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# THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

HOCKLEY COUNTY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
ROPESVILLE, HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1957

## Financial Report Shows Condition of City April

This is one of the items that was forced out of the Plainsman last week — a financial report of the City of Ropesville for the month of April:

**REVENUE RECEIVED:**  
Telephone Co. tax ... \$134.54  
Building permits ..... 2.00  
School lights ..... 5.00  
Water sold to drillers...25.00  
Water revenue ..... 453.18  
Total ..... \$617.12  
Taxes ..... 484.93  
Total ..... \$1,102.05

**EXPENSES:**

Money order ..... .35  
Work on lawn ..... 2.25  
Salaries ..... 175.00  
Bond payment ..... 230.00  
Lights, power ..... 63.54  
Gas bill ..... 1.25  
Election expenses ..... 16.00  
S. E. Lanier ..... 80.65  
Telephone ..... 10.70  
Fire truck expense .... 3.38  
Recharge Fire Ex'r ..... 8.50  
Lubbock plumbing ..... 50.00  
Refund on meter ..... 3.00  
Clowe & Cowan ..... 150.00  
Total paid out ..... \$792.02  
Balance in bank ..... \$372.54

### H.D. CLUB MET LAST WEEK

"One Dish Meals" are one easy way to prepare meals of every kind. They can be prepared in the oven, skillet, or your deep well. Mrs. Robinson, agent, cooked an oven meal as a demonstration, consisting of steak cups, yale beets, oven fried potatoes, cranberry crunch.

A report of the Polio clinic was given by the president, Mrs. Joe Cook. Four hundred and ten shots were given during the polio clinic. The next polio clinic for the second shots will be the 23rd at the School Band House at 1:30. Because the County Health Nurse was not able to be present for the polio clinic, the doctor from Lubbock, Dr. Moss, charged the club a small fee for the free vaccine shots. There will be a supper in the near future to take care of these expenses. Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Joe Cook, Mrs. B. H. Rucker, Mrs. James Chambers, Mrs. Chas. Benton, Mrs. Chas. Tussy, Mrs. Chas. Ward, Mrs. Duke Biggs, Mrs. J. M. Marcy, Mrs. Jewel P. Robinson, a new member, Mrs. Bill Wilson, and the hostess, Mrs. Joe Harris.

The next club meeting will be next Tuesday at 2:30, May 21, in the home of Mrs. B. H. Rucker instead of Mrs. W. W. Jones. Each member is to bring a plant to exchange with another club member. The program will be on "Color Analysis for Yourself".

### TWO TEACHERS HIRED BY ROPES SCHOOL

At a regular meeting of the Ropes school board two new teachers were hired: Miss Claudia Carpenter, Texas Tech, Commercial; and Atha Lea Grice, Texas Tech, Home Ec.

### COM. COURT MET LAST WEEK

At its regular meeting on May 13, the Commissioners Court organized an Equalization Board, the commissioners taking the following oath:

"I, as a member of the Board of Equalization of Hockley County, Texas, for the year, A. D., 1957, hereby solemnly swear:

"That in the performance of my duties as a member of such Board for said year, I will not vote to allow any taxable property to stand assessed on the tax rolls of said County for said year at any sum which I believe to be less than its true market value, or real value, raised on the tax rolls to what I believe to be its true market value, if it has a market value, and if not, then to its real value; and that I will faithfully endeavor to have the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within said County, stand upon the tax rolls of said County for said year at its true cash market value, or, if it has no market value, then its real value. I solemnly swear that I have read and understand the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of this State relative to the valuation of taxable property and that I will faithfully perform all of the duties required of me under the Constitution and Laws of this State, So help me God."

Other business transacted by the Court was as follows: Bob Robbins, probation officer, allowed \$1150.00 for use in Youth Development in Levelland.

That the deputy sheriff at Anton receive 6c a mile for miles driven in performance of duty, not to exceed \$150.00 per month.

Weir Clem authorized one deputy sheriff at the salary of \$325.00 per month.

## Ropes and Community Goes Underground

# Tornados Waltz on Three Sides of Town on Friday

On Friday of last week, at about 2:30 in the afternoon, almost the entire population of the town of Ropes and community went underground.

There was a period of about 15 minutes when the entire city could have been bought for a dime and you would have received a nickel in change — that particular period was when a tornado funnel moved from west to east less than three miles south of Ropes. Some say there were three distinct

funnels—it is a verified fact that this particular funnel danced along the face of the earth across open fields for some three to five minutes. Proxon Tucker, who handles the meat department of the Ray Johnson grocery, says he believes he watched it for about five minutes.

It is a day that will live long in the memory of Ropes residents. It was a stormy day.

Before noon storm warnings and tornado alerts were already given. Thunder

storm clouds blanketed the heavens, and the wind, varying from the south to southeast, was driving the darkening masses across the sky. These clouds were drawing a good deal of attention—as one man from Lubbock stated: "You don't need a civil defense to warn you here, everyone watches the clouds."

It was time to watch. Ropes lay approximately in the center of the turbulent area.

Actually, the first report

of a tornado in the county came from Sundown, where it was announced a funnel had dipped south of that city and was moving north. This particular storm moved into the vicinity of Shallowater where it dissipated.

It was then that the turbulence moved toward the Ropes territory.

