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JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

How about this weather — 15 per cent humidity on Wednesday. We wonder where the fifteen per cent was. It was so dry in Ropes with the sand blowing, we are sure the humidity was nil.

One thing about a small town — you can stand in one spot, look in all directions — and interpret you own views. That's why so many stories fly around a small town — everyone sees the same thing differently.

We were handed a sheet of paper this week that was stated to be a joke, but it's no joke as far as we're concerned. On the paper is a picture of a male and female (we think) — you can't always tell by their attire and hairdo — and the caption underneath reads, "I'll run over and pick up my unemployment check and then drop off at the university to see what's holding up my check on the Federal Education grant and look into my research grant check. You go to the free clinic and check on your test; then go to the free health center and pick up my glasses and after that go down and pick up the food stamps and slide by the food market and then we'll meet at the Federal Building at 12:00 for the mass picketing of the stinking establishment."

The rich have it okay because they have plenty of money, and just build or buy more to defray income taxes — the poor have it made if they make it on welfare — the middle class is catching the brunt of things.

We heard the opinion voiced recently that the white people recently that the white people are being discriminated against in the welfare offices. They seem to think no white people should ever need help.

It's come to a pretty good thing when you can sit back and draw more money and worldly needs than you can ever have by working for them. This sometimes seems to be the case. If it weren't for a little pride instilled into the majority of people, we would really be in sad shape.

We can't decide which is worse — to not be able to enjoy anything if you know you haven't worked for it, with a feeling of accomplishment — or to be too tired to enjoy what you have earned.

The girl smiled sweetly as she approached the man. "I'd like to sell you a couple of tickets, sir" she said, "for a raffle we're holding for a poor woman." But the gentleman shook his head. "Sorry, no. I wouldn't know what to do with a poor woman if I won her, but if you ever hold a raffle for a rich woman, let me know."

As usual, we're a bit pressed for time, so we'll roll off the page for another week.

4-H LCUB MEETING

The Ropes 4-H Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 in the School Cafeteria. All members are urged to attend so they will be eligible to compete in the stock show, food show and other events.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Bob King of Lubbock is staying with her niece this week, Flora Martin.

Covenant Players Coming To Ropes Sunday Evening

A national repertory group under the name of COVENANT PLAYERS will present an hour of religious drama in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church Sunday evening, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. This particular hour was chosen to, so far as possible, avoid conflict with other church activities in the community.

Actually the Sunday evening performance is to be at this church because it was not possible to clear schedules on short notice for a community-wide church approach. Since an approach of this nature may shortly be under consideration, Sunday evening's presentation is a kind of trial run for all who are interested to evaluate. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken.

The COVENANT PLAYERS out of Los Angeles is composed of several teams of players that perform all over the United States and Canada. None of their plays seek to identify with any particular kind of theology, but are written to focus attention on the complexities of modern living. The object of the movement is to challenge, confront and stimulate. Humor and satire are generously used, but no area of dramatic form is left untouched.

COVENANT PLAYERS was born in September of 1963, when the first production of the Christian Dynamics series was presented. Prior to this time the director, Charles M. Tanner, had sought to develop the idea of drama in the church for some years. The opportunity came with the commission to write and pro-

duce three one-act plays dealing with three themes relating man and God. The plays were received with enthusiasm and other churches wanted similar presentations. To fulfill these requests, Covenant Players was established.

Highlights are too numerous to mention, performances for audiences of three and four thousand are high on the list as have been the performances in crowded hospital aisles for wounded men back from Vietnam. Performances on airplanes in flight, and on ox-carts at the HemsFair '68" are but a few of the outstanding shows.

This promises to be something different, and very enjoyable and interesting and folks of the Ropes community and surrounding area are invited, and urged, to attend.

Services Held For Pioneer Ropes Resident

Services were conducted at 2:15 p.m. Monday, February 1, from the First Baptist Church in Ropesville for James A. (Jim) Gotcher. Officiating were the Rev. Bill Curry, pastor and the Rev. Weaver Lovelace, pastor of the Lubbock Bethel Baptist Church.

Mr. Gotcher, 85, passed away about 6:35 a.m. Sunday in the Brownfield General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Interment, with Masonic ceremonies, was in the Ropesville Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

A long-time resident of Ropesville, Mr. Gotcher moved here in 1924. He operated a blacksmith shop until his retirement in 1955. Coming here in the early days, he saw much progress, including the installation of gas, our city water, and finally the sewer.

