



## Ropes Jr. Class to Sponsor Homecoming Supper

The Junior class of Ropes High School will sponsor a Homecoming supper Friday night, Oct. 22. It will be held in the school cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Ropes plays Amherst, October 22, so come and eat before the game.

The price of the supper is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12.

The menu is turkey, dressing,

cranberry sauce, green beans, salad, and pie. Beverages will be tea and coffee.

The supper is one of three projects the juniors will use to make money to pay for the Junior-Senior Banquet, at which they honor the seniors of Ropes High School.

The juniors would appreciate your support. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner.

## Ropes Blanks Smyer 27-0 Friday

Ropesville varsity played Smyer at home last Friday, with the score 27-0 in favor of Ropesville.

Game statistics are: Ropes—1st downs, 14; rushing yards, 229; passing yards, 44; total yards, 273; and won/lost record, 5-1. Smyer statistics are: 1st downs, 9; rushing yards, 66; passing yards, 21; total yards, 87; and won/lost record, 3-3.

First quarter play saw a Ropes touchdown by Steven Sims on a 4 yard run. Run for 2 on PAT failed. In the second quarter, Ropes'

Gary Means passed to Randy Melton for 30 yards and a touchdown, with the kick by Means good. Steven Sims had a 5 yard run, with a kick by Means good. Second half play saw Gary Means with a 4 yard run and a kick by Means good.

Eagle of the Week is Dicki Arant and Gary Means; offensive back is Gary Means; lineman is Randy Melton; Defensive Player is Dicki Arant and Gary Means; and most tackles (13), Dicki Arant.

## Rabies Season Upon Us

This season is prime time for increased rabies reports. Animal populations have some degree of rabies problem all year but increased movement brings them more in contact with people, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) says. Many animals increase their movements in late spring and this time of year.

Almost any mammal can carry rabies. Some of the recorded problems for 1976 include dog, cat, squirrel, bat, horse and cattle cases. Skunks account for many rabies cases.

Texas Department of Health Resources (TDHR) statistics show rabies was confirmed in about 330 animals last year. There have been no human deaths from naturally occurring rabies since 1962. This fact is due partially to prompt, extensive treatment people usually get. More than 600 people got anti-rabies treatment last year because they came in contact with a suspected or confirmed rabid animal.

Rabies symptoms vary widely but almost all animals exhibit odd behavior of some type. Dogs can have "furious rabies" which makes the animal nervous and vicious; then paralyzes and kills it. Or it can have "dumb rabies" which has paralysis, first seen by a dropped lower jaw, as the main symptom. Any wild animal that has no fear of man or otherwise acts oddly should be treated with caution.

In man early symptoms include depression, restlessness, fever and general discomfort. Severe symptoms include uncontrollable excitement, excessive drooling, extreme throat pain, and paralysis, TMA says. Rabies symptoms show up in many anywhere from 10 days to a year after exposure. The average time period is 30 to 50 days, TMA states. A person catches rabies when an infected animal's saliva

touches an open wound or mucous membranes like those inside the nose. To be safe, any animal that bites a human should be confined and observed for 10 days for rabies symptoms. If rabies is suspected or if the animal cannot be found, treatment should begin immediately. A doctor often will give a shot of anti-rabies serum for several days. While this is unpleasant, it is the only preventive treatment for the disease which usually results in death.

The best method to prevent the spread of rabies is to vaccinate all dogs and cats, the main animals that give rabies to man. If a wild animal population has a rabies outbreak, sometimes the Environmental Protection Agency will issue a permit to kill the animals with restricted poisoned bait. Often the approval process takes a long time and the outbreak is over before anyone gets approval, a TDHR official said. One reason for this is that an outbreak in a small area will kill many of a particular animal species and limit the outbreak that way.

## Ropes Booster Club

Ropes Booster Club met Oct. 5. The band members were guests and a video of the band half-time shows were presented by Danny Norris, band director. Refreshments were served to all present. In the business meeting it was decided the Booster Club would not have its garage sale this year, and would support the garage sale for the ambulance funds.

Final committee reports on the "Dads Night" Chili Supper were made.

A film of the Ropes-Meadow game was shown by Coach Parker. The next meeting will be October 12 in the cafeteria.

## Methodist Youth To Rally

On Sunday, October 15, 3-5 p.m., the Lubbock District Youth of the United Methodist Church will sponsor an exciting musical group, PILGRIMAGE, in concert at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3717 44th, in Lubbock. Lee Feris, Barry Weiss and Jim Newton combine their talents to folk, country, soft rock and progressive country styles to form PILGRIMAGE. Sporting degrees from Perkins School of Theology (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, and several years of teaching experience on the secondary level, these men come well-equipped to bring meaning and entertainment to any setting.

PILGRIMAGE uses guitars, harmonica, bass and vocals in reflecting the understanding that life is both sacred and secular. Shifting readily from humorous to serious moments, PILGRIMAGE provides the proper balance of entertainment and insight.

There will be a \$1.00 per person registration fee at the door.



## Wolfforth Methodist Youth Elect 1976-77 Officers

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship in Wolfforth recently elected officers for 1976-77. Miss Kelley Hoyle will serve as president. A junior at Frenship High School, Kelley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Hoyle. The vice-president, Miss Tamie Born, is a sophomore at Frenship. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Born of Wolfforth. Serving as secretary-

treasurer is eighth grader Miss Valerie Tilger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Tilger of Lubbock. Mrs. Joe Bob Hoyle and Rev. Lane Boyd are adult counselors.

