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Longhorns Open 1959 Season Friday Night at Robert Lee

Bronte's Longhorns have their work cut out for them Friday night when they travel to Robert Lee to meet the Steers in a non-conference season opened for both schools. New head coach Bob Howard Wednesday reserved making much comment concerning the game, but said the Longhorns would be at full strength, with the exception of Lanny Denman, who was injured in practice.

The Longhorns scrimmaged both Winters and Throckmorton last week, Howard said. He said they

looked good against Winters, but he wasn't too pleased with their performance against Throckmorton until he read this week that Throckmorton has been picked as the strongest team in their district.

The Longhorns have been picked by Standard-Times and Abilene Reporter-News sports writers as the No. 1 team in District 6-B. Howard left the impression that he thought their predictions were slightly premature at this time, and that the Longhorns have some

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Friday night we will get out first look at the 1959 Bronte Longhorn team. They will meet their traditional arch-rivals, the Robert Lee Steers on the neighbor's gridiron. We're expecting the Longhorns to take this game. We're pretty well impressed with the squad this year, perhaps not as much as our friends on the dailies, who placed the Longhorns on top of the pile in District 6-B. The trouble is we're just not brave enough to stick out our neck, as they do all the time. Statistics do not necessarily mean anything when Robert Lee and Bronte tangle on the gridiron. We urge you to go to Robert Lee Friday night and back the Longhorns 100 per cent, win, lose or draw.

Seems kinda nice to have school going again. There's just something extra special about seeing kids going through town on their way to school. Most of them seem to have a firm purpose in mind as they go back to school. Their attitude must be contagious for seeing them in action makes us want to resolve to do our job better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Braswell visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Vosburg, at Hubbard, and with her sister, Mrs. D. J. Huse, and family, at Malone. They returned by way of Walnut Springs, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baker and son, and by Hico where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vosburg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas of Albuquerque, New Mex., left last weekend after visiting here in the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Grimes, and with other relatives and friends.

distance to go before they achieve the perfection attributed to them by the big town sports writers.

The following lineup has been announced as the probably starters against Robert Lee Friday night:

- End — Jerry McCutchen, 155 lb. senior.
- End — Neil Black, 180, senior.
- Tackle — Mike Luttrell, 200, junior.
- Tackle — Bob Wrinkle, 205, senior.
- Guard — Rudy Phillips, 145, freshman.
- Guard — Stanley Daulong, 180, senior.
- Center — Donald Hester, 150, sophomore.
- Blocking back — Kenneth McCutchen, 175, senior.
- Fullback — Benny Corley, 180, senior.
- Wingback — Mickey Black, 140, senior.
- Tailback — Dee Arrott, 145, sophomore.

Coach Howard has requested that the team have no visitors in the dressing room after 5 p. m. on days of games and for at least ten minutes after each game.

The Steers have a new coach this year, too. Coach Bill Callaway has eleven lettermen returning for action this season. The Standard-Times sports writer places Robert Lee in third place in the district. After suffering a stinging defeat last year when they were headsup favorites to win, the Steers will be out to avenge that loss.

Other members of the Longhorn squad are the following boys:

- Freshmen — Leslie Brice, Russell Brown, Victor Ivey, Malcolm Johnson, Douglas Phillips, Joe Sharp and Greg Khalen.
 - Sophomores — Jack Corley, Eddie Glenn, Charles Lee, Tommy Lee, Rudy Olivas, Douglas Rogers, Eddie Spiller and Buddy Walker.
 - Juniors — Don Andrews, Joe Davis, Larry Robinson and Kenneth Shaver.
 - Lanny Denman, and Reyes Olivas.
 - Seniors — Kenneth Caulder.
- A number of the men listed above, in addition to the starters, are expected to see action Friday night.
- Game time is 8 p. m. and admission prices are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Plans Complete for Barbecue And Program on Labor Day

"Working Together for a Better Community" will be the theme for the annual community Labor Day barbecue at the County Park here. Everyone in the area is invited and the ladies are asked to bring salads, or cakes or pies to complement the barbecue meal, which is being furnished by Bronte businessmen.

The program will begin at 5:30 p. m. next Monday with a 30-minute concert by the Bronte Longhorn band, followed at 6 o'clock by the

barbecue. Rev. Lester Vinson will give the invocation.

Following the meal, at about 7 o'clock the program will get underway with Rev. Bob Grimes, pastor of the First Methodist Church, speaking in behalf of Bronte Church; Supt. C. B. Barbee, speaking for the schools; J. A. Stephenson, Bronte Mayor, representing the city government, and County Judge W. W. Thetford speaking for the county.

A water show is planned to take

place immediately following the program. Taking part will be members of this year's beginners swimming classes, all intermediate and advanced swimming classes and anyone interested in diving. All who will participate in the show are asked to be present for a final practice Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

Aubrey Denman, caretaker at the park, said there will be surprises for all water show participants and that special entertainment will be provided by water clowns. He would not tell the identity of the clowns.

The water show will be under the direction of Joe Don Wilkins, who has been swimming instructor and life guard at the pool this summer.

Ballots Being Mailed for Wool Vote

Ballots for voting the September referendum on the lamb and wool marketing development program are now being mailed to producers in Coke County, C. E. Arrott, chairman of the Coke County Agricultural Stabilization and conser-

vation Committee, announced on Aug. 5.

The referendum will determine whether or not deductions will continue to be made from producer payments earned under the wool incentive program. Funds collected are used by the American Sheep Producers Council to carry out a program of advertising, promotion, and related activities under an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture.

