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FOUR YEARS SCIENCE COURSE FOR SCHOOLS

O. V. Fuller, superintendent of Ropes schools, announced this past week it was likely the next session of Ropes schools would teach full four year science courses; that the four year course would be required for graduation.

It is likely the Ropes schools will offer Laboratory, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and General Science.

At the present time the school offers two years in science.

"To meet the new requirement," explained Mr. Fuller, "we will have to spend a great deal of money for new equipment."

Mr. Fuller told the Plainsman the school people are awakening to the fact that we are living in a more modern and advanced age than when the school system was set up and that to stay abreast with the rest of the world improvements must be made in the public school system.

The present system of education is partly blamed for the fact that Russia is now ahead of us in such things as the spudnik and other developments. It is now apparent that in this new age many things will have to be taught in the public schools which have not been taught there before if we expect to exist on an equal plane with Iron Curtain countries.

It is not because our students do not have as much brains as the communist student, but because our students have not been given a chance to use them.

So, to close the gap in scientific advancement, science will be brought into the public schools, and it will be a required course.

JESS LACKEYS' VISIT IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lackey, of Morton, were here over the weekend visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider and children.

Jess says everything in his neck of the woods has been mighty blue until the recent sunshine. "If we can have about four weeks of it," explained Jess, "most of the cotton and feed crops will be gathered."

Jess also told us that Mrs. Lackey, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago, is well on the road to recovery.

MRS. W. H. STILL IS IMPROVING

Word given the Plainsman this week stated that Mrs. W. H. Still, who some weeks ago fell and broke her hip, is well on road to recovery.

She has been released from the hospital, but is remaining in Littlefield for medical care. Just when she will be able to return home has not been stated.

ULYS GREGG AMONG ILL

Ulys Gregg, this past week, was numbered among the ill. He did not have the flu, but is suffering from a recurring stomach ailment.

ROPE SCHOOLS TO HOLD BOX SUPPER

The Ropes schools will hold their annual box supper on Friday night of this week. The occasion will be choosing of queens and kings for the schools.

The auction will be held in the high school auditorium, and the boxes will be opened in the cafeteria.

Money derived from this affair will be divided as follows: 60 per cent among the classes and forty per cent to the athletic fund.

Attend Meeting

Grady Epperson and O. V. Fuller were in Levelland on Tuesday night where they attended an organization meeting to organize county to work with the Hale-Akin Committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to start the study of the school system of Texas, and to present to the next session of the State Legislature needed improvements in the system.

Similar meetings were held in each county in the state.

The county committees will make recommendations to the Hale-Akin Committee and from these reports conditions on a state level will be decided.

Negro School To Open

The colored school, which has been out for the past six weeks, will resume classes on Monday of next week.

The school has been turned out for the cotton gathering season.

Absentees Twelve Percent

According to the records at the Ropes schools the absentees during the past few weeks has dropped from 18 per cent to 12½ per cent.

During the flu epidemic and inclement weather 105 were absent, but as the sun comes out the absentee roll has dropped to 80.

Mr. Fuller stated that a part of the absentees were Latin Americans who were engaged in gathering cotton and would likely not be back in school until the harvest was over.

Assembly Held

At the second assembly program held in the Ropes schools J. L. Carrol, superintendent of Meadow schools, and Mrs. J. M. Burleson, a former teacher in Ropes and Meadow schools, were the principle speakers.

They told of teaching as a vocation, giving both the advantages and disadvantages, as well as the responsibilities of the teaching profession.

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HERE FROM TEXICO, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas are here from Texico, N. M. as James is employed by Wilburn Crumbers & Son Trucking. Their son, Artie, is recovering from the flu.

THE WHATNIK

From press reports which were released on Saturday of last week, the Whatnik is a dead issue—a figment of the imagination distorted by hysteria; the dream of a madman; the illusion of a lunatic—that is just about how Washington writes off the Whatnik.

