

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.

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Car Accident Claims Lives Of Three Boys

The most fatal accident in the history of Coke county, far as The Enterprise recalls, occurred Friday night, when an auto overturned on the San Angelo highway near Robert Lee, and resulted in the death of the three occupants.

The occupants of the car were Jack Tubb, Floyd Higgins and Jack Latham—all were high school boys in the Robert Lee school. The first two died in a San Angelo hospital, the night of the crash. Jack Latham died in a San Angelo hospital early Sunday morning. The first two victims were buried at Robert Lee. The last was interred Monday afternoon, following religious services at Robert Lee. The stricken families have the sympathy of all in this tragic hour.

I. C. Page, A Pioneer, Dies, Near Robert Lee

I. C. Page died at his home, seven miles west of Robert Lee, Friday, December 5, 1941. Interment was in the Robert Lee cemetery Saturday after religious services were conducted at the home.

Deceased was 79 years old and was one of the very few remaining first settlers of Coke county. He had lived at the same farm home more than fifty years. He was the father of Mrs. Zora Good of Aledo, and Mrs. Berta Modgling of Bronte.

I. C. Page, like all the sturdy old pioneers had in him those elements of character that made him to be open in all his dealings with his fellows and he had in him the spirit of old fashioned western hospitality. His old time friends will pause and shed tears at his passing.

Buy Defense Bonds!

Jno. W. Norman, Of Winters, Is Now "Yer 'oner"

And what do you know about it?—we know that this editor was very much surprised. Two things happened to "excite" us: Sunday, Japan tried to make a "world impression" that it can "lick" the United States. Then, Monday we heard of another incident, while not of world-wide proportions, yet just the same, it was "a big surprise" to us—and that was Jno. W. Norman of Winters had been licensed to practice law.

Mr. Norman is not only one of Rannels county's best and most outstanding citizens, but he is also a West Texan. Hence this is another distinct winning for all this section. Mr. Norman is an insurance man—and "a plum good un." But, some time ago, he took a notion that he wanted to be a lawyer—so, he "ups and reads law" right there in his office, at spare times. The other day he took the examination for a lawyer's license before the Board of State Bar Examiners—and he "went over the top." Mr. Norman received a most congratulatory letter from the secretary of the board, informing him that he had passed a most creditable examination.

Jno. Norman is a Texan, born and reared at Killeen in Bell county. We knew him and his people there several years ago. In 1925 he came to Winters and cast his lot—and he has been identified with everything that has made for the good of Winters.

Our heartiest congratulations to you, "J. W." and may you "sit in the high seats of the counsellors" in the profession you have chosen.

Ford Hallmark is moving soon to his father's place near Water Valley, where he will farm next year.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cumbie attended the State Convention of Red & White Stores in Silene last week.

Civil Service Examinations

The Federal Government's need for specialists in various fields continues. The Civil Service Commission has just reannounced, with modified requirements, the three examinations listed immediately below, applications for which may be filed until further notice. The maximum age for these three examinations has been raised to 60 years.

Explosive Chemist, \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year.

Chemical Engineer, \$2,600 to \$1,600 a year. There is a shortage of eligibles qualified in the following branches: Plant layout, equipment design, market

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Ninth Graders In School Have Most New Pupils

The ninth grade of the Bronte High School are feeling good because they hold the record of having the most new pupils of any grade in school this month. The following are the new pupils: Juanita Thomas, Willie Hartin, Luella Cook, Vida Mae Hall, Dan Broughton.

Morton Caudle is visiting his parents, Elihu Caudle and other relatives and friends, Morton is in the navy and is on border patrol between Newfoundland and Iceland.

Cullen Luttrell has been relieving B. A. Bell as mail carrier on route No. 1, while Mr. Bell was away.

R. W. Sims of McCamey was visiting relatives and friends in Bronte over the week end.

Mrs. Iona Curry spent Friday and Friday night in Bronte as guest of Mrs. Minnie B. West.

Leslie Lammers is improving after a very serious seige of flu.

WTCC Defense And Preservation Contest Closes

Final official entry list in the West Texas chamber of commerce Defense and Preservation contest stands just over the century mark, announces the regional chamber.

