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WHEN IS CHRISTMAS?

Homer Henderson

Obviously, Christmas is on December 25 again this year. Of course quite a few of us have been seriously misled. Counting today, there are 9 more shopping days till the blessed event! After all the callouses we've endured to bring in the annual supply of gifts to be bestowed upon our friends, there just cannot be any doubt about the date of Christmas! Christmas is December 25!

Well, as a friend of mine is fond of saying, "in one sense of the word" Christmas is the 25th, but "in another sense of the word," Christmas is not the 25th. There is no doubt that we are going to observe the Christmas holiday on December 25. Neither is there any doubt that the Christian Church is going to celebrate the nativity or birthday of Jesus on December 25. So, in one sense of the word, all is well; and not even this columnist wants it to be any other way during this Yuletide season. Therefore, if you cannot bear facing "the other sense of the word," quit reading right here and rejoice that your Christmas shopping is done!

In another sense, Christmas is not, nor has it ever been, December 25. The best of modern scholarship has been unable to recover the birthdate of Jesus of Nazareth. Only by the strangest of coincidences might his birthday have been December 25. Christmas on December 25 is first known to have been celebrated in Rome in the latter part of the 4th century. In the year 274, the Roman Emperor Aurelian chose December 25 as the day for celebrating the birthday of the unconquered sun. Possibly as early as 336, the Roman Church had decided to celebrate the birthday of Jesus on the same date as the pagan winter sun festival. So for the Western church, Roman Catholic and Protestant, December 25 became Christmas Day.

However, for the Eastern church, the Orthodox churches, Christmas was once celebrated on January 6. This date was believed by some to be the actual historical anniversary of Jesus' birth. Nevertheless, by the end of the 4th century, it appears that December 25 had also been adopted by Eastern Christians as the date for Christmas. (This agreement is in contrast to the disagreement over the date of Easter which still exists today.) It is also interesting that the church in Jerusalem continued to celebrate Christmas on January 6 until the latter part of the 6th century, and the Armenian church to this day commemorates the nativity of Jesus on January 6.

Two observations might be made about this development of our annual Christmas celebration. First, we ought to note that January 6 never has dropped completely out of the picture even in the Western church. January 6 is now called the Day of Epiphany. "Epiphany" means the shining forth of light, so the Day of Epiphany celebrates the shining forth of the light of Christ into all the world in the event of the three wise men coming to the Bethlehem manger several days after the birth of Jesus. Though most of us think of the Magi as a Christmas story, it is an event which is traditionally associated with January 6.

The second observation is simply that Christians took a pagan holiday, December 25, and transformed it into a worldwide celebration of the love of God for His people. Surely, we ought to keep this day in such a

Boys Win 1st at Whiteface; 3rd Meadow



Pictured above are the boys on the Ropes High School A basketball team and the big first place trophy they won recently in the Whiteface tournament. Last weekend the boys won third in the tournament held at Meadow.

Fire Dept. To Help With Local M.D. Drive

The Ropes Volunteer Fire Department, along with Volunteer Fire Departments all over the Nation are helping with the Muscular Dystrophy fund drive.

The familiar hour-glass shaped donation placards will be placed in various businesses over town, and you are asked to please place your contribution in them. They will be picked up the second Tuesday in January.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization, and this year's

National Chairman is Jerry Lewis. The MDA is not a member of the United Fund.

LOYD ARANT NOW AT HOME

Lloyd Arant returned home Friday from a Houston hospital where he underwent major surgery recently. He is reported doing fine.

VISITS HERE FROM LUBBOCK

Mrs. Bob Abbott of Lubbock was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office Monday afternoon.

VOTE SATURDAY

We would like to remind you, and urge you to go to the polls this Saturday, December 16, and cast your ballot in the State Representative runoff election.

Even though there is only one race to be voted on, it is an important one and should be of concern to each and every citizen.

On the ballot you will find the names of John J. Kendrick, Democrat of Brownfield; and Eddie Paxton, Republican of Levelland.

Election Judge S. B. Berry stated the voting will be held at the Community Building and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Just be sure and take the time to go and cast your ballot, regardless of how you vote.



VOTE SATURDAY

VOTE DEMOCRATIC

VOTE KENDRICK!

pd. pol. adv.

