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# THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

HOCKLEY COUNTY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
ROPESVILLE, HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

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THURSDAY, MAR. 28, 1957

## Funeral Services Held For Elmer Stephenson

Funeral services were held on Friday of last week for Elmer Stephenson, 56, who passed away at 12:55 Thursday morning. Just prior to his death, Elmer suffered a severe heart attack from which he never rallied. As a last resort surgeons cut into his chest, and for two hours massaged his heart with the hope that it might revive him, but to no avail.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Church of the Nazarene at 3 p.m. Friday, and the body was laid to rest in Westhaven Mausoleum. Rev. Milton Pool, pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. R. B. Kelly, Miami, Florida; Rev. John Ferguson, Wellington; Rev. Austin Moore, Abernathy; and Rev. Walter Patterson, of Wichita Falls.

Elmer Stephenson and Berta Lee Murray were married February 5, 1921, and from this union five children were born, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Elmer La Vere, Lubbock; four daughters, Mrs. George Hayes, Mrs. W. L. Carson, both of Lubbock, Mrs. Virgil Coffman, Morton Star Rt. 2, and Mrs.

John Lanham, Lubbock Rt. 2; twelve grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. P. H. Stephenson, three brothers, J. B., Tollie, and Roy, all of Lubbock; six sisters, Mrs. A. G. Moore, Mrs. Maude Turner, Mrs. C. B. Lemon, Mrs. Jack Bailey, Sr., all of Lubbock, Mrs. P. J. Hooter of Madill, Okla., and Mrs. H. E. Gilreath of Perryton, Texas.

Active pallbearers were nephews, Wendell Gailey, Jack Gailey, Jr., Jerry Gailey, Carl Stephenson, James A. Stephenson, C. W. Turner, Charles A. Moore, and Audis Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were Henry W. Shipp, William J. Harris, Malcolm Thomason, Floyd Shipman, T. C. Lucas and M. M. Keeton.

We had known Elmer Stephenson for twenty-seven years, and as we look back over the almost three decades, our memory travels down a lane of sunlight and shadows. When we first met Elmer was in Ropes in 1930 at the office of our brother, Nyles Morris, who at that time published The Ropes Hustler, and who, since, has also crossed the river to rest under the shade. Turn to Page 5

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

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

### BUILDING FUND OFFERING

— Next Sunday is a 5th Sunday, so all of the offering received will go into the Building Fund. Let's have another good offering and apply it on our Building debt. Our debt is down to \$10,486.25. Five months ago we owed about \$21,500.

**YOUTH NIGHT** — Our young people will be in charge of the evening worship service Sunday. Let us encourage them by being present for the service.

**RESERVE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.** What better way can you spend this amount of time. Begin the Prayer Meeting habit this week.

**GROUP CAPTAINS APPOINTED** — The following ladies have been asked to lead out in the promotion of the Prayer Meeting attendance: Miss Brewer, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Gregg, Mrs. King, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hall. Every week at the Prayer Service each of these ladies will be asked to stand with those whom they have invited and enlisted.

**ATTENTION, DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS**

— The Pastor and General Supt. would like to meet with all of the Department Superintendents at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the church.

**ROYAL AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP COURSE** will be conducted Friday from 4:00 to 9:15 at the First Church, Lubbock.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AND CHOIR PRACTICE** will take the place of the regular Wednesday night schedule next Wednesday night. Bring the whole family and some food and meet with the other families of the church membership for an evening of fellowship. This will begin at 7:00 PM April 3rd. Make plans to attend.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be observed the morning of April 7th.

**STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION** is scheduled for Dallas First Baptist Church April 1 and 2.

**SENIOR DAY AT WAYLAND** will be April 12th.

**OUR GOAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** — 325.

**PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY** Every Week at 8:00 o'clock on Wednesday nights. We are studying "What Baptists Believe". We would like for more of the Baptists to be present.

**PLEASE NOTICE** a time change in the Sunday evening services. The Training Union will meet at 6:45 p.m. and the Preaching Service will begin at 7:45.

**LET'S ALL GO** to church next Sunday.

## NOTICE

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the Athletic Banquet Friday night.

It was not our intention to leave out any of our fans and supporters who wish to come. We will try to take care of any who wish to attend. We will have space and facilities to take care of a maximum of 400 persons. If you wish to attend, we will be happy to have you.

Tickets may be picked up at my office until 3:30 Thursday. We will have to know how many plan to attend by 3:30 Thursday (today) so that we will know what preparations to make.

Sincerely,  
O. V. FULLER.

