webb, L. E.
Conger, Bessie Mae Clark, and Grace
Green.

James Gilmore was honored with
a shower Monday, and those present
were Mrs. Mary and Mrs. I. N. How-
ell, Mrs. Toungel, Mrs. Bert Corneli-
us, Mrs. J. M. Stewart, Bessie
Stewart, Mrs. John and Mrs. Grady
Gaston, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. John-
nie Brown, Mrs. Eddie Fiveash, Mrs.
Clarence and Mrs. Chester Derrick,
Mrs. J. W. Latham, Mrs. D. J. Corley,
Mrs. Oliver Pittman, Lois Latham,
Mrs. Ben Murphy, Mrs. Robert
Brown, Mrs. Edward Harrell, and
Mrs. James Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy have
been visiting their daughter, Mrs.
Jack Sharp at Bronte for a week.

Adrin Fiveash was out to see his
brother, Eddie last Monday.

Mrs. Raymond Meador and son,
Randal Britton, are visiting with Mr.
and Mrs. C. O. Meador this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corley, Mr. and
Mrs. Marvin Corley and children all
had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bud
Cummings at Abilene, Sunday.

Mrs. Christine Corley spent the day
with Mrs. James Arrott, Monday.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Ed Nunnally entertained on
November 30 for their son, David,
who had friends in to help him cele-
brate his fifth birthday anniversary,
which was December 5. After gath-
ering at home, the group went to the
City Park to play and frolic, follow-
ing which they were served ice cream
and cake and given paper favors.

Those present included Richard
Wayne Rees, Nona and Belva Rippe-
toe, Carolyn Glenn, John Holcombe,
Linda Smith, Annie Bell and Roger
K. Folks sending birthday gifts in-
cluded Linda Gayle Henry, Carolyn
Kemp, David and Beverly Browning.

Mrs. Vic Wojtek was an Angelo
visitor last Monday.

HERE'S BLACKWELL . . .

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Mr. and Mrs. Buster McPeters have
a fine new baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hipp and Mrs.
Roy Sanderson were Abilene visitors
Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Ragsdale, Mrs. Claude
Hargrave, Mrs. B. F. Ragsdale and
Mrs. Arther Hendry were Sweetwater
visitors, Monday.

Mrs. L. Sweet is in the Sweetwater
hospital, and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitehead
and Mrs. D. T. Hunt were San An-
gelo visitors, Sunday.

Mrs. John Harmon is still in the
Winters Hospital but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and Mr.
and Mrs. Cecil Lewis Smith were in
Sweetwater, Monday.

Earl and Tommie Cook of Black-
well and Douglas Snead and son of
Bronte went deer hunting in Llano
County but had no luck.

Mrs. Will Whiteside had as her
weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Temp
Whiteside of Silverton and Miss Linn
Whiteside who is a H-SU student in
Abilene.

Methodist Church
Ulmer Bird, Methodist pastor at
Blackwell, came face to face with the
communist police in Czecho-Slovakia
in the summer of 1945. He will
preach on that subject next Sunday
night - "Face to Face With the Com-
munists" at 7 o'clock in the Blackwell
Methodist Church.

"Who and what is a Communist,
what was their plan in 1945, how
did or would Christ answer the Com-
munist, what does the Bible say on
the subject, how does it apply to us
and what can we do about it? These
questions will be frankly asked and
answered," said Rev. Bird, "and every-
one interested is invited, regardless
of belief or church membership."

PERSONALS

Jeff Dean, Otis Smith, C. E. Bru-
ton, Bob Spoons, and Speck Nichols,
returned recently from a fishing trip
to Del Rio, where rumor has it they
caught all sorts of fish, including 35-
65-pounders. We didn't see anyone
who saw the fish, but the boys de-
clared they got 'em alright.

Sorry to report that Mr. and Mrs.
H. R. Gassiot went to Coleman re-
cently to be with her mother, who is
quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carlton, Jr.,
of Maverick have joined the Method-
ist Church of Bronte, having trans-
ferred their membership from the
church at Roscoe.

Betty Pittman spent Sunday in
Tennyson, where she visited friends.

The Brooks Brownings were driving
around Sunday in a brand new Kaiser
car, that had everybody standing with
his mouth open. Room for four in
the front seat, lights, gas, and run-
ning hot and cold water—all you need,
too!

The Methodists have announced a
7-months budget of \$2,402, or about
\$343 per month. The recent Annual
Conference at San Antonio changed the
church year to end during the
summer months, hence the 7-month
plan will be in effect this year, and
by next summer, will be back on a
yearly basis.

Independents, or "outsiders" as
they're called, are in the process of
organizing a basketball team. Organi-
zation is as yet not settled upon, but
it is known that the group is to have
new uniforms, and soon. The gang
went to Norton recently, and won by
a score of 25-23, and then played
Maverick, beating them by a count
of 23-11. The members of the team
so far include Noel Percifull, Junior
Pruitt, Bob and Jack Good, Bill Gassi-
ot, Francis and Dwaine Pruitt, and
Jack Ivey. More of them later when
they get better organized.

The Louis Bridges were in town
Saturday night doing a bit of shop-
ping, aided, of course, by their young-
ster who had eyes for only toys. He
sure had a time of it, and like all
young 'uns, wanted all he could see.

Sheriff Frank Percifull announced
last week that October tax collec-
tions totaled around \$50,000. He as-
serted it was the best they'd ever had,
and gave credit to the publication of
tax reductions or discounts if they
were paid by a certain time. Later
figures are not available, the Sher-
iff said.

Bill Thomason was around town
Saturday night talking about the
drouth, but couldn't figure out who
ought to be blamed for it.

Bob Keyes was up and around rid-
ing a good looking piece of horse
flesh last Saturday.

Brady Mills was around town Sat-
urday in his buggy, seeing what went
on. . . Jap Stephenson took in the
drug store, and perched upon a
stool, was watching folks come and
go. . . Taylor Emerson crossed the
street, looking busy. . . Brooks Brown-
ing was having a good time showing
his new Kaiser to folks who came
in to look.

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ON ALL
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ALL KINDS OF
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

BEAUTIFUL PRINTS 39c YD.
OVERALLS All Sizes
MEN'S AND BOY'S

MERRY CHRISTMAS
CUMBIE & WILKINS
BRONTE

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BIGGEST LINE OF JEWELRY IN TOWN FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN . . .

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LIGHTERS	EVENING IN PARIS	CHRISTMAS CARDS
BILL FOLDS	GENTRY SHAVING SETS	TOYS
WATCH STRAPS	DECORATIONS	COMPACTS
BATH SALTS	TIE CHAINS	SHAMPOO
WATCH CHAINS	FLASHLIGHTS	DRESSER SETS
MIRRORS	WHAT-NOT SPECIALTIES	
COMBS	TOY SEWING MACHINES	
BRUSHES	CUTEX	PERFUMES
PICTURE FRAMES	MERLE NORMAN	
LOTIONS	RAZORS	YARDLEY'S
RAZOR BLADES		
HUMIDORS		
CIGARS		
TOBACCO		
CIGARETTES		
SOAPS		
ASH TRAYS		
VASES		
BOOKENDS		
GLASSWARE		

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36 BERKELEY
DOUBLE-EDGE
BLADES AND
A LIGHTER —
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Chocolate Covered NUTS
KING'S Chocolates
Candy Jars

See Us Before You Buy — Buy Here! — For You'll Have Free Gift Wrapping.

BRONTE PHARMACY

John Passow, life-long friend of the
editor, was a Bronte visitor, Monday.
Now connected with Western Bilt
Mattress Co. of San Angelo, John
spent Monday night with the Nun-
nallys, and took off for Abilene, Tues-
day morning.

