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Comrade of Lt. Elbert Stephenson Fills His Comrade's 40th Mission for Him, Keeping Pledge of Fidelity He Made

An era of war is always an era of tragedies—but it is also an era that tests men's souls and brings out the unselfish, the heroic, the true, the brave and the loyal spirit of man to his cause and to his comrades. Such an era is always a time of stories of courage and devotion. Some of the best portions of the world's history, far as men's loyalty to each other is concerned, are war periods of the world's annals. But, not since the days of the story of Jonathan and David was enacted to

to his country and to his comrade.

The story follows: At a 12th AAF B-26 Marauder Bomber Base in Corsica—Eleven months ago, a young combat pilot returned from his seventh combat mission and made a pledge he knew would take a long time in the fulfillment. Recently he returned from his 73rd combat flight; his pledge had been realized and he was happy.



CAPT. SYDNEY P. SMITH

the present hour, has there been a story of greater devotion and loyalty than that which the story below reveals. All of us in and around Bronte knew Elbert Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, and all have sorrowed with them since the tragic news that Elbert was missing in action, nearly a year ago. And this story of his comrade's loyalty will make all who knew Elbert, to be reminded again of the spirit of loyalty of "Steve," as his comrade calls him in the story, to his cause,



LT. ELBERT STEPHENSON

When Captain Sydney P. Smith, San Marcos, Texas, came overseas in December, 1943, his constant companion and fellow pilot was Lieutenant Elbert O. Stephenson, Bronte, Texas. The Texans met before they became Air Cadets, and together had gone through the rigorous training courses. After receiving their commissions, they served at the same airfields in the States, and finally they came overseas together. Now they were to fly in B-26 Marauders in the same squadron.

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Her Congressman Writes Grandmother McCleskey a Letter

December 5, "Grandmother" McCleskey observed her 95th birthday, with quite a few of her relatives present. The Enterprise carried a news story of the happy event in its next issue. "Grandmother" received many happy wishes from near and far—but below is a congratulatory letter that Grandmother was not expecting and which was a most happy surprise to her:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
December 27, 1945

Mrs. "Grandmother" McCleskey,
c-Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kiker,
Bronte, Texas.

My Dear Mrs. McCleskey:
I have just noticed in the Bronte Enterprise that you recently celebrated your 95th birthday. You have taken part in the forward march of history as it has moved along in Texas and the southwest during the past century. I want to join with your many other friends in congratulating you and wishing you many happy

Bronte's Bank Deposits Near \$1,000,000 Mark

The condensed statement of the First National Bank in Bronte is in this issue of The Enterprise, as of December 30, 1944, in response to the government's call.

And the bank's showing is a remarkable one. As is seen from the statement the bank's demand deposits are \$963,855.48, while the loans are low. This is an all time high in deposits, and for a bank with only \$25,000 capital, we doubt if it is surpassed anywhere in the southwest.

In the summer, L. T. Youngblood, president of the bank, expressed to us that he hoped for deposits to reach a million dollars before the end of the year. And November 1 he was almost "coming up for breath," he was so pleased. At that time the deposits were \$996,000. But the 6th War Loan Drive came at that time. The burden of

returns.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,
O. C. Fisher.

THE ENTERPRISE ENTERS ITS 27TH YEAR

This issue of The Enterprise is Volume XXVII and Number 1, which means that with this issue the paper enters its 27th year. The Enterprise really is older. It was first established in 1906, by C. H. Bentley, and existed until 1915. Then it entered a state of "innocuous desuetude," or something to that effect (Selah). Anyhow, it remained in that state until 1918. At that time the late George Scott revived the paper since which time it has operated continuously.

