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## CRATE SNIDER HOME IS BURGLARIZED

### POLITICS

—Ted Dotts

The Christian view of politics is one of involvement. Christians should be actively engaged in politics to the end that "by doing right (they) should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (1 Peter 11:15)

Recent history indicates all too well what happens when Christians turn their backs on politics and say, "the church should not be involved in politics as it is too dirty." The recent history I speak of is the Second World War. One factor which allowed Adolph Hitler and the Nazi Party to climb to power was the Christian Church's refusal to appraise and criticize German politics.

As opposed to many nations, especially nations in Europe, we in the United States enjoy the separation of church and state to a great degree. All Americans owe a vote of thanks to early religious leaders — especially Baptists — who fought for the separation of church and state. This was a vital issue in the 1600's and continues today.

But the separation of the church and state does not mean and never has meant that the church "washes its hands" of politics. The separation of church and state means that the government shall not support a particular religion or denomination with the tax money of the whole people. And, this kind of thinking has provided much of the philosophical background for the recent Supreme Court rulings on prayer and Bible reading in our public schools.

What is the job of the Christian Churches in relation to politics?

Answer: Criticism and Appraisal. If there is one thing which is becoming more and more evident in today's election campaign, it is that our government and our leaders are far from perfect. And, this "less than perfect" accusation must also focus itself on each one of us who are citizens. The church must stand as our guiding light in these times, not because it is some perfect entity but because that which it tries to reveal is perfect. In a sense the church must continually hold up Jesus the Christ and ask: "How does this or that political endeavor, this or that aspect of government, compare to Him who has revealed what is All-important in our lives?" We must continually appraise and criticize our government, our politics, in light of what the Bible reveals to us about God through Jesus the Christ.

We cannot do this every four years. It is too easy to sit around and say, "Well, Goldwater's extremism ethic is certainly not Christian. Johnson's drive for power is certainly not Christian." Government is not made up of elections every four years. Our criticism and appraisal must take place daily, week by week, year by year. The only way this can take place is when we as a Christian people are involved enough to know what is going on. And this involvement of ours must be in two places — the church and the world. The church is the one bulwark, the one fortress, to which we may withdraw and gain insight into the demands of the Christian life. You may say that we are built up in the Body of Christ, the church, and then sent out

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### PRESIDENT VISITS

Calvin Brints, State President of Future Farmers of America, visited the local FFA Chapter Tuesday, October 6. Calvin is a member of the Hank Smith Chapter of Future Farmers of America located at Crosbyton. He was elected to his present office in the Texas State FFA Convention held in San Antonio last July.

Calvin addressed the student body and faculty of the Ropes High School and he spoke of the importance of agriculture in the United States. He told of his duties this year in traveling over 50,000 miles in the interest of the FFA and agriculture. He stated that he will make over 600 speeches during the year to various groups in Texas and adjoining states.

He stressed citizenship and devotion to duty and country as the most important things in the lives of young people. The only way to keep America strong, he said, was for each of us to do his part in maintaining our part in helping it stay so. He stressed the need for further education and encouraged all to take full advantage of all opportunities that are offered in education.

Calvin was active in Boy Scouts, football, church work and many other activities while in Crosbyton High School. He has an outstanding record in achievements in the past. We feel that Texas has in him one of the finest State Presidents that has held this office.

### PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mrs. Mary Ruth Turner, 71, at 2 p.m., from the Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Rev. Windell Taylor officiated, with interment in the City of Lubbock cemetery.

Mrs. Turner passed away Thursday in the Levelland Clinic and Hospital, which she entered Tuesday.

Mrs. Turner is the former Mrs. Jim Williams, she and her husband being pioneer citizens of the Ropesville community. Survivors include a granddaughter, Mrs. Gail Turnd, seed of Levelland; a son-in-law, Bert Eades of Levelland; four brothers, L. R. Darnell of Mossyrock, Washington; Vastar Darnell of Amarillo; Hesis Darnell of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Leonard Darnell of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to the people of the Ropes community for the beautiful floral offerings, cards and words of sympathy for the presence of the many friends who attended the funeral of our mother, Mrs. E. L. Harris. May God bless you is our prayer.