Of a sudden the wind changed to the northwest and with it came turbulent clouds. They banked to the southwest, then moved to the east. A more vicious appearing cloud never before laid itself across the heavens. It was green, a dirty green that boiled and seethed as if heated by some celestial fire.

It formed a tail.

That tail, while not a true funnel, dragged close to the earth. Walt Fraley asked: "Is that a funnel?" The reply was, "No, but it might develop into one at any minute." Lightning spangled across the heaven, thunder crashed and the windows of buildings rattled as the earth reverberated. All through the cloud was an electrical display with tongues of lightning licking out as a snake's tongue.

A light breeze came off the cloud. It was cold as ice.

Then the cloud appeared to be going on by. The Turn to Page 5

## Little League to Play Friday

The Ropes Little Leaguers will open their 1957 season Friday night on the Little League lighted field.

The opening game, between the Dodgers and

Yanks, will play the opening game, followed by the Red Sox and Cubs.

The games will open promptly at 7:30 PM. The managers and players

are urged to be on the ground by 7 o'clock.

In the future the teams will play on each Tuesday and Friday night.

### GROUND OBSERVER SIGHTS TORNADO

Holding his post as a ground observer, Charles Shannon spotted the tornado which occurred west of Ropes, telephoned it to the Dallas station, then took off for the storm cellar at the Foster Store.

He stated that there were twenty-eight people in the cellar, and room for a good many more.

He watched the twister as it hit the earth several times and saw the dust fly into the air. Fortunately, it did not strike any houses.

### HAIL SOUTH OF ROPESVILLE

R. L. Northam, who lives southeast of Ropes, was in town Wednesday. He stated that on Tuesday night large hail stones and some rain fell at his place.

There was also heavy hail reported at Lubbock.

That cloud just slipped in and then out — few people saw or knew about it.

### VISIT IN DALLAS OVER WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson, of Ropes, and son, Joe Leonard of Lubbock, were in Dallas last weekend where they visited in the homes of their other sons, E. H. and family, and Weldon and family.

### SAND STORM BLASTS PLAINS ON MONDAY

A real oldtime sandstorm swept across the South Plains Monday.

To folks who are not acquainted with the Plains and West Texas, this might seem strange, due to the fact that the entire section is as wet as a soaked sponge. But that is the way it goes. Two hours after any rain, if there is wind, there is sand.

Visibility before noon was cut to less than half a mile, and cars traveling on the highways had to use headlights — at 10:30 a.m. it was almost like twilight at times.

### BILL CARTER HERE LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, who were here looking after business, returned to their home near San Saba Tuesday.

Bill has bought a ranch in that section, and is running both goats and cattle, and raising a few horses on the side.

### J. W. BERRY RECOVERING

J. W. Berry, who underwent major surgery in a Lubbock hospital last week, has so far recovered that he has been returned home.

Mr. Berry said that while he is able to be up part of the time, the doctor advised him to take it easy for the next ten or twelve days.

# Disaster Team is Organized

A disaster team was organized in Ropes this week consisting of Troy Morris, Walt Fraley, Ralph Riojas, and Jack Ogle.

The duties of this team is to be on the ground immediately following a disaster to give aid and furnish coffee, and to notify the emer-

gency unit at Levelland.

Bill Boedeker, county chair man, stated that medical units from Levelland could be in the Ropes community within twenty minutes after they are notified. In the event that telephone lines are blown down, Constable Jack Ogle will use his two-

way to get in touch with Levelland.

While the four above have been appointed to report and look after the disaster, they are requesting the help of the entire community should we suffer a disaster.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

**Schedule of Services**  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Training Union 7:00 PM  
Evening Worship 8:00 PM  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 8:15 PM

### DID YOU KNOW?

That in the United States: 600,000 people have cancer. 700,000 people have tuberculosis. 4,000,000 people are alcoholics. That 34 million dollars is spent each year fighting cancer and tuberculosis. That 225 million dollars is spent each year advertising the product which makes people become alcoholics. And yet we claim to be a civilized nation. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE was 188 again last Sunday. This is the third Sunday we have had this number. Training Union attendance was 92. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THE DATE - May 27th to 31st. THE TIME OF DAY - 8:30 to 11:30 each morning. REGISTRATION - 6:30 to 7:00 next Sunday afternoon. Bring your boys and girls and get them registered for the school and attend the Training Union and the Sunday night service. ELIGIBLE AGES - Three

years through sixteen. ACTIVITIES - Bible stories, Character Stories, Singing, Memory Work, Handwork, Games, Refreshments, etc.

WHAT YOU CAN DO - For all who would like to work in the school we can find a place and would like to have you.

You can bring some lemons and sugar to the church kitchen next Sunday or Monday. We need this for the daily refreshments. We could also use some cookies each day of the school.

You can assist with transportation. Some children can get the benefit of this school if you will bring them in who otherwise will miss it.

You can help us to get the information to parents and boys and girls about our Vacation Bible School.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM for our V.B.S. will be Friday night, May 31st, at 8:00. An opportunity will be given for you to help with the expenses of the V.B.S.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL report for the past three years is as follows:

Yr.	Enrolled	Ave.	Att.
1954	150	135	
1955	153	137	
1956	117	85	
1957	???	???	

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
(Delayed)

The following is a financial statement of the funds of all classes which have funds in the Ropes school activity funds:

**7TH GRADE:**  
Receipts-Box supper 63.81 by Mrs. Patterson \$1.76. Paid Out - Athletic supplies \$21.88; E. M. Hale Co. \$36.78. Balance on hand, 5-10-57 \$6.19. Expenditures were made at request of sponsor.

