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The weather — anything but what it should be.

The Plainsman this past week was full of misinformation. To start the ball to rolling we stated, on what we thought was good authority, that Phil Nobles had been arrested for burglaries committed in Ropes. Our source of information was like the Dutchman's owl, all fuss and feathers—we printed an extra to correct this. The next thing we discovered—and our information was supposed to be top-notch — was that we announced that Dennis Rasberry had purchased the John Flowers Service Station. The facts in the case were that Frank Riley had purchased the station and leased it to Rasberry.

We suppose this is the first time in ten years that we have not doubly checked our information, in failing to check it we were guilty of errors that we very much regret. In the future, as in the past, with the exception of last week, we will remember that we can check by using the telephone, and that we'll do.

The NEW YEAR, when you read this, if you read it on the day it is dated (Thursday), is two days old — indications are that it will continue to grow older by the minute—all years before this one have acted that way and we can foresee no reason why 1957 shouldn't do likewise.

We are always glad to see New Year's Eve, but on the other hand it makes us just a little sad, as right off, during January, we become a year older. We try to forget all about this, thinking it doesn't amount to much, but there are those who won't let us. They say, "My, my, but you look young for your age," and then a sly hint that we're getting senile, and should be thinking more about the hereafter than the present. Getting old is one of the penalties of being alive; staying young is the dream of us all, and was the cause of DeLeon searching for the fountain of youth—which he never found—and neither have we.

When we see these lines in our face we can just see Old Father Time, with his plow, breaking them and then adding fresh ones to them.

That's what happens to most folks, if they live long enough.

Lf. Ralph Riojas, who has been during the holidays, has returned to his home base at Ellington Field.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

ATTENTION MEN — The monthly Brotherhood meeting will be held tonight, January 3rd, beginning with pot-luck supper at 7:00 o'clock. Bring your Junior and Intermediate boys with you. We have arranged a good program, and would appreciate a good attendance.

We are beginning the New Year with a week of Bible Study sponsored by the Sunday School. Monday through Thursday night of next week we are meeting at the Church for a study of the Book of Romans. This study could well be entitled "The Gospel according to Paul". This program of study has untold possibilities. It will provide a stronger conviction on the part of Christians as to the reality of personal salvation. It will provide a growing concern for winning the lost. Paul's treatment of the plight of man in sin and the divine remedy in Christ ought to move Christians to share the Apostle's desire for the salvation of lost people. We

invite each one to attend these classes and study the Word of God. We will begin each night at 7:15 and close at 8:30.

Sunday School attendance last Sunday was 170, and there were 121 in the Training Union. The offering was near \$1,000 for the day, and will be applied on our Building debt. We would like to make another good payment on our Bank Note by the middle of January, so if there is someone who would like to add some to what we have for this purpose, we would be grateful.

As Pastor of the Church, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to each and everyone of the Ropes community for their cooperation during our brief residence. We have found this to be a fine place to live. We appreciate all of the cards and gifts during the holiday season. We wish for one and all a very happy and successful year during 1957. Call on us if we can be of service.

FRANK RILEY TO BUILD MODERN STATION

Frank Riley stopped us Monday morning to place an ad in the Plainsman offering for sale the John Flowers residence in Ropes.

Frank stated that the Plainsman erred in stating last week that the station had been sold to Dennis Rasberry. Frank bought the station and has leased it to Rasberry.

He also asked us to state that just as soon as the new super highway is built through Ropes, he intends to build a modern service station where the present station now stands. Frank, with his brother, at one time operated the Shamrock Station in Ropes.

FOR SALE—
Figs. See Grady Epperson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the people of Ropes who were so kind and sympathetic during our hour of sorrow. We want to thank all the people who brought food, and the Ropes school for the beautiful floral offering. May God richly bless all of you.

Mrs. Ada Jackson,
Mae Jackson,
Mr. and Mrs. Truett Owens
Dodson, Texas
F. H. and Stoney Jackson,
Childress, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shirley,
Abernathy, Texas
Mrs. Coy Dodd,
Ropesville, Texas.

