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BEST SOME THOUGHTS —

The weather is like a baby who pouts, and then cheers up when it gets its way — It just clouds up and doesn't rain.

Monday night and Tuesday night of this week, we sure thought we were going to receive some of that damp stuff. It lightened and thundered in the west, the clouds were dark and heavy, a little wind blew in, and you could sure smell the rain, but there wasn't the promised down-pour.

Tuesday really seemed like a hot day, carrying a high humidity. The air conditioners had a time even cooling themselves.

We stepped outside once Tuesday night and felt a few drops of rain. They must have gotten lost.

Well, we have a shop cat, named Romeo. He is a descendant of the Tom Cat who used to live in the printing office and keep the town gossip going.

One day last week we missed him, so thinking he was just a little fellow we decided maybe we better hunt him up. We found him — at Jim Miller's service station. He was all trussed up with strips of an old inner tube, and in a cage marked "Danger!"

When we inquired who Jim had the poor little kitty all permed like that, he exclaimed, "Poor little kitty! I'll have you know I was just sitting here minding my own business when that black devil pranced into my station. He purred, rubbed up against my legs, and when I reached down to pet him, he squared off for battle. Why, he clawed one of my hands to the bone, and I managed to grab a coke bottle, but when I threw it at him he jumped, and that bottle went right through my plate glass window.

"When he jumped he landed on my cans of oil and caused them to roll all over the floor, and when I went after him, I slid on one of the cans, and I'll never be the same again.

"Well, I had a customer drive up, and this distracted him, so I managed to catch him by the tail, and that's why he's in the position he's in."

Jim gladly released him to our custody.

When we got back to the shop, Romeo was sitting licking his wounds looked up at us with mournful eyes, and whined, "Tha tain't the way it happened at all. I was just out trying to make a few friends, but I didn't get very far. First I went to the cafe, and Pearl gave one look at me and yelled, 'A black cat!' She threw her butcher knife at me and when it landed it was stuck in the table surrounded by Travis Boyd, George Carter, Kenneth Means and Billy Ray Martin. I decided I wasn't welcome here when they all dived after me. Merlin Hobbs was coming in the door, and as I went through his legs, he landed on all the other men.

"Well, I was just looking for consolation, so I went into Jim Miller's station. I carried his legs and purred my softest. When he reached down, I thought I had made a friend, and he was going to give me tender, loving care. But, instead of rubbing my back, he clutched a big handful of my fur. This was so unexpected, I gently let my claws out on his hand. Then he threw a bottle at me and got mad when I dodged. Could I help it if I landed on his old oil cans? I guarantee you, no more customers will put me off my guard. Now that I'm home, if you'd be quite I'd just like to rest my weary bones and lick my wounds. I may never visit anybody again."

So, as we listened to this long tale of woe, we decided we must truly have a full blood descendant of Our Tom Cat. Don't know if we'll live

4-H Record Books Will Go To District

The following 4-H record books were judged highest in County and will be judged on the District level next Friday:

JUNIOR RECORDS
Sherri Collins — Clothing
Alan Miller — Lambs
Randy Pierce — Electricity
Becky Pierce — Dairy Foods

SENIOR RECORDS
Pam Ream — Food Preservation
Paula McCormick — Santa Fe
Denise Carpenter — Foods and Nutrition

Danny Carpenter — Horticulture
David Carpenter — Bicycle
Junior Leaders Pam Ream and Paula McCormick, along with adult leader Mrs. John Ream, will judge Junior records at District. Paula is a member of District Council and along with other council members will be in charge of Junior record Judging.

PAM REAM REPRESENTS COUNTY AT DISTRICT REVUE

Last week was the Hockley County Dress Revue. I was chosen to represent our county at the District Dress Revue in Lubbock. Paula McCormick was chosen alternate.

The District Dress Revue was held at the Lubbock Country Club July 28. This was the first time I had attended the District Dress Revue. It was a very smooth running and organized affair. There are no outside judges involved; the Senior girls judged each other. In order to save time, the eighteen girls that participated were divided into two separate groups. Each group was to pick what they considered the top four in their group.

In the smaller groups, each girl modeled for the rest of the group. We were to judge the girl on poise, appearance and visible construction. We chose the top four by writing them down in the order we thought they should be ranked.

We then combined the groups and judged the top eight together. When I scored the girls, I considered how

the garment looked on them, how it fit, the construction, and how hard she had worked on it. For instance, one of the girls that won had made a white formal. She had hand sewn pearls from the top to the bottom on the front of her formal.

