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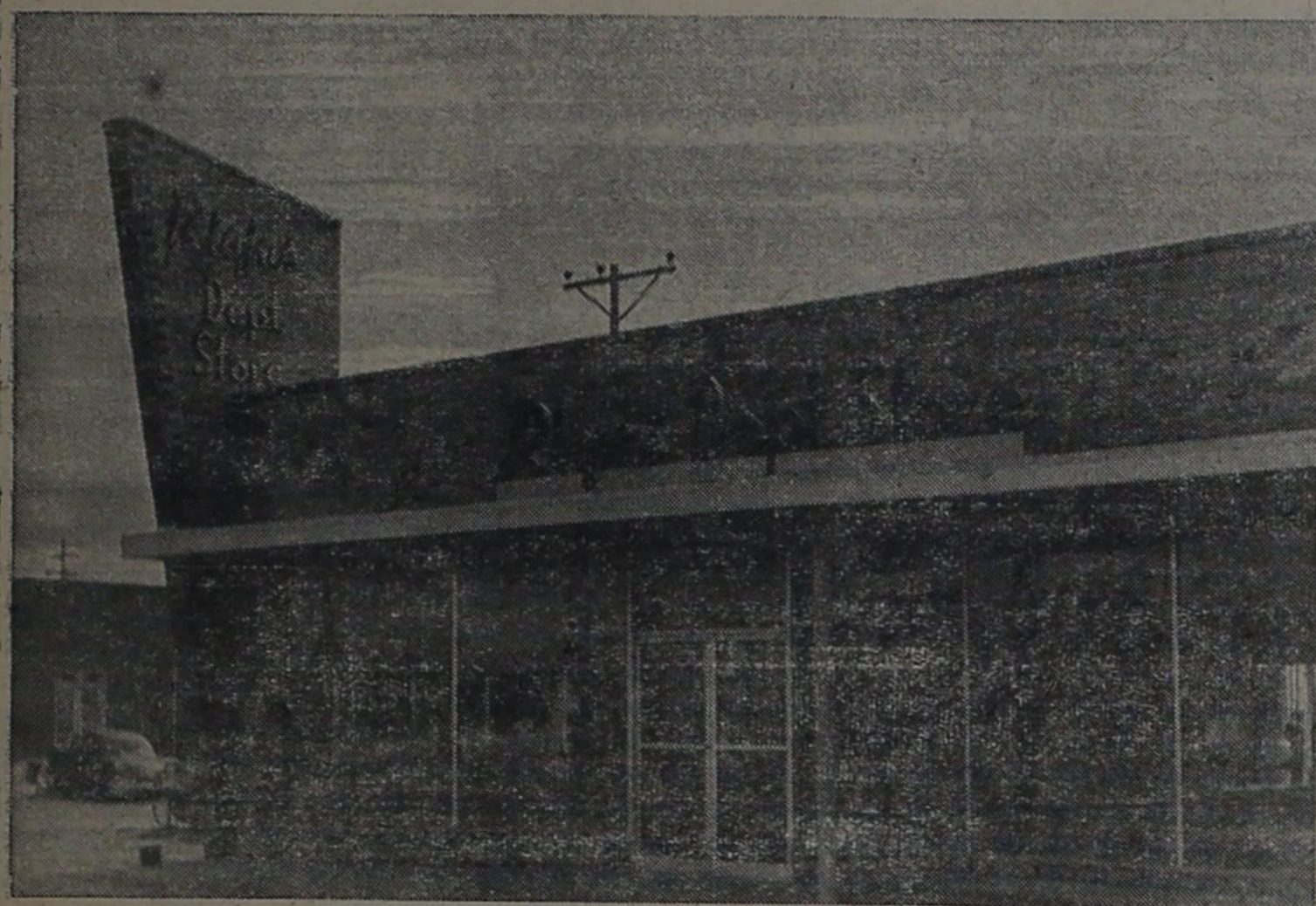
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ABOVE—The modern, new, home of the Ralph Riojas Department Store in Ropesville. Ralph says he will move shortly, and asks the folks to watch for the announcement of the Grand Opening.

Thomas, Riojas, Wallace Elected City Aldermen

CITY ALDERMAN

While but 35 votes were cast in the Ropes municipal election on Tuesday, it was a record turnout, as in former years from 18 to 28 has been the vote cast.

Three aldermen were elected.

In place number 2, for which Everett Wallace was a candidate without opposition for re-election, he polled 34 votes, and Tyree Mar-

tin received one.

In place number 3, which was a write-in, Ralph Riojas was elected, receiving 15 of the 35 votes. Others whose names were written in were Tyree Martin 1, Chester Stephenson 1, Weldon Tudor 1, Woodrow Jones 1, Ulys Gregg 2, Robert Hall 1, S. B. Berry 3, Clyde Loveless 1, Walt Fraley 5, and Sid Price 3.

In place number 4, for which Mansfield Thomas was a candidate without opposition, he received 32 votes. Bill Berry received 2 and Walt Fraley 1.

At the regular meeting of the City Council, following the checking of the returns, Riojas, Thomas and Wallace were informed of their election, and Mayor Gene Pierce gave them the oath of office.

A financial report presented to the Council showed that the City this past year spent more money than its receipts showed, the expense running above \$9,000.00.

A new budget was adopted which showed that the expense of the City for the coming year would run over \$10,000.00. A full report of the expenditures and receipts will be published at a later date in the Plainsman.

