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JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

We think this West Texas weather is not to be fooled around with. First the wind blows your eyes full of sand, so you can't see what's coming later. Then the first thing you know, the sun is shining, and all is calm and peaceful.

But not for long, you can bet on that.

Our weather is a little confused. April is supposed to be the month of showers, and March the month for sand, but Sunday and Monday night on set a record for the little particles of dust roaring through the air.

Regular chores during such weather include wiping the sand off the table so you can set it. Then you set it. By the time you get the food to the table, you have to wipe the plates out and get new drinks that aren't coated with sand, set the food down, and then just close your eyes and eat sand and all. It gives a different flavor to all foods. Makes them have real grit.

Drink your liquids and you have something that will stick to your ribs — mud.

After one has swallowed so much sand, there is not enough liquid to dissolve it, so then you shake out the toothpicks, and pick out the rest of the sand particles. But you must learn to pick your teeth with your mouth closed, or the sand gets ahead of the job of removing it.

Another enjoyable factor of a sand storm is the static electricity. Brush your hair, and it flies everywhere. Get in or out of your car and receive a shock or two. But to top it all, try feeding paper through the printing presses, and the sparks fly, and then the paper lovingly enfolds the ink-coated rollers and must be dug off by hand, piece by little piece. This is a nice, clean job that coats your fingernails with ink, and more gritty, sticky sand.

The quality of one's patience can be told by how their temper holds out after stopping the press several times to dig the paper out. Also the quality of one's vocabulary. It is possible to think of many new words not now on the market when this happens several times late at night.

The art of laughing to keep from crying sure doesn't work in this atmosphere — whoever is helping you would be sure to take you off to the nut house if you so much as smiled after a paper or two.

The real fun begins when you begin to feed papers back through the press. About fifty of them cling together, and they will not come apart. Touch the paper and any part of the steel on the press at the same time, and you might as well have stuck your finger in a light socket.

Then after the laughs, ruined papers and fun of the press comes the time of cutting and folding. The cutting goes pretty good because several are cut at one time so it doesn't hurt if they stick together. But they must be folded separately. Everything around you had better be made of wood. The papers must be literally forced apart, for each fold.

We love the sandy weather.

We look forward to it every year with a sick grin and a hearty moan.

Being it's also the season for fishing, we are reminded that the ability to sin differs among people — a short-armed fisherman isn't as big a liar as a long-armed one.

And so, we dust our way off the page for another week.

Bowling League Awards Luncheon

The Ropes Housewives Bowling League ended its season last Thursday with an awards luncheon held at the Gridiron Restaurant in Lubbock.

Awards were made as follows: First Place Team — C & C Gin. Team members include Betty Watts, Von Dalton, Charlene Sims and Lola Marcy.

Second Place Team — Bowers Butane. Team members include Genell Ward, Lillian Willis, Mary Ann Jones and Glenda Sparks.

Third Place Team — Mansfield's Shell Service. Team members are Nelle Dalton, Merle Robinette, Hazel Bevers and Don Thomas.

High Team Series — Mansfield's Shell Service.

High Team Game — C & C Gin.

High Individual Series, Class A —

Lola Marcy.

High Individual Series, Class B — Joyce Shannon.

High Individual Game, Class A — Hazel Bevers.

High Individual Game, Class B — Charlene Sims.

High Average, Class A — Glenda Sparks.

High Average, Class B — Naomi Bullin.

Most Improved — Rosemary Henderson.

The group also elected officers for next year's league which will begin September 10th. They are: President, Glenda Sparks

Vice-President, Bobbie Perry

Secretary, Lillian Willis

Treasurer, Rosemary Henderson

Sergeant at Arms, Shirley Grant.

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It Is Our Belief . . .

(An Editorial)

That the majority of the merchants in Ropesville need to take a course on the value of advertising.

In a letter to the Plainsman this week, a gripe was aired about some out of town advertising. Just where do people in this town think the advertising comes from for the paper? If we had to depend on advertising and business from the Ropes merchants, we would have had to close our doors long ago.

We appreciate any advertising we can get, and we also urge our readers to trade with our advertisers. Only those who care advertise. Those who do not advertise have enough business already, or they would be using the columns of this paper to tell the people what they have to offer, the prices for same, and have their phone number and name in the paper each week for the convenience of the readers, and potential customers.

Not only will advertising bring in more business, it is totally deductible. If you had to pay ten dollars, or five hundred dollars income tax, it could have been spent for advertising, which would have been of mutual benefit for the paper and for your business.

