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## JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

We are, like everyone else, unable to get the thoughts of the storms and tornados out of our minds. That is all that is on the news, about all any one talks about, and each wonders if perhaps, the next one will be any closer, or in, our vicinity.

We are going to try to get our mind on something a little more pleasant for the few minutes we are battling this column out, and we do mean battling, as our electric typewriter is on the blink with a couple of deformed letters, and we find it takes a lot of push to make this manual typewriter go.

We found out this week that sure enough, the printed word lives for a long time. Jim Martin told us that his wife found a clipping about him in her father's belongings taken from the Ropes Plainsman many years ago when he had back surgery.

Things on the radio or television are only there for a few seconds, while the newspaper lives for as long as anyone cares to keep it. This is why advertising pays so much better in the newspapers.

If one is not sure of something, they can always pick up the paper and read it again, while on the air, it is lost forever after the sound waves die out.

Oh, this heat. Makes us remember with fondness the cold days of the winter. Get a little of this good old sand on you, work awhile and perspire awhile, and you have a mixture that all but stops up the bathtub at night.

If you haven't received any rain yet, don't despair. Graduation is coming up very soon, and that always means a gully washer.

Remember in the olden days when the girls wore formals, had to enter the old gym and auditorium (combined) from the outside. It never failed they had to stand in the rain and the hems of their gowns were spotted and sometimes soaked with mud.

The Tuesday edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal was sorely missed by everyone when their power was off, and the paper couldn't be printed. It was supposed to have been printed in Amarillo, but we never received a copy.

There we go on the storm again. That's what you call a one-track mind.

If you need the wind to blow, perhaps to make your windmill work just call us. Everything was calm yesterday — not a breeze anywhere. So we managed to drag one of our trash boxes out to the barrel. The minute we lit the fire, the wind began, and blew a gale. So we didn't get much trash burned.

Our younger readers will be calling us to find out what a windmill is, and why it needs the wind to blow.

Remember the windmills that graced every home, even in town, and the good old birds had a habit of perching on the water barrel — facing the wrong way? Bet our water barrel was scrubbed a million times a year.

And the old gourd dippers hanging on the windmill for everyone and their neighbors to get a fresh drink of water.

Still, it seems there were less sore throats, strep throat and colds than there is now when everyone has an individual drinking glass.

The fun of dragging in the tub for a Saturday bath, and the luxury of a double tub. Fond memories.

Well, we've got to get this show on the road, so we'll roll off the page for another week.

## Tornados Rip Thru Lubbock Monday Nite

It would seem that 1970 is a year for destructive, killing storms. Not a cloud has approached this year but what has spawned a tornado, or more than one, leaving behind them a path of destruction that has not been equaled, and the loss of lives and the roster of the injured grow.

The elements is one thing mere people can do nothing about, except get out of the way.

Monday night proved to be one of horror for residents in downtown and northeast Lubbock. The big, black threatening clouds rolled in rather late in the evening, spewing hail and wind over this section, and striking Lubbock at approximately five minutes of ten with possibly three different killing tornados.

The destruction covered about an eight mile wide area of heavily populated territory. The storm seemed to have lasted longer than is usual, as most of the victims who lived to tell of it stated the roar continued for about ten minutes. Usually, a tornado moves over fast, the damage being done in a matter of seconds, and then the tail moves on to other points.

The area to the north and east of Lubbock were fortunate that the clouds did not move on, as is usual. The clouds of three weeks ago kept going, and covered miles and several towns with it's wicked tails.

The pictures we have witnessed are beyond description. A city that has been bombed could not be in worse shape. Lubbock has been declared a National disaster area.

The weather bureau station's radar was knocked out, as were the radio stations in that area. We were listening to radio station KSEL shortly before 10 p.m. The announcer said, "Stand by! Stand by!" and then, "Take cover! take cover!" The sirens began to blow, and the radio station was knocked off the air.

We have discovered a lonely feeling is when you turn the dials of your radio and get complete silence. Not even any static. Then KFYO came on the air through emergency controls. This was the only station to be heard from the Lubbock area.

At this writing, there is still no radar from Lubbock, and KSEL is not back on the air.

None of the figures on the dead and injured seem to correspond, but they are in the neighborhood of 29 dead and over 500 injured.

Emergency vehicles from all surrounding towns, DPS units, and fire units entered the city to render aid. School houses, churches and the coliseum were turned into hospitals, beds and food for the homeless, and a morgue. Dormitories on the Tech campus were also opened to those rendering aid.

The City Council, and Mayor Granberry, the civil defense, National Guard and all units of public service were called into duty.

