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FIRST ROW—right to left: Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Townsen, Lovington, N. M.; Mike, son of Mrs. Betty Moss; Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Townsen; Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce; Menette and Linda, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Maloney. SECOND ROW—right to left: Robbie Dean, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Leslie F. White; Huey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards; Nelma Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McNabb; Lavoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans; Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson; Carolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jephcott. THIRD ROW—right to left: Peggy Ann, Gwendolyn and Martha Carroll Baxter, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nichols; Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones; Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Drake; Dennis Steve Baxter, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nichols. FOURTH ROW—right to left:

General Rain Falls Over South Plains

The first general rain, which has visited this section in seven years, started falling over the South Plains on Saturday night of last week.

During the day clouds had been floating across the sky, but it was not until night that the rain came. At first a shower appeared in the southwest, then moved to the north. The wind changed, and the clouds came, and with them a fine, slow rain. During the night it rained more than an inch in Ropes, and by Monday morning the amount had climbed to two and a half inches.

While we do not have a complete report of the fall from north of Ropes, the telephone service going out before we had completed our calls, the overall picture shows the rain was general.

J. C. Pointer's place east of Ropes, according to Mrs. Pointer, had received more than an inch and 4-10th, while to the west about 11 miles, Tom Price told us that he received 1.3, and could use more. Billy Martin, at the Foster Grocery 4 miles northwest of Ropes, reported an inch and half. The Busterville store, four miles east, report the same amount. Further east the rain was not so heavy.

While we were unable to contact Douglas Jones, it is said about 3 inches fell at his place. He lives about a mile west of Ropes. At the Buchanan place, about two miles north and east, better than two and a half inches of rain had fallen, according to Mrs. Buchanan.

Charles Shannon, west of Ropes, reported more than two inches. M. M. Collins stated that he was unable to get to his rain gauge, but

that it rained all night at his place west of Ropes. W. C. Patman, about five miles east, reported one and a half inches. In Ropes proper Walt Fraley reported his rain gauge showed two and a half inches.

While we were unable to contact folks north and northeast of Ropes, it is reported the rain in that section was heavier than in Ropes.

Jack Ogle, Constable, and Bob Whitlock, who went south on the highway about a mile, reported they were caught in a regular cloudburst.

Ray Martin reports that in his section as much as two inches had fallen. Ray is feeling better. He has had about five years that his dry land farm failed to produce a crop.

It appeared in and near Meadow that about three inches of rain had fallen. However, about a mile to the east we could see an irrigation sprinkler system running — of course, we could not tell if it needed to be running.

Billy Carter, who lives southeast of Ropes, reports that up to Monday morning better than two inches of rain had fallen in his neighborhood. P. L. Darby, of northwest of Ropes, reports more than two inches, also.

This is evidently a seven year drought breaker.

While there are spots which could stand more rain, the downpour, falling gently, has extended over all the South Plains and West Texas, and it has gone into the ground. One fortunate thing in this section is that most of the land had been broken and was ready for a drink.



FIFTH ROW—left to right: Ricky, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Maloney. Frances daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Littlefield;



4-H Boys and Girls Win at Levelland Sat.

By Helen Martin
We are proud of our boys who won in Dairy Foods and Contest.

The girl winners were:
JR. DAIRY FOODS:
Frances Littlefield and Helen Martin, team, FIRST place.

Carol Conatser, individual, FIRST place.
Freda Pointer, individual, SECOND place.

Mary Jackson, 3rd place.
SR. DEMONSTRATIONS:
Sharon Campbell, individ-

ual dairy foods, 1st place.
Wenda Lowrie and Gracie Riojas, electronic team, 1st place.

JR. VEGETABLES:
Doris Martin, individual vegetable, 1st place.

These girls who won first place will take a \$25 educational trip this summer.

We also had a boy in the Rifle competition, Tharon Campbell, who competed against some Levelland boys.

Funeral Services Held For Shorty Seymore

Funeral services for C. R. (Shorty) Seymore were held in Shamrock on Tuesday of this week at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the mortal remains were laid to rest in a Shamrock cemetery.

Shorty Seymore was well known in the Ropes community, and his death came as a distinct shock not only to his family but by all the folks in both town and country.

Shorty was employed by Winston Jones, and had worked for him during the past five years. During a slack time in farm work he took time off to go fishing at Lake Diversion. On the trip with him was a brother-in-law who, we understand, lives at Shamrock. They were engaged in setting out a trot line, and a high wind hit the lake. They endeavored to make it back to shore, but the motor ran out of gasoline, throwing the boat to the mercy of the waves.

The brother-in-law hung on to the boat, but it is said he stated Shorty never came up after hitting the water.

That happened on Friday of last week. The body was not recovered until 1:30 on Monday, found in almost the exact spot where the boat went over — in thirty feet of water.

