

Meeting Called for Tuesday Night to Discuss Paving of Residential Section

All folks in Ropes are requested to attend a "paving" meeting Tuesday night in the Fire Department room in the City Hall.

ing of Ropes streets will be discussed. Fletcher Lewis, paving contractor of Level-land, will be present to explain paving and its cost to the individual property own-

er. Mr. Lewis stated to the Plainsman, "The more paving you have the less it will cost per foot." We don't think there will

be any argument as to the need of paving. It is more apparent right now—after the continued rains than it has been at any time in recent years. There is an-

other angle: A paved street in front of your property will add more to the value of the property than the cost of paving.

All folks living in Ropes are urged to attend this meeting.

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Time for Cotton Planting is Running Out

Torrential Rains Do Untold Damage On the South Plains Monday Eve-Tornado is Sited

Monday brought one of the most damaging rains to the South Plains of the year. Farmers who have planted from two to three times will have to plant over, and right at the present time is running out for cotton.

While the cloud of Monday was not as vicious as former clouds, it developed a tornado between Ropes and Brownfield. Stores were closed and many of the folks headed for storm cel-

lars. However, as far as we have been able to learn, the funnel which touched the ground northwest of Brownfield did no damage.

The rain varied over the territory, running from one-sixth of an inch to four inches.

Tom Price, who lives eleven miles west of Ropes, reports a half inch at his place. The Lockettville Gin, south of his place, reports the same amount.

Mrs. Wilson Campbell re-

ported 2 inches at their place nine miles west, and south of them two and a half inches fell. Four miles west of the Foster Grocery the rain gauge showed 2 and nine-tenths inches.

At Loyd's Gin, nine miles northwest of Ropes on the Spade lands, Loyd McNabb reported that in the vicinity of the gin 2½ inches of rain fell. West of the gin he said that it rained from three to four inches and that most of the farmers in

his territory are having to plant over, some of them for the third time. He felt some anxiety about the cotton crop, as it is getting late in the season for planting.

S. D. Buchanan reported 1.7 inches of rain, and stated that Truett Forbus registered three inches, and Jack Tipps 2½ inches. We were unable to contact Jack told that the road leading north and turning back west just below the Tipps place

was impassable.

Haskell Grant reported ¾ of an inch, but stated that west of his place the rain was heavier. He stated that he would not have to plant over unless more rain fell.

A report from the Wilson Drug in Meadow said that 1¾ inches of rain fell at that place, with very little wind.

A report from the E. E. Nix place, about four miles west of Ropes, that 1.7 fell at their place. The rain

came down gently, and Mrs. Nix said there was not much damage.

The rain apparently lessened east of Ropes as reports show that in the vicinity of the Bob Thomas' and Mrs. Crow's places 1½ inches fell, while at the J. C. Pointer place an inch was registered. At Busterville about six-tenths was received.

Newt Green, about six miles northwest of Ropes, reported 2.6 inch, and that all farmers in that section will have to plant over.

Of course, it may rain again before we go to press, as this is Tuesday, and the clouds are moving across the sky.

Our thanks to Mrs. W. J. Calloway for cash on subscription to the Plainsman.

METHODIST PASTOR TO LEAVE ROPES

Our Annual Conference commences Tuesday, the 28th at Amarillo, Texas, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It is a time of great rejoicing to see friends and ex-members whom we haven't seen for a long while. Great spiritual messages are brought to us from time to time. The business of the Conference is taken care of. The local business and the climax of the whole Conference is the reading of the appointments. At this time all ministers know where they are going, and all members know who their new preacher will be.

We will not be back. If I were a cotton farmer this country would suit me well, but since I am not a cotton farmer the lower part of the Conference suits us better. Our children live in that section, also our son is attending school there. Our mothers and nearly all of people are in that part of the state. So we have a power that pulls us that way. This does not mean that we will go there at this time, but it does mean that we will finally go that way. The Conference cannot send every minister just where he would like to go, but it does the best it can to suit

and please all as far as possible. What the Conference does is always within the bounds of reason and good judgment.

We love these people and this place, but we feel it is best to move. We will be in the pulpit next Sunday both morning and evening services. It would make us so happy to see all of our people out, and all others at these last services that we will ever be together. Come if you possibly can, and may we all rejoice together in the last services. We are so thankful for all that the church, town and community turn to Page 5

VISIT RELATIVES IN SEYMOUR

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Buchanan were in Seymour this past Saturday where they visited a sister of Mrs. Buchanan.

