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TENNYSON TOPICS . . .

By Billie Tounget

Mrs. Sudie Brown, Mrs. Robert Brown, and Russell were dinner guests of Mrs. R. B. Caldwell last Sunday.

Jewel Dean and Hervey Latham of Angelo visited over the week end with their parents, the W. D. and J. W. Lathams.

Mrs. Zack Tounget and Jerry visited in Ballinger, Wednesday, and Mrs. Ruth Armstrong and Herbert of Comanche returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Marvin Corley and children visited Sunday with the Jack Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hagaman, Dwan and Espie Joe of Bronte visited with the W. T. Grees, Sunday, and Mrs. Sudie Brown went home with them for a visit.

Mrs. George James has been in Angelo visiting with her daughter and family, the James Chambers.

Mmes. I. N. Howell, Mary Howell, Nettie Hale, Ruth Armstrong, Zack Tounget, and Herbert and Jerry were Angelo Christmas shoppers last Friday.

Mrs. Myrtle Bell of Bronte visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wade and William Earl of Bronte stopped by to see the Zack Toungets, Saturday evening.

Mmes. Jack Sharp, Laura Sharp, W. D. Latham, Eddie Fiveash, James Gilmore and Dian were in Angelo, Monday.

Norman Alexander, Ellis Wade, and Jim Harris visited the Zack Toungets last Sunday.

See the writer for your gift subscription to the Enterprise, and leave your neighbor's copy alone—he wants to read it himself.

Bill Burleson was supper guest with the Tom Greens, Monday.

W. D. Latham came in from Fort Stockton and spent the weekend with his wife and family. He and Ed Fiveash have gone to Brownwood with their house moving rig.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin James of San Angelo and Mrs. George James visited with Mrs. Bert Cornelius, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Jack Sharp and baby visited Mrs. Tom Green, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Green, William, Grace, Della Gibson, Mrs. I. N. Howell, and Berna Lee were in Angelo last Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Ditmore and Mrs. R. B. Caldwell were there Tuesday.

NEW COTTON USES

Austin, Texas, Dec. 12 — Cotton farmers of Texas may someday benefit from a study of the economics of cotton being made at the University of Texas.

Better merchandising of cotton is the long-range goal of the study, which is being made by Dr. A. B. Cox, professor of cotton marketing, and Joel F. Hembree.

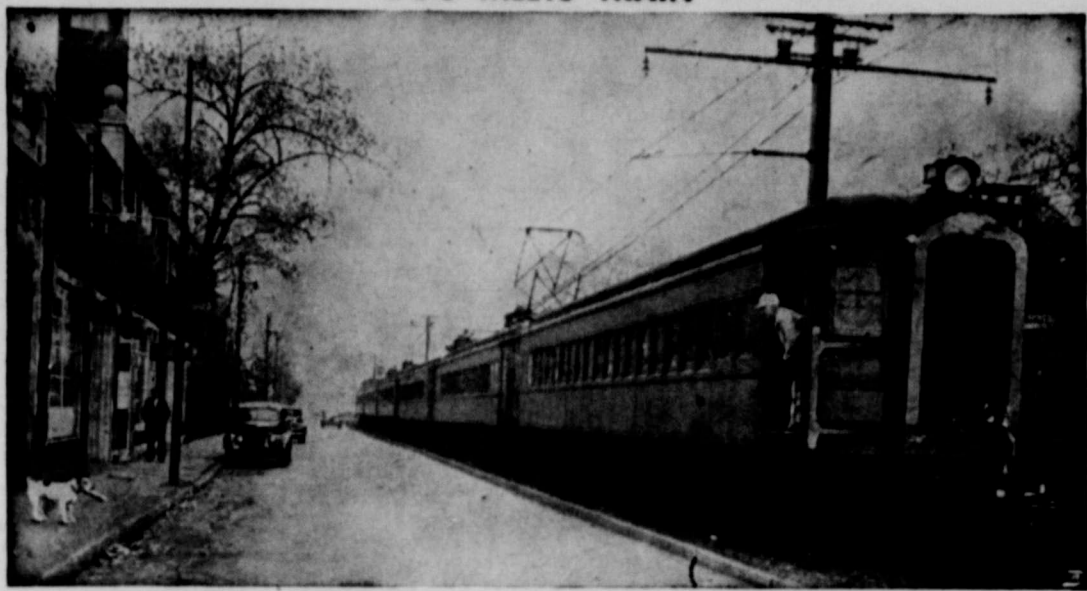
A five-fold plan includes discovering ways and means of developing techniques to enable merchants to use technological improvements available; to discover practical ways of describing the significant character of cotton fibers which determine their spinning values; to devise methods for teaching cotton classers to detect different cotton fiber qualities which have market value; to find ways to base competitive trading in local cotton markets on quality of fibers, and to develop standards and procedures for merchants to use in buying cotton and manufactured products.

PERSONALS . . .

Guests in the Albert Rawlings home over the weekend were their daughter, Miss Katherine Rawlings of Ballinger, and two of her friends who also teach in the Ballinger High School. They included Misses Jo Ann Croom of Coleman and Patricia Pope. Jo Ann used to be in high school when your reporter was teaching at Coleman, but we didn't have the pleasure of having her in one of our classes. With such rivalry existing between Coleman and Ballinger, she declared she had a time of it during football season, but had managed to survive so far. Katherine teaches home making. Jo Ann teaches history, and Pat teaches government, so all have plenty to do.

Harvey Allen, now employed at M System in San Angelo, was a Bronte visitor last Wednesday.

DOG MEETS TRAIN



CHICAGO, ILL.—Hjalmar Johnson's dog Spot is shown as he meets 7:02 a.m. Illinois Central train at Windsor Park station here, to get his master's daily paper from Engineer W. E. Stokes, pictured in car door. Trained by Stokes, the dog has been calling for the paper every morning for five years. Johnson lives at 2700 E. 76th street, Chicago.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Twenty-seven members and guests attended the regular noon luncheon program of the Bronte Lions Club last Wednesday in the Bronte Cafe.

