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If there is an X in this box it is notice your subscription has expired and an invitation to renew.

JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

How 'bout this cotton vickin' weather.

It gives everybody work, a dab o' money, dirty, smiling faces at another load of that fluffy white stuff brought in, and dashes the boll weevil's hopes.

Comes a time even in West Texas when the sun must shine.

Harvest sure comes at a convenient time, with Christmas already visible.

A dream come true? Well, yes sir, it sure looks like it! We were informed this week that the City has received word that the State FHA office has approved the contract to the Panhandle Construction Company for the sanitary system for Ropes.

As we understand it, they must be given two weeks notice before starting, so our long hopd for sewer may be just about as close as Christmas, and boy, that's close.

Reckon how it'll feel to close up the smelly, unsanitary cesspools that cover almost everyone's yards. Wonder how it'll feel to have the washer water going somewhere besides just out in the yard.

Comes a time when your yard is full of cesspools, no place else to drill, pipes running from one to another, and the expense of having them cleaned out.

We also firmly believe this will help our town to grow, both in places of business, which we sorely need, and also in the residential sections.

We do not have any idea of how many working days this project is supposed to take, but we will breathe a sigh of relief when the first alley is staked out and the first ditch is dug.

Done your Christmas shopping yet? We get a shock each time we see December on the calendar or behold Christmas decorations. Boy, was are sure behind the times of this year., and it just about gone, too.

And, we bring you the following food for thought, who's author is unknown:

- More action and less faction.
- More tithes and less drives.
- More workers and fewer shirkers
- More backers and fewer slackers;
- More prayers and less strayers
- More of God's plans and less of man's.
- More divine power and less human pow-wows.
- More burder bearers and fewer tale bearers
- More fighting suads and less tight-wads.
- More tongues of fire and fewer firey tongues
- More zealous effort and less jealous thoughts
- More love for the Word and less love for the world
- More seeking for grace and less seeking for place.
- More holiness of life and less bickering and strife
- More fasting and praying and less feasting and playing.
- More religion in politics and less politics in religion.

Did you know that the sure way to make a postage stamp stick is to put the wrong address on the envelope?

If you want to live a life of utter confusion, try printing a newspaper.

And Benjamin Franklin said: There are two ways of being happy. We may either diminish our wants or augment our means — either will do — the result is the same. It is for each man to decide for him self and do that which is easiest. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and if you are very wise you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.

Jr. High Honor Roll

Following is the second six weeks honor roll for Ropes Junior High:

- GRADE 4-A
A HONOR ROLL
Donna Marcy
John Cowan
Darrel Boedecker
- B HONOR ROLL
Darry Jones
Gary Don Means
Stan Gardner
Mark Blessing
Fernando Cruz
Johnny Cruz
- GRADE 4-B
A HONOR ROLL
Kim Lemon
Steven Sims
David Riojas
- B HONOR ROLL
Sabra Hewlett
Lucy Salas
Terry Allen
Joel Drake
Larry Curry
Alan Miller
Chuck Owens
- GRADE 5-A
A HONOR ROLL
Kenny Darby
Doyle McClellan
Kay Witt
- B HONOR ROLL
Donna Hurt
- GRADE 5-B
B HONOR ROLL
Belia Gonzales
LaWana Smith
Kathy Searcy
Randy Melton
Tony Lara

- Ricky Kimberlin
Dicki Arant
- GRADE 6-A
A HONOR ROLL
Jeff Arnwine
Ricky Streety
- B HONOR ROLL
Scott Drake
Beverly Strickland
Frances Martin
- GRADE 6-B
A HONOR ROLL
Debbie Johnson
- B HONOR ROLL
Sherri Collins
Damacio DeLeon
Monte Moore
- GRADE 7-A
B HONOR ROLL
Frank Quintanilla
- GRADE 7-B
B HONOR ROLL
Charles Chambers
Rex Darby
Kelli Lewis
- GRADE 8-A
B HONOR ROLL
Tony Streety
Irene Thomas
- GRADE 8-B
B HONOR ROLL
Sherry Fry
Teresa Lindley
Juanita Reyna