In short, the eegg-shaped object resting on a highway near Levelland was an optical illusion; the cars stopping was pure imagination—none of it ever happened, so says Washington. In one report they attribute the stoppage of engines to the ignition being "soaked" with electricity from lightning.

Did you ever hear of such hoovey. In the first place, there was no lightning; in the second place, the only clouds visible were along the horizon—it was clear overhead—we know, because we were driving between Whiteface and Sundown at the time the folks were seeing the Whatnik on the Levelland-Morton road.

Another thing, the average citizens, whether Washington thinks so or not, are a rather intelligent lot and the folks who actually saw the Whatnik were intelligent people—four of them unknown to the others, told identical stories—told them before the Whatnik had been announced. It seems to us that denial of the Whatnik is undemocratic. The scientists have either butted up against something they don't understand, or evidently trying to hide something. From their reports they appear to have very little qualification for the jobs which they hold.

They have been taught, as many college students are, not to believe anything they can't see, so it was a physical impossibility for them to see the Whatnik, so it wasn't there.

When we first heard of the Whatnik we were a little skeptical, but we did have enough confidence in people to investigate it with an open mind. What we found convinced us that the witnesses saw something. We were also convinced that the automobile engines stopped and the lights went out. Just what the thing they saw was we do not know—you might like to dismiss it, but you can't. The fact that the scientists in Washington have written it off as a hoax makes it none the less true.

BOBBY WHITLOCK RETURNS TO BASE

Bobby John Whitlock, who was a member of a crew who piloted a B-47 to Lubbock some days ago, has returned to his home base in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The big plane, jet propelled, was brought to Rose Air Force Base to be inspected by students. The plane was grounded there for two days because of engine trouble, then two more days because of ice and snow at the home base.

Flying time for plane between the two bases is two hours.

COTTON ACREAGE TO BE CUT

LUBBOCK — Texas High Plains cotton producers face a drastic cut in acreage in 1959 of more than 30 per cent if present laws remain unchanged, W. O. Fortenberry, president of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., said in commenting on cotton acreage allotments.

Fortenberry explained that the national cotton acreage allotment for 1958 is 17,584,528 acres, practically the same as in 1956 and 1957. The Agricultural Act which froze the 1957 and 1958 allotment at approximately 17.5 million acres and provided 100,000 additional acres to meet minimum allotment requirements for small growers, does not apply to 1959, Fortenberry explained.

In 1959, under present law, the national allotment will be the acreage necessary to produce 10 million bales. Based upon the 1953-57 average yield, this would mean a 1959 allotment of about 13 million acres. After apportionment of the national allotment to the states, each state sets aside a reserve for hardship cases, new grower allotments, trends, inequities, etc. Out of the remainder, the first acreage is applied against minimum allotments—4 acres or the highest acreage planted during the previous 3 years, if that is less than 4 acres. Larger growers share in the remainder, in effect, absorbing the full reduction. Texas small grower requirements is 768,181 acres.

With a 1959 allotment of 13 million acres, the minimum allotment requirements would leave only 9.5 million acres to growers planting more than 4 acres, Fortenberry pointed out. For such growers, this would represent an average cut of 32 percent from 1957 and 1958 allotments.

Actually the percentage reduction taken by the larger growers will vary widely from state to state as some states require a much greater acreage to meet minimum requirements.

The 13 million acres of cotton in 1959 does not take into consideration the Soil Bank acreage reserve. The present Soil Bank Act was applicable for 1957, 1958 and 1959 seasons. Appropriations to finance the program, however, are made annually. Should appropriations be made to extend this program to 1959, cotton acreage planted might be reduced another 2 to 3 million acres.

"Under these circumstances, the passage of corrective legislation in 1958 is unquestionably essential if the cotton industry is to have a future in the United States. That is why the Plains Cotton Growers are supporting the proposed ACPA cotton bill and why we think every cotton producer should support," Fortenberry concluded.

