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FFA Members Place In Fort Worth Stock Show



H. Joe Schwartz with one of his Poland Chinas that placed 5th at Fort Worth.



Shown above is Travis White with his second place Hampshire.



Paula McCormick placed 2nd with this heavy spotted barrow at Fort Worth.



Ted Robertson placed 15th in the medium duroc class in Fort Worth.

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

Following is a Sez We column by our late father, Troy Morris, written in May, 1959:

The weather — some wind.

"Poverty is no vice, but an inconvenience."

So, allowed the poet. More poets were poor, so we imagine this particular poet spoke from experience.

However, we think statistics will bear us out that you do not necessarily have to be a poet to suffer from the inconvenience of poverty.

Poverty means you're poor-lacking in the long green and the respect of bankers when you want a loan; sneered at by the credit houses and kicked out in the street by the landlord as your bony and haggard wife weeps for the sorry plight to which you've brought her.

Said one in our town: "I remember when I had just a piece of dry cornbread and it tasted as good as cake." Said M. M. Collins, "I

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The Observer and the Observed
- Dave K. Powers

There's probably enough special days in a year, special emphasis in different areas, that a person could never stop celebrating. Take a look at almost any calendar and the event which took place on that day will be listed.

February, in many churches, is a month of emphasis on stewardship. The Bible has a lot to say about being good stewards. Some farmers are probably wishing, about this time of the year, that they did not have so much land to "steward" or take care of. But that view will change when the good crop is harvested.

The story of Luke 12:16-21 says that this farmer never once thought about his responsibility to a Higher Power. This was a foolish farmer, God just wasn't important. It wasn't that he was mad at God. He just never thought about God. This farmer wasn't a loudmouthed atheist who declared he didn't believe in God. This farmer was a good guy in the community. His philosophy was a common one, "Just don't bother me, God, and I won't bother you."

But God is not that easily brushed off. How much better would it have been if this farmer had thought of God in relation to his barns, grain and fruit.

We are His stewards. Whether we have 300 acres or 3000, 50 or 5000 cattle — we are responsible for what we have. There is an Old Testament law in Exodus 16:18 which tells the story: "he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack." Are you a responsible steward?

Concerning Our Courts

(An Editorial)

Ordinary people are beginning to wonder just what the Courts of our country are coming to. When a person can break the law for approximately fifteen times, plead guilty to what he is charged with, and then be set free for, allegedly, lack of evidence.

We wonder what "lack of evidence" could be, if one has pled guilty.

We are referring to a case in the Hockley County District Court. It was called to our attention this week that a prisoner was released by the District Court, and it was stated that he was released for lack of evidence.

We give you the following list of times when this prisoner was arrested:

- 2-4-'68 — No drivers license.
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- 5-22-'68 — Forgery.
- 10-29-'68 — Five years probation, destruction of personal property.
- 12-17-'68 — Aggravated assault
- 5-6-'69 — Assault, \$1,000 bond.
- 6-11-'69 — Aggravated assault, \$2,000 bond.
- 8-30-'69 — No drivers license; run stop sign.
- 9-20-'69 — No drivers license; run stop sign.

stop sign; leaving the scene of an accident; illegal transportation; traffic; minor possession; transferred 9-22-'69 — Illegal transportation, \$500 bond

10-1-'69 — Probation revoked. On December 2, 1969, this 19-year old man's probation was again revoked and he spent 62 days in the Hockley County Jail awaiting sentence — and then — on February 3, 1970 — he was released, allegedly, for lack of evidence.

This man has a criminal record that covers a span of two years, and has been turned loose on the unsuspecting people of our County. It's no wonder it isn't safe to get outside your own doors anymore.

We can understand why sometimes officers of the law feel it is useless to try to rid humanity of dangers inflicted by known, and habitual law-breakers. Arrest after arrest can be made, and then in some instances, such as this, the criminal is released.

We know that laws are different now, than they were when we were growing up, but it makes us wonder about the old saying of "crime does not pay", when you can plead guilty, and then walk out free as a bird.

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Mail Delivery Will Be Available

Postmaster Flora Martin said today that a new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery services.

Postmaster General Blount has advised the local postmaster of provisions of a new order making home delivery services available for the first time to 4 million Americans.

The service improvement applies to persons served out of 18,700 first, second, and third class post offices over the country that do not have city delivery services. Affected are those postal customers living more than a quarter mile away from these offices and less than half a mile away. Persons living less than half a mile away previously had not been provided this service.

Discussing the local area effects of Mr. Blount's new order, Postmaster Martin explained: "All the city from Ranch Street north, Carson Avenue from South Plains Street north and east, and all of Boyd Avenue will be eligible for home delivery services. A city map will be at the post office showing whether you are eligible or not.

To get the new service it is only necessary that those living in the eligible areas ask their postmasters to provide it, and a majority of those to be served must want the home service.

