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Plainsman To Change Owners

Complete Training

Bill and Jan Strickland have just completed three weeks of staff training for Campus Crusade for Christ.

They have been assigned to Spokane, Wash., for the next year.

Bill and Jan will be working with high school students, winning them to Christ, training them to win others and sending them back to their campus to minister to their fellow students.

The goal of Campus Crusade for Christ is to confront every high school student in America with the Claims of Christ by 1976 and the entire world by 1980.

The Ropes Plainsman will change owners following publication of this issue after continuous ownership by a member of the Morris family since 1938.

Agreement was made this past week with Orville Mosher, publisher of the Shallowater Sunday Citizen, in which he will take over publication with the next issue.

Mr. Mosher is a long-time newspaperman, and is well acquainted with the business. He is highly capable and will do a good job with the paper, which will contain eight pages each week from now on, instead of the usual four. The paper will have an editorial page, sports page and comics which will add much to the enjoyment of reading, as well as the local news.

Mr. Mosher has also made arrangements with our daughter, Berrilyn Whitehead, to continue to gather the local news and everyone is urged to get their items to her, either by phoning them in, mailing them or taking them by her home. Mr. Mosher's one aim is the same as the paper has always had, and that is the coverage of local news. This cannot be done without the help of the reading public.

We would like to urge everyone to continue cooperating with the new owner, both by turning in news and advertising. Ropes is a very small town and has been fortunate in having a newspaper all these years.

It has not been a paying proposition to date, this is why we had to find outside employment in order to keep it going. The time had come when it must either be stopped or change hands. We ask that you express your appreciation to Mr. Mosher for attempting to keep the paper going.

Winners At Arena Park

Winners at the Arena Park Friday night included:

Street Stockers—
Maurice Whitehead, 3rd in heat.

James Means, 4th in heat; 5th in main.

Sportsman—
Mickey Smith, 2nd in heat; 1st in semi-main; 1st in main event.

Harrell Whitehead—Trophy Dash, 1st; 3rd in heat; 5th in semi-main.

Sprint Cars—
Bob Dopson, 5th in semi-main; 5th in main event.

Korlan Screwworm Killer Back In Plentiful Supply

Korlan insecticide products used to dress livestock wounds to kill screwworms and repel flies now are back in plentiful supply for ranchers and stockmen fighting the current screwworm and tick epidemics.

After a temporary shortage, both smear compounds and aerosol spray "bombs" containing Korlan insecticide now are available through livestock supply dealers throughout the southwest, announced S. K. Skinner, district agricultural sales manager for Dow Chemical USA, makers of Korlan.

Skinner said the Korlan products and most other wound dressings were withdrawn last spring just as the 1972 screwworm outbreak was beginning because most contained pine oil, safety of which was questioned by government agencies.

The new Korlan formulations do not contain pine oil and may be used without restriction on all livestock of all ages, Skinner said. "Korlan smears and pressurized insecticides proved their effectiveness against screwworms years ago when the screwworm was a big problem for cattlemen almost every year," Skinner added. "We are pleased to offer them again in this emergency situation."

While the emphasis properly remains on preventing screwworm outbreaks, Skinner asserted, the cattlemen who find infested cattle have had little choice of approved products to kill worms from wounds and to help heal and prevent infestation of open wounds.

The Korlan smears and pressurized sprays also are recommended for killing Ear ticks and the Gulf Coast tick, which also congregates in and near livestock ears, Skinner said.

"There has been a serious outbreak of Gulf Coast ticks in recent weeks," he added, "and the danger is twofold. In addition to the damage the ticks do, they often cause sores that attract flies which lay eggs that produce screwworms. By treating ears with either Korlan smears or spray products, the rancher can both eliminate ticks and protect against screwworms."

Skinner said both Korlan smears and pressurized spray are available under several brand names but labels always identify the active ingredient as Korlan. In addition, Dow markets Korlan Insecticide Pressurized Livestock Spray under its own name.

