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A SHINING MOMENT

Homer Henderson

The poet Robert Browning (1812-1889) had an interesting way of thinking about some of the great experiences of human life. His poem "The Last Ride Together" expresses Browning's idea of the immortal moment. The poem tells of a young man who wooed in vain the lady of his heart. She does not return his love, and he realizes that he has no hope of winning her for his wife. However, she does consent to take one last ride with him. As the horses trotted side by side along the wooded path, the young man's heart beat with great joy to be with his beloved: "We rode; it seemed my spirit flew." Yet he knows that this ride together is the last. And as the ride comes to an end, he thinks to himself: "What if we still ride on, we two,—With life forever old yet new,—Changed not in kind but in degree,—The instant made eternity—And heaven just prove that I and she—Ride, ride together, forever ride?"

According to Browning, the young man's love is both unfulfilled yet fulfilled. Though he cannot hope to win his beloved for a lifetime of companionship, he has won with her this last ride, this one great experience of intense companionship in love. That instant, that single moment is made eternal. It is an immortal moment. They ride together, forever ride. To experience only for a moment such joy and fulfillment is really to know this experience forever. The last ride together can never be taken from the young man. Browning believed that such an immortal moment was a taste of heaven.

Whether or not we agree with Browning, we can find help in his way of looking at the great and memorable experiences of life. Like the young man in the poem, our reach often exceeds our grasp. We long for that which we cannot obtain. Sometimes we set impossible goals for ourselves and then suffer disappointment and guilt because we are unable to achieve them. The young man did not achieve his goal, but he was allowed a single ride. Life often does that for us. Not being able to accomplish as much as we wish nor to receive the recognition we wish, we must settle for partial fulfillments, for only tastes of our dreams.

Browning's message therefore is helpful. Rather than feeling guilty and bitter in the face of only partial fulfillment, we must savor these great moments; for they are hints of eternity. In another poem, Browning puts it this way: "A man's reach should exceed his grasp.—Or what's a heaven for?" The Broadway play "Camelot" expresses the same idea. What is important is not that a perfect place like the Kingdom of Camelot shall always exist but that it once existed: "Once it never rained till after sundown. By 8:00 a.m., the morning fog had flown. Don't let it be forgot that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment, that was known as Camelot!" Last rides and Camelots are the shining moments which make even the most ordinary life infinitely worthwhile.

YH Convention Held Last Saturday In Tulia

The Ropesville Young Homemakers and Young Farmers attended the Fifth Area I convention Saturday in Tulia, Texas. Registration for the Young Homemakers was from 1:00 to 2:00.

The Tulia Girl Scouts led the salute to the American and Texas flags.

Our voting delegates were Mary Ann Jones and Linda Burns. New area officers were elected at the morning session.

Door prizes were given and Linda Burns won a rug.

Genelle Ward was presented a Leadership Certificate for her work as an area officer in 1964-65.

The speaker was Dr. Jerry Dawson, Associate professor of History and Head of the History Department at Wayland Baptist College.

At 7:30 p.m. the Awards Banquet was held at the Tulia High School Cafeteria. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Ivan Miles, Chief Agronomist, Olin Chemical Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. A most enjoyable meal was served.

Those attending from Ropes were Keith and Shirley Streety, Doc and LaQuita Moore, Kenneth and Anita Means, Mary Ann Jones, Genelle Ward, John and Patsy Smith, Richard and Linda Burns and Charlie McCormick.

"Let Freedom Ring in the Home" was the theme of the annual Area I Young Homemaker Convention held in Tulia Saturday with Dr. Jerry Dawson of Plainview, Wayland Baptist College professor, delivering the main address.

Over 200 persons attended

the annual convention and witnessed the presentation of honorary membership to four outstanding leaders including two Young Homemaker members. Receiving honorary membership were Mrs. Edward Weil of Hale Center; Mrs. Max Marble of Lockney, both Young Homemakers; Mrs. David Gammage of Plainview, secretary to the area I advisor; Miss Margaret Scholl, Texas Education Agency in Austin. Mrs. Ima Dora Halle, area advisor, made the presentations.

