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catad in Levelland—if you are a property owner your property will be taxed if the issue carries.

If you have a poll tax you can march to the polls and vote your opinion. In

fact, it is imperative that you have a poll tax.

It is our studied opinion that this issue is being brought up in an "off" year due to the fact that the "powers that be" realize

that many folks do not pay their poll tax in an off year.

As to the merits of the college, we cannot give them to you at this time, but we are collecting facts, and perhaps by next week we can

give them to you.

It is our frank opinion that when the Hockley county promoters lost the support of Cochran county, the project became an impossi-

bility—even with a \$45 million dollar valuation, we do not believe such a college is justified in this county.

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## SEZ WE

Last week, due to the fact that the writer was ill—we might say, just plain sick, with our head curled up under our wing, we thought for a time we would not be able to print the Plainsman. And, as far as we were concerned, we had little to do with printing it.

With our daughter, Mrs. B. J. Thomas, of Lubbock, and Robert Pope of the Farm Review of Lubbock, who came in Wednesday night and devoted several hours to making up forms, casting cuts, and setting ads, we managed to get out an edition a day late. This week we are still under the weather but able to do some work, and we're hoping we are bringing out a more newsy Plainsman than we did last week.

There is a funny thing about this sickness of ours. A check of our files shows us that at about the same time each year we've had the flu or something else that knicks us out for a week—after that we are usually good for another twelve months.

To understand fully what happens when we are out, we must explain that this is a two-man shop, in this case the editor doubling as advertising solicitor, news gatherer, and printer. Our wife is a Linotype operator and not a printer. She sets all the type that comes from the typesetting machine, but that is as far as she can go, and says she wants to stay that way, for if she was a printer she'd have it all to do. She might have something there.

We might add, however, that she does feed the big cylinder press, write the mail, keep the books and gripe at us when she thinks we stay out a little too long.

And, if she were to become ill we'd be faced with the same thing, we'd have to bring someone in to set the type. Twenty years ago this would not have been so, but during the past ten years we have hardly touched the keyboard of a typesetting machine—our job has been to keep it in running shape.

Doing a little investigating, we have come up with the fact that the Plainsman is the second oldest business in Ropes under the same management. Ed Russell, with his Phillips 66 business, tops us by several years.

Of course, it has been said Turn to Page 2

## PISTOL TOTING JUVENILES ARE PICKED UP

Six Latin American juveniles were picked up for questioning this past week by Constable Jack Ogle.

It seems that one of the six was accused of threatening one of the others with a six shooter. It was denied by the culprit, who stated that he had a plastic gun. However, one of the boys broke down and admitted it was a "real gun".

It just happened it was a .38 S & W which belonged to the boy's father and which the lad had slipped out.

They were interrogated by Juvenile Officer Robbins who paroled them to their parents.

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## NEWS OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Jimmy Strickland, Ropes graduate of 1955, will present at the commencement exercises an award to the best all-around boy and girl in the senior class. The boy and girl will be selected by the faculty next spring at the time when the Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen.

The boy and girl will be selected with the following in mind:

- Scholarship
- Citizenship
- Athletics
- Extra curricular activities
- Leadership.

O. V. Fuller, superintendent of Ropes schools, will leave for Austin where he will attend the mid-winter conference of superintendents. He stated that main features that would be discussed would be proposed high school graduation requirements and certification and creditation of teachers.

At the Ropes Basketball Tournament, which closed Saturday, the school grossed \$757, and after expenses had been paid and trophies bought, there was a net sum of \$407.

## FIRE MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY EVENING

All members of the Ropesville Volunteer Fire Department are reminded that the regular meeting of the body will be held on Monday night of next week.

You are urged to make plans to be present. Let's start the new year right by having all members present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Cavitt were in Lubbock Wednesday where Cotton went for a medical check-up.

