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## ABOVE AVERAGE CROP PROMISED FOR S. P.

### Baccalaureate Services Are Scheduled for Sunday Eve

The Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of Ropes High School for 1957 will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday evening in the High School auditorium, with Herman Johnson, minister of

the Church of Christ bringing the sermon.

Following is the program: Processional — Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Invocation — Rev. H. W. Gaston, pastor of the Ropes

Methodist Church.

Solo, "He", — Charla Berry, accompanied by Mrs. Dalton.

Introduction of Speaker, O. V. Fuller, superintendent of Ropes schools.

Address, Herman Johnson, minister of Ropes Church of Christ.

Benediction, Rev. John Cole, pastor of Ropes First Baptist Church.

Recessional — Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Following are the thirty-two graduates:

Dale Ethridge, Janice Turner, Gene Berry, Diane Tidwell, Jimmy Bevers, Royce Duckett, J. W. Bridwell, Lanelle Jackson, Margie Snider, Yvonne Bevers, Rosemary Bond, Jimmy King, Lavarise Bridwell, Clara Jo Ray, Kenneth Hall, Brent Gregg.

Ovid Lewis, Nancy Martin, Larry Moreland, Anita Crawford, Robert Nessell, Maxine Brown, Mack Reeves, Leon Bain, Roger Wallace, Jerry Bob Drake, Wallace Thrash, Omer Dalton, Tommy Roberson, and Douglas Conatser.

### Mother's Day

Sunday we will observe Mother's Day. On this hallowed Sabbath we honor both the living and the dead.

The word "Mother" has flowed from the mouth of the silver-tongued, and been spoken by the lowest serf — it is a hallowed name for the one whose tender embraces and loving kisses soothed the babe to sleep and brought hope to the maturing man. Mother, who ran to help me when I fell, and would show me the place to make it well, my Mother.

A Jewish proverb says, "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers."

It is the one thing we all have, a Mother. It is through her that the race is perpetuated; and it is through her that we learn of the purest love that graces the face of the earth — Mother love — it reaches to the heights

and descends into the abyss.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,

Mother o' mine, Mother o' mine,

I know whose love would follow me still.

Mother is the first being we recognize; the first face our eyes focus on as she holds us, helpless infants, close to her breast — it is she who gave life; it is she who went through the valley and shadow that we might live; it is she who guided our first toddling steps, who gave us a supporting hand, who dressed us and caressed us; and it was she who taught us of God and taught us how to pray.

Mothers of all ages; mothers of every clime, we bow in humble adoration — mothers of yesterday, today and forever, thy love, thy teaching, and thy guidance is the hope of the world.

The recent rains which have fallen over the South Plains have started off the 1957 crop year with the highest prospects of any year for four or five years.

While we cannot say that we have had plenty of rain, the moisture which has fallen has been rather general, and has helped in giving the land a good underground season, and has helped the ground to hold the irrigation water which has been poured on it.

With the advent of clear, warm days, such as Monday and Tuesday, planters have started to run over the territory, and if favorable weather continues the seed for the coming crop will be put in the ground in short order.

It looks good now, and if we receive rains as we need them in the months ahead we are promised a bumper crop — and we need it.

### CLEANUP SET FOR 1ST WEEK IN JUNE

#### BULLITEN

As we go to press it is raining. Thunder showers are moving all over the South Plains.

According to radio reports, the showers are of a general nature over the entire South Plains.

Up to the time this is written more than a quarter of an inch has fallen over the Ropes territory.

Cleanup Week was designated by the City Council as the first week in June.

All property owners are asked to cooperate with the City by cleaning up their premises and piling the debris on the back of their lots and stack the trash so that it can be easily picked up by the truck.

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#### STARLIGHT 4-H CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club is to meet tonight (Thursday), May 9th, in the school cafeteria.

Junior girls, you will have your meeting that was postponed last Friday afternoon at the school.

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#### VISIT IN HOBBS, NEW MEX.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cavitt and children were in Hobbs, New Mexico Sunday where they visited in the home of Mrs. Cavitt's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

#### ONE MAN DIES, ONE INURED IN CAR WRECK

W. L. Armstrong, 59-year-old Lubbock bricklayer, is dead, and Orval Gross, also of Lubbock, was taken to a Brownfield hospital with multiple cuts and bruises, as the result of his 88 Oldsmobile going out of control two and a half miles south of Meadow about 9:30 a. m. Monday morning.

Otto Sims, who was in the third car to reach the scene of the wreck, told the Plainsman:

"The car circled three times across the double high way, then climbed the railroad embankment, and came to rest astride the railroad track. The train had to be stopped until it could be removed.

"In one of its wild dives across the highway it threw the two occupants into the ditch dividing the highways where they lay unconscious. Their clothes were literally ripped from their bodies and their flesh was the color of dust, the dirt seemingly having been ground into it.

