

With the formal opening of the 55th Texas Legislature January 8, Austin once again became the center of important activity necessary College may have merit, and to operate the largest state might be worth all it costs. in the union.

For the next 120 working days, the 150 members of the House of Representatives and 31 Senators will be at work considering new bills, levying taxes and appropriating funds.

The 55th will be an experienced Legislature by usual standards. In the House, 94 Representatives were reelected, and in the Senate there are only 8 new faces this term, counting mine.

Highlight of the opening ceremonies was the introduction of House Speaker Waggoner Carr of Lubbock. Amid the applause of hundreds gathered in the House galleries, Carr was handed the gavel that designated him Speaker of the House.

Carr had been in Austin a month making preparations for the session. He clearly outlined the need for early consideration of appropriation of funds. And, naturally, taxes will rank high on the list of "first things" to be handled by the House.

the Legislature will act on bills and resolutions. Starting with the second 30 days, at hours when the House and Senate are not in session, committees to which bills have been referred for study will hold public hearings.

30 days of the Legislature MAINTAIN AND OPERATE that you, as a private citi- THE COLLEGE. zen, have your strongest voice in state government .... that you can appear before the committees to voice work. your approval or objection to any legislation pending.

All in all, the opening of county. the 55th Legislature ran according to schedule, with dignity, color and excite-Even after serving three terms in the House, the opening days of a new Legislature never fail to impress me with the responsibilities and pride that go half million dollar building with serving in public of- program, and both precincts billion dollar valuation. fice. It's good to be back. must have these programs non-political column will re- children who are coming of port regularly on what's going on in the massive chambers and halls of your State Capitol.

---000---Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. ed for public school im-Sipe Griffith and son, Hillis Gene, of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas Thomas and baby of Pasadena; and Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten and Linda Kay of Levelland.

---000---Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Linton, of Buena Vista, Calif., are here visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Sullivan.

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Junior College 'Ghost' Walks Again --- Hockley Likely to Vote on Issue

(An Editorial)

The Levelland Chamber of Commerce has again revived SENATOR PRESTON SMITH and lifted from the mothballs the Junior College is-

> We will admit, in the beginning, that the Junior However, when we are told that because Hockley county has \$45 million valuation it is plenty able to support such an institution, we're reminded of the young man who had established an A-1 credit rating, and because of this rating he went from store to store establishing time payment accounts until, one fine pay day, he woke up to the astonishing fact that his check would not cover all the instal-

That is the shape Hockley county is likely to find itself in if it votes a junior

Of course, first off, an election will have to be called to determine whether or not the tax-paying voters of this county want to establish a college district.

This election will cost the taxpayers of Hockley county not less than \$10,000.

That will be the first cost of the junior college.

Following this, bonds will have to be voted for the building and equipping a plant and assessing a tax During the next 60 days, for the maintenance of the college.

> This will be another \$10,-000 for an election.

that while the tax for the bond may be set, the tax for the operation will not be set by the voter, but by the Commissioners' Court in the It is during that second AMOUNT IT TAKES TO

You are told that the entire tax will be 44c on the for it is during this time hundred dollar valuation. That figure is purely guess-

> Now, let us take a look at the tax picture in Hockley

First off, there are our public schools. We were told in Levelland Monday that to keep abreast of the ever-moving scholastic tide, Levelland needs a million dollar building program.

Ropes, in itself, needs a school age.

where are the millions needprovement coming?

low, but what would happen within a ten-year period?

have a very liberal valuation might bring about this situin this county. Farm land ation. part of the expenses of op- Turn to Page 2

erating the county government and the schools.

A commissioner pointed out to us, "The Sundown oil field is now twenty years old and is at least 50 per cent depleted-as it goes down the taxes will have to be reverted back to the land."

And, said another commissioner, "the time is not far off when the valuation of farm land will have to be raised for taxable purposes-a part of the burden now carried by the big oil companies will be returned to the land owners."

within the next ten years it was a possibility that farm much as \$25 an acre for taxing purposes, unless new sources of oil were found in the county. As valuation is raised, taxes go up.

It is a dream that is wild and without foundation that imagines the oil industry will continue to support all tax issues in the county. We asked point blank questions of the commissioners:

"Has valuation actually dropped from \$50 million to \$45 million, or did you make the cut because the county did not need the money?"

The answer was that there had actually been a drop of valuations in the oil fields, and that while additional valuation could be secured by raising the valuation of farm land, the court was not going to do that until they were forced to.

We talked to several peo-It is to be noted here ple in Levelland, but we did not find but one man heartily in favor of the junior AGE AND NUMBER: college — that was Olean Age Brewer, editor of the Daily Sun-News. porting it.

> worried is, "Can Hockley SEX AND NUMBER: lic school system." thing to remember is that you must have education on a lower level if you are to have it on a higher level; also, that the sources of income for a junior college and your public schools are taxes. There is a limit to taxation, even if you had a

You might not know it, And while I'm here, this if they are to take care of and you might not have thought of it, but right at this time the public school But, here is where the system of he United States SUMMARY: Junior College rears its head is at its most critical period. up. If more than a million HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF dollars is to be paid for by YOU SUDDENLY WOKE UP taxation for such a college, TO THE FACT THAT YOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS COULD NOT HOUSE ALL THE PU-PILS IN YOUR DISTRICT, In short, a junior college, AND CHILDREN WERE BEits building and upkeep, ING KEPT AWAY, FROM and girls; Mrs. Charles D. could well mean the doom SCHOOL BECAUSE OF LACK f our public school system. OF BUILDINGS AND FIN1 It wight not hurt right ANCE TO OPERATE THEM?

