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Letters to Santa Claus

Following are letters to Santa from Ropes Elementary School Room 1-A:

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me a SET of Barbies.
Merry Christmas
Love
Ester Yberbo

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me an organ, typewriter, and a camera oh yes and lots of candy
I love you
Merry Christmas
Ramona Melton

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me a doll, phone, chalk board, umbrella, and dishes
Love
Donna Kay Whitehead

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me some Go-go boots, and a Vel Vet doll. I love you
Sherry Smith

Ropesville Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me a doctor Kit and some dishes.
Love,
Elsa Cruz

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me a beautiful doll and a real bike.
Love,
Linda Vasquez

Ropesville, Texas
Dear Santa Claus
I have tried to be very good. Please bring me a
Johnnie Lightening.
Love
Ricky Guzman

Letters to Santa from Mrs. Redford's Second Grade Class:

Dear Santa,
I live at Ropes Texas. Please bring me two race track and two hot wheels and a football and a football set and a motor scooter and a Johnny Lightening and a robot.
I live in a white house.
Love
Jamie Bustillas

Dear Santa,
I live in Ropesville Texas. Please bring me a barbie and a ken.
I want a pretty ring that turns colors.
I want a susie home maker and a dancarina.
Love,
Tamyra Ferguson.

Dear Santa.
Please bring me a basketball and a Carol and an apple in my stocking and a few other stuff from you that is all O and a ball for my cat.
Kathy Ann Stegall
R.1 Ropesville Texas

Dear Santa.
I live in Ropesville Texas Please bring me a basketball and electric football set. Hot Wheels and bb gun and a Johnny Lightening and two walkie talkie and two robot boxers and two Stocking and one color book.
That is all I want.
Love, Gene Valentine

Dear Santa.
Please bring me a basket for my bike and a Barbie house and two walkie talkies and baby buggy for my baby doll and that is all I want thank you.
Love,
Laurie Odum

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike I want a good sled I want a color book Please me a Barbie.
Love
Dora Cortez

Dear Santa,
bring come to see me you bring Plase a Barbie is clotes I im eight years old.
Dear Santa I want a big doll to dress I want a house.
Love,
Lupe Ramriz

Dear Santa,
Please come to see me this year I have been good. I would like for you to bring me A bb gun and a slinky. and a ants in your pants. and a bike and a Hot Wheels. and a Johnny Lightening and a walkie talkie. and a robot boxer.
Love
Rudy Flores

Dear Santa,
I live at Ropesville I wisu you bring me a doll and a Susie Homemaker and a dancarina and a bike and a Carol and a Lucinda and a Color book.
Love,
Delia Quantanilla

Dear Santa,
I live at Ropesville Please bring me a doll. Please me some swing and a bike and a house and a Barbie and book.
Love,
Lory Ann Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a Live action football Game. and a Johnny Lighting 500 set. please bring my Neice and Nephew something nice to play with. They are Lonnie and Lisa Ellis I Love you Terry Mayfield.

Dear Santa,
I live in Ropesville Texas. I would like a electric football and ants in your pants and a Slinky I am in the second grade. I want a football suit and a bb gun.
Love,
Darin Nobles

Dear Santa, I live and Ropesville Texas.
Please bring me a Barbie doll and a susie Home maker and bring to my brothers and sisters. and to the twins. bring some toys.
Love,
Dalia Mormolejo

Dear Santa
I live in Ropesville Please bring a bike Two cars and a Dark Shadows game. love Charles Arthur

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football suit and a Pelet gun and a robot.
Love
Roy Parkr. Ropesville

Dear Santa,
I have been good I want an electric footdall set and a radar search and a robot boxers. Well I have to go now.
Love,
Joe Merkle

Dear Santa,
I live at Ropesville Will you bring me a motor scooter Can you bring a present for my brother Joe.
Love,
Gilbert Escobedo

Dear Santa
Please come to see me this year I have been good. I would like for you to bring a sled.
Love
Marcelo Resendez

Dear Santa.
1 Please come to me sisters and brother
2 and bring then a doll foot-ball.
Santa Claus come to see me ever day and bring me toys. forever.
Love
Yonny Gutierrez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike I want a good sled I want a color book Please me a Barbie.
Love
Dora Cortez