On the local scene, Ropes proper received approximately a quarter inch of rain, and lots of strong hail, with the largest we saw about the size (and shape) of a lemon drop. The J. C. Pointer place, east of town, received .40 inch of rain, and hail covered the ground. Abb Russell received no rain nor hail. Kenneth Means reported a shower, but not much hail and the Robert Mayfields received both rain and hail as did the J. N. Willis farm.

Lubbock being the nearest big city to our town, there is hardly any one who does not have relatives living there. It was impossible to talk to everyone, but we did find out how a few made out during the massive storm.

Rev. and Mrs. John Drawhorn and baby, former minister of the Methodist Church here, were in the midst of the storm. They lost their home, their belongings, and their car. They were not injured. We understand they are now in Ropes with friends. Mary Lee Gregg was reported to have been in the storm, but was safe.

Tommy and Marcia (Ream) Powe were in their apartment when the storm struck, and their apartment was damaged, as was their pickup. They suffered no severe injuries. Jesse Littlefield, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield, was on duty at the fire station when the storm struck, and the firemen got under the firetrucks for safety. This was all that saved them, as the fire station collapsed, and the firetrucks were all that was holding the building up. His wife and family were also safe. Tommy's sister was also in the storm, but received no injuries. They live on Tulane Street in northeast Lubbock. One of the fatalities was a neighbor across the street who was standing in front of a window and was hit by flying debris.

Garnie Atkisson, former minister of the Church of Christ, and his wife got out without injuries, though their house and yard were damaged.

On Municipal Drive, also in north east Lubbock, the homes of the Bob Abots (sister of Mrs. Emra Walling) and Bob Walling (brother of Emra Walling) were damaged. The breeze-way from the Walling home was blown away, and they were in the cellar. They thought for awhile the storm was coming down into the cellar with them. The Abots were away from home.

We understand Doris (Arant) Jonas was on the highway between Lubbock and Wolforth when her car was picked up and turned over. She suffered a broken arm.

The Fezell residence in the Clayton-Carter Addition, sister of Mrs. J. N. Willis, suffered heavy damage. Donnie and Sue (Sosebee) Suter are reported to have lost their car in the storm. Donnie was at work at Lubbock Manufacturing, and the men got into a tank for safety. They all lost their cars. Sue and children were reportedly in the cellar with her sister.

Mrs. Angie Martin of Levelland, daughter of the E. O. Schoenrocks and daughter-in-law of the Arzie Martins was in Lubbock in the bank building when the storm hit. She was uninjured.

We also understand that the Buddy Mannin residence was completely destroyed. Mrs. Mannin is a sister of Mrs. Kenneth Evans.

The list could go on and on, but due to time, we were unable to delve into it any further.

Mrs. Tommy Littlefield who went to Lubbock Tuesday morning to see about her children stated that the destruction was indescribable. On the north and west loop, she said the warehouse buildings were completely demolished, with huge pieces of twisted tin laying everywhere. The motels visible to her were flattened, and the damage everywhere was too much to be grasped by the mind.

This takes some getting used to. A teeming city one day, and a shambles the next. We hope, as everyone else, that we will be spared this heartbreaking scene again.

On Tuesday night, the clouds rolled in again and the South Plains was placed under tornado watches. Tails were sighted at Taloka, Post and Southland and Woodrow, but as far as we know, no damage was suffered. Ropes received the wind from these clouds, but that was all.

## CLEAN-UP DAY

The Ropes Cemetery Board Association met last Monday night and decided upon the annual clean-up day at the cemetery, Memorial Day, May 30. Everyone is urged to bring their tools, and come out and help get the cemetery in good shape.

## BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Don McWhorter, pastor of the Ropes United Methodist Church announced this week that the local church will act as a receiving point for all donations of any type for the victims of the tornado disaster in Lubbock.

## RIFLE PRACTICE

Roy Carpenter announced that 4-H Rifle Club practice will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday on the rifle range.

## TIME HAS CAUGHT UP!

— Don McWhorter

Whoops, I missed last week. I completely lost count of the time and forgot to prepare an article for the Plainsman.

