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FFA Members Place In Fort Worth Stock Show



H. Joe Schwartz with one of his Poland Chinas. Shown above is Travis White with his Second Place Hampshire.



Paula McCormick placed 2nd with this heavy Spotted Barrow at Fort Worth. Ted Robertson placed 15th in the Medium Duroc Class in Fort Worth.

If there is an X in this box it is notice your subscription has expired and an invitation to renew.

Following is a Sez We column by our late father, Troy Morris, written in May, 1959:

The weather — some wind.

"Poverty is no vice, but an inconvenience."

So, allowed the poet. More poets were poor, so we imagine this particular poet spoke from experience.

However, we think statistics will bear us out that you do not necessarily have to be a poet to suffer from the inconvenience of poverty.

Poverty means you're poor—lacking in the long green and the respect of bankers when you want a loan; sneered at by the credit houses and kicked out in the street by the landlord as your bony and haggard wife weeps for the sorry plight to which you've brought her.

Said one in our town: "I remember when I had just a piece of dry cornbread and it tasted as good as cake." Said M. M. Collins, "I

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The Observer and the Observed - Dave K. Powers

There's probably enough special days in a year, special emphasis in different areas, that a person could never stop celebrating. Take a look at almost any calendar and the event which took place on that day will be listed.

February, in many churches, is a month of emphasis on stewardship. The Bible has a lot to say about being good stewards. Some farmers are probably wishing, about this time of the year, that they did not have so much land to "steward" or take care of. But that view will change when the good crop is harvested.

The story of Luke 12:16-21 says that this farmer never once thought about his responsibility to a Higher Power. This was a foolish farmer, "God just wasn't important. It wasn't that he was mad at God. He just never thought about God. This farmer wasn't a loudmouthed atheist who declared he didn't believe in God. This farmer was a good guy in the community. His philosophy was a common one, "Just don't bother me, God, and I won't bother you."

But God is not that easily brushed off. How much better would it have been if this farmer had thought of God in relation to his barns, grain and fruit.

We are His stewards. Whether we have 300 acres or 3000, 50 or 5000 cattle — we are responsible for what we have. There is an Old Testament law in Exodus 16:18 which tells the story: "he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack." Are you a responsible steward?

Concerning Our Courts

(An Editorial)

Ordinary people are beginning to wonder just what the Courts of our country are coming to. When a person can break the law for approximately fifteen times, plead guilty to what he is charged with, and then be set free for, allegedly, lack of evidence.

We wonder what "lack of evidence" could be, if one has pled guilty.

We are referring to a case in the Hockley County District Court. It was called to our attention this week that a prisoner was released by the District Court, and it was stated that he was released for lack of evidence.

We give you the following list of times when this prisoner was arrested:

- 2-4-'68 — No drivers license.
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- 5-22-'68 — Forgery.
- 10-29-'68 — Five years probation, destruction of personal property.
- 12-17-'68 — Aggravated assault
- 5-6-'69 — Assault, \$1,000 bond.
- 6-11-'69 — Aggravated assault, \$2,000 bond.
- 8-30-'69 — No drivers license; run stop sign.
- 9-20-'69 — No drivers license; run stop sign.

stop sign; leaving the scene of an accident; illegal transportation; traffic; minor possession; transferred 9-22-'69 — Illegal transportation, \$500 bond

10-1-'69 — Probation revoked. On December 2, 1969, this 19-year old man's probation was again revoked and he spent 62 days in the Hockley County Jail awaiting sentence — and then — on February 3, 1970 — he was released, allegedly, for lack of evidence.

This man has a criminal record that covers a span of two years, and has been turned loose on the unsuspecting people of our County. It's no wonder it isn't safe to get outside your own doors anymore.

We can understand why sometimes officers of the law feel it is useless to try to rid humanity of dangers inflicted by known, and habitual lawbreakers. Arrest after arrest can be made, and then in some instances, such as this, the criminal is released.

We know that laws are different now, than they were when we were growing up, but it makes us wonder about the old saying of "crime does not pay", when you can plead guilty, and then walk out free as a bird.

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Mail Delivery Will Be Available

Postmaster Flora Martin said today that a new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery services.

Postmaster General Blount has advised the local postmaster of provisions of a new order making home delivery services available for the first time to 4 million Americans.

