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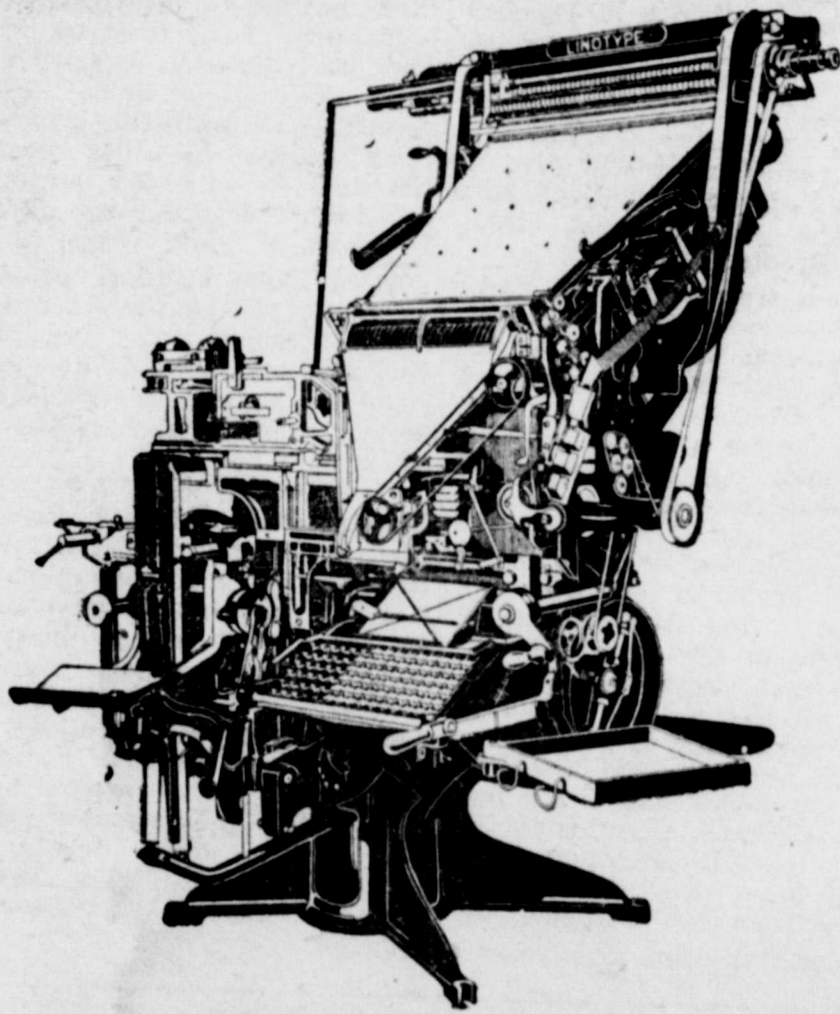
The Bronte Enterprise Enters Its 21st Year This Issue; 16th Anniversary Of The Present Editorial Direction

Double Anniversary Edition Is Issued With Splendid Cooperation of West Texas Business Interests Heartily Cooperating to Make Issue Possible-- Editor Pledges More Faithful Service To Bronte and all West Texas, Where Possible

Strictly speaking, the Bronte Weekly Enterprise is thirty-two years old, measured by the nine lives of the proverbial cat—that is, the paper has had two existences. The paper had its first existence from 1907 when it was first launched to 1915, when hard times put it in the limbo of forgotten things. But, legally speaking, the paper is twenty-one years old with this issue. When the paper ended its first existence in 1915 it remained dead until 1918. At this time J. D. Scott, now of Lubbock, came with his family and launched The Enterprise for the second time, securing a subscription list and gaining admission into the mails as second-class mail matter, thus giving it the regular newspaper rates of the mails.