Special recognition ceremony, presented by Mrs. Max Marble, honored individuals who have contributed to the Young Homemaker program of work. Certificates of appreciation were given to: Mrs. Wilma Adams of Lockney, Mrs. Beryl Burelsmith of Hale Center, Mrs. Margare Durham of Hereford, Mrs. Velma Bourland of Clarendon, Mrs. Norma Parton of Plainview, all chapter advisors; John Criner, Superintendent of schools at Hale Center; Mrs. Argon Draper of Hereford, Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Murriel Bridge of Amarillo, Home Service Director for Southwestern Public Service.

Certificates for outstanding leadership were given all past area officers, including Mrs. Genelle Ward of Ropesville. Special awards were given to Mrs. Weil and Mrs. Marble who have served as State Young Homemaker Presidents and Mrs. Marble was original of the State Association. Area officers gave Mrs. Weil and Mrs. Gammage gifts for outstanding contributions.

Presentation of chapter awards highlighted the annual

Young Homemaker banquet held in Tulia Saturday night.

Receiving the outstanding Young Homemaker Chapter Award was Hale Center, with second place to Lockney, and third to Plainview. First place received a \$75 check from Texas Utility Companies and \$50 went to second place. Other entries were Clarendon, Abertnathy, Frenship, Ralls and Roosevelt.

Outstanding new chapter was Silverton and New Deal was placed second.

Hale Center also received the publicity award with Lockney placing second and Plainview third. Pioneer Natural Gas Company gave gifts to award winners. Other entries were Abertnathy, Clarendon, Dimmitt, Frenship, Hereford, Ralls, Ropes, Roosevelt, Springlake-Earth and Whitharrel.

All first place award winners will now compete in the State contest with winners to be announced January 13 at the Awards Luncheon slated in connection with the annual Young Homemaker convention in Corpus Christi.

The area awards banquet completed the days activities for the Young Homemakers Convention with approximately 600 attending the joint Young Homemaker - Young Farmer banquet held in the Tulia High School Cafeteria.

Mrs. Edward Weil of Hale Center, Area I president, gave certificates of appreciation to Wayland Baptist College, Texas Utility Companies, Pioneer Natural Gas Company, South Plains Electric Cooperatives and Lighthouse Electric.

Savings Stamps Good Buy

In a letter to the Postmaster, Mr. William H. Neal, Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, said "The buying of Savings Stamps is in many ways more important today than at any time since the end of World War II. Today's young people, growing up in a world whose troubles admit to no easy solutions, need grounding in the simple truths of their American heritage as preparation for the challenges they face. The lesson of thrift is important in itself; but it becomes even more so when it also involves the investment of dimes and quarters, often saved at a sacrifice, in the future of our country through Savings Stamps and Bonds."

Postmaster Martin commented that "the sale of Savings Stamps to the public—especially to young people—is

a service we are proud to offer. I know of no finer way to build for a better tomorrow than by training our youth in the sound American heritage of thrift. We have Savings Stamps in 10 cents and 25 cents denominations on sale at the post office at all times."

Cemetery In Bad Shape

It has been reported to the Plainsman this week that the Ropes Cemetery is in bad shape.

Following the recent rains, the weeds have really taken over, and some of the graves have sunk, and need to be filled in.

Last week, five of the graves were filled up, but there are many more that need attention.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to every one for the cards, flowers, visits and prayers during my illness, and since my return home from the hospital. May God bless each of you.

Jess Gregg

—Support our local merchants and schools—this is our home!

Appreciation Dinner For Jesse T. George

All area residents are invited to attend an appreciation dinner in honor of State Rep. Jesse T. George on Saturday, September 17. The dinner will be held in the Morton School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. honoring the distinguished young South Plains legislator.

Hosts for the affair will be the Morton Junior Chamber of Commerce, which George helped form in February while serving as District Chairman. Tickets are \$2 per person and will be on sale at the door.

Master of ceremonies will

be Dean Weatherly. Keynote speaker will be M. C. Ledbetter, Judge of the 121st Judicial District.

George recently resigned as manager of the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce to prepare for the January convening of the Texas Legislature. George currently is completing his first term in the House and is unopposed for re-election to the post.

George serves as State Representative for Cochran, Bailey, Hockley, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

4-H Meeting Monday

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club met Monday, September 12, for their monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Exum. Louella Means led the club pledge.

Sammy Means gave an inspirational talk on what the four H's stand for.

Mrs. Rosser explained to the parents and new members the benefits of 4-H.