An order was passed by the Council for the complete overhaul of the pump in the north city well; another order was passed for the laying of a six-inch waterline under the highway and a fire plug to be placed on the other side of the highway.

HERE OVER WEEK END

Richard Riojas, student at Texas Tech, was here over the weekend visiting in the home of his father, Ralph Riojas.

While here Richard assisted in getting the new store building ready.

West Ropes Outpost Uncovers Lower Penn

Oil from the lower Pennsylvania Reef has been re-covered at Felmont Oil Corp.' No. 1 J. E. Alexander, operation three-quarters of a mile southwest of production in the West Ropes-Multipay field of southeastern

Hockley County.

Project was re-entered after shut-in period of several weeks, production packer drilled out, and bore cleaned out to depth of 9,876 feet. Operator began coring operations at total depth.

No description was reported for the core pulled between 9,879-84 feet. Core was then cut from 9,884-902 feet to recover 13 feet of Reef lime. Drillstring with packer was run and project swabbed through pipe. After cleaning to pits for nine hours, recovery was turned to tanks.

During an eleven-hour period, well swabbed 102 barrels fluid, being oil cut 1.5 per cent with mud and one per cent with water.

Operator was running tubing after pulling drillstring. Seven-inch casing is cemented at 9,811 feet.

Drillstem test conducted during drilling operations developed good oil shows in the Dean Sand and Canyon Reef. Top of the Canyon was called at 9,808 feet. Production in the West Ropes area is from Canyon, Strawn and Wolfcamp formations.

Well site situates 439 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of the south half of Labor 22, League 21, McCulloch County School Land survey, A-154; 11 miles southeast of Levelland.

SNOW IS FALLING THURSDAY MORN

As we go to press Thursday morning a heavy snow is falling.

Coming in on the wings of a gentle north wind it is settling where where it falls and melting, the mois-

ture going into the earth and will be of untold value to farm and grass land.

A weather report says it will continue today and tonight.

LATE

Due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Troy Morris, our Lnotype operator, the Plainsman comes to you a day late this week.

RALPH RIOJAS COUSIN DALLAS, NEAR STORM

Ralph Riojas, local dry goods merchant, on hearing of the storm in Dallas Monday night, placed a call to his cousin, E. De La Garza, who lives in the immediate vicinity of where the tornado struck.

His cousin stated that he was within five blocks of the whirling cloud, and could plainly see it as it wrought destruction and death. He stated that the cloud moved at about 25 miles an hour, and destroyed everything in its path.

"It was horrible," he told Ralph. "You cannot even imagine what happened unless you could see it — it cut a swath 21 miles long through Dallas, and within the whirling mass we could see roofs of houses being lifted and whirled through the air, all sorts of debris, etc., were visible."

PARRAKEET KNOWS KNOWS BEAUTY

Mrs. Walt Fraley tells the story of visiting in the home of Mrs. W. T. Martin and Flora one day this week, and when she entered the parakeet gave her a regular "wolf" whistle.

Said Mrs. Fraley: "It's the first time I've been whistled at in years, and I felt real puffed up about it."

VISITSPARENTS IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Thomas and Bobby David, of Pasadena, were here over the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ivey of Levelland.

MELVIN YOUNG OF WOLFFORTH SELLING OUT

Melvin Young, who owns and operates the Melvin Young Service Station and Hardware Store in Wolfforth, this week placed an ad in the Plainsman announcing that he is closing out his hardware stock at extra low prices. Check the ad and see if there is anything you need. It will mean a saving.

Melvin stated that as soon as he closed out the hardware line he expects to sell or lease his service station.

THORNHILLS HERE ON FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thornhill, of Seagraves, were here on Friday of last week looking after the Blankenship estate interests.

Jimmy owns a couple of theatres in Seagraves, as well as being in the oil property business, with offices in both Seagraves and Lubbock.

LEON YOUNG HAS FIRE DAMAGE

This past week the water tower and pump house at the home of Leon Young, southeast of Ropes, were severely damaged by fire. It is thought the blaze was caused by defective wiring.

Fire Chief Wilburn Burks told the Plainsman that even the shingles on the roof of the house were scorched, and while the overhead tank did not fall, he did not see how it stayed up.

MR. BEATY VISITS INROPES

Mr. Beaty, of Snyder, a former resident of Ropesville who at one time operated the Ropes Laundry, was here this past week greeting friends and looking after business.

He owns a residence on Timmons Avenue.

WRITES HOME FROM GERMANY

A letter from Jay Nabours to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nabours of Ropes, says he is out on maneuvers somewhere in Germany. He stated that when they started the weather was pretty, but when he wrote the letter it was raining.

Jay has eight and a half months yet before he will finish his hitch in the Armed Forces.

CHILDREN VISIT THEIR PARENTS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris Sunday were their children of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shanklin and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and children, Mrs. Donald Morris and children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and children.

Everyone enjoyed home movies which J. C. supplied.

UNCLE DIES DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Walt Fraley received the sad information Monday that her uncle, G. E. Lancaster, had passed away at his home in California. Mr. Lancaster visited in the Fraley home two years ago, and it was the first time that Mrs. Fraley had seen him.

ILL WITH MUMPS

Darrell small son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young, is confined with the mumps.

YARBOROUGH WINS --COLLGG CARRIES

Today Ralph Yarborough is the newly elected United States senator to fill out the unexpired term of Gov.

