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S. A. KIKER IS APPOINTED COUNTY COMMISSIONER

County Judge O. E. Gerron, Thursday morning, appointed S. A. Kiker as county commissioner of precinct No. 2, which is the Bronte precinct, to succeed E. T. Holman, deceased.

There were several prospective applicants for the place, so rumor had it. However, no active campaign had been started by anyone.

Early Thursday morning, Judge Gerron called The Enterprise by telephone and gave the information of Mr. Kiker's appointment and suggested that we give out the information so that there would be no trips to Robert Lee on the part of interested parties. Later in the day Judge Gerron was in Bronte and called on us personally and stated that he appointed Mr. Kiker because he believed he was the best man, under the circumstances, who was available. He was not solicited by Mr. Kiker for the place—it seems to be one instance, indeed, when the office sought the man.

In the afternoon, Thursday, Mr. Kiker came to The Enterprise office and after stating that he appreciated the appointment, as it had come unsolicited, he outlined briefly his plans and policies. Mr. Kiker said that for the present there would be no change in the policies of the conduct of the office. "There will be no change in the working force for the present at least."

"I am going to be everybody's commissioner just as much as it is humanly possible," said Mr. Kiker. "Every part of the precinct and the entire county will get the very best service which I am capable of."

There was a called session of the commissioners court at Robert Lee about noon Thursday, and Mr. Kiker's appointment was ratified and Mr. Kiker made bond and took the oath of office and hence is now a full-fledged county official.

As The Enterprise sees it, Mr. Kiker's appointment was a wise

NEXT WEEK IS "CHURCH WEEK" IN BRONTE

The revival meeting now being held at the Bronte Methodist church is making progress—not as rapidly as Pastor Wallace N. Dunson, and song evangelist J. C. Milburn, and the interested members of the congregation would like to see. But interest is gradually growing as well as the attendance.

The sermons of Pastor Dunson are earnest and pointed and has great appeal to those who hear him. He impresses his hearers as one who is desperately in earnest.

Song Evangelist Milburn is an able choir director and sings special songs appealingly. He is finding favor with the people in his earnest, interested way of working in the meeting.

The meeting will go on next week, through Sunday night. Next week is designated by the leaders in the meeting, as "Church Week in Bronte." Rev. Dunson said, "as we talk church, think of church and go to church next week, we will make the church and the meeting, the first thing for the whole week. We are going to ask that the business men close their places of business for one hour each morning—from 10 to 11 o'clock and everybody come to church for that hour."

Miss Mary Pruitt has our thanks for becoming a cash subscriber to The Enterprise. Miss Mary said that she was tired of "running around, borrowing someone's else paper."

Texas reported 105,058 taxable incomes for 1932, amounting to \$448,849,717 upon which a total of \$8,633,146 taxes were paid.

course on the part of Judge Gerron and his court. Mr. Kiker is an old-time citizen here, has interests here, knows everybody and is the friend of all and will be conscientious in the administration of his duties.

E. T. HOLMAN DIES AT LUBBOCK

Coke county lost one of its outstanding citizens when E. T. Holman died in a hospital at Lubbock, at 4 o'clock, Monday afternoon, following an operation to which he had submitted Saturday morning for a complication of diseases.

The body was returned to this city early Tuesday morning, by Frank Keeney, local undertaker, where it lay till Wednesday afternoon. Following religious services at the Kickapoo Baptist church, three and a half miles north of town, of which church deceased had been a leading member for many years, the body was taken to the Bronte cemetery and put away for its last sleep.

The funeral services were simple but beautifully impressive. The casket covered with flowers rested in the altar. A large choir sang the hymns of the church which deceased sang often during the days of his life.

A trio, the three remaining members of a quartette of which deceased was a member sang tenderly, "I Need Thee Every Hour." The trio was composed of R. E. Cumbie, B. A. Bell and Will Wood.

