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This Is National FFA Week

If there is an X in this box it is notice your subscription has expired and an invitation to renew.

Heart Fund Sunday

O. V. Fuller stated this week that he has been asked to serve as chairman for the Heart Fund Drive for the Ropes Community.

Members of the Future Homemakers of the Ropes High School will call on local residents this Sunday for Heart Fund donations.

Should you be missed, you are invited to send or bring your contribution to the Tax Office in the High School.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WILL MEET

The Ropes Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, March 3, in the home of Mrs. Gerald Ward at 2:30 p.m.

The program will be brought by Mrs. Helen Brown, County Health Nurse, on "Diabetes".

Everyone who is interested is invited to attend. Blood pressures for all ages may be checked and blood test given for diabetes screening for 45 years and older (or for anyone who are blood relatives to a known case of diabetes).

This may be done the day of the meeting if anyone desires the test. There is no charge for the tests and this blood test is taken by a simple method of sticking the finger and taking the blood specimen. Mrs. Brown will mail the specimens in to the State Lab. The report will return in one week.

The Observer and the Observed

by Dave K. Powers

We are always happy when something good happens to us. Since the beginning of time, man has searched for something that would satisfy his desires. That search has intensified in this space age. For some seekers — the search ends very soon — for others, a lifetime of searching fails to bring lasting peace for the heart and mind.

Where can happiness be found? How far would YOU have to go or did failure, disappointment and frustration stop you?

We believe, today, that happiness is found in money, military power, relief (freedom from disturbing beliefs), position and fame.

It isn't found in MONEY. Said a millionaire American before he died "I suppose I'm the most miserable man on earth."

It isn't found in military POWER or GLORY. Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day and wept that there were no more worlds to conquer.

It isn't found in POLITICAL power. William Tweed became the brilliant boss of Tammany Hall and ruled New York City. He said, "My life has been a failure in everything."

It isn't found in UNBELIEF. Sometimes we are tempted to think we would be happy if we were only free from disturbing beliefs (judgment, hell, etc.) Voltaire, the noted French infidel and atheist said, "I wish I had never been born."

It is not found in POSITION and FAME. Lord Baconfield enjoyed his share of both yet said, "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Millions of Americans try to find happiness through business, drugs, alcohol and gambling. Today, the "playboy" philosophy, dirty films and the flood of pornographic literature are just old re-runs, bankrupt failures of previous ages.

We can be happy. How? By a meaningful and up-to-date relationship with Christ. He said it, in the first place, "I am come that you may have abundant life" and "you shall know the truth and it shall make you free."

In honor of National FFA Week, we dedicate the Ropes Plainsman this week to Mr. C. T. (Mac) McCormick, Vocational Agricultural teacher in the Ropes Public Schools.

Mr. McCormick is one of the most dedicated persons we know, to his job and to the youth of the community and surrounding area.

Each year he spends time with youngsters selecting swine, cattle and sheep, to be raised and to show at the various Stock Shows around Texas. He takes time to make trips with these young people to Fort Worth, to Levelland, and to Lubbock each year.

He also picks up the necessary feed for the animals in Lubbock, so all the boys have to do is go to his home and get it. This adds up to quite a bit, when it saves so many a trip to Lubbock.

He helps the boys raise their animals, seeing to it that each is done correctly, with all the preparations of getting the animals ready for the various shows. And, we always have many winners.

Mr. McCormick takes time and goes out of his way at all times to help the members of his class.

Mr. McCormick was presented a 20 year service pin in Vocational Agricultural at a breakfast honoring Agricultural teachers in Austin two years ago.

Not only is he dedicated in his profession as Agricultural teacher, but he is very faithful in his work with the Boy Scouts, meeting with them, and going with them to summer camp. He has never failed to carry out successfully his work with the Scouting program.

He is also active in the Masonic Lodge. Last year he served as Worshipful Master, and this year he holds the office of Secretary.

Mac is a retired army veteran, spending 23 years in the Army Reserves and retiring as Lieutenant Colonel.

The McCormick family consists of his wife, Billie; a son, Bill, married and attending Texas Tech University; and a daughter, Paula, who is a senior in Ropes High School, and plans to enroll at West Texas State this fall. They are all active in the Baptist Church.

Ropes is indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated man working with their youth, and it is with pride that we recognize him for his unending work and faithful contributions to our community this week in the Plainsman.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK
The week of George Washington's birthday is selected each year to be designated as National FFA Week. Governor Preston Smith has



C. T. (Mac) McCormick

Vocational Agriculture Teacher
Ropes High School

signed a proclamation designating this as National FFA Week in Texas.

The FFA is an organization of youth studying agriculture in the public schools of the nation. The purposes of the FFA is to train the young men for worthy citizenship, leadership, patriotism, and cooperation. A Future Farmer should acquire skills and develop them to be used in his chosen profession whether or not it is agriculture.

Agriculture is still the business of America. It is the largest single industry in the nation, and the chief user of many products such as steel and petroleum products. Although the farm population continues to dwindle, the related industries such as chemicals and fertilizers continues to grow.

