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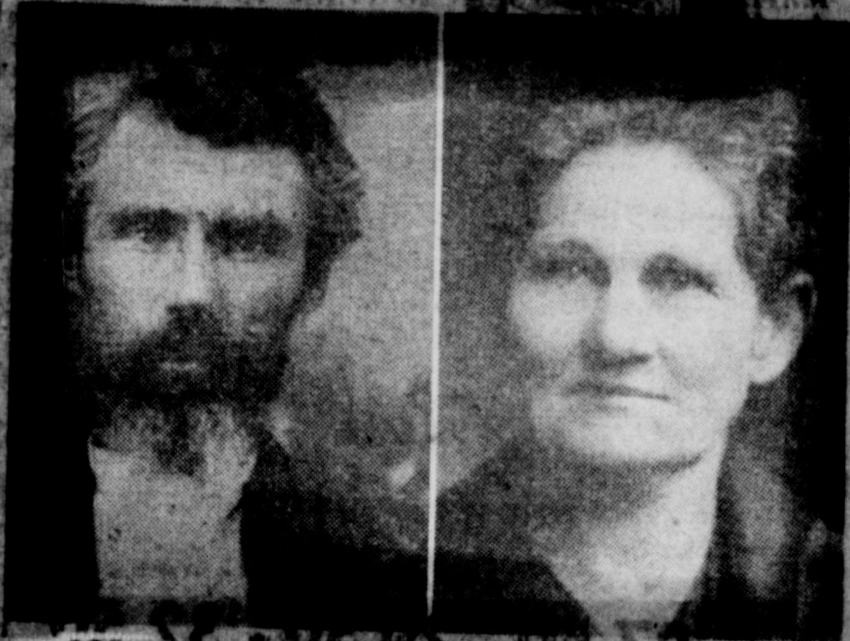
BRONTE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1942.

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## Fort Chadbourne Postoffice Closes; Oldest Pioneer Institution in This Sector

An epoch in the historical setting of this vast area of West Texas terminated at the close of business on September 30, 1942, the date of the U. S. Postoffice Department. By that decree the

won the immortal battle of the Alamo, is that chiefly, of its forts in its development period. These forts were established for the protection of the few hardy



Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas, now deceased. Mrs. Douglas was the first postmaster of the Fort Chadbourne postoffice when the office was removed from the old fort, in 1889.

old Fort Chadbourne postoffice closed its doors and ceased to function, which had for more than three quarters of a century served the people in its capacity, and was relegated to the

and daring frontiersmen and their families who were the vanguard of the oncoming hosts who were to come later and settle this country, and make it a vast empire, the great country



The dugout in which the Fort Chadbourne Postoffice was housed for many years, following the appointment of Mrs. R. E. Douglas as postmaster in 1889, when the postoffice at the old fort ceased to exist.

things of the yesteryears. Thus it became a part of the past as "the old West" yielded to "the new West." This postoffice was the last of the things of the

it is today, with all the fine things of its present civilization and the improvements of modern times, in commerce and industry and farm and ranch develop-



The Fort Chadbourne postoffice building in which the postoffice had been housed for many years when the postoffice was closed by the Postoffice Department on September 30, 1942, after it had been in existence for about ninety years. Mrs. Noza Hallmark was the postmaster in charge and had been postmaster since 1928. Mrs. Hallmark was the last of a succession of women postmasters in charge of the office and its affairs for more than sixty years.

days of the forts in this part of West Texas, to cease to be.

The history of West Texas, from the day Texas fought and

ments—here where the Indians and the buffalo once roamed; the first having given away to the

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## Double Birthday Luncheon Given The Honorees

It was a most happy social event.

It was a double birthday celebration.

It was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Myers at Tennyson. The honorees were Mrs. Louise Johnson and Mr. Charlie Myers, with Mrs. Charlie Myers as hostess.