Shorty was a member of the Ropes First Baptist Church. He was a considerate husband, loving father, loyal friend, and progressive citizen. In his passing a place has been made vacant that can never be filled, but his memory, with his children and wife, will remain as long as life shall last. In this moment we pause to express our deepest sympathy to those who suffer in their dark hour.

He is survived by his wife and three children, his parents, and a number of sisters and brothers.

HATS OFF TO OUR 4-H'ERS

By Mrs. Campbell
Congratulations, Ropes 4-H'ers, you really went to town Saturday, April 27.

That the rest of you may know just what we are talking about, the Ropes 4-H Starlight Club girls and Jr. girls went to Levelland to compete in different County demonstrations. There were seven divisions. Our girls entered five, and they brought back five first places.

Tharon Campbell was high point man in the rifle contest. He will enter district competition Saturday at Lubbock at Tech College.

The senior girls will also enter district competition at Tech Saturday.

Come on, 4-H'ers, let the next stop be State!

RETURNS FROM FISHING TRIP

Weldon Tudor, C. R. Johnson, Phillip Kimberlin and Kenneth Evans returned this week from a fishing trip at a lake near Stamford.

According to reports given the Plainsman, they had a unique way of catching the fish. There was a row of mesquite bushes which they ran their boat into, then tilting the boat, they would stir the bushes with their paddles and the fish jumped right into the boat.

To substantiate their story they showed a bunch of bass weighing from a pound and half to four pounds.

Needs there groan a world in anguish just to teach us sympathy. — R. Browning.

Fire Deptment Makes Run

On Thursday of last week the local Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Odis Kulms place where a tractor was on fire. Constable Jack Ogle tells

us that by the time the fire truck arrived, the flames had been extinguished by throwing dirt on it. The Kulms place is about six miles southwest of Ropes.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

Schedule of Services
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship....11:00 AM
Training Union 6:45 PM
Evening Worship ... 7:45 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM

BAPTIST CHURCH

A SPECIAL Missionary program has been arranged for Sunday night beginning at 7:45. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fite, Jr., missionaries to Brazil, will be with us to show their pictures and tell us about the work they are doing as our missionaries. They are home this year on their furlough, and we have invited them to be with us for this service. We hope to

have a good attendance. No offering will be taken because we help with our World Mission program thru our weekly budget.

WE ARE PLANNING OUR vacation Bible School for the near future. We will announce the exact date next week. We hope that the boys and girls will plan to attend.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL Training Union will meet next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Sundown Church. The Pastor has been asked to bring the inspirational message, so we would like for several of our folks to go along and support us.

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE WORTH?

Mrs. H. W. Gaston

Dear Parents:

So the children are growing up? You ask, What are they going to do? In America we can ask this. In other countries one does not ask this, for the children's vocation lies within the family traditions.

First we ask, what are they going to DO? The real question should be, what are they going to BE? That is to say that the quality and direction of a life is more important than its activity. The object of life is to bring forth character which has beauty and goodness, a Christian character. If the emphasis is upon what a person is to do, his character becomes the victim of his work.

There are ways that you can help. Ask yourself what his aptitudes are, or what he is unusually good at. Every child excels in something. Take note of this so that you can encourage him along this line. Teachers in the public schools are more and more helping children along this line. It may pay you to talk this over with their teacher, or a good counseling service where it is available.

The real problem is to accept them when you discover what their aptitudes are. Junior may be very fine in the finer arts, but dad has his heart set on something else. You will find that this is the real problem. Are you willing as a parent to help Junior, but let him make his own decisions about many things. He will want a dozen different types of career perhaps by the time he finishes school. With your help, and the wonderful help our school system gives, he will come to a sound decision... but it may not be the one you hoped for.

There is something else that we should remember. When we find that a child has talent in certain things, ask ourselves if this could lead to a worthy career, one that would be of service to his fellowman, or would it lead to something just to make money. This is very important.

The world is full of people

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The time of the Methodist Revival has come and gone, but we trust that its influence on the thinking and the lives of the people will never die. We had nearly every kind of interference during the meeting, but in spite of the hardships and handicaps many people were blessed. You who were received into the church will long remember the new and blessed experience. It made all present so happy to see you decide for Christ. No other decision is ever so important or so blessed as the decision for Christ. May this glorious experience ever be fresh in your memory. We hope that all christians will be an inspiration and help you to live a better life. Brother Rosenburg, who held the revival for us, was made happy by coming our way and being a part of the success of the revival. We will long remember him as a splendid christian man and a good minister.

Our fourth Quarterly Conference will be the 9th of this month at 8 P.M. May we have all of our reports ready, and may they be the kind that will be most helpful to us. We are so glad that we had paid up in full on everything except the local expenses in the fall. It will be no trouble now to go over the top on everything. Our Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. The year's work is almost done. None of us got to do

who are working at the best thing they can find, or the easiest, or what parents wanted. They are miserable often, but are too deeply involved to do anything about it.

