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Kerrville Mayor Bill Blackburn acknowledges the accomplishments of Schreiner and his family. "There was little farmland in Kerr County," he says, "and that left ranching, which was not easy because the soil was not deep and [was] rocky."

Schreiner built great wealth from his enterprising, Blackburn says, but especially from wool and mohair production. Other Texas ranches enjoyed long-lasting success, but Schreiner's stands out for overcoming the merciless Hill Country landscape.

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**On This Day
in Texas History
March 5th, 1842**

On this day in 1842, Mexican general Ráfael Vásquez, with 700 soldiers, occupied San Antonio. Unable to raise an army in time to resist this invasion, the Texans surrendered and evacuated the town without a fight. Vásquez raised the Mexican flag over the town, and declared Mexican laws in effect. On March 9 the Mexican army abandoned San Antonio and began to withdraw to Mexico. The incident was part of a series of raids and counter-raids in 1842 as Mexico sought to recover Texas and the Texans fought to maintain their independence.

**U.S. agriculture:
Doing more with
less, sustainably**

By Gary Joiner
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U.S. farmers and ranchers have long been at the forefront of climate-smart farming. They use scientific solutions, technology and innovations to grow crops and care for livestock.

By doing so, they protect soil and water, efficiently manage manure and produce clean and renewable energy. They also capture carbon and improve sustainability.

It's quite the success story. Over the past two generations, American farmers and ranchers have increased productivity by 287 percent. All while using the same resources.

Doing more with less is an understatement.

The carbon footprint of U.S. agriculture is also shrinking. Agriculture accounts for about 10% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. That's far less than transportation, electricity generation and industry sectors.

And its footprint could soon be even less. Officials say with increased investment in agricultural research, new frontier technologies can be developed to capture even more carbon in croplands, forests and grasslands. Net zero emissions in some sectors of agriculture are a real possibility.

America's farmers and ranchers are part of the climate solution. Working hard everyday in a sustainable way.

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 Robert Lee Observer

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ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY TEXAS

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Pioneer Citizen Of Robert Lee Passes Away Thursday

N. C. Brown an early settler in Coke County died at his home Thursday at 3:30 A. M.

He was born in Tennessee in 1858, moved to Coke County from Collins County in 1900.

He was an Elder in the Church of Christ and preached for more than 60 years, he also taught school in Robert Lee.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Christ, Friday, 2:30 p. m. The body will be laid to rest in Robert Lee cemetery.

Pall Bearers: T. A. Richardson, W. C. Kirley, Roy Taylor, Bud Jones, F. C. Clark and W.B. Stark. The W. K. Simpson Funeral Home in charge

Patriotic Rally Held

The Rally held at First Baptist Church with Bruce Clift, master of ceremonies, was well attended. The Robert Lee High School Band did a splendid job of entertaining and are to be highly commended along with a top notch band instructor.

O. C. Fisher our District Attorney, pinched hit for E. S. Mayer made a three bagger, a splendid talk.

Penrose B. Metcalfe our State Senator, delivered the address knocking a home run bringing in Fisher and they both scored so we had a fine evening on War Defense information and enlightenment. The two speakers are highly appreciated in Coke County.

The Stock Show

The Coke County Stock Show was the best ever held in this county. The weather was a little rough, especially in the morning raining and sleeting, but it did not dampen the order of the boys.

Billy Blaylock won the blue ribbon for the champion lamb, and also the blue ribbon for the champion milk-fed Hereford.

Wayne Smith won the ribbon for the champion fat barrows.

Fat lambs class II Edward Earl Pierce won first and third.

Clarence Webb Jr. won first and third in angora goats billies.

Arthur Wayne Arrott winning first and third in the does.

Judge Edward Sanduskie won first in fat borrows; Class II Joe Caudle won first place for the fat barrows.

Joe Caudle took first in senior Duroc gilts, Wilford Rabb won first in junior Duroc gilts; Loy Wrinkle first in Poland China gilts and Johnny Gregg first in O.I.C, Chester White gilts.

James Page took first in Duroc sows and Johnnie Hickman first in Hampshire sows.

\$257.00 was given in defense stamps as premiums to winners in the boys divisions.

Business Enlarged

Ott's Grocery and Filling Station out grew its original building and it was necessary to enlarge, by the addition of another room so that he could add to his growing stock of merchandise and take care of his customers. There is always room at the top.

Read his ad on the back page.

Baptist W. M. S.

Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. J. Cumbie Monday afternoon in first program of the Home Mission Week of Prayer, with Mmes. Allen, Young and Cumbie taking part on program.

Hostess served refreshments to 8 members present.

