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History Of The Bronte Methodist Church

By MRS. MATTIE BELLE KEYS

Johnson, Mrs. L.

Mrs. Keys, author of the history and chronological record of ris.

which has been gathered by Mrs. Capt. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson, Which has been gathered by Mrs. Keys from the church records, and from statements from old-time cit/zens regarding the or-ganization of the church and its first few years of existence, has done her task well. And in the historich, outline she has given

the Bronte Methodist church, Other early members were,

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she has done a worthwhile task for the church and community. For an institution like a church organization, to exist for fifty years, out here in the young and growing West, is a remarkable record indeed. But, more re-markable are the "high lights" of the church through its fifty years as disclosed in the history Mrs. Keyes has written. Mrs. torical outline as given below before the congregation Sunday as the church shall celebrate its half century anniversary.)

Oldest Living Members

So far as can be learned Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rawlings have held membership in the church longer than anyone else living. They joined in the summer of 1897. The Rev. Montgomery who or-ganized the church performed the marriage ceremony for this couple.

Mr. and Mns. Ed Meichant of Alvin, Texas, and W. L. Hayley of Norton, Texas, are the next oldest members. They joined in

types of business concerns, rec-ognize the tremendous impor-tance of the newspaper. For that reason, as does any sensible indi-reason, as does any sensible individual, they expend great effort paperman will make to maintain good relations with to get accurate news those who own; operate and "get write his story so as n out" the paper. This goes for lead public opinion bu the men and women, known as fair play, for public o reporters, who write the news day is beginning and have the power, as much so, against, or become susp perhaps, as the owners, to sway an editorial policy or a news outlet or agend I wish to state that I have for any reason goes never known the utility I work its way to be punitive of for (or any other, for that mat- We do not contend ter) to ask more than a fair and utilities try as hard impartial treatment of any news should to establish this f item concerning it. Furthermore, relationsrip which can when our company receives such ONLY through a mutual

WELCOME HOME

The Enterprise is advised by the committee on invitations of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Bronte Methodist church, which is to be held Sunday, that a goodly number of those who formerly resided in and around Bronte and were members of the Methodist church, have notified the committee, that they will a Bronte for the day. This is welcome to

ach and all who setrace their otsteps to spend the day in he church where they used to worship. The writer has known many of those who will return. It has been our privilege to know the greater part of the pastors of the church from the days of Rev. W. K. Simpson down to the present. We have generally found the men who came to lead the church in spiritual things, to be fine, splendid Christian gentlemen and unselfishly devoted to their work. It was our privilege to know and claim the friendship of Rev. simpson, one of the church's earlier pastors. He was a noble man and a leader among men. He was outspoken as to his convictions touching life and public affairs. When he retired from active ministry he established a business at Robert Lee and made a success of it. The business yet continues bearing his name and is managed by one of his sons, Marvin Simpson. The W. K. Simpson Co., far as we can recall, at this poment is the argost business in Coke county.

To you, both ministers and ladies and men, formerly members of the Bronte Methodist church, speaking for our entire community, we welcome you back for the day. And may it be an occasion that shall bring to you through the coming years only the happiest memories!

Public Utilities And Newspapers

By GENE ELO, Publicity Director West Texas **Utilities** Company

(The editor not only requests but insists that every citizen of Bronte and immediate surround- Euterpean Club ing country read the article below by Mr. Elo. We do so for the following reasons: 1. It sets out clearly as any article ever writ-ten the relations of the local newspaper to the community and the paper's responsibilities to the community. 2. It sets out forcibly the duties and obligations of every citizen, especially, the business men in the community, to the local newspaper. 3. It sets out the relations of public utilities to both the community and the local newspaper. Please take time ti read the entire article.)

After noting an Associated Press story on a recent date from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, saying that the city council had voted the mayor the power to go into the newspaper business, using tax money to compete with private enterprise, it appeared to be highly possible that newspapers might eventually become public utilities. In such eventuality, the subject for discussion here would be greatly altered.

But it remains true that, while they mender a public service, newspapers today are individualistic and free from classification suggesting public control. Freedom of the press, established by the constitution, has been mainthe constitution, has been main-tained in the face of bitter at-tacks by political factions, such as in the Rhode Island city where the city council sought to curtail the freedom of an editor the speak his own n ind by threatening him with competition.

Despite recent trends that ry short cake and ice tea.

At Blackwell **Elects Officers**

The Euterpean Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. W. C. Shamblin with Mrs. Jack Steuart as co-hostess.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Joe Smith, presi-dent. Officers for the year 1940-41 were eelcted as follows: Mrs. Joe Smith, President; Mrs. Cecil Smith, vice-president; Mrs. J. O. Raney, Treas.; Mrs. Arnold Richards, Sec.; Mrs. F. S. Youree pianist; Mrs. Robert Post, reporter; Mrs. Austin Jordan, Parliamentarian; Mrs. C. J. Harris, choral director.

