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JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

The weather — deep winter.

If you go fishing right now, you can be right in style — modern frozen fish.

And, says Henry Ford — Don't find fault; Find a remedy! Anyone can complain.

We wonder what his remedy to this nice Spring weather would be.

Ours is a nice warm fire, a heavy coat and a hot cup of coffee.

On mules we find two legs behind
And two we find before!
We stand behind before we find
What the two behind be for!

We're short on thoughts this week so we're trying to fill this space up with anything.

Boy, has this town eeen dead this week. We looked out the front door today, which is Tuesday, and thought for sure we were working on Sunday.

There's just hardly a wheel turning. Guess they're all gone after that frozen fish.

Emra Walling is charging a small fee to look at his newly installed, inspected and completed sewer line.

Heard the cannibals enjoyed a bologna sandwich the other day. They captured a politician.

Looking for space fillers doesn't take any thinking, so while looking, we came across the following poem written by Edgar A. Guest. It sure has a meaning, if you care to think.

YOUR NAME

You got it from your father. 'Twas the best he had to give,
And right gladly he bestowed it—it is yours while you live,
You may lose the watch he gave you and another you may claim,
But remember, when you're tempted, to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it and a worthy name to wear,
When he took it from his father there was no dishonor there;
Through the years he proudly wore it, to his father he was true,
And the name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.

Oh, there's much that he has given that he values not at all,
He has watched you break your play things in the days when you were small,
And you've lost the knife he gave you and you've scattered many a game,
But you'll never hurt your father if if you're careful of his name.

It is yours to wear forever, yours to wear the while you live;
Yours, perhaps, some distant morning to another boy to give;
And you'll smile, as did your father smile, above the baby there,
If a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear.

Once upon a time there were two women who had been quarreling for many years. Their preacher finally induced them to meet at the parsonage, shake hands and make up. After a short silence, one of the women said, "Well, Mrs. Doe, I wish you all you wishes me." Snapped back Mrs. Doe, "And who's saying nasty things now."

So, we roll off the page for another week.

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Rites Conducted For Publisher and Editor

Services for the publisher and editor of the Levelland Sun News who were killed in an airplane crash Friday near Austin were held Monday in Levelland.

Funeral for Allen Gardner, 63, the publisher, were at 11:00 a.m. in St. Luke's Episcopal Church with the Rev. John Holmes officiating. Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery.

Rites for Mrs. Joyce Mathews, 24, the editor, were at 4:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence Bobsien officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The two were returning home after accompanying Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and other officials and news men on a tour of drug rehabilitation and treatment facilities in six Texas cities. Estimated time of the crash was 7:52 p.m. in a field two miles off U.S. 183 and slightly north of Farm Road 1431, about four miles from the Williamson County hamlet of Leander, 30 miles north of Austin.

Travis County Deputy Sheriff Ernest Odom said the plane apparently exploded and burned on impact.

Gardner, a native of the Grand Island, Nebraska area and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, had been a resident of Levelland since 1960 after a varied newspaper career that included jobs with the Denver Post, the Kerrville Daily Times, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, and the Plainview Herald. He had also served on the publicity staff of Warner Brothers Studio.

He operated an office supply store before becoming publisher of the Sun News in May, 1965. He had served as a director of the Texas Press Association and was active in civic affairs. He was a director of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bainie; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Ford of San Antonio; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Mathews was born in Naples, Italy. She had been with the paper four years. She started as a reporter and photographer and was later advanced to editor of the daily. Her husband, Clyde Mathews Jr., was killed in Vietnam in March of 1967.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reeves of Levelland; a brother, Clyde Jr. of Levelland; five sisters, Mrs. Joe Tubb of Hereford, Mrs. Elmer Hinson of Houston. Sue Ann Reeves, Mary Janet Reeves and Linda Sue Reeves, all of Levelland; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reeves of Levelland and Mrs. Concetta Cantalupo of Naples, Italy.

MEIL FAMILY REUNION HELD

The Meil family reunion was held Sunday March 22. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morrow.