## FOUR ELECTIONS COMING UP

### NEXT WEEK

On Tuesday of next week three elections will take place in Ropesville, one at the City Hall to elect three aldermen, and two at the school house, where a United States Senator will be voted on, as well as the forming of a Junior College District. Then on Saturday, at the school house, two trustees will be elected.

The feeling about the junior college is lukewarm in this community, and in other communities in the county, if a cross section of opinion is to be taken as evidence. In Sundown we found one man utterly opposed to the proposition, and two others we talked to. Turn to Page 5

## TO SHOW PROOFS OF PICTURES

Some two or three weeks ago the Woltz Studio made pictures of the Ropes youngsters for the Plainsman, and on Thursday from 10 to 12 o'clock noon the proofs will be shown. If you desire additional pictures, please come to the Plainsman office during those hours and make your orders.

## ATTEND MEETING AT LEVELLAND

W. M. Ethridge, principal of Ropes high school, and Terry Redford, principal of Ropes elementary school, were in Levelland Monday night where they attended a session of the Hockley-Cochran School Administrators.

The meeting was held in the San Andrews Hotel.

Reports were given on the National meeting which was held in Atlantic City, and school legislation was discussed by the group.

The meetings are held on the last Monday in each month. At the next meeting Ladies night will be held, and also new officers will be elected.

It takes rough seas to make good sailors and great captains.

# Blizzard Sweeps the Panhandle-S. Plains

## Jester House Burns Early Sunday Morning

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the A. J. Jester house in north Ropes early Sunday morning. The alarm was turned in at a little before 3 a.m. At that time the entire roof of the dwelling was ablaze.

Due to high winds, which were blowing from 60 to 70 miles an hour, the sound of the siren was carried away, and failed to arouse firemen. It was at least ten or fifteen minutes after the alarm sounded before a sufficient number was marshaled to handle the truck.

However, once the department got into action, it was not long in bringing the fire under control. The boys remained on the job until after six o'clock in the morning.

The snow and rain which had fallen had moistened the roofs of surrounding residences and was, perhaps, the cause of other fires not starting. It is said that flaming embers were blown as much as four blocks.

It is said a man, who is employed in Lubbock, was living in the house at the time the fire occurred, and that the roof was falling in before he awakened. It is understood that he was planning to get married, and had rented the house to live in.

Inasmuch as the fire apparently started in the attic, it is thought that the wind loosened electric wires, causing a short.

The building was a complete loss.

## Papers Now Being Signed On Community Building

J. W. Berry told the Plainsman this week that at long last all the papers necessary to permit the transfer of the Community building to Ropes had been received and are in the process of being signed.

This includes deeds to the land, some eleven acres, mineral rights, etc. When these papers are signed and approved, the land can be sold by the directors. It is understood that buyers are already seeking to purchase the site.

Mr. Berry stated that he believed the money received for the land would be used to move the community building to Ropes and place it in the City Park.

This is the first step in making the Ropes community a better place in which to live. This building will be used for public meetings, for entertainment for the young people, and other community projects. It is the culmination of two years of hard work.

## THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to Mrs. Tyree Martin and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield for their thoughtfulness in serving the fire boys with coffee while they were fighting the fire in north Ropes Sunday morning. It not only helped, but made it possible for us to continue the fight.

## THE FIREMEN.

## VAUGHN BATES' HERE FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bates and daughter, of near Denver City, visited for a short time Friday in the W. D. Nabours home. They were enroute to Lubbock to attend the funeral of Elmer Stephenson.

Classed as one of the worst blizzards ever to visit the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas at such a late date, a storm, with the winds up to 80 miles an hour, swept this section on Friday and Saturday of last week, and Sunday of this week.

Several thousand people were marooned in the Panhandle and two deaths were attributed to the storm, while hundreds of others suffered from exposure. Hundreds of cars were stalled on the highways, trains were derailed, and passenger busses stopped. At times, even in this section, where the snow was not so heavy, swirling snow driven by the hurricane-like wind, cut visibility to zero, while over the entire territory property damage will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The maintained velocity of the wind was around 60 miles an hour, while frequent gusts reached as high as 80 miles, and one report stated 100 miles an hour. While the Ropes community bore the full force of the wind, the snow was scattered. At times the sky was completely clear, then it darkened to twilight, and blinding snow would be driven on the wings of the wind.

The wind started on Friday and there was no let-up until Monday mornin, from the north, continuing at about 30 miles a hour.

Where the snow was caught there was some moisture, but the fact it was blown as sand, it is thought there will be little benefit from it here. There was not enough to form drifts. The ground Sunday morning was almost covered, but it was only a matter of a few minutes until it was blown away and the ground was as bare as though there had been no snow at all.