Clyde Loveless is among our busiest of men. Aside from sleeping once in a while, he is making three trips a week to El Paso, carrying grain and other cargo.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. Dan Jones, Pastor
We are all grateful to God for the abundant harvest this year, and for the beautiful days.

We should prove to Him by our humble service that we are, indeed, thankful.

Our Youth Revival will be held December 4-8, with Rev. Bobby Ferguson, of Floydada, as evangelist. All are welcome to these services of emphasis for our youth.

Our regular services are as usual:

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning worship 11 AM
NYPS, Juniors 6:30 PM
Evening service 7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting at the High School auditorium in Union Service with the Baptist and Methodist churches 7:30 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THANKSGIVING IN AUDITORIUM

As was announced last week there will be a community Thanksgiving service in the High School auditorium on Wednesday night, November 27, at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Dan Jones, of the Ropes Church of the Nazarene, will be in charge of the order of the service; Rev. J. J. Cole, pastor of the Baptist Church, will have charge of the music; and Rev. Frank Story, of the Methodist Church, will bring the Thanksgiving message.

Everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend these services.

E. J. ABNEY IN ROPES MONDAY

E. J. Abney was among those in Ropes Monday, and while here renewed his subscription to the Plainsman, for which we say thanks.

Mr. Abney states that he had a great deal of his crops gathered before the rain, but still has plenty to harvest.

MRS. MARTIN RETURNED HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Tyree Martin, who was injured in a car wreck in Lubbock on Tuesday of last week, has so far recovered that she has been returned home.

She suffered multiple bruises and cuts from being thrown from her car to the pavement, but there were no internal injuries nor fractured bones.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT WALT'S CAFE ON 28th

Walt Fraley, operator of Walt's Cafe in Ropesville, announced that he will serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday, November 28th.

Walt is famous for his superior cooking, and all who dine there will go away satisfied.

Take the family out—eat at Walt's, and be thankful.

WANTED—
Waitress.

Apply at Walt's Cafe.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Frank Story, Pastor
Beginning Sunday, October 6th, the hours for the various services will be as follows:

Church School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Worship 7:00
MYF 8:00
Choir Practice 9:00
WSCS, Monday 2:30
MYF Choir Practice
Wednesday 7:00
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7:30

There will be a meeting at Brownfield First Church on Tuesday, November 26th, at 6:30 P.M. of the Evangelistic Workshop. This will be a "covered dish" luncheon with the church furnishing the drinks. Included in this meeting are the pastors of the Brownfield District and the members of the Membership and Evangelism Commissions of the local churches. Each attendant is asked to bring a dish.

There will be a "CALLED" session of the Quarterly Conference Sunday, November 24th, at the Morning Worship Hour for the purpose of electing the Lay Delegates to the District Conference which meets on December 6th. Bro. Dallas D. Denison has asked that we also use this called session to elect a Church School Superintendent. The pastor will preside. This session was ordered by the First Quarterly Conference.

Do not forget the Community Thanksgiving service at the High School auditorium Wednesday evening, November 27th. Even though our world seems all out of focus, we still have much to thank God for. Let's make this a great evening for our lives, our community, and for God.

Jessie Faye Martin, Helen Martin, Milton Story, Bro. and Mrs. Frank Story represented the local Youth Group at a Sub-District meeting at Grassland Monday evening. The theme of the meeting was Thanksgiving. An historic film strip was shown revealing the backgrounds for our Thanksgiving Day. Incidentally, this film can be obtained at the Conference Board of Education office, 1702 Ave. "R", Lubbock, for local showings.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will present the Evening Worship program Sunday, November 24th. This is a program of their work that is presented for the entire church once each Conference Year. Mrs. L. E. Jeffcoat, the president, announces they are ready for this service and asks that you attend to appreciate their work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeffcoat and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Story shopped in Lubbock Tuesday for new curtains for the parsonage kitchen. The WSCS plans to completely redecorate that very essential section of the Parsonage Home.

