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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1963

## Closing Exercises For Schools are Announced

According to announcement made by Supt. O. V. Fuller, baccalaureate services will be held on May 19th in the high school auditorium. Rev. W. O. Perry will be the speaker.

The commencement exercises will be held on May 24 in the auditorium.

Pat Patterson, principal of Junior High, stated the exer-

cises for that school will be held on the 23rd of May. The valedictorian is Rosene Davis with an average of 95.45. The salutatorian is Mary Lynn Gresham with an average of 95.37. There are thirty-one in the class and seven had an average that did not go below 91.

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### 4H NEWS

The district 2, of 4H Club members, which is made up of 20 plains counties, was held Saturday, May 4, at Texas Tech, in Lubbock.

Hockley County was represented in the senior girls electric contest by Freda Pointer and Doris Martin, who placed 3rd in district.

In the Junior boys public speaking, Mark Hardin was the county's representative and placed second. Mark has been in 4H Club since the last of March, and is making a good start on his 4H work.

Representing Hockley County in rifle team contest were: Sammy Means; Danny Rosser; Bill McCormick, and Danny Clark of Sundown, they placed third; and Louella Means placed 3rd in share-the-fun festival. This is Louella and Sammy's first year's work in 4H.

Adults attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rosser, Mrs. J. C. Pointer, Mrs. Roy Hardin and C. T. McCormick.

Our meeting time is each 4th Monday at 4 p.m. at the Youth Center. We are proud of the work being done by these 4H members and if you are interested in belonging to the club, you are welcome any time.

Any adult who would like to be a leader, you are needed too, as there is so much to be done.

On May 19, all club members are to meet at the Methodist Church and sit together for the church hour, as this is national 4H Sunday, and we want to be a part of the program for that day. Be at the church by 10:40 a.m.; bring your parents too.

More will be published later about the family picnic following the church service.

Reporter.

### CHARLES RUSSELLS' RETURN TO ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell and three daughters, who have been living at Whiteface, are moving to Ropes this week. Mrs. Russell will be employed in the House of Beauty as an operator, and will start work there today (Thursday).

### HEAR THE GRAND OLE OPERA SATURDAY NIGHT

As has been announced, the Ropes Grand Ole Opry will be staged in the Community Building on Saturday night of this week.

This is all amateurs and is under the direction of Clifford Martin. There is no charge of admission.

If you like country and folk music, be present and enjoy yourself.

### MRS. SID PRICE IS INJURED

Mrs. Sid Price was injured Tuesday when she fell at her home. We understand some ligaments were torn loose in her leg.

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### RETURN FROM TEMPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield returned from Temple this week where they visited a cousin.

## Hail takes heavy toll in Ropes Community Sat.

In what was, perhaps, the most severe and the most damaging hail storm to visit the Ropes community occurred Saturday night when hail fell intermittently for two solid hours. The hail measured from pebble size to baseball size. Tom Wall has a hail stone picked up in his yard 20 minutes after the first hail stopped that is as large as an ordinary baseball. Mrs. Loyd Arant put a hail stone on ice which she picked up after it had laid outside about five minutes which is every bit as large as a baseball.

The storm brought with it a blessing as well as a curse—rain over the territory. With the exception of a strip almost due west of Ropes, as much as from two and a half to five inches was received. Most of the rain gauges were snapped off at the top, but what was left were full of water.

Starting at the Frank Sylvester place, some three miles west of Ropes, and continuing

north for an undetermined distance, and west past the Tom Price place, eleven miles out, there was little or no hail, and the rain ranged from a fourth to an inch.

East of Ropes the hail was heavier and heavy damage was suffered by buildings and residences.

The first storm came from the northeast at 11:30. You could hear the hail coming—it sounded as the rush of a flight of airplanes. At first a few huge stones struck the ground, then it came in earnest. In striking roofs of the houses it sounded as if a dozen or more men were on top trying to cave it in with sledge hammers.

