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## Enterprise Special Ends Tomorrow

Only two more days, today and Saturday, are left for readers of The Enterprise to take advantage of the annual July Bargain rate. Starting Monday, regular prices of \$2.00 in Coke County and adjoining counties and \$2.50 will prevail. The bargain offer cannot be repeated again this year. We urge everyone to come in, see one of our correspondents or drop us a letter in the next two days. Bargain price is \$1.50 in Coke and adjoining counties and

\$2 elsewhere.

You are invited to subscribe, renew your subscription or extend your subscription at the bargain price, thereby saving from 20 to 25 percent on a year's subscription.

## AD-LIB-BEN

You may notice that this week's paper is a little short on news. The reason is that our star reporter, Mrs. A. S. Whatley, is basking on a sunny beach in Florida. It certainly must be nice to work FOR a newspaper, so you can afford such excursions as she is on.

Incidentally, she sent back a picture of herself made on the beach in her bathing suit. We'd like for all her friends to come by and see it as we didn't have time to get a cut made to run in this week's Enterprise.

From the looks of the picture we'd say the Florida sunshine has bleached her hair considerably, as well as "filled out" some spots which we hadn't noticed before. It's sure a nice picture.

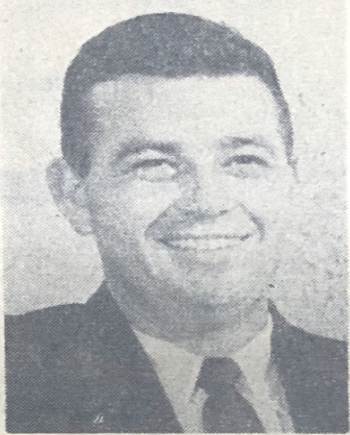
We had an interesting visit Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bronte of Beaumont. They were on their way home and decided to come through the town that bears their name. Mr. Bronte said that he is a descendant of the Bronte family, for whom the town was named. They had never been here before.

**WOLFENBARGERS HONORED**  
Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Wolfenbarger were honored at a farewell party Wednesday night at the Methodist church. A covered dish supper was served and the group enjoyed a "sing song" and visiting. The W. S. C. S. presented the Wolfenbargers with a gold framed picture. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfenbarger are leaving soon to make their home

## DIST. SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY HERE THIS WEEKEND

The District softball tournament is underway in Bronte this weekend starting last night. Eight teams are participating in the play, including San Angelo, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Big Springs and Bronte. The Bronte team is composed of players that have been playing with league teams this summer. A small admission charge has been made to pay expenses of the tournament.

On the Bronte team are J. W. Temple, J. W. Caudle, Marion McCaskey, Norman Roberts, Jim Gray, W. D. Stephenson, Nolan Baker, Johnny Green, Marvin Green, Ray McClelland, James Lee, Delbert Carlson, J. O. Baggett, Bill Thomas, Bobby Vaughn, and London Waldrop. Everybody is invited to the



**New High School Principal Joe Simpson of Lockhart, who recently accepted the position. Simpson has been employed the past three years in the Brady Junior High as math teacher and assistant principal. He is working on a Master's Degree at San Marcos this summer.**

## PONY LEAGUE ENDS SEASON WITH WIN OVER WINGATE

Last game of the season for the Bronte Pony Leaguers was Monday night when the local ponies defeated Wingate 4 to 3. The Wingate club is leading the Winters Pony League.

Tommy Latham was winning pitcher and the game was won in the last of the 7th inning.

Also pitching for Bronte were Janson Pairish and Dean Black.

## LEAVES FOR ARMY

Royce Dean Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Clark left Wednesday morning for induction in the army. He went by bus from San Angelo to Abilene, where he was scheduled to fly Friday to Fort Ord, California for basic training. Royce Dean has been employed at Sims Food Store.

## Maverick Children Bitten by Mad Cat

A Maverick child and a child visiting there from Fort Worth are taking rabies shots after having been bitten and scratched by a cat.

Jim Gault, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Gault of Maverick, was scratched by the cat and Marsha Houghton, who was visiting the Gaults, was bitten by the animal.

Mr. Gault said that they did not think much about the cat scratching and biting the children until a neighbor reported that it had wandered to her house and died.

Upon learning this Gault sent the animal's head to the state health department in Austin, where it was pronounced rabid.

Mr. Gault said that he wanted the incident mentioned in the paper so that other residents of this area can watch out for more rabid animals.

## Last Rites Held Wednesday for E. L. Coward, 46

Funeral services for Elbert Lee Coward, 46, were held here Wednesday at 3 p. m. from the Bronte Church of Christ. Leon Sharp and Foy L. Moore were in charge of the services. Burial followed in the Fairview cemetery here.