LIONS HOST GIRLSTOWN ENTERTAINERS

At the regular meeting of the Ropes Lions Club on Monday, August 21, the Cooper's Angels, a trio from Girlstown U.S.A. entertained the Lions and their guests with a group of their songs. They were accompanied by Marshall Cooper, director of Girlstown, and Mrs. Margie Condon of Austin. The trio has been performing in the area at many gatherings and have just returned from a trip to California and several performances there.

Miss Yoko Sakai, Lions guest from Nagasaki, Japan, was also a special guest. She was making her last appearance at a Lions meeting as she will leave Saturday, August 26, for Japan. She will depart at 12:50 p.m. from the Lubbock Air Terminal. All interested parties are invited to see her departure from the airport.

Miss Sakai performed in the traditional kimono and did two of the dances from her country for the Lions and their wives. She also made a speech thanking the Lions Club and the individuals who made her visit possible and pleasant while a guest of the Lions for the past six weeks.

Plans were made at the meeting to hold a watermelon feast to meet the teachers of the Ropes school on Monday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Shannon and Roy Carpenter were given plaques as the outstanding Lions for the past year. They received a tie vote as to the outstanding Lion, so the club gave each a plaque.

Other special guests included Glenn Braden and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Jack) McSpadden.

Brenda Gay Thomas Roberts graduated with honors from Southwest Texas State University of San Marcos this semester. She was one of 18 who received honors out of 396 graduating. She received her BS degree in Home Economics and will be teaching in a San Marcos school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas.

MRS. BROWN'S SERVICES HELD

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday in George Price Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Cora Brown, 93, of Levelland who died about 2 p.m. Tuesday in Cook Memorial Hospital in Levelland.

Officiating was the Rev. Wayne Perry of Lubbock with burial in Ropesville Cemetery.

A native of DeLeon, Mrs. Brown moved to Levelland in 1967 from Mortin where she had lived since 1963.

Mrs. Brown lived in Ropesville many years.

Survivors include three sons, J. M. Brown of Amarillo, Frank Brown of Meadow and Sam Brown of McAdoo; five daughters, Mrs. R. K. Lindsey and Mrs. A. R. Lindsey, both of Morton, Gertrude Brown of Ropesville, Mrs. Inez Johnston of Houston and Mrs. Dewey Butler of College Station; two brothers, George Howard of Littlefield and Jewell Howard of Odessa; 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

WEDDING VOWS TO BE EXCHANGED

On Saturday, September 2, at 10 a.m., Miss Donna Cotham and Johnny Tucker Snider will exchange wedding vows in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Crate Snider. Miss Cotham and Johnny will make their home in Houston.

Special Education teachers and aids attending a workshop in Levelland Monday and Tuesday include Mrs. McSpadden and Mrs. Tidwell, Junior High; Mrs. Brown, elementary; and Elaine Odom, teacher's aides.

Johnny Martin, son of Dorothy Martin, left for Marine basic training Sunday.

Iva Roberson, Nell Hobbs, Charlotte and Melody and Mrs. Emory Hobbs visited Friday in Fluvana, the hometown of Mrs. Hobbs. They enjoyed visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller, old time friends of the Hobbs'.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock have returned from Ruidoso, N. M., where they have been since June.

Notice--

LAY WITNESS MISSION

The First Baptist Church plans to have a Lay Witness Mission September 1, 2, and 3, 1972.

Everyone is invited to attend.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SET

The monthly Immunization Clinic will be held in the Health Unit Office, Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, August 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The immunizations offered will be polio, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

Records are not available on clinic day.

The Booster Club will meet at 8 p.m. September 5 in the school cafeteria.

There will be a wedding shower for Donna Cotham and Johnny Snider from 3 to 5 p.m. September 1 in the Glynn Braden home. Everyone is invited.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Mrs. James Stowe (nee Yvonne Fry) on Tuesday night, September 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Sims.

Everyone is invited to attend.

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Farmcast

Compiled From Sources
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Livestock Inspection Reinstated . . . Stocks of Grain Show Increase . . . Wool Production Declines . . . Early Stalk Destruction Urged . . . Pecan Producers To Vote.