RAIN IS ACCOMPANIED BY FREEZE

An unwelcome rain, accompanied by freezing weather, visited the South Plains Sunday. The moisture, a drizzle and sprinkle, started early Sunday morning and continued into Sunday night.

It brought another abrupt halt to the harvest and did extensive damage.

However, by Monday morning the clouds had disappeared and the sun was out again. As the weather has been during the past few weeks, one cannot say how long the sun will be out or how long the clouds will remain away.

This season the South Plains started out with the brightest prospects for a bumper crop, but the wet fall has damaged it at least one-half when you consider the grade and price it will bring. Of course, there is lots of cotton yet to be gathered — if the rain will let up long enough to get it gathered.

For the past seven or eight years we have had ideal falls and the crops have been gathered in record time, but this year the entire fall has been unfavorable and continues unfavorable.

FIRST ON OUR LIST

So long as folks like Mr. W. D. Nabours live here, the Plainsman will have no worries concerning subscriptions.

Our thanks to Mr. Nabours for the following:

Dee Nabours, his son, who with his wife and children, lives at Canutillo, Texas.

A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Berriman Ray, of El Paso. Another son, Jay, who also resides at El Paso with his family.

And, our thanks to him, also, for the renewal of his own paper.

H. S. ABSTON SAYS LOSS IS NOT TOO GREAT

H. S. Abston, of west of Ropes, was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office on Monday, and among other things renewed his subscription to the Plainsman. He is a reader of ten years standing, which we appreciate.

Mr. Abston stated that he did not think, up to this point, that the loss on his cotton had been very great, but there had been heavy damage to feed which had fallen down. Mr. Abston told us he was fortunate in getting all the cotton pulled on his dry land before the wet weather set in.

C. STEPHENSON SAYS GRAIN LOSS IS HEAVY

Chester Stephenson, local combine man, is busy now keeping his machine going day and night.

"The continued damp weather," stated Chester, "has done heavy damage to the grain crop. Besides being full of moisture, much of it has fallen down and each day we have wind more will fall."

T. O. PETTY NO LONGER IN POLITICS

T. O. Petty county school superintendent, as was announced last week, is out of politics and will not run for reelection to the office he now holds.

Mr. Petty stated to the Plainsman: "I feel that I have held the office long enough. But I do want to say I deeply appreciate the folks of the Ropes community, whom I consider my friends. I will never forget any of you as long as I live."

Mr. Petty has a year yet to serve, and he said that it was possible, when the term expired, that he would be a teacher in the Hockley County Junior College.

Mr. Petty has made an outstanding county school superintendent, and the schools of the county have progressed under his supervision.

WOODROW JONES DOWNS FLU IN ONE ROUND

Woodrow Jones, of the Ropes Food Store, was back on the job Friday of last week after being confined to his room Thursday with what was thought to be the flu.

Woodrow says he got the flu bug in a corner and hit him right between the eyes with a tub handle. Sounds a little crude to strike a poor little bug in such a manner, but it appeared to be effective.

S. D. BUCHANAN ESTIMATES LOSS AT 50 PER CENT

S. D. Buchanan, who lives north of Ropes, stated to the Plainsman that he believed he had suffered a 50 per cent loss in crops due to the rains which had continued over the South Plains for the past six weeks.

His first loss came when an early freeze and frost hit the section destroying, according to his estimate, at least a fourth of his cotton crop.

GAS MANAGER VISITS ROPES

Joe Price, the affable and accommodating manager of the Pioneer Natural Gas Co. in Brownfield out of which Ropes is served, was in our city this past week looking after business.

Due to the fact that gas pressure has been low in Ropes, the company is enlarging its lines in an effort to bring in more gas.

TONY SIMS SAYS HE HAS NO KICK AT THE WEATHER

Tony Sims stated Monday, "I have no kick about the wet weather. I remember all the griping I did during the past seven years of drought — so, let it rain.

Tony might have something there, but we imagine South Plains bankers don't cotton to the idea, nor do a lot of farmers who have borrowed money to make this crop.