He states the country there is very wet, and that much of the wheat around Benjamin and other points has been hailed out.

FOR SALE—

Two - bedroom home in north Ropes, with bath, two lots. See J. R. Gailey.

FEDERAL FARM APPRAISER HERE

Roscoe Brown, of Whitharral, Federal Farm Program Appraiser for this county, was in the Ropesville community on Wednesday looking after business connected with his office.

Roscoe says that rains in his community have continued to destroy planted crops, and most of the folks there have planted over as many as three times.

He said: "Time for planting cotton is growing short, and we might miss a cotton crop. I did in 1941 when it continued to rain and made it impossible to get in the fields."

T. LITTLEFIELD CAUGHT IN RAIN

Tommy Littlefield, who tills a farm south of Brownfield, got caught in the big rain which fell Monday.

Tommy was caught on the back side of the field and his tractor stuck. He got down under it, but he was still soaked to the skin. Tommy said that he believed he would have frozen if a neighbor had not come along and taken him to the house. He states it is the most rain he has seen in that section since 1942.

"BIBLE RULES" IS THE NAZARENE SUBJECT

Sunday School at 9:45 AM with classes for all ages. Morning Worship at 11 AM with the Pastor preaching from the subject: "Bible Rules for Christian Living" Evening service at 6:30 PM

The Evening Service will be under the auspices of the Missionary Society, with Mr. L. R. Oliver showing slides of the Hawaiian Island scenery, the people, and the Nazarene churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We think you will enjoy the entire service.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is next week, Monday through Friday. The hours are 3 to 5:30 PM. All

VISIT RELATIVES IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lancaster, of near Muleshoe, were here this past Sunday visiting in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fraley. He has only been released from the service a short time and is now farming.

Also visiting in the Fraley home on Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Tudor and family.

children are welcome. Dan D. Jones, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

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

VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL
THE DATE - May 27th to 31st.

THE TIME OF DAY - 8:30 to 11:30 each morning.

V.B.S. COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM will be conducted in the church auditorium Friday night, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. All boys and girls who are enrolled will be on the program. We would like to have a house full of folks for this annual event.

V.B.S. OFFERING: A part of our program of activities each morning will be a mission offering. The purpose of this offering is to teach the children to have a part in our missionary work. This offering is not to pay for any of the expense of the school.

V.B.S. EXPENSES - In order to have a Vacation Bible School we must buy literature and supplies. It usually costs about 100 dollars to conduct a school in a church the size of ours. At the Commencement Service Friday night we will pass the offering plates in order to give each one an opportunity to help with the expenses of the school.

THE DAY OUR CHURCH WAS ROBBED was a very exciting day. I remember the police came down, tried to find finger prints and took pictures. Our finance committee looked in, also. We were all excited. The marks on the door are still there, indicating where the burglars forced their way in.

THE DAY GOD WAS ROBBED WAS A VERY QUIET DAY. Only the finance committee took much notice. They did not investigate to see who did it. The record of offerings indicated that the church members had done it. No one was excited. Only the general report of offerings through the Sunday School and the preaching service showed that the robbery had even taken place. God told people on one occasion, "Ye have robbed me of tithes and offerings." I would not want God to have to say that to me. Surely, we will all do a little private investigating and remedy the situation if we find we are guilty.

HELP WANTED: Consecrated church members to help enlarge our Training Union.

LOST: Sixty golden minutes set with sixty diamond seconds, between 7:00 and 8:00 last Sunday evening.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION: The departments of our Training Union. Children Turn to Page 5

Babe Ruth League to be Organized In Ropesville on Thursday Evening

Bud Rucker requested us to announce that a Babe Ruth League will be organized in Ropesville Thursday

(tonight) night. This League includes boys from thirteen to fifteen

years of age. They will play on each Thursday night on the Lit-

le League field. All interested parties are urged to be present tonight.

This is the Land Where We Were Told Taorndoes Never Occurred, Yet . . .

Twenty-Four Twisters Bring Horror and Disaster in One Short Afternoon--Over Million Dollars in Damage

Friday of last week was one of the most destructive days in the history of the South Plains.