ACP 1957 FUNDS LIKELY TO BE EXHAUSTED SOON

The following news item, which tells its own story, was clipped from the Levelland Daily Sun News, and is reprinted for its interest to farmers of this community:

A "very great number" of county farmers have applied for Agricultural Conservation Practices funds and it looks as if the budget for the first quarter of 1957 will be completely taken up, J. W. Evans, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office manager, reported recently.

But Evans said that no applications have yet been received for participation in the soil bank program for the 1957 through 1961 period.

Farmers have until March 15 to make their soil bank applications, however, and Evans says they are simply "studying" the situation at the present time.

Decisions will apparently rest on weather conditions.

Evans says he doesn't anticipate too many applications if adequate moisture falls between now and the filing deadline. Continued dry weather might press a large number of county farmers to the soil bank program, however.

A total of 23 soil-bank applications for the 1956 year were approved in Hockley County and three or four are currently pending.

ACP Action Jan. 1
Evans said no action was taken by the county committee on ACP applications
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Students Home For Holidays

Some of the students from various colleges who have been spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Ropes include Richard Riojas and Misses Rosa Riojas and Jean Ethridge from Texas Tech College at Lubbock.

Clovis Hale from Texas University at Austin, Miss Virginia Cato from Mary Hardin Baylor College at Belton, Texas, Jimmy Ray Strickland and Carol Hudson from Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Jackie King and Misses Bettye Martin, Barbara Ann Sullivan, and Frances Cain from Wayland College at Plainview, and Miss Delores Ayers from Howard Payne College at Brownwood, were also visitors in the homes of their parents over the holidays.

Richard and Rosa are children of Ralph Riojas; Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ethridge; Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Cato, Lockettville, Gin; and Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Strickland.

Carol is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hudson; Jackie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. King; Bettye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin; Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan; Frances is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain; and Delores is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ayers.

VISITS BROTHER IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones were in New Mexico Sunday where they visited in the home of Otto's brother.

On the return trip they ran into a radar trap, but Otto, being the law abiding citizen that he is, was doing the right speed, and the officers waved him on with a friendly smile minus a ticket.

FOR SALE

The John Flowers residence, 3 rooms and a bath. Contact Frank Riley or ask at the Chevron Service Station.

HERE FROM WYOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graston were visitors in Ropes this week from Wyoming, visiting with his parents here and with many friends.

Roy was in the garage business here for a long number of years, and is well and favorably known to most of our people.

He states that they are well pleased with their new home, and that the cold bothers them very little.

THE PASSING THROG

Mrs. Ennis Moore, who was recently returned from a Lubbock hospital suffering from pneumonia and asthma, is gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas spent the Christmas holidays in San Antonio visiting their son, Kenneth, and family. From there they went on to Pasadena where all of the family gathered, except Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas and children of Ropes, to enjoy a luscious Christmas dinner. Those present were J. V. and family, Lorene and family, and Charles and family, all of Pasadena, and Bobbie, who lives in Jacksonville. The Thomas' report a very nice Christmas, and many wonderful gifts received. On the return trip they visited in Cransfill Gap with the Aubrey Thomas family. They also visited in Seymour with Mrs. Thomas' brother, then returned home, arriving here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson are the proud parents of a son born to them on Tuesday in a Lubbock hospital. The little one weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

J. T. Ayers was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office Wednesday and left

with us the cash for a year's subscription to the Plainsman. Thanks.

J. H. Gregg has our thanks for cash on subscription to the Plainsman.

George Whitten, of Route 1, Levelland is among those who have subscribed for the Plainsman since last issue. Thanks.

Mrs. Louie McNabb was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office last week, and while here renewed her subscription to the Plainsman. Thanks.

Mrs. McNabb told us that their son, Wayne, who was in the hospital suffering from pneumonia and asthma before Christmas, is about recovered.

Mrs. R. M. Mayfield, is now returned home from a Lubbock hospital where she was receiving medical treatment. It is reported that she is much improved.

It is reported that Darrell, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Fishback, formerly of Ropes but now residents of Lubbock, is in a Lubbock hospital suffering from pneumonia. Mrs. Fishback is the former Miss Dorothy Hay-slip.

