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"ELY ROADSIDE PARK" IS SUGGESTED

Last week when County Commissioners S. A. Kiker, and Ben Brooks and Robert Knierim were in conference with Judge W. R. Ely, State Highway Commissioner, in his office at Abilene relative to road improvement "opened his heart" to the visitors and disclosed to them a vision he has relative to the Butterfield Trail and old Fort Chadbourne.

Commissioner Ely made known to his callers that he had in mind a roadside park at old Fort Chadbourne—a park out of the ordinary. He wants it to be a park dedicated more especially to old-fashioned camp meetings—meetings in which the doctrinal differences of the religious denominations shall never be mentioned. But a great union meeting, of the old-fashioned kind, shall be held each summer and the preachers of the various denominations shall be invited to participate. Let the outstanding preachers of the various religious denominations

from over Texas and elsewhere be invited to take part in the meeting. And Judge Ely's idea is not to let the people know from one day to the next who the preacher for the day is.

Judge Ely also has in mind to make it a park of the most beautiful type—not only to preserve the old fort buildings that remain, but also to dam Oak creek and have a lake that will be a thing of beauty. Judge Ely thinks it can be made one of the most attractive parks in all the southwest. And with the unique feature of making the outstanding inducement the park will offer tourists and vacationists an old-fashioned camp meeting, he believes, worthwhile people will be attracted from all over the country to come to roadside park for an outing and to attend the "camp meeting."

The Enterprise seconds the motion. We likewise rise to offer another motion and that is that this park be christened: "Ely Roadside Park."

HON. FRANK DICKEY SPEAKS HERE SATURDAY

Hon. Frank Dickey of Ballinger will speak on the streets of Bronte Saturday afternoon on the question of the repeal of the prohibition amendment.

Judge Dickey needs no introduction from The Enterprise for his name is a household word throughout "these diggin's."

"Frank" is an old Coke county boy who has gone out and "made good." Whether you agree with him or not, hear him, for most all know that as a speaker he is "a man with a message."

The speaking will be late enough in the afternoon for the shades to have lengthened and therefore a cool, shady place on the streets will be found for the speaking.

Come hear Judge Dickey.

THE WOMANS PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Mrs. Lucy Warner was hostess to the Womens' Progressive Club and other guests on Thursday of last week at her ranch home, ten miles southwest of Bronte.

Table games and contests featured the entertainment for the afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Baker won high score in bridge. Low, Mrs. O. H. Willoughby; 42 high, Mrs. Allen Butler and Mrs. Charles Keeney, low.

In a clever vacation contest Mrs. Frank Keeney proved herself the capable winner.

At the close of the afternoon's diversions an ice course was served to the following:

Mesdames J. D. Leonard, F. S. Higginbotham, Frank Keeney, Allen Butler, Geo. R. Humleng, John Clapp, A. N. Rawlings, Chas. Baker, O. H. Willoughby, L. T. Youngblood, Clint Wilkins, Albert Rawlings, R. L. Keyes, and Misses Della Higginbotham and Betty Butler.

A DELIGHTFUL DAY

Ye editor and Mrs. Editor had one of the delightful days of their lives Sunday.

Some weeks ago the editor's old-time friend, J. D. Perkins from Orient was in town. We met on the streets. We tried to get him to come to our home with us. But, he plead the lack of time. Then he extended us an invitation to visit him—as a means of punishment for his not coming to our home with us, we accepted his invitation.

Our old friend's invitation was for us to come and lead in the worship at the church and then ye editor and Mrs. Editor be the guests of Mrs. Perkins and himself at lunch. And in the invitation he said "right smart" about "fried chicken 'n accessories and iced tea and 'good ol' iced buttermilk"—fact is, he talked to us, just like he used to do, when he was running for sheriff, a long time ago and he wanted us to vote for him—he made it so plain to us that we ought to support him, we could not refuse—nor could we refuse his invitation to lunch with him, with that vision of "all them good things to eat."

Sunday was agreed upon as the day. So, we and the Mrs. Editor began making our arrangements accordingly.