Under Mr. Blount's order, those living less than a quarter mile from the post office will continue to pick up their mail at these offices.

"But," the postmaster noted, "that's no more than a few blocks.

This order, however, will make the home deliveries available wherever desired by the majority of those living beyond a quarter mile."

"This distance factor can be significant for much of the year in areas where severe weather conditions prevail; in areas where large numbers of older persons are living, or in more remote sections where even a little distance may mean a lot in terms of travel difficulties."

The expansion of services should be virtually complete in all of the affected delivery service areas — under actions taken by postal regional offices, acting on recommendations of local postmasters — by February 1, 1971.

It will be accomplished principally by adding delivery stops to already existing rural delivery routes or by expanding the area served by some shorter rural route for the purpose, and, a limited number of new rural routes may also be needed in other instances.

The fact that fewer persons will be calling at post offices for their mail will not alter the independent status of any of the post offices where the service change is provided.

Please contact your postmaster if you are interested in this service as soon as possible.

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HAVE VISITORS SUNDAY

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher and Dennis Ray of Lubbock.

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Some members of the Ropes FFA Chapter entered the recent Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and were fortunate in placing a majority of their animals in the show. All showed in the Junior Division except Harold Joe Schwartz. Since he has graduated from high school, he was eligible only in the open show. The Junior Division is open to all FFA, FHA and 4-H members from Texas. They must be in school and below high school graduate level. The Open Division is open to the World. Exhibitors in this division are junior members from out of state and all adults and graduates.

Placings from Ropes were:
Paula McCormick, 2nd Heavy Berkshire; 2nd Heavy Spotted.
Ted Robertson, 15th Medium-weight Duroc.
Harold Joe Schwartz, 5th Light-weight Poland China; 5th Medium-weight Duroc.

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YOUR KIDS

- Don McWhorter

The Ropes Lions Club was given the opportunity to hear Jimmy Ward a Parole Officer with the Texas Youth Council speak Monday night on the problems of youth and parent relationships today. Mr. Ward told of some of the problems he had faced with youth and how much of this disorder was caused by parents who fail to talk or understand their children.

The lack of home discipline and over "materializing" of children cause a great many to turn from home and go down the path toward delinquency. Mr. Ward spoke of one man, David Wilkenson, who is an Assembly of God preacher, who went to the slums of New York to work with children who had nothing to live for except what they could steal, lie or kill to get. With parents who were habitual drunkards and rarely home, these children had to face life alone.

Mr. Wilkenson set up a list of ten things to do to send your child to delinquency. Among them were: give them all they want; never punish them; don't talk with them.

Then he told of ten things which the children wanted their parents to do, some of them were: bug me a little; call my bluff; check my friends; know where and care just where I am.

These things make it easy to see that the young people want and need their parents, not only for their money and their love, but also for their discipline and guidance.

This year for the 1970-71 school year more days of school have been announced. This means you will have your child even less of the time. Make sure you are around all the time you can for your child. Nothing is more important than the family. Share yourself with your children.

Mr. Ward also reminded us that we must give praise to those who do good, and no tonly run down those who fail. The thought with which he left us was a quote from the Bible: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

Do you?

About The SPAG - -

We are printing an excerpt this week from "Column One", penned by publisher Bill Wilkerson of the Idalou Beacon. We believe it concerns the City of Ropes, in that it has become a member of the South Plains Association of Governments.

Mr. Wilkerson's column is in reference to the Mayor of Lubbock, Dub Rogers, since they are in that county, but this part of the column gave us something to think about, and we hope it gives the City Dads something to think about.

"Dubious Dub the Deceiver was the sole architect and foremost promoter of LMCOG, which changed its name to South Plains Association of Governments recently in an attempt to avoid guilt by association with "metro government", which has a very unsavory reputation across the United States now.

"LMCOG (now SPAG) was organized for two specific purposes: 1.— To obtain huge grants of federal funds; 2.— And to extend the power of Lubbock officials through Lubbock County and across the South Plains by controlling the distribution of those federal funds.

"Dubious Dub now disavows credit as the architect of LFCOG-SPAG, claiming as others do who were involved that the monster was estab-

lished to appease demands from the grassroots. That's a bunch of malarkey. Nobody ever heard of LMCOG until Dub personally sold the idea to a gathering of Lubbock County officials at a meeting in Furr's Cafeteria one afternoon in 1967. (Among those present were five Idalou men — Les Derrick, Frank Guess, Ott Sanders, Harold Rogers and yours truly.)

"Guess who is president of LMC OG-SPAG (RIGHT) — Dub Rogers himself. Frank Guess as mayor of Idalou was secretary until recently and Les Derrick as county commissioner is a member of SPAG's Board of Directors.