This storm lasted about seven minutes. It appeared then the clouds had gone to the east and that our troubles were over. However, another cloud made up in the southwest around midnight and started to move in. It was a vicious appearing mass of swirling clouds, laced with

angry tongues of lightning accompanied by rolling thunder.

It was about this time that City Marshal Dub Riney was notified there were two tornados on the ground between Ropes and Meadow. He opened up the siren on his car and gave the warning. We have an idea there were more people in storm cellars during this storm than at any time since the storm period in the 50's.

The tornados missed us, but the hail didn't. For an hour and forty-five minutes it pounded, in places covering the ground to a depth of three inches, and with it was blinding rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Martin were among those out in the storm. They were returning home from Lubbock. Tyree stated that the hail was so thick he could not see to drive and the stones so large that when you ran over them on the highway it was as if you were on a rocky road.

The first part of the hail hit them at the county line and became heavier as they came this way.

North of town, at the Preston Darby place, heavy damage was done. Preston said the hail beat the roof off his house, damaged his car, and a boat in the yard was not only dented but the stones beat the stuffing out of the cushions.

Down the road from Preston, at S. D. Buchana's place, hail ruined the roof of the house and in a matter of minutes water was leaking through the ceiling.

In Ropes there is hardly a house that did not receive damage.

At Jim Martin's hail beat the roof to a pulp and then hammered the paint off the walls; Chester Stephenson had just completed putting on a new roof and the hail knocked holes in it—it was a total loss; the roof at Tommy Littlefield's was full of holes; Mrs. Nadine Chambers' house was severely damaged, the roof, broken windows, etc.

James Pierce lost the roof off his house and suffered other damage. Tom Wall's roof was beaten to a pulp, as was that on the Loyd Wall house, the water going thru and causing a part of the ceiling to fall.

At the school, each of the three buildings suffered severe damage. It was so great in the high school building that part of the ceiling in one of the halls fell.

In the hail storm of several days ago the Methodist Church had several windows broken on the south side. This time there were several broken on the north side.

Mrs. W. O. Drake had just completed a new roof Friday, but Sunday morning it was a complete loss. Bob Whitlock lost a roof and window; Ulys Gregg had just completed a new roof and windows from the previous hail storm, but Sunday morning it was in a worse shape than when he first repaired it. The roof on the Troy Morris (ye editor) residence was heavily damaged, and at the Ropes Plainsman a section of ceiling fell.

J. D. Nichol's home suffered damage, while the Tommy Cox house, occupied by Merlin Hobbs, lost its roof. B. J. Thomas suffered roof damage and Tyree Martin residence was damaged.

The new Co-op Gin building's roof was completely ruined, and will have to be replaced. Damage was done to the other two gins.

Clyde Loveless had just finished spending four hundred dollars on his roof and it was all lost. Shingles were knocked off the Shelby Evans place and fruit trees and shrubs badly damaged. Walt's Cafe suffered roof loss and water damage on the inside.

The roof on the W. E. Walling home was destroyed. At the R. M. Mayfield home the roof was destroyed and other damage; J. N. Willis suffered heavy loss on his home and outbuildings. Hundreds of automobiles and pickups sustained damage.

A utility wire was down in front of the W. H. Wilkison residence and George Duey of Lubbock was out bright and early Sunday morning repairing it. Windshields of J. R. Smith car and Mrs. Isla Wilkison's car were shattered by the hail stones.

We are sure this is only a partial list, as everything in the path of the storm was damaged.

## FUTURE FARMERS TO MEET IN AMARILLO SATURDAY, MAY 11

The Future Farmers of America from Area I will meet in Amarillo on Saturday, May 11, 1963. The meeting will be at Amarillo High School. This meeting is held each year prior to the State FFA Convention to select the Area I officers, the state nominee for the office of president of the Future Farmers of Texas. Also they will elect all the area officers for the coming year, the area sweetheart, and all the candidates for advanced degrees and awards.

