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Early Morning Tragedy Takes Life of B. Thetford

The Ropes community was startled and shocked Tuesday morning when it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Thetford had been found shot in their home northeast of Ropesville.

"As near as we can piece together what happened," Sheriff Weir Clem told the Plainsman, "it was murder and suicide."

Mr. and Mrs. Thetford had been separated for about a year and she had filed for a divorce, at the same time placing him under a restraining order not to visit the house. Last week, the sheriff told us, there had been trouble when Billy Dean visited the home and beat up his wife. A friend of Mrs. Thetford told us, "Alice told me last week she was afraid of him and thought he was going to try to kill her."

The events which led up to the tragedy started at approximately 6 a.m. when Billy Dean left the home of his mother in Lubbock where he had spent the night. He arrived at the family home about 6:15 o'clock. The 8-year-old boy, William Dale, was awakened by what, according to Sheriff Clem, he described as his father screaming. "I couldn't tell what he was saying. It sounded as if he was screaming at mother. Then I heard three shots. I jumped from bed and ran to the room where they were. They were both laying on the floor and I thought they were dead."

William Dale called his 11-year-old brother and then called the police station in Lubbock, reporting the tragedy by saying, "I think both my father and mother are dead." Through this source the highway patrol was notified, who in turn notified Sheriff Clem in Levelland. A little later the boy called again to report the highway patrol had passed their house without stopping.

"They were still laying on the floor when we arrived," Sheriff Clem told the Plainsman. "Apparently Mrs. Thetford was already up as she was dressed, and on the bar in the kitchen were 8 or 10 trading stamp books with all

of them full of stamps but one, which lacked two rows. The book was open and the necessary stamps to fill it were laying beside it. It is evident she was pasting the stamps in the book when Billy Dean arrived.

"I don't suppose any one will ever know exactly what happened immediately following his arrival, but from indications she had tried to escape by running out the back door. It appeared he had dived at her, caught her around the legs, causing her to fall to the floor. Evidently Billy Dean shot her when she tried to get up, then sent a bullet through his own head as he lay at her feet. He had had powder burns on one side and a bullet hole in the other, indicating the bullet had passed through his head. The bullet which struck Mrs. Thetford appeared to have been a glancing blow just over the right eye, but we never did find but one bullet. The gun, a .32 automatic, had been fired three times, so we decided the bullet which struck her must have lodged in her brain.

"They were both laying in a pool of blood," said Sheriff Clem, "he at her feet. However, he never did completely fall to the floor but hit a small chair and was propped up by a clothes dryer. There was no sign of a struggle in the house, however, in the utility room, about 8 x 12 feet, the place was covered with blood. The bullet we found embedded in the wall was covered by skin. The gun was laying about five inches from his hand."

It was some three years ago that the family returned to the Ropes community from Lubbock and built a brick home and started farming. It was in this home the tragedy took place.

Billy Dean passed away at 9:30 a.m., some three hours after the shooting. He was reared in this community, and was the son of the late T. Thetford, and Mrs. Thetford who resides in Lubbock.

Mrs. Thetford is in a very critical condition. The other son is four years old.

ARCHIE JORDAN SEVERELY BURNED

Archie, 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan west of Ropes, was severely burned last week by an electric shock. He is now in the Taylor Hospital at Lubbock where it is said he is doing nicely.

According to information Archie was sitting on the end of metal irrigation pipe while his father knocked the dirt from it. In handling the pipe it was raised up and contacted overhead electrical wires. The resulting shock knocked Mr. Jordan loose from the pipe, and Archie received the full force, burning the back of his head, his thighs and blistering the bottom of his feet.

SCHOOL MENU FOR MARCH 25 - 29

Monday: Baked ham, potato salad, buttered carrots, fruit cup, bread and milk.

Tuesday: Meat loaf, buttered corn, Harvard beets, hot rolls, blackberry cobbler, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue tips, egg noodles, English pea salad, peaches, light bread, milk.

Thursday: Barbecue wieners, pinto beans, buttered spinach, ice cream, cornbread and milk.

Friday: Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberries, hot rolls, butter and milk.

NOTICE TO NOTARIES PUBLIC

Secretary of State Crawford C. Martin announced that all qualified Notaries Public desiring re-appointment for the new term ending June 1, 1965 must requalify by the payment of the required fee and the filing of a new oath and bond with the County Clerk of his residence between June 1, 1963 and June 10, 1963.