It was January 1923 that the present editor became co-owner of The Enterprise with the late J. H. Redmond, and later that year we became sole owner. Since that time we have continuously managed and edited the paper except a few weeks in 1936. Hence this is our twenty-second birthday as owner and editor of the paper. Twenty-two years—un-eventful to all others far as the publication of this little country weekly is concerned, but most eventful years to the editor, for we have striven, regardless of circumstances, as the years have come and gone, to give the town and this area, a small country weekly that would reflect the praiseworthiness of our people and town and section of country, and a paper that would compare favorably with papers even in large communities. As to whether or not we have achieved that goal we must leave it to you, the readers and advertising patrons of the paper.

One thing is true beyond all controversy, Bronte's newspaper has one of the best printing plants, size of the town considered, to be found anywhere in the southwest. The primary inducement for us to buy the paper was the universal belief around Bronte that the huge irrigation system would be constructed within the next two or three years from that time which would make Bronte to become a town of at least a few thousand people. We have been here almost a quarter of a century—yet there is as yet no irrigation system. But we still believe it is coming and therefore, we "roll up our sleeves" at the beginning of our twenty-third year as editors of "the old home town paper," and take up our task with renewed purpose to give the town and Bronteland a country weekly second to none of the smaller weeklies. During the year just gone we have paid the last indebtedness against our plant, with the new material and equipment we have added during the past few years, and hence it is ours and we feel encouraged to take up our work this New Year, as the town's editor. If those who should do so, will give us financial patronage as well as kind words, we will do our best to serve you as a community's paper should serve. But, we can't do this if you withhold reasonable financial support to the paper. We have been handicapped since 1942 on account of the lack of printer help. Wages for capable printers have become so high that we can't afford to pay the price and hence we have been doing all the mechanical work as well as all other work incident to publishing the paper. During our tenure as your editor we have missed but one issue of the paper and that was several years ago when death entered our home.

Folks, let's go!—let's get Hitler this year, and bring our boys and girls back home—then, let's go together to build here the finest, cleanest and most attractive little town in all the West. Thanks.

Your Editor.

Delbert Walton Goes Overseas, First of December

Delbert Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walton of Bronte, and himself a native-born of Bronte, whose wife is Mrs. Lois Walton of Tyler, de-



DELBERT WALTON

parted for overseas service, from New York December 1.

Delbert took seven months training at Camp Bowie, at Brownwood during which time Mrs. Walton was with him. But when he was called she returned to their home at Tyler.

Delbert is a member of the Combat Engineers, Company C. He is a head carpenter in building bridges and such in the war theatre—and Delbert will make good, for from his youth he was a good carpenter, trained under his father. He is supposed to be in the European theatre of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton have another son, Edwin, who, with his family, is training at Corpus Christi—he expects to be called soon.

Sid Evans and Two Sons Found Dead In Son's Dallas Home

Sorrow was universal when the news spread over the Bronte-Blackwell section of country Thursday that Syd Evans of Blackwell, and two of his sons, Sydney Jr., and Darrell, were found dead in the home of Sydney, Jr., in Dallas, Wednesday night, presumably from asphyxiation—for, Syd Evans and family were widely known throughout this section. Mr. Evans had been manager of the Blackwell telephone exchange for many years.

Both Mr. Evans and Mrs. Evans come from old West Texas families. The writer knew them both from their childhood—in fact, we knew their parents, and at one time boarded with Mrs. Evans' mother. They are among West Texas' best.

The bodies will be brought this Friday morning from Dallas, and interment will be this afternoon in the Blackwell cemetery, following religious services at the graveside.

The surviving members of the family have the sympathy of their hosts of friends all over West Texas.

Greetings

TO

All Our Friends

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF GOD BE WITH EACH OF YOU

May we all pray and work together this year, that peace may come to the world, and a safe return to our loved ones.

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The simple words, we "thank you,"
Would never, never, do,
To tell the world of gratitude,
We feel toward all of you.
That friendship is a treasure,
Is as plain as it can be,
And the way you have shown it,
Means the world and all to us.

Bro. and Mrs. Hanson

leadership in that drive in the county fell on Mr. Youngblood and he encouraged everyone he knew should buy bonds, to do so, though it meant ruin to "his

"playhouse," about the \$1,000-000 deposits in his bank. Hence he did not quite reach the "million mark."