This paper didn't start out to be a free gratis operation, but it has ended up that way. The merchants in Ropes who support this paper can be counted on one hand, and have some fingers left over.

We firmly believe that everyone should work for the betterment of their community, and we will push any good that we can for this purpose; but if one receives no cooperation, how are they supposed to stay open; and why should one support a merchant who in turn refuses to support them.

The merchants from other towns, such as Levelland (mainly), Lubbock and Brownfield do want your business. They advertise every now and then in this paper to tell you so. They are willing to spend some money to tell you what they have to offer, and extend an invitation to you to come and trade with them.

In a week or so we will be printing a special edition on soil and water conservation — there are many, many advertisers in this issue, and they are all from out of town. They care about the land, the farmers, and in general the trade area of this territory. They want your business. If they didn't, they wouldn't bother to spend the money, take the time and effort to see that they have an ad in the paper.

People read this paper, all four pages of it, including the advertisements. Then if they need what is offered, they trade there. They also read the ads in other papers and compare. If there are no prices, or ads in the Ropes paper, then there is no comparison to make. They just go elsewhere and trade. This is their privilege.

If every merchant in Ropes would spend just a few dollars a week, or a few dollars a month, we would not have to take advertising from outside firms. We could afford to advertise only what Ropes has to offer. But who is going to know just

what Ropes has to offer, when it is not in the paper.

You may write them a letter, or send them a flyer of some sort, but these end up in the trash before they are even read. They say, "Oh, that's only an advertisement." The paper is read thoroughly, and lays around for a few days, is passed from family member to member, and sometimes on to the other relatives, and the ads are read along with the reading matter.

We would like to urge people to trade only with those who advertise in the paper, but my goodness, this would become a ghost town in two weeks.

Perhaps those out of town do not trade with us, but then those in town do not either, so why shouldn't we, (and our readers alike) go somewhere else to trade. Really, if the Ropes business firms do not care enough to try and get your business, why bother?

We have a pride in our town. We always have had. We are hanging on by the skin of our teeth, and with the help of outside advertisers and job work, with the definite faith that Ropes is going to grow, and when it does grow, it will be with merchants who will advertise and support this paper.

Some people may have the idea that the subscriptions keep the paper going, but this is not true. All the subscriptions do is pay for the postage to mail the paper each week and a portion of the paper it is printed on.

If we didn't have a pride in our town, and want it to prosper, we would have closed our doors long ago. But we hope to be able to say we live in "Ripping Roaring Ropesville" for many years to come.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs announce the engagement of their daughter, Iva Aline, to A1C John Wesley Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson of Lubbock.

Iva is a senior in Ropes High School and plans to attend South Plains College. John is a graduate of Ropes High School and is a member of the U. S. Air Force. He will leave May 17 for a two year tour of duty in Germany.

MIXED COUPLES SUMMER LEAGUE

If you are interested in bowling in the Mixed Couples Summer League you are urged to attend a meeting at 7:00 Friday night at the School Cafeteria.

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WORK NIGHT ANNOUNCED

It was announced this week that the Lions Club will hold a work night at the Little League baseball field on Thursday night, April 30th at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to bring your tools and come out and help so the field will be ready for this season's play.

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MOVE TO ROPES

We welcome back to Ropes Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McNabb and family. Bobby has been stationed with the armed forces in North Carolina.

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PREPARATIONS

— Don McWhorter

When we go on a long trip we have to take certain things with us. We must pack our clothes, get our travelers cheques, load the car, call the mail man and notify some of our friends. When we begin to build something we must get our materials, our tools and our plans together. We must seek some guidance from an expert or someone else who is qualified to help us build correctly.

The same is true when we are building our Christian Faith. We must have the right materials. That is, we must accept what has been taught to us. We must have some understanding of the Christian Faith and we must be willing to do our part to make a good Christian life. Then we must begin in our building by getting the right plan. Christ showed us how and we can find a very good blueprint in the Christian teachings of the Bible. We must then seek help in selecting the tools for the building of a Christian Faith. We need guidance in the use of the tools.

The sharing of Christian Experience with one another is the best place to find the expert, or the qualified help to build a faith. Someone who has had an experience with God can witness to this experience from first hand information, and show you a way to find the same experience and thereby build a good strong Christian Faith.

The joy of being a Christian is not nearly as good as the joy of sharing the Christian experience with someone else. This is the idea and the purpose behind personal evangelism.