E. L. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris  
Cecil Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fenter  
Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stephens  
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stalcup  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris

### TO MAKE FLOAT

The Young Homemakers and Young Farmers will meet at Harvey Crawford's barn on Thursday at 2:00 to prepare a float for the Cotton Parade to be held in Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Crate Snider and Georgana were in Fort Worth over the weekend where Georgana rode in the National Finals. She placed third in the Keyhole races. There were 1,223 entries in the finals.

### JESSE T GEORGE VISITS ROPES

Jesse T. George, State Representative, visited Ropes Monday campaigning for the Democratic ticket from the "courthouse to the White House." George encouraged citizens to work for the Democratic Party, stressing, "The Democratic Party is the party for all the people, and now it needs us every one. To be president of all the people is the sacred commitment of our President Lyndon B. Johnson, and he will not walk away. Let's join him in this march, as soldiers on the battlefield of progress, and let the nations, all the nations in the world join in this march. This is the commitment of the Democratic Party; this is the destiny of America."

George left campaign material in the Plainsman office and encouraged all interested citizens to drop by and pick up bumper stickers and other literature.

### 4-H NEWS

We will have our regular meeting next Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

The program will be brought by Roy Alexander of Levelland and Danny Rosser on their trip to leadership camp this summer.

The following girls won at the South Plains Fair:

Best of Division in breads: Pam Ream, 1st; Marcia Ream 2nd.

Pam Ream - Biscuits, 1st, plum jam, 3rd.  
Marcia Ream - peach jelly 3rd, plum jam, 1st, gingerbread, 1st.

Freda Pointer - Best of division in fruits and vegetables, tomato juice 1st, beet, 2nd.

Marcia won ten pounds of sugar and a dozen ball jars; Pam won fifteen pounds of sugar and two dozen ball jars and Freda won five pounds of sugar.

Becky Carpenter - tomato juice, 3rd.

Denise Carpenter - Tomato juice, 2nd.

Kathy Hobbs - green linas 1st place.

Reporter, Ted Lowrie

### SHOWER

There will be a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arant in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dunavant Tuesday evening, October 13, from 7 to 10:00. This will be a come and go affair. Pottery selection is at Furr's Family Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beaty at 3:00 Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill West. Everyone is invited.

Ronda Rogers, of Lovington, New Mexico, spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin, while her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers were in Dallas on business.

Visitors this past week in the Tom Redman home was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Riley of Berryville, Arkansas, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams of Childress.

Weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Bessie Curry were Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Curry and son, Dan, and Mrs. C. R. Godwin and sons, Billy and Benny, all of Lubbock.

G. R. Johnson, former resident of Ropes, but now of Lubbock, was here Monday visiting and attending to business.

In a daring robbery this past Saturday night the Crate Snider home was stripped of household goods, guns and clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Snider and Georgana were in Fort Worth this past weekend, and while they were gone, robbers stepped in and helped themselves. As near as it can be figured, the event occurred in the wee hours of the night, or early Sunday morning. Entrance was made through a window on the east side of the house, in Crate's office, where they broke two windows, tore up a storm screen and the window frame. When the robbery was discovered Sunday morning about 8:00 by one of the hands, blood on the broken glass was still wet.

Among the items missing are eight guns, six cameras, bedspreads, pillows, liners, lamps, lamp tables, silver tea service, Mrs. Snider's clothes, and Johnny's clothes, a console stereo, a hi-fi, a stereo, a radio, movie projector, Wood books, electric blankets, Geographical magazines, and the rug in the entrance hall.

The guns were in a glass case, and the glass was broken to gain entrance to these shotguns and rifles were taken while two pistols were left untouched, as were other clothes and silverware, while some money, a small amount, was taken. Another amazing thing about the thieves was they cut the cord off a lamp and took the cord and left the lamp.

It would seem that the robbers were very bold, as a pickup truck was backed up to the front door, and the loot was loaded from the house. When they left they were in a hurry, as wash clothes were scattered all over the front yard.

Officers were called in and the burglary is under investigation.

### ROPES HD CLUB NEWS

The Ropes Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. C. B. Ward. Present were Mmes. Joe Harris, J. D. Beaty, K. P. Shannon, Bob Thomas, Bud Rucker, Mansfield Thomas, S. E. Whitener, Nell Smither, Jimmy Sims, Genell Ward, Doyle Darby, James Chambers, Ronnie Jones, new member Betty Beaty and hostess Mrs. C. B. Ward.

