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Two 4-H Demonstration Teams Go To State ---- Present Program To Young Homemakers

HYMN OVER ROPESVILLE

Homer Henderson

Recently in the evenings, I have been painting the new steeple on the Methodist Church. From my perch, the whole town of Ropesville is clearly visible. Our homes and churches, our businesses and the outlying farms, and our places of life and fellowship are all spread out in a rather picturesque panorama of town and country America. Our houses look like sheep all huddled together under a patch of trees midst the wide open flats of the Texas plains. This scene has been made the more beautiful and the more meaningful by the melody of hymns floating over Ropesville from the tower of the Baptist Church.

We are accustomed to thinking about sermons as those often too-long deliveries made by our ministers from the pulpit on Sunday morning while we listen from the comfort of a pew. And whatever else may be said, we often have cause to rejoice; for the Word of God sometimes unexpectedly speaks with power in the words of the preacher. But then there are other kinds of sermons, other occasions when the Word of God is heard to speak to the expectant heart. A sermon is not a lecture on life, or morals, or the opinions of the preacher. Neither is the primary object of the sermon to teach or to entertain or to persuade. A sermon is first of all the proclamation of the Word of God. To preach is to make an announcement of good news, to tell what God has done and is doing. The sermon heralds the King.

If you have time to pause and listen some evening time, you will hear a sermon, a hymn over Ropesville. The hymn can be heard wherever you may be, at work, at play, just passing through town, near the cafe or pool-hall or school, in your yard or kitchen or living room, any where in the world which is Ropesville. Then it might occur to you as you listen to the words and the music of the hymn that right where you are is exactly where the Word of God speaks with the most power. Despite our efforts to lock God up in our church buildings, He continues to live and speak in the world of our daily concerns. If the music from our Baptist tower reminds us that God is alive and present in our town, then this hymn over Ropesville proclaims the Word of God in an unconventional sermon which we may see and hear.

Once a friend of mine and I were walking through the campus of Yale University when the bells in one of the university chapels began to ring. In the course of our conversation, I remarked that the bells were an excellent symbol of God's presence in the Church. In an offhand way, his reply ran something like this, "Funny, I always thought those bells were reminding us that hymns are to be sung not just in the sanctuary but in the world."

Once when Moses was going about the daily business of keeping his father-in-law's flock of sheep, far from the places of sacrifice and worship, he had an encounter with God. The Bible describes this experience in the story of the burning bush. According to this text, God called to Moses out of the bush saying, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is



The Ropes Young Homemakers met Tuesday, May 23, at 2:00 in the Home Economics Department.

A short business meeting was held by President Mary Ann Jones.

The program was presented by members of the Starlight 4-H Club.

Becky Carpenter and Pam Ream presented a discussion on Electrical Safety in the Home.

Paula McCormick and Marcia Ream talked and displayed a miniature home. Their topic was Light Conditioning in the Home.

There were six guests present.

Our next meeting will be June 12 in the Cafeteria as the guests of the Ropes Young Farmers.

WACKY CAKE

3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
6 tablespoons cocoa
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 tablespoon vinegar
3-4 cup Wesson Oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups water

Mix all ingredients, add water slowly. The batter will be very thin. Bake in a well-greased pan in 350 degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING

Melt 2 squares of chocolate and 1-3 cup of butter. Sift 1 box powdered sugar and add 1-8 teaspoon salt, 6 or 7 tablespoons of milk and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Add this to the chocolate mixture. One half to 1 cup of pecans may be used.

Ropes Young Homemakers Marcia Ream and Paula McCormick went to State in their 4-H demonstration. They left for A & M June 6th, and will stay through the 9th. Their demonstration is entered in Electricity.

Becky Carpenter and Pam Ream also went to A & M. Their demonstration is entered in Safety.

—Paula McCormick

GO FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means, and granddaughter, Nina, returned Wednesday from Lake Stamford where they had been for almost two weeks. They report the fishing was very good.

Also at the lake were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Ulna Connley from Levelland.

VISITING PARENTS

Guests over Memorial Day weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGahee and family of Santana, Kansas.

