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SEZ WE

This year we are stealing a vacation. When you read this, the staff—all of them—of the Plainsman will be down around San Antonio visiting points of interest, a part of this country we have never seen.

You might note this paper is devoid of local news. This is due to the fact we are printing a little early, also our advertisers have been very cooperative in turning in their ad copy, making it possible for us to have a

few days off.

There are others who are helping out: Jack Ogle and Minton Roberts, who have agreed to make the award for us—they will gather the money and tickets, and give the awards away. This is another phase of our activity which had to be taken care of before we could leave.

You know how vacations are—we'll have to come home to rest.

There was a time when folks took vacations to rest. But today that is not so—there is too much to see, and so little time to see it, that you're rushed from one place to another, from dawn until late at night.

There is more wear and tear to a vacation than the same period of work, but it is done among different surroundings, new scenes, new places, new faces, new voices, which tears you away from the humdrum of every day life, and sometimes it gives you a different slant on things.

So, it is with the hope that this trip will be both entertaining and edifying, that we make it.

The governor of the state one day appeared before the convicts at the state prison to make a speech. Forgetting his audience, he began in the usual manner:

"Fellow Citizens"—a murmur of laughter ran about the hall. The governor became confused, and began: "Fellow Convicts"—the laughter increased. "Oh, you know what I mean," he stammered. "I mean I'm glad to see so many of you here." Uproar.

A hillbilly was called as a witness in a law suit.

"Can you write?" asked the lawyer for the plaintiff.

"Nope."

"Can you read?"

"Well, I kin read figgers pretty good, but I don't do so good with writing. Now take these signs along the roads. I kin tell how furto but not whurto."

Two cowboys were talking. One said, "My name's Tex."

Second one, "You from Texas?"

Answered the first one: "Nope, from Louisiana, but who wants to be called Louise?"

J. R. SMITH HAS INTERESTING SLIDE PICTURES

J. R. Smith, of Smith Auto Service, has some very interesting slide pictures. On the occasion of the awarding of the one hundred dollars in Ropes on July 11, he took pictures of the crowd and the pictures are perfect.

He also took pictures of interesting places on their vacation in Colorado, and they are really enjoyable to view.

QUEEN CONTEST FOR FARM BUREAU

The Hockley County Farm Bureau annual Queen Contest has been set for August 14 at 8:00 o'clock in the Junior High building at Levelland. Any girl between the ages of 16 to 22, and whose father or brother is a member of Farm Bureau is invited to enter. The last day for contestants to enter is August 10. A gift will be presented to the winner and she will be eligible to enter the district contest, which will be at Lubbock in Sept. Girls who are interested please phone Mrs. Bud Rucker or Mrs. J. C. Pointer for more information.

BARBARA EMBERY TO GRADUATE FROM WAYLAND

PLAINVIEW—Barbara Sullivan Embery, Ropesville, is one of 25 candidates for graduation at Wayland Baptist College summer commencement exercises August 20th.

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at College Heights Baptist Church. Mrs. Embery, her family and friends, will be honored guests after the ceremonies at a reception given by President and Mrs. A. Hope Owen in Van Howeling Memorial Library.

Hooper Dilday, secretary of Training Union Department of Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be commencement speaker. Wayland will confer the honorary degree of LL. D. on him.

Mrs. Embery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan, has served as president of her residence hall, secretary of Baptist Student Union, historian of Texas Student Education Association and has been named to numerous beauty pageants, Homecoming contests and similar honors. She is currently secretary of the graduating senior class.

Immediate plans call for Mrs. Embery to teach elementary school in Hurst as her husband who was graduated from Wayland in May attends Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Embery is among 25 students from five states who will be graduated this summer in Wayland's Golden Anniversary Class. The 1959 class of 83 including both spring and summer graduates is the largest in Wayland's history.

Some local residents never realize what a fine place they live in - until they go away from home and try life in another place.

Musical Saturday Nite

A musical will be staged in the Community Building on Saturday night, August 8, sponsored by the Ropes Cemetery Association.

The program will be arranged by Clifford Martin and Charley Jordan, with musicians participating from

Lubbock, Levelland, Meadow, Ropes, and other places.

Admission charges will be 50c for adults, 25c for children.

The ladies of the community will have concession stands to serve pop, coffee, pie, etc. The Cemetery As-

sociation urges each lady in the community to bring a pie to be used in the concession stands.

All the profits from the musical and concessions will go to the Cemetery Association.

Think it Over!

You are citizens of the Ropes community, you attend church in the community, you send your children to school here, many of your friends live in the Ropes community.