Rev. J. A. Branaman, pastor of the Kickapoo Baptist church for many years, had charge of the funeral services. Rev. Opal McCaleb, read the Scriptures and a brief biographical sketch of deceased. Rev. N. W. Pitts spoke of deceased as a citizen, paying high tribute. Rev. Branaman spoke in most intimate terms of deceased bringing out the many fine and splendid traits he always found in deceased. He was a modest, unassuming man; he was an unselfish man, always willing to take the heavier part of the load; he was a man who loved young people and worked with them for their betterment.

Elder W. B. Wages of Lubbock, a Baptist minister of that city, who is to lead in a revival meeting in the Kickapoo Baptist church, beginning tonight, brought the message. He spoke interestingly and helpfully on thoughts dealing with the resurrection and other kindred suggestions with reference to the state of those who die in Christ.

It was a largely attended funeral, attesting the wide circle of friends of deceased and family.

The pall bearers were Coke county officials, as follows: County Judge O. E. Gerron, County Clerk R. W. Smith, Sheriff Frank Percifull, Tax Assessor McNeil Wylie, County Commissioner E. T. Sparks and County Commissioner E. K. Lofton.

The following biographical sketch was read at the service: Eddie T. Holman was born February 12, 1887. He moved with his parents to Coke county when about five years of age, thus spending most of his life in this county and community.

Deceased was married to Miss Eula Hallmark October 28, 1906. To this union two children were born, Loyd and Hazel, both being with their father when the end came Monday evening, July 10th.

Deceased was converted in early life and joined the Baptist church. He became a member of the Kickapoo Baptist church soon after the church was organized in 1904 and has retained his membership there most of the time since then. He has served his church as Superintendent of the Sunday school, or assistant superintendent, most of the last ten years. He has also served as county commissioner for the last seven years and has served his county and com-

"ANOTHER CAMP IS HEARD FROM"

Company 855, C. C. C. Camp # 69 1, El Paso, Texas, July 9, 1933.

Bro. West, Editor Bronte Enterprise, Bronte, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Bronte boys in the C. C. C. camp at Las Vegas seem to be "all wet." We are very dry here (not referring to the 18th amendment.) The name of "woodpeckers" may be appropriate when referring to the Las Vegas camp, but it doesn't fit here. The largest native tree I have seen here was a mesquite and it was not waist high.

rocks, you say? Well, we can be classed as authorities on that subject at the end of our term here. We may not know what an axe is for, but just ask us about picks and shovels and we can give you a complete lecture on their uses.

I have heard of "Wash woman's Paradise," but I never knew what it meant until I came out here.

The work is not very hard. We go to work at 7 o'clock and quit at 3 o'clock. We have from 3 o'clock Friday afternoon till work time Monday morning at our disposal. We have trucks to take us to programs at Fort Bliss, every other night in the week and to the Army Y. M. C. A. the remaining nights. We are only three blocks from the street car line. From what I hear from boys in other camps, our camp is in the best location of any.

Well, I have only four more months to work—then, I will be twisting rabbits again in Coke. Geo. Aibert Davis, C. F. (Camp Flunkey)

1933 LYNCHING RECORD

Editor Bronte Enterprise:

I send you the following information concerning lynchings for the first six months of this year. According to the records compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research, I find that there were six lynchings in the first six months of 1933. This number is one more than the number 5 for the first six months of 1932. In 1923, that is ten years ago, there were 15 persons lynched in the first six months of the year.

During the first six months of 1933 there were 14 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Of these 3 were in Northern States and 11 in Southern States. In 9 of the instances the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented; in the 5 other instances force was used to repel the would be lynchings; thus a total of 17 persons, 6 whites and 11 negroes, were saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Of the persons lynched 2 were white and 4 were Negro. The offenses charged were rape, 1; murder, 4; charge not reported, 1.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Georgia, 1; Louisiana, 2; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 1.

R. R. Morton, Principal.

munity in various ways for a number of years. His health had been failing him for several months and death overtook him after an operation in the Lubbock hospital.