**8TH GRADE:**  
Balance on hand, 9-1-56, \$30.66; box supper \$127.53. Paid Out - Athletic Supply Co. \$42.52; E. M. Hale Co. \$30.00. Balance on hand \$85.67. Expenditures made at re-

quest of sponsor.

**FRESHMAN CLASS:**  
Balance on hand, 9-1-56, \$40.74; Chili supper \$69.25; Chili supper \$10.25; box supper \$27.00; by Priscilla Green \$6.65. Paid out - The Economy Store \$7.20. Balance on hand \$146.69.

**SOPHOMORE CLASS:**  
Balance on hand \$329.21; box supper \$15.60; Chicken dinner \$159.00. Balance on hand \$503.60. All the above is in a savings account.

**JUNIOR CLASS:**  
Balance on hand, 9-1-56, \$218.70; by Betty Robinson, \$7.00; box supper \$36.00; Concession proceeds \$192.16; Jr. play \$99.90. Paid out - Ray Johnson Grocery \$8.86; E. Christoph-er \$10.00; Jane Cole \$13.70; Top of the Plains \$144.25. Balance on hand \$371.95.

**SENIOR CLASS:**  
Balance on hand, 9-1-56, \$174.68; Total receipts from sale of Christmas cards, sale of programs, concessions, plays, etc., \$2,254.61. Total expense \$1,178.59. Balance on hand \$1,076.02.

**VISITS RELATIVES HERE LAST WEEK**

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of Maypearl, Texas, was here this past week visiting in the home of her brother Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gailey. Mrs. Jackson did not have much chance to get acquainted with the South Plains, as all the time she was here there were tornado warnings. Friday, when Mr. and Mrs. Gailey carried her to Lubbock to catch the bus home, she was in the middle of that storm. Mrs. Gailey said that conditions for a time in Lubbock were serious. Fortunately there was a storm cellar across the street and they went in, but when Mrs. Gailey came out ahead of the others she had to wade in water knee deep to get to the house of Jack Gailey where they were stopping.

**DRIVES AWAY FROM STORM**

Ulys Gregg was one among the number who drove away from the storm on Friday of last week. Ulys had brought his wife to the Plainsman cellar, and then he went to the schoolhouse after their children. When he arrived he found Maurice Cain getting the children, and it looked so bad at the moment that they did not try to make it back to the cellar, but drove east.

"We were not the only ones," said Ulys. "S. B. Berry passed us, and we saw Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Campbell and others. We went as far as Tahoka, and then came back by way of Brownfield."

**THE HOCKLEY JUNIOR COLLEGE**

The latest developments in the Junior College for Hockley County seemingly is about as follows:

1. The College Board turned down the Sundown offer to use the Sundown High School building for temporary quarters.
2. In almost the same breath it was suggested and recommended that the College be sited in advance of the finishing of the college building in the high school building at Levelland.
3. The suggested cost of college buildings and equipment was estimated to cost more than a million dollars.
4. A fifty cent tax rate was discussed rather than the 44 cent rate which the people were told it would take.

As we understand it now, it has not been decided whether the tax collections will come through the county or whether the college will have its own tax office, with a collector and assessor. Surely, the voters are aware that the tax board of the college can set any valuation that is necessary to support the college. You have been led to believe no extra valuation, other than county valuation, would be needed. As a matter of

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fact, the valuation in the different school districts tops that of the county. For instance, the county values farm land at \$8 per acre, the Ropes School District places \$28 per acre on the same land—that will also be a privilege of the college to set its own valuation.

**STORM SIGNAL**

So that folks may know,

the storm signal on the Ropes fire siren, it is five short blasts, or one continuous blast of long duration.

**EUNA VERNER SELLS PUREBRED ANGUS COWS**

Euna J. Verner of Ropesville recently sold seven purebred Angus cows to B. A. Warren of Levelland.

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

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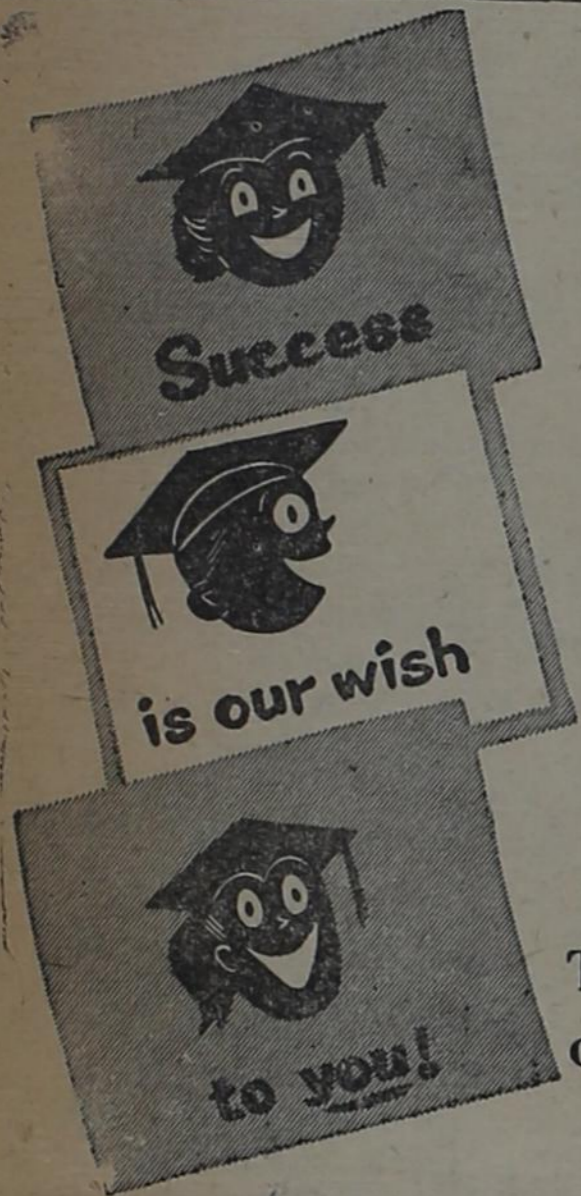
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**NOTICE TO PARENTS OF BAND MEMBERS**