Dear Santa bring me a bike Dear Santa come to see me I want a foot ball game for Christmas
Dear Santa bring me a game Dear bring me a basketball
Dea santa, bring a Johnny lightenns.
Love, Eddie Salas

Dear Santa
Please come to see me this year I have been good. I would like for you to bring me Barbie and a doll Susie homemaker dancarina.
Love
Janie Santos

Dear Santa I live in Ropesville Texas
Please bring me a bike and a Susie homemaker and Came and Came and See my brothers and Sister bring them tos Pelet gun for my brothers a pretty Barbie boll. want a Susie hommaker.
Love,
Estela Mendez

MILITARY ADDRESSES:

Turn in the address of your loved ones in service so that friends and neighbors can send them a greeting card. Following is the list we now have:

M/Sgt. Bobby J. Whitlock
1915 E Hamilton Court
Bethel Manor
Langley AFB, Virginia 23365
S/Sgt. and Mrs. J. T. Lott
4708 ABGP
Selfridge AFB, Mich. 48045 (nee Erline Kinnison)
SP/5 and Mrs. Weldon P. Kinnison
1808 N. 8th Apt. No. 14
Killeen, Texas 76541

SFC Doyle E. Odum
443-34-9055
HHC 41st Sig. Bn.
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96238

Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Sance
5459 C Street
Biloxi, Miss. 39530
(nee Emma Jean Martin)

Sgt. and Mrs. August Kulms
2113 Ruth Street
Leesville, La. 71446

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Morgan
1124 Highway 87 Lot 3
Springlake, N.C. 28390

PFC Robert L. Wright
573-76-3596
582nd Trans. Co4 (GS)
APO New York, 09028
(nee Trixie Wall's son; Tom Wall's grandson)

Lt. David Cain
1101-2 Falcon Dr.
Rantoul, Ill. 61866

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goad
107 9th Street
Edwards AFB, Calif 23523
(nee Jackie Nell Whitlock)

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Ropes Booster Club will meet tonight at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria. Everone is urged to attend as there is some important business to be attended to.

BAND CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT

The Ropes Eagle Band will present their annual Christmas Concert at 8:00 p.m. this Sunday in the High School Auditorium. There is no charge.

You will really miss something if you don't atten this concert. This is one of the highlights of the season offered in our small town, and it is always better than expected. Last year, it ended all too quickly for us.

So treat yourself to an evening of rare entertainment, all provided locally.

LAST CALL!

We need your letters to good ole Santa by Tuesday afternoon, 5:00 to get them off to the North Pole!

Sample Receipts Decline For Classing

Cotton sample receipts began a gradual decline at the four area U.S.D.A. Cotton classing offices during the past week, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the U.S.D.A. classing office in Lubbock.

The four area classing offices at Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland received samples from approximately 18,000 bales on Friday, December 11th. During the peak of the harvest, the four area classing offices were receiving approximately 50,000 samples per day.

The four offices classed 220,000 samples during the week, bringing the total classed this season to 1,338,000. There were 174,000 unclassified samples on hand Friday. This brought the total classed and received this season to 1,512,000.

Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade at Lubbock last week with 29 per cent of all cotton classed. Strict Low Middling made up 25 per cent, Middling Light Spotted 18 per cent, Low Middling Light Spotted 6 per cent and all Spots and Tinges 17 per cent. Nine per cent was reduced in grade because of bark.

Staple length continued to average approximately 31/32. Twenty-nine per cent of all cotton classed at Lubbock last week was 51/16, 33 per cent 31/32, 19 per cent 41-Inch and 12 per cent stapled 1-1/32 and longer.

Fifty-seven per cent of the cotton "miked" in the Lubbock office was in the 3.5 and better

micronaire category, 12 per cent "miked" 3.3 and 3.4, 19 per cent was 3.0 through 3.2, 9 per cent was 2.7 through 2.9 and 3 per cent was 2.6 and below.