NOTICE —

The Plainsman will start sending a paper each week to Santa Claus from now to Christmas. You are invited to get your letter to Santa to us so that we can print them and get them mailed in plenty of time.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

December 3, 1969
Ropesville, Texas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Talking Barbie, wig, Dancarina, Spiro-graph, Suzy Homemaker washing machine, clothes for Barbie and Dancarina, and a Boy Doll Allen, candy and fruit. Thanks Santa and don't forget my brother.
I Love You,
Carla Kay Arthur
P.S. Anything else you want to bring

December 3, 1969
Ropesville, Texas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Boy Doll Allen, Tricky Busy School Bus, Spiro-graph, Hot Wheels Sprint Set and lots o' track, Talking Barbie, Boy Doll clothes, candy and fruit. Thanks Santa and don't forget my sister.

I Love You,
Charles Henry Arthus
P.S. Anything else you want to bring

BAPTIST YOUTH WILL PRESENT MUSICAL PRODUCTION SUNDAY

The Young People of the First Baptist Church will present a musical production entitled "The Answer" Sunday, December 7, 1969. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE ADVENT

- Don McWhorter

The Advent Season which is in preparation for Christmas is a time in the Christian Year four Sundays before Christmas Day.

The purpose of the time in the Christian Church is a time of preparing ourselves for the Coming of the Lord. We must prepare ourselves spiritually and mentally to accept the Lord as a gift from God for Salvation.

In this commercial world we take some of the objects of the Christmas Story and turn them into the greatest spiritual moments and then we turn some of them into just plain and simple commercialism.

The use of the gift giving which the wise men did has become to be the time of year when we spend all of our extra money and some we cannot really afford for gifts. This is really a well meant idea and the joy received at Christmas and the joy of giving the gifts makes this part of the Christmas commercial season very meaningful. To me the joy with which gifts are given and the joy of receiving tokens of love from others makes the gift which God gave in His Son on that first Christmas much more meaningful and personal.

We must be aware of the pitfalls of just thinking of gifts for themselves and not of what they symbolize in this gift of love from God.

There is too much of the world which is turning away from Christ and His initial purposes. We should keep the Advent Season in preparation of Christ on as high a spiritual plane as possible. We should be able to tell our children and others about how wonderful it is that we have a tradition of Gift Giving and Santa Claus coming because of that wonderful coming of Christ and the gifts borne by the Wise Men and most of all, the Gift from God.

Let's keep Christ in Christmas this year.

The Observer and the Observed

by Dave K. Powers

During the 1969 Conference on Evangelism, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, two hippies walked down the outside aisle and sat down cross-legged on the floor in front of the large evening crowd. As Billy Graham began to speak, one of the hippies stood to his feet. "Mr. Graham, may I ask you a question..."

Before he could finish his question a group of strong-armed ushers hustled him and his companion out of the auditorium. The confusion was increased by a group of 100 to 150 delegates who surged out of the auditorium in defense of the hippies.

Keith Miller, in the meantime was attempting to hold the congregation together. Unable to carry out the regular program Mr. Miller said, "We have been talking a lot about being Christ-like. Yet two people, who probably look more like Jesus did than anyone else here — have been taken out of the room."

The hippies were ushered back into the auditorium. The next day Billy Graham apologized publicly to both the hippies and the delegates. He concluded, "They are the kind of people we should be reaching." I agree. Don't you?

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Gusets for Thanksgiving in the home of Ruby Drake were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake and family of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Forbes of Seminole.

The Rotary organization, which was responsible for the founding of the Easter Seal movement 50 years ago, continues its support of Easter Seal programs to help handicapped children and adults.

Sealed bids will be accepted until December 8, 1969, on a 40'x110' barracks building to be moved. Bids may be turned in at the Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin Office.