There were 56 present.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. E. Meil and Lula Mae of Meadow; Mrs. Louise Falkner of Eunice, New Mexico; Royce, Barbara, Susan and Jimmy Farqhar of Ropesville; Richard, Jr., JoAnn, Cathy and Tony Meil of Plains; Mr. and Mrs. David Massey, Nathan Gene and Kevin Massey of Rogers, New Mexico; Lee Edward, Ethel, Debbie, Gwin, Linda and Clois Massey of Lovington, New Mexico; Clarence, Norma Lou, Russell and Selena Massey of McDonald, New Mexico;

Karl, Joyce, LaRonda, LaDonna and Kenneth Cox of Rogers, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Larncie Blake, Orval Lynn, Phyllis, Ricky, Cindy and Wade Blake of Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Meil, Dwayne, Denice and Douglas Meil of Dumas; Clayton, Peggy, Paula and Darren Elkins, 5412 30th, Lubbock; Jerry Bob, Mary, Robert and Bruce Drake of 3416 32nd, Lubbock; Jerry and Joyce Morrow, 2615 42nd, Lubbock; Floyd Morrow, the host and hostess, and one visitor, a guest of Dwayne Meil from Austin.

Lots of delicious food and a good time was had y all.

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SERVICE SHELD TUESDAY FOR MRS. MAGGIE ATER

Services for Mrs. Maggie Ater, 79, of 2612 33rd Street. Lubbock, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. from the Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock Tuesday.

The Rev. Francis Wilson, pastor, officiated, with the Rev. Wayne Perry assisting. Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Atr passed away early Monday in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock.

She had lived in Ropesville 28 years before moving to Lubbock in 1948.

Survivors include her husband, Reverdie; a son, Reverdie Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Mrs. T. W. Ward of Dallas; three sisters, Mrs. C. G. Grizzle of Lubbock, Ophelia Gilbert of Oakland, California and Geniva Smith of Torrance, California; and five grandchildren.

Pallbears were H. D. Aycock, Royce Teague, Buster Parr, Walt Williamson, Hubert Whatley and Roy Blair.

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SERVICES HELD FOR 104 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER OF MRS. GERALD WARD

RANGER (RNS) — Funeral for Mrs. Nannie Cornett, 104, resident of Ranger for 34 years, were held Tuesday, March 24, 1970 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Tone, of Lakeview Baptist Church in San Angelo and the Rev. Gletus Caswell. of Union Baptist Church near Brownfield, officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cornett passed away at 8:30 a.m. March 23 at Ranger General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born November 8, 1865, in Goliad County. She was the former Nannie Winslow and married George B. Cornett in 1880 in Seguin. He died February 4, 1939.

Survivors include four sons, E. V. and G .W., both of Lamesa, J. B. of Hale Center and Earl of Brownfield; four daughters, Mrs. Ola Gridder and Mrs. Mae Howell, both of Ranger, Mrs. Inez Wren of Weinert and Mrs. B. C. Plummer of Big Spring; 41 grandchildren, including Mrs. Genell Ward of Rout 1, Ropesville; 104 great-grandchildren and at least 46 great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons preseded her in death. Grandsons were pallbearers and greatgrandsons were honorary pallbearers.

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RICKY BRADEN NAMED ALL-STATE CAGE STAR

Ricky Braden, a two-time All-South Plains performer from Ropes who was a third team All-State selection last year, moved up a notch this time around on the Texas Sports writers 1970 Class B All-State team.

Braden and Jeff Thacker of Roaring Springs, who made the third team, were the only West Texas representatives on the team.

Ricky is a senior in Ropes High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Braden.

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NEWS OF AREA MEN IN SERVICE

QUI NHON. VIETNAM (AHTNC) —Specialist Four Joe G. Bell, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. Bell, Route 1, Meadow, Texas, received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 67th Evacuation Hospital near Qui Nhon, Vietnam.

Spec. 4 Bell earned the award for meritorious service as a mail clerk at the hospital.

The presentation was made November 3, 1970.

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THE SOCIETIES

- Don McWhorter

In the very beginning of the church men gathered together to worship God, sharing what God had given them and being bound together in service and love.

The Church, in Acts from the Bible, gives us a great model for the societies formed by John Wesley in the beginnings of Methodism and likewise in the home meetings and cottage prayer meetings held by the early Baptist. These movements were the beginning of the two largest protestant denominations in America.

People met in small groups and studied God's Word and witnessed to each other about spiritual things and talked over problems on a spiritual level and received help.

As these meetings grew two large for the small homes and had too many people to be informal they set up meeting houses and made a formal service of worship.