The service improvement applies to persons served out of 18,700 first, second, and third class post offices over the country that do not have city delivery services. Affected are those postal customers living more than a quarter mile away from these offices and less than half a mile away. Persons living less than half a mile away previously had not been provided this service.

Discussing the local area effects of Mr. Blount's new order, Postmaster Martin explained: "All the city from Ranch Street north, Carson Avenue from South Plains Street north and east, and all of Boyd Avenue will be eligible for home delivery services. A city map will be at the post office showing whether you are eligible or not.

To get the new service it is only necessary that those living in the eligible areas ask their postmasters to provide it, and a majority of those to be served must want the home service.

Under Mr. Blount's order, those living less than a quarter mile from the post office will continue to pick up their mail at these offices.

"But," the postmaster noted, "that's no more than a few blocks.

This order, however, will make the home deliveries available wherever desired by the majority of those living beyond a quarter mile."

"This distance factor can be significant for much of the year in areas where severe weather conditions prevail; in areas where large numbers of older persons are living, or in more remote sections where even a little distance may mean a lot in terms of travel difficulties."

The expansion of services should be virtually complete in all of the affected delivery service areas — under actions taken by postal regional offices, acting on recommendations of local postmasters — by February 1, 1971.

It will be accomplished principally by adding delivery stops to already existing rural delivery routes or by expanding the area served by some shorter rural route for the purpose, and, a limited number of new rural routes may also be needed in other instances.

The fact that fewer persons will be calling at post offices for their mail will not alter the independent status of any of the post offices where the service change is provided.

Please contact your postmaster if you are interested in this service as soon as possible.

—000— HAVE VISITORS SUNDAY

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gotcher and Dennis Ray of Lubbock.

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Some members of the Ropes FFA Chapter entered the recent Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and were fortunate in placing a majority of their animals in the show. All showed in the Junior Division except Harold Joe Schwartz. Since he has graduated from high school, he was eligible only in the open show. The Junior Division is open to all FFA, FHA and 4-H members from Texas. They must be in school and below high school graduate level. The Open Division is open to the World. Exhibitors in this division are junior members from out of state and all adults and graduates.

Placings from Ropes were: Paula McCormick, 2nd Heavy Berkshire; 2nd Heavy Spotted; Ted Robertson, 15th Medium-weight Duroc.

Harold Joe Schwartz, 5th Light-weight Poland China; 5th Medium-weight Turn To Page 3

YOUR KIDS

- Don McWhorter

The Ropes Lions Club was given the opportunity to hear Jimmy Ward a Parole Officer with the Texas Youth Council speak Monday night on the problems of youth and parent relationships today. Mr. Ward told of some of the problems he had faced with youth and how much of this disorder was caused by parents who fail to talk or understand their children.

The lack of home discipline and over "materializing" of children cause a great many to turn from home and go down the path toward delinquency. Mr. Ward spoke of one man, David Wilkenson, who is an Assembly of God preacher, who went to the slums of New York to work with children who had nothing to live for except what they could steal, lie or kill to get. With parents who were habitual drunkards and rarely home, these children had to face life alone.

Mr. Wilkenson set up a list of ten things to do to send your child to delinquency. Among them were: give them all they want; never punish them; don't talk with them.

Then he told of ten things which the children wanted their parents to do, some of them were: bug me a little; call my bluff; check my friends; know where and care just where I am.

These things make it easy to see that the young people want and need their parents, not only for their money and their love, but also for their discipline and guidance.

This year for the 1970-71 school year more days of school have been announced. This means you will have your child even less of the time. Make sure you are around all the time you can for your child. Nothing is more important than the family. Share yourself with your children.

Mr. Ward also reminded us that we must give praise to those who do good, and not only run down those who fail. The thought with which he left us was a quote from the Bible: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." Do you?

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About The SPAG - -

We are printing an excerpt this week from "Column One", penned by publisher Bill Wilkerson of the Idalou Beacon. We believe it concerns the City of Ropes, in that it has become a member of the South Plains Association of Governments.

Mr. Wilkerson's column is in reference to the Mayor of Lubbock, Dub Rogers, since they are in that county, but this part of the column gave us something to think about, and we hope it gives the City Dads something to think about.

"Dubious Dub the Deceiver was the sole architect and foremost promoter of LMCOC, which changed its name to South Plains Association of Governments recently in an attempt to avoid guilt by association with "metro government", which has a very unsavory reputation across the United States now.