We often speak of the snowstorms that we have in March, but there have not been as many as you might believe. To get the exact number, Monday we went over records kept by L. A. Townsen at the Santa Fe Depot, going back as far as 1949.

March, 1949: 1st — light snow. 21st — 4th inch rain. 25th — 4th inch rain.

March, 1950: No snow. Turn to Page 5

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Last Sunday was hard on our attendance emphasis. However, if we will all try, we can make up the loss next Sunday. We will be looking for you at 9:45 a.m. On April 3rd we will hold our annual church meeting. At this meeting we will close up our records for the church year, and elect all officers for the next year.

Our Assembly will convene early in May at Amarillo. We urge all members of the church to be present at this meeting.

Our regular services are: Sunday School .... 9:45 a.m. NYPS, Juniors .... 6:30 p.m. Evening worship .... 7:00 p.m. Come worship and work with us.

Dan D. Jones, Pastor.



# Ropes Fire Department Discusses the Key Rate

Following practice Monday night, the Ropesville Fire Department discussed the Ropesville key rate and means of getting it reduced. First, President Tyree Martin pointed out that the city had been given a 25 per cent insurance and stated, "It has taken five years to get this credit and we want to work to maintain it."

"Now," continued Tyree, "we want to work on our key rate." The key rate has been reduced during the past five years, but this past year it was raised two cents because of the fact that we failed to send men to the firemen's school at College Station.

It is planned this year to have two firemen attend this school. We also have a penalty for not having sufficient fire plugs in the business district, which is

thought to be a mistake, as there are six plugs in the two block business area. Another penalty comes from not having an adequate fire alarm system, which should be applied to alarm boxes placed over the city. It is not thought that this can be remedied due to the smallness of the town and the expense of installation. Too few plugs in the residential district has also brought a penalty. This is to be investigated as there is not a residence but what is within 500 feet of a fire plug. While the penalty indicates that the plugs are not on sufficiently large lines, all fire plugs are on six and eight inch lines, which is standard requirement.

These matters will be thrashed out with the City Council, as well as others pertaining to the key rate on insurance.

## NEW HEIR HAS ARRIVED

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whatley are very happy over the arrival of James Reagan, a bouncing boy, who took his abode with them on Friday of last week.

He weighed eight and one-fourth pounds, and Hubert is so happy that he is passing out two-bit cigars to all his friends.

## TOM PETERSON'S TOOLS RETURNED

Tools stolen from the Tom Peterson place some two weeks ago have been recovered.

It seems that two Latin American juveniles traded the tools to another Latin American, who became suspicious and made a few inquiries and found they belonged to Peterson, and returned them.

The two boys were questioned and vowed they had found the tools, and in absence of a complaint being filed by Peterson, they were released.

## CLASSES TO ATTEND GUIDANCE PROGRAM APRIL 17

Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes of the Ropes school will attend the Seventh Annual Guidance program to be held in Level-land on the 17th of April.

The program will open at 10 a.m. and will continue into the afternoon. At 12:45 p.m. a general assembly will be held for all students. Following assembly, Dean James G. Allen, of Texas Tech, Lubbock, will present some of the problems of entering freshmen at Tech.

Teachers who will attend are Harvey Tubb, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Fewell and Mrs. Patterson.

## VISIT SISTER HERE

Mrs. Lillian Little, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. J. E. Reeves, of Munday, accompanied by Perry Mike Reeves, were here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry. Mrs. Berry and the two ladies are sisters.

Perry Mike is a jet pilot in the Air Force, and was enroute to California, where he will rejoin his unit and soon will go to Japan.

## MANSFIELD THOMAS REPORTS RAIN IN EAST TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas and children, who have just returned from Jacksonville, Houston, and other points in East Texas, states that there is no lack of rain in that region.

While away, they visited with the Taliaferros, who were at one time residents of Ropes.

## EIGHT SEEK TRUSTEE POST APRIL 6TH

As the time nears for the trustee election Saturday, April 6th, interest in the election grows. Two trustees are to be elected to take the place of Winston Jones and Ray Martin.

Here is the list you will have to choose from:  
Marlin Maloney  
Hubert Whatley  
E. N. Exum  
Crate Snider  
Earl Odom  
Joe Schwartz  
Charles Benton  
E. J. Abney.

## DRILLING IRRIGATION WELLS

Jimmy Thornbill, of Seagraves, was here Saturday looking after the Blankenship estate farming interests.

He stated that they were drilling several irrigation wells on the farms in the hope of better yields.

"They are just small wells," stated Jimmy, "but with several of them in operation we can water a good many acres."

## FUNERAL HOME REPRESENTATIVES HERE MONDAY

Clayton Mallett, partner in the Franklin-Mallett Funeral Home in Lubbock, and representative of the company, John Woods, were in Ropes Monday looking after business.

