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SIXTY BRONTE COTTON FARMERS RECEIVE GOVERNMENT COTTON CHECKS FOR \$14,578 TODAY

Second Group of Government Cotton Checks to Bronte Farmers This Afternoon

The second group of Coke county cotton reduction checks has been received. There are sixty of them and they go to the farmers of the Bronte section—thus making the farmers in the east side of the county to fare a little better than the farmers of the other sections of the county, in that the Bronte farmers, more of them than those elsewhere in the county, are receiving their cotton money earlier. It is only a question of a short time, now, it is thought, till the whole amount will be paid.

The checks to be given out, will be given out this Friday afternoon, September 22, at the First National Bank in Bronte. Those who will receive checks are as follows, sixty being the total number to be given out:

Trannie C. Wiygle, James L. Allison, Felix A. Allison, Olin T. Allison, C. F. Neatherlin, William H. Mackey, Floyd F. Gibson, William A. Robbins, George R. Wrinkle, A. F. McQueen, Lee Leonard Fletcher, Carl Brock, H. Scott, James W. Scott, Thomas F. Sims, Floyd E. Fancher, Woodburn E. Spencer, John W.

Labenske, George P. Kirkland, William L. McCurdy, Beal W. Tomlinson, F. S. Higginbotham, Louis C. Robbins, Jim R. Simpson, Isaac E. Davis, John E. Pruitt, James W. Bagwell, Cecil H. H. Cornelius, James L. Brunson, Jesse J. Youngblood, James M. Williams, Melbourne A. Butner, Earl D. Davenport, Clint Wilkins, Charlie A. Ensor, Walter R. Hensley, William J. Brock, George S. Rosser, Jesse Young, Richard E. Cumbie, Ray H. Ivey, Urban F. Taylor, Tom H. Zill D. McCaleb, Thomas F. Sims, Earl E. Box, Gustavus A. John A. Butner, Robert L. Brunson, Leanus W. Beaty, Pinkney A. Hallmark, Isaac I. Addison, George C. Clark, B. J. Montgomery, Luis Gutierrez, Charley T. Mills, Jesse M. Best, Melvin N. McKinney, Jesse C. Montgomery, Wiley E. Wrinkle, Dennis T. Wrinkle, John V. Rogers, H. Christian, C. A. Gregston, John W. Davis, Clarence R. Gibbs.

The total amount of the checks to be given out today is \$14,578. Each farmer will receive a notice when his check arrives.

CLASS ENTERTAINS CLASS

"Fun was fast and furious," it is said, at the Key park Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Lucy Warner's Sunday school class entertained Mrs. L. Johnson's class with a picnic.

Mrs. Alfred Taylor and H. O. Whitt were chosen as stunt leaders. And it is said that stunts that would have "out-stunted" professionals were put on, much to the amusement of all. Fun and frolic was the order of the evening and everyone had a delightful evening.

A picnic lunch of delicacies was served to about sixty.

W. H. M. S. PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Womans Home Mission Society, to be rendered at the Methodist church, Monday afternoon, September 30, at 3:30 o'clock:

Program topic: "Forces at work in Japan."

Devotional led by Mrs. B. F. Bridges.

Song: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy."

Forces unfavorable to the establishment of Christianity in Japan, Mrs. Jesse Percifull.

Factors in the message and its supporters, Mrs. I. M. Cumbie.

Forces favorable to the establishment of Christianity in Japan, Mrs. T. M. Wylie.

Missionary news, Mrs. O. W. Keesee.

CAR LIGHT LAST WARNING

This is absolutely the last warning with reference to your car lights. We have notified, called attention, and done all we can to get the people to adjust their car lights and to conform otherwise to the law. And, now, for the safety of the public we will from this date henceforth enforce the law regardless as to who you are, or the excuses you may make. Don't wait now until you are called, and, then, plead that your lights have just gone out—see to it that your lights are burning. Everybody together, now, for strict adherence to the car and traffic laws.

Walker Good, T. F. Sims, Officers.

HOSTESS TO JUNIOR STUDY CLUB

Mrs. Charlie Baker was hostess to the Junior Study Club, Wednesday afternoon, September 13.

A business session directed by the club president, Mrs. Ernest Ivey, preceded the program.

Mrs. Homer Good sent in her resignation as a member of the club and the club reluctantly accepted it.

Mrs. Clytus Smith was elected "Scrap Book Editor."

The finance committee with Mrs. Taylor Shelton as chairman is making plans for a play to be sponsored by the club.

The following program was rendered:

"What Texas Has Done for Education," Mrs. H. O. Whitt.

Reading: "School Days," Mrs. Geo. Thomas.

"A History of Education of Bronte," compiled by Mrs. R. S. Walton and read by the hostess.

A lovely salad course was served to Mrs. O. H. Willoughby, guest, and the following club members: Miss Nell Lowry, and Mesdames H. O. Whitt, Taylor Shelton, Alfred Bennett, Cumbie Ivey, J. B. Mackey, Ernest Ivey, Clytus Smith, Bill McDonald, O.

COKE COUNTY IRRIGATION PROJECT SUBMITTED TO PWA. BY COMMITTEE

The Enterprise expects "big, uptown stuff" for its next issue relative to the Coke County Irrigation project.