Steve Badley is the new owner of
some 100 lots around Bronte, part of
the old Myers estate, as it was known.

Rev. Ulmer Bird of the Blackwell
Methodist Church was a Robert Lee
visitor last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wynne were
also over, and seemed to be having
a lot of luck selling their fine pecans.

LIGHT FIXTURES—
ALUMINUM WARE
PYREX—No higher now than it was be-
fore the war.
CAP PISTOLS WITH HOLSTER
FURNITURE
TOYS — GIFTS — CHINA — GAMES
Free Gift Wrapping

C. R. Smith Hardware
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WE DO —
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DOLLS — TOYS — KIDDIE CHAIRS
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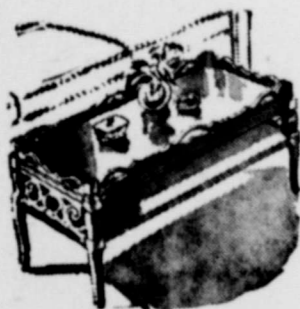
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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wynne observed their 38th wedding anniversary on Monday, November 25, and also their son, Loyd, observed his 37th birthday anniversary. A lot of friends came in to help them with the observance, and the group played games, had refreshments, and received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Wynne is the former Miss Ruby Loyd, and they were married in Alabama on November 25, 1908, moving here then in 1916, 30 years ago in October.

Their son, Loyd, left Angelo Saturday for California, and was to sail there Monday for Manila, where he will be employed.

I Am Your Church

By REV. GEO. B. McCRARY

I am your church. Through the ages I have wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit to develop a nation into whose life you might be born in safety and protection. I have filled this land with the Gospel of Christ and with houses of worship. When you were born I laid the hands of my minister upon your head and blessed you. I watched over you anxiously during those early years as at the knee of my handmaiden, your mother, you learned your first simple prayers. Through my school I prepared you for church membership. It was at my altar you took the sacred vows of baptism and with my arms you were received into the holy fellowship of God's elect.

Through the years I have nurtured you that you might grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In my school

you have, through study, instruction and discussion, learned the Holy Scriptures that were able to make you wise unto salvation. I have preached the unsearchable riches of Christ to you all your life. I have given you activities in Christian service that you might develop in Godly living. I have received and sanctified your offerings of silver and gold given out of God's abundance and have used these funds to preach the Gospel around the world.

When you found your life companion, I blessed you two in marriage. Through me the Holy Spirit has worked to assist you in building a Christian home. As your children came I received them with open arms and worked untiringly with you to nurture them in Christian living. When one of them wandered into sin, I was the servant of God who went out and searched for him as the shepherd for the one sheep until he was found and returned to the fold. To all your children I have opened doors of Christian service, that they might fill worthy places in life.

Through the years of your responsibility I have been the agent of the Holy Spirit to stand by you. When you or any of yours have been sick, I have prayed at your bedside. When sorrow and heartache came I comforted you, and pointed you through suffering into a path that led closer to God. All these years we have lived together. It has been a militant but happy life. We have fought our battles in the name of the Master. We have suffered defeat sometimes. We have rejoiced in victory many times. We have ever faced the enemy of God both in your life and in society.

Through a long journey we have walked together; sorrowing, rejoicing, weeping, singing. Our labors have become the heritage of rising generations and the evening of life has crowned your hoary head with glory and honor. When the Holy Father shall be ready to call you to your reward, I shall lay your body to rest on some grassy hill with suitable ceremonies for the passing of a saint. Over there in the Kingdom of the Father, I will be waiting to receive you with open arms into the eternal doors of the Church Triumphant and usher you into the everlasting presence of Him who shall say, "Well done."—I AM YOUR CHURCH.



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**BROWNING ANNOUNCES
FEATURES OF 1947
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"New, advanced body lines, unprecedented seating width and increased visibility are features of the new 1947 Kaiser Special automobile now on public display here for the first time," Brooks Browning said yesterday.

Careful attention to the factors which provide passenger safety and comfort has been given in designing the automobile, a product of Kaiser-Frazer Corporation. The new 100-horsepower car is a full-size, six-passenger automobile with a wheel base of 123½ inches.

A major achievement in passenger comfort has been gained in the new automobile by location of the rear seat well forward of the rear axle and wheel housings, so that all passengers are seated in the best riding positions. The advanced location of the rear seat provides greater space in the rear luggage compartment, and has made possible unsurpassed width of seat cushions, 62 inches both front and rear.

Increased visibility has been provided by moving the front pillar posts back, increasing the angle of 765-square-inch windshield, and providing greater side vision for the driver. Exceptional rear vision is provided, too, by the 44-inch wide rear window.

"Mechanical features include an all-steel body with safety glass throughout, and a rigid box-type frame, large self-centering brakes and extra wide wheel rims which provide steering safety and stability on turns at high speeds," Browning noted.

Longer-stroked shock absorbers have been incorporated into the chassis design for riding comfort and to enable the driver to maintain perfect control. Independent front wheel suspension is effected through helical springs, while semi-elliptic springs, rubber mounted with rubber inserts between the leaves, are used in the rear.

Exterior door handles are of a new type which operate by gentle pressure on a "trigger" concealed in the inside curve of each handle. The handles are designed so that there are no open ends to catch in clothing.

Interior appointments are featured by push-button door latches, an attractively designed instrument panel and deep cushion seats," Browning observed.

With an overall length of 203 inches, the Kaiser Special has a silhouette of only 64½ inches and is 72½ inches wide at its widest point. The front and rear treads are 58 and 60 inches, respectively, and the tire size, 15x6.50.

The engine, developed by Continental Motors in co-operation with Kaiser-Frazer engineers, is of L-head design and has a bore of 3.5/16 inches and stroke of 4½ inches. Ideal for today's improved gasolines, the compression ratio is 7.3:1. Other power features include aluminum alloy pistons, a forged counterweighted crankshaft with four main bearings, rubber engine mountings and automatic choke.

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Farm, Ranch, and Livestock News

Texas cash farm income as estimated by the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas for the first ten months of 1946 totaled approximately \$1,018,980,000, same period of 1945. For the first seven months of 1946 the total of farm income was less than for the corresponding period of 1945, but for the past three months income has been substantially above 1945.

The increased flow of cash to the farmers of the state has been an important factor in maintaining the high level of sales in rural areas at a time when department and apparel store sales after adjustment for seasonal variation have declined in the larger cities of the state.

Five of the state's 12 crop-reporting districts doubled their September income in October. Substantial gains ranging from 31 to 92 per cent were reported in 5 other districts. Lowest gains for the month occurred in the Edwards Plateau and the Southern Texas Prairies with 11 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

Only the Lower Rio Grande Valley failed to show an increase in October this year over a year ago, although gains ranged from 11 per cent in the Southern Texas Prairies to 112 per cent in the Trans-Pecos. Valley income was held down in October by the late start in citrus shipments and the weak price situation.

Increases in income for the January-October 1946 period over the corresponding months of 1945 varied from 1 per cent in the Coastal Prairies to 47 per cent in the Trans-Pecos district. The only district in which farm income has lagged thus far this year has been in the East Texas Timbered Plains where a decline of 8 per cent has been recorded.

LIVESTOCK SHIPMENTS

Livestock shipments in Texas soared to 12,388 carloads in October with the end of meat price control. The gain over September was 54 per cent with interstate shipments edging up slightly more than intrastate shipments.

Compared with October 1945 total shipments of livestock last month were still down 9 per cent. Instate shipments, however, were 5 per cent higher than a year ago while interstate shipments fell 12 per cent.