The Sunday evening fellowship group will participate in a variety of activities and programs this year, including Bible studies, recreational events, service projects, and worship experiences.

On October 17, the UMYF will

attend the Lubbock District Youth Rally at St. Luke's UMC, 3717 44th St., Lubbock. The Rally will feature PILGRIMAGE, a musical group that combines folk, country, soft rock, and progressive country styles to entertain and to communicate Christ's Gospel to youth. The Sunday afternoon Rally will have in attendance youth groups from United Methodist churches in and around the city of Lubbock.

## Ropes 4-H Club

Ropes 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on Oct. 11. Mr. Edward Hernandez with the Lubbock Police Department presented a very informative program on drugs.

President Tim Berry presided, and the minutes were read by Martha Turnipseed, secretary.

Committee reports were given as follows: County Council, Randy Lawrie; County Back to School Party, Regina Melton; Radio Interview and National 4-H Week, Regina Melton; Adult Leaders Meeting, Genell Ward; Foods Project, Donae Parker.

The club voted to accept Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Turnipseed as organizational leaders.

South Plains Fair winners were recognized: Alan Miller, 1st place pig, middle weight, Reserve; Chris Miller, 1st place pig, heavy weight, Cross Breed; Dawna Cowan, blue ribbon, junior sewing; and Donaw Parker, red ribbon, junior canning.

Members appointed to the telephone committee were Allen Berry, chairman, Dawna Cowan and Chris Miller.

The speaker at the next meeting will be a game warden. Any 4-H member interested in forming a rifle team should attend.

## Country Store

The Ropesville United Methodist Church will have its annual Country Store from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 27-Oct. 29 in downtown Ropesville. Various types of items will be sold at the bazaar, and proceeds will be used for the building fund of the church.

## Ropes Honor Roll Listed

Ropesville first six weeks honor roll of 1976 is as follows:

"A" senior is Teresa James. "B" seniors are Dickie Arant, Belia Gonzales, Randy Melton, Susan Gutierrez, Ricky Kimberlin, LaWana Smith, Gay Stephenson and Brenda Rodgers.

"A" juniors are Tim Berry, Donna Marcy and Gary Means. "B" students are John Cowan, Joe Cruz, Judy Einerson, Joe Gutierrez, Kim Lemon, Rocky

Quintanilla, Steven Sims and Valerie Townley.

Sophomore "A" students are Martha Turnipseed, Dale Kahlich, Angela Glenn, Cheryl Fowler, Mary Jane Cruz and Mitchell Britton. "B" students are Rusty Schoepf, Nancy Schoepf, Mary Cruz and Ruben Cardona.

"A" freshman is Jan Turner. "B" students are Karen Norrell, Regina Melton, Scott McNabb, Jimmy Lopez and Bart Bradshaw.

## Dad's Night Staged Friday at Ropes

"Dad's Night" was Friday, Oct. 8, at the Ropes-Smyer football game. The football players escorted their Dads on the field and they were recognized in pre-game ceremonies. Band members escorted their Dads onto the field and they were recognized at the conclusion of the half-time show. As usual, Ropes Dads were there to support the team and the band. This support is appreciated.

The "Dad's Night" Chili Supper was a success, and thanks go to LaQuita Moore and all of the Booster Club members who worked and cooked.

## Ropes FTA Elects Officers

This year the officers for the 1976-77 FTA Chapter of Ropes High School are as follows: President, Larry Littrell; Vice-President, Gay Stephenson;

Secretary-Treasurer, Donna Marcy; Reporter, Brenda Cox; and sponsor, Mrs. J.B. Shannon.

The FTA will be planning projects later on in the year. In the past the FTA has sponsored a 50's day. Since the kids and teachers enjoy dressing and acting like Fonz for a day, we will most likely have this again.

## Junior High and JV Football

Ropes Junior High Eagles lost to Smyer on Oct. 7 by a score of 32-8. Mario Quintanilla went the final 4 yards of a 60 yard drive to score Ropes touchdown. Gene Valentine ran for the PAT for 2 points.

Ropes Junior Varsity Eagles won over Wilson by a score of 14-6 on Oct. 7. Junior Ybarbo ran 21 yards for the first touchdown, he also ran for the PAT for 2 points. Bart Bradshaw ran 2 yards for the second touchdown. The PAT failed. Wilson scored in the fourth quarter on a pass play.



## "Extension Update"

by Georgia Doherty  
Lubbock County Extension Agent  
Preparing Meat for the Freezer:

Are you taking advantage of meat "specials" and buying large quantities and freezing for future use? This requires special care to ensure the meat is packaged properly to keep for a long time.

Use only moisture-vapor proof freezing paper. This prevents evaporation of moisture and subsequent freezer burn.

The drugstore wrap is best. Fold the paper down over the meat, press flat to expel air pockets and fold ends under the package to make a tight wrap. Then fold ends over and seal with gummed tape.

Label the package with the name, date packaged and amount of meat so the oldest can be used first.

Freeze packaged meat as soon as possible. For best results, meats should be quick frozen at commercial plants. Store in the freezer at 0 degrees F. or below.

Precautions are necessary when packaging meat for frost-free freezers. Meat should be at least double wrapped to protect against freezer burn.

Meats will maintain their quality in the freezer for six to twelve months, provided they are packaged properly and kept at 0 degrees F.

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### 'Easy' Eggs For Breakfast

You may soon be able to eat eggs for breakfast without the mess of cracking shells and cooking them.

