

Since 1889, newspapers have served Coke County beginning with the Coke County Rustler. In the 1980s, the Bronte Enterprise and the Robert Lee Observer combined to become The Observer/Enterprise. The history told in these publications is fascinating and we want to share it with our readers of today. Each week, we will include items from the archives.

The Bronte Enterprise

October 14, 1955

ART CRAFT CLUB MEETS IN J. D. LEONARD HOME

Mrs. J. D. Leonard was hostess in her home to the Art Craft Club Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Mrs. Leonard gave as opening exercise a sketch on Queen Isabella and Columbus ending by reading the poem "Columbus."

Roll call was answered by each member giving the birthplace of their grandparents.

Mrs. Taylor Emerson presided at the business meeting and the Christmas party was discussed. It was decided to have the party Dec. 9 and the following committees were appointed:

Place and decorations, Mrs. T. F. Sims, Sr., Mrs. Charlie Keeney, Mrs. Bob Knierim, Mrs. Sam Gray and Mrs. F. L. Clark.

Menu, Mrs. J. D. Leonard, Mrs. E. L. Caperton, Mrs. Minnie B. West.

Mrs. Charlie Keeney spoke on the San Jose Mission in San Antonio.

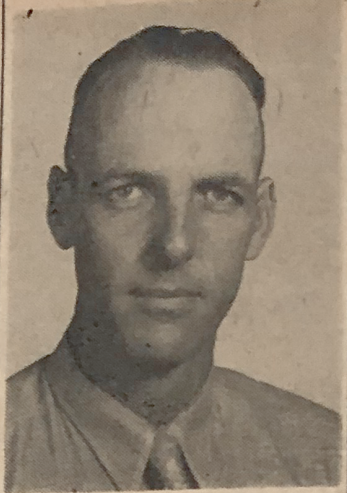
Mrs. B. D. Reeves conducted a Bible quiz which was won by Mrs. Keeney, who was presented a hand woven table mat. Floating prize went to Mrs. J. L. Keeney. It was a box of stationery.

Sunshine gifts were exchanged. Cake and ice cream were served to Mes. Knierim, Sims, Gray, Rob Herron, Charlie Keeney, Caperton, Reeves, J. L. Keeney, F. L. Clark, Emerson, West, Nanny Ash and the hostess.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Knierim on Nov. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Royce Fancher. Mr. and Mrs. Ball plan to move to Abilene in the near future.

J. T. HENRY IN 20TH YEAR AT BRONTE SCHOOL



J. T. HENRY

J. T. Henry, Bronte vocational agriculture teacher, will take 20 boys to the Dallas Fair this weekend. Saturday is rural youth day at the Fair. T. G. Gleghorn will drive the school bus.

During the summer months, Henry did a complete interior re-finish on his vocational agriculture building. Materials were furnished by the school, with Henry doing the work. He also gave the outside framework and windows a trim to match the rest of the buildings.

Henry and his vocational ag boys are now in the process of redoing the work shop. They are rewiring and installing new lights and fixtures, as well as making new outlets for power tools.

Henry has 11 boys enrolled in the sophomore agriculture class and 12 in the Junior class.

Henry has taught in the Bronte school system for 19 years, this being the only school in which he has ever taught. He graduated from Sterling City high school and received his BA degree from Texas Tech. He received his Master's degree from Sul Ross in Alpine. Henry came to Bronte in 1937 and with the exception of 1941-43, when he was in service, has been here since that time. His wife also teaches in the Bronte School system. They have one daughter, Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott of Waco were through here Sunday visiting relatives. They were enroute to Colorado on a hunting trip. They will be met there later this week by Joe Edward Scott and Leroy Scott of Denver City.

Hylton Masons Host 22 Lodges

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Hylton Masonic Lodge 884 was host Tuesday evening to members of 22 lodges with 100 members and guests registering. Lodges represented were Wingate, Winters, Sweetwater, Roby, Kermit, Roscoe, Rotan, Lampasas, Hayrick, Hamlin, Wichita Falls, Sonora, McCauley, Bronte, Woodland, Houston, San Angelo, Sterling City, Concho of San Angelo, Paint Rock,

Snyder and Pueblo, Colo.

The degree team of Suez Temple of San Angelo performed Masonic degrees. Those participating were O. L. Sims, H. E. Everetts, W. W. Goldberg, Ben E. Godfrey, L. E. Barkley, A. M. Wilcox and Earl Green.

Grand officers present were R. W. Alvis Johnston, Grand Junior Deacon, R. W. Paul Turney, Grand Senior Warden, Nolan Cannon, District Deputy Grand Master of 78 district; Duncan Hensley, District Grandmaster of 105 district.

A barbecue dinner was served preceding the meeting.

Charter No. 12723 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BRONTE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 5TH, 1955. PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 952,539.54
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	680,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	325,976.45
Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$2,096.72 overdrafts)	627,410.28
Bank premises owned \$40,987.09, furniture and fixtures \$12,652.50	53,639.59
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,644,065.87
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$2,061,965.12
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	6,542.20
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	365,397.85
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,433,905.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,433,905.17
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	60,225.70
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	210,225.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,644,065.87

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 864,000.00

Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 5,594.77

Loans insured or guaranteed by Veterans' Administration—insured or guaranteed portions only 4,941.30

Total amount of loans, certificates of interest and obligations, or portions thereof, which are fully backed or insured by agencies of the United States Government (other than "United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed") 19,376.07

I, B. D. Snead, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. D. Snead, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: Edward Rawlings }
D. K. Glenn } Directors.
Earl F. Glenn }

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of October, 1955, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
C. E. Bruton, Notary Public
My commission expires June 1st, 1957.



Pet or Carnation Milk - 2 for 25c	Lge. Skinnor's Macaroni or Spaghetti - 2 for 25c
Davis White or Yellow Pop Corn - 2 for 35c	Reg. Ctn. Cigarettes - \$2.25
Grapette Assorted Flavors Drink Mix - 12c	Dromedary Two 4 oz. cans Pimientos - 25c
Franco American 2 No. 300s Spaghetti - 33c	Any Flavor Dutch Girl Jelly - 35c
Lge. Tide or Cheer 29c	Jack Sprat Diced 2 No. 303s Carrots - 25c

Free - - Frontier Stamps



Valuable Frontier Stamps with every cash purchase is what you get at Bronte Ice Co. When you consider our everyday low prices plus FREE Frontier Stamps, you can't do better than to buy all of your groceries at our store.

Hormel Slab Bacon - 35c	Lb. Franks - 45c
Club Steak - 45c	Lb. Longhorn Cheese - 45c
Biscuits - 25c	2 for Gold Crest Cheese - 79c
Bananas - 13c	Lb. Spuds - 49c
lettuce - 13c	Head Lemons - 29c

DRILLING MUD and CHEMICALS

CEMENT and LUMBER