The time for sharing and testimony has passed and the formality of the service leaves the larger churches starving to talk about spiritual things. We have become so frustrated with the organization and the Association and the Conference programs that we are failing to fulfill the basic needs for which church was started in the first place. —To Share Life With Like Minded People and Worship God.

The 'new" movemen tcalled the Lay Witness Mission is seeking to do the very same thing that the first societies and cottage prayer meetings and also the common meetings of the Church in Acts tried to do. People come from other churches to go to the homes and into small groups of people among our church members to talk on spiritual things and share what Jesus Christ has meant to them.

A new movement with an old purpose.

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THE OBSERVER AND THE OBSERVED

by Dave K. Powers

EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Such is the cry of the street corner newspaper boy. So it it with the news of the Church today. REVIVAL is breaking out all over our nation. First century method — word of mouth — is working in Twentieth century America. The New Testament records "Now when this was noised abroad..." (Acts 2:6) "and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea..." (Luke 1:65). Noised what abroad? They told everyone about Jesus.

Scene 1 — Asbury College, Hughes Auditorium, February 3, 1970, 1,000 students in a 50 minute service. Several students were asked to "testify" for their Lord. Many were standing, waiting to testify as the 50 minute service ended. A faculty member walked to the microphone and suggested the singing of a hymn of dedication. Approximately half of the student body moved to the altar during the hymn, and a marathon 185 hour REVIVAL was on.

Scene 2 — From Pasadena, California to North Chili, New York to Winnipeg, Canada the same revival spirit is on.

Here are a few of the President's remarks:

"The Holy Spirit moved in unusual power. Many (students) plan to spend their spring vacation spreading this flame across our zone." Dr. Curtis Smith, MANC.

"Wrongs were righted, hurt feelings healed, and lives changed." Dr. Mark R. Moore, TNC.

"Many of the young people were up all night in prayer." Dr. Stephen W. Neese, MVNC.

REVIVAL IS COMING! Let's share the greatest thing that has ever happened to us — the good news that Christ makes a difference!

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PIPE AVAILABLE

Bill Berry from over Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Company way announced this week that they have ample pipe on hand for folks in Ropes to purchase and lay from their homes to the main sewer line.

The four inch fiber pipe is being offered at only 32 cents a foot, plus the fittings. This is regular 45 cents a foot pipe.

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Purpose of Little Dribblers Explained

- Jake Street

Take ten boys, ages 8 to 11 years, divide into two teams of five boys each, put the two teams on a basketball court, give them the roundball, and you probably would think you were in for a fairly disorganized game of asketball. Right?

Well, just don't bet your favorite West Texas cactus on it! Especially if these young boys are Little Dribblers.

What — you interrupt with a skeptical glint in your eye — are Little Dribblers?

Little Dribblers are members of Little Dribblers, Inc., a non-profit organization that teaches boys 8, 9, 10, and 11 years of age to play basketball with an almost unbelievable skill and technique.

A West Texas original, Little Dribblers, Inc. is the nationally-chartered basketball answer to Little League baseball and "Pop" Warner league football; with several distinct advantages.

With headquarters in the thriving, hustling, bustling West Texas City of Levelland (population around 13,000) Little Dribblers, Inc. is comparable to other youth programs. Organized to further the interest in basketball as a competitive sport, it offers such major advantages as more individual coaching time for each team; less space is needed for facilities; fewer items of equipment very little cost for participation; communities of small population can afford to participate; for the cold temperature season and communities with colder climates it offers indoor, active sports activity; and it is an excellent program of personal development and participation for disadvantaged youth in the so-called "ghetto" areas of the nations metropolitian cities.

Little Dribblers, Inc. is the brainchild of four prominent Levelland citizens: ex-pro basketballer Chester Bidges, Local Attorney Harold Phelan, Hockley County officials Frank Burnett and Judge H. L. Moreland. The idea was conceived from a simple desire to help produce better quality basketball players in the Levelland schools.

The program, with the help of numerous local citizens and school officials, has undergone a rigorous eight-year testing period. Before the original Little Dribblers program went into effect, Levelland's 7th, 8th and 9th Grade teams had an unenviable losing record. The year the program started the teams were on the losing end of 18-36, 13-14, 12-22, 16-19 and other similar scores. Now Levelland's Junior High Teams, made up of members who have completed Little Dribblers league play, are winning against their counterparts in Plainview, Brownfield, Morton, Littlefield and other area teams. And winning handily over these teams that were their nemesis in the past.