The easiest part of the entire dress revue was the luncheon provided by Plains Co-Op Oil Mill. This was a luncheon for invited guests only. The mothers, girls and special guest enjoyed it very much. We then participated in a public style show and the awards were presented. Although I received a red ribbon, I had a wonderful and exciting time.

Pam Ream

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Erlan Gresham of Route 1, Levelland, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Lynn, to Fred L. Glover, Lubbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. (Dick) Glover of Route 1, Aledo, Texas.

The wedding is planned for 8:00 p.m. August 29 in the First Assembly of God Church in Levelland.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Ropes High School, South Plains College, and is a senior at Texas Tech. The groom is a graduate of Aledo High School, a 1967 graduate of Texas Christian University, and a 1970 graduate of Texas Tech School of Law. After the wedding, the couple will make their home in Fort Worth where the bride will complete her degree at Texas Christian University in May, and the groom will be associated with Flowers & Flowers, attorneys in Fort Worth.

All of Mary Lynn's friends are invited to the wedding.

NOTICE —

The tax office for the Ropes Independent Schools will be closed July 27 through August 7th for vacation.

Letter to the Editor

(We received the following letter this week from Waymon and Dannie Morgan. Thanks for writing and expressing your views. The letter should prove of interest to all our readers. — Editor.)

Tues. July 21st
Dear Celeste,

I just wanted to write and tell you how much Waymon and I enjoy getting the Ropes paper. We enjoy reading about our friends and events that are going on in Ropes. I especially like to read about how the town is changing. Since we've been gone you've gotten the sewer in. In the July 16th issue I read where the City Council wants to ban the Marshal's office and hire a deputy.

If I may take this time, I have a few words to say about it. The people of Ropes don't know how lucky they are to have a marshal to look after the town. In my opinion Marshal Fox has done a good job of calming down the hotrodders and beer drinkers.

Where we live we have a deputy. Let me tell you how great he is. If someone is prowling around your house at night you have to call the Sheriff. He's usually out of town on business and all the deputies are about 80 miles away. So you might get a deputy out the next day. By that time the prowler could have come in and robbed you and even killed you before a deputy could get there.

The people of Ropes don't realize what a good thing they've got 'til they lose it and that's what they'll be doing if they ban the Marshal's office. I bet you don't worry about prowlers at night because you have over it or not.

Guess we'd better roll off the page for another week, and try to keep this place quiet and peaceful for poor little Romeo.

Marshal Fox down town watching it while you sleep. The people don't worry about hot-rodders and drunks waking them up at 3 o'clock in the morning because they know Marshal Fox is on duty and will stop it if it should happen. The people are taking too much for granted. They had better speak up and demand to keep the Marshal there or Ropes will be just like this place. If they want a deputy then they can look forward to being woke up about 4 o'clock in the morning by a bunch of drunks drag racing. They can look forward to having prowlers, because the prowler knows he can get away before a deputy gets there.

Also, when the crooks find out there's no a marshal it's just an invitation for them to start robbing the stations and stores again. The people had better speak up now, because by the time they find out what a good thing they had, it will be too late.

If anyone wants to know what it's like without a marshal tell them to come and spend a week here. When they go back they'll really appreciate having Marshal Fox there.

Last week 3 happenings could have been prevented if we'd had a marshal like you do: 1. A janitor was walking home from work one night and was beaten up and robbed by some thugs; 2. A couple was going home from a movie when a bunch of drunks ran them off the road, raped the woman and killed her husband; 3. An 80 year old woman was raped and stabbed by a hippie that was on an LSD trip. By the way, she had called in and reported a prowler. The deputy didn't do her much good though, did he?

Celeste, I hope you'll print this so maybe the people can get an idea of what they'll be facing if they ban the marshal's office.

Thanks again for the paper.
Waymon and Dannie Morgan

The Observer and the Observed

by Dave K. Powers

(This week marks the final column by Rev. Powers. We have enjoyed our association with him very much. We, along with the community wish them much luck, happiness and fulfillment in their new work. They will be missed very much in our community. Editor)

Boxes — boxes — boxes... little boxes, medium sized boxes, and big boxes. These are the main occupiers of space in the paragonage now. Little does a person realize how much he has until he begins to move it from one place to another. And the availability of boxes — that's another question. They are at a premium.