Guests last weekend were another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeager and children of Lubbock.

RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Green returned recently from a trip to DeQueen, Arkansas where they attended homecoming services at the Methodist Church there.

Enroute they spent a night at Possum Kingdom and visited for three days in Bonham with his sister.

HAVE VISITORS

Visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were their daughters, Mrs. Lillian Gryder and sons, Larry, Garry and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and boys, Mark, Steve and Bruce, all of Brownfield.

HCCAC Will Meet

The June meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hockley County Community Action Committee, Inc. will be held June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.

The following is a tentative agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
2. Financial Reports
3. Funding Status
4. Neighborhood Center Review
5. Head Start Child Development Program
6. Neighborhood Youth Corp Allotments
7. Other Business

In addition to the business session there will be a showing of the film, "Job Corps and You," by a representative of the Texas Employment Commission. The film will be shown at the end of the business session. If anyone reading this wish to see the film only, it will be shown about 8:30 p.m.

Committee assignments will be considered at the June meeting though this is not an agenda item. The work of the HCCAC is moving and we urge all Board Members to be present at this meeting. Information that is of critical importance to various Board members and their respective neighborhoods and communities will be discussed at the Board meetings. Please be present at Board meetings if at all possible.

The Board of Directors meetings are essentially for carrying on the business of the Hockley County Community Action Committee. These meetings are public meetings, therefore all Neighborhood or Community Council members are welcome and invited to attend as is anyone who is interested in community betterment through the elimination of poverty.

HOWARD MADERA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

H. D. Club Meets

The Ropes Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 6, in the home of Mrs. Mansfield Thomas.

Those present were Mmes. D. C. Craig, Ronnie Ayers, C. B. Ward, Jimmy Sims, Claude Brown, Edwin Whitehead, K. P. Shannon, Joe Harris, J. H. Chambers, Gerald Ward, Floyd Hester, and the hostess.

The program was brought

by Mrs. Sandra Rush of Levelland on covered shoes. Also present was Mrs. Rush's sister, Joyce Tyler.

The next program will be on "Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation" brought by Lois Greathouse at the meeting to be held June 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joe Harris.

VISITS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris returned his mother, Mrs. Troy Morris, to her home in Ropes this past weekend. She had been visiting in Houston for the past two weeks.

While here they also visited his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield, Steve and Barbara of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene of Ropes.

HAVE VISITORS

Guests this past weekend in the home of Mrs. Bob Thomas were her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Chesney, her granddaughter, Mrs. James McIntyre, and great-grandson, James McIntyre, all of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas and family of Ropes; her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sipe Griffith of Roswell, New Mexico; her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten of Levelland, and Mrs. Willie Murphy of Levelland.

VISITS MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Copeland of Chandler visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Copeland.



Athletic Director Hired

The Ropes Independent School Board of Trustees met Monday night, June 5th, and issued the following statements:

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS OF ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

In order to graduate and receive a diploma from Ropes Independent School District a pupil must complete a minimum of 20 units as outlined below:

- English - 3 units
- Science - 2 units
- History - 2 1-2 units
- Civics - 1-2 unit
- Math - 2 units
- Physical Education - 2 units
- Electives - 8 units

Becoming effective September 1, 1968, in addition to the above requirements a pupil, in order to graduate and receive a diploma, must attend school four years or thirty-

six months between the end of the 8th grade and the end of the 12th grade. Two summer school sessions may count for one nine months term. No more than 1-2 units may be earned in one summer session.

Students will not be allowed to carry more than five units (not including PE) during any nine months term except during the fourth year a student will be allowed to take six units if he needs them to graduate.

Two busses were sold to high bidders:

Bus No. 5 sold to Elbert Quisenberry for \$431.50.

Bus No. 10 sold to Morris Machine Works for \$306.00.

At a recent board meeting the board elected Sonny Arthur of Jayton as Athletic Director to coach boys football and basketball. He has been head coach at Jayton for the past 15 years.