"A full bottle of whiskey lay unbroken on the highway, and another one, which was almost empty, lay in another spot."

The allegation is made that the same car passed other cars coming out of Wolforth, and was traveling at a high rate of speed, wobbling from one side of the road to the other.

#### THORNHILLS ARE HERE WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Jimmy Thornhill of Seagraves, was in Ropesville Wednesday on business.

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### OFFICE HOLDERS ARE THINKING OF 1958

holders over in the county seat, Levelland, are thinking of the election which will come up in 1958.

County Judge Paul Williams said that has not as yet thoroughly made up his mind, but that there was a possibility he would be a candidate for reelection.

Mary Meek will be up for reelection as county treasurer, but as she was out of town at the time we were

in Levelland, we were unable to get a statement from her.

On visiting the office of Harold Clingan, county clerk, he stated that it is his intention now to make the race for reelection.

On the third floor of the court house we found Mrs. Ruby Beebe attending to her duties as district clerk. Mrs. Beebe stated that unless unforeseen circumstances interfered she would be a candidate for reelection.

Mrs. Beebe is serving her first term in office, as it is that of Judge Williams.

#### EQUALIZATION BOARD APPOINTED

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District on Monday night the following were appointed to act as a Board of Equalization:

M. M. Collins  
O. W. Morrow  
Preston Darby.

## Commissioners Transact Business in Reg. Session

In what, seemingly, was an economy move, the Commissioners' Court, in regular meeting on the 29th of April, chopped from its budget \$100 a month which was being paid by the county to the City of Sundown.

Other business transacted by the Court was as follows:

Motion made by Commissioner Moreland and seconded by Commissioner Reid that no County Commissioner shall make any road wider without first obtaining right-of-way easements from abutting property owners for width desired for the entire length of road. Commissioners Moreland, Reid and Preat for motion. Commissioner Hulse against motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Preat, seconded by Commissioner Hulse and unanimously carried that the Commissioner of Precinct No.

2 be authorized to obtain right-of-way easements for road improvements. The road beginning at the N.W. corner of the Fair Grounds, Levelland, Hockley County, Texas, and extending South to a line due West of the Claune Gin and Thence East to Highway 51, the width of the road to be not less than 60 feet nor more than 80 feet overall.

Motion made by Commissioner Moreland, seconded by Commissioner Preat and unanimously carried that no road shall be paved within the County of Hockley where it is necessary to use either labor and equipment other than that equipment owned by the County and/or labor that is regularly employed by said County on a month to month basis without first obtaining permission of the Commissioners Court in a regular or called meeting at which time the entire court

shall decide whether or not to call for specifications and bids on said project.

Motion made by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Preat and unanimously carried that the County Judge be authorized to advertise for 8688 cubic yards of crushed and loaded caliche on Labor 12, League 692, A. Taylor Survey, at approximately five miles West of Anton. Bids to be opened at 10 o'clock A.M., Monday, May 13, 1957, at the County Judge's Office. The material must meet with the State Highway Department specifications.

Motion made by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Reid and unanimously carried that the County Judge be authorized to advertise for bids on hauling 8688 cubic yards of crushed caliche, the average Turn to Page 2

#### 4-H SAFETY PROGRAM

By Sharon Campbell  
All of you 4-H club members please remember to have something on Safety, either what you have done, learned, or shown someone else by Club meeting time tonight.

Also, you Junior girls, be able to give something in your Club meeting on Friday afternoon.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILDING SOLD

According to information given us this week the Church of Christ building has been sold and will be moved to a point near Brownfield where it will continue as a church.

The congregation here is erecting a modern brick structure which will take the place of the present frame building now in use.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

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

There will be no church services next Sunday evening. We encourage each one to attend the Community Service at 8:00 at the High School Auditorium.

THE LADIES OF THE Church gave a banquet to the High School seniors and guests Tuesday night at the church. It was a very fine affair, and we appreciate every effort put forth to make it a success. The program was provided by a group of young people from Wayland College. Tommy Jones, president of the Wayland Baptist Student Union, was the inspirational speaker. Mrs. Marland Rowland was Master of Ceremonies.

YOUTH RALLY met with our church the past Monday night. Approximately 150 young folks from the churches of Hockley and Cochran counties attended. The speaker of the evening was Pastor Maple Avery of the Levelland First Baptist Church. Brent Gregg, of our church, is president of the organization.

THOSE ATTENDING THE Associational Training Union meeting last Sunday afternoon at Sundown were: Joe Fleming, Gene Lewis, Mrs. Ray Martin, Mrs. J. B. Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cole.