The Bronte Enterprise was

per and printing establishment at Miles. We took the large job press of The Enterprise to Miles and brought the old George Washington press to the Bronte plant. We salvaged parts of the old press from the fire of 1929. The fire destroyed The Enterprise and most of the newspaper plant. We employed C. W. Goff, one of the ablest editorial writers of his day, who had held positions as news reporter and editorial writer on some of the leading smaller dailies of the state. Mr. Goff made The Enterprise a widely read and popular small country weekly by his able editorials. In 1912 we sold The Bronte Enterprise to T. R. Butler, who at that time was a druggist. Mr. Butler now resides in Sweetwater, and he and we talk almost every time we meet about his venture into



MODERN TYPECASTING MACHINE—SUCH AS THAT ON WHICH THE TYPE IS SET EVERY WEEK FOR THE ENTERPRISE. THIS MACHINE CAN DO THE WORK OF FIVE HANDMEN WHEN COMPETENTLY OPERATED.

launched first by C. H. Bentley, as stated above, in 1907. Mr. Bentley was a Tennessean. He came to the young town of Bronte which was "suffering with growing pains" at that time and bid fair as everyone thought, especially the leaders of the little town, to make a town of at least 5,000 people. Mr. Bentley installed a fairly good newspaper and job printing plant for a small country weekly and for a time did well. The town not growing fast as he had anticipated, he became dissatisfied and in 1910 the writer bought the paper from Mr. Bentley and took charge of same. The writer at that time owned an operated a newspa-

journalism. He retained Mr. Goff as editor and manager. Butler finally sold the paper to A. J. Nelson who now resides on the plains. As we remember, he retained Mr. Goff as editor and manager until he closed the office and ceased publication of the paper in 1915. The plant remained intact in the place where the paper had been printed.

Finally, in 1918 Mr. and Mrs. Scott came and revived the paper under the same name it had formerly been published, secured promise of cooperation from the business interests of the struggling little town, began to solicit and secure subscrib-

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 * and you become receptive *
 * to all which He would say *
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 * your dearest one. *
 * —Frederick C. Budlong. *
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tions until a list sufficient to gain admission to the mails as second class matter, had been secured and the paper was admitted again and recognized by the postoffice department as a regular country newspaper that conformed to all the requirements of the postal regulations. Great sorrow came to Mr. and Mrs. Scott at this time—the World war with all its terrible features and sorrow was on and wrecking all the affairs of the world, as well as the happiness of the families of the land. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott was across the seas with the American forces. It fell to the sorrowful portion of Mr. and Mrs. Scott to have to give up their son to the ravages of war. Their son, George, made the supreme sacrifice and never returned home until his body was brought back in silence and buried in the soil of the land he had died to protect. The only one of Bronte's boys to make the supreme sacrifice, when the local American Legion Post was organized it was named the George Scott Post, and continue its work of goodness and mercy and patriotism under that name.

Mr. Scott soon sold The Enterprise to W. C. Redmond, who came with his family and they operated the paper until January 1, 1923. At this time Mr. Redmond sold a half interest to the writer and beginning the second week in January—or to be exact, sixteen years ago this week—the writer became associated with the paper. Later in the year we bought Mr. Redmond's interest and became sole

"Uncle Buck" Taylor Dies At Fort Chadbourne

Buchanan Taylor died at the family home near Fort Chadbourne, Thursday, January 5, 1939, after a lingering illness due chiefly to extreme old age. Deceased was born at Marietta, Georgia, September 30, 1855, making him to be in his 84th year when death took him.

Deceased came to Texas 45 years ago, and came to Coke county in 1900. His companion preceded him in death 27 years ago. There were born to him and his wife seven children, as follows: Mrs. Will Culp, Fort Chadbourne; Andrew Taylor of Arizona; Nish and John Taylor. Mrs. Martha Whitlow, Mrs. John Gurley and Miss Amanda Taylor, all of Fort Chadbourne.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside at the new Fort Chadbourne cemetery, Friday afternoon, the writer directing the services at the request of the family. Quite a number of the old time friends and neighbors of the deceased and family gathered at the graveside to pay tribute to the memory of deceased.

Deceased had been a member of the Baptist church for fifty years and in the days of his activity was a faithful member. Following the religious services the body was laid away for its last rest.

"kitten eyes open" the second time in a political venture, we took charge and settled down to the task of doing nothing but editing "the old home town" paper. And, far as we can forecast at this time, this will be our task when "thirty" shall strike for us, and we shall lay down our printer's rule and the "shootin' stick," and our faithful typewriter keys will be silent forever, and the delightful task of editing this little country weekly will pass on to another—concerning whom our deepest wish and prayer is that he may be more capable and faithful to the trust than we have been.