The following officers were installed by an impressive candle light service: Becky Carpenter, Floyd Morrow and Marcia Ream. Outgoing officers were Lonnie Exum, Louella Means and Paula McCormick.

Each member and new member were given a 4-H pin.

Pam Ream and Kathy Hobbs led us in a song and game, and refreshments were served.

Members present were Jerry Drake, David, Danny, Denise and Becky Carpenter, Archie and Cookie Jordan, Sammy and Louella Means, Lonnie Exum, Kathy Hobbs, Marcia and Pam Ream, Mike Wilson, Carolyn White, Paula McCormick and Floyd Morrow.

New members present were Rex Darby, Charlotte Hobbs, Jerry White, David Thomas, Ricky and Tony Streety.

Also present was agent Norma Cates, and Adult Leaders Mrs. E. N. Exum, Mrs. L. S. Rosser, Mrs. J. C. Pointer and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carpenter.

Parents present were Mrs. Doyle Darby, Mr. Charles Thomas, Mr. Keith Streety, Mrs. O. H. Morrow, and Mrs. J. T. Drake.

Reporter, Pam Ream

Injured In Car Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Dorman and four children of Lubbock were injured Sunday afternoon when the car they occupied was in collision with the rear-end of a grain truck on Highway 62.

Mr. Dorman and two sons, Wayne, 12, and Denyce, 9, were treated and released, while Mrs. Dorman is reported in

very serious condition, and the other two children, Patti, 7, and Rodney, 11, are in critical condition, and in the intensive care ward at Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Dorman is the former Joylene Weatherly, daughter of Slim Weatherly of Lubbock. Both are former residents of Ropes.

Young Homemakers Meet

The Ropesville Young Homemakers met Monday night in the Homemaking Department. A "Get-Acquainted" party was planned to greet our new advisor, Mrs. Mary Forrest. We were very sorry that Mrs. Forrest couldn't be with us because of illness.

We had a business meeting and decided we would begin putting new recipes in the Ropes Food Store again as soon as possible. We plan to go to Girls' Town September 27 at 1:30. We are changing our morning meeting to an

afternoon meeting each 4th Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Homemaking Department.

Games were played and refreshments served. The meeting was adjourned.

Those attending were Genelle Ward, Mary Ann Jones, Patsy Smith, Shirley Streety, LaQuita Moore, Anita Means, Janet Griffith and Linda Burns

—Be sure to burn your trash when you put it in your barrels.

Are We On The Way To A Sewer System?

Today we are an optimist, and have our hopes up for the possibility of a long-time dream coming true—that of a sewer system for our town.

There is no end to the possibilities for Ropes if we can acquire a drastically needed sewer system.

Monday afternoon Mayor Boots Moore, and Engineer Horace Gilmore in charge of the program, and FHA Supervisor met in Levelland with the Hockley County Commissioner's Court in regards to a sewer system for Ropes. Representatives from Anton

also met with the group.

It is said that any town, community, or city with a population below 5,500 may receive aid from the government for some worthwhile project.

Wednesday morning we talked to Judge Hulon Moreland and he stated: "Tuesday afternoon the Hockley County Commissioner's Court passed a resolution to co-sponsor a comprehensive survey of the county to gather information of needs for towns, communities and cities, as a whole."

We tried and were unable to

contact Mayor Moore for comment.

The following information was taken from the Levelland Daily Sun News:

The Hockley County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday with Judge Hulon Moreland presiding and the following commissioners present: Myrl Brock, Precinct 1, Smokey Jones, Precinct 2, Jack Morton, Precinct 3 and Jim Hobgood, Precinct 4.

The usual order of business was followed with the paying of the bills, then the court dis-

ussed with Boots Moore, mayor of Ropes, and a representative of Anton, the possibility of the court giving their cooperation in the securing of a sewer system for Ropes and improvements in Anton.

According to spokesman the government builds these facilities without any cost to the county or the city, but they have to be sponsored by two different organizations and Hulon Moreland, county judge stated that they will help the two towns in getting the desired assistance.

The object of this work, which comes through the FH A is to promote the efficient and orderly growth of communities the Department of Housing and Urban Development (formerly the Housing and Home Finance Agency) provides loans and grants for the construction, improvement and extension of water and sewer systems. Both loans and grants are available to public bodies, and loans are available to nonprofit corporations under certain limited circumstances.



