

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.

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Bible School Closes

The Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church is going strong with around 60 enrolled. Today will have their picnic on the river for those who have attended the school and at 8:45 tonight they will give their closing program and display of articles made during the Bible school. Every body invited to come.

Scrap Rubber Campaign By Girl Scouts

A dream of the Robert Lee Girl Scouts is beginning to become a reality, that is the construction of their Club house. The rock has already been hauled and they expect to start building before long. However they still lack some money having enough, so they are beginning to campaign for scrap rubber. If you have any scrap rubber you can donate to the girls you will be helping Uncle Sam and the girls too. Call 91 and one of the girls will pick up the scrap rubber.

Visit Relatives

Miss Mettie Fay Byrd of Silvertown, Texas visited her grand parents Mr and Mrs. W. G. Byrd and other relatives and friends few days ago. She is scheduled to be in Washington June 20, to accept a government job.

FOR SALE

A two year old Jersey milk cow. See Myrtle Hurley

Selective Service News Item

FIFTH REGISTRATION JUNE 30, 1942

Ages of eighteen and twenty As announced by the Director of Selective Service. All men who were born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, must register between 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. on Tuesday, June 30, 1942, and they must be careful to give their correct addresses where official communications will reach them without delay.

This Fifth Registration will complete the inventory of the Nations potential manpower, although under current policy, men under twenty are not subject to induction for combat duty. This registration will be held at two places only in Coke County.

(1) In Robert Lee, the registration will be at the Court House.

(2) In Bronte, the registration will be at The First National Bank Building.

Coke County Selective Service Local Board.

Ladies Silk Hose to suit all occasions. Cumbie & Roach

Mrs. Kate Vaughn left Thursday for her home at Lubbock.

RUBBER! RUBBER! We pay 1c per pound. Leave your old TIRES and Rubber at OTTS Station.

Patriotism

The Relief Program is going in a fine way and still coming in, by every one doing their part we will go over the top.

- R. Ward Hill \$5.00
- Mrs. A J Rawlins 10.00
- J H Moore 1.00
- Homer Cornelius 2.00
- J M, Rippitoe 5.00
- Diversity Club, Bronte 10.00
- D K and Betty Glenn 2.50
- Mrs Fannie Snead 1.00
- C O Meador 2.00
- First Nat. Bank and their Employees 50.00
- J T Henry 2.50
- Mrs L Johnson 1.00
- T C Price 10.00
- Mrs T C Price 5.00
- I M Cumbie 10.00
- Mr & Mrs T F Sims Jr. 5.00
- Mr & Mrs Geo. Thomas 1.00
- J B Mackey 2.50
- A D Cupp 1.00
- Mr & Mrs C C Glenn 5.00
- Luther McCutchen 1.00
- A M Wynne 1.00
- Noah Pruitt 4.00
- R E Hickman 10.00
- Miss Nell Lowry 1.00
- Mrs E A Brookshier 1.00
- B W Waldrip 5.00
- R N Gabriel .50
- Oscar Hays .50
- Mrs Will Hickman .25
- J J Dennis 1.00
- Clint Duncan 1.00
- Mac Powell 5.00
- Leshe Woullard 1.00
- R R Ash 10.00
- Lewis Powers 1.00
- Mrs Jess Percifull 1.00
- Will Price 1.00
- F S Higginbotham 5.00
- W G Bird 10.00
- Robert Lee State Bank 30.00
- Mrs L D Schooler 5.00
- Leamon Walters 15.00
- R B Allen and wife 10.00
- Delmir Sheppard 2.00
- W M Millican 20.00
- Sam Duncan 2.00
- Luther Sparks 1.00
- Mr & Mrs J I Murtishaw 4.00
- Coke Motor Co. 25.00
- M E Tremble 2.00
- S E Adams 10.00
- W E Burns 10.00
- J I Williams 5.00
- Alamo & Texas Theatres 25.00
- H E Smith 5.00
- A L Bruson 5.00
- Wayne McCabe 2.00
- J T Theftord 2.00

Men of 45 to 65 will get their questionnaires in the next few days.

Birthday Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams and Stanley attended a birthday dinner of Mrs. Adams father, W. B. Pruitt, 72 of San Angelo Sunday near Miles, with all the Pruitt family present.

Visit Home Folks

Clell Varnadore has been home on a 15 day furlough, while here he and his mother and little brother J Cue, went to Lampasas Texas visiting relatives, and on to Buckhanan Dam and other points.