The effectiveness of the program —sworn to by Levelland sports enthusiasts — is reflected in the won-lost record of the Levelland Junior High Teams.

The organization received its Charter in April of 1969. in less than a year, growth ha sbeen at an almost "too-much-too-soon" pace.

Little Dribblers Leagues have been establishd in sixteen large and small communities in three Southwestern states. The Championship teams from these communities will meet this year in the South Plains College Texan Dome in Levelland to compete in the first Annual National Little Dribblers Tournament, which will determine the first National Championship team of Little Dribblers, Inc.

"The success we've had this first year in getting started," Judge Moreland says, "is almost unbelievable. Every place this program has been presented has given it tremendous, whole-hearted acceptance. We're really pleased, for we know we have a program that offers something to every youth in the nation that likes the game of basketball and sports." Moreland also adds, with a chuckle, "The coaches we've talked to really like the program."

Among the notables on the Little Dribblers Board of Directors are University of Texas at Austin Coach Leon Black and Texas Tech University Coach Bob Bass, both Southwest Conference Basketball Head Coaches. Another Director is the President of South Plains College, Dr. Marvin Baker, a supporter for many years of the Levelland program.

The first National Little Dribblers Tournament is scheduled April 9-11.

LADIES OF THE PRESS LUNCHEON TO BE SATURDAY

LUBBOCK — West Texas women who write and Texas Tech University women in journalism will be honored at the first Ladies of the Press Luncheon sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi in Lubbock April 4.

Theme of the luncheon will be "Life Style and Dress Style for the American Woman, 1970."

The speaker will be Miss Lloyd (Cissy) Stewart, fashion editor of the Fort Worth Star Telegram and national president of Theta Sigma Phi, fraternity for women in journalism and communications. Miss Stewart also is women's editor for the evening edition of the Star Telegram.

At the 12 noon luncheon — at the Old English Kitchen of the Red Raider Inn in Lubbock — both West Texas women writers and outstanding journalism students will be honored.

The event is sponsored by the Lubbock Professional Chapter and the Texas Tech Student Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi and celebrates the founding of the organization.

The professional chapter will make four Communicator Awards to contest winners in the fields of writing for television, radio, weekly and daily nwspapers.

The student chapter will honor faculty and present a "Woman of the Year" award as well as acknowledge the winner in a student writing contest.

Professional awards will be presented for the first time in the contest which is expectd to become an annual event. Invitations to compete were sent to media throughout West Texas, according to Mrs. Kenneth Penrod, president of the chapter.

"The response was better than we had hoped," she said, "and we believe the winners reflect a high quality of professional competence among the hundreds of women who work as communicators in West Texas."

Following the luncheon, guests will be invited to remain for "a second cup of coffee" and shop talk.

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Be Sure And Vote

SATURDAY

METHODIST NEWS

The UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ropesville, Texas 79358

"Located on the Lubbock Road"

Sunday School 10:00

Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

Don McWhorter, Pastor

Lay Witness Mission April 10-11-12

LAY WITNESS MISSION PRAYER

There will be a prayer meeting each unday morning before Sunday School for anyone who wishes to attend. Beginning Easter Sunday the meeting will be a regular part of our church program in order that we might find new help and guidance for our church through prayer together. In preparation for the Lay Witness Mission there will be a prayer and sharing group meetings after the evening service April 5th and Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 in place of our regular monthly Fellowship meetings. Prayer is the key to successful living in a church. I thas been said that prayer doesn't prepare you for the greater work, It IS the GREATER WORK.

MANY OF OUR FAMILIES ARE ON VACATION

This week has been one of relative quite in the community and church because of the long Spring Vacation whic hmany have taken advantage of for a time of "getting away from it all".

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

A Lifeof Faithfulness
April 5, Sunday, Matthew 24:42-51
April 6, Psalm 119:25-40
April 7, 2 Timothy 1:1-14
April 8, Hebrews 10:11-25
April 9, Hebrews 12:1-13
April 10, Jude 17-25
April 11, Revelation 2:1-11.

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HAVE GUESTS

Guests over the Easter holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were Gary and Billy Gryder of Brownfield, Chris and Iva Hobbs of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hobbs and family of Seasgraves and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and family of Brownfield.