The program was on salads and snacks by Mrs. Bud Rucker and Mrs. S. E. Whitener. Mrs. Bob Thomas won the door prize, which was a plaque.

The next meeting will be with Genell Ward October 20. The school counselor, Mr. Bowers will be present. Everyone is urged to attend.

FOUND - Chestnut sorrel mare white star face. 2 miles north Ropes, R. E. Dorsey.

Mrs. Benny Tendil of Levelland is in a Lubbock hospital where she underwent surgery this past Thursday. She is reported to be doing fine.

Mrs. Tendil is the former Frances Littlefield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield of Ropes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rasberry returned from a vacation this past week in Stratford and Burkbernett where they visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradley moved to Wellman this past week. She is the former Doris Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Martin.

Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, has been out of the past several days.

### NEWS OF THE ROPES YOUNG HOMEMAKERS

The Ropes Chapter of Young Homemakers plan to go to Post Friday for a field trip to Post-Tex Mills. They will meet at the west side of the school house Friday morning at 10:00.

Regular meeting will be held Monday October 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a party, the business to follow thereafter at 7:00. This will be held in the Homemaking Department.

### JOAN BYBEE DAVID PYLE EXCHANGE VOWS

Joan Wayne Bybee, daughter of Clyde Gallagher of Lockney and Mrs. Ruby Gallagher of Ropes, and David Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pyle of Childress, were married at 7 p.m. Friday in Travis Baptist Church parsonage.

The Rev. Leroy Gaston officiated the double ring ceremony.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Jackie Pyle, sister-in-law of the bridegroom. Best man was John Pyle, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a light blue box suit made of wool crepe. She wore white accessories and a blue hat.

The matron of honor wore a dark blue wool dress with matching accessories.

After a wedding trip to Amarillo, they will reside in Memphis.

Mrs. Pyle is a graduate of Texas Tech and teaches in Estelline. Pyle operates a Frozen Food Service in Memphis.

### MENU FOR ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Following is the menu for the Ropes School cafeteria October 12-16:

Monday - Barbecued ham potato salad, green beans, cooked prunes, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Tuesday - Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, buttered green peas, canned apricots, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday - Chili dogs, pinto beans, tossed green salad, peach cobbler, milk.

Thursday - Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, buttered black eyed peas, lime salad, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers and all the trimmings, ice cream and milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Halford are the proud parents of a new son, born September 27 in Germany where he is stationed. The little one was named Gerald Glyn, and weighed six pounds and six ounces. Mrs. Halford is the former Ella Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson of Ropes.

Mrs. Bob Thomas returned this past Friday night from a two weeks visit with her children. She first visited in Jacksonville with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Simpson, then they all attended the wedding of Mrs. Thomas' granddaughter, Betty Sue Stark, who was married to James McIntyre in Pasadena.

Betty Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chesney, another daughter of Mrs. Thomas. She also enjoyed a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thomas, of Pasadena.

Mrs. Thomas stated when she left, preparations were being made for the arrival of Hurricane Hilda.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beard and girls were in Wolforth Sunday where they attended a reunion of the Gillit family.

### EAGLES WIN AGAIN 30-0 OVER AMHERST

The Ropes Eagles marched to another victory Friday night to remain undefeated for the season. They leashed the Amherst Bulldogs to a final score of 30-0.

Two fast TD's gave the Eagles a 14-0 lead. Fullback Ray Witt blasted for three yards and quarterback Ronnie Sedgwick romped for 40 yards. Extra points were ran by Halfback Virgle Wright.

In the second quarter Virgle Wright broke loose for 25 yards and put the Eagles ahead 22 to 0 at halftime.

No scores were made in the third quarter. Mike Timmons ran 21 yards for the final TD in the fourth period. Ray Witt made the extra points.

### BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 736 met with Mr. Jerry Reese, Boy Scout Executive, on September 30, 1964. Six new boys signed up to be Boy Scouts for the remainder of the year. The Troop made plans to hold an overnight camp at Camp Post on October 9. The boys who have not passed all the requirements for the next rank will be given an opportunity to work on these requirements. The group will return Saturday.