T. Whitehead, Ballinger accountant, gave some interesting sidelights on the way the Ballinger Lions Club functions. Rev. Fred Blake of Robert Lee expressed his appreciation at being a Club guest. R. T. Caperton discussed plans about the football field lighting undertaking. H. A. Springer declared he thought the cost would amount to some \$3,000, while Arnold Ball and H. O. Whitt expressed the belief the job could be accomplished for less than that.

Whitehead also noted that 12,000 bass and crappie fingerlings had recently been placed in the new Ballinger lake, and that fishing was now prohibited until 1949, when these small ones would be "the big ones that got away."

Members present for the meeting included C. E. Arrott, H. A. Springer, Vernon Lammers, Everett Bruton, Norman Kiker, Otis Smith, Ed Fletcher, Richard Rees, Hubert Whitt, Steve Badley, Reuben Blake, J. B. Mackey, R. T. Emmett Caperton, Frank Keeney, Arnold Ball, J. T. Henry, Cecil Kemp, Sam Spruell, Charlie Boecking, Ed Cumbie, Ed Nunnally, Alvin Mauldin, Leonard Youngblood, and these visitors: T. Whitehead of Ballinger, Jesse Parker of Bronte, and Fred Blake of Robert Lee.

HERE'S BLACKWELL . . .

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McRorey and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McRorey visited in Carizzo Springs.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White underwent an appendectomy in the Winters Hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Nancy Bagley and son, Jimmy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewallen of Hico.

Bill Leach of Sweetwater was the weekend guest of Bob Ragsdale.

The McMurry Chanters will give a program at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Blackwell Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Otho Gray of Overton is visiting in Blackwell and Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sweet received word that their son, Edwin and his wife of Mexico City are the parents of a son.

Blackwell had another good rain, but everyone is glad to see the sunshine again.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Saunders are the parents of a boy, and the F. H. Saunders, Jr., have a daughter.

Send the Bronte Enterprise to a friend as a Christmas gift, and see the writer for your subscription.

The Donkey ball game Friday night netted the Blackwell school the sum of \$61.00.

Glad to see Tom Price the other day, who said he and Brooks Browning recently went to Waco to visit with Leroy Price, who is running a big grocery store there now. Leroy was here recently, Tom noted, and is doing fine. Tom said he also ran into John Hearn the other day, who used to live here, and that John was getting along very well.

Our Washington News Letter

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Hearings were held last week by committees of the House and Senate regarding the eradication program for foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture, who have handled the program for our government, and a number from livestock associations were heard.

As announced late in November, the eradication program in Mexico has completely broken down and all slaughtering has stopped. That was the direct result of a decision made by the Mexican government.

From Texas to urge a resumption of the program in the future, came C. E. Weymouth, President, and Joe Montague, Attorney of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, who also spoke for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and Bob Kleberg of Corpus Christi.

The slaughtering in the infected zone apparently went along well for a while. Then it is reported that public resentment against killing the oxen and pigs became so intense among the natives that the Mexican government threw up its hands and ordered all slaughtering stopped.

Around a half-million head of cattle in the infected area were killed. About an equal number of hogs, goats, etc. were destroyed. Our part in the cost of the program amounted to \$36 million.

Fortunately, the infection has been held to a distance of 350 miles of the Rio Grande. A quarantine around the infected area will continue indefinitely, but any future joint slaughtering program will depend upon new negotiations between the governments of the two countries. The resumption of the program is of the highest importance to the United States: In the meantime, the border will remain closed to importation of cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, etc.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has indicated the referendum on the question of imposing a quota on the acreage of peanuts for 1948, which the Secretary ordered last July, will be held as scheduled on December 9. Fifteen Members of the House, together with Senators George of Georgia and Sparkman of Alabama recently conferred with Anderson and urged him to call off the referendum. I got the impression from the meeting that if the quotas are voted the Secretary will not invoke them during 1948, but will permit unlimited acreage during next year. At the conference it was brought out that the government's peanut purchase and support program during 1947, instead of being a subsidy to the growers, actually made the government a profit of around \$2 million.

Last week the AFL Executive Council, representing all AFL unions, met in Washington and launched a fund-raising drive for \$7,600,000 to be used in helping defeat all of us who voted for the Taft-Hartley Law earlier this year. The CIO Political Action Committee has already opened its drive for \$6 million to be used for a similar purpose.

Sorry to report Boyd Badley has been on the sick list.

NEW COUNTY GRADER FOR BRONTE

Otis Smith, Precinct 2 commissioner, said this week that the precinct had just taken delivery of a new motor grader last Monday, with a 100 horsepower Diesel motor.

Costing around \$10,000, the new machine is to be used for road grading alone, and not for terracing and other private or miscellaneous work.

The commissioners, holding their regular meeting last Monday at Robert Lee, passed the usual bills, and accepted another used motor grader which was delivered last Wednesday and will be used in precinct 4 under the direction of commissioner, T. H. Harmon.

The Bronte Lions Receive Charter Tuesday Night

Members of the Bronte Lions Club will formally receive their charter next Tuesday night, in a program beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the high school gymnasium, with the meal to be served by the Bronte P-T.A.

Frank Robertson of San Antonio, governor of Lions District 2-A will make the presentation of the charter, which will be accepted by Vernon Lammers, local club president.

Former governor of this district, Judge E. C. Grindstaff of Ballinger, will talk on "What is Lionism," and several score members, their wives, and visiting delegations from nearby towns are expected to be present.

The Bronte Club has 22 charter members, including Steve Bradley, Arnold Ball, Charlie Boecking, C. E. Bruton, Emmett Caperton, R. T. Caperton, Edward Cumbie, Jeff Dean, Ed Fletcher, Norman Kiker, Vernon Lammers, J. B. Mackey, Alvin R. Mauldin, W. W. Millikin, Ed Nunnally, Noah Pruitt, R. W. Rees, T. H. Rogge, Otis Smith, Sam Spruell, H. O. Whitt, and L. T. Youngblood.