They placed an ad in the Plainsman telling the folks they also operate the Franklin-Mallett Life Insurance Company.

# Hockley Places 3,594 Acres in Soil Bank

The latest check-up, after time expired, shows that Hockley County farmers placed 3,594 acres in the soil bank and will be paid \$133,087.

Crosby County topped the list by placing 10,440 acres in the bank, with Deaf Smith County being lowest with 245 acres.

Following is a list of the counties in this area plac-

ing acres in the land bank: Bailey, 1,294 acres; Borden, 1,094; Brisco, 1,619; Castro, 825; Cochran, 681; Crosby, 10,440; Dawson, 4,385; Deaf Smith, 245; Floyd, 4,852; Gaines, 908; Garza, 2,237; Hale, 2,763; Lamb, 9,253; Lubbock, 6,336; Lynn, 8,517; Parmer, 613; Swisher, 1,756; Terry, 1,799; and Yoakum, 803.

## ROPES STARLIGHT 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club held a meeting in March.

The following members were present:

Carol Conatser, Kay Jackson, Freda Pointer, Mary Jackson, Peggy Tudor, and Doris Martin.

Visitors were Mary Lee

Gregg and Mrs. McKenzie. Record books were worked on, and demonstrations discussed. Wenda Lou Lowrie, Gracie Riojas, Sharon Campbell, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pointer were present.

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## News of Our Schools

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

#### FFA News

#### Mix-Match Switch

#### Cotton Wardrobe

How about a "match-mix-switch" wardrobe which will provide you with eight different looks from only two basic outfits? The idea is to live stylishly through summer with a small wardrobe of cotton separates so planned that they will fit any occasion.

You need two outfits. One in a gaily printed cotton with a silk or satin finish and the other of plain colored cotton poplin in the basic shade of the print.

Both outfits are composed of a separate top in a shirt style with a bloused waist-part ending in a belt, as on a battle jacket. With that goes a skirt flaring out from the waist in wide box pleats. You might add a decollete top made in the plain fabric, if you wish.

You can wear:

1. The plain poplin blouse with the matching plain skirt for morning.
2. The printed blouse and the plain skirt for lunch.
3. The printed blouse and

the printed skirt for afternoon.

4. The plain decollete top with the printed skirt for a 5 o'clock occasion.

5. The plain decollete top and the plain skirt for dinner.

For days you want your plain skirt to look buoyant, you can wear the printed skirt underneath it as a petticoat.

Home seamstresses can pick their own color combinations and prints. All they need is to get sufficient yardage of the plain as well as the printed fabrics for the basics.

#### Athletic Banquet

The Athletic Banquet is to be held in the school cafeteria on Friday, March 29, at 8 PM, with all the basketball and football players, along with their parents, being invited. There are several tickets available for fans and other people of the community. The banquet is being given free compliments from the Goodpasture Grain & Elevator. All wish to extend their appreciation and thanks to them for being so thoughtful.

A general sketch of the program for Friday night is as follows:

Superintendent and Principals ..... Speeches  
 Von, Nita, Nancy ..... Song  
 Lena and Mary ..... Song  
 Robert Nessel .....

.....History of Football  
 .....Highlights of Football  
 Dale Ethridge .....

.....Highlights of Basketball  
 Emma Jane .....

.....History of Basketball  
 Kay McAteer .....

Highlights of girls Basketball Coaches .....

Speeches Presentations.....Diane Tidwell and boys Captains

We are sure that all of those who attend will enjoy it tremendously.

**GRADE SCHOOL NEWS**  
 Grade 3B - Mrs. John Cole  
 We had ten boys and girls in our room who made 100 in spelling. They were Rosa Castaneda, Francisco Flores, Donnie Blackman, Robert Flores, Donald Glenn, Calvin Seymour, Charles Cesari, Sally Badillo, Loraine Guterrez and Janet Ream.

We are glad to have Robert Ambriz back in school this week. He has been out with the mumps.

Grade 3A  
 We are very busy writing letters this week. Mrs. Jordan's third grade in Alamo School at Odessa wrote letters to us last week and we are answering them.

Mrs. Jordan taught the fourth grade here at Ropes several years ago.

Congratulations to Mike Peacock who won second place in the Storytelling Division at the Interscholastic League meet March 23.

Shirley Odom's dog was killed when a car ran over her last weekend.

Jerrel Wayne Box has been absent from school all week because of illness.

There were ten perfect spellers last week.