In an afternoon of violence more than 24 tornadoes were reported on the South Plains, and the damage done by the twisters mounted to more than one

million dollars. Tahoka, Olton and Ralls bore the brunt of the storms.

This brings to mind that when this writer moved with

his parents to Ralls in 1910 one of the first things that was told us, "You are now in a country where they never have a tornado."

From our memory this held good for about twenty years. We never saw nor heard of a tornado.

However, after that time

they commenced to appear in certain places. While we were living at Levelland in the 30's one was sighted southeast of the city. It did no damage, but there was no question of it being there. From time to time from then on we heard of small tornadoes over the section, but the first destructive tornado we actually saw and visited the place later was in Sundown in 1949.

From that time they have become more numerous and more vicious, until this spring when the weather bureau announced the occurrence of so many tornadoes was "fantastic". It is more than that — it is astounding.

One scientist in Washington explains the condition as being caused by a great gap in the atmosphere that resembles a giant roller coaster. This week he said the gap is still there and that until it disappears we will continue to have disastrous storms and floods.

Personally, we do not understand it — but we do know that tornadoes are occurring by the dozen.

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NOTICE

There will be a 4-H meeting Thursday, June 6th, at 8:00 PM. The agents will be here. All members please attend. Thank you.

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Olton Negro Section Scene of Utter Destruction and Desolation

Anyone who has not walked over the ground in the wake of a tornado would do well to do so — it will turn the rankest skeptic into a believer.

In our time we have visited some spots which have been devastated by tornadic winds, but Sunday we believe we saw the most thorough job it has ever been our lot to witness.

That was in Olton.

The twister, traveling from southwest to northeast, hit the colored section of the city squarely. All that was left was rubbish. It would be hard to even guess that houses ever stood there.

As a lonely sentinel stood the church building. It was badly battered, the windows gone and the doors jerked off, but there it was — God's House — standing in the midst of ruin and devastation.

Folks who once had homes there were standing in the ruins, splinters of wood, bed clothing and mattresses were scattered across miles of fields, their furniture vanished, and wearing apparel torn to shreds and caught in tree stubs and broken

limbs.

Trucks were gathering up debris and hauling it away. This work had been going on for two days, but it appeared they had not been touched. We followed a road running east and there was no end of the wreckage. In one place we saw what was left of an automobile. Unless examined you could not tell it had ever been a car — it was rolled up into a wad as you would crumple a piece of paper. The body and engine were gone, the frame was all twisted, and by that were two tires and wheels all twisted out of shape.

Back in the Negro town proper one house had come from we know not where, but it set in the middle of the road. It was complete, except for the foundation. Three huge tanks were in a lake of water, evidently blown there from near a huge warehouse, which was partially destroyed.

On a few lots were concrete blocks, all that was left of the houses which had been there, not even a small bit of wood was left. To the north about two blocks was

a brick school house. If there had not been a few desks scattered about, and the roof still intact which lay several feet away, you'd never have guessed that right beside the brick building a frame school building had stood. About ten minutes before the twister hit, this wooden building had contained about 65 children. They were marched into the brick building, and said it twisted and turned as the storm passed, but were not injured.

They were not allowing anyone in the destroyed area of the colored section except those who had lived there, or who had relatives there. Officers guarded the restricted area with baseball bats — that is, the officer we talked to had what appeared to be a bat. He was very courteous, and when we told him we were a news paper man he told us we could go in and take some pictures.

We saw the restaurant which had served the colored section. That is, we saw the ruins — the juke box and one sagging wall was all that was left. The juke

box did not appear to be damaged, even though the building had been torn from around it.

One witness told us: "The tornado just seemed to dance through Negro town. It swept first one way then the other as if selecting the houses it wanted to destroy."

The fact that there was not a terrific toll of lives taken is due to the fact that there were several cellars in that section. The Disaster Chairman told us: "In one cellar there were fifty people, and in others from thirty to forty. Only two people were hospitalized from the storm."

We drove down a road leading east and stopped at the Ben Dodson place. We were told that this couple had lived there for forty years.

They are elderly people, and Mrs. Dodson is almost blind. Here again the Disaster Chairman helped us out.

"The Dodsons' did not see the tornado," he told us, "but they had a son working in the field not far away who saw it and rushed

to the house and got them in the storm cellar. The Dodsons' had just sat down to dinner.

The house had been surrounded by trees, but there was not a tree standing. In the branches of one fallen tree was a mattress. It had been sucked from the house.