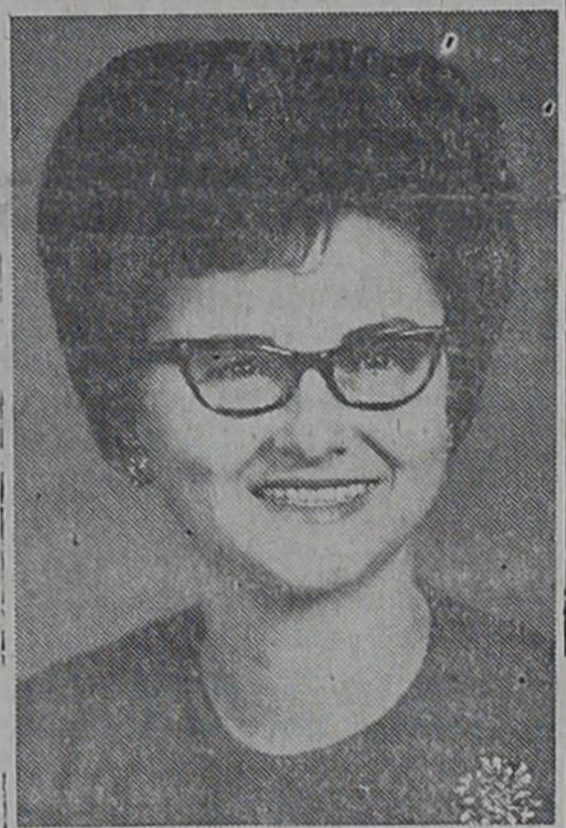
You know, that is what happens to us when we get too tangled up in the affairs of this life. I was so busy preparing for final exams at Texas Tech that I lost count of the days and even the nights for a while.

I feel like we are all coming to a point in our lives when we must stop and look around and see what has happened to our world. Only recently the campus unrest has been in the news so much that we can't even hear what the unrest is all about. People hurrying to somewhere that they don't know where they are going. Most of us will agree about the problems of time but we don't know what to do about it.

Like the weather, everyone talks about being behind but no one seems to be able to catch up. Where are we going in such a rush? What are we going to do when we get there? Boy, I wish I knew. The only way I can decide what to do about time is take the advice Jesus gave His Disciples just before He ascended into Heaven. He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority." (Acts 1:7 RSV).

We don't know what tomorrow holds for us but we can be sure that if we trust it to God it will be alright. There is an old hymn which says, "I don't know who holds tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand." Who's holding your hand, and your tomorrows?

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INETHA COOKE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Hockley County for the support I received in the Democratic Primary election on May 2nd. I have enjoyed being your County Treasurer, and will continue to serve you to the best of my ability for the next four years.

Inetha Cooke

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HULON L. MORELAND

I appreciate the votes on the May 2nd Primary and honestly solicit your continued support.

Hulon Moreland, County Judge

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## INJURES ARM

Debbi Arant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arant suffered severe cuts on her right arm Saturday night when she was attempting to close a storm door and her arm went through the glass. She was taken in for emergency treatment and several stitches were required to close the wound. She also suffered a severed nerve.

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## Postal Rates To Be Increased

### PROPOSED P.O. RATE RAISE

The Post Office Department today proposed parcel post and catalog rate increases totaling \$123 million to help meet the added costs of pay increases in recent years.

The proposed increases — which average 15.4 percent for parcels and 6 percent for catalogs — must be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission before adoption by the Department.

Facing a \$2.5 billion postal revenue deficiency in the coming fiscal year, the Administration recently asked the Congress to increase postage rates for first- and third-class mail 33 percent and second-class by 48 percent.

Higher parcel post rates (zone-rated fourth-class mail) are also needed to comply with legal requirements that these services pay at least 96 percent of their fully allocated costs.

No increase has been asked for educational materials (packages containing books and phonograph records).

Under the proposals, minimum postage for parcels mailed for local delivery would be increased from 50 cents to 60 cents.

For non-local deliveries, the minimum per parcel rate would go from 60 cents to 65 cents. This five-cent increase would apply on 2-pound parcels going to non-local zones 1 and 2 (distances up to 150 miles).

Some typical proposed rate hikes are as follows: a 5-pound parcel from Chicago to New York or other Seaboard cities in the Middle Atlantic states, from \$1.05 cents to \$1.20; an 8-pound parcel going from East Coast cities to West Coast points (zone 8), from \$2.15 to \$2.60; an 11-pound parcel for local delivery, from 65 cents to 80 cents.

The Department estimates that for 46 percent of its parcel post volume, the increases would amount

to 5 or 10 cents per package.

Catalog rates will be increased a flat 2 cents per piece, both for individual-piece and bulk-rate mailings.

To compensate for the extra costs of hard-to-handle parcels, the Department is requesting a 75-cent per piece surcharge on parcels more than 36 inches long, or over 84 inches in combined length and girth. This would replace the 10-pound minimum charge now in effect for "balloon" parcels.

The proposal, published in today's Federal Register, invites interested persons to file written statements with the Department by May 25, and participate orally in an informal conference in Washington scheduled for June 1.