We have tried all manners of ways to reach people for Jesus Christ. We have tried to "preach to them" in mass evangelism. We have tried to "teach" them in Christian education. Jesus is a reality and He must be experienced to become real. The only way we can reach people is for other people to share and witness to the power and love of Jesus Christ.

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Our Apologies

We offer our sincere apologies to J. T. Drake who asked us last week to announce that the Lions Club was selling tickets in a block to the residents who wanted to attend the All-American Football Game to be held at Jones Stadium June 27.

The seats sold for \$6 apiece, and were to be located on the thirty to forty-yard line. You were supposed to contact Charles Shannon, and the deadline was April 22 (yesterday).

We don't know is this deadline could be extended or not, but if you are interested, you might contact Charles and see.

Our scratch pad was taken to the front telephone, and numbers written on the back of this item. We did not discover it until we were preparing to obtain news for this week's paper.

We are truly sorry this dated item was missed.

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IN LUBBOCK MONDAY

Emra Walling was in Lubbock Monday for a medical checkup.

Progress of Ropesville

(Editor's Note: Following is an article turned into the Plainsman for publication, written by one of our citizens. The article is signed, however we are withholding the name by request. We welcome views and comments by our readers. The only stipulation is that the article or letter be signed. We will print them, and withhold the name if so desired. The opinions expressed in the following article are those of the author, and not of the editor.)

Is the direction that Ropes is headed to be called progress? Are we progressing in a manner in which we can be proud or is it time for the taxpayers of Ropesville to take a look around!

First are our elected officials, (Mayor and City Council) doing the things that we want done. Let's look about and see:

1. A Motor Grader was bought at a large expense to do a job that the county has been doing.
2. A Ford Tractor and Shredder

Farm Bill To Be Explained Friday

Details of the compromise farm bill in the U. S. House of Representatives will be explained in meetings next Friday (April 24) in Lubbock and Amarillo. All farmers and ranchers are invited to attend the meeting nearest them.

J. P. Jones, Swishe, County farmer who is now Southwest area director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will outline provisions of the proposed bill.

The Lubbock meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Koko Palace with H. L. King, Brownfield, Texas Farm

Bureau secretary-treasurer, presiding. Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart, TFB state director from District 1, will be in charge of the Amarillo meeting which begins at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, West.

The proposed compromise farm legislation is expected to be reported favorably out of the House Agriculture Committee early next week. It is said to combine provisions from the "consensus" or Administration farm proposal and the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 which is scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

Services Held For Mrs. W. D. Nabours

Services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday from the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Curry, pastor, and the Rev. W. M. Dorough pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Lubbock, officiating.

Interment was in the Ropesville Cemetery directed by the Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Nabours, 81, a long time area resident, passed away about 2:30 p.m. Friday in a Lubbock rest home following an extended illness.

She was born in Forestburg and lived in Montague County. She resided in Ropesville for 35 years.

Survivors include four children; all were present for the services; a son, Jay Nabours of El Paso; three daughters, Mrs. Wilma Ray of El Paso, Mrs. Helen Bates of Lubbock, and Mrs. Carrie Lee Hall of Ropes-

LUBBOCK ANTIQUE SHOW

The spring Lubbock Antique Show will open May 1 in the Texas National Guard Armory with twenty-eight dealers from many states offering a wide variety of choice antiques and collectible items. The Show will be open Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 3, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., at 2901 4th Street.

Nudging each other will be items evoking the nostalgia of Grandmother's treasures as well as collector's items such as china and glassware in limited editions that are so much in demand. There will be everything from button hooks, hat pins and picture post cards through the entire range of antiques up to those costing hundreds of dollars.

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MOVE TO KILLEEN

Timmy Melcher was home over the weekend from Fort Hood where he is now stationed. Mrs. Melcher and Jeff returned with him to Killeen where they will make their home.

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Progress of Ropesville

was bought to cut weeds and keep down the mosquitos. The tractor stays in the garage more than it stays out cutting weeds. Also a charge is made to shred vacant lots even though these items were bought with tax money.

3. Our Mayor uses the local paper to advertise for out of town business to do jobs in our city. There is no saving out of town and they do not pay any taxes here.

4. What about our antique Water System? Shouldn't the truth be told to the tax paying public?

5. What about taxes? They are the highest of any town around us and what do we get for them. Also could it be that plans are being made to change the evaluation of property to make them higher.

My fellow citizens of Ropesville: Let us have a pride in our town that is second to none. But let us not do it by expensive mistakes.