Scientists at the Western Scientific Research Center, Berkeley, California, are working to adapt frozen convenience breakfasts originally developed for personnel at Air Force missile bases to meet consumer tastes.

These breakfasts contain at least one egg per serving, and

some selections are egg and potato patties; creamed eggs with beef, turkey or chicken; French toast; puffy omelet and potato cakes.

They're easy to prepare in either microwave ovens or conventional ovens. For microwave, remove product from the freezer and bake for about two minutes. Or in a conventional oven, bake from 11 minutes for French toast to 60 minutes for puffy omelet. Most of the products require about half an hour baking time in a conventional oven.

The oven does all the work with these frozen convenience foods, leaving time to prepare for work, school or finish household chores.

These products can be stored in the freezer for about six months at 0 degrees F.

Researchers are seeking ways to remechanize the production process so that it can be adapted by the food industry.

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Real leather, suede and their fabulous fakes are continuing as one of the most popular outerwear categories for everyone this fall.

Current styles feature more detailing and fashionable design variations. Popular colors include buttery tans and earth tones of rust, mocha and brown shades.

Real leathers and suedes are more expensive than a year ago. Costs for cowhides have risen almost 50 per cent, while sheep, lamb and pit skin costs have remained stable. Sharply soaring costs of real fur—five to 100 per cent higher—and lamb shearing trims will limit their availability except in the more expensive ranges.

Realistic-looking, and more affordable, fake fur trims will be seen in the popular price ranges. Real and fake fur trimmed styles will be more popular than a year ago—as much as one-third of the market.

Since outerwear garments are a

major investment, you should shop carefully.

Real leather and suede garments should be well-matched in color and texture. They should be supple enough to conform comfortably to the body during wear. If possible, lift the lining and examine the wrong side of the leather or suede. If it is a different color on the wrong side, any surface scuffs will be visible.

Be sure that garments fit comfortably since alternations are difficult. Seams can't be let out without showing. Restitching in the same place further perforates and weakens it.

Remember—follow care instructions exactly. Often special procedures or cleaning specialists are recommended. Some fakes are only washable or drycleanable, not both, or may be neither.

Also, it is wise to save all hang tags and the sales slip in case the garment does not perform satisfactorily after following the recommended care instructions and needs to be returned to the store.

## Junior High Honor Roll

Ropesville junior high honor roll students are as follows:

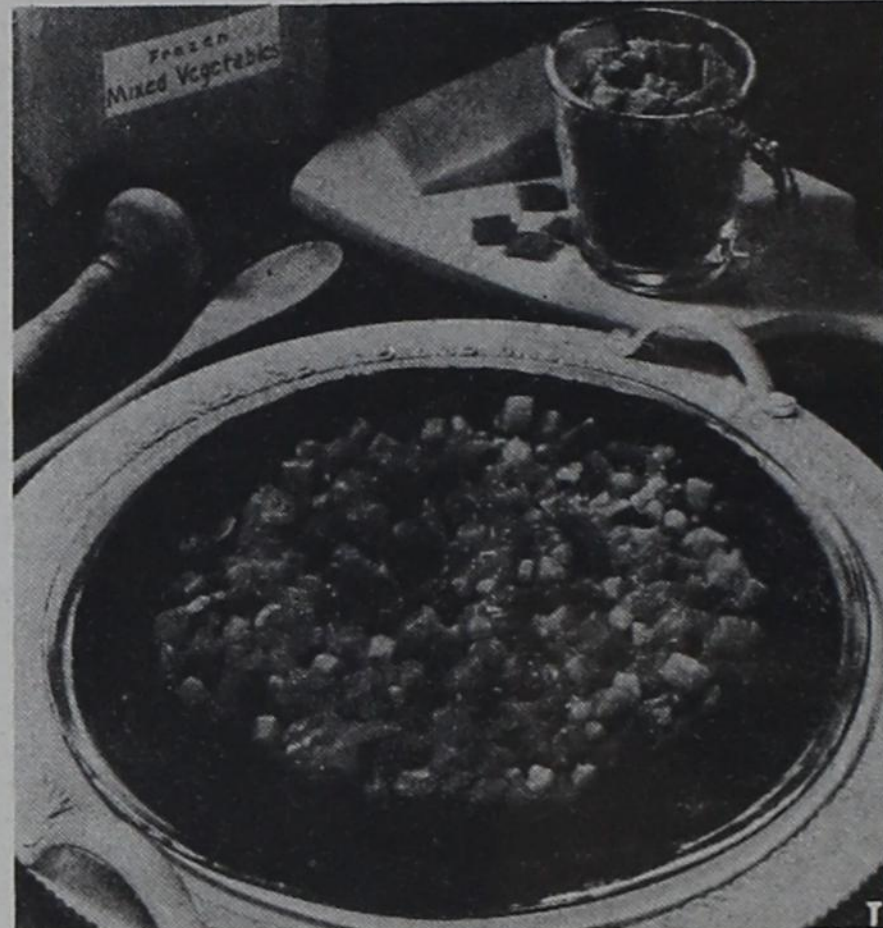
Fourth grade: A—Donae Parker, Dawna Cowan, Ann Pierson, Barbie Riney, Richard Berry and Ismael Cavazos. B—Chad Rainwater, Delwin Britton, Tammy Whitehead, Stace Hicholson, Rachel Flores, Shelley Reep, Lisa Mindez, Melinda Norrell, Vallee Pinkert, Elizabeth Rosales, Danny DeLeon, Lupe Guzman, Reyes Hinojosa, Jr., Shannon Means, Truett Morre, Roger Perez and Mike Whitehead.