Contrary to expectations, he won easily, polling a

grand total of 299,636 votes. Dies, whom it was thought would be leading man, ran up a total of 246,875, while the Republican candidate, of whom it was felt by many would be elected, came in third with a total of 195,755.

These figures came from the Election Bureau Tuesday night, and are the reports from 180 counties out of the 250. Seventy-four of the counties were complete.

While Yarborough is a man of the people, like William Jennings Bryan, he was a consistent loser. He was defeated in a race for attorney general of Texas, and three times defeated for governor of the state.

In Hockley County Yarborough piled up a total of 1,222 votes, while Dies polled 579, and Hutchenson taking a total of 350. It would seem that the Republican element is growing all over the state. Five years ago a Republican candidate would not have polled ten votes in Hockley County.

VISITS PARENTS IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Berry and son, of Lubbock, were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry.

One of the surprises of Tuesday's election was the large number of votes cast for the Hockley County Junior College District, carrying almost three to one.

The vote in the county was: For, 1,498; Against, 590.

The big vote evidently came from Sundown and Levelland. Sundown has hopes that the college will be placed in that city because they already have a building to care for it. In this there will likely be a dog fight between Sundown and Levelland, with Sundown asking, "Why bond the county for a million and a half dollars when we have the facilities, and they will not cost the county a cent?" They might have something, at that.

One of the features of the election which received little or no publicity was the fact that folks in Levelland, who owned no real property, rendered watches, household goods, automobiles, and other items so they could vote. It was probably this vote that carried the election so heavily. It is to be noted that, perhaps, never again will these items be rendered for taxation, which will make it apparent that many of the voters who voted for the district will not be able to vote in a bond election, as we understand that in such an election a voter must own real property and have it rendered for taxation.

FARM BUREAU TO HOLD MEETING

The Hockley County Farm Bureau will have an educational meeting on Thursday night (tonight), April 4, in the Women's Building at the Fairgrounds, Levelland.

Hub King, District Director, and C. H. Devaney, Director of District VI, will be the principle speakers. They will also head a panel discussion whereby all farmers and businessmen interested in agriculture will be given an opportunity to ask questions on agriculture, Farm Bureau policies and problems. We urge everyone interested to come out because there will be some discussion on some very important legislative issues going on in Austin and Washington at the present time.

Farm Bureau is supporting a number of bills such as the Electric Co-op Bill, Transportation, Gas for Irrigation, Household Insecticides, Farm Licenses, Seed Law, Egg Law, Milk Labeling, Insurance Law and Pink Bollworm.

These are only some of the more favorable bills that are being acted on at the present time. There are also some bills that are contrary to Farm Bureau policies, such as the re-organization of county commissioners precincts, and Forestry Service. There is also the Educational Bill that would permit consolidation

of Independent School Districts if a school district does not have a sufficient number of high school students. The bill does not specify any number of students nor does it specify who would decide if students are too few in number.

The bills mentioned are only ones that are affecting the people of Texas at the present time. Up until now the Texas House of Representatives have introduced some 861 bills and the Senate 416. Farm Bureau is playing a "watch dog" part in all of the legislation for it has long been known that we not only need a dependable organization to help pass favorable legislation, but also one that will fight against bad legislation.

There is also some speculation that a new cotton program will be introduced to Congress in Washington in the near future or at least some time this year. It will be something similar to the old Brannan Plan, plus a two price system, whereby one hundred percent of parity would be figured in the allotted bales used for domestic consumption. The world market price would govern the price paid for additional bales produced by growers.

This would eliminate all acreage controls on cotton and thereby allow a producer to plant as many acres of cotton as he wishes.

This could very well turn out to be a very important piece of legislation because it would have varying effects on the cotton farmer of the nation as well as our local farmers.

As we know, the foregoing mentioned is only scratching the surface of the bill that would be written on a farm program of this nature; therefore, we urge all of the farmers, businessmen and Farm Bureau members to attend this meeting and by bringing your ideas together, we can work out a solution for a more prosperous agriculture and a better living for all.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting for all attending.

S. B. Diersing, Chairman, Policy Execution Committee
HOCKLEY COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

HOW MUCH IS A CHILD'S FUTURE WORTH?

By Mrs. H. W. Gaston
How We Teach

Children learn by doing. They, too, learn through tasks. There are some keys to learning, such as: speaking, reading, writing, and physical activities. It is well to remember this, for children learn best when we, as their teachers, realize that they have their own rate in all of these. They learn best when they have a part in the planning. They learn quickly through their God given senses. Some children have to feel, touch, and see before they believe. Or they may have to have a part in something before they will accept it as something worthwhile.

Much of a child's learning is unplanned. The radio

and television give learning opportunities that are often

good, yet some are not good, and we have the job of trying to off-set this bad learning with good learning. Then we teach by our own actions so much more than any other way. If we could plan our actions so as to be good training for those little feet that are following us, how wonderful it would be.

There are many activities that promote learning. All activities need to have a purpose, however. You draw sometimes to remember, or to express gladness, love, sorrow, worship, moods. You may use music to express the same thing, but more often to develop a certain mood, to help develop the voice, to entertain or for the fun of doing it. Music is one of the best ways to help create a mood for worship, play, work, happiness, and others. Friendly activities are used to help them understand others and have a greater appreciation for people. Manual activities are used to help develop the body, to teach sharing, sportsmanship, learning to do with their own hands and mind and many other reasons.