LIVESTOCK moving from Texas, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and parts of Arizona, California and New Mexico must be inspected and certified free of screwworms before being moved interstate.

The regulations will be in effect through Nov. 30 of this year, and from April 15 through Nov. 30 in future years until the present screwworm infestation is overcome.

State and federal veterinarians, state and federal livestock inspectors and accredited veterinarians are authorized to make the necessary inspections, supervise pesticide applications and issue shipping certificates.

TEXAS stocks of grain in all positions as of July 1 are estimated at 190 million bushels. This compares with 141 million bushels a year ago. The largest increase is in sorghum stocks followed by wheat, corn and rye. Stocks of oats, barley and soybeans are down from a year ago.

Sorghum stocks are estimated at 129 million bushels compared with 86.9 million bushels in 1971.

Nationwide, large increases were noted in corn, sorghum grain, wheat and rye. Stocks of corn, oats, barley, and sorghum totaled 81.7 million tons, 35 percent more than 1971.

Feed grain disappearance during April-June totaled 44 million tons, 17 percent more than for the same quarter in 1971.

WOOL production in Texas for 1972 is estimated at 29,765,000 pounds, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is down two percent from last year's production of 30,397,000 pounds.

Spring shown wool is expected to account for 83 percent of the total wool production.

Nationwide, wool production is expected to be down four percent from the 1971 production of 159,084,000 pounds.

The Texas lamb crop is now estimated at 2,302,000 head, up one percent from last year. Nationwide, the lamb crop is estimated to be down four percent from 1971.

EARLY destruction of cotton stalks in the Lower Rio Grande Valley as well as throughout all of the state is urged. Mandatory deadline is Aug. 31 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley counties of Cameron, Willacy and certain portions of Hidalgo and Starr counties under the pink bollworm act.

Early destruction of stalks will help prevent build-ups of pink bollworms and other cotton insects for the 1973 crop.

HOG CHOLERA outbreaks in Texas and throughout the nation continue to hamper efforts in the final stage of hog cholera eradication.

Fifty cases have been reported in Texas since late last year. Federal quarantines are now in effect in all of seven Texas counties—Dawson, Harris, Jim Wells, Moore, Nueces, Terry and Webb—and parts of Bexar, Mitchell and Nolan counties.

PECAN producers in Texas will vote this fall on a proposed check-off referendum being conducted by the Texas Pecan Growers Association. Proposed assessment will not exceed 50 cents per 100 pounds of pecans. Money will be used to finance a program of production, marketing and use of pecans.

Revival Slated In Ropesville

A revival will be held at the Church of Christ in Ropesville August 28-September 3, according to Travis Boyd, minister. Services start each night at 8 p.m. Douglass Rohre of Brownfield will conduct the special services.

Mr. Rohre is married to the former Doris Jeanne Scott and they have three children, Sherry Lynn, Susan Elaine and Gary Scott. Rohre started preaching while attending Abilene Christian College. He graduated from A. C. C. with a BA and a MA in Bible. He also attended Texas Christian University.

Mr. Rohre has served churches in Meridian, Devine, Throckmorton, San Angelo and Longview. He is currently serving at the Crescent Hill Church in Brownfield.

He has written several Bible study booklets, brotherhood papers, and he writes regularly for the Brownfield News. Mr. Rohre participates in teacher training series and appears on several lecture programs. He is a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol and is active in other community activities.

The public is invited to attend the revival services.

Jeanine Patman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patman of Lovington, N. M., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Loveless, won the Grand Champion Reserve on her 4-H crossbreed calf. The calf sold for over \$900.

Mrs. Nell Hobbs and children, Billy Gryder, Lela Hobbs and children, Iva Roberson and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Carlsbad on Tuesday where they toured the Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield and Mrs. Jim Martin visited in Plains Sunday.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pacing

"There are not enough hours in the day; not enough days in the week; I'm always rushing." How often we hear complaints about lack of time. Yet each minute and each day is new and fresh, waiting for us to grasp it, mold it, use it, and enjoy it. Each new moment should provide a lesson in pacing our lives so that we may truly live and appreciate life.