(Name Withheld by Request)

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ville; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Otto Sims, Tony Sims, J. N. Willis, Ray Martin, O. V. Fuller and Terry Redford.

The family requested that any memorials be made to the Mattie Nabours Memorial Fund at the First Baptist Church in Ropesville.

The Plainsman family and Ropes community extend sincere sympathy to the family in this time of sorrow.

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THE OBSERVER AND THE OBSERVED

by Dave K. Powers

Everyone has supposedly heard of TEXAS, the Lone Star State, either by joke or by fact. If anyone has a right to brag or boast of their lovely state, Texans are high on the list. Being a native New Mexican (and proud of it!), these three years spent in Texas have been enlightening years. I suppose that even on the mission field, we'll be getting the West Texas dirt out of our teeth and ears!

"It has been said that Americans never fought better than they fought in Texas, and with a measure of truth it might be added that never did they manage their affairs worse." These words describing the Texas revolution are from "TEXAS: THE LONE STAR STATE" by R. N. Richardson. What exciting days must have been the early days of this great state. Think of the ALAMO. Travis sent out dramatic appeals to Andrew Ponton at Gonzales, to Fannin at Goliad, to the convention at Washington on the Brazos, to the people of Texas and to all the Americans in the world. Runners risked their lives. At dawn on the morning of March 6, 1836, Santa Anna took the place by storm, its defenders fighting until death. The book says it dramatically, "They had not died in vain: their sacrifice delayed Santa Anna and gave their countrymen a few more precious days to prepare to meet the advancing horde." Yes, TEXANS fought well at the Alamo.

Then at San Jacinto, in an 18 minute battle, fought to the tune of a popular love song, "Will You Come to My Bower I Have Shaded For You?" Texans fought well. This was the afternoon of April 21st. Under the leadership of Mirabeau B. Lamar, a line of infantrymen extended for a thousand yards, a cannon was placed at each end and their flag in the center of this long line. Santa Anna and 1,200 men were taken by surprise by nearly 1,000 Texans. There were 630 of the enemy killed, 730 taken captive and a handful of Mexicans escaped. Nine Texans were killed and thirty-four wounded.

Both were short battles but they were turning points in Texas history. There is still a battle going on... Not a battle over who shall own the land or which flag shall we live under, but a battle of good against evil. May it be said of us, in the battle for righteousness, "They fought well and handled their affairs well." Are you fighting for HIS cause, the greatest cause of the universe?

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A Bit o' Local News

IN PLAINVIEW SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan were in Plainview Sunday checking on relatives after the tornado Friday night. None of them were injured in the storm, although they were as close as two blocks from the path of destruction.

GROVER BLANKENSHIP IN HOSPITAL

Word was received Wednesday morning that Grover Blankenship is in Room 427 of the West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. He has been under oxygen for a week, and is listed in critical condition.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson from Odessa were in Ropes Sunday to attend funeral services for Mrs. W. D. Nabours.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Janice Strickland and Jason of Sun Valley, California are here visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer and with Mr. and Mrs. D. Strickland.

ATTEND RODEO

Mrs. Lillian Gryder and boys and Mrs. Joyce Dorsett and boys from Brownfield and Mrs. Emory Hobbs attended the rodeo in Lubbock last Saturday night.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Out of town relatives attending funeral services Sunday for Mrs. W. D. Nabours included Billie Nabours of Dallas, Jack Nabours of Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jarrett and David of White Settlement, Thelma Fowler of Euless and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Ferguson of Lubbock.

RUSSELLS HAVE VISITORS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell over the weekend of the 12th were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett and children, Russell, Rebecca Lee and Judy Ann of El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Summerfeld and girls D'Linda and D'Andra of Hamilton.

Monday guests were his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byrd and daughter, Mrs. L. F. Forbes and baby of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Schrader of Wolforth, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pointer and Mrs. Hattie Pointer of Lubbock.

Visiting here Tuesday were her father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pointer of Muleshoe.

ENTERS HOSPITAL

Buren Fewell entered South Plains Hospital in Levelland Monday reportedly suffering from pneumonia.

MOVES BUSINESS

Last week Mrs. Carolyn Chaney moved her antique and gift shop to a house about a mile north of Ropes on the Lubbock Highway. She was formerly located in the Jackson building on Main Street.

4-H DEMONSTRATIONS

4-H demonstrations will be held Saturday and Tuesday in Levelland. They will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

NOW IMPROVED

Mrs. Otto Sims is reported to be improved after suffering from a severe case of the flu.

IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis from Meadow were in Ropes Tuesday visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson.

METHODIST NEWS



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Sunday School 10:00

Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

Don McWhorter, Pastor

DISTRICT MEETING

The Brownfield District Women's Society of Christian Service will meet Friday, April 24th, in the First United Methodist Church of Brownfield at 10:00 for registration. The meeting will last until about 3:00 p.m. and a salad luncheon will be served at noon. Those planning to attend should bring a salad and meet at the Ropes United Methodist Church at 9:30 and go together to Brownfield. The program will be presented in three parts by Dr. Dallas Dennison, Dr. Jordan Grooms and Mrs. Faye Matthews.

ROPES LADIES PLAN CALL TO PRAYER

The Ropes United Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service will have its annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial on Monday, April 27th. Beginning at 10:30, the program will be conducted under the direction of Mrs. Nina Hayslip, Spiritual Life Secretary of the Ropes W.S.C.S. A covered dish luncheon will follow the program.

METHODIST MEN MEET

The monthly Breakfast Meeting of the Ropes United Methodist Men met at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Topics of discussion included the upcoming Every Member Visitation and the formation of a Men's Sunday School Class.

NEW SEWER

The sewer for the Church and parsonage was installed this week and will be connected for use as soon as the City sewage system is open and serviceable.

PRAYER GROUPS FORMED

There have been two informal prayer groups formed since our Lay Witness Mission and others still in effect that were already operating. Each Tuesday at 12:30 noon a group meets at the Church for prayer and sharing. Each Sunday at 9:30 just before Sunday School another group meets.

The Youth have organized an informal prayer and Bible group to

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meet at the Church library on each first and third Wednesday evenings at 7:30. This is for all age teenagers and everyone is welcome. The "Teen Gang" is it is called. is for Bible study and prayer in an informal setting.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 26, Sunday, 1 Samuel 17:41-50
 April 27, Daniel 1:1-17
 April 28, Daniel 3:13-28
 April 29, Daniel, 6:10-23
 April 30, Acts 4:5-21
 May 1, Acts 4:23-31
 May 2, Acts 6:8-11; 7:1-2, 51-60.

Mrs. Jimmy Sims is announcing that she will be starting a kindergarten school this coming school year, beginning August 31.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, and are interested in them attending kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Sims before April 30. Phone 562-4371.

Hours will be 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Enrollment will be limited.

PAINTING HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs have been having the interior of their home repainted this week. The work was done by her brother, Sidney Freeman, of Lubbock.

STAY AWAKE ITCHING?

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GO-CARTS and MINI-BIKES

The operation of motorized go-carts and mini-bikes on public streets and roads is illegal, unless the vehicle is equipped with the equipment required for registration.

Very few mini-bikes or go-carts are equipped, and cannot be licensed. If they cannot be licensed, obviously they cannot be legally driven on the street.

There are many reasons why this is the law, not the least of them safety reasons. Such vehicles are so small they are difficult to see. Without the necessary safety equipment such as brakes, horns, rear-view mirrors, mufflers, and stop lights, they cannot be licensed.

State law provides penalties for violation of the equipment requirements.

Even when such vehicles are equipped to meet licensing standards, the operator must hold a valid operator's license if he is going to operate the vehicle anywhere except on private property.

All of these legal requirements are aimed at just one thing — the safety of the operator and others who use the streets and highways.

Enforcement of these laws is not just a matter for police officers. It is important that parents enforce them as well, not only for safety of the child but as part of his training for responsible adulthood.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

South Plains College 1969-70 graduating exercise will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 15 in Texan Dome. Dr. W. A. Hunt, president of Howard County Junior College, Big Spring, will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend the exercises in which some 230 will receive degrees or certificates. A reception for parents and friends will be held immediately after the program with members of the Faculty Women's Club as hostesses.

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ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Following is the menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria for the week of April 27 through May 1:

MONDAY — Barbecued weiners, baked beans, butte,ed spinach, fruit, hot rolls, butter, and milk.

TUESDAY — Fried chicken, escalloped potatoes, green beans, peanut butter Rice Krispies, hot rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Frito pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY — Burritos, green peas, corn and tomatoes, fruit Jello, cornbread and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers, potato chips, lettuce and tomato salad, pickles, fruit cup, milk and orange juice.



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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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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Vote Absentee

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Are Going to Be

Out of Town

May 2nd

**SOUTH PLAINS AREA
HIT BY TORNADOES**

Twenty-five persons lost their lives, and damage was expected to exceed ten million dollars from the tragic tornado that ripped across the South Plains last Friday night. Hundreds were hospitalized, the injuries ranging from cuts and bruises to severe.