YOU ARE INVITED TO worship with us. The welcome mat is always out at the First Baptist Church. If you do not choose to meet with us, be sure to attend one of the good churches in Ropes each Lord's Day.

It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgement."

THE ASSOCIATIONAL

**COM. COURT  
CUTS PAYMENT  
CITY OF SUNDOWN**

From Page 1  
length of haul to be 18  
quarters. Bids to be opened  
at 10 o'clock A.M., Monday,  
May 13, 1957, at the County  
Judge's Office.

Motion made by Commis-  
sioner Preuit, seconded by  
Commissioner Hulse and un-  
animously carried that Com-  
missioner of Precinct No. 2  
be authorized to employ the  
Lubbock Engineering Co. to  
prepare plans and specifica-  
tions and necessary engine-  
ering work on the road be-  
ginning at the NW corner  
of the Fair Grounds, Level-  
land, Hockley County, Texas,  
and extending South to a  
line due West of the Clau-  
ene Gin and thence East to  
Highway 51, the width of  
the road not less than 60  
feet nor more than 80 feet  
overall.

**ATTENDS CHURCH  
AT LULLING**

Mrs. Emory Hobbs, Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Gryder and  
son, Garry, Martin and Alice  
Freeman, Charles and Mar-  
jorie Freeman, and Gertrude  
Freeman, all from the Prim-  
itive Baptist Church of  
Brownfield, attended a three  
day meeting at Luling, Tex-  
as last weekend. There were  
six preachers present. Three  
services were held each day,  
also three meals a day were  
served at the church.

Following the Sunday morn-  
ing preaching service, com-  
munion was held, at which  
there were 110 persons pre-  
sent. Also, washing of each  
other's feet was observed.  
A wonderful meeting was  
enjoyed by all present, with  
outstanding preaching and  
singing. Reports from Mrs.  
Hobbs state it was the most  
wonderful meeting she had  
ever attended, even the very  
first service well worth driv-  
ing 450 miles to attend.

Mrs. Hobbs stated every-  
thing is pretty and green  
in that section of the  
state, and that they enjoy-  
ed the trip very much.

**ATTENDS LION  
BANQUET IN LUBBOCK**

At the convention of Lions  
International held in Lub-  
bock on Thursday, Friday  
and Saturday of last week,  
the banquet and dance given  
for those attending were  
held on Friday night, and  
was attended by the follow-  
ing Ropes Lions:

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fraley,  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene McKee,  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brad-  
shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Billy  
Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Don-  
ald Blackman, Mr. and Mrs.  
Tom Durham, Mr. and Mrs.  
Wilburn Chambers, Mr. and  
Mrs. Charles Benton, Mr.  
and Mrs. Raymond Edwards,  
and Mr. and Mrs. Edward  
Jordan.

Raymond Edwards is a  
member of the Wolforth  
Club, but they accompanied  
Mr. and Mrs. Fraley to the  
banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schwartz  
and Mr. and Mrs. T. J.  
Redman Jr. also attended.

**NOTICE**

There will be a three-day  
meeting at Brownfield Prim-  
itive Baptist Church, located  
on East Hill and North C  
Street, on the third Sunday  
in this month, beginning on  
Friday night, all day Satur-  
day and Sunday, May 17, 18  
and 19.

J. C. Dorsett, a son-in-law  
of Mr. and Mrs. Emory  
Hobbs, will be ordained as  
deacon during the Saturday  
afternoon service. Commu-  
nion service will also be held  
Saturday evening. Three  
visiting ministers from South  
Texas are expected, as well  
as many other members.

Everyone is invited to at-  
tend.

**HALES VISIT  
IN ROPESVILLE**

We failed to state last  
week that Mr. and Mrs. W.  
J. Hale, of Plains, were  
visitors in the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Troy Morris.

The Hales' are former re-  
sidents of Ropes, having  
back in 1935 established the  
Ropes Plainsman which they  
published for two or three  
years before selling it to  
Afton Richards. After the  
sale of the paper in Ropes  
they moved to Plains where  
they acquired the Yoakum  
County Review, which they  
published until a few years  
ago when they retired from  
business.

They are nice folks, and  
have many friends in this  
community.

**MRS. SEYMORE  
MOVING TO  
SHAMROCK, TEXAS**

This week Mrs. C. R. Sey-  
more is moving her house-  
hold effects to Shamrock  
where she and her children  
will make their future home.

She has many friends in  
this community who deeply  
sympathize with her in the  
tragic death of her husband,  
and hope she and her chil-  
dren will find contentment  
and happiness in their new  
home.

**VISITS RELATIVES  
IN ROPESVILLE**

Mrs. Victor Morris, of  
Borger, visited for a short  
time on Friday of last week  
in the home of her uncle  
and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Troy  
Morris, in Ropes.