After consideration of the views submitted, the Department plans to submit its final proposals to the Interstate Commerce Commission in June for new higher rates.

The effective date of any increases would depend upon ICC action. If the Commission takes no action for 30 days, the proposals would be approved automatically.

However, ICC can elect to institute an investigation of the Department's proposal. In that event, that agency has 180 days from the June filing date to rule upon the Post Office Department petition. The law requires the Postmaster General to certify to the Secretary of the Treasury that fourth-class mail is breaking even (within 4 percent) or that he has requested the ICC to approve rate changes and other reformations which would place the service on a self-sustaining basis.

Full schedules of the proposed rates are available to interested mailers for their consideration. These are subject to change and the final schedules submitted to ICC may reflect revisions.

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## G. Blankenship Rites

Services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (today) from the United Methodist Church of Ropesville for Grover C. Blankenship. The Rev. Don McWhorter, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Curry, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Interment will be in the Ropesville Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Blankenship, 85, passed away Tuesday night in Lakeside Nursing Home of Lubbock. He had been ill for several weeks. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Blankenship and Hattie H. Wyche were married October 10, 1910 at Stephenville, Texas.

Mrs. Blankenship preceded him in death. They moved to Ropes from Stephenville in 1926, where he resided

until about a year ago when he entered Heritage Manor at Levelland. A few months ago he moved to the Lakeside Nursing Home in Lubbock.

Mr. Blankenship was well known in Ropes, and was liked by all who knew him. Each year he raised a plentiful garden, and especially beautiful tomatoes, which he always shared with this writer's family.

His many friends will be saddened by the news of his passing. Survivors include one son, G. C. Blankenship, Jr. of Hale Center; one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Tipton of Lubbock; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Maurice Cain, Jack Smith, Arzie Martin, J. C. Pointer, Buford Moore and Bill Berry.

## Why Sealed Bids?

To begin with, we would like to state that we are in favor of the new hospital for Hockley County. We had an article in last week's paper, telling the people about this issue, and the fact that there would be no tax increase. This is true. And yet, there seems to be some problems that have arisen concerning the hospital.

To begin with, the Commissioner's Court has decided that there will not be a bond election, for the people to vote in the purchase of the old hospital building for office space for county officials. We can understand this, since the bonding company receives a percentage. This will save the taxpayer's money. Holding a special election would also be very expensive, and it is not necessary.

We believe that most residents will agree that if the Commissioner's Court can purchase the old hospital building, turn it into office space, with no increase in taxes they should do so. We also believe citizens would not raise a fuss because there is no election, since

it would add to the expense.

What we do not understand is an article appearing in another newspaper stating the Commissioner's Court is going to accept bids for office space. We see no point in the Court accepting sealed bids for something they have their minds made up on. The bids would be useless. In order for Hockley County to obtain the new hospital — which is the reason for the purchase in the first place — the Commissioner's Court must purchase the hospital building. So why ask for sealed bids?

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## KILLED IN FREAK ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY

Ellsworth Hart, brother-in-law of Mrs. Claude Brown, was reported killed in a freak accident on a tractor Wednesday morning on his farm near Rogers, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had gone to Rogers, and no further details were available.

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# Roy Carpenter To Be Honored

Mr. Roy Carpenter, Hockley County 4-H leader, from Ropesville, has been selected to attend and be honored at the 1970 4-H Roundup. He will be honored at the 4-H Leaders Recognition Luncheon given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation on June 4, in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A & M University.

This great honor is given to 24 outstanding 4-H leaders from across the State of Texas each year. Mr. Carpenter has been a 4-H leader for seven years. According to his fellow leaders in the Ropesville 4-H club he helps in everything: "organization activities, transportation, and even in the Food Shows he ends up

carrying tables." He has served as project leader for rifle, automotive, electricity, safety, and demonstrations. He has been a key leader in the success of the Adult Leaders Association. He serves as president of both the Hockley County and the District Leaders' Association. Last summer he presented a 4-H program to the Agriculture and Home Demonstration Agents attending District Leadership Lab. In his program he cited the recommendations given to him by the 4-H'ers attending the State 4-H Council Meeting. Mr. Carpenter participates willingly in local, county, district and state events.

### ARMED FORCES DAY

REESE AFB, Texas — Nearly a score of U.S. Air Force and Navy aircraft are slated for display at Reese Air Force Base May 16 as a part of the base's open house celebrating Armed Forces Day — 1970.

Traditionally, the static display of aircraft has provided visitors with their best chance to see the aircraft being used throughout the world to keep America strong.