LMCOG (now SPAG) was organized for two specific purposes: 1.— To obtain huge grants of federal funds; 2.— And to extend the power of Lubbock officials through Lubbock County and across the South Plains by controlling the distribution of those federal funds.

"Dubious Dub now disavows credit as the architect of LFCOG-SPAG, claiming as others do who were involved that the monster was estab-

lished to appease demands from the grassroots. That's a bunch of malarkey. Nobody ever heard of LMCOC until Dub personally sold the idea to a gathering of Lubbock County officials at a meeting in Furr's Cafeteria one afternoon in 1967. (Among those present were five Idalou men — Les Derrick, Frank Guess, Ott Sanders, Harold Rogers and yours truly.)

"Guess who is president of LMCOC-SPAG (RIGHT) — Dub Rogers himself. Frank Guess as mayor of Idalou was secretary until recently and Les Derrick as county commissioner is a member of SPAG's Board of Directors.

"If all of SPAG's grants come through, this black octopus soon will control the distribution of more than six million dollars in federal, state and local funds to be spent in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Littlefield and Slaton — and other South Plains cities and counties are standing in line with hands itching for a chance to participate in this bald-faced raid on federal and state funds ready to surrender self government for a share in the spoils.

"Unfortunately, Idalou retains its membership in LMCOC-SPAG and Rogers remains as the guiding genius of this grasping octopus."

Plainsman Subscription Rates To Be Raised

Beginning March 1, 1970, the subscription rates to the Ropes Plainsman will be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per year in the county; and subscription rates out of Hockley County will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per year.

We regret that the rate must be raised, but we have been fighting it for three years. Each year our postage has gone up some, and this week when we got in our newsprint, it had raised \$20 in price in three months.

It is sad indeed, when the high cost of living reaches the little sheet called the hometown newspa-

per. The only way we are going to be able to keep printing and mailing the paper is to go up on the rates.

The paper will also sell for 10c a copy across the counter, instead of the usual 5c. We would like to stay with Wrigley's gum, at a nickel, but our company isn't quite as large.

We invite you, if you would like, to come in and renew your subscription whether it is due or not before March 1, when the rate will go up. For the next three weeks, the subscription rate will remain at \$3.00 per year.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU FOR FEB. 23-27

School menu for Feb. 23 - 27:

MONDAY:

Fish sticks with catsup, Polkadot corn, buttered black-eye peas, cheese wedge, fruit cobbler, hot rolls, butter and milk.

TUESDAY:

Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green lima beans, peanut butter cake, whole wheat rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY:

Enchiladas, pinto beans, cabbage and carrot salad, peaches, corn-bread, milk.

FRIDAY:

Sloppy Joes, baked beans, spinach, cookies, milk.

ROPES WINS FINAL GAMES

Ropes whacked Wellman, 68 - 47, Friday night in the last game for both teams in District 9-B action.

Ropes finished with a 9-5 record to finish in the top three of the loop behind champion Meadow, and Wellman ended the season with a 2-11 mark. Ricky Braden paced Ropes with 24 tallies and Johnny Tubb had 16 for Wellman.

The Ropes girls ended their season with a 40-38 decision over their Wellman counterparts. Martha Smith sparked Ropes with 23 points and Debra Ham poured in 22 tallies for Wellman.

Ropes won the B-team boys game 76-46, and the B-team girls game, 40-31.

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BOWLING STANDINGS

C & C Gin
Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin
Bowers Butane
Mansfields Service Station
T & M Trucking
Arnett Co-Op Gin
Cyanamid Farm Supply
Jackson Insurance

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Naoma Bullin
Nelle Dalton

ALTERNATES

Rosemary Henderson
Lavetta Bradshaw

HIGH GAME SERIES

Mansfields Service Station - 2501
C & C Gin - 2351
Bowers Butane - 2328

HIGH TEAM GAME

Mansfields Service Station - 875
C & C Gin - 844
Bowers Butane - 816

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES

CLASS A

Lola Marcy - 548
Cynthia Sparks - 536
Betty Watts - 533

CLASS B

Joyce Shannon - 472
Naomi Bullin - 466
Bobbie Mitchell - 443

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME

CLASS A

Hazel Bevers - 217

CLASS B

Mary Ann Jones - 215
Lola Marcy - 214
Betty Watts - 214

CLASS B

Charlene Sims - 193
Joyce Shannon - 187
Bobbie Mitchell - 174

CLOTHING PURCHASES

To combat soaring clothing prices plan your clothing purchases carefully and they can take you anywhere.