Ropes Folks Enjoy Trip to Colorado

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Deanna Cluck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parchman, entered West Texas Hospital in Lubbock Monday and underwent oral surgery Tuesday. She is expected to return home Thursday, (today).

VISIT SON

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Seagraves Thursday where they visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hobbs and family. They spent the night in Denver City where they visited her two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Grace and Mrs. W. M. Jeffcoat, and her brother, M. A. Freeman.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Gene McKee, who underwent surgery last week in a Lubbock hospital, was returned home this week and is reported doing fine.

HAVE VISITORS

Visitors Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Knott of Lubbock. Overnight guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sims of Plains. They all attended the Lions pancake supper.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. L. S. Rosser was taken to Phillips-Dupre Hospital in Levelland Monday night. She became ill while attending a 4-H meeting.

HAVE VISITORS

Mrs. Monty McGuire and children of Seminole were overnight guests Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Terry.

IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims were in Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Terry returned home recently from a fishing trip to Springer New Mexico. They caught quite a few fish, a rock and a boat. That's what we call quite a haul, but they didn't get to keep the boat.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Ollie Apple, who underwent surgery last week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, has been returned to her home in Smyer and is reported doing fine.

VISITS HERE

Rev. and Mrs. John Cole of Santa Fe were in Ropes over the Labor Day weekend. They attended services Sunday at the Baptist Church, of which he is a former pastor. They were overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Redford, and among other friends visited were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallace.

VISITS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. Patman and girls of Lovington, New Mexico visited Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Loveless, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas, Brenda and lobby.

HAVE VISITORS

Tuesday night visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs for a backyard supper of barbecued hamburgers and jokes were Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hobbs and family of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Borsett and boys of Brownfield; Wayne and Marie Doret of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Hobbs of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family of Ropes. Guests, hosts and mosquitoes had a fine time. Several games of 84 were enjoyed later with cake and coffee.

REPORTED IMPROVED

Mrs. H. R. Curry, who is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock is reported much improved this week.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson returned home last Wednesday from Knox City where they had been cutting rain.

VISITS SISTER

Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Irene, Berrilyn, and Deanna Cluck were guests for Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara at Lubbock.

HAVE GUESTS SUNDAY

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walling were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abbott of Lubbock.

HAS SURGERY

D. E. Hoard underwent major surgery recently in a Lubbock hospital, and is now at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Strickland and family.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. H. W. Black is reported much improved after undergoing major surgery recently in a Lubbock hospital.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price returned home Sunday from Mercedes where he has been ginning.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Bessie Curry were Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry and son of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McElroy and daughter of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Curry of Dimmitt, and Mrs. C. L. Godwin of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walling are sporting a new Ford.

In olden days you would call this the wagon train, but now we call it the "Ropes Caravan."

As neighbors and friends meet and visit, someone usually brings up the question of when are you going fishing, and that generally brings up the urgent need to fish in all fisherman.

So all they could do was wish for a rain so they could clean their wells off, and leave.

Not really expecting this wonderful dream would come true, on Thursday, August 18, the first rain came, and boy, did everybody get busy, and departed for Crede, Colorado and 30 Mile Camp, on Saturday, August 20, at 3:50 a.m.

The Whiteners and Ruckers took off shortly afterwards. The Pete Armstrongs and Kirby Shannons took the road, in the big town of Littlefield Sam decided to speed up so he could get gas and went through town; meanwhile Bud decided to take the cut off. So outside of Littlefield they stopped to wait for Sam and Sammy and Gary, who were riding in the pickup. They never did show up, so they went back to look for them, but failed to do so. Each one was driving like mad to catch the other.

The Rucker car, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rucker, Jewel Whitener and Louella Means, developed an odd noise while they were rushing through Clovis, and on checking it was found the trailer hitch had broken. There was nothing open, so Bud called one of Charlie Ward's faithful brothers, and he called a man who said he would be right down. Well, he was—in about two hours.

In the meantime Helen and Jewel were standing out on the highway watching for the Armstrongs and Shannons to come along to see if they had seen Sam. They got lots of whistles and waves, but no Sam.

Sam and the boys waited outside Clovis for the Rucker car, and not being able to find any of the group gave up and took off for the mountains trying to catch them.