Mrs. Morris had been to  
Hobbs, New Mexico, for the  
purpose of picking up a  
station wagon and was on  
her way home. Just out of  
Brownfield she was involved  
in a minor wreck when a  
car in front of her stopped

and she had to stop, with  
the result that a third car  
smashed into the vehicle  
she was driving.

**WOLFFORTH LADY  
DIES MONDAY**

Mrs. Ella Marie Gillit, 45,  
of Wolforth, died in West  
Texas Hospital, Lubbock, a-  
bout 1:45 p.m. Monday fol-  
lowing an illness of three  
weeks.

Mrs. Gillit had been em-  
ployed by the Roy Miller  
Cafe, Wolforth. Her fam-  
ily had been residents of the  
Wolforth Community for 25  
years.

Funeral services were held  
at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the  
Wolforth Church of Christ  
with H. A. Lynch Jr., min-  
ister, officiating. Burial was  
in Tech Memorial Park, un-  
der direction of Franklin -  
Mallett.

Survivors include the hus-  
band, M. R. Gillit; three  
sons, Leslie Ray Gillit, Lub-  
bock; and Guy Wayne and  
Richard Max Gillit, both of  
Wolforth; two daughters,  
Mrs. Thelma Ream, Rt. 1,  
Ropesville, and Mrs. Magie  
Gaut, Levelland; four bro-  
thers, John Russell, Kilgore;  
Garner Russell, Lubbock;  
Pat Russell, Amarillo; and  
Henry Russell, Portales, N.  
M.; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth  
Goodwin and Mrs. Annie  
Parden, both of Portales;  
and Mrs. Goldie Fish, Clo-  
vis; the mother, Mrs. Laura  
Russell, Portales; and four  
grandchildren.

There are two kinds of  
collees in America a noted  
educator says. Undoubtedly.  
Those who wish they had  
fired their coach last year,  
and those who wish they  
hadn't.

**NEW GIN BEING  
BUILT ABOUT  
9 MILES WEST**

The foundation is being  
laid for a new gin plant a-  
bout nine miles west of  
Ropes, on the east-to-west  
pavement.

We have been unable to  
learn many details, but we  
understand the gin will be  
known as the Center Gin  
Company, and it is said that  
the builder is from Lamesa.

**ATTENDS ASSEMBLY**

Rev. Dan Jones was in  
Amarillo the first of this  
week attending District As-  
sembly of the Church of the  
Nazarene.

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**FOURTH INCH  
OF RAIN WED.**

Mrs. Wilson Campbell re-  
ported Wednesday, as we go  
to press, that more than a  
quarter inch of rain fell in  
their neighborhood.

We received only a sprin-  
kle in Ropes.

**BROOMS, MOPS  
LIGHT BULBS  
TO BE SOLD**

Charles Shannon asks us  
to announce that the Ropes-  
Lions Club will sell brooms,  
mops and light bulbs on the  
22nd of this month.

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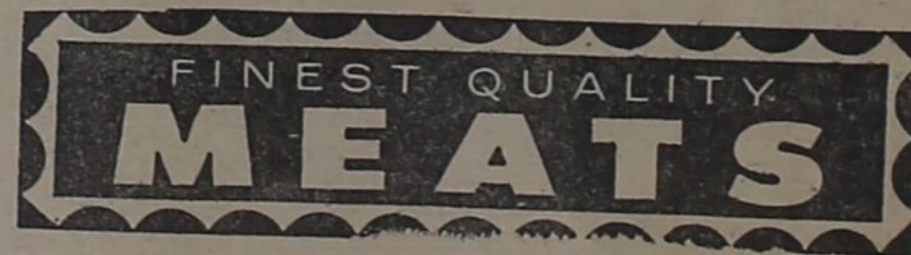
MANSFIELD THOMAS  
**Shamrock Service**

**Ray Johnson Grocery**

**And Market**

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Bananas, pound	.12
Crusader Milk, half gal.	.39
Cokes, 12 bottle Crt.	.39
Cloverlake Mellorine $\frac{1}{2}$ gal	.39
Jello, 3 boxes	.25
Tide, large box	.29
Oleo, Shurtresh, lb	.23
Pork-Beans, Food King, can	.10
Salmon, pink, tall can	.59



Bacon, Wilson C. King, lb	.55
Beef Ribs, pound	.29
Cheese, Longhorn, lb	.49

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# W. M. Martin Says Plenty Poison Healthy

M. W. Martin, a former citizen of Ropesville but now living near Post where he is assisting in the care of an invalid sister and brother-in-law, was here this past weekend visiting in the homes of relatives and with friends.

Mr. Martin's life is rich with experiences, he having lived a full and happy life, and recalled that probably one of the things that had made him robust and healthy—he is now past 72 — was the fact that, while young, he got plenty of poison in his system.