Trying to support both a junior college and a public At the present time we school from tax money

is valued at \$8 per acre for There is a news letter isaxable purpose, and the big sued out of Washington, a oil companies pay a larger copy of which we have on

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT PROBATION OFFICER HOCKLEY CO., TEXAS

During the year of 1956 we had a total of 94 cases of juvenile delinquency in our county which went on record either in the county probation officer's office or the official record of the juvenile court. Ten of these were official cases and eighty-four of them unofficial. Official cases are those whose acts warrant official custody taken of the offender by placing him or her under official probation or by sending them to the State Training School. Unofficial cases are those where the offender is appearing It was estimated that for the first time and it is apparent the case justifies only a reprimand and the land would be raised as return to the custody of the

NUMBER OF JUVENILES INVOLVED

Although there were 94 cases of delinquency, there were only 62 juveniles involved. This means 62 appeared at least once in our juvenile court, plus enough repeat referrals to make the number of cases add up to

> NUMBER REFERRED MORE THAN ONCE

There were 9 juveniles who appeared two times in our juvenile court, 6 who appeared three times, 2 who appeared four times, and one who appeared six times. This means 18 juveniles were responsible for fifty appearances before our juven-

SOURCE OF REFERRALS Sheriff's office 21, City Police 28, School 4, Parent 4, Probation Officer 35, others

meant as criticism of Editor 15 ...... 12 right to see the proposition | 13 ...... 3 

county adequately support a There were 51 white boys, greater percentage of the Lottie Moon Of. ...... 427.24 junior college and its pub- 3 Latin-American boys, 6 Church members in their Children's Home ...... The white girs, 2 negro girls.

DISPOSITION:

With a total of 94 cases and 10 of these being official ones, all ten were put on official probation and two of these later sent to the State Training School for boys.

The 84 unofficial cases are in custody of their parents but under supervision of the Hockley County Probation Officer.

Considering the number of Worth. linquents who passed through Mr. and Mrs. Jack King. our juvenile court this year we consider the outlook very

We gratefully acknowledge Schools, civic organizations, the law enforcement bodies, the City Officials and our Commissioners' Court. Without this cooperation our job would be most difficult if not impossible.

> BOB ROBBINS, Probation Officer, Hockley County, Texas 2nd Sunday ..... ---000---

#### THREE ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Constable Jack Ogle was called to Lockettville this week where arrested three Latin Americans and charged them with burglary.

Jack stated that the owner of the goods caught them while they were in a farm storehouse. They were carrying things from the building and putting them in their car.

They are now in jail at Levelland.

OES CHAPTER

MEETS The Ropesville Chapter No. 880 Order of the Eastern Star met in regular session January 10th. The District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Wynon Mayes made her official visit to the Chapter at 6:30 preceding the meeting. A delicious salad supper was enjoyed by all members honoring Mrs. Mayes.. At the usual hour the meeting was called to order with the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Nelle Dalton, and Worthy Patron, M. L. Roberts, Sr., presiding. The honored guest was introduced and brought greetings and instructions from ---000---

Word was received that the three children of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, of Lubbock, are suffering with chicken pox.

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#### MRS. E. B. HART HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The past week the home of Mrs. E. B. Hart, located southwest of Ropes about six or seven miles, was severely damaged by fire. It is thought the blaze originated by the hot water heat-

The Ropesville Volunteer Fire Department was called, and succeeded in removing all the furniture, and although they had to return to Ropes for a second load of water, they saved the house. The interior and roof were badly damaged.

---000---NOTICE,

LITTLE LEAGUERS We are requested to announce that some of the Little League members still have some suits. It is imperitive that these suits be returned as soon as possible. You may leave them at the Howard Bradshaw 66 Station. Please take notice!

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L. A. Townsen, local Santa Fe agent, informed us this week that Mrs. Townsen, who has been ill for the Worthy Grand Matron the past several months, of Texas. Thirty-three mem- is showing some improvebers were present, and guests ment. She is at the home were from the Ralls Chapter. of her mother in Lampasas, and it is not known when she will be able to return

NOTICE I would like more ironing.

For Utilities .....

Ann. Ins. Payment .... 324.71

December 1st ...... \$798.06

January 1st ...... \$619.48

December 1st ...... \$1393.23

December ...... \$1187.72

January 1st ...... \$1080.95

We have paid enough on

our bank note the past two

months to bring the total

Total .....

Received during

MRS. LESLIE HUGHES

95.75

15.90

18.10

#### BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS FIRST

John J. Cole, Pastor.

4th Sunday ..... Schedule of Services Sunday School .... 9:45 AM Total for gen. fund....\$1895.07 Morning Worship....11:00 AM PAID OUT: Number Training Union .... 6:30 PM Pastor salary ...... \$ 425.00 Service ...... 7:00 PM Baptist Standard .... Sunday School attendance | Hester's Off. Supply.... 24.35

However, we desire to see a Coop. program ...... places on the Lord's Day. Wayland College .... Nobody can live as well with Baptist Hour, KLVT .... 6.00 out the church as he can Plains Baptist As. ... 10.00 with it. Every person needs Asso. Missions ...... to Worship the Lord, and a Total expenses ...... \$2073.65 very good place to worship Balance on Hand is with the Lord's people on the Lord's Day in the Lord's Balance on Hand House. Ee invite you to be with us next Sunday. At- BUILDING FUND REPORT tend the Church of your Balance on Hand faith next Lord's Day.

> The Texas Baptist Evangelistic Conference met the first of the week in Fort Pd. on Bank note .... \$1500.00 attending Balance on Hand Those juveniles in our county as from Ropesville were Mr. we note the number of de- and Mrs. Boots Moore, and

> For the next few Wednes- down to \$11,411.25. The inday nights we will be con- terest is paid up to Novemcluding our study of the ber 20th, 1956. Book of Hebrews. We begin the cooperation of Churches, the service at 7:00 o'clock. THROUGH THE CHURCH A real blessing is received by the Lord's people when October .... \$2704.72 \$2.01.38 they meet together and study the Word of God.

> > FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER RECEIVED: 1st Sunday ..... \$ 317.65

3rd Sunday .....

679.22

TOTAL GIFT 1955 November . 1869.40 8866 20 December . 2275.37 Total .... \$6849.49 \$14,740.67

MONTHLY WORKERS CON-FERENCE will be on Jan. 24th at Anton, beginning at 5:30 PM.

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"We Hew to the Line-Let the Chips Fall Where They

GHOST OF JUNIOR COLLEGE WALKS AGAIN IN HOCKLEY From Page 1

as follows:

"AND NOW FOR THE SORRY STORY OF OUR SCHOOLS - already jammed and packed, already inadequate, yet headed for worse unless there is more expansion soon. The children are born and growing up. They are facts to be reckoned with. Despite frantic building in recent years, the crop of kids outrun it.

"ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 30 PER CENT MORE CHIL-DREN IN 1956.

"HIGH SCHOOLS, 50 PER CENT MORE CHILDREN IN 1956.

"Teachers, 1,200,000 now. Need 1,800,000 new teachers by 1965, some for school growth, some for replacements, need 200,000 new teachers a year.

"SPENDING for SCHOOLS MAY HAVE TO BE DOUB-LED just to catch up. This MONEY MUST MAINLY COME FROM LOCAL TAX-ES, there is no escape from that. Any Federal aid to education will always be laggard, also very limited.

"All kinds of taxes indicated: NOT MUCH MORE PROPERTY TAXES, THESE ARE ALREADY SO HIGH THAT THEY INTER-FERE WITH ECONOMIC So there are moves now on foot to levy a LOCAL INCOME TAX; A SALES TAX; AN EXCISE TAX AND A LICENSE TAX (In school districts so that schools might be supportedthis in addition to the property tax you are now pay-

Read the above carefully. If public school finances are in such a state, with the time in sight when the tax Bangs and TB-tested Guernmoney will not support the sey Cows, 60 cents per gal, schools, WHAT BUSINESS fon at the farm. DO WE HAVE TRYING TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT

A JUNIOR COLLEGE?

Get the kids adequate a kidney ailment. facilities in the public schools, and then commence our desk, and this letter is to think of the colleges the community school is the foundation of all education.

#### ---000---SGT. LLOYD WALL RECEIVES CITATION

Recently Sgt. Lloyd Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall, was given a citation for meritorious services. The citation reads:

FROM: Warehousing Officer, Warehouse No. 916

TO: Commanding Officer, General Supply Service Company, Second Service Regiment, Second Marine Division, FMF

VIA: Platoon Commander, Storage Platoon

SUBJ: Meritorious Mast for 1387315

Sergeant LLOYD T. WALL, 1387315, of Receiving Section, Storage Platoon, General Supply Service Company, be granted a meritorious mast for his outstanding service in his normal duties.

2. Sergeant WALL has contributed enormously to the formation and functioning of the receiving section. His duties began on 13 July, 1955, and since then he has demonstrated outstanding initiative, cooperation, and ability. His methods of handling enlisted personnel leave nothing to be desired. He is a credit to Service Regiment as well as to the entire Marine Corps. Sergeant WALL'S latest marks were as follows: Conduct 5.0, Proficiency 4.9.

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Home of Lubbock. Mrs. Ga- the past few months, is so following two weeks of ill bers & Son. health.

---000--children, and Mrs. R. W. Shanklin and three children, all of Lubbock.

day taking care of business. He was really feeling under the weather, suffering from

---000--who have been in DeLeon attending the bedside of her father, have returned home. It is stated that her father is showing some improvement.

a freshman at Texas Tech, was home for the weekend. ---000---

#### FOR RENT:

Three-room house and bath, across street from the Ropes Laundry, See R. M. Mayfield, or call 3676. ---000---

Jimmy Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rice of Lovington, N. M., former resi-Sergeant LLOYD T. WALL, dents of Ropes, entered the Methodist Hospital in Lub-1. It is requested that book Wednesday. He will undergo surgery for the removal of part of his lung Friday. It will be remembered that he was only recently released from the hospital. ---000---

We are glad to number M. W. Martin, of Post, among our new readers. Mr. Martin lived in Ropes for a number of years, and still owns his residence here. At the present time he is engaged in taking care of a brother-in-law and a sister in Post, who are invalids. Mr. Martin vnisited Ropes on Monday of this week.

NOTICE

If there is a date written by your name on the Plainsman, your subscription expired on that date. Please take note.

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DIAL 3331

Funeral services for Mrs. | Mrs. Cotton Cavitt and year. Two new faces were | Sun-News; and the writer Jim Galendo, 53, Rt. 1, Lub- sons left this week for De bock, were held at 10 a.m. Leon where she will spend land, who takes the place The most startling thing Monday in Ropesville Pen- some time helping in the tecost Church with burial care of Cotton's father, who in Ropesville Cemetery un- is seriously ill. Cotton, who the place of Jack Morton in man at the fair ground order direction of Rix Funeral has been off from work for lendo died in Methodist Hos- far recovered that he is now pital in Lubbock Saturday driving a truck for W. Cham

---000---Rev. H. W. Gaston, pastor Visitors in the Troy Mor- of the Ropes First Methodris home during the week- ist Church, was in Canyon end were their children, Mr. last week where he attended and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and a meeting known as the the Pastors' Retreat. reports the meeting one of the best he ever attended. While there he met Rev. Jack Thoman, of Level- Browder and Rev. Patterson, land, was in Ropes Wednes- former pastors of the Ropes church.