How you teach often means the difference in their really learning and merely being exposed to learning. There are four things to keep in mind always. Start where they are, whether it's on the floor or in the sky. Then, be willing to go at their own rate of speed; they don't like to be pushed faster than they are capable of going. Then, find out their interests and use those as a medium of learning. Last, remember

that your child is a person—so treat him as one.

4-H CLUB

We had our meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 1957. We worked on our salads that we are going to make in April. Those present were Cynthia Forbis, Linda Jackson, Carol Conatser, Diane Collins, Mary Jackson, Joyce Bevers, and Freda Pointer.

Refreshments of coke and cookies were served after business was taken care of.

THETFORD BUYS

ANGUS COWS

B. D. Thetford, of Ropesville, recently purchased four purebred Aberdeen-Angus cows from H. E. Baker and Sons of Bailyborg, Texas.

VISIT IN LOVINGTON, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Love-

less were in Lovington, N. M., Sunday where they visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. Patman and daughter.

EASTER BUNNIES FOR SALE

Easter Bunnies for children for Easter. Early birds get the pick. One dollar each. See Billy Kulms, four miles west, one and one half miles south of Ropesville.

BYRON STEPHENSON SELLING SLEEP

Byron Stephenson, of Lubbock, was in Ropes this past week selling mattresses, explaining that his beds were sure cure for wakefulness and assured perfect rest.

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Shurfresh Cheese, 2 lbs	.69
River Rice, 2 lb box	.29
Jello Gelatin, 3 for	.25
Crusader Milk, half gal.	.49



Beef Roast, pound	.49
Bacon, Farm Pac, 2 lbs	1.15
Beef Ribs, U. S. good, lb.	.29

WE GIVE DOUBLE THRIFT STAMPS

4-H Girls to Give Demonstration 28th

By Helen Martin
Wenda Lou Lowrie called the meeting to order, then Gracie Riojas gave the roll call and read the minutes in the absence of Sharon Campbell, who was unable to attend because of illness. When business was completed and dismissed, the boys and girls separated, and held their meetings. The girls have a new a-

gent, Billie Evans. We talked about the Dairy Foods Demonstration which will be held on April 28th. Demonstrations given from Ropes are:
Frances Littlefield and Helen Martin — Dairy Foods.
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Wenda Lou Lowrie and Gracie Riojas — Electrical.
Carol Conatser and Kay

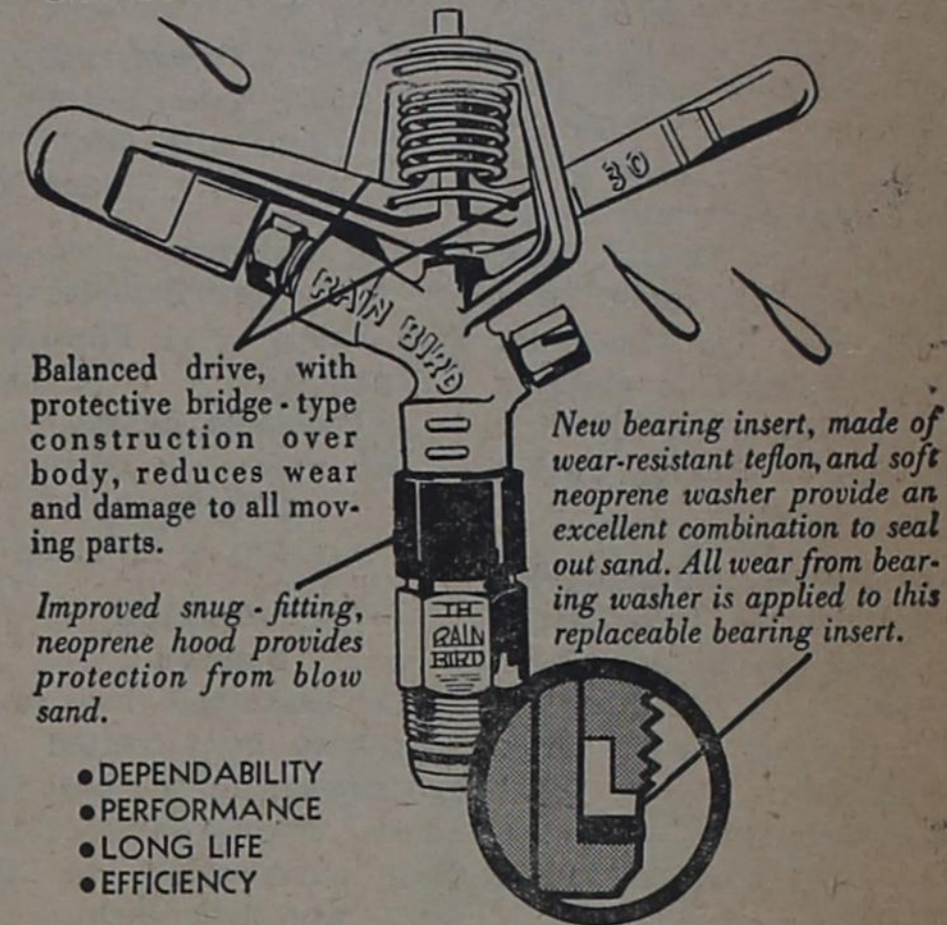
Jackson — Dairy foods.
Freda Pointer—Dairy foods
Joyce Bevers and Diane Collins — Dairy foods.
Mary Jackson and Cynthia Forbis — Dairy foods.
We are very proud of the girls who placed in the Dress Revue on March 8, 1957:
9 yr. division was Peggy Tudor, 1st place.
10 yr. division, Freda Pointer, 2nd; Doris Martin,

3rd.
13 yr. division, Frances Littlefield, 2nd; Helen Martin, 4th.
Other winners were Wenda Lou Lowrie, 1st; Gracie Riojas, 4th.
Mr. Coker showed and talked to the boys about how to hold and shoot a rifle. Some of the boys entered in the Fat Stock show.
Try and come to the next meeting, which will be held on April 12th. The meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

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Who Robbed the Negro?