He was always interested in the progress of his town, and was always in favor of any issue that might further the chances for its growth.

Well known to everyone around, he was always friendly and had a few words to say. We pause this week to honor the memory of one of our pioneer citizens, and express our sympathy to the family.

Mr. Gotcher was a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae; three sons, Johnny of Kingsland, Garth of Lubbock and Preston of Artesia; three daughters, Mrs. T. M. Sims of Ropesville, Mrs. H. A. Jamison of New Orleans and Mrs. Gertrude Shultz of Concord, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Roger Dihart of Hillsboro; 17 grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren and one great-grand-grandchild.

FFA To Fort Worth

The members of the Ropes FFA Chapter who have entered the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will go to Fort Worth this week for the show. All members have entered barrows in the show. Those entered are:

- Max Blackmon
- Jerry Drake
- Clyde Parker
- Harold Joe Schwartz
- Larry Shannon
- Stanley Shockley

- Perry Strickland
- David Thomas
- Travis White

Members are taking a total of twenty barrows for the judge's consideration. Brad and Karen Norrell have entered two barrows each in the show. Brad is entered in the 4-H Junior Show and Karen in the opens show.

Barrows will be judged Friday and sold Saturday.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

The Board for the Ropes Independent School District met Monday night and re-elected principals of all three schools for another two-year contract. Superintendent O. V. Fuller's contract was renewed for another year, giving him three more years. The board accepted the resignation of Junior High Coach Keith Richardson.

HOBBY CLUB TO MEET

The Ropes Hobby Club will meet February 10 in the home of Mrs. Bud Amwine. For further information, call Mrs. Amwine, 562-3742 or Mrs. Jerry Webb, 562-4206.

VISIT IN ARTESIA

Mr. and Mrs. Travis White were in Artesia, New Mexico last Thursday visiting with relatives.

WEEK END VISITORS

Week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crawford of Littlefield.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Odum were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Withrow of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Carothers and family from Lubbock.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS BASKETBALL MEETING

All who are interested in playing Little Dribblers basketball are asked to attend a meeting Thursday (tonight) February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

Those who are eligible are the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. This will be organization night, and the time to get coaches and referees to help. The National tournament will be played in Levelland.

Parents are asked to bring their youngsters. It is stressed that the parents must attend the meeting.

Local officers for the Little Dribblers are Kenneth Means, president; Keith Streety, vice president; Mrs. Pete Pettiet, secretary; and Fred Satterwhite, player agent.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION REACHES CENTENNIAL MILESTONE

Washington, D.C. — The year 1971 will be a milestone for the world's largest sportsmen's Association. It will mark the 100th birthday of the National Rifle Association, which was founded in 1871 by a group of National Guard officers to foster marksmanship among the citizenry.

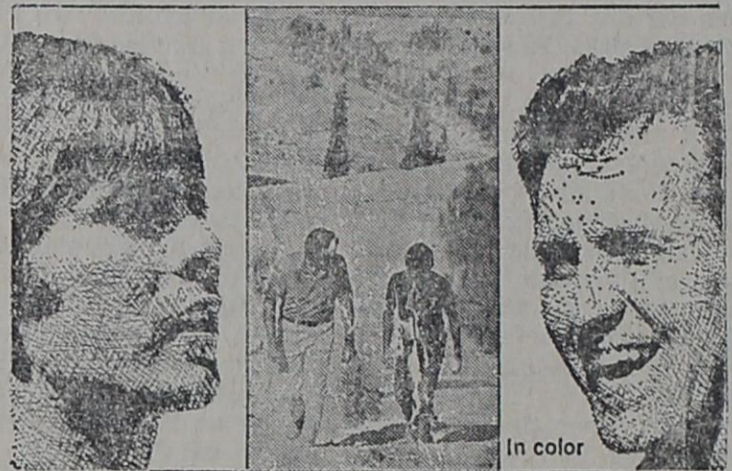
In the century since its birth the organization has grown spectacularly. More than 1,000,000 Americans who believe in the constitutional right of citizens to keep and use firearms for legitimate purposes, are on the rolls of N.R.A. In their company have been outstanding country men like President U. S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Citizens from all walks of life — doctors; lawyers; legislators; governors; military men; and clerks and business men; make up the membership of the Association.