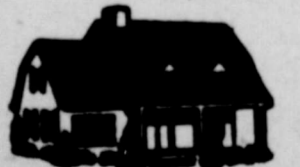
With the exception of sheep all types of shipments were heavier in October than in September of this year. Cattle shipments rose 86 per cent, shipments of calves 95 per cent, and hog shipments 145 per cent.

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Shipments of sheep were off 46 per cent for the month.

For the 12-month period from October 1945 to October 1946 total hog shipments showed the only increase, a gain of 8 per cent. Shipments of cattle were down 8 per cent, calves 10 per cent, and sheep 14 per cent.

Interstate cattle shipments declined 14 per cent last month from last year's total but intrastate shipments of cattle went up 23 per cent.

Heavy rainfall during the past 30 days, with both Dallas and Beaumont reporting approximately 12 inches in one week, delayed crop harvest in general but the moisture was beneficial to pastures. Very little cold weather has been experienced so far, only a few light frosts in low places, and vegetable crops in the Gulf area continue to make satisfactory progress.

Rice harvest was delayed by heavy rains and considerable damage resulted where rice remained in the hull. Binders were used to help save the crop in the wet area and, with combining resumed the past week, 75 per cent of the crop has been harvested. Rice mills are running full blast and heavy sales are reported. Production is estimated at 17,200,000 bushels, compared with 18,000,000 bushels last year.

The cotton picture remains dark, with 5 per cent or more of the crop still in the field considered lost due to bad weather. Much of this acreage will be plowed under to eradicate weevils and other insects. Another 50,000 bales was lopped off in October, and production is now estimated at 1,700,000 bales. Harvest is nearing completion in the northwest

where only irrigated cotton made satisfactory yields.

Texas produced a good corn crop of 67,456,000 bushels, most of which was harvested early and will be fed locally to livestock. Peanuts have been damaged by heavy rains, although the moisture was helpful to the late crop in some areas. After showing some improvement following the summer drouth, grain sorghums were checked by frost and production was again curtailed. Forage supplies, however, are more than ample, with harvest almost completed.

Nearly all of the winter wheat in northwest Texas has been sowed and estimates of acreage increase over last year range from five to 10 per cent. There is an abundance of moisture, the subsoil being well soaked, and the outlook is exceptionally bright. Wheat pasture is attracting great herds of cattle and sheep at this time.

Fall and winter grains elsewhere generally are in good condition, although some insect damage is reported in the central part of the state.

As reported by the United States Department of Agriculture, Texas produced 1,794,000 bales of cotton in 1945, and the November 1, 1946 estimate was 1,700,000 bales. For corn, the 1945 figure was 66,832,000 bushels, with 1946 estimate of 67,456,000; and for grain sorghums, the 1945 crop totaled 60,921,000 bushels with a 1946 estimate of 56,761,000 bushels.

Jim McCrary has painted a new sign that has been put over the door of the church, and it reads "The Methodist Church." Nice work, Jim. He's now home on a furlough, but will have to go back next week.

CARD OF THANKS

Words fail to express our appreciation to our friends for their many kindnesses shown us in the passing of our husband and father.

Please accept our gratitude for our multitude of neighbors and friends who worked with us in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Your comforting presence and work, handclaps, the bountifully prepared dinner and the ones who served it—we treasure each of you. We feel that so far as human sympathy and kindness can soothe so great a sorrow and loss, you have left nothing undone, and out of a heart of love we humbly thank each of you. May God bless and keep each of you.

Mrs. T. W. Whiteside,
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jordan,
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside,
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Whiteside and Daughters,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steuart.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness and flowers during the illness and death of our loved one. May God bless all of you. Family of Mr. Claude Hargrave.

Walter Whalen was around the other day, looking very pleased about something or other.

R. W. Rees and Steve Badley took in the oil well last Sunday to find out what goes on up there.

H. A. Springer went into Angelo last Saturday night, but was back in time for Sunday School and Church Sunday morning.

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Proper planning uncovers new opportunities in any business. With experience, know-how, and plain "horse sense" to draw on, plan-making should not be difficult. You think back with pleasure on your good crops . . . on how well your livestock or poultry programs turned out. You remember little things that made them profitable, or caused a loss. With this in mind, you look ahead and decide on next year's crops and rotations. You think of ways to improve your livestock operations. You make provision for the purchase of breeding stock, seed, machinery, fencing and equipment. You consider your problems from all angles. That's the way a sound plan is made. Then you set your course and stick to it.

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To all our friends on America's farms and ranches, we at Swift & Company wish
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
John Holmes, President

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME

by L. S. Hardin, Purdue University

There is a labor-saving or labor-wasting way to do every farm job. Because we use too many old, hard ways, we waste 15 to 25 percent of our time. Greater attention to how we do our jobs can save time and work.

Ways of doing livestock work easier, faster and better are especially needed. Most farmers still use almost as much work to make 100 pounds of pork, beef or milk as they did 25 years ago. Yet, thanks mostly to machinery, we have reduced crop work one-fourth to one-half during the last 25 years.

Alert farmers are simplifying farm jobs, cutting chore time 15 to 50 percent. Five Indiana farmers, by carefully planning their work, are raising market hogs with one-quarter the average hours of labor. A Minnesota farmer rearranged his barn, adopted correct milking practices, saved 300 hours of work and 138 miles of walking a year. By rearranging his watering system, a poultry man saved 22 miles of walking a season. Some farmers are making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton. Others, using similar equipment but harder ways of working, spend twice the time.

What these farmers are doing, others can do, too. Know just what you want to accomplish. Figure out how to do a job the easiest, cheapest and best way. Cut out those unnecessary steps, combine jobs, rearrange barns and lots, work out more convenient chore routes, keep equipment busy, choose new equipment that suits your farm. Give new practices a fair trial.

You'll find the easy way is the best way. Small improvements add up to days and dollars saved. Five minutes wasted a day equals 3 days a year; 5 steps a day amounts to a mile a year. With costs rising and profit margins due to shrink, we can well afford to take time to save time.

Soda Bill Sez:

... warriors die young; thinkers live long.
... a brain is no stronger than its weakest link.

Things are NOT always as they seem

Which is the longer—the top line of the top figure, or the bottom line of the bottom figure? Well—measure them and see! Similarly, in the livestock-meat industry, conclusions based on a quick glance at a situation are not always so. A case in point is the "spread" between prices paid for livestock and the price received by the meat packer for the meat. The fact is that this spread is narrow. Out of every dollar Swift gets from the sale of its products, 75 cents, on the average, is returned to producers.

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Martha Logan's Recipe for ROAST TURKEY

Place stuffed turkey on a rack in an open pan. Do not add water and do not cover. Roast in a preheated, slow oven (325°F.) according to following schedule:

8 lbs. stuffed weight 18 minutes per pound or 2 1/2 hours
12 lbs. stuffed weight 15 minutes per pound or 3 hours
14 lbs. stuffed weight 14 minutes per pound or 3 1/4 hours
15 lbs. stuffed weight 13 minutes per pound or 3 1/2 hours

Sausage Bread Stuffing

1 pound sausage meat 2 tablespoons dried onion
2 eggs 1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk 4 tablespoons chopped parsley
7 cups bread crumbs 1 cup diced celery

For a 12 to 14 pound turkey.
Pan fry sausage well brown. Drain. Beat eggs slightly. Add hot milk. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over them the egg mixture.

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CHALK DUST . . .

Well, Thanksgiving holidays are over and it looks like school will have to go on till Christmas.