Prices were \$2.50 to \$5.00 per bale higher during the week on all qualities except Middling and higher grades. Prices ranged from the loan or near the loan on high grade long staple cotton up to \$40.00 per bale over the loan on low grade, low micronaire cotton. Most lots sold at 18 75 to 20.75 cents, regardless of quality. All lotton in the Lubbock market is selling on a physical price basis with little or no regard for the loan. Demand continued very strong for low grade, low micronaire cotton and this caused the extremely narrow price range. Below grade cotton was selling at 17 to 18 cents.

Prices quoted by the Lubbock Cotton Exchange for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: Strict Low Middling 15/16 - 19.95, Strict Low Middling 31/32 - 20.05, Strict Low Middling 1-Inch - 20.55, Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 20.05, Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 20.25, Middling Light Spotted 1-Inch - 20.65, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 19.80, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 19.95 and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 1-Inch-20.10.

Cottonseed prices were steady and ranged from 056.00 to \$62.00 per ton to the farmer.

It Is Our Belief . . .

That as long as the children of today have faith in God, our Nation is still on the right road.

It is our pleasure — and we do mean pleasure, for we thoroughly enjoy it — to publish each week a school paper for New Home. Their copy is almost entirely written by the students there.

This week they had letters to Santa Claus written by the second grade students. Among the copy was a sheet of tablet paper that had been wadded up. It was found on the floor of the second grade room.

The paper is a letter, printed in pencil and is unsigned. It reads as follows: "Dere God I am writing this letter to make the poor peple rich and tha is why I like you and Please keep me save. Don't let me die and I won't let you die so that is why I love you."

This letter particularly touched us because of the season. The child had probably already written a letter to Santa, but in some unconscious way realized a letter to God would come nearer fulfilling needs.

BIRTHDAY CLUB MEETS

The Ropes Birthday Club met Saturday, December 5 at the Spot Restaurant in Level-land to honor Fressie Exum on her birthday. Hostess was Odessa Walling.

Secret Pals were revealed, and gifts exchanged.

Those attending were Mmes. Viola Edwards, Naomi Craig, Jewel Whitener, Jewel Shannon, Hilda Tibbs, Lowetta Abney, Mrs. Brown Kathleen Armstrong, Myrtle Teaff guest Celeste Thomas and the honoree and hostess.

CANOE TRIP

Interested persons are invited to attend a canoe trip on Thursday (tonight) night at 7:00 p.m. at the C & C Inn to plan a canoe trip on the Big Bend to take place the first part of January.

It seems to us that the writer of this letter is not unaccustomed to prayer. The child realizes God is there, to answer needs and to protect. The simple and pure belief of a child — cannot be equalled. Neither can it be fully explained.

Usually, or so is our belief, the dependence on God comes at a later age in life. It has been our experience that most humans believe they are indestructable until they pass through their teens. Any dependence is generally placed on the parents.

Even though most know that God is always there, it makes us pause and wonder how many of our seven or eight year old children call upon Him.

If enough faith is placed in our traditional Santa Claus, most children think it is sufficient to ask Santa for their wants at Christmastime and even though they know this great holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus, do not insure their letters to Santa by writing one to God.

The little one who penned this letter seems wise beyond it's years. It is a very well written letter for a second grader.

It proves once again, and reminds all of us who are so busy in our own little worlds, that the problems of our youth are just as important to them — and as unsurmountable — as the problems of the adult.

We just wanted to share this particular bit of youthful writing with you during this holiest of seasons. Perhaps we can spare an extra prayer for the youngsters who might not be made so happy Christmas morning.

We know without a doubt that God will provide this child with needs and protection — and in His own way will lay it on someone's heart to make Christmas morn'g, a joyous occasion in this child's home.



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Here's one of Mrs. Jordan's favorite recipes.



CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

Mrs. Viola Jordan, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa

- 5 lb. chicken (I sometimes use a large, fat fryer)
- 1 medium-sized onion
- 1 small can mushrooms (chopped)
- 1 small package spaghetti
- 1 no. 2 can tomatoes
- 1/2 cup ripe olives (chopped)
- 3 tbs. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 button garlic
- 3/4 lb. grated sharp cheese

Cook chicken with one button garlic until tender. Cool and bone chicken. Cook spaghetti in plain water. Sauté onions, add tomatoes with a pint (2 cups) of broth. Make a paste of 2 tablespoons of flour and cold water and add to onions and tomato mixture and simmer 30 minutes. Add chicken, mushrooms, olives, spaghetti. Sprinkle grated cheese on top of mixture and bake in a large baking dish for 30 minutes in a hot, gas oven (400 degrees). Serves 10 to 12.

