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Bronte School Opening

Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 14, 1933. Patrons of Bronte Public School, Bronte, Texas. Dear Patrons: At a recent meeting of the Board of Education of the Bronte Consolidated District, it was decided to open school August 14, 1933 and continue for a term of six weeks or until the cotton is open sufficiently to justify closing for the cotton picking season. I heartily endorse the divided session for your district and beginning early in August there need be no reason why

the school should be behind time, as it was last year. Let me advise you that you see to it that your child enters the very first day that he may be classified and books issued to him and get an even start, for classes will begin on the following day. I am looking forward to a great school year and am anxiously awaiting the time for school to open. With the continued co-operation of the patrons this should be a banner year of the Bronte Public school. E. A. Hankins, Superintendent.

Cotton Reduction Campaign Only Half Over

The cotton reduction campaign in Coke county has now reached the half-mile post. Practically every farmer in the county has taken part in this work, and it has been indeed gratifying to the men working in this move to know that every farmer has been willing to assist as much as possible to make Coke County do more than its part. A total of 575 farmers have signed contracts to plow up 14,200 acres of their 1933 cotton crop. The county quota was 11,580 acres. Over \$120,000 in cash will move into the county in the next forty-five days. This speaks well for the farmers of the county. As county agent I wish to thank personally every farmer in the county for the interest they have shown in this move, and also to thank each and every committeeman for the diligent manner in which they have worked. Such whole-hearted

co-operation on the part of every man has been the one reason Coke County has come well over her quota in this move. I am happy to have had a part in this move, and it has been a pleasure to have assisted in putting over such a helpful campaign. Orders to continue in the work will probably arrive in the county about the latter part of the week. Each farmer is cautioned to wait till his land has been staked off, and he has received his written order to destroy his crop. Failure to comply with these instructions is likely to cause unnecessary delay to any farmer that does otherwise. The local committees are a waiting orders as to how to proceed, and as soon as they arrive steps will be taken at once to complete the remainder of the program.

B. J. Baskin, County Agent.

METHODIST YOUNG HOLD INTERESTING MEET

Miss Inez Cope of Coleman, vice-president of the Brownwood District Methodist young people's organization of the church with Miss Louise Miller District Secretary, also of Coleman, met with the young people of the Bronte M. E. Church, Sunday July 16.

The devotional led by Miss Cope was Finding Your Place in the Church. It was very much enjoyed by all. She led us in discussing ways and means of carrying on the work of the organization.

Miss Miller gave an interesting talk on the financial work of the group. She discussed the pledge.

J. C. Milburn of Jarrell discussed the young people's assembly at George town. This was also very much enjoyed by all.

The assembly theme song was read by Miss Lillian Kiker of Bronte.

Our pastor was present with us. Bro. Dunson is very inspirational to the young life of the community.

We appreciated the presence of a number of young people from the Baptist church.

Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ash and Mrs. T. C. Price went to Lubbock early Saturday morning. Mrs. Price remained for an extended visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Price. Mr. and Mrs. Ash also visited relatives at Happy and other places, returning home Tuesday. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ash, Misses Gladys and Merle, who had been visiting relatives on the plains the past several weeks returned home with their parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newman, July 18, a baby girl.

BIGGEST STILL OF ALL TAKEN SUNDAY MORN

This is a day of big things—and the bootlegger's still is no exception. The "biggest un" we've seen yet was that taken by Sheriff Frank Percifull and Constable Walker Good assisted by the night watchman at Blackwell and two deputies from Sweetwater early Sunday morning.

The booze plant was located on a farm some miles west of Blackwell, just over in Coke county, from the Nolan county line. It took a large truck to haul the apparatus to Robert Lee. About 500 gallons of mash was destroyed. The plant had a capacity of a gallon of pure-run alcohol every 12 minutes.

Two Sweetwater men were arrested and put in jail at Robert Lee. They have given bond to await the action of the grand jury.