Football is over for another year. The football boys this year were under the leadership of H. R. Gassiot, Portis Robbins, and Bobby Vaughn. The Pep Squad girls were in the capable hands of Martha Boatright, Marlene Arrott, Norma Gentry, Iona Taylor, and Dorothy Martin.

Report cards came out last week, and the grammar school honor roll consisted of:

First—Wanda Kirkland and Patricia McCutchen.
Second—Richard Rees and Angella Anderson.
Third—Patsy Pittman, Billy Alexander, Leslie Caperton, Rickie Dell Hester, Carole Thomason, Linda Lasswell, Barbara House, Mary Powell, Beverly Kay Browning (who won the Union WHD Club beautiful quilt last Saturday), Johnny Smith, Wanda Snead, Vera Baldwin.
Fourth—Bill Maxwell, Francis Carlton, Mary Ann Gray, Virginia Clark, Olita Hurt, Judith Anderson.
Fifth—Eddie Alexander.
Sixth—Wilbourn Bednar.
Seventh—Kitty Sue Caddy.
Eighth—Doyle Adair, Roy McCrary.

We're sorry to learn that Mr. Pentecost's mother has been ill.

Library

The library is getting new books right along with the fines paid by careless students. This year it's under the supervision of Vetal Flores. Student librarians are Kathryn Wrinkle, chief, Rosa Lee Langford, senior, Jean Smith, soph, Norma Gentry, fish, and Marlene Arrott, assistant fish.

Gruesome Twosomes around Bronte Hi—Dolan Mackey and Billie Millikin, Joel Webb and Della Gibson, Dewey Luckett and Betty McCrary, Bobby Vaughn and Marlene Arrott, Bill Herron and Bobbie Smith.

Carole Westbrook and Raymond Ditmore, Frank White and Jean Smith, Douglas Ditmore and Grace Green, Bill Herron and Dot Walton, L. E. Conger and Bessie Clark, Harold Hurt and Dot Stephenson, Roscoe Frazier and Vera Richman, J. O. Landers and Nena Hurt, Junior Springfield and Wanda Tidwell, Glenn Hurt and Ida Modgling, Billie Gene Burleson and J. B. Clark, Kat Wrinkle and Bill Gassiot.

What's wrong Boatright, can't you make up your mind between Soph, Junior, or Vet? The eighth graders are coming up in the world—look at the beaux.

Pete Taylor must find Miles interesting—look out Pete, you'll run into Dewey.

Plans are underway for a football banquet.

Fifteen basketball boys are working out and expecting a good team. New suits should arrive soon.

Marvin and Nola Lowrance moved to Lake View this past week. Thelma Carl is a new fish from Junction.

The "little store" has changed hands again—it's now run by Vernon and Bobbie Glenn.

Sophs and Juniors have drawn Christmas tree names.

First, second and third grades are decorating the rooms for Christmas. The first grade had 24 enrolled with one new pupil, Abell Martines. The second has 26 enrolled and the third boasts the largest, 32.

Football boys ordered their jackets last week, three cheers!

Volleyball started with a bang, with everybody trying to make the team. Suits were issued to Dot Stephenson, Jean Smith, Bobbie Smith, Kat Wrinkle, Martha Boatright, Ida Modgling, Patsy Luckett, Dot Scott, Betty Pittman, and Jewel Latham.

Promising players are Marlene Arrott, Norma Gentry, and Loretha Wrinkle. Of the 13 girls, one is a senior, 7 juniors, 2 sophs, and 3 fish.

Editor's Mail Bag

Leslie Clapp, now stationed with the U. S. S. Sierra (AD-18) Tsingtao, China, wrote last month that "If you have had your first winter cold spell then you know what it is like here. The wind is blowing and it is plenty cold."

In Hervey Latham's last letter to you, he mentioned some of the sights. I would like to name a few of the ones we have here.

The Japanese temple of worship is about the closest. Almost in the heart of the city, it has all of their idols. You may think it funny when I say Japanese. Actually, Tsingtao was in the control of the Japs only a short time ago. They built their places of worship and they are used by the Chinese today. The race track and ball center have attracted many of the service men. The summer found the boys watching and betting on the races. Softball at the same place was a nice pastime.

The most visited of all during the summer was the American beach. The beach would make some in the U. S. look very small. The water was nice and you could obtain refreshment there on the spot.

All of the roads I have traveled here in Tsingtao have been in pretty good shape. The work I do takes me off of the ship and into town an awful lot.

When going on liberty the first mile is covered by boat because they don't allow the Chinese to come any closer.

For the people who don't like to see much, there is the Enlisted Men's Club also the YMCA. Most of the boys go to a bar. In one block of 500 feet in length, you can find at least 10-12 bars to go in. Each is the same as the other.

I have met a very nice Chinese fellow over here. He has obtained some things for me I could not hope to get. He is very interested in the American colleges as he has a boy to send.

There is always the famous Catholic Church, the largest building in Tsingtao. It is a beautiful structure, complete with huge bulk.

Yes, Tsingtao can show you a swell liberty, if you just have the patience to hunt out each place of interest. Sincerely, Leslie Clapp.

Also in the mail was a nice letter from Mrs. Sadie J. Weddell, of San Angelo, mother of George Weddell of Water Valley. She tells us that

George likes our editorials in the Bronte Enterprise, and that she enjoys our radio chats each Tuesday night. Thanks to you, Mrs. Weddell.

Professor Emmette S. Redford of the Department of Government of the University of Texas writes that he enjoyed our recent comments about the University land fund situation. Dr. Redford formerly taught the editor when in the university, and the two were together in Washington for awhile.

We deeply appreciate, too, a letter from Rev. A. C. Donath, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo, who writes that "one of the things for which I am thankful today is that we have some editors who stand up for their convictions on the liquor question. It is encouraging to read your splendid editorial in the Bronte Enterprise." (of Nov. 22).

ABOUT FOLKS YOU KNOW

Too bad about George Wrinkle, who had a bit of trouble with a fan blade that resulted in bruised, skinned, and a broken finger . . . glad to see Elbert Wrinkle about, and he declared his roof was now fixed. . . Earl Box was buying grub, while Pauline looked about and was admiring the Union Club quilt. . . Mrs. Alfred Taylor went in to Angelo Saturday night.

Charlie Eubanks has some pictures of his snake killing. He snares them with no trouble, and has the pictures to prove it. . . Mrs. D. M. West reports some teeth-pulling episodes. . . J. L. Stephenson came in the grocery, said he'd better stock up for the weekend. . . Warren Beaver gave the impression of being busy.

Wiley Clark was moving about, all dressed up, while Mrs. C. C. Glenn drove up in front in her car. . . Mrs. John Coalson and Mrs. Elbert Wrinkle were busy selling chances for the quilt. . . Mrs. Clifford Hagerman was looking around for bargains. . . Ola Jackson dropped around. . . Law enforcement officials have frowned on the kids' playing hide and seek in cars. . . Too much danger of accidents. . . Try something safer. . . Go to church Sunday. . . Floyd Modgling was seen talking to a group of friends. . . Otis Smith spent a while in Sweetwater, while Mrs. Smith and Jean took in Angelo. . . Glad to meet T. A. Branaman, missionary-evangelist of the Plains Baptist Missionary Association. . . He's from Lubbock. . . Jeanie and Frank crossed the street.

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Social Security Amendments

She was only 20 years old, yet she had three children, this veteran's widow. And when she came to the social security field office in a Texas city last January, there was nothing that could be done for her there, for her husband had had no wage credits under social security; he had

done only farm work before the war. Nor could the Veterans Administration help her; her husband had been discharged from the Navy in good health; his death one month after discharge was the result of an accident, in no way service-connected.