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ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1970-71 FIRST SEMESTER

December 22 — Semester Exams
December 23 — Christmas Holidays Begin
December 23 — Work Day
January 3 — Christmas Holidays End
SECOND SEMESTER:
January 4 — First Day of Classes
January 4 - February 12 — Fourth Six Weeks
February 15-March 26 — Fifth Six Weeks
March 26-May 21 — Sixth Six Weeks
April 12 - April 16 — Easter
May 21 — High School Graduation
May 24, 25, 26, 27 — Work Days

ON SICK LIST

Terry Mayfield was on the sick list last week and was in Lubbock for medical care. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield.

VISITING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blackmon are here visiting their parents. Mike is in the U.S. Navy.

VISIT IN HASKELL

Mr. and Mrs. Emra Walling spent the weekend in Haskell visiting his sister, Mrs. Luphia Lane.

ON SICK LIST

Mike Whitehead, small son of Maurice Whitehead is on the sick list this week and was taken to Lubbock Tuesday for medical care.

RETURNS HOME

Ray Suter returned to his home Monday after spending three weeks in the Brownfield General Hospital.

SERVICES:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
- MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
- EVENING NYPS 6:00 P.M.
- EVENING SERVICE 6:45 P.M.
- PRAYER GROUPS
- MEN — TUESDAY 6:00 A.M.
- WOMEN — TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.
- FAMILY PRAYER — WEDNESDAY 7:30 P.M.

ROPES CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

ROPESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Schedule of Services:
- Sunday Bible Classes: 10:00 A.M.
 - Worship Hour: 10:50 A.M.
 - Pew Packer's Class: 5:40 P.M.
 - Evening Service: 6:00 P.M.
 - Wednesday Ladies Class: 9:30 A.M.
 - Wednesday Bible Classes: 3:30 P.M.

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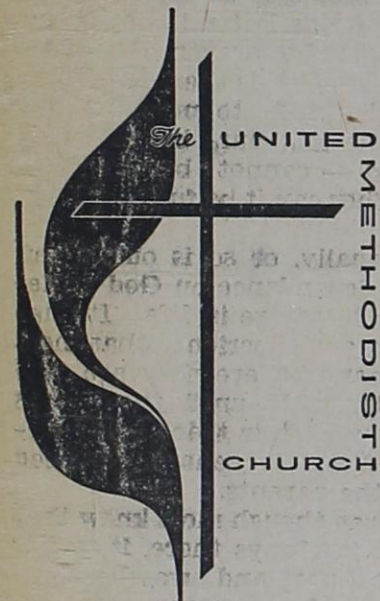
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Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Last Sunday evening we joined St. Matthew United Methodist Church of Lubbock in the celebration of worship that included the Christmas Cantata, "GOD IS WITH US". Reverend Jones, who presented The Advent Word Through Scripture commented, "It is always good to participate in a service of this nature. There is a joyous sense of sharing; the good news with friends, and it broadens our fellowship. Things of this nature are better with a full house".

Sunday morning worship December 20, the last Sunday of Advent will herald the Great Event of Incarnation. Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock we have our worship celebration, THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN CAROLS AND CANDLES. Everyone is invited to share this occasion with us.

On Sunday morning, December 27, we introduce Christmaside and salute our college students returning for the holidays. Sunday evening worship at the church will be dismissal for family gatherings and visitation.

WCSO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service gathered at the Bud Rucker's Monday afternoon for the annual Christmas party.

Background Christmas music was played throughout the program and party. An opening prayer was lead by Mrs. J. N. Smith. Scriptures telling the Christmas story were read by Mrs. Jewel Shannon and Mrs. Irene Armstrong. A Christmas was told by Mrs. Shannon.

Gifts taken from the beautifully decorated tree were exchanged. Refreshments of delicious sandwiches, pickles, pie and candy and coffee and spiced tea were served to 11 members.

ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Following is the menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria for December 21 and 22:

- MONDAY —
- Hot dogs with Chili
 - Pinto Beans
 - Buttered Spinach
 - Apricots Milk
- TUESDAY —
- Turkey, Dressing, Gravy
 - Cranberry Sauce
 - Green Beans
 - Candied Yams,
 - Fruit Cup with Whipped Topping
 - Hot Rolls Butter Milk
- Dismissed For Christmas

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1970

| Operating Fund | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | State & County Available | Local Maintenance | Transportation | Food Service Fund | Student Activity Fund | Interest and Sinking Fund | Other Funds | Totals |
| Opening Cash Balance | \$ 4,854 | \$ 1,253 | \$ 1,947 | \$ 728 | \$ 2,977 | \$ 916 | \$ 3,319 | \$ 15,994 |
| Receipts | | | | | | | | |
| Local Sources | | \$134,023 | \$ 22 | \$19,604 | \$23,058 | \$50,421 | | \$227,128 |
| County Sources | | 9,922 | | | | | | 9,922 |
| State Sources | \$54,662 | 82,066 | 21,154 | 4,035 | | | \$17,404 | 179,321 |
| Federal Sources | | | | | | | | |
| Sale of Bonds | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | | | | | | | | |
| Sale of Property | | 4,055 | | | | | 270 | 4,325 |
| Incoming Transfers | | | | | | | | |
| Interfund Transfers | | 2,390 | 5,937 | | | | | 8,327 |
| Returned Checks | | | | | | | | |
| Investments Sold | | 74,500 | | | | 34,150 | | 108,650 |
| Total Cash Receipts | \$54,662 | \$306,956 | \$27,113 | \$23,639 | \$23,058 | \$84,571 | \$17,674 | \$537,673 |
| Total Funds Available | \$59,516 | \$308,209 | \$29,060 | \$24,367 | \$26,035 | \$85,487 | \$20,993 | \$553,667 |
| Disbursements | | | | | | | | |
| Budgetary Disbursements | \$55,008 | \$241,501 | \$28,530 | | | \$50,989 | \$18,440 | \$394,468 |
| Retirement of Current Loans | | | | | | | | |
| Food Service Fund | | | | \$23,383 | | | | 23,383 |
| Student Activity Fund | | | | | \$22,399 | | | 22,399 |
| Interfund Transfers | | 5,937 | | | | | 2,390 | 8,327 |
| Investments Purchased | | 54,500 | | | | 33,893 | | 88,393 |
| Inventory Purchases | | | | | | | | |
| Prior Year Payables | | | | | | | | |
| Liquidated | | 1,867 | 530 | | | | 146 | 2,543 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | \$55,008 | \$303,805 | \$29,060 | \$23,383 | \$22,399 | \$84,882 | \$20,976 | \$539,513 |
| Closing Cash Balance | \$ 4,508 | \$ 4,404 | \$ 0 | \$ 984 | \$ 3,636 | \$ 605 | \$ 17 | \$ 14,154 |
| Less: Accounts Payable (Receivable) | | 940* | | (841) | | | 17 | 116 |
| Unencumbered Cash Balance | \$ 4,508 | \$ 3,464 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,825 | \$ 3,636 | \$ 605 | \$ 0 | \$ 14,038 |
| Add: Temporary Investments and Time Deposit Balances | | 51,482 | | | | 55,713 | | 107,195 |
| Unencumbered Fund Balance | \$ 4,508 | \$ 54,946 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,825 | \$ 3,636 | \$56,318 | \$ 0 | \$121,233 |

* \$241.04 of Accounts Payable is State payment due Lunchroom Fund.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JESSIE C. FORD
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 121st Judicial Dist. Court of Hockley County at the Court House thereof in Levelland, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4 day of January A.D. 1971, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 6 day of November A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 6364 on the docket of said court and styled Frances H. Ford Plaintiff, vs. Jessie C. Ford Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

- Divorce
 - Discord & Conflict of Personalities
 - No children under eighteen
 - Equal division of Community property
- as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
- The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Levelland, Texas this the 23rd day of November A.D. 1970.