## 4-H STARLIGHT CLUB NEWS

The 4-H Starlight Club had the PTA program last Thursday, January 3. They presented two short skits: "What 4-H Can Do For You" and "Mule Train". Those taking part were Danny Rosser, Sammie Berry, Tharon Campbell, Jimmie Lowrie, Mary Jackson, Cynthia Forbus, Raylene Johnson, Doris Jane Martin, Wenda Lou Lowrie, and Sharon Campbell.

We failed to get our last club meeting news in the paper. We had our monthly meeting December 13. Sharon Campbell had charge of the girls' meeting which was on Christmas wrapping and decorations. The following also received letters of congratulations from Rep. George Mahon: Wenda Lou Lowrie, Freida Pointer, Doris Jane Martin, Sharon Campbell and Tharon Campbell. Sharon also received a check for her part as one of the blue ribbon winners of the district in the Sears Roebuck Foundation Poultry Program.

They also had their Christmas party. They exchanged gifts and contributed to a basket for the needy of our community. Adult leaders present were Bud Rucker, Mrs. Rosser and Mrs. Campbell. Visitors present were Mr. Rosser and Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

Don't forget! Tonight, January 10th, is club night.

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## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

We are glad to know all our people are recovering from their illnesses, and we trust everyone will be able to be in their places at Sunday School and church Sunday.

We enjoyed the visit of Mr. Adams from Lovington, N. M., Sunday night.

It is a pleasure to announce that we have paid the note on the annex. Now with the installation of some folding doors, which we hope to do in the next few days, the building will be completed and paid for.

We are deeply grateful to every one who has helped make this possible.

We welcome you to all our services.

Sunday School .... 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship....11:00 AM  
NYP& Junior..... 6:30 PM  
Evening Worship.... 7:00 PM

Our winter revival will be held February 15-24. Rev. Walter Patterson of Waurika, Okla., is the evangelist. Come worship with us. You are always welcome.

Dan D. Jones, pastor.

The Church of the Nazarene, an international Protestant denomination, re-

## ABERNATHY KNOCKS ROPES BOYS FROM UNBEATEN RANKS

Abernathy's improving Antelopes upset the previously unbeaten Ropesville Eagles here Saturday night, 48-46, to claim a surprise championship in the boys' division of the annual Ropesville Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Ropesville girls repeated as champions in their class by downing another Abernathy team, 66-47.

In the boys' game, Abernathy jumped off to an early lead, 16-14, at the end of the first quarter before the Eagles came to life to gain a 25-22 halftime advantage.

Early in the third, Ropesville led the Antelopes by as much as nine points and were still on the heavy end of a 38-31 score at the end of that period.

However, Ray Baumgart scored eight of his twelve points in the final six minutes in leading Abernathy to its second tournament championship of the year. Sparked by his effort, Wayne Preston's Lopes outscored the host Eagles by 15-8 in that final quarter.

Baumgart scored 12 and Bob Heath 10 for Abernathy, while Jimmy Bevers and J. W. Bridwell both dropped in 14 for Ropesville.

Ropesville's talented girls had little difficulty in winning their game behind the 28 point shooting of Emma Christopher. Marge Guinn scored 16 and Phillips 15 for Abernathy.

Ropesville and Abernathy won games Friday to qualify for the finals in the boys' bracket of the Ropesville Basketball Tournament.

Ropesville downed Whitharral, 56-42, and Abernathy edged Plains, 68-61.

In the girls' division, Ropesville's A team gained the finals with a 50-29 win over the Ropesville B squad. The other finalist came out of the Abernathy-New Home battle Saturday afternoon.

Johnny Valentine paced Ropesville's win by canning 17 points, two more than Jimmy Bridwell. Coda Stephenson sank 13 for Whitharral.

The Ropesville girls were led by Von Bevers' 26 points. Kay McAteer got 16. Jean Tussy sank 17 points for the losers.

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Recorded substantial gains in every area of its work during 1956, it was reported recently.