Menard Wins 19-6

Led by Le Drew Arrott, who averaged 6.1 yards each time he carried the ball, the Bronte Longhorns were just not potent enough last Friday night at Ballinger, where the Menard Yellowjackets beat them by a count of 19-6 to win the bi-district championship of Districts 7-B and 8-B.

Menard scored midway in the second quarter on a drive starting from their own 28-yard line. Eight plays later, with half of them passes, Menard had scored when Otis Guyton hit Jean Walker with a bullet pass in the end zone for the first score.

Early in the third quarter, Menard scored again after recovering a fumble on the Bronte 47-yard line. This time it took seven plays, mixed with end runs, off tackles, and over the center for the second counter.

Bronte's touchdown drive originated on their own 32-yard line, and 10 plays later they had punched across the counter. In this drive, Arrott tore around right end, Thomas passed to Sandusky, Kirchman went over right tackle, and Arrott went over left guard then hit center for the score. Two other line plays and four more passes figured in the drive down the field.

The final Menard touchdown came when Guyton seized the Bronte kickoff, chased through the entire middle of the line and tore off an 80-yard jaunt to score standing up.

From all appearances, Guyton was the stand-out player on the field. He averaged 12.3 yards each time he carried the ball, including runs for 55-37, and 80 yards.

Herron also played a fine game for Bronte, and in fact, the entire team played heads-up ball, though some of the men appeared quite winded by the time the game was over.

In the statistics division, Menard made 16 first downs to 11 for Bronte, and gained a total of 393 net yards to 210 for the Longhorns, with 85 of these in the air and the remainder on the ground.

The Longhorns completed five out of 13 passes and averaged 34 yards on their five punts, while Menard completed seven out of 19 passes, and averaged 26 yards for their five punts.

Menard fumbled the ball four times, recovering half of them, while Bronte fumbled five times and recovered only twice. Bronte led in the penalties however, for they received none, and Menard was penalized six times for a total of 50 yards.

LATEST OIL NEWS . . .

No. 1 J. W. Arledge — scheduled Ellenburger wildcat in northern Coke County was drilling at 4,248.

No. 1 Mathers —drilling ahead at 6,185 feet in lime following a test from 6,135-55 feet, which recovered 1,020 feet of gas-cut mud and 30 feet of oil.

No. 1 J. B. Walker — located four miles south-southwest of the Jameson field, was drilling at 5,925 following a test from 5,857-72 feet which recovered 540 feet of mud with no showing of oil, water, or gas.

No. 3 H. H. Jameson — on the west side of the field, finally ran 354 barrels of oil in a 24-hour test, following treatment with 5,000 gallons of acid.

No. 5 H. H. Jameson — Drilling at 2,950 feet in limestone and shale.

No. 5 Fred Jameson — Drilling at 4,410 feet in limestone and shale.

No. 1 J. S. Walker — Having plugged back from 7,170 feet to 6,420 feet, was using reverse circulation to clean and wash out.

BRUTON BUYS KEENEY BUILDING

C. E. Bruton, owner and manager of Whites Auto Store in Bronte, completed, last Saturday, the purchasing of the Keeney Building from Frank Keeney, at an unannounced consideration.

The building presently houses the City Barber Shop, owned and operated by the late Thad Lowry, and the Bronte Boot Shop, with the latter scheduled to move to another location soon.

"I'm planning to completely remodel the building the first of the year," Bruton said yesterday, "and will install a new oak floor, celotex ceiling, black and white tile front, new fixtures, and fluorescent lighting equipment."

He expects to be in his new building by Feb. 1, and will move the White Auto Store equipment to the new location.

"I believe in the future of Bronte," Everett said, "and have long wanted to have a building of my own instead of renting one, so now I have it, and I intend to make it one of which Bronte folks may well be proud."

Pending the remodeling, of course, Everett will be at his same location until he moves to his new quarters.

WHAT GOES ON

Seen at the Bronte-Menard ball game last Friday night were a lot of Coke County folks, including Judge Bob Davis, Sheriff Paul Good, Bruce Clift, Rev. Fred Blake, all of Robert Lee; Vanna Ruth Caperton, Tuiny Glenn, R. T. Caperton, Maxine Perci-full, the Chet Holcombes, the Clifford Clarks, Iris Brooks and Hervey Latham, and C. D. Richards, the right-hand man in Higginbotham's in Ballinger. C. D. came out to sit on the Bronte side, and his yells could be heard above all the rest as he rooted away for the home team.

Mrs. C. C. Glenn and Mrs. Carrie Williams were trying to keep warm, the C. E. Arrotts and Mrs. Alfred Taylor yelled themselves hoarse, Rev. Alvin R. Mauldin and his two boys, Alvin, Jr., and Donald, did plenty of hollering, young Lammers did likewise, the pep squad girls had to stamp around to keep warm, Frankie Berryman, Rannels County clerk, was out yelling for Bronte, or at least he was on the Bronte side, the highway to Ballinger was lined going and coming, with Bronte cars, all of them with enthusiastic fans, at first, and down-hearted ones later, the officials called a good game and did themselves proud, during the half, one man accepted a wager with another, who took Menard and was giving 12 points, the dressing room was very steamy at half-time, and everybody seemed to have fun, even though the score came out on the wrong end to suit the Bronte supporters.

While some folks were commenting on the figure of 35% representing the Bronte water used but not paid for, a re-check on past figures previously released shows that about a year and a half ago, some 60% of the water used was not paid for, due to the busted pipes and lack of water meters. But with improved pipes and the use of more meters, this 60% figure has now been reduced to 35%, according to the latest statistics available.

THE FITTEST SURVIVE

The nations of earth since ages ago
 Have always prepared to cope with some foe.
 The fittest survive, but they must be brave,
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TWO YEARS AGO . . .

Or to be exact, on December 14, 1945, the first issue of a new and revitalized Bronte Enterprise appeared in your mail boxes put out by a group of three men: J. H. Mullane, Exton Talley, and Ed Nunnally.