4-H Christmas Party; Festival of Foods Meet

Due to numerous conflicts the 4-H meeting will be held Saturday, December 16. This will be a Christmas party and we will meet at Mrs. Roy Carpenters at 7:00 p.m. The boys should bring a boy gift and girls a girl gift. These should cost 50c to a dollar. Also the members may bring food items for a shut-in.

Jean Smith will present a "Festival of Foods" demonstration in the home of Mrs. John Ream Friday, December 15 from 4:15 to 5:30. If you are a member of a foods group this program will be especially interesting. Please invite your mothers.

The girls food group met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Roy Carpenter. The girls divided into groups with a junior leader taking charge.

Group one is Kelli Lewis, Charlotte Hobbs, and Lisa Reeves. Marcia Ream and Becky Carpenter are leaders.

Paula McCormick leads group two which consists of Luan Reeves, Mary Pat Bevers, Glenna Marcy and Becky Braden.

Group three is Joanie Means, Irene Thomas, Ramona Hamby and Cindy Allen. They are led by Pam Ream and Denise Carpenter.

Each group prepared Chili Mac and then judged the dishes on appearance and taste. They discussed the importance of meat in the diet.

Kelli, Irene, Joanie, Romona and Cindy served on the clean-up committee.

Reporter, Marcia Ream

Mrs. Crow Passes Away Services Set Today

Last rites for Lucy Jane Crow will be held Thursday (today) at the Ropesville Church of Christ at 3:00 p.m. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Mrs. Crow, 73, died Wednesday in Methodist Hospital of unknown causes.

A native of Erath County, she moved to Ropes in 1920, and was a resident for 47 years.

Mrs. Crow was a member of the Church of Christ. She was predeceased in death by her husband, A. D. Crow, in 1937.

Survivors include one son, Mac Crow of Hobbs, New Mexico; two daughters, Mrs. Nell Holt of Lubbock, and Mrs. Marjorie Pointer of Ropes; two sisters, Mrs. M. B. Armstrong of Dublin and Mrs. E. R.

Clifton of Graham; and several grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be W. W. Klatt, Wilburn Burks, Alvin Ryals, George Whitten, Charles Thomas and Marshal Armstrong.

The community was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs. Crow. We extend our sympathy to the survivors in their sorrow.

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MRS. EULA HONSSINGER VISITS IN ROPES

Mrs. Eula Honssinger, former resident of Ropes, now residing at the Heritage Manor in Levelland, spent the weekend in Ropes visiting many different friends, and she was present for a luncheon and party at the Methodist Church.

Important Letters To Santa Claus, North Pole

Dear Santa,
Since I talked to you I decided wanted a dolly instead of a football. Remember I've been a good girl.
Love,
Monica Ream

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old.
Please bring me a jump-rope and my sister a doll.
Love,
Mary Lou Mendez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. We are going to have a Christmas party. I want some football shoes.
Love,
Steven Sims
Zip 79358
Phone 562-4371
Address Rt. 1
Ropesville, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. We are going to have a School CHRISTMAS party. I live at C and C gin. I want Johnny Astro and gun.
Love,
Mike Pritchard

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I want to have a doll clothes. I want to have a dress like me. I want to have a Mother doll.
I Love you,
Angela Ortega

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I which you will have a good time.
I would like a bike with gears. I would like a Johnny Astro. I would like a robot. I would like a gun. I would like football shoes. I would like incredible etibels.
Love,
Paul Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I hope you get to all the rest of the good boys and girls all over the world. I wish you would bring me a gun set and some GI Joe clothes and a bat man suit and a stengra bike for my brother and a dress for my Mother and a watch for my Daddy and that is about all.
Love,
Terry Allen

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. I want one bike.
Dear Santa I want a dollclothes.
Love,
Betty Jean Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School.
I want to have a doll clothes. I want to have a dress like me. I want to have a Mother doll.
I Love you,
Angela Ortega

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I which you will have a good time.
I would like a bike with gears. I would like a Johnny Astro. I would like a robot. I would like a gun. I would like football shoes. I would like incredible etibels.
Love,
Paul Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want some colors and a jump rope.
Love,
Rebecca Guzman

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropesville School.
I hope you have a good time. I want a bike. I want some candy, nuts and fruit. I hope you get around to all the boys and girls.
Love,
Lee

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the Second in Ropes. We are going to have a Christmas party. Please bring me a bike.
Love,
Efirian Salivar