Martin emphasized that Notaries should NOT send requests for re-appointment or for commissions directly to the Secretary of State. The law specifically requires that the County Clerks approve notary bonds.

Any person not now a Notary Public who desires appointment should apply to his County Clerk between April 1, 1963 and May 20, 1963. Application during this period will assure prompt attention before the rush procedure of re-appointing present Notaries.

The Secretary of State further pointed out that each person applying for a commission as a Notary Public must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the county for which he is appointed. The exact name and permanent address of the applicant must be furnished the County Clerk.

MEADOW WINS ONE-ACT PLAY

The District One-Act Plays held in Ropes Tuesday night, Meadow won 1st place and Ropes won 2nd. Other contestants were Union and Wellman. Meadow staged, "Moon Calf Mugford", and Ropes rendered "Dark Brown". Union gave "Double Date", and Wellman, "Through a Glass Darkly". Best actor was Bill Sturdivant; best actress, Connie Holland of Meadow. Best supporting cast; Betty Kirk of Meadow; Sarah Cato of Ropes; Cloy Ventura of Wellman; Lynn Ventura of Union; Mary Lee Gregg, Ropes.

KULMS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kulms had as Sunday visitors Mr. and Mrs. Euel Holcomb and Ella Mae of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Merritt and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Holcomb and mother of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and 4 children, as well as others not named. Seven different families were represented.

BAPTISTS TO ERECT NEW AUDITORIUM

The congregation of the Ropes First Baptist Church has completed plans for the erection of a new auditorium which will be located just west of the present church buildings.

Ground breaking services will be held at the Sunday morning services, when the first shovel full of earth will be turned for the foundation. Builders will be Martin & Son of Lubbock, and architects are Brasher & Goyette. Actual construction will start within the next few days. The building when completed will seat 450 people.

Rev. Wayne Perry, pastor, extends to each and everyone an invitation to worship with them each Sunday.

ART EXHIBIT TO BE ON DISPLAY

A circuit art exhibit consisting of twenty-two paintings sponsored by the Texas Fine Arts Association will be on display at South Plains College, March 22 to April 15. The exhibit consists of oil, casein, ink blot and watercolor masterpieces selected by the juries of the TFAA Spring Jury Show held at Laguna Gloria Art Museum in May 1962; TFAA State Citation Exhibition held at Laguna Gloria in July 1962; and First Texas Fine Arts Association Invitational Exhibition held at New Museum in Austin in November 1962.

Rated in first place is "Mountain Gothic", valued at \$300, and painted in oil color by Raymond Hellburg, instructor of Applied Arts at Texas Tech.

George V. Porter, an artist with Chance Voight Aircraft Company at Dallas, will have his college painting entitled "Spring No. 8" displayed. It was awarded second place.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE NEWS

Janette Jackson is a member of the 1963 Volleyball team at South Plains College.

South Plains College Track Team participated in a track meet at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, N. M. on March 16th. The team will host the South Plains College -Levelland Chamber of Commerce annual Invitational Track meet March 23 at which some 250 boys are expected from eight high school and six junior colleges. Allen Robertson and Mike Cato of Ropes are members of the SPC Track Team.

FHA NEWS

Saturday, March 16, 1963, the Future Homemakers of Ropes High School attended the annual Area Meeting held this year in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. There were about 3,000 girls from the 147 chapters represented. Officers were elected, and Sarah Cato from our chapter was elected third vice president and will be in charge of the projects for Area I during 1963-64.

Dr. Walter Kerr, executive director of the International Youth Crusade, spoke at the first general session. He instilled in each person present, the will to stand up for what one believes in this trying age.

GRANDCHILDREN RETURNED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson were in Westbrook last weekend visiting her brothers, Arlie and J. Moore. Their grandchildren, Joe David and Clayton Dean, who have been visiting there, were picked up there by Joe Stephenson and wife who returned them to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Stephenson in Arlington.

BUD RUCKER BUYS REGISTERED ANGUS BULL

Bud Rucker recently purchased an Aberdeen-Angus bull from Marvin B. Simpson, Robert Lee, Texas.

Oral Polo Vaccine to Be Given on Sunday

Announcement is made that polio oral vaccine No. 3 will be given Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This vaccine is for all ages and is approved by the U. S. Surgeon General.

This is sponsored by the Ropes Lions Club who will have a doctor present to give the vaccine. It is free and everyone in the community not now fully protected is urged to take it.

