

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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## AD-LIB-BEN

We might not have been in the right place at the right time recently, but it seems that adolescent (and others) antics on the new pavement have decreased considerably the past week or so. Perhaps the new is wearing off and everybody will be able to drive on the new slabs without showing off. At any rate, may we congratulate anyone who has refrained from too-fast turns, and fast stops and starts.

As was pointed out a short time ago, these little tricks will ruin the new pavement, which is still soft, and it also might lead to an accident. And automobile accidents have been known to cripple and kill people.

The Enterprise office the past few days has been a sea of blue booklets. We recently printed 3,000 copies of a 24-page booklet and the binding operation has been in process this week. Frankly, we'll be glad to see them completed. At this writing, we don't even have a place to lay our hats down, except on a stack of little blue books.

When adults act like children, they're silly; when children act like adults, they're delinquent.

You'll be interested in the audit of Coke County which is being run in this week's paper. It shows how public funds of the county were spent in 1954, and most all of the various funds have a nice balance in them.

## Camp Period Enjoyed By Coke 4-H Girls

Coke County 4-H Girls Camp was held Wednesday and Thursday on Oak Creek Lake in the H. A. Springer Cabin.

Thirty 4-H girls and 3 visitors, Mary Humphrey, Marilyn Thompson and Daphne Roe, were present. Leaders attending were Mrs. C. E. Arnett, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. J. W. Humphry, Mrs. Tom Rives and Mrs. Fay Roe, C. H. D. A.

Camp officers elected were chairman, Leslie Nell Wink, Robert Lee, secretary, Dian Casey, Robert Lee. Group leaders were Brenda Sue McDorman, Mary Francis Wylie and Gayle Lewis. Highlights of the camp included games, singing, crafts, outdoor cooking and a nature hike. The hike and nature study were led by Jack Waide and Gerald Hooten, Coke County Agricultural Agents.

Visitors who attended the evening program including supper cooked outside, camp fire ceremony and a "4-H Fun Party" were Miss Joyce King and Gladys Waldrop and Mr. A. J. Roe, Jr.

### HONOR SKINNY ADAMS

Friday of next week, July 15, has been designated as "Coke County Night" at the Colts stadium in San Angelo. Roosevelt, one of the good teams in the Langhorn league, will oppose the San Angelo Colts. The event is being sponsored by friends of Skinny Adams, who as president of the Colts is doing much to make organized ball a success in San Angelo. A block of seats will be reserved for Coke County people at the game. Ticket prices are 75c for adults and 50c for children.

## Services Held For B. N. Walls

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Funeral services for B. N. Walls, 62, were held at the Blackwell Baptist Church Sunday afternoon with Rev. R. B. Murry, Baptist pastor of Paint Rock, Rev. F. C. Powell, pastor of Lamar Baptist Church at Sweetwater, and Rev. W. T. Teel, pastor of Blackwell Baptist church officiating.

Mr. Walls was born in Nolan Co. in 1893 and was married to Ruth Russell of Blackwell Nov 29, 1914.

Mr. Walls had been in ill health for some time but was not bedfast. He had gone to Sweetwater for a checkup when he suffered a heart attack Wednesday and was carried to the Sweetwater Hospital, where he died Saturday night.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Cloven Walls of Melbourne, Oklahoma; Russell Walls of Clovis, New Mexico; three daughters, Mrs. Jim Greathouse of Portales, New Mexico; Mrs. Pat Massey of Elida, New Mexico and Mrs. Jesse Magness of El Paso; two brothers, Thad Walls of Ft. Worth, Bob Walls of Midland; one sister, Mrs. Berniece Emanuel of Guymon, Oklahoma; and 16 grandchildren.

Nephews were pallbearers. Interment was in the Blackwell cemetery under direction of Cates and Spencer Funeral Home of Sweetwater.



REV. HAROLD MORRIS

## Missionary to Be at Kickapoo Church

The Kickapoo Baptist Church is pleased to announce that Rev. Harold Morris will speak tonight at 8 o'clock. Rev. Morris is employed by the churches of the North American Baptist Association as one of their missionaries to Brazil. He has been home on leave the past few weeks and has been touring many of the churches and speaking relative to his missionary work in Brazil. He is scheduled to return to Brazil sometime this month.

The Kickapoo Baptist Church has had a part in sending Rev. Morris and other missionaries to Brazil and to other parts of the world. Those who have heard Rev. Morris speak report that he has some very interesting reports concerning his experiences in Brazil.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service at Kickapoo Baptist Church tonight (July 8) at 8 p. m.

### SPECIAL RATES STILL ON

Subscribers are urged to remember the special rates which are in effect on The Enterprise during the month of July. A large number have already been received and everyone is urged to take advantage of the 25% saving offered during July.

Subscriptions in Coke and adjoining counties are now \$1.50 and \$2.00 elsewhere. Subscriptions may be renewed or extended at this special price.

### DEATH OF NEPHEW

J. I. Adair received word Tuesday that his nephew, Vernon Adair, was one of the five men who perished in the flaming wreckage when two Santa Fe Railway freight trains smashed headon 30 miles west of Fort Sumner, New Mexico. He was the son of T. H. Adair of San Saba. He and his family lived at Clovis.

### NEW MINISTER HERE

James Alvin Brown has accepted the position as minister for the Bronte Church of Christ, succeeding Bill Pugh, who resigned two months ago and moved to Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are moving here from San Angelo. He has been preaching at Christoval for the past three months.

He was born in Plant City, Florida and attended Florida Christian College at Tampa and ACC at Abilene.

He came to Texas in 1950 when he was called to active duty with the Air Force Reserve and sent to Goodfellow Field. It was there he met his wife, who was born and reared in San Angelo.