Make the most of your clothing dollar and buy multi-purpose clothing.

Suits and dresses with simple lines and little trimming lend themselves to accessory changes for different types of activities. Separates which are in fashion now can be switched around for variety.

Buying clothing just because it has a low price tag may be expensive in the long run unless you really like it and it fits into your wardrobe plan. A few good items that you wear frequently and that always make you feel well dressed are better buys than a number of cheaper clothes.

Styles change so quickly that it hardly pays to have a large wardrobe. A few dresses in the current style can be worn often enough for you to get your money's worth. Next year they may become second best as you add one or two new items to the wardrobe.

Be fussy about a good fit. Your clothes will not only look better, but wear better, too. Save some of your clothing money for a good-fitting foundation garment so that all your clothes will look better on you.

Many woolen garments now are machine washable without fear of shrinkage, felting or fading. But, follow directions on the label. Most manufacturers recommend washing the wools in cool to warm water and a mild soap.

Use a short cycle. If pressing is needed, always use a slightly dampened cloth.

Trouble brews when homemakers combine extreme heat, moisture, friction and strong soap when laundering. Wool can not withstand these extremes and retaliates by shrinking.

And what about sweaters? Never

hang them. This will stretch the sweater out of shape. Instead, fold loosely and arrange in drawer or on shelf. This is a care recommended for all sweaters regardless of the fiber they are made of.

GOAL OF 600,000 COUPONS

ATTAINED FOR LARRY PARKS

Plainview (Special) — Wayland Baptist College students have gone over the top in their efforts to raise 600,000 Betty Crocker coupons to purchase a kidney machine for former Wayland student, Larry Parks, Circleville, Ohio.

Coupon number 600,000 was counted on the fourteenth day of the campaign. The announcement was made in a student assembly on Monday.

The drive originated when Parks, a freshman ministerial student, discovered shortly before Christmas that he was the victim of Brights disease in the chronic and terminal stages. Parks is 24 years old married and the father of two small children. In order to live, Parks must have a kidney transplant or a kidney machine.

Wayland students discovered that Betty Crocker coupons could be redeemed for cash which could be used to purchase the necessary piece of equipment. Students began to contact churches and colleges across the country.

Local newspapers, wire services and radio and television stations picked up the march and coupons poured in from across the country. Response to the campaign has come from churches, communities, organizations and individuals.

In addition to the coupons, cash and trading stamps redeemable for cash have come in. On the day that the 600,000 coupon goal was reached, some \$1300 in cash and more than 1,00 books of green stamps had come in.

Response to the drive has been both rewarding and surprising to those who worked closely with it. The goal was reached faster than expected. Stories connected with the collection of the coupons have been heartwarming.

A small, West Texas town with a population of only 400 took the drive as a community project and raised some 37,000 coupons. An eighth grade history class from New Mexico gathered over 100,000 coupons. An eighteen year old homebound student from Amarillo heard of the project and began collecting. She sent in her contribution of over 35,000.

A radio-television station in New Mexico took up the campaign and collected over 17,000 coupons from their listeners. Many more came directly to the college.

Plans are now being made to send the coupons and secure the kidney machine for Parks who is at home in Circleville, Ohio. Latest communication with Parks shows he is gaining strength and is in good spirits. He was scheduled to preach in his home church last Sunday.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Train NOW to drive semi truck, local and over the road. You can earn over \$4.00 per hour, after short training. For interview and application, call (214) 742-2524, or write Safety Dept., Nationwide Systems, Inc., 4747 Gretna, Dallas, Texas 75207. 2tc

TO SELL CANDY

The Brownie Troops of Ropesville will be selling Girl Scout candy the latter part of the month.



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MOVIE RATINGS FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

G ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences

GP ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested

R RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

X NO ONE UNDER 17 ADMITTED
(Age limit may vary in certain areas)

ALL G GP AND R FILMS RECEIVE THIS SEAL OF THE MOTION PICTURE CODE OF SELF-REGULATION.