Dear Santa,
I want a Twist'n Turn Barbie Baby Creerful Tearful Musical Teddy bear. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Sharon Dalton

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade in Ropesville. My zin code is 79358. I want a incredible etible and a robot piggy bank and a bicycle seat.
Love,
Joel Drake

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B.B. gun a B.B. pistol and B.Bs.
Love,
Mike Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jump-rope a doll and a bike.
Love,
Linda Cantu

Dear Santa,
I want dishes a Suzy Homemaker set a jump rope and a rocking chair.
Love,
Isabell Romo

Dear Santa,
I want an electric football game. Please bring my sisters some toys, too.
Love,
Brad Norrell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike I've been a good girl. Don't forget my little sister.
Love,
Mary Jane Cruz

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I would like to have a incredible Etible toy and I will try to be nice.
Love,
George Trevino

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. I hope you have a good Christmas. My zip is 79358. My phone is 5623524. My house is white. I like you. I want a bicycle.
Love,
Gary Means

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School.
My phone number is 562,4841. I hope you get to go to all the good boys and girls homes.
I am a good girl. I want a table and some chairs and a spyder bike and a Babys hungry and all Babys hungry clothes.
I Love you Santa,
from Beverly Fuller

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade in Ropes School. When you come to my house I wish you give these Toys to me and things. I want a Barbie doll and barbie clothes and Baby hungry and Spyder bike and a easy bake oven well I think that is all.
Love,
Sylvia Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the Ropes School, I want a doll. I want a bike. My teacher is nice. I like the boys and girls they are nice. We go to sing.
I love you,
Vickie Edwards

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. I want some Army man. And I want a water gun. I want a airplane. And I want a Bike.
I Love,
Santa Claus
Rocky

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade.
I want a boys bike.
I want some army men.
And I want a water gun.
And I want an airplane.
I Love You Santa Claus,
Joe Cruz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me an electric football game, a football and Creepie People.
Please bring Bobby a bike and bring a football uniform to Calvin.
Love,
Joe Stewart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Suzy Homemaker set and a rocking chair.
Love,
Angelita Delon

December 6, 1967
I would like presents for Christmas, I want a pretty coat for my Christmas. And I want a beautiful doll. And please come to our house.
Sincerely,
Doris, Rodriguez

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a suit and some shoes and a bike and a belt and T.V. and racing cars with the tracks and a batman and robin suits and some tennis shoes and a record player with records and a basketball and a football and a baseball and a bat and a man in space with it's suit and G. I. Joe set and bring me my teeth.
Sincerely,
John Cavazos

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I would like a B.B. gun and a coat for my Mother and Father and a cap for my Father and I want a cap for me to and a T.V. for my Mother and a book for my Father too.
Your friend,
Macarie Ponce

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie talkie.
Your friend,
Ronnie Kimberlin

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I want a gun, I have seen you. I love you. You are the best man in the world. I will hang my sock on the tree and I want you to fill it with candy.
Love,
Marely Huie

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I would like a gas airplane, and a ten speed bike, and walkie talkie, and a horse, and my two front teeth and a tape recorder, and five pack of b-b's, and a bookshelf, and a record player, and a John yAstro.
Sincerely,
Rayburn Durham

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll. A doll that can say mama. But is big. And that have a bow in its head. And that have a red dress. And some dishes. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Vickie Dawson

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Set o Dishes and I would like to have a Barbie doll and a first Step doll baby carriage.
Sincerely,
Rita Escandon

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Giggles doll, a pair of shoes size 5m and a Basketball set. And I would like to have a baby crawl along, and a lucky locket kettle 3 of them.
Yours truly,
Teresa Whitehead

December 6, 1967
Dear Santa,
I want a baseball glove for Christmas and a dart board and a creepy crawler set and a farm set, and a bow and arrow.
Sincerely,
Randy Melton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a T.V., a Red River gun, an Incredible Edibles and a football.
Your friend,
Billy Willis

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Coloring book and some colors and a doll for Christmas. I have two brothers and my name is Belia. My birthday is going to be in February.
Your friend,
Belia Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some cowboy guns, and a truck and a Walkie Talkie. That is all I want.
Love,
Florentino Cortez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Suzy Homemaker set Twistr' Turn Barbie Tubsy, and dishes.
Love,
Beth Satterwhite

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tape recorder, a new bike, and a little T.V. Please bring my sister a fun flower set and me a new watch. I guess that's all.
Your friend,
Dicki Arant