"If all of SPAG's grants come through, this black octopus soon will control the distribution of more than six million dollars in federal, state and local funds to be spent in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Littlefield and Slaton — and other South Plains cities and counties are standing in line with hands itching for a chance to participate in this bald-faced raid on federal and state funds ready to surrender self government for a share in the spoils.

"Unfortunately, Idalou retains its membership in LMCOG-SPAG and Rogers remains as the guiding genius of this grasping octopus."

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 newsprint, 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 newspa-

per. 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 nickel, 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.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU FOR FEB. 23-27

School menu for Feb. 23 - 27:

MONDAY:

Fish sticks with catsup, Polkadot corn, buttered black-eye peas, cheese wedge, fruit cobbler, hot rolls, butter and milk.

TUESDAY:

Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green lima beans, peanut butter cake, whole wheat rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY:

Enchiladas, pinto beans, cabbage and carrot salad, peaches, corn-bread, milk.

THURSDAY:

Burritos, green beans, tossed salad, Jello, milk.

FRIDAY:

Sloppy Joes, baked beans, spinach, cookies, milk.

ROPE WINS FINAL GAMES

Ropes whacked Wellman, 68 - 47, Friday night in the last game for both teams in District 9-B action.

Ropes finished with a 9-5 reading to finish in the top three of the loop-behind champion Meadow, and Wellman ended the season with a 2-11 mark. Ricky Braden paced Ropes with 24 tallies and Johnny Tubb had 16 for Wellman.

The Ropes girls ended their season with a 40-38 decision over their Wellman counterparts. Martha Smith sparked Ropes with 23 points and Debra Ham poured in 22 tallies for Wellman.

Ropes won the B-team boys game 76-46, and the B-team girls game, 40-31.

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METHODIST NEWS



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 P. O. Box 147 Phone 562-3881
 Ropesville, Texas 79358
 "Located on the Lubbock Road"
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Worship 11:00
 Evening Worship 6:00
 Don McWhorter, Pastor

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. M. M. Collins is in the Methodist Hospital Cardiac Unit, suffering from hardening of the arteries. He is reported resting well.

Mrs. O. R. Howard is at home and doing well, though somewhat weak as yet, after her eight week stay in University Hospital.

Mrs. Everett Wallace entered West Texas Hospital in Lubbock on Tuesday and underwent hip surgery Wednesday morning. She is reported doing as well as can be expected.

There have been several of our members who have reported slight cases of the flu, and some more severe. We trust that they are improving.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

The Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church met to elect a Chairman and discuss the needs of the church and the new sewage system for the church. The Chairman who was elected to serve 1970 was Bud Rucker.

CHANGES IN WORSHIP PROVE EFFECTIVE

The changes made by the Worship Committee and the Pastor in the morning worship service of the United Methodist Church have proven to be very effective. The use of

the bulletin and making the announcements at the beginning of the service being the major changes have tended to set a more worshipful atmosphere. The expanded Chancel Choir has added a great deal to the morning worship and effectiveness of the song service. The use of suggestions for Hymns and other service elements has been very effective and well received. The members select or suggest hymns for the worship service and their has been a marked improvement in the congregational singing.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET

The teachers in the United Methodist Church School met Wednesday night to receive instruction on the use of the newly acquired film strip projector, and on the filing and use of teaching aid packets. The teachers meeting was followed by the meeting of the Council on Ministries to plan programs of study and work for the church.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- February 22, Exodus 20:1-17
- February 23, Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- February 24, Proverbs 16:1-11
- February 25, Isaiah 58:1-12
- February 26, Amos 5:14-24
- February 27, Micah 6:1-8
- February 28, Matthew 5:13-20.

SERVICES HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. PAULINE STUART

Services for Mrs. Ruth Pauline Stuart, 56, a native of Wilbarger County and Levelland resident 28 years, were conducted a 12:30 p.m. Friday in the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Chester Haynes, pastor, with burial in City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stuart died Wednesday in a Levelland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Vera (Bee) Miller of Levelland; seven brothers, Winfred Jeffcoat of California, J. D. Jewwoat of Lubbock, R. L. Jeffcoat of Grapevine, Dillard Jeffcoat of Midland, M. E. Jeffcoat of Lamesa, O. C. Jeffcoat of Kermit and W. M. Jeffcoat of Snyder; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Alley of Lubbock, Mrs. Faye Shipman of Odessa and Mrs. Jewel Rosh of Fresno, California; and three grandchildren.

She was an aunt of Gene Jeffcoat and Mrs. Ruby Wilson of Ropes.

RESIGNS JOB

Chief of Police Melvin Ward of Wolforth resigned his job this past week.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 TO: BILLIE APPLE)
 Defendant, Greeting:)
 You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 121ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court of HOCKLEY County at the Court House thereof, in LEVELLAND, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9 day of MARCH A.D. 1970, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 14 day of January A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 6188 on the docket of said court and styled RE: ADOPTION APPLICATION.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: PETITION FOR ADOPTION FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE MINOR CHILD as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Levelland, Texas this the 22 day of January A.D. 1970.