To start the ball rolling, when he was two years old he took a nice comfortable seat in a bed of red ants. When they pulled him out they could hardly tell which were the ants and which was him. He was a mass of ants from head to feet. Later, a scorpion, with sixteen legs on each side, stung him severely. Enough poison was administered then to cause him considerable trouble for some time. And, when he was about five years old, his sister, right beside him, stepped on a copperhead, and the snake bit Mr. Martin on the heel.

"My brother almost rode a horse to death trying to find a doctor," he said. "And, when we saw them coming the doctor was beating his horse with one hand and carrying a quart of whiskey in the other. My father was set against whiskey, and I heard him say so much against it that I was determined not to take it. I knocked the bottle from his hand, and it broke on the stone hearth of the fireplace."

As he remembers it, he recovered without much ill effect from the copperhead's bite. In later years he was again bitten by a copperhead and it hardly made him sick.

And thus, after more than three score and ten, he appears to be no more than fifty years old.

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## VISITS IN MULESHOE SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans and Lavoun, Mrs. Bruce McGahey and daughter, Annette, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Darn and family in Muleshoe Sunday.

# Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel

(An Editorial)

In seeking to solve the Junior College problem in Hockley County, the board of trustees brought from Odessa the president of the Junior College of that place.

The honorable Mr. Fly stated emphatically that he did not believe it would be good for the future of the college to be established in the Sundown High School building — in fact, as an advisor, he was "agin" it, and advised the board to be "agin" it.

However, Mr. Fly did admit that the Odessa Junior College was established in a high school building; it operated in a high school building, and from the present status of the college it would seem that it did very well in the high school building in laying the foundation for the present college.

No one has asked the college board to establish the college permanently in the Sundown building — it has been suggested that

it operate for a time in this building to see just how it will come out, and if it shows the earmarks of success, then build a college.

What the board and college are not aware of is that they still have a long way to go before building the college. It might be to the advantage of all concerned if the high school building was used until it is definitely established that the college will be a going concern.

Another step, which has been suggested, is that an election be called to establish a tax rate — this tax rate and land valuation we will go into next week — so that a president can be hired even before the blue prints of the college are drawn. In short, taxation will start before a stone is laid on the college.

As for the Sundown offer, we think we can predict without fear of contradiction that will not be accepted.

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## FRED DAHANKE INJURED IN CAR WRECK

J. Fred Danke, a one-time citizen of Ropes and superintendent of Ropes schools, but now living in Lubbock, and his brother, John of Edinburg, were injured on Thursday of last week in a three-car collision.

They were taken to a Corsicana hospital where Mr. Danke was suffering from stomach, side and head injuries, and broken ribs.

The brothers were enroute from Tyler to Dallas where they had attended the funeral of another brother when the accident happened.

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## FOR SALE

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

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## WANT TO BE A NOTARY PUBLIC FILE BY MAY 15

Harold Clingan, county clerk, requests us to state that those desiring to be appointed notary publics will have to file their applications with him by May 15th.

He stated that all who are notary publics in the county had been notified by mail to file.

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## FOR SALE

Three - bedroom modern home; also two-room house. See Wilburn Chambers.

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# Turn Back the Clock Look at These Prices

We often hear folks tell of the good old days, so as to give some idea of the prices in those "good old days", we take the following grocery prices from the Ropes Plainsman of January 17, 1941:

10 lbs. No. 1 spuds ..... 11c  
Aleo, pound ..... 11c  
Schillings coffee, lb. .... 22c  
Kleenex, 2 large boxes...15c  
Tomatoes, No. 2 can .... 6c  
Pet milk, 3 large cans...19c  
Steak, round, loin or

T-bone, lb. .... 21c  
Flour, 48 pounds ..... \$1.29  
Crackers, 2 lb. box ..... 14c  
Longhorn cheese, lb. .... 19c  
Oxydol, large box ..... 19c  
Pork chops, pound ..... 15c  
Hot barbecue, lb. .... 17c  
Bananas, each ..... 1c  
Ice cream, pint ..... 10c  
Lemons, each ..... 1c  
Bologna, pound ..... 11c  
Potted meat, 2 cans ..... 5c  
Black pepper, 3 oz. .... 6c  
Pork and beans, lb. .... 5c  
Matches, carton ..... 15c  
Grapefruit, dozen ..... 15c  
Toilet tissue, 8 rolls .... 25c  
Lettuce, 3 heads ..... 10c

It is to be noted, however, that while groceries were dirt cheap, money was very dear. For instance, day labor demanded from 75c to \$1 per day, and \$1.50 a day was tops; cotton sold for 10c to 15c a pound; and the fact that eggs brought 15c a dozen in December brought about a black headline on the front page of the Plains

man, which stated that on that day that was the highest price paid on the South Plains.