TOPS Club News

Eleven members of the Ropes Tops Kilo Killers Club met Monday night, June 5, and had a very enjoyable time.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mabel Hobbs. The pledge and song followed. Twelve invitations were sent out to other Tops Clubs, and to former members for the club's second annual birthday party to be held Thursday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. All ex-members, and prospective members are invited to attend.

Different committees for the slated party gave their reports. Leader Celeste Thomas reminded the members to bring their gifts for their

dieting pals from other clubs, and also to each bring a door prize.

Skeeter Shafer won the gift for the most weight lost last week. She also won the pledge contest money for her name being drawn and not having gained.

Nell Hobbs was announced as Queen for the month of May, and Vera Lee Tudor was runner-up.

Following the meeting the members enjoyed playing bingo. Present were Mary Lou Martin, Vera Lee Tudor, Iva Ree Young, Lillian Willis, Odessa Walling, Celeste Thomas, Mayme Raspberry, Skeeter Shafer, Inez Price, Mabel Hobbs, and Wanda Allen.

VISITS PARENTS

Guests over Memorial Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher were their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher of Floydada, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gotcher and Floyd of Kingsland.

REPORTED IMPROVED

Mrs. Edward Russell is reported up and around again and gradually improving after her recent stay in the hospital at Temple.

HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

Mrs. Pearl Weatherly was honored with a birthday breakfast at 9:30 Saturday morning at the Ko Ko Inn in Lubbock. Hostess was Mrs. Hixie Tipps.

Guests present were Viola Edwards, Lillian Willis, Elva Thompson, Odessa Walling, Louetta Abney, Jewel Whitenner, Jewel Shannon, Kathleen Armstrong and granddaughter Cliffla Pettiet, Myrtle Teaff, Tressie Exum, the honoree and hostess.

JEST LAFFS by **ROBERT**



Robert

As we go to press, we learn of the passing of Martin Grinstaff, former resident of Ropes. Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in Artesia, New Mexico, and burial will be at Haskell.

CARD OF THANKS

We are so grateful for each prayer, each expression of sympathy, this past few weeks since the death of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Keesee
The Doc Moore Family
The Gene Lewis Family

Like to get things clean without effort? Try SWIPE Cleans everything that you can use soap and water on with no scrubbing. May be purchased from any Tops Club member, or at the Plainsman office. Three dollars including tax.

NOTICE

Gurnsey cow strayed to my place about two months ago. Owner please pick up at E. G Moore's southeast of Ropes



IN LUBBOCK MONDAY

W. E. Walling was in Lubbock Monday for medical tests.

HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans.

LAST RITES HELD

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Brownfield Wednesday where they attended last rites for a friend, Mrs. J. D. Pharr.

IN LEVELLAND

Mrs. Sid Price and Gert Brown were in Levelland on Tuesday visiting relatives.

VISIT RELATIVES

Mrs. Wanda Patterson and daughter, Terri, were in Hedley last week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Shop.

RETURNS HOME

Rickey and Renea Tindel of Levelland visited over the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Tindel.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family were in Oklahoma over the weekend.

Barbara Whitfield of Lubbock was an overnight guest Friday in the home of her cousin, Irene Thomas.

IN NEW MEXICO

Curtis Don Means completed his final exams at Tech last week and left Saturday for two weeks reserve training at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means.

Mrs. Morris Goad and children were involved in an automobile accident in Lubbock Friday evening when another car ran a stop sign at 32nd and Avenue V. They were reported to have suffered no serious injuries, but were pretty well shaken up, and had numerous cuts and bruises. Mrs. Goad is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock of Ropes.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Cliffa Pettiet of Plainview is visiting this week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Armstrong. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Pettiet.

VISITS SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen and family were in Hobbs, New Mexico last Tuesday where they visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pearcy and family.

VISITS HERE

Mike Goad of Lubbock is here this week visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock. He is the son of Mrs. Morris Goad.

VISIT RELATIVES

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bekle and Mrs. Edna Bell, of Waco.

UNDER MEDICAL CARE

Mrs. Carl Allen was on the sick list last week and was in Levelland twice for medical care. She is reported much improved this week.