Attest:
 RUBY BEEBE WILLIAMS
 Clerk,
 121st Dist. Court, Hockley County, Texas
 By Johnnie Roberts Deputy.
 (SEAL)

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF HOCKLEY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 99th District Court of Lubbock County, on the 27th day of January, 1970, by J. R. Dever, Clerk of said court, for the sum of \$823.12 plus interest at seven per cent (7 per cent) per annum from May 27, 1968, plus \$200.00 attorney's fees and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Municipal Investment Corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. 60328 and styled MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION VS. GARTH FREEMAN and wife, LOUISE M. FREEMAN, placed in my hands for service, I, WEIR CLEM, as Sheriff of Hockley County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of February, 1970, levy on certain real estate situated in Hockley County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Sixteen (16), Block One Hundred Thirty-Four (134), Original Town of Levelland, Hockley County, Texas (assessment Unit 2-50-67, Certificate 1) against which is due a balance of \$601.66, plus interest at 7 percent per annum from May 27, 1968, and reasonable attorney's fees of \$150.00;

Lot Sixteen (16), Block One Hundred Thirty-Four (134), Original Town of Levelland, Hockley County, Texas (assessment Unit 2-66-67, Certificate 1) against which is due a balance of \$221.46 plus interest at 7 percent per annum from May 27, 1968, and reasonable attorney's fees of \$50.00;

and levied upon each of the above described tracts as the property of GARTH FREEMAN and wife, LOUISE M. FREEMAN, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1970, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Court House door of Hockley County, Texas, in the City of Levelland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell each of the above described tracts of real estate separately and not in whole at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of GARTH FREEMAN and wife, LOUISE M. FREEMAN;

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the ROPES PLAINSMAN, a newspaper published in Hockley County, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND, this 2nd day of February, 1970.

WEIR CLEM, Sheriff
 Hockley County, Texas

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF HOCKLEY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 99th District Court of Lubbock County, on the 12th day of January 1970, by J. R. Dever, Clerk of said court for the sum of Six Hundred Fourteen and 86-100 (\$614.86) Dollars plus interest at 7 percent per annum from April 13, 1969 and attorney's fees of \$125.00; and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Municipal Investment Corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. 59651 and styled MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION VS. JAMES T. SUITS and wife, MRS. JAMES T. SUITS, placed in my hands for service, I, WEIR CLEM as Sheriff of Hockley County, Texas, did, on the 2nd day of February 1970, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Hockley County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Seven (7), Block Sixty-Eight (68), Original Town of Levelland, Hockley County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of James T. Suits and wife, Mrs. James T. Suits and that on the first Tuesday in March 1970, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Court House door of Hockley County, in the City of Levelland Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said James T. Suits and wife, Mrs. James T. Suits. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Ropes Plainsman, a newspaper published in Hockley County.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of February 1970.
 WEIR CLEM
 Sheriff HOCKLEY County, Texas.

ENROLLMENT INCREASE

Levelland - South Plains College has an increase of 5.08 percent in enrollment over that of last spring, according to Registrar Charles Sylvester. The count this spring is 1,536 compared with 1,447 last spring.

This number does not include 36 enrolled in the Adult Physical Fitness program.



CONGRATULATIONS TO -

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hall of New Orleans, Louisiana on birth of a son born at 6:30 p.m. February 16. He weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Stephen Finney. They have two daughters, Carece and Lemoyne.

Kenneth is attending Seminary in New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Ropes. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler of Wolforth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jack Rucker of Houston on birth of a daughter born February 9.

She weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces, and has been named Jennifer Jill.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rucker of Route 1, Ropes. Mrs. Rucker is in Houston making the acquaintance of the little one.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. D. G. Kulms underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon in her doctor's office in Lubbock for the removal of a growth from her leg. She is a thome, and reported doing fine.

UNCLE PASSES AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock were in Brownwood Sunday to attend funeral services for her uncle, Mr. E. K. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon, 65, passed away suddenly Thursday from a coronary attack.

ENJOY FISH FRY

A fish fry and all the trimmings were enjoyed Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roberts Sr. and Mrs. W. H. Still. Mr. and Mrs. James Means, Sr., who have just returned from a fishing trip, furnished the luscious fish. The Roberts would like to express their gratitude for the lovely fish fry.

MOTHER IS ILL

Mrs. Frank Sylvester is in Jacksonville attending the bedside of her mother, who is critically ill.

