## THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

 if there is an $X$ in this boxit is nottce your susbsciption
nas explred and an invita-
ition to renew. Plainsman Office Catches Fire Tuesday a.m.

CUB SCOUT
vill have a Christmas part
nd meeting December 21 a 7:00 p.m. at the communit building.
Den II will bring the pro

## All parents are invited All

## NOTICE

The Ropes Barber shop
will be open Monday thiu
Thursday of next week,
will be closed Friday and
Saturday for Cinristmas. We
you a Merry Christmas.

SCHOOL TO DISMISS Ducinim:
Superintendent O. $\nabla$. Fhn
ler announced this week that
the Ropes schools will be dis.
 wardea $\$ 20$ and a certificate of completion for her record
in electricity. This was her recor
District.

Mrs. Lowrie was recognize
onstrations. It was the wor of all our adult leaders an members that made olu
winning of the county Plaque possible.
Mrs. Travis White led the group in singing Christmas
carols.
We gave Mrs. Maude Youn
a box of fruit, nuts, candy
The following were present and Mrs. Exum anc nd Mrs. Whitener, Louell and Mrs. Whitener, Louell
and Sammy Means, Mr. and and Sammy Means, Mr. and
Mrs. Rosser and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and and Mrs. McGuire and Beverly, Kathy and Iva Hobbs
Debbie and Randy, Mr. and Debbie and Randy, Mr. and
Mrs. Richardson and Gene, Mark Hardin, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mr and Mrs. Roy Carpenter
Becky, Denise, David and Becky, Denise, David and
Danny, Mr. and Mrs. John Ream, Jaet, Marcia and Pam Mrs. Travis White, Caroly nd Lynell, Donna Spivey Mrs. Leon Lowrie and Ted The agents, Miss Beverly A1-
xander and friend, John Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs oyce Samford were present
We wish to thank our adult eaders for their work thru out the past, and for this ovely banquet. Whing.
weporter, Ted Lowrie.

## WMU MEETS

The Baptist WMU met on church for an all day pro
gram on study and the weel gram on study and the week
of Prayer.
Mrs. Clois Cato presented the program. mas program will be held on December Attending $t h$ meeting Attending the meeting
were Mmes. Tom Jackson, Tony Sims, Charlie Ward,
Frank Sylvester, Cloi sCato, John Ream and Harry Mar frett.
IN SAN ANGELO
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chit
wood and family visited hi sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry $1 y$.
T h e Plainsman office
caught fire this past Tuesday
morning shortly after 8 a.r.
The stoves had been lit
just earlier, and the doors
locked. We were waiting for
the place to warm up before
we came down.
It did.
Tyree Martin discovered
the fire close to nine and
turned in the alarm. He satd
smoke was coming from the
roof, and on looking Inside,
the building was filled wiuh
smoke.
Origin of the fire is not de
finite, but it supposedly start
ed around a casting box in
the northeast corner of the
building.
The fire department pull.
ed the truck up to the back
of the building and forced
the doors open. They report.
ed the smoke was so heavy
they had to get down on the
floor to tell what they were
dolng.
If you have never seen the
Ropes Volunteer Fire Depart.
ment at work, then you have
missed something. They are
a precise concentrated group
of men who do their job well.
By the time we got to the
shop (the car wouldn't start
they had the fire complet

ROPES HOME DEMONSTRATON NEWS

The Ropes Home Dem. onstration Club met Tuesday December 15, in the home o
Mrs. Ronnie Ayers at Wols
Porth.
Mrs. Jerry Chambers, Mrs
Doyle Darby and Mrs. Sandr
Ayers brought the program
On Unusual Christmas Gifts.
Those present were Mmes.
James Chambers, J. M. Mar.
cy, C. B. Ward, Mansfield
Sims, Gerald Ward, and the
Mrs, Mrs. Ayers.
Mrs. Jimmy Sims won th
door prize which was a
Christmas wreath. The club
Christmas wreath. The club
then adjourned and went to
Lubbock where they present
ed Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry
at Ray's Hospitality Honte
with a Christmas gift fro
with a C
the club.
The Christmas party wil
be Saturday, December 19th
at $7: 30$, in the home of Mrs
Sam Whitener. Men and
women each are to bring
$\$ 1.00$ gift.
LOST- 52 jewel Holmart yellow gold man's wrist watch Sat
urday. Call Dennis Rasberry 562.3842, Ropesville.