After the program an ice course was passed. The approach of San Jacinto Day was featured in the refreshments and hand painted favors of miniature l'exas flags.

The husbands of the members of the Euterpean club were guests of the club last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Richards.

Forty-two was played throughout the evening. High score went to Mr. R. E. Post and the consolation to Mrs. R. E. Post. Mixed spring flowers in pastel shades were used in decorations. The refreshment plates held chicken a la king in timble cases. staffed saied, waters, strather-



or influence public opinion.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Key, (deceased) were charter members of the Bronte Methodist church. Dr. Key being a physician spent his years in and around Bronte ministering to the needs of the people when ill, and therefore did much for the good of the world. The Enterprise joins with the present membership and our entire community in a royal welcome home, to the descendants of these and the others of the charter members, and those who return for the day,

1899.

(According to best available records)

The Methodist Church at Bronte is to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday April 28, 1940 with an all-day service at the church and a barbecue dinner.

der a brush arbor at the Pecan Motts, on east Kickapoo Creek in the Summer of 1890, by the Rev. J. W. Montgomery then pastor of Hayrick Church.

Charter Members

original church, and the names C. W. Harden, Balance of '21

son Henry, and daughter, Pearl; P. L. Shuler 1927 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams and C. O. Hightower, 1928-29-30-31 daughter, Mrs. Tom Williams, W. E. Anderson 1932, part '33 the mother of Mrs. Lottie Rogge; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Har-

The Church's Pastors The pastors who have served this charge: Rev. Hulsey **Eugene Bates** J. T. Fair W. K. Simpson 1902-03-04. J. M. Baker 1905-06 The church was organized un- D. A. McGuire 1907 C. N. Morton 99..... 1908-09 C. D. Spann 1910 A. E. Turney 1911-12 R. B. Wagner 1913 Thomas L. Sorrells 1914-15 A. C. Smith 1916-17 P. H. Gates 1918-19 Three families constituted the B. M. Calloway 1920 part of '21 the charter members were: W. T. Veach 1922 Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Key, and W. E. Anderson, 1923-24-25-26

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Mrs. Mattie Belle Keys, church historian and one of the "granddaughters" of the church. By "granddaughter" we mean that she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, deceased, who were charter members. The work of Mrs. Keys in the historical sketch given in these columns this week speaks for itself as to the fine and painstaking way in which she has done her work. Mrs. Keys will read the church's history which she has written at the anniversary.

Mrs. Ione Curry and Miss for a brief visit in the D. M. West home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Maxwell and daughbeing away for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rawlings, the two oldest members of the church in the number of years they have been members of the Bronte Methodist church. They became members of this church in 1897 and through the years they have been faithful as the stars to the church and its work.

est power in American life. the radio, and the more or less opinion is formed.

ing public opinion.

a newspaper.

this means (and it should be per to your door. ter, Mrs. I. M Cumble, have gone comforting to you when you're As a representative of a utili-for an extended visit to Mrs. overworked, late on your dead- ties company, I emphasize the Maxwell's childhood home in line, and you can't find a spot for fact that we want to "get along" Kentuckey. They contemplate Mrs. Jones' bridge party) that with newspapermen. That does being away for some weeks. YOU continue to wield the great- (Continued on page 3)

In the type in your composing have developed new hazards to room is the power to form pubthe future of the newspaper- lic opinion; the power to start legitimate competition such as conversation by which public

constant threat of government | Therein lies the relation beintervention and control-you, tween public utilities and the ladies and gentlemen, despite newspaper-just as it represents these obstacles, represent the the relation between the newsworld's most important source of paper and John Smith who runs disseminating information; the a grocery store, or Jim Brown most effective method of form- who runs a farm and hopes to sell his agricultural products.

Let me repeat: The newspaper The two facts-that a newspatoday-and this statement is per has the power to form pubbased on recent surveys-is the lic opinion and the power to start mot important single source of conversation-indicate the obviinformation. Furthermore, the ous importance of maintaining second most important source is good relation with the publisher. Loudamy from Miles were callers by general conversation, much of the editor, the reporter, and even which is generated by informa- the youngster who, in the case tion that previously appeared in of the daily papers and maybe some weeklies, delivers the pa-

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Robert Knierim, present superintendent of the Sunday school of the Bronte Methodist church, has been superintendent since 1931, making him to have served in that capacity for nine successive years. And Mr. Knierim has an abiding interest in the school and the folks cooperwork.

BRONTE BOY WINS IN DECLAMATION

Billie Gideon, who is only 11 years old, and is in the 5th grade in the Bronte schools, has made a most remarkable record in declamation.