In Texas, there are over 1,000 Chapters of Future Farmers of America. These are taught by something like 1,200 teachers of Vocational Agriculture. Mr. C. T. McCormick is the teacher in the Ropes Public School System.

Following is the "Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Code of Ethics", taken from the Texas Future Farmer Magazine, Austin, Texas:

"I am a teacher of vocational agriculture by choice. I cherish the opportunity it affords me to do

something constructive for the farmers and the farm youth of America. I know that the eyes of the world are watching me in the discharge of this trust. I accept the challenge and I pledge my best for rural America.

"I offer my services to all whom I can serve. I shall always cooperate with my leaders and fellow teachers. In turn, as long as I render efficient service, I feel my job should be safeguarded. I do not have time to seek favors and friends to help me hold my job. It is my business to teach vocational agriculture. It is not ethical for me to seek the job of a brother teacher or seek advancement by foul means. If I do the job well and my fellow teachers and leaders feel that I will merit promotion, they should call me from the ranks to serve. When I have been promoted or called to fill another man's job, I shall look for the good things he has done and speak to others only these things.

"If I abide by the code and practice the ethics of the profession, I shall expect the same treatment from others. My work is my life—I have given the best that I have to make the most of my opportunities. I shall cooperate with others to safeguard its interests for others as well as for myself.

by W. E. Williams

Let's Get This Show On The Road!

The deadline is drawing near for persons to file for the jobs of Mayor and Councilmen for the City of Ropes.

March 4th is the deadline filing date. It is hard to understand why we do not have several people running for these offices. Our City needs the guiding hand of those who care.

Everyone who resides in Ropes should care about the way the City business is run. They should care whether the town progresses, sets still, or regresses.

We realize these jobs take time, and require effort on the part of those elected to office. We also realize the jobs carry with them a ton of criticism — they also carry with them a lot of appreciation, although about all the "ins" ever hear is the criticism.

Our town needs new ideas. It needs the push of the equal of a Chamber of Commerce, which has to be handled by the Mayor and the City Council.

It doesn't cost much to file for these offices, only \$1.

We know people in town who sit back and cry in their coffee that our town is dying. There's not anything

going on. Well, it's time to wipe those tears, drain that ole coffee cup and get down to City Hall and file for a job whereby something can be done.

It has been a long hard battle to acquire the sewer system now being installed. The Mayor and Councilmen have worked hard on this project, but we do not need to stop here. New businesses need to be urged to locate here, and people invited to settle and build in our fair City.

Ropes is not near about done for. As long as there's life, there's hope, and if you don't believe there's life, just step on someone's toes, and you can hear him yell all the way to the suburbs (Meadow to be exact.)

Let's give Ropes a shot in the arm a boost towards progress. Get in there and say your two bits worth. Make it stick, and hold out for higher ambitions. The sewer should be only the beginning, and not the end for all of us. File for one of the openings today, and let's quit dilly-dallying and put this show on the road.

We understand they are even accepting women for candidates if any of the weaker sex is interested.

Rites Conducted For M. M. Collins Saturday

Myles Martin Collins, 72, passed away Thursday, February 19, in the Methodist Hospital, following a long illness.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21 in the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Calvin Jenkins of Lorenzo officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wayne Perry, Lubbock Baptist minister, the Rev. J. T. Bolding, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Ollie Apple, Methodist minister in Lubbock. Interment was in Reshavan Memorial Park in Lubbock directed by Sanders Funeral home.

Mr. Collins had resided near here since 1937. He was a retired farmer. He moved to Ropesville from Jones County.

Survivors include his wife, Montie May; two sons, Miles L. Collins of Lubbock, and James M. Collins of Route 1, Ropesville; two daughters, Mrs. Faye Dunavant and Mrs. Nancy Theford, both of Lubbock; one sister, Mrs. A. W. Jobe of Lubbock; a brother, Harry of Corpus Christi;

12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were T. J. Redman, Jr. of Ropes, T. W. Flenniken of Hamlin, Emil Farmer, Elmo Flenniken, Fred Dahnke and Glen Bratcher all of Lubbock.

Mr. Collins was well known in the Ropes area, and numbered his friends by all who knew him. We record with regret his passing, and the Plainsman family along with the Ropes community extend their deepest sympathy to the family during these dark hours.

TO BE HONORED WITH BABY SHOWER

Mrs. Timmy Melcher and new son will be honored with a shower at 7:00 p.m. Monday night, March 2nd, in the teacher's lounge of the Ropes Junior High School. The Tops Club members will be hostesses. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Melcher is the former Kathy Allen.

BOY POWER

by Don McWhorter

Boy Power is the slogan of the Boy Scouts of America. They say Boy Power is the beginning of Man Power.