Would your child be happy on a farm? Does he like the outdoors? Does he love to work with livestock? Give them a chance to talk. You listen. Regardless of what he thinks he wants, give him a fair chance to investigate and find out. If it is something not worthy, he will find it out if you are wise in your planning. "Square pegs won't fit round holes!"

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all the things that we wanted to do or in the manner that we wanted to do them, but we are thankful that the year's work is as good as it is, and will try harder to do better next year.

H. W. Gaston,
Minister of the
Methodist Church.

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RIOJAS OPENING WELL ATTENDED

The opening of the Riojas Department Store in Ropesville last weekend was attended each of the three days by large and enthusiastic crowds.

More than \$300 in merchandise was given away absolutely free, and registering for these free items was more than fourteen hundred people. At time of the awards the store was jammed and packed with people.

As has been said before, this new enterprise is a credit to the town—would be a credit to any town. The faith that Ralph Riojas has shown in the town and community has renewed the faith of others, and will, perhaps, lead to the growth of the city.

In opening his new building, Ralph invested in Ropes and the future of Ropes and community many thousands of dollars. The modern building is the talk of the South Plains. While there may be larger buildings, there are none more modern. In this new building he will be able to handle a greater variety of merchandise, and also give a better display of his goods.

It is men with vision, such as Ralph Riojas, who build cities, and we might tell you cities don't happen, they are built.

It is our hope that others will see, as Ralph has seen, the future that can be made for this community, and not be slow in investing in things that will make Ropes a better town, and the community a more desirable place to live.

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MRS. H. W. GASTON TEACHING BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Rev. and Mrs. H. Gaston, of the Ropesville Methodist Church, were away Monday and Tuesday of this week, where she taught Bible Institutes, on Monday at Brownfield and Levelland on Tuesday. She will go to Littlefield Friday where she will again teach an Institute.

Mrs. Gaston has charge of the Bible School Institute of the Brownfield district. This, as we understand it, is pre-training for teachers for Vacation Bible Schools.

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POLIO SHOTS TO BE GIVEN THURSDAY (TODAY)

Announcement is made that Polio shots will be given today (Thursday) at the Ropes schools. A new supply of vaccine has been received, and all who failed to receive shots before are urged to get them today.

It is stated that a number of adults failed to get shots, and all folks are urged to inform their farm hands that the shots are now available.

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We failed to state last week that Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Martin and children, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martin and sons spent Easter Sunday in New Mexico where they visited with relatives.

IMPROVES WELLHOUSE

Chester Stephenson this past week put in a couple of days improving his well-house.

The house, which had dirt walls, was concreted, and a new top placed on it.

Chester, who usually puts in a part of the spring and summer following the wheat harvest, a few days ago treated himself to a modern new combine.

As soon as the harvest opens he will be off for Benjamin and other points.

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COUNTY JUDGE P. WILLIAMS VISITS ROPES TUESDAY

County Judge Paul Williams, of Levelland, was a visitor in Ropes Tuesday looking after business connected with his office.

Paul has been having a seige of rheumatism, and while he is some improved he believes that it is going to take an operation to cure him. Doctors tell him he has a spinal disc out of place.

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ATTEND FUNERAL OF SEYMORE

The following folks from Ropes attended the funeral of Shorty Seymore in Shamrock this past Tuesday:

Rev. John Cole, Wilburn Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Peterson, Frank Riley Jr., J. N. Willis, Bill Willis, Winston Jones, Newt Green, Luther Wilson, Bill Wilson, T. K. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McNabb, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayo.

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FRALEYS' LOOK AT NEW FIXTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fraley were in Lubbock this past week viewing new cafe fixtures.

At the present time Walt is toying with the idea of erecting a new building to house his cafe. If his plans mature, the new building will be 25 x 35 feet. The old building now housing the cafe will be moved back on the lot to make room for the new one. If build, the construction will be of concrete blocks.

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CATCH FISH NEAR BIG SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goss, of near Ropes, returned this past week from a fishing trip near Big Spring.

They made a heavy catch of fish, and had a very enjoyable time.

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JONES' VISIT IN LAMESA

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Jones were in Lamesa Friday to visit with Mrs. Ardis Pace, who was in a hospital at that place. However, they found on arriving that Mrs. Pace had returned to her home in O'Donnell.

Mrs. Pace is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moore.