It is said that we begin to die the day we are born. "With every living soul, there comes built-in a little time fuse. We all have one. Some fuses burn slowly, and then some burn more quickly. Each birth signals the beginning of a count down which, without variation, 'zeroes' in on an exit." In the words G. B. HARDY describes life in his book, "COUNTDOWN". He goes on to say, "Life is a dead-end street and at the very end awaits the inevitable pine box. Let's call it boxing day. Someone's 'zero' has arrived." Though there is a glorious future for the Christian, life's narrow one way street is sometimes pretty hard.

For twenty-eight months, August 2, 1970, was the day for which this pastor and his family were living. With the acceptance of the Ropesville pastorate that day was in the future un-named, un-dated, unknown. As God's plans began to unfold during the twenty-eight months that day "zeroed in". It is a stepping stone on the narrow road of life which will hopefully, lead us to missionary service. Impossible it is, (and well that it is), to forget twenty-eight months of kindnesses and friendships. May we take the opportunity this column affords to thank each and every one of you. Thank you for your friendliness and your help.

There's a popular song which tells of a young couple seeking an illusive dream. She bears his child during their travels, in Nashville. The recurring theme, after repeated failure of finding their illusive dream is this, "I know you're tired of following my illusive dream and schemes. They're only fading things my illusive dream." So it is with the world and the material. But the Scripture holds hope for all of us, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever"

Until then — Goodbye.

FREEMAN FAMILY REUNION HELD LAST WEEKEND

The Freeman family reunion was held last Saturday and Sunday at the Yokum County Park near Denver City, with 179 registering.

There are five of the Freeman children left out of thirteen, and all were present. They include Martin Freeman and Ollie Grace of Denver City, Rachel Jeffcoat of Snyder, Sidney Freeman of Lubbock, and Mabel Hobbs of Ropesville.

There were also 28 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and nineteen great-great-grandchildren present.

A wonderful time was had by all attending. Beverly Pizzirelli and Julie from Modesto, California, and J. A. Freeman of Lost Hills, California came for the reunion.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Marvin Sanderson, nee Carolyn Jephcott, will be honored with a bridal shower at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Ropes. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL MEET FRIDAY

The Board of Equalization for the City of Ropesville will meet Friday at 9:00 p.m. at the City Hal.

TO OBSERVE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims will be observing their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, August 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Ropesville. All relatives and friends are invited.

Little League All-Stars Lose to Morton Tues.

The Ropes Little League All Stars played Morton in the tournament last Tuesday at Levelland. Final score was Morton 12, Ropes 7. The All Star team was coached by Bud Arnwine and Pete Pettiet.

Members of the team were:

Scott Drake
Jeff Arnwine
Brad Pettiet
Gaby Ponce
Mark Ponce
Kim Nobels
Lowell Parker

Chris Hobbs
Dicki Arant
Randy Meltor
Monte Moore
Adrain Snider
Brady Beaty
Tony Lara

The Dodgers won the Little League season in Ropes.

Ropes had a good turn out for the tournament in Levelland. The tournament was dedicated to the late Al Gardner, and a plaque was presented to Mrs. Gardner.

Special SERVICES



O. H. TABOR

Special services will begin at the Ropesville Church of Christ Sunday, August 2, and will continue through Sunday, August 9.

Services will be held twice daily, at 11:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The singing will be directed by local men.

Speaker for the meetings will be O. H. Tabor of Lamesa, Texas.

Travis Boyd, local minister, extends a cordial invitation to each and every one.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES NEEDED

For thousands of Texas youngsters summer vacation will soon be over. And many thousands more will be enrolling in school for the first time. Last fall more than a quarter-million children entered school for the first time, and most needed a certified copy of his or her birth certificate, and proof of vaccination against smallpox and other diseases.

Statistics may seem like a bore to a lot of people, but to the Texas State Department of Health its Records and Statistics Section is an active and very necessary part of its services to the people of Texas. The Bureau of Vital Statistics is the one place for storing the vast numbers of records of Texas births, deaths, marriages, divorces, adoptions, and other matters.

In earlier times the fact that you were alive and breathing was enough to satisfy any inquiry about your birth. But now most schools require a birth certificate for children entering the first grade. A birth certificate is the best proof of citizenship for your passport. You may later need it to satisfy military requirements, to satisfy the Internal Revenue as to your dependents, to satisfy Veteran Administration or other claims against the government, or to apply for social security. But one of the biggest demands each year is from parents wishing certified copies of their children's birth certificates to meet school enrollment requirements.