As the owners look back today over that two-year period, they see a lot of changes. Twice in that period the Bronte Enterprise has won major awards — once for having the best set ads of any small-town weekly in the State, and another time for having the best all-around weekly newspaper in the West Texas trade area covered by the West Texas Press Association.

The owners, accordingly, pledged to give Bronte people a good newspaper, feel they have done just that, and believe Bronte folks are justly proud of their paper, which is now known as one of the outstanding weekly newspapers of all Texas.

Over this two-year period the owners have tried to give you the latest in Coke County news, as well as news from Tennyson, Sanco, Blackwell, and Brookshire, to be more specific.

Our thanks go to our correspondents in these communities, including Billie Tounget, Billy Joe Gartman, Mrs. Charles Ragsdale, and Homalie Clark, respectively, who have faithfully reported the news in their communities so that you, the readers, might the better be informed.

The Enterprise, in this time, has tried always to furnish its readers with pictures of people they know, as well as sporting events, and school activities.

We are especially proud of Chalk Dust, the news from ol' Bronte Hi. We don't think adults have made too much of a success in running this of world, and if we can't count on the youngsters, then we'd better quit.

So we've encouraged school news and pictures for two years, in an effort to interest Bronte people in their school and its activities.

This news is written by the youngsters themselves, and it gives them good experience, a chance to meet people, face deadlines, and learn something about the newspaper game. It's our way of contributing to the welfare of and trying to encourage the younger generation in their activities.

We have given the folks a "newsy" paper, and one that stands for something, editorially and in its news columns.

The Enterprise has refused to carry liquor and beer ads, and will continue to refuse them, as not in keeping with our aim of a newspaper that appeals to the better things in life.

But in a larger sense, the Bronte Enterprise belongs to all of you who read its pages and who advertise from its pages. Without your support it could not long endure, but with your cooperation, it will continue to grow and expand its services even more in the future than it has in the past.

John O. Cole and Claudia Mae Brown were issued a wedding license last Friday in Robert Lee, according to Willis Smith, county clerk.

J. L. Stephenson was in the other day, declaring that he'd had good rains nearly every day on his farm.

F. S. Higginbotham, digging post holes the other day, noted that the moisture was in evidence as far down as 20 inches deep, all from the recent rains in the area.

Why not subscribe for your own copy of the Bronte Enterprise, and leave your neighbor's copy alone. He likes to read it himself, not loan it out.

NEW WSCS CIRCLE ORGANIZED

Nineteen ladies were present last Tuesday night, Dec. 9, when a new WSCS circle was organized at the home of Mrs. Noel Percitull, when she and Mrs. Alvin R. Mauldin were joint hostesses at a tea getting the new organization underway.

Mrs. George Boswell, president of the San Angelo Methodist Church WSCS, was guest speaker, outlining the organization of the new group, which is expected to meet at night. Membership is open to those unable to attend the daytime meetings, and large crowd is assured.

This new WSCS will be a part of the one already established, it was said, and Mrs. Jeff Dean will continue as president for the remainder of the year, while chairmen will be selected to work with her.

A nominating committee is expected to report next week, and there will be a joint meeting of the two circles next Monday night in the home of Mrs. Brooks Browning, when the WSCS Christmas party will be held.

Further announcements will be made at that time, it was said. Mrs. Steve Baldwin of San Angelo was also an out-of-town guest at Tuesday night's tea.

LEGION HUT BUILDING

As of this week, all partitions in the American Legion hut have been removed, thus leaving a lot of good lumber for re-arranging the partitions as desired, with lumber to spare.

The new roof was being put on as of last Wednesday, and it is hoped that the plumbing will be "roughed in" and the floor poured by Christmas.

According to Buck Coleman, there is some \$500 in the building fund at this time, and this amount will be stretched as far as possible.

It is believed that about \$300 more is needed to complete the remodeling of the building.

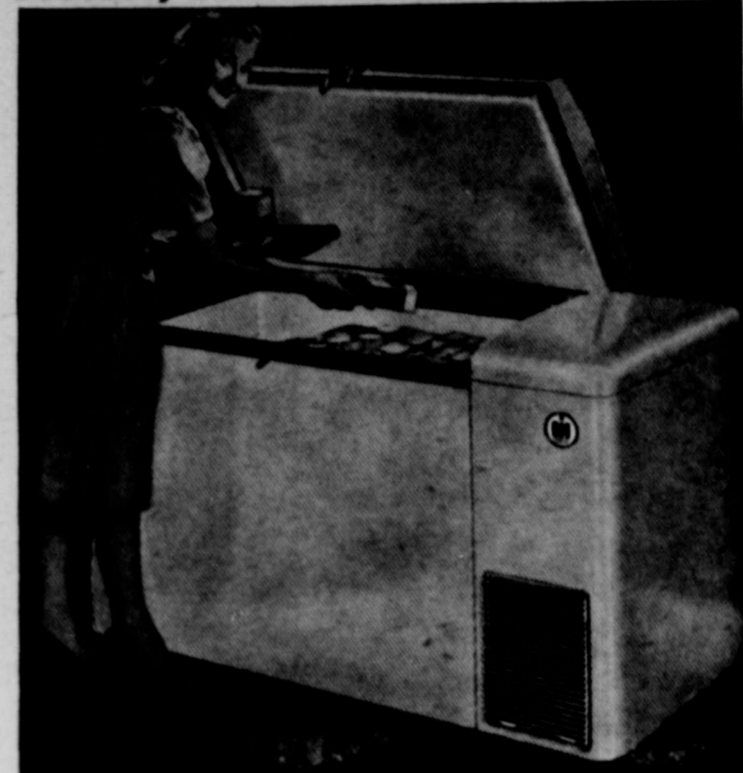
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Alvin R. Mauldin, Pastor

Church school will be held at 10:00 and morning worship at 11:00, on "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet."

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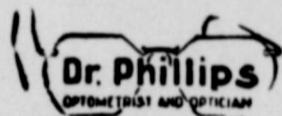
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the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gartman visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gartman.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and Tommy of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. and children of Robert Lee, Lorraine Reid of Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reid and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Bill spent Sunday in Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDonald.