Howsoever, it is nice to know that it can rain here once in awhile — it's something different.

NEED ANY RATS KILLED?

B. E. Davidson, of Levelland, and head of the Rodent Extermination Department of Hockley County, was in Ropes this week looking after business.

Mr. Davidson said that rodents are coming into the county in large numbers, and that any one who noticed signs of rats or mice, please notify him at once, as they are much earlier to get rid of if an early start is taken.

This service is furnished free to the folks of the county—just drop a post card to B. E. Davidson, care of Court House Annex, Levelland, Texas, and he will visit you.

V. L. WALLACE HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE MONDAY

Monday night the home of V. L. Wallace, northwest of Ropes, was heavily damaged by fire. Household goods and clothing were lost in the blaze.

The fire was caused by an explosion of unknown origin.

The Ropesville Volunteer Fire Department made a run to the scene and assisted in removing furniture and other things from the flaming building, as well as assisting in bringing the fire under control.

MOVED TO LOVINGTON, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGahey and daughters, Annette and Brenda, moved to Lovington, N. M., last week — end where he is now employed in the oil field. They

have been residing in Lubbock since his discharge from the service.

Mrs. McGahey is the former Miss Nelda Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans.

RAIN, SLEET, SNOW SUNDAY AFTERNOON

While on a trip to Texico, New Mexico, Sunday, where the editor and wife, and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Whitfield, Steve and Barbara, and Mrs. Bob Shanklin and Wesley, visited in the home of another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and family, and a son, Donald and family, we saw snow, sleet and rain.

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SALUTING OUR TEACHERS

Mr. C. T. McCormick was born on a farm near Merkel, Texas, attended high school there, and Texas Tech, majoring in Agriculture. Midway through college he was called into the Army. . . volunteered just ahead of the draft board, so he says. He served four years in the Army, from 1941 to 1945. He was in the Air Corps until he went to Officer's Candidate School in the Field Artillery. After graduation he was assigned to the 276th Armoured Field Artillery Battalion in Camp Campbell, Kentucky. After six months

here he was sent to Europe and served with the 95th Division of the 3rd Army. He received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the European Theatre Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He is still a member of the Ready Reserve of the Army. He now holds the rank of Captain in the 413th Military Government Company.

After the end of World War II, Mr. McCormick came back to Texas Tech and finished his work on a BS degree in Agriculture. After graduation he continued studying toward a Master of

Science degree, which he received in 1948.

Ten years ago Mr. McCormick came to Ropes as Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor. The McCormicks' have two children, Bill 9, and Paula 5.

Raising unusual plants is Mr. McCormick's favorite hobby, this year he grew a castor bean plant over 17 feet tall at the school building. He loves to work in the shop, raise Boxer dogs, fish, hunt, watch sports and play with his children.

FHA CLUB CHATTER

There were a lot of Hobos around town Saturday. Over eighty (\$80) dollars was earned to help pay for the Mother-Daughter banquet.

The banquet will be held

Saturday, the 23rd, at 7:00.

Each FHA member is supposed to bring an unaddressed Christmas card with a 3c stamp on it to send to the hospitals.

Reporter, Patsy Robertson.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov. 22: King and Queen Coronation at 7:30.
 Nov. 23: Mother - Daughter Banquet at 7:00 pm.
 Nov. 28 - 29: Thanksgiving Holidays.

RECORD TURNOUT EXPECTED FOR OPENING OF ROPES TWIRP SEASON:

Ropes (Special) — Ropes High School 1957 "TWIRP SEASON" opens Monday, Nov. 18) morning under the "best conditions in years", with girl officials confidently predicting a record turnout of twirpers.

The week long season officially gets away or underway 30 minutes before sunrise on the opening day and stretches to midnight of the closing date.

By the time the last boy is taken home and the girls, having spent their last dime, used the last tank of gas, turn to go home, everyone is happy that the twirp season is once again over.

In case you are one of the few who do not know what this great season is, we have taken the time and trouble to give you all the details on it.

