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# THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

## Gracelia Riojas Receives County Gold Star Award

Ralph Riojas and daughter, Gracelia, Gloria Martinez and Mrs. Wilson Campbell attended the banquet in Lubbock honoring the gold star 4-H winners from 20 West Texas counties, Gracelia being the gold star girl from Hockley county.

The attendance was estimated to be 335 with 40 gold star winners present.

It was the first event of its kind to be held honoring the county gold star winners in District 2 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It was sponsored by 12 electric cooperatives of West Texas.

Speaker was John Hutcheson, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station, who told the youths being honored:

"You are stars. Your views are not yet limited by the blinders of prejudice and pessimism possessed by your elders.

"You move with optimism and faith in an age of hot and cold wars, missiles and space when it has been said that five H-bombs with proper cobalt handling could wipe off the face of the earth," the speaker said.

"The tendency to be pessimistic is great," he said. "It's almost as great as expressed by a first grader in one of our Texas schools, when asked by his teacher what he wanted to be when he grew up, he answered solemnly—one of the survivors."

In lauding the Gold Star boys and girls—two from each of the counties—Hutcheson said:

"This is the season for the selection of the all-district and all state football players. And now you are recognized for your excellence of performance in learning to do by doing."

The speaker told of great opportunities in agriculture and homemaking facing the Gold Star winners and he advised them, along with their professional skills, to learn the science of getting along together and with other people; to acquire the courage to defend your ideas; and to think independently."

Turning to parents, teachers and friends of the young 4-H award winners, he said:

"The greatest power today is not atomic, it is the power of the mind of men. The most strategic resource is the youth of the land. Age may need a critic, youth needs only a model"

Master of ceremonies was Rep. Waggoner Carr of Lubbock. Invocation was by Mrs. Wilmer Smith of New Home, president of the Texas Home Demonstration Assn. Welcome address was by Dr. G. E. Giesecke, vice president of Texas Tech. Response was by Denver Ford, Tahoka chairman of the 4-H Club Council. Entertainment was by Sam Hunter, Tulsa, Okla., who gave humorous address entitled "4-H in the Future."

### FOR SALE

Hygeria bundles, \$25.00 per ton. See Ernest Whatley.

Glenn Newton, Lubbock, welcomed the group on behalf of the sponsoring cooperatives.

W. H. Jones, District 2 agricultural agent and Mrs. Aubrey Russell, district home demonstration agent, both of Lubbock, presented the Gold Star Certificates to the winners.

### ROPES HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

"A" Roll: Wenda Lou Lowrie.

"B" Roll: Sandra Bain, Cathy Byrd, Doyle Crawford, Marilyn Fletcher, Carolyn Glenn, Pricilla Green, Jeanette Jackson, Roseva Lewis, Ronnie McNabb, Jehue Price, Sue Redford, Gracelia Riojas, Gerald Ward.

4-B—MRS. JONES  
Everyone in 4-B made 100 in spelling last week except three and they made 95.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party.

SENIOR NEWS  
At long last our senior rings have arrived. We received them Tuesday morning upon our arrival at school.

Also our senior pictures have come in. We got those Tuesday afternoon. The only comment about these are they look just like us.

Please patronize us in our concessions at the home ball games. We certainly appreciate you helping us.  
Sue Pettlet.

### MRS. MARY TIPPS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Tipps, 79, of Lubbock, and mother of Jack Tipps of Ropes, passed away on Thursday of last week in St. Mary's Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in McDonald Funeral Chapel.

Rev. Woodson Armes, of Polytechnic Baptist Church in Fort Worth officiated and burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were M. R. Latham, Ross Latham, Wilburn Chambers, Dwain Ward, A. M. Armstrong and Jim McDaniels.

### REV. STORY CAN'T TALK—MUCH

Rev. Frank Story, pastor of the Ropes Methodist Church, who has been suffering from a bronchial trouble for the past several weeks, is showing some improvement as this is written.

Seemingly, the condition is more complicated than the general run of this type of ailment as no kind of known medication seems to help it. There have been several similar cases in the community that have run for weeks and weeks.

### R. M. MAYFIELDS VISIT IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Mayfield were in Lubbock on Monday of this week where Mr. Mayfield went for medical examination and treatment.

## 30 Blocks of Paving Is Considered for City

This past week a petition was circulated and presented to the City Council on Tuesday night of this week asking that the City look into

the possibility of paving thirty blocks of streets in the City of Ropesville.