Mrs. T. A. Gartman and children visited in the home of Mrs. Sam Fowler.

Last week T. A. Gartman cut his hand on a saw and was carried to Dr. Griffith, where he had four stitches taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gartman made a trip last week to Brownwood to visit the Jim Desmonds and to do business.

T. A. and H. J. Gartman were in Brownwood, Monday.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. L. W. Campbell, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Campbell of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lassiter.

Mrs. Evelyn Jackson is down from Abilene nursing the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost.

Send the Bronte Enterprise to some friend for a Christmas gift, and see the writer for your subscription.

W. R. Thomason and Olen and Mrs. Glenn Thomason and children of Angelo visited with Mrs. Belva McCutchen and other relatives in Robert Lee.

Farm, Ranch, and Livestock News

The drought is considered broken in northwest Texas. Rains averaging an inch or more fell during the last half of November, wetting the top soil to a depth of eight to 12 inches. Estimates indicate that more than 60 per cent of the wheat acreage was sowed before the rains came.

Only a small percentage of the volunteer seed sprouted and was killed, thus most of the planted acreage will include lots of volunteer growth which is likely to result in too thick stand.

Started late, the small wheat plants will not stool much nor develop a good root system as a defense against the danger of wind damage and winter killing. This, along with scant sub-soil moisture, presents a questionable outlook; however, there is always a chance for improvement. It is a well-known fact that December wheat in Texas can promise the least and make the most of any place in the southwest.

Harvesting of cotton and grain sorghums in the northwest is fully 90 per cent completed. Digging of sugar beets has been delayed by rain and cold weather but the processing plant requires that harvesting be completed by December 10. Range conditions are poor and there is no wheat pasture to present a scene far different from that of a year ago.

Elsewhere weather conditions during the past 30 days generally have been favorable for crop harvest, despite recent interruption by rain and scattered showers. Some damage to peanuts in the stack is reported; however, the moisture was badly needed to bring up volunteer wheat and small grain planted in clay soil, also for pastures.

A cotton crop of 3,250,000 bales, as of November 1, was up 100,000 bales from figures a month earlier, while rice increased from 22,491,000 bushels to 23,373,000 bushels. Corn shipped a bit during that period and grain sorghums and peanuts held their own. The latter is estimated at 319,600,000 pounds. Probably 90 per cent of the rice crop has been harvested.

FFA SWEETHEART ELECTIONS

There is lots of interest around the campus this week over the FFA sweetheart elections.

The local chapter is conducting the contest, and a picture of the winner will be sent to state headquarters for competition as sweetheart of the month, to be followed by the winner's entering the contest for sweetheart of the entire year, with the winner's picture to appear in the Future Farmer magazine.

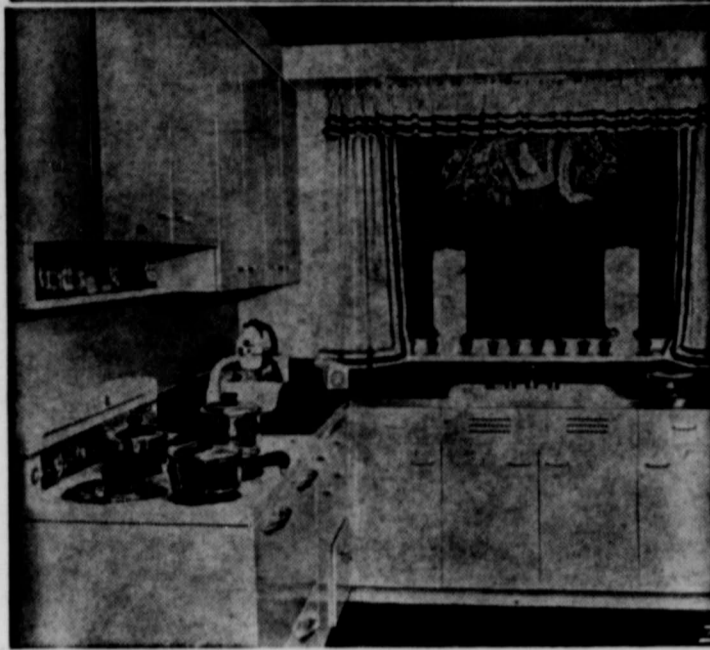
Bronte's local winner will receive a handsome Elgin compact with her name engraved upon it. This compact may be seen now in the windows at the Bronte Enterprise office.

Votes cost 1 cent each, and may be cast for the following candidates, Kathryn Wrinkle, senior; Roma Richards, junior; Marlene Arrott, sophomore; or Patsy McCamey, freshman. Since the contest closes early next week, excitement is now picking up.

Mrs. C. R. Smith and Mrs. Mack Powell were San Angelo visitors last Tuesday, while the Clifford Clarks took in Ballinger.

R. L. Bennett was a Robert Lee visitor last Wednesday morning.

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To a homemaker, there is nothing as wonderful as a well planned kitchen. This kitchen is remarkable for its efficiency, convenience and step-saving arrangement. To make it a cook's delight it has all the proper accoutrements for preparing nourishing, well-balanced meals, and aside from its functional and utilitarian services it includes a home-like atmosphere in its color scheme. The walls are warm yellow, the floor and table top covering are flecked, grey and black. The interesting window shade that covers the three-in-one window is grey with painted design of a gay white cage and yellow bird. The curtains are yellow with a grey and green trim. The cabinets, sink and stove are sparkling kitchenwhite.

WAR DEAD RETURN RULES

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 12.—Next of kin can materially simplify and speed up the war dead repatriation program if they will follow four rules, Lt. Col. S. H. Partridge, Chief of the American Graves Registration Division here, said today.

1. Fill out navy and army questionnaires accurately.
2. Return these forms to Washington promptly.
3. If mailing address has changed since the deceased entered the service, send the present address to the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, 25, D. C.

4. If there has been a change in the next of kin, either by death or by the remarriage of the widow of the deceased soldier, sailor, or marine, that information, too, should be sent to the same authority.