In the San Angelo district meet recently, Billie won first place. The San Angelo district has some seven or eight coun-ties. It was Billie's first time to enter declamation. His winning the district honor placed him in the regional meet, which met at Abilene Saturday.

The Tom Green County Health

nurse will be at the Bronte high school Monday April 29, 1940 at one o'clock to give the Tuberculin test to all school children and any adult or pre-school child who wishes the test may have same for 5c each.

The nurse will make an inter- the recording steward of the esting talk and stated that Tom Bronte Methodist church. If all Green County had ordered a who have been the beneficiar.es moving picture machine and if of the ministries of this faithful this came in, she would gladly doctor and good man were stood ate with him splendidly in the bring it along and have a free in line, a foot apart,-well, we movie for all.



founding of the church through the years-in those happy memories we will join, for it was at the altars of that old church we first was taught to worship as a child. Therefore, our CONGRATULATIONS are deep and sincere, with

CHURCH HISTORY

Continuel from page one) Wallace N. Dunson, bal. 1933-34 Stanley R. Harwood . part 1936 Paul Moon balance 1936 J. H. Thompson 1937-38 C. Reginald Hardy 1939-40

Sunday School Organized The first Methodist Sunday School was organized about 1898 in the old school house which burned down in October 1899 on the site where the school house is now located. The school house was rebuilt and worship was continued there until the church was built.

Sunday School Superintendents C. F. Gideon (deceased) served

for a time.

W. L. Hayley served continuously for more than 20 years, except for short periods when R. L. Brewer, now of Rogers, Ark.; Texas. Our present pianist is E. J. Stockton, Waco, Texas and Mrs. I. M. Cumbie who has Dr. J. D. Leonais the town's W. E. Caldwell of Sonoro, served. doctor for nearly forty years, is Mr. Hayley says the happiest

District.

Faithful Worker For Long Time Another faithful worker in the church and Sunday school is Mrs. A. J. Rawlings who came here in 1904. She has served in the capacity as Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years. About half of that time she came 15 miles in a hack and had a dozen or so wire gates to open. The road was an old fashioned country aoad with several creeks and the Colorado river (not bridged at that time) to cross. Very few Sundays regardless of weather, found her absent.

Church Organists

Mrs. Birdie Leonard was the first organist. Others were Miss Garland Key now Mrs. G. Sanders of Wichita Falls Texas and Mrs. Homen Fletcher, Flynn, served about 27 years. **Choir Directors**



The Key brothers, sons of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Key (deceased) who were two charter members of the Bronte Methodist church. They are from left to right, as follows: Ira, Henry, (deceased), Folen (deceased), and Valdemer. Ira was the first preacher to be licensed by the church to preach. He has risen high in the councils of his church, having served as presiding elder, and is now pastor of the First Methodist church at Bay City. Valdemer chose law as his profession and is at Lamesa where he has been a practicing attorney for many years.

Choir Directors of the church day of his life was in a revival meeting here in this church in have been as follows: M. A. Gid-1907 when 35 boys and girls in eon, Archie McCleskey, Bob Mc-





Texas. 7

wonder just how long the line

would be, for he has brought more than 1500 bables into the world. Through all his busy

life Dr. Leonard has always lived to serve his community in everywise possible and he always serves well. His records at the

annual conferences always receive praise for their correctness and neatness. He is one of those men, who, when he passes,

his place will not be filled-for

that will be impossible. Others will come, of course, to succeed him who may serve as well, but

none better. Any church, or any community, is richer by

having as one of its citizens a

man such as Dr. Leonard.

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WE EXTEND HAPPIEST GREETINGS

TO ... TO .. THE BRONTE METHODIST CHURCH **ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Churches always foster the best in human life and happiness.

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NEWSPAPERS

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not mean that we try to, or want, to subsidize or levy any influence which might induce or earn special favors in the press. Charges have been made in high political circles that so-called big business" has indulged in such practices. I know of no instance where this is true.

But it is true that most public utilities, and likewise most other types of business concerns, recognize the tremendous impor-tance of the newspaper. For that reason, as does any sensible individual, they expend great effort to maintain good relations with or influence public opinion. for (or any other, for that matitem concerning it. Furthermore, relationsrip which can exististand ALL your problems is when our company receives such ONLY through a mutual under- open for debate. But I can safe-

fair and impartial treatment, it is genuinely grateful from the local manager up to the top man, who, it may interest you to know, believes as firmly today as he did 20 years ago that newspaper advertising is the most valuable in the market when properly serviced and supported. Our company operates on the standing of each other's prob- nothing. Utilities representa- a pound of groceries, an acre of theory that a friendly attitude lems. The utilities must bear in tives should learn to talk about land, or a bushel of wheat.