The goals of the National Rifle Association are essentially the same today as they were at its founding. It is an independent non-profit organization supported by its members. Its purposes are to educate public-spirited citizens in the safe and efficient use of small arms for pleasure and protection; to foster firearms accuracy and safety in law enforcement agencies, in the Armed Services, and among citizens subject to military duty; and to further the public welfare and national defense.

The NRA takes the bedrock stand that law-abiding Americans are constitutionally entitled to the ownership and legal use of firearms.

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all over the world... the same paths taken by Jesus and the prophets: Galilee... the wilderness... Jerusalem... the Mount of Olives... mingle with the people of modern Israel as they work, play and build a nation.

Words of Scripture come to life as the two men reflect up on the events that in recent years have confirmed much of the ancient prophecies. You are witness to the fact that out of death and desolation is emerging a new Land... a "Land of milk and honey", where the future climactic events of history will take place.

"His Land", rich in color and authentic sights and sounds, with a popular musical score composed and arranged by Ralph Carmichael has been called a musical journey into the soul of a nation, and will be shown on February 6, 1971 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Ropesville.

"His Land", truly a feast of color, sound and song. An unforgettable experience!

Libby Thomas Named B. Crocker Homemaker

Ropes High School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is senior Libby

Thomas. Selected for her performance in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to senior girls on December 1, Libby will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program. Additionally, she is now eligible for state and national honors, including one of 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

GEORGE MAHON TO BE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Congressman George H. Mahon will be the luncheon speaker for the ninth annual West Texas Water Conference Friday (Feb. 5) at the Red Raider Convention Center in Lubbock, Program Chairman James Osborn of the Texas Tech agricultural economics faculty, made the announcement.

Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m. Rep. Mahon will discuss the status of water related appropriation proposals now before Congress. He has been chairman of the House Appropriations Committee since 1964.

The institute will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4. It is sponsored by about 30 organizations which have a special interest in water resources, and it plans and presents the annual conference.

The national first-place winner — the 1971 Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow — will receive a \$5,000 educational grant. She will be chosen this spring from 51 Homemakers of Tomorrow representing each state and the District of Columbia at the close of an expense - paid educational tour of Washington, D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Each of the state winners will be accompanied on this tour by a school advisor. Second, third and fourth place national winners will be awarded \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships; the other State Homemakers of Tomorrow will receive \$1,500 grants.

URANIUM AND MILLING PROJECT

Amarillo — Jan. 28 — Pioneer Nuclear, Inc. and Continental Oil Company announced today the start of construction on a new uranium mining and milling project eight miles west of Falls City in Karnes County, Texas.

The announcement was made by A. F. Cox, president of Pioneer Nuclear, Inc. is a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Gas Company.

Conoco will operate the jointly-owned Conquista project which includes a processing mill with capacity of 1750 tons per day to be built on a 230-acre site. Production will continue for a minimum of ten years at an annual output of 1.5 million pounds U3O8.

Extensive process design work was done by consultants before engineering began. Kaiser Engineers, Inc. will design and build the plant. First construction in the field is under way, and plant completion and start-up is scheduled for March of 1972.

Mining operations will begin in July, 1971, with removal of ore commencing in December. The ore will be stockpiled until plant start-up in 1972.

Conoco and Pioneer each will market their share of the product independently. Cox announced Pioneer has sold its share to the Philadelphia Electric Company. More than two-thirds of total plant output has been sold for processing into nuclear fuel elements to be used in generating electric power.

Beginning in 1968, Conoco and Pioneer initiated a large-

scale uranium exploration program. More than three million feet of drilling has been done within a 19-county area in Texas.

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"A City of Stars" Slated For February Planetarium Topic

More people than ever before are interested today in outer space and the countless worlds that inhabit it.

Each unday in February the Moody Planetarium lecture-demonstration will introduce "A City of Stars" at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. for the public.

The sun has its own little family of planets. In the lecture it is likened to a man who lives in the city with his family. The sun does not have any neighbors.

A globular cluster is an aggregation of stars which appears to be spherical. There are about 100 globular clusters in our Galaxy which have been identified.

Even the nearest is more than 20,000 light years away.

A cluster of stars like a little village or hamlet is the Pleiades, a galactic cluster, which partakes of the general rotational motion of the galaxy.