The annual statistical report by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Kansas City, Mo., General Turn to Page 2

## ROPE WINS AT COTTON CENTER

Ropesville's Eagles came alive in the fourth quarter at Cotton Center Tuesday night to upend the Cotton Center Owls, 60-48, in a non-conference cage contest.

Big Dale Ethridge led the Eagle attack with 17 points, while Johnny Valentine added 15, Jimmy Bevers 14, and J. W. Bridwell 12. Jerry Nutt and Steve Lee each had 16 points for Cotton Center.

Ropesville's girls also won the first contest, 42-39, as Emma Christopher hit 25 points, Donna Shadden led the losing girls with 16 points.

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## CALENDARS HAVE NOW ARRIVED

The calendars, sponsored by Ropes merchants and promoted by the FFA boys, have arrived.

They are being wrapped and mailed. So watch for yours.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

Schedule of Services  
Sunday School .... 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship....11:00 AM  
Training Union .... 6:30 PM  
Evening Worship.... 7:30 PM  
Wednesday Night

Service ..... 7:00 PM

Training Union attendance the past Sunday evening was 93 and the week before it was 121. The Training Union provides training in Christian service for every member of the family. The scripture verse which is the Training Union Motto is 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We trust that more of the church members will begin to take advantage of the training program offered by the church. We meet each Sunday night at 6:30.

We had 158 in the Sunday School last Sunday, and 170 the week before. Our Sunday School has been sponsoring a Bible Study Week, which will include tonight (Thursday), with services beginning at 7:15. We have been studying the Book of Romans. No person can rightly understand the plan of Salvation who ignores the study of the Book of Romans. The theme of the book is Romans 1:16 where the Apostle Paul writes "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." We invite you to come and study with

us in the concluding session tonight at the church.

The Texas Baptist Evangelistic Conference will meet in Fort Worth at the Will Rogers coliseum beginning Monday evening of next week. The program continues through Tuesday, and will terminate at noon Wednesday. The Pastor and some of the members are planning to attend. The program of this particular meeting is almost entirely inspirational in its nature, dealing with the privileges and responsibilities of the salvation of lost souls.

What about your New Year's resolutions? It is never too late to resolve to live for Christ. The best resolution anybody can make, and it can be made at any time, is the one worded by Joshua in Chapter 24, verse 15, of his book, as he says "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Associational Training Union will conduct the monthly meeting at Morton next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. We are expecting to take a representative group from our church to this meeting.

We hope to see you in the services next Lord's Day. Be sure to attend the church of your Faith next Sunday. If you are a church member and you do not attend your church, your absence

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**THE ROPES FLAINSMAN**

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

**BAPTIST CHURCH** .....  
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may be doing some of the following things:

1. It may make someone doubt the reality of your religion.
2. It may make somebody think something is wrong at your home.
3. It will weaken the program of your church.
4. It will make it harder for your Pastor to preach.
5. It will discourage the other members of the church.
6. It will cause somebody else to stay away.
7. It tells your children that you do not care about the Lord.
8. It makes it more difficult for you to live right.

ing is nearing completion, and he is thinking of the time he will be able to move in. Ralph is changing the name of the store from the Economy Store to "Riojas Department Store". Ralph has never had room to display his stock since he has been in Ropes, but thinks that in the new location he will have ample room to show his wares. He has approximately 4000 feet of floor space.

This building is a credit to Ropes. It also demonstrates in a material way the confidence one business man has in the future of the town and community. Ralph is a top-notch business man, a progressive citizen, and has ever been helpful, doing more than his past in assisting with projects that help the town and community to become a better place in which to live.

So, with this, we'll move off the page.

**SEZ WE**

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that we moved here and never had enough money to move away. That is hardly true, as on three different occasions we have been offered fields much larger than Ropes at our own price. One of these we came near accepting. We went to look it over, drank a little muddy tank water, and returned to our smaller town satisfied to stay.