handling of news concerning it., and obligations and that it nec- zen. After all, we of the press are essarily must strive to please I dare say there have been ties and the newspapers but bejust humans and even a dog re-sponds to good treatment. By cooperating in every possible way, we believe that the news-way, we believe that the news-way, we believe that the news-way is the say there have been numerous instances where news-papermen have felt justified in writing "something nice" about the local light company but hesi-panies secure an experienced paperman will make it a point treatment or special considera- tated to do so, or maybe put it newspaperman for their adverthose who own; operate and "get write his story so as not to mis- promotors, or pressure groups; the subject involved too many that they insist that he keep his out" the paper. This goes for lead public opinion but to give in that the newspaper is moral- technicalities - including the "man-in-the-street" language inthe men and women, known as fair play, for public opinion to- ly obligated to work for the real term "kilowatt-hour" which few reporters, who write the news day is beginning to react development of the community. and have the power, as much so, against, or become suspicious of, perhaps, as the owners, to sway an editorial policy or any other say right here that one of my news outlet or agency that hardest jobs has been to explain I wish to state that I have for any reason goes out of never known the utility I work its way to be punitive or unfair. We do not contend that all ter) to ask more than a fair and utilities try as hard as they vertisement.) impartial treatment of any news should to establish this friendly

TO THE METHODISTS OF BRONTE **ON THEIR 50th Anniversary** and to the young Men and young Women

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on the part of the press, and to- mind at all times that the news- their business in terms familiar ward the press, assures fair paper has public responsibilities to the laymen-the average citi-

It is for the purpose of "ironing out" such misunderstandings, not only between the utili-

(As a side-bar remark, let me in the same way they speak of why newspapers must observe deadlines and why it takes time to set up a news story or an ad-

ly say this-THEY DO UNDER-STAND THAT YOU'VE GOT TO OPERATE AT A PROFIT TO STAY IN BUSINESS On the other hand, I take the liberty of suggesting that newspapermen bear in mind that probably 75 per cent of the utilities men you come in contact with are engineers, or have been brought up under an engineering environment.

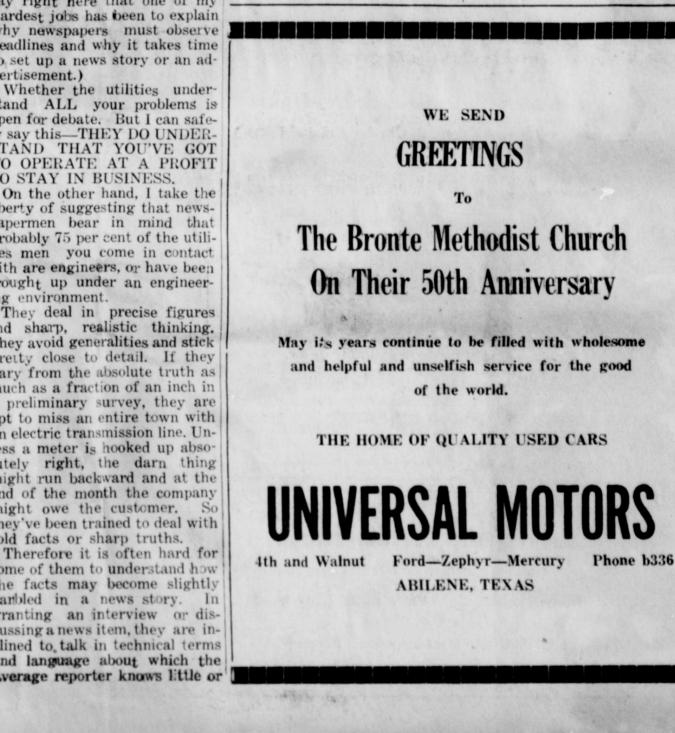
They deal in precise figures and sharp, realistic thinking. They avoid generalities and stick preity close to detail. If they vary from the absolute truth as much as a fraction of an inch in a preliminary survey, they are apt to miss an entire town with an electric transmission line. Unless a meter is hooked up absolutely right, the darn thing might run backward and at the end of the month the company might owe the customer. So they've been trained to deal with cold facts or sharp truths.