These and other phenomena to be found in the skies will be discussed in "O City of Stars" the Moody Planetarium program at The Museum of Texas Tech University.

Admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children, and free to members of the West Texas Museum Association.

Pre-school children are not admitted to Planetarium programs.

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USAF Changes Education Requirements For Women Applying For The USAF (WAF) Program

The United States Air Force recently changed the education requirements for women applying for the USAF WAF program it was announced today by T/Sgt. Robert Mason, local USAF recruiting representative from Lubbock.

Young women who have completed requirements to be a high school graduate by completion of the General Educational Development (GED) Test may now apply for the USAF WAF program.

Further information may be obtained on the program by contacting T/Sgt. Robert A. Mason, USAF Recruiting Office, 1006 13th St., Lubbock or by calling PO 5-8541 EXT. 210 or 211.

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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means of saying "thank you" to each and every one of the many kindnesses shown us recently. For the lovely floral offerings, the abundance of food, your prayers, visits and cards. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Jim Gotcher
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gotcher

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gotcher

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Sims
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jamison

Mrs. Gertrude Shultz
Mrs. Roger Dihart
and families.

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VISITS RELATIVES

Mrs. Jim Martin was in Snyder recently where she visited her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil McCormick. She also visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Dunn of Anson, Eileen and LaRue Reeves of Abilene; and her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie McCormick of Sweetwater.

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IN ROPES MONDAY

Mrs. Wilma Abney of Brownfield, former Ropes resident, was in Ropes Monday to attend funeral services for Jim Gotcher.

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

EVENING NYPS 6:00 P.M.

EVENING SERVICE 6:45 P.M.

PRAYER GROUPS

MEN — TUESDAY 6:00 A.M.

WOMEN — TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.

FAMILY PRAYER — WEDNESDAY 7:30 P.M.

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ROPES CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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ROPESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Bible Classes: 10:00 A.M.

Worship Hour: 10:45 A.M.

Pew Packer's Class: 5:40 P.M.

Evening Service: 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Ladies Class 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes: 9:30 P.M.

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ATTEND MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs attended a three-day meeting of the Primitive Baptist Church in Brownfield over the weekend. There were ten guest preachers, and more than a hundred people were present for dinner Sunday.

They report a wonderful meeting.

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this means to say a big "thank you" for all the beautiful flowers and gifts, all the love cards, visits and prayers; and all acts of kindness shown me during my stay in the hospital and at home.

May God bless each of you.
Flora Martin

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VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Means and Shannon spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener.

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TUESDAY GUESTS

Guests Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallace were Mr. and Mrs. Clem Galloway of Floydada.

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VISIT DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Green were in Lubbock Saturday visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Murphy and family.

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NOW AT HOME

Doyle Odom is now at home after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam.

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NOW AT HOME

Flora Martin returned home Monday after undergoing knee surgery last week. She is reported doing fine.

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UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. D. M. Tipps underwent surgery last week in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

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WOMEN PAST 21

WITH BLADDER IRRITATION Suffer Many Troubles

After 21, common Kidney or Bladder Irritations affect twice as many women as men and may make you tense and nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Secondly, you may lose sleep and suffer from Headaches, Backache and feel old, tired, depressed. In such irritation, CYSTEX usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by curbing irritating germs in strong, acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get CYSTEX at drug-gists. See how fast it can help you.

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BOWLING STANDINGS

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Bowers Butane — 2318

HIGH TEAM GAME

Mansfields — 886

T & M — 845

Ropes Co-Op — 836

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES

Hazel Bevers — 537

Kidy Stalcup — 530

Nelle Dalton — 524

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME

Kidy Stalcup — 210

Rosemary Henderson — 193

Don Thomas — 193

Nelle Dalton — 193

Hazel Bevers — 191

Lavetta Bradshaw — 191

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Lynn Perry

Bobbie Arnwine

Joyce Beaty

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REV. CARROL M. JONES, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00

Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

Fellowship Discussion Groups

The regular monthly meeting of our Fellowship Discussion Groups met Wednesday, February 3, in the evening. One group, led by Bill Odom, met in the home of the Howard Johnsons; those in the Charles Shannon's group went to the home of the Green's. Those under the leadership of Richard Parchman were hosted by Ann and Richard, while

Travis White's group met with the Whites.