As the deadline came—set for December 1 the WTCC's house of delegates at the recent Midland convention—the contest books showed a total of 101 West Texas towns, from the largest to among the smallest, entered in the year-long inter-community competition. Announced objective of the contest is the stimulation of greater, more unified participation in national defense and in West Texas territorial activities—this through the region's chamber of commerce and Public Affairs committee. To date, 145 of these committees, with total membership of 1,113, have been created.

The contest will close late in 1942. The announcement of the four winning towns, with award of \$500 in prizes, will be made at the WTCC's fall convention at Waco.

"The response from our towns has been remarkable," said J. Thomas Davis, WTCC president. The Defense and Preservation contest, he said, is a unique method of securing widespread cooperation of business men and chambers of commerce in the West Texas territorial program, as well as for national defense. Also, he said, it should solidify business interests and leadership through the chambers of commerce "for more and better business leadership is one of the needs of the hour," he asserted.

THREE DIVISIONS:

The contest rules recite that on a per capita effort and re-completing towns will be judged sult basis on three classifications of activities. These are civilian and military, production defense and territorial preservation. A weight of 30 grade points will be given to each of these groups,

Man Injured At Fletcher Oil Well at Maverick

Jack Duncan of Coleman suffered a severe accident Monday afternoon at the Fletcher No. 1 well at Maverick. While shooting the well preparatory to pulling some pipe a time bomb was placed in the well and was successful. The second one had a short and exploded on the platform before being put in the well, throwing thirty-two pieces of steel in Mr. Duncan's body. He was carried to Halley and Love Hospital at Ballinger. While very painful the accident is not expected to prove fatal. A helper to Mr. Duncan was less seriously hurt, suffering a severe cut on his knee.

Christmas Program By Junior Class

The Junior class of the Bronte school is sponsoring a program to be rendered Wednesday night, December 17, at the school auditorium.

The program will consist of a book review by Maurine Miller, numbers by the rhythm band and violin numbers by Miss Ann Chambers and Mr. Flores, accompanied by Mrs. I. M. Cumbie.

A Christmas pageant will be presented by the Junior Class.

Receipts from the program will be used to aid in giving the Senior class a banquet. Admission 10c and 15c.

Baptist Training Union At Drasco

The Rannels County Baptist Training Union meeting will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 1, at 7 o'clock, at the Drasco Baptist church.

The program will be a Christmas pageant, "Follow the Star," with the words and music by the Drasco church.

Following the pageant will be a fellowship meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

with an additional 10 points for chamber of commerce leadership shown in organizing the community's participation. Judging will be by a committee of three state or national officials and three West Texans appointed by the president of the WTCC.

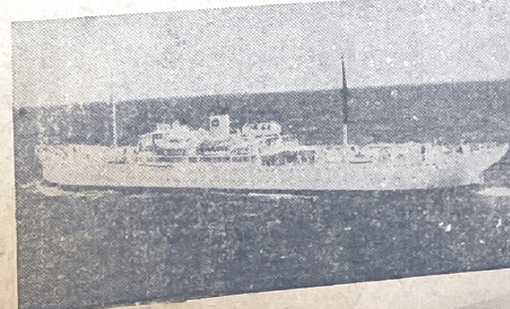
The rules state that specific items for competition will be announced periodically by the regional chamber, through president's news letters. Four of these communications, listing six competitive activities, already have gone to the towns. They call for action by the sponsoring groups—by passage of strong resolutions or by other actions—as follows:

Demanding an end of strikes in defense industries, with enactment of national legislation to end labor abuses.

Third, on the WTCC's long campaign for equality of freight transportation charges, calling for independent Texas participation in the interterritorial rate investigation now being made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Asking congress to support Preident Roosevelt and the budget bureau in drastically curtailing all non-defense expenditures.

UNCLE SAM TEACHES RADIO



To meet the demand for qualified men created by the huge shipbuilding program of the Maritime Commission, the United States Maritime Service is training youths to become radio operators in the American Merchant Marine. Physically fit American male citizens 18 to 23 years of age with no previous experience are being offered a 10 months' course in radio operation, maintenance, and repair. Youths accepted are paid from \$36 to \$60 a month while in training. Food, quarters, and clothing are furnished by the Government. Those who successfully complete the course become radio operators in the Merchant Marine with pay starting at \$105 a month; food and quarters furnished. For complete information write to U. S. MARITIME SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.