But, the showing of the

bank is excellent beyond all comparison with the past years, and The Enterprise joins with all others in congratulations to President Youngblood and his associates.

D. M. WEST
EDITOR-PUBLISHER

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WHOOPING COUGH IS ON THE INCREASE THROUGHOUT TEXAS

Austin, Texas, Jan. 4, 1945—Inasmuch as the incidence of whooping cough in Texas has shown an increase during the past two months, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, released a statement today urging that strenuous efforts be made to control the spread of this debilitating childhood disease.

"Whooping cough can only be contracted by direct exposure to the diseases, and isolation of cases must universally be practiced if the incidence is to be controlled," Dr. Cox said.

"The infectious agent or germ of whooping cough is transmitted by droplets expelled in coughing, sneezing, or speaking," Dr. Cox said. "The discharges from the nose and throat are dangerous to susceptible persons; the need for early recognition and careful isolation of whooping cough is obvious."

The first sign of this disease is usually a dry cough, which persists day and night and tends to become increasingly severe. The disease is fully developed when vomiting of food and whooping accompany the paroxysm of cough. Dr. Cox stressed the fact that children who have whooping cough should not attend school or come in contact with other children until three weeks after the appearance of typical signs of the disease.

PEANUT PRODUCTION AS PER COUNTY CO-OP, REPORT SHOWS UP WELL

Travis B. Hicks, County Agent of Coke county, who also directs the Coke County Co-operative Association, made a report for the Commodity Credit Corporation of the peanuts purchased the past season from the farmers. And the report is encouraging and shows that there is good profit in the cultivation of peanuts and that interest in their production among the farmers is growing in the county.

The report follows:
No lots purchased, 19.
Total lbs. purchased 128,386
Total amt. pur. price \$10,326.45
Av. amt. rec. per farm \$543.50

Agent Hicks was instrumental in securing market for peanuts in Coke county. Although the acreage is small in 1944, farmers are turning to peanuts, especially on the sandy farms, and a substantial increase in peanut acreage is planned for 1945.

A place of business was established in Bronte and maintained throughout the peanut harvesting season, thus giving the peanut growers a convenient market for their crops. Leonard Fletcher was in charge of the local market.

Prevention and control of whooping cough, especially among infants and small children, may be accomplished through use of approved vaccine and convalescent serum," Dr. Cox asserted, "and it is important that such measures be taken to protect them. Neglecting to do so, and allowing the young child to suffer an attack of this disease, may seriously impair his future health."

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HUDMAN BROTHERS OF ARIZONA ARE FIGHTING IN GERMANY

A Tempe, Arizona newspaper carries the article below with reference to two brothers of that city, but who are Texas-born boys. They are S.-Sgt. Jack H. Hudman and Stanley C. Hudman, sons of Wilburn P. Hudman, who formerly resided at Bronte and at Mineral Wells. Sgt. Hudman was born at Bronte and Stanley was born at Mineral Wells. They are nephews of E. W. Hudman. The article follows:

"A knockout blow against Germany" was the way Brigadier General Isaac W. Ott described the contribution of Staff Sergeant Jack H. Hudman in helping to shatter world's records for overhauling aircraft engines at his Air Service Com-

mand depot in England. He and his fellow mechanics overhauled engines last month totaling two and a half million horsepower, the highest figure recorded since Air Service Command began operations in England.

S.-Sgt. Hudman prior to entering the Air Forces was a riveter here at Goodyear Aircraft. His father, Wilburn P. Hudman, is the fire department's relief captain.