It was just another case where Red Cross and the Department of Public Welfare had to do the best they could for this stranded little family—a girl

and three babies with the grim, drab years ahead of them.

Then why tell this story? Because on August 12, 1946, there was signed into law an Act designed to prevent and correct a situation that could throw the family of a veteran into ruin and disaster. This new law, the 1946 Amendments to the Social Security Act, provided automatic insurance coverage, for three years after honorable discharge to all veterans of World War II. In effect, it established an average monthly wage of \$160 toward old-age and survivors insurance benefits, for the entire term of the veteran's war service.

And a few days after the law went into effect last August, the social security field office manager remembered that destitute widow of a veteran and their three children, whom he had had to turn away six months before. He told her of the new legislation designed to meet just such circumstances as hers and took her claim.

She's not on Easy Street. But under the terms of the amendment, the survivors of that sailor will receive benefits of approximately \$63.00 monthly—about \$21.00 to the widow, and \$14.00 to each of the children. Those benefit checks will come until each child reaches age 18; his benefit will then stop, and when the last child reaches age 18, the widow's benefits will be suspended also. But when she is 65 years old, if she has not remarried, benefits will be resumed, in the same amount.

George D. Clark, manager of the San Angelo social security field office, in telling this true incident, summarized briefly the conditions for eligibility under this extension of old-age and survivors insurance coverage: Benefits are payable only to the survivors of World War II veterans who die after but within three years of discharge. The discharge must have been "under conditions other than dishonorable."

Benefits are not payable if the veteran's dependents are eligible for Veterans Administration compensation or pensions. (National Service Life Insurance benefits are not considered Veterans Administration compensation.)

In the case of veterans who died before August 10, 1946 (date of the law's enactment), benefits are fully retroactive to the time of death provided application is filed with the nearest social security field office, by February 10, 1947. Applications on account of veterans who have died since Aug. 10, or any applications filed after February 10, 1947, may be retroactive for only three months.

LOCAL TAX LAWS

Each separate parcel of real property shall be valued at its true and full value in money, excluding the value of crops growing or ungathered thereon. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 7174.)

The tax assessor is required to call upon the taxpayer at the office, place of business or residence of the taxpayer. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 7189.)

The board of equalization is required to value all unrendered real property in general law cities. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 1052.)

The assessment of unrendered real property is carried in a supplemental roll and such property may be sold for nonpayment of taxes at the same time and with like effect as other property. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 1046.)

The tax assessor shall make a list of all unrendered personalty, and it shall be presented by him to the board of equalization for valuation. (Vernon's Statutes, Arts. 1046, 1052, 7217.)

A city tax assessor is required to furnish bond in such amount as may be prescribed by the city council. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 1044.)

When the taxpayer refuses to make rendition or to subscribe to the oath, the assessor shall make note of such facts in a book kept for that purpose (Art. 7192) and shall then proceed to assess the property of such taxpayer, and the assessment so made shall be as legal and binding as if rendered by the taxpayer. (Art. 7193.)

The law requires the tax assessor to make and furnish to the board of equalization a list of all persons failing or refusing to make rendition or refusing to subscribe to the oath. This list shall then be presented to the next grand jury of the county by the board of equalization. (Vernon's Statutes, Art. 7217.)

The tax assessor is required to make up unrendered rolls for submission to the board of equalization. (Art. 7220.)

The board of equalization is required to value all unrendered property; to examine all lists and books of the assessor; subpoena witnesses and records; take testimony in order to ascertain the value of property; raise or lower the value of property to its proper value; to correct all errors that appear in the assessor's lists or books. (Art. 1050.)

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a blue bicycle, a pair of boots and skates and a pretty baby doll with clothes. Love, Beverly Kay Browning, December 11, 1946.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to pick up my electric train at M. W. in S. A. I also want you to bring me a toy Eskimo, and I want you to bring me a bow and arrow and a toy machine gun. Love, David Browning, Dec. 11, 1946.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brooks Browning was a Big Spring and Angelo visitor during the week end.

Wink Kiker was getting a haircut in Robert Lee the other day, or at least he was in the barber shop fanning the breeze.

Bruce Clift of Robert Lee was over Saturday morning for awhile.

Jeanie had a case of hiccups Saturday night, and said the next day she was considering writing a letter to Santa. Just ask Evona.

Glad to report that M. A. Butner is home from the hospital and gadding around all over the place, all of which proves you can't keep a good man down.

The Winston and Bobby Modglings were in town Sunday, while Mrs. Winston taught the Sunday School class of Mrs. Barney Modglings, who has been sick.

Mrs. C. E. Arrott and Mrs. Alfred Taylor were strolling along Saturday night, both all smiles, as Clarence leaned against a wall and watched the world go by.

Our thanks to Bro. Dubois and many other kindly neighbors and friends who have helped us push Struggle Buggy during the last few days. In Angelo the other day, our mother's car had battery trouble, so we pushed it merrily down Main Street, and here in Bronte, Ballinger, or Angelo, we can usually be seen pushing the Ford down the way. We have now come to believe that the rumor about battery shortages is indeed true. One thing about pushing, though, you always feel good when it finally (?) starts.

W. G. Cresap has a most interesting family background, details of which he has promised to furnish us later on. He said Mary came home for the holidays from Abilene, where she is in Hardin-Simmons University.

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X-Rays revealed the top bone of his spine out of place forcing his head down low on one side. Neurocalographs showed this condition was causing interference at the base of the skull to the nerves supplying the Bronchial tubes, stomach, and suprarenal glands. After that bone was set in place, the Neurocalograph check showed a reduction of nerve interference. Within a week, patient reported he was able to sleep all night for the first time in his 24 years. Within 3 months, this patient gained 40 pounds and has continued to improve with freedom from asthmatic symptoms. He reported: "I feel that I have wasted 24 years of my life by not going to a Chiropractor sooner. No one can know what the results have meant to me."

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Texas Business News . . .

RETAIL SALES

Retail sales of country general stores in October increased 5 per cent over September, according to reports from independent stores compiled by the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas. This increase was better than the usual rise between September and October, which over the past ten years has averaged 3 per cent.

Over the same period the total of all retail stores increased 3 per cent, and sales of general merchandise in cities, represented by department and apparel store sales, increased less than the average for all stores. October sales of department stores increased only 2 per cent, while apparel and general merchandise store sales decreased 1 and 0.2 per cent respectively. When allowance is made for the fact that department and apparel store sales normally increase approximately 13 per cent between September and October, the performance for October was unusually poor.

Retail sales increased in every crop-reporting district of the state, the increase varying from 11 per cent in the Northern High Plains and the Trans-Pecos to 0.1 per cent in the Western Cross Timbers.

Five districts reported increases greater than the average for the state, and seven reported increases less

than the average. The Southern Texas Plains showed an increase of 9 per cent, the Southern Texas Prairies 9 per cent, the Edwards Plateau 5 per cent, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley 4 per cent.

Other district reporting increases less than the average for the State were Southern High Plains 2 per cent, Red Bed Plains 1 per cent, Black and Grand Prairies 1 per cent, East Texas Timbered Plains 3 per cent, and Coastal Prairies 1 per cent.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

The manufacture of dairy products in Texas during October decreased 4 per cent from September, and represents about the usual seasonal decline.

In spite of the decrease in the total amount of dairy products manufactured, the production of creamery butter increased 22 per cent. This increase in butter production was at the expense of ice cream and cheese production, each of which decreased 19 per cent. The decrease in ice cream production, however, was seasonal in nature.

Mill receipts and crushings of cottonseed doubled and stocks rose 58 per cent between September and October. For October receipts totalled 185,877 tons, crushings 103,705 tons, and stocks at the end of the month 223,209 tons. This rise followed the usual seasonal pattern, but crushings in comparison with October of last year were off 15 per cent.