It was this wise: Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Myers discovered this great big beautiful world on the same day of the month, October. Though the two have known each other since 1910, yet they never knew until recently that their birthdays as to the day on the month were the same day. As to the year of their birth—well, since a woman's age is twelve, perhaps, it is better to let that be "a closed incident," since, it is said, a woman never has a birthday after she is forty.

When it became known that their birthdays fell on the same day, Mrs. Myers generously promised she would serve a birthday luncheon with the two as honorees and she as hostess, when the day should come. (The dining Sunday was the fulfillment of her promise.)

Anyhow, it was a happy occasion for the honorees and the hostess and two guests, Mesdames W. H. Maxwell and E. A. Bell.

The Enterprise joins with the many other friends of the honorees in wishing them many happy returns of the day.

## Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Haines Attending Annual Conference

Rev. Lester Haines, pastor of the Bronte Methodist church, and Mrs. Haines departed for San Antonio, Monday, where they are in attendance at the annual session of the West Texas M. E. Conference, which convened in that city Tuesday morning.

The Conference usually continues over till Sunday night. But, due to war conditions, the session will close tonight.

The appointments for the next Conference year will be read at tonight's closing session. Rev. Haines expects to return tomorrow and fill his pulpit as usual Sunday morning. It will be the first time in the history of the local church, according to a statement by some of the members of the Bronte church, that a pastor preached as usual Sunday morning and evening, attended conference during the week, and re-

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## Mrs. Brooks Browning, Hostess to Diversity Club

The Diversity Club met Thursday afternoon of last week, October 15, with Mrs. Brooks Browning as hostess, in the beautiful new home, Mr. and Mrs. Browning have just completed, just outside the city limits, on highway 70, north of town.

Members of the club engaged themselves for the afternoon in Red Cross sewing.

Refreshments were served to

## PTA Annual Carnival Date Set; Plans For Mammoth Program Made—Fun Galore!

About this time each year the Bronte Parent-Teachers Association gets as busy as the proverbial one-armed paperhanger. Somehow, there is something that excites and provokes all the members to special effort in behalf of the association and its work. Some think, perhaps, it is because the hallow'een stage is being set by the black cats and therefore the "cat spirit" in being industrious and on the "alert" possesses the members, both men and women—anyhow, "things are beginning to stir." And that is especially true, at this time.

The date of the PTA annual carnival approaches, and "there's somethin' cookin'," in the matter of big arrangements for the 1942 Hallow'een Carnival, to surpass by miles and miles, anything that has ever been attempted by the PTA in the way of a carnival of frolic and fun.

The date of the Carnival has been changed and it is definitely set for Thursday night of next week, October 29. The date had been set and announced for Friday night, October 30. But, the date has now been set a day earlier—Thursday night. So, let everybody take notice and be governed accordingly. Therefore, regardless as to your plans, whether it was to get married next Thursday night, or to go to see your mother-in-law, go fishing or what not, change your plans and be at the high school building next Thursday evening, unless you want to live the rest of your life to endure one vain regret that you missed THE ONE occasion of your life.

There's goin' to be people and "sights" worth going miles and miles to see. It is said, there will be "Hon." J. E. Eldridge, a man of "beauty and fascinating curves," in his most "fetching robe;" Futha Heggbotham, D. K. Glenn, Don Edmiston, and a host of others of the masculine gender, known far and near for their "adorable forms," attired in the latest feminine modern and model gowns—(slacks not allowed.)—now, of course, you don't want to miss this magnificent aggregation of "tantalizing" male pulchritude, when they "pose" as women. They appear in the play, "A Womanless PTA."

Those charged with staging this big annual event of the PTA know their lines when it comes to arranging a program—(confidentially to our readers, we overheard two of the promoters of this big "stag (e) affair," and believe you me, they are "tied to pieces" at their good fortune in the celebration they are to have as entertainers.)

They start the evening's program with a supper, at 6 o'clock,

the following members present:

Mrs. J. B. Mackey, Mrs. D. K. Glenn, Mrs. Chas. Boecking, Mrs. J. B. Snead, Mrs. Mack Powell, Miss Nell Lowry, Mrs. Otis Smith and the hostess. Guest: Mrs. H. A. Springer.