Sunday morning a goodly congregation of the people of Orient and surrounding community gathered for worship. To the writer it was an inspiration and help to worship with those fine people.

Following worship, the visitors went as guests of the Perkins (Continued on last page)

Bronte School Opens With Large Attendance and Great Enthusiasm

The Bronte school opened for the summer term of its 1933-1934 session, Monday morning, August 14.

No term of the school ever opened perhaps under auspices more happy than this session. This evidently is true, far as the spirit of all who are concerned in the school is involved. The depression and the terrible financial status of the country and the depressed spirit of the people, it is true, has its weight as heavily on the school and its interest and its work the same as everywhere else.

But, for the time being, at least, Superintendent E. A. Hankins, his faculty members, the members of the board of education present, the pupils and the patrons forgot the depression, and all caught the spirit of the occasion. Hence, beaming, smiling faces were on every hand and good will and highest enthusiasm prevailed.

It was the largest attendance the writer has seen at a school opening for these years he has been attending such occasions in Bronte.

In happiest mood, Superintendent Hankins assumed charge of the opening exercises as the great crowd assembled in the auditorium.

L. T. Youngblood, president of the board of education, was introduced. Mr. Youngblood set the spirit of enthusiasm to going in the hearts of the faculty, patrons and pupils as he discussed with reference to educational school matters and the Bronte school in particular.

It was the privilege of the writer to speak briefly, following up the same line of thought presented by Mr. Youngblood.

O. D. Spoons as a member of the board of education spoke, dealing with the difficulties that confront the school in its internal affairs and the importance of the co-operation of both patrons and pupils. Mr. Spoons' address was timely and well received.

At this juncture Superintendent Hankins in his usual happy way presented the members of the faculty to the audience, and each teacher responded in happy vein.

The teachers presented were: Miss Nell Lowry, Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Mrs. D. Hull, Mrs. Lucy Warner, Miss Nora English, Miss Patterson, Miss Hooper, Prof. Gulley, Prof. Fitzhugh, Mrs. E. A. Hankins, Prof. Roy Brey and Mrs. C. C. Holder.

Then in a spirit of deepest earnestness Prof. Hankins concluded the program with a depiction of his vision for the school for the incoming year.

Thus another school year is launched in the Bronte school and the extent of the achievements depends on the faculty, the pupils and the patrons.

May it indeed be a year of worthwhile achievements!

The three new members of the faculty are: Prof. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Warner and Miss Hooper. To these as well as to the old members of the faculty and to Superintendent Hankins, The Enterprise joins with all our people in heartiest welcome!

CHADBOURNE BAPTISTS BEGIN MEETING SUNDAY

The Baptist congregation at Fort Chadbourne requests The Enterprise to announce that the annual meeting of the Baptists of that community will begin Sunday morning August 20, at the 11 o'clock hour.

Rev. James Armstrong from Drasco will begin the meeting and carry on till Rev. Winston Blaine of Abilene arrives which will be about the middle of the week.

Both preachers are said to be excellent pulpiterers and hence a helpful meeting is looked forward to by the congregation.

There will be two services daily—morning and evening. The meeting will continue over at least through the next Sunday.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL BEGIN MEETING SOON

Wednesday night of next week, August 23, Elder Cox of Mineral Wells will begin the regular annual meeting of the Bronte Church of Christ.

Elder Cox will preach twice daily. The hours have not yet been definitely decided upon by the congregation. But, it is thought by the local leaders of the church that the worship will be at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the night service will be at the accustomed hour for evening worship.

Elder Cox comes reputed as a most excellent Christian gentleman and a pulpit speaker of unusual ability and a profound and widely acquainted scholar of the Scriptures. Local leaders ask The Enterprise to state that everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

A drouth is in prospect.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY

S. A. Robertson of Fort Chadbourne died suddenly Saturday morning, August 12. Mr. Robertson had gone to the well on the Charley Copeland place, to get a wagon load of water for use at his home. His twelve-year old stepdaughter, Leora Reed, was with him. It was about 7:30 in the morning. He had just finished filling the water barrels and went around to pick up the lines. As he stooped he slumped over and was dead. The little girl gave the alarm. Neighbors rushed to the place and medical aid was called but no avail.