Of the house itself the four walls and partitions were standing, but the ceiling and roof were gone. The inside partition wall had been moved and the entire structure was ready to fall down.

The Dodsons' sat in their cellar and heard the monster of the sky tear their home to pieces. They could hear the howls of their dog as the twisting wind beat him into a lifeless hulk. The animal lay dead in the yard. Dead chickens, some minus feathers, were scattered all about and almost hidden in the debris.

In one place a chicken leg, jerked out at the hip, was found, but not the rest of the chicken. In the tank more than half the Turn to Page 5



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**SPORTS SHOW
IN LUBBOCK
THIS WEEK**

The Lubbock Sports Show opened officially on Tuesday and will continue through

**NOTICE OF
EQUALIZATION**

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

H. E. CLINGAN,
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Sunday, June 2. The show this year is being held at Buffalo Lakes, 9 miles south-east of Lubbock.

One of the main attractions of the Lubbock Sports Show is the huge Texas Game and Fish Commission Educational Exhibit. Measuring 165 feet in length, this is one of the finest Wildlife Exhibits in America and shows the principal game animals, fish and birds of the Lone Star State.

A demonstration skin diving tank will show a real "close-up look" at the newest of new sports. . . **SKIN DIVING.**

Sunday afternoon, June 2, the Lubbock Boat Club will stage an interesting **FISHERMAN'S BOAT RACE** complete with all the thrills of racing runabouts and fishing boats.

The hours of the Sports Show will be all day Thursday, which is Memorial Day, Saturday and Sunday; and 6 to 10 PM Friday.

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TRAFFIC NEWS

How good are you in a highway emergency? Would you know what to do if a car you were trying to pass suddenly speeded up, leaving you too little room ahead to pass safely?

Knowing the answers to questions such as this and reacting correctly and quickly when confronted by such a situation could save your

NOTICE

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

life. E. C. McFadden of Dallas, Vice President of Employers Casualty Company and President of the Texas Safety Association, explained that the defensive driver is one who drives in such a manner as to avoid accidents by anticipating and allowing for hazards created by the unsafe acts of others and adverse traffic and weather conditions.

"If a defensive driver suddenly found he did not have enough time to pass safely, he would not step heavily on the gas and take a chance on making it," McFadden said. "He would slam on his brakes, let the car he was trying to pass move ahead, then drop back behind it."

The defensive driver realizes that in addition to turning in a top-notch driving job himself, he also has a responsibility to make up for the shortcomings of others, McFadden said. He pointed out that such an attitude comes naturally to persons accustomed to accepting their moral responsibilities in other departments of daily living.

"Unsafe actions of other drivers and pedestrians are not the only hazards that may confront the motorist," the TSA President warned. "He must also be alert to the dangers presented by adverse traffic and weather conditions."

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BELTON — Miss Virginia Cato of Ropesville has been awarded a \$240 scholarship for 1957-58 at Mary Hardin-Baylor, Dr. Arthur K. Tyson, college president, has announced. Miss Cato will enroll as a sophomore at Mary Hardin-Baylor in September and will continue work on her bachelor's degree.

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Loyd Arant also requests us to state that the basement at the Goodpasture Elevator is open, and any one desiring to use it during a storm is welcome to do so. Loyd says this basement is safe, even if the elevator was blown down, and will hold a large number of people.

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The radar storm warning network, brought into being by the State Division of Defense and Disaster Relief, the Weather Bureau, and the Texas Department of Public Safety, now operates in 18 key Texas areas.

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Youngsters at Boys Ranch near Amarillo now man a ground observation post in the state's civil defense preparedness program.

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LOOKS AFTER

**BUSINESS IN
LEVELLAND**

W. E. Pierce, of the Pierce Farm Supply, was looking after business in Levelland Tuesday. He states it was rather wet over there.

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Mrs. Grace Martin, state coordinator of women's activities in defense and disaster relief, has been invited

to serve as advisor to the 4-H Clubs of Texas on civil defense.

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Texas is being used as a testing ground for the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) in which licensed amateur radio operators are trained in military procedures as another factor in defense preparedness.

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"We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall Where They May".

BAPTIST CHURCH
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welcome. A place for every member of the family.

ROOM TO LET: To all parents with their children to attend Training Union.