FASHION SHOW FRIDAY MARCH 22,

The Homemaking Class will be giving a Fashion Show on Friday, March 22, 1963, in the High School Auditorium.

The committees are: Decorations: Glenda Price, Mary Lee Gregg, Jane Spivey, Donnie Blackmon, Berrilyn Thomas, Peggy Tudor, Shirley Odom.

Invitations: Rosie Casteneda, Mary Lee Gregg, Norma Ortiz.

Registration: Marilyn Chitwood, Lynda Snider, Janice Hickman.

Programs: Sue Sosebee, Lidia Montez, Connie Cruz, Rosario Montez.

Description of Dresses: Mary Lee Gregg, Charlotte Johnson, Glenda Price, Juanita Montez.

Refreshments: Janice Hickman, Joyce Bevers, Doris Martin, Linda Harrison, Erma Wrigt, Janet Ream, Sarah Cato, Kay Jackson, Mary Jackson, Brenda Norrell and Kathy McNabb.

Spring Fashion Models: Donnie Blackmon, Marilyn Chitwood, Connie Cruz, Jane Spivey, Mary Lee Gregg, Linda Harrison, Janie Harrison, Rosie Casteneda, Christeene Johnson, Janice Hickman, Charlotte Johnson, Kathy McNabb, Lidia Martinez, Janet Ream, Sarah Cato, Rosario Montez, Mary Jackson, Juanita Montez, Shirley Odom, Norma Ortiz, Glenda Price, Berrilyn Thomas, Christine Johnson, Sue Sosebee, Peggy Tudor, Joyce Bevers, Brenda Norrell, Kay Jackson, Erma Wrigt, Doris Martin.

ROPES NEEDLE CLUB MET MARCH 14th

The Ropesville Needle Club met Thursday, March 14th, in the home of Mrs. Tobe Chitwood. A quilt was quilted. Also, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Phillips from Lubbock showed a film and gave a talk on Nutri-Bio, a food supplement which was very interesting.

There were eight members and five visitors present. Some of the members were not able to attend because of the flu. Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. E. N. Exum, Mrs. Ruby Drake, Mrs. Peck Rogers, Mrs. C. K. Teaff, Mrs. S. E. Whitener, Mrs. Bob Thomas, Mrs. R. H. Hudson, and visitors: Mrs. Esther Sadsberry of Santa Ana Coff, the mother of Mrs. Chitwood, Mrs. Rainwater, the mother of Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. V. L. Wallace, Dorothy Chitwood, and Glenda Glen.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Peck Rogers.

Reporter.

HOMEMAKERS HOLD MEETING MARCH 11

The Young Homemakers met March 11. Patsy Smith brought the meeting to order. Refreshments were served to eleven members by Mary, Nell Dalton and Anita Means. A program on knitting by Sandra McNabb was enjoyed. The next meeting will be on April 8 at 7:30 in the homemaking department. Films will be shown. Everyone is invited.

J. H. WILLIAMSON RITES WERE HELD SATURDAY

Rites were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Methodist Church at Decatur for J. Homer Williamson, 74, who was rural mail carrier here for fifteen years. He was a former resident of Lubbock, and passed away Thursday.

TWO ANNOUNCE FOR ALDERMEN

In the city election, which takes place on April 2, 1963, in the Ropesville City Hall, three aldermen will be elected. Mansfield Thomas and Tommy Littlefield will run for reelection without opposition, while the place made vacant by Shelby Evans not announcing for reelection is being sought by Ken Evans and C. R. Johnson.

The official ballot will be marked by places such as Mansfield Thomas is running for place no. 3, Tommy Littlefield for place no. 4, and Ken Evans and C. R. Johnson for place no. 2.

An item in the Plainsman last week stated no one had announced for place no. 2. This article was supposed to have been thrown in the "hell box", but in some manner the printer's "devil" allowed it to slip into the paper when we were not looking.

CO-OP GIN TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Ropes Farmers Co-op Gin will hold its annual meeting in the school cafeteria and auditorium Friday night, March 22, according to Gene McKee, manager.

First a barbecue supper will be served in the school cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m. Following this will be a business meeting in the auditorium at which time Tolle Stephenson and his band will entertain from 7 to 8 p.m. The business meeting will follow this when there will be an election of directors and by-laws amended. Also, \$3 per bale of cotton ginned will be distributed and will amount to \$44,250.00.