SUBJECT: Twirp Season.

Time: One week out of the entire year.

Purpose: To give the boys a chance to enjoy a girl's company at her expense (provided she asks him for a date).

Cost: According to how much the boy EATS!

Work Plan: The girls are given the freedom or privilege to take out the boys for a change. She goes to his house and pays him any manners that she expects from him on a date. The entire cost of the date is her responsibility. No girl is thought bold if she asks a different boy for each night because you must take the fact into consideration that she only has 7 days out of

365 to be on the asking end of the date situation.

This is the week, girls, so get out your little blue book and take advantage of it.

JUNIOR NEWS

We made around \$120.00 on our chicken dinner. We want to thank everyone for helping us out. We also want to thank our mothers for furnishing the food and for working. We are thinking about having a turkey party to make money for our king and queen some time this week.

FRESHMAN NEWS

We had a Bake Sale last Saturday, the 16th, and came out fairly well.

This is the second six weeks test week and every one hopes to pass all the tests.

Mary Morrow and Doyle Crawford.

8th GRADE NEWS

The Junior High girls had a basketball game Tuesday night with Shallowater. They won with the score of 22-20. We played Smyer Thursday night and beat them 31 to Turn the Page



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10. The boys also had a basketball game with Smyer Thursday and won with the score of 33 to 12. The eighth grade had a bake sale Saturday and it was very successful. Reporter, Kathy Kahllich.

6B NEWS

Our king and queen for this year are Ida Miller and David Cain. We have \$32.18 in our bank. We had a bake sale Friday afternoon and we sold cakes, pies and cookies.

This is our six weeks test week and we want to do very good on them.

The ones who made 100 in spelling are Bobby Jeffcoat, Mike Verner, Pamela Searsey, Sandra Jeffcoat and Patricia Bridwell.

Reporters, Sandra Jeffcoat and Chas. Roberson. * * *

4-B NEWS

4-B is beginning Science this week. We have already enjoyed a film about the Solar System.

The following made 100 in spelling last week: Larry Blair, Royce Cavitt, Charles Cesari, Cecilio Villarreal, Donnie Blackman, Marie Cortez, Connie Cruz, Gloria Garza, Santos Hernandez, Florita Gomez, Shirley Odom, Neva Lois Ray, Linda Snider, and Linda Kay Varner. * * *

2B - Mrs. Redford We want to thank all our mothers for making our bake

sale a success. It's so nice to have such good cooperation. Come to our box supper Friday, November 22. Thanks again.

We are progressing so nicely in our books, and are enjoying our Indian Unit a lot.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH CODE EFFECTIVE SOON

A new Mental Health Code goes into effect in Texas on January 1, 1958.

The new code provides for an emergency commitment to a state mental hospital when a person's conduct makes it appear likely that he is mentally ill and apt to injure himself or others if not immediately restrained. Any health or peace officer may take such a person directly to a state mental hospital. This procedure is designed to protect the public from a violently ill person, and, as well, protect the ill person from the disturbance of being confined in a local jail.

Whenever a person has been taken to a state hospital in this manner, he must be examined within forty-eight hours, and notice of the commitment sent to the patient's guardian. Also, there must be a confirming order from the county court within twenty-four hours. The emergency commitment cannot be used to hold a patient more than ninety-six hours.

Non-emergency commitments may be either temporary or indefinite. However, no one can be indefinitely committed unless they have first been temporarily committed. The temporary commitment is begun by filing a sworn application with the county court. The application must allege that the proposed patient is mentally ill and that hospitalization is necessary for the welfare of himself or others.

An informal hearing is held within fourteen days of this application, after notice is given to all concerned, and the court has appointed an attorney if necessary. The proposed patient must be examined by two physicians, both of whom must find commitment necessary. A patient who is temporarily committed can be held no longer than ninety days. Nevertheless, if it is determined that a longer period of time will be necessary to effect a cure, indefinite commitment proceedings may be begun while the patient is under a temporary commitment.