Lee Boyd Montgomery requests us to announce to the parents of school band members that a meeting will be held in the band hall on September 6th at 7 o'clock for all parents who desire to start their children in the band for the 1957-58 session of Ropes schools.

The band this year has made splendid progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sims are the proud parents of a daughter born Monday in a Lubbock hospital. The little one weighed 7 pounds.

It is reported that the infant is seriously ill.

**SOUTH PLAINS SPORTS SHOW**  
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# KNOW YOUR SENIORS

Continued From Last Week

## TOMMY ROBINSON - 17

Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson of Route 1, Ropesville. He has attended Ropes schools for all twelve years. During these years Tommy has accomplished a great deal of which Ropes is proud. His great interest lies in the art of acting for which he has received many honors, such as being placed on the All-Star cast in Region, and being elected the best actor in District. Tommy's sense of humor makes him the friendly boy he is, being chosen Friendliest Boy this year. Aside from being popular, he takes active part in all of the school activities.

Tommy plans to attend Electrical School in Lubbock next fall.

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## LEON BAIN - 17

Leon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bain of Route 1, Ropesville. He attended Levelland school before coming to Ropes. In his eleven years at Ropes Leon has accomplished a great deal, taking an active part in football and basketball. Besides being a friendly and well liked boy, he is one of the quietest boys in the senior class. His greatest interest lies in FFA and its activities.

Leon plans to attend Lubbock Christian College next fall.

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## RONNIE JONES - 19

Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones of Route 1, Ropesville. He has attended all of his twelve school years at Ropes. During these twelve years Ronnie has taken an active part in FFA, and received the honor of Lone Star Farmer. He is a good athlete in basketball, and has helped Ropes to win many victories.

Ronnie plans to attend college in the fall.

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## MACK REEVES - 18

Mack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Reeves of Route 1, Ropesville. He attended school at Colorado City before he came to Ropes. During his seven years at Ropes, he has taken an active part in football. Mack's swell sense of humor has won him many friends, and caused him to be elected Junior Favorite. His other interest lies in FFA, where he took part in judging contests and other activities.

Mack plans to attend college at Howard Payne next fall.

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## JERRY BOB DRAKE - 17

Jerry Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Drake of Route 1, Ropesville. He has attended Ropes all of his twelve school years. He is leaving an outstanding record behind him. Besides being a good athlete, he has taken part in other school activities such as FFA. In this subject he has received many honors for judging and Parliamentary Procedure. Bob is very popular, being elected Senior Favorite, runner-up for Most Handsome, and many other things. His intelligence paid off, as he received Who's Who honors in Math.

Bob plans to attend college next fall.

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## LARRY MORELAND - 18

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moreland of Route 1, Ropesville. A transfer from Levelland, Larry has attended Ropes school

for only two years. Taking part in athletics, Larry has played football and basketball two years. He is very popular, having been elected FHA Boyfriend, Mr. R.H.S. and many other things. He also took part in track and Student Council.

Larry plans to attend college next fall.

## MAXINE BROWN - 18

Maxine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Wolforth, Texas. She attended Three Way and Floyd schools before coming to Ropes. During the eight years she has been here, Maxine has taken part in school activities. Playing basketball for four years, she has received the honor of being placed on the All-Region and All-State teams.

She served as majorette of Ropes High School for three years, was elected Miss R.H.S., and received many other honors. Maxine plans to attend Texas Tech next fall.

## LAVORISE BRIDWELL

Lavorise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridwell of Route 1, Meadow. She is 18 years old, and has attended the Ropes schools all twelve years. She was born on October 11, 1938 in Paducah, Texas. She has been very active in school organizations. She was a cheerleader for the Pep Club in her junior and senior years, and this year she served as secretary-treasurer of the FHA. Lavorise's friendly, smiling ways have won her many lasting friends

in this community. Lavorise plans to enter Draughon's Business College in the fall, and then go into secretarial work.

## ROSEMARY BOND Senior Favorite

Rosemary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bond of Route 1, Ropesville. She was born December 3, 1938, in Lubbock, Texas. She has attended Ropes schools all twelve years, and has been very active in school organizations. "Rosie", as she is called by her friends, was a cheerleader this year. She served as Historian in FHA. Rosie was a member of our state champion basketball team for three years. She has gained many friends with her winning ways. This fact is proved by her being elected senior class Favorite this year. After graduation, she plans to attend Merri-man's Business College, and later get married.