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- Hunts Peaches 3 No. 2 1-2 \$1
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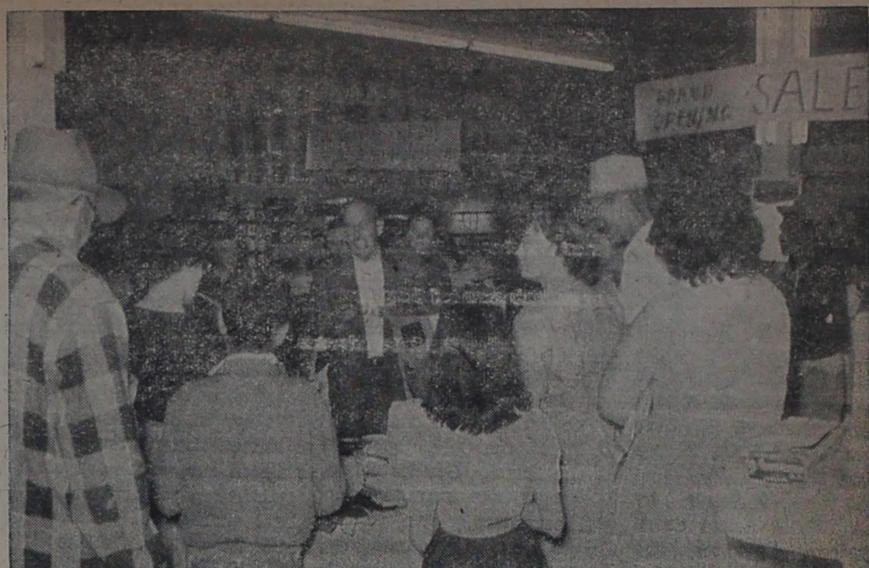
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ABOVE — This is supposed to be a picture of first graders boarding the train for Brownfield on Friday morning of last week. Somehow or other, we caught more of the fifteen mothers who accompanied them than we did the youngsters. However, if you look right close, you can see the kids lined up to board the passenger car for their first ride on a train. (Staff Photo).



ABOVE — A scene in the Riojas Department Store last Friday night during the grand opening. At this point free merchandise is being awarded. Facing the crowd is Ralph Riojas. More than fourteen hundred persons registered for the opening of the store in its new location. (Photo by Clifford Martin).

Right-of-Way Cleared F-M Road No. 41

This week the right-of-way was cleared for Farm-to-Market Road No. 41. This is the east-west road.

According to Commissioner Hulon Moreland, this road will cut across the Pierson land, and join the highway north of the Ed

Russell Service Station. This will throw it even with the pavement which continues on east, and save a turn on the highway.

Hulon also stated that he had all the right-of-way secured for the super highway except one heir to the S. H.

Cox estate. He also said that the utility lines were in process of being moved back, and that the job would be completed just as soon as the weather permits.

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ABC RODEO IN LUBBOCK

The South Plains' Annual ABC Rodeo, featuring more than 100 of the nation's top contestants, several specialty acts and prize Shetland ponies for four lucky visitors, will be unreeled in Lubbock's massive Municipal Coliseum May 8-11.

Among the special features of the show this year will be Jimmy Murphy and his White Chargers, a spectacular which includes split second timing and dangerous jumps in, around and through blazing fire.

Rodeo clowns Bobby and Gene Clark will add to the fun, including an act in which one of them actually disappears right out in the middle of the arena.

Each night a Shetland pony complete with saddle, bridle and blanket will be given away.

Admission prices will be \$2.20 for adults and \$1.10 for children. There will be daily performances at 8 pm from Wednesday, May 8, through Saturday, May 11.

The 7,500 seat coliseum is located on the Texas Tech campus.

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Ten Inch Irrigation Wells Make Difference

L. A. Townsen spent this past weekend with his son, Dickey and family, near Lovington, New Mexico.

Mr. Townsen stated that during the recent wet spell that section received a little more than a half inch of rain, and that last year no more than three inches fell in that territory. However,

to offset that they have ten inch irrigation wells that throw 2000 gallons of water per minute. The water lays about ninety feet under the surface.

The one drawback to the country is the thin layer of soil and the rocks which continually crop up.

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attended an Administrators banquet in the San Andres Hotel in Levelland Monday night.

The district is composed of Hockley and Cochran counties.

It was a ladies night at which new officers were elected for the year.

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HERMAN JOHNSON WILL BRING BACCALAUREATE S.

Herman Johnson, minister of the Ropes Church of Christ, will bring the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 12th.

We understand the services will be held in the afternoon in the high school auditorium.

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We are requested to state that donations for the family of Shorty Seymore is being taken at the Ropes Food Store, and any who care to donate are asked to visit the store and leave their donation.

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When IN need of supplies check with Ropesville merchants before you buy.

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ATTENDS BANQUET IN LEVELLAND

O. V. Fuller, superintendent of the Ropes schools, and Willard Ethridge, principal of Ropes High School,

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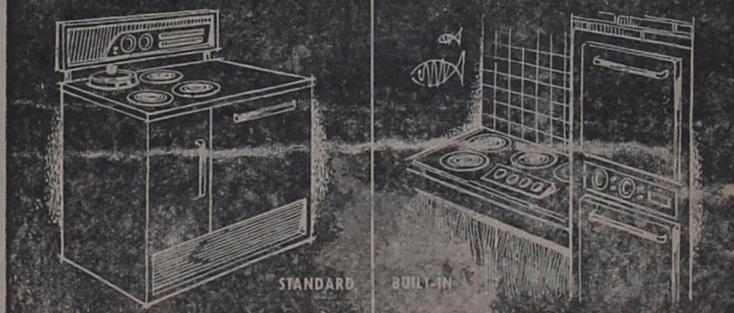
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News of Our Schools

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FHA'ers Take a Trip
Three members of the Ropes FHA Chapter, Nita Crawford, Von Beyers and Peggy Morrow, and their sponsor, Mrs. Alma Achee, left Ropes at 9:00 Thursday morning to go to Dallas. There they were to attend the FHA State Meet. They were to arrive in Dallas at 6:00, so Peggy could attend program rehearsal. She was to receive her State Degree the next day.