The entire community has a cordial invitation to attend.

HOUSEWARMING FOR BLAIRS

You are invited to a housewarming honoring Roy and Jerry Blair in their home in Meadow Saturday, March 23. Please feel free to come and go if you wish from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hostesses are Mmes. Frank Brown, Joe Burleson, Howard Johnson, A. L. Bevers, Charles Shannon, S. B. Berry, E. B. McKee, Sam Whitener, Billy Wilson, Edward Jordan, Jake Benson, R. D. Moorhead, R. W. Horton, Robert Brooks, Jesse Brooks, Raymond Wilson, Jimmy Swinford, Bill McCallister.

A NEW BOY

A new boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wiley Tuesday night of last week, March 12. He was born in a Lubbock hospital and was named Michael Andrew. He weighed 3 pounds 5 ounces.

A daughter, Theresa Belew and three sons, Dennis, Danny and Douglas, of Orville, Calif., are caring for the new baby and Mrs. Wiley who are doing just fine.

PLANS BEING DRAWN FOR NEW BUILDING

According to information given us plans for the new school building are now being drawn by architects and will be in the hands of the school board this coming week along with estimated cost of the structure.

SENIOR PLAY TO BE MARCH 29

The Ropes school senior play, We "Dude" It, will be staged in the auditorium on Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m.

WANT A FREE HAIR CUT?

Check the numbers appearing below and if any of the five match the number in the Ropes Barber Shop ad on page 5 you will be entitled to a free hair cut. Cut the ad out of the paper and take it with you.

Number 255
Number 260
Number 300
Number 320
Number 425

NAZARENE REVIVAL OPENS THURSDAY

The spring revival at the Ropes Church of the Nazarene opens today (Thursday) with Rev. Austin Moore of Fort Worth bringing the evangelistic messages. Week day services will be at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

VISIT IN ROPES

Miss Winona Shanklin and Ronnie Ivy of Lubbock visited Tuesday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris, and aunt, Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. Ivy, whose home is in Albuquerque, N. M., is a student at Lubbock Christian College.

GONE AFTER GIN MACHINERY

Sid Price and Roy Hardin left this week for Dallas to pick up a part of the machinery to be used in the new gin being built by the Ropes Farmers Cooperative.

SID PRICES VISIT IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price were in Lubbock over the weekend visiting their son, Jehue and wife.

MRS. GOTCHER IMPROVED

Mrs. Jim Gotcher is much improved from a recent illness. Their son, Johnny Gotcher and wife of Brownfield visited them this week.

MRS. PERRY NOW HOME

Mrs. Wayne Perry, who has been in a Lubbock hospital off and on for several weeks for treatment, has been released and is now at home where she is showing improvement.

VISIT IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. Isla Etheridge and Mrs. Joe Allen were in Lubbock Monday visiting.

IN LEVELLAND

Tyree Martin was looking after business in Levelland on Tuesday.

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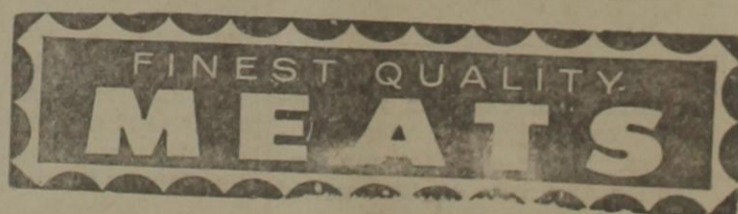
SUNDAY VISITORS

Those visiting in the Troy Morris home Sunday were Mrs. Ethel Steveson, Mrs. Charle Hinson and son, Roscoe, of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara, Lubbock; Mrs. B. J. Thomas and children, Ropes.

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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BISCUITS	12 CANS	.95
LARGE COUNTRY	DOZEN	
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SHURFINE	46 OZ. CAN	
PINEAPPLE JUICE	4 FOR	\$1
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COFFEE		.65
SHURFINE	303 SIZE CAN	
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TOMATOES	9 for	\$1
SHURFINE	TALL CANS	
MILK	8 FOR	\$1
SHURFRESH	POUND	
CRACKERS,		.19
SHURFINE JOLLY GIANT	12 COUNT	
PIES		.39
BAMA PEACH	TWO POUND JAR	
PRESERVES		.49
COLORADO REDS	10 POUND BAG	
SPUDS		.39
CELLO	ONLY	
RADISHES		.05
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SHURFINE	POUND	
MUSTARD		.15
SHURFINE SPAGHETTI OR	7 OZ.	
MACARONI	3 FOR	.25



SPARE		
RIBS	POUND	.33
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FRONTIER		
FRANKS	POUND	.45
LONGHORN		
CHEESE	POUND	.49

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CLUB MEETS

On Wednesday afternoon, March 20, 1963, the Lockettville HD Club met with Mrs. Kathleen Armstrong. Meeting was called to order by our president, Von Ayers.