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Hot Tamales	15c
Pie	10c & 15c
Coffee	5c
Bar-B-Q Sandwich	25c

"A WOMANLESS PTA"

Following the supper, the play "A Womanless PTA" will be staged. And if you don't think it is going to be a hilarious, rip-roarin', snortin' affair, you just don't know the "guys" who are going to be the funmakers. Mrs. Geo. Thomas is director, and that alone is sufficient to all who know "Miss Vera," as an entertainer that there will not be a dull moment while this side-splittin' burlesque on the women is being staged by the men who will attempt to "show" the women, "just how things should be done," in a PTA, and they give the "whole big-eyed world" their view as to how things should be done. No question, every woman present will be glad forever that she was there.

### THE CARNIVAL

But, the main events of the evening have not yet been mentioned. The real show is the carnival itself. The above are only forerunners as to the fun, frolic and laughter that awaits those who attend. For, curiosities, of all the genders, masculine, feminine and neuter, will be there, on the carnival grounds, to bewitch and beguile, torment and tantalize—and cats till you will not be able to sleep for a week without seeing these night prowlers and midnight fussmakers, haunting you in your dreams—black cats, blue cats, yellow cats, red cats, and spotted cats—in fact every kind of the feline species from "tom cats," to kittens, fighting, meowing, biting, scratching, and making the night hideous with the "tarnationist" shrieks and screams that ever greeted the ears of man. Oh, boy, if you want a thrill—if you really enjoy a "cat fight," don't miss this "cat display."

### COMMITTEES

Following are the committees who have charge of the arrangements and of the entertainment features on the night of the carnival: Arrangements: H. O. Whit, chairman, O. A. Faith, Mrs. W. W. Millikin. Spanish room: Mrs. C. E. Auerott, chairman, Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Miss Nell Lowry, Mrs. Robt. (Continued on last page)

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A BEAUTIFUL DEED

The Enterprise is carrying an announcement of unusual interest—reference is made to the announcement of King-Holt Funeral Home at Ballinger.

The announcement is that this widely known and popular funeral home will give a Gold Star Memorial Service to the boys who are lost in the struggle of military service and cannot be returned home for interment in the soil of the land they love, amid sacred scenes dear to their hearts. This Gold Star Service is for any boy in this West Texas area. And the service is free. All the facilities of the Funeral Home are at the disposal of the families who thus suffer the loss of a boy in the service.

Read the announcement—for, it is not only a patriotic spirit the announcement shows, but it is indeed, "a gold star" deed on the part of Mr. King, owner and manager of the King-Holt Funeral Home. He does not make the announcement for any monetary considerations, or for advertising purposes—it is purely because of his altruistic spirit, and that makes the deed, "golden," indeed.

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**HE KEPT HIS SCHEDULE**—Herman, Army carrier pigeon, relaxes under the caresses of Lt. Robert M. Perry, provost marshal at the Army Air Forces Bombardier School here, after he had "given up" following an eight-hour chase at the field. Herman had kept his schedule on his flight here.

**CARRIER PIGEON KNOWS ARMY POST; WEARIED; STOPS IN ITS FLIGHT**

San Angelo AAF Bombardier School, October 17—A wise Army carrier-pigeon who knows an army post when he sees one, is spending the week-end in the guard house here on a technical charge of being AWOL. The pigeon, which has been named Herman, got lost while on a cross country flight and was almost exhausted when he spotted the buildings of Uncle Sam's newest war college here, and side-slipped into a landing.

But despite his discerning selection of an Army post as a place to land, Herman refused to be captured. Nearly a hundred soldiers spent most of an entire day, chasing him from building roof to the ground, to the eaves and back again. The bird was instantly recognized as an official messenger by the small capsule attached to its leg.