The petition was duly considered and the mayor was

instructed to look into the possibility of paving, getting the approximate cost and the necessary steps to be taken in issuing bonds should

such an election be called, and if the people vote for the project.

It was pointed out that one of the things that was retarding the growth of Ropes was the muddy and impassable streets during wet weather, and it is felt that the only remedy for this condition is the paving of all unpaved streets. Thirty blocks at the present time will take care of the entire city and will put each homeowner and rent property on pavement.

Steps are to be taken during the winter months to get everything in readiness for the paving program to start early in the spring of 1959.

Another project that is receiving the attention of the city is a new seal coat on the main street where the pavement is badly in need of repair. This also includes the pavement of the schools. Commissioner Hulon Moreland has been contacted in regard to this project, and it is likely he will be in Ropes within the next few days to discuss the matter with the City.

The first mentioned project will be given full publicity as to cost and the necessary tax to pay the interest and the sinking funds.

### METHODIST CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

Rev. Frank Story, Pastor

Jesse Faye and Helen Martin, Frances Littlefield, Dolores Brown, Linda Jones, Mary Morrow, Jerry Morrow, Milton Story, Shirley White and Mrs. Frank Story attended the MYF Sub-District meeting at Meadow Monday, December 8th. They reported an excellent program and a good time.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9th, the pastors and wives of the Brownfield District met at First Church, Brownfield, for their annual Christmas party. The program was given by various parsonage children and was enjoyed very much. Present were 48 adults and 37 children. This party was sponsored by the preachers' wives of the District. Mrs. Frank Story is the president.

REV. FRANK STORY was in Sundown Tuesday for a checkup with the doctor who is treating his asthma. The doctor reported slight improvement.

THE CHILDREN'S and the Youth Divisions are beginning planning for a Christmas program Sunday evening, December 21st.

TUESDAY THE treasurer, K. P. Shannon, sent to our Conference Treasurer, Rev. Joe Boyd of Lubbock, the conference apportionments for this conference Year. This accomplishment is due to the fine work of Winston Jones and other members of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. Mr. Jones is the Chairman.

### RIOJAS HAS CHRISTMAS ITEMS

A check of the Riojas Department Store, in Ropes, showed it filled to overflowing with gifts for Christmas, including a complete toy department.

A further check on the prices showed that each item was priced at lower prices than one would expect to find. On a check of a single item it was found that this item was priced \$4 below the price of a like item in a neighboring city.

It will pay you to visit and check prices in local stores before buying your Christmas gifts.

### SUSIE McNABB BURNS LEGS

Susie McNabb, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McNabb, happened to the misfortune of burning her legs before an open stove while attending Sunday School.

The burns were not severe enough to require hospital treatment.

## Mercury Takes Nose Dive—Winter Moves in

Residence of the South plains who had any doubt as to whether winter was here or not had that doubt knocked from their minds on Tuesday morning when the temperature dropped below 18.

There has been a change in climate during the past few years, as there was a time when it could be said, "If there is no wind it is

warm." Tuesday morning there was little or no wind, and it was cold even in the sunshine.

A mass of cold air coming in from the north started the temperature to dropping Monday afternoon and the mercury continued to slide downward during the night, dropping below 18 above before it came to a halt.

### STARLIGHT CLUB INVITED TO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Farm Home 4-H Club has invited the Ropes Starlight 4-H Club to a Christmas party Monday night, December 15, at 7:30.

They requested each one attending to bring a broken toy that will be mended at the party, or a can of food, or fifty cents in cash as their entrance fee. The things taken will be given to some needy family.

If you plan on going, contact Mrs. Wilson Campbell or Sharon Campbell not later than December 12th.

### THE GARDEN CLUB

"Collecting and Curing of Materials for Dried Arrangements" were subjects for discussion.

A collection of available materials and methods of curing and drying were given by Mrs. Hugh Elledge, of the Sundown Club.

Refreshments of pumpkin pie, coffee and cokes were served by the hostess to the two visitors, Mrs. Hugh Elledge and Mrs. Foy Winn, and six members present, Mrs. O. V. Fuller, Mrs. Frank Sylvester, Marshal Armstrong, Kirby Shannon, E. E. Nix, and the hostess, Mrs. Frank Story.

The next meeting will be January 14 at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

### MRS. U. GREGG IS ILL

As we go to press on Wednesday we are told that Mrs. Ulys Gregg is suffering from a severe case of the flu.