September wheat grindings in Texas consumed 3,658,000 bushels of wheat as compared with 3,634,000 bushels in August. In comparison with September, 1945 wheat grindings were down 3 per cent.

Cotton mill activity in Texas increased in October, with the average spindle hours showing a rise of 9 per cent over September. At the same time the consumption of cotton in Texas mills increased 16 per cent. In comparison with October of last year average spindle hours increased 22 per cent, with an accompanying increase in cotton consumption of 38 per cent. The total number of active spindles in Texas in October was 245,310.

TELEPHONES

There were 15 per cent more telephones in service in Texas at the end of October this year than at the same time a year ago. Gains in installations from month to month have been small but steady. October's installations representing a statewide gain of 2 per cent. The medium-sized sized cities of the state reported the biggest monthly increase. The number of telephones in Orange rose 3 per cent, in Temple 4 per cent, in Amarillo 5 per cent, and in Marshall 6 per cent.

The biggest percentage gain in telephones installed during the past 12 months was in Borger where a 48 per cent increase was recorded.

FREIGHT CARLOADINGS

The movement of Texas agricultural products to market during October was a big factor in the 7 per cent rise in revenue freight loaded in the Southwestern District. According to railroad data analyzed by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, there were increases of 12 per cent in shipments of grain and grain products and 15 per cent in livestock shipments between September and October this year.

Despite these gains the over-all rise in miscellaneous freight loadings during October was only 6 per cent or somewhat less than the usual seasonal advance.

WOUNDED VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II MAY REJOIN THE ARMY

All partially disabled combat wounded veterans who possess or are trained in critical skills may rejoin the Army. They will be required to pass all physical tests except those pertaining to their combat incurred injury. They must be able to take care of themselves unaided and must not expect to lose time from duty for further hospitalization.

All enlistments will be three years, Regular Army unassigned. Any pension or other government compensation will be suspended.

Enlistment will have to be accomplished before 31 January 1947 to retain grade held at time of discharge.

If enlistment is on or after 1 February 1947 such enlistment must be within twenty days of discharge in order to hold grade.

There are more than 100 MOS numbers that will qualify disabled veterans to come in under the provisions of this new law and such men are advised to call at the nearest recruiting office for full information, room 320 Post Office Building, San Angelo, Texas.

C. R. Smith reported a land office business over the weekend. That's more proof that it "pays to advertise."

MRS. GLENN HOSTESS TO JUNIOR STUDY CLUB

By Jane Nunnally

Fifteen members of the Junior Study Club met last Friday, Dec. 6, in the home of Mrs. Clark Glenn to hear a program about classical music.

Mrs. Noel Percifull discussed "Chopin," and "Shubert," while Mrs. Frank Sayner talked about "Brahms" and the "Origin of Symphony."

The group answered roll call by naming their favorite classical selec-

tion, and there was no old nor new business taken up.

Mrs. Earl Glenn will serve as hostess for the next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on December 20, and will be a Christmas program.

Those present included: Mmes. J. B. Vernon, Earl, and Clark Glenn, Frank Sayner, Royce Lee, Hollis Stevens, Louis Bridges, Noel Percifull, R. T. Caperton, Francis Pruitt, Robert Hugh Sims, Ed Nunnally, Clyde Lee, and Miss Mary Beth Cumbie.

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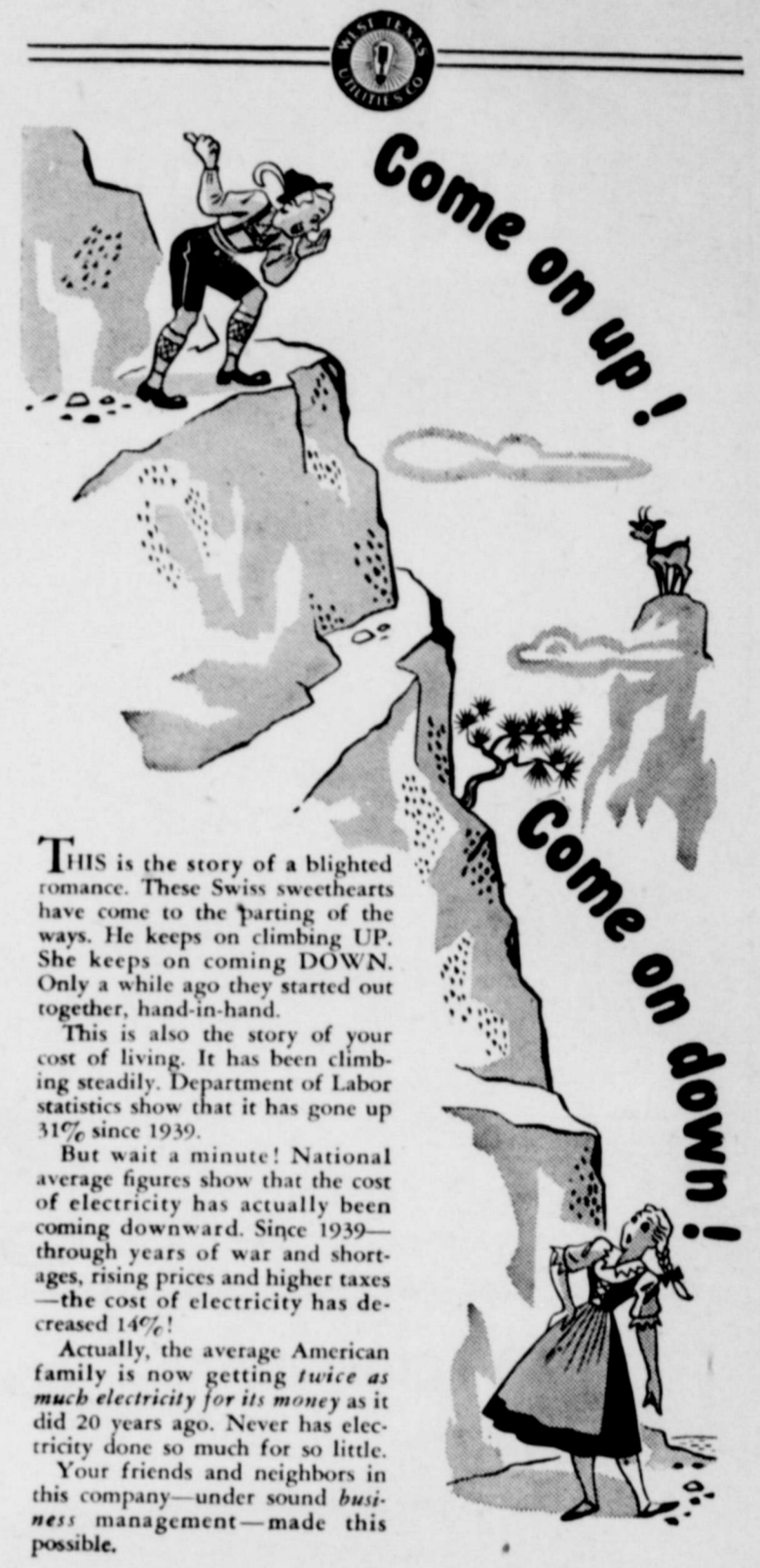


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Nationally speaking, the cash income of American farmers in 1946 will be the highest in history. With few exceptions, bumper crops have been the highest in history. With few exceptions, bumper crops have been evident throughout the year. With a national income of all Americans totalling 20 billion dollars more than goods and services available, it is imperative that this surplus cash be put into purchasing power for the future.