MARRIED

At the home of the editor, Saturday evening July 15, 1933, in the presence of a few friends, the writer officiating Mr. Edwin Walton and Miss Edith McWilliams, both of Bronte, were united in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and is a young woman of charm and grace and will make a companion to the one to whom she has given herself.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walton. He was born and reared here. He is a concrete contractor and carpenter and is a young man of splendid habits.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton have gone to Big Lake to make their home where Mr. Walton has a contract. The good wishes of all their friends go with these happy two to their new home as they enter upon life together.

BRONTE'S WATER FREE FROM CONTAMINATION

Whatever other disadvantages and handicap Bronte may be under, due to the depression, hot weather and drouth, it has one big thing in its favor and that is that its water supply is wholesome and free from disease germs.

Water Superintendent B. H. Mackey sent samples of raw water from both of the city's lakes to the state health department. The department made an analysis of the samples and sent a report that the water was free from contamination and had no colon bacteria, which means that the water is free from typhoid germs.

The report called attention to the fact that the settling facilities of Bronte's water plant are poor.

MRS. ELLEN CONDRA DIES

Mrs. Ellen Condra, wife of J. J. Condra, of Winters, died in a San Angelo hospital, Friday afternoon, July 14, 1933. Death came after a brief illness of only a few days. The body was returned to Bronte early Saturday afternoon, by Frank Keeney, local undertaker, and lay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Best until late afternoon. Mrs. Best is a sister of deceased. Following religious services at the local Church of Christ, conducted by the writer, aided by Elder Oscar Brannon, minister of the Church of Christ at Winters, and Elders J. A. Branaman and Opal McCaleb of the Kickapoo Baptist church, Saturday afternoon, the body was put away in the Bronte cemetery.

The following biographical sketch was read at the religious services:

Mrs. Ellen Condra, wife of J. J. Condra of Winters, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilreath deceased, of Bronte, was born in White County, Arkansas, November 17, 1887.

In 1890 deceased came to Texas with her parents. After spending one year in Erath county they came in 1891 to this immediate vicinity, and here she grew to young womanhood.

In early girlhood deceased professed faith in Christ and united with the Kickapoo Baptist church. A few years ago, after going to make her home in Winters, she united with the Winters Church of Christ.

Deceased was married to Jesse Walker. To this union one child was born, Miss Jessie Faye who survives and is present today, to mourn the loss of mother.

In September 1928 deceased was married to J. J. Condra of Winters, who survives to mourn the loss of a companion.

Besides the above, deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Jim Gilreath, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Laura Pruitt, Home Garden, California; Mrs. H. G. Guy, Iraan; Mrs. Vina Turpin, Red Barn; Robert Gilreath, Hamlin; Mrs. G. A. Best and Ben, Jake and Murray Gilreath, Bronte. All, except one brother and one sister, were at the funeral. Deceased and family in and around Bronte have many friends. Likewise deceased and husband have many friends in Winters many of whom were in attendance. The floral offerings were beautiful and attested the esteem in which deceased was held.

Following the religious services the body was taken to the Bronte cemetery and put away to sleep and await the resurrection of the dead.

The sorrowing ones have the

Tenth Annual Sanco Camp Meeting Begins

The tenth annual Sanco Camp Meeting began at Sanco, in the big tabernacle, on the banks of the Yellow Wolf Creek, Thursday of this week and will continue through Sunday night, July 30.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins, Jr., is conducting the meeting, with Rev. H. G. Richardson of East St. Louis helping in the preaching.

On Tuesday and Friday of next week (25th and 28th of this month) barbecued mutton and beef will be served with pickles and bread free to all comers. The meat is furnished by ranchmen of the surrounding country and is barbecued by old-time experts over the coals from mesquite logs in a brick-line barbecue pit.

The big spring running out of the bank of Yellow Wolf, just

off the camp ground, is still flowing plenty of good cold water, and has been opened up so that pure, wholesome drinking water comes right out of the bank.

You may bring your dinner and spread it under the trees, you may bring your cots, tent, and camping equipment to spend several days or the entire time—July 20-30.