Attest:
RUBY BEEBE WILLIAMS Clerk,
121st Dist. Court,
Hockley County, Texas
By Johnnie Roberts Deputy.
(SEAL)

EVER HEARD OF "Zoonoses"?

Most people have never heard the definition of "zoonoses" — which isn't a special type zoo — but it is a word very familiar to health authorities throughout the world.

Of Greek origins, it means "animal disease". Health officers use it to refer to diseases that can be interchanged between animals and man under natural conditions. The most common contact in this country is the ordinary household pet.

The Texas State Department of Health has long operated a zoonoses control program.

You've probably heard about the dangers of rabies from infected wild animals or pets. Plague, typhus, encephalitis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and the like are diseases most commonly known. But there are other chronic, usually milder diseases, also transmissible from animals.

Visceral larva migrans is one of the most common and of great concern to the State Health Department. Visceral

larva migrans is a chronic disease caused by the migration of certain nematode larvae from the body wastes of animals into the organs and tissues of humans.

It causes an inflammation of the inner eye, enlargement of the liver, various changes in blood chemistry and a localized acute inflammation of the lung (known to some as "benign pneumonia.") Symptoms may persist for as long as a year.

It occurs sporadically. A youngster in one family may come down, while no other child in the block will get sick. Most victims are one to four years old. This follows, since the reservoir of this disease is usually the dog and the cat common to most households. The mode of transmissions is directly related to the eating of dirt by young children. Infective larvae eggs can be transferred from contaminated soil to the mouth.

The eggs reach the soil in body wastes from infected cats and dogs. After transfer to the mouth of a child, the eggs hatch in the intestine and the larvae penetrate the intestinal wall and migrate to the liver and lungs. From the lungs, larvae are spread by the body's blood or lymph circulation to various organs, causing damage by their wanderings and causing granulated tissue or tumors to form.

Pets make very nice Christmas presents. But to keep them and your family healthy, you can't neglect pet health or premise sanitation. Prevent contamination of the soil by body wastes of dogs and cats in areas adjacent to houses, and play areas. Bury deeply or otherwise dispose of stools of dogs and cats passed in the play areas. Deworm dogs and cats less than six months' old and thereafter as indicated, destroying the worms and feces passed as the result of the treatment.

Educate the family as to the source and origin of the infection, particularly the dangers of eating dirt. Teaching your children the good health habit of washing their hands after playing in the soil and before eating can prevent a lot of problems from developing.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Nina Hayslip and Mrs. Ada Kimberlin returned home last week from a two weeks visit in East Texas with relatives.

A LETTER FROM THE BILL EDWARDS

Dear Celeste,
Just a few lines to let you know we haven't forgotten you, and everyone at Ropes. We still enjoy the Plainsman and read it from cover to cover every week. The good news and the sad.

We wish to take this means of wishing all our friends in and around Ropes a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With best regards to all, and thank you—always,
The Bill Edwards

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FIFTEEN ACCIDENTS IN HOCKLEY COUNTY

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 15 accidents on rural highways in Hockley County during the month of November, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in ten persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$9,325.00.

The rural accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1970 shows a total of 122 accidents resulting in two persons killed, 69 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$96,244.00.

Traffic wise, the month of December has proven to be the most destructive month to the life of mankind — Death by a Motor Vehicle. In order to help reduce the traffic accidents and make this a happy holiday season, the patrol supervisor lists some safe holiday driving rules:

- Check your car; be sure it is in safe driving condition.
- Use seat belts to safeguard your family and yourself.
- Be alert to road, weather, and traffic hazards.
- Do not overdrive for the existing conditions.
- Allow plenty of time for your travel.
- Make courtesy your code for the road; it pays.

NATIONAL ENGLISH FRATERNITY

Bill McCormick has been invited to join the Psi Delta Chapter of the National English Honor Fraternity, Sigma Tau Delta, at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. The requirements for membership is to maintain an average in all subjects of three points (B), and a 3.25 or higher point average in English.

Bill is a senior at Texas Tech University and a 1967 graduate of Ropes High School.