## JIMMY BEVERS

Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bevers of Route 1, Ropesville. He was born in Lubbock, Texas on May 2, 1939. He has gone to school here for all twelve years. Jimmy was married about two months ago to Tommy Jackson.

He has played basketball and football all four years of high school. He has achieved many honors in both sports. Jimmy has been selected to play in the All-Star game in August this year. After graduation, Jimmy intends to attend college, and then hopes to play baseball.

Jimmy usually has little to say, but he has many friends among the Ropesville people.

## GENE BERRY

Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry of Ropes. He is eighteen years old, and was born on December 26, 1938. Gene has played basketball all four years in high school, and was an outstanding player this year. Gene has gone to school here for twelve years. He is a very friendly, well-liked boy. Scholastically, he has achieved high honors. He was chosen Who's Who in Mathematics last year, and this year was chosen Most Intellectual by students and faculty. He is also valedictorian of the senior class.

Gene will enter active duty in the Navy, and later has plans for attending college.

## WALLACE THRASH

Wallace is the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Thrash of Route 1, Levelland. He attended the Levelland schools before transferring to Ropes. He has attended Ropes for four years. Wallace is very friendly, and is popular with all the students around Ropes High.

Wallace was born in Rusk County, Texas on November 22, 1938.

In high school Wallace has participated some in track. His plans for after graduation are slightly undecided, but he says its probably college.

## OMER LEE DALTON

Omer Lee is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Dalton of Route 1, Ropesville. He was born on October 17, 1938. He has attended the Ropes schools for all twelve years of his school career. Omer is a bright, cheerful lad who is well-liked by all.

Omer played some basketball in high school. He plans to be a farmer when he's settled down.

## CLARA JO RAY

Clara Jo is the bright-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ray. Clara is 18, and was born in Brownfield on February 8, 1939.

Clara Jo attended the Brownfield schools for ten years, then transferred here in her junior year.

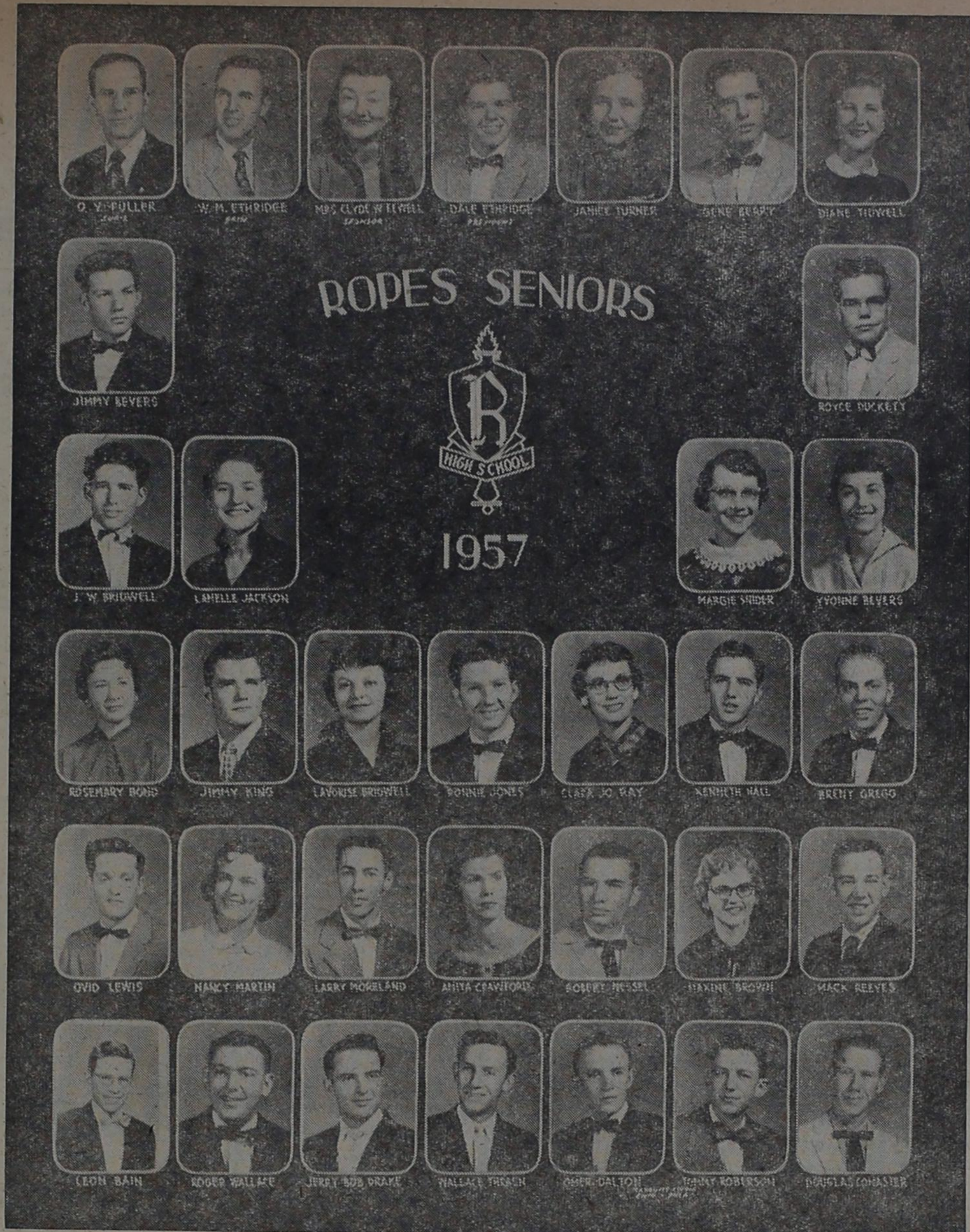
Clara Jo has been active in FHA and Pep Club here at Ropes, and was a member of the high school choir at Brownfield. She also plays the piano and organ very well.