Easter Sunday they all visited in Brownfield in the home of Mrs. Lillian Gryder and enjoyed and egg hunt at the park.

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The right foot should be rested lightly on the brake pedal when approaching "blind" corners or intersection, Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies says.

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VISIT HERE

Rev. and Mrs. Don Crossland and children of Renton, Washington are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain and Harlan.

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THE SCHEDULE OF THE MISSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 —

4-5 p.m. — the visitors arriving and shown to the host homes.
5:30 — Team and committee meeting.
6:30 — Covered dish dinner, All members of the congregation.
7:30 — General Session; Singing and witnessing; all together.
8:15 — Break up into small groups; Youth and Adults and Children seperate.
9:00 — Reassemble.
9:30 — Go home if you are ready (The Holy Spirit Leading).

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 —

7:00 — Breakfast in host home for visitors.
8:30 — Team and committee meeting.
10:00 — Coffee groups; and Youth and Junior High Coke groups; Children 1-6 grade come to church (Bring sack lunch).
12:00 — Ladies luncheon at Church; Men's luncheon; Youth Cookout Grades 1-6 stay at church (For sack lunch).
2:00 — Youth Fun Time and Adult Visitation.
5:30 — Team and Committee Meeting.
6:30 — All Church Dinner.
7:30 — General Session; All; Children; Youth; Adults; Visitors.
8:15 — Break up into Small groups, (All seperate).
??:?? — Dismiss when ready.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 —

7:30 — Breakfast in host homes for visitors.
8:45 — Team and committee meeting.
10:00 — Church School; with visitors leading classes.
11:00 — Morning Worship; Elmer Hurley will bring the message.
12:30 — Sandwich lunch for all. (Bring the makings for sandwiches and have a "pot luck, make your own" sandwich).
1:00 — Visitors depart.
6:00 — Evening Evaluation Service.

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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.

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ACCENT ON HEALTH

It was in the early 1900's that chlorination was accepted as means of disinfecting water.

Prior to this, thousands of lives were lost through improperly handled water. Typhoid, dysentery and other water-borne diseases were prevalent.

Sewage treatment often was no more than a collection system sending the waste to the closest water course, and often a down-stream city's watr supply was served by that water course.

In the early water works system, a person with only a reasonable amount of mechanical ability was needed to maintain the pumps draw ing water from the stream or from the wells, and the "operator" normally had little esteem among his fellow citizens.

With urbanization after 1910, demands pyramided on city services for new streets, electric power, waste collection and water treatment. The "town pumper" was rapidly being left behind by advancing technology in the water and wastewater fields.

But in 1945 the Legislature passed the Texas Sanitation and Health Protection Law which stated that water facilities producing water sold to the public, as well as public sewage treatment plants, should be operated by persons holding certificates of competency issued under the direction of the Texas State Department of Health.

Efficient city management has adopted the policy of requiring certified operators in all phases of water utilities. Operators gain the necessary skills by attending utilities short schools held throughout the state.

Much is gained by having certified operators in municipal water systems. Persons having the educational requirements and passing examinations given by the State Health Department are equipped to perform their duties as operators in a more efficient manner.

In addition to protecting public health, the community may save untold thousands of dollars by assuring proper water and sewage plant management.

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SPEND EASTER IN ROSWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas spent the Easter weekend in Roswell, New Mexico visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sipe Griffith.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are made subject to the Dmocratic 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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WHATSOEVER THINGS

by Donald E. Wildmon

We Americans are stupid people. We won't admi tit openly, but when one looks at the facts — just the facts — there isn't any other conclusion one can come to. For we put our emphasis on some minor thing and ignor completely a major subject.

I have before me a news release. The headlines are very small and the whole story doesn't cover more than two column inches. I didn't find it on the front page of the paper, either. It was way over in the middle of the paper. The headlines read: "DRUNK DRIVING TOLL". The item went on to say that drunken driving results in 25,000 traffic deaths each year according to the Department of Transportation. The report went on to say that alcohol is the largest single factor in highway deaths. It also stated that police records prove that drinking figures in about 800,000 accidents annually.