Mrs. Bob Whitlock is taking her place at the school cafeteria while she is ill.

### B. McCURMIN HERE SUNDAY

Buck McCrummin, of Abernathy, was here Sunday visiting with friends.

Buck spent several years in Ropes before moving to Abernathy, and is known by many of our people.

### SAM WILHELM OPERATED ON

Sam Wilhelm, who has lived in Ropes for the past several years, underwent surgery in the Phillips-Dupre hospital in Levelland on Monday morning of this week.

According to reports received from the hospital Sam is doing as well as could be expected, and it is thought the operation is a complete success and will likely return him to normal health.

Sam, originally from Oklahoma, spent a long number of years in Alaska, and some years ago moved to Ropes. He is 82 years of age.

### ENNIS MOORE SAYS ITS COLD

Ennis Moore, in speaking of the cold snap Tuesday morning which sent the mercury below 18 above, said:

"It is colder than hog killing weather. It is too cold to kill hogs, if we had any hogs."

There was a time when thousands of hogs were raised each year for meat purposes on the South Plains, but now the only hogs raised are for show purposes.

### SISTER VISITS MRS. T. MARTIN

Mrs. Tyree Martin, this past week, had as her visitor, Mrs. Glendon Kerr and three daughters, Linda, Mildred, and Annie Ruth, from Big Spring.

They returned home Saturday, Mrs. Martin taking them in her car, and while in Big Spring she visited with Tyree, who is in the veterans hospital at that place.

### VISITORS IN THE WEATHERLY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weatherly had as their visitors this past week Bob Fraley and wife and Calvin Fraley of California.

They were en route home from Sweetwater where they had visited a brother.

### NO ONE INJURED IN SHOOTING SCRAPE SUNDAY

A Mexican National, wielding a 45 six shooter, took a pot shot at a Mexican woman east of Ropes, just over the Lubbock county line Sunday night.

His aim wasn't good. He missed the woman, but the bullet, according to Constable Jack Ogle, hit a frying pan and knocked a hole in it that you could stick your fist through.

Seemingly, there had been a previous shooting in which another Mexican shot at the National with a 25 automatic, and, also missed. It was in retaliation that the second shooting occurred.

### VISITORS IN STORY HOME

Mrs. Mozella Trotter of Wellman, Mrs. Story's mother, and Mrs. Glen Baker, Mrs. Story's sister, with Donna and Stan Baker visited in the home of the Storys Sunday. Bro. Story said he was very happy for this visit since the Mrs. always prepares an excellent meal when mama comes.

### AUBREY MAYFIELD IN LUBBOCK FRIDAY

Aubrey Mayfield was in Lubbock Friday of last week where he went for medical treatment.

Aubrey injured a hand in a gin accident several weeks ago and it has not completely healed.

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**MRS. WILKISON ON SICK LIST**

Mrs. W. H. Wilkison, who has been suffering with neuralgia of the jaw for the past several weeks, is not much improved.

She was carried to Lubbock Monday to see if the nerve could be blocked, but her doctor was out of town.

**TYREE MARTIN IN BIG SPRING**

Tyree Martin, local insurance agent, is in the veterans hospital at Big Spring, where he is undergoing examination and treatment.

Tyree has a stomach ailment and it is hoped that the treatment will be the means of eliminating it and returning him to normal health.

**MRS. J. W. BERRY VISITS IN LUBBOCK**

Mrs. J. W. Berry was in Lubbock this week visiting and looking after business.

**MRS. JONES RECOVERED**

Mrs. Dan Jones, who has been ill for several days, is on the road to recovery.

**MRS. MORRIS ON SICK LIST**

Mrs. Troy Morris is this week suffering with a severe case of the flu. She is improving at this time.

**HANNAFORDS ATTEND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hannaford, accompanied by their son, Mindon, and their daughter, Mary, were in Abilene over the weekend where they attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Hannaford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jolly.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shanklin, of Lubbock, are the proud parents of a fine boy, born on Friday morning of last week. The little one weighed in at 7 pounds and 13 ounces, and was christened Robert Stanley.

Mrs. Shanklin is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris of Ropes.

**ATTEND LODGE AT SUNDOWN**

Mrs. R. M. Mayfield and E. J. Thomas were in Sundown this past Monday night where they attended a meeting of the Rebekah Lodge.

Four guests were present from Lubbock Lodge 321, Mr. and Mrs. Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Norman.