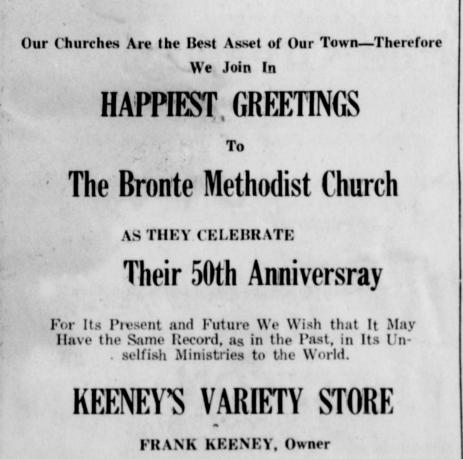
Therefore it is often hard for some of them to understand how the facts may become slightly garbled in a news story. In granting an interview or discussing a news item, they are inclined to talk in technical terms and language about which the average reporter knows little or

to get accurate news and will tion to special interests, special off altogether, because they felt tising and publicity jobs and

panies secure an experienced

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D. M. WEST Publisher-Manager

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Pioneering In Relief

As the rolls dropped, office personnel was cut proportionate-ly. In August 1935, Texas was divided into districts with a TRC Administrator to direct the work in his several counties. County staffs were reduced by about two thirds, with still later reductions to be male.

In this year, 1935, the reins of Work Relief were again taken by the Federal government with the inauguration of the Works Progress Administration. TRC project workers were transferred to also. WPA and put to work on a graduated, nation-wide wage scale that was set up at Washington. TRC continued to make direct relief grants to unemployables, to maintain approved plans for the issuance of Surplus Commodities and to select boys for CCC.

In 1936 it assumed a new duty. It established an "Intake" agency for taking the application of those needing WPA work and referring eligible persons to WPA.

As this local relief program operated to provide a measure of security to a stricken public, the Federal Social Security Board in Washington, went to work to devise ways and means to prevent another Social Calamity such as the Depression of 1929.

They began to put into operation such measures as Aid to De-pendent Children, Teacher's Retirement. Aid to Needy Blind, Old Age Assistance, Child Welfare, etc. Each State was required to bear a certain percent of the cost of any measure it adopted.

In 1939 Texas had, in addition 'to the Texas Relief Commission, a number of Welfare Agencies

"SHORT CUT" CURES FOR CANCER CAN **BE VERY DANGEROUS**

AUSTIN, Texas, April 25-"The science of medicine always has been embarassed by fakes who claim to have short-cut cures and special ability or information not possessed generally by the medical profession concern-ing certain diseases. Although these exploiters are prohibited by law from advertising their false claims, they still attract in devious ways those too-trusting individuals who are impressed with high-sounding language and

a disarming manner. Among this group will be found the cancen quack," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State health officer. "This kind of quackery is like-

ly to take any one, or a combination, of many forms. For instance, the quack may suggest the use of a special serum or vaccine that will promptly re-move cancer. He may attempt to sell medicines, pastes, salves, or a machine that emits colored lights. Special diet lists have been palmed off as a cancer cure

"It cannot be too vigorously stated that quacks and their super-claims, through false hopes and delayed diagnosis, cause unnecessary deaths but never effect cures. Many endorsements of their alleged treating ability have been based on the fact that the sore or other condition which they have diagnised as cancer, was not such in fact.

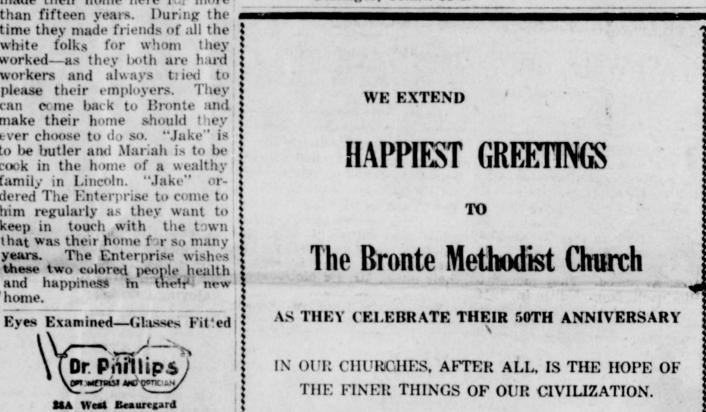
'No one, therefore, should permit himself to be victimizel by the cancer quack. If a suspicion, justifiable or otherwise, exists in the mind of any person that he may have cacen, the only course to pursue is promptly to seek the advice of a reputable physicial. Incidentally, warning signs of early detectable cancer include: Any lump in the breast o, other part of the body, any unusual discharge or bleeding, chronic indigestion, any persistent sore on the skin or mucous membrane of the mouth. Delay in the presence of these mainfestations may result in a cancer death, painless and comparatively trival as such symptoms at first may be. The fact that a large percentage of such signs are not of pre-cancerous on can-

Roscoe Walker and wife Mariah, departed Monday morning for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they will make their home in the future. "Jake" and Mariah, as they are known to everybody, made their home here for more than fifteen years. During the time they made friends of all the white folks for whom they worked-as they both are hard workers and always tried to please their employers. They can come back to Bronte and make their home should they ever choose to do so. "Jake" is to be butler and Mariah is to be cook in the home of a wealthy family in Lincoln. "Jake" ordered The Enterprise to come to him regularly as they want to keep in touch with the town that was their home for so many years. The Enterprise wishes these two colored people health and happiness in their new home.