We were asked not long ago by a seasoned newspaper man, "Why do you stay in Ropes?" That was easy to answer. We have just what we want. We were raised in smaller towns and have never been able to get away from them—so, we imagine that the time will come when we'll be here more permanently than ever, out on the hill side with a lot of other folks we've known throughout the years.

We think we'll be just as satisfied here as we would anywhere else.

Ralph Riojas is very happy these days. His new build-

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

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Church Secretary, showed that new churches and Sunday Schools were established at the rate of two a week in 1956. The denomination had a net gain of 109 churches for a year-end total of 4,435.

A net gain of 8,031 members, or a 2.8 per cent increase, brought the denomination total to 287,866. The vast majority joined on profession of faith.

Perhaps most notable was the record of \$129.94 in per capita giving in 1956. This was an increase of \$4.35 over the previous high of \$125.59 in 1955.

Denominational giving for all purposes also increased by \$2,260,063 in 1956, or a denominational total of \$37,404,741.

Sunday School enrollment reached an all-time high of

611,319.

All three principles — missionary, junior and young people—recorded gains in members and income.

The denomination stands for the spread and conservation of the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification. It marks its start at Pilot Point, Texas in 1908, and plans are being completed for its golden anniversary observance in 1958.

**COTTON GROWERS**

Orville Bailey and Charles Hedges, County Directors of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., announced recently that the PCG was backing the eight changes recently recommended for improving of cotton classing for South Plains farmers.

The Directors explained the eight recommendations were made unanimously at a meeting held in Lubbock November 29 attended by representatives of the PCG, the South Plains Farmer-Ginner committee, South Plains Ginner Association, Farm Bureau, Farmer Union and businesses.

The eight specific recommendations the group listed as favoring the improvement of cotton classing were:

1. Establishment of uniform humidity equipment in all classing offices in this area, whether it be the Lubbock office or other newly established offices, and that cotton be allowed to condition—12 to 24 hours—before classing is done.
2. Multiple classing offices be considered for this area. W. O. Fortenberry, President of PCG, appointed a committee to study this program and report later. This committee is Curtice Boyd, Lubbock, Chairman; John I. Bowling, Hale Center; and

Kenneth Purtell, Brownfield, members.

3. Samples of bales taken at both gins and compresses were discussed and the group voted for more uniform samples regardless of where taken and also recommended that the ultimate goal be the taking of automatic samples from gins.

4. Recommended the return to use of the class or "pink" sheet by the classing office and that each classer be given a code number and it be placed on the pink sheet.

5. Establishment of a classing review board composed of one qualified classer each to represent the farmer, the cotton trade and the government, and the grade given by this board be a final grade.

6. The date entered on the green card be the date the sample was received at the cotton classing office instead of the date the cotton was actually classed.

7. The Commodity Credit Corporation recognize and set a value for light spotted cotton in the government loan.

8. This group as a body opposes any proposed change of the average grade and staple from 7-8 inch to 1 inch in the government cotton program.

The group also discussed a meeting next spring or summer in Lubbock to which USDA classing officials from Washington would be invited to discuss rules and regulations which will govern classing of cotton for the next season.

The cotton representatives also went on record as endorsing the Smith-Doxey program and pointed out the recommendations made were done so only with an eye

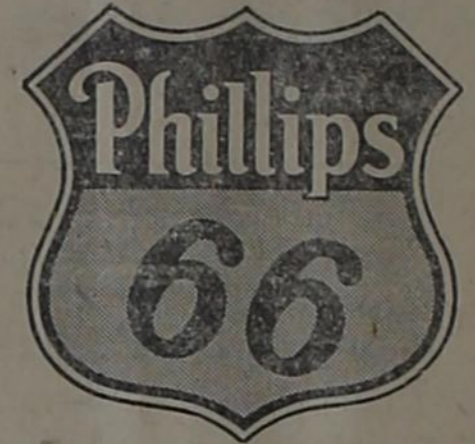
towards improving the program and not as a criticism. George Pfeiffenberger, executive vice-president of the PCG, served as secretary of the meeting. He announced the recommendations would be presented to USDA classing officials in Washington.