The U.S. Navy is providing two aircraft, the Grumman F-9 Cougar and the Grumman S-2 Tracker. The Air Force's Tactical Air Command is providing a half-dozen of its aircraft. They are the North American OV 10, Republic F-105 Thunderchief, North American F-100 Sabre, McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, Fairchild C-123 Provider and the Lockheed C-130 Hercules.

Other aircraft to be on display include the McDonnell-Douglas F-101 Voodoo, Convair F-102 Delta Dagger, Convair F-106 Delta Dart, Boeing KC 135 Stratotanker, Lockheed C-141 Starlifter, and the Cessna A-37.

In addition, four aircraft very familiar to Reese personnel will join the static display of aircraft. These are the Cessna T-41 Mesquero, the Cessna T-37, the Northrop T-38 Talon, and the Kaman HH-43 Huskie helicopter, used in air rescue work at the base.

### VISIT MOTHERS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell visited her mother, Mrs. Hattie Pointer, in Lubbock, and his mother, Mrs. Reba Russell in Levelland on Mother's Day. Also visiting with Mrs. Russell in Levelland was another son, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Russell from Estelline.

NEW YORK — One in every 107 cars registered in the United States was stolen in 1968, reports the Insurance Information Institute. A total of 777,800 thefts represented an increase of approximately 18.8 per cent over the 1967 figure.

### ACCIDENT IN ROPES WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

At approximately 4:00 p.m. Wednesday a 1969 Ford pickup from the A and B Mattress Company of Lubbock, driven by Charlie Barker of Lubbock, jumped the curb on Highway 62 just on the north end of the Higginbotham Lumber Company, struck a power pole, crossed Roundup Street and sideswiped a 1959 Ford that was parked, owned by Horacio Cruz. The pickup was traveling north.

Both vehicles were heavily damaged, and the power pole was broken, and scattered. There were no injuries.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Don Kuykendall and City Marshal O'Neal Fox.

### COMPETES AT STATE

Danny Teaff, high school student from Seagraves was among those competing at the State U.I.L. meet in Austin last weekend in spelling. He was representing Seagraves and Region One.

Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Teaff of Seagraves, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Teaff of Ropes.

### HAVE GUESTS MONDAY

Guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell were his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byrd of Colorado City, and a niece, Mrs. Harold Wade of Snyder.

### VISIT IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin and granddaughter, Frances, spent the weekend in Amarillo visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and family. The Rogers have only recently moved to Amarillo from Washington.

### SISTER PASSES AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen were in Lamesa May 5th on the sad mission of attending funeral services for his sister, Mrs. Johnnie Flowers. Mrs. Flowers, 80, passed away on Sunday, May 3rd.

### ROPES PENDING FOR "HOPPY" HOPSON

Last rites were pending Wednesday at Rix Funeral Home in Lubbock for Mr. Clyde "Hoppy" Hopson who passed away Wednesday morning at 1:40 a.m.

Mr. Hopson, 72, moved to the Ropes area at Farm Center Gin in 1960 and was well known by many of our residents. He moved to the Lubbock area in 1930 and was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include a brother, C. T. Hopson of Dallas; and two sisters, Mrs. Lena Chancellor of 2403 7th Street, Lubbock, and Mrs. Melissa Goodwin of Toll House, Calif.

### ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Hobbs, New Mexico Tuesday where they attended funeral services for a friend, LeRoy Bingham.

### IN CARLSBAD SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walling were in Carlsbad, New Mexico Sunday.

### RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield have just recently returned from a fishing trip and report excellent cooperation from members of the finny tribe. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jimison at Cedar Mills, and also other ponds, including Texoma, Sherman, Denison and Madill.

### IN LUBBOCK SUNDAY

Those enjoying a Mother's Day dinner in Lubbock Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara were Mrs. Troy Morris, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff, all of Ropes, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Whitfield of Lubbock.

### IN ROPES THIS WEEK

Emmett Schoenrock of Levelland, Commissioner for our precinct, was in Ropes this week tending to business. He stated that the Commissioner's Courts enjoyed the program presented by 4-H'ers Paula McCormick and Pam Ream Monday. They also enjoyed the cookies they were treated to by Mrs. John Ream.