"Unless the next of kin is certain that he can correctly fill out the questionnaire he should ask the as-

sistance of his state or county veterans service officer," Partridge said. Many forms are being returned to Washington that have to be sent back for correction. This means more correspondence and, of course, delay.

It is often assumed that because the veterans administration or some other governmental bureau has a change of address, or a change of next of kin, that all interested bureaus have the same information. This is seldom true. If there is any doubt as to the information the Quartermaster General has, it is well to supply that office with new data.

Folks are still rejoicing over the fine rains last week, even though a lot of cars got stuck on the muddy streets. At last report, the city street and alley fund had the sum of \$641 in it, which wouldn't go too far towards repairing the streets around town. Someone suggested that those interested in fixing the streets stir up sentiment for a bond issue or an increase in the tax rate to enable the city to have enough money to fix them.

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P-TA

The Bronte P-TA met last Tuesday, Dec. 9, and for the program there was a special number by the Rhythm Band, a Christmas number by the Spanish Class, and Rev. C. R. Blake spoke on "Keynotes to World Peace." The social hour was conducted by the homemaking department.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

How can we win friends?
 Bobbie Miller—"Always be friendly with everyone, and try to keep the friends you make, because you can't have too many friends."

Odalía Fuentes—"Act yourself at all times and try to keep your mouth shut when you might say something you will regret later on."

Billy Luckett—"Don't be too serious minded. A little teasing and joking won't hurt anyone. Don't be two-faced with your friends."

Charles Westbrook—"Consider all friends equal—having as few favorites as possible. Use your wit when it won't hurt another's feelings."

How can one best attain happiness?
 Jean Smith—"Know what you want and how to get it in such a way that you can still have and make friends."

Patsy Luckett—"Have lots of friends, make no enemies, make a profitable life in an enjoyable way."

Dorothy Scott—"Work for it—always do what you think is right."

Pauline Beavers—"By being kind and friendly to everyone."

SWISH

The Intermediates and Young People's Classes had a Christmas party Monday night. Those present were: Jean Smith, Kat Wrinkle, Roma Richards; Dot Walton, Ida Lou Modgling, Dot Stephenson, Leona McQueen, Juanel Blake, Glenn Blake, Davie Gassiot, Nola Lowrance, Jr. Hipp, Marvin Lowrance, Charles Timmons, Pauline Beavers, and Bobbie Miller. Le Drew, Bobbie, Marlene, and Bobby Vaughn went to the show in San Angelo Sunday night.

Who was the Robert Lee boy that Pauline Beavers was seen with at the ball game last Friday night? She's now wearing Frank Lloyd's ring.

Dale and Pritch Brown are still seen around with Dot and Juanel.

Douglas and Wanda Jean just can't keep from hokling hands in Algebra.

Glad to see Bobbie Jean Lee back in school again.

Billy Thomas and Betty Sue are as thick as ever.

Jean has a long wait from Sunday night until Friday night to see Norman.

Norton still comes over! Jimmie Hambricht and Scott Barrett can't stay away from Bobbie Lee and Carol Sue.

Juanetta Coalson is wearing Warren Beaver's ring now.

Ouida Beavers also has Randall McCutchen's FFA ring.

The boys think Eddy Sue McAulay is getting cuter every day.

Roscoe, Vera, Marie, and Brady are still double dating.

LAUGHS

Said the cop to Bobby Vaughn: "Who was driving when you hit that car? Answered Bobby: "Nobody, we wuz all in the back seat."

Mr. Flores: "Surely, Glenn, you know the King's English." Glenn Phillips: "Of course, whoever said he wasn't?"

Officer to Charles Brown: "Halt! What you got in that sack?" Charles: "Rocks." Officer: "What kind of rocks?" Charles: "Plymouth."

Prestine: "Don't argue with me." Bobby Scott: "I'm not arguing." Prestine: "Oh, no! But by the way you look, I know what you're thinking."

J. L. Alexander was applying for a job as lifeguard at a swimming pool. The employer asked if he could swim, and J. L. said no, but he could wade nearly every place in the pool.

Howard Smith, upon being asked what he wanted for Christmas, replied that he wanted a doll, "a live one, that is."

J. B. Sumrall asked Lee Allen why he pushed the cow over the cliff, and Lee Allen said he wanted to see the jersey bounce.

Said one of Donald King's ears to the other: "Do you live on the same block I do?"

Dolan Mackey: "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine." A friend: "Your lips?" Dolan: "No, my liquor."

Bobbie Lee Miller told Roma she

was getting married the first. Roma asked if it were the 1st of January, and Bobbie said, "No, the first chance I get."

Mrs. Holcombe: "I was so cold I nearly froze last night." A friend: "Did your teeth chatter?" Mrs. Holcombe: "I can't say, we don't sleep together."

Joe Blake: "What becomes of a baseball player when his eyes go bad?"

Don: "Don't forget, pal, all umpires were once players."

Said William Thomas to Wayne Arrott: "Did you know George was dead?" "George who?" "George Washington."

Said Johnny Joe Butler to Joe Russell Ash: "Did you know a baby was born in South Texas 5-feet tall?" "Yeah, giraffes are cute little things aren't they?"

Alvin to Billy Luckett: "How many hairs are on a pig's face?" Billy Joe: "I don't know. Alvin: "Well, count them the next time you shave."

Said Nola to Peggy McCleskey: "You know what Paul Revere said to his horse after he had ridden him all night?" "No." "Whoa!"

GRADE SCHOOL

Doyle really believes in Lamar's speech about education. He even memorized it and almost caused Mrs. Holcombe to swoon.

We nominate our old pal, Peggy Proctor, for the best sport in school. If you want anything done just ask Peggy. She's always ready and willing.

Seventh graders are looking forward to their party and Christmas tree. Doyle wants a gun, Santa.

Camille has some new jingles on her zipper notebook that really jingle.

Jo Dell, Camille, and Eddy Sue were in San Angelo Christmas shopping, and at every turn, who did they meet? A teacher!