---000-Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lackey, of Morton, were in Ropes this week visiting in the Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Moore, home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider.

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Mrs. H. W. Gaston is in Hereford this week teaching a Church School for children and young people. Mrs. Gaston has been engaged Miss Rosa Riojas, who is in this work for several years, and holds several national credits. Rev. Cockrell is pastor of the Hereford Church, and owns land near

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#### ON THE WING

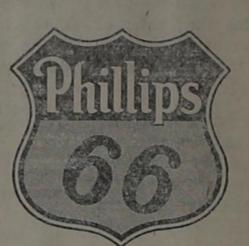
Of recent weeks, first because of a rush of business, and then because of illness, we have failed to get out very much. However, this past Monday, regardless of the fact that we were feeling low, we made a trip to Levelland.

Among others we saw while there were the Commissioners. They were holding their first session of the on the court, Hulon More- representing the Plainsman. and Jim Prueit.

Clustered in the court room, waiting with bated | ped his pay and ordered him breath for something to hap pen, were representatives of | the three newspapers' in the was the hiring of a libraian county, Afton Richards of for the county library. There the Anton News; Olen Brew- seemed to be a number of er, of the Levelland Daily Turn to Page 5

of Tom Price in Precinct 1, to take place was the comand Dale Reed, who takes missioners giving a watch-Precinct 2. The two old ders to vacate - and, think members are Bryan Hulse of it, right in the dead of winter. But, it remains a: definite fact that they stopoff the grounds.

Another thing to come up



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JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR LEVELLAND IS TO BE VOTED ON



Ropes boys' basketball team - left to right, top row: Robbie Epperson, Gene Berry, Jil Hansord, Dale Ethridge, Coach Preston, J. W. Bridwell, Jimmy Bevers, Billy Strickland. Bottom row: Omer Lee Dalton, Larry Jackson, Lavoid Lowrie, Dar win Robinson, Troy Wither spoon, Larry Moreland, John Valentine.



Ropes Girls basketball team, left to right: Diane Tidwell, Maxine Brown, Von Bevers, Jean Tussy, Kay McAteer, Sandra Bain, Emma Christo pher, Anita Crawford, Lanelle Jackson, Karen Black man, Sylvia Exum, Janice Pointer, Nancy Martin, Peggy Morrow, Thelma Hall, and Rosemary Bond. (Lena Christopher not shown).

### News of Your Schools

FHA AND FFA NEWS

ry Jackson and Maxs'l Hum- boys' team, must be very ble, have entered the Live- proud of them. They have stock show at Fort Worth played eight games and won on January 26.

ned a Daddy Date night on for the boys. All the boys January 24. Each girl is to bring her Daddy and let him join in the FHA fun. All girls be sure to ask your Dads. Dads, if your daughter doesn't ask you, remind her of it.

HOMEMAKING NEWS

The Freshman girls have taken up grooming as a study to start off a semester. Consumer buying is the project the Sophomore girls are working on. The Junior girls are beginning a study in house planning.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

An Assembly program will be given on January 24 by Miss Cole's Speech Club and the sixth period English class. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The Senior class urges you to patronize their concession stand at the ball games. You can get all kinds of refreshments, such as candy, pops, gum, pie, coffee and sandwiches.

#### SPORTS

Ropesville's first conference game in basketball will be played at Sundown on January 18. The teams need your support, so be sure to come.

The Ropes Junior High basketball teams will play their next games at Levelland on January 21 at 6 pm. Our Junior High School excellent basketball The girls, whose ceach is Mr. Gordon Gaines, have won nine games out of the ten played. They were upset by two points when they played Sundown last week. Their high scorer is Helen Cain, an eighth grader, who has averaged fifteen ROPES EAGLES SPLIT points a game. But, all the

Mr. Chuck Smith, who is Two of the FFA boys, Lar- coach of the Junior High all of them. Buford Moore The FHA girls have plan- has been leading the scoring seem in fine shape, and it promises to be a good for them.

> ROPES HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

"A" Average 12th Grade: Von Bevers Maxine Brown Lanelle Jackson Nancy Martin Diane Tidwell 11th Grade: Emma Christopher Gary Grant

Rosine O'Neal 10th Grade: Gracie Riojas "B" Average

12th Grade: Gene Berry Leon Bain Rosemary Bond Lavorise Bridwell Anita Crawford Jerry Bob Drake Royce Duckett Dale Ethridge Clara Jo Ray Margie Snider 11th Grade:

Joyce Dozier Robbie Epperson Mayre Jane Hale Billy Martin Peggy Morrow Kaye Nell Sosebee

10th Grade: Sandra Bain Billy Dodd Tommy Jackson Margaret Jones Wenda Lowrie Connie Witherspoon 9th Grade:

Mary Nell Bevers Karen Blackman Delores Brown Lena Christopher Priscilla Green Ronnie McNabb Martha Mannin James Zorns Janice Pointer.

Roosevelt and Ropesville players have helped her to basketball teams split a make this outstanding re- double-header Friday night the top of this page are the in one of the feature cage | Ropes school two basketball

attractions on the Plains. girls team ended the unde-

feated road for Ropesville's sextet with a 72-63 victory.

fit her team trailed by at Friday night? least nine points through most of the game. Gloria Gammill hit 25, Ann Jones 23, Nell McRight 13, and Sue Williams 11 for Roosevelt, while Christopher added 18 to the loser's total.

#### ROPES RIPS IDALOU

Ropesville's Eagles soared to their 14th victory in 15 games here Tuesday night, beating Idalou in the final non-conference game of the season before opening loop play Friday, 67-50.

The Eagles were in charge all the way, holding quarter leads of 19-12, 37-19 and 43-36. They hit their peak in the final canto, when they siored 24 points.