## Bronte Motor Company to Have Formal Opening July 16

Charlie Boecking announced this week that the new Bronte Motor Co. will have its formal opening Saturday, July 16. Boecking said that by that time he hopes to have all of his equipment, office furniture etc., in and be ready for the public's inspection.

Bronte Motor Co. was recently formed when Boecking and L. T. Youngblood were appointed authorized Ford dealers for this area. It is housed in the building formerly occupied by the Bronte Tractor Co., which the two local men formerly operated.

Boecking said his roster of personnel is complete for the time be-

ing at least. Paul Smith of San Angelo is in charge of his shop; Dale Lockett and Houston Wright, from Paint Rock, are working in the parts department; Mrs. William (Glenna) Fletcher is in the bookkeeping department; and Leon Graham will work as a car salesman.

Boecking has had the building housing the new Ford agency completely redecorated, has built offices and re-arranged the building so that it makes an ideal auto agency. He has installed much new equipment to be used in the service department, as well as new desks and other office equipment. New bins have been purchased to house the stock of Ford parts.

Boecking expects a new shipment of cars in about ten days. At the present time he has one car and one pickup on his floor.

A sale on the hardware and other merchandise of the Bronte Tractor Co. is still in progress. Boecking is offering any of the stock at a 25 per cent discount.

## Oil News

Zapata Drilling Co. and R. L. Wood, et al, of Midland, have filed application to drill a 5,000-foot rotary wildcat in Coke County, 1 1/2 miles southeast of the McCutchen (Cisco) field and five miles east of Robert Lee. It will be the No. 1 W. A. Payne.

Operations were to begin July 3. Location, on a 320-acre lease, is 330 feet from the south and east lines of 458-1A-H&TC.

The prospector is 2 5/8 miles southwest of Harper & Huffman No. 1 Eubanks, wildcat failure abandoned Aug. 28, 1954, at 6,151 feet. The following tops were reported on elevation of 1,872 feet: Gisea, 3,700 feet; Horne Creek, 4,410 feet; Palo Pinto, 4,700 feet; Strawn, and 5,080 feet.

## Annual County Report Printed In This Paper

Attention is called to the Coke County Financial Statement for the year 1954 which is published in this newspaper. We are sure our readers will find this information highly interesting.

Coke County Commissioners several years ago adopted the policy of printing the audited report in order that persons all over the county might receive the important information.

A report on the county hospital will follow next week.

It will be noted that the county's finances are in good shape, although there are still some overdrafts while other funds have large balances on hand. County officials are contemplating an election to approve a re-allocation of funds so that the tax money may be distributed to funds where it is needed the most.

An interesting feature of the audit is the combined statement showing receipts, disbursements and balances for the year, as well as a detailed statement of county and precinct outstanding bonds and warrants.

### IMPORTANT BALL GAME

Base ball fans will be interested in the game at Robert Lee Sunday afternoon, when Sonora plays the Coke County Rabbit Twisters. These teams are tied for first place and the winner will be declared champion of the Concho Basin League for 1955. Marlon McCutchen of Bronte is playing a bangup game at shortstop for the Twisters.

### NEW REGISTERED NURSE

Mrs. M. W. Freeman is a new registered nurse now employed at the Bronte Hospital. She moved, with her family, here from Breckenridge recently. She had been employed in a Breckenridge hospital and works the 3 p. m. until 11 p. m. shift here.

The Freemans are living in the former Chapman house several miles out on the Abilene highway.

## Council Upsets School Board in Softball Battle

By Mrs. A. S. Whatley

A very spectacular ball game was watched by a large number of fans from the new bleachers at the local ball field last Friday night when the Bronte School Board battled the Bronte City Council.

Pitcher Bob Wilson for the Council did a bang-up job of fanning the board members out to the field. Ben Oglesby brought the crowd to their feet when he displayed his batting experience by making a home run in the first inning and hard hitting Charlie Boecking following up with the same antics.

At the close of the second inning the City men had taken a 3-0 lead over the School boys.

The City team had smooth sailing until the wind was taken from them when the Board members started their charging. Several scores were made and pushed the final score at the end of the 4th inning to 9 to 5 with the City in the lead.

Due to old age and lack of practice the two teams decided to call a halt at the end of four innings.

J. B. Mackey, for the school board, showed some outstanding racing ability in trying to catch all balls sent to him in the field. All he needed was several more men between him and the bases. Foy Moore, Marvin Corley and Omo Black handled pitching duties for the School Board.

Mayor Ernest Ivry was on the beam as catcher for the city, missing not more than three-fourths of the balls.

## New Tax Exemptions

Ricky Dene is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheppard of Colorado City. He was born in the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo on Tuesday, June 28 and weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces. He has a sister, Donna and a brother, Randy. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Beaty of Odessa are parents of a daughter, Barbara Gail, born at 6:15 a. m. Wednesday, July 6 in the Bronte Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brown Freeman of Bronte.

A son was born Wednesday, July 6, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw. Born at 11:40 p. m. in the Bronte Hospital the little fellow weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and has been named Mark Alan. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw, Sr. and P. A. Roberts of Bronte and Mrs. P. A. Roberts of Goldthwaite.

A daughter was born on Monday, July 4, to Mrs. Elizabeth Herdridge. The little girl was born in the Bronte Hospital at 2:50 p. m. and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Clark of Monahans are parents of a 5 pound, 4 ounce daughter, Joanna Kay, born July 1.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Davis of Monahans.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

Routine matters and paying of bills occupied attention at the Coke County Commissioners Court session Tuesday. They will return next Monday for another meeting.