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School Bells Ring Monday



Sterling Allen



Debbie Hendry

Coke County to Host FB District Meet

The big District 7 of Texas Farm Bureau will hold its annual Queen and Talent Find Contests in Robert Lee School auditorium Friday night of next week, Aug. 25. The district covers an area which extends all the way to El Paso.

In spite of the size of the district, only three counties have entered candidates for the Queen and Talent Find Contests: Coke, Tom Green and Howard.

Coke Entries

Coke County's entries in the

AD-LIB-BEN

We have been negligent the last few weeks by not mentioning some of the improvements which have taken place on Main Street. Any improvement helps the town and certainly should be recorded.

Two sidewalk improvements have added a great deal to the looks of the main drag. A new sidewalk has been built between the buildings housing White Auto Store and West Texas Utilities Co. This property belongs to Mrs. L. T. Youngblood, Mrs. Charlie Boecking and Mrs. E. F. Glenn, and they should be commended for reconstructing the sidewalk which was torn out several years ago when the building fronting on the area were destroyed by fire.

Another sidewalk improvement has been made by T. F. Sims. Tuffy had the front of the curb which runs in front of his store, stairstepped down, replacing the tall stepoff which is common on many curbs in Bronte. Not only does this improvement make coming into and going out of his store more convenient, it is also a bumper saver.

Sims has also made another improvement lately. He has installed a new front door, complete with metal borders and offsetting metal-bordered panels. J. B. Mackey also has had one of these fancy doors installed at Cumbie & Mackey Dry Goods Store.

These improvement cost a lot of money which is a little difficult.

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Citizens to Talk About Fire Dept.

Firemen and all other interested persons will meet on Monday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. to study and reorganize the role of the Fire Department and firemen in Bronte.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Fire Department, fire insurance or in becoming a fireman is asked to attend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ben,

As you well know when the pathway of life becomes rough and dreary, friends have a way of making things lighter to bear.

There are no words that Sue and I can ever say that can adequately describe our heartfelt appreciation for all the wonderful things that the beautiful people of Bronte have done for us.

Life sometimes goes so smooth that one has a tendency to take neighbors and friends for granted. But times come when you really know how important they really are.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank each one for their kindness and expressions of concern and may God bless each of them many times over.

Glenda had one of her best days today (8-16-72) and is feeling much better. She has been aware of the cards and letters and appreciates them very much.

From hearts of gratitude, Sue and J. W. Caudle

JESSE PARKER ILL

Jesse Parker, commissioner of Precinct 2, was rushed to the hospital in Robert Lee early Tuesday morning. It was determined that he had suffered a stroke. His condition was reported Thursday afternoon as satisfactory.

SCOTCH TOURNEY SUNDAY

There will be a Scotch tournament at the local golf course Sunday, starting at 1:15 p.m. All golfers are invited to participate.

Monday morning marks the end of another summer and the beginning of another school year for all the school age people of Bronte. Classes will begin at 8:10 a.m. with an assembly in the auditorium for grades 7-12 and kindergarten through sixth grades reporting to their classrooms. Buses will run and lunches will be served in the school cafeteria. Supt. C. B. Barbee said, "We will have a full day of work Monday."

This past week has been a work week for the staff and faculty of the school, as they began preparations last Monday and attended an inservice training workshop for District 15 in Robert Lee, Tuesday through Thursday.

Elementary school staff for the 1972-73 school term includes: Prin. James M. Raughton; Mrs. Bob Shields, kindergarten; Mrs. C. B. Barbee, first grade; Mrs. Jana Dahman, second grade; Mrs. James Golson, third grade; Mrs. Jerry Lawhon, fourth grade; Mrs. James Raughton, fifth grade; and Mrs. J. T. Henry, sixth grade.

Junior high and high school

teachers are: James L. Golson, principal; Mrs. Royce Fancher, home economics; Mrs. Linda Granzin, math and language arts; Ben Hambricht, geometry, algebra and trigonometry; J. T. Henry, vocational agriculture; Wayne King, biology, chemistry and physical science; Mrs. Jimmy Ed Mackey, English, Spanish and speech; James Raughton, health; Bob Shields, civics, P. E., history and science; Mrs. Eddie Sweeten, English and P. E.; Mrs. Louis Thornton, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and speech; and Louis Thornton, music and band.