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Incredible Edible set. My sister wants a kittle and my other sister wants a dress. That's all I want.
I been a real good boy.
Your friend,
Chris Hobbs

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a Christmas book with songs in it. I can say I love you so much Santa Claus and I wish you acn come to see us on Christmas Day.
Your friend,
Sandy Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring my little brother a wagon? And I would like a Green Ghost Game if my Aunt doesn't get me one. If you can get me one I would like a speedometer for my bicycle. I would like a watch.
And I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Your friend,
Becky Rhodes

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a watch and a stopper gun.
Your friend,
Ricky Kimberlin

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike, a Lucky Locket Kiddle, a bulletin board, a toy chest, and table and chairs.
Your friend,
Kay Beth Witt

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bow and arrow and watch for Christmas. I would like Johnny 70 M A.
Your friend,
Allen Young

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have an Easy bake oven and skates and would like to have a set of Incredible Edibles, a baby Fussy, and a little black and white television.
Your friend,
Kathy Sears

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you would get my mother a stereo and my father some socks. Please get Becky a doll — a doll that kicks. And Sanat Claus get me a piano, but make it a little one.
Your friend,
Patricia Whitehead

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a Susie Homemaker too. I wish you will come to my house on Christmas. I wish I will have some Jacks too. That's all I have to say to you. I will see you on Christmas. Good-by Santa Claus. And Merry Christmas to you Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Grace Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of walkie talkies and a Red River Rifle and one bicycle.
Please give my brother a sling shot and give my sister one Suzy homemaker.
My very best wishes to all of your elves and thank you for the things you have given us.
Your friend,
Mario Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I would like a watch and wagon and a cowboy suit, and a B B gun.
Your friend,
Alonso Lopez

FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE
CALL 866-4555
Wofforth Volunteer Fire Dept.

NOTICE —
More Santa letters will appear next week. There is still time to get your note to Santa in the paper.
There are still items left out of the paper. Don't give up. We plan to start running the left-over news from October ver' ysoon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Phillip Goodrum, Pastor
SUNDAY MORNING:
Wednesday Night 7:00
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY NIGHT:
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service...7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
Kenneth Evans, Minister
Classes 10:00 A.M.
Services Sunday:
Morning Worship...10:00 A.M.
Even'g Worship ... 8:00 P.M.

First Methodist Church
Homer Henderson, Pastor
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

The Ovation given the 1966 Special Christmas stamp was so overwhelming that the Post Office Department has issued essentially the same stamp this year as an encore, Postmaster Martin reported today.

The 1967 version will be bigger than last year's and will include more of the "Madonna and Child with Angels," painted in the 15th century by the Flemish artist Hans Memling. The masterpiece hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

The stamps are now on sale at post offices.
Postmaster Martin noted that use of the special five cent stamp or any five cent stamp on Christmas cards affords first class treatment. That means the cards will be forwarded if the recipient has moved, or returned if there is no forwarding address so that mailing lists can be brought up to date. Third class postage on cards does not provide that service.

The postmaster urged all area residents to shop and mail early and use ZIP Code in all addresses so that the avalanche of Christmas mail will be moved with the greatest efficiency.

ROGERS PURCHASE STEPHENSON HOME
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rogers purchased the Chester Stephenson home on Timmons Avenue in Ropes this past week and will occupy it in the near future.

WHITFIELDS VISIT IN ROPES SUNDAY
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara and friend, Gayle, of Lubbock were here Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. Troy Morris, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas Artie and Irene.

HOME ROBBED
The Joe Lemon residence was relieved of about \$1200 worth of furnishings Sunday morning.

IN LUBBOCK TUESDAY
Harry Marrett was in Lubbock on Tuesday afternoon for a medical checkup.

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to express my deep appreciation to everyone for the rides, flowers, visits cards and especially the prayers.
Harry Marrett

JOHN KENDRICK VISITS IN ROPESVILLE
John Kendrick of Brownfield, candidate for State Representative was a pleasant visitor at the Plainsman office Monday morning.

HARRY MARRETT NOW AT HOME
Harry Marrett returned to his home in Ropes Saturday after a 42 day stay in a Lubbock hospital. He was reported to be much improved Tuesday.

ROPE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB HAS MEETING
The Ropes Home Demonstration Club met December 5th in the home of Mrs. C. B. Ward.