Our reason for rushing and bustling is lack of understanding the principles of pacing. These principles are so elementary we often forget them too easily. There is a time and place for everything. A time for work, a time for prayer, and also there should be a time to appreciate the creations of God. When was the last time you paused to smell flowers in the garden? When was the last time you really listened to a bird sing, or stood in awe watching the sun rise? When was the last time you felt the rustle of the wind and wondered where it's been and where it is going? When was the last time you renewed your soul in appreciation of God's creation?

Pacing and appreciation will add meaning and understanding to each day. Use your days wisely.

Beef Blade Steaks Are Thrifty, Tasty Choice for Cookout

Looking for a thrifty steak for your next cookout? Select beef blade steaks and you'll save dimes or dollars, depending upon the number you need.

These steaks, cut from the beef chuck, although somewhat less tender than Porterhouse or sirloin, are especially delicious and satisfactory for broiling when cut thin and marinated, according to Reba Staggs, home economist of the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Choose a bottled barbecue sauce or make your own.

Smoked and Fresh Pork Paired in Tasty Loaf For Family or Friends

Summer is the season for family get-togethers — both premeditated and spontaneous. Many families make formal plans, but Uncle Ed and Aunt Isabelle, with nieces and nephews of assorted sizes, may simply drop in from nowhere.

Guests, arriving with or without advance notice, are no problem for the homemaker who has the recipe for Family Reunion Ham Loaf on file. The ingredients are readily available, the preparation is easy and the loaf is juicy and packed with flavor, points out Reba Staggs, home economist of the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Family Reunion Ham Loaf
3 pounds ground smoked ham
3 pounds ground pork

High Heat Ruins Meat

Use the coals, not fire, to cook meat on an outdoor grill. Broiling at low to moderate temperature makes for juicier and more tender meat. It also means more meat to serve and enjoy since high temperatures increase cooking losses. It is important to let the charcoal burn until covered with a gray ash (30 to 45 minutes) before putting steak, chops or burgers on the grill. If coals are spaced about a half inch apart and in a single layer, flare-up is reduced.

Some Like It Hot

A constant summer diet of cold meals can dull family interest in dining. It's best to intersperse cold meals with hot ones. Although cold meat platters zoom in popularity when the sun is high and hot, an active family can yearn for a hot roast, stew or casserole dish. A good well-balanced diet, including meat, is just as important in the summer as any other season.

Chilly Cocktail

Have you tried consomme on the rocks? For a cooling first course, mix equal parts of consomme and apple juice and serve over ice cubes. The melting cubes will dilute to desired potency. For another summer starter, chill cans of consomme thoroughly and serve jellied in bowls.

Barbecued Beef Blade Steaks

2 beef blade steaks, cut 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick
1 cup bottled barbecue sauce

Place steaks in flat pan or plastic bag. Pour barbecue sauce over steaks, turning to coat all sides. Marinate in refrigerator 4 hours or overnight, turning after 2 hours. Place steaks on grill or on rack in broiler pan 4 to 5 inches from heat. Broil at moderate temperature for 7 to 10 minutes on each side, depending on degree of doneness desired (rare or medium). Brush with barbecue sauce before and after turning. 4 to 6 servings.

3 eggs, beaten
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) evaporated milk
1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed tomato soup
1 cup cracker crumbs

Combine all ingredients thoroughly. Pack into two 9 x 5-inch loaf pans or form into 2 loaves, each about 9 inches long, and place on rack in a large roasting pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 1 1/2 hours. Serve hot or cold with Epicurean Sauce. 18 to 24 servings.

Epicurean Sauce

1/2 cup prepared horseradish
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1/4 cup chopped parsley
2 cups dairy sour cream

Combine horseradish, mayonnaise, mustard and parsley. Fold into sour cream until well blended. Chill.

Good Freezers

Almost any type of meat stew, ragout, goulash or casserole combination—beef, lamb, pork or veal—can be frozen. Most vegetables included in these combination dishes freeze well.