They were traveling by auto, and Mrs. Achee drove to Seymour. Nita took the wheel from there to Fort Worth where, about thirty-six miles short of their destination, their journey ended with a CRASH. There was an automobile wreck, but no one was seriously injured. The girls were taken to a hospital and received check-ups and treatment for minor injuries.

The girls' parents journeyed to Fort Worth immediately after receiving word of the accident.

Peggy was released from the hospital at noon Friday and came home with her

Nita and Von had been released the previous night, but decided not to leave Ft. Worth until 6:00 o'clock Friday evening. Because of this they were stranded there by flood waters until Saturday afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS

The school received their Annuals last week. They were silver, beautifully trimmed in Kelly green.

The Annual was dedicated to Miss Jane Cole, sponsor of the Eagle. Besides being attractive, the Annual was well organized. We would like to give our thanks to the Annual staff for such a lovely Annual.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

1st Grade — Mrs. Gambill
The first grade children will have the PTA program Thursday. They seem very excited about it.

The first grade took a train ride to Brownfield, and the mothers brought them back in cars. Everyone enjoyed the picnic they had afterward.

All the first grade students and their teachers wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Calvin Sea-

more and his family in their hour of grief.

Grade 2B — Mrs. Redford
Since we missed getting our news in last week, we would surely like to thank our room mothers for our nice Easter party, and Mrs. James Means Sr. for the four dozen lovely Easter eggs she brought us. She also brought us a bird nest with four little eggs in it to go with our collection of eggs we are making to go along with our bird study.

We are on our last month of school, and we are trying to finish our work book and all things necessary for our school ending.

Grade 3A — Mrs. Wallace

We forgot to write the news for our room last week, but we do want to thank the room mothers for the nice Easter party we had. Both third grades hunted eggs together at the Tommy Peterson farm, and then came back to our rooms for refreshments. In our room Vicente Flores won the prize for finding the most eggs of any boy, Bessie Ysasagas found the most eggs of any girl, and Candace Johnson found the fewest eggs.

We are busy writing letters again. We received letters from the third grade of Alamo School at Odessa, so we are answering them. We have learned how to address envelopes, and this time each child will mail his or her own letter. We are enjoying writing to these new friends very much.

Last Thursday the boys in Grade 3A and 3B spelled against the girls. It was a hotly-contested match, with about the same number on each side all the time. Finally the word "through" proved to be too hard for those left standing, and all sat down except Charlotte Johnson, who spelled it. Thus the girls won, but the boys promise to get revenge next time.

Grade 4B — Mrs. D. Jones
All but three of the pupils in 4B made 100 in spelling last week. We are very proud of that.

We have started division by two numbers, and are enjoying studying.

Alamo, hangs on the right wall and across from it, the famous painting of Santa Anna surrendering to Gen. Sam Houston.

The life-size statues in white marble of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston are masterpieces of Elizabeth Ney, German-born sculptress who received commissions from the royalty and great men of Europe before moving to Texas in 1872.

The document which claims the principal attention of visitors in the foyer is a photographic copy of the original Texas Declaration of Independence.

The rotunda is a popular interest point for visitors. There one has an uninterrupted view inside the great dome some 300 feet high.

On the walls of the rotunda, beginning on the ground floor and circling clockwise and in chronological order up through several floors, are portraits of all Texas heads of state.

The House of Representatives and the Senate Chambers are located on the second floor of the Capitol and the third floor is given over principally to the judicial branch of the government.

A fitting end to any tour of the Capitol is a walk through the Capitol grounds to see the monuments, statues, cannons, and the Capitol Greenhouse. A tour of the Capitol and grounds is an experience that impresses even the most casual visitor with the courage of those who made Texas great.

LOSES CAR IN TORNADO

Vernon Taylor, who lives northwest of Ropes, was among those who was unfortunate enough to get caught in the tornado near Littlefield Sunday two weeks ago.

They were caught in severe hail storm and drove in on the west side of a gin for protection from the hail. While parked they could hear the roaring approach of the twister, but did not see it as it was coming up from the other side of the gin building.

When it struck the debris and heavy timbers from the gin smashed the top of their 1954 Chevrolet, and caved in the side of it. The car was so badly damaged that it could not be repaired.

The family, sitting in the car, were fortunately not injured.

Several other cars had also taken refuge at the gin, and a number of them were badly damaged.

