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MISS CAROLYN KEMP

Carolyn Kemp Signs Contract For Part in Casa Manana Show

Miss Carolyn Kemp, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kemp of Bronte, has signed a contract and reported for work as a member of the ensemble for the summer musical at Casa Manana in Fort Worth. Miss Kemp was chosen as one of the six-member ensemble after auditions for the singers were held at various places throughout the United States.

A junior student at Trinity University where she is majoring in music, Miss Kemp is a soloist with the Trinity Acapello choir, the Trinity University choir and the Alamo Heights Presbyterian church choir in San Antonio.

She is a 1957 graduate of Bronte high school. While attending school here she was 1957 state winner in senior declamation and was a soloist with the San Angelo Symphony orchestra for its youth concert. She also worked with the San Angelo Community Theatre group.

A former voice student of Mrs. E. R. Kreyer and Dr. Eric Sorantine, she is currently studying under John Seagle at Trinity University.

Summer musicals at the new Casa Manana open June 1 with "Wonderful Town." Other summer productions will include "Silk

AD-LIB-BEN

There has been considerable discussion here the past several weeks about organizing a Quarterback Club to help and support the Bronte Longhorns football team and other athletic teams of the local school.

Announcement of a meeting to check local interest in such a project is being made in a story in this newspaper. Try to be there, if you are interested in joining and working with a group of this kind.

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Oscar Renshaw Is Bronte's New Nightwatchman

At a special meeting of the city council May 25, Oscar Renshaw was named city nightwatchman. He succeeds Rome Richards, who resigned effective June 1. Renshaw took over his new duties Monday night. He is well known to local residents, having lived here many years. He and his family moved into town from the farm this year.

In another special meeting of the council on May 28, an ordinance was passed setting up regulations for the storage of petroleum products in the city limits. The new ordinance spells out the rules for constructing storage tanks, specifies their size and fixes a penalty for violation of the ordinance.

A regular meeting of the council is set for this Friday night. Members of the council are Mayor J. A. Stephenson and Councilmen H. A. Springer, C. E. Bruton, Bill Thomas, Bill Lockett and Royce Fancher.

P. J. O'Connell Named Principal Of Grade School

P. J. O'Connell, who has served the past two years as superintendent of schools at Wellman, was named principal of the Bronte elementary school at a recent meeting of the board of trustees. O'Connell will succeed Norman Porter, who resigned his position as grade school principal and head football coach.

The new principal has had ten years teaching experience and is a graduate of Howard Payne College at Brownwood. Prior to his heading the Wellman school the past two years, he was superintendent at Starr for one year and elementary principal at Goldthwaite three years. He is currently working on his master's degree and lacks only completing his thesis.

O'Connell is married and is the father of five children.

1.5 Inch Rain Falls In Area Wednesday

Rains up to 1½ inches fell in the Bronte area Wednesday morning. The moisture came after a turbulent weather forecast for this region of West Texas Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Only .5 inch fell here in town,

but the rain was heavier both north and south of Bronte.

A few measurements reported to The Enterprise Wednesday morning included: Gene Halamiček, south of town, 1½ inches; Jacob Bruce Morrow, northeast of town, 1½ inches; Jack Corley, west of Tennyson, 1.2 inches; Austin Sandusky, north of Bronte, 1.25 inches.

Farmers and ranchmen were greatly encouraged by the Wednesday rains. Spotted showers earlier in the week dropped a good amount of moisture in some sections of this area.

Sister of Local Men Dies in Angelo

Services for Mrs. Robert (Iber Lee) Cross, 57, were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Taylor Henley, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church of San Angelo, officiating.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo and Clift Funeral Home of Robert Lee. Mrs. Cross, a San Angelo resident about 15 years, died early Tuesday morning in the San Angelo Emergency Hospital. Death was caused by cancer.

She was born July 8, 1901, in Coke County and married Cross in January 1951. She formerly was Mrs. Henry Escue. Mr. Escue died in 1950.

Mrs. Cross operated a rest home at 2025 N. Magdalen in San Angelo the last 12 years.

Her survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Cowley of Robert Lee, Mrs. Floyd Higgins of Midland, and Mrs. Anna Kosel of Norwalk, Ohio; two sons, John Escue of San Angelo and Irving Lee Escue of Robert Lee; three sisters, Mrs. L. W. Mills of San Angelo, Mrs. John Bowers of Pampa and Mrs. K. C. McCullough of Dallas; four brothers, B. E. and Floyd Modgling of Bronte, Walter Modgling of Christoval and T. L. Modgling of San Angelo; and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Dick Webster and Ricky of Ozona spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Alexander.

Oil Activity Up In Bronte Area

Oil news in the Bronte area was looking up this week with the re-opening of an abandoned test on Sam Gray's place north of Bronte, and shows in the Gardner being found in a well on Osmo Black's place, east of town. Another abandoned well in the city limits of Bronte on property of L. T. Youngblood was also being worked over this week. Barney Carter of Tyler is the operator on the Youngblood and Gray tests while the E. B. Clark Drilling Co. is operator on the well on the Black place.

A workover rig has been in use this week on the Youngblood well and casing was being run on the other two tests.

Rev. R. C. Grimes Methodist Pastor

Rev. G. R. Grimes is new pastor for the Bronte Methodist Church. He was assigned to the local pastorate at the annual reading of appointments last Friday at the Southwest Texas Conference in San Antonio. Rev. Grimes succeeds Rev. Jimmy Campbell, who leaves today for a new assignment at Grace Methodist Church in San Antonio.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell and their family have lived in Bronte one year, coming here last May from Trinity Methodist Church in San Antonio.

Rev. Campbell said he regretted very much having to leave Bronte. He added, however, that his new assignment will give him an opportunity to build a larger church than is the one at Bronte. His new church is only eight years old and is located in a rapidly growing section of the Alamo City.

Rev. Grimes, a graduate of the Perkins School of Theology at S. M. U., Dallas, will move to Bronte today. He has a wife and four young sons.

GAME NIGHT AND PARTY IS MONDAY NIGHT

A Game night and ice cream supper will be given Monday night at the Methodist Church. In addition to ice cream and cake there will be a variety of games, including a sponge throw, ping pong, shuffle board and others.

The party will start at 7 p.m. and everyone, particularly the young people of the town, are invited to attend. Tickets for the various events will be 10 cents.

The party is being sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship and proceeds will be used to help pay expenses of those who wish to attend the Mt. Wesley summer Camp.

"Mystery Farm of the Week"



Who Lives Here?