After graduation Clara Jo plans to attend Draughon's Business College, and then be a secretary.

## NANCY MARTIN - 18

Nancy is the very friendly daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin. She was born on April 10, 1939, here in Ropesville.

Nancy played three years on our championship ball club, and was a fine forward. She has also been active in FHA and Pep Club. She was Pep Club drummer during her junior year. Nancy also won the honor of Best Actress at the Interscholas-



ABOVE—ROPES SENIORS—Left to right—O. V. Fuller, Supt. of Schools; W. M. Ethridge, Prin. High School; Mrs. Clyde Fewell, sponsor; Dale Ethridge, Janice Turner, Gene Berry, Diane Tidwell. SECOND ROW—Jimmy Bevers, Royce Duckett. THIRD ROW—J. W. Bridwell, Lanelle Jackson, Margie Snider, Yvonne Bevers. FOURTH ROW—Rosemary Bond, Jimmy King, Lavorise Bridwell, Ronnie Jones, Clara Jo Ray, Kenneth Hall, Brent Gregg. FIFTH ROW—Ovid Lewis, Nancy Martin, Larry Moreland, Anita Crawford, Robert Nessel, Maxine Brown, Mack Reeves. BOTTOM ROW—Leon Bain, Roger Wallace, Jerry Bob Drake, Wallace Thrash, Omer Dalton, Tommy Roberson, Douglas Conatser.

tic Play Contest this year. Nancy has attended Ropes schools all twelve years. After graduation she plans to go to Midland and work.

## MARGIE SNIDER

Margie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider of Route 1, Meadow. She was born at Ropesville on February 14, 1939, and has attended Ropes schools 12 years.

Margie is active in FHA and Pep Club. She is well-liked for her courteous and friendly ways. Her plans for after graduation are undecided, but she has mentioned several vocations, among them air line stewardess or hostess.

## OVID LEWIS

Ovid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lewis of Route 1, Ropesville. He was born on March 23, 1939 in Ropesville. He attended Meadow school, and also at Rogers, New Mexico. He has been at Ropes for about five and a half years. Ovid is a member of the FFA, and has been for four years. During his freshman year at Rogers he played basketball.

Ovid is a sleepy-eyed boy, well-liked for his easy going, friendly ways. "Plans for the future are not definite," he says.

## JIMMY KING

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. King. He was born in Colorado City, Texas on September 27, 1939. He attended school there for six years, and then moved to Ropes.

Jimmy is a big, friendly, mischievous guy who played fine football for Ropes this year. Jimmy has won many friends here at Ropes. After graduation he plans to attend college, perhaps at Howard-Payne.

## LANELLE JACKSON

Lanelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson of Route 1, Levelland. She was born eighteen years ago on March 10, 1939, in Levelland.

Lanelle has attended Ropes schools for twelve years. She played on the basketball team for four years, and saw a lot of action as a guard during her junior and senior years. Lanelle Turn the Page

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**SENIORS**  
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has attained many scholastic honors. She ranks third highest pupil in her class, and was chosen Who's Who in Commercial studies this year. After graduation Lanelle plans to attend Draughon's Business College, and then enter secretarial work.

**ROGER WALLACE**  
Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallace of

Ropesville. He is eighteen years old, and was born on October 5, 1938. He has attended Ropes schools twelve years.

Roger has not been able to participate in athletics. His plans for after graduation are to attend college, and then be a farmer.

**KENNETH HALL**  
Kenneth is the son of the school custodian and Mrs. Robert Hall. He was born

on April 20, 1939 in Elk City, Oklahoma. He attended one year of grade school at El Paso, Texas. Ken has been very active in sports. He played football four years, and also participated in basketball and track. Kenneth is a very friendly and courteous boy who is well-liked by everyone. After graduation he will be in the Navy.

**JANEICE TURNER**  
Janeice is a married student who transferred from Tom S. Lubbock High School. She is a mid-term graduate, and had attended the Levelland schools before going to Lubbock.



**SENATOR PRESTON SMITH**

**THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN**

To get an idea of some things that happen during the consideration of a bill, we can examine a typical incident of the 55th Legislature that attracted quite a bit of interest.

The bill, one of the "scrap-pest" measures this term, is one intended to provide that those who use the telephone "with malicious intent to harass, annoy, torment, abuse, threaten or intimidate" be guilty of a misdemeanor.

After the bill had passed the Senate and weathered the House criminal jurisprudence committee, organized resistance was aimed at stopping the bill.

The opposition came from bill collectors, loan agency operators and retail merchants who resort to collections by telephone.

House members got letters and calls from persons of those categories back home asking them to kill the measure. In other words according to the ringing telephones and letters coming into the capital about this bill it looked like that opposition was massive against such a measure.