C. T. McCormick was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office Wednesday, and while here left with us the cash to keep the Plainsman coming to his address for another year. Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cate of San Angelo, were here this week looking after business and visiting with friends. They lived here for a long number of years, he at one time farming and then manager for the electric company which served the town. They moved to San Angelo eight years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Martin were in Lubbock this past Friday night where they attended an insurance meeting.

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# "DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

STORY NO. 1

## Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

**NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.--** We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2340, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were ahead of him?

What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked?

Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled that El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the braggart, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervantes had a couple of quick tequilas at the International Gardens, Ricky Callione's place, to steady his nerves. Then he paid his three pesos—twenty five cents—and vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now serving 99 years in Huntsville Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't live long, even in Huntsville, if he did. And The Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with Boss George Berham Parr, the tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty, but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're red as in Russia, black as in Mussolini's Italy, brown as in Hitler's Germany, or red, white and blue as in Parr's Duval, follow the same pattern—ballots, beatings, bullets and booty. The ballots are phony but the others are real. All four figure in the story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening.

That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of political circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, it's now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a cleanup of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other counties, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't believe that such a place as Duval County could possibly exist in the Western world, until he came to Texas and saw for himself. Until he talked to little people who had been beaten and ruined, the little people whose names do not appear in the papers. Until he talked to the families of men who had been killed.

Until he talked face to face with one of the killers, a professional murderer, a hired pistolero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under the red shirts and under the brown shirts, and who doesn't like either of them, has written sev-

eral pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened here but to prevent a re-occurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance, just how grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile from Avis and covered more than 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texans have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full story of Duval hasn't been really and fully told, has never been pulled together all in one place and in complete focus so that the whole picture, clear and sharp, can be seen at one time.

That's what Franz Rosenwald and this writer propose to do.

And we'll tell the story in terms of real, live people, the people who, like the men of the Alamo, of San Jacinto, of Goliad, are fighting—and dying—for the right to be free.

tenance Engineer H. Bruce Bryan will be in charge of the work in this area.

### HOBLITZELLE AWARD

Five regional committees representing every section of the state have begun their search for the winner of the \$5,000 1957 Hoblitzelle Award for the Advancement of Texas Rural Life.

The Award will be presented to the Texas farmer or rancher who has made the most notable contribution to agriculture in the state for the three-year period from January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1956.

Presentation of the Award, consisting of \$5,000 cash and a gold medallion, will be made at the Annual Field Day and Awards Dinner of Texas Research Foundation at Renner May 22, 1957.

"The purpose of the Award is to encourage and to give suitable recognition and financial reward for personal accomplishment in the field of rural life improvement by a farmer or rancher," Dr. C. L. Lundell, director of the Foundation reports.

Regional committees throughout the state have been named to receive and to make nominations of the candidates for the Hoblitzelle Award. In the Panhandle-Plains area, the regional committee is headed by Mr. Jason Gordon, Farm Chemicals Inc., Plainview. Other members of this committee are: Mr. Myles A. Kelly, Soil Conservation Service, Pampa; and Mr. Casey Fine, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Nominations will be received by the regional committees through March 1, 1957, and may be made by individuals, groups or agencies. In performing their functions, the committees are requested to give equal consideration to all farmers and ranchers operating in Texas, irrespective of creed, color and nationality.

The Hoblitzelle Agricultural Awards were established in 1950 by Karl Hoblitzelle, Texas Theatre man and philanthropist, to recognize outstanding contributions to agriculture and to the sciences which serve agriculture.

Fred M. Shaw, secretary for the Awards, reports that the Hoblitzelle Award for the Advancement of Texas Rural Life and the Hoblitzelle National Award in the Agricultural Sciences are presented at Renner on alternate years.

The 1957 Award is intended for "adult individuals actively participating in farming or ranching who have made an outstanding direct contribution to the betterment of rural life," Shaw says.

