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## SEZ WE

We haven't said anything in so long that we've almost forgotten how to talk.

Talking about the weather is as staple as sugar and flour, and right now it is raining with M. W. Martin telling us that, "The ground should plow good after this."

Of course, there is the housewife whose kids have tracked mud across the rug in the living room, she has quite another opinion of the weather.

This particular spell of weather was a little disappointing to weather prognosticators. Monday night blizzard warnings were being issued for the South Plains, with blowing snow and winds reaching almost hurricane force. By two o'clock Tuesday morning the wind had subsided, and it had warmed to the extent that the snow was melting—a little later rain finished it off.

Since we were a lad we've been told it was impossible to predict the weather for the South Plains, and that statement has been proven true time and again. It would seem we make our own weather whether the weather man likes it or not.

So, we stagger along.

Frank Sylvester mentioned to us that a tractor unit to work a farm cost in the neighborhood of \$7,500—that's some money, but we know of one, at least, that is glad the tractor was invented—that's the mule.

Which reminds us that tractors have not completely taken over. Down near Temple some months ago we saw a complete farming outfit drawn by mules. The place was worked by a colored gent, and his equipment was well kept and his mules slick and fat. He did not have an automobile and he and family went into town on Saturday in a farm wagon drawn by mules.

When we saw this, we thought some one had turned the clock back.

And, speaking of turning the clock back, we are reminded of the fact that, in all recorded history, but one person stopped the clock and made time stand still—that was Joshua of Bible fame who commanded the sun to cease moving while a battle was completed.

But after all, stopping the clock would be of little benefit to any of us—we learned there is no going back—what has been can not be changed and, perhaps, the future can not be changed, either.

So, we roll along.

And rolling along, we come to a jolting stop, as this is all the space we have for this column.

"Have you heard the latest? Mrs. Fisher walks in her sleep!"

"How perfectly absurd, when they have three cars."

## MANSFIELD THOMAS STATION ROBBED FOR THIRD TIME

For the third time in less than two months, Mansfield Thomas' Shamrock Station has been robbed.

This time the thieves really went to town, taking an adding machine, five white sidewall tires, and different kinds of accessories. Entrance was made by knocking a panel out of the back door and then reaching through and unbarring the door.

Sheriff Weir Clem, investigating the robbery, stated that it is his belief it is the same bunch who robbed him last time. "The pattern was identical," said Sheriff Clem. "They parked their car over near the Nazarene Church, and three of them walked to the station, broke in and carried their loot to the road leading to the S. B. Pierson property.

"They left it there with one man guarding it, while two of them went after the car. It was loaded at that point and carried away. I found one battery cable while tracking the thugs."

Seemingly, because the station sets away from the town, it has been the target of robbers since it was established. It has been robbed on numerous occasions, and so far as we know, the robbers have gotten away.

For a time it was thought the breakins were by local talent, but now it appears to be by professionals who must have a market for the things they steal.

The robbery was discovered when Mansfield came down to open the station about 6:30 a.m.

## BEATYS ATTEND BIRTHDAY PARTY OF L. C. BEATY

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Beaty were in Snyder recently where they attended the celebration of the 38th birthday of Lowell's father, L. C. Beaty.

All the children were present, and a very pleasant day was spent.

L. C. Beaty is known to many of the people of Ropes community, he having lived here for a number of years and was owner and operator of the Beaty Laundry. After selling the laundry, he moved to Snyder where he has since resided.

## STEPHENSONS VISIT MEADOW

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson were in Meadow Monday where they visited in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis. They went from there to Brownfield where they visited a daughter of Mrs. Curtis.

## EVANS' HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans had as their visitors over the weekend her sister, Mrs. Leatha Durham, of San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGahey and children, of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evans and children of Ropesville.

## FIFTEEN DEER HIT THE DUST

Weldon Tudor's lawn, this past Friday afternoon, had the appearance of deer's dying ground. Fifteen of the animals lay in a row, while the hunters stood back of them having their pictures made with their kill.

The deer were brought from Colorado where Dan Carter, Weldon Tudor, S. E. Whitener, James Means Jr., Loy Hamby, Cecil Cowan and Red Ayers had been on their annual deer hunt.

They stated that each one of them had killed their limit, and they will be feasting on deer meat for many months to come.

## BOYD LATHAM VISITS ROPES

Boyd Latham, of Dallas, was among those who visited in Ropes this past week. Boyd is a member of the firm of King-Latham-Shultz Valuation Engineers.

Boyd is a former resident of Hockley County, and at one time lived near Ropes. He served two terms as county tax assessor and collector of this county.