Twenty dollars a month paid the rent on one of the best rent houses in town, and when we were able to get hold of a dollar it appeared as large as a wagon wheel. There were few five dollar bills, and just a sprinkling of those marked with a twenty.

As a matter of fact, in those days of low prices and cheap labor we did not have the money then that we have now with high prices — there is three times as much prosperity today as there was then. When you depress prices you also depress earning ability, and times will balance themselves.

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## NEWT GREEN REFUSES TO QUALIFY FOR OFFICE

Newt Green, who at a recent election was chosen as one of the trustees of the Hockley County Junior College informed us this week that he will not qualify for the office.

"The" office takes more time than I have to give," stated Newt.

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Smartness, rather than sincerity, is what ruins many people.

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## News of Our Schools

### FHA OPEN HOUSE

The Homemaking classes are having Open House on Friday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Our special guests will be next year's incoming freshmen and their mothers, but we wish to urge all other mothers to come. The Homemaking girls hope it will help our new freshmen to get acquainted with Homemaking as a high school class.

Several different exhibits will be on display, and refreshments will be served.

So, mothers of incoming freshmen and of present Homemaking students, please remember May 10th, and be sure to visit our labs.

### STUDIES

Pupils in Student Teacher Miss Marshall's class are starting new units. They have finished a study in first aid and are taking up "laundry".

Mrs. Ham's class is beginning a study of their own selves — maturity, and how to develop your personality, etc.

### THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our chapter mothers for all they've done for us. Thanks, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Bevers, and Mrs. Pointer, you've been wonderful.

Also, happy Mother's Day to all of you mothers.

(The following is a special tribute to mothers on Mother's Day from the FHA.)

### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

*No crown adorns her head,  
No lackey leaps to do her bidding;*

*But there are times when  
She feels like a queen.*

By NAN CARROLL

A mother is a person who is old enough to be an authority on Indian war whoops and whether cowboys ever went barefoot, and yet young enough to remember the rules of the game May I? and the second verse

of Sing a Song of Sixpence.

She must be smart enough to answer questions about thunder and locomotives and stars, but ignorant enough to laugh at the reason a chicken runs across the road.

She must be a detective and able to find the top to the cereal box which was thrown away last week, the treads to Greg's toy tank, and the other roller skate.

She must be a veterinarian and accomplished at taking ticks off the dog, feeding the kittens, and remembering to change the water in the goldfish bowl.

A mother must not just be a cook, proficient at cooking roasts, biscuits, chicken gravy, Mike's favorite suki-yaki and Greg's favorite spaghetti; but also must be able to decorate birthday cakes and place exactly right the raisin eyes in gingerbread men.

She must be a judge and arbitrator when someone would not let someone ride his tricycle; must be a stern disciplinarian when it comes to too much chewing gum and getting three little boys to bed at night; and she must have a well-padded shoulder for tears and comfort when his best chum throws sand at Mike and goes off with a new friend.

She must not only be an expert laundress, but always remember to remove sand and pebbles and string from pockets; and she must be a seamstress and adept at sewing on buttons, letting down and taking up sleeves and pant legs and be able to patch threadbare corduroy knees so the patches do not show.

She must be a doctor and able to remove splinters with out hurting, stop bleeding noses, vaporize colds, read stories to measles-speckled boys, and always have on hand an endless supply of

ready-cut bandages.

A mother must also be a naturalist and able to dissect caterpillars, remove tail lights from fireflies, and touch squirmy worms.

A mother must be a financial wizard and always be able to stretch a meager weekly budget to include new shoes for Brian and a birthday present for someone she did not know had invited her sons to a party.

She must be a magician and keep a bottomless cookie jar, a constant supply of apples in the refrigerator, and be able instantly to recognize a scribbled drawing as a beautiful picture of a man walking down a dirt road with a pan on his head.

She must be able to balance a baby under one arm, a small boy climbing up her back and another trying to tie her feet into knots, and still write a check for the dry cleaners.

Regardless of her shape or stature, when she sits down a mother must have a lap large enough to hold three wiggling pajama-clad boys who listen wonder-eyed to "Once upon a time" stories of the world about them.

Her sense of beauty must be able to stoop low enough to see the lovely ferny plant Greg found growing under a toadstool; and must be able to stretch on tallest tiptoes to hold Mike to see the heavenly blue of the robin's egg in the nest in the sycamore tree.

A mother is a queer sort of person. In a single instant her endless cooking and dishwashing and ironing and sock darning and knee bandaging can swell over into a heart-thrilling wave of pride on visitors' day at the kindergarten when Mike stands up in his new red sweater, replies "Yes, ma'am" to the teacher, and solemnly walks to the front of the room to direct the rhythm band.