Jimmy Bevers had a great night, scoring 35 points on 15 field goals and five free

Jerry Vincent hit 20 for the losers and Don Isom had 11 for the Wildcats.

Ropesville also won the girls game, taking a 56-30 triumph. Kay McAteer had 12 points for the winners, with Emma Christopher getting 11, and both Jean Tussy and Von Bevers getting 10. Jane Nitcholas had 11 for the losers.

Mrs. Johnson's class Sixth Grade News Ropes Junior High

We elected officers Monday for this term. They are as follows:

President .... Vernon Bridwell V. Pres. ...... Carol Crawford Secretary .... Judith A. Gregg Reporter ...... Linda Sosebee Sergeant-of-Arms

...... Mike Dunavant We are going to have science this mid-term instead of history. We think we will all like science.

Reporter, Linda Sosebee. ---000---

In the pictures shown at

teams. All games played so ROPESVILLE Roosevelt's one - beaten far have been non-confer- NEEDLE CLUB ence games.

Yvonne Bevers scored 37 home folks who attend the points for the Ropes' girls, games the better the teams

> Following is a schedule of the conference games:

Jan. 18 — Sundown — there Jan. 22-Seagraves, boys-here

Post, girls - here Jan. 25 — Frenship — there Jan. 29 - Plains - here Feb. 1 — O'Donnell — here Feb. 5 - Sundown - here Feb. 8-Seagraves, boys-there

Post, girls - there Feb. 12 — Frenship — here Feb. 15 - Plains - there Feb. 19 — O'Donnell — there All conference games.

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Mrs. Bruce McGahey and baby daughter, Annette, are spending this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeager in Lubbock.

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The Ropes teams have met Thursday, January 10th, Mrs. Means. proven themselves to be in the home of Mrs. James however by downing the lo- are due the support of the Hayslip was surprised with Johnson January 24th. Evcals 76-62 in the boys' game. entire community. The more a birthday party and re- eryone reported a very nice ceived several nice gifts. A evening. quilt was quilted for Mrs. but despite that torrid out- will play. Won't you attend Means. A salad with cake and coffee was served to the following members:

> Mmes. C. K. Teaff, E. N. Exum, W. O. Drake, Tobe Chitwood, Bob Thomas, Peck

Rogers, S. E. Whitener, G. R. Johnson, Ed McAteer, R. The Ropesville Needle Club D. Hayslip, and the hostess,

The next meeting will be Ropesville gained a split championship material, and L. Means, Jr. Mrs. Nina in the home of Mrs. G. R.

FOR SALE-

Handcock Land Levelling Machine. Send bids to Soil Conservation Office at Levelland.

C. D. BOND

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

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days" approach! Lydia Pinkham's has a remarkable soothing effect on the source of such distress. In doctors' tests, Pinkham's

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### Duval's Background For Dictatorship | naughty, fed them when the were hungry, led them like s Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By--FREDERICK HODGSON | "Yankee" and an alien.

the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his county is people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his county is passed on the face of I did and ask a casual for the little li

are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of the poinsied desk so hard that the poinsied desk so hard the poinsied des

separating Duval from Jim Wells stances. County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the corner to the West is the Court- | want.' Bang!" house and the Windmill Cafe,

George Parr is an "Anglo" and

He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-

Even though his skin may be "white"—in contrast to the Mexicans "white"—in contrast to the Mexicans a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoff-"Anglo" speaks of "good Mexi- mans. Archie shrewdly moved in

living who can tell truthfully of Duval" was no empty honor.

pulling trigger on yelling Apa- Old Archie was a small man, Parr's most bitter enemy, editor

The feeling, the psychology, the SAN DIEGO, TEX .- To know atmosphere, is that of the fron-

father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval per cent of the people in Duval on the polished desk so hard that

them are desperately poor. Many Or to hear a peace officer say On primary day in 1912, for exare illiterate. Many speak no Eng-very seriously that if he were ample, three men were shot to sh at all.

Perhaps half the population of him—that he wouldn't fool around this little county town, 4,397 at waiting for the law, he'd just up determined attempt was made by

The town, officially a city, is visiting a friend in jail for mur- work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme typically Mexican, with a mis- der, a friend who was acquitted sion-style church and a central quickly when the case went to county's books and the Court-plaza with a band stand. The line a jury. I asked for the circum- house burned down after the

.... out of a bar when

said 'Go ahead, anti-Parr forces. Across the why don't you kill me?' My friend street. Highway 44, and catty- sa'l 'Alright, if that's what you

house and the Windmill Cafe, leadquarters of the Parr brigade. It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mex-The "Mexican" in Duval is ican raiders from across the Rio small, dark-skinned, Catholic by Grande on sight — and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Texas he and his followers should after him, put the anti-Mexican, of a Medici. be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adorais a big man, taller by inches tion of the Latins into one of the than the general run of Amerimost cynical, most ruthless diccans. By religion he is Protestant. | tatorships in American political |

Old Archie, then a red-necked, heeled Western boots and a West- cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at Even though his skin may be the turn of the century and took burned by the sun to the shade of the side of the "Mexicans"

cans" and "bad Mexicans." but between the two groups, voted his always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans fore a dozen years had passed he at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still track in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of living who can tall track of the state of his own. The title "Duke of living who can tall track of living who

porth of the Nueces River is a punished them when they were Boss and his here

flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts — and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police,

of a gambler with a deck of cards. There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

Walting to the faw, he didn't and light the fellow who had miserable "jacales," unpainted gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of the county altogether. It didn't the simple expedient of abolishing Or to hear another man tell of the county altogether. It didn't Court ordered an audit of the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor-the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval by all rules of deep South Central Senator Archie Parr, and the son ruled with the absolute authority

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition. He knew of the other things that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother

Among his playmates was Man-uel "Meme" Marroquin, now pot-bellied in his later years, who of a militant little bi-lingual It is more than a bit startling spoke Spanish like a native and to the outsider to get the "feel" thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followed by the small towns in Duval, Jim parently sincerely loved his followed by the same of Marroquin, a man who Wells, Brooks, Webb and other lowers, loved them as a man has suffered much, including phycounties of the area. A man from might love a faithful dog. He sical beatings, at the hands of the

holds.

fic accident experiences in These figures, however, are be replaced." similar categories and thus not indicative of the acci-

N. K. Woerner, DPS Sta- plains, since the latter must ing properly." tistical Chief, made the necessarily be based on the concise accuracy by age, method of surveying the ed out. race and sex who hold oper- State's nearly four million ators, commercial or chauf- licensed drivers to find out feurs licenses.