Save for Second Service

Take proper care of meat leftovers immediately after serving. Cover closely to prevent drying out and store them in the refrigerator. To save space, cut meat from the bones and wrap tightly in plastic wrap or bags or aluminum foil. It is best not to grind or chop leftover cooked meat until you are ready to use it again, unless it is to be frozen.

Plenty of Protein?

Protein needs are not as apt to be met in the summer unless cold menus are planned as carefully as hot ones, and care is taken to include high quality protein foods such as meat. Our bodies need the same amounts of protein, vitamins and minerals whether it's hot or cold.

Summer Roast

Summertime or not, a roast just must come to the table every so often or the family feels a bit slighted in the menu department. When you're purchasing a roast, get a big one. Meat leftovers, most usable anytime, are really at a premium when the days are hot and humid.

DPS Estimates 48 To Lose Lives

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today estimated that statewide traffic accidents over the Labor Day weekend will claim 48 lives.

The Labor Day holiday, as set by the National Safety Council, is a 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday, September 1, to midnight Monday, September 4.

At the close of the Labor Day period last year, a DPS tabulation showed that 41 persons had died in 34 traffic accidents. Late deaths pushed the toll to 43 persons killed in 36 accidents.

patrolmen will be placed on duty throughout the state. They will make full use of radar and breath testing instruments in an effort to curtail the major causes of fatal accidents—excessive speed and drunk driving.

A NEW DAY— A NEW WAY FOR 4-H LEADERS

Linda Lynch, Asst. HD agent

No one could help but be pleased with an audience such as you—people who are giving of their time and talents to work with the youth of our land.

Count all the gold and precious metals, The diamonds, pearls, the soils, and all That spring directly from them and these Great resources cannot begin to measure The worth of our most valuable resource— The youth of this land.

As responsible adult citizens and leaders, we are facing the sternest challenges ever faced by any people in history. How well we measure up to these citizenship responsibilities will, in my judgment, determine the future of our democracy, what we know as the "American Way of Life," and indeed the future of the entire world.

This is why I am especially pleased to have this privilege of sharing some time and thoughts with you. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you as highly as I know how—upon this evidence of your concern and of your own recognition of your citizenship responsibility and the effective leadership which you are already providing in your respective communities, especially to the boys and girls. Certainly the need was never greater for teaching and helping young people to gain an understanding and appreciation of the basic values of Christian Americanism and democratic principles.

There is an ever-increasing need for vigorous action by leadership through the teamwork of voluntary organizations such as 4-H Clubs. This increases the need for dedicated and informed leadership from individuals who have the ability to motivate and help release the creative energies of others, especially our youth. We need leaders with vision and courage.

We believe the experiences provided through 4-H Club work under the direction of such dedicated leaders as you—especially when these leaders are equipped with specific training for carrying out their leadership responsibilities—will provide a means of developing skills and understanding needed by youth to cope effectively with the perplexities of life in this last one-half of the twentieth century.

However, we must see more in 4-H than just teaching agriculture and home economics—if this is all we can see, we have missed the great potential and glory that is 4-H—that is teaching youth and helping them to meet adequately their developmental needs and develop four square personalities. We are living in this kind of world—today's so-

ciety demands these kinds of citizens.

I'd like for us to think together as to what we believe about 4-H Club work and the opportunities it provides for all of us. Do you believe every boy and girl is important? Do you genuinely like them? Do you believe each person is different and in that respect unique? Do you believe what you are doing as a local leader in 4-H is important?

Do you believe that the 4-H project is the important tool used in the development of youth so that each dignifies and supplements the other? Do you believe that among our greatest assets are friends of 4-H, such as parents, local leaders, professional people, business people, press, radio, T.V. and many others.

I believe that 4-H in its broadest term must become part of a person—become a true dedication. So take time out to examine what you believe. I believe that local leaders directly and indirectly are responsible for the greater part of our strength in 4-H. I believe the task of the local leader involves training for the job of local leader.

What is 4-H? What do you believe?