Shaw says that anyone who wishes may nominate a farmer or rancher for the Award. The nominee may live either within or outside the region in which he is nominated. These nominations must be forwarded not later than March 1, 1957, to the chairman of the regional committee, together with a full description of the achievement of the candidate and with any available printed supporting data.

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### PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

A Pink and Blue shower for Mrs. Hubert Whatley will be given at the home of Mrs. Peck Rogers on Friday, January 11, at 2:30. Everyone is invited.

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### SPACING RULES OF WATER DISTRICT REMAIN VALID

The State Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by F. J. Bryson of Hockley County, appealing a decision of the 72 District Court which enjoined the producing of a well in excess of 100,000 gallons of water per day (69.4 gallons per minute) drilled in violation of the spacing rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

The District refused to approve a permit at 74 yards from an existing well; however, Bryson drilled the well without a permit.

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### Article in Reader's Digest Reveals Jittery Pre-Menstrual Tension Is So Often a Needless Misery!

Do you suffer terrible nervous tension—feel jittery, irritable, depressed—just before your period each month? A startling article in READER'S DIGEST reveals such pre-menstrual torment is needless misery in many cases! Thousands have already discovered how to avoid such suffering. With Lydia Pinkham's Compound and Tablets, they're so much happier, less tense as those "difficult days" approach! Lydia Pinkham's has a remarkable soothing effect on the source of such distress. In doctors' tests, PINKHAM'S

After the trial court issued a permanent injunction against Bryson, he made a direct appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas. The high court said that it lacked jurisdiction to take the case on direct appeal; thereby ruling against the appeal and dismissing the case.

An estimated 80 to 85 million acre feet of water still lies in storage, available for pumping, in the water bearing sands of the 13 counties in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

How long will this amount of water last? No one knows.

Too many factors depend on other things to get an accurate answer. But hydrologists know that the water table is continually dropping. In some counties, like Lubbock, the water supply is down about 40 per cent, whereas in Bailey County it has only dropped 10 per cent from what it was in 1938.

Anyone not receiving The Cross Section, may obtain

maps of the water level by writing to The Cross Section, 1928 B 15th Street, Lubbock.

### TEXAS HIGHWAY NEWS

The Texas Highway Department has announced from Austin that the first step has been taken that will set up a new program of highway work for the calendar year of 1957. This new program is especially designed to protect the investment already made in the State system of roads.

Mr. S. C. McCarty, District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department at Lubbock, has stated that the following state highways and roads in his area are scheduled for work under this program: In Hockley County:

FM 1632, from St. 116, South, 9.8 miles, Seal Coat, \$7,400.

FM 597, from US 84 to Lubbock county line, 4.6 miles, seal coat, \$4,000.

PM 304, from Lamb county line to US 84, 1.7 miles, seal coat, \$1,700.

FM 1634, from Cochran county line to FM 300, 7.1 miles, seal coat, \$5,300.

FM 1635, from St. 116 to FM 1634, 2.4 miles, seal coat, \$1,800.

Mr. McCarty stated that the Highway Commission has authorized the development of this program for the purpose of protecting the investment of the public in the State Highway System.

It was announced that work will begin on these projects just as soon as final planning is completed and right of way secured. Main-

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## TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$20,200 for improvements on highways in Hockley County during 1957, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation of \$20,200 to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be little or no additional right-of-way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the Highway Commission, \$30 million was allotted to 196 Texas counties for road improvement during 1957. The \$30 million is being spent for shoulder widening, seal coat jobs, additional surfacing, and for widening of structures and highways in these counties.

The 5 projects in Hockley

County will be under the supervision of the local highway district personnel.

"We should have this program moving by spring," Greer said. "We believe the \$20,200 spent in Hockley County will go a long way toward bringing these highways up to date.