4B News - Mrs. Jones  
 Our spelling class has been very good this week. The ones who have made a hundred are as follows:

Lewis Adams, Joyce Bevers, Carmela Betacourt, Sarah Cato, Jimmy Cole, Lulu Coronado, Carmen Garcia, Consuela Longoua, Mafina Machado, Doris Martin, Kathy McNabb, Tommy Redford, Benny Redman, Sandra Riojas, Domingo Ortega, Larry Seabe, Ronald Snider, Ray Witt, Erma Wright.

Also, this week Sarah Cato brought with her a china doll that was sent to her from China.



**SENATOR PRESTON SMITH**  
 Two large tax bills have been introduced in what still promises to be a no-tax session of the Texas Legislature.

One of the measures by Gov. Daniel "if new taxes are needed". It calls for a 3-4 cent levy on "dedication" of natural gas. The customary formula to increase levies on oil and gas production when new money

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is wanted is the other suggested measure.

Chairman Frates Seelgison of the revenue and taxation committee has proposed a complete recodification of the tax laws. However, the objective of his 227-page bill is not to increase taxes.

More bills to reduce present taxes than to increase them or levy new ones have been introduced at this session.

The tax on "dedication" of natural gas, recommended by Gov. Daniel if any new revenue must be raised, was turned down several years ago in favor of the gathering tax, which was annulled by the U. S. Supreme Court. Those who favor the dedication theory say it is a legal and effective way to do the same thing attempted in the gathering tax—to tap the big gas transmission lines on gas exported from the state, to benefit industry in other states at the expense of Texas' industry.

The other big proposed levy is outlined in the bill by Rep. L. C. Terrell of DeKalb. Rep. Terrell suggests raising the oil production levy from 5.6 to 6.2 percent, not including the small administrative cost tax on oil. This would raise the production levy on natural gas from 8 cents to 9 cents. The result would be approximately a 10 per cent increase on oil and a 12½ per cent increase on gas. The gas production tax formerly, for a short time, was 9 cents.

Gov. Daniel estimated that the dedication tax on gas would bring the state approximately \$35 million in two years. The proposed increase in production levies would bring about \$25 million from oil and possibly \$14 million from natural gas in the two-year period.

### VIRGINIA CATO HAS PART IN EASTER PAGEANT

BELTON — Miss Virginia Cato, of Ropesville, has been chosen to portray the part of a town leader in the annual Easter pageant at Mary Hardin-Baylor college.

Rehearsals will begin on April 1 for the 18th production of the pageant. Each year it is presented at sunrise on Easter Sunday. It is widely attended by Central Texas residents.

Miss Cato is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Cato of Ropesville.

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"We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall Where They May".

### WALT FRALEY DOING OKAY

We have been informed that we were going to have to pay for some phone calls from Odessa unless we kept Mrs. Earl Kyser informed through the columns of the Plainsman as to how Walt and Mrs. Fraley are doing.

The fact of the business is—we have not mentioned Walt lately, as what we had to say about him wouldn't do to print.

### BARBARA SULLIVAN ELECTED SECRETARY

PLAINVIEW — Barbara Sullivan, of Ropesville, has been elected Secretary of the Wayland College Baptist Student Union for 1957-58.

Miss Sullivan, a freshman teaching major, is a cheerleader and a member of the

Future Teachers of America. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan, of near Ropesville.

### TUCKERS' VISIT IN BROWNWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Tucker left Saturday for Brownwood where they met their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Von Knight, for a weekend visit. Also, they returned their small granddaughter, Becky Joe, who has been visiting them for three weeks. They returned home Monday.

The Knights live in Houston.

FOR SALE—Five-room house with bath, two lots, in north Ropes. See J. R. Galley.

NOTICE  
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**FUNERAL SERVICES  
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And, as we reminisce, so have many others.

Our thoughts linger with the yesterdays — our mind computes the mile posts we have passed. And, in those yesterdays is Elmer Stephenson — pictures framed by days which are gone—young men and young women, with blood much warmer than it is now—and Ropes, the town, is in the picture. It has been in the picture for a long time.

Dust came up around our shoes as we stepped out on the unpaved main street, and when it rained there was mud—a sea of mud, and in this dust and slush of the street were imprints of the shoes of Elmer Stephenson, but now he has passed on. . .

Out of the chill and the shadow,

Into the thrill and the shrine;

Out of the dirth and the famine,

Into the fullness divine.

Not so many days ago Elmer sat in our office, and he said:

"You know, when I started to sell life insurance I sold my first policy to you."

At that time, just prior to the full force of the depression, I was operating a Linotype machine on the Hockley County Herald, and Elmer and two other boys came into the office and sold me a thousand dollar policy.