## LOY HAMBY BURNS HANDS

While on a deer hunt in Colorado this past week, Loy Hamby happened to the misfortune of severely burning his hands and a portion of his arms from butane in a leak in a hose leading to a camp stove.

He and Cecil Cowan came home on Thursday, ahead of their hunting companions.

## HERE FROM BROWNFIELD

Mrs. Ray Abney and son, Roy Lynn, of Brownfield, were in Ropes briefly Monday enroute to Lubbock to meet her husband who is currently employed there.

## VISITS HERE ON MONDAY

Mrs. R. W. Shanklin and children, Troy, Roy and Stanley, of Lubbock, visited Monday in the home of her sister, Mrs. B. J. Thomas.

## CAUGHT IN SNOW AND SLEET

Mrs. J. T. Allen and Mrs. Tyree Martin were among those in Lubbock Monday, and were caught in the snow and sleet which fell in the afternoon and evening.

Coming home on slick roads, they realized the value of four lane highways.

## AWAY ON DEER HUNT

Melvin Marcy, Hal Wayne Curry, J. T. Drake, Omer Lee Dalton, Jimmy Sims and C. R. Johnson are in Colorado this week on a deer hunt.

## VISITS WITH MRS. ARANT

Mrs. Melvin Marcy visited with Mrs. Richard Arant this week while her husband, Melvin, was away on a deer hunt.

## BLANKET OF SNOW COVERS SOUTH PLAINS

For a time Monday evening a blanket of snow covered the South Plains. For a time the wind was bitterly cold, but about two o'clock the next morning there was a sudden warming and the snow commenced to melt.

Within a short time after this, a slow rain started falling, and by daylight most of the snow was gone—just a patch here and there as a reminder that only a few hours before we had been promised a white Christmas.

## ENJOYS BIG THANKSGIVING

One of the items that was overlooked by the Plainsman last week was the fact that Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates enjoyed a big Thanksgiving.

Mr. Bates said: "We were in Lubbock where we visited my wife's folks, Perry Flowers and others and we had a wonderful time."

## SCHOOL SHOWS HIGH AVERAGE

In tests made this week at the Ropes High School it was shown that Ropes students are above par in averages. While 50 percent is considered average, the average of the Ropes school was 66 percent.

The average by classes was as follows:

per cent; math, 70 per cent; language, 60 per cent.

Sophomore - Reading, 60 per cent; math, 70 per cent; language, 60 per cent.

Juniors - Reading, 60 per cent; math, 70 per cent; language, 50 per cent.

Seniors - Reading 40 per cent; math, 40 per cent; language, 50 per cent.

These tests show that pupils in the Ropes High School compare favorably with students all over the United States. It also shows that the teachers have been and are doing a good job of teaching.

These tests were given by Mr. Hannaford, high school principal, assisted by Mrs. Odell, county supervisor.

## YOCUMS MOVE TO ROPES

The Plainsman failed to state that Mr. and Mrs. Yocum and children moved to Ropes from Levelland recently.

Mr. Yocum has leased the building formerly occupied by the Wright Blacksmith Shop, and has opened up a blacksmithing and welding business. They have moved in a beautiful new trailer house, which is located by his shop.

## CAVITTS TO DeLEON

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cavitt and sons, Royce Lee and Charles, were in DeLeon over the weekend visiting in the home of his parents.

## MRS. J. SMITH AMONG ILL

Mrs. John Smith was numbered among the ill over the weekend, but we are glad to report she is able to be up and about now.

## FIRST BAPTIST NEWS NOTES

John J. Cole, Pastor  
 Sunday School .... 9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM  
 Training Union..... 6:30 PM  
 Evening Worship.... 7:30 PM  
 Mid-week Service.... 7:30 PM

Wednesday  
 The Associational Youth Rally was called off Monday night due to the bad weather. It was scheduled to meet at Morton.

Last night at the church Christmas socials were conducted for Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Departments.

There will be no Wednesday night services December 23rd and 30th. On Wednesday night, January 30, we will begin a study of Paul's letters to Timothy.

Lottie Moon Christmas offering started last Sunday. Our goal is \$1750.00. Our Foreign Mission work is supported largely by this special offering of Southern Baptists at Christmas time. About 40% of all that we do in this area of our work is supported by this one offering. The other 60% comes from the Cooperative Program. Last Sunday we received \$600 for this purpose.