On Wednesday Ladies met in the home of Mrs. Victor Wojtek with Mrs. J. C. Snead as leader. Mmes. Chumley, Wojtek and Miss Naomi Brown had parts on program. Refreshments served to those present.

The last program will be Friday at the church beginning 11 a. m.

Douglas Snead of Bronte adds his name to the list of Observer readers.

Locals

Mrs. G. P. Lowry of Brownwood visited this week in Robert Lee.

Several light showers of rain mixed with sleet fell Friday night and Saturday with about one quarter of an inch rainfall Saturday night.

T. J. Gilmore of Winters was in Robert Lee Monday.

L. E. White renews his subscription to the home paper.

Allen Davis made an ambulance trip from Abilene to Taft, Texas last Friday night, and on his way to Abilene he spent about an hour in the home of Mr and Mrs. Bruce Clift.

Mrs. W. K. Simpson who has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis at Taft returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Devoll and baby and Nina Gramling spent the week end in the home of Mrs. B.M. Gramling.

Mrs. Lizzie Hester returned home Friday of last week, after visiting in Miles and San Angelo for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pate, son and Mrs. Pate's father M. Stroud moved to Camp Farley first of the week.

Mrs. Marvin Barnes and little daughter Linda, left Saturday for DeLeon Texas, to visit relatives and to meet her brother, Corp. Ralph Peters from Philadelphia Pa., who is stationed in the air corps at that place.

Mrs. John McCabe returned home Tuesday from DeLeon. She had been with her sister for several weeks, who is quite ill.

Mrs. S. M. Lewis left Wednesday for Dallas to visit her daughter and family.

The Post Office looks good with its new coat of white paint.

H. L. Scott has moved his office in the rear of the Post Office.

Rev. Taylor Heney attended Workers Conference at Dracoo Tuesday.

Miss Nina Barger left Sunday for Sanderson where she has accepted a position as secretary of the Draft Board at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock left for California Wednesday to visit their son J. S. at Santiago.

Bruce Clift had his paper marked up for another year.

Deficiency in Vitamin A is really the reason some people can't see in the dark, a University of Texas advanced nutrition class has found.

Remember The Boys

The Book Campaign is still open for contributions to be sent to the boys in Army Service.

Roun' Edith

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin entertained Monday night with a 42 party and shower, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Buster Burson whose home was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. They received many nice and useful gifts.

Mrs. Luther Sparks and two small daughters left Monday for a visit to New Mexico, where she will visit with a young brother, who is leaving soon for Army service.

Miss Marguerite Garvin left Thursday for Abilene, to enter Draughton's Business College.

Mrs. Sam Powell has been suffering with infected hand the past few days, but is reported improved.

Mrs. John Mitchell is reported very ill again, she has been confined to her bed several weeks.

W. S. C. S.

W.S.C.S. met with Mrs. Bruce Clift Monday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson taught a very interesting lesson from the mission study book. After a business session refreshments were served to 14 members. We were glad to have Mrs. Nichols as a new member. Will meet with Mrs. Marvin Simpson next Monday in a covered-dish luncheon.

FOR LEASE

160 Acre Farm
See Douglas Snead,
Bronte, Texas.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. Modgling of Bronte announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Iva Dell, to William Wayne Owen, son of Mr and Mrs. C. M. Owen of Brady. The ceremony will be performed at 4 p. m. Saturday in the home of the bride-to-be's parents.

-San Angelo Standard.

Notice

The Baptist Church has set the date of July 5 to 12, 1942 for their summer Revival.

FOR SALE

House and 6 lots, at \$300, 640 acres of land to trade for property in Coke County.
See S. R. Young

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or have your service discontinued.
City Commission

FOR SALE

Milk Cows, Fresh and Springers,
See W. J. Gide n.
Bronte, Texas.

NOTICE

YOU can buy your CAR NUMBERS now and put them on in March. Throw your old NUMBERS in the Aluminium Pen.

PAUL GOOD
Deputy

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Mar. 6-7-8

WILLIAM BOYD-ANDY CLYDE-RUSSELL HAYDEN
IN
"DOOMED CARAVAN"

Another Thrilling tale of the west with your favorite cowboy hero - Hopalong Cassidy
Also Comedy and News

Wednesday only Money Nite Mar. 11

GENE STRATTON PORTER'S
"HER FIRST ROMANCE"
With EDITH FELLOWS-WILBUR EVANS
Also Two Reel Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Mar. 6-7

BOB HOPE-DOROTHY LAMOUR IN
"CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT"
Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite Mar. 10

GENE STRATTON PORTER'S
"HER FIRST ROMANCE"
With EDITH FELLOWS-WILBUR EVANS
Also Two Reel Comedy