"That was when I really started selling insurance," he continued. "My family and I had been picking cotton, and I had been doing what other work I could get, and we were not getting anywhere. I walked out of the cotton field one morning determined to sell insurance. I put on the best clothes I had and cranked up my old car and started out. That was the last time I ever went into the cotton patch."

And, the year brought success. It was not long afterward that the Atlas Insurance Company recognized his ability and Elmer became district agent for the company. At that time the district office was located in Ropes, a small frame building just across the street from the Johnson Grocery. It was a busy place, with T. C. Lucas and other agents coming and going—life insurance was being sold by the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The fact is, the business became so large that it outgrew the little office, and had to be put in a more central location—it was moved to Lubbock.

That was sixteen years ago.

So, Elmer and his family moved away. But, he came back often, and he never forgot his friends; but now he is gone—"Pale Death, with impartial step, knocks at the poor man's cottage and the palaces of kings." Death comes unbidden and unwelcome and, many times, unheralded. . .

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning at the bar

When I put out to sea.

One is gone who will never return — a husband's voice is no more; a father's laughter is forever lost; a chair stands vacant and a house is hushed in sorrow—yesterday he spoke; yester-

day he laughed; yesterday we saw him in apparent health — today the Dark Angel has touched him, and while his memory may live on, his presence is forever gone.

This Dark Star shall know him no more; his clothes shall be folded and laid away. The book which was started fifty-six years ago is finished—the ink well has been closed and the pen laid aside.

But, death is not all. . . Afraid? Of whom am I afraid?

Not Death—who is he? The porter of my Father's lodge

As much abash me.

Death is the ultimate end of human existence and the beginning of eternal life — that is the promise given us by the Book of Books. He who died on the cross for us told it true when He spoke to the thief on the cross, "Surely this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." As surely as Christ stepped from the sepulchre, so surely shall His children live again — death brings glory and not darkness. And, in time of sorrow, in time of heartbreak, the solace lays between the covers of that ageless volume, the Bible.

Elmer was stricken with a heart attack just after attending prayer meeting at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock. He was a member of that church, and a greater part of his life was spent in the service of our Lord. He was a Christian, walking as nearly as possible on the path prescribed by Him who said, "Oh death, where is thy sting; Oh grave, where is thy victory?"

And thus, knowing that our friend is now in a better clime than ours, we bid him adieu, not forever, but for only a short time.

**THREE-DAY  
BLIZZARD SWEEPS  
SOUTH PLAINS**  
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March, 1951: 9th — 4th inch rain, snow and ice on the ground.

March, 1952: 27th — trace of rain.

March, 1953: 9th—½ inch rain; 27th — shower.

March, 1954: No moisture of any kind.

March, 1955: 2-inch snow on 21st.

March, 1956: No snow.

These figures are accurate and are kept from day to day by Mr. Townsen. They not only show the moisture, but the sand storms, and the temperature for each month of the year. We appreciate the fact that he gave us access to the records.

**FOUR ELECTIONS  
COMING UP**  
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were heartily in favor of it because, "We have a school with space vacant which will seat 300 hundred pupils, and when the district is voted, it is hoped we will be able to get the junior college located here, due to the fact we already have the facilities for it, and the county will not need to build a million and half dollar plant to house it."

In Levelland we talked to a number of people concerning the college, with two to one against it. One man stated, "I was opposed to the college until I had it explained to me." However, two favoring the college declared emphatically, "Sun-

down is no place for the college." Another man in Levelland told us: "Why a college here. We have Texas Tech, and the Church of Christ is building a junior college just out of Lubbock on the Levelland highway."

In Anton we found strenuous opposition. First, it was a question of taxes, then a question of what good a college located at Levelland would be to Anton. And we were told, "Even if we had a junior college at Levelland, it is my opinion the boys and girls going to college would not attend it—they would go somewhere else."

We want it understood that these are the opinions of others, and not ours. We have names for each statement we have made.

We take this stand, if the folks of the county want a junior college they will vote for it; if they do not, they will not vote for it. We have had little to say in this matter because we felt the decision was with the people, and we still think that.

But, what we started out to say was: "No matter how you stand, go to the polls and vote Tuesday."

**M. W. MARTIN  
VISITS HERE**

M. W. Martin, a former resident of Ropes but now living at Post, was here this week visiting in the homes of his children, Mickey and Ray.

Mr. Martin still owns his home here, and said, "I never knew how much I would miss Ropes folks until I moved away."

**VISITS DAUGHTER  
IN ROPESVILLE**

Mrs. A. L. James and children, of Wynnewood, Okla., spent a week visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell and children.

Charles returned her as far as Seymour Tuesday, where they were met by her husband, Rev. James.