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H leader, please contact James Morris, Asst. County Agent, or Linda Lynch, Asst. Home Demonstration Agent at the Extension Office, Courthouse Annex, Levelland, Texas, or call 894-3159.

Ropes School Cafeteria Menu

MONDAY—
Steak fingers with Catsup
Scalloped Potatoes
Buttered Lima Beans
Fruit Cobbler,
Rolls, Butter and Milk

TUESDAY—
Meal Loaf, Tomato Sauce
Buttered Spinach
Creamed Potatoes
Banana Pudding
Rolls, Butter and Milk

WEDNESDAY—
Barbecued Wieners
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peaches
Cornbread and Milk

THURSDAY—
Meat Sauce and Spaghetti and Tomatoes
Blackeyed Peas
Buttered Corn
Cake with Pink Frosting
Rolls, Butter and Milk

FRIDAY—
Sloppy Joes
Tomato and Lettuce Salad
Baked Beans
Cookies
Milk

Speir said the DPS and local law enforcement agencies would be taking all possible steps to reduce the holiday death toll. A special "Operation Motorcade" will be in progress over the Labor Day weekend and tabulations of rural and urban fatal wrecks will be reported to the news media of Texas three times daily.

As is customary on major holidays, all available DPS

Mulch Increases Yield

Research at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock indicates that significant yield increases with cantaloupe can be achieved by use of paper mulch. In addition to yield increases, mulching enhances earliness and fruit quality and facilitates weed control and conservation of moisture.

Dr. William Lipe, research horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, believes that mulching may find a place in the production of vine crops in West Texas in the future. In research conducted at Lubbock, yields of Perlita cantaloupe were increased from 34,000 to 77,000 pounds per acre (an increase of 122 percent) by use of a bio-degradable plastic coated paper mulch over the beds on which the melons were planted. Total numbers of fruits were doubled and fruit size increased by approximately 1 centimeter in diameter. Percent marketable fruits and soluble solids (sugar content) were unchanged by use of the mulch.

Maturity was hastened by 6-10 days with yields of mulched fruits surpassing total yields of unmulched fruits 14-18 days earlier.

The paper used was kraft type paper coated on both sides with micro-layers of black plastic. Unlike polyethylene (black plastic), this paper degrades in a relatively short period of time, leaving no objectionable residue of succeeding crops. The paper used was 60 inches wide and was provided by a commercial source.

Use of the mulch results in several major benefits. Soil temperatures (day) are increased by 8-10 degree Fahrenheit which results in more rapid growth early in the spring. The higher temperatures result in earlier maturity which is important due to normally higher prices earlier in the season.

Another important consideration is water requirements. Mulching prevents the evaporative loss of moisture from the soil and consequently extends the interval between irrigations. The extent of water savings is presently being studied. It appears likely that 50 percent of irrigation waters could be saved by use of the paper.

Fruit appearance and quality is enhanced by the paper by protecting melons from

the soil. "Ground spots" or soil discoloration of the melons as well as ground rots are prevented by use of paper mulch. Splashing of mud on the melons and vines is also prevented resulting in a significant reduction in mid- to late-season diseases. These factors combine to result in much more attractive fruits.

Weeds are also controlled by mulching. The only unprotected area is the irrigation furrow which can be cultivated mechanically.

The economics of mulching are currently being studied. The cost of mulching must be weighed against the increased yield and savings on water used, weed control and related factors. More research remains in the area of methods of application of the mulch, systems of planting through the paper, cultivation and irrigation.

At present results look encouraging that paper mulches will become an important part of the production system on cantaloupes and watermelons in West Texas.

Field Day, Open House

The Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock will host its 63rd Annual Field Day and Open House Tuesday, September 12, beginning at 1 p.m.

Detailed discussions will be presented at eight different locations in the field, according to Dr. Jack Gipson, research scientist and Oliver Newton, agricultural meteorologist, co-chairmen of the field day.

Topics to be featured at the field stops include: drip irrigation, oilseed crops, cotton diseases, cotton varieties, narrow-row cotton, soil fertility, vegetable crops and sorghum breeding and insect control.