However, there are many voters who might not disagree with the provisions of the bill, which reads, in part: "Whoever uses any vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language over or thru any telephone or whoever uses any telephone in any manner with malicious intent to harass, torment, abuse, or intimidate another shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than 12 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The measure is intended to stop the practice of vulgar and obscene telephone calls which have kept police busy in several cities.

**COTTON INDUSTRY**

A drive to knock out one of cotton's worst enemies was announced recently by B. L. Moore, president of the Hockley County Farm Bureau.

The farm leader urged all persons interested in the welfare of the cotton industry to join in the drive to eliminate the use of asphalt coated picksacks in harvesting cotton.

He said retail stores in the area are being urged not to stock the asphalt coated picksacks. He also asked farmers to let the retailer know their feelings in regard to this type sack.

The asphalt coated sack, he pointed out, is a major source of tar spots in cotton yarn and fabrics. Such fabrics often are downgraded and sell for from 10 to 20 percent less than normal value.

Although no part of this loss shows up on the farmer's invoice when he sells his cotton, he loses just the same. The mill must eventually reflect part of the loss back to the farmer in the price paid for cotton.

The purchase and use of the asphalt coated sack represented only from 5 to 8 percent of the total in 1956 as compared with 45 to 50 percent the previous year. The Farm Bureau president said the reduction was due to the active efforts of a number of organizations, agencies and their leaders during the spring and summer of 1956. He called for the same cooperation in 1957.

"If we do not continue our efforts to completely eliminate this sack," he said, "it is likely that its use will again increase."

He said retail stores in each community should be contacted. "Urge stores not to stock asphalt coated

sacks. Ask them to concentrate on selling plastic dot, plastic coated and plain duck sacks. That way, we'll all benefit," he stressed.

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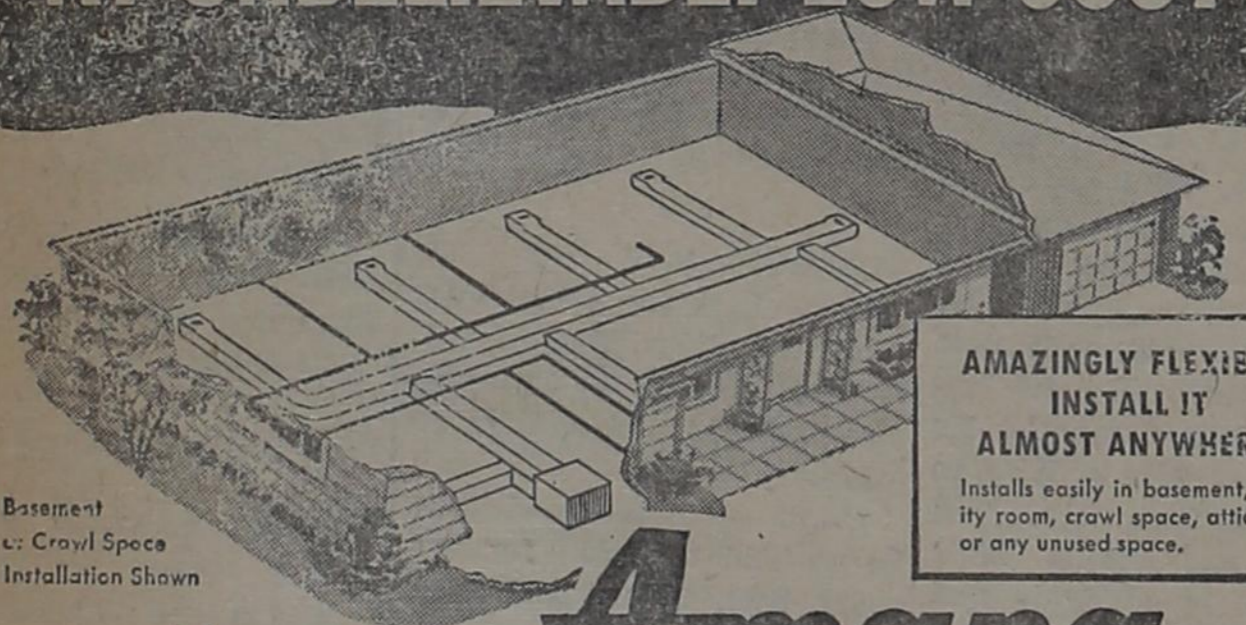


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**BAPTIST CHURCH**

From Page 1  
In the theatre,  
On the radio,  
On the signboard,  
In the papers and magazines,  
I SAY WHAT I AM PAID TO SAY.

But in the laboratory,  
In the wrecked automobile,  
In the city jail,  
In the honky-tonk,  
And in the veins of drunks,  
I TELL THE TRUTH.

—Copied.

Many folks who think that they are LIVE WIRES wouldn't spark if it were not for their connections.

**TORNADO SCARE**

From Page 1  
writer, who had been on the corner of Hockley Street and Highway 62 watching it, walked back across the street to the Plainsman office. As we stopped at the

door and turned, Dan Carter skidded into the street with his horn wide open. He was yelling, "Tornado not three miles south of town."

It had also been spotted by a telephone worker, and he called Constable Jack Ogle.

In that moment it was still as death as if nature,

in fear of the monster of the sky, stood awed and afraid. It was then the fire siren sounded, high and shrill, in its warning of approaching danger.