With this in mind, shouldn't you be interested in building a better and more prosperous community — in that Ropes is the center of all activity in the community, shouldn't you be interested in making it a bigger and better place in which to live.

As to what the town of Ropes amounts to lays in the palm of your hands. It is up to you to assure yourself that in future years you will have schools and churches in the Ropes community; it is up to you to assure yourself of a place to trade by trading in Ropes now.

Taken as a whole the business places in Ropes are here to serve you. Business people have invested thousands of dollars to be able to serve you; business people pay thousands of dollars in taxes so that you may have modern school in which to send your children; they donate thousands of dollars each year to the churches of Ropes which serve the Ropes

community — they stand shoulder to shoulder with you in promoting and paying for these things.

The tax payers of the City of Ropesville maintain modern fire fighting equipment to serve the entire community without one dime of cost to those who live outside the city limits.

Each time a road grader goes over your roads; each time a foot of pavement is laid in the community, a part of the cost is borne by the business people of Ropes.

There are many who do not consider this. However, we wish to further point out that each time you go out of Hockley County to buy supplies, not one cent of that spent in another county comes back to this county. If you trade in Lubbock you are helping to support Lubbock schools, build Lubbock streets, help maintain the Lubbock police force and help to build roads in that county.

Do you think this is fair to yourself—it is as if you were robbing yourself and pitching your money out in the street, as none of it comes back to you.

Think this over.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL NEWS

Garnie Atkisson, preacher for the church of Christ, in Ropes, announces the church will be supporting a series of revival meetings, beginning August 9 to continue through the 15th. Evangelist Otis Webb, of Sylvia, Kansas, will be the visiting speaker. Services will be conducted each evening at 8:00.

Beginning Monday morning, August 10, the church will have a Vacation Bible School. There will be classes for all ages, and Mr. Atkisson urges the people of Ropes to send their children to this Bible school. Classes will begin at 9:30 each morning and be dismissed at 11:00. All materials will be furnished, there will be no collections, and refreshments will be served at the recess period.

Evangelist Webb will give a series of lessons each morning for adults, on the theme of "God's Purpose Through The Ages". His lessons will be demonstrated with flannel-graph material. This will be a very interesting and profitable course for all truth loving and God fearing people.

A cordial invitation is extended to each and every person in this area to attend this Bible school and gospel meeting.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Allen Forbis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Methodist Youth

Fellowship 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship...7:15 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Trcy Thurmon, Minister
Wolfforth, Texas
Sunday morning Services:
Bible School: 10:00 to 10:45
Worship: 10:45 to 11:45
Sunday evening Services:
Worship: 7:00 to 8:00.
Wednesday evening Service:
Bible Study: 8:00 to 9:00.
The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

NAZARENE CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Dan Jones, Pastor
Regular services are:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
NYPS, Juniors 6:30 p.m.
Evening service 7:00 p.m.
Mid-week serv. 8:00 p.m.
Come worship with us, for you are always welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Garnie Atkisson, Evangelist
SUNDAY:
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:
Ladies Bible Study.... 10 a.m.

A mother was trying to teach her young daughter how to tell time. Picking up a clock, she pointed out the hours, the minutes, and the seconds. The little girl watched eagerly, then asked in a puzzled tone, "But where are the jiffies?"

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THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN

By Sen. Preston Smith

Who is to blame for Texas' lack of action on raising additional money to finance the state's government?

After six months of work, including the special sessions, frayed tempers here in Austin have circulated the blame for delay of a new tax program.

Governor Daniel blames the lobby. . . House Speaker Carr has blamed "obstructionists in the House". . . and the House, in occasional flurries, blames the press and black headlines.

Actually, the real issue, it seems, is a severance beneficiary tax on natural gas vs. a production tax on natural gas. The opposition to both types of natural gas taxes has clashed in many legislative skirmishes during the 56th Legislature.

One Austin columnist calls this natural gas tax dispute, one of the principle issues that have delayed tax action. He pinpoints the natural gas dispute as costing time, money and tempers in the Legislature.

The gas tax issue has been camouflaged in many voting bouts by side issues, he said, and that Texas gas-wise "is split between producers, pipe lines, industrial users. It is strictly a lobby fight, pro and con, carried on through the Legislators who have to vote on the issue."

With the gas tax issue, and hundreds of other Legislative problems, capitol observers were not surprised when Speaker Waggoner Carr stood before the House and challenged his opposition to "put up or shut up". It was bound to come out of all the Legislative confusion, they said. Carr learn-

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"We Hew to the Line—Let the Critic Fall where They May".

THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN

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ed of rumored action to impeach him, and in a personal privilege speech, told the House, "I recognize that this move has been prompted by those who seek the opportunity to politically kill me because they envision me as a possible statewide candidate some day who does not share their political philosophy."

The House, following the address, sent a committee to escort Carr back to his rostrum.

PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, Inc.

The Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has been named to join with other producer organizations in Texas to select eight grower delegates to the National Cotton Council, it was announced July 18 after a NCC meeting in Dallas.

Aubrey Lockett, chairman of the NCC's Texas chapter, explained that the meeting was held to pass on the application of the Plains Cotton Growers to become a participating producer organization in the naming of Texas grower representatives to the NCC.

W. O. Fortenberry, president of the PCG, said the move "recognizes the PCG as a bonafide producer organization and gives us national representation. It is one of the goals we have

sought for a long time." Fortenberry and George W. Pfeiffenberger, executive vice president, attended the Dallas meeting.

The PCG represents more than 20,000 Texas High Plains cotton growers, who produce a sizable portion of the state and national cotton crop. Producer delegates to the NCC are named to give the council a representation of growers on the basis of geography, number of cotton farmers and number of bales produced.

Delegates representing the High Plains producers in the NCC at present include H. L. King, Brownfield, of the Texas Farm Bureau, and Wilmer Smith, New Home, of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives.

In addition to these two producer organizations, Texas NCC grower delegates have been named by the Texas Cooperative Planting Seed Assn., Bryan; Southwestern Irrigated Growers, El Paso; and the Texas Cotton Growers Cooperative Marketing Assn., Dallas.

The Texas High Plains probably will continue to have two of the eight Texas producer representatives to the NCC, the same as in the past.

The NCC is a central organization representing all segments of the cotton industry in the fields of research and promotion. It has a 30-man board of directors made up of five dele-

gates from each branch of the industry.

By-laws of the Council are so written that no action may be taken which doesn't have the approval of each branch of the industry. Any proposal before the Council is subject to a minimum two-thirds approval by delegates representing each branch voting separately.

One of the major goals of the Council is "to increase the consumption of U. S. -grown cotton, cottonseed and the products thereof through out the world."

THIS LEGAL COLUMN

DIVISION OF ESTATES EXPLAINED

The death of an intestate person (one who has made no will) may give rise to many problems regarding distribution of his separate estate. In the preceding column we investigated the manner of dividing the community estate upon the death of a husband or wife. Now we shall see that, where separate property is involved, a completely different set of rules applies in determining heirship and apportioning

the estate among the rightful claimants.

It may be well to recall that the separate estate of a husband or wife includes property owned by either before marriage, and that which is acquired after marriage by gift or inheritance. Any other property acquired after marriage is presumed by law to be community property until the contrary is clearly proved.

Now, here is a general idea as to how your separate property will be divided if you do not make a will with contrary provisions prior to your death.

If your husband or wife survives and if, in addition, there are surviving children or descendants of previously deceased children, the children and their descendants immediately obtain a full (fee) title in two-thirds of the real estate involved. The surviving spouse receives a life interest in the remaining one-third of the real property, which passes on to the children and their descendants upon the death of the spouse.

The rule for distributing personal property — cash,

stocks, bonds, furniture, or any other items not constituting real estate—is different. Here the surviving spouse gets full ownership of one-third, and the children and their descendants inherit the balance.

Now suppose your husband or wife survives, but there are no surviving children or their descendants. In this case the surviving spouse inherits all of the personal property involved.

With regard to real estate, the survivor obtains full title to one-half, and the other half is divided between your mother and father, if both survive you. If only one of them survives, he or she receives only half of this portion, and the other half (or one-fourth of the entire real estate) will be divided among your brothers and sisters (and their descendants) who survive. If there are no surviving brothers and sisters and their descendants, then the one surviving parent inherits the full one-half.

Where no parent survives, but there are brothers and sisters and descendants, the full one-half is divided a-

mong these survivors

And, if there are no parents or brothers and sisters and their descendants; surviving, then the surviving husband or wife inherits all of the real estate.

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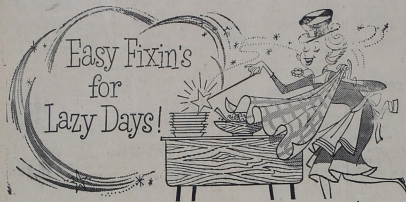
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