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ATTENDS FUNERAL

Mrs. Emory Hobbs was in Levelland Friday where she attended funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Stuart.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Daiton were in Levelland Sunday afternoon attending the 81st birthday celebration of Mrs. Ida Forrest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bevers.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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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)

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guess it's mighty inconvenient to be poor. I knew some poor people once, good honest souls who went barefooted in both winter and summer—you just can't imagine the callouses I got on my feet." Said another: "You can be both happy and poor—poverty is more a state of mind than a state of being. I lived through the depression" And still another told us: "Why, when I was poor I used to walk on my hands to save shoe leather. It was a little inconvenient, but I saved enough to buy a couple of cigarettes a day."

"Why worry about being poor," said another. "Didn't the Lord tell us that the Kingdom of God belongs to the poor—just imagine some of these millionaires asking me for a drink of water." "And Tyree Martin said: 'What's wrong with being poor? I didn't know there were any rich people until I was 20 years old.'" "Being poor has its compensations," declared R. Riojas. "At least, your friends are not trying to borrow money from you."

So, we guess being poor and honest, as we are, is not anything of particular distinction.

And too, we're poor on space, so we quit.

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FFA MEMBERS

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weight Poland China. Travis White, 2nd Heavyweight Hampshire; 5th Heavyweight Cross-breed; 8th Mediumweight Hampshire; 16th Lightweight Cross-breed.

The quality of animals exhibited in the entire show was considered better than the average year and many superior animals were in the show.

Those who made the trip from Ropes were Paula McCormick, Ted Robertson, Libby Thomas, Travis White, H. Joe Schwartz and C. T. McCormick.

One placing animals from each exhibitor is shown in the picture section.

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VISIT IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McWhorter of Fritch visited over the weekend in the home of their son, Rev. and Mrs. Don McWhorter and family.

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HAVE SUNDAY GUESTS

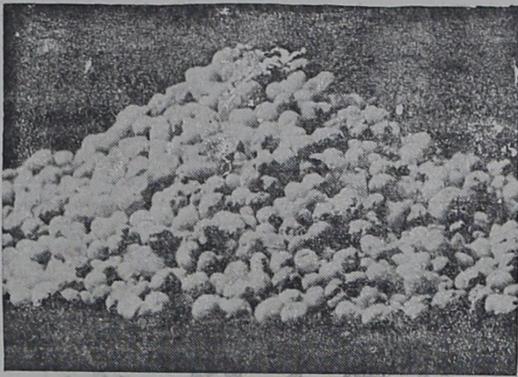
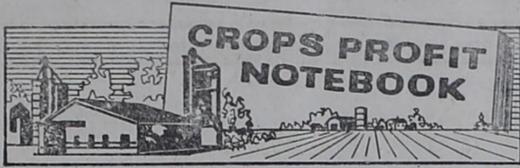
Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. W. H. Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. King Ardis were Mrs. Copeland's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifford and their son, Fred Clifford, all of Clarendon; Mrs. Ralph Krebs and daughter, Nancy Woody, and Mrs. O. R. Copeland, all of Lubbock.

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VISITS DOCTOR

Mrs. Merlin Hobbs was in Lubbock Tuesday morning for medical care. She was accompanied by Mrs. Emory Hobbs.

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Remember Micronutrients For Balanced Fertilization

Just as you and your family need a balanced diet to keep you healthy, so do your corn, cotton, wheat, soybean or other growing plants

There was a time when manure plus chemical fertilizers containing nitrogen, phosphate and potash were considered enough to maintain crop production. Now, we know many other elements must be added to balance the plant food diet if we are to maintain soil fertility and achieve high yields.

So-called "minor" element, now more properly labeled micronutrients, are just as vital as the "major" elements. Even though required in only small amounts, soil supplies of such micronutrients as zinc, manganese and boron are becoming increasingly short. When they are lacking, plant deficiencies show up and yields go down.

Plants require 16 essential chemical elements for life and growth. Three of these — carbon, hydrogen and oxygen — are obtained from air and water. The others must be supplied by the soil and fertilizers.

These micronutrients are just as necessary for proper plant growth as nitrogen, phosphate and potash, the primary nutrients, and as calcium, magnesium and sulfur, the secondary nutrients. Each nutrient has a specific role to perform.

For example, corn will contain nitrogen and zinc in the ratio of about 100:1, but lack of zinc has made the difference between 100 bushels per acre and crop failure in Nebraska.

In the past, most soils have been able to supply the small amounts of micronutrients that plants require.

Diagnosis of a micronutrient deficiency is more difficult than for primary nutrients. Modern soil and plant analysis techniques, however, are giving us better information on which to base recommendations.

It also has been difficult to obtain proper micronutrient fertilizer materials and to apply evenly the small amounts needed. Information has been lacking on proper placement and timing of micronutrient fertilization.

Even many of the multi-micronutrient mixed fertilizers available have given farmers a false sense of security. Some mixes do not contain enough material to correct a real micronutrient shortage.