Fifth grade: A—Marla Moore, Brenda Oliver and Anita Glenn. B—David Garza, Abel Vasquez, Conna Cortez, Terri Emerson, Sarah Hinojosa, Carolyn Lenox,

# Tasty Tips

from Checkerboard Kitchens

## Tempt Appetites With Vegetable Garden Meat Pie



Ground beef and bite-size crispy wheat squares make a flavorful "crust" for Vegetable Garden Meat Pie. With its sunny vegetable filling, it's bound to perk up sagging appetites and could easily become a family favorite. You'll like it, too, for another reason. Once you've made the "pie" the rest of the meal is easy. All you have to add are a salad and dessert.

### VEGETABLE GARDEN MEAT PIE

- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup catsup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup Wheat Chex cereal (bite-size crispy wheat squares) crushed to 1/2 cup
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (10 oz.) package frozen mixed vegetables, cooked and drained (unsalted)
- 1/2 cup and 1/4 cup shredded process Cheddar cheese (3 oz. total)

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine egg, catsup, salt, Worcestershire, chili powder and onion. Stir in cereal crumbs. Mix in ground beef. Press gently into a 10-inch pie plate, shaping to fit. Toss vegetables with 1/2 cup cheese. Turn into shell. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup cheese over vegetables. Bake about 30 minutes or until done. Let stand 5-10 minutes. Makes 4-6 servings.

Vicky Whitehead, Joe Martinez, Brad Miller and Jeanie Pierson.

Sixth grade: A—Scott Satterwhite. B—Rosetta Norrell, Danny Ochoa, Bryan Moore, Stacy McNabb, Julee Ward and Tonya Ward.

Seventh grade: A—Bruce Turnipseed. B—Gerri Stephenson, Ramona Melton, Brenda Duenes, Melanie Carpenter Jamie Berry, Laura Schoepf, Jennifer Gillespie and Elsa Cruz. Other A students are Roger Putman and Andrea Glenn.

Eighth grade: A—Margarita Cavazos, Jimmy Reed and Shane Lowrie. B—Teresa Bednarz, Sharon Schoepf, Laura Odom and Debra Chaney.

The reason men in public office play politics is that men and women, who vote, expect them to play politics.

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# REMEMBERING...

By BILL BROOKS

## BAPTIZING

Most of the baptizing in our community was done at my Grandmother's place. She had a concrete tank out by her windmill that served the purpose well. Churches of all faiths that had baptizing to do were welcome to come over and use the facilities and I'm proud to say it was used quiet often. The tank was better to baptize in than the creek east of town because you couldn't depend on the creek to have water in it. If it did have water it was sure to be muddy.

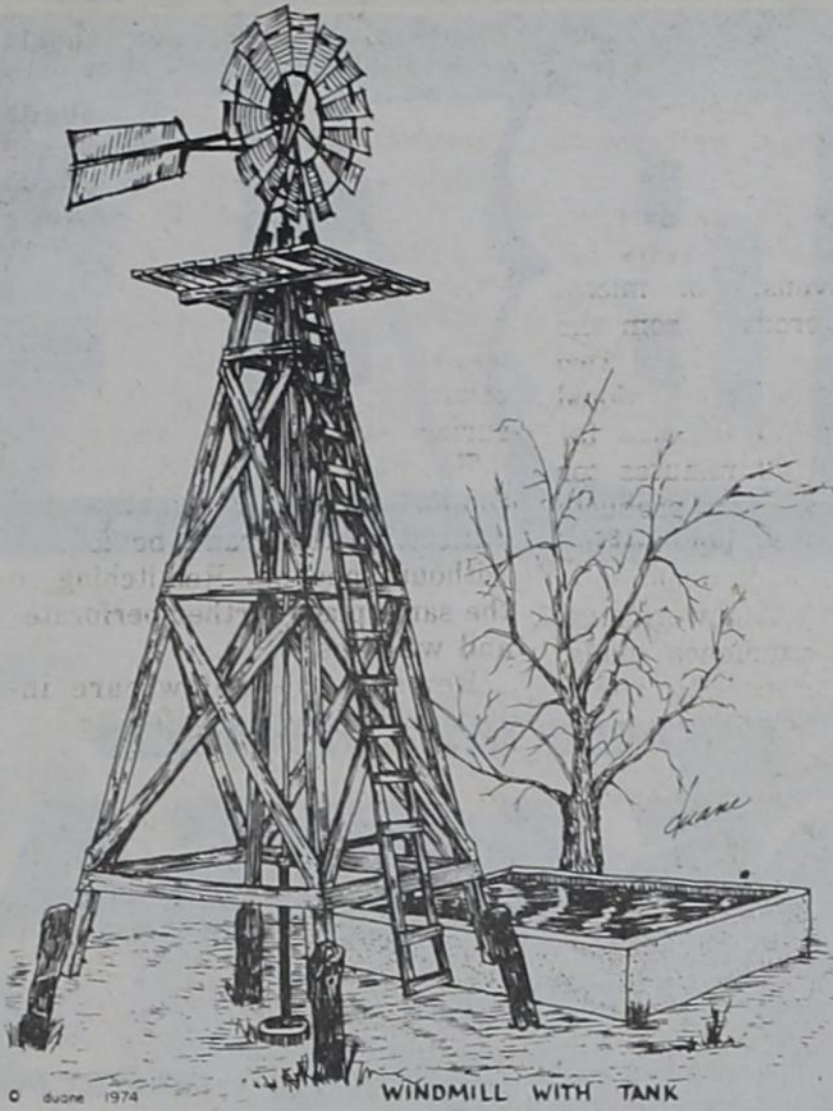
The preacher would make the announcement, "Next Sunday we're going to have baptizin' over to Miz Gidden's at three o'clock. Try to make it if you can. Them that's waitin' baptism needs to see me after preachin' today."