Worn out, Herman finally surrendered and was placed in the custody of the Provost Marshal for safe-keeping. Herman will rest in the guard house until Signal Corps gives orders for his liberation.

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**Clyde Bowman Enters the Air Corps Service**

Clyde Bowman, one of the prosperous young stock farmers of the Bronte sector, has joined the air corps and will enter the service quick as he can dispose of his property and get his affairs adjusted.

Mr. Bowman has enlisted as a radio technician. He has taken a private course in radio technique and has made rapid progress in the study of radio construction. But he will be sent to St. Louis where he will take a course under government instruction. Then he will go to

Florida, where he will be a radio instructor for the air corps. Mr. Bowman is advertising in his issue of The Enterprise the sale of his effects. He is offering his holdings at bargain prices. Interested see Mr. Bowman for, he has to report for duty in St. Louis November 2.

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#### "KILL THE RATS," SAYS THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER

Austin, Texas, October 22.—Reports coming in to the State Health Department indicate an increasing incidence of typhus fever throughout the State without any particular regard to urban or rural population.

Inasmuch as nearly 900 cases of typhus fever have already been reported in Texas this year, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging full cooperation from all communities whether large or small in a campaign to exterminate rats and thus control the increasing prevalence of typhus.

"It must be kept in mind that the rat acts as a reservoir of the typhus germ and the rat flea is the means by which the type of typhus found in Texas is transmitted to man. Rats are liable to travel many miles from one com-

munity to another, and it is therefore obvious," Dr. Cox said, "that it will be necessary to make the rat extermination program cover the entire state."

Dr. Cox recommended a four-point extermination program in addition to the already widely used poisoning campaigns, which he believes, will assure more than temporary typhus control. This program includes: first, making food inaccessible to rodents through proper garbage collection and disposal; second, rat-proofing of homes and other buildings; third, keeping at least two traps set and baited in every home which is not rat-proofed; fourth, proper educational measures.

Concerning the educational campaign, Dr. Cox pointed out that since the typhus fever rat is known to inhabit practically every section of the state, it will take state-wide cooperation to exterminate it. In order to do

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this, the public must become adequately acquainted with the habits of the rat and the various control measures that may be applied. The State Department of Health has moving picture films on this subject and has issued a bulletin outlining rodent control measures. This bulletin will be mailed free upon request, Dr. Cox said.

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**POST OFFICE CLOSES—**  
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white man and modern civilization; the other having yielded to the herds of purebred white face cattle that are kept, and propagate under modern ranch arrangements; and where the systems of irrigation makes this region, by nature more or less arid, to yield its farm products, fruits and vegetables, and the whole land blossoms as the rose.

In this system of Forts in West Texas, they were established, more or less at regular intervals of distance apart. The first mentioned here is Fort Phantom Hill, to the North. It is now in Taylor county. Next is Fort Chadbourne, the fort at which was established the postoffice that took the name of the Fort. Next, to the south and west, was Fort Concho, situated at the confluence of the three Concho rivers. This fort, the established years after Fort Chadbourne was established, a long time ago yielded to the advance of modern times and is now the site on which San Angelo stands, a city of thirty thousand people, with its many and varied industries, and a city with growing pains yet to more than double its number of inhabitants, as the people pour in from other sections of the world. Then there was Fort McKavitt, Fort Hancock and on to Fort Davis, in the extreme western part of the state.

Long ago Fort Chadbourne was evacuated by the soldiers of Uncle Sam, under government orders. The fort was established October 28, 1852. This article has nothing more to do with authoritative information regarding the Fort or the Fort Chadbourne postoffice. All information herein is traditional, with a few exceptions, which will be noted at the proper places. One exception with reference to the name of the fort is that it was named after Lieut. T. L. Chadbourne, who was killed at the battle of Resaca De La Palma.