A CHIP ON THE SHOULDER INDICATES THERE IS WOOD HIGHER UP.

METHODIST
From Page 1

ity have done for us. We have tried so hard to mean something to you. May our paths cross and re-cross many times before we are called above.

Before closing we wish to thank our local paper, "The Ropes Plainsman", for being so good and thoughtful of us. No paper has ever been any nicer to us than this paper, all of which we are so grateful.

See you Sunday. Come, thou, and be with us, and we will do thee good."

H. W. Gaston, Minister.

TORNADOES DANCE
From Page 2

fish were dead, and it was filled with tree branches and all manner of debris.

Parked beside the house, in what apparently had been a garage, was a late model automobile. The pressure had popped out the rear window, and believe it or not, the glass lay as it had fallen, unbroken and unscarred. The wall next to the house had fallen forward and parts of it had come up through the side of the car, smashing the windows, while the other wall had fallen away from the car. It lay among shattered trees, and on the wall hung a carpenter's square undisturbed.

A pickup truck, evidently driven to the house by the son, was dented and bent. The windows, windshield and back glass were shattered.

Another house, down the road a short distance, was so badly damaged that the folks were warned to stay away from it. Here the barns had also been destroyed, and in the yard, tall down and ears flopping, was a hungry dog, as if looking for someone he had lost.

REPORTS TOO MUCH RAIN

Mrs. G. P. Robertson, who gets her mail on Route 1, Levelland, was in Ropes on Tuesday.

She reports more than two and a half inches of rain, and said she believes they will have to plant over.

VISIT SISTER IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferguson and son were here this past week from Salinas, California, visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones.

SHORT VISIT IN LEVELLAND

Monday morning the writer and Constable Jack Ogle looked after business in Levelland.

Being limited on time we failed to see many folks. However, we did have a short visit with County Judge Paul Williams, and Commissioners Hulon Moreland and Bryan Hulse.

We learned that the Highway Department was calling for settlement on several parcels of land in this community before the contract for the new highway can be let. Judge Williams informed us that there had evidently been a slip-up somewhere, as most of the settlements they had called for had already been settled.

Hulon told us that he is preparing to do some work on the Ropes Main Street, especially repairing of holes that are now in the pavement.

We also saw Sheriff Clem and his fine deputies. They report everything is rather quiet over the county at this time.

M. W. MARTIN HERE SATURDAY

M. W. Martin, of Post, was a visitor in the Ropes community over the week end. He spent the time with relatives here.

Mr. Martin is a former citizen of Ropes and has many friends in this community who are always glad to welcome him back home. At the present time he is taking care of a brother-in-law and sister who are invalids.

VISITS SISTER IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil McCormick and son were here Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin.

Mr. McCormick is a brother of Mrs. Martin, and is taking medical treatment in a Lubbock hospital. They live at Sweetwater.

FRIDAY BRINGS RAIN AND HAIL

On Friday of last week, for the second consecutive week, rain and hail visited the Ropes community.

While it was not extensive it was accompanied by a high wind with gusts up to 70 miles an hour.

DO YOU WANT TO QUILT ON HALVES?

I have a large quantity of material for quilt tops which I would like for some one to make quilts on halves. If interested, see or call Mrs. Tommy Littlefield at Riojas Department Store.

PARENTS IN ROPES CHILDREN VISIT

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Jones were in Clovis, New Mexico Sunday where they met their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Oliver, who just returned to the States from Hawaii. Mr. Oliver was recently discharged from the Armed Services.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and small son will go to Newton, Kansas after a short stay here where they will visit with Mr. Oliver's relatives.

From Kansas the Olivers' will go to China Lake, Calif., where he will be employed in electronics.

A WORD OF THANKS

To my good friends of Ropesville, I want to say 'thanks'. I want to especially thank Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris for taking my picture and the real nice graduation present; also to Mrs. Bob Whitlock and Mrs. Ulys Gregg for taking me to Lubbock to get my dress and shoes; and thanks to my dear old Ma and Pa for my pretty dresses; thanks to Mr. Joe Lowrimore of Lubbock for a nice wrist watch; also thanks to my father who gave me a nice billfold containing money.

Thanks a lot, everyone!
Carrol Baxter.

VISITORS IN FEWELL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fewell had as their Sunday visitors Mrs. Mildred Van Cleve and Mrs. Fanne Whiee of Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chitwood of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fewell and Mrs. Don Gaither of Lubbock.