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet and Pinewood Derby which this writer was privileged to attend and serve as a judge for the races along with Rev. Dave K. Powers of the Church of the Nazarene, was, in my opinion, a huge success and a display of "Boy Power". The minister of the Church of Christ, Mr. Travis Boyd, presented a short talk on the worth of the Scout as seen in his Scout Law and his Scout Promise. Brother Boyd ended his talk with a story about two boys at the zoo viewing all of the animals and when they came to the "Wildcats" one asked the other, "Reckon why they are wild?" The second boy wisely answered, "I suppose it is because their parents were wild."

Parents, your children are going to be a great deal like you are when they go up into adulthood. According to statistics those who drop out of school are from homes where their parents have not completed school.

According to unemployment records, those on unemployment have fathers who have been on unemployment. According to church records those who turn away from the church have parents who have not been active attenders. According to Juvenile Court records, those brought before the judge for criminal offenses are those who do not have discipline at home and have no darned self discipline.

It is not too late! You can avoid allowing your child to fall into these and many other pitfalls. You can encourage him to learn discipline and leadership by supporting him in Scouting. You can avoid his dropping out of school by encouraging him to continue his school work.

You can prevent his appearing before a criminal court, or, in a welfare line, or in an unemployment line by caring what he does and working toward a better relationship with him.

Make your Man Power and Father Power available to him as examples to follow and not something to avoid becoming like. Give him the will and the way to build Boy Power. Support the Youth of Today.

VISIT IN ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Moore and Mrs. Leon Young were in Hot Springs, Arkansas last week attending the bedside of his brother, Rev. Austin Moore, who suffered a heart attack. He is reported doing fine.

Enroute they visited in DeLeon with Mrs. Moor's brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cavitt.

Next Week Is Public Schools Week

This is the year that Texas Public Schools celebrate their 116th birthday. All parents, friends and relatives of students are urged to visit the Ropes Public Schools during the week of March 2nd through 6th.

Texas Public Schools Week is sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of Texas.

We would remind you that school will be dismissed on Friday, March 6th for a teacher's meeting, do not delay your visit until the last day of the week.

Civic groups and organizations are urged to visit the schools in a group if so desired. As usual, on Monday, the Ropes Lions Club will visit the schools and meet for lunch in the School Cafeteria.

This is your opportunity to experience first-hand what our schools are doing—an opportunity to show your appreciation to teachers—to see your child as he spends five days each week—to ask questions, and be informed of how our schools are operated.

Education is the key to the future. In the last fifty years, man has pro-

gressed more than in the last 1000 of civilization. Let us be responsible for providing the kind of education that will let our children know that they are responsible for the kinds of futures they and their families will enjoy.

Our schools need your support. They need your encouragement. It starts with a visit to the school system next week. Show your child that you care about him and his school.

You're always welcome at the Ropes Public Schools, but at this time of year, it's a good idea to make a special effort to view our schools, visit our teachers and our children at the task of teaching and learning the education that is so all important today.

We have a very good school system in Ropes — one that we can all be proud of. Our buildings are modern, our educators of the best. Show your appreciation and support by visiting them one day next week. You will be richer for the experience.

Services Held Monday For Tommy Markham

Services for T. L. Markham, 44, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the Central Baptist Church in Anton with the Rev. Darvey Lavender and the Rev. John Tubbs officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mr. Markham was killed Saturday when his auto crashed into a parked tractor off FM 163 in Hockley County, Department of Public Safety officials said.

Justice of the Peace J. G. Greer of Anton pronounced him dead at the scene.

Markham, a salesman and farmer, was a native of Ropesville and had lived in Anton ten years.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda, a son, Danny, and a daughter, Debye, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. T. K. Markham of Lubbock; and a sister, Mrs. Gerald Jarvis of Abilene.

Pallbearers were James Brookshire, George Miller, Jim Copeland, K. H. Spradley, Odell Newton and Billy Ray Glasscock.

Community express deepest sympathy to the family in their time of sorrow.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Ballinger School for the Retarded in Lubbock is asking your help and cooperation in supplying the little plastic tubs that soft oleo comes in, and also the styrofoam plates that some meats come packed in.

They especially need the little plastic tubs before Easter, as the children are to make Easter baskets out of them.

You are asked to contact Mrs. F. L. Lowrie, phone 562-4844 for further information, or you may bring your containers to the Plainsman office, and we will get them to Mrs. Lowrie.

We'd say this isn't much to ask to help a great deal for these children, and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Travis White has returned home from Brownwood where she has been the past week helping Mrs. W. H. White, who has just returned from a long hospital stay.

JEST SOME THOUGHTS

Isn't it odd how a woman will spend two hours rubbing on make-up of three or four different shades to obtain that "natural" look.

Who would ever think one divan would cause so much trouble. This past week we got the phone number turned around on a for sale ad, and it did stir up a little excitement.

Mrs. Bob Whitlock looked out her front door, and there was Jean Parker backed up to it, ready to carry off her divan. Mrs. Whitlock didn't seem too interested in selling her divan.

Anyway, with two digits turned around, the listed phone number became the Whitlock's, instead of the Bill Odoms, who really had the divan for sale.