One of the men in the group ran into a driver's license check and was asked to show his license. He willingly handed them to the patrolman, and boy, did his feathers fall when the patrolman handed them back to him and told him they had been expired four months. It only cost him \$12, but what's that to a man with visions of fishing very shortly. He now has a new

up-to-date license.

As we moved slowly onward we were stopped again at Santa Rosa. The A. M. Armstrongs had also broken a trailer hitch, and were delayed two hours. Then later, as they were traveling alone, BOOM!, a tire blew out, so they lost some more time.

Well, to make a long story short, only two of the families from Ropes arrived at the 30 Mile Camp on Saturday night.

Billie and Bob Morton from El Paso got there about an hour before Sam and the boys. Finally, just before night, the Rucker car arrived, and were so relieved to find Sam and the boys there with the tent already up. What a happy meeting to find everyone safe and sound! And what made it nice, Billie and Bob had supper fixed for everyone.

Well, the next day, Sunday August 21, the Kirby Shannons, Pete Armstrongs, and the Marshall Armstrongs and Louise Ferguson came rolling in. Everyone helps pitch camp, so we mostly rested and roamed around on the rest of Sunday. Of course, some fished, played bridge, and some slept. We all went to Vesper service in a group on Sunday night. They have benches in the open. We sang, and heard a sermon by a preacher from Crede. They also showed a film. This was very nice. On Wednesday night they also have Vesper services. When it is cold, there is a campfire.

On Monday night everyone was tired and ready to go to bed. Some played bridge for a while.

On Monday someone mentioned they'd like to drive down river several miles, cross over, and hike up and over a mountain to Texas Creek. Everyone carried a lunch, tackle box, rods and reels, and raincoats. We all loaded into two pickups for the trip.

We dropped off Gary and Sammy to go through Box Canyon, and they were to meet us as we came back from the hike. We found out right from the start that we were overloaded tackle and gear. It finally changed hands until the men were carrying everything. It was about two and a half miles nearly straight up the mountain, so there were quite a few rest stops. When we did reach the creek all we could think of was eating lunch. About the time we got through with that it began to rain, so most everyone gave up on the fishing except Sam and Bob and wives. The rest decided to start back over the mountain. We weren't

long in discovering that going down a steep, wet mountain is no easy chore either.

When we finally reached the pickups, some went back to camp while the Whiteners and Mortons stayed there waiting for Gary and Sammy to get through Box Canyon.

On reaching camp we all went to the Marshall Armstrong camp and fired a big chicken supper, and after waiting a long time on the Whitener and Mortons we went ahead and ate. Finally it was dark and everyone was real worried about Sammy and Gary, so Marshall and Bud went down to see what had happened. When they didn't come back for a long time, we were just about to send someone after them, and here they came.

We had quite an excitement in camp. Now if you knew Box Canyon, you would know why everyone was so concerned. It is about eight or ten miles long, and once you start down it there's no getting out only in a very few places, and there's no where to go only back down in the canyon. Oh, it's rough and rugged, but there's lots of good fishing places in it and everyone usually comes out with their limit of nice fish. Most all the men and boys have tried it out at one time or another. It takes a full day to go thru it.

Preston, Nancy, Luan and Lesa Reeves, and Ronnie, Sandra, Scott and Stacy McNabb came in.

Then on Tuesday we all fished and had a fish fry at the Whitener and Morton camp. Sam and Preston cooked about 150 fish while all of the neighbors were fixing salads, fried potatoes, tartar sauce, (Nancy and Louella's speciality) cantaloupe, and just most anything you could name, someone had brought it, and boy that good cowboy coffee and iced tea! Irene made hush puppies, um um, were they super! It's very common for anyone to eat a half a dozen fish at a meal. After all, you have the rest of the year to diet.

The next day everyone went fishing and the fish fry was at the Rucker camp that night. Bud and Kirby cooked about 100 fish. All the neighbors brought food as they did the night before. One night we ate hot dogs, another steaks. You name it, we had it. Seems everyone took enough food to stay a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn, Calvin and Kyle came by on

Friday and ate supper with us. Louella returned home with them. They had a nice tour through Santa Fe and other places before returning home.