Mr. Taylor had to buy a new car to replace the old one, which was little more than junk.

TEXAS TECH NEWS

Officials for the "Strout Murder Trial" at 7:30 p. m. Friday (April 26) in the Agricultural Engineering Auditorium at Texas Tech were announced Wednesday (April 24) by the Tech Pre-Law

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'We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall Where They May'.

Club.

Dr. Alan Strout, Tech English professor, was "shot to death" by sophomore JERRY FLETCHER of Ropesville, in spectacular fashion Tuesday morning in the Tech Union Building.

The carefully planned mock murder remained a secret until seconds before it happened.

Presiding judge at the mock trial Friday was Jim Shearer of Plainview. Prosecuting attorneys were Willis Taylor of Lubbock and Oral Parks of Buffalo Gap.

Defense attorneys were Bob Richards and Jack Gibson, both of Lubbock. Lee Huddleston of Anton was the sheriff and Joe Ben Hudgens of Pecos the bailiff.

The jury was made up primarily of students in Dr.

J. William Davis' constitutional law class.

RECEIVES PRESENT FOR BIRTHDAY

Kay Baxter was very happy on receiving a wrist watch for her birthday. It was a present from Mr. Lowrimore of Lubbock. Her brother and sister, Buck and Peggy, were also made happy by receiving a like gift from Mr. Lowrimore.

They are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nichols.

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We now have tomato plants ready for sale. Both seeds and plants have been treated for all diseases. See Grover Blankenship, or ask at the Ropes Food Store.

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THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN

The Texas Capitol is more than a seat of government. The huge granite building contains paintings, sculptures, and documents that attract scores of tourists daily and more than 20,000 Texas school children each spring.

As a visitor enters the Capitol, he finds underfoot the names of Texas battles set in metal letters in the terrazzo tile floor of the foyer.

Treasures of the foyer come in pairs — two paintings, two, statues, and two documents.

A painting of David Crockett, defender of the

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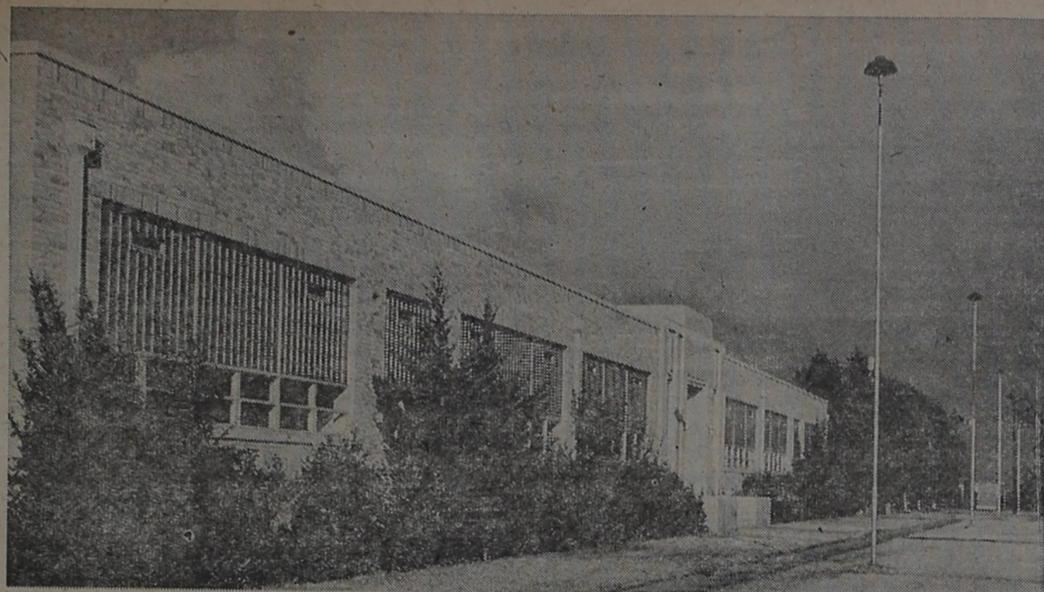
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HOCKLEY COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE-MAY BE



(Editor's Note — Afton Richards, editor of the Anton Four-County News, made a trip over to Sundown, last week, and the picture above and article below is what he came up with.)

Pictured here is the beautiful Sundown High School. It was built in 1949 at the cost of approximately \$350,000.00. To build the same structure today would exceed a half of a million dollars.

The Sundown board of education has offered this building for the use of the Hockley County Junior College.

Tuesday the editor of the Four County News made a trip to Sundown and looked this building over, as well as talked to school officials, about this benevolent offer.

The building was built up to a standard, rather than down to a price. It is in an L shape and contains about 20 thousand square feet of floor space. The front side is 264 ft. long, by 60 feet deep. And then the side runs 120 feet by 60 feet.