**VISITS PARENTS  
OVER WEEK END**

L. A. Townsen and his sister, Mrs. R. W. Donnell of Lubbock, were in Lampasas this past weekend where they visited their parents.

**PTA TO MEET  
FIRST THURSDAY  
IN APRIL**

The Ropes PTA will meet the first Thursday in April, which will be the 4th, at 3 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

At this meeting the Ropes Band will make its first appearance. Also, the second grade will assist with the program.

All officers are requested to meet at two o'clock for discussion of business.

**LOST—**

Our two little black dogs, Skippy and Tippy. Both wear identification tags. Please let us know if you see them. Paula and Jimmy Cole.

**FOR SALE**

Frame church building, 2100 square feet floor space, to be moved by June 1st. Price \$2,000.00. Phone 3301, Ropesville, or 2428, Smyer.

**FOR SALE—**

Gas range, \$20.00. W. D. Nabours.

**LAST RITES FOR  
ROPEVILLE MAN**

Joe Carlton Wyatt, 32, Rt. 1, of Ropesville, passed away Sunday in a Levelland hospital, following a long illness.

Wyatt was a pumper for Honolulu Oil Corp. and had lived in this area since 1947. He was born January 10, 1925, in Frost, and was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, and two sons, Joe Carlton Jr., 2, and Gregory Allen, 3 months; a daughter, Kathryn Gail, 5; his mother, Mrs. J. Wyatt, Levelland; six brothers, A. J. and Floyd of Brownfield, Elton and Roy of Levelland, Eldrige of Big Spring, and Boyce, stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.; seven sisters, Mrs. Corrie Lee Finley, Chochilla, Calif., Mrs. Wadie Biles of Big Spring, Mrs. Mable Self, Miss Lerrie Wyatt and Mrs. Viola Lyons, all of Levelland, Mrs. Ellen Mills of Brownfield, and Mrs. Ruby Nichols of Tatum, N. M.

**ATTENDS COURT  
IN LEVELLAND**

Constable Jack Ogle and Bob Whitlock were in Levelland on Tuesday morning where they attended District Court.

Bob was a witness in one of the cases being tried.

**MRS. LOYD ARANT  
RETURNED HOME**

Mrs. Loyd Arant, who has been in a Lubbock hospital for medical treatment, has returned home. Loyd says that while she is still weak she is well on the road to recovery.

**BUCHANAN SAYS  
THERE WAS ICE**

While some folks were discussing whether or not there was ice Saturday morning, after the weather man said it was going to freeze, S. D. Buchanan said he saw ice on his place — there was a skim on some water.

The weather station at Lubbock said it did not get down to freezing, but it was evidently colder in Ropes than Lubbock, for there was ice.

**GROUND OBSERVERS  
MET FRIDAY NIGHT**

The Ropes Ground Observers Corp met on Friday night of last week in the high school building with five persons present: Donald Blackman, Charles Shannon, James Means, Tommy Littlefield and Tyree Martin. As has been stated before, this organization is open to ladies, and the womenfolk of the Ropes community are urged to join and help in watching for planes.

**MOORES RETURN  
FROM DE LEON**

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Moore, who visited in De Leon in the home of her parents last week, have returned home. Her parents, who have been ill, are reported much improved.

**VISIT IN  
CALIFORNIA**

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Chitwood and daughter, Oma Lee, left Tuesday for California where they will visit in the home of relatives.

**SNOW BOUND  
IN CANYON**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fewell, Jr., who were visiting in Canyon over the weekend and intended to return home Sunday, were snow-bound in that city by the blizzard which swept the South Plains over the weekend.

Mrs. Fewell is a teacher in the Ropes schools.

**3 LATIN-AMERICANS  
RECEIVE SUSPENDED  
SENTENCES MONDAY**

According to a report given us by Constable Jack Ogle, three Latin Americans, charged with robbery at Lockettville, were given suspended sentences in the court at Levelland.

It is understood that they face similar charges in Terry County.

**LADIES NIGHT  
AT LIONS CLUB**

The Ropes Lions Club will hold Ladies night at its regular meeting on Monday night of next week.

It is said an interesting program has been prepared and all Lions and their ladies are urged to attend.

**IF YOU NEED  
A HAND, SEE  
JACK OGLE**

If you are in need of a hand, see Jack Ogle, and he will help you locate the help you need.