The South Plains Council held its annual "Showando" at Camp Post on Saturday, October 3. This was for the scoutmasters and adult leaders. The leaders were shown how to do certain skills and then had a chance to do them. Jamboree equipment was placed on site at this time and made available to the troops in the South Plains Council.

Mr. C. T. McCormick, Scoutmaster of Troop 736, attended.

### LAYMEN'S SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 11, is Laymen's Sunday at the Methodist Church. The Laymen of the church will be teaching the Church School classes and conducting the Worship Services. Bill Odom, Charles Shannon and Pat Patterson will be the preachers. At the Sunday Evening services Mrs. Bud Rucker and Mrs. Ted Dotts will report on their recent studies at the Christian Study Seminar at Ceta Canyon.

Laymen's Day in the Methodist Church is an annual occurrence and is a day in which particular stress is put on the lay activities of the church.

### CUB SCOUT POW-WOW, 1964

The date for the South Plains Council's annual Cub Scout leaders Pow-Wow has been set for Saturday afternoon, October 10. It will be held at Smylie Wilson Junior High School, 31st and Quaker, Lubbock, beginning at 1:00 P.M. This year the Pow-Wow is under the able leadership of Jerry Crawford as General Chairman. To assist Mr. Crawford will be Wanda Hunnicut, Handicraft Jack Leftwich, Pack Administration; Carl Minor, Promotion and Attendance; J. Fleming, Midway; Jerry Robinson, Games; Olie O'Neal, Jr., Ceremonies and Stunts; Barney Martin, Exhibits; and the Blue and Gold Banquet will be presented by Manson D. Waits and Pack 543 sponsored by Agape Methodist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Dotts have returned from a three day camping trip to Cowles, New Mexico. They report a damp trip.



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John Ream had a piece of steel removed from his eye at a Lubbock clinic on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beaty moved to Ropes from Lubbock this past week. They are occupying the Chester Stephenson rent house.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ream were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillit, Tracy and Leslie of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Travis White, Carolyn, Bud and Jerry.

Those from Ropes attending Friendship Night and a

salad supper at Tahoka Monday night were Mmes. Dee and Edward Russell, R. A. Mayfield, Frank Sylvester, K. P. Shannon and J. N. Willis.

Bill Patman, who lives four or five miles east of Ropes, is retiring from farming, and plans are under way for the construction of a beautiful home in Ropes where he and his wife will reside.

Freda Pointer, who is attending Texas Tech in Lubbock, was here over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer.

Texas Tech's 12 sororities have announced 369 new pledges for the fall semester. Pledges from Ropes include Tonda Curry, Gamma Phi Beta.

Johnny, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill West, has been ill the past few days.

Mrs. Dee Courtney, a former resident of Ropes who now lives in Lubbock with her family, helped present a skit, "Pass the Cream", at a salad supper held recently at Plains Co-Op Oil Mill Party Room in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson and children, of Petersburg, were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis of Odessa, visited recently in the home of her mother, Mrs. Virgil Wright and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox and children of Plains were here Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitehead.

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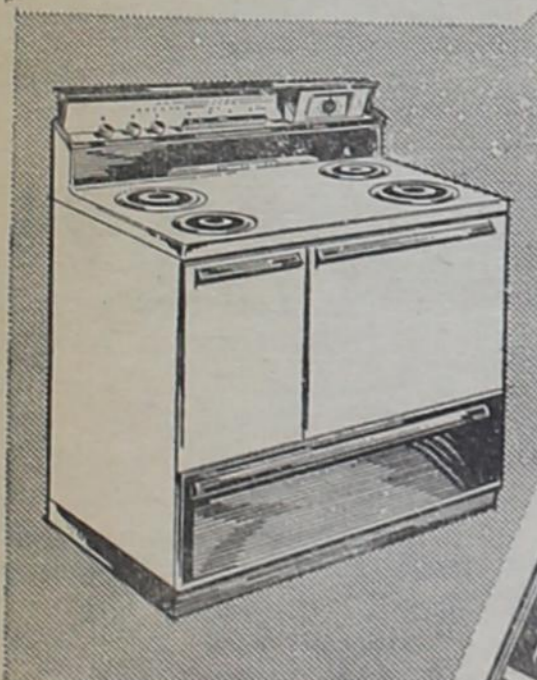
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into the world to proclaim what God has revealed to us in the church.