With over 250,000 children entering the first grade each year, the demand for certification is great. Many times these records can be obtained in the counties or cities of birth, or they may be obtained from the Austin office of the State Health Department for a \$1.50 fee. Searching or records — on request — can be a time consuming process. The quantity alone makes the task a tremendous one. The "searching" branch of the Vital Statistics division last year conducted 307,000 searches of the files upon request. A total of 200,000 certifications and verifications were made. Parents are urged to obtain copies of birth certificates now before the volume of requests causes delay.

Every certificate must be checked for omissions or errors to make certain they meet statutory requirements. Mistakes could result in a lot of problems later on. Last year more than half a million current re-

ords went into the files. By the end of 1970, total vital records on file will reach the 17 million mark.

LAST RITES CONDUCTED FOR MOTHER OF MRS. GREEN

Last rites were conducted last Thursday at 2:30 from the First Methodist Church in Brownfield for Mrs. R. C. (Kate) Newsom, mother of Mrs. Newt Green of Ropesville.

Services were conducted by the Rev. B. Metzger, pastor, assisted by the Rev. L. S. Langston, of Westey Methodist Church in Levelland. Interment was in the Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of the Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Newsom, 86 years and three months of age, passed away Wednesday, July 22 at 10 a.m. in the Brownfield Hospital following a long illness.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. She was born in West Virginia and moved to Terry County in 1920, where they farmed until the death of her husband in 1932.

Grandsons served as pall bearers. The Plainsman and community extend sincere sympathy to the family in their time of sorrow.

RIFLE PRACTICE

4-H Rifle Club practice will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Rifle Range.

HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Lynell Glenn was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Isla Etheridge.

Those present for the occasion were Donald and Lynell Glenn and son, Kevin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gailey. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilkison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkison and family, all of Lubbock.