The topic for discussion in case was DEALING WITH CONFLICT IN OUR DAY. The discussion gave members of the groups the opportunity to "talk back", evaluate and come to grips with problems and concerns presented previously in a sermon entitled, THE CAUSE AND CONFLICT by the pastor.



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HOSPITAL WITH LIQUOR CABINET NOW OPEN

FORT WORTH — Probably the only hospital in the Southwest with a well stocked liquor cabinet is in operation in North Richland Hills, a suburb of Fort Worth.

It is Schick Hospital, a half-million dollar, 42-bed center for the treatment of alcoholism.

Schick employs the "conditioned reflex aversion" technique which develops within the patient a dislike for the taste, smell and sight of alcohol while bringing his anxiety problems and sleep patterns toward normal thru deep sleep and relaxation therapy.

Schick Hospital is owned by Frawley Enterprises, Inc., owners of Schick Electric and several other companies in addition to Shadel Hospital in Seattle, Wash. Some 17,000 men and women have been treated at Shadel since it opened in 1935.

One of the patients was Patrick J. Frawley, Jr., the multimillionaire who at 26, successfully marketed the ballpoint pen. When Frawley visited Shadel, he was so impressed with the treatment technique that he bought the hospital and plans to open several others regionally in the future.

A four-year follow-up study of patients from Shadel Hospital revealed that more than 60 per cent remain permanently abstinent from alcohol after their initial treatment period.

Director at Schick Hospital is Robert B. Dunn, M.D., who has done extensive research in alcoholism at Schick Pharmaceutical. He and his staff of 35, including registered nurses, anesthetists, medical doctors and a psychiatrist agree that alcoholism is not a personality disorder, but an addiction.

The conditioner reflex aversion treatment attempts to break the alcoholic's addiction to alcohol. It makes it possible for him not to drink.

In addition to the medical team, several counselors who are themselves recovered alcoholics, work closely with patients and their families.

VISIT IN LITTLEFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell were in Littlefield Sunday visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Howard.

ENTERS HOME

Bob Thomas entered Lakeside Nursing Home in Lubbock Friday for a while. The Thomas' daughter, Lorene Chesney of Houston, has been here visiting. She and Mansfield were in Knox City Monday visiting relatives and viewing childhood places.

IN HOSPITAL

Ray Bevers, brother of Mrs. J. N. Willis, was moved from a Muleshoe hospital to a Lubbock hospital Sunday and is reported suffering from double pneumonia.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. Isla Etheridge and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glenn attended funeral services for their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. Hazel Tall in Lubbock last week.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Merlin Hobbs returned home Monday from San Antonio where she had been attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Eileen Duncan.

VISITS HERE

Kellie Martin of Lubbock spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Jim Martin.

OYSTERS IN SEASON

Harvesting of oysters in the coastal waters of Texas is in full swing, and purchasers of the delicacy should have no qualms about eating them provided the oysters come from certified sources, says the Texas State Department of Health.

Although mercury pollution has caused a small portion of Lavaca Bay to be closed to oyster harvesting, other approved areas are providing the well-liked seafood. Even the oysters in the closed portion of Lavaca Bay appear to be cleansing themselves. Samples of oysters collected from this area are now showing a substantial reduction in mercury densities.

If the reductions should continue at the present rate, there is a possibility that at least a portion of the area now closed can be reopened by next oyster season.

D. J. Johnson, director of Marine Resources of the State Health Department, noted that oysters should be taken only from areas approved by the State Health Department. He advises all processors and harvesters to make certain that their oysters are taken from clean waters. State regulations also specify that all oysters be processed in clean, certified shucking plants.

Consumers can help protect themselves. When purchasing oysters, look for a state certification number on the can, jar or package. If it's there, it means the oysters have been processed in accordance with state laws. If it's not there, you may be dealing with oysters taken from polluted waters or processed under insanitary conditions, says Johnson.

The reason for concern over "bootleg" oysters is that they may have come from waters of questionable quality, have been opened under insanitary conditions and stored in unclean containers without adequate refrigeration. Contaminated oysters have been known to transmit all the water-borne diseases — including typhoid fever, gastroenteritis and infectious hepatitis.

The Shellfish Sanitation Law of 1965 makes it unlawful for any person to take, sell, offer or hold for sale any shellfish from an area declared by the Commissioner of Health to be polluted.