On Friday some of the bunch went up the Wimuneche Trail and some went rock hunting and just exploring. Now the Texas Trail was just nothing to compare with the Wimuneche Trail. This was a tour everyone is proud it's history now 'cause they have already decided it will just have to carry on without them.

The group enjoyed playing bridge each night in the Armstrongs trailer house. But when it came time to change partners, it was like playing 'Fruit Basket Turn Over'.

We can truthfully say we missed some of the group that has been there most every summer. Some decided to go to Lake City this year, but they admitted missing the cowboy coffee.

We are looking forward to another year. All of you who have a strong back, strong heart, strong legs, and a weak mind are invited to join the caravan. Even though our water bucket was frozen open every morning and we had to heat rocks and put to our feet it was a wonderful trip.

We failed to mention Bud's generator also went out at Clovis; and Gary and Sammy took the car off one day, supposed to be fishing (??) and knocked a hole in the oil pan. Poor Bud thinks he's going to charter a bus next time.

We had to give credit to Louella for catching the largest trout from the streams. She wouldn't give away her secret how she did it. There was some fishing from the reservoir, that might have been a little larger, but as real fishermen say, that's not real fishing. Some that had never caught fish before got a great thrill from this even though at times you would think you had a fish you would be tangled up with someone else and the fish would be on their line.

Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener, Louella and Sammy Means, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rucker and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Louise Ferguson of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Reeves, Luan and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McNabb, Scott and Stacy, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn, Calvin and Kyle.

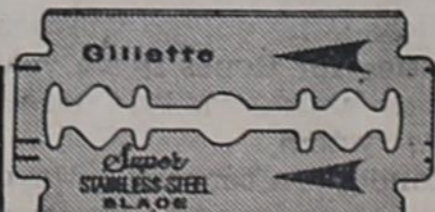
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Mrs. W. H. Still

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beaty and Brady are expected to return to Ropes in the near future to reside.

Mrs. D. E. Strickland, who was taken to Methodist Hospital last week, is now at the home of her son in Lubbock. Lonnie Coughy.

Jess Lackey of Morton was a pleasant visitor at the Plains man office Wednesday. He and Mrs. Lackey were visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider and family. They are former residents of Ropes.

Late reports Wednesday stated that Mickey Carter and Steve Kimberlin are doing fine and have been moved to Room 535 at Methodist Hospital.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chitwood and Marilyn of Idalou were in Ropes Wednesday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Chitwood.

Mrs. W. H. Still, who has been in a convalescent home in Brownfield returned to the M. L. Roberts' home last Wednesday. She is reported doing fine.



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Sept. 18-24 Is Highway Week

Austin - Governor John Connally today designated September 18-24 as Highway Week in Texas. He asked Texans to give serious thought to "the blessings and benefits derived from good highways and a Highway Department with vision."

The Governor called attention to the theme of Highway Week, "Better Highways Save Lives... Time... Money." He said the purpose of the observance was to remind the citizens of Texas of the value of highways today and the importance of even better highways in the future.

"One of our state's most impressive achievements is the 67,000-mile Texas highway system, a system second to none," Governor Connally said.

He said history has shown that highways pump business, industry, tourism, jobs—and hence prosperity—into a community and, indeed, the whole state.

"The need for good—and better—highways will increase in future decades of unprecedented growth and economic development," he said, adding that "if we are to have a system to match that promise

we must plan now." Governor Connally said future demands on Texas' outstanding highway system will be enormous.

"The task ahead is clear. Destiny won't wait. We must meet the challenge of the future," he said.

In Texas, Highway Week is sponsored by the Texas Good Roads Association, a citizen movement dedicated to better highway transportation for all Texans.

The observance will be marked with luncheons, dinner meetings, and ribbon-cutting ceremonies to focus public attention on present and future highway needs.