Christmas program chairman was Mrs. Kirby Shannon. Special guest on the program was Mrs. Homer Henderson who brought the story of the Portrait of Christ.
Mrs. Joe Harris gave a reading, and Mrs. Betty Whitehead sang 'O Holy Night.' Mrs. Jimmy Sims presented a Christmas story.

Gifts were brought to be taken to residents of convalescent homes.
Those present were Mmes. Joe Harris, Ronnie Ayers, Claude Brown Kirby Shannon, Jimmy Sims, J. N. Smithee, Gerald Ward, Edwin Whitehead, J. M. Marcy, guest Mrs. Henderson, and hostess Mrs. Ward.
The Christmas party will be December 16th, Saturday night, at 7:00 at the home of Mrs. Joe Harris. Everyone is to bring a gift valued at one dollar to be exchanged.

CHESTER STEPHENSONS MOVE TO ABILENE
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson moved to Abilene Tuesday where they will make their future home.
Chester and Carmon have been residents of Ropes for about as long as we can remember, and most of the time close neighbors. They will be missed by their many friends very much.
We wish them much happiness in their new home.

CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our appreciation for the many cards, visits, prayers and other acts of kindness shown us during the loss of my brother, Vernon Reynolds, who passed away November 19, and Travis Reynolds, who passed away December 6th. May God bless each of you.
Thelma and Everett Wallace

VISIT RELATIVES OVER WEEKEND
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Terry visited in Gruver with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson and family, and in Perryton with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Terry and family over the weekend.

LIONS CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT
The Ropes Lions Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 18, at the School Cafeteria. Dr. Howard McIlroy of Brownfield will bring the program.
All Lions, ex-Lions and prospective Lions are urged to attend.

MAYFIELDS HAVE WEEKEND VISITORS
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boles, Donna and Denise of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield, Debbie and Terry of Smyer.

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to express my appreciation to each and everyone for the visits, the cards and flowers while I was in the hospital and since I returned home.
R. M. Mayfield

VISITORS IN RUSSELL HOME
Visitors this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Schrader of Wolf-orth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Crow of Hobbs, New Mexico.

VISITS DOCTOR MONDAY
Robert Mayfield and W. E. Walling were in Lubbock Monday where Mr. Mayfield received medical care.

The Ropes Young Homemakers met Monday night, December 11th, at the School Cafeteria for their annual Christmas party. A picnic supper was enjoyed and 42 was played afterward.
Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Doc Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Streety, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Means; and all their children, Mrs. Gerald Ward, Mrs. Ronnie Jones, Mr. C. T. McCormick and J. R. Smith.

RUSSELLS VISIT DAUGHTER RECENTLY
Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell were in Hamilton recently where they visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sommerfeld and girls, D'Linda and D'Andra.

ROPE HOUSEWIVES BOWLING LEAGUE
Following are this week's standings for the Ropes Housewives Bowling League:

- C & C Gin
 - G & S Grain
 - Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin
 - Bowers Butane
 - Mansfield's Shell Service
 - Means Flying Service
 - Ropes Plainsman
 - Ropes Food Store
- Bowlers of the Week:
Betty Watts
Mary Ann Jones
High games were:
Don Thomas — 212
Betty Watts — 209
Mary Ann Jones — 202
High Series:
Betty Watts — 557
Mary Ann Jones — 508
Lavetta Bradshaw — 499

ROPE SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU
Following is the Ropes School Cafeteria menu for the week of December 18th through 21st:

- Monday — Barbecued beef, buttered corn, buttered blackeyed peas, pineapple slices, hot rolls, butter and milk.
 - Tuesday — Meat loaf, buttered green peas, creamed potatoes, Jello-salad, hot rolls, butter and milk.
 - Wednesday — Chili Mac, buttered spinach, dried beans, canned peaches, cornbread and milk.
 - Thursday — Turkey dinner and the trimmings.
- Please Note: Lunches are 75c at the Cafeteria for those other than students.

BROTHER PASSES AWAY
Travis Reynolds, 60, brother of Mrs. Everett Wallace, passed away last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Friday at Seminole. Interment was also in that city.
Mr. Reynolds had been ill for a long time. He was a former resident of Slaton and Seminole.

Put a little sparkle in your holidays with the **PATIO PAIR**

BUY BOTH and save \$25.50 on the installed price only \$4.00 per month.