### IN PLAINVIEW SUNDAY

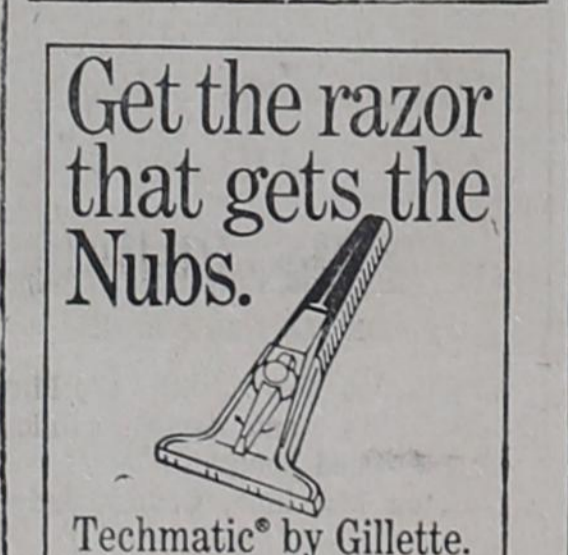
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer and Mrs. Janice Strickland and Jason enjoyed a Mother's Day dinner in Plainview Sunday in the home of Bob and Freda Sparkman.

### PIONEER DECLARES DIVIDEND

AMARILLO, TEXAS — May 5, 1970 — The board of directors of Pioneer Natural Gas Company, at their regular meeting held today in Amarillo, declared a dividend of 20c per share on the outstanding common stock. Burton P. Smith, president, announced that the dividend would be payable June 2 to stockholders of record on May 15.

### HEADACHE PAIN

STANBACK gives you FAST relief from pains of headache, neuralgia, neuritis, and minor pains of arthritis, rheumatism. Because STANBACK contains several medically-approved and prescribed ingredients for fast relief, you can take STANBACK with confidence. Satisfaction guaranteed!



### HOBBY CLUB MEETS

The Ropes Hobby Club met last Wednesday, May 6th, in the home of Mrs. A. M. Armstrong with twelve members present. New members include Bernell Wilson, Earlene Jones and Vera Richardson.

Mrs. E. E. Nix presented the program. We learned to make scarves and to crochet. All enjoyed coffee, coke and donuts and had a very nice time.

The next meeting will be in June at the home of Mrs. Irene Armstrong.

Lillian Willis, Secretary

### CRITICALLY ILL

J. E. (Scrap) Bullock of Fort Worth, former resident of Ropes, is reported to be critically ill in a hospital there.

### GUESTS SUNDAY

Mother's Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce, Randy and Becky were his mother, Mrs. W. E. Pierce, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan.

### VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson from Jacksonville visited Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas.

1969 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the nationwide network of the Easter Seal societies which last year provided care and treatment to more than a quarter million crippled children and adults.

### STUDENTS SHOULD REGISTER

LEVELLAND (Special) — All students who plan to attend South Plains College this fall should register August 19, 20 and 21.

Those planning to attend this fall are asked to go by Don Melton's office in the Administration Building sometime between May 4 and May 15 during regular office hours and make an appointment to register for the fall semester.

There will be no pre registration for the 1970 fall semester.

### ROPEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Time. Includes Sunday Bible Classes (10:00 A.M.), Worship Hour (10:50 A.M.), Evening Service (6:00 P.M.), Wednesday Ladies Class (9:30 A.M.), Wednesday Bible Classes (8:30 P.M.), and Vacation Bible School (June 8-12).

### LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1970

ROPES LITTLE LEAGUE PARK

Team Listed First Is The Home Team — First Game 6:00 P.M.

Table with 3 columns: Date, First Game, Second Game. Lists matchups for May 15-22, June 2-9, and July 3-17.

Teams Not Ready To Take The Field At Game Time Will Forfeit The Game. Championship Will be Determined 10 Days Before The All-Star Game. Games Are Sponsored by the ROPES LIONS CLUB.

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Time. Lists Sunday School (9:45 A.M.), 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 (6:00 A.M.), and Family Prayer - Wednesday (7:30 P.M.).

### ROPES CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

WELCOME TO ALL Dave K. Powers, Minister Elwood & Timmons

### NEW CELLAR

The Emory Hobbs' have just completed a new concrete 'fraid hole' on their place west of Ropes.

### 1969-70 SCHEDULE FOR ROPES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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.

### ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1970-71 FIRST SEMESTER

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Lists dates for Inservice Meetings, First Day of Classes, and various weeks for October, November, and December.

### TOTAL FIRST SEMESTER:

85 School Days, 6 Teacher Work Days, 9 Holidays.

### SECOND SEMESTER:

January 4 — First Day of Classes, January 4 - February 12 — Fourth Six Weeks.

February 15-March 26 — Fifth Six Weeks.

March 26-May 21 — Sixth Six Weeks.

April 12 - April 16 — Easter.

May 20 — Jr. High Graduation.

May 21 — High School Graduation.

May 24, 25, 26, 27 — Work Days.