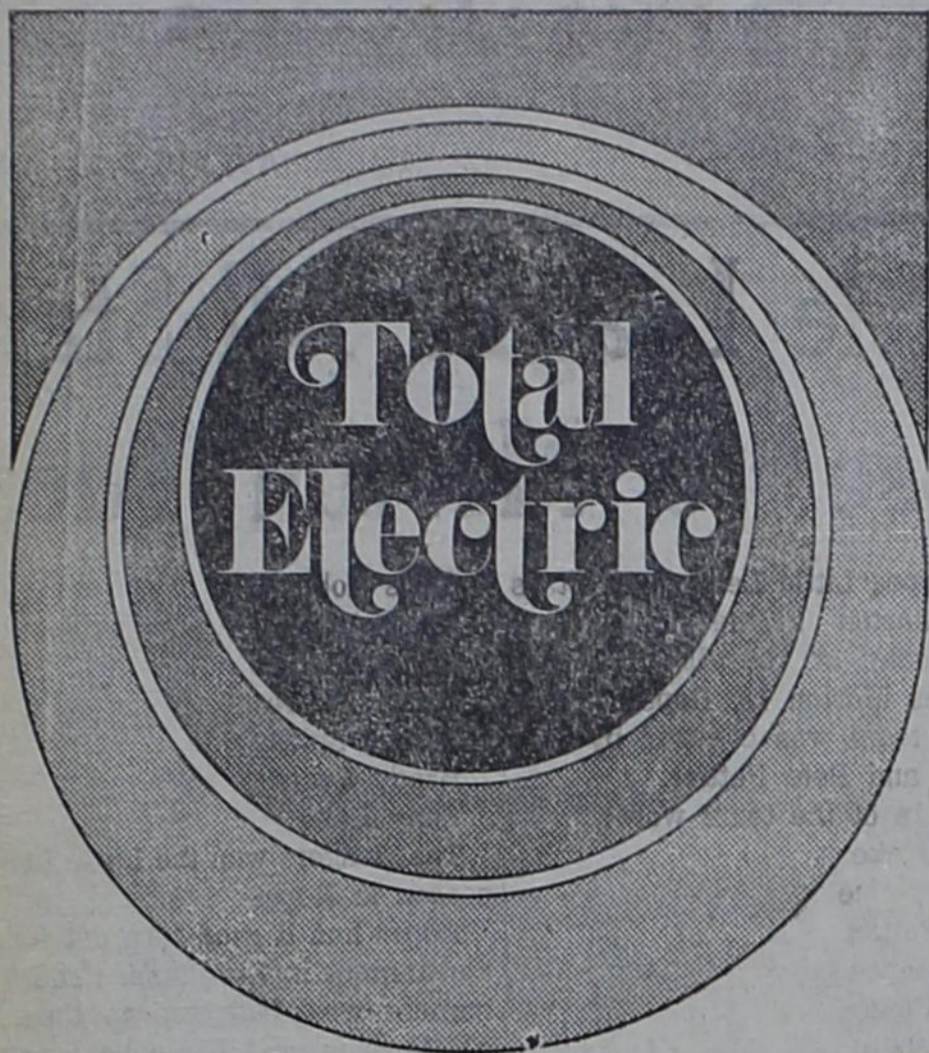
HOME ON LEAVE

Travis Don Boyd, who is a member of the U. S. Navy is home on leave for a month visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boyd.

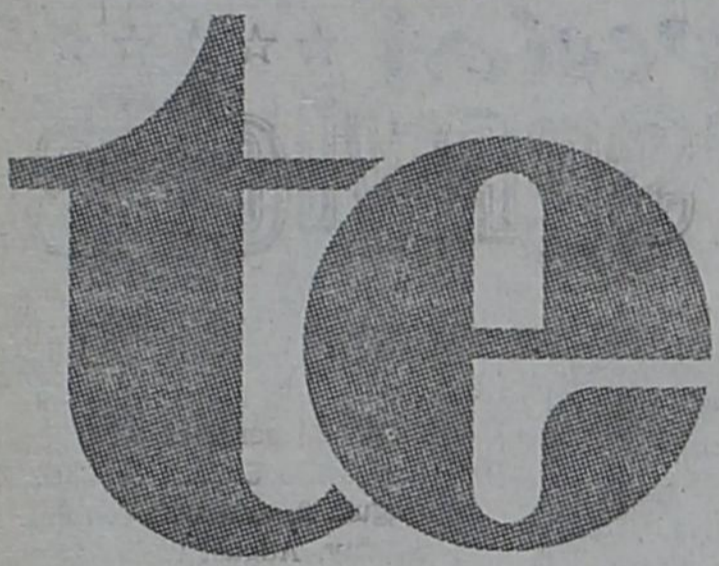
Travis Don has been stationed in the Philippines, but will report back for duty at San Diego, California.

IN HOSPITAL AT TYLER

Robert Parker was taken to the hospital in Tyler on Tuesday of last week. Latest reports say he has not been resting too well.



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TRAVELING IN MEXICO

Mary Lynn Gresham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erlan Gresham, is with a group of 31 Texas Tech Spanish students and their professor in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The group left Lubbock on July 15, 1970. They will study Spanish and the Mexican culture in San Luis until August 11, when they will travel to Guadalajara where they will spend two days, and on to Mexico City where they will be until they return to Lubbock August 17.

The students are living in the homes with Mexican families. They have three hours of classes in the mornings and then have other projects in the afternoons. San Luis is a city of about 125,000 people. They have a university there, but it is not a resort city.

Mary Lynn reports that while she is having a great trip, and is learning a great deal, it is still a long way from home!

NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome new residents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blakey, who have moved into the Tommy Littlefield house on North Timmons. They are retired.

Mrs. Blakey is a sister of Grady Epperson, and they are the parents of Mrs. Clifford Martin.

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COTTON TALKS

From Pains Cotton Growers, Inc.

On July 22, after a long and turbulent germination period, a seedling farm bill for cotton, feed grains, wheat, dairy products and wool finally emerged from the House Committee on Agriculture. It is now headed for its first survival test on the floor of the House, possibly as early as July 29.

The Ag Committee version of cotton legislation contains provisions for cotton much the same as reported back in May before the sprouting farm bill bumped its head against the crusty payment limitation issue. The cotton section calls for replacing long standing marketing quotas with a national cotton production goal which the Secretary of Agriculture would translate into acreage allotments each year.

It spells out that the national base acreage allotment shall be 11.5 million acres in 1971 and for 1972 and 1973 would be of such size as the Secretary determines necessary to maintain adequate supplies.

The loan level, set at 18.7 cents per pound, basis 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire, would be comparable to this year's loan of 20.7 cents per pound for cotton in the premium micronaire category. The maximum that the Secretary could require a producer to "set aside" would be an acreage equivalent to 33 1-3 percent of his base allotment. And in the event the producer's payments under the program were limited, the Secretary would reduce his set aside requirement to the extent he "deems fair and reasonable in relation to the amount of payment reduction."