People would start arriving earlier than three. Seems like some came right after Sunday dinner (dinner being the noon meal.) They wanted to get their visitin' done before the baptizing. The preacher would get there at three o'clock though, wearing his old suit.

It was always the same one. It had been wet so many times it didn't matter. The folks to be baptized would arrive wearing their old clothes too. They would assemble at the tank with the other members of the congregation gathering all around.

Some wooden steps were set in place for the people to use to climb over into the water. The preacher went in first and beckoned the candidates to follow. One by one they climbed over the side into the water, lining up around the sides of the tank to await their turn. There was usually a large group to be baptized because it was only done in the warm months; those that became candidates in the winter just had to wait a while.

The baptizing was done in the middle of the tank. Some of us kids would usually climb part way up on the windmill tower to get a better look at what was going on. A hymn was sung before and after the service followed by a prayer. The songs most sung were "On



Jordan's Stormy Banks" and "Shall We Gather at the River". With the congregation all gathered around singing, chills would go up and down your back. There was a lot of warmth and love there. It was im-

possible to go away from that place feeling bad. I was baptized there myself at an early age and shall always be proud of the fact that people came that afternoon to share in such a wonderful experience.

## "How to Survive Hunting Season"

The Texas Medical Association says one simple way to avoid getting shot this hunting season is to wear clothing colored daylight fluorescent orange, usually called "hunter orange." Deer are color-blind but hunters can spot people wearing bright-colored vests, caps, jackets, etc. Green, brown or dark colors are the most dangerous tones to wear. Many hunters blast away at movement alone and those colors do not provide enough contrast for a hunter to distinguish quickly between a human and any other animal.

Of course many hunters' greatest enemies are themselves. There are endless ways to shoot oneself accidentally. One common way is to keep a loaded gun in the camp or vehicle. In the excitement of the hunt, many people also forget advice about keeping the safety on until ready to fire, not climbing fences or trees while carrying a loaded weapon and

keeping snow or mud from clogging the gun barrel.

One of the easiest ways to get shot is to hunt around careless people. Lots of folks fire at hard, flat surfaces or don't consider where the bullet will land if they miss. Even bullets from small bore weapons can ricochet at odd angles or travel more than a mile. Hunters also can be careless about pointing a gun at a companion when walking or getting somebody in the line of fire.

To make the season even more deadly, many hunters mix drinking and shooting. A hunting trip is not a backyard cocktail party. Even people who can handle their liquor get in trouble hunting because of the added danger and stress.

Bad weather, too much walking or carrying, and other types of stress have bagged many a ill-prepared hunter. Exercising, at least walking, starting a couple of months before hunting season

and pacing oneself on the hunt can decrease stress problems. Preparation and caution are the keys to a successful hunting season.

## Ropes News

Wanda Pierce, postmaster at Ropesville, is now home after spending some time in the hospital for knee surgery.

Dee Strickland still remains in intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital. He is a retired farmer from Ropesville.

Marine Lance Corporal Rex M. Browning, son of Mr. Ronnie L. Browning of Ropesville, Texas, has reported for duty with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa. A 1971 graduate of Tahoka High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February 1976.

The world could do with fewer self-appointed "leaders," who want to tell others how to live.

### At Times

The times we are living in are wonderful times to live in at times.

—Post, Washington.

## Frenship School Lunch Menu

Monday, October 18

Sloppy Joe  
Potato Chips  
Pork 'n Beans  
Peach Crisp  
Milk

Tuesday, October 19

Burrito/Chili  
Onion Rings  
Tossed Salad  
Applesauce  
Milk

Wednesday, October 20

Corn Dog/Mustard  
Tri-Tators  
Carrots  
Chocolate Brownie  
Milk

Thursday, October 21

Fish/Catsup  
Mashed Potatoes  
Hot Roll  
Lima Beans  
Cranberry Cup  
Peanut Butter Cake  
Milk

Friday, October 22

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### Taxes

A recent Texas Supreme Court decision could save part-time farmers and ranchers many tax dollars, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The court held that farmers and ranchers may qualify for agricultural tax exemptions on farm real estate even though they earn more than half their income from other sources," notes Dr. Wayne Hayenga.

The big impact will be in counties that have many part-time or low income farmers who could not previously qualify for the exemption.

The Texas Constitution provides that the owner of a farm or ranch may request an "agricultural use" valuation for the property if it is his "primary occupation and source of income," points out Hayenga.

This valuation is based on the productive value of the land, which is often less than the

market value generally used for computing tax payments.

"The state Supreme Court ruled earlier that a property owner must show that his farm or ranch income was greater than his combined income from all other sources. But, based on opinion by Associate Justice Price Daniel, the court changed the requirement to make it easier for owners to qualify for the exemption," says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Daniel wrote... "It is sufficient if the landowner shows that he devotes a greater amount of time to his agricultural business than to any other occupation or businesses and that he receives more gross income from his agricultural business."