The meeting opened with everyone repeating the THDA prayer. As a money raising project we started a "Sugar Bowl Fund", which we think everyone will enjoy.

After all business was taken care of refreshments were served by hostess Mrs. Armstrong. Members present were Mrs. Von Ayers, Jean Murphy, Irene Armstrong, Sandra McNabb, Jane Fry. Visitors were Mrs. Nina La-

tham of Lubbock, Theresa Fry and Scott McNabb. Next week's paper will announce place of next meeting. —Reporter.

CHITWOOD WITHDRAWS FROM THE ELECTION

In the trustee election of the Ropes Independent School District which will take place on April 6, J. C. Chitwood has asked that his name be removed from the ballot. This was brought about by the fact that J. C. moved to California and set up residence, and has not been in the district six months since he returned here.

DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

Cards will be sent out this next week to folks in the community giving them an opportunity to help choose two directors for the Ropes Educational Center.

These will be double post cards. All you have to do is tear off the return card, mark the ones you want to vote for and place it in the mail.

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he stressed was that we must place greater emphasis on sensible investment programs offering benefits in terms of long-range economy, and more productive, self-supporting citizens and that we must relentlessly seek actions and programs to achieve efficiency and economy in our state government.

Due to the length of Gov. Connally's talk, I will not repeat it to you word for word but I would like to stress some points that he stressed as being extremely important to our state and to our area and point out the general highmarks of his address.

Gov. Connally made some specific recommendations as far as the vital services of our state government are concerned. These include such things as recommending improved care for our elderly, our sick, and our dependents in the state's hospitals and special schools. He recommended appropriations for the Screwworm Eradication Program. This program has been worked on by the people concerned for the cattlemen of our state for the past year and a half and is in need of additional funds from the state government. The Governor also made recommendations as far as the Attorney General's office is concerned, in recommending additional funds so that the best interest of the people of Texas are protected in our courts. Another proposed appropriation that he made was to the Texas Railroad Commission to include 61 investigators for surveys on oil and gas wells.

In the investment program from the state funds, Gov. Connally stresses the importance of education in our state and to its future. He is recommending that 52c of every dollar in the state appropriations be spent or budgeted for education. He made recommendations for increases in teachers salaries particularly in colleges and universities. He stressed provisions for graduate scholarships and fellowships to help retain our outstanding graduates in our State. He asked for additional funds for research to attract and encourage our outstanding faculty scholars. He recommends an increase for libraries for 625,000 additional volumes in 20 colleges.

Another area that Governor Connally felt was vitally important was the tourist program. The tourist program was brought to attention in the last campaigns and the last general election. Some feel that this is a very important program. He recommends that the State set up the office of Tourist Development to handle this program.

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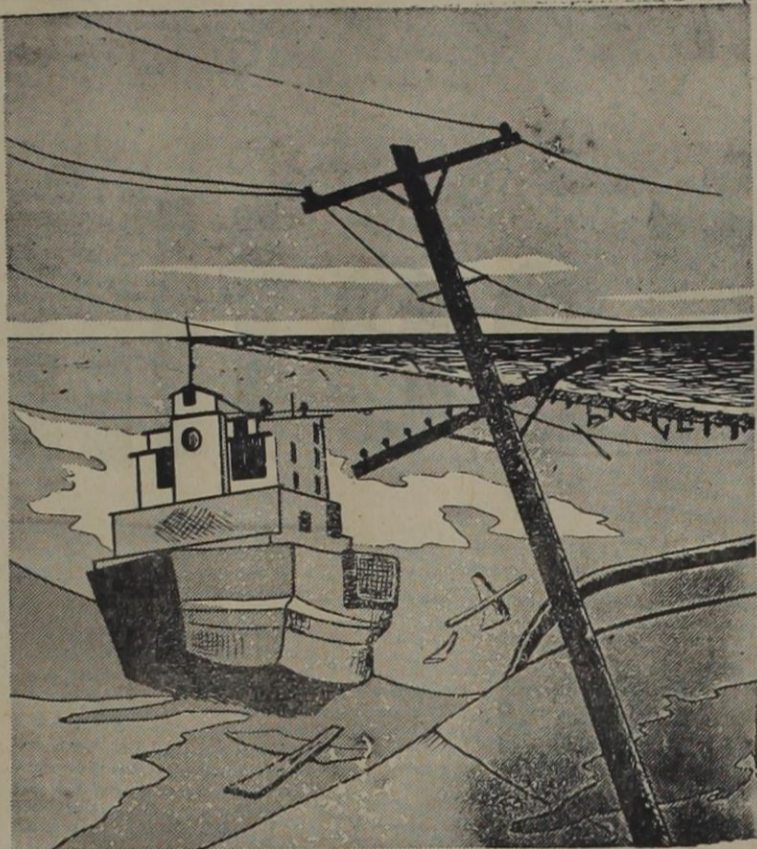
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ROPEVILLE, TEX.