The indefinite commitment is begun by the filing of a petition in the county court. One of the necessary allegations is that the patient has been observed in a state mental hospital for at least sixty days within the last year, and that the patient is mentally ill, requiring hospitalization. The petition must be accompanied by a Certificate of Medical Examination by a doctor stating the patient is mentally ill. Thus there must be at least three independent medical examinations before a person can be indefinitely committed. The court notifies the proposed patient and his guardian of the pending proceedings, and appoints an attorney if necessary.

The hearing is held thirty days after the petition is filed. A jury will decide the question of whether or not the proposed patient is mentally ill, unless the jury has been waived in writing. If the patient is found to be mentally ill he may, under the new code, appeal this finding. Also, he may, at any time, apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

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PRAISE FOR GEORGE MAHON

The following article, taken from "A Day in the Sun" from the Levelland Daily Sun-News, was handed to us by Mrs. Manton Roberts, the writer of the letter quoted being her brother and also a brother of Mrs. Lowel Beaty, formerly of Ropes, but now living in Willcox, Arizona:

A. H. Turner, 1106 Twelfth Street, says some people seem to think that Cong. George Mahon is "just another politician" and are not impressed with his capabilities. Turner says he knows this is true because he's heard them say so on the streets of Levelland.

But Turner believes Mahon is capable of handling jobs of a great deal more importance than just representing the people of the 19th congressional district.

He cites a letter from his son, Col. V. R. Turner, now living at Santa Maria, Calif., to prove his point.

In a letter to his parents this past week, Col. Turner wrote:

"Monday I sat in on the Air Force briefing of Mr. Mahon and his congressional investigating committee at Los Angeles on the state of the ballistic missile program. I was extremely proud of our congressman.

"I wish the people of the 19th district could have seen what a truly great man he is, for he has an unusual ability to rake away the fodder and go straight to the significant problems.

"I have watched some pretty capable generals tackle complex problems and I believe he tops them all. He left no doubt in our

minds that he not only saw what was needed to be done but that the national interest was paramount in his intentions.

"The people of our district would have swelled with pride to claim him as their own. I know I did! My Air Force colleagues were tremendously impressed."

He also stated in the letter, according to Mrs. Roberts, that Levelland had become internationally famous as press releases regarding the Whatnik had appeared all over the world.

WALT FRALEY FIGHTS OFF CASE OF FLU

The old flu bug, who has downed so many during the past few weeks, met a tough customer in Walt Fraley.

Walt is not down, neither is he out.

When he discovered that the bug had settled on him for a victim he went to Brownfield where the Doc injected a gallon and a half of serum into his veins and then gave him a dozen or more capsules, the size of a teacup, to take every hour or so.

This was a little too much for the bug—he took off for parts unknown. And now, Walt has serum instead of blood.

VISIT IN HANNAFORD HOME

This week Miss Mary Hannaford had as her weekend guest, Erma Lee Reynolds of Wortham, Noma Lee Hamilton of Carlsbad, New Mexico, both of Hardin-Simmons University, and Miss Carolyn Caudle of

Roby, who is attending Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Miss Hannaford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hannaford. Mr. Hannaford is principal of Ropes High School.

H. MORELAND REBUILDING ROPES STREETS

About one of the most commendable deeds that we know of is the fact that Commissioner Hulon Moreland has moved his road grading equipment into Ropes and is now busily engaged in rebuilding the streets.

Recent continued rains, something that has not happened in ten years, washed the streets out in many places and completely wrecked the grade.

"It is no use trying to get dirt for rebuilding from ditches beside the road," stated Commissioner Moreland. "We will just have to haul it in."

And he has hauled it in. Tons and tons of dirt have been placed on the streets, then rolled flat and hard. Right now, thanks to Commissioner Moreland, we have some pretty decent streets in Ropes.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to take this means of thanking all my friends for the beautiful flowers sent me, the words of sympathy and encouragement, and those who prayed for me. As long as life shall last I will never forget you. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you is my prayer.