With this condition prevailing, the U. S. Treasury is conducting the promotion of Savings Bonds during the period between Armistice Day and Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7. During this promotion, every effort will be made to divert excess income which inflates prices to a drastic degree into savings bonds. Special appeals are going forward to farm communities which are enjoying their highest incomes in history.

In Texas, a quota of \$35,000,000 in Series E Savings Bonds has been set. To reach this goal is of importance to every individual and every community in the years to come. With Series E Savings Bonds still drawing the same rate of interest as during the war (\$4 for every \$3 invested), this great backlog of savings will provide a source of individual financial reserve at all times and will insure cash for purchases of now scarce items.

"Savings Bonds are still the best investment in the world," said Nathan Adams, Dallas banker, who is chairman of the Texas Advisory Committee on Savings Bonds.

"No matter how much money a farmer has today," Adams continued, "there are many things that he cannot buy on present market prices. A wise farmer will invest his income now in Savings Bonds and take ad-

vantage of future normal supply and prices for his equipment and buildings.

"A span of ten years marks a great many ups and downs with those who till the soil. Weather, insects, prices and many other factors enter the picture to make a good year or a bad year in a farmer's life. With an adequate reserve in Savings Bonds, the bad years can be tided over. And if the bad years never come, the thrifty farmer will have a nestegg to provide for his leisure years, to send the children to college, to travel, or to do the many things a man works and saves for in life.

"During the Treasury's promotion in November and December," concluded Adams, "I know that farmers all over Texas will invest all their excess income in Savings Bonds and will continue to invest in 1947 when they can. All during the war years, the farmers of Texas made a splendid record on War Bonds to back their country's future. Today, they are backing their own future with Savings Bonds."

Savings Bonds, which are obtainable in the same denominations as War Bonds, may be purchased at your bank, post office, or other issuing agents.

W. S. C. S. MEETS WITH MRS. WHITT

The Methodist W. S. C. S. met last Monday, December 9, at 3:30 P. M. in the home of Mrs. H. O. Whitt for its regular meeting.

Mrs. Brooks Browning conducted the program and led the prayers, while Mrs. Ira Lloyd and Mrs. Ed Nunnally were also on the program.

The group is to have its Christmas party next Monday, December 16, in the home of Mrs. Brooks Browning at 3:00 P. M., and all women of the church have been extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Those present included Mmes. J. W. Brantley, Crume, L. Johnson, Brooks Browning, T. F. Sims, Sr., Alfred Taylor, Ira Lloyd, George McCrary, George Thomas, and Ed Nunnally, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley of Snyder were here this week visiting friends and relatives. He was former druggist and postmaster here for over 30 years.

George Braswell and family have sold their home and farm in East Texas and moved back to good of Bronte. He declared when he moved down there he didn't burn any bridges behind him so he could come back when he wanted to.

NORTON NOTATIONS . . .

By Betty Jo Shelburne
The Pep-Squad Football Banquet was held at the Home Economics cottage last Thursday night. The Rainbow theme was carried out. The program was as follows:

Invocation Rev. G. K. Corley
Welcome Ray V. Stark
The Storm Wendell Cope
"I'm Always Chasing Rainbows"
Ray V. Stark (violin) accompanied by Betty Shelburne (piano).

"Sweet Dreams Sweetheart"
Yvonne Bryan, Juanelle Chapman and Dixie Lou Kornegay.
The Rainbow Rev. Farmer
Pot of Gold Ray V. Stark
The Athlete's Creed
Awards

High School Song
Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the program, association with everyone and last but not least the most attractive and delicious food. This completed the events of Football for the year.

We were glad to have a former student Pfc. Foy Stephenson, now stationed at Boca Raton, Florida, visit with us last week.

We are sorry that Lowell Corley is on the sick list. Luck to Lowell. Hope you're back in school soon.

The Gooks played Winters team at Norton, Monday night. Winters won. Then they played Rubins team at Ballinger, Tuesday night. Rubins won

Farm, Ranch and Livestock News

COTTON SITUATION
A balance of 12,810,000 bales of cotton on November 1 was shown in the cotton balance sheet carried in the November issues of the Texas Business Review published by The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. This balance was 28 per cent below last year's balance on the same date and almost 40 per cent under the peak November balance during the past 10 years.

In his analysis of the latest balance sheet for cotton, Dr. A. B. Cox, professor of cotton marketing in The University's College of Business Administration, points out that "both consumption and exports are running ahead of the same last year at an increasing rate of over 100,000 bales per month. Another favorable factor on the supply side of the cotton situation was the small crop carryover of 7,522,000 running bales last August 1. This carryover this year was the lowest since 1937 and 32 per cent below last year's figures.

The big question marks in the cotton situation, says Dr. Cox, are now on the demand side. They concern the mill consumption, the volume of exports and the trends in general prices. All three of these unknowns are tied in with the general level of business activity.

Dr. Cox believes that "the demand for cotton for the remainder of this crop year will accordingly be indicated by the trends of domestic mill consumption and exports during the next few months, and by indexes of business conditions, including price levels."

Poultry and Egg Shipments and Receipts
Figures on shipments and receipts of Texas poultry and eggs showed varied trends in October. Egg shipments in October totaled 143 cars, a drop of 40 cars from September and 39 cars less than shipments in October 1945.

Turkey shipments quintupled in October to hit 34 cars, more than double last year's October shipments. Shipments of chickens dropped from 24 to 9 cars between September and October this year and were 25 per cent under a year ago. These variations in chicken shipments were confined to interstate marketings, intrastate shipments holding steady.

Interstate receipts of eggs by rail at Texas stations amounted to only 49 cars this past month as compared with 93 cars in September and 69 cars in October 1945. Practically all of the interest to receipts are in the shell.

Fruit and Vegetable Shipments
From the opening of the season to the end of October 1,632 cars of Texas fruits and vegetables were shipped by rail. This total was slightly more than half the volume shipped during October last year when 3,118 cars were loaded. Biggest carload declines this year during the first weeks of the season were in grapefruit, off 1,063 cars and peppers, off 303 cars. Mixed citrus shipments fell from 372 to 234 cars. Despite a slow start it is expected that this season will be a record-breaker.

Bob Keyes bought eight head of good bred horses from Condie Wylie of the Wylie ranch at old Fort Chadbourne the other day.

O. C. Ivey is working away in his new home here in Bronte, having deserted the country for the city life.

SOPHS HAVE PARTY

Members and friends of the Sophomore Class of Bronte High School had a whing ding of a party last Wednesday night, November 27, in the gym, which was given them by the home room mothers, including Mmes. C. E. Arrott, T. E. Tidwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beavers. Rumor had it that the other husbands were there, too, and that all had a swell time.

The gang enjoyed ring games, the Virginia Reel, volley and basketball, and agreed the dose should be repeated before too long.

Alex Rogers, wife and son, were here from Hobbs, New Mexico to attend the Jess Scott funeral. Alex is Mrs. Joe Scott's youngest brother.

Glad to know that Allen Butner is back home again from the hospital in Angelo, where he underwent a serious operation. Here's for a full and complete recovery, Allen.

Our thanks to F. L. Clark, who not only knows a lot of news, but sees to it that it gets turned in to us. Keep up the good work, Bro. Clark!

SANCO SOCIETY..

By Billie Joe Gartman
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen of Odesa visited the John Allens over the weekend.

Visiting the E. Arbuckles, Sunday, were the H. L. Reids and Mrs. Truett Arbuckle and baby and Pvt. Truett Arbuckle of San Antonio.

Visiting the Leo Prines, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Johns Revies, Johnny Lou and Floy of Friendship and Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Devall and sons of Ballinger.