It contains one of the finest home economics departments we have ever seen. In all this department has about 5 rooms and the furnishings. Living room, bedroom, kitchen, class room, sewing room, office, etc. all lavishly furnished.

The science department contains two labs and an office. And this too is the very best equipment. Most colleges are not any better equipped.

The commercial department contains two rooms with a glass partition between them.

The speech room is ideally arranged and has a special stage for the use of its students.

The library is really a wonderful setup. It is well lighted and well furnished. The shelving was especially made to fit the room and the needs.

There are two offices, and five other class rooms in addition to the departments.

The study hall is very spacious and could well be made into two classrooms, or could be used to handle small assemblies.

Then there are large spacious halls, drinking fountains, and adequate locker facilities.

The premises around the building have been beautifully landscaped as this picture illustrates, and the front street has large lights.

This is a word picture of the building Sundown has offered for the use of the proposed junior college.

Also there are many other facilities that could be made available.

The beautiful Sundown high school auditorium is only a short distance away.

And if the college wants to have an athletic program, the school has two fine gyms, either better than most schools have. Their new gym actually is twins with a portable partition and can be converted into two playing fields, with all kinds of dressing room facilities.

Roughneck stadium is also one of the best in the area and could well handle any crowd a junior college would draw.

Both Supt. Billy Key, and Chas. Akin the business man-

ger of the school put it this way: We have these facilities which we can well spare, and we would like to see them in use. If the college wants to use them, our board of education has offered to meet with the college board and work out the details of such an agreement.

In the meantime the college board has made no indication as to how it feels regarding this offer.

CONSTABLE OGLE HAS BADGER

Constable Jack Ogle is now the proud possessor of a real live badger.

Jack says the animal is just a baby, and that he intends to raise him as a pet. He tells us that the baby can grunt as a pig, bark as a dog, or blow as a snake.

At the present time he and his wife are feeding it with bottle and nipple.

CAR WRECKED SOUTH OF ROPES

According to Jack Ogle, a car was wrecked Saturday night south of Ropes. It was driven by a man from Meadow whose name we have been unable to secure. However, it is stated that he was not seriously injured, although the car was badly damaged.

The driver, we understand was carried to Brownfield for medical treatment and then released. It is thought that he hit a soft shoulder, as at the time of the wreck a deluge of rain was falling.

COTTON CAVITT CAUGHT IN FLOOD WATERS

Cotton Cavitt, who drives a truck for W. Chambers & Son, between Lubbock and Freeport hauling chemicals, this past week was caught in the flood waters at Abilene.

It was a regular cloudburst and roads out of Abilene were closed for some five or six hours because of high water.

MOTHER FALLS, BREAKS SHOULDER

The mother of Terry Redford, who lives in Brownfield, fainted, and fell and broke her shoulder.

She is in a Brownfield hospital, and is said to be doing as well as could be expected.

Jerry Campbell, of Hobbs, New Mexico, was here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Cavitt, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitehead.

Many people will ask, just why is Sundown so willing to give up this fine building, and if they do not need it, why did they build it?

These are good questions but there are also good answers for them.

In 1949 they had about 700 students and were severely crowded. So they erected this new building to care for the immediate needs and allow for future growth. But instead of

WET IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fraley this week received a letter from Mrs. Aline McIvy, who lives in Dallas. She enclosed a picture of the flood, and also a paragraph evidently from a columnist in the Dallas News.

The paragraph says:

"While we were there (weather station) Monday Mr. Harrison was kept very busy repeating to newspaper reporters and television and radio announcers who called: 'Yes, this is the wettest April in the history of the station here. And, I believe it is the wettest I have ever gone through in 31 years with the bureau. I guess you could describe this April as turbulent, wet and cold, although we got up to 83 on April 18. On April 13 we dropped to 31. It's certainly been a wild month.'"

TV REPAIR SHOP OPEN

Work has been going forward on the Ropes TV Repair Shop, and it is stated that it will open for business at an early date.

The interior of the building, next to Tyree's Insurance Agency, is being made modern in every respect, and apparatus for testing and repairing radios and televisions is being installed.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to the Commissioners' Court c/o The Honorable Paul A. Williams, County Judge of Hockley County, Texas, for 8688 cubic yards of crushed and loaded caliche to be located on Labor 12, League 692, A. Taylor Survey approximately five miles west of Anton, Texas, will be received at the County Judge's Office in Levelland, Texas, until 10 o'clock A.M. Monday, May 13, 1957, at which time and place bid will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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VISITORS IN HOME OF PARENTS

The following were visitors in the T. J. Redman, Sr., home during the past two weeks:

T. J. Redman Jr. and family, James Redman and family, Dalton Redman and family, all of Ropes; G. O. Fuller and family of Lubbock, and Sylvia Winslow and family of Portland, Ore.

HERE FROM SEAGRAVES

Napoleon Jones, wife and baby were here over the weekend visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones.

They now live at Seagraves.