- Enjoy charcoal flavor without all the mess. Install your gas barbecue grill now. Only \$3.00 per month.
- Brighten up the holidays with the warm, pleasing glow of a gas light. Just \$2.00 per month.

FREE With the purchase of a gas barbecue grill or gas light or both, you'll receive a gas light door knocker FREE. Buy now. Offer limited.

Contact any employee of **Pioneer Natural Gas Company**

THE 156 MILLION-DOLLAR CHRISTMAS GET THEM! BONUS BOOKS!

Some 45 national and industrial pavilions at HemisFair are free. Bonus Books admit you to rides and special attractions: the Tower of the Americas, Monorail, films, theme exhibits and much more. Adult or Child Books, some with grounds admission, \$3 to \$11.

HemisFair Bonus Books and tickets. A this-year-only gift. Available at:

HEMISFAIR 1968 WORLD'S FAIR SAN ANTONIO, APR 6 - OCT 6

FOR SALE — 3 Bedroom house with double garage on Walnut in north Ropesville. \$6,500. Call Farm Center Gln, 866-4476, Wolf-orth; or 562-3301, Ropes. tin

NOTICE — Forms for misplaced driver's license, renewal forms for driver's license and accident forms may be obtained from City Marshall Fox.

FOR CUSTOM LISTING AND BREAKING, CONTACT PAT DUNAVANT, PHONE 562-4161, ROPES. 2-20-8

FOR SALE — A. C. D17 TRACTOR on butane. Made 3 crops. 5 row stalk cutter; 9 row sand fighter; 1600 feet 6" aluminum pipe; carrier pipe and gated pipe; Will sell the tractor and equipment for \$2500.00 See Ben Stephens.

Deadline for news and ads to be printed in a Thursday issue of the paper must be in by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. This is necessary so that we may get it set up, and the paper on the press Wednesday afternoon in order to make the mail by Thursday morning.

COCKROACHES - Rats, mice, termites, gophers and other household pests exterminated. GUARANTEED. Davidson Pest Control, 111 First St, or phone 894-3824. Levelland.

Ropes High School Basketball Schedule 1967-68

Dec. 15	Hale Center H	6:20
A Boys—A Girls		
Dec. 19	Meadow H	5:30
A and B Boys—A and B Girls		
Dec. 21	Sands T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Dec. 23	Meadow T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Dec. 29	Shallowater T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Jan. 2	Seagraves H	5:30
A and B Boys		
Jan. 2	Post H	5:30
A and B Girls		
Jan. 4-5-6	Hale Center Turnam't	
Jan. 9	Sands H	5:30
A and B Boys—A and B Girls		
Jan. 12	Sundown H	5:30
A and B Boys—A and B Girls		
Jan. 16	Southland H TB	
(B)TBA A Girls—A Boys		
Jan. 19	New Home T TB	
(B)TBA A Girls—A Boys		
Jan. 23	Wilson H	5:30
A and B Boys—A and B Girls		
Jan. 26	Cooper T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Jan. 30	Sundown T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Feb. 2	Southland T TB	
(B)TBA A Girls—A Boys		
Feb. 6	New Home H TB	
(B)TBA A Girls—A Boys		
Feb. 9	Wilson T	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		
Feb. 13	Cooper H	5:30
A and B Boys—A Girls		

Everyone, regardless of age, must now register in order to vote, and you may do so at Tyree's Insurance Agency in Ropes.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1967-68
Following is the calendar for the Ropes Independent Schools for the terms of 1967-68:
December 22 - January 2: Christmas holidays. (Dismiss on afternoon of 21st; Resume January 2)
March 1: TSTA Meeting
April 12 - April 22: Easter holiday (Dismiss afternoon of April 12; Resume April 22; Subject to change)
May 24: School closes
May 23: Junior High Graduation 8:00 p.m.
May 24: High School Graduation 8:00 p.m.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE
The Toys for Tots Drive sponsored by the Ropes Young Homemakers will be conducted from December 4 to December 16th.

Toys either new or used in good condition may be left at the Ropes Food Store.

This is a good opportunity to help others as well as emptying your toy boxes of toys that are never played with by your children.

NOTICE— Like to get things clean without effort? Try SWIPE Cleans everything that you can use soap and water on with no scrubbing. May be purchased from any Tops Club member, or at the Plainsman office. Three dollars including tax.