An advance payment of 15 cents per pound times the average actual production for the previous three years would be made on each farmer's base acreage allotment. This payment would be supplemented later if necessary to bring the payment plus the national average market price up to 35 cents a pound. For example if the national average market price came to only 19 cents, a supplemental payment of one cent per pound would be made. However should the market price average 21

cents per pound or more, producers would not have to return any of the advance payment. For purposes of determining the amount of the supplemental payment, the national average market price for the first five months of the cotton marketing year, August through December, would be used.

The bill would continue sale and lease of allotments within states, but do away with the requirement for a referendum to permit acreage to cross county lines. Release and reapportionment of acreage also would be continued for the three years of the bill.

On payment limitations the Committee is sending to the House floor an amendment limiting to \$55,000 per crop total payments to an individual producer. The term "payments" is defined as including price support, set aside, diversion, public access payments and marketing certificates, but not loans or purchases.

This \$55,000 per crop ceiling on payments is considered too high by some representatives and is slated for a severe attack on the House floor. So hot is the issue that it will overshadow if not preclude any efforts to make other changes.

The Senate recently passed an amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill which would limit payments to an aggregate \$20,000 per person on all crops. The House has twice in the past two years adopted a similar ceiling. And Congressman Paul Findley (R-Ill.) already has served notice he will attempt to reinstate that figure in the amendment to the farm bill.

In a letter to the 224 members of the House who in 1969 supported a \$20,000 limit, Findley said, "The House should not, and need not, accept a limit one penny higher than the \$20,000 Senate version." Ag Committee Chairman Bob Poage, our own Congressman George Mahon and Bob Price and others among the House membership are very staunchly opposed to Mr. Findley's effort. Most of these, in fact, are opposed to the principle of a payment limitation at any level.

So, for the farm bill in general and for the payment limitation issue in particular, the rest of the summer will, indeed, be long and hot.

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Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (SJR32)
General Election Nov. 3, 1970

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 51, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows: "Section 51. The homestead, not in a town or city, shall consist of not more than two hundred acres of land, which may be in one or more parcels, with the improvements thereon; the homestead in a city, town or village, shall consist of lot, or lots, not to exceed in value Ten Thousand Dollars, at the time of their designation as the homestead, without reference to the value of any improvements thereon; provided, that the same shall be used for the purposes of a home, or as a place to exercise the calling or business of the head of a family; provided also, that any temporary renting of the homestead shall not change the character of the same, when no other homestead has been acquired." Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment increasing the value of the homestead which is exempt from forced sale."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR 22)
General Election Nov. 3, 1970

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Subsection (a), Section 64, Article III, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows: "Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by special statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within any county. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require." Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in any county."

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GOSPEL MEETING AUGUST 2 — 9
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TEXAS BLOODBATH PREDICTED BY TSA

AUSTIN, July 22: — "Texas is headed for a bloodbath of unbelievable proportions on her streets and highways in the year 1980," Lloyd F. Palmer, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, said today.

Palmer, releasing a projection of current traffic crash trends into the next decade, said, "In the year 1980 more than 5,300 Texans will lose their lives and 330,000 others will be wounded in traffic crashes. The economic loss from these needless accidents will probably top \$2.3 billion."

"These predictions need no to come true if the right taction is taken during the next 12 months. Any delay beyond that time can make these forecasts horrible realities. It took Texas 30 years to get into the shape she is in today, and instant improvement is impossible. We must start corrective action today if the 1980 bloodbath is to be avoided," warned Palmer.

"At present there are 7 million vehicles licensed in Texas. Texas Highway Department projections show that by 1980 there will be 11.9 million vehicles on the roads of our state," said Palmer.

"With that many vehicles on the roads," Palmer emphasized, "it is easy to comprehend the potential reality of the Association's projections."

The president of the statewide safety organization, George Wm. Perry, a Dallas attorney, called on every Texan to take a good look at the predictions.

"TSA is not 'Crying Wolf'; the predictions are on the conservative side," said Perry. He outlined a list of positive actions which can turn the tide from death to life.

Among the priority issues Perry emphasized was the removal of the problem drinker from the state's highways as recently stressed by Governor Smith at a meeting of his traffic safety committee of which Perry is a member.