IN ROPES MONDAY

Mrs. Vaughn Bates of Lubbock was in Ropes Monday to attend funeral services for Jim Gotcher. She also visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall.

VISIT BROTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen were in Midland over the week end visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Allen.

IN HOUSTON

Mrs. Loyd Arant is in Houston visiting her granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Danny Carmichael.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Visitors over the weekend in the home of Mrs. Troy Morris and Marguerite Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris and grandson, William, from Port Neches; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield, Steve and Barbara of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Creamer, Marcie and Chris of Tatum, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead, Jeff and Regina, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Irene and Artie and MaLou Paige of Welch.

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

The South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) held a graduation ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Friday to conclude the fourth unit of Basic Law Enforcement training held at South Plains Junior College in Levelland last week. The ceremony was held for 37 officers attending. Seven of these officers have completed the entire 160 hour (four unit) basic law enforcement training course, making them eligible for State certification.

SPAG president Meldon Leslie, Mayor of Tahoka, presented the certificates of accomplishment in the Conference room on the second floor of the Library on the campus of the college. During Unit 4 the officers studied traffic law enforcement procedures, traffic law, accident investigation analysis of accident statistics and reports, first aid and police-community relations. This unit was one of four forty hour courses on an initial 160 hour course of basic law enforcement training which began in November, 1970.

Certified as the training agency for the 15 county South Plains Region by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement officer standards and education, SPAG will provide two additional 160 hour training courses this year. Thereby giving area officers the opportunity to receive the training necessary for State certification.

A new State law which went into effect September 1, 1970, requires any full-time law enforcement officer hired after that date to become certified within one year of his original appointment by receiving 140 hours of basic police training through an accredited training agency. SPAG anticipates the courses it offers will not only serve the certification requirement, but will also serve the officer once on duty.

City Marshal O'Neal Fox attended this school last week.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walling were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abbott of Lubbock.

LUBBOCK — The 18th annual Agricultural Chemicals Conference to be held at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock February 10-11 is designed especially for West Texas Agriculture.

The lectures, papers and demonstrations will emphasize a theme of "prudent and profitable use of agriculture chemicals."

Between 300 and 400 persons are expected to attend the conference sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute in cooperation with Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, Lubbock and West Texas chambers of commerce, and the Texas Plant Food Institute.

Three of the speakers who will highlight the February 11 program are Carl Tanner of San Francisco, manager, Proprietary Products, Ortho Division, Chevron Chemical Co.; James Conner of Washington, D.C., director of congressional affairs, National Agriculture Chemicals Association; and Dr. John Shirley of Dallas, with the Communication Institute of America.

Two awards will be presented at a luncheon at noon February 11 at which H. S. Johnson of Lubbock, area manager for Stuffer Chemical Company and president of the institute will preside. One will go to a man in the chemicals industry, the other in education or research.

First day of the conference opens at 3 p.m. February 10 and is devoted to meetings of the boards of directors of the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute and the Texas Plant Food Institute, registration and a reception given by the agricultural and chemicals

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

The Junior Girl Scouts met Wednesday afternoon with all members present.

The Glittering Star Patrol studied a play; and the Rose Patrol made mouse ears for the play.

Rosie, Becky, Linda and Angelita were voted to decorate for the party.

Pam Richardson withdrew her membership because she moved.

Bettrell Whitehead served refreshments.

Last week we didn't have a meeting because Mrs. Shoepf had to stay home with Nancy, who was sick; and Mrs. Means had to attend a meeting.

Two weeks ago eighteen members went skating at the Skate Ranch in Lubbock.

Scribe, Linda Roberts THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1971

HOUSEWARMING

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jones will be honored with a housewarming February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at their new home in Wolfthor.

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FOR RENT — Both houses on the Giles Dalton farm west of Ropes. Large house, \$45 per month; small house, \$35 per month. See Herman Timmons.

FOR SALE — Norge Upright 2-door deep freeze. Call Mrs. Maggie Chitwood, 562-3452.

WANTED — JOB. Every day after 2:30. Contact Mike Allen.

FOR SALE — The Bill Chandler Property. Two Bedroom House; Two Lots, Block 13, Lots 1 and 2; Evans Addition, Ropesville, 100' x 130'. Contact W. P. Chandler, 2517 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas; Phone SW 5-6820.