Clell has just been transferred to the air corps and is being sent to Ellington field near Houston, Texas.

Latham-Ray

Lee Royland Latham and Miss Virginia Ray were married Friday 9 p. m. in Robert Lee at the Baptist parsonage with Rev. Taylor Henley officiating.

The bride daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B Ray of Odessa, wore a white linen suit with brown accessories. She is a graduate of Odessa High School.

Lee Royland son of Mr. and Mrs. A E Latham is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended John Tarlton College.

Corp Latham has been on furlough from Hamilton Field Calif. and returned Monday. She will remain here.

In Hospital

Mrs. F. M. Andrews was carried to a San Angelo hospital Monday by W. K. Simpson Ambulance service, and operated on that night. Those at her bedside her son Loyd Andrews, Clovis, New Mexico; granddaughter Mrs. Gladys Markwood, A.V. Andrews and family, Abilene, and a sister from Blanco.

Enlist Now

If you were ever turned down for enlistment in the Navy because of bad teeth or bad eyes the chances are that you can be enlisted now. Chief V. L. Ryan of the San Angelo Navy Recruiting Sub-station said this week in announcing lowered physical standards for the Navy.

Baptist W. M. S.

The Society met with Mrs. Bob Read Monday at 4 p.m. with Mrs. Cumbie bringing the devotional.

Mrs. Henley gave a synopsis of the first three books of the New Testament and conducted the quiz in the book of Luke.

Miss Naomi Brown gave a talk on Duties of the different Chairmen of our W M S work.

Mrs. Young presided over the business session, and Mrs. Gerald Allen led the closing prayer. Refreshments were served to nine members, and two visitors Mrs. Kate Vaughn and Mrs. Bob Patterson. Monday June 22, the Society will meet with Mrs. S. R. Young in their monthly Missionary program.

Ladies new Slack Suits at Cumbie & Roach

Local Items

Otto Wojtek underwent an appendectomy Wednesday afternoon in a San Angelo hospital.

Memory Gramling and Vance Simpson left Wednesday for Dallas to be inducted in the Navy.

Miss Hazel New of Fort Worth visited in the home of her aunt, Mrs. V. H. Simpson over the week end.

The Baptist of the South plan to be debt free by Oct. 31, 1942.

Reith Lofton accepted a Civil Service job at San Angelo to train for mechanics.

A group of Coke County Boys left Monday to be inducted in the Army.

Locals

Abilene-View Bus Inc. have a new time schedule in this issue watch it for changes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Fort Stockton visited in the Good home last week and Eddie Paul went home with them for a visit returning back home Sunday.

Judge Wylie, Willis Smith and H. C. Varnadore were in Austin last Thursday on business.

Nickel parking machines may go out of fashion as fast as they came in.

Hugh Lewis Jr. left Friday for Florida, after spending a week with home folks.

James and Jo Ann Bilbo of San Angelo have been spending the last two weeks with their grand parents Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bell.

Lost - a good rain, finder see Jolly.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Fitzhugh left Wednesday of last week for Camp Wolters, where Mr Fitzhugh taken a physical examination for officer training, and then on to Bluffdale to visit relatives, returning home Sunday.

Some politicians spend all their money with the radios. Not a man in your city gets a penny out of them, although you pay them a good salary.

Chester Allen of Ellington Field is here visiting his father, J. L. Allen.

Mrs. Noal Perciful of Orland, Calif. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter of Houston are here for the Slaughter-Caperton wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wigginton spent last week in Houston visiting his father and other relatives.

Mitchell Davis and family returned from Austin Monday, where he had been doing carpenter work for several months.

Miss Eula McCutchen who has been visiting her brother Walker McCutchen and family of Die Rio, for six weeks, returned home Friday.

The rubber drive is on in dead earnest. Around 10,000 lb

Last Thursday and Friday were frightfully hot, whereas Saturday and Sunday coats felt comfortable.

J. F. Roberson and Emmett Burgess accepted a job overhauling and building a resident and barn on the old Collin's ranch near Coke and Sterling County line, a several months job.

Samuel T. Stinebaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Stinebaugh of Bronte, has been assigned to one of the Navy's radio schools after scoring high aptitude tests in his recruit training period at the Newport, R. I. U. S. Naval Training Station.

I am not a 'Yes' man and I am not a 'No' man. On matters of vital military and naval security I would not risk my judgment over the combined judgment of our President and of our military and naval experts. I do not now share, and have never shared the thinking of the Isolationists."

-O. C. Fisher

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