Mrs. Whitlock got to keep her divan, and we hope Mrs. Odom sold hers.

See, the want ads do pay, even if it is the wrong person.

The man who knows everything is as dangerous as the man who knows nothing.

We are now ready to turn our thoughts, once again, to spring. They just won't turn. They're froze up.

How 'bout these balmy days. Sure makes a person want to get outside, but then when we get outside, we don't know what to do, as we don't want to work in the yard, and the shop work is waiting, so we just turn around and come inside again.

Religion, as we understand it, involves a way of life; sin also involves a way of life; the middle road involves a way of life.

The finest sermons in this old world are seen, and not heard. They live in the lives of men and women.

Thinking about life's little afflictions, have you ever tried to walk a long distance in a pair of tight shoes?

When a boy becomes old enough to be a Boy Scout, he is usually thinking in terms of scouting for girls.

If you plan your work, this is good; if you do your work, this is better.

And, one good thing about all this advice that editors hand out is that no one has to take it.

So, we roll off the page for another week.

BENTSEN, SENATOR FOR THE SEVENTIES

Lloyd Bentsen, Democratic Candidate for the U. S. Senate, has proposed that the National Government offer special tax credits to industries which will locate in smaller cities and towns.

"Municipal and County governments and Chambers of Commerce are already doing all they can to encourage industrial development in these smaller cities," Bentsen said. "Why shouldn't the national government join in the same effort to decentralize industry and revitalize these smaller cities?"

The dispersal of population is a worthwhile national goal. Let's use some imagination to keep rural areas from dying . . . to keep small towns from stagnating . . . to keep big cities from bursting at the seams with people who can't get good jobs elsewhere.

"I think we should speak in the broader context of population problems . . . The great migrations of the past 30 years the crowding of our major cities at the expense of rural areas, the mobility of people and yet the restrictions imposed upon them by transportation tangles on the land and in the air.

"When we talk of decentralizing the United States, we should not just talk about decentralizing the government. Why not try to decentralize some of our problems?"

"Perhaps then we can cope with them more effectively. President Nixon has proposed that the federal government by 1976 should be funneling five billion dollars in its revenues back into the states and local communities in block grants.

"I am for this approach . . . it's been backed by both Democrats and Republicans as a promising way to get state and local government to work on more problems which they can handle better than the federal government," Bentsen said.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The food projects class met last week in the home of Mrs. Wanda Pierce, food leader. After a tour of the grocery store, Becky and Denise Carpenter presented a demonstration on how to make a nutritious milk shake. Pam Ream helped the girls figure what type milk is the most economical. Those present were: Becky Pierce, Delisa Nobels, Carol Blackmon, Omie Dalton, Belinda Blessings and Paula McCormick.

JUDGED FOOD SHOW

Mrs. John Ream and Becky and Denise Carpenter were in Plainview Saturday where they judged the Junior Division of the Hale County Food Show. There were thirty girls entered in the four food groups. Mrs. Bob Sparkman, assistant home demonstration agent, was in charge of the show.

ORGANIZED FOOD CLASS AT SUNDOWN

Pam Ream and Paula McCormick were in Sundown Saturday where they organized a foods and nutrition project group. They met in the home of Mrs. Betty Shults and had five girls present. These girls made cookies and reviewed their nutrition knowledge.

COUNCIL MEETING

Hockley County 4-H Council met Monday in Levelland with Paula McCormick, chairman, presiding. Paula was elected 4-H Princess and will represent Hockley County 4-H Clubs at the Levelland Stock Show. She will also serve as a narrator for the District Food Show. Pam Ream will narrate the County Food Show. It was voted to buy each club in the county a Foreign cook book. Those attending from Ropes were Danny Carpenter, Denise Carpenter, Pam Ream, Paula McCormick, and Roy Carpenter, adult advisor.

STOCK SHOW

Several members will be completing animal projects and hoping their animals will be good enough to make the Levelland Stock Show March 12, 13 and 14.

Sherrie Collins and Alan Miller have lamb projects, while the following are raising swine:

Jerry Drake, Scott Drake, Joel Drake, Jerry White, Johnny Mac Hewlett, Sabra Hewlett, Pam Ream, David Redman, Tony Streety and Riki Streety. Each 4-H member must have a health certificate stating his hog has been vaccinated in the last five days for Chlora and Erysipelas by a licensed veterinarian. This must be presented before the animal is unloaded from the trailer. A vet will be available at the show grounds for entrants desiring this service to administer erysipelas and Cholera serum and issue health certificates during the following hours:

Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The veterinarian fee for this service will be \$1.50 per head.

NEXT 4-H MEETING

March 9 at 3:45 in the School Cafeteria.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

The Committee for recommending candidates for School Trustees has selected the following men to be recommended:

- H. Joe Schwartz
- Crate Snider
- Erlan Gresham
- John Smith
- Keith Streety
- James Collins

Anyone wishing to become a candidate must file an application in the office of the Superintendent not later than March 4, 1970.