NOTICE
Thers to santa
mailing a copy of the paper
o the North Pole unti
Christmas Day, so if your
child wants to get a messag
to Santa, either mail it in or
bring it by the Plainsman
office, and wee will print it so
old Santa will make no mis-
JEST SOME THOLGHTS They got kinda burned Instead
Inshed, we are brain scorch-
ed.
Now guess who's coming-
Santa Claus! We guess may-
be we better ask the old
gentleman for a new wall, a-
mong other things.
Christmas is just around
the corner and we have
found no way to delay
reaching that corner.
Not that we would want
to. Christmas is our favorite
season It just seems to
creep up quicker each year.
Time is about the only
thing we know of that
marches steadily on, even
without the beat of a drum.
It needs no help from any
one.
Have you noticed how
much shorter the years ars
lately? Time was when we
thought Christmas would
never get here, and the age
of 30 was middle aged.
Of course, one never got to
be 21. That was way otr in
the future.
People who had rheuma
tism and other aches were
definitely getting feeble.

It's amazing how quickly old Santa will make no mis- that middle age doesn't be tak

Dear Santa Clause:
I want dishes, doll, colors, bicycle, and a train.
bananas, grapes, peaches,
$\qquad$
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a soldier for Christ-
mas, and a gun.
Dear Santa Claase:
I want a doll and apples Cruz Soldivar
Dear Santa Clause,
I want a train and g
for Christmas.
Baltazar Padilla.
Dear Santa Clause, I want a football
Christmas.
$\qquad$
Dear Santa Claase,
I want a bicycle for Crhist
mas. Please bring me candy
Jesse Martinez.
Dear Santa Clause,
I want a football
I want a football fo
Christmas. Please bring m
candy, apples, and cookies.
Clario Soldivar.
Dear Santa Clause,
I want a bicycle for Christ
mas. Please bring me candy bring me cand
Paul Mendz.
have been no paper printed the business places on eithe side of the Plainsman woul
have suffered loss.

## A great big "thank you"!

J. W. BERRY
SUFFERS STROKE

FFERS STROKE
W. Berry, of Ray's Ho suffered a stroke Friday. He
is reported to be doing fine.

THER SERIOUSLY ILL

## and Mrs. J. C. Chit and family of Idalou to leave Friday for Pix-

to leave Friday for Pix-
California to attend th
ide of her mother, Mrs

## Dear Santa Clause,

for Christmas please bring
Rita Escondon.
Dear Santa Clause,
for Christmas bring
candy. Thank you,
gin until the age of 60 is at ained.
The years pass, the chil dren grow up, and the formaged. About then it doesn't do the morale any goorl to
come face to face with come
mirror.

However, there is still something to look forwar to-we have heard all
life that Life begins at 40

Since we've decided time passes so fast, guess we betfind ourself looking back where Life begins.

Your friend,
Mickey Gene Turner.
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Pat- a burp doll and a game and a Bible.

Monta Sue McGuire.
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bicycle for guns. Your friend,

Steve
Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll that cries and talks and laughs. Mary Lara

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christ mas and a big cat, and three

Robert Darrilla Dear Santa claus,
I would like to have watch for Christmas, and
much. I have been a good
ittle boy. I have been good and my sisters and brothers, tle brother wants some guns like a book about y would

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## Specials for Friday \& Saturday

## PLUS GOLD BOND STAMPS