VISIT IN ROPES

Mr. and Mrs. Jehue Price of Dallas visited over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society met recently and elected officers for the 1969-70 year. They are: President, Ricky Braden; Vice president, Royce Borland; Secretary, Cookie Jordan; Treasurer, Iva Hobbs; Reporter, Pam Ream.

The new members for the coming year were inducted at a school assembly. The theme of the induction program was 'Peace'. The mem-

bers presented the program and told the characteristics of a good National Honor Society member.

Members inducted were Dwain Davis, Denise Carpenter, Sandra Arnwine, Jane Murphy, Joan Wright Wes Bradshaw, Lynn Searcy, Martha Smith, Ricky Blackmon and Kirk Lewis.

Members enjoyed cookies and punch following the program.

High School Honor Roll

The Ropes Senior High School Honor Roll for the second six weeks is as follows:

- SENIORS
A HONOR ROLL
Iva Hobbs
Pam Ream
Paula McCormick
Becky Carpenter
- B HONOR ROLL
Mike Allen
Martha Smith
Beth Gresham
Cookie Jordan
Dwain Davis
Ricky Blackmon
- JUNIORS
B HONOR ROLL
Wanda Kelso
Gracie Martinez
Kathy Hobbs
Shirleen Butner
Steve Kimberlin
Royce Borland
Travis White
- SOPHOMORES
B HONOR ROLL
James Cervantez
Denise Carpenter
Teresa Huie
Dale Thetford
Wes Bradshaw
Kirk Lewis
Sandra Arnwine

Jane Murphy

- FRESHMEN
B HONOR ROLL
Elia Quintanilla
Roy Don Dodson
David Carpenter
Danny Carpenter
Kathy Lemon
Glenna Marcy
Helen Harris
Becky Braden
Vicki Bartlett
Cathy Abston

VEHICLE INSPECTION IS LAGGING

Austin — Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said recently that motor vehicle inspections in Texas are running almost 30 percent behind the inspection rate at this time last year.

"Unless the inspection rate increases, there are going to be some awfully long lines at inspection stations prior to the April 15 deadline," Speir said.

During the year which ended August 31, some 6.3 million vehicles were inspected in Texas. Since September 1, only 538,000 have received the required inspection.

The State Motor Vehicle Inspection Act was amended by the Legislature to provide that inspection stickers issued after September 1 will expire 12 months from the date of issue. However, the law requires that all motor vehicles display a new sticker before April 15.

Speir noted that the new stickers are being placed on the driver's side of the windshield and contain a number tab showing the month of expiration. The old stickers are on the passenger or right-hand side and have no number tab.

Christmas parcels mailed to Service men overseas should be mailed during the following dates:

4. AIRMAIL — December 1 to December 13.

(1) PACKAGING: All parcels should be securely packed in boxes of wood, metal, solid fiberboard or strong double faced corrugated fiberboard. The fiberboard boxes should be securely wrapped in heavy paper which materially strengthens the package. Each box should be well tied with strong cord. Use sufficient packing material to prevent any rattling or loosening of articles within the package. A slip showing the list of contents and name and address of sender and addressee should be enclosed in the parcels. Please check at the Post Office in regard to Customs Declaration tags before bringing in your parcels for mailing.

Revival Services at Church of the Nazarene



REV. G. STUART McWHIRTER

Rev. G. Stuart McWhirter, an elder in the Church of the Nazarene is a full time evangelist for his denomination.

Mr. McWhirter began preaching in his early teens and served as pastor and conducted his own radio program at the age of 17.

Although a young man in his early thirties Mr. McWhirter is a mature preacher and a devout Bible student. His messages are heart stirring, yet tender. He spices his sermons with excerpts from favorite hymns and poems, and with his constant flow of descriptive adjectives the stories take on life and exuberance.

God has given him a unique talent and his ability to communicate to his audience is reflected in his successful altar services.

Mr. McWhirter is in constant demand as a preacher in churches and camp meetings throughout the United States including the Hawaiian Islands.