The sorrowing family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

BRONTE MAY EXHIBIT AT WORLD'S FAIR

Bronte has an opportunity through the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to have direct representation at A Century of Progress with literature, a miniature exhibit, and its name on a large relief map of West Texas—all at a very nominal cost.

Robert Knierim, local WTCC director, has received from Spencer A. Wells, vice-president of the regional chamber, the details of the offer to the affiliated towns, and has been urged to get Bronte's subscription to the plan at once.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has secured space in the Texas exhibit for a West Texas display provided a sufficient number of cities cooperate in the plan which calls for the regional chamber putting up half the cost of the exhibit and literature, affiliated towns putting up the other one-half. An immediate answer is necessary if the regional chamber is to proceed with its plan.

Wells points out that towns affiliated with the regional chamber are the only towns in Texas that will be given direct representation in the Texas exhibit, and that it is available at a ridiculously low price. He is urging directors to secure immediately the necessary funds either from the local chambers of commerce, or from direct solicitation and send them in so that the West Texas exhibit may be ready to go when the Texas exhibit opens July 25. He must hear from all towns before July 20.

For forty dollars, an affiliated town will get a fourth page write-up in the one hundred fifty thousand West Texas booklets to be distributed at the fair, and will have its name prominently shown on the thirteen foot square relief map of West Texas which will form the main part of the West Texas display. For an additional sum, the towns may have individual folders distributed at the exhibit. For a hundred dollars additional, the towns may have individual miniature exhibits on display. Towns may purchase more than a quarter page space in the West Texas folder at proportionately higher rates. All subscribing towns will receive a supply of West Texas poster stamps for their local use.

The big relief map has been constructed by students in the engineering department of Texas Technological College, and it is the first of its kind ever made. It shows the exact topography of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, the production of the various sections, and the location of affiliated towns. Over twelve hundred working hours were consumed in its construction. Following its display at Chicago, it will become a permanent exhibit of the organization and be on display at the annual conventions and other places.

WORK HIS CROP

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Caudle gathered at their farm home in the west edge of Bronte, Monday, and worked out Mr. Caudle's crop for him. Mr. Caudle submitted to an operation some weeks ago and has not yet regained his strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Herron have the thanks of the editor and wife for the fine lot of roasting ears brought to the editorial parsonage a few days ago.

Larkin Pruitt who has been suffering much from rheumatism we are glad to report is improving.

"UNCLE BILL" KELLIS TURNS THEOLOGIAN

Now, the last word in the above title to this article is a **BIG** word. But, the one of whom we write has assumed a **BIG** role. "Uncle Bill" Kellis, editor of the Sterling City News-Record, and boozie defender, seeking to justify himself in his attitude for the legal return of intoxicating liquor to this country, and by way of explanation with reference to some things to which we called the attention of "Uncle Bill" in a recent article in our columns, "Uncle Bill" assumes the role of theologian—(a theologian is one who discourses on the attributes of God, his laws and government)—and proceeds to teach religion as follows, especially with reference to the poor drunkard, the victim of the damnable stuff "Uncle Bill" is so anxious to make respectable by making it legal. "Uncle Bill" says:

"But you keep right on telling the world about me wanting to 'bring liquor back,' when you know, if you know anything, and will acknowledge a current fact, that liquor never 'WENT.' It is true, we drove it in the bushes to sneak out to ruin our boys and girls after the sun went down. You know this to be the fact, but you insist that I am trying to 'bring liquor back' when most any button in Bronte can tell you where you can buy booze. But these buttons are wise enough not to tell you.

"You keep right on telling about the poor drunks dying and going to hell as if it was anything new. You always send your drunks to hell, poor devils! The God you worship, is a revengeful God who has it in for the drunks and has no power to save them. The God I worship and adore, through His son Jesus, hath power to save a poor drunkard, even when he dies with a snake in his britches. In such cases, Brother West, you consign the poor devil to hell and tell his folks that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of Heaven."