All-day services will be held every day, beginning with sunrise prayermeeting, continuing with Daily Vacation Bible School in different classes for different age groups, morning services at 11:00 o'clock, afternoon services, grove meetings, and then services at the big tabernacle at night—all, the Lord willing.

Executive Committee.

sympathy of all in this hour of their bereavement.

COKE SONG MEET POSTPONED FOR A TIME

Due to a misunderstanding as to arrangements, growing out of changing the place for the meeting from Bronte to Valley View, the Coke County Singing Convention which was to have met at Bronte but was changed to Valley View, is postponed indefinitely.

Time and place of meeting will be announced later. Let all who are interested take notice and be governed accordingly.

It's "paw" and "maw" McCleskey and "Grampa" and "Gramma" McCleskey, now, if you please. Word came to relatives and friends in Bronte Tuesday of the birth of a bouncing baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCleskey at San Marcos, July 17. Mother and babe are doing fine and it is thought that "paw" and "grampa" McCleskey will eventually be themselves again. The young man has been christened, Jack Morris. Congratulations to all concerned.

W. R. Ash of Happy has our thanks for subscription favors sent us by his brother, Robert.

Visit To The Century of Progress

Leaving Pine Bluff, Arkansas for a visit to The Century of Progress, at Chicago, one o'clock, Sunday afternoon, over the Missouri Pacific via Little Rock, Mrs. Hankins and myself arrived in Chicago at 7:30 in the morning on Monday.

Reservations had been made at Hotel Sherman and we immediately departed for our hotel.

Monday afternoon we made the Wonder Tour of the Fair grounds in order to get a general idea of it all. Monday night we attended a theatre. Tuesday we made an intensive study of the different exhibitions by other nations; also Indian villages, staying on the grounds for the fire works' display at night. We saw the parachute tragedy—a young man jumped 2,000 feet from an airplane, falling as tho he were a rock, and then his lights went out just before he dropped into the lagoon. He had two parachutes on but neither of them opened.

We visited the Fair again on Wednesday, riding the famous "Ames 'n Andy" Skyline. It was quite a thrill; went through the Federal building which houses each State's exhibit. Several states did not have their booths open—Texas was one of them. Four states—California, Missouri, Florida and Minnesota, had wonderful exhibits. Georgia had one stalk of cotton with 715 open bolls of cotton on it. In the agriculture division, we saw the mechanical cow, grass and hay being converted into milk, etc. We visited the Federal Department where paper and metal money is made. We saw bills of all denominations, up to and including a million dollar bill. It was impossible to "swine" one, for they were under glass and well guarded.

Thursday we visited the National Education Association, which was in session at Hotel Stephens all the week. We

heard some interesting and helpful discussions on the "Needs of Youth Today." The main thought was more of social and industrial education.

Friday we toured Chicago in a taxi, seeing the different sections of the city, from the multimillionaire's home to Hoboken where the tramps live; also drove through Market Street, where people grab and kneel down for bargains; through gangsterdom, saw Al Capone's hotel, heard machine guns barking (killed a policeman in block of our hotel.) We made a shopping tour in down town section: Marshall Field & Co.'s large department store. It covers a whole block and is 36 stories high. We were also admitted into the Chicago Board of Trade, into the visitors' gallery, overlooking the trading pit, where fortunes are made and lost every minute.

Saturday we visited the world's most famous museum—the Field Museum, which has on exhibition in the different wings of the four floors every nation's civilization, including races of mankind, beasts, fowls, fishes, reptiles, pottery weapons, dress, flowers and numerous other things. On the main floor near the entrance was a meteorite about 3 feet around and from one to one and a half feet thru, and weighs about 5,738 pounds. It fell in Nevada in 1908.

The Shedd Aquarium has every specie of fish in the world—real live fish, swimming in the water, from the small fish to the walrus. Either of these museums is worth one's time and money to see. However, they are permanently located in Chicago.

There is "Enchanted Island" for the children, with every kind of amusement from auto riding of amusement from auto riding driven by a midget in a midget auto to airplane riding. Midget auto to airplane riding. (Continued on last page)