Thus briefly, above, the history of The Enterprise as to its existence is recorded, from its twin origin to the present hour. The history of the The Bronte Weekly Enterprise is the history

Aged Lady Dies In El Paso, Interment Here

Mrs. Rebekah Ann Baker died in El Paso, Sunday afternoon, January 8, 1939, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ammonette. Deceased had made her home for several years with Mr. and Mrs. Ammonette. She and her husband resided in the Juniper community, south of Bronte for many years.

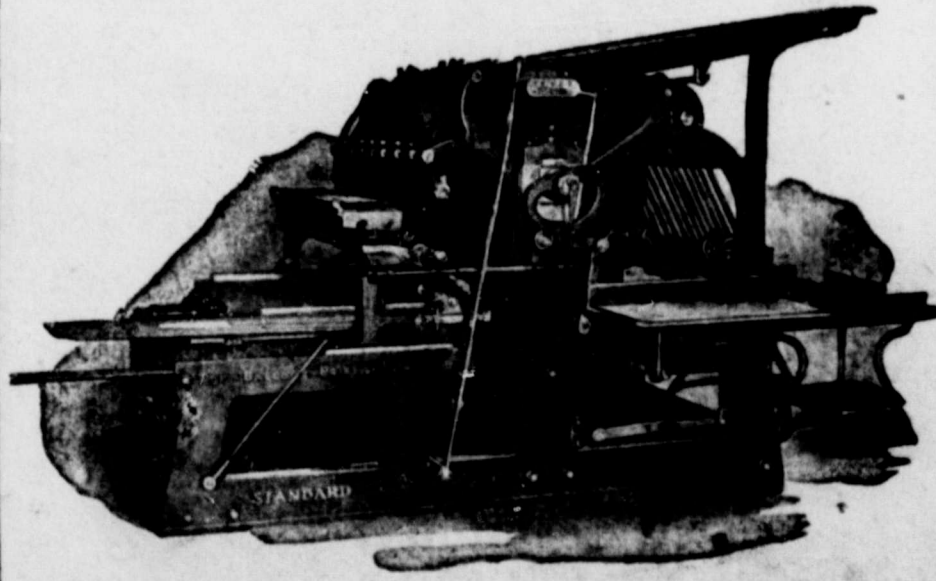
Deceased was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 10, 1845, making her to have attained the remarkable age of 94 years, 2 months and 28 days, when death called her from her long journey in this life to the life beyond the grave.

Miss Rebekah Ann Leonard and S. B. Baker were united in marriage in 1865. To them 9 children were born, 4 of whom survive to sorrow over the passing of mother. The children are Elijah Baker, Larue, Texas; Mrs. E. T. Ammonette, El Paso; David Baker, Tiona, California, and Rufus Baker of Tennyson. Only Rufus and Mrs. Ammonette were present at the funeral; two of the oldest grandchildren also were in attendance. They were Mrs. J. W. Gosnell of Ballinger and S. B. Baker of Abilene.

The body was returned to the home of the son at Tennyson reaching there Tuesday, the Frank Keeney funeral car meeting the body at Sweetwater and bringing same to Tennyson. Interment was to have been Wednesday afternoon, but due to the incessant and excessive rains that were falling interment was deferred until Thursday.

Religious services were held in the Baptist tabernacle at Tennyson. The writer directed the religious services. The services were quiet and simple but beautifully impressive, and were in keeping with the quiet and gentle life of deceased who walked this earthly way nearly a hundred years. Far as memory serves us she was the most age person the writer has ever been called on to speak the last word to the memory of the departed. It was a dismal rainy day; the clouds hung over the earth like a pall and the rainfall was like the sorrow in the hearts of the children and grandchildren at the large group of old tin friends who gathered to contribute to the memory of the deceased. The church choir sang tenderly and softly the old, old hymns of the church; the scriptures were read and a biographical sketch of the long life of the deceased. The writer spoke concerning God's estimate of Good Woman. In sorrowful silence the group present passed the casket side and looked at the last time on the face of the deceased. Then, gently, the fragile body was placed in the car and brought to Fairview Bronte and there beside the hand of her girlhood she was placed to rest until time should be no more.

When a little girl deceased professed faith in Christ a for more than three thirds of century, she was a follower of Him and trusted Him through out all the long years of her life. Hence it was befitting to place the body to the house of God and there have the last rites for her memory.