A mother's payment is rich and full, but often comes in little ways: a wadded bouquet of dandelion puffs; seeing Greg, unnoticed, share his tricycle with the new little boy across the street; watching Brian reach to pluck a neighbor's prize tulip. . . hold his hand in mid-air a second. . . and and then toddle off to chase a butterfly. Her payment comes in the cherished words of a small boy's prayer's at night when Mike adds a P.S. to God to "also bless Billy even though he pushed me off the swing today."

Then a mother kisses three blond heads, turns off the light and hugs a smile to her heart as she walks down stairs. And after the dishes are done, before she gets out her mending box, she puts a batch of cookies in the oven for a surprise tomorrow.

**GRADE SCHOOL NEWS**  
1st Grade - Mrs. Dodd  
I wish to thank the first grade room mothers and their chairman, Mrs. Slytile, for being so cooperative and working so diligently for the first grade. You have done so many nice things for the children and also for me. You could never know how much it was appreciated.

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Mrs. Coy Dodd.

1st Grade - Mrs. Gambill  
The first grade would like to thank their room mothers for the many nice things that they have done for them this year.

The interest they showed in the children and the help they have given them is deeply appreciated.

A class has never had more wonderful or sweeter room mothers.

Grade 3A - Mrs. Wallace

We are busy finishing up our year's work. We have completed our Geography workbooks, and one group is finishing their reading work book this week. Next week we will have review work in our Spelling each day. Also, we are working hard on the multiplication tables. We hope to know the tables through the six's by the close of school.

Alice Poz is still absent from school because of having the measles.

Neva Lois Ray went to Burkburnett last week. She went with her mother to visit an aunt who was very ill.

Tyree Martin has not missed a day of school this year. Several pupils have missed only one or two days.

Those making 100 in Spelling last week were Stella Soto, Michael Hyman, Lynda Snider, Charlotte Johnson, Berta Maldonado, Bessie Y-sasaga, Tyree Martin, Raymond Talamantez, Shirley Odom, Santos Hernandez, Mike Peacock, and Mary Jane Harrison.

Grade 3B - Mrs. J. Cole  
We are going to be busy this week preparing for Mother's Day. We are also looking forward to our end of school picnic.

Those making 100 in spelling last week are Lupe Garza, Loraine Gutterrez, Bronwyn Banks, Francisco Flores, Charles Cesari, Rosa Castaneda, Donald Glenn, Maria Cortez, Marilyn Chitwood, Linda Varner, Esmer-yildo Gutterrez, and Gloria Leyva.

Grade 4B - Mrs. Jones  
Our class is now trying to finish all our work for this year. We have enjoyed it all very much.

We are all looking forward to our picnic next week, and are glad that school is nearly over for this term.

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**MEDALS AUTHORIZED**

Capt. Charlie T. McCormick, of Ropesville, is one of eight officers of the 413th Military Government Company who has been authorized to wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, according to Army Military District headquarters in Austin. The Medal is awarded to Army Reservists who have completed 10 years of satisfactory reserve duty.

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### PACES' VISIT IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Pace, of O'Donnell, were in Ropesville Sunday where they attended church services, and visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Moore.

Mrs. Pace, who has been seriously ill, is almost recovered.

### VISITS RELATIVES AMONG THE ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Littlefield, of Brownfield, were in Ropes Sunday visiting in the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield.

### IN ROPESVILLE

Ennis Moore has been numbered among the ill this past week. Ennis is

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The 120-day pay period for members of the 55th Legislature ended Tuesday.

All the extra time necessary to complete some of the important decisions left over will be contributed at the expense of the law makers of both houses.

Guesses as to how long it will take to complete the work of the 55th Legislature are running up to May 15 to 20. This prediction is made by some of the older members of state government, who are quick to point out that very few Legislatures have ever completed their work within the 120-day pay period.

Statistics compiled by the Legislative Budget Board in its study of the necessity for

annual sessions of the Legislature reveal the 48th Legislature meeting in 1943 was the last regular session to conclude its work on a 120-period. At that time, the legislators received \$10 for the first 120 days and \$5 thereafter until adjournment. The 51st Legislature, meeting from Jan. 11 to July 6, 1949, holds the record for length of session, 177 days.

The constitutional amendment adopted in 1954 raising the per diem to \$25 for 120 days, with no pay after that period, applied to the 54th Legislature, the last regular session under Gov. Shivers. This was a 148-day session, running from Jan. 11 to June 7.

Average number of legislative days per biennium, however, from 1931 through 1954, which includes 16 special sessions, is 180.7 days. Fourteen of the special sessions were in the 10-year period from 1932 through 1949, and for that period the biennium average

of legislative days was 205.5. Since 1942 there have been two special sessions, one in the 1949-50 biennium and the last in the 1953-54 biennium. For the period of 1943 through 1954 the average number of legislative days per biennium has been 156.