ROPES TEAMS WIN IN TOURNAMENT

Three Ropes teams won opening round games in the Ropesville Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.

In the boys' division, Ropes whipped Meadow, 53-43. Dale Ethridge led the scoring with 14 points. Jimmy Bevers got 13 and J. W. Bridwell 11. James Smith got 11 for Meadow, one more than Bobby Horton and Harold Hinson.

The Ropesville girls A squad defeated Loop, 68-58, behind the hot shooting of Von Bevers and Kay McAteer. Bevers got 33 points and McAteer 22. Jane Freeman of Loop was high point girl of the night with 34 points.

The Ropesville girls B team trounced Whitharral, 44-32. Jean Tussy led the winner's attack with 25 points. Reed dropped in 24 points for the losers.

In another boys contest, Whitharral licked Levelland B squad, 49-34. Don Heard and Nub Edwards paced Whitharral's scoring attack with 12 points each. Bob Markman hit 14 for the losers.

FOR SALE

To be moved, three bedroom house in Ropes. All modern and hardwood floors throughout. Reasonably priced. Call at the Plainsman office for information.

RIOJAS BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The Ralph Riojas brick building on Hockley Street is now nearing completion, the brick work having been completed, and the glass is now being placed in the front.

However, Ralph states he will have lots of work to do after the building is finished, placing fixtures and doing other needed work.

MARRIED

Joy Olan Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen of Ropesville, and Billy Sue Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Capps of Brownfield, were married at 3:00 o'clock on December 28 in Brownfield. Mrs. Allen and son, J. T. were in attendance from Ropes. The couple will make their home in Ropes for the present.

FOR RENT

Two bedroom home. See Mrs. Lucy Littlefield at the Ropes Drug Store.

IRONING WANTED

I will do ironing at my home. Mrs. J. T. Allen.

STRAYED

Whiteface heifer calf, weight about 250 pounds. Left my place a week ago. If you have seen this calf, please notify Grady Epperson, Route 1, Ropesville, or phone 3045 collect.

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before January 1. The committee made its decisions on that day.

A total of some \$124,000 has been made available for conservation practices in Hockley in 1957.

Evans estimates that between 60 and 70 per cent of the funds will be used during the first quarter.

Installation of underground pipe, deep plowing, contour listing and chiseling top the list of practices for which farmers have requested approval.

TEXAS TRAFFIC LAWS

The past eighteen years experience of the Texas Safety Association reveals that many Texas drivers and pedestrians have misconceptions about traffic laws. Here are seven such misconceptions—how is your score?

1. The driver on the right always has the right-of-way at an intersection. Not so; Texas law states that the car entering the intersection first has the right-of-way. When two cars approach the intersection from different directions at approximately the same time the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

2. Pedestrians must yield to cars at intersections where there are no traffic lights. Wrong! The law gives pedestrians the right-of-way, with certain limitations, at all marked crosswalks.

3. When a school bus stops to pick up or discharge children, you have to stop if you are behind it and traveling in the same direction. This is only partly correct. Texas law requires you to stop in such cases no matter in which direction you

are driving.

4. You don't have to stop on yellow when a traffic signal is changing from green to red. Wrong! The Caution, or yellow light is a signal that the red or Stop signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter and vehicular traffic shall not enter "or be crossing" the intersection when the red or Stop signal is exhibited.

5. You can make a turn any time as long as you signal. That's incorrect. To make a turn, you have to be in the proper lane and you are required to signal at least 100 feet before you turn.

6. You may pass any time you see an opening. Wrong again. Texas law says that you have to give a car coming from the opposite direction at least 100 feet clearance after you have passed. You cannot pass at all when approaching within 100 feet of a bridge, viaduct or tunnel; or traversing an intersection or railroad crossing. The passing laws, of course, contain many other specific limitations.

7. Drivers must watch out for pedestrians walking on the roadway. This is a good idea, but the laws says a pedestrian must walk on the left side of the road or on the left shoulder. It is also illegal to walk in a roadway if a sidewalk is provided.