The \$20,200 in Hockley County will be spent on the following projects:

1. On FM 1632 from State 116, south, seal coat, a distance of 9.8 miles.
2. On FM 597 from US 84 to Lubbock County Line, seal coat, a distance of 4.6 miles.
3. On FM 304 from Lamb County Line to US 84, seal coat, a distance of 1.7 miles.
4. On FM 1634 from Cochran County Line to FM 300, seal coat, a distance of 7.1 miles.
5. On FM from State 116 to FM 1634, seal coat, a distance of 2.4 miles.

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## TWO COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN IN HOCKLEY COUNTY

(Delayed)

Only two new faces will be seen in the court house, and that is Hulon Moreland, the new commissioner in precinct one, and Dale Reed, the new precinct two commissioner.

Sundofn and Ropes have new constables.

Sheriff Weir Clem and County Attorney Warren Tabor were sworn in for new terms.

Murry Stewart was sworn in for a new term as tax assessor and collector.

County Judge Paul Williams administered the oaths of office.

All other officers are holdovers under the new four-year-term law.

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## FIRST DUSTER OF YEAR VISITS ROPES TUESDAY

The first duster of the new year, 1957, visited Ropes and the South Plains on Tuesday of this week.

While the wind was not extra high, it did bring with it clouds of dust which hugged the ground for the most part.

Between Ropes and Brownfield visibility was almost zero in spots.

It is time now for the dusters to start, so while we may gripe a little about them, we can't say we didn't expect them.

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### NOTICE

The ladies of the Methodist Church are quilting. If anyone has quilts they want quilted, we would be glad to quilt them. Plain quilting is \$5.00 per quilt.

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## STATE BOARD WILL STUDY JUNIOR COLLEGE PROJECT

Information has just been given the Plainsman that the State Board of Education has accepted Hockley County's application for a Junior College, and will study the facts as gathered by the Hockley committee.

There are some interesting facts on this college which we will bring to our readers next week. We will print the facts as they exist, and then you, the tax payers, can make your choice of how you want to vote.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Martin, of Lubbock, are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born on December 31st. The little one has been christened Carolyn Elaine. Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Martin of Ropes.

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The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen is ill in a Lubbock hospital with pneumonia. It is reported that the child is improved, and will soon be able to be returned home. Mrs. Allen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

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## HULON MORELAND DISCUSSES HIGHWAY WITH CITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the City Council Monday night, called for the purpose of discussing the super highway which is to pass through Ropes, all members of the council, Everett Wallace, Sid Price, Chester Stephenson, Clyde Loveless, Troy Morris, and the mayor, Gene Pierce, were present.

The object of the meeting was to try and iron out some trouble spots which have been holding up the letting of the contract for the highway. Hulon is a very pleasant man to work with and much progress was made.

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## ROPES GIRLS TO MEET DIRE THREAT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Ropes girls basketball team, as yet undefeated this season, will meet their most dire threat at Roosevelt on Friday night of this week.

It was the Roosevelt team which came so near overturning the girls' apple cart last year.

Both boys and girls will play on that night.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shanklin and children, who have been living temporarily in Ropes, this past week moved to Lubbock where he is employed.

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## JERRY FLETCHER, TECH STUDENT, AMONG DEBATERS

Eight Texas Tech debate teams will participate in the Golden Spread Debate Tourney at Amarillo Friday and Saturday, January 11-12.

The 16 Tech students accompanied by Dr. P. Merville Larson, professor and head of the Department of Speech and James Brennan, speech instructor, will compete in three divisions.

Representatives from 15 colleges are expected to attend the tourney, sponsored by Panhandle A&M College, Goodwell, Okla.

Debaters will clash over the resolution that "The United States Should Discontinue Direct Economic Aid to Foreign Nations". Preliminary debates will be held in five rounds of one hour each. Surviving teams then will participate in three championship rounds.