**MEN:** The only people on earth who think they have more sense than women.

**WHY GET LESS ?**

**When You Buy  
Insurance  
Protection ?**

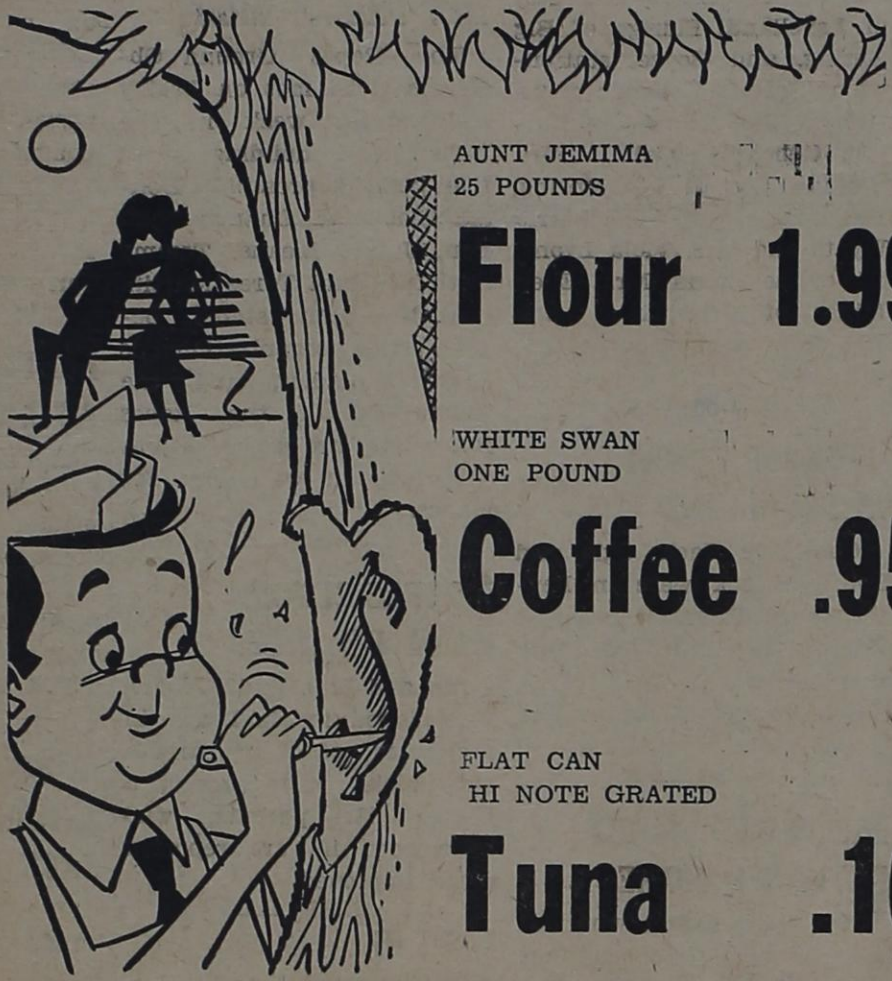
Your property or liability insurance on your home or automobile may some day save you from severe financial loss. That's why it doesn't make sense to settle for second-rate protection—that is, coverage that doesn't really "cover" because it has not been planned by a professional to meet your needs.

You can't afford less than the best when your family's financial future may be at stake. Be sure of your insurance protection. Buy only through a trained independent insurance agent whose first responsibility is to you. That's the best buy you can get in insurance—the advice and service of an independent insurance agent.

**Berry Insurance  
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S. B. Berry, Owner**



# Specials for Friday & Saturday



AUNT JEMIMA  
25 POUNDS

**Flour 1.99**

WHITE SWAN  
ONE POUND

**Coffee .95**

FLAT CAN  
HI NOTE GRATED

**Tuna .16**

## Quick Convenient FROZEN FOODS

BIRDSEYE, PACKAGE

**Fish Sticks .39**

BIRDSEYE, PACKAGE

**Green Peas .19**

RATH, POUND

FOR

**Veal Cutlets .54**

BIRDSEYE, PACKAGE

**Cut Okra .23**

## Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

TWO BUNCHES

**Green Onions .15**

CELLOPHANE BAG

**Carrots .10**

**Tomatoes, fresh crt .19**

## FINEST QUALITY MEATS

POUND

**Hamburger .29**

WILSON OR FARM PAK

**Bacon, 2 lbs 1.15**

PICNIC, POUND

**Hams .39**

LONGHORN, POUND

**Cheese .49**

KRAFTS, 46 OZ. CAN

**Orange Drink .27**

FESTIVAL, HALF GAL.

**Melorine .39**

APRICOT, ZESTEE, 20 OZ. TUMBLER

**Preserves .39**

KIMBELL'S, NO. 2 CAN

**Chili .39**

QUART BOTTLE

**Clorox .17**

NORTHERN, 3 ROLLS

**Tissue .25**



**PET MILK  
Tall can .16**

WE GIVE 2 X GREEN STAMPS

**THE ROPES FOOD STORE**