FOR SALE

Duroc Barrows, registered gilts, also three Duroc sows and one boar. These sows and boar are full brother and sisters to show winners at Fort Worth and Dallas. See or call B. L. Peacock, phone 3391, Ropesville.

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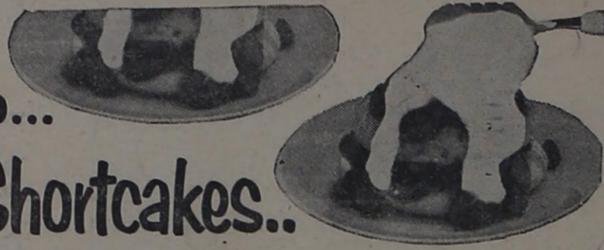
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STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES

1 1/4 cups biscuit mix
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup Pet Evaporated Milk
Two 10-oz. pkgs. frozen strawberries, thawed, or 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries, sweetened

Mix biscuit mix and sugar with a fork or pastry blender in a 1-qt. bowl until fine. Add milk, all at once, and stir just until dry ingredients are wet. With 2 tablespoons, drop dough 3 inches apart on greased cookie pan to make 4 shortcakes. Do not spread. Bake near center of 400 oven (hot) about 10 min., or until tops are golden brown. Cool or serve warm. With a sharp knife, split shortcakes crosswise and put together with the strawberries. Served with Whipped Lemon Topping.

WHIPPED LEMON TOPPING

1/3 cup Pet Evaporated Milk
4 teaspoons granulated sugar
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon lemon rind

Chill milk in ice tray until almost frozen around the edges. Put ice-cold milk into a cold 1-qt. bowl with the sugar. Whip with cold rotary beater by hand, or with electric beater at high speed, until fluffy. Add lemon juice and rind and whip until stiff. Serve as topping on Strawberry Shortcake (see recipe above). Makes 1 cup.

YOU'LL NEED

FROZEN STRAWBERRIES 19c
BISCUIT MIX 54c
PET EVAPORATED MILK 16c

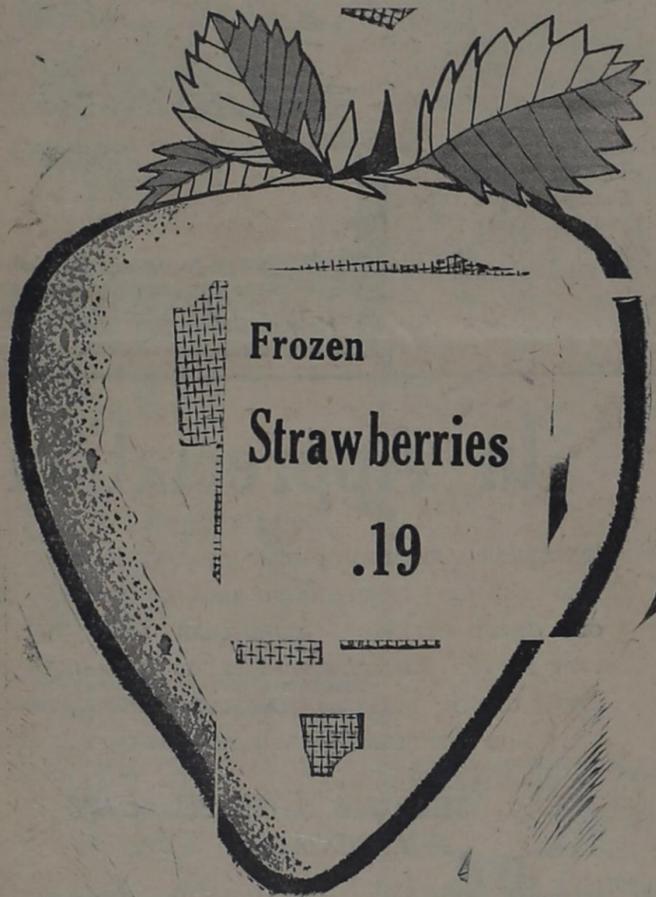
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Baby Food .28

GERBERS

Meat for Babies .22

White Karo, pint bottle .26
Lux Flakes, regular Size .29
Grape Jelly, Zestee, 20 oz .34
Coffee, White Swan, lb. .95



Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

GREEN ONIONS, 2 bchs .15
Yellow Squash, pound 12 1/2
Carrots, cello bag .10
Red Potatoes, pound .05
Russet Potatoes, 10 lb cello .49

HUNTS, NO. 2 1/2 CAN

Peaches .36

KIMBELL'S, WHOLE, 303

Green Beans .21

TOOTHPASTE, 50c SIZE

Gleem .39

R. R., 50c SIZE

Hair Arranger .39

KIMBELL'S

Tuna, grated .21

NORTHERN

Tissue, 3 rolls .25

Koolade, 6 for .25

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POUND

Hamburger .33

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Chuck Roast .43

POUND

Picnics .39

LONGHORN, POUND

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CORN KING, POUND

Bacon .53

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