



San Antonio - Airman Bobby W. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burton, Meadow, has been selected for training and duty as a photographic specialist at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Airman Burton, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has just completed his basic military training. Schools at Lackland are part of the vast Air Training Command system which trains airmen and officers in the diverse skills required by the nation's aerospace force.

The airman, a graduate of O'Donnell High School, attended Amarillo Junior College and Texas Technological College.

**VISIT IN LEVELLAND**

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**PINK AND BLUE SHOWER**

Mrs. Carolyn Guinn will be honored with a pink and blue shower Friday, April 9th from 3 to 5 in the home of Mrs. Joe Schwartz. Everyone is invited to attend.

**THREE DAY MEASLES**

Miss Ford, English teacher of the seventh and eighth grades in Ropes Junior High was ill the first part of the week with the three day measles. Mr. Greeson was substitute teacher.

**IN DALLAS**

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price attended the Ginner's Convention in Dallas this week.

**MRS. TERRY ILL**

Mrs. Terry, fourth grade teacher in the Ropes Public Schools was absent Monday due to the flu.



**IT'S SHOWTIME!**

The robin is almost obsolete. This traditional harbinger of spring has been replaced... at least for outdoorsmen. Now the earliest sign is the annual sports show — in progress or about to begin all across the land.

Though snow may be falling at curtain-time, and ice-out is weeks away, the show is positive proof that fishing and other long-awaited warm weather activities are near at hand, claim the rod and reel boys at Mercury outboards.

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Reserve an evening or an entire day on the weekend for visiting the show in your area, urge the Mercury folks. You may come away a bit weary and foot sore, but you'll have had a grand time.

Let's not give up on the robin entirely; he'll appear in due course. But the show does mean that spring is close.

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One of the most complex and controversial issues of the 59th Legislature is the disagreement between Governor John Connally and the Texas State Teachers' Association over the proper and most adequate manner of providing for increased salaries for public school teachers. I think it is important that both the Governor and TSTA agree on the basic principle involved in this issue—our public school teachers need and deserve increased salaries. The difficulty arises over different opinions as to the nature and degree of the pay increase and the method of financing it.

In this issue of my newsletter I want to do what I can to explain the background and reasons for paying Texas school teachers and how this system relates to our situation in the 90th District. In later issues I will examine and evaluate the proposed measures for increases in teachers' pay, as submitted and suggested by the Governor and the TSTA. The key to understanding our present basic approach to paying public school teachers lies in understanding the Minimum School Foundation Program. Presently, the state and the local school district share jointly in the financing of public school education. Although the actual percentages vary from school district to school district, depending on the prosperity of each district, it is generally true that the state pays 20 percent of the cost, and the local district pays 80 percent of the cost. The money for teachers' retirement is not included in this program; however, since the local school districts do not contribute to these state-supported programs.

The money set up by the Minimum School Foundation Program takes care of a minimum program; any school district is free to pay its teachers more or provide for extra facilities, if it can afford to. The program which is shared jointly by State and local school districts is a minimum one, designed to

guarantee the same basic and minimum treatment to all schools in all sections of the state. Clearly wealthy school districts can provide more than the minimum and many of them do this out of their own resources; it is equally clear that poorer school districts cannot go beyond the minimum program.

The minimum salaries paid to our teachers vary according to two factors: (1) the degree of education a teacher has, and (2) the number of years the teacher has been teaching. For example, every teacher in the state with only a Bachelor's degree, and no prior teaching experience, is guaranteed a minimum salary of \$4014 for the school year. This amount will increase automatically \$103 each year for ten years, until the sum of \$5094 has been reached. After that, the Minimum Foundation Salary schedule does not provide for any increase in this teachers' salary. A teacher with a Master's degree and no prior experience would start out at \$4239 a year. This sum would increase every year for seven years until a total of \$5094 was reached. Thus, the least any teacher could earn in Texas would be \$4014, and the maximum, under the present Minimum Foundation Program, would be \$6075.

Adapting this program to our own district and correlating it with our respective property valuations, we find that Hockley County pays above the minimum in Anton, Levelland, Ropes, Sundown and Whitharral school districts. Pep, Smyer and Pettit pay only the minimum.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce Thursday and Friday were Mrs. Herb Green of Apple Valley, Calif., Mrs. Kay Quick of Orange, Calif., Mrs. Pauline Voyles of Santa Clara, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Jo Cole of Victorville, Calif. Mrs. Green is an aunt of Mrs. Pierce and the others are Mrs. Greens daughters, and cousins of Mrs. Pierce. The ladies had been visiting in several towns throughout New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma and were enroute to their homes in California when they stopped for the over night visit with the Pierces.