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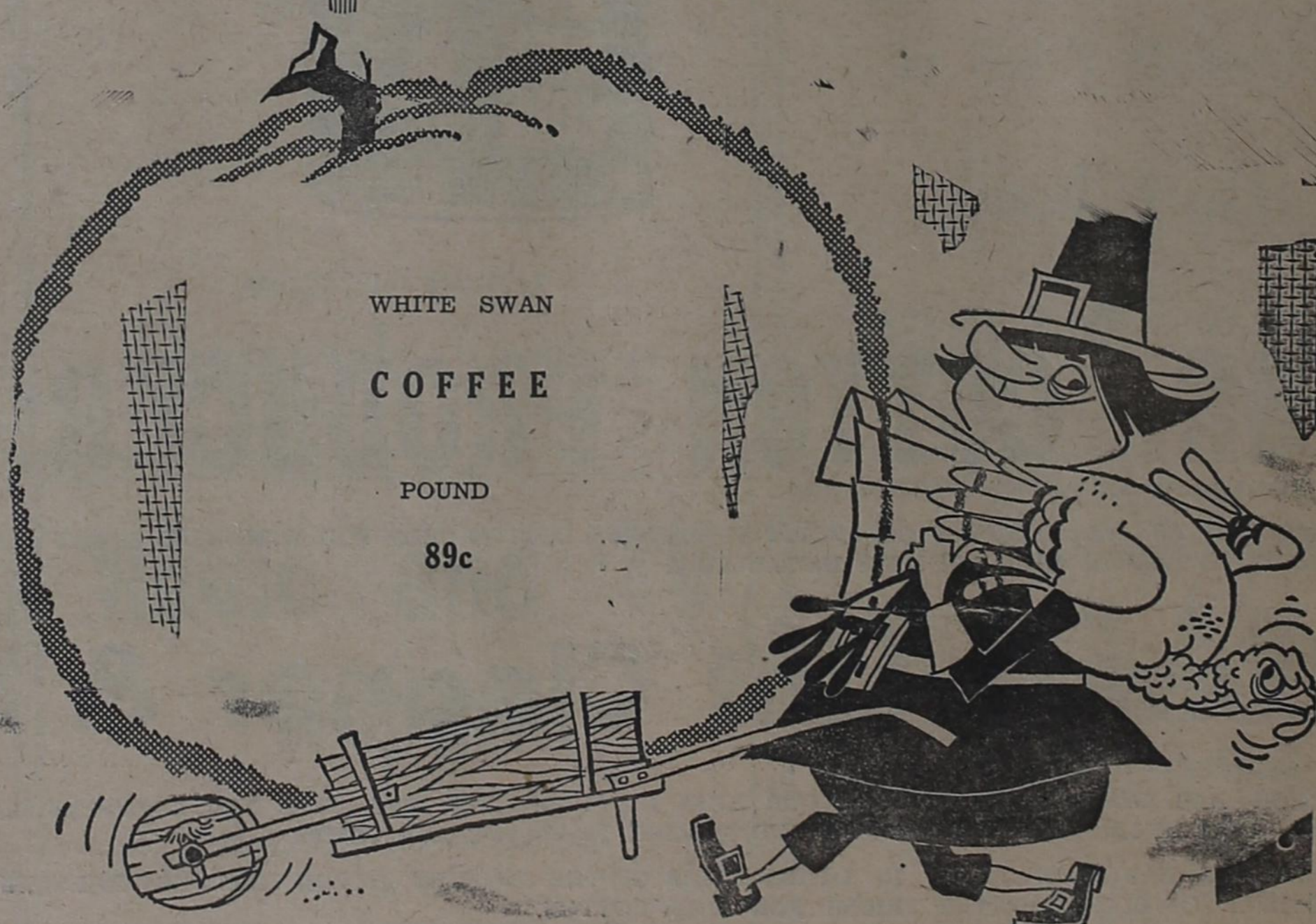
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