The storm originated around Plains, and Tatum, New Mexico, with some damage being reported at these points. The first real heavy damage was reported at Whiteface, some 35 miles north of Ropes, when the twister dipped down at that small community, causing extensive damage. Most of the residents were gathered at the school auditorium for the annual senior play. Several were injured when this edifice was struck. Most injuries were reported to have been suffered from flying glass and debris.

Next to go under severe alert, and to be hit was the community of Whitharral, with Cotton Senter following. Here homes were demolished, and two people lost their lives. A twister also hit Lazbuddie and Claytonville and Edmondson.

Extensive damage was suffered at Plainview, some 40 miles north of Lubbock. Several lives were lost, and a complete section of that small city destroyed.

Dimmitt, Pampa and Silverton were also hit. The trailer park at Sherwood Shores, with over two hundred trailers, was swept before the big blow with only one trailer standing. Here, most of the casualties were suffered.

Beginning about 9 p.m. Friday, the hectic day of storms and warnings ended around 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

The devastation left by the storm is almost unbelievable. The ruins appear to be about the worst we have ever seen. Loss was complete in most cases. The majority of people interviewed were either in their cellars, or trying to reach them.

Man is rendered completely helpless by one of these storms. All you can do is try to find cover, and await the outcome, being thankful to come out with your life.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to each and every one for the beautiful flor tributes, the food, cards, memorials and all kindnesses and words of concern during the illness and death of our beloved mother Mrs. W. D. Nabours. A special word of thanks to the many kind nurses at the University Convalescent Center in Lubbock for their thoughtful care and consideration.

May God bless each of you.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bates
Mr. and Mrs. Berriman Ray
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Nabours
Mrs. Dee Nabours
and families.

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

The South Plains College Band and Choir will present their annual spring concert Wednesday, April 29, at 8:15 in the college auditorium. The combined program will last approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

TOPS CLUB MEETS

The Kalarie Killeys Tops Club met in regular session Monday in the teachers lounge in Ropes Junior High School.

Attending the meeting were Iva Ree Young, Odessa Walling, Lillian Willis, Mayme Raspberry, Wanda Kelso, Inez Price, Wanda Allen, Evelyn Jephcott and Mabel Hobbs.

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.

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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.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pointer of Muleshoe were dinner guests Monday in the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer.

NEW TWO-WAY RADIO

Marshall O'Neal Fox announced this week that he is now equipped to handle tornado alerts, and the other various requirements of his job, as a new two-way radio set has been installed in his pick-up. He can now receive from the Department of Public Safety, which should insure the word of any approaching tornadoes that they are aware of.

IN VIRGINIA

Waymon Morgan is on TDY for thirty days at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

VISITORS SUNDAY

Visitors for Sunday dinner in the home of Mrs. W. O. Drake were Doyle and Margie Forbis, Caroll and Cynthia Hulse and Doug, all of Seagraves; J. T. and Wanda Drake, Jerry, Scott and Joel of Ropes.

ON SICK LIST

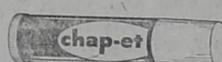
Mrs. John Smith and son, Larry, have been on the sick list this week, suffering from pneumonia.

BREEDING STOCK FROM AUSTRALIA

A meeting will be held at 8:00 pm Tuesday, April 28th, in the Ropes School cafeteria on breeding stock from Australia. The breed is Murray-Grey, and the program will be brought by Horace McQueen. All interested persons are urged to attend.

PRE-SCHOOL DAY MAY 8th

Elementary Principal Terry Redford announced this week that Pre-School Day will be held May 8th this year. All children who will be six years old by next September 1st, are urged to attend school on this day.


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**SERVICES MONDAY
FOR J. C. DOPSON**

J. C. Dopson, 72, a resident of Dickens County since 1912, died at 10:00 a.m. Sunday in the Crosbyton Hospital following an apparent heart attack.

An area farmer and sheep rancher, Mr. Dopson was born in Harrison, Arkansas, and was married to Lottie Johnson on July 7, 1918 in Dry Lake. He was a member of the Spur First United Methodist Church and a veteran of World War I.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday in the Spur First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Howard Marcum, pastor, and the Rev. Conrad Ryan, an Abernathy minister, officiating. Burial was in the Spur Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home, Spur.