**HOW MUCH IS A CHILD'S FUTURE WORTH?**

By Mrs. H. W. Gaston

What kind of a father have I been? I have one of the best sons that any father could have. Have I let him know that I think he is tops? How?

When he would come to me and give my knees a sudden hug I would say, "Go on and play, dad is tired." When he wanted to watch me shave I would actually drive him out of the room, he made me nervous.

When he asked me foolish questions I would ask him to be sensible. When he asked me questions about God, science, sex, I told him he was too young to know. When he asked me to explain why adults were mean, I told him he was being impudent. Yet he told me he loved me.

When he threw his clothes around, I yelled at him to pick them up. When his ball broke out a window, I punished him soundly. When he said a bad word I washed his mouth out with soap. . . he paid me back with a hug and kiss.

When he was older he wanted me to play with him. . . to show him how to bat better. I told him I was too old for that sort of thing. . . or that I was too busy. When he wanted me to help him with his home work, I told him to get it himself. . . that's the way I had to do. He responded by telling his friend that I was the best daddy that ever was. . . the very best in the world!

How little can you feel? Why am I a creature of habits? Why can't I remember when I was a lad? Here I have now a twelve year old son! It won't be long until he is an adult. What have I done to help him be a good and happy adult.

Why, if I had been treated by someone like I sometimes treated him, I would consider him my enemy. Yet, he loves me. He forgives my childish ways. He thinks of me as HIS POP. If I could only have the past six or eight years to live over! I would have left no doubt of my love, my eagerness to be of help, my desire for his happiness. I wouldn't have left it up to chance! What a wonderful opportunity I let slip through my fingers by not

being closer to my son, by not responding to his needs and wishes!

**SUFFERING FROM THE MUMPS**

Mrs. W. H. Wilkison is confined to her room this week with the mumps.

Mrs. Wilkison stated that she had raised a family and all the children had the mumps and she never contracted them, but about three weeks her small granddaughter, Lynell Etheridge, took them and that is where she got them. Mrs. Wilkison said, "One never gets too old to take the mumps."

**NOTICE**

The annual Cooke County Reunion will be held on Sunday, May 25th, 1957, at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Former residents of Cooke County are invited to attend this reunion which will be held at the Slide Road Club House, in southwest Lubbock.

Bring a picnic lunch for 1 p.m. A short program will immediately follow lunch. Prizes for oldest, youngest, largest families, and family traveling greatest distance to reunion will be given. Let us know if you'll be here—and if we have your correct address.

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Mrs. G. W. Blair, Sec'y.  
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**VISITS HERE FROM BROWNFIELD**

E. C. (Sam) Williams and grandson, Elbert Rice, of Brownfield, were in Ropes on Friday of last week.

Sam was in the blacksmith business here for a long number of years, and is known to most of our people. Several years ago his health failed and he had to retire. Since that time he has been seeking a climate where he could breathe without effort, but up to this time he has not found that place, so he has returned to the Plains. He declares that if the sand storms get bad he will take off again.

He went to Arkansas at the beginning of winter and his breathing was better, but it was wet and damp, and he turned up with rheumatism in nearly every joint. He says, "If it is not one thing it is another."

**CLYDE LOVELESS IS SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM**

Clyde Loveless is having plenty of trouble with an ankle which is swollen about twice its normal size, and very painful.

Medical men tell Clyde it is rheumatism, and have made a pin cushion out of his arm with shots that were supposed to bring about a cure. So far as the ankle is concerned, it does not seem to know the shots are being given.

**ROPES SCHOOL BAND MAKES GOOD SHOWING**

The Ropes school band gave a concert Saturday in a band concert at Brownfield, and from reports we have, they made a good showing.

This is the band's first year, and it has every promise of making a real musical organization.

**INJURED HAND**

W. H. Wilkison, who happened to the misfortune of ripping the back of his hand on a vise some days ago, states that the injury is healing nicely.

Nine stitches were required to close the wound.

**TWO SCHOOL BUSES ORDERED**

The School Board of Trustees of the Ropes Public Schools at a meeting on Monday night of this week authorized the buying of two new school buses.

It was stated that they would be Fords, and would replace two buses now in use.

**CARD OF THANKS**

It is with a feeling of deepest gratitude that we take this means of thanking the folks of the Ropes community for the financial assistance, the flowers, the words of sympathy and the acts of kindness shown at the time of the death of my husband, C. R. (Shorty) Seymore. It was you who made it possible for us to bear the burden which was so suddenly placed on us. Our heart-felt thanks to each of you — we will never forget your kindness, and our prayers shall be for God's richest blessings on each of you.

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