A former resident of Bronte and an employee of Rowan Drilling Company, Mr. Coward died suddenly Monday, July 25, at 10 a. m. of a heart attack.

He was born August 16, 1909 in Coryell County and was married to Miss Ewell Dean Blue on April 2, 1938. They lived here in the period 1951-54 while he was employed by Rowan. They were living in Odessa at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and five children; a son by a former marriage, Allen Lee, 26 of Levelland, Jerry Dale, 15, Betty Ann, 13, Noel Donald, 11 and Janice Lee, 7, all of Odessa; three grandchildren; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coward, Sr. and his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. McCoy.

## GRAND JURY TO REPORT AUG. 1

Judge Joe L. Mays will preside over a term of District Court for Coke County which begins next Monday, August 1.

Grand jurors will report at 10 a. m. of the opening day and a petit jury panel has been drawn for tentative duty on August 15.

The grand jury list includes A. V. Hughes, O. B. Jacobs, Wilburn Millican, J. F. McCabe, Jr., Will Percifull, Clifford Hageman, Marvin Landers, Noah Pruitt, Jr.

Also H. A. Springer, A. S. Whatley, R. J. White, Marvin Corley, B. D. Gartman, Bob Odum, Bob Edwards and Paul Burns.

## SCHOOL DATE INDEFINITE

Supt. Garland Black said this week that the date for opening the Bronte School is indefinite but will be announced about the first of August. School officials and trustees are waiting to see how soon the new elementary building can be completed.

## San Antonio Firm Awarded Contract to Build Bridges

Cage Bros. Construction Co. of San Antonio was the low bidder Monday when bids were opened on construction of six bridges in precinct 2 of Coke County. Their bid was for \$49,295.97.

Three of the proposed bridges will be in the Olga community while the other three will be north of Bronte on Kickapoo Creeks.

Money for the construction was provided last year when voters polled overwhelmingly in favor of a \$160,000 precinct bond issue. Approximately half of the money was designated for paving streets in the city of Bronte and the other half was set aside for road and bridge improvement in the rural areas of the precinct.

The new bridges will be of concrete construction, and will be a great improvement over present structures which have been found to be inadequate, particularly for movement of oil field equipment.

Commissioner Howard Brock said that five bids were received. The next low bid was from Pelphrey Construction Co., with a bid of \$51,915.81.

## Revival Meeting Starts Sunday at Kickapoo Church



WAYNE N. STOUT Evangelist

A revival meeting will begin Sunday at the Kickapoo Baptist Church here. Rev. Wayne N. Stout, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church at Paducah, will conduct the series of meetings.

Morning services will be held at 10 o'clock and preaching services will be held at 8 p. m. also. Evening prayer services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Noah Pruitt, Jr. will lead the singing during the revival. Rev. Clyde W. Coleman is pastor of the church.

A cordial invitation has been issued by the membership of the church for everyone in this area to attend any or all of the meetings.



NOAH PRUITT, JR. Song Leader

## Summer Roundup For Pre-School Children Aug. 11

Annual Roundup for all children who will enter the first grade at the Bronte Schools this September will be held Thursday, Aug. 11 at the John Harris Clinic. The annual event is sponsored by Bronte Parent-Teacher Association. Hours for the Roundup are 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

All the pre-first-graders will be given a physical checkup and any shots and vaccinations they may need.

Bronte PTA pays for the medicine which is used in the Roundup and Dr. Harris and his personnel furnish their service free of charge.

Certain vaccinations are required by state law before a child can enter school, and this program is carried out each year in an effort to see that all children have the necessary shots, as well as to determine if any physical defects are present which may endanger the child's health and interfere with his school work.

School authorities urged that all children who will start to school this year to be at the local clinic some time during the hours stated above.

## NEW WATERWORKS SYSTEM AT BLACKWELL IN OPERATION SOON

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale  
Blackwell should have its new city water works in operation in about two weeks, according to the mayor, Tom Carlisle.

Some 2500 feet of pipe is being laid to connect with the Sweetwater-Oak Creek Lake mains near Blackwell and to provide a network of pipe in town.

There will be a six inch main to the connection and four-inch mains in town with two inch supply lines.

About 110 meters are being installed.

Blackwell has purchased a new water softener and filter unit, which is being installed. Recently the town bought a \$25,000 iron water tank from the Santa Fe railroad at Maryneal for \$5,200.

City councilmen also said a new 7½ horse-power pump will also be in running shape soon and the city should be able to start using the water. Blackwell has been using well water for many years.