This ruling will help farm and ranch owners who get incomes from a variety of sources, such as business investments, royalty payments and other jobs, but who spend a majority of their time on the farm, Hayenga says.

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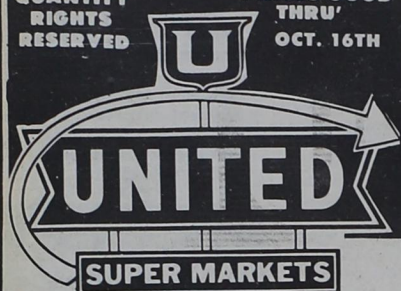
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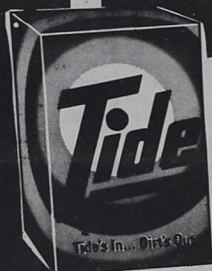
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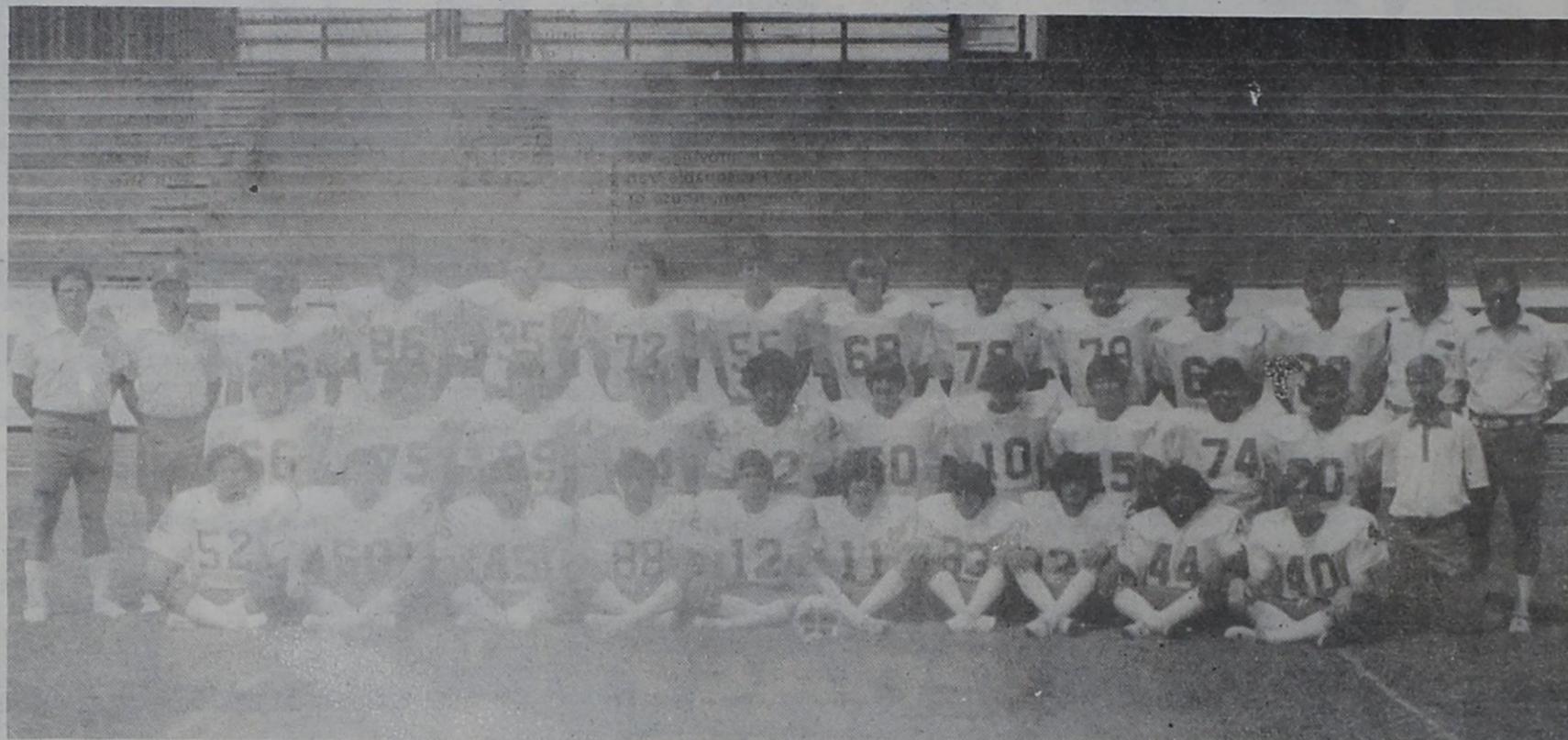
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# SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Well, sir, we found out what we've been waiting for this year, Texas Tech DOES have a football team of note. It isn't just a football team, it is a true title contender.

The Red Raiders decisively beat Colorado in the opener and the Buffs have proven, since then, that they have a good team. Then the Raiders wallowed their way past New Mexico in a game that didn't make them appear convincing.

Texas A&M, though, was a topnotch team and recognized as such. The Aggies had lost a conference game. They had to win over Tech. And the game was on their home field.

The Raiders didn't give them a chance. They blitzed the Aggies with 21 first quarter points, almost had either a fourth touchdown or a field goal in the first 15 minutes. And while the Aggies came back, it was too far up the hill and the hill was too steep.

Make no mistake; the Aggies have a good football team. It may not be as good as last year's co-champions, but it isn't much weaker. It still has the great defense, but the offense once again doesn't measure up to what it takes.