RAYS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Berriman Ray of El Paso visited here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall. They also visited in Lubbock in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bates and Mrs. W. D. Nabours.

VISIT IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons spent the weekend in Dallas visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Riddle.

BOWLING STANDINGS

- C & C Gin
- Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin
- Mansfields Service Station
- Powers Putare
- T & M Trucking
- Arnett Co-Op Gin
- Cvanamid Farm Supply
- Jackson Insurance

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

- Gladys Hinson
 - Barbara Gray
- ALTERNATES**
- Glenda Sparks
 - Hazel Bevers

HIGH TEAM GAME

- Mansfields Service Station - 875
- C & C Gin - 844
- T and M Trucking - 817



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Plainsman Subscription Rates To Be Raised

Beginning March 1, 1970, the subscription rates to the Ropes Plainsman will be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per year in the county; and subscription rates out of Hockley County will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per year.

We regret that the rate must be raised, but we have been fighting it for three years. Each year our postage has gone up some, and this week when we got in our newspaper, it had raised \$20 in price in three months.

It is sad indeed, when the high cost of living reaches the little sheet called the hometown newspaper.

The only way we are going to be able to keep printing and mailing the paper is to go up on the rates.

The paper will also sell for 10c a copy across the counter, instead of the usual 5c. We would like to stay with Wrigley's gum, at a nickle, but our company isn't quite as large.

We invite you, if you would like, to come in and renew your subscription whether it is due or not before March 1, when the rate will go up. For the next three weeks, the subscription rate will remain at \$3.00 per year.

HCCAC RECEIVES GRANT

Governor Preston Smith today announced his approval of a community action grant for \$71,300 to the Hockley County Community Action Committee, Inc., Levelland.

Funded under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act, this grant also involves \$61,576 in carry over funds making a total of \$132,876 for the operation of the agency's programs during a 12-month period to begin March 1, 1970. Program accounts included in the grant and the amount of new federal funds for each are: Program Administration, \$16,852; Neighborhood Service Centers, \$43,674; Family Planning, \$9,519; and Summer Program, \$1,255.

The Summer Program funds will be used to provide constructive use of leisure time for approximately 500 disadvantaged youths through recreation activities, both indoor and outdoor. Youth councils will be formed to encourage youths in planning and developing their programs. This Summer Program will be coordinated with other groups in the community such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, church groups, etc. A limited number of youths will also receive work experience in this program.

As proposed in the grant, the Neighborhood Service Center program will serve approximately 12,500 persons in a nine county area. Objectives of the program will be to promote all forms of educational achievement, to improve the self-image of the target area residents through their participation in neighborhood center activities, and to enlist all local resources for the alleviation and elimination of poverty through the neighborhood center. This grant funding will authorize four major centers, one in the Anton Community Center, Anton; the Ropesville Community Center, Ropesville; and two centers in Levelland, the Carver and LASO Neighborhood Centers all in Hockley County. The program in the other eight counties will be funded through another grant request.

MY SINCEREST APOLIGIES TO ALL WHO ORDERED FISH LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER I RAN OUT. I ASSURE YOU THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOR ALL THIS FRIDAY. — JEAN PARKER

Fresh Water CATFISH FRIDAY NIGHT

NOT FROZEN - CATFISH WEIGH EIGHT TO TEN POUNDS EACH SERVED WITH HUSH PUPPIES AND SALAD

Thursday Nights - Fried Chicken with Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls

16 OUNCE CLUB STEAK, FRENCH FRIES, SALAD, ROLLS \$1.95
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DRUG ABUSE

Drugs! How many times have you heard the word?

Abuse! Just what does it mean? Taken together "drug abuse" is probably one of the most talked-about topics in Texas and the nation today. The topic is attacked from various sides — law enforcement, morality, punishment. It is also attacked from another side — education.

It's this attack which has been launched by the Texas State Department of Health's Division of Public Health Education. The Department has long felt a very real concern about this growing menace to the total population because of its direct implications to public health.

About two years ago the Department became aware that a serious deficiency existed in the area of public health education concerning drug abuse. As the deficiency became increasingly apparent, and because of the Department's existing activity in registering wholesale drug outlets, the Division of Public Health Education began to accept requests for its participation in drug abuse programs in schools, teacher training programs, civic organizations, etc.

During this two year period, the Division has had instructors traveling to various parts of the state presenting an educational concept of drug abuse control.

To date, more than 500 such classes have been held with an audience of some 50,000 students.

The actual course consists of showing one of several films — ordinarily the film entitled "Marihuana", a "no preaching, tell-it-like-it-is" film. The film depicts a "pot party" being raided by the police. As each person is taken from the party to awaiting patrol cars, each expresses his or her thoughts about smoking marihuana and defends the use of it. As the film progresses, however, each of these defenses is refuted with sound, proven evidence.

After the film has been shown, the program is opened to student participation through a question-and-answer period, and drug literature is distributed.

Although the course covers all drugs, marihuana and LSD seem uppermost in the minds of the students.