Tech students participating include: Dale Karpe, O'Donnell; George Nelson, Jack Gibson, Willis Taylor, Don Ledwig, Virginia Bray, Barbara Van Horn, Craig Austin, and Tommy Reagar, all of Lubbock; Jerry Fletcher, Ropesville; Marlyn Harris, Dallas (1407 Tranquilla); Patricia Worley, Houston (1026 West 43rd); Cheri Lauria, Darrouzett; Carol Ann Gordon, Spur; Pat Mullens, Paris; and Betsy Donovan, Sunray.

Extemporaneous speaking contestants will draw three topics on current national affairs. Selecting one of these, they will be given 50 minutes to prepare a seven minute talk.

Tech students will also attend debate tournaments at Baylor Feb. 1-2 and at Abilene Christian College on Feb. 7-8.

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### FATHER IS ILL

Ennis Moore and Cotton Cavitt were in De Leon last week where they attended the bedside of Mr. Cavitt's father, who is seriously ill. He is also the father of Mrs. Ennis Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned to De Leon Wednesday, and Mrs. Cotton Cavitt and boys will also return to De Leon within a short time.

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Mrs. R. H. Hudson and Mrs. Bob Thomas attended Rebekah Lodge at Sundown Monday night.

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### NOTICE

If any one who bought a subscription to a magazine from the FFA boys and have not yet received it, please notify C. T. McCormick, Ag teacher, of Ropes school.

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### FOR SALE—

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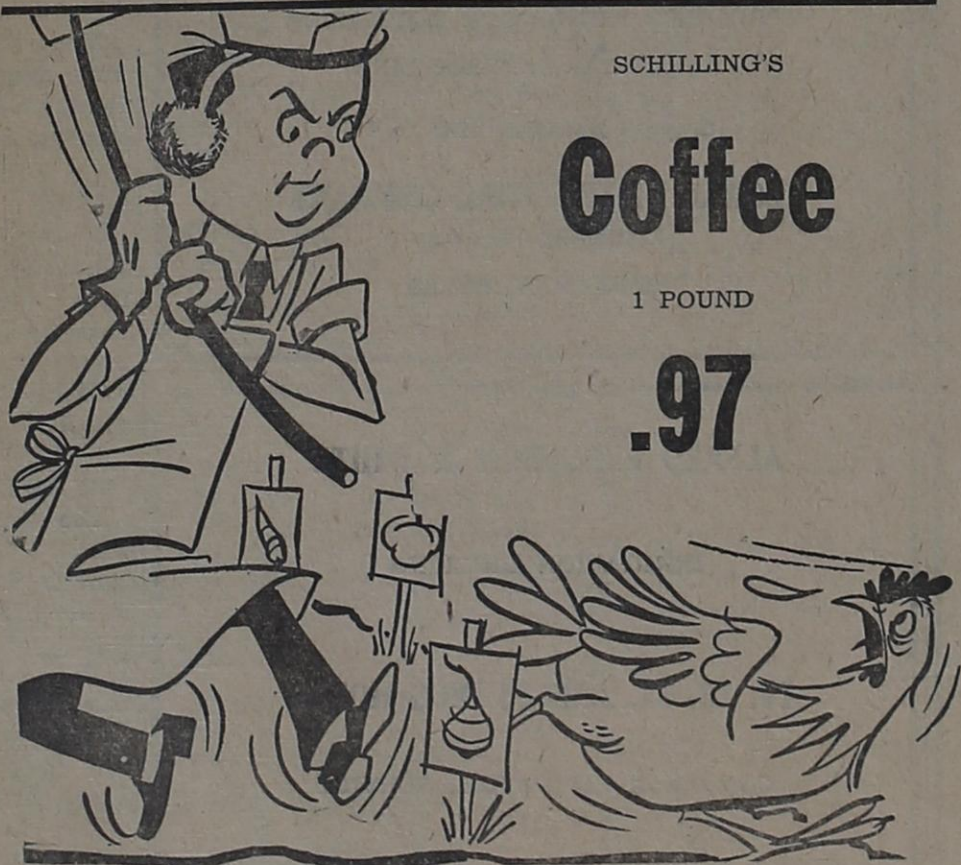
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