—Support our local merchants and schools—this is our home!

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a B.B. gun and a bike.
Love,
Jesse Garza

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me Easy-bake oven set and a pot-holder and a Baby Secret.
Love,
Donna Kay Ivy

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a bike, a Baby Secret and a set of dishes, Tiny Betsy Wetsy and a Easy-bake Oven Set.
Love,
Evangelina Trevino

Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Purse.
Love,
Diane Trevino

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes and a doll.
Adeliha Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me Fright Factory.
Love,
Kim Lemon

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a bike and a Baby Secret.
Love,
Lucy Salas

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me set of dishes and a Baby Secret and Easy-bake oven set.
Love,
Cruz Saldivar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike.
Love,
Lucy Salas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike.
Love,
Joann Escobedo

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me some skates.
Love,
Angel Podilla

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a cowboy gun and a scooter.
Love,
Chano Cortez

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Miss Beasley and a Easy-bake oven set and a dishwasher.
Love,
Sabra Hewlett

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Johnny eagle set and Hands Down.
Love,
John Cowan Jr.

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a B.B. Gun racing car and a Wagon.
Love,
Earl Ray Whitehead

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Bike, a wagon and Lincoln Logs.
Love,
Earnest Young

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a set-of-dishes and a Baby Secret.
Love,
Dora Cavazos

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes, and a Tiny Betsy Wetsy, and a Easy-bake oven set.
Love,
Maria Soliz

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me an Easy-bake oven set and a bike.
Love,
Rosa Urrutia

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Racing car set and a fire truck and Lincoln Logs.
Love,
Darry Jones

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a blue bike and a Tiny Betsy Wetsy.
Love,
Donna Marcy

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade at Ropes School. I would like for you to bring me a Racing car set and a bike.
Love,
David

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DECEMBER 16 FOR

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Memo About Your Free CALENDAR



Dear Reader: When you browse through the 1968 St. Joseph Family Almanac Calendar you'll know you've discovered a treasury of facts, figures and features that you and your family will find useful 366 days of the year.
In fact, there are 30 full color pages in the 1968 St. Joseph Calendar, filled with hundreds of illustrations and ideas that will help in hundreds of ways—at home, at school, at work.
This 46th edition of the St. Joseph Calendar contains arti-
cles that entertain and inform; recipes and tips on cooking; information on beauty, health and child care; hints for fishing and planting; weather forecasts; memo space; horoscopes; famous facts; a First Aid guide; a Medical Record, etc.
Your druggist buys the calendar as a gift for you—another of the many services he offers to make your life easier and happier. Ask him for your 1968 St. Joseph Family Almanac Calendar while supplies last. You'll enjoy it every day of the year.
Ann Holly CALENDAR EDITOR

Sooner or later, that day comes, the day when a woman feels she's changing. It's not a good feeling either. And she could use a good old-fashioned medicine then.
Could be you feel a little edgy, or maybe cross. You might even have what we call hot flashes and feel sad and slightly off-balance.
Whatever you feel, we have something for the day you need a little comforting. Lydia E. Pinkham Tablets. They're made with gentle, natural ingredients that work to give you a better sense of well-being.
With an old-fashioned problem like this, couldn't you take an old-fashioned medicine?
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Specials for Friday & Saturday



PLUS FRONTIER STAMPS



Crown 16 Ounces
PEANUT BUTTER .37

SHURFINE SWEET 22 OUNCES
Pickles .45

KING SIZE SIX BOTTLE CARTON
COKEs .29

King Size 6 Bottle Carton
DR. PEPPER .29

FAULTLESS SPRAY 22 OUNCES
STARCH .65

GIANT SIZE
Top Job .49

JEWELL THREE POUNDS
SHORTENING .49

REGULAR SIZE
BREEZE DETERGENT .27

SHURFINE TALL CANS
Milk, 2 for .29

AURORA BATH TWO ROLL PACK
TISSUE .25

MAXWELL HOUSE POUND
Coffee .69

SHURFINE 300 CAN TWO FOR
PORK & BEANS .29

VAN CAMP VIENNA TWO FOR
SAUSAGE .45

Brown Beauty Spanish 300 Can 2 For
RICE .43

SHURFINE 303 CAN
TOMATOES .25

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SLAB POUND
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FRESH GROUND THREE POUNDS
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Sliced 10 Ounces Two For
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