Who robbed the Negro? That is the question. He says he was robbed — two white men grabbed him and took his purse away from him when he started to pay for gasoline. But here is the mystery: At the station where he said

he bought the gasoline the attendant stated that he was not in the station and did not sell him the gasoline. Tyree Martin, who was at the station the approximate time the robbery was supposed to have occurred, says he did not see him — others made the same statement. One man, placing a telephone call at the stated time, declares he did not see him.

Anyway, the colored man took after the Highway Patrol who, he said, passed while he was being robbed, and caught them a mile out of Meadow—and he was all hot and bothered when he told them the story of the robbery.

The question is: Was there a robbery? Your guess is as good as mine.

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Now this amazing formula is at drugstores without prescription. Ask for "Lydia Pinkham's Tablets". Don't let change-of-life rob you of joy! Get handy Pinkham's Tablets. Contains blood-building iron. See how fast you can feel your happy self again — without costly shots! (Also liquid Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.)

Narcotics, Liquor, Women, Gambling: They're All Part of the Duval Story

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—No self-respecting boss-run barony is complete without its quota of syndicated sin. And Duval County, Texas, is no exception.
For the moment "the heat is on" and the gambling wheels are stilled, night sin-spots like El Ranchito are closed, most of the women of easy virtue are in exile and traffic in illegal liquor and narcotics is very much under wraps.

One disgruntled deputy sheriff, raging at the Rangers who put him out of business, moved his house of prostitution, lock, stock and women, all the way to Houston.

The Rangers, armed with injunctions obtained by the Attorney General's office, simply padlocked the town.
"It was just like the good old days of prohibition," said Captain Alfred Allee, regarded by his fellows and by his superiors in Austin as one of the greatest Rangers of them all.

The merchants of sin fumed and fretted, appealed to the courts for injunctions of their own, tried every trick that wily lawyers could dream up. It was no soap. The places stayed closed and the gambling apparatus, the wheels and the dice and the tables, stayed carted away.

Quite naturally Captain Allee, Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, and all the others who had declared war on the Duchy of Duval and on its up-to-then undisputed ruler, Boss Parr, were roundly cursed by the purveyors of iniquity. The machine went even further.

This writer has a long document before him right now, a document revealing plans for the "liquidation" of Ranger Captain Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge.
If these killings had been carried out, they would not have been the first political murders in that seething section of deep South Texas. Several years before Lawyer Jacob Floyd and District Judge Sam Reams had been marked for death. The pistoleros got their signals mixed and killed Floyd's son by mistake. The life of the Attorney General has been threatened three times.

The gambling, the women and the illegal liquor may have departed from Duval, for the time being at least, but the narcotics picture isn't so pretty.
Should you happen to be driving along the Benavides road, Highway 59 to Laredo, or along Highway 44 through Freer, you may hear the engine of a hedge-hopping airplane. It won't land so long as your car or any other car, except very special ones known to the pilot, is in the vicinity.

Once your car is out of sight the plane will touch down on the highway and its cargo will be quickly transferred to an automobile and the plane immediately takes off, flying low. This transfer always takes place in the early morning.

The cargo is heroin and marijuana. Sometimes the shipment includes diamonds and gold.

It is said by those who should know that 90 percent of all the illicit narcotics coming into the

United States is brought across the border from Mexico, most of it coming through Texas and through San Diego. And only a small proportion of the total amount of dope brought into Texas, and from here spread all over America, is ever seized.

I checked with the United States Air Force. South Texas is 180 degrees out of phase to the radar screen, concentrated as it is to spot planes coming in from the Atlantic or from the Pacific. Unless I've been badly misinformed, the Mexican border is wide open to any airplane, Russian or smuggler. Besides, a plane coming almost at ground level would be safe from radar in any case.

Previous articles in this series have pointed out that this utterly fantastic county is a product of its isolated geography, its history and its people. But history fades and people change. So in Duval. Democracy is raw, red meat, nourishing stuff on which a man, or a people, can grow strong. In Duval the people are feeding full.

George B. Parr is fighting, and fighting desperately, for his political life and for his physical liberty. There's something magnificent and awesome about a good fighter, even when he's on the opposite side.

According to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, to District Attorney Sam Burris, to Lawyer Jacob Floyd of Alice, and to half a hundred other Parr opponents I've talked to, the Duke of Duval is fighting his last big fight. The Duke, they say, is through, finished, licked.

According to one of Parr's top attorneys, dapper Luther Jones of Corpus Christi, Shepperd, Burris et al are dripping wet. They couldn't be more wrong. So says Jones.

"Look at it this way," said Jones to me. "This is an election year and the politicians are making hay. All this will blow over. These civil suits and indictments are pure politics and once the shouting is over they'll be allowed to die very quietly. You're a stranger to this part of Texas or you'd know all of this has happened before."

As Luther Jones talked my mind went back to long ago when I was just breaking into newspaper work on the old "Chicago Evening American." In those days Al Capone was running the rackets. I once met the King of the Racketeers and a right charming fellow he was. Nobody ever pinned a murder rap on Al. He went to Alcatraz for income tax evasion.