BABCOCK STANDARD PRINTING PRESS, ON WHICH THE ENTERPRISE IS PRINTED.

owner of The Bronte Weekly Enterprise. Barring a few months in 1936, because of feeble health, we sold the paper and took a rest. After a few months we took the paper back again and after "getting our

of Bronte, Coke County, and surrounding sections, including Tom Green, Runnels and Nolan counties, and all this part of West Texas as a whole, or, especially under the editorial direction (Continued on page two)

THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE
D. M. WEST
Publisher-Manager

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which may occur in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

**"BRONTE ENTERPRISE CLUB" SUGGESTED—
WHAT A SMART MAN!**

Felix Probandt, one of San Angelo's finest young men of some seventy summers, writing J. M. Rippetoe, Bronte druggist and booster, submitting a name in the contest for a name for Bronte's new business organization closes with the following words relative to "us" and our "affairs:"

"And by the way, if you should name your organization the Bronte Enterprise club, it would not be bad, but in harmony with another important factor in the progress of your community. I mean, of course, the name of your paper, The Bronte Enterprise.

"With all good wishes for all concerned, and kind regards to my old-time sinner friend, D. M. W."

Now that is "just as sweet as sugar to us"—all that suggested "taffy." However, there as "a thorn with the rose." What we want to know is, how the writer of the above ever had cause to suspicion that we are an "old time sinner." Now, had he said "Mr. Angelic friend," then we could understand as to the accuracy of his sobriquet. But, be that as it may, the name he suggests for Bronte's new organization, "The Bronte Enterprise Club"—now, wouldn't that make the "natives" away from Bronte to "hit up and take notice" Anyhow, it shows our "old time angelic friend Felix" to be a very, very smart man when it comes to suggesting names that have a meaning in them. Thanks, "ol compadre," and here's hopin' the best for you this year and all the future years."

ANNIVERSARY

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tion of the present owner, it has been the policy of the paper to be true, as much as the editor as had "light to see the right," to serve the territory just mentioned. How well we have served, we must leave to others. Of course, we recognize that whatever we have done has been in limited and most modest way.

But wherever and whenever the interests of our circulation area have been involved, we have been fearless in behalf, as we saw it, of the communities we serve. For, The Enterprise recognizes that we must as a newspaper "Go and Grow with West Texas."

The battles for existence through the years have been strenuous. When we bought the

business and plant, there was no plant practically. Type and printing materials that were antique and almost beyond use from long use was all that the plant had. Our first endeavor was to install a modern printing plant of sufficient size to meet all the demands and at the same time issue a paper in its typographical appearance for which no proud-minded citizen of Bronte or this part of West Texas, at least, would have to make apologies. As a result we invested several thousand dollars in a plant including a Babcock Standard news press—the very best press in our opinion for a country newspaper such as The Enterprise.) In 1926 we installed an Intertype typesetting machine—(this one machine cost us the price of a good Coke county farm.) Our purchases included all the other equipment necessary to do first class printing. In 1924 we bought the native stone building in which The Enterprise has been housed since that time.

On the night of May 12, 1929 the building and plant were practically destroyed by fire, believed by the state fire marshal who came on the job to make inspection, to be of incendiary origin, by one of the tenants who occupied part of the building. By the estimate of the insurance companies that carried the insurance risks on the plant and building we had more than a \$16,000 loss, with only about 25 percent insurance coverage.

The big task of rebuilding was begun. Enough of the building where our office had been, was saved by the heroic work of the good people of the town, in fighting the flames, for us to arrange an improvised office. In this we remained and issued the paper weekly, until the work of rebuilding the walls and getting it roofed was finished. We missed only one issue, by printing three issues in San Angelo. Everybody was kindly considerate. The insurance companies "paid off like slot machines." After settling with us they told us that whatever we could salvage of our plant they would be glad for us to have it. The machine company sent their chief

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mechanic to inspect the machine. To our delight he told us that for a little better than \$1,000 they could make it good as new and made the monthly installments almost nothing until we got started. We still owe a small balance on the machine repair job but are making payments on the small balance that are satisfactory with the company. "Uncle Ed" Rawlings of Bronte held notes for the original purchase money of the office building. The insurance was in his favor. He told the insurance agent just to let us have all the money due him—that we would need it in rebuilding. And only this year did we make the last payment to him. Another small balance to another creditor of only a few hundred dollars and the small balance to the typesetting machine company and we will have the losses we sustained nearly ten years ago, regained. Our creditors have been wonderful and such confidence and helpfulness has made it possible for us to go forward. And in the two-story Enterprise building, with apartments on the second floor which are not lavishly but elegantly furnished, with our Butane gas system, we offer as good accommodations as a hostelry as can be found in the larger cities. And as for The Enterprise plant, with a few hundred dollars additional it will give us a printing plant that will be a credit to a town much larger than Bronte.