Other staff members include: Mrs. Clark Glenn and Mrs. Tommy Lee, secretaries; Mrs. Jimmy Lee and Mrs. E. L. Champion, library aides; and Mrs. Joe Rawlings, teachers aide in migrant education.

Lunchroom staff are Mrs. R. W. Sims, Mrs. George Braswell and Mrs. Don Thorpe. Custodians are A. V. Andrews and Marvin Corley. Driving buses will be: Don Thorpe, Roy Ball, Ben Hambricht, Mrs. Pete Gentry and James Raughton.

Benefits Huge From Area Rains

Good but widely varied amounts of rain continued to fall through last weekend. Bronte received rain Thursday, all day Friday and off and on all weekend. The Bronte total was reported as 5.5 inches.

Around the area, the Joe McCutchen place west of town received 6 inches and northwest the A. Z. Denmans reported 5.8 inches. The Edward Cumbies north of Bronte had 5.7 inches and the Wylie Ranch, northeast, recorded 5.3 inches of rainfall.

Back to School Dance Friday

The first annual back to school dance will be held Friday night in the Bronte Youth Center. A San Angelo rock group, the Cavaliers will play for the affair.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will end at midnight. There will be a \$1.00 admission charge. Anyone who is a seventh grader on up to the age of 21 is invited to attend and hear good rock music and dance.

Albert and Joe Rawlings, southwest of town, had 5.7 inches, Tennyson received 7.9 inches and the Brookshire community had 4 inches. There was 5 inches of rain recorded at Oak Creek Lake and the lake was up 1.22 feet on Wednesday. Some gauges in the Blackwell area measured over 10 inches.

Lake Spence at Robert Lee has caught over 5,000 acre feet of water in the past week and another 20,000 acre feet of water is expected to come into the big lake. Torrential rains in Scurry County set the Colorado River to rolling toward Robert Lee.

Nursing Home Needs Residents

Bronte Nursing Homes needs more residents. The census level is at a dangerous low and will cost taxpayers of Precincts 2 and 4 approximately \$1400 over the present revenue if the patient revenue is not increased.

L. O. Clark, administrator of the home, said this week there are 23 occupants in the home and that the break-even figure is 28, using the minimum staffing requirements as required by the State Department of Health.

Bronte Nursing Home has been using the minimum number of nurses required and in some cases a little below. The law provides that these persons be paid the minimum wage, and this amount will be increased if the proposed rate is made into law.

"I am sure," Clark said, "there are many residents in this area

and the state who would be in a nursing home, such as this facility, if they were properly informed of their rights to be admitted and their eligibility to enter. In most cases the care would be paid by the State Medicaid program. Anyone who needs information about rights to enter a nursing home or financial assistance may call or come by the nursing home."

The nursing home of today is a far cry from the home of yesterday. Requirements for operation under the laws of today are very strict and must be maintained if a home is to stay open. Many inspections have been made by the Departments of Health and Welfare and have failed to reveal any deficiency of operation or building requirement.

Clark continued, "I believe if

the people in this area would advertise their nursing home and help those in need of nursing home care find the way to better living by care they should be receiving, they would also be solving a financial problem facing us now."

Many residents who enter nursing homes enter on a day to day basis—that is a trial run to determine if this type of living can be adjusted to. Clark said, "We invite interested applicants to visit our home and inspect the facility."

He added that a great deal of money has gone into the home in order to offer benefits to those who need them. It must be paid for and its operation must be sustained by patient revenue or it will become a tax burden.

Two Burglaries At Oak Creek Lake

Deputy Sheriff Don Thorpe has been busy this week investigating two burglaries at Oak Creek Lake. Nothing was taken from one of the burglarized cabins, but the other, owned by Lynn Jones of Odessa, reportedly had over \$2,000 worth of belongings taken.

The thief entered by cutting the screen on the back porch. No one was occupying the cabin at the time it was robbed, so the time of the robbery is not known. It occurred sometime between Aug. 13 and 15.

D. D. Bhus of Oak Creek Lake reported Tuesday night that his boat, a 12 foot flat bottom type, had been stolen.

Thorpe said so far he has not taken anybody into custody.