## LAST YEAR THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY...

DISTRIBUTED at home and abroad 1,038,343 Bibles, 1,815,534 New Testaments, 13,775,609 Gospels and other Portions, a record total of 16,629,486 Scriptures—the circulation being in 201 languages;

PUBLISHED new translations or revisions in 18 languages, 3 of which had a Scripture Portion for the first time;

ISSUED to the blind 61,396 embossed volumes and Talking Book records;

ASSISTED the United Bible Societies in supplying the Hungarian Bible Council with 5,000 large Bibles and 40,000 pocket Bibles;

FURNISHED 1,064,104 volumes of Scriptures to military and Veterans Administration chaplains through whose vital ministry thousands of men and women are given the Scriptures and encouraged to read the Bible daily.

The American Bible Society was founded in 1816 to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment. The Society constantly aids translators by counsel, supervision and contributions toward expense.

For many years the Southern Baptist Convention has been helping the American Bible Society. While no allocation from Convention funds is made to the Society, Southern Baptists individually and through their churches contributed \$162,198 last year, largest of any of the fifty denominations supporting the Society.

Contributions to the American Bible Society should be sent to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

## CHOIR AND EAGLE BAND PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The High School Choir and the Ropes Eagle Band presented a Christmas program in the high school auditorium from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday morning.

The program told the Christmas story with Priscilla Green reading the Scripture and the music as follows:

Lo, How a Rose A'r Blooming—Choir.  
 Silent Night, Bell Solo—Choir, accompanied by Brass Quartette.  
 O Little Town of Bethlehem—Choir.

It Came upon a Midnight Clear—Band.

Away in the Manger—Choir.  
 Angels We have heard on High—Choir.

The First Noel—Band.  
 O Holy Night, solo—Sandra Armstrong.

O Come All Ye Faithful—Band.

We Three Kings—Band and Choir.

Trombone, solo—Bobbie McNabb.

Joy to the World—Band and Choir.

Following the Christmas Story, other numbers were given:

Winter Wonderland—Cornet, trio, Ronald Snider, Benny Redman, Mike Timmons.

Twirling Trio—Carol Crawford, Sue Redford, Freda Pointer.

White Christmas—The Band and Audience.

Several carols were sung by band, choir and audience.

The band was attired in green and white military uniforms, and the choir was gowned in green robes with gold satin stoles loaned by the First Presbyterian church of Lubbock. The band has approximately 40 members, and the choir 24 members. Jerry Tate is director of the band, and Mrs. Paul Brown has charge of the choir. The choir accompanist is Judy Gregg.

The affair was said to be one of the most outstanding and beautiful to ever be arranged in the history of Ropes schools.

## CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each one for the words of encouragement, get well cards, visits and Christmas cards received during my illness. May God bless each of you is my prayer.

Mrs. Jack Ogle.

## CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR 'LEAVE' PROGRAM FOR US ARMY

Personnel enlisting or re-enlisting in the US Army through the US Army Recruiting Service during the period 7 December 1959 through 1 January 1960, who specifically request leave may be granted ordinary leave not to exceed 15 days except for those individuals whose leave starts on 13 December 1959 may be granted 16 days leave to avoid their traveling on New Years day. Contact M/Sgt. Paul Eagleton at 1110 Texas Ave., Lubbock, whose phone number is PO 3-2821.

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**GLENN HARDIN RETURNS TO UNITED STATES**

LONG BEACH, California (FHTNC) — Glenn D. Hardin, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Hardin of Ropesville, Texas, returned to Long Beach, Calif., the end of November aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, following six months of operations with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

During the tour the Toledo's crew visited ports in Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Guam, South Vietnam, Hong Kong and Hawaii. They also earned the cruiser two "E" awards for outstanding gunnery and engineering performances.

Armed Forces dependents, foreign officials and citizens from Japan and South Vietnam were guests of the crew who provided tours, brochures and luncheons during selected visits of the heavy cruiser.

Completion of this cruise marked the 12th tour to the Far East for the Toledo.

**VISIT WITH PARENTS**

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey and children, of Levelland, were here Sunday visiting in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Roy McCoy.

**RIOJAS GIRLS RECEIVE AWARDS, ETC.**

Texas Tech home economics students who have received awards and scholarships during the year were recognized at a recent Home Economics Club Banquet on the Tech campus.

Rosa Elia Riojas, senior, was awarded the Hiram Parks Scholarship.

Eight entering freshmen who show exceptional promise on their college entrance examinations are annually awarded the Sears-Roebuck Foundation awards. Graciela Riojas was one of the recipients.

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**PTA TO MEET TONIGHT**

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet at 7:00 P.M. tonight, Thursday, December 17, in the high school auditorium. Grade school will present a Christmas play.