wonderful change has come in the status of things relative to the life of the people. Due to good roads and automobiles the larger communities in the area of our circulation are drawing largely the trade of this entire section. Alert business men recognize that fact, and more and more are they turning to our columns as a medium of advertising their merchandise and getting right into the homes of all the people of this section. We have said that we are "no man's land" as an advertising field and medium, since our local business institutions cannot and do not, give us patronage sufficient to make it possible for us to remain in business. Hence we have had to turn to the other and large communities of this section. The way they are represented in this anniversary edition speaks for those communities as to whether or not their interests are served by this paper.

To every reader and to every advertising patron, we say thank you for all courtesies in the past. And in this issue we seek to impress you that we want your united cooperation both as subscribers and advertising patrons of the paper. Our only pledge is that if you will give us reasonable support we shall strive on, as in the past, faithfully to represent, Bronte, Coke county, the other counties, and towns where our circulation extends and also all this part of West Texas.

When we bought the paper and business sixteen years ago, we believed that the town was on the verge of a great growth due to irrigation possibilities—it may become a reality. What that shall come to—that is still problematical—it may become a reality and it may not. But regardless, we believe as do Henry Ford and some others of the great industrialists and financiers of the day, that the small town has a wonderful future. Hence we are going to plant our modest investments in Bronte and from this town, far as we know now, it is our purpose to sleep finally in the silent place, beautiful and sacred, because loved ones sleep there, out in beautiful Fairview.

West Texas business people, we thank you sincerely for the splendid cooperation given in this 21st and 16th Anniversaries of The Enterprise—command us any time we can serve you in anyway.

And you, dear home folks, you Bronte people and of the immediate communities—the folks with whom we live every day: This is to say that we have tried to serve your every interest faithfully, and we thank you for every encouragement—both in the business patronage given and the kindly words of encouragement through the years. You are a great people and we are glad that we live in Bronte, in Coke county and in West Texas. Home Folks and West Texans, let's go!

Within the last few years a

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TO

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ON

Its 21st Anniversary

And Editor D. M. West On His 16th Anniversary

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BRONTE AND EDITOR D. M. WEST

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The 21st Anniversary

Of The Town's Newspaper

AND THE

16TH ANNIVERSARY

OF

D. M. WEST AS EDITOR

Bronte and Ballinger 'Go and Grow Together.' The record of the Bronte Enterprise, as a country weekly, under the present managerial direction, has been broad and its policies have always been for the advancement of all of West Texas. Hence Ballinger feels a pride in The Enterprise and feels that it has been served well by the faithful representation of all the interests of West Texas in the columns of The Enterprise.

THIS SPACE IS PAID FOR BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS FIRMS AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS OF BALLINGER

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Winters Post Office' Elegant Appointments

One of the surprises of the editor was what he saw the other day when he called at the Winters postoffice to mail a letter, and he was "spiced" by H. O. Jones, Winters' postmaster, and called to "come in," and we were shown through the working quarters of the postoffice. It is an elegant arrangement, with appointments and furnishings that would do credit to a town of thousands of people.

Postmaster Jones and every employe to whom the visiting editor was introduced was polite and courteous to the nth degree, and made our brief visit a delightful time for us. Postmaster Jones by putting strictly business methods into the details of the Winters' postoffice has advanced it several points as a postoffice since taking charge.

Stennis Brown, a pharmacist, who has been with the Bronte Pharmacy during the busy fall season, returned this morning to his home at Lipan. Mr. Brown is a pleasing gentleman and made many friends while here who regret that he is leaving Bronte.

BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCH AT BRONTE CAFE, WEDNESDAY

Bob B. Covey advises The Enterprise that the semi-monthly business men's club luncheon will be at the Bronte Cafe, with Ed Stevens, as host, next Wednesday. Let all take notice.

Buys Oliver Tractor Business In Winters

In Winters the other day The Enterprise editor called at the place of business of Ansel Dawson who has owned and operated the Oliver Farm Machinery Company business there. We met Mr. D. J. Goetz and found him in charge. He had just bought out Mr. Dawson and taken charge.