Previous studies both in Texas and nation-wide have shown conclusively there is a definite relationship between the number of persons holding valid driver's licenses and the number of traffic accidents which are recorded, but Woerner's new 25-page report and conversion chart composes what is believed to be the only survey of its kind ever made.

Using the September 1, 1956. DPS Driver's License Division records as a basis for his study, Woerner shows that on that date there were 3,949,517 licensed drivers in Texas, of which 2,-539,804 were men and 1,-409,713 were women.

Of the male drivers, 1,-716,804 held operators li-684,953 possessed censes; commercial licenses; 138,047 were licensed as "chauffeurs."

As might be expected, a vast preponderance of the ladies were licensed only ti drive passenger cars, with 1,388,295 in this category. Another 16,995 females held licenses indicating they were qualified to drive commercial vehicles; and only 4,423 were in possession of chaffeurs licenses which allows them to drive passengers fir hire.

Starting at age 14 (the youngest at which a person may qualify under certain conditions for any sort of driver's license in Texas), the number of individuals holding valid licenses increases from 4,937 (the number of 14-year-olds licensed) with each age group upwards to age 29 (104,082 licensed). There, the number declines for the 30 and 31 year old age brackets, only to jump to 106,981 at age 32, the age group holding more licenses than any

From age 32, the number of licensed drivers remains in excess of 90,000 for each group through the age of 39. Beginning with age 40, however, the number of licensed drivers declines stead ily-with a few exceptions for each year of additional age through 85, the point at which the survey ceases to classify by specific age. While only 1,291 persons (including 1,173 men and 118 women) aged 85 hold valid licenses, that is not to indicate that no one over that age is licensed to drive.

As a matter of fact, 3,029 individuals who are older than 85 did hold perfectly good driver's licenses on September 1. Of these, 2,777 were males and 249 were females. None of the ladies other than operator's licenses but 107 of the men the cost, again application listed as "nil", which, according to Woerner's explan ation indicates that there are a few, but that number is so small as to have no meaning in his conversion factors.

just how many miles each

"Anyway," Woerner adds, 'we're not really concerned about which sex has the better drivers. There are good and bad in both. . and the really important thing is for men and women windows clean and free of alike to drive in such a smoke or steam and be sure manner as to merit "indiv- you can see through the idual" commendation thru side windows. Danger may ing courtesy."

----TEXAS SAFETY NEWS

"Poor visiblity is one of the most serios problems facing the motorist in winter driving!"

sued recently by E. C. Mc- hicle itself, such as snow, Fadden of Dallas, Vice President of Employers' Casual- shield. ty Company, and President of the Texas Safety Association, in connection with the state-wide campaign safe winter driving sponsored by the Texas Safety Association.

"In addition to the hazards of skidding that winter presents to the motorist, the problem of reduced visibility can make driving especially treacherous," Mc-Fadden said.

"Motorists must be able to see danger to avoid it," he emphasized.

"A basic requirement is that windshield wipers be in top-notch condition. Summer sun or age bake the life

Percentage-wise, the study out of rubber blades and These figures are expected shows that 64.3% of the cause them to streak the to be applicable to popula- State's licensed drivers are windshield," McFadden said. tion break-downs and traf- men and 35.7% are women. "When they do, they should "Another important preput the finger on accident- dent-proneness of male and caution is to see that heatprone segements of society. female drivers, Woerner ex- ers and defrosters are work-

Fewer hours of daylight, study and came up with number of miles actually rain, snow, sleet, splattered multiple-digit code percen- driven annually by each sex. windshields, the glare of the tages which, when multiplied This is known as accident sun on snow or ice, fog and by the number of licensed exposure. Such information frequent overcast all serve drivers on file at any given he said, is not available and to reduce the distance a time, will give the total will not be until someone driver can see to a dangernumber of persons with comes up with a practical our minimum, it was point-

> "And after a storm be sure to clean all the snow off your windshield and other windows of your car. It is also a good idea to wipe off the headlights, turn signals and tail lights at the same time.

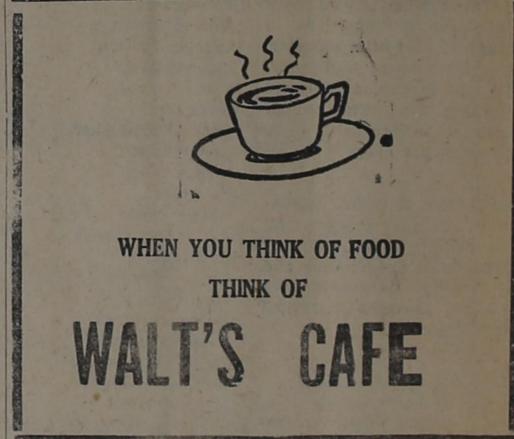
"Keep the inside of your law observance and motor- approach from the side or rear as well as from the front."