The new Micro-Charger fertilizer is designed to overcome these problems. It supplies the elements needed, evenly coated on all granules of your complete fertilizer. (See photo).

Looking ahead to higher yields and higher profits in 1970 and beyond, it will pay you to keep micronutrients in mind. They are essential if your plants are to receive the balanced diet required for high-profit yields.



by N. D. Flowers, Mgr. Cyanamid Farm Supply

The high yields of modern stepped-up cropping programs, however, are rapidly depleting the natural stockpiles of these elements.

Plants being pushed for high production may not get enough of these nutrients during critical growth periods and will not yield their potential.

Where are Micronutrients Needed?

Sandy soils, high organic matter soils, alkaline and poorly drained soils are more susceptible to micronutrient deficiencies than other soils. Some crop varieties, too, require larger amounts of certain micronutrients than other varieties.

Fields that are graded for terraces or irrigation, badly eroded, poorly drained, under-limed, over-limed or row-cropped year after year are often deficient in micronutrients.

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HOME HIGHLIGHTS

by Jewel Robinson
Home Demonstration Agent

Eggs play such a commonplace, taken-for-granted, role in the life of most every U.S. Citizen that many shoppers simply pick up a carton from their grocer's display case with never a thought about size, quality or freshness.

Here are some questions and answers which might prove interesting and at the same time provide up to date and correct information on the buying and storing of eggs.

Answer true or false, and then check with the answers provided.

1. A U.S. Grade A Large egg is better than a U.S. Grade A Medium egg.
2. You should never use a dirty or cracked egg in an eggnog.
3. To keep their quality, store the eggs promptly and large end up in the refrigerator.
4. A U.S. Grade B egg will be just as nutritious as a U.S. Grade A egg.
5. All eggs in a carton marked "Large" are identical in size.
6. Not all cartons marked "Grade A" have been officially graded by the Federal State Grading Service.
7. Eggs are no good after a week in the refrigerator.
8. If you want to serve poached eggs, U.S. Grade AA or A eggs would be your best choice.
9. Shell color does not affect the nutritive value or quality of an egg.
10. Leftover egg yolks should be covered with cold water before storing in the refrigerator.

Check your answers with those below, and if each correct answer meant a prize of one egg, how big an omelet could you make?

1. False. A large egg is bigger than a medium, not better, size refers to the weight of the egg; the grade refers to the quality.

2. True. Eggs eaten uncooked—as in an eggnog—should always be clean and shouldn't be cracked. This is just to provide an extra safeguard against possible contamination by bacteria.

3. True. Keeping eggs large end up will keep the yolk from sticking to the shell and keep their natural quality longer. Keeping them in the refrigerator is essential to keep the egg's natural quality. Get the eggs under refrigeration as soon as possible.

4. True. The Grade B egg may not look quite as nice as the Grade A egg if you fry or poach it, but it will be just as nutritious.

5. False. If a carton of USDA-graded eggs is labeled "Large", all the eggs together must weigh at least 24 ounces. There may be some slight variation between individual eggs, but rarely should any be smaller than the average for "Large," 2 oz. per egg. If you find apparent disparity in egg sizes, the chances are you'll have some eggs larger than the average marked, not smaller. Here are the minimum weights per dozen for commonly sold sizes. Extra large, 27 ounces; large 24 ounces; medium, 21 ounces; small 13 ounces.

6. True. Only egg cartons marked with the official USDA grade shield have been officially graded under the Federal-State grading service. Eggs marked simply "Grade A" are supposed to meet State or local standards for quality which usually are based on Federal standards.

7. False. Eggs will lose some quality (appearance) after a week in the refrigerator, but they will usually still be just as good in taste and in nutritive value. To prevent off-taste, don't store eggs next to cheese, citrus, fish, or other aromatic foods.

8. True. U.S. Grade AA and A eggs have high standing yolks, and thick whites and won't spread out in the pan. These highest quality eggs would be best for poaching or frying.

9. True. Shell color is determined by the breed of hen. It does not affect the nutritive value or quality of an egg.

10. True. Leftover egg yolks should be covered with cold water and stored in the refrigerator in a tightly closed container. Use within a day or two. Extra egg whites should also be refrigerated promptly in a tightly closed container and used within a day or two. Don't cover the egg whites with water.

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NEW READERS
We welcome new readers to the Plainsman:

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pettiet and family of Route 1, Ropes.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson and family of Sundown, Texas.

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ILL THIS WEEK
Tony Streety is ill this week with the flu. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Streety.

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TRUSTEES TERMS EXPIRE
The committee selected to recommend candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District include N. J. Green, Bud Rucker, J. R. Smith, E. G. Moore and Bill Berry.

Trustees whose terms expire are Crate Snider, Erlan, Gresham and H. Joe Schwartz.