Store keepers and their help rushed into the street. Automobiles rocketed past. There was a wild dash for storm cellars. The cellar, rather a large one, back of the Plainsman office, was packed to the brim with thirty-four men, women and children.

Other cellars, over town and the outlying territory, were equally crowded. At

the school pupils were placed under desks to protect them from falling brick.

At the Plainsman cellar they lined up and went down one by one—it was open house and the gathering of the storm cellar society. The entire town closed except the lumber yard.

But the tornado lifted and disappeared before reaching Ropes. The cloud passed over Ropes, and was evidently the same one that dropped a tornado some eight miles south of Lubbock.

But it had rained. In a matter of a little over ten minutes it had dropped almost three inches on the surrounding territory. In Ropes proper, it rained 1.91 inches. The hail which accompanied it did much damage to flowers and shrubbery.

In the farming territory the damage was heavy. Hail beat one nine-acre cotton crop into the ground. Thousands of acres that had just been planted were washed and covered until all the fields will have to be planted over.

R. B. Bradshaw said his greatest damage was where they are building the new gin. That field was absolutely washed level. Not only washed level, but gulleys washed in it and the water poured out in the road.

It was truly a gully wash in, trash moving, lake filling rain.

Fields all along the nine mile stretch to the curve in the road to the west were heavily damaged. Hours after the downpour many of them still appeared as lakes. Water came up over the pavement and for an hour or more there were places where deep water made it impassable. The lakes are all full. Kelly Teaff said he believed five inches fell at his place, while W. O. Drake said he had the same opinion, but when he inspected his rain gauge it showed only two and a half inches.

"It was the way it fell," said Mr. Drake. "It came in a deluge and fell so fast that the ground had no time to take it up—most of the rain went into lakes and bar ditches."

In traveling over the territory the country appeared much as it did 47 years ago, when we first came to the Plains—there were full lakes everywhere.

East of Ropes a like amount of rain fell. In places the road was covered with water, while the bar ditches roared as a river. We saw one field with great gulleys and others under water.

Nothing like it has occurred since 1949.

It appears that the seven years of unrelenting drought has been broken.

**SPORT SHOW**

MAY 28 - JUNE 2

The Lubbock Sports Show will get underway Tuesday, May 28, starting at 1:00 PM with a huge parade. It will be held this year at BUFFALO LAKES, 9 miles southeast of Lubbock, starting on Tuesday, May 28, and lasting thru Sunday, June 2, 1957.

Jack Creel, manager of the 4th Annual Lubbock Sports show, states the reason for moving the site of the show from town to Buffalo Lakes is to put the Sports Show on in a natural sporting setting where boats and motors, guns, fishing tackle and other sporting equipment can be exhibited and demonstrated like the are normally used.

The latest in Sporting Goods and Equipment will be displayed in a huge "Circus type" tent 60' x 200'. There will be numerous boats and motors, not only to look at but see their performance features.

The huge boat parade will start at 1:00 PM Tuesday, May 28, on East Broadway and travel thru Lubbock.

The Sports Show is a franchised elimination contest for the Texas Miss Universe Contest. Tuesday night Miss Lubbock Sports Show will be selected. Unmarried girls 18 to 28 are eligible.

**C. STEPHENSON**

**TAKES COMBINE TO HARVEST**

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson were in Benjamin last week where he carried his big, new combine. Chester stated that he wanted the machine on the ground when the harvest starts.

**NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION**

In obedience to the order of the Board of Equalization regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Court House in the town of Levelland, Hockley County, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, the 7th day of June, 1957, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property located in Hockley County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1957, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

H. E. CLINGAN,  
County Clerk  
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20th day of May, 1957.  
(Seal)

**RECEIVE DEGREE**

**H. JOHNSON TO**

Hermon A. Johnson of Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, and now minister of the Ropes Church of Christ, is one of the 234 students who are candidates to receive bachelor's degrees from Abilene Christian College on May 27.

Johnson is the son of Mr. G. M. Johnson and he is scheduled to receive the Bachelor of Science in secondary education.

**COACH RESIGNS**

Basketball Coach Bill Preston resigned his position with the Ropes schools this week, and announced he has accepted a position with the Kermit schools as coach of baseball and basketball.

He has made an outstanding record with the Ropes schools, and our people regret his decision to leave.

**OBSERVERS TO MEET SUNDAY**

Charles Shannon announced this week that the Ground Observers Corps will meet Sunday afternoon for the purpose of spotting hostile aircraft.

All members are asked to take notice and be present.

**JERRY ROBERTS' BUTANE TRUCK**

**OVERTURNS FRIDAY**

Jerry Roberts overturned his butane truck on Friday of last week. He was uninjured.

It is stated that as he prepared to stop to view the tornado west of the Gibson place, his brakes locked.

**SENIORS LEAVE**

**ON ANNUAL TRIP**

The Ropes seniors left Tuesday night for a dude ranch near Kerrville, where they will spend several days before returning to Ropes.

**JUNE 1ST IS**

**LAST DAY**

**FOR TRANSFERS**

T. O. Petty, county school superintendent, was in Ropes Tuesday looking after business. While here he asked the Plainsman to announce that June 1st is the last day for students to be transferred from one district to another.

**SUFFERS HEART**

**ATTACK TUESDAY**

According to information given the Plainsman by Constable Jack Ogle, Mrs. Bessie Curry suffered a heart attack Tuesday night and was rushed to Lubbock for medical treatment.

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