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Absentee Voting Dates Set in February

(ROAD BOND ELECTION)

All resident qualified electors who expect to be absent from the County on February 20th, (Road Bond Election day), will be permitted to vote absentee by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office starting Monday February 1st and continuing through Tuesday, February 16th.

Also, resident qualified voters who are sick or disabled will be permitted to vote by mail during this absentee voting period. Persons who are sick at home or in the hospital and wish to vote by mail, must make application to the County Clerk in writing, either by letter or official application requesting the County Clerk to mail them an official ballot. Also they must furnish the County Clerk with the following information: Name as listed on "Voters registration certificate"; Address to which ballot is to be mailed; Number and name of voting precinct; designate whether address is temporary or permanent; Example: home, hospital, or nursing home.

To be able to vote absentee by personal appearance or by mail a person must be registered with the Tax Assessor Collector of Hockley County for the year 1970, as shown by your "Voter Registration Certificate". For example: your "Voter Registration Certificate" should read: For the year beginning March 1, 1970 and ending February 28, 1971".

Your current voter registration certificate for the year 1971 will not entitle you to vote in the Road Bond Election on February 20th.

To be a qualified elector a person shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in the State one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or County in which such person offers to vote, and who shall have registered as a voter, if required to do so, shall be deemed a qualified elector.

Persons who are otherwise qualified but do not own taxable property are entitled to vote in this Road Bond election this is contrary to previous road bond elections whereas only taxable property owners could vote.

NOTE: Also, if a voters religious belief prohibits him from voting during any part of the time during which the polls are open on the day of election, he shall nevertheless be entitled to vote absentee even though the prohibition does not operate throughout the entire time that the polls are open.

Voting hours for absentee purposes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. each day Monday through Friday of the absentee voting period.

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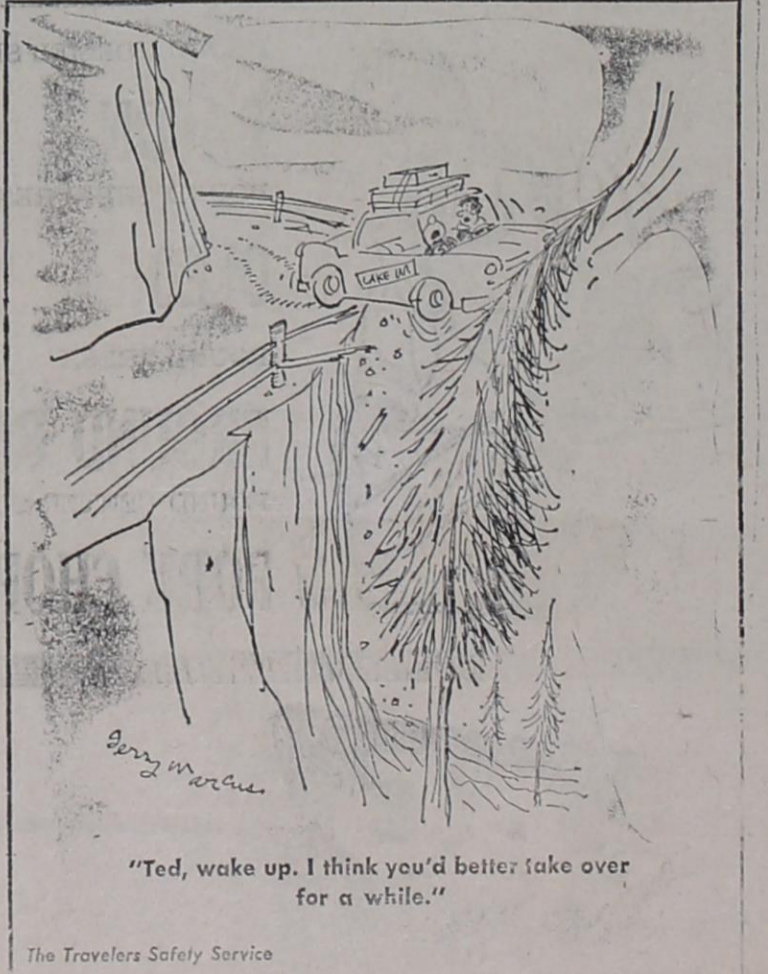
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FIVE POUNDS GOLD MEDAL FLOUR		.53



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