Survivors include his wife, Lottie; a son, Donald of Spur; three sisters, Mrs. Ora Lee Bryan of San Antonio, Mrs. Carles Anglin and Mrs. Robbie Ryals, both of Lubbock; and a brother, Ben Dopson of Lamesa.

Pallbearers were Ellis Draper, Ferrell Albin, Billy D. Bingham, Don Ramsey, Dick Wright and Marion Hurst.

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

August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 — Inservice Meetings
August 24 — First Day of Classes
August 24 - October 2 — First Six Weeks
October 5 - November 13 — Second Six Weeks
November 15 - December 22 — Third Six Weeks
November 26, 27 — Thanksgiving
December 22 — Semester Exams
December 23 — Christmas Holidays Begin
December 23 — Work Day
January 3 — Christmas Holidays End

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

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PRAYER GROUPS	
MEN — TUESDAY	6:00 A.M.
WOMEN — TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
FAMILY PRAYER — WEDNESDAY	7:30 P.M.

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WHATSOEVER THINGS

by Donald E. Wildmon

In Chicago Police Lt. Emmett J. McMorrow rushed to a currency exchange and arrested a man who later was charged with armed robbery. "Everything seemed sort of familiar," said McMorrow. And it should have. He arrested the same man 20 years earlier on the same charge and — you guessed it — at the same currency exchange!

And then up in Idaho another strange incident happened. A bottle tossed into the Portneuf River was found 38 years later, by workers on a Pocatello flood control project. Inside the bottle was a yellowed note: "This bottle was thrown into the Portneuf River at Pocatello Idaho, March 31, 1930. Finder please write to Eva Brockway, Robert Brockway, and Mayme Brockway." The workmen contacted a retired railroad engineer, Clarence Brockway, of Pocatello. He said that Mayme was his wife, Eva was his daughter, and Robert was his son.

Back several hundred years ago a fellow by the name of Koboeth, who was a preacher, said these words: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Maybe the two incidents above are evidence of this truth. But the truth of the statement covers more than incidents like those. There are other things that come back to us if and when we cast them.

One of the things that comes back to us is the good that we do. The good that we do is never wasted no matter how much it may seem like it is. And the good we do will come back to us eventually. It doesn't always have the fairy book ending that we like to place with it but our good will return to us.

And love is another thing that if we will cast it upon the waters of human experience will return to us. The best way to be loved and lovely is to love. Fact about the business is that it is the only way. You see, if we will love then we will be loved. It is just that simple.

The Man of Galilee said that with what judgement we judge, we would be judged with. You see, if we do good people will do good to us. And if we love, then people will love us. He wasn't the first to say it, but He was the first to put it in the proper setting when He said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That may seem childish, and too simple, and old-fashioned, and out of step with modern man, but it is true. It is still one of the best rules on which to build one's life. J. C. Penny believed in it so much that he built a financial empire on it. Ever heard of the "Golden Rule Stores"? They were the forerunner to the J. C. Penny stores.

One indisputable law of life we need to learn early is this — whatever we cast upon the waters of life will come back to us. It would be a better world if all of us would learn that. Maybe then we would cast out bread that we would like to get back.

FIVE STAR FEATURES

NOW IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson of Abilene are now in Ropes preparing their equipment for another harvest.

IN ROPES SUNDAY

Edwin Powe of Acuff was in Ropes Sunday visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and family.

IN ROPES SUNDAY FOR FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler from Wolforth attended last rites Sunday in Ropes for Mrs. W. D. Nabours.

Honor Rolls

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 5TH SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

GRADE 4-A

A HONOR ROLL

John Cowan
Gary Means
Sylvia Garcia

B HONOR ROLL

Mark Blessing
Darry Jones
Donna Marcy

GRADE 4-B

A HONOR ROLL

Kathy Chambers
Kim Lemon
Steven Sims

B HONOR ROLL

Lucy Salas
Dora Cavazos
Terry Allen
Joel Drake
Larry Curry
Alan Miller
David Riojas

GRADE 5-A

A HONOR ROLL

Kay Witt
Dwayne McClellan
Janet Gardner

B HONOR ROLL

Marjo Garcia

GRADE 5-B

A HONOR ROLL

Belia Gonzales

B HONOR ROLL

LaWana Smith
Ricky Kimberlin
Jose Salinas
Susan Gutierrez
Dicki Arant
Randy Meiton

GRADE 6 A

A HONOR ROLL

Jeff Arnwine
Ricky Streety

B HONOR ROLL

FAMILY GET-TOGETHER HELD LAST SUNDAY

Thirty-nine were present Sunday at the home of Mrs. Loyd Arant for a family get-together. The group brought lunch, and much fun was had by all. They enjoyed singing, and playing music and taking pictures.