Statistics show that in almost one out of seven fatal accidents, the driver's vision was obscured. In two out of five of these cases, the That was the warning is- obstruction was on the verain or sleet on the wind-

"Keep these figures in mind," McFadden warned drivers, "and keep alert to for these dangers. You wouldn't drive with your eyes closed. Don't drive with your vision obstructed!"

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#### REBEKAHS INSTALL **NEW OFFICERS IN** SUNDOWN CEREMONY

Mrs. Margie Bell was installed as Noble Grand of the Sundown Rebekah Lodge in ceremonies at the Lodge Feb. 1-2 at Texas Tech. Hall Monday night, with Mrs. G. W. Blair district deputy president of the Rebekah organization as head of the installing staff. Other officers installed were:

Vice Grand .... Mrs. Willie Murphy R.S.N.S...Mrs. Ann Sullivan L.S.N.G. ...... Maude Ramage and Miss Claire Jackson, R.S.V.G. ...... Jessie Thomas L.S.V.S. ..... Marie Ryans School for Blind Children. Secretary ...... Ann Norwood Treasurer ....Amber Caddrock Warden ... Mary Lou Sweeney Conductor ...... Villa Hudson ers, public health nurses, drivers by age, race, sex and Musician .... Shellie Mayfield Inside Guardian .... Marie Meyers Outside Guardian .... Natha

Flag Bearer .... ... Nola Duncan by taking water from lakes

Naomi ..... Velma Wilson age. ---000---

TEXAS TECH NEWS

Walter Prescott Webb will be principal speaker at a West Texas Assembly on Regional Works Association. Development, scheduled Tues day and Wednesday, Jan. 22-23, at Texas Terh.

dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday releasing for planting, land stone points out. in the Tech Union Building. otherwise covered by the "It might also find prac-He is a history professor at shallow ponds. The University of Texas.

groups in 35 or more West says, "to minimize evapora-Texas communities will attend the Assembly, which for area development.

The Tech Adult Education Program will sponsor the Assombly. - wait to Done

#### FIRST CONFERENCE ON WHO IS BETTER VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN AT LUBBOCK OR A WOMAN

The first West Texas Conference on Visually Impaired Children will be held on

Three nationally known research consultants have been invited to participate.

They are Dr. Berthold Liwenfeld, superintendent of the California School for the Blind, Berkeley, Calif.; Miss Frances Smith, director, Fort Worth Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children; preschool counselor, Dallas

Others invited to attend include parents, special education teachers, social work-Chaplain ...... Grace Leslie and others concerned with the type of license each the problems of visually impaired children.

The South Plains water Standifer table may possibly be raised Ass't. Flag Bearer .... Josephine formed in shallow hollows salt content of the silt beds. after hard rains and drain-Ruth ..... Bobbie Knight ing it to underground stor-

This observation was made by Dr. George A. Whetstone, World - famed Historian Texas Tech professor of civil ed out. engineering, in the Journal of the American Water

According to Dr. Whetstone, these "ephemeral lakes" could be drained to Dr. Webb, a recognized underground storage with the authority on Texas water double benefit of easing the problems, will peak on that rate at which the water the aquifer, as at Louisville, subject during an Assembly table is dropping and of Ky., in winter," Dr. Whet- in this group held anything

Representatives of citizens' importance," Dr. Whetstone tion losses and to drain the land promptly, as the ramy will draft recommendations season and the planting city areas where land costs season often coincide."

ples from Famagusta, Cyprus, where lake water was | the tunneling method."

### DRIVER - A MAN

Which is the better driver-a man or a woman?

Well, the Texas Department of Public Safety has just come up with the results of an exhaustive study which "won't" give the answer to that question but which the State agency expects to utilize as a step in resolving the answers to a lot of other traffic problems involving drivers of motor vehicles.

The DPS Statistical Division, on the basis of records of the Department's Driver's License Division, has prepared a comprehensive analysis of the State's licensed

ephemeral lakes. Because of over 85 years of age was ere high. Economically, op-

discharged into six wells over a period of 52 days. The result was not too satisfactory because of the high

By using some 900 feet of tunnel connecting the wells about 60 feet underground. the water absorption was increased 4.5 times, he point

"Recharging tunneling pro bably merits most serious consideration in city areas where cooling water is returned to the ground, as on Long Island, N. Y., or where treated river water at low temperature is pumped into

tical applications in areas were qualified as commer-Speed would be of utmost like the High Plains of Tex- cial operators. The number as with drainage of the of licensed male chauffeurs would be most practical in Dr. Whetstone cites exam- en-pit spreading is still more practical in rural areas, than

ON THE WING From Page 2

pointing be postponed, as taxes. he was not acquainted with nary an applicant, and he of folks who want to vote didn't hanker to hire any either for or against the one he did not know. They junior college, as they are settled this by deciding that getting their names properly they would have the appli- registered so that they can cants in one by one and let go to the polls when the them put their cases before time comes. the court.

might get free groceries if and look into this. We found starved to death the better category. they would feel.

face of Murry Stewart. He they had him locked up in says the sale of poll taxes another room. is up. He further stated

that he would be in Ropes on Tuesday and Wednesday applicants, and after Hulon of next week for the pur-Moreland looked the list ov- pose of collecting taxes and er, he asked that the ap- letting the folks have poll

Seemingly, there are a lot

County Judge Paul Wil-We might also add that liams was absent from the they failed to grant us a court. He was helping Jupension, even though we venile Officer Bob Robbins explained we'd been in the hold a session of court on county for more than twen- a bunch of juniors. So we ty-five years. They said we thought we'd march down we would sign the pauper's the place, but the juveniles oath. As we started to sign, were of such size that it they jerked the paper away, took us a long time to figure and indicated the sooner we out they fitted into that