A second son of Mr. Hudman

and brother to S.-Sgt. Hudman is Stanley C. Hudman, AAMM 3-c, who was recently home on a short leave. Entering the Navy in April 1943, Hudman has served 13 months in the Pacific. He is now stationed at San

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Lv. 7:10 A. M. Lv. 4:25 P. M. Happy Valley
Lv. 7:40 A. M. Lv. 4:55 P. M. Bronte
Lv. 8:05 A. M. Lv. 5:20 P. M. Robert Lee
Ar. 9:05 A. M. Ar. 6:20 P. M. San Angelo
READ UP
Ar. 12:35 P. M. Ar. 12:10 P. M.
M. Lv. 11:45 P. M.
Lv. 12:05 P. M. Lv. 11:40 P. M.
Lv. 11:25 A. M. Lv. 11:00 P. M.
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Happiest New Year Greetings

TO EVERYBODY

This Glad New Year

MAY 1945 BRING US VICTORY AND PEACE AND BRING OUR DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS BACK HOME TO US.

I thank you again, dear folks, for your continued co-operation in taking care of our county and precinct.

S. A. Kiker

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRONTE PRECINCT

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE AGRICULTURE CENSUS, NEXT WEEK

A census canvass of Coke county will begin next Monday, January 8, 1945. The census will involve only the ranch and farm industries. There are two enumerators. Bruce Clift at Robert Lee has the western half of the county and Jeff Dean the

eastern part of the county. Mr. Dean has requested the Enterprise to print the list of questions below as indicating the nature of information that will be sought, so that the farm and ranch owners can be getting the information assembled so that it will not require so much time to take the census, and, too so that those who are expected to render a report can be more accurate, as this gives them

time to assemble their data before the enumerator calls. The questions follow:

1. No. of acres each crop planted?
2. The amount harvested from each crop?
3. No. acres grazing land?
4. No. of mature cows for milking and breeding.
5. No. of heifer calves under 2 years old?
6. No. of hogs raised?
7. No. of livestock butchered on farm?
8. Value of all livestock sold or traded?
9. Value of all crops sold or traded?
10. Value of all vegetables sold or traded?
11. Value of all vegetables consumed on farm?
12. Amount and value of all dairy feed?
13. No. of chickens raised, no. of laying hens and no. of eggs produced in 1944?
14. Value of farm implements?
15. Total value of farm or ranch?
16. No. of lambs, muttons and wewes?
17. Total value of all vegetables, poultry, meats, etc. produced and consumed on this farm?

This information is all confidential. No one has access to these records except the enumerators. This has nothing to do with taxes of any kind. The cooperation of the farm operators in Coke county will be appreciated.

P.-T. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLD FIRST MEET OF THE NEW YEAR

The Executive Committee of the Bronte Parent-Teachers Association met in its regular session, Tuesday, January 2, 1945 at two o'clock. The minutes were read and approved.

Round table discussion was held on the preparation for the "black out" for the movie projector which is expected to arrive within the next two weeks. Educational pictures will be shown to the students and others for entertainment purposes.

A Book Review by Mrs. Jeff Dean on "The Robe" will be the main feature at the regular P.-T. A., Tuesday afternoon, January 9, 1945, at 3:45 o'clock.

We particularly urge every parent to come to PTA. Help your boy or girl to win the attendance award. You are needed in the organization.

JNO. W. NORMAN
Attorney-at-law

WINTERS TEXAS

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

December 30, 1944

BRONTE, TEXAS

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$158,549.43
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures 6008.82
Other Real Estate 1.00
Gov. Bonds .. \$210,000.00
Other Bonds .. \$30,664.55
St., Co., Sc. War. 16,657.87
CASH .. 610,273.81 867,596.23
Total \$1,032,155.48

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock \$25,000.00
Surplus 25,000.00
Undivided Profits 28,300.00
Demand Deposits 953,855.48
Total \$1,032,155.48