Figures released by the Bureau of Public Roads indicate that there are now more than 65 million vehicles registered in this country. This means a net gain, for 1956, of approximately 3-million more vehicles on the roads today than in 1955. And, if the trend continues, we can expect 80-million in 1966 and over a 100-million

crowding the roads by 1975.

What do these figures mean to you, as a motorist?

Well, for one thing — if you think the traffic accident toll is terrible now,

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- Beef Ribs, lb. .29
- Bacon, Wilson Corn King lb. .59

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TEXAS TRAFFIC LAWS
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The overall traffic problem must be attacked on all fronts, with stepped-up engineering, education and enforcement. However, for our purposes here, let's look at what just one of the phases offers as a partial solution and how we stand—that of education.

High school driver education extends one of the most promising weapons in the

battle to prevent traffic accidents; it offers a sound conservation program of human resources.

Surveys reveal how young drivers who have received classroom and practice driving instruction have less than half as many accidents and violations as those young drivers who have had no formal training. In Connecticut, for example, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles reported last Novem-

ber that only one per cent of their trained young drivers were involved in accidents, in the preceding year, compared to nine per cent of non-trained drivers.

Texas, according to records of the Texas Safety Association, falls far behind many states, but some headway is being made. During the 1955-56 school year our secondary schools trained nearly 23,083 youngsters to be better, thus safer drivers

in our state. Insurance companies have been quick to see the advantages of such a program and have reduced insurance rates by 10 per cent to those who have completed approved driver training courses.

Where do the educators stand? A survey made this past summer by TSA shows that principals and superintendents are overwhelmingly in favor of an expanded driver education program.

Generally, they believed it should begin in the ninth grade.

But, many roadblocks prevent the expansion of high school driver education, the most serious of which are the costs to the school, fitting the course into an already crowded curriculum and a shortage of properly

trained teachers. These obstacles are emphasized by the fact that in spite of a growing public understanding, only 11.5 per cent of Texas' eligible students receive a complete course; one including both classroom and practice driving instruction—the need is obvious.

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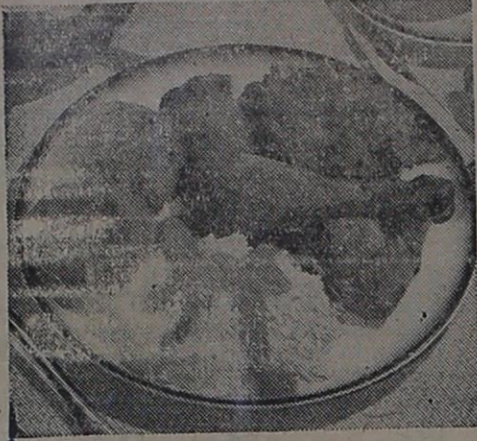
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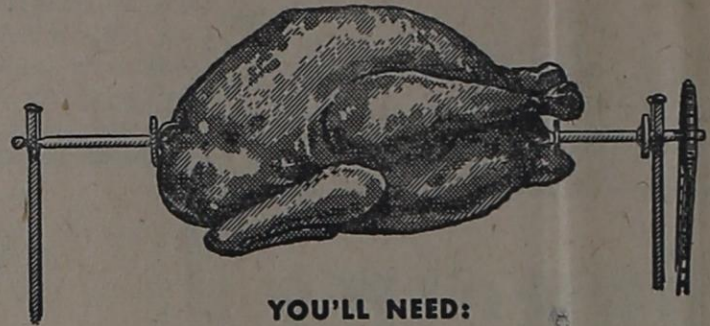
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- 2 Tablespoons vinegar
- 1 cut-up frying chicken (about 3 lbs.)

Mix in a 1 1/2-quart bowl the flour, sugar, salt, pepper, paprika and Instant Pet. Stir in, a little at a time, a mixture of water, tomato sauce and vinegar. Put pieces of chicken into an 8 x 12-in. baking dish. Pour tomato mixture over chicken. Turn pieces until well coated. Turn skin side down. Bake, uncovered, near center of 350 oven (moderate), 30 min. Then turn chicken and bake 30 min. longer, or until drumstick is tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from oven and serve from baking dish. Makes 4 servings.

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