In New York I've met Frank Costello, he of the television hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him at the Vesuvio Restaurant on West 48th Street, one of his favorite haunts, you'd never think he'd ever heard of a slot machine or a gaming table. Charming fellow. Lovely fellow. He's in jail.

"And all this business about political killings in Duval," Jones went on. "They've been trying to pin a killing on Parr for years. Don't you think he'd have been charged with murder long ago if they could've got something on him?"

Jones, who is nothing if not frank, admits without any quibbles that his client is no saint. He depicts George B. Parr as a man who gets what he wants when he wants it and who isn't overly squeamish about methods. And Jones had admitted as much in open court, many times.

The well-dressed little lawyer, who presumably knows what is going on inside the Parr machine, has some interesting ideas about the future of Duval.
Should George B. Parr lose his battle, even be sent to prison, this does not mean the end of the Parr dynasty. Another Parr, the Duke's nephew, Archer Parr II, is ready to take over.

Should this switch happen, Duval history would be repeating itself. George Parr deposed his father just twenty years ago.
Archer Parr is a personable young man, 35, a Marine veteran, a family man, educated, and well schooled in the rough and tumble of Duval politics. He has served as sheriff under his uncle.

George B. Parr "did time" in Federal prison, in El Reno, Oklahoma, back in 1936. The charge was cheating on his income tax. When he got back home to San Diego he was greeted as a hero, as a man who had suffered persecution for the sake of his people. He was met by a brass band and by dancing in the streets.

But he returned to find that wire cutters had been at work on the Parr political fences, that his father, Senator Archie Parr, the then reigning Duke of Duval, was unable to ride the range as was of old.

George took over the power in Duval. His father went into exile, to live at the Nueces Hotel in Corpus Christi until his death.
Again George Parr is under indictment for income tax cheating, and again his followers say he is being persecuted for their sake. Should he again be convicted, on the tax charge or any one of a number of other Federal or State charges now pending against him, including a charge of using the mails to defraud, anything can happen in the county of Duval.

However, Luther Jones to the contrary, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1936 and the Duval of 1956. (As a matter of fact, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1954 and 1956, which will be the subject of the two final articles in this series.)

Twenty years ago the Parr power was solid as the Rocky Mountains, and seemingly as permanent. Men in Austin and Washington fawned upon the Duke, courted his favors, jumped when he crooked his little finger.

Parr could, and did, deliver 100 to 1 majorities in any election. He could loftily ignore the mundane doings of ordinary politics. He was the puissant prince, after the fashion of the Middle Ages.

But Parr has been projected, head over heels, into the unsympathetic new world of the mid-Twentieth Century. The alchemy of his time has changed his county. George B. Parr was born just 500 years too late.

Actually, it was more than alchemy that changed Parr's county. The last two articles of this series will deal with what radical changes can be made in a boss-ruled county when one Attorney General gets it into his head that feudalism has got to go.

SULLIVAN RITES IN SUNDOWN

Mrs. Mollossie Belle Sullivan, 80, mother of Woody Sullivan, of Sundown, died in a Levelland hospital following a long illness at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, Sundown, at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29. Rev. L. A. Sartain, pastor, and Rev. Frank Storey, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Sundown, officiated at the services. Interment was Saturday in Troy, Okla., under the direction of George Price Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sullivan was born July 18, 1876, at Decatur, Texas and had resided in Hockley County for the past nine years, making her home with her son, Woody Sullivan.

Survivors are five sons, Charley of Atoka, Oklahoma, Melvin and Ralph of Wilson, Okla., Woody of Sundown, and Jay of Borger; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Glosion of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Lee Daniels and Mrs. Lillian Daniels of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Mildred Pierce of Borger; 25 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

S. SGT. FRED NANCE RETURNS FROM KOREA

Staff Sergeant Fred Nance, Jr., returned Saturday from Korea where he had been stationed thirteen months. Mrs. Nance and children have been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin. The Nances are in Odessa visiting his parents.

Betty Martin, of Wayland College, Plainview, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin.

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News of Our Schools

FHA News — Mrs. Achee
The Freshman Homemaking girls gave a party for the pre-school children on Monday. After playing several games and being told many stories, the girls served the children fruit punch and cookies. Children present were Gerry Gaines, Johnny Subh, Larry True-lock, Jerry Drake and mother, Mrs. J. T. Drake, Max and Ricky Blackman and mother, Mrs. Roy Blackman. The kindergarten children were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Harvey Tubb.

Banquet
The Mother and Daughter banquet will be held Saturday, April 6th, in the school cafeteria.

The program for the night is as follows:
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ATHLETICS

Suppers

The basketball boys and girls have been treated to two suppers in the past two weeks. They wish to extend their appreciation to the fans who have helped to make it possible for them to have such enjoyable evenings. All they can say is 'thanks, ever so much'.

Banquet

The Athletic banquet held Friday night was attended by approximately 300 Ropes fans, basketball players and

football stars.

Everyone enjoyed it very much, and again we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Goodpasture Grain & Elevator for making it possible.

BULLETIN

A "Youth Revival" will be held at the Smyer Baptist Church from April 7 through April 14. The services will start at 7:30, with Evangelist Dale Cain bringing the messages. Singer will be Dale Prewitt. All the young people of the Ropes community, and any one else who wishes to attend, are invited.