And the wishbone T isn't designed to play catch-up ball. Even with a passing attack, which the Aggies have installed, probably thanks to Tom Wilson, their wishbone T falls short.

The Raider offense struck for the points that were necessary and then turned the game over to the defense. And didn't the defense respond! Except for occasional bursts, the Aggies had little or no success.

Harold Buell, Richard Arledge and Thomas Howard were particularly outstanding. They pressured and pestered the Aggie backs all afternoon and made it a miserable day.

As a result of their victory the Raiders have really shot to the front in the conference race. Houston, of course, has a pair of wins, one of them over the same Aggies. Incidentally, the Cougar victory margin was the same as Tech's, 11 points.

So, down the line, you can look for a titanic battle between those teams here, as well as with Baylor, Texas and Arkansas. And the only "big" game not here is with Arkansas.

In the past, however, the Raiders often have beaten a team like Texas or Arkansas, and then stubbed a foot over some one like TCU, Rice or Baylor.

And coming up this Saturday is a Rice team that has shown heavy reliance on the pass and has managed to put points on the board against everyone except LSU. The Raiders' pass defense will be sorely tested and the Raiders can't afford a letdown.

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I don't know if it was because it was two wishbone T teams playing, or whether both Texas and OU have great defensive teams, but this year's Texas-OU game was on the dull side.

Neither really showed much offensive strength and it became a duel for punters and mistakes. The Sooners were fortunate to get a tie out of the game. By all rights, two field goals should have won it. At the same time, OU should have won after getting a tying touchdown.

The game did point up the fact that quarterback is a major problem for the Longhorns, while Earl Campbell continues to be a factor with his running. But the Horns don't appear to have the same mystique, the same legerdemain.

Rice couldn't contain the Horns, but Boston College beat them and the Sooners held Campbell and the Jones boys in good shape. The quarterback perfection of the past isn't there.

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Will the truth ever come out on the argument between Darrell Royal and Barry Switzer? They obviously get along like a piranha and a wounded animal.

Was Royal trying to psych Switzer and OU, or was he serious in his charge of spying? Also, was there spying? Earlier this year there was a case in which spying was admitted, so it is within the realm of possibility.

Regardless of the answer, it's all a little silly for two grown men at the heads of outstanding football squads to carry on this way. They ought to be slapped on the wrists by the NCAA with a dozen strands of wet noodles.

In this day of game films there are few, if any, secrets—and that includes so called "secret" plays installed for one game. It's more the surprise than the actual play.

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The World Series is coming up and it appears to be the Reds and the Yankees, although this is being written Sunday and anything can happen. It probably won't, however.

Nothing has happened to change my mind about the Reds. They seem to be the strongest machine assembled in years, maybe in history. They have strong pitching, great offense and a defense that doesn't give much away. The Reds are awesome.

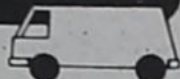
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After this weekend the football season "begins" in Lubbock. Yep, one game in six weeks here. And then here come five games in seven weeks against the likes of Arizona, Texas, SMU, Houston and Baylor. Oh, boy, bring on the football season!

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The event was to honor all the past and present cowboys who worked on the ranch with Lambert being the oldest previous ranch hand present who worked as a cowhand on the ranch in 1913, then after serving in World War I he returned to the ranch and worked until 1930. Johnson began work on the ranch in the twenties.

This was the first visit to the Pitchfork Ranch for the Lamberts and Johnsons since leaving there in 1930 and both couples reported a very enjoyable day of visiting and remembering days gone by.

Barbeque and all the trimmings was enjoyed by over 400 guests that registered. Pictures of past activities on the ranch were shown on a large screen and the Dumont Band furnished musical entertainment.

The ranch is located between Dickens on Guthrie.

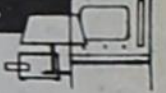
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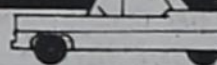
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# Studies Profile Child Abusers

A recent study shows parents are most likely to abuse male infants, children under age 6, illegitimate children and females age 12 and older.

The same study also points out high-risk families. "A fairly high rate of unemployment and an extremely high rate of marital discord characterized abusing families," said William Friedrich, a researcher at The University of Texas School of Public Health. About 65 percent of the abused children in the study did not have both natural parents living with them. The study appears in the October issue of *Texas Medicine*, the Texas Medical Association's monthly journal.

Friedrich's data, drawn from Harris County statistics, shows that parents of any age, race, educational or economic category abused children. A large percentage seem to be repeat offenders. About 85 percent of the children reportedly abused had been in similar incidents previously.

"A parent who was himself abused, social isolation, unrealistic expectations of the infant, inability to use or seek help and a personality best described as deeply unlikeable" profile a potential child abuser, an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* states. Parents demonstrating two or three of these characteristics who have or will have young children should be offered help before abuse occurs, said the article's author,

David Chadwick, M.D., of San Diego, Cal.

The first step in getting someone help is reporting abuse. Texas law requires anyone who suspects child abuse or neglect to report it to the proper authorities. A person can call the child abuse hotline number, 1-800-292-5400, free of charge and report a potential or suspected case. People can call the nearest welfare office or law enforcement authorities as well. The Texas welfare department says "as long as your report is made in good faith, you are protected by law from damage suits." A report also can be made anonymously. The law says someone can be prosecuted for not reporting a suspected case.