The state safety leader pointed to a Texas study which showed more than 50 per cent of the fatal crashes studied involved intoxicated drivers.

"The Breath Test law passed by the last session of the legislature," said Perry, "was a beginning in the right direction, but more must now be done. As recommended by medical and safety experts, Texas needs a law stating that a person with .10 per cent alcohol in his blood is intoxicated."

"To really know the extent of the alcohol problem, tests for alcohol concentration should be made on the bodies of all drivers and adult pedestrians who die within four hours of a traffic crash," Perry also said such tests should be given to surviving drivers in accidents fatal to others. "Then we would have scientific foundations for our crash prevention programs."

"The Texas Safety Association is also increasingly concerned about those persons who use drugs that impair reactions and drive," he said.

Perry said that these persons must be identified and be kept off the highways because of the dangers they present to themselves and also to others.

The TSA president also said that education was important to cutting the bloodbath predictions. He said more moves must be made to insure that every driver in Texas is properly trained.

"High School Driver Education now reaches about 68 per cent of the eligible students in Texas," said Perry.

"It should be made available to every student. And education should not stop in high school. Adult driver re-education programs should also be instituted," according to the safety leader.

"Enforcement is another of the keys to solving our traffic tragedy," Perry stated. He said that consideration should be given to the establishment of a system of traffic courts under a state court administrator. He also called on all courts hearing cases to voluntarily adopt the "Model Rules Governing Procedure in Traffic Cases." Perry also said that municipal courts and justice of the peace courts should become courts of record when hearing traffic cases.

"The Texas Highway Patrol," said Perry, "is 1,308 men beneath the strength needed to provide effective enforcement right now. This means that each man has to patrol an average of 120 miles. This is too much, but when 1980 comes around it will be impossible; for there will be an average of 9,900 vehicles on each 120 miles of highway."

Perry said that the Department of Public Safety needs to be supported in its efforts to add at least 200 men per year until proper strength is achieved.

"The Courts and the people of this state must be willing to say to any person who habitually violates the traffic laws, 'unless you drive safely you cannot drive at all,'" said Perry. The TSA president also discussed the problem of quality Emergency Medical Services in Texas.

Perry said that a person wounded in the jungles of Vietnam has a better chance of receiving prompt, quality emergency attention than a motorist injured in a traffic crash in Texas. Perry said that recent studies by the Texas State Health Department indicated many deficiencies in Emergency Medical Services.

HAVE VISITORS RECENTLY

Visitors the past two weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs have been her niece and her daughter, Mrs. Beverly Pizzirelli and Julie of Modesto, California; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Freeman of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Hobbs of Littlefield; Joyce, Mark, Steve and Bruce Dorsett and Lillian Gryder and Billy all of Brownfield; Lela Hobbs and children of Denver City; J. C. Hobbs and son, Mike, of Tucson, Arizona; L. B. Hobbs of Denver City, and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family of Ropesville.

SEEDLESS WATERMELONS

AUSTIN — All the work has been taken out of eating watermelon this summer with the introduction of two new seedless varieties recently announced by Texas Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White.

Seedless watermelons are rapidly gaining favor with consumers because of the extra-sweet and flavorful quality of the melons. The fruit is medium-sized, with a good textured, sweet meat. As in other "seedless" fruits, the undeveloped seeds are there but are edible, and actually tasteless. An added advantage of this melon is an extended shelf life.

The chemical "Colchicine" discovered in 1937 by Dr. O. J. Eigsti, is responsible for the genetic change that produces a seedless melon such as the two new varieties, "Tri-X 313" and "Supersweet". It has only been until recently that seedless melons have been developed which are consistent in quality and which can be commercially produced and marketed.

The seedless melons are found in food stores and cafeterias promoted in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Products (TAP) program of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner White said Department of Agriculture marketing specialists anticipate a strong consumer reception.

LUBBOCK — State Representative Delwin Jones of Lubbock said today that he intends to introduce a bill during the 62nd Session of the Legislature that will bring more effective law enforcement to the State of Texas with no additional cost to the tax payers.

The bill to be introduced by Representative Jones would transfer the game wardens and law enforcement personnel of the Parks and Wildlife Department to a special division of the Department of Public Safety. According to the Lubbock Representative, it would mean that men serving as game wardens and law enforcement personnel in Texas parks would have the necessary training and authority to enforce all laws and not just the limited authority now given parks and wildlife personnel. Representative Jones said that this expansion of authority for game wardens would be especially beneficial to sparsely populated areas which need additional representatives for law and order. At the present time, the Parks and Wildlife Department has 290 game management officers, 20 game management district superintendents and five regular law enforcement superintendents.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all our friends for the many lovely flowers and cards, for the prayers and words of comfort, for visits, and in the many ways you are helping us to bear the loss of our beloved mother.

- Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Green and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cleveland
- Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Flache and Family
- Mrs. Bobbie Bayliss and son
- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newsom and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. R. D. (Dude) Newsom and son
- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Newsom and Family
- Mrs. C. V. (Cub) Newsom and Family

ENTERTAIN WITH FISH FRY

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means Sr. entertained with a fish fry in their home Monday of last week. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barbee and Teresa Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Means and Nina, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Borland of Levelland; and Mr. and Mrs. James Means Jr., Joe and Jim of Ropes.

LIVING IN WAXAHACHIE

Beth and Steve Gwinn are living in Waxahachie, Texas where they both plan to attend Southwestern Assemblies of God College this fall. Their address is 312 Grand Avenue, Waxahachie. Mrs. Gwinn, the former Beth Gresham, would love to hear from her friends in Ropes, as she says it is a little lonely there with none of their families near.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Beth Tubbs of Keen, Texas has been here the past several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims.

VISITS GRANDPARENTS

Steve and Bruce Dorsett of Brownfield visited last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs.

ATTENDING FUNERAL OF UNCLE IN MILANO

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means Sr. left Tuesday morning for Milano on the sad mission of attending last rites for her uncle, Elbert Smith. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday

ATTEND FUNERAL OF BROTHER-IN-LAW

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims and Mrs. Beth Tubbs left Tuesday morning for McKinney on the sad mission of attending funeral services for Mrs. Sims brother-in-law, W. P. Wilson. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For State Senator District No. 28 **H. J. "Doc" BLANCHARD**

District Clerk **RUBY BEEBE WILLIAMS (re-election)**

County Judge **HULON L. MORELAND (Second Elective Term)**

County Clerk **RAYMOND O. DENNIS (re-election)**

For County Treasurer: **Inetha Cooke (re-election)**

For County School Superintendent **DAVIS POUNDS (re-election)**

For Justice of the Peace Precinct I **M. L. ROBERTS (re-election)**

Swimming For Ropes

The Brownfield Swimming Pool has been reserved each Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for residents of the Ropesville area. Admission to the pool on these nights will be 12 and over 50c, under, 25c. No one will be allowed in the pool except people from this area, and

it is urged that parents accompany smaller children, as no one is responsible for accidents. Everyone is urged to come out and enjoy the fun, adults as well as the youngsters. Don't forget — each Monday night until the pool closes this fall.

HELP US STAMP OUT UNEMPLOYMENT!

Astroworld is now hiring high school and college age young people.

If you will be 17 by the end of 1970, you have a chance to work in the most exciting amusement park in the southwest.

All applicants should go to the rear of Astroworld park, 9001 Kirby, and ask for the Personnel office. When you come to fill out an application, please bring a picture of yourself, and your Social Security number.

Positions are open in all areas of the park: Operations, Security, Food and Beverage, and Live Show. Astroworld ends its summer season August 30. The fall season begins September 5 for weekends only. (With the exception of Labor Day weekend when they will be open Monday, September 7.) Astroworld will end its season for the year November 1.

If you want a job that's fun... Come out to the Astroworld Personnel Office any day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is the job you won't want to miss!

LOOKING FOR ESCAPEES

Hockley County officers are still searching for three men who escaped from the jail at Levelland at Levelland early Sunday morning. They include Howard Waller, about 35, of Sacramento, California, who was being held for felony driving, while intoxicated, Harold Hensley of Levelland in his early 20's, being held for a check law violation, and Jimmy Don Fields, also of Levelland and in his early 20's, who was being held in connection with a service station burglary.

Sheriff Weir Clem left in vacation Saturday morning.

GO ON TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Means took Gary and Darrie Jones to Camp Blue Haven Church camp in New Mexico last week. The Means enjoyed a week of camping and fishing at Holy Ghost Canyon.

NEW READER

We welcome as a new reader of the Plainsman this week Mrs. J. E. Bullock of Fort Worth. Mrs. Bullock and her daughter were in Ropes Tuesday of this week visiting and tending to business.

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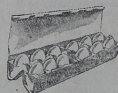
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