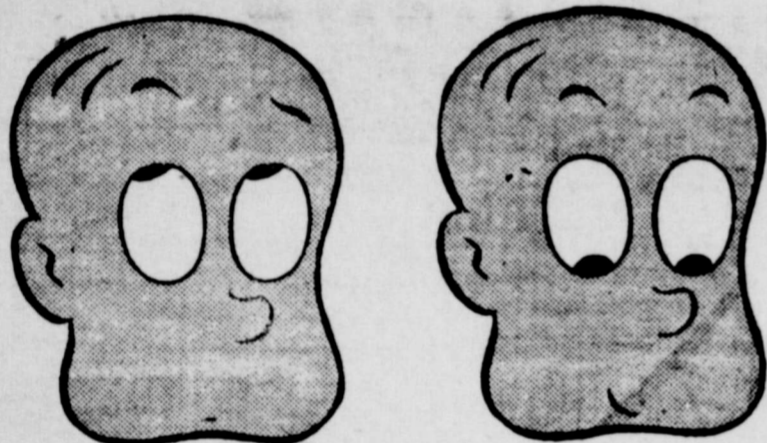
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Wednesday January 10
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Cartoon and "Black Arrow."

HIS COMRADE'S MISSIONS

(Continued from page one)

Italy was the focal point of the veteran squadron's attacks at that time, and both pilots were soon engaged in piloting their Marauders against vital enemy positions there. They simultaneously reached the total of six missions when tragedy interrupted their relationship. Late in January, attacking a railroad bridge at Manzianna, Italy, Lieutenant Stephenson's Marauder was shot down by enemy fighter planes. He is still missing in action.

Captain Smith, then a Lieutenant, was also on that mission, and upon his return made a pledge.

"At that time, 40 missions constituted a tour of duty," he explained, "and the only way I could in any sense make up for what happened to Steve was to finish his tour of duty for him. He had seven missions at the time he went down, and of the 66 I've flown since, 33 have been for him. It was the least I could have done."

His career as a Marauder since that day eleven months ago has been replete with excitement and color. The 26-year-old Texan, commanding officer of his squadron since July, has led squadron and group in important combat missions against targets at Rome, Bologna, and Florence. He has flown through intense flak barrages over Anzio to bomb troop concentrations. The D-Day invasion of southern France found him again leading his Marauders to blast enemy troops.

"I guess we've been through a lot these months," commented the soft-spoken pilot, "but the record of the squadron proves that every bit of it has been worthwhile."

The veteran squadron, which had already fought through the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns when Captain Smith joined it, has achieved an outstanding combat performance since, and has received both the Distinguished Unit Citation and the Croix de Guerre. Captain Smith has led Marauders on more than a half dozen 100 per cent accurate bombing flights over many installations.

Admitting that he, like most combat men, had his superstitions; Captain Smith refused to discuss the significance of his 73rd mission till it had been flown. When he returned from the flight, an attack on a rail fill at Roveretto, Italy, he had even more to relate than he had anticipated.

"It had been an awfully long time since I had seen fighters," he said, "and we didn't even anticipate flak on this flight. Con-

"Uncle John" McCutchen Dies; Interment Here

"Uncle John" McCutchen died in San Angelo early Tuesday morning, January 2 and the body was interred in the Bronte cemetery Wednesday afternoon, following religious services.

"Uncle John," as everyone called him was 87 years old. He was one of the "old timers" of Coke county, and engaged in the stock business.

Before he grew so old and feeble it was interesting anyway to talk with him about the early days in Coke county and all West Texas.

He belonged to the generation of the sturdy pioneers, one of the finest generations in Texas history.

4-H CLUB GIRLS MEET

school auditorium.

The Bronte 4-H girls held a meeting January 2 in the Bronte school auditorium. There were about 35 girls present and we had several new members.

Betty June Heidel, Homalee Clark, and Loretha Wrinkle were elected as recreation committee.

We learned the Club motto, pledge and prayer.

Clothig and Gardening are our main projects and we discussed whom we wanted for our clothing and gardening demonstrators. We are to elect them in the next meeting.

Mrs. Arrott and Miss Croslin met with us.

The meeting adjourned.