### TOTAL SECOND SEMESTER:

95 School Days, 4 Teacher Work Days, 5 Holidays.

### GRAND TOTAL SCHOOL YEAR:

180 School Days, 10 Teacher Work Days, 14 Holidays.

Students will not attend school on

Table with 2 columns: Activity and Amount. Lists Days of Instruction (180), Inservice Meetings and Work Days (10), and Total Days (190).

### TO FERTILIZE LAWN

The Ropes Lions Club will fertilize lawns for the public. They will put it out for \$3 a bag, or it is \$2.50 if you pick it up.

This is good fertilizer, especially for lawns. You are asked to contact Jimmy Sims, T. J. Redman, Jr., Preston Reeves or any Lions Club member.

Proceeds will go to help all worthy projects sponsored by the Lions.

### NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sundown Independent School District will accept bids for an all steel warehouse type building, 26 gauge steel panels, 40 x 40 x 10 foot wall, 10 x 12 overhead door, 3068 steel walk-in door, 6 light panels in roof, 4 inch concrete floor, reinforced with welded wire mesh. Bids will close at 5:00 May 25th. Contact Mr. Billy Key, Box 188, Sundown, Texas 79372.

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

#### ATTENTION DISTRIBUTORS

McNABB WAREHOUSE PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE AT McNABB HOME DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS Monday — Wednesday — Friday 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

FOR SALE — 4 ROOM HOUSE and BATH and 3 LOTS. SEE OR CALL ROBERT HALL, 562-3582, ROPES.

CUSTOM BED PLANTING AND OTHER CUSTOM WORK DONE FOR FARMERS CALL C. D. THOMAS, 297-4611 5-28 70

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### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church of Ropesville elected officers for the new year, beginning June 1, 1970. The new president elect is Mrs. Jewell Shannon; the vice president elect is Mrs. Millie McWhorter; the secretary will be Miss Glynna Dean Nix; and Mrs. Irene Armstrong will serve as treasurer. Mrs. Helen Rucker will continue as the secretary for Missionary Education. Mrs. Nina Havslip will serve another year as the secretary for Spiritual Life Development. Mrs. Mable Nix will serve as the secretary for Christian Social Concerns. The officers will be installed into their new offices at the Evening Worship Service June 7th.

### Methodist Youth Kick Off "Teen Gang"

The Teen Gang Bible and Prayer group began its new life in the Library of the First United Methodist Church last week. The Youth, seven in number, began their new adventure into the Christian Faith on Wednesday evening, May 6, 1970. The group will meet in the Church Library every second and fourth Wednesday each month. The "Teen Gang" is open to all teenagers 13-19 years of age.

### The John Drawhorns Visited

The Rev. John Drawhorn, former pastor of the Ropes United Methodist Congregation, and his wife, Carol with their son Bryan, visited the church Sunday, May 10th. The Rev. Drawhorn preached the morning sermon and then joined the congregation in a covered dish dinner in the church fellowship hall. John and his family will be returning to Alabama where he will return to the full time Pastoral Ministry after having served a year as the Director of March of Dimes for the Lubbock area.

### Pastor to Attend School

The Rev. Don McWhorter, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Ropesville, will attend summer school at Perkins School of Theology, at SMU in Dallas from June 8 through July 2. Brother Don will be returning each weekend during the summer term to conduct the services at Ropes. He will complete the Course of Study Program and graduate on July 2 in services to be held in the Perkins Chapel. Brother Don will return again in the Fall to Texas Tech to continue work on his Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education. The continued education of our ministers is just one way of insuring the future of our church.

### ASTROWORLD NOW HOSTS PRIVATE PARTIES

What's it like to have the South's largest amusement park all to your self for a giant party? Some 2,000 Southern Gas Association delegates found out recently when a private, catered party was held in Houston's ASTROWORLD.

It marked the first time the giant amusement park had hosted a private party. It won't be the last. ASTROWORLD General Manager Gene Patrick said the evening was a great success... so much so that the park will host similar events in the future.

"During our Spring and Fall schedule, we're not open weekdays," Patrick said. "But, arrangements can now be made for large groups to have private, catered parties any weeknight."

Patrick said either his office or the Group Sales Department could make arrangements for interested parties.

### HAVE GUESTS SUNDAY

Mother's Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield were Aubrey Mayfield and Terry, Linda Ellis, Lonnie and Lisa, all of Ropes, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boles and Denise of Amarillo, and Carrie Boles of Lubbock.

### INJURED IN FALL

Alan Robertson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen, was severely injured May 1st in a fall from a tall building in San Antonio. He is a carpenter and was atop the building working when a strong gust of wind blew him off. He suffered a broken leg, internal injuries, and both arms were broken. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robertson of Leveland.