After reading that I went back through my files and found a couple of other news items concerning this problem. One was dated about a year earlier. It said that "excessive drinking is involved in nearly hal fof the 53,000 highway deaths each year, according to a government survey." Dr. William Haddon Jr., director of the National Highway Safety Agency, told UPI that the "evidence is very clear that as far as most fatal accidents are concerned, the most common factor is excessive drinking." And, said Haddon, "Almost a flat 70 percent of single car fatal accidents in such places as California, New York,and various other major cities, involve substantially elevated blood alcohol levels and at least half of them meet anybody's liberal definition of intoxication."

Now, with that in mind. look at where we put the emphasis. I turn on my radio and the man says for me "not to leave my keys in my car" so that I won't cause a "good boy to go bad." I pick up my paper and it tells me the same thing. I change stations on the radio and a girl sings that if I'm ou tof a certain kind of beer then I'm out of beer. I pick up my newspaper again and look at the ads and it tells me that their whiskey is the kind I should drink over the holiday weekend.

At least we have begun to tell people what smoking can do to them. How is it that we have so carefully avoided telling them of the results of alcohol? And why is it that we tell a person to take his key with him to keep a "good" boy from going bad and fail to ask that man to keep from putting his key in the ignition after drinking?

Why bother wasting space on this subject? Don't I know those who are on the opposite side have more money and power than I do? Well, I said I found two news items in my files. The other one was less than a column inch. It said Johnny, his last name isn't too important, age 9, was struck and killed by a car while riding his bike home from school. It said the driver was arrested for drunken driving. At least we don't hav eto worry about Johnny going bad because we left our key in the car.

We Americans are stupid people.

—FIVE STAR FEATURES

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LITTLE DRIBBLERS TOURNAMENT NEWS

Levelland —Houston Wheatly star Dwight Jones was named this week as the High School Basketball Player of the Year by the Levelland Chamber of Commerce.

Jones, a 6' 10½" senior, is generally recognized by major college coaches as one of the top three "sure-fire" prospects in Texas this year. He was one of Wheatley's key-men in the Houston school's unprecedented 3 year reign as Class AAAA Champions.

The award will be presented to Jones by the Levelland Chamber during the first National Little Dribblers Tournament, scheduled for the 9th, 10th and 11th of April, in the Texan Dome on the campus of Levelland's South Plains College. Paul Harvey, the nationally-known news commentator will make the presentation to Jones. Harvey will be serving as the Tournament Master.

Houston Wheatley Coach Jackie Carr, along with Jones and other Champion team members Lawrence "Spider" Johnson and Allen Betro, will be guests of the Chamber during the Little Dribblers Tournament Activities. A banquet honoring the high school star, Paul Harvey, officials and other guests is set for Saturday night, April 11. The banquet will precede final tournament action to determine the Little Dribblers National Championship team.

The Chamber's annual award will be presented to an outstanding Texas high school basketball player each year during the National Little Dribblers Tournament. This year, twenty-five All-Star Little Dribbler teams, representing sixteen communities in three states, will play in the three-day event.

Tickets, which are available at the Plainsman office, are $4 for a season ticket. This will gain you entrance to all three days of the tournament, and provide you with a reserved seat for the comments and presentations made by Paul Harvey. All students will be admitted free to all the games.

If you desire to attend only one game, tickets are available at the door for $1.

Members of the team are Jeff Arnwine, Brad Pettiet, Lowell Parker, Brady Beaty, Riki Streety, Adrin Snider, Dickl Arant, Gary Means, Tony Lara and Monte Moore. Coaches are David Dalton and Pete Pettiet.

Pick up your tickets and plan to attend the Annual Little Dribblers Tournament.

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In Texas a total of 26,000 acres of land are used for solid waste disposal. This is equivalent to 41 square miles. Put another way, this is equal to a strip of land a mile wide stretching almost from Houston to Galveston, or from Dallas past Fort Worth.

Solid wastes, once collected, can be treated in three ways. They may be incinerated, disposed of in a landfill (buried), or composted into a useable soil conditioner.

Open pit burning, which pollutes the air, has never been a satisfactory way of disposal. Regulations of the Air Control Board no longer permit open refuse burning by cities of more than 5,000. Costs of incineration is quite high using equip ment with proper air control devises.

Composting plants are in operation and may serve a growing need in the future, but only limited operations are seen now.

This leaves sanitary landfills as the mo stpromising means of solid wastes disposal. In this method, refuse is dumped into a pit, compacted and covered each day with dirt. Marginal land is reclaimed by sanitary landfilling for parks and golf courses and other uses.