The whole idea of the education approach is to make the students think about the dangers of drugs.

The State Legislature has now charged the Texas Education Agency with the responsibility of establishing a comprehensive drug abuse program for students in grades 5 through 12, assuring student exposure to the subject. The State Health Department now is shifting its emphasis to adult groups.

NOW MUCH IMPROVED

Skett and Marie Robinson are now up and about after a seige of the flu.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray Rogers and children o IKent, Washington visited in the home of her parents last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin.

They are in Kress this week, and Harold is in Tulia with his father, who is in serious condition.

THREE TEXAS CITIES AWARDED ALL AMERICA CITY TITLE

NEW YORK, February 19—Three Texas Cities — Borger, Cuero and El Paso — are among the eleven U. S. communities awarded the title of All America City in a national competition.

The other winners announced today are: Asheville, North Carolina; Eugene, Oregon; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Martinsville, Virginia; Maryville, Missouri; Rock Hill, South Carolina; Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Springfield, Illinois.

Co-sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine, the awards are conferred for outstanding civic achievements brought about by the united efforts of the citizens. The winning cities are featured in an article in the March 10 issue of Look, out Tuesday, February 24.

The theme reocurred throughout the awards competition was community development of human as well as physical resources. Achievements in the winning cities centered around citizen-initiated efforts to draw disadvantaged and minority groups into the mainstream of community life, and to upgrade the quality of municipal services and facilities.

Borger was an oil boom town that refused to be busted. Its citizens win honors for their plans to revitalize a decaying community.

When automation reduced job opportunities in local plants, triggering a population decline, a citizen committee attracted three new industries. Ramshackled buildings, skeletons of boom town days, were razed in a clean-up campaign. Civic pride resulted in new parks, street lighting, and downtown renewal, and the town's long-neglected school system was revamped.

To eliminate clouds of carbon wastes polluting Borger's skies, local plants installed multi-million dollar air filtering systems. The town formed the first air pollution control zone in Texas, setting a statewide example.

When Cuero's agricultural economy leveled off, and its young people left to seek jobs elsewhere, concerned citizens established an industrial foundation to attract new business and create employment opportunities.

After learning that its three hospital couldn't meet Medicare requirements, Cuero formed a hospital district with taxing powers, voted a \$750,000 bond issue for new hospital facilities. In addition, a 60-bed nursing home was aided in locating in the city.

Local government was revised through a charter change. New water and recreation facilities were built and programs of paving the streets and flood control were instituted. Also, a new housing code was adopted and public housing made available for elderly and low income groups.

El Paso, the largest city to win, is cited for its efforts to improve living conditions of alienated Mexican-Americans who comprise half its population.

To eliminate widespread illiteracy and poverty, help was directed at the city's youth (El Paso's median age is 22.7, the youngest population in urban America). A Youth Advisory Council opened channels of communication between city officials and frustrated ghetto dwellers. Programs were initiated to provide guidance and recreation for deprived youngsters, and to improve youth-police relations.

JURORS FREE MAN IN SLAYING CASE

A jury in 121st District Court Wednesday acquitted Rodolfo Benavides of a murder charge.

Benavides had been charged with murder with malice in connection with the shooting of Jesse Lopez on November 10, 1968, according to the District Attorney, E. W. Boedcker.

Defense counsel pleaded self-defense in Benavides' behalf and claimed that another man, Pete Trivino, had a knife and Lopez had a chair and were going toward Benavides when Benavides shot. Trivino was wounded, not seriously, and Lopez was killed in the shooting which occurred at a rodeo club dance in Levelland.

M. C. Ledbetter was presiding judge. Frank Kiser was defense attorney.

ON SICK LIST

Sammy Joe Harris has been on the sick list with tonsillitis.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Teddy Davis has been in the hospital suffering from a severe case of the flu.

HOME HIGH LIGHTS

By: Jewel Robinson
Home Demonstration Agent

The 1970 spring and summer winners in children's fashions seem to be:

1. Colors are soft and clear: mauve pink and lilac-flavored prints, bright yellow and lime green and the all-time favorite solids — navy, bright red and white.

2. Natural tones ranging from natural linen hues to butterscotch are popular too.

3. Fabrics are shiny and soft-nylon, antron and acetate — and crepe polyesters. Bonded acrylic is in the money for coat and dress ensembles.

4. Cotton, canvas, cotton duck and ottoman win the sportswear field; pique, denum and poplin are on the scene, too. Coordinated print voiles team up with cotton for news.

5. Knits, from simple to double knit, are popular as is terry velour.

6. Winning patterns for children's wear are big, bold stripes, Art Deco prints, paisleys and batiks with lots of tablecloth and houndstooth check. Coin and polka dots and pastel-colored plaids are new champions.

Spring 1970 — not only for children

Knits are the big picture for the but for every one — with a variety ranging from lighter-than-air polyester and open, meshy cotton and blends to sleek matte jersey and terry velours.

To sew these exciting fabrics into reasonably priced garments, use stretch threads that give with the knits. They are made of all polyester or polyester and cotton.