### IN HOUSTON

Nell Hobbs and Mabel Hobs left Wednesday for Houston where they will attend TOPS I.R.D.

### VISITS IN TATUM

Marguerite Morris spent the Mother's Day weekend in Tatum, New Mexico visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Creamer and family.



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### BETTER HEALTH SERVICE

First step in a move to provide better health services to more than 2½ million Texans was made May 1 when the Texas State Department of Health Region 7 was opened with headquarters in Tyler.

The new region, first of 10 planned by the State Health Department, serves 36 counties stretching from the Red River to the lower Louisiana border above Orange. It includes the Governor's Planning Regions of Northeast Texas, East Texas and Deep East Texas.

Region 7 medical director is Dr. J. R. Bailes, who moved to his post after serving as director of the Texarkana-Bowie County Health Department since 1962. Deputy regional medical director is Dr. John P. Jones, who also supervises the Tuberculosis Control Program in the Tyler area.

Texas has 68 organized city and county health departments providing direct public health services to eight million residents in 76 counties which contain about 76 per cent of the state's 10.6 million population. The state's remaining 178 counties, with about 24 per cent of the state's population (or 2.6 million people), are left without local health units. The new region is setting about to alter this situation.

According to Dr. Hampton C. Robinson, chairman of the State Board of Health, a more highly coordinated, economical method of providing public health services to all people is vital. The regional system has been designed specifically to meet the demands of the growing state which by 1980 is expected to have a population of 14.9 million.

While maintaining the health units already organized, the regional offices will be staffed by well-trained personnel representing all the professional and technical disciplines required for complete health services.

Health personnel will be concentrated into the regional office and made available throughout each region.

Each region will have a regional engineer to supervise the environmental health program, a public health dentist, a veterinarian, a chief nurse and a chief sanitarian.

"Primary mission will be to provide assistance to those counties that do not have health departments," said Dr. James E. Peavy, State Health Commissioner.

Three regions in the Rio Grande Valley, West Texas, and Dallas-Ft. Worth area, will go into service during the 1972-73 biennium, according to Deputy Commissioner for Program Planning, Dr. Fratis L. Duff.

### RECENT VISITORS

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Condra, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor of Muleshoe, old friends formerly of Fluvanna, Garry and Billy Gryder and Mark, Steve and Bruce Dorsett, all of Brownfield.

### RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Billy Strickland and Jason returned to their home in California Tuesday after visiting three weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer; and with Mr. and Mrs. D. Strickland, relatives and friends.

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### WHATSOEVER THINGS

by Donald E. Wildmon

We know it has been asked a lot of times and there have been, undoubtedly, many answers to the question, "What difference does the Galilean make in a life?" We recently ran across this true story that took place in a town in the Middle West.

A Methodist church needed a janitor. The minister called his board together. He suggested they employ a town loafer by the name of Anderson. There was silence for a short period, and then someone spoke: "Is that the best we can do? He has been a bum for years. No one in the city has any respect for him." So they decided to wait another week and try to find someone else. Finally, in desperation, they employed the town bum. As time passed he took pride in his work. He began to take pride in himself, also. He kept the church clean and himself clean. He became polite, agreeable, and anxious to please. For a year he sat on the back seat at every service and was a most attentive listener. Then one day he went to the minister's home and asked if he could join the church. The minister was glad that he had made the decision.

After another year, he went again to the minister and asked permission to teach a class of boys. He was granted the wish and was still teaching the class when the minister left for another appointment.

It was several years before the preacher came back to the town. Some of the faithful church members met him at the train. One of them greeted the preacher and spoke to him. "I will drive you over to the home where you are to be a guest. Your host was tied up in a board of directors meeting at the bank and couldn't get away. You are to stay at the home of Mr. Anderson." The minister stopped and looked at the gentleman. He had a puzzled expression on his face. The gentleman explained what had happened. "Mr. Anderson is now one of the most popular and respected men in the city. He is president of the bank. A wealthy uncle discovered the transformation that had come over his nephew and left him a fortune in his will. He still teaches a class of boys in Sunday School, and he is also still the janitor for the church. Many times he has said that "God cleaned my life and my soul, and as long as I live I will personally see that His house is kept clean."

The story is true. A town bum who took a job as janitor when no one else could be found became one of the outstanding citizens of the city. That is what the Galilean did for him. He put purpose and meaning into an otherwise meaningless life. We think that this story is a living example of what the little Jew tent-maker meant when he wrote: "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

May I close by saying that this is not a new story about what the Galilean can do for one. It is an old story. It is also a story of what He could do for you if He had His way.

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