"Of course a drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven, but does it not occur to you, Brother, that when the drunkard dies he ceases to be a drunkard, the same as the thief on the Cross ceased to be a thief when he kicked the water vessel. Of course, no crook can enter that kingdom, because if such as he did go there, I would ask to be sent to the other place, because I like decent company."—Sterling City News-Record.

"God and the Drunkards," as is plain to all, is the burden of the theme of the theological discourse of "Uncle Bill" in the above paragraphs. On this remarkable theological deliverance we only have the following comments:

In the first place, as a matter of strategy, we are surprised that "Uncle Bill" would pursue the course he has, and assume the role of preacher—for, if we remember correctly, one of the great

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RESOLUTIONS

State of Texas,
County of Coke,
Whereas, the Honorable E. T. Holman, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Coke County, Texas, departed this life on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1933;

And whereas, Mr. Holman was sincerely devoted to his duties as a public official, a Christian and a citizen; and he contributed many worthy accomplishments in behalf of the betterment of Coke County; and whereas, we the Commissioners' Court of Coke County will deeply feel the loss of this Christian character and this spirited and devoted public official;

Now, therefore, we the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, do hereby express our profound sorrow in the passing of our deceased co-worker; and we express the hope that every official shall be more devoted to his duty and shall remember the life of this noble character, the deceased;

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Mrs. E. T. Holman, Hazel Holman and Loyd Holman, and that we express our deepest sorrow and regret for the loss of the loving husband and father, and say to them that his splendid character should console them in their grief.

Signed this the 13th day of July, A. D. 1933.

O. E. Gerron,
County Judge.

E. T. Sparks,

Commissioner Precinct No.

1. J. K. Lofton Jr.
Commissioner Precinct No.

2. Ben Brooks,
Commissioner Precinct No.

4. Willis Smith,
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court. ad251t.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

State of Texas,
County of Coke,

It appearing to O. E. Gerron, County Judge of Coke County, Texas, that E. T. Holman, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 of Coke County, Texas, departed this life and died on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1933; and it further appearing that vacancy is thereby created in the office of County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, Coke County, Texas;

Now therefore, by the authority vested in me by the laws of this State, I do hereby appoint S. A. Kiker, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Coke County, Texas, to fill the unexpired term of the said E. T. Holman, Deceased.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 13th day of July A. D. 1933.

O.E.Gerron,

County Judge of Coke County, Texas. ad251t.

Railroad Legislation

A RECENT state legislative bill provided that a track man carrying a bell by day and a lantern by night should lead all railroad trains across grade crossings; that conductors must smile when answering questions; that it would be a misdemeanor to serve eggs more than one day old on pullman cars; that trains be required to stop at any time when flagged by hitch-hikers, and that trains crossing rivers wider than twenty-five feet be equipped with lifeboats and life preservers. This one did not pass.

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WILL ATTEND BAYLOR COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Holder and daughters, Miss Mary Louise and little Miss Ida Esther, returned home, Saturday from a trip that carried them to several places.

Miss Mary Louise and Ida Esther went away some weeks ago and visited their aunt, Miss Ruth Brown in Dallas. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gollihar and Miss Pauline Wilson in Fort Worth. They report a most delightful visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder went to Dallas for their daughters. From Dallas they went to Belton where Miss Mary Louise enrolled as a student in Baylor Female College for the next school year. Miss Mary Louise was a member of the senior class of the Bronte High school the past year, in which she made an enviable record and won a scholarship in Baylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder and daughters went to Austin from Belton where they visited before returning home.