ROPES FARMERS CO-OP GIN

Annual Meeting

March 22, 1963

Bar-B-Que Supper 6 to 8 p. m.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

ENTERTAINMENT

Tollie Stephenson Band

7:00 to 8:00 HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

\$3.00 per B-C dividends in amount \$44,250.00 to be passed out at meeting

Business Meeting in Auditorium

By-Laws to be Amended

Election of 2 Directors

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND COME TO THE MEETING

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF
MEADOW FARMERS COOPERATIVE GINS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF MEADOW FARMERS COOPERATIVE GINS WILL BE HELD ON

MARCH 25, 1963

A FISH FRY MEAL WILL BE SERVED ON

THE MEADOW HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS

BEGINNING AT 5:30 P. M. A BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW AT 7:30 P. M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. ITEMS ON THE PROGRAM FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS ARE:

- ENTERTAINMENT BY JIMMY MACKAY AND HIS BAND.
- DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MEETING. MOVIE FOR THE KIDS DURING BUSINESS MEETING.
- ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- DISTRIBUTION OF DIVIDEND CHECKS AS FOLLOWS:

LAST 30% OF 1957 GIN STOCK	\$16,347.52
FIRST 90% OF 1958 GIN STOCK	42,618.53
\$1.00 PER HUNDRED POUNDS LINT ON BALES GINNED THIS PAST SEASON 1962-63 OR APPROXIMATELY \$5.05 PER BALE ON 14597 BALES GINNED	73,738.65
ON BALES GINNED THIS PAST SEASON	\$15,359.00
3% INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING PREFERRED STOCK	8,330.81
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	\$156,394.51

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEADOW FARMERS COOPERATIVE GINS.

- BILLY McCALLISTER
- HOMER BARRON
- D. S. CARROLL
- CARL RUSSELL
- W. M. CAIN
- ALVIN KING, Manager

PEAK DAY LOAD

REACHES NEW HIGH

Amarillo - A record peak day load of 370,287,000 cubic feet of gas was put through Pioneer Natural Gas Company's pipeline system this past January 11, according to figures released by Billy G. Grant, superintendent of the Company's gas measurement department at Amarillo.

During a severe arctic snap throughout Pioneer Natural's service area in middle January, temperatures dipped to 16 below zero at Lubbock. In Amarillo and surrounding areas, the mercury dropped to 9 below. Other areas throughout the system, which serves 41 Panhandle-South Plains counties, had similar numbing weather.

The peak deliveries of gas were handled from 8 a.m. on January 11 to 8 a.m. on January 12, and topped the previous wintertime peak load of 312,118,000 cubic feet which had occurred on Jan. 9, 1962.

Gas supplies were adequate on the new peak day and there were no failures of a critical nature, according to T. S. Whitis, Pioneer vice president in charge of transmission.

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FOR SALE

Three room house, with bath, to be moved. See Chester Stephenson, or call 3151, Ropesville, Texas. 4tpd.

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SUBSCRIPTION PRICE IS TO BE RAISED SOON

The continued rising cost in the things necessary to produce a newspaper now makes it necessary that the Plainsman increase its subscription price from \$2.04 per year to \$2.94, plus state taxes which will make a total of \$3 per year.

This is the second time in twenty-five years that the subscription rate has been raised. Each time it has been brought about by rising costs in material and production.

This time the raise is partially caused by the increase in postage rate. Heretofore newspapers have been mailed free in the county in which

they were published.