The body was taken to the home of relatives at Edith where it lay until Sunday morning, at which time funeral services were held at the Edith tabernacle at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. K. Smith, a Baptist minister of that place. Burial was in the Paint Creek cemetery.

Deceased was born in the Indian Territory, August 22, 1872, making him to be sixty-one years his next birthday.

Deceased came to Texas in 1881. In 1901 he came to West Texas and has resided here since that time.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist church of which he was a consistent member.

A wife and nine children and other relatives survive to mourn his passing. May they have divine comfort.

D. R. Teague and family from Hope, New Mexico spent Thursday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lockhart. Mr. Teague is a brother of Mrs. Lockhart. They had been to Brady, visiting relatives and came this way on their return home for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart.

BRONTE SCOUTS PLACE STONE IN COUNCIL MESS HALL

The Concho Valley Council of the Boy Scouts are "a going concern"—"there's a reason, you know," the Bronte Scouts are a part of them.

Camp Louis Farr at Mertzon is a contribution of Fayette Tankersley, one of the big old-time cowmen of the West, at Mertzon, to the Boy Scouts of the Concho Valley Council, and to the memory of his life-long friend, Louis Farr, deceased of San Angelo.

The Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts embraces several counties in which is included Coke county. The Bronte Scouts in the past have been prominent in all the affairs of the Concho Valley Council.

With the gift of the Camp Louis Farr on Spring Creek, in Irion county, the Scouts of the Concho Valley Council have had an improvement program on, at which they have worked as they have had means. Their latest improvement is that of a large mess hall. The plan is to get all the Troops in the Council to have part in making this mess hall a memorable building in Scout circles throughout the southwest.

The letter below to Robert Knierim as one of the local scout leaders is self-explanatory:

"Dear Scout Leader:

"Get going and keep going."

"We have completed the foundation for our big new mess hall and recreation building at Camp Louis Farr. The lumber is on the ground. The rock is being moved up at the rate of 96 truck loads a day. The cement for the concrete floor is on the ground. We have every assurance that our building will be completed during the first few days of September.

"This building is in the most beautiful setting in the most beautiful Boy Scout camp in the Ninth Region, comprising Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, and we say without fear of contradiction that it will be the most talked of camp in all the Southwest. Every feature of the building has been carefully planned and matched, so that it will be perfect in every detail.

"Here is the big opportunity for you and the boys of your Troop to have a part in this building. We are constructing in the mess hall a large fire-

place, which is 12 feet wide (inside measurements,) and which we propose to be the most unique fireplace in this section. We want every town and Troop to have a rock in this fireplace. We want this rock to have sealed within it the names of the present Scouts and ex-Scouts and the officials connected with Scouting in your locality or Troop.

"This rock should be from 12 to 18 inches 'square,' or any shape that will fit into the rock work. It should be an attractive rock, preferably of some colored material. Please drill out a hole on the front face of your rock large enough to insert the typewritten paper containing the names of the Scouts and officials of your Troop.

Then seal this hole with cement, using a flint arrowhead or spear point to seal the cavity. Wrap this stone in burlap and send it to Boy Scout Headquarters, San Angelo, or direct to Camp Louis Farr at Mertzon. You should be able to find someone coming to San Angelo who will bring this stone to the City Hall.

"Will you please do three things: 1. Appoint a man and a boy who will be responsible for getting this stone ready and into our hands by August 15th. 2. Give a short description of this fireplace and project to your local newspaper. 3. Sign the enclosed card and drop it in the mail today.

"Sincerely yours,
"B. W. Draper,
"Scout Executive."

It is needless to state that no time was lost in getting the stone ready and sending it as directed.

Hermon Rogge and Dwain Leonard secured the stone and dressed it. The typewritten roster of all Scout officers and Scout members was drafted and put in the rock, then, Frank Hearn sealed it. Alvin Ott carried and delivered it at San Angelo.

Mrs. Noah Pruitt and Miss Pearl Mae Warner were shoppers in Sweetwater Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dubose and children have returned to their home at Las Cruces, New Mexico, after a visit with relatives and friends.