Pastor Dave K. Powers cordially invites you to hear the word of God December 1 through 7, 1969, 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Peggy Morrow Elkins Y. Woman of America

Mrs. Peggy Charlene Morrow Elkins of 5412 30th, Lubbock has been nominated as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America by the Lambda Iota Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Outstanding Young Women of America is a program designed to recognize the abilities of young women between the ages of 21 and 35 throughout the country.

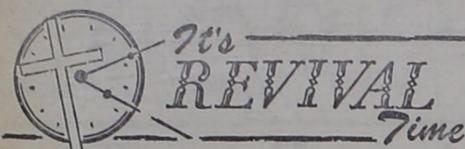
This annual program recognizes those young women who unselfishly contribute to the betterment of their communities, professions, and country.

Each year over 5,000 young women are nominated as Outstanding Young Women of America by lead-

ing women's organizations and college alumnae associations across the country. These young women's complete biographical sketches are featured in the annual compilation, OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA.

From among the young women included in Outstanding Young Women of America, fifty are selected each year — one from each state — for their state's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award.

Guidelines for selection include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, community service, professional excellence, business advancement and civic and professional recognition.



DECEMBER 1 THROUGH 7 7:30 P.M. DAILY
G. STEWART McWHIRTER, EVANGELIST
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE — ROPESVILLE

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.

ROPEVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
WELCOME TO ALL

Dave K. Powers, Minister Elwood & Timmons

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will be held at the Nazarene Church December 1 through 7 at 7:30 p.m. daily. There will be no morning services. Evangelist G. Stewart McWhirter will bring the messages. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend these services.

NAZARENES GIVE \$7 MILLION TO WORLD MISSIONS

Members of the Church of the Nazarene gave over \$7,000,000 to the denomination's world mission program in 1969.

Dr. John L. Stockton, general treasurer, estimated that the 1969 giving total would reach \$7,300,000. This would be an increase of 6 1/2 per cent over the \$6,854,000 spent on Nazarene world missions in '68.

The Nazarene world mission program takes in work by over 600 missionaries, teachers, doctors, nurses and builders and world-wide broadcasting schedules.

Early in 1970, Nazarenes will open work in Honduras which will be the 49th world area with work sponsored by the denomination. A church also has been started in Guam, in the Mariana Islands of the Pacific. Other gains during the year were the construction of English-speaking churches in Tokyo and at Yoshihara Okinawa.

A total of 41 Nazarene college students gave their summer vacations in 1969 to work at mission stations in South and Central America. This plan will be repeated in 1970.

More than 200 pastors attended the first Nazarene Central American

preachers' conference at Guatemala City, Guatemala, December 1-5. The new Nazarene Central American Bible College is scheduled to open in March, 1970, on a campus near San Jose, Costa Rica.

The Nazarene world mission program has 85,879 church members and an enrollment of 167,500 in Sunday schools. The denomination has a world membership of over 465,000 persons.

The world mission work is financed by prayer and fasting offerings, World Mission Special offerings, and the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings.

POWERS' ACCEPTED AS MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Rev. and Mrs. Dave K. Powers, pastor of the Ropesville Church of the Nazarene, have been accepted by the Department of World Missions as Missionary Candidates. In a letter received November 26, 1969, Dr. E. S. Phillips, Executive Secretary of the department, informed the Powers' their applications were received too late for January, 1970 appointment. The letter also stated they were being invited to the 1970 Missionary Training Conference being held on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., near Boston. It will be held sometime in June, 1970.

IN ROPES

Mrs. Ellen McWhirter is here with her husband who is conducting revival services at the Church of the Nazarene, and is enjoying West Texas.



CONGRATULATIONS TO —

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson on birth of a son at 3:30 a.m. Monday, December 1 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He weighed 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces and has been named James Bradley.

The Johnsons have two daughters, Brenda and Debbie.

THANKSGIVING DINNER ON SUNDAY IN SIMS HOME

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner was served on Sunday in the home of r. and Mrs. Tony Sims. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher of Ropes, Mrs. H. A. (Wilma) Jamerson of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. Dottie Wilson and two children of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gotcher and Mrs. Lavern Nesvarthy and five children of Artesia, New Mexico, Dennis Ray Gotcher and Ann Strain of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sims and children of Ropes.