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operating as an independent unit, approved by the Social Security Board. In order to execute all Welfare functions more efficiently, in the fall of 1939, all these units were consolidated inti the State Department of Public Welfare with headquarters at Austin.

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advice. Indeed, to put off the ing cancer. Frequently, surgery visit to the doctor in such cases and imadiation are successfully may be writing one's own death combined under the direction of a competent physician. These "Irradiation, by means of X- facts should be kept in mind, if

ray or radium, and surgery are a cancer quack attempts to sell

0. C. FISHER

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ers will find it pleasant, as Their meat products are not well as profitable, to get their TO THE BRONTE METHODIST CHURCH WE EXTEND

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Runnels county singing con-

vention will meet at Wingate

next Sunday for an all day

Lunch picnic style will be

Singers well known from over the country will be in attendance and a delightful day, singing the

songs of the church, as well as

happiest fellowship is anticipa-

All are cordially invited to at-

water attended the funeral of her brother-in-law Ed McDonald.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Porterfield, Miss Elizabeth Gorden, Mrs.

Henry Raney and Mrs. Robert

Post atu blad the Sweetwater District Methodist Conference

at Midland last Thursday and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wadley

of Amarillo visited in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hamilton last Sunday Mrs. Wadley was formally Miss Pauline Mamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadley were married in Lubbock Saturday. They

will spend a few days in San An-

tonio before returning to their home in Amarillo, where Mr. Wadley is employed with the

served at noon by the communi-

WINGATE, SUNDAY

RUNNELS SONG CONVENTION AT

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CONGRATULATIONS

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The Bronte Methodist Church

AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Every Community is Best Known by its Churches

SPRINGTIME IS HERE

And that is the time for making all repairs on your home and other premises-also for refinishing the interior of your home.

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BLACKWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Chas. Ragsdale

T. E. McDonald Dies

Rev. C. Hawkins officiating.

Mr. McDonald was born in and a host of other relatives. Navarro county August 28, 1876. He was married to Miss Emma McLaughlin January 4, 1900. On child was born to them, Mrs. Al Sneed. They moved to Blackwell from Edith in 1916.

for eight months, but took seriously ill Wednesday afternoon morning at 3:15.

Deceased is survived by his **T. E. McDonald Dies** Funeral services were held for Ed. McDonald, 64, Friday April 19, at the Baptist church with Mattie Cole of Munger, Texas,

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cole and

Deceased had been in ill health Mrs. Jessie Reed of Sweet-

FOR 19 YEARS

Methodist Ladies Meet The Methodist Missionary Soand passed away Thursday ciety met at the church annex Monday afternoon. Mrs. W. Porterfield was leader. Others on the program were Mrs. P. G.

Observes 85th Birthday

Phillips Petholeum Co.

Mrs. J. W. Turney was honored on her 85th birthday with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ragsdale. There were 22 present. Mrs. Turney is still enjoying good health.

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

TO

The Bronte Methodist Church **On Their 50th Anniversary**

Any Community Without a Church Would Be a Most Undesirable Place.

"Where the Pipe Line Ends We Begin

See Us about what butane gas connections will mean to your home, if you are where there is no gas pipe line to supply