The date of the establishment of the Fort Chadbourne postoffice traditionally cannot be learned from the surviving oldest citizens of the Fort Chadbourne country, and those of other sections. But, there was a system of mail delivery even before the coming of the Butterfield Trail, as it is known now, which was then officially recognized as the Southern Overland Mail Line. Part of the time the mail was brought on horseback from Buffalo Gap, the nearest postoffice at that time. Others of those who were here then who survive now, state that for a time the mail was brought from Walthall, which was near where Ballinger now stands. Mrs. H. P. Fancher, one of the oldest persons now living as to length of residence at Fort Chadbourne, who is now 78 years old, says that she remembers when she was a child, the mail was brought on horseback from Fort Concho. Sometimes when Oak creek, near the north bank of which the old Fort is located, could not be crossed because of the high water, Mrs. Fancher said, a rope was stretched across the stream, and the saddlebags in which the carrier brought the mail, were put on the rope, and another rope was tied to the saddlebags and they were pulled across the stream thus getting the mail to the people. While the postoffice was at the fort Mrs. Robert Kirkland, mother of Mrs. Walter Johnson, acted as assistant postmaster, thus substituting for the postmaster, Dick Tillery, when he would go away on trips. Mrs. Kirkland's maiden name was Orleana Stone. She came from California to Fort Chadbourne over the Butterfield Trail.

It was not until about 1889 that the facts are accurate with reference to the postoffice. At that time Mrs. R. E. Douglas was appointed postmaster and the postoffice was moved from the old Fort to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, which is now the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, which is about a mile and a half west of the new Fort Chadbourne, where it was when it closed on September 30. Governor James Hogg preempted the tract to Mr. Douglas and they built their home. The house was built of split post oak and live oak logs. When Mrs. Douglas became postmaster, they built a dugout and walled it with native rock. The picture of the dugout, given elsewhere in this issue of The Enterprise, is as it was when it was built more than sixty years ago. The two people in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, present owners of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came into possession of the place in 1925. Mr. Johnson and his family came from Bell county at an early day. They, too, have been connected with the life and development of the Fort Chadbourne country, as they have reared their children, who now have gone out and taken their places in the world. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have built them a commodious and beautiful home on the farm and have surrounded themselves with many of the conveniences of modern life.

The opening in the wall of the dugout between Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was the opening for the letter box, through which patrons of the office mailed their letters in the absence of the postmaster and family. Out in front of the dugout is a live oak thicket. To the trees in this thicket the frontiersmen and the rambling cowboys would tie their horses when they came for their mail. Mr. Douglas died March 7, 1916 and interment was in the cemetery at Bronte. Mrs. Douglas died at Silverton, Texas, December 20, 1935. The body was returned to Bronte and interment was beside her husband. Mrs. Douglas was the sister of Robert Harwell, who still survives, and is one of Coke county's fine citizens and successful ranchmen.

In 1912 Mrs. Douglas gave up the office as postmaster and Miss Addie Pritchard, who is now Mrs. James Callaway, became postmaster, and served until 1919. About the time Miss Pritchard assumed the postmastership the Orient railroad was completed through from Sweetwater to San Angelo, and the country began to take on new life with its modern touches. The new town of Fort Chadbourne was established, on the railroad some eight miles southwest of the old Fort and for some time grew quite rapidly. It gave promise of becoming one of the best of the smaller towns in all West Texas. At one time it had a newspaper, a bank, fine mercantile establishments, with modern schools and churches—another railroad survey came and the roadbed was built for several miles on both sides of the town. With all these essentials for the development of a town, its growth and prosperity made it the admiration of all in this part of West Texas. It was at this time, the postoffice was moved from the frontier dugout to the new town. Miss Pritchard served to 1919.

Following Miss Pritchard, Mrs. Edna Alsop, now Mrs. John Moore, whose home is at Sinton, Texas, was given the appointment as postmaster. Mrs. Alsop served to 1921. Mrs. Louis Bergen was made postmaster in 1921 and served to 1928, at which time she moved away. Mrs. Bergen was a member of one of the old time families of the Fort Chadbourne country.