SUFFERING FROM THE CHICKENPOX

Brenda, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas, is recovering from a severe case of chickenpox.

MEET IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin were in Lubbock Tuesday where they visited with O'Neal McCormick, who is in a hospital at that place for treatment.

While there they met Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCormick of Sweetwater, and also her sister, Mrs. Aleen Reeves and daughter of Abilene.

VISIT IN T. MARTIN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McKenzie, of O'Donnell, were visitors in the tyre Martin home on Sunday of this week.

LEAVES FOR HARVEST TUESDAY

C. B. Fewell, of Ropes, and Arlit Fewell, of Crosbyton, left Tuesday for the harvest.

TO THE 8th GRADE GRADUATION CLASS

THANKS so very much for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. Berry.

HERE FROM TEXICO, N. M.

Mrs. Donald Morris and children, of Texico, N. Mex., were in Ropes Wednesday for a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris. They were enroute to Lubbock where they remained overnight, visiting with relatives and looking after business.

FFA OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR ELECTED

In their final meeting for the 1956-57 school year, the Ropes FFA Chapter held election for chapter officers of 1957-58. They are:

President Lavoid Lowrie
V. Pres. Troy Witherspoon
Secretary Leslie Lewis
Treasurer J. L. Hansard
Reporter Gerald Ward
Sentinel Billy Durham
Song Leader.....John Valentine

All the officers will be seniors in the Ropes High School next year, except Billy Durham and Gerald Ward. They will be juniors.

THANKS TO THE CLASS OF 1957

We, the sponsors of the Senior Trip of 1957, wish to thank the class for inviting us to go with them on the trip. We enjoyed the trip and the association of you fine young people. We all agreed that we never went with a group of finer persons on such a trip. The class is to be commended on its behavior and attitude of consideration for others, both class members, sponsors and strangers. Everyone we came in contact with commented on the joyous attitude of the class, and their manners. Each member of the class who was asked to do something did it promptly and willingly, no matter which sponsor made the suggestion.

Parents, you have just reason to be proud of your graduate of 1957. The training you gave these young people at home helped to create this attitude of consideration and cooperation. We were justly proud to answer all strangers who asked where the group was from with the comment, "We are from Ropes".

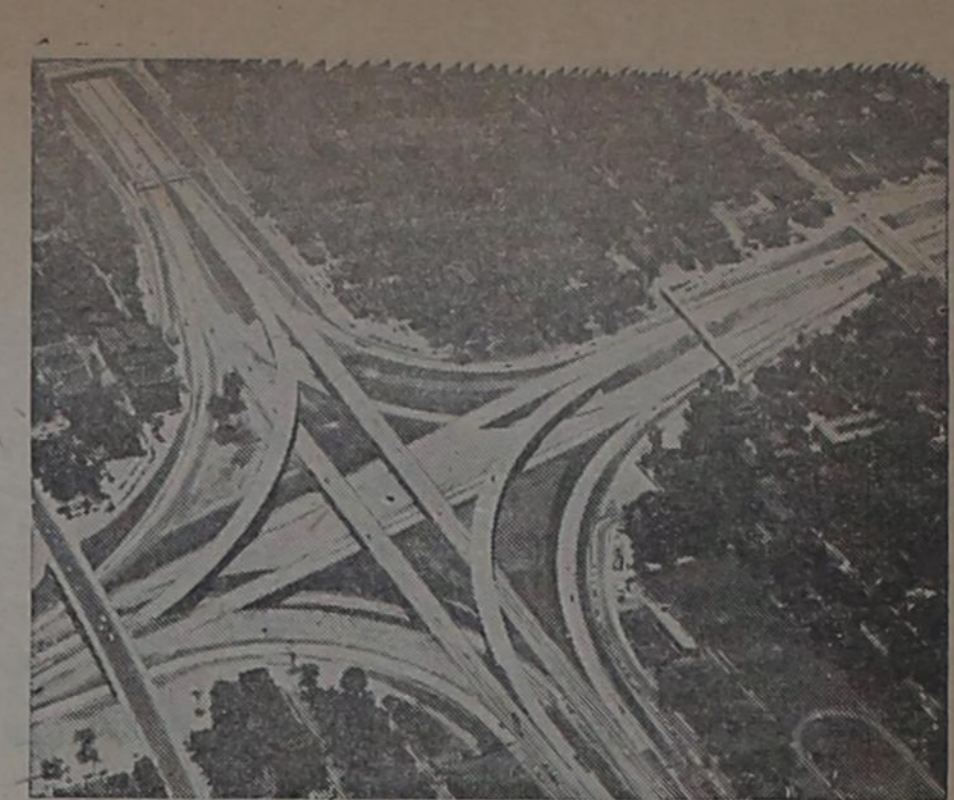
We wish to thank the class for your gift to the sponsors. Though we did not expect it, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fewell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall
Mr. C. T. McCormick.