West Texas Butane Gas Company SAN ANGELO

DIAMONDS

WATCHES - SILVERWARE

Fine Watch Repairing

PAUL Q. MILLS

Jeweler

SAN ANGELO



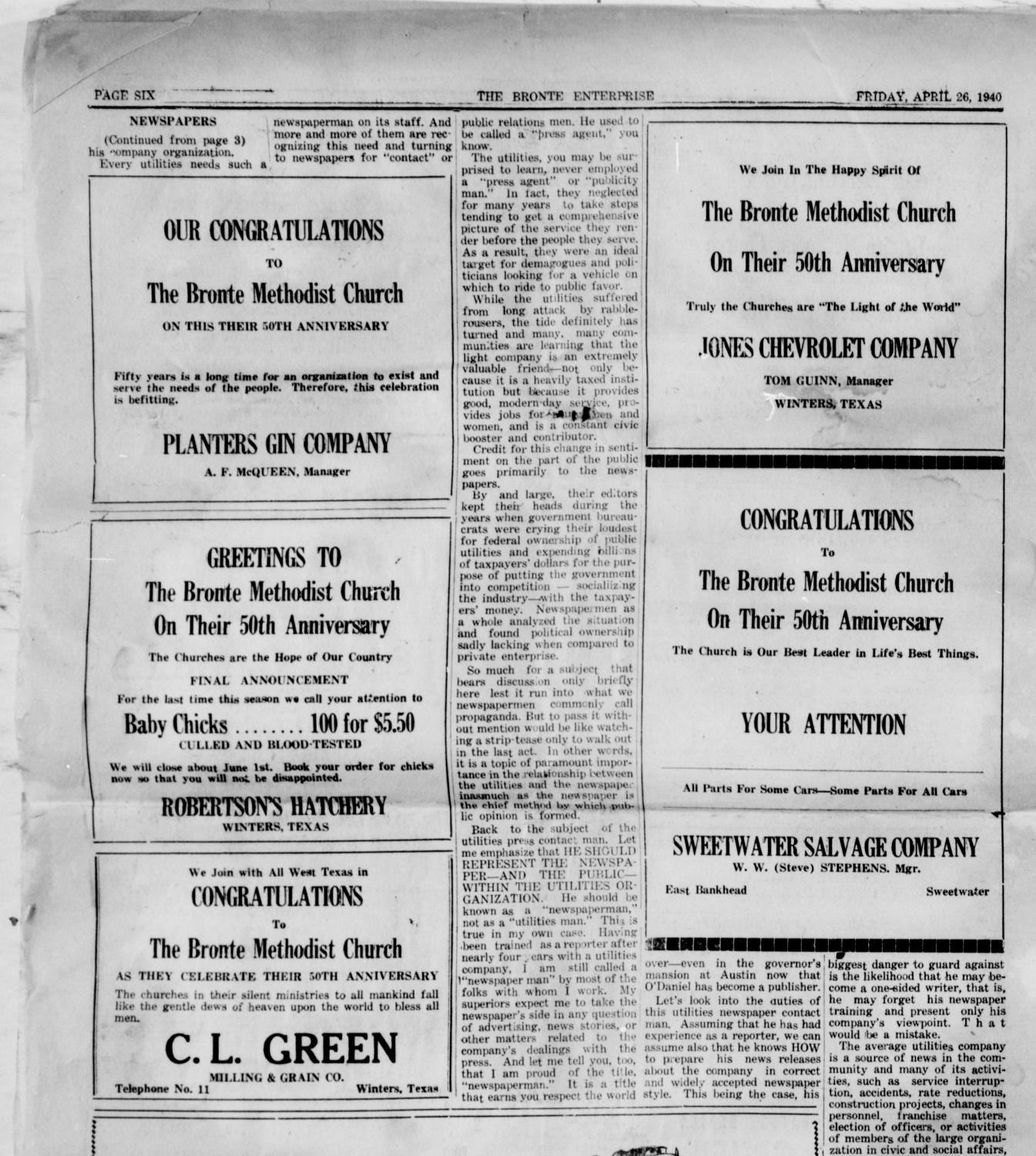
WILL BE 100 PER CENT SAFE IN **OUR GREAT VAULTS!**

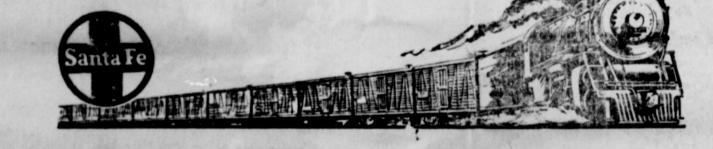
The long life and beauty of furs depend on the way in which they are kept and cared for during the summer months.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In this column The Enterprise is







MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE

For more than 50 years Santa Fe, the pioneer railroad, has served the livestock area of the Great Southwest.

We take pride in being closely associated with the livestock industry . . . in actively interesting ourselves in its progress . . . in maintaining fast, dependable freight service to adequately meet requirements of livestock shippers.

For rates and information about our service from range to markets, feed lots, and pastures, and for friendly assistance in your transportation problems, consult—

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H. O. WHITT,

A

Agent,

Bronte, Texas

Or write— H. C. VINCENT, General Freight Agent, Amarillo, Texas.

> ably 65 per cent of the editor's morning mail consists of such

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all make news that the newspaper ordinarily wants to print. It is considered "spot" news, which I grant you, may or may not be good publicity for the utilities. When it's not, then is when the newsman within the utilities is put to the acid test. Loyalty to his company prompts him to "play it down" in working with reporters handling the story for the paper. But he also is obligated to help the reporter gather

ALL the facts. And this he should do if he expects to retain the respect and friendship of

Lack of time forbids discussion of all the angles to the re-

lationship between the utilities

and the paper. Let me cover

In addition to spot news, there

is another type of news which we in the newspaper business

strip of all niceties and bluntly

call it "blurb" or simply "publicity". The utilities are aware

of the newspaper's distaste for

this type. They know that prob-

the newspaper.

some of them briefly:

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940

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GREETINGS TO

The Bronte Methodists IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF Their 50th Anniversray

LAURENCE GREEN **RADIOS**—RADIO SERVICE AND REFRIGERATORS WINTERS, TEXAS

ANICO.