FOR SALE—Two full blood male Chihuahua puppies. See Joe Bert Roberson, phone 562-4631.

Pat Patterson, principal of Ropes Junior High, reported to the Plainsman this week that there are many students out of school this week due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Haverstock and daughter of Fort Worth were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kieth.

April 12 through 15: Monday - barbecued weiners baked potatoes with butter, blackeyed peas, canned peaches, bread and milk. Tuesday - Beef roast, buttered potatoes, green peas, congealed salad, hot rolls.

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**YOUNG HOMEMAKERS**  
 The Ropes Young Homemakers will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the Home Economics department.

A joint meeting will be held with the Young Farmers. The program will be on the "Better Business Bureau" by a guest speaker from Levelland. Everyone is urged to attend. Baby sitters will be furnished.

Mrs. Glenn Braden underwent surgery this past Tuesday morning at West Texas hospital. She is reported to be doing fine, and is in room 609.

Ann Maxfield is working at the tax office during Mrs. Braden's absence.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Dotts will go to Ceta Canyon this Thursday and Friday to attend a training camp for the Church Seniors camp.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Marrett and family are moving to the farm recently vacated by Mrs. V. L. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas returned recently from Seymour where they visited the bedside of her brother George Whitten of Red Springs. Mr. Whitten was taken to Dallas where he underwent surgery Friday morning at Baylor hospital.

Mrs. Bob Whitlock was in Brownwood over the weekend visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. K. Dixon.

In the Interscholastic League plays presented at Ropes Tuesday night, Union placed first, Meadow second, and Ropes third.

Nie Forbus, Ropes student, was chosen for the All Star Cast.

Mrs. Newton Lewis left Tuesday for her home in Los Angeles, California. She and her husband have been here assisting her mother, Mrs. L. Wallace in moving from her home near Ropes to Lubbock where she is now residing.

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IT'S TIME TO SHINE... With opening day for the 1965 season at Six Flags Over Texas set for April 16, less than two weeks away, park hosts Margie Robinson, Nancy Smith and Cleveland Smith, seen from left to right, concentrate their energies on shining up the sign over the front gate. More than 1.5 million people from all over the United States are expected to visit the popular tourist attraction, located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, this season.

**SIX FLAGS SETS SEASON OPENER FOR APRIL 16**  
 Six Flags Over Texas will commence its 1965 season at 10 a.m., Friday, April 16, according to Angus G. Wynne, Jr., president of Great Southwest Corporation, owner/operators of the popular tourist attraction.

For the opening weekend, April 16, 17 and 18, the gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A crew of about 150 specialists, ranging from landscape gardeners to builders and lighting engineers, have been busily engaged over the winter and early spring months in completing a \$600,000 expansion program before April 16.

The Six Flags personnel department which has the awesome job of interviewing thousands of applicants of college age each season for positions as hosts and hostesses, has settled on approximately 1,200 to begin the season. Another 400-500 personnel will be added when Six Flags commences daily operations May 29.

The bulk of the expenditures for this year is centered on expanding the Park's historical value and landscaping.

Other attractions have been added including a new ride named "El Sombrero" for the Mexican Section. An Aviary located in the Animal Kingdom, will be the new home of nearly 100 exotic birds recently imported from all over the world.

A true replica of one of America's most revered shrines, the Liberty Bell, has been obtained by Six Flags, Whitechapel

Bell Foundries, Ltd. in England who made the original bell in 1752, cast an exact replica from the same moulding pit in 1960. The bell, made of pure copper and tin, is 47 inches in diameter and weighs 2016 pounds.

A rare and interesting collection of branding irons from many legendary ranches in Texas and the Southwest, will be displayed in the Texas Section.

For young cowpokes and budding deputy sheriffs an indoor firing range containing J. Bean's "Shootin' Irons" has been built, just across the porch from the venerable Judge's Jersey Lilly Courthouse.

Hanging baskets containing flowers or various planting are fairly commonplace. But when each basket weighs 100 pounds and is suspended from decorative 10-foot poles, then that's another story. Six Flags will have 60 of these enormous hanging baskets planted in ivy leaf geraniums around the Mall area inside the main gate. In all, \$200,000 has been expended on landscaping with flowers and shrubs planted so as to be color coordinated and in harmony with the diverse building schemes.

The fascinating lighting display at Six Flags under dark which has always been a conversation piece, should have added visual dramatic effects, thanks to the efforts of the Park's lighting engineers.

Beginning April 23 and until May 28, Six Flags will be open only on Fridays from 5-11 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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