The Texas State Department of Health has had an active solid waste program since 1944, primarily of an advisory and educational nature, to help Texans meet their refuse problems each day.

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It Is Our Belief . . .

That Levelland will feel greatly the loss of the publisher, Al Gardner, and the editor, Joyce Mathews, of the Levelland Daily Sun News.

The tragedy that ended their lives was a shock to all.

We became acquainted with Mr. Gardner some six years ago, when our father, the late Troy Morris, went to work for him at Levelland, first on the Hockley County Free Press, and later as editor of the Sun News.

Mr. Gardner was a newspaper man of great merit. His experience in the newspaper field was long and varied.

He was continually pushing for the growth of Levelland, was active in all civic affairs, and set an example of being on the spot to help with anything that was for the betterment of his town.

He was instrumental in acquiring the modern, much used air port that Levelland now has, among other things. He worked steadily for the progress of "Lively Levelland". He did more for the town in a short time than anyone we know.

The Sun News looks bare without his daily "Over the Coffee" column that was read and enjoyed by all.

Levelland has suffered the loss of a dedicated citizen that will not soon be replaced.

And so, we again write "30" to the career of a newspaper man whom we will also miss very much.

That it is the duty of every American to preserve his heritage. This can best be done by taking your place at the polls each time an election is offered.

People are elected to offices by the voice of the majority. If you do not go and cast your ballot, you are the same as saying that you do not care, it really makes you no difference who serves in what capacity.

This is one of our freedoms that should be cherished. If people were not given the right to vote, and select the different officers who are so very important to all of us, they would howl long and loud.

If you don't go and vote, and your neighbor doesn't go and vote, pretty soon it will not be a case of anyone being elected by a majority, but a case of someone being elected y only those who care enough to take time to exercise this privilege.

Then, after a while, when there are not many votes cast, there will be no elections called. Why go to the expense when no one will respond. Then, we will really be told what to do, who is going to serve, and what we have to do under this person's service.

There will be no freedom of choice.

Right now there are two elections coming up Saturday in our town. That of a Mayor and two Councilmen to serve the City of Ropes; and the Board of Trustees for the Ropes Independent School District.

We are happy we can still call it an independent school district, for there are some districts that are not, and they are ever so close.

If you have the urge every now and then to get away from everything and everybody, you are no different from anyone else. It seems sometimes that it would be nice to carry no responsibilities, to be at the beck and call of no one. The following poem carries a feeling related not only to the bees:

Said a wise old bee at the close of day,
"This colony business doesn't pay.
I put my honey in that old beehive
That others may eat and live and thrive;
And I do more work in a day, by gee,
Than some of the other fellows do in three.
I toil and worry and save and hoard
And all I get is my room and board.
It's me for a hive I can run myself,
And me for the sweets of my hard-earned pelf."

So the old bee flew to a meadow lone,
And started a business all his own.
He gave no thought to the buzzing clan,
But all intent on his selfish plan,
He lived the life of a hermit free—
"Oh, this is great," said the wise old bee.

But the summer waned and the days grew drear,
And the lone bee wailed as he dropped a tear,
For the varmints gobbled his little store,
And his wax played out and his heart was sore,
So he winged his way to the old home band,
And took his meals at the Helping Hand.

Alone, our work is of little worth;
Together we are the lords of the earth;
So it's all for each and it's each for all —
United we stand, divided we fall.

Don't forget to do your part, and cast your ballot Saturday.

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ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

The Ropes School Cafeteria menu for the week of April 6 through 10 is as follows:

MONDAY —
Chicken fried steak. whipped potatoes, green peas, peanut butter Rice Krispies, hot rolls, butter and milk.

TUESDAY —
Fried chicken, corn and tomatoes, buttered blackeyed peas, raisin cobbler, cheese wedge, hot rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY —
Meat balls and spaghetti in tomato sauce, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, butter and milk.

THURSDAY —
Frito pie, pinto beans, cabbage and carrot salad, corn bread, milk and spiced cake.

FRIDAY —
Burritos, green lima beans, tossed salad, Jello, cookie, and milk.

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HAVE VISITORS

Easter weekend guests in the homes of Mrs. Troy Morris and Marguerite Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene were Mrs. Lela Shanklin, Troy. Roy and Stanley and friend, Steve of Bossier City, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff.