WOMEN PAST 21 WITH BLADDER IRRITATION Suffer Many Troubles

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News of Ropes Public Schools

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The Senior Class of Ropes High School met Wednesday, September 7, for the purpose of electing class officers for the 1966-67 school year. They are as follows:

President - Sammy Means
Vice President - Gary Rucker
Secretary - Bill McCormick
Treasurer - Lorale Exum
Reporter - Jeanie Forbus

ROPES SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Following is the menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria, September 19-23:

Monday - Super dogs, baked beans, buttered broccoli, cupcakes, bread and milk.
Tuesday - Meat balls, spaghetti and tomatoes, buttered green peas, chocolate cookies, hot rolls, butter and milk.
Wednesday - Roast beef, creamed potatoes, buttered green beans, pineapple dessert, hot rolls, butter and milk.
Thursday - Fried chicken,

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buttered blackeyed peas, buttered corn, apple cobbler, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, ranch style beans, tossed salad, canned fruit and milk.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Following is the calendar for the Ropes Public Schools for the school year, 1966-67:

November 24, 25, Thanksgiving
December 23 - January 3, For

Christmas (out afternoon of Dec. 22, and begin January 3)

March 3, TSTA Meeting.

March 24 - April 3, Easter. (out afternoon March 24, begin on April 3)

May 26, School Closes.

Junior High Graduation, May 25, 8:00 p.m.

High School Graduation, May 26, 8:00 p.m.

RHS 1966 EAGLE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

PLAINS - 42; EAGLES - 0

9-16 O'Donnell, T 8:00
9-23 Meadow*, H 7:30
9-30 Sundown*, T 7:30
10-7 New Home*, H 7:30
10-14 Cooper*, T 7:30
10-21 Whiteface*, H 7:30
10-28 Anton*, T 8:00
11-4 Open Date
11-11 Amherst*, T 7:30
11-18 Wilson*, H 7:30
* Denotes District Games

HEAD COACH:

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Nola Knows

By Nola White

Dear Nola - I love my neighbor dearly and she has a dog she loves dearly. He's the most undisciplined little monster that was ever let loose in a civilized neighborhood. I raise dahlias and this dog has positively ruined my prized plants. Should I say something to my friend?

Friend Indeed

Dear Friend - The Eleventh Commandment is "Love me, love my dog." If you want this woman to continue as your friend, you'd better give up dahlias and plant fire hydrants!

Dear Nola... We're a young couple just getting started and we don't have much money. Tom went on a business trip, and when he came back he brought me a bracelet. Well, I was disappointed. There are so many things we need that I just hated to think of his spending money on something so frivolous. He was terribly hurt and said he'd never buy me anything else. I'm so sorry I hurt him, but what can I do now?

Sorry

Dear Sorry - This is so sad, for I'm sure you both had the best intentions. There's nothing you can do now. Forget it and hope he does, too.

Dear Nola... My son is in junior college and barely made his grades this last semester. I've taught him never to cheat, and he is an honest boy. In the other kids in his class cheat on their exams and do better than he does. Have I taught my son wrong?

Worried Mom

Dear Mom... Of course, you haven't! The kids who cheat, and not all do, seldom fool their teachers. They never help themselves. They may get through college but some day, somewhere, they have to face that big old uncompromising life out there. Those who got their grades the hard way are better prepared to meet the problems they will unquestionably have to face.

Dear Nola... I have a friend whom I like very much, but I can't stand this woman's children! Do you think a person can really like another and despise that person's own flesh and blood?

Disturbed

Dear Distrubed- I've known very nice women whose children were horrors—even their mothers didn't like them very much! Continue your friendship, when the youngsters are in school.

Send your letters to Nola Knows, Box 411, Temple Texas. For a personal reply, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

NOTICE

Mayme's Gin Cafe will be open to serve you Monday, September 19th. Good coffee and home cooking.

FOR SALE—

Canning apples, also Wine-sap, Delicious, and Golden Delicious. Picked Sunday at the Hondo Valley. \$3.50 per bushel. See Charles Russell, or call Russell's Service Station, 562-4061, Ropes. 1tp

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NOTICE—

Custom Deep Breaking. See Larry Chaney, or phone 562-3677, Ropes. 3tp

Deadline for news and ads to be printed in a Thursday issue of the paper must be in by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. This is necessary so that we may get it set up, and the paper on the press Wednesday afternoon in order to make the mail by Thursday morning.

CHURCH NEWS

Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Ivy Bohannon, Pastor
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45
Morning worship 10:50
NYPS 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm

Mission Baptist Church

Bob Sena, Pastor
SUNDAY MORNING:
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

and Preaching

SUNDAY NIGHT:
7:00 Training Union
7:30 Worship Service
and Preaching

Church of Christ

Buck Griffith, Minister

Services Sunday:
Classes 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:50 A.M.
Even'g Worsnip 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night 7:30

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