Laverne, did you and Jo Dell enjoy hearing the Stamps quartet in Blackwell Monday night?

The 6th grade is sorry to say that Carl Terry has moved to Abilene.

Jo Dell, Shirley Tomlinson, and Peggy Littlefield seem to have plenty of bubble gum when study hall rolls around.

Sixth graders have two complaints: Too many math tests and too much detention, but they're looking forward to their Christmas tree.

Fifth grade honor roll members are: Jerry Gassiot, Bill Maxwell, Frances Ann Carlton, Jimaleen Clark, Virginia Clark, and Mary Ann Gray.

Fourth grade honor roll: These and for the 7th grade were given last week.

Third grade: Richard Wayne Rees, James Andrews, Bobby Hester, Angela Anderson, and Jimmy Brunson.

Second grade: Arlie Dan Denman, Glen Nita Corley, Wanda Kirkland, Patricia McCutchen, and Joan Webb.

First grade: Jerry Dean, Patsy June Coppedge, Juanita Wrinkle, Linda Smith, and Epsie Joe Hageman.

HONOR ROLL

For high school, there's Doyle Adair, Pauline Beaver and Doris Adair, Peggy Jean McCleskey, Jean Smith, and Homalie Clark.

PERSONALITIES

Alvin Mauldin—a Junior, 15, and new in school. He has artistic ability, and a knowledge of world affairs. He likes hiking and camping, and sentimental music. He plans to go to SMU after attending some junior college, and wants to study science, then go into nuclear science.

Loretha Wrinkle—She has very blonde hair and blue eyes. Her favorite subjects are English and Spanish. She is secretary of the Junior class, a member of the pep squad, Junior editor on the annual, and a member of "Chalk Dust" press club. Is also president of the HE club, frequently sings on various programs, and when she finishes school, may attend a business college.

J. B. Sumrall—His chief ambition is to be a comic strip artist. He has dark brown hair and eyes, and his favorite subject is bookkeeping. He is on the annual staff, sketches pictures, and plans to take an active part in basketball.

Juanetta Coalson—Her favorite subject is math. She has brown hair and blue eyes, and was voted most popular girl by the freshmen. She missed the honor roll by only one point.

Pauline Box—Blond haired and blue eyes. Polly is a sophomore, likes to work Algebra and cook and sew in HE. She is a member of the "Chalk Dust" press club, and plans to attend college, where she will major in home economics. Her willingness to help out in various activities has made her an indispensable person around BHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucene Clark of Logan, N. M., have been here as guests in the F. L. Clark home. They were accompanied by their children, Charles and Charlotte.

WISTFUL WISHING

Kitty Sue—always for summer; Ted Simpson—college football player; Bobby Lasswell—out of school; Gob—motor scooter; Dot Gurley—school for 6 months; Felma—not to be in detention so much; Hattie Jane—do what I want to without going to detention; J. D.—school to be out 3 months for Christmas; Bob Duncan—motor scooter to outrun Bob's; Marlin—play football next year.

Supt. Jeff Dean was in Fort Worth last Tuesday through Thursday, where he went to be with his sister, Mrs. Nora May, who underwent an operation. Mrs. May is employed by American Airlines in New York, and returned to Fort Worth for the operation.

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BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS...

By Homalie Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris of Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade of near Bronte visited W. M. Alexander, Mary, Billie, and Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herring and Mr. and Mrs. Red Holland were deer hunting last week near Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark and Homalie and Ida Ruth visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sullivan of Veribest.

The W. S. Club met last Wednesday with Mrs. J. C. Boatright. Those present in addition to the hostess were Mmes. Herb Holland, James Lee, Dee Foster, Clint Hedges, Willard Caudle, B. V. Hedges, T. G. Gleghorn and Martha.

Gus Redman and children of Norton were over Tuesday night visiting with the Alfred Roses.

The Charlie Browns were guests of the Ed Holdens last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oates of Angelo were Sunday guests of the Willard Caudles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. H. Hester, Johnny, and Luther of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Foster visited with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark last Tuesday night.

Send the Bronte Enterprise to some friend as a Christmas gift, and see the writer for your subscription.

The Sewing Club is meeting next Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle. There will be a Christmas tree, so each lady is asked to bring a gift.

Methodist members drew names at the church Sunday night, and the Baptists are to draw this Sunday night.

Ida Ruth Clark of Corpus Christi is visiting this month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark.

Herb Holland and J. C. Boatright have gone deer hunting to see if they can be more successful than they were the first time.

Sorry to report Mrs. Rose has been ill lately.

KICKAPOO WMU NEWS

By Mrs. Mary Spencer

The WMU met Saturday evening, Dec. 6, in the home of Mrs. Martha Alexander, and Mrs. Holman, president, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Theresa Wrinkle, our teacher, taught the lesson on Luke 23.

It was decided to have a Christmas program, and Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Beavers will be in charge. There will be an exchange of gifts on Dec. 20 in the home of Mrs. Beavers.

The following members were present: Mmes. Pearl Mae Andrews, Opal Beavers, Martha Alexander, Maudie Clark, Mary Spencer, Theresa Wrinkle, Eula Holman, Margaret Stephenson, Johnnie Pearl Beavers, Fannie Beavers, and Miss Mary Pruitt.

Also Theresa and Dan Andrews, Billie and Eddie Roe Alexander.

Mrs. Theresa Wrinkle dismissed us with prayer.

The Robert Lee City Council notes that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fireworks or any kind of fireworks on the sidewalks and streets of Robert Lee. This ordinance is to be enforced in the future, it is said. Bronte has no such ordinance.

BRONTE'S "MAN OF THE YEAR"

As most folks remember, L. T. Youngblood was named last December as Bronte's "Man of the Year," for his many worthwhile activities and outstanding record of achievement in the behalf of Bronte and its people, especially in connection with UCRA activities.

This feature was so graciously received we expect to make it an annual custom in Bronte, and are asking the people to write in their nomination for Bronte's 1947 "Man of the Year," whose picture and story will be printed in our last issue of this year - December 26, 1947.