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TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN AMARILLO

From all over the state, hundreds of librarians, library trustees, and Friends of the Library will converge on northwest Texas April 8-11 for the 57th Conference of the Texas Library Association, to be held in the new Civic Center in Amarillo.

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VISITS IN TATUM

Marguerite Morris spent Easter Sunday in Tatum, New Mexico with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cramer and family.

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Ropes Boy Vietn'm Victim

Joe Alexander Escandon, Route 1, Ropesville, was killed in Vietnam on March 26, from injuries received March 23, when a round of ammunition exploded while loading an artillery weapon. He was hospitalized for three days.

Survivors include his wife, Linda C. Escandon of Ropesville; one son five years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Escandon of Ropesville.

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VISITS PARENTS

Mrs. J. T. Lott of San Antonio spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brice Kinnison.

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SANTA FE NEWS

Consolidated net income of $60.8 million or $2.43 per share for 1969, compared with $45.4 million or $1.81 per share in 1968, was announced in the second annual report of Santa Fe Industries. Inc.

The 34 per cent increase in net was achieved on a 7 per cent gain in revenues from $756.9 million to $812.5 million, Ernest S. Marsh, chairman and chief executive officer, and John S. Reed, president, stated in the message to stockholders.

Net earnings of subsidiaries other than Railway contributed approximately 40 per cent to Industries net income. Transportation operating revenues of $749.6 million were 7 per cen thigher than 1968, and transportation oprating income of 069.4 million was 38 per cent above the previous year. This favorable result was achieved in large measure through strenuous cost control efforts coupled with much needed tariff increases, the two executives reported.

Oil, lumber and other non-transportation revenues increased 12 per cent to $62.9 million, while operating income from these sources increased 19 per cent to $28.1 million.

It was also announced that the annual meeting of stockholders will be held at 10:00 a.m. May 26, 1970. at the Prudential Building auditorium in Chicago.

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VISIT IN ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and Paula spent the Easter holidays in Abilene visiting relatives.

Tuesday they were in Houston where Mrs. McCormick had an annual checkup.

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VISIT IN ROPES

Mrs. Margaret Fewell and Sarah Gay of Odessa visited over the holidays with Mrs. Minnie Fewell.

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HAVE VISITORS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall have been Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hall and family of New Orleans, Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler of Wolfforth.

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VISIT PARENTS

Rev. and Mrs. Don McWhorter and children visited in Fritch this week with his parents.

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ATTEND SERVICES

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Brownfield Monday night where they attended services brought by Elder M. L. Harris of Henderson.

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RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield returned home last Wednesday from Temple where they had been visiting relatives. They attended the 90th birthday celebration of an aunt. There were 76 present for the occasion and they all attnded church services in a group.

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Sandra Arnwine placed First in the Heavy Berkshire Class with this barrow at the Levelland Show. She was entered from the Ropes FFA Chapter.

Wes Bradshaw won First Place and Champion of the Spotted Breed in the Junior Livestock Show held at Levelland recently. He showed for the FFA.

Larry Shannon won First Place with one Berkshire and Second and Reserve Champion of the breed with the other one. The First Place barrow is shown. He showed as Ropes FFA in the Levelland Area Junior Livestock Show recently.

Johnny Mac Hewlett of the Ropes 4-H showed the Champion Hampshire and went on to win Grand Champion of the Levelland show. Pictured with him are his parents, the buyer, and Paula McCormick, County 4-H Princess from Ropes.

CANDIDATES FOR ROPES SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

Candidates who will appear on the ballot for election to the Board of Trustees for the Ropes Independent School District at the election to be held April 4, 1970 are as follows:

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Erlan Gresham
Crate Snider
Keith Streety
John R. Smith
James Collins

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Danny Young of the local FFA Chapter placed his Poland China First in his Class at the Levelland Area Junior Livestock Show.

Archie Jordan won Breed Champion with his Chester White and placed his Duroc (not shown) First in his Class at Levelland. He was showing as Ropes FFA.

SERVICES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP	10:45 A.M
EVENING NYPS	6:00 P.M.
EVENING SERVICE	6:45 P.M.
PRAYER GROUPS	
MEN — TUESDAY	6:00 A.M.
WOMEN — TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
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