SPEECH CLUB

The Interscholastic League play was held at Wolfforth on March 19th. The name of the play was "No Greater Love", with the cast being Nancy Martin, Jimmy King, Von Bevers, Tommy Robinson, and Kay McAteer. Anita Crawford, Patsy Robinson and Wallace Thrash were the stage crew. The play just won third in the district, but we are proud of the cast. Nancy Martin got Best Actress, and Jimmy King got on the All-Star Play Cast.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior play will be held on April 12th at 8:00 p.m. The admission will be 35c for children, and 50c for adults. The name of the play is "Teen Antics", with the cast consisting of Jerry Bob Drake, Von Bevers, Nancy Martin, Diane Tidwell, Tommy Robinson, Clare Joe Ray, Margie Lee Snider, Anita Crawford, Omer Lee Dalton, and Rodger Wallace. This is going to be a swell play, so make your plans now to attend.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

We have been studying about deserts, and we have learned interesting things about the plants and animals of the desert. Shirley Odom brought a Yucca plant to school, and Tyree Martin brought a cactus plant. Several children have drawn desert scenes. Our Weekly Reader had some stories about plants and animals of the desert.

Bessie Ysasaga and Royce Cavitt were on the sick list last week, but are back in school now.

The perfect spellers for last week were: Glenda Price, Linda Mae Harrison, Lynda Snider, Peggy Tudor, Charlotte Johnson, Shirley Odom, Berta Maldonado, Raymond Talamantez, and Santos Hernandez.

Grade 4B — Mrs. Jones

Class 4B has been making Easter decorations to decorate their room. They are all looking forward happily to Easter.

Grade 3B — Mrs. J. Cole

We are glad to have two new pupils in our room. They are Bronwyn Banks and Manuel Zamora.

Those making 100 last week in spelling were Marilyn Chitwood, Janet Ream, Linda Varner, Mary Cortez, Donald Glenn, Ofelia Torrez, Donnie Blackman, Francisco Flores, Robert Flores, and Lupe Garza.

Grade 2B — Mrs. Redford

The second grade will have to postpone their PTA program Thursday, due to

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so many being absent from illness.

We are glad to have Mike Martin back in school. He was absent a week because of illness.

We are getting our room ready for Easter, and enjoying it very much.

We are all doing REAL writing now, and feel that we have really gone a long way when we can do that.

M E N U

April 8 - 12

MONDAY:

Sliced Luncheon
Baked Potatoes and Butter
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TUESDAY:

Fried Chicken, Gravy
Buttered Potatoes
Green Beans

Hot rolls Butter
Grapefruit Milk

WEDNESDAY:

Tamales, Pinto Beans
Macaroni and Tomatoes
Corn bread Milk

THURSDAY:

Fruit Cobbler
Meat Loaf
Escalloped Potatoes
Green Pea Salad

Hot rolls Butter
Ice cream Chocolate milk

FRIDAY:

Fish sticks Tossed salad
Sweet potatoes, marshmallow
Light bread
Fruit jello Orange juice

TEXAS TECH NEWS

Representatives of 161 schools will compete in the Region I Interscholastic League Meet April 12-13 at Texas Tech.

That's 21 more schools than were represented in last year's Meet according to Dr. P. Merville Larson, Tech professor in charge of arrangements.

More than 2,000 students will compete in literary, speech, mathematics and athletic contests. Each will be a winner in contests held in one of the Region's 27 districts.

Contestants will vie in one of three conferences — AA, A, or B — based on school enrollments.

First event will be tennis, which will get under way at 8:45 a.m. Friday, April 12, on courts near the Tech gym. Golf will start at 9 a.m. at Lubbock Country Club, track and field preliminaries at 1 p.m. on the Tech track, and one-act plays at 1 p.m. in the Tech Speech Building and at 3:30 p.m. in J. T. Hutchinson Junior High School.

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Other events are scheduled Saturday, April 13. Finals in track and field, golf, and tennis will be held that afternoon.

Trophies or medals will be awarded regional winners, who will be eligible to compete in the State Meet May 2-4 in Austin.

Region I is made up of Panhandle, South Plains and West Texas areas.

MRS. BILL BERRY SUFFERS LIGHT HEART ATTACK

While attending to business in Brownfield Monday, Mrs. Bill Berry suffered a slight heart attack.

She immediately visited a physician, and is reported as doing nicely.

IN HOSPITAL FOR SURGERY

Mrs. Raymond Edward's sister was admitted to a Lubbock hospital this past week for surgery.

The Edwards' live north of Ropes.

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SENATOR PRESTON SMITH
This Capitol Hill is caught up in a volcano of sensation that makes the 54th Legislature's scandals seem small by comparison.

Actually, however, progress is being made daily on important legislative programs, but the series of hearings and investigations going on here are overshadowing any notation of achievements right now.

Waggoner Carr, House Speaker, recognized the certain threat to the prestige of the House when Rep. James Cox of Conroe was charged with allegedly offering to accept a bribe to kill his own bill to outlaw Naturopathy in Texas.

Carr, solemnly and seriously, made an epochal speech in which he said:

"When one individual in a group this large does commit a wrong, any effort to cover it up — to whitewash it — merely results in reflections being cast upon every member of the group. I assure you that the blameless will not be blamed for any breach while I am speaker if I can possibly help it. . . the overwhelming majority of the many men and women who have served in this House have maintained high standards of courage, honesty, integrity and conduct."

The speaker said: "We will take all necessary steps to keep our house in order. This we will do swiftly, fearlessly, always staying with the right and letting the chips fall where they may — always protecting the constitutional and legal rights of those accused — always remembering that a man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty."