Very few newspapers make a profit from their subscription lists.

This new rate will take place June 1, 1963. All subscriptions taken between now and that time will be sent at the present rate of \$2.04.

We are making this announcement well in advance so those who want to renew at the old rate may have an opportunity to do so.

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SPANISH MISSION

Rev. Alejo Vela, Pastor
Located at Busterville, four miles east of Ropes on the pavement.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening worship 6:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IRRIGATED COTTON GROWERS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED NEW & IMPROVED ALL-RISK CROP INSURANCE PROTECTION for 1963

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
U. S. Department of Agriculture

1219 13TH STREET LUBBOCK TELEPHONE PORTER 2-1229

FREE HAIR CUT

Check the number in this ad against the number posted in the

Ropes Barber Shop
If numbers match you are entitled to a
Free Hair Cut

No 440

A new number will be posted each day. Five free haircuts will be given each week.

BRING THIS AD WITH YOU

COMPARE OUR

PRICES ON ITEMS YOU NEED

CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS—FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS—GIFT ITEMS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

VISIT US

FOR ANYTHING YOU NEED IN THE DRUG LINE
SUPERIOR FOUNTAIN SERVICE

WEATHERLY DRUG STORE
SLIM AND PEARL WEATHERLY, Operators

...BIG REASON FOR ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYING



Tiny tots are lots of fun as they take their first steps or say their first words. But, there's a "catch" — just as in all good things — and the catch is hard work. It's hard work to wash and dry diapers and baby's clothes but not if you have an electric clothes washer and dryer.

Reddy does the hard work of washing and drying. And baby's clothes and diapers come out of the electric dryer so-o-o-o clean that they're a delight to hold against your skin.

Yes, baby IS a big reason for an electric clothes dryer — a most delightful reason to be sure.

FREE WITH THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER

TOASTMASTER STEAM AND DRY IRON PLUS PORTABLE IRONING BOARD

Buy your electric clothes dryer now and get both — the Toastmaster steam and dry iron and the ironing board that folds flat — fits in a suitcase. At your participating Reddy Kilowatt dealer! Available to Southwestern Public Service Company customers.



Wednesday Is Double Stamp Day

Specials for Friday & Saturday

PLUS GOLD BOND STAMPS

ICE BLUE ICE TEA

Tumblers, 2 for .19

JUNIOR PACK 500 COUNT NOTEBOOK

Paper .69

12 BOTTLE CARTON PLUS DEPOSIT
COKE57

BELL HALF GALLON
MELLORINE49

12-C 48 OUNCES
ORANGE DRINK29

FOOD KING SWEET 300 SIZE
PEAS, 2 FOR25

HUNT'S SLICED OR HALVES NO. 2 1/2 SIZE CAN
PEACHES 2 FOR49

COMSTOCK PIE NO. 2 CAN
APPLES25

LIBBY'S NO. 2 CAN
CRUSHED PINEAPPLE29

INSTANT TANG BREAKFAST DRINK 14 OZ.
ORANGE DRINK,49

SHURPINE 3 LB. BAG
Flour39

HEINZ'S FOUND
COCOA59

NESTLE 16 OUNCE INSTANT 50 OFF LABEL
COFFEE \$1.05

KLEENEX FACIAL 600 COUNT
TISSUE25

FOOD KING 3 POUND CAN
SHORTENING57

GIANT SIZE THREE DISH
SOAP65

MORTON'S QUART JAR
SALAD DRESSING39

Finest Quality MEATS

ARMOURS OR WILSON'S ALL MEAT POUND
FRANKS49

USDA INSPECTED SIRLOIN LB.
STEAK79

CHUCK LB.
ROAST45

FOUND
BEEF RIBS19

ARMOURS OR WILSON 2 LB. PACKAGE
BACON98

Garden Fresh Vegetables

FOUND
GRAPEFRUIT15

CELLO
CARROTS .2 FOR15

FOUND
BANANAS 10

Quick Convenient FROZEN FOODS

MORTON'S PUMPKIN OR MINCE
PIES29

TWO POUND PACKAGE
TATER TOTS39

SHURPINE STUFFED 7 OZ. NO. 12 JAR
OLIVES39

SHURPINE 14 OUNCE
CATSUP19

ASK FOR ROPES MERCHANTS TICKETS FOR \$75 FREE

THE ROPES FOOD STORE