The local steering committee, consisting of Robert Knierim and R. E. Hickman of Bronte, Fred Roe, Robert Lee and H. G. Wendland of San Angelo went to Fort Worth Wednesday, and Thursday submitted the application for funds with which to construct the system, to the PWA.

This morning as we go to press The Enterprise has had no

report from any source relative to the hearing. But, we feel confident that in next week's issue we can give more detailed information relative to this gigantic project, and a project the construction of which will mean so much to this section of country.

The San Angelo Standard reports this morning that 1933 is the driest year this section of West Texas has had in fifty years—evidently, then, something needs to be done.

Norton Gins and Leading Merchant In Co-operative Campaign for Business

Norton's two gins, Cecil Glenn, and the Farmers Gin Company and A. T. Chapman, the largest mercantile establishment of that splendid little town, fifteen miles east of Bronte, over in Runnels county, are out in this issue of The Enterprise in a cooperative campaign, soliciting all who should, to gin their cotton in Norton and do their trading there.

Cecil Glenn calls attention to the fact that he has installed new boley machinery and other new machinery. This shows a spirit of fidelity to the farmers who patronize Mr. Glenn's gin. The Farmers Gin Company

also reminds that they have completely gone over their plant during the summer and have put every little detail in splendid condition, thus giving them a plant second to none.

A. T. Chapman, Norton's general mercantile establishment, boosts the gins of his town and pledges to pay top of the market for cotton. He also assures those who buy from him that he will sell them merchandise cheap as they can buy elsewhere.

Let these in all that section especially read the announcements in this issue of The Enterprise.

R. McQueen, Geo. Thomas.

The Club will have its Constitution Week program, September 26. Mrs. Alfred Bennett will be hostess in the home of Mrs. Taylor Shelton.

Watch for "Clubbing a Husband"—the sensation of the day. Auspices of the Womans Home

Mission Society of the Methodist church.

Miss Louise Gideon has gone to Ozona where she becomes a student in the Ozona high school

Misses Mary Louise Holder and Virginia Youngblood have gone to Belton where they have entered Baylor College.

RUNNELS SONG MEET TO BE AT BALLINGER

Dear West: Please announce in The Enterprise that the Runnels County Singing Convention will meet next Sunday, September 24, at Ballinger.

We are expecting a large number of good singers. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Fred Bedford, Pres. County Convention.

DR. SWINDELL COMING

Let all those who are interested take notice that Dr. J. A. Swindell, optometrist, of San Angelo, will be at the City Drug store in Bronte, Saturday, September 30. This is a great opportunity for all those needing such professional services.

D. W. TURNER ILL

D. W. Turner of Norton, is seriously ill, which The Enterprise regrets to learn.

"Uncle White," as he is affectionately called by all who know him is one of the old-time citizens of that section. He is well known throughout the Bronte section of country as well as over other parts of West Texas. All will join in the good wish that "Uncle White" may soon be himself again.

Miss Bettye Butner has gone to Abilene where she entered Simmons University as a student.

James Hearn is in Brownwood, where he enrolled as a student of Howard Payne College.

IN MEMORY OF L. E. BRUTON

We will meet you, darling brother,
In that land beyond the sky,
Where we'll have no more heart-aches,
In the land of the sweet bye and bye.

How we love you, darling brother,
Only the angels can interpret such love,
And we know that if we are faithful to Jesus,
We will meet you in Heaven above.

And at night, when our hearts are lonely,
In our home, all alone,
We can only trust in Jesus,
Who always cares for His own.

Thus to meditate upon his promises,
In His blessed Word so kind,
He can heal our every heart-ache and sorrow,
And comfort our soul and mind.

Precious Jesus, how we thank Thee
For the precious gift of love,
That was given us through our brother!—
It was like that from above!

Now, that Heaven holds our treasure,
Make us worthy of the love,
That shall be ours, when we reach
Our Heavenly Home above.

So, 'tis good-bye, darling brother Luther,
You always shared our heart-aches and our tears,
You never neglected, or forgot us,
In all your earthly years.

His sister,
—Mrs. Hattie Day.

Isn't It The Truth?

ROY L. CRAWFORD, PALMER, TEXAS

I sat in the car
As the train sped down the track.
I thought of the man at the throttle of the engine,
And the man who fired the furnace
Under the boiler.
For them I prayed a prayer,
That God would give them clear vision,
And steady nerves at throttle or furnace
While I was on the train.

When I was a boy
I hoped some day to be an engineer,
And sit in the cab of an engine,
And pull the whistle cord at crossings,
While I watched the miles of track
Flying under the drivers.
I suppose every boy
Dreams of being a railroad engineer
When he is big.

Down by the tracks lived a stooped, little man
In a hut.
He rode out every day to work
On a hand car with some more men.
He came home at night tired and dirty and sweaty
After working all day on the tracks.
I suppose no boy ever dreamed of being a "sniper,"
And working on the section—
Cutting weeds, and pulling ties and driving spikes.

Now since I have grown up
I am not an engineer
And I do not work on the section.
But as I ride in the car
While the train goes flying down the track,
I thank God for the man who works on the section;
The man who drives the spikes
That hold the rails
That keep the engine on the track
For the engineer.