GOING TO COLLEGE

Mr. Editor:

It is all quite fine for parents to send their children to college when they are plenty able, financially, and are looking at the social side of it, but as a vast majority of young people go to college to increase their earning capacity, regarding a college education as a financial investment, it seems that parents with slender means should regard the matter of sending their children to college just as any other business proposition, asking, "Will it pay?" A few quotations here from those in authority will not be amiss:

The commencement speaker last June to the graduating class of the University of Texas admonished the graduates to remember that a degree is no longer a meal ticket. President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University said that a college education has absolutely nothing to do with one's earning a living. That statement might seem absurd, after all the high-powered "selling of education" of late years by college men but when we consider how many great successes in all lines are not college men and how many failures are, we have to agree

KICKAPOO BAPTISTS BEGIN MEETING TONIGHT

The annual revival meeting of the Kickapoo Baptist church, begins this Friday night. The meeting house is on highway 70 three and a half miles north of Bronte.

The congregation is in more or less confusion due to the death of one of their most loved leaders, E. T. Holman.

Pastor Opal McCaieb, and the former pastor for many years, Elder J. A. Branaman, and the other interested members of the congregation, plan to go right on into the meeting and do their best for a good meeting.

Elder W. B. Wages of Lubbock has been secured for the meeting. Elder Wages is here and will go right into the meeting tonight. Elder Wages is a capable and interesting preacher.

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Condra, a sister of the Gilreath brothers, is seriously ill at her home in Winters. Grave fears are entertained about her recovery. Appendicitis is the nature of the trouble and it is in serious form.

There are 2,718,240 insurance policies in force in Texas, carrying a total of \$3,176,316,478 in insurance. The number of policies in force has doubled during the past eight years.

Texas wealth in 1850 was \$52,740,000. In 1933 estimated wealth of the state was \$10,280,000,000, showing an increase of 194 times in 83 years.

R. H. Reaves, one of Blackwell's best citizens, was shaking hands with his many friends in Bronte, Tuesday.

Prof. P. T. Carter of Olga community, was in Bronte Tuesday. The Enterprise acknowledges a pleasant call from Prof. Carter.

that President Butler may be right. Then Dr. Robert A. Millikan says a college education and no job leads to unrest, Communism and war.

I get so many letters like this: "I owe for my education and just must have a job." Should people borrow money to go to college? The likelihood of paying it back is slim.

W. A. Bynum,
Abilene, Texas.

OIL REFINING ADVANCES BRING HIGHER MILEAGE

Because the average motorist is becoming more and more concerned with motor oil performance, the refining industry has recently been turning its attention to improved refining methods designed to meet the public's demand for better lubrication from the medium-priced lubricants.

For years the main problem confronting the industry was reduction of carbon deposits, and like matters, but today the important problem is how to provide better lubrication.

Very definite and satisfactory progress has been made along this line, as shown recently in mileage tests conducted at the Indianapolis Speedway under supervision of the Contest Committee of the American Automobile Association. These tests showed that a new high-mileage oil, produced by the Gulf Refining Company, gives 28.5 per cent more mileage to the quart than any of the other three popular, medium-priced oils tested against it.

The cars in the test were low and medium-priced autos picked at random from the streets of Indianapolis. Each car was run 450 miles with each of four brands of oil, the test lasting for four days, during which time each car covered 1,800 miles.

Oil consumption was carefully checked by contest officials of the A. A. A., and it was found that the new high-mileage oil was 28.5 per cent cheaper to use,

EXAMINATION FOR STATISTICIAN

The United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications until July 27, 1933, for the position of statistician (medical-social service) to fill vacancy in the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C.

The entrance salary is \$2,000 a year, less a deduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent.

Applicants must have been graduated from a college or university of recognized standing with at least 118 semester hours of college work, including at least 30 hours' credit in either statistics or social service work, or in both combined, and must also have had certain experience.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers departed Monday for Atlanta, Texas, where Mr. Myers has road work. The Enterprise will follow them to keep them advised as to the happenings in "the old home town." Their many friends regretted to see Mr. and Mrs. Myers go away.

the figure being an average based on the oil's performance in all the cars used in the test.

DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE

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