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TIME TO FILE FOR OFFICE
It's time for local citizens to toss their hats into the political ring, do a public service and represent the people with a voice in City government.

The terms of Mayor T. J. Redman Jr., and Aldermen B. J. Thomas, Place No. 1, and Dennis Rasherry, Place No. 5 expire.

SERVICES HELD FOR EDWIN WESLEY

Edwin Wesley, 90, died Friday in Swisher County Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Wesley, a native of Palo Pinto County, was a retired farmer. He had resided in Tulia since 1929.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday in the Primitive Baptist Church of Tulia with Elder C. L. Garrett, minister from Floydada, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia, under direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Chester of Uvalde; four daughters, Mrs. Mable Adams of Canyon, Mrs. Rosella Ross of Mississippi, Mrs. Alta Thurman and Mrs. Bertrice Stanaland, both of Tulia; a brother, Ben of Van Buren, Arkansas; and 23 grandchildren.

Mr. Wesley was a grandfather of Mrs. Ann Mayfield of Ropes.

ATER, CHITWOOD WEDDING VOWS SAID THURSDAY

Miss Marilyn Ann Chitwood and Raymond Joe Ater were married at 3:00 p.m. Thursday in the United Methodist Church of Idalou, with the Rev. Ted Dotts, minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chitwood of Idalou. Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Joe Ater, also of Idalou, are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs. Keith Eubanks of Lubbock, matron of honor. Mrs. Eubanks wore a red knit dress. The bride wore a white street-length knit dress with matching coat.

Robert Fisher of Stephenville was best man. Joe Baldwin, also of Stephenville, seated guests.

Mrs. Ted Dotts, organist, accompanied Miss Barbara Cocanougher of Lubbock, soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ater greeted guests at a reception in Fellowship Hall. They will live in Stephenville.

The bride is a graduate of Idalou High School and attends Texas Tech. Ater is an Idalou High School graduate and a senior at Tarleton State College in Stephenville where he is a member of the Silver Keys Social Club.

WINS KARATE TROPHY

Dennis Ray Gotcher won first place in the U.S. Championship colored Belt Division at a karate meet held in Dallas last week.

Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher of Lubbock, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher of Ropes.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BANQUET TO BE SATURDAY

Meadow Lodge 1228 A.F.&A.M. will hold its annual George Washington banquet Saturday, Feb. 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Walt's Cafe.

All Masons and their wives and guests are invited to attend.

D. H. Lindley, Worshipful Master, will preside. Ralph Krebs, well known Mason of Lubbock, will be the principal speaker.

IN TULIA SATURDAY

Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield was in Tulia Saturday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thurman, and attending the bedside of her grandfather, Mr. Edwin Wesley, who was critically ill.

MUCH IMPROVED

Debbie Chaney is much improved and able to be back in school after a case of the flu last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chaney.

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BACK IN SCHOOL

Kayla Odom is back in school after a bout with the flu. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Odom.

ABOUT THOSE OYSTERS

Remember the last time you went into an oyster bar and filled up on the delicious seafood? Or the time you went to the fish market and bought oysters to serve to your family?

On both these occasions it's doubtful that you worried about what kind of water covered the oyster bed from which they came. You just ate the morsels and enjoyed them, assuming they were fresh and safe to eat.

The State Department of Health is working hard to see that you are provided with safe seafood. To assure that shellfish consumed in Texas isn't taken from contaminated waters and is processed under sanitary conditions, the Division of Marine Resources of the State Health Department keeps a constant watch on shellfish processors.

But despite the watch by Health Department inspectors, "bootleg" oysters do appear on the market from time to time in violation of the law.

Processors are reminded that it is unlawful to harvest oysters from areas which are not approved by the State Health Department. State regulations further specify that all oysters be processed in clean, certified shucking plants.

The Marine Resources Division has this word for consumers: Look for the certification number on the can or package of oysters you buy. If it's there, it means the oysters have been processed in accordance with state laws. If it's not there, watch out! You may be buying oysters taken from polluted waters or processed in a dirty plant. On gallon cans the number is embossed in the metal on the side of the can. On smaller containers the certification number is printed on the lid.

There is concern over origin of the oysters and their handling. Contaminated oysters have been known to transmit all the water-borne diseases — including typhoid fever, gastroenteritis and infectious hepatitis.

Processors are reminded that 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. It also calls for proper handling of shucked oysters within specifications set down by the Commissioner.

Enforcement of these regulations is a big job since as many as seventy oyster processing firms and about 10 crab meat dealers are affected. These figures vary, since some firms may drop out and new ones enter the field. About four million pounds of oysters are processed each year in Texas waters.

About 750 plan inspections and more than 300 harvesting boat inspections are made yearly by Marine Resources Division inspectors. More than 1 1/4 million acres of bays are kept under surveillance. More than 4000 maps were distributed in the past year showing safe harvesting areas.