Mr. C. T. McCormick of Ropes will serve on the committee for the selection of the American Farmers from Area I. The committee will meet on Friday preceding the convention to begin work in selecting the Star American Farmer from Area I, who will then compete in the state contest for Star State Farmer. The committee will then select the next candidates they find best qualified for the degree of American Farmer, the highest award to be

had in the Future Farmers of America.

The quota for American Farmers is four from Area I. Sometimes the area gains one from some other area in the State which does not fill its quota.

An hour long TV program will be held at the close of the convention at the studios of KGNC in Amarillo. All the top award winners will be presented on this program.

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### SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE REPORTS

Anyone in this area desiring to take a private pilot license test will have the privilege to do so at 7 p.m. May 20 in the administration building at South Plains College, Levelland.

A SPC class on ground school aviation will be concluded on May 16, and members from that class will be taking their tests at that time.

Robert H. Wisener, Federal Aviation Agency inspector for this area, will administer the Federal FFA test.

### FRESHMEN BEGINNING COLLEGE CAREERS

More than one million freshmen are just beginning their college careers, and one fourth of them are starting out in two-year community colleges.

There is a rapidly growing trend in higher education for a student to attend a two-year junior college or university for the last two years of study for a degree. Enrollments of freshmen at these two-year colleges are increasing 50 per cent faster than freshmen enrollments at four-year schools, according to surveys by the U. S. Office of Education.

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### RAY SUTER IS

### IS IN HOSPITAL

Ray Suter is in a Brownfield hospital recovering from an emergency operation for ruptured appendix. His condition is said to be improved somewhat.

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## The Fire Siren As A Storm Warning

Since the storm of Saturday night we have learned why the fire siren was not used to warn the people—some one had advanced the idea it is "silly" to blow it in case of a storm.

If that is so, there are a lot of silly people in Texas. There is hardly a town that does not use the siren to warn of approaching dangerous clouds. Even in cities sirens have been installed to be used in case of approaching storms.

In using the siren the people are warned, not that they about to be blown away by a tornado, but that there is a possibility of a tornado. The use of these sirens has saved hundreds of lives and will possibly be the means of saving many more.

### VISIT FROM LUBBOCK

Miss Winona Shanklin, of Lubbock, visited in Ropes on Saturday morning with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris.

On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara, of Lubbock, visited the Morris'.

### VISITS PARENTS OVER WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox and children, of Plains, were here last weekend visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Whitehead, and other relatives.

ing many more.

Five blasts on the siren indicates a bad cloud approaching. This warning is given by the Highway Patrol so people can seek safety. Maybe ninety-nine times out of a hundred there will be no tornado, but there is the possibility.

We have talked to any number of people since Saturday night's storm and each one was in favor of using the siren as a storm warning. Such is written into the minutes of the City of Ropes that when a bad cloud is approaching there shall be five blasts on the siren.

We think this should be done in the future. If a person does not want to seek safety he can turn over and go back to sleep.

### BILL PATMAN REPORTS PLENTY OF NOISE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Bill Patman says there was plenty of noise about his place Saturday night. Bill has two five hundred gallon tin water tanks near his windmill, and his barn and outbuildings are covered with tin. When the hail started it was as if there was a great gang of people beating tin pans.

Mrs. Ann Cavitt and Charles, of Lubbock, were in Ropes Saturday night visiting with friends.

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Mrs. Morris Goad left this week for Germany where she will join her husband. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock.  
Mrs. Goad and children traveled by plane.

**NEW ARRIVAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock were informed Tuesday that their son, Tommy Dave and wife of Lubbock, are the parents of a new girl. The little one weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces.

**RAY MARTINS VISIT SUNDAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin were in Hobbs and Lovington, New Mexico, Sunday visiting relatives.

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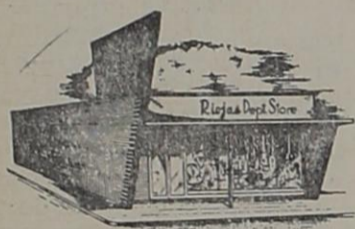
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NEWS REPORT BY  
REP. OLEN R. PETTY

Three of the major goals of the legislature have been met this week, in the passing of House Bill 13, House Bill 50 and House Bill 11.