Give a professional finish to the hem with stretch lace hem binding which comes in many colors.

Check the sewing center for ball point needles with a slightly rounded point and the roller pressure foot which prevents snagging or damage to the knits.

Wash-machine washable knits, zipper, hem binding and interfacing before sewing to prevent any shrinkage later. Knit garments require little care.

If you stain clothing with a beverage, fruit or nuts, don't try to remove the stain with soap. If heat later is applied to the cloth, the alkali in the soap may combine with the staining material to produce a permanent spot.

ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Following is the menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria for the week of March 2 through 6:

MONDAY:

Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, green peas, peanut butter Rice Krispies, ho trolls, butter and milk.

TUESDAY:

Fried chicken, sweet potatoes, buttered blackeyed peas, cooked apples, peanut butter on crackers, hot rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY:

Pizza, green beans, football potatoes, fruit Jel'o and milk.

THURSDAY:

Hamburgers, French fries, tomato and pickle or lettuce leaf, onion and mustard, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY:

No School. (Teacher's meeting.)

VISITS DOCTOR

Emra Walling was in Lubbock on Monday for a medical checkup.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the many flowers, food, and very other act of kindness expressed in our time of sorrow. May God bless each of you always.

The Family of M. M. Collins

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Green were among those attending last rites for Tom Markham in Anton Sunday.

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

AUSTIN — With the State's April 15 motor vehicle inspection deadline approximately 60 days away, large numbers of Texas motorists have yet to take their vehicles in for the mandatory annual safety inspection.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today urged all motorists whose vehicles have not been inspected to visit on inspection station as soon as possible. "Those getting the inspection now will avoid long lines which are certain to develop at many stations as the April 15 deadline draws near," he said.

The DPS Director noted that Texas adopted an annual inspection program on September 1, 1969. All vehicles inspected since that date have had the sticker placed on the left side of the windshield with a large number tab inserted to show the month of expiration.

For example, vehicles inspected in September have the number nine displayed and will require reinspection before September 30, 1970. And those inspected in October will have the number 10 and must be re-inspected before October 31, 1970. Vehicles which are inspected in January will bear the number one and reinspection will be required before January 31, 1971.

All vehicles which currently have a sticker on the right side of the windshield have not been inspected in compliance with the new law, and their owners have only until April 15 to visit an approved inspection station.

BIRTHDAY CLUB MEETS

The Ropes Birthday Club met at the Spot Restaurant in Levelland Monday to honor Nina Brown on her birthday. Naomi Craig was hostess.

Those present were Naomi Craig, Nina Brown, Hixie Tipps, Lillian Willis, Jewel Shannon, Kathlene Armstrong, Jewel Whitener, Myrtle Teaff, Tressie Exum, Loetta Abney, Odessa Walling, and one visitor, Mrs. Latham of Lubbock, mother of Kathlene Armstrong. We had one absent, Viola Edwards.

Everyone enjoyed a good meal and fellowship together.

Lillian Willis, Secretary

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Janice Earlene Clark to Raymond Wright, son of Mrs. Virgil Wright of Ropesville, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark of Loop.

Miss Clark is a 1964 graduate of Loop High School. Wright is a 1964 graduate of Ropes High School and is employed by Grand-Western Homes, Inc. of Lubbock.

The couple is planning a wedding at 8:00 p.m. March 6 in Loop Baptist Church.

HAD THE FLU

Larry Shannon has been ill with the flu last week.

NEW PICKUP

John Beam is enjoying a new Chevrolet pickup. Monica is, too.

VISITS MOTHER

Pet Kimberlin of Andrews was in Pecos Friday visiting his mother, Mrs. Ada Kimberlin.

1969-70 SCHEDULE FOR ROPES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 6 — District Teachers Meeting.

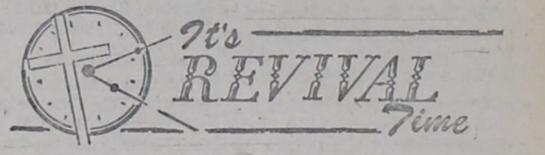
March 27-April 6 — Easter holidays.

May 21 — Final exams.

May 21 — Junior High Graduation at 8:00 p.m.

May 22 — School dismissed.

May 22 — High School graduation at 8:00 p.m.



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MARCH 9 - 15 7:30 P.M.

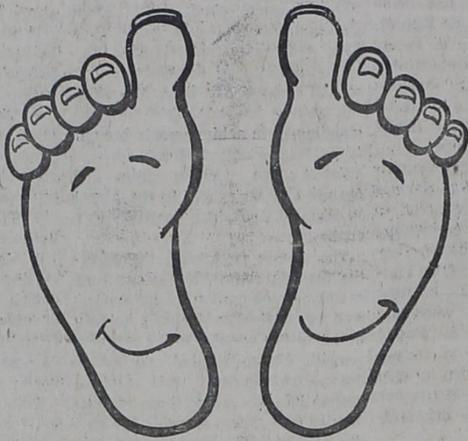
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HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Thelma Wallace is recovering nicely from hip surgery which is her third such operation. She is in West Texas Hospital, Room 414 and can have visitors. Mrs. Wallace told us that this time the surgery was a lot easier and the recovery seemed much quicker. We all have hopes, and she has great plans for a return to a full, normal recovery to service to her home and family, church and community.