IN ROPES

Guests for graduation in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener and Louella were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and family visited Thursday evening in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin.

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VISIT PARENTS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer are their daughter, Freda, and Lou Ann Aday of Waxahachi. The girls are on vacation before attending the summer semester at Tech.

JEST SOME THOUGHTS—

We understand there were 43 cases on the docket at the Country Courthouse last Monday June 5. The defenants were due to be in court by 9:00 a. m., and by 11 a. m. only one of the defenants had made an appearance, and he had been in jail and was escorted in by Sheriff Weir Clem.

Sure bet the bail bondsmen are doing a thriving business. In case you need to see the Sheriff for a while, he will probably be out rounding up defenants and serving warrants. Forty -two is quite a list.

The defenants were wanted for about everything. Agg. Assault, Wife Desertion, and Child Desertion, C.L.V., L.L.V. D.W.I., C.M.P. Making a False Statement in Writing, D.W.L.S., Shoplifting, and Theft.

Looks like we may be due for another full scale war before two long. News of the war in the East is being broadcast every fifteen minutes.

All too often we tend to forget how our great country was won, and the many lives that have been sacrificed to keep it free. We take too much for granted.

We can't help but wonder if this time the country might be divided, by the draft card burners and flag burners to keep from helping to keep our country free. In times before whatever the difference, citizens of the United States have banded together, in times of need so that the wars might be won.

We wonder if enough is being taught our upcoming generation about our own country and what it stands for. We wonder if they are as proud of our country as past generations. Only time will tell.

It would seem that too long our children have been coddled and given everything they want. They seem to shun responsibility, and the problems of becoming an adult.

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with all its worries.

Our rains of last week seem to have been pretty general around the Ropes territory, and we have indeed been fortunate in that we have received no severe hail damage yet. Each evening everyone holds their breath for fear that the next cloud will bring the dreaded hail.

In all the rains together, two good ones, and one light, about two inches have been recorded in proper. Mrs. Tom Redman stated that they have receive about two and a half inches, as did the J.C.Pointers James L. Means also received the same, as did the Travis Whites, the J. N. Willis', the Wallings, and the same was reported on the Bob Thomas farm.

Don't know if a small twister or strong straight winds did the damage, but there was some reported. The weather bureau hasn't officially said so, so who knows what it was. A huge barn on the J. N. Willis farm lost one side of its roof, and several trees were damaged. On the Travis White farm, some damage was done, with a cow feeder being turned upside down over a fence, and some tree damage. On the Means farm there was some tree and other minor damage. Mail boxes were blown over on the highway to Lubbock.

School's out, but we thought the following typical: Principal: This is the fifth time you've been sent to my office this week. What have you to say for yourself? Jack: Thank heavens, it's Friday!

And, still on the lighter side of life, another joke from our youngest: What is worse than a giraffe with a sore throat? A centipede with sore feet.

Makes our one sore toe seem kinda insignificant.

We learn at the last minute that there was some damaging hail in the Ropes area Sunday night, as losses were suffered on the Doug Jones farm, the D. Strickland farm, Travis White farm, and the David Dalton farm. If there are others, we did not learn of them.

Also, a small tornado must have went across this territory, as several trees had the tops twisted out of them, and there was other minor damage.



JACK H. KING

Commencement exercises were held for the Baylor University College of Dentistry Monday, May 29, at the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Jack Hulen King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. King of Route 1, Ropesville, was a candidate for the Degree of Dental Surgery at these exercises.

He also received the Merritt Parks Award in Periodontology. Recipient of all awards are selected by the faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. King attended the graduation services.

Jack is now studying for his State Board Exams, which he will take in the near future.



CONGRATULATIONS TO—

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kulms of Smyer on birth of a daughter born Saturday evening at 9:00. She weighed seven pounds and has been named Geana Michell. The couple has one other child, a son, Boyd.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kulms of Ropesville.

Guests for 84 Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means were Mr. and Mrs. Una Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fry of Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Condra of Ropes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield were west of Wellman Sunday attending to business.



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