Thus, the most recent sensationalism surrounding the 55th Legislature was placed "out on the table" in plain view by the House speaker.

And his actions seemed to have reflected the new trend of thinking regarding scandals. . . a growing sentiment is detected in the House and Senate to face

these things with the chips down.

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COACHES ARE AWARDED GIFT CERTIFICATES

The coaches of the Ropes schools, Harvey Tubb, Billy Preston and Pat Patterson, in appreciation of their fine work, were each awarded a gift certificate in the amount of \$81 this week.

This money was contributed by the folks of the Ropes community, whose names appear below:

Corky Price, Ewel Exum, Wiley Sosebee, H. E. Crawford, George Whittep, G. H. Dalton, Charles Shannon, Ed McAteer, Walt Fraley, J. C. Pointer, Ropes Drug, Haskell Grant, R. B. Bradshaw, Tom Peterson, Winston Jones, E. B. McKee, Newt Green, Jug Drake, Doug Jones, Troy Morris, Ropes Barber Shop.

J. R. Smith, Bradshaw Service Station, Tommy Peterson, R & R Service Station, Betty Moss, Duke Biggs, Wilburn Chambers, Roy Blair, James Chambers, Ray Martin, Pierce Farm Supply, Bill Berry, Robert Hall, Ralph Riojas, Donald Blackman, H. S. Abston, Russell Service Station, Carol Bradshaw, T. Valentine, Buck Moreland, Marshall Armstrong, L. E. Jeffcoat, Melvin Marcy, C. B. Ward, David Dalton, O. W. Dalton, Bud Rucker, W. L. Keith, Jess Gregg.

Edward Jordan, E. J. Abney, B. Moore, Buster's Gin, Bill Patman, Ralph Tidwell, Billy Carter, Pat Jones, G. C. Bevers, Mansfield Thomas, J. W. Jackson, Everett Wallace, Jones Grocery, J. N. Willis, Emmett Christopher, D. Strickland, Bob Thomas, Mamie's Gin Cafe, Truett Forbus, A. J. Dunavant, Ray Dunavant, A. L. Bevers, Joe Foust, and Doyle Forbis.

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RETURNS HOME AFTER VISIT HERE

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Dunavant and children, who were called from California on account of the serious illness of his father, A. J. Dunavant, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Dunavant is the former Miss Faye Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Collins.

A. J. DUNAVANT RETURNED HOME FROM OSPITAL

A. J. Dunavant, who some three weeks ago suffered a severe heart attack, has so far recovered that he has been returned to his home west of Ropes.

Mrs. Dunavant stated he is much improved. Shorty numbers his friends by the hundreds in this community, and they all hope for him a speedy recovery and return to normal health.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this means of extending our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many kind deeds, the get-well cards, and the profusion of flowers given us during the time Mr. Dunavant was in the hospital. May God bless each one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dunavant.

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TELEVISION SHOP J. L. MARTIN SELLS

J. L. Martin, who operated a TV and radio repair shop in Ropes while stationed at the Lubbock Air Base, this week sold his equipment to Mr. Benton, who owns the College TV in Lubbock.

It is stated that an effort will be made to keep the shop in Ropes open six days a week, if there is sufficient business. If there is not, it will be kept open the number of days required to take care of the business.

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OUR HONOR ROLL

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- Sam Cade, Sundown
- W. R. Duckett
- A. L. Bevers
- Ollie R. Howard, Rt. 1, Levelland
- Loyd Conatser, Rt. 1, Levelland
- L. E. Jeffcoat
- Mrs. Charles McGee, Longview, Texas (By Tom Wall)
- Joe Harris
- R. E. Huie
- Clarence Jordan
- Frank Riley.

HONOLULU HONORS ROPES PERSONEL AT DINNER TUESDAY

Six Honolulu Oil Corp. employes charged with the operation and maintenance of that firm's Ropes Gasoline Plant in southeastern Hockley County, were honored with a dinner Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Room 208 of the Lubbock Hotel.

The event was in recognition of the winning of "good housekeeping" award in a company sponsored contest for the second consecutive year by the Ropes plant. This year marks the second time the annual judging has been held within the company. The winning plant is chosen on the basis of cleanliness and efficiency of operation.

The Hockley County natural gasoline manufacturing installation competed with three other company-owned plants in Texas and California in the contest, according to Joe Warren, Honolulu gas engineer at Levelland.

Plant personnel honored Tuesday were A. C. Phillips, chief operator; Porter Miller, operator; Joe Pate, operator; Lovell Hancock, relief operator; Russell Crouch, district mechanic; and James Boles, mechanic.

A. S. Connelly, Honolulu Oil Corp. vice president and manager of the firm's mid-continent division offices in Midland, made the award, an engraved bronze plaque, on behalf of the company.

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Mrs. Jay Nabours, of Lubbock, was a visitor Sunday in the W. D. Nabours home. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jephcott, who visited his mother here.

COMING MARRIAGE IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Odom announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to Leroy Carothers, the twentieth of April, at 6 o'clock in the evening, at the First Baptist Church in Ropesville. Friends and relatives are invited. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

RECOVERING FROM CHICKEN POX

Sheryl, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, is recovering from the chicken pox.

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VISIT IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCormick, parents of Mrs. Jim Martin, and Dean Rogers and Kathleen Dunn, all of Sweetwater, spent the weekend in the Martin home.



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