VISITS DOCTOR

Jim Gotcher was in Lubbock last Friday for medical care.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS IN WHITENER HOME

Guests for Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener were Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Means and Shannon of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Borland of Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn, Calvin and Kyle of Ropes.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN EAST TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox and family of Plains spent the holidays in Denton visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitehead, Teresa and Tracy, and in McKinney with Mr. and Mrs. Odie Loran, and other relatives.

IN CALIFORNIA OVER HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and Mrs. Emory Hobbs spent the holidays in California visiting relatives.

THANKSGIVING DINNER ON FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and children of Lubbock were guests Friday for a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin.

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HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests for the holidays and for Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Irene Morris and Marguerite Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris of Port Neches, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara and Steve Whitfield of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene of Ropes.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Renea and Rickey Tindel of Levelland visited Tuesday in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield. Mr. and Mrs. Tindel were attending funeral services for his brother-in-law.

IN CLOUDCROFT OVER HOLIDAYS

Mrs. James Pierce, Randy and Becky spent the holidays in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

ATTENDING FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kulms are in Robstown on the sad mission of attending funeral services for a niece.

IN ABILENE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and Paula spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Abilene visiting with relatives.

HOLIDAY GUESTS IN POINTER HOME

Guests for Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer were Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Holt, Mrs. Hattie Pointer of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sparkman of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell of Ropes.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN EAST TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cate and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims spent the holiday visiting in Cleburn and Keene.

VISITS DOCTOR

Robert Mayfield was in Lubbock Wednesday for a medical checkup.

GUESTS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Guests for Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Drake and boys included Mr. and Mrs. Jehue Price of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rainwater, Chad and Susie of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, Ropes.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. Jim Gotcher was on the sick list Sunday.

RETURNS HOME

Harry Marrett is now at home after being in the hospital several days last week.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Guests for Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin were Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Thedford and family of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Martin and family of Ropes.

VISITS IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. Ada Kimberlin visited in Lubbock on Thanksgiving with Mrs. James V. Jones and Jesse Jones.

TO RETURN FROM GERMANY

Doyle (Sonny) Odom and his wife and family will return to the States for the Christmas holidays. He has been stationed in Germany for three years.

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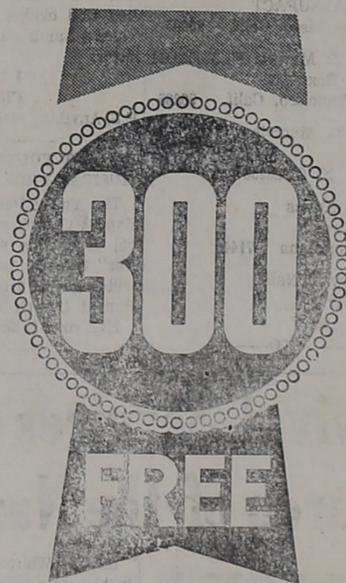
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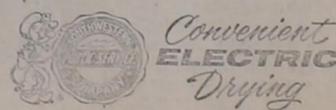
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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of HOCKLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 99th District Court of Lubbock County, on the 1st day of December 1969, by J. R. Dever, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Three Hundred Seven and 50-100 (\$307.50) Dollars plus interest at 7 per cent from October 13, 1966 and \$75.00 attorney's fees and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Municipal Investment Corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. 58914 and styled MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION vs. W. F. ROBINSON and wife, TINNIE MAE ROBINSON, placed in my hands for service, I WEIR CLEM as Sheriff of Hockley County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of December 1969, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Hockley County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Twenty-Three (23) and Twenty-Four (24), and Twenty-Five (25), Block Three (3), Carter Addition to the City of Sundown, Hockley County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of W. F. ROBINSON and wife, TINNIE MAE ROBINSON and that on the first Tuesday in January 1970, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Hockley County, in the City of Levelland Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. F. ROBINSON and wife, TINNIE MAE ROBINSON.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the ROPES PLAINSMAN, a newspaper published in Hockley County, Texas. Witness my hand, this 4th day of December 1969.