Mr. Goetz is one of the old time citizens of Winters and this part of West Texas. He operated one of the big gins in Winters for years and knows everybody and everybody knows him. He is a genial, pleasing gentleman and a hustler worthy the name. He believes in the Oliver tractor and says that the farmers of Bronte and this section and between here and Winters may expect him to be calling on them both through the columns of The Enterprise and also with personal calls. He says he wants the farmers to know the Oliver and its superior features.

The Enterprise welcomes Mr. Goetz into our columns and into the business life of this part of West Texas—although we regret to see "ol' Ansel Dawson" go, for he is "a good scout."

R. L. Wrinkle made the editor smile the other day—he moved up his subscription figures in advance, for which we thank him. How we wish several hundred would do that just at this time. We thank everyone of you in advance who will do that just now.

Winters State Bank Deposits Increase This Year

Nearly all the banks over the country show a decided increase in deposits this year—and that is the best criterion by which to go, in determining the financial status of the country. But, far as we have observed, the Winters State Bank ranks high in its deposits for the year. This bank has increased its deposits for 1938 nearly \$100,000. This is quite an increase and the institution is to be congratulated on its splendid growth.

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending January 7, 1939, were 17,733, as compared with 17,617 for the same week in 1938. Received from connections were 4,890 cars as compared with 4,154 for the same week in 1938. Total cars moved were 22,623 as compared with 21,771 in the same week in 1938. The Santa Fe handled a total of 19,248 cars in the preceding week of this peak.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends for their tender ministrations to us; for their comforting words, and the beautiful floral offerings at the time of the passing away of our loved one, Mrs. S. E. Pearce.

Your constant thoughtfulness of her in her long years of invalidism will linger as lovely memories.

Her Children
Her Grand Children
and Her Great Grand Children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish in this way to express our deepest gratitude to all our dear friends and the good people at Mertzon, Juniper and Bronte and elsewhere for all their kindness and sympathy in the death of our dear wife, daughter and sister, Mrs. Golden Hensley. Dear friends, we will always cherish your friendship. God bless you, each and all is our deepest prayer.

Golden Hensley.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brunson and family.

Editor's Note: The above card of thanks should have appeared last week but was inadvertently omitted which we regret.

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HONORS HER FATHER ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. M. A. Butner, and Mr. Butner, honored Mrs. Butner's father, E. C. Rawlings today with a dinner, at their home four miles north of Bronte, in honor of the 75th birthday anniversary of Mr. Rawlings.

The gentlemen who are members of the Board of directors of the First National Bank were guests. Those were J. B. McCutchen, J. T. Harmon, L. T. Youngblood, Frank Keeney, R. E. Cumbie. The bank directorate has two lady members who are Mesdames Carrie Williams and R. E. Cumbie. Besides the members of the board of directors, there were also present T. C. Price and Ajax Simpson. Mr. Butner is also a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Rawlings' many friends wish for him many happy returns of the day.

SERIOUSLY BURNED

Miss Etta B. Gilreath is suffering from severe burns she received Monday afternoon accidentally. Miss Gilreath had a tub of hot lye water and somehow it tilted and the contents were poured out on her. Her stomach and lower limbs were seriously burned. The young lady is still suffering severely from the burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Authur Hendry of Blackwell were in Bronte Saturday and gave The Enterprise a pleasant call. Mr. Hendry moved up his subscription figures "a notch," which we appreciate.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish in this way to thank everybody who was so kind and sympathetic to us in the illness and death of our loved one, Buchanan Taylor. Dear friends, you did for us all that you could and we shall always appreciate it. God bless all of you.

His children, grandchildren and other loved ones.

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BRONTE, TEXAS

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With
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Tues. Only Jan. 17 Money Nite
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Tim Holt - Harry Carey

"THE LAW WEST OF
TOMBSTONE"

Sun. 1:30—Mon. Jan. 15-16
"THE BAD MAN OF
BRIMSTONE"

Wednesday Only — Money Nite
"SKY GIANT"

The kings and queen of olden days

Had nothing to compare
With present comforts, easy ways

That common folks now share;
They had their robes and jewels
Yet had but little more,
They lived on gourds and gruels,
Had no J. E. Davis Store
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Best Flour, 48 lbs. \$1.40

Mrs. Callie Bennett, room supervisor of the WPA sewing room in Bronte attended a district WPA meeting at Coleman, Thursday of last week. Mrs. Bennett reports a most interesting and helpful meeting.