Jean Smith,
Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackey and baby from Childress, where Mr. Mackey is in the service, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mackey and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cumbie.

Frank Eaton who has made his home at Del Mar, California for some time has returned to make his home in Bronte. Frank has "kept up with things back at home" through The Enterprise—so, he knows pretty well "what's been cookin'" in his absence.

sequently, I guess I became a little cocky and neglected to put on my flak suit and helmet. When, just before we began our run on the target, a dozen enemy fighter planes pounced on us," he smiled, "I was slightly embarrassed. Actually, I was darn scared. I was flying the flight command position, the one the enemy usually singles out for attack, and they wasted no time doing it."

In the fight that ensued, five enemy planes were destroyed, and Captain Smith, despite the intensity of the enemy assault, led his group over the target with good results.

"I don't like to make it seem dramatic," he added, "but I know Steve would have gotten a big kick out of that show."

The completion of his 73rd mission does not mark a cessation of his activities as a Marauder pilot, the Texan insists.

"That Roveretto flight fulfilled a promise I made a long time ago. It didn't end the war, and I want to do a lot more towards fulfilling that promise, one all of us made."

Before entering the Army in September, 1941, Captain Smith was principal of the Tilden Public School, Tilden, Texas. His wife, Doris K., after whom his plane is named, lives at 1234 6th St., Corpus Christi, Texas, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sydney Smith, live at Box 7, Martindale Star Route, San Marcos, Texas.

Tad Richards, the Oak Creek ranchman, was in town before times Monday morning (New Year Day) almost before daylight. This young (?) man (perhaps, the oldest tax payer in Runnels county) explained to the editor that he made a New Year resolution to "try to make some money" this year and do a bigger part even in licking Hitler. Therefore he got up at 4 o'clock New Year morning and started the New Year. Here's hoping, Tad, and if you make more money than your part to whip Hitler, remember you have a "nere ol' editor friend," who "digs like sixty" for his "bread and butter." Oh, we don't want but just a few thousand!

Miss Betty Jo Glenn of Big Spring, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glenn.

Mrs. Norma Schultz of Philadelphia was a holiday guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Price.

Hubert Whitt, Jack Good, Lester Leathers and Delbert Coalson, students at John Tarleton, returned to their school work, Monday after spending the holidays at home.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Hanson spent New Year at Melvin, with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fahnstrom. Mrs. Fahnstrom is a sister of Rev. Hanson. She and Rev. Hanson are the only two living out of a family of six children.

Miss Ollie Lou Glenn, a student in TSCW, Denton, spent part of the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Louise Johnson.

As the New Year came bright and fine, early in the morning we met "Uncle Ed" Pawlings on the streets. He said several good and fine things to us—we told and fine things to us—in fact he told him that we were almost afraid he was going to tackle us to borrow some money. Thank you, good friend, for all the kind words. Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings have been living on their present ranch home for more than fifty years—that's a long time, but their lives are interlinked with all that is good in the life of Bronte and Coke county.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Percifull from DeQueen, Arkansas were here for the holidays with relatives. Dr. Percifull has returned while Mrs. Percifull remains for an extended visit. The genial doctor looked as "fat and fine" as a "thorough bred Arkansas razorback." So, he shows that he is doing all o. k. in "the 'old bear state.'" Their friends were glad to see Dr. and Mrs. Percifull again.

Mr. and Mrs. Doughty McDonald, Fort Chadbourne, join our subscription family with the beginning of the New Year. Thanks to you, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, and may you live many years to enjoy the weekly visits of "the old home town paper."

Miss Bertie Richards extends her subscription to The Enterprise and also sends as a New Year gift the "old home town paper" to her brother, R. F. Richards at Combes, Texas, for all of which she has our thanks. And we trust the brother shall enjoy the weekly news from "the old home town."

Mrs. Lizzie Athey of Dallas spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Scott and other relatives. Her son, J. W. Athey, was reported as slightly wounded in action recently.

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