In 1928 Mrs. Nora Hallmark became postmaster and served until the curtain fell at the close of business, September 30, 1942, and the Fort Chadbourne postoffice, which had served the people for about 90 years, was no more. And this meant the end of the last surviving reminder of pioneer days and of old Fort Chadbourne, and the Fort Epoch of West Texas. "The old

West" has yielded to "the new west," and now, where the frontiersmen trudged along in their oxen-drawn wagons, the automobile and the airplane have come and man travels without regard as to distance or time.

Truly, a great epoch has passed—and it will not be the expression of undue pride, to wish that this new era and the coming eras of this great commonwealth, glorious in history and achievement to the present, may carry on worthily and prove themselves worthy of the glorious heritage bequeathed by those who lived and wrought in the epoch that has passed, to this and all future generations of Texans.

**CARNIVAL—**  
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Forman, Mrs. Marlin Mackey, Miss Margaret Cleek, Mrs. H. A. Springer, Mrs. Floyd Modgling, Don Edmiston, Clifford Clark, and Otis Brunson.

Auction sale: B. F. Kirk. Bingo: C. E. Arrott, Alfred Taylor, and Mrs. I. M. Cumbie. Novelty store: Mrs. Dee Hull, Mrs. Otis Smith.

Candy and popcorn, Mrs. Tom Williams, Hubert Whitt, Jr. and Mrs. B. F. Kirk.

Hamburgers, Lela Langford, Mrs. Rome Richards and Mrs. O. K. McQueen.

Palm reading: (It's no fake this time)—It's "Madame Zingores from the Azores"—and can she read? you ask—well, our advice to you is that you had better destroy the lines in your hands, or else keep your hands in your pockets—(the latter bit of this advice, of course, is to our male readers only.)

Cat stand: (meow) Mrs. Alfred Taylor and Neil Baker.

It is planned at this time, for all the stores to close at about 5:30 in the afternoon, if it can be arranged by the business men.

All aboard, everybody, for the Bronte PTA Carnival.

**THE EIGHTH GRADE DEMOCRACY CLUB'S ROOM MOTHERS**

The eighth grade class of the Bronte schools had their club meeting, October 19, 1942. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The club elected room mothers. The room mothers are Mrs. Kiker, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Forman and Mrs. Ash.

We had a short program. The eighth grade is looking forward to having a good time at the "Halloween Carnival," October 29, 1942. Let everyone be sure and come.

Faye Kiker, Reporter.

Miss LaDelle Fewell of Big Spring was in Bronte Tuesday seeking a location for a hose-mending shop. In these days of war and shortage in women's hosiery, it would seem that such a service shop as Miss Fewell offers, would indeed, meet with a hearty welcome from the ladies, and particularly so, since gasoline rationing is soon to be here, which will make it next to impossible for the ladies to go elsewhere for hosiery repairs when they happen to find "a hole in their stocking." Miss Fewell has a large shop, but is seeking a location for an additional shop. Any ladies who are interested in having such a shop in Bronte might mention it to The Enterprise and if the demand is sufficient, The Enterprise will convey that fact to Miss Fewell.

Geo. Wrinkle, Bronte's "alert" constable, attended the military police meet in San Angelo, Monday. Mr. Wrinkle reported a good day, but gave out none of the details, as it was a military meeting and, therefore, everything was a secret.

Bomb the Japs with junk.

**CONFERENCE—**  
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turned and filled his pulpit without missing a Sunday.

Rev Haines carried a good report of his work as pastor of the charge he has had, which includes the congregations at Bronte, Tennyson and Hayrick. All financial obligations of the church were paid in full, which is quite unusual. And also since Rev. Haines came as the successor of Rev. B. H. Baumfalk, who resigned March 1, to enter the army as chaplain, the spiritual condition has progressed splendidly with quite a number of accessions to the church, both by letter and baptism.