Mrs. Curtis Smith returned Thursday from a week's stay in a sanitarium at San Angelo.

Congratulations

TO
THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE
(Our Home Town Paper)
AND OUR EDITOR

On their 21st and 16th anniversaries—may both prosper and grow!

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The man who achieves high honor or fame,
After all is just human; you are the same.
The man who becomes a millionaire, too,
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We develop our talents by what we do;
Great men may have less talent than you.
But unless in yourself you surely believe
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"CINDY LOU" GIFTS

Mrs. D. M. West, Owner, Enterprise Bldg.

First National Bank In Bronte Has Good Year

Last week The Enterprise carried the financial statement of the First National Bank in Bronte, which showed that Bronte's financial institution is in excellent condition.

The bank paid a 7 1-2 percent semi-annual dividend to the stockholders as a Christmas gift. This dividend with a five percent dividend in July made 12 1-2 percent dividends the stockholders received during 1938.

The bank also played Santa Claus with all the members of the bank's clerical force, paying each one 12 1-2 percent of the annual salary each one received. The members of the clerical department did not object a bit to this kindly consideration.

Speaking to the Enterprise, L. T. Youngblood, president of the bank, stated that the year as a whole was very satisfactory as to the bank's business.

SHOT WITH "NIGGER-SHOOTER"

Frank Keeney, Bronte's popular undertaker, had the "feeling" to come over him Tuesday afternoon, that, perhaps, he was a boy again, with niggershooters and slingshots galore on him and around him and about him. He was out on his farm, a few miles from town. He and one of the little Muston boys whose family lives on the place were out in the field. The little boy had his niggershooter. He shot at a bird and started to shoot at another, when the "shooter" "back-fired" somehow and shot Mr. Keeney on the "shin." He yelped like a coyote, came to town and had to have the professional services of the family physician to ease the pain. Mr. Keeney says that he believes he prefers not to have any more "boy again" sensations. Luckily Mr. Keeney was not seriously injured—and the little boy, well, he is getting over his fright and he wishes that he was a man so that "niggershooters" will not have any more appeal for him.

POSTED

This is to give notice that all my farm and ranch lands are legally posted. All hunting, fishing, wood hauling, or trespassing in anywise is forbidden in anywise is forbidden. Please stay out.

R. E. Hickman.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I NAME

Section A. The name of this organization shall be A local organization without National affiliation.

ARTICLE II Purpose

- Section A. The purposes of this club are:
1. To form a body of men and (or) women thoroughly representative of all walks of life of our community to unite its members in the closest bonds of good fellowship and to promote a closer business and social union among them.
 2. To encourage active participation in all things that have to do with commercial, civic, and industrial betterment.
 3. To uphold the principles of good government.
 4. To assist in every honorable way in furthering the interests of its members and toward bringing about a better understanding among men.
 5. To encourage the application of the highest ethical standards in business, and endeavor, by the exchange of methods and ideas to increase efficiency in all lines represented.

Membership

Section A. In conformity with the object of this club, membership is open to anyone of good moral character and good business reputation, and is otherwise qualified.

Section B. Memberships shall be graded as Active and Honorary.

Section C. Honorary members shall be those who have rendered some distinguished service in public life or in business affairs and shall be selected by the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors and Membership committee or by unanimous vote of all members present at any regular meeting.

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This is to let everybody in Bronte who has small patches of ground they want plowed up, that I am especially prepared to do the plowing for you. I have a good team and plows and will do your plowing reasonable. I will appreciate your work and will do my best to give you satisfactory work.

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Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues, nor will they be entitled to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV Fees and Dues

Section A. There shall be no entrance fee.

Section B. The membership dues shall be set by the finance committee for each active member and shall be payable quarterly (or Monthly) in advance.

Section C. The regular lunch-

con fee shall be assessed and paid for on day of feed. Entertainers, unless active members of club, and Honorary guests shall be paid for by club from club funds.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section A. The officers of this club shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section B. In addition to the

officers there shall be (6) directors and the directors, together with the officers, shall constitute a board of Directors.

Section C. The officers and directors shall be elected each year and their term of office shall run from January first until Dec. 31st each year.

Section D. Five officers or directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.