E. Arbuckle has been called to Hamilton to be with his sister, Mrs. Minnie Marchell who is very ill.

Coke Austin, Jr. of the Navy is home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coke Austin.

L. S. Bird
Funeral services for L. S. Bird were held at the Sanco Bible Church on Thursday, December 5 with Rev. Joe Temple of Abilene and Rev. W. E. Hawkins of Dallas in charge.

Hallbearers included Earnest Adkins, Nolan Pentecost, Aubrey McKin-

ley, Burley Adkins, Orel Adkins, Melvin Childress, Guy Denman, Sr. and Bryan Gartman.

In addition to the immediate survivors, his widow, three sons, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, and six grandchildren, other relatives present were I. A. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley and June, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost of Sanco, Mrs. C. M. Bird, Carroll Bird, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bailey and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cosby of Midland, C. M. Bird, Jr., of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Conan Albert and Mrs. Hub Taggart of Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Knowlton and sons of Merton, and a host of friends from San Angelo, Colorado City, Bronte, and Robert Lee.

Claud Williams of California, formerly of Bronte, is here visiting his father J. J. (Uncle Jim) Williams and other relatives.

Daniel Scott and his wife were here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Joe Scott and relatives. Dan is a Bronte boy, raised here, and now lives in Dallas.



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POULTRYMEN ENTER BREEDING CONTEST

Texas contestants will compete with poultry breeders from seven other southwestern states in the 1947 phase of the country-wide Chicken-of-Tomorrow program.

This was announced in Chicago last week (December 3-4) at a two-day meeting of the national committee supervising this three-year, better meat-type breeding project. The committee, comprised of representatives of both Federal and state departments of agriculture, state colleges and leading poultry associations, decided that the five top contestants in each of the state contests next year will compete in one of the five regional trials which will be held later in 1947. Area prizes next year will total \$3,000, while the national championship will be decided in 1948.

Five regional meetings were announced for early January, to be held in Kansas City, Milwaukee, Atlanta, New York and on the Pacific Coast. State chairmen will select then the site and date for regional contests, in which uniform hatching dates and growing periods will be observed.

In reviewing this year's contest, Mr. Edwards, who is president of Poultry and Egg National Board, pointed out that 44 states are participating. Of these, 33 states have staged local contests in 1946, with many of the winners looking like formidable contenders for regional honors next year or national awards in 1948.

White Plymouth Rocks and New Hampshire breeds have been predominant among entries awarded certificates of quality this year, winning first place in ten and seven states, respectively. Other popular breeds include Rhode Island Reds, Cornish-White Rock crosses, Barred Rocks, Barred White crosses, and White Giant-White Cornish crosses.

Floyd Beanblossom, poultry specialist, Texas A. & M. College, is chairman of this state's Chicken-of-Tomorrow Committee.

POINTERS ON FARMSTEAD WIRING

"One of the outstanding problems and bottlenecks in carrying electricity to the farm has been wiring. Wiring is often inadequate to care for the rapid expansion in use which takes place after the job is done," writes David S. Weaver, Department of Agricultural Engineering, North Carolina State College.

It is important that the service entrance be of sufficient size. For the average home a 3-wire, 115-230 volt, 60 ampere entrance is good. If barn and other outbuildings are to be served it will be more satisfactory to install one of the 100 ampere size. Many times undersize service entrances have to be torn out. This is expensive, and can be avoided by little more cost at the outset.

The main entrance switch should be located near the load for a farm. Often it is convenient to erect a pole which may carry a yard light and the outdoor type entrance switch. There are several advantages to this plan. In case of fire, pumping can be continued, but if switch is in a building the fire might disrupt service. Do not put your meter on the front porch. It is unsightly; demand

the same high standards as city homes. Keep poles away from front of your house. They can be placed so as to detract little from appearance.

Generally, more outlets installed at time of wiring lowers the average cost. These outlets should be conveniently located for attachment of appliances. The use of plenty of outlets will reduce yardage of hateful cords. Switches should be provided at each door. Where rooms are entered by one door and left by another it is desirable to install three-way switches.

It is good to provide a light at all entrances to the home, another between house and barn. Outside lights at poultry houses, garages, woodsheds are convenient and they offer protection against maulrauders.

—The Progressive Farmer (Texas Edition November).

Mrs. Brunson has gone to Wichita Falls to see and visit her new granddaughter.

Mrs. J. A. Stevenson was a Ballinger visitor last Monday.

Go around and see Lelia Langford's new kitchen, which she's having built in the Bronte Cafe.

Potato Chip Snack Bar



Parties are always fun — and with Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays ahead, it's a wise hostess that knows what to serve her guests that is different and delicious. From tomato juice for the children to an old-fashioned for Dad, we've developed canapés that will please even the most finicky. Smart hostesses are also discovering the time-saving advantage of serving these snacks on delicious potato chips.

PARTY CANAPÉS

- Cream Cheese Rosettes**
Add enough thick cream to the cream cheese to make the right spreading consistency, season with paprika and add chopped chives and lemon juice. Using a pastry tube, make a small rosette of cheese on crisp potato chips.
- Broiled Shrimp Canapé**
Marinate shrimps in French dressing for 1 hour. Place shrimps under broiler and cook until shrimps are heated through. Place one shrimp in the center of a curled, crisp potato chip and serve immediately.
- Egg and Anchovy Canapé**
Chop 2 hard cooked eggs fine, add 6 to 8 anchovy filets (also chopped fine) to the egg and mix in 2 tbs. pickle relish. Spread on potato chips.
- Cucumber and Bacon Canapés**
Mix equal parts of diced, broiled bacon and minced cucumber with mayonnaise. Spread on potato chips and garnish with diced green peppers and pearl onions.
- Avocado Whip**
Mash pulp of 1 avocado and beat with a rotary egg beater until light and fluffy. Add 1 tbs. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. onion juice. Place on table or bar with accompanying bowl of chips or crackers, to be used as accompaniment.
- Blue Cheese Canapé**
Put 1/2 cup Blue Cheese (domestic Roquefort) through a sieve; add 1/4 pkx. cream cheese, 1 tsp. onion juice, 2 drops tabasco sauce, 1 tbs. sherry wine and 2 tsp. mayonnaise. Mix thoroughly and spread on potato chips. Garnish with paprika, parsley or strips of green pepper.

The proportions of these recipes give a generous yield. It is also possible for all of these canapés to be prepared beforehand and stored in the refrigerator. When guests arrive, you are all set to serve the mixes without that last minute, tiring, party rush!

Boxed Mince-meat Oatmeal Squares
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Today's busy housewife, eyeing the activity-filled days ahead, will welcome these unusually delicious and novel MINCEMEAT OATMEAL SQUARES. They're simple to prepare, but still a gala holiday creation worthy of any festive occasion.

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For a special Christmas gift package, a homemade container can be fashioned from an empty oatmeal box. Cover the entire box with decorative paper — the lid too. A round lace-edged doilie (center snipped out) is pasted inside the top of the carton for a frilly edging to the cookie container. As a lid lifter, an artificial pine cone or some other fanciful Christmas ornament can be used.

Mince-meat-Filled Bars
(Makes 4 dozen bars)

- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup fat
 - 2 cups rolled oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 1 lb. mince-meat (about 2 cups)
1. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Mix with brown sugar.
 2. Cut in fat until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
 3. Add rolled oats and water, mixing thoroughly.
 4. Pack one-half the crumb mixture into two greased 7x11-inch pans. Spread a thin layer of mince-meat over the crumbs. Pack on the remaining crumbs.
 5. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Cool and cut in bars. Serve as a cookie or with a sauce as dessert.

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