SENIOR CLASS OF 1957 RETURNS FROM TRIP

The Senior Class of 1957 left at midnight on May 22 and went to the Lazy H Ranch of Kerrville, Texas. They arrived there about 9:15 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd. They spent 4½ enjoyable days on the ranch, and started home at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 26. They arrived in Ropesville at 11:30 p.m. of that day. All were tired, but happy and glad to be home again. While at the Lazy H, they enjoyed the association of the Tahoka class for one day, then the Industrial School of Vanderbilt, Texas, arrived. The two classes visited and played together until it was difficult to tell which school they were from, if you were not acquainted with the persons. They swam, played shuffleboard, rode horses, pitched horseshoes, and just plain talked and laughed together. The sponsor of Vanderbilt, Mr. Red Conger, commented on how well the two groups joined together for fun.

Yes, it was a great trip, but we are all glad to be home again. We will always remember our senior trip to the Lazy H, our good friends there, and the Holidays who own the ranch and were so nice to us.

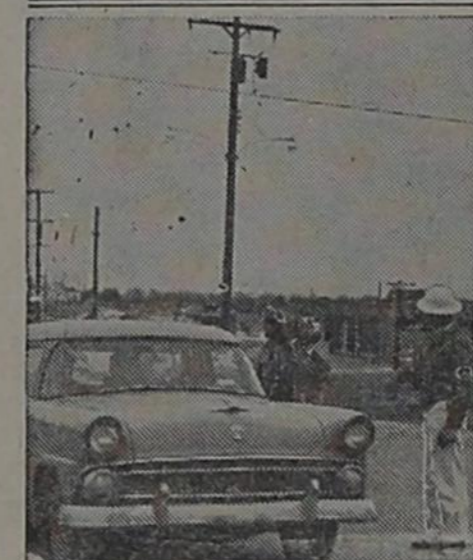


EXPRESSWAYS MEET in this gigantic interchange in Detroit, a key part of the freeway system which could carry some of the Motor City's auto-riding populace to rural safety. Although civil defense studies show that COMPLETE evacuation of large cities after warning of likely attack is not generally feasible under today's warning times, a big start toward more evacuation capacity is being made in urban freeway construction under the new National Interstate Highway program. (Photo courtesy Bureau of Public Roads)

ROADS TO SURVIVAL

New Interstate Highway Net to Aid CD Evacuation

A line on a drawing board today may someday save your life. That line might be one of



CIVIL DEFENSE auxiliary police will be needed in great numbers to help control traffic if warning of impending enemy attack ever forces cities to evacuate. Banning of cross traffic, and permitting one-way outbound traffic only on arterials and the great urban freeways now being built will aid these men in their thankless task. (FCDA Photo)

America's roads to survival, a part of the 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways that will be carefully laid out over the continent within the next 12 years.

THIS INTEGRATED \$33,000,000,000 network — the world's greatest public works project — will include freeways running from the heart of major cities to the outskirts and beyond. Over these roads, the millions who live and work in cities could seek the safety of distance from a nuclear bomb blast if adequate warning of impending attack were given.

In normal times, restless Americans drive 550,000,000,000 miles a year in private autos. Families must also rely on cars to flee from danger in the event of civil defense emergency.

The automobile is a rolling home in an emergency, the Federal Civil Defense Administration points out. You can eat and sleep in it, keep warm and dry, receive vital instructions by radio, drive out of danger areas, and even get some shelter against blast or fallout.