As some of you probably already know I was recently ap-pointed by the American Na ional Insurance Co. of Galveston, as their service man for this district replacing Mr. Peters who was promoted some time ago. Although I am new at this business I will do my best to be of service to you. The American National is an Old Line Legal Reserve Co., with nearly 3,000,000 policy holders, and is the largest this side of the Mississippi.

Hoping to see each of you soon, I am Sincerely, FELIX W. PUETT.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Bronte Methodist Church

No Community can Afford to be without its Churches

Maytime Is Here

And that means, it is time to supply your home with the house furnishings you need.

EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME

C. R. FOX & COMPANY

San Angelo

109-111 N. Chadbourne



CHURCH HISTORY

(Continued from page two) bring out the church seats. We had no paved roads in those days and it required two days or long-en with a load to make the trip. (Remember the Railroad did not come through until 1909).

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Leonard gave the pulpit stand which is still in use.

-But the church as it stands today did not just happen. It took the work and means of the entire congregation to put over this building program, and the church did it with credit. Church Organ Used

The old-fashioned church organ was used until 1913 at which time the Woman's Missionary Society purchased the piano.

Ice cream was a great rarity in those days and the society servel it with cake almost every Saturday, or did other things such as quiting, serving dinners and picking cotton. Every means was used to make money to help furnish this new church of which we were all so proud!

Membership Augmented From Erath County

Thirty-three of the Kiker and McCleskey families who came here from Erath, Co., late in 1906, united with the church the same Sunday in 1907. This added much strength to our growing church as they are all strong Christian workers. Church Becomes Station

In 1909 Bronte became a station with Rev. C. N. Morton as first station pastor. J. A. Whitehurst was presiding Elder.

Two Preachers From Church Only two preachers have been sent out from this church in its 50 years existence. They are: Rev. Ira F. Key, Bay City, Texas; Rev. Bascom Merchant, Port Arthur, Texas.

5 Generations In Membership The church has the honor of claiming 5 generations at this time, who are: Mrs. A. E. Mc-Cleskey (90 years old) Mrs. S. A. Kiker, daughter of Mrs. Mc-Cleskey; Mns. B. E. Modgling, grand daughter; Eimer Modgling, great-grand-son; Elmer Lynn Modgling Jr., great-great



The Bronte Methodist Church **On Their 50th Anniversary**

It is one of the first, if not the first, churches in the County -and its work and ministries have been for the good of our entire county and for the better things of human experience and happiness.

May Its Future Be As Glorious as

Has Been Its Past.

FRANK PERCIFULL

Your Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector

WE, TOO, EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS

To All the Other Members of

The Bronte Methodist Church **On Their 50th Anniversary**

THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940

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(Conunued from page 6) material-and that most of it per cent making the front page. I favorable editorial treatment of

lands in the waste basket, pos- They are aware of the clamor sibly two per cent getting in the for FREE publicity space and paper and maybe one-half of one the multitude of requests for special causes and special inter-

ests.

Under these conditions, the utilities have generally adopted a set of rules:

1. Never use "pressure" to get a story in the paper-nor to keep a story out.

2. Voluntarily show confidential records to reporters when necessary to give the background of a story.

3. If publication of a story would be harmful to the company, explain this fact in detail and complete frankness; it is a case where the utilities must rely on the newspaper's judgment as to whether publication is for the best interest of the community. 4. Never, under any conditions, threaten or builty provefuse to cooperate with any newspaper publisher, editor, or reporter.

If the utilities observes these rules, and the newspaper is fair in its treatment of news, then the chances are 10-to-1 that the relationship between them will be harmonious.

There are two more things. however, that we of the utilities try to remember:

1. The newspaper should feel free to call on the press contact man at any hour of day or night for help in gathering facts about a news item concerning the utilities.

2.It is fbetter to send out too little news than too much.

Congratulations Greetings

To The BRONTE METHODIST

CHURCH

As They Observe Their

50th Anniversary

May It Be An Occasion Filled With Happiest Fellowship





Ladies' Cameo

Coke County's best and Happiest Traditions Cluster

Around Its Churches.

Therefore, We Are Indeel Happy To Extend To The Bronte Methodist Church **OUR HAPPIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

For, this Church, and the other churches of the county, have had to do largely with all the worthwhile things in the County's Progress and Achievements from the day of the County's organization.

May Next Sunday Leave Each Member of the Church Only Happlest Memories, as They Observe the Day that Marks Their Existence for a Half Century.

> WILLIS SMITH Your County and District Clerk

> > OUR CHURCHES

ARE THE COMMUNITY'S BEST ASSET