The Enterprise expresses the universal wish of all our people, regardless as to church affiliations, that Rev. and Mrs. Haines shall be returned here for another year.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire in this way to express our deep and sincere thanks to our dear friends and the good people generally in Bronte and other places for their many kindnesses to us in the tragic death of our dear mother, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, and for your kindly aid during the days in which she suffered, and in putting her body away when she had passed. The kindly offers of financial aid tendered her while she lingered, to aid in defraying hospital expenses and every kindness shown we appreciate. We assure those who tendered financial aid that we appreciate it as much as if we had accepted the aid. But it was our last time to do something for mother, therefore, we desired the privilege of defraying her hospital expenses and in placing her body away for its last rest. But, we assure you, one and all, that your kindly sympathy and gentle ministrations, make it easier for us now to bear this tragic sorrow that has come to us. God bless each and all of you. The floral offerings were beautiful and only remind us of her sweet, gentle life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bland and children.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grimes, Mrs. Clara Gregg and children. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waters and children.

**WHOSE DOG IS IT?**

A dog has come to my home. If you want it, prove ownership and pay for this ad and the dog is yours. [Otherwise, I will keep it.

Hiram Brock.

Mesdames I. M. Cumbie, H. O. Whitt and Alfred Taylor were week end visitors in San Antonio where they attended the wedding of Miss Jane Cumbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cumbie, who was married to Lieut. Edgar A. Claffey, in the chapel at Randolph Field, Friday evening.

Wayman Percifull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Percifull, is home for a few days, before he reports to the air corps at Lubbock, for induction into service as a cadet. Wayman enlisted in May but was not called till now—he has been at Odessa since his graduation from A & M, connected with the AAA Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Coppedge received a letter from their son, Allen, who went away last week in response to the call for him to enter the service. He is at Tucson, Arizona. He reported that he was all right, except he was lonely, as there was none of the Bronte boys with him, and he knew no one. Everybody called him "Texas" and that made him still more lonely.

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**TEXAS THEATRE**  
BRONTE, TEXAS

Fri.-Sat. Oct. 23-24  
Bob Hope-Vera Zorina-Victor Moore  
in  
"LOUISIANA PURCHASE"  
Superman and News.

Tuesday Only October 26  
Jimmy Lyden as Henry Aldrich  
in  
"HENRY AND DIZZY"  
Also Comedy.

**ALAMO THEATRE**  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Fri.-Sat.-Sun. Oct. 23-24-25  
Jack Benny-Carole Lombard  
in  
"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"  
Superman and News.

Wed. Day Only Oct. 28  
Henry Aldrich  
in  
"HENRY AND DIZZY"  
Also Comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rawlings received a letter from their son, Edward, who was called into the service last week. He was sent to Rucker Field, Alabama. Edward reported that there were quite a few Texans there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kiker returned Wednesday from Shepard Field, at Wichita Falls, where their son, Jr., graduated in the air school, Tuesday. After they were gone Jr. was given leave of absence till Sunday, so he came in Thursday morning and will remain till Sunday unless he gets orders to report earlier.

O. H. Willoughby has been appointed by the Coke County Civilian Defense council as Bronte's member of the county gas rationing board.

Robert Knierim has been re-elected by the Bronte community Service Club as Bronte's director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Knierim has held this place successively for many years. However, there will not be so much burden to the office for the duration, since the WTCC has decided to hold no annual conventions until the war is over.

**Political Announcements**

For Congressman, 21st Dist.  
O. C. FISHER

For State Senator 25th District:  
PENROSE B. METCALFE

For District Attorney, 51st Judicial District:  
RALPH LOGAN

For County Judge:  
McNEIL WYLIE  
(Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:  
WILLIS SMITH  
(Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector Assessor:  
FRANK PERCIFULL  
(Re-election)

For County Treasurer  
MRS. B. M. GRAMLING  
(Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct 2  
S. A. KIKER

For Commissioner Precinct 4:  
BEN BROOKS  
(Re-election)

NOLAN COUNTY  
For Tax Assessor-Collector  
RAYMOND BISHOP