House Bill 13 is the battle that has been fought for many many years, in the problem of Municipal Annexation. This bill was passed by the Senate last week and the House concurred in the Sen-

ate Amendments which made this bill law, whenever the Governor signs it. The problem of Municipal Annexation has been pointed out by Governor Connally as one of the major problems of this legislature. The last three or four legislatures have tried to solve the problem and now this legislature has finally passed a bill. Of course, the bill will curb the mad land grabbing in larger cities of Texas. I am very pleased that this bill was passed and now we have some concrete legislation to aid in the orderly and development of our cities.

Another bill in which many people in our area is concerned is H. B. 50. This bill has now passed the Senate and the House has concurred in Conference Committee, in which this means that this bill has met with approval of both houses and has been sent to the Governor. This is the bill to raise the speed limit up to as much as 70 mph for automobiles and 60 mph for trucks. These speeds will vary according to the highway conditions. It gives Texas an equal opportunity to realize the top safe speed on our excellent highways system. Many people in our area are concerned with this problem and I am very pleased to see this pass. When discussing this bill, some controversy arose over whether or not the bill would allow the use of radar. This has been checked out and radar will be operated by the Department of Public Safety, the same as it has been in the past.

During the last political campaign, there was considerable amount of discussion as far as the development of the Tourist Industry in Texas. House Bill 11 which is the outcome of this, was passed this week. This bill sets up a tourist agency to develop and encourage

tourist trade in Texas. Other than these bills that have been sent to the Governor, there are still many pieces of legislation facing this legislature.

Last Thursday the House passed Senate Bill 15, which is the Small Loan Regulation Act. The House passed the Loan Bill with several amendments, therefore it has been sent to a Conference Committee between the two Houses. With the passage of this bill, it does seem certain that this legislation has a better opportunity to pass the Loan Shark Bill. I believe that this Conference Committee between the House and Senate will work out the differences between the two houses and we too, will pass a small loan regulation bill this session. This will bring to conclusion a long, hard fought battle.

House Bill 457, by Rep. Whatley, of Houston, the bill relating to the Hot Check Law, which makes the law more workable and more strict, also, passed the House this week. We have heard a lot from people in our area who are concerned about hot checks. Many felt that something should be done and I feel that this is a step in the right direction.

The House of Representatives worked its first night session this week. We met on Monday night to work out several of the important bills. We are coming to work early and staying late as the end of this session is clearly in sight. I have mentioned to you before that May 7 is the end of the 120 days and the session may end anytime after May 7 but cannot go any longer than May 27. So you can see, actually, there are only very few days left. We are working hard in efforts to pass the important pieces of legislation.

The tax measure is in the Senate and is expected to be debated upon in the very near future.

We need your comments. We must have the views of the people of our district in order to represent you.

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NOTICE - The Young Farmers will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the cafeteria. The program will be on Irrigation. A supper will be served before the meeting by the Young Homemakers.

IN BRONFIELD - Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lindley were in Brownfield Tuesday attending to business.

TO MEET MONDAY - Ropes chapter of Young Homemakers will meet at 7:30 Monday, May 13, in the homemaking department. A tasting party of favorite recipes of members will be given to raise funds. All young homemakers in the community are invited to attend.

FHA NEWS by Pat Bridwell - The Ropes Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America had their monthly meeting April 25th.

Our president, Linda Whitten, gave a report on our Penny Drive we had during FHA Week. We sent the proceeds to UNICEF. She reported that our contribution to Care had been used in the Pakistan program.

Sarah Cato, Freda Pointer, Sandra Jeffcoat, Lavoun Evans, Kathy McNabb, and Mrs. Gamble gave a report on the State Meeting in Dallas which they all attended.

Sarah Cato gave a report on our orphan in Viet Nam, the girl our chapter supports. She also asked for contributions for the Dao family who lost their home in a fire in Saigon. The meeting was brought to a close by Linda Whitten.

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