Those making the trip were:

- J. W. Bridwell
- Lanelle Jackson
- Rosemary Bond
- Jimmy King
- Douglas Conatser
- Ovid Lewis
- Nancy Martin
- Larry Moreland
- Anita Crawford
- Lavorise Bridwell
- Robert Nessel
- Clara Jo Ray
- Maxine Brown
- Kenneth Hall
- Mack Reeves
- Brent Gregg
- Leon Bain
- Margie Snider
- Roger Wallace
- Yvonne Bevers
- Jerry Bob Drake
- Royce Duckett
- Wallace Thrash
- Eugene Berry
- Omer Lee Dalton
- Dale Ethridge
- Tommy Roberson

Mrs. Margaret Fewell
—Class Sponsor

Clyde Fewell
Robert Hall
Mrs. Carrie Hall
C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson left this week for the harvest.

INSECT MEET TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4TH

According to announcement made by Charles Shannon this week, an insect meeting will be held in the High School auditorium on Tuesday, June 4th, to which all the folks in this section are invited to attend.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 8 P.M.

This program will be presented to you by an experienced and trained man from the Lubbock Cotton Oil Mill.

Please remember the date and be present.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock and children left this week for California where they will vacation and visit with relatives.

FOR SALE

4-H project fryers for sale. Weight about 2 1-4 pounds. Will deliver in town. Wenda Lou Lowrie, 3 miles east of Ropes. Phone 3184.

Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Strickland, arrived home last week from California.

"Who Says You Need Costly Shots To Relieve 'Hot Flashes' And Irritation From Change-Of-Life?"

{ Mrs. A. M., Watonga, Okla., adds, "Middle age was torture. Had costly shots 3 times a week but got no relief. Then took Pinkham's Tablets. They brought me new happiness, comfort!"

Science offers women new freedom from much of the misery of change-of-life, thanks to an amazing new tablet developed especially to relieve these functionally-caused discomforts. Doctors reported sensational results using this remarkable home treatment alone... and no costly injections!

Relief for 8 out of 10 Tested!

Irritability, tortured nerves were calmed. Dizziness relieved. Awful hot flashes subsided. Here's why. Unlike aspirin and such "general purpose" remedies, this new tablet is a unique combination of special medicines... acts directly on the cause of these troubles... works through a woman's sympathetic nervous system to relieve tense feelings and physical distress that bring unhappiness to so many. Clinical tests prove this.

Now this amazing formula is at drugstores without prescription. Ask for "Lydia Pinkham's Tablets." Don't let change-of-life rob you of joy! Get handy Pinkham's Tablets. Contain blood-building iron. See how fast you can feel your happy self again — without costly shots! (Also Liquid Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.)

We Give S. & H. Green Stamps--Double Stamps With \$2.50 Purchase Tuesdays

Specials for Friday & Saturday



FINEST QUALITY MEATS

- Hamburger, lb .39
- Beef Roast, lb .49
- Beef Ribs, lb .29
- Bacon Squares, lb .35
- Longhorn Cheese, lb .49
- Bologna, all meat, lb .39

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

- CARTON
- Tomatoes .19
- 10 LB. BAG
- Potatoes .49
- CALIF. NAVELS, POUND
- Oranges .12^L/₂
- SWIFT'S, 1 LB. CARTON
- Pure Lard .24
- SNOWDRIFT, 3 POUNDS
- Shortening .89
- DEL MONTE
- Catsup .19
- SUPREME PECAN
- Sandies .47
- WHITE SWAN, POUND
- Coffee .95

Tide, Giant Size .72

KOOLADE 6 .25

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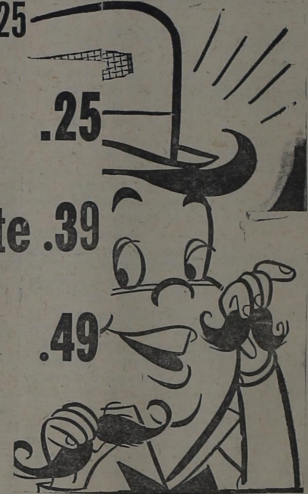
Tissue .25

COLGATES, 50c SIZE

T'thpaste .39

BRYL, 65c TUBE

Cream .49



KIMBELL'S, 46 OZ. CAN

Grapefruit Juice .29

MISSION, 303 CAN

Sweet Peas .15

VAN CAMP, 300 CAN, 2 FOR

Pork & Beans .29

KAISER'S, 1 REG. and 1 Heavy Duty, BOTH FOR

Aluminum Foil .59



WE GIVE S. & H. GREEN STAMPS

THE ROPES FOOD STORE