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.

MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES 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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COOK MONDAY THRU FRIDAY : PEARL WEATHERLY
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Arnett Co-Op Gin
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Jackson Insurance

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Naoma Bullin
Nelle Dalton
ALTERNATES
Rosemary Henderson
Lavetta Bradshaw

HIGH GAME SERIES

Mansfields Service Station - 2501
C & C Gin - 2351
Bowers Butane - 2328

HIGH TEAM GAME

Mansfields Service Station - 875
C & C Gin - 844
Bowers Butane - 816

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES

CLASS A
Lola Marcy - 548
Cynthia Sparks - 536
Betty Watts - 533

CLASS B

Joyce Shannon - 472
Naomi Bullin - 466
Bobbie Mitchell - 443

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME

CLASS A
Hazel Bevers - 217

Mary Ann Jones - 215
Lola Marcy - 214
Betty Watts - 214

CLASS B

Charlene Sims - 193
Joyce Shannon - 187
Bobbie Mitchell - 174

CLOTHING PURCHASES

To combat soaring clothing prices plan your clothing purchases carefully and they can take you anywhere.

Make the most of your clothing dollar and buy multi-purpose clothing.

Suits and dresses with simple lines and little trimming lend themselves to accessory changes for different types of activities. Separates which are in fashion now can be switched around for variety.

Buying clothing just because it has a low price tag may be expensive in the long run unless you really like it and it fits into your wardrobe plan. A few good items that you wear frequently and that always make you feel well dressed are better buys than a number of cheaper clothes.

Styles change so quickly that it hardly pays to have a large wardrobe. A few dresses in the current style can be worn often enough for you to get your money's worth. Next year they may become second best as you add one or two new items to the wardrobe.

Be fussy about a good fit. Your clothes will not only look better, but wear better, too. Save some of your clothing money for a good-fitting foundation garment so that all your clothes will look better on you.

Many woolen garments now are machine washable without fear of shrinkage, felting or fading. But, follow directions on the label. Most manufacturers recommend washing the wools in cool to warm water and a mild soap.

Use a short cycle. If pressing is needed, always use a slightly dampened cloth.

Trouble brews when homemakers combine extreme heat, moisture, friction and strong soap when laundering. Wool can not withstand these extremes and retaliates by shrinking.

And what about sweaters? Never

hang them. This will stretch the sweater out of shape. Instead, fold loosely and arrange in drawer or on shelf. This is a care recommended for all sweaters regardless of the fiber they are made of.

GOAL OF 600,000 COUPONS

ATTAINED FOR LARRY PARKS

Plainview (Special) — Wayland Baptist College students have gone over the top in their efforts to raise 600,000 Betty Crocker coupons to purchase a kidney machine for former Wayland student, Larry Parks, Circleville, Ohio.

Coupon number 600,000 was counted on the fourteenth day of the campaign. The announcement was made in a student assembly on Monday.

The drive originated when Parks, a freshman ministerial student, discovered shortly before Christmas that he was the victim of Brights disease in the chronic and terminal stages. Parks is 24 years old married and the father of two small children. In order to live, Parks must have a kidney transplant or a kidney machine.

Wayland students discovered that Betty Crocker coupons could be redeemed for cash which could be used to purchase the necessary piece of equipment. Students began to contact churches and colleges across the country.

Local newspapers, wire services and radio and television stations picked up the march and coupons poured in from across the country. Response to the campaign has come from churches, communities, organizations and individuals.

In addition to the coupons, cash and trading stamps redeemable for cash have come in. On the day that the 600,000 coupon goal was reached, some \$1300 in cash and more than 1,00 books of green stamps had come in.

Response to the drive has been both rewarding and surprising to those who worked closely with it. The goal was reached faster than expected. Stories connected with the collection of the coupons have been heartwarming.

A small, West Texas town with a population of only 400 took the drive as a community project and raised some 37,000 coupons. An eighth grade history class from New Mexico gathered over 100,000 coupons. An eighteen year old homebound student from Amarillo heard of the project and began collecting. She sent in her contribution of over 35,000.

A radio-television station in New Mexico took up the campaign and collected over 17,000 coupons from their listeners. Many more came directly to the college.

Plans are now being made to send the coupons and secure the kidney machine for Parks who is at home in Circleville, Ohio. Latest communication with Parks shows he is gaining strength and is in good spirits. He was scheduled to preach in his home church last Sunday.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Train NOW to drive semi truck, local and over the road. You can earn over \$4.00 per hour, after short training. For interview and application, call (214) 742-2524, or write Safety Dept., Nationwide Systems, Inc., 4747 Gretna, Dallas, Texas 75207. 2tc

TO SELL CANDY

The Brownie Troops of Ropesville will be selling Girl Scout candy the latter part of the month.



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