(Continued next week)

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San Angelo Fat Stock Show Dates Are Set

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 11—With a total premium list in excess of \$8,000, catalogues for the Eighth Annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo have been mailed over the Southwest, publicizing the event, sponsored by the San Angelo Board of City Development, that has become one of the most outstanding regional livestock shows in the nation.

Dates for the 1939 show are March 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Premiums and trophies in the stock show division aggregate more than \$3,600, while for the rodeo prizes, plus entrance fees, will be in excess of \$4,500.

As last year, premier rodeo events are scheduled, the stock having been contracted from the World's Champion Rodeo Corp., which plays each fall in Madison Square Garden, New York City, Boston and other major eastern cities.

Everett Colborn, manager of the corporation, has promised Culbertson Deal, San Angelo show manager, the best of the firm's rodeo stock. Champions and top performers in the rodeo game will be among the contestants here.

In the stock show division, where the pride of West Texas sheep and cattle ranges are to be paraded, Mr. Deal said arrangements have been completed to have men with national reputations serve as judges.

Work has been completed on a new barn at the Fairgrounds to provide additional facilities for those exhibiting here. This need developed in 1938 when accommodations were crowded beyond capacity.

John P. Lee, pioneer ranchman, is vice-president. Other members of the executive committee included H. E. McCulloch, immediate past president of the I. B. C. D., W. I. Marschall, J. Willie Johnson, D. T. Jones, Arthur Broome, W. D. Taylor, Foster Rust, E. T. Young and

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The attention of the bidders is directed to the required special provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract, the selection of labor, and hours and conditions of employment.

Except as otherwise specified, the minimum wages paid to laborers, workmen or mechanics employed on this contract shall be one (\$1.00) Dollar per hour for "Skilled Labor," Fifty (50) Cents per hour for "Intermediate Grade Labor" and Forty (40) Cents per hour for "Unskilled Labor."

Attention is directed to the special provisions, included in the proposal to insure compliance with the requirements of House Bill No. 54 of the Forty-Third Legislature of the State of Texas.

Classification	Prevailing Minimum Per Diem Wage	Prevailing Minimum Hourly Wage Rate
Laborer		
Workman, or		
Mechanic	(Based on an Eight (8) Hour Working Day)	

Skilled Labor	\$8.00	\$1.00
Intermediate Grade Labor	4.00	.50
Unskilled Labor	3.20	.40

For the classification of particular positions under the above rates of Laborers, Workmen, or Mechanics, see the Required Special Provisions.

*The above prevailing minimum wage rates shall be paid on the contract. Overtime and legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

A local employment agency from which the Contractor shall obtain an employment list will be designated prior to the award of the contract. Plans and specifications available at the office of W. Hooper, Resident Engineer, Ballinger, Texas, and State Highway Department, Austin. Usual Rights reserved.

Blackwell News

MRS. CHAS. RAGSDALE

Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Huckabee attended a church meeting at Sweetwater Monday.

Otto Grey of Overton spent the week in the Blackwell vicinity visiting relatives. Mrs. Otto Grey returned home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole and children of Munger, Texas, have been visiting Mrs. Cole's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLendon and other relatives.

Mrs. T. J. Cole of Munger has been visiting her brother, Ed McDonald and family.

Velma Childers has returned to her school teaching at Eunice, New Mexico after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Childers.

Blackwell had a good rain of about 1 1/2 inch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reeves have gone to Austin where he will begin his duties as representative.

Mrs. John Lumpkin and children have moved to Hico, we hate to lose these good people.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cantrell of Big Spring were the hostess guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stuart for several days last week.

Methodist Ladies First
Meet For Year Monday

The Methodist Missionary society will have their first meeting of the year Monday the 16th at Mrs. Frank Youree's. This week will be pledge week.

Mr. Billie Whiteside of Longview visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Whiteside.

Margaret Russell and Lilly Ann Hargrave of San Angelo, formerly of Blackwell, have been visiting in New Mexico. Mrs. M. Russell, Margaret's mother received some lovely souvenirs from her daughter.

Deal.

The boys' fat stock auction will be held Monday, March 6, final day of the show, and the registered Hereford cattle auction will be on Saturday, March 4. Both are annual features of the local exposition. In the latter sale there will be 50 outstanding bulls and 10 top females from the best registered Hereford herds in West Texas.

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