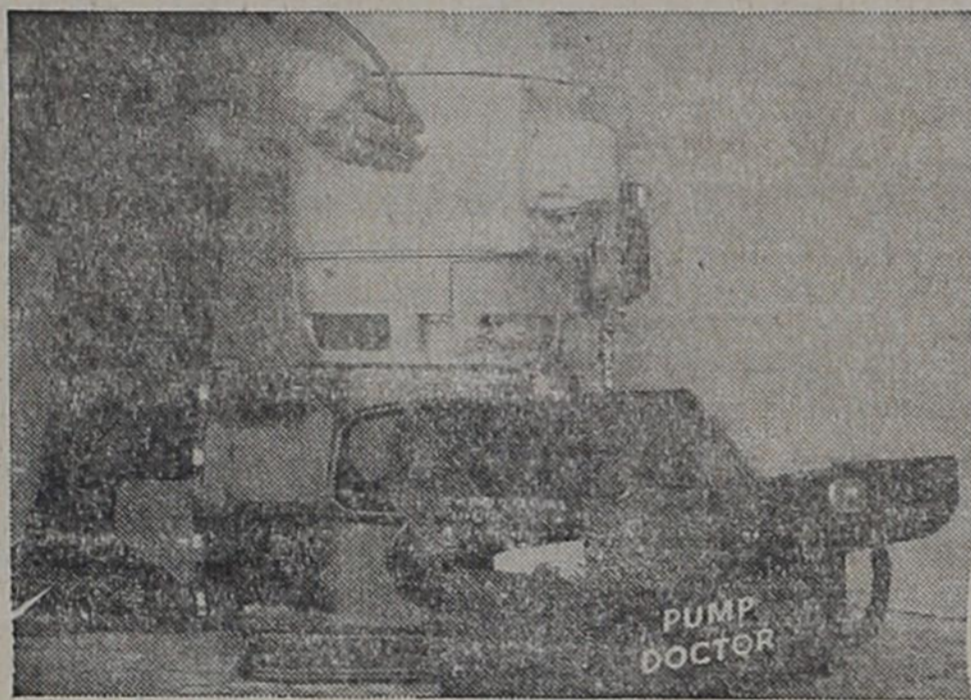
Each lady is asked to bring a "pecan pie", and refreshments will be served in the lunch room after the program.

**ROPES HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR 2ND 6 WEEKS 1959-60**

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Mr. and Mrs.  
J. C. Armstrong, Jr.

**ON A DIET**

A man was introduced to a circus sword swallower. Not having seen a sword swallower before, he asked him to demonstrate his art, whereupon the fellow apparently swallowed some pins and needles.

"But," protested the man, "those aren't swords, they are pins and needles."

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hope of the Christian is, "the hope of the gospel". Col. 1:23. In accepting the gospel of Christ, by our obedience to its commands,

we hope to become free from sin; in observing the commands of the gospel, in work and worship, we hope to be made free from the power and practice of sin, and as a reward we hope to gain eternal rest. Hope makes it possible for us to bear our burdens, resist the temptations of life, and deny ourselves ungodliness and worldly lusts. By hope we reach within the veil, even into heaven itself, to lay hold upon Christ that he may live in our hearts, give us strength, courage and patience; that he may be manifested in our mortal flesh, comfort us in death, and at last receive us into glory. THINK on these things.

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TO: H. O. Dean, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of H. O. Dean, if deceased, and all unknown persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed given to H. O. Dean of Hockley County, Texas as grantee

**GREETING:**

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of January A.D., 1960, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 121st District Court of Hockley County, at the Court House in Levelland, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of November, 1959.

The file number of said suit being No. 4097.

The names of the parties in said suit are: P. Mansfield Thomas as Plaintiff, and H. O. Dean, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of H. O. Dean, if deceased, and all unknown persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed given to H. O. Dean of Hockley County, Texas as grantee, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

A trespass to try title, plaintiff alleging that on the 15th day of November, 1959, plaintiff was, and still is the owner in fee simple of the following described premises situated in Hockley County, Texas:

Lots 15, 16, and 17 of Block 8, Evans Addition to the City of Ropesville, Hockley County, Texas.

On such day, also, he was in possession of such premises and afterward on the 15th day of November, 1959, the defendants and each of them unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed Plaintiff of such premises and holds possession thereof, plaintiff ask for damages from the defendants in the amount of \$50.00 for the unlawful possession of said property, for judgment for the title and possession of said premises, and for cost of suit.

Issued this the 18th day of November, 1959.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Levelland, Texas, this the 18th day of November A.D., 1959.

Ruby Beebe,  
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For Tax Assessor-Collector:

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SHURFINE, 303 CAN

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**Small Can .08**

**Tall Can .16**

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