WEIR CLEM
Sheriff HOCKLEY County, Texas

THANKSGIVING GUESTS IN CAIN HOME

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain and Harlan for Thanksgiving were Mrs. Ulys Gregg and Mary Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Carter and Larry, Mrs. Vera Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Liles, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Browning, all of Lubbock;

Mitch Browning of Tahoka, Mrs. Delton Gregg of Brownfield, Mrs. Robert Liles, Dennis and Danelle, and Mrs. Dave Gregg, all of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter of Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knight and Karon, Mrs. Donald Caddell and Donna, all of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clardy and family of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harrison and family of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards and Huie of Blue Ridge, and Mrs. Floyd Brock of Celina.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kulms were guests for Thanksgiving dinner in the Harry Marret home.

SPEND THANKSGIVING IN LUBBOCK

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in Lubbock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Aldridge were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield of Ropes, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Littlefield and children of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Tindel and children of Levelland.

NEEDLE CLUB MEETS

The Ropesville Needle Club met Thursday, November 20th in the home of Mrs. Bob Thomas. There were ten members and two visitors present. A quilt was quilted, and refreshments served to the following:

Mrs. Ruby Drake, Mrs. Maggie Chitwood, Mrs. Faye Rogers, Mrs. Tressie Exum, Mrs. Beryl Rosser, Mrs. Maurine Condra, Mrs. Nina Hayslin, Mrs. Jewel Whitener, Mrs. Ann Christopher, Amy Dees from Dallas, and Ethel Sadsberry from Chule Vista, California.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party December 13, in the home of Mrs. E. N. Exum.

ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Following is the menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria for the week of December 8 through 12:

Monday — Tamales with catsup, pinto beans, potato salad, cherry cobbler, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday — Fried chicken, foot-ball potatoes, buttered broccoli, peanutbutter cookies, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday — Burritos with chili, green beans, tossed salad, wheat rolls and butter, Jello with whipped topping and milk.

Thursday — Meat balls, spaghetti in tomato sauce, buttered green peas, banana pudding, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Friday — Hamburgers, French fries, sliced tomato and pickle on lettuce leaf, mustard and onion, fruit cup and milk.

DOUBLE RING VOWS READ

Wedding vows for Miss Joan Catherine Melcher and Michael Ray Blackmon were read at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Christ the King Catholic Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Brandon McCormick of Slaton officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Melcher, Route 1, Meadow, and Mrs. Ida Langford, Lubbock and Donald Blackmon, Route 1, Ropesville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal-length gown of white satin and Alecon lace, featuring an empire bodice.

Attendants were Miss Dell Ingram of Meadow, maid of honor, and Terry Bradshaw of Ropesville, best man. Miss Ingram wore a moss green crepe dress with A-line skirt and empire waistline.

Bill Blackmon of Ropesville and Mike Melcher of Meadow seated guests.

A reception followed in the Parish Hall.

The couple will be at home in Charleston, South Carolina, where the bridegroom will be stationed in the U.S. Army. He is a 1968 graduate of Ropes High School.

The bride is a graduate of Meadow High School and is employed by T.I.M.E.-DC.

IN LUBBOCK THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin and family spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock in the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade.

W.M.S. MET TUESDAY

The W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday for a meeting and covered dish luncheon for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Mrs. Tom Jackson was in charge of the program.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. C. B. Ward, Mrs. Tom Jackson, Mrs. Bill Curry, Mrs. Otto Sims, Mrs. Bill Berry, Mrs. Gene Lewis, Mrs. John Ream, Mrs. Ray Martin, Mrs. Marvin Awbrey and Mrs. Harry Marrett.

BACKFIRE

New York — The Insurance Information Institute notes that the destructive potential of fireworks is sharply reflected by a Fourth of July conflagration in Portland, Me. in 1866 which destroyed 1,500 buildings and caused \$10 million damage. The fire was started by a carelessly tossed firecracker.