A shuttle service will depart from headquarters every 15 minutes and visitors may disembark at the discussion site of their choice and then catch a subsequent shuttle when they are ready to move on. This is a new innovation and was added at the request of farmers who participated in the planning sessions of this year's event, according to Gipson and Newton.

Other topics to be featured which are of vital interest to the agricultural industry on the High Plains are weed con-

Ropes High School

Football Schedule

Following is the Ropes High School football schedule for 1972:

- Sept. 8, Meadow, there.
- Sept. 15, Lorenzo, there.
- Sept. 22, Sands, there.
- Sept. 29, Hale Center, here.
- Oct. 6, Crosbyton, here.
- Oct. 13, Open.
- + Oct. 20, O'Donnell, here.
- Oct. 27, Anton, there.
- Nov. 3, Shallowater, here.
- Nov. 10, Plains, there.
- Nov. 17, Seagraves, here.

+ Denotes Conference games.

1972-73 ROPES SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday, September 29—End of first six weeks.

Friday, October 27—TSTA District Meeting—no school.

Friday, November 10—End second six weeks.

Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24—Thanksgiving holidays.

Thursday, December 21—End first semester.

Friday, December 22 — Teachers work day.

Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 1—Christmas holidays.

Friday, February 9 — End fourth six weeks.

Friday, March 23—End fifth six weeks.

Saturday, March 24 through Sunday, April 1—Spring holidays.

Sunday, May 13—Baccalaureate.

Friday, May 18—End second semester.

Friday, May 18 — Graduation.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21, 22 and 23—Teachers work days.

control and weather. Special classes will be conducted at the headquarters area on these subjects.

Displays and exhibits will also be featured for public viewing. These will include plant diseases, soil testing, plant physiology and a large machinery exhibit.

Everyone with an interest in agriculture in West Texas is encouraged to attend the field day and open house. According to the field chairmen, it promises to be an afternoon well spent.

Honored on their birthdays in the Carl Allen home recently were Mrs. Carl Allen and Kathy Melcher. Others attending were Mr. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen and family, and Tommy Melcher and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs spent Wednesday night in Littlefield with Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Hobbs. His sister, Myrtle New of Aztec, N. M., was also a visitor there.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ward visited Saturday in Plainview with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Ward.

Narrow-Row Cotton Will Be Attraction

Narrow-row cotton production will be one of the featured attractions at the 63rd Annual Field Day and Open House at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock on September 12. Tours of field plots will begin at 1 p.m.

According to Dr. Jack Gipson, field day chairman, visitors will have an opportunity to see first-hand the extensive research program that is underway to find cotton varieties more suitable for the narrow-row method of production. Various cultural aspects will also be discussed, with special emphasis on weed control and harvesting.

"One of the things we are looking at this year in our field plots is dryland produc-

tion of narrow-row cotton," points out Dr. Levon Ray with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station who heads up the cotton breeding research program at the Center.

Elmer Hudspeth, agricultural engineer with USDA's Agricultural Research Service, notes that dryland narrow-row cotton at the Center is being cultivated to control weeds. Weed control has been one of the problems of this type of production system.

"We are continuing to look closely at narrow-row cotton as a means of increasing production on the Plains," say the two researchers. Narrow-rows have increased yields as much as 25 per cent with available commercial varieties, but new varieties being

developed specifically for narrow-rows will give a big boost to this system of production. In narrow-row tests last year, the experiments yielded about 50 per cent more than better adapted standard varieties. The new varieties in the narrow-row production system can reduce the growing season by three to four weeks, according to Ray and Hudspeth. And with the shorter growing season, some of the adversities of weather can be avoided. It is anticipated that several narrow-row varieties will be available to growers within the next three years.

How is this year's narrow-row crop doing?

"Actually, this year should be a good test for much of the narrow-row acreage in the area," points out Ray. "With the cool weather, the blowing sand, disease problems, hail and other adverse conditions that we've had this year, most of the narrow-row cotton is still progressing well."