Anyone can send in a nomination, signed or unsigned, just address it to the Bronte Enterprise at Bronte, and all nominations should be in by next Saturday, Dec. 20. From the list sent in, the name of one man will be picked by a representative committee on the basis of what that man has done for the good of his community this past year.

So send in the nomination of your favorite individual as soon as possible and the winner's name will remain a secret until our last issue.

McMURRY CHANTERS HERE SUNDAY

The McMurry Chanters, a group of students of McMurry College in Abilene, will appear at the Bronte Methodist Church this coming Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in what promises to be a fine program, open to the general public, all of whom are given a cordial invitation to come hear this worthwhile organization.

The group is composed of some 40 mixed voices, under the direction of Mrs. Robert B. Wylie, and they will present "The Coming of the King," a cantata by Dudley Buck.

- The program is as follows:
1. Prophecy.
"O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the East, and behold the joy that comes to thee from God!"
 2. Advent.
"Awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion!"
 3. Annunciation.
"Hail, thou that art highly favored."
 4. The Caravan of the Magi.
"We march through the cool of the night."
 5. The Plains of Bethlehem.
"And there were in that same country shepherds abiding."
 6. The Departure of the Shepherds.
"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."
 7. Virgin's Lullaby.
"Sleep, my Jesus."
 8. The Questioning of the Magi.
"Come hither, sages."
 9. The Adoration.
"And when they had come unto the house, they saw the young child, and Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him."
 10. Adeste Fideles.
"O Come, all ye faithful."

SPOONTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

According to W. W. Millikin, Bon Spoonst is Bronte's new fire chief.

"It's on a temporary basis, however," Wish said yesterday, "and Bon will serve until other arrangements can be worked out".

Bon's phone number is 22, and the new chief may be contacted there in case of fire.



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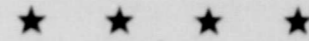
Mary, Mother of Jesus, is portrayed by Jo Ann Dobb in the annual Texas State College for Women presenta-

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THE CHRISTMAS FIRE

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old wrongs as it heated the wine for the wassail bowl that was quaffed to drown all feuds and animosities.

Those of us fortunate enough to have a real fireplace might like to have a very special Yule log for your Christmas eve — it will give extra warmth and cheer as you add the last touches to the tree and sing your favorite carols.

And for a very festive fire all during the holiday, prepare some special "Color kindling." At this time of the year a fire in the fireplace is as pleasant to watch as is comfortable and cozy for the family circle. Everybody gathers around the fire . . . sitting on

the most comfortable chairs or on the floor where the flames are much more interesting. When the apples have been eaten or the corn popped and the marshmallows toasted, how would you like some "snowballs" to throw on the glowing embers? . . . or some driftwood, pine cones, or corn cobs treated with your own special preparation? These beautiful colored flames blaze up at first, then burn vividly until the last bit of the cone or wood is gone.

"Snowballs" are made of cotton with a teaspoonful of red and green "fire powder" in the middle of each. "Fire powders" are chemical salts. Green flames are made by using powdered copper sulphate or blue stone, and red flames come when strontium chloride is used. If you can get these powders you might like to make a tiny bag or basket of snowballs for a Christmas remembrance for your friend who has a fireplace.

If you'd like a greater variety of colors and have bits of firewood, pine cones, corn cobs, acorn burrs, cockle burrs, sweet gum balls, or other dried "burnable" stalks, they may be colored and made ready for your festive fire or that of some friend. This is what you do: If you want

Red flame, get Strontium chloride;
Blue flame, get Barium sulphate;
Blue-green, get Copper chloride (blue stone);
Purple, get Potassium chloride (muriate of potash);

Orange, get Calcium chloride;
Turquoise, get Copper chloride.
Some of these may be sold in your local hardware store . . . if not, you may order them from manufacturing chemists in large cities near you. (Those sold in drug stores are usually chemically pure and the price is therefore much higher).

How to apply the chemical salts:
1. Liquid method. First secure a wooden pail or tub or earthen crock. (The chemicals will destroy metal container.)

Second, dissolve the chemical giving the color desired in the proportion of 1 pound to 1 gallon of water. This amount is sufficient to treat 1/2 to 3/4 bushels of cones. Place the kindling cones in a basket, porous bag, or some other similar container and dip them in the solution. This method saves your hands.

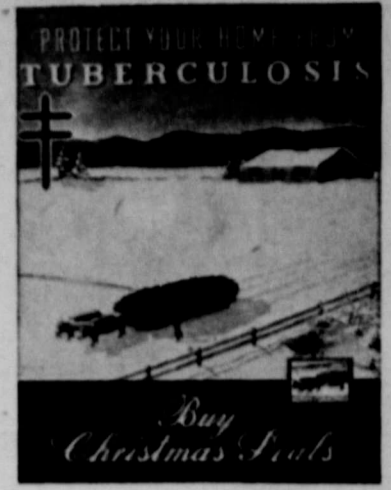
Third, remove the kindling, let it drain a bit, and then spread on paper to dry.

Fourth, allow them to dry overnight, re-dip and dry.

Fifth, they are ready to be placed in red cheesecloth bags and hung near your fireplace, or to be given away for Christmas presents.

Dry method. 1. Dissolve glue in the proportion of 1 tablespoonful to 1 gallon of boiling water. Dip the cones in this solution and remove them with a metal skimmer. Then sprinkle with the chemical while the cones are hot. A satisfactory product will result. A salt shaker with large holes in the top may be used for the fire powder in either of these methods. 2. Melt paraffin wax and, after spreading the wood or cones on paper, pour the wax lightly over them. Before the wax hardens, sift the chemicals onto the cones. This salt will adhere and will produce a very pleasant effect when burned. (Use the paraffin sparingly).

Caution: Copper salts will stain brick, tile, and concrete — so be careful in placing the color kindling to avoid permanent stains.



Charlie Eubanks says that panther got killed below Christoval, so no more chance of trying to track it down. That one was an animal that really got around, and Charlie can give you more of the details.

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