Those attending were Mrs. Arant's sister, Travis and Edith Mitchell, and their daughter, Jean Stewart and family, Kathy and Douglas and a friend, Paula Allen, all of King City California; a sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Green and son, Gary of Brownwood;

Her brother, Floyd and Bessie Tapp of Lubbock and their daughter, Melba and two children, of Lubbock; a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tapp and daughter, Connie and another daughter, Brenda and Robert and two children of Lubbock, a brother, Oscar and Polly Tapp of Lubbock;

Her son, Richard and Lavoy Arant and children, Debbi and Dicki of Ropesville; grandson, Donnie and Faye Jonas and Christie of Brownfield; a granddaughter, Mrs. Von Jonas, Ronnie and Troy Don from Brownfield; a granddaughter, Donny and Jaquita Carmichael and son, Michael; and the hostess, Mrs. Arant.

HOLDING REVIVAL

Rev. Bill Curry, minister of the First Baptist Church in Ropes is holding a revival in Loop this week.

Francis Martin
George Ochoa
Beverly Strickland
Marjo Salinas
Scott Drake

GRADE 6 B

A HONOR ROLL

Debbie Johnson
Monte Moore
Adrin Snider

B HONOR ROLL

Melinda Blessing
Sheri Collins
Ralph Cruz
Damacio DeLeon
Brad Pettiet

GRADE 7-A

B HONOR ROLL

Karen Arp
Theresa Fry
Frank Quintanilla

GRADE 7 B

B HONOR ROLL

Randy Smith
Joe Allen
Kelli Lewis

GRADE 8-A

B HONOR ROLL

Ruth Roberts
Christine Snider

GRADE 8-B

A HONOR ROLL

Tony Streety

B HONOR ROLL

Teresa Lindley
Debbie Arant
Irene Thomas

Following is the fifth six week honor roll for Ropes High School.

FRESHMEN

A HONOR ROLL

Roy Don Dodson
David Carpenter

B HONOR ROLL

Kathy Lemon
Elia Quintanilla
Anna Cervantez
Vicki Bartlett
Stanley Shockley
Danny Carpenter

SOPHOMORES

A HONOR ROLL

Wes Bradshaw
Denise Carpenter
Kirk Lewis
Luan Reeves

B HONOR ROLL

Sammy Harris
Larry Shannon
Dale Thetford
Sandra Arnwine
Floyd Morrow
Teresa Huie

JUNIORS

B HONOR ROLL

Kathy Hobbs

SENIORS

A HONOR ROLL

Paula McCormick
Cookie Jordan
Iva Hobbs
Becky Carpenter
Pam Ream
Beth Gresham

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Ricky Braden
Dwain Davis
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SUNDAY GUESTS

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and family and Lillian Gryder and boys and a friend, Barry Collier of Brownfield, and Iva Hobbs and John Roberson. —000—

FISHING TRIP

Among those enjoying a fishing trip this week are Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Armstrong. —000—

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. —000—



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Also those persons who are ill at home, or in the hospital, will be permitted to request a ballot by mail.

In all cases, those persons will be required to write a personal request, either in letter form, or by official application, asking the Clerk to mail them a ballot, giving their name, address where ballot is to be mailed, voting precinct number and registration number, if known. Also their Doctor must sign an affidavit stating that the applicant is unable to come to the Clerk's office in person to vote.

Office hours for voting will be from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, covering the absentee voting period. The County Clerk's office is located on the second floor of the County Courthouse in Levelland.



CONGRATULATIONS TO — Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn on birth of a son born at 7:13 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. He weighed seven pounds and nine ounces, and has been named Coby Todd. They have two other sons, Calvin and Kyle. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whitener of Route 1, Ropes, and C. F. Glenn of Levelland. —000—

VISITS HERE Mrs. J. C. Whitfield of Lubbock was in Ropes Sunday visiting with her mother, Mrs. Irene Morris, and cousin, Marguerite Morris. —000—

GO FISHING Marshall and Mrs. O'Neal Fox went fishing at Oak Creek Lake last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock are also enjoying an outing at Oak Creek. —000—

IN MULESHOE SUNDAY Mr. and Mrs. Abg Russell, Mrs. Leota Benett of Levelland and her daughter, Ms. Judy Adkins and son of Austin were in Muleshoe Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pointer. —000—

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