The researchers estimate that from 25,000 to 30,000 acres were planted to narrow-row cotton on the South Plains this year.

Looking at the harvesting situation for this fall, Hudspeth believes that narrow-row harvesters will be plentiful. "There should be about 100 of these harvesters in operation. In 1969 when narrow-row cotton first got started, there were only three.

"We hope to have several of the new harvesters on display here during the field day," adds Hudspeth.

Other attractions of the field day will include drip irrigation, oilseed crops, cotton diseases and varieties, soil fertility, vegetable crops and grain sorghum breeding and insect control.

Field day visitors will be able to spend as much time

as they desire at the various field locations to obtain detailed information on items of their particular interest. Special discussions on weed control and the weather will be conducted at the Center headquarters.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield last weekend were their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Maloney of Whitesboro, Mrs. Retha Deweese of Paris, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Levon Walker of McMinnville, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moorehead and daughter of Pampa.

Visiting with Mrs. Jim Martin last week was her grandson, Randy Martin, of Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallace returned Saturday from a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wallace to South Fork, Colo. They report the weather was wonderful and the trip enjoyable.

TEXAS DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY
The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 15 accidents on rural highways in Hockley County during the month of July, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in one person killed and 21 injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first seven months of 1972 shows a total of 82 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 79 injured.

Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety shows a total in July, 1972, of 712 accidents resulting in 34 persons killed and 388 injured as compared to the same month in 1971 with 564 accidents resulting in 38 persons killed and 324 injured.

The 34 deaths for the month of July, 1972, occurred in the following counties: Archer, 7; Lamb, 5; Lubbock, 4; Cochran, Farmer and Wilbarger, 2 each; Floyd, Hockley, Jack, Young, Castro, Deaf Smith, Childress, Donley, Hartley, Moore, Potter and Sherman, one each.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICES	11:00 a.m.
TRAINING UNION	5:00 p.m.
EVENING WORSHIP	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE	8:30 p.m.

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FOR SALE—
Shower stall and bathtub, 2-piece bedroom suite, living room suite, dining table, portable automatic washer. Will give away clothes if you pick them up. Contact Mrs. Gailey, 562-3561 or Isla Ethridge, 562-4232.

WANTED
Am in desperate need of reliable mature babysitter in my home, 6 days, 1/2 Wednesday and Saturday. Contact Peggy Burks after 6 p.m.

KIDDIE KORNER
Kindergarten, Wolfforth, Texas, is now enrolling 4- and 5-year-olds. Begins on August 28th from 8:30 to 11:30. Final date for enrollment is August 21. Contact Mrs. Ronnie Ayers, 866-4249 or Mrs. Jimmy Sims, 562-4371.

MUSIC LESSONS
I am now teaching music lessons in my home. For further information contact Alisa Sims, Box 3, Ropesville, or phone 562-4371

ROPESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Hour:	10:50 A.M.
Evening Services:	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes:	8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 14 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 57)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 6b, to read as follows: "Section 6b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, any county, acting through the commissioners court, may reduce the county permanent school fund of that county and may distribute the amount of the reduction to the independent and common school districts of the county on a per scholastic basis to be used solely for the purpose of reducing bonded indebtedness of those districts or for making permanent improvements. The commissioners court shall, however, retain a sufficient amount of the cor-

pus of the county permanent school fund to pay ad valorem taxes on school lands or royalty interests owned at the time of the distribution. Nothing in this Section affects financial aid to any school district by the state." Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow a county to reduce its county permanent school fund and distribute the money to independent and common school districts on a per scholastic basis."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 13 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 82)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 65 to read as follows: "Section 65. Wherever the Constitution authorizes an agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the State to issue bonds and specifies the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, such bonds may bear interest at rates not to exceed a weighted average annual interest rate of 6%. All Constitutional provisions specifically setting rates in conflict with this provision are hereby repealed." This amendment shall become effective upon its adoption. Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "To set a six percent (6%) weighted average annual interest rate for bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority presently having a specified interest ceiling."