We didn't find Judge Wil-We looked on the smiling liams, and were informed

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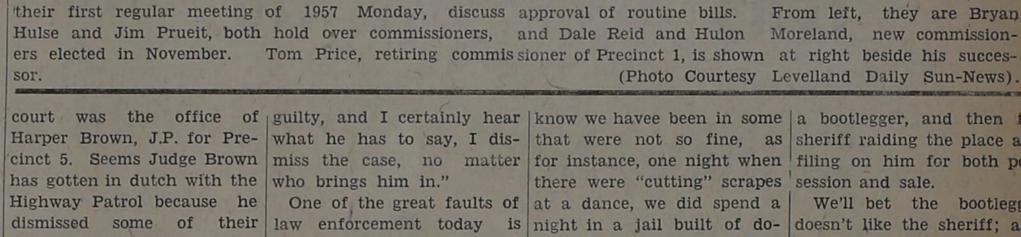
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dismissed some of their law enforcement today is night in a jail built of do- doesn't like the sheriff; and cases. It is said that when the fact that when a man bie brick, with one window we'll further bet he doesn't a Highway Patrolman brings is arrested, he is presumed high up. It had a dirt floor in a man they expect him to be guilty, when the law and was occupied by rats about it - just think how to be convicted and fined says just the opposite. As as large as cats, and the you'd feel if it happened to with dispatch regardless of what the victim thinks of feel that Harper Brown is candle.

Judge Brown stated, "If I understand the law, the burden of proof lays on the state and every man is innocent until proven guilty beyond the shadow of a doubt. When they bring a prisoner into my office and seat him opposite me, I try to treat him just as I wiuld like to be treated. If he can convince me he is not

court was the office of guilty, and I certainly hear know we havee been in some a bootlegger, and then the Harper Brown, J.P. for Pre- what he has to say, I dis- that were not so fine, as cinct 5. Seems Judge Brown miss the case, no matter for instance, one night when filing on him for both pos-

COMMISSIONERS IN FIRST REGULAR MEETING-Members of the Hockley County Commissioners' Court.

a justice of the peace we only light we had was a doing his duty.

is alleged, has become so un- that we are a jailbird, that happy that one Patrolman the lad who did the stabwent to the county judge bing was nothing but a and asked him if there was kid, and we persuaded the any way that Judge Brown sheriff to let us spend the could be impeached.

We sauntered out of that Weir explained that but for there.

there were "cutting" scrapes session and sale. One of the great faults of at a dance, we did spend a

We might add, before you The Highway Patrol, it begin to dream up a story night with him.

Well, regardless of what office, strolled across the you might think, we have lawn, now brown and dead, never been forced into any to the jail. There we met jail - there might have a couple of deputy sheriffs been times when we should and the sheriff, Weir Clem. have been, but we didn't go

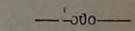
the fact that the jail was | But anyway, we found the full, he'd make us a candi- sheriff right busy trying to date for a few free meals. suppress crime, and one of We don't know that we've the amusing incidents we ever spent a night in a big- heard about was one of ger and better jail than the his deputies going out and Levelland jail, but we do buying a pint of liquor from

sheriff raiding the place and We'll bet the bootlegger

From left, they are Bryan

(Photo Courtesy Levelland Daily Sun-News)

think there was a thing fair



AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

IN PUBLIC PLACES AN ORDINANCE PROHI-BITING THE CONSUMP-TION OR DRINKING OF WHISKEY, BEER, GIN, OR OTHER INTOXI-CATING ALCOHOLIC BEV-ERAGES; PROVIDING PEN-ALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; RE-PEALING ALL OTHER OR-DINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLAR-ING AN EMERGENCY.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Ropesville,

Section One: That it shall be unlawful for any person to consume, or drink any whiskey, beer, wine, gin other intoxicating alcohol beverages in any street, al ley, theatre, school building, school premises or other public place in the City of Ropesville, Texas.

Section Two: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

Section Three: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section Four: The fact that there are many instances of drinking and consumption of whiskey, beer, wine, gin and other alcoholic beverages in public places in the City of Ropesville, and the same causing disturbances of the peace, and boisterous conduct creates an emergency requiring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to Law and it is so ordained, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Ropesville, Texas, this the 14th day of January, 1957.

> W. E. Pierce, Mayor of the City of Ropesville, Texas.

ATTEST: Troy Morris, Acting Secretary of the City of Ropesville, Texas.



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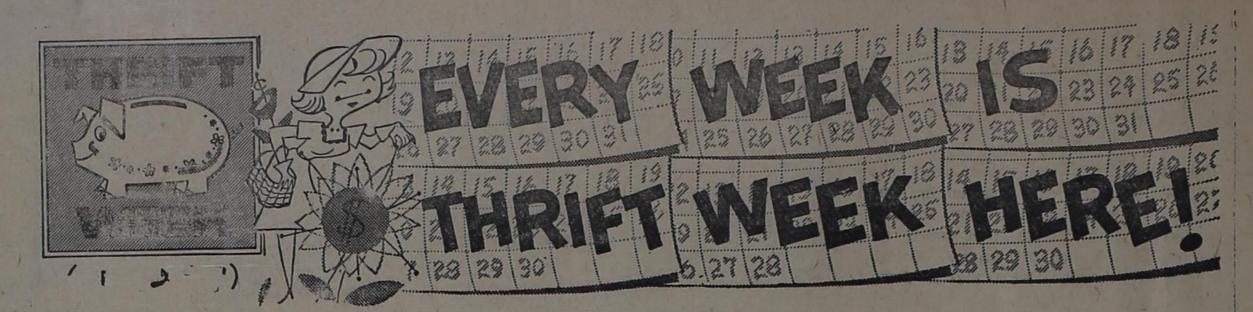
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