ACCIDENTS

(Delayed)

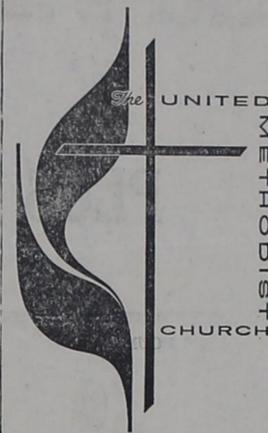
No one was injured in a mishap recently nine miles west of Ropes on Far Road 41.

A 1968 Chevrolet pickup driven by Emory Hobbs of Ropes was reportedly attempting to pass two vehicles when a 1966 Oldsmobile driven by James Keese of Ropes attempted a left hand turn into his private drive and collided with the Hobbs vehicle.

Only minor damages were reported to both vehicles.

Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield escaped serious injury last week when she lost control of her car and overturned between Wolforth and Lubbock.

METHODIST NEWS



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 147 Phone 562-3881

Ropesville, Texas 79358

"Located on the Lubbock Road"

Sunday School 10:00

Morning Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

Don McWhorter, Pastor

Methodist Youth will attend Sunday School at the Church of the Nazarene December 7th. The purpose of this visit is to learn more about the other denominations and plan to grow in strength of their own personal lives by sharing with others.

and to share with one another their own personal spiritual lives. The needs of those around us are of major concern to the groups.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Howard Johnsons are the proud parents of a baby boy born at 3:00 a.m. Monday. He was named James Bradley, and weighed 7 pounds 14½ ounces. Mr. Johnson returned home about 9:00 p.m. Sunday after stripping cotton most of the day. Mrs. Johnson was taken to the hospital around 1 a.m. Monday and Howard was quoted as having said, "It's alright to go now because I'm out of trailers anyway." Well, the crop must be gotten in and the baby must be born in their own good time, it's nice how things work out sometime. Congratulations, Howard, Georgia Nell, Brenda and Debbie, we know you will love and cherish little brother.

ADVENT SERVICES

The lighting of the Advent Candles will be held each Sunday morning in December at the beginning of the morning worship service. A special candlelight service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 21 as the Christmas Celebration. The Childrens Division and the Youth, along with the Choir, will present a staging of the Nativity during Advent. The date and time will be set later.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

The Women's Society of Christian Service will hold its annual Christmas party at 2:30 p.m. December 10th at the home of Mrs. Syble Harris. All ladies are planning to bring a gift to exchange.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The Fellowship Groups will meet in the homes Wednesday, December 10th. All members of the church are invited to attend one of these four meetings. The members will be contacted by the host for the meeting, and given the place and time his group will meet. These groups meet in the informal atmosphere of the member's homes to study and discuss the Word of God

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

December 8, Isaiah 43:1-21
December 9, Isaiah 44:1-8
December 10, Isaiah 49:1-13
December 11, Isaiah 52:1-12
December 12, Isaiah 52:13; 53:12
December 13, Isaiah 55:1-12
December 14, Isaiah 60:1-14

METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 a.m. December 17 instead of the regular fourth Wednesday which is Christmas Eve. All men of the church are invited to come for breakfast. It's too early to work anyhow! See you there!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE — Black & White RCA TV; Early American Cabinet; Call 562-3802, Mrs. W. O. Drake.

TEXAS OIL COMPANY has opening in Ropesville area. No experience necessary. Age not important. Good character a must. We train. Air Mail A. R. Dickerson, Pres., Southwestern Petroleum Corp., Fort Worth, Texas.

WANTED — POST HOLE DIGGER FOR FORD TRACTOR. SEE MANSFIELD THOMAS.

FOR THE LATE SHOPPER, MEATS AND BREAD ARE AVAILABLE AT MANSFIELD'S SHELL SERVICE STATION.