Finally, criticism and appraisal is not done by what I call the shotgun method. This method is currently being employed by the radical right. The procedure is simply to sound off loud enough that everyone who does not agree with you is a Communist, or wrong, or a rat or what have you. Even the people who use this method have admitted to me in person that all the neme calling

they do is not the truth, but their argument is that they get the bad with the good. This is not Christian criticism and appraisal.

Christian criticism and appraisal has certain characteristics. First, it is honest. There is no need to lie, no desire to lie, to gain some end. No innocent person is ever even remotely implicated, if at all possible. Only the true facts are presented and opinion is held to a minimum or complete exclusion. Secondly, it is patient. The correction of government takes time, talent and money

and a kind of patriotism which is long-suffering. Thirdly, it never ends. When dealing with government or with any organization of men—even the church—just when you think you have got one fallacy corrected another pops up to take its place.

Finally, Christian criticism and appraisal is loving. It is not arrogant or rude and it does its best to help even the party that is being criticized justly.

In short, Christian appraisal and criticism compare mightily with chapter thirteen of First Corinthians.

tributed, 500. I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.  
Celeste Thomas

**RADNEY TURNER RECEIVES TREATMENT**  
Radney Turner has been receiving treatment recently, and is under the care of a physician.

**EVANS' HOLD FAMILY REUNION**  
Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans and family held a reunion at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGaney in Lubbock September 20.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Breedon, Bobbie, June, Bradford, Joe and Keith, of Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeager and twins, Carolyn and Carol, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evans, Vickie, Alfred, Peckie and Lesa, of Ropes; Mr. and Mrs. Mario Davis, Denver, Doris, Joel and Carl Wayne of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGahey, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGahey, Annette, Brenda, David and Yvonne of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans, of Lubbock, and a guest, J. J. McGaney of Brownwood.

**JIM MARTIN GETTING LOTS OF EGGS**

Speaking of eggs, Jim Martin is getting plenty of them, even up to as many as 1300 per day.

When Jim started his business something over a year ago he had but one "laying house". Now, to take care of his customers he has two laying houses and has doubled the number of laying hens.

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**FARM LOANS IN HOCKLEY COUNTY**

Mr. Horace D. Gilmore, County Supervisor of Hockley County, advises that 40 young farm families are receiving loans to assist them in the purchase of farms, the construction of essential farm buildings, the acquisition of livestock and machinery, and funds for the further development of their resources this year.

Mr. Gilmore stated that over the past three years, many young farmers who received the assistance of the Farmers Home Administration have been formally recognized as outstanding young farmers in the State by various publications and farm organizations.

The County Supervisor advised that this financial assistance is available to young farm families who are unable to obtain adequate credit from private sources, meet all other eligibility requirements, and have the ability and the desire to become successfully established in farming and ranching operations.

**1965 GRAIN SORGHUM DISCUSSED**

Secretary Freeman advised this week that "Income Provisions" of the 1965 Feed Program (certificate payment, price support loan rate and diversion payments) announcement "would await more definite indications as to the out-turn from this year's corn and sorghum crop." This is in keeping with requests of GSPA to USDA several weeks ago. It is believed that each day's delay in the announcement gives sorghum a better chance of continuing on an income level similar to this year rather than being reduced as was done for wheat. Already official crop estimates now have feed grain production down 4 percent under a month ago and 11 percent under last year. Some unofficially estimate High Plains grain sorghum production to be off around 20 percent or down to 141 million bu. from 178 million last year but still higher than the 138 million of 1962.

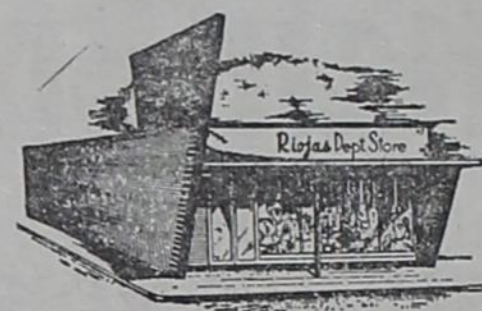
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