Mr. J. M. (Miller) Srygley was admitted to Littlefield Hospital last week for tests and further observation on what appeared to be a severe case of the flu with some lung trouble. He is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. O. R. Howard is doing nicely after her long confinement. She is still weak, but is able to be up and about some. She and her husband, Ollie, are making plans for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be a come and go affair held in the home of a niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Joiner, 5406 21st Street, Lubbock, on March 8th.

METHODIST MEN MEET

The United Methodist Men met at their regular breakfast meeting on Wednesday morning and enjoyed the fellowship and food together.

SEWER LINES COMPLETED

The sewer line which the church will be connected to at a later date was completed Wednesday. The Church will connect to the new sewer line at a later date at a cost of \$50.00 (approximately) plus the cost of buying and laying the sewer pipe from the church and the parsonage to the main line. The cost after we are connected will be \$4.00 a month. This is a great improvement for the Church and the City of Ropes.

METHODIST YOUTH MEET

The United Methodist met Sunday afternoon and went to Lubbock to see and "HEAR" the loud music of "Steppenwolf", a "Hard Rock" com-

bo. The report from the youth was that it was "Loud and Heavy". The Youth also met Wednesday to discuss and view a film strip on the subject of Marijuana. This new awareness to the bad effects of drugs and other problems of our time is presented to the group by their leader, Richard Parchman. We are very grateful for his dedication to the Youth.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deep sympathy to the M. M. Collins family on the loss of their husband and father, Mr. Myles M. Collins. Mr. Collins was a long time member of the United Methodist Church of Ropesville. His family has asked that any memorial gifts or flowers which would have been given at the funeral be given to the United Methodist Building Fund. The total received so far is \$60.00.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 1 (Sunday) Esther 4:9-16
March 2, Matthew 16:13-26
March 3, Luke 14:25-35
March 4, Mark 10:17-31
March 5, Acts 20:17-35
March 6, Romans 12:1-8
March 7, 2 Timothy 2:1-15

EASTER SERVICES

The United Methodist Church will celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday March 26, at 7:00 p. m. This service is to commemorate the Last Supper of Our Lord on the Day which tradition has it that He said those famous words "This do ye in Remembrance of Me", and then was taken by the guards after His prayers for the Souls of Man, which is known as His "Agony in the Garden". We will also have an Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise Service at the church at 6:30 a. m. on March 29th followed by a breakfast, served by the United Methodist men. Make your plans now to attend these services and be "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day".



CONGRATULATIONS TO—

Pvt. and Mrs. Harold Melcher of Ropesville on birth of a son weighing 9 pounds 1/2 ounce at 8:20 a. m. Monday in Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital. The father is with the Army in Fort Lewis, Washington. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen of Ropesville. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Melcher of Meadow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO —

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edward Vaughn of Lubbock on birth of a son weighing 9 pounds in West Texas Hospital. The father is a salesman. Mrs. Vaughn is the former Carol Baxter, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nichols of Ropesville.

DECEMBER ACCIDENT REPORT

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 11 accidents on rural highways in Hockley County during the month of December, according to Sergeant Hal Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in one person killed, nine persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$10,890.00.

The rural accident summary for this county during the calendar year of 1969 shows a total of 144 crashes resulting in ten persons killed, 93 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$155,129.00.

What will the decade of the 1970's be traffic fatality wise in Texas? Here are some facts that could give you an idea. There were 25,000 persons killed in Texas traffic during the 1950's and 30,000 killed during the 1960's. If the past and present trend continues the 1970's will be another record decade.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Ralph Riojas was honored on his birthday Thursday with a family dinner, cake and ice cream. He received and enjoyed a tape recorder, with a tape recording from Richard Riojas and family of San Antonio, and a phone call from Rosa.

Oh, yes, Ralph has reached the ripe old age of 39.

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

IN ROPES

Chester Stephenson of Abilene was in Ropes Monday attending to business, and was a pleasant visitor at the Plainsman office.

VISITS IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin, Kathy, Coby, Ricky and Jimmy visited in Lubbock this past weekend with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Doyle Odom.

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NOTICE —
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are made subject to the Democratic Primaries:

For State Senator
District No. 28
H. J. "Doc" BLANCHARD

District Clerk
RUBY BEEBE WILLIAMS (re-election)

County Judge
HULON L. MORELAND (Second Elective Term)

County Clerk
RAYMOND O. DENNIS (re-election)

For County Treasurer:
Inetha Cooke (re-election)

For County School Superintendent
DAVIS POUNDS (re-election)

For Justice of the Peace
Precinct I
M. L. ROBERTS (re-election)