FOR SALE — 2 BDRM. HOUSE TO BE MOVED, \$2400; ONE LOT IN PIEDMONT ADDITION. ONE LOT IN WEST SIDE ADDITION, LUBBOCK, \$950 EACH. G. H. DALTON, RT. 2 BOX 178, WHITNEY, TEXAS 76692.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say thank-you to each and everyone for the visits, cards, flowers and all acts of concern during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Wayne Morgan

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Waco — (Sp) — The Texas Farm Bureau this year scored its largest annual membership gain in 13 years, with a total count at year's end of 116,622, according to Wayne L. Little, TFB director of field services.

This is an increase of almost 6,000 members over the 1968 figure of 110,682. A total of 168 of the 203 organized county Farm Bureaus registered gain, Little said.

The TFB's fiscal year ended on October 31, and the membership figure was announced on November 6 following calculation of all members transmitted to the state office by the end of October.

Little said that in the past four years, Texas Farm Bureau has gained more members than all other general farm organizations in the state have on their membership rolls.

The TFB official said the organization's growth is an indication of the desire of farmers and ranchers of Texas to attain unity in their ranks.

WHAT'S BETTER THAN A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

TWO CHRISTMAS GIFTS ...



MASTER CHEF (AMK)

This popular patio pair is now being offered at this special sale price especially for the holiday season. And, while the next few months may not be patio weather, there's no reason you should wait 'til Spring to give your family these fine gifts.

Come warmer weather the economical gas barbeque grill and the charming gas light will be a welcome addition to your patio scene. So, call Pioneer Natural Gas and tell them you want to give the patio pair to your family for Christmas.

Why wait 'til warm weather to be nice to your family?

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GOOD COFFEE COURTEOUS SERVICE DELICIOUS FOOD
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IMPERIAL	FIVE POUNDS	TEN POUNDS
Sugar	.49	.98
GLADIOLA		FIVE POUNDS
Flour		.45
SHURFINE	26 OUNCES	
SALT, 2 FOR		.19
DESSERT TOPPING	EIGHT OUNCES	
DREAM WHIP		.86
FOUR OUNCES LIPTON		
INSTANT TEA		\$1.49
THIRTEEN OUNCES HIPP-O-LITE		
MARSHMALLOW CREAM		.35
FOUR ROLL PACK DELSEY		
BATH TISSUE		.55
TWO HUNDRED COUNT CHIFFON		
FACIAL TISSUE		.29
TWELVE OUNCES FISHER RAW SPANISH		
PEANUTS		.37
WILSON'S BIF CHOPPED BEEF	TWELVE OUNCE CAN	
LUNCHEON MEAT		.59
SHURFINE	300 CAN	
PORK & BEANS, 2 FOR		.21
SHURFINE	EIGHT OUNCE CAN	
TOMATO SAUCE, 2 FOR		.19
SHURFINE	FOUR OUNCE CAN	
VIENNA SAUSAGE, 2 FOR		.49
COMET	GIANT SIZE	
CLEANSER		.23
TIDE	GIANT SIZE	
DETERGENT		.69
FOUR POUND BAG		
PINTO BEANS		.49
SHURFINE DILL CHIP, DILL OR SOUR	22 OUNCES	
PICKLES		.39
BOXEY	POUND CAN	
DOG FOOD, 3 FOR		.25

Finest Quality
MEATS

FRESH GROUND	POUND
Hamburger	.39
CHUCK	POUND
ROAST	.59
PRIME RIB	POUND
STEAK	.79
SWISS	POUND
STEAK	.79
SHURFINE	POUND
BACON	.79
SHURFRESH QUARTERS	POUND
OLEO	.19

Garden Fresh
Vegetables

STALK	EACH
CELERY	.12
DELICIOUS	POUND
Apples	.15
CELLO BAG	
CARROTS, 2 FOR	.25

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MORTON FRUIT, CREAM, MINCE OR PUMPKIN	
PIES, 3 FOR	\$1
SHURFINE CUT	TEN OUNCES
CORN	.19
GORTON	POUND
FISH STICKS	.65

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