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- LETTUCE, pound .12½



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**TEXAS DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Examinations will be given January 20th, 21st, and 22nd for positions with the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced M. H. Hagens, local patrolman with the Texas Highway Patrol.

Young Texans interested in a career in law enforcement may compete in State-wide examinations for the positions of Drivers License Examiner Patrolman, License & Weight Patrolman, Motor Vehicle Inspection Patrolman and Highway Patrolman. January 10th is the deadline for submitting applications to the DPS Headquarters in Austin.

"Job security, paid vacation, sick leave and retirement are only a few of the benefits you will enjoy as a State Law Enforcement Officer. Any young man between twenty-one and thirty-five, a high school graduate and in good physical condition can contact any member of the Department of Public Safety for an application," Patrolman Hagens said.

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**BREAKIN AT FOSTER STORE**

A thief or thieves broke in to the Foster General Store, located about 4 miles west of Ropes, Saturday night.

The investigating officer, Constable Jack Ogle, stated that entrance was gained by kicking out a side window and that some hundred dollars in merchandise, including a quantity of jewelry was taken.

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**JUST 4 PAGES**

Due to the fact that Mrs. Troy Morris has been suffering with the flu this week we have been forced to cut the Plainsman to four pages. Mrs. Morris is the Linotype operator. She is much improved as this is written.

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**MRS. C. BOND RETURNED HOME**

Mrs. Clifford Bond, who has been in a Lubbock hospital for several days where she underwent major surgery, has so far recovered as to be able to return home.

**SISTER OF REV. F. STORY VISITS HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCullough, of Brownfield, were Sunday visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Story. Mrs. McCullough is Bro. Story's sister.

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**STARLIGHT 4-H CLUB TO MEET**

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club will meet Thursday (today) immediately after school. All members are urged to be present.

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**C. JOHNSON AMONG THE ILL**

Charlotte Johnson, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson is recovering from illness over the weekend.

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**MRS. BOB THOMAS IS SICK**

Mrs. Bob Thomas, who has been numbered among the ill, is reported improved at the time this is written on Tuesday morning of this week.

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**MRS. CAVITT AMONG THE ILL**

This past week end Mrs. Cotton Cavitt was numbered among the ill. As this is written she is much improved.

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**MRS. BROWN IN POST**

Mrs. J. M. Brown is in Post this week where she is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thurman Johnson.

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**MRS. G. MARTIN VISITS IN ROPES**

Mrs. George Martin, of Brownfield, was in Ropes on Wednesday visiting with relatives and friends.

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**Christmas Magic Lost and Found by Young TV Stars**



Shelley Fabares and Paul Petersen, the bright and shiny youngsters who appear each Wednesday night over ABC-TV as the teenage fledglings of the new "Donna Reed Show", have already celebrated two Christmases which are now on film awaiting your Christmas Eve viewing.

These make-believe Christmases find the kids first losing track of the true holiday spirit in a rash, cash evaluation of gifts received against gifts given! The old magic is recaptured, however, as the script takes them to the children's ward of a city hospital for a second Christmas. Aided by Buster Keaton in one of his rare TV appearances as a surprise Santa Claus, they bring their own gifts to these forgotten sick kids and Christmas becomes wonderful again.

For Shelley and Paul these "canned" Christmases have now been forgotten in the excitement of Christmas coming up. "This one is for real," they say as they count out ten

dimes to go Christmas shopping. These kids have discovered Shulton's funny face shower soaps which, incidentally, ten dimes will buy. Paul thinks it is real "keen" to have soap you can hang around your neck in the shower. He picks the face of a pirate for his friends. Shelley says, "Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but this idea of soap on a rope makes it sheer fun." She likes the one with the face of a bewitching beauty as ever was carried off by a swaggering buccaneer. There's one with a space-man, too—terrific stocking stuffers for showerers or tubbers of all sizes to help promote a little Christmas Magic!

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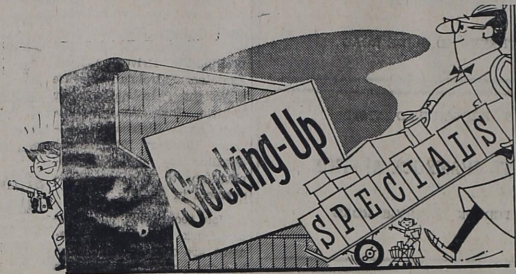
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