The agreement, which has been in effect since the 1955 marketing year, will be extended for 3 years if approved in the September referendum. Producers having two-thirds of the volume of production represented in the referendum must approve if the agreement is to be extended.

Deductions from wool and lamb payments under the new agreement would not exceed 1 cent per pound for shorn wool and 5 cents per hundred weight for unshorn lambs. Deductions at these rates have been made from payments for each marketing year since 1955.

Producers may vote through September. The entire month has been designated as the voting period to encourage as large a turnout as possible. Any producer who believes he is eligible to vote and does not receive a ballot within the next few days should get in touch with the County ASC office.

To be counted, ballots must be received in the ASC office not later than Sept. 30. Arrott urges producers to mark and return their ballots as soon as they are received.

Improvements for Bronte Stadium

Members of the Bronte Longhorn Club, local quarterbacking organization, have done a large amount of work at the local football stadium during the past few weeks.

A working party several weeks ago cleaned out debris from under the stands and generally policed up the premises. A water line was also set up to make watering the field easier.

Another working party this week sanded the seats and repainted them. Some repair work was one on the bleachers also.

The Longhorn Club plans to make movies of as many games as possible for the coach and players to use this season.

Clark Glenn, president of the group, said this week that more members are needed and urged everyone who has not joined to do so. Memberships are \$4.00 each, or \$5.00 for a man and his wife.

Gene Walker has returned from a weeks visit with his brother, Dwain Walker, and wife in Oklahoma City. He has resumed his position in the press room of the Standard-Times in San Angelo.

School Term Off to Good Start

Bronte schools opened Monday morning with an even 300 enrollment, 213 in the grade school and 87 in the high school. This is exactly the same number of students who enrolled on the opening day last year. A few more students are expected to enroll late, as is usually the case.

Schools opened with a full faculty, with the latest addition being Miss Diane Dunklin, commercial teacher, who was hired just before the opening date to replace Bill Campbell, who resigned a few days ago. Miss Dunklin is a native of Phillips, Texas, and graduated this spring from McMurry College in Abilene. She is living in the home of Mrs. Edna Butner.

An assembly program at 9 a. m. formally opened the 1959-60 school term. Teachers and principals were introduced and Supt. C. B. Barbee, beginning his first year here, told the assembled students and parents the aims of Bronte

schools for this year and discussed school policy.

The grades, with the number of students enrolled on the opening day, and the home room teachers are: First, 34, Mrs. C. B. Barbee; second, 29, Mrs. George Thomas; third, 22, Mrs. Maxine Brumley; fourth, 34, Miss Nannie Marie Pearson; fifth, 26, Mrs. R. C. Lass-Pearson; sixth, 24, Mrs. J. T. Henry; seventh, 21, Mike Anderson, and eighth, 23, Mrs. Willie Mae Glenn.

In the high school, enrollment figures are: Freshmen, 22; sophomores, 25; juniors, 21, and seniors, 19. The faculty includes Harry G. Newton, science; Bob Henry, athletic coach; J. T. Henry, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Royce Fancker, homemaking; Wendell Gideon, band director; Miss Maurine Brewer, English, and Miss Diane Dunklin, commerce.

Joe Simpson is high school principal and Edward L. Hopson is elementary principal.

Science Dept. Receives Gift

The science department of the school received a welcome and unexpected gift this week in the form of several hundred dollars worth of equipment, donated by the school by David I. Haynes of San Angelo. Mr. Haynes, a retired chiropractor now in the advertising business, donated his entire laboratory equipment including books, scales, a microscope, bottles, bulbs, brushes, flasks and tubing, blood testing equipment, bunsen burner, work bench evaporator, and numerous kinds of chemicals.

Mr. Haynes had constructed part of the equipment himself and an evaporator, which he invented, was also part of the donated equipment.

School officials and members of the science department expressed appreciation for the gift and said that it would greatly benefit the department in this and other years.

Robert Lee Former City Secretary Is Indicted by Jury

(From Robert Lee Observer)

Mrs. Virginia Jay has been indicted on two counts for misappropriation of city funds while serving as city secretary. The indictments were returned by a grand jury in 51st District Court just before noon Tuesday read:

"Virginia Jay when serving as city secretary of Robert Lee, Texas, and as such officer by virtue of said office, there had come unto and was then in her custody and possession, the sum of \$100.50 in money, the same being then and there the property of the said city of Robert Lee, and the said Virginia Jay did then and there unlawfully and fraudulently take and convert the same to her own use."

A similar indictment was for the sum of \$71.50.

After the indictments were returned to Judge Joe L. Mays he fixed bond at \$1,000 on each count. Sheriff Paul Good served warrants on Mrs. Jay Tuesday evening and she expected to post the required bail Wednesday.

Action by the grand jury brought into the open rumblings of alleged discrepancies in city funds which have prevailed several weeks. Mrs. Jay, whose husband Sam Jay, is city water superintendent, resigned from the city secretary position May 1 after serving more than eight years.

She was succeeded by Jimmy Mac Mathis and some time later some alleged shortages were found. R. D. Travis, certified public accountant of Ballinger, was engaged by the City Commission to make an audit and his report indicated a shortage of \$1,002.48. Mayor W. D. McAdams advised The Observer publisher that Mrs. Jay made restitution to the city of the entire amount, and that city officials did not push criminal charges. He also said Mrs. Jay did not resign under fire.

The Travis audit indicated all discrepancies were in the water department funds, involving payments for water sold at the loading rack, meter deposits and water main tapping charges. The alleged shortages dated back through 1959. 57, 58 and the first half of 1959. Neimeier & Pierce, Lubbock firm of accountants, had checked city records for a number of years and their last report for March 30 did not disclose any irregularities.