RECEIVES SCOUTER'S KEY

C. T. McCormick, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 563, was recently awarded the Scouter's Key by the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Scouter's Key is awarded to Boy Scout leaders who have performed for a period of time and completed all the training requirements to be qualified as a fully trained leader.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

The Junior Girl Scouts sang Christmas songs at their recent meeting. Mary Curoz served the members refreshments.

NOTICE —

Ropesville City Hall will be closed December 21st through 25th for the Christmas holidays.

VISIT IN BIG SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Menton Roberts and Mrs. M. L. Roberts Jr. and children were in Big Spring Sunday where they visited M. L. Jr. who is in the Veteran's Hospital there.

CUB SCOUTS PRESENT PROGRAM THURSDAY

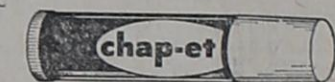
Den 3 of the Ropes Cub Scouts presented a Christmas program Thursday night for the Eastern Star.

Scouts who sang songs and presented a reindeer skit were Lynn Jackson, Gregg Watts, Freddie Thomas, Mark Moore, Scott McNabb and Brad Whitely.

Each boy was presented a scrap book by the Chapter.

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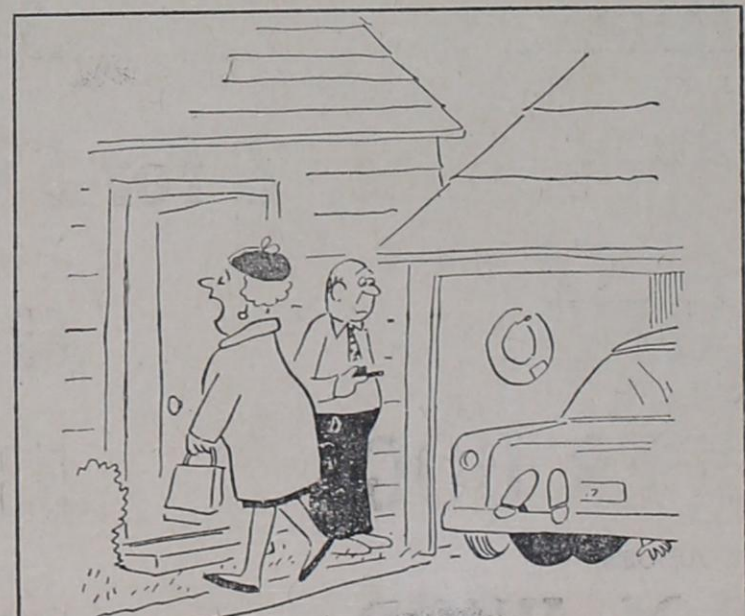
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CREAM CHEESE .35

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MARGARINE, .19

POUND SHURFINE
COFFEE .79

48 COUNT LIPTON
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6 OUNCES HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE
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GROUND ROUND .79

POUND PORK SHOULDER
ROAST .39

POUND CURED HALF OR WHOLE
HAMS .59

POUND FRESH GROUND
Hamburger .45

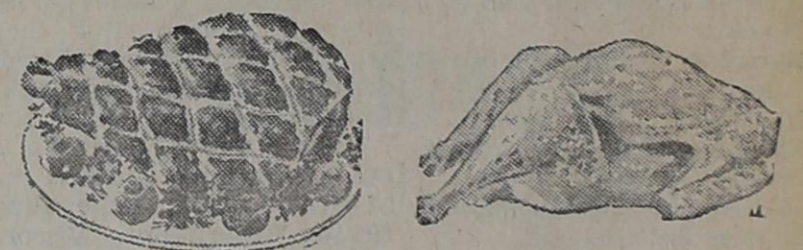
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HAM \$1.49

POUND ALL MEAT
Bologna .59

POUND USDA WHOLE
FRYERS .29

POUND CHUCK
ROAST .53

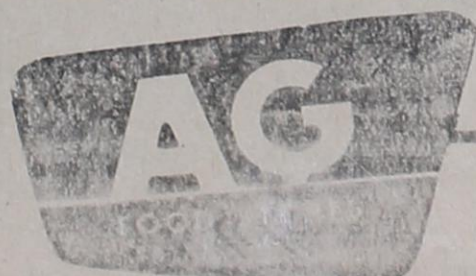
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