In information is relayed to the nearest child welfare office and a worker investigates the report. After investigation, parents may get counselling if needed. If a child's safety depends on it, he may be placed in another home at least temporarily.

Welfare department figures for 1973 show there were about 4,000 reports and more than 2,500 confirmed child abuse cases. There were 104 recorded deaths from child abuse. Friedrich's article says there may be as many as 500,000 abuse cases in the U.S. every year. Texas child abuse reports have increased but Friedrich said that child abuse reports show only a small part of the problem that includes emotional abuse and intentional

neglect. Dr. Chadwick said "more support needs to go into identification and care of the high-risk patient who has not yet abused an infant."

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Apple Pie  
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- Tuesday, October 19**  
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Lettuce  
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- Wednesday, October 20**  
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Creamed Potatoes  
Salad  
Cake/Peanut Butter Icing  
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- Thursday, October 21**  
Burritos/Chili  
Tossed Salad  
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- Friday, October 22**  
Steak/Gravy  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Buttered Broccoli  
Cookies  
Rolls/Butter/Milk

### Trial and Error

He who never makes a mistake actually never makes a discovery either.

—Gosport, Pensacola.

# Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

In Friday's column I commented briefly on a film that is now in its last week (ends Thursday) at Showplace 4. It is a black feature with the glittering title "Sparkle."

Well, something about this one took me back to the theater this weekend to see it again and see what missed along the way.

There have been a good many so-called "blackploitation" films in the past few years and most of them have starred or featured Pamela Grier or Fred Williamson and have been berthed locally at the Lindsey Theater. Most of them are "quickies" and last just as long as demand holds out and then are gone into that void of nonentity.

I am talking about the "programmers" films made expressly to make the buck. I am not referring to more distinguished and honored products such as the Cicely Tyson films. That's what bothers me about "Sparkle."

It has no Pam Grier in the cast nor no Fred Williamson. The cast is largely unknown. Yet, it has some of the elements that make for a better than average film.

When you see this musical drama, set in Harlem, you will (it is inescapable) think of The Supremes, that trio of dynamic singers, from whose ranks Diana Ross sprang. You'll think of Motown and the current rage of black entertainers in every phase of the music and theater business: viz "The Wiz" and "Guys and Dolls" on Broadway.

"Sparkle" details the beginnings of a rock group and its pitfalls, highs and lows. It is only 98-minutes long, held into a tight vise by the low budget restrictions.

The cut-down form has hurt what might have been a truly exciting and authentic look into this nostalgic period. Certainly, the cast plays with earnestness and with expertise. The Curtis Mayfield music is appropriate and the settings and feel of the film are right.

But, somehow, the picture does wander. It has unfinished moments and the running time does not allow sufficient character exploration.

But "Sparkle" deserves a look-in. You'll enjoy the work of such versatile black performers, most of them yet unknown, as Mary Alice, Phillip M. Thomas, Irene Cara, Lonette McKee, Dwan Smith, Paul Lambert.

The idea behind "Sparkle" was fine; something just went awry along the way.

There's another picture (and this one is a dilly) that has been brought back for one week only at the South Plains Mall Cinema I-II and will be ending its time Thursday, too. I'm talking about "Dog Day Afternoon" the incredible (and true) story of a bank robbery in New York City on a hot, sultry afternoon. The robbery is pulled off in comic and yet murderously serious fashion by a man determined to get money in order that his male friend (lover) can have a change-of-sex operation.

Now I know this sounds both obscene and stupid in print, but "Dog Day Afternoon" is neither of these. It is a sleek, adroit and canny picture and highly regarded all around. Only Jack Nicholson and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" stood between Al Pacino ("Dog Day's star) and that coveted Oscar last spring. Pacino who will be remembered for "The Godfather" Parts I and II as well as a string of superlative roles is a superstar and "Dog Day Afternoon" ranks among his best.

I do want to direct your attention (particularly if you are over 40 years old and remember the 1940-50 era of Golden Films). For there is a gem of a film in that genre out at the Fox Theaters on 19th St. It is called "A Matter of Time" and stars Liza Minelli and Ingrid Bergman. In this the theme is sounded by the aging countess, bordering on fear of age and touches of madness, "Be Yourself. Do not copy; the world loves an original."

She is giving this to Liza Minelli, a girl from the country who has come to Rome to seek her fortune, is a maid in attendance on the strange old lady in the hotel. In fancy, Nina, (Miss Minelli) transports herself into the Countess' past glories, complete with lavish settings and gowns and here and there a song is interpolated. This is not a musical; it is rather a play with music.

I liked the film. It moved me. Bergman plays it to the hilt, perhaps in the old-fashioned way, but how grand! Minelli, looking and sounding even more than usual like her late mother, Judy Garland, is pliable and sincere in a good role. The director is, of course, Vincente Minnelli, who is Liza's real life father and a distinguished filmmaker in his own right. He did Judy's "Meet Me in St. Louis" among others, too.

It is a hark-back to the grand old saccarine days of films when misty eyes were the vogue and elegance the hallmark. It is not a "today" movie, such as "Sparkle" or "Dog Day Afternoon" and because of that "A Matter of Time" is a touching and rewarding film. It is for those who remember, not the frantic seekers of today.

Remember that this coming Tuesday sees the opening of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's 30th year as a vital force in this community, giving its first concert in the Municipal Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 19. There will be a guest conductor on William A. Harrod's podium, the Oscar-Emmy-winning arranger, Carmen Dragon, who will be bringing a singing soloist from the San Francisco Opera to aid in the festivities.

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