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SENATOR PRESTON SMITH

The first hint of agreement between Gov. Price Daniel and House Speaker Carr came out in the open when the Governor made public his list of first problems to be faced by the 55th Legislature.

Like Carr, the Governor pointedly avoided the question of integration in Texas schools.

Carr had suggested earlier that integration be postponed until the latter part of the term because of the amount of discussion which will undoubtedly become a part of any action concerning integration.

"Any practical solution of the school problem can be put into effect next September," Carr said.

Carr, furthermore, promised all segregation bills a fair and full hearing.

While the integration problem has been prominently excluded from much public comment by men and women of the 55th Legislature, there's little doubt in any one's mind here that segregation problems are going to be discussed with plenty of feeling, fireworks and friction.

Much the same situation surrounds a lobby control bill. There's not much talk about it, but the tension is there. One newspaperman described the lobby bill as "boiling underneath". Appropriations, taxes and financial matters dominate the chambers, and committee organizations are being set up.

Incidentally, I was elected vice-chairman of the Military and Veteran Affairs committee, and was appointed to serve on committees dealing with agriculture and livestock, education, finance, and public health. . . . so if any of you at home have some ideas along these lines, let me hear of them. Just write me in care of Capitol Station here in Austin.

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PAYMENT OF POLL TAX IS LAGGING

Poll tax in Hockley county is not being paid very fast. Tax Assessor - Collector Murry Stewart told us that up to Saturday noon of last week only 1,769 poll taxes had been issued.

He did state, however, he thought there would be a rush at the last minute and it was probable that the total amount would run to \$3500.

As you read this on Thursday you are reading it on the last day to pay your poll tax. If you have not already paid it, you will have to hurry.

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HAS RETURNED TO ROPES

Mrs. Cotton Cavitt and boys, who have been in De Leon assisting in the care of her father-in-law, returned home on Friday of last week.

Cotton told us that his father is much improved.



CLOSE OUT CHEST DRIVE—Ropesville Chairman Walt Fraley passes a check to Burnett Roberts, chairman of the 1956 Hockley County Community Chest Drive, marking the close of the campaign for the Chest in his community. From left in the picture are Roberts, Dan Jones, Fraley and W. M. Ethridge, all members of the committee. Ralph Riojas, also a member of the committee, and one of the principal Ropes Community workers, was not present when the picture was made. Ropes raised a total of \$584.50 for the Chest, under the direction of the Lions Club, which sponsored the drive. (Photo Courtesy of Levelland Daily Sun-News).

WHITE SAYS WATER SITUATION IS BECOMING CRITICAL

Allen White, of Lubbock, a member of the Water Conservation Board of the South Plains District, was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office last week.

In answer to a direct question, Mr. White stated that over a period of the past few years the water table in this county had fallen better than forty feet. He said there was no question but that the reservoir beneath the Plains received its water from surface seepage, and the time would come, unless the water is replenished, the vast lake would be pumped dry.

In speaking of water seepage from the surface, he pointed out that in 1941, when this section was blessed with 50 inches of rain, the water table continued to rise for five years. During the past seven years there has not even been a normal rainfall, and the water that is now being pumped from the earth is not being replaced.

Mr. White said there is a move on foot whereby an effort is being made to get the Federal government to finance wells to be drilled on the edge of lakes, and when the lakes fill up they will be drained back into the earth through these wells.

He stated that wells used for draining lakes very often fill with silt and would have to have facilities for pumping themselves out, then start draining the lake again.

To say the least, if the Plains became waterless, it would become a desert. And according to investigations, the water here is limited. It is something to think about.

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NOTICE

All who carried dishes to the Henry Etheridge home at the time of his death will call for them at the Ropes Food Store.

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COLD WEATHER AND ICE STORM VISIT PLAINS

While there was not enough snow to write home about, the cold snap, which started on Friday night of last week, turned into a little "stinker" Saturday. The drizzle of rain which accompanied it covered the trees with ice, and in many places the highways became slick. A number of traffic accidents were attributed to icy highways.

Saturday night it tried to snow. A thin sheet of snow was deposited on the ground, and remained there until melted by a warm sun Monday afternoon. However, on Monday night the cold returned and held sway until Tuesday afternoon when the mercury again jumped up.

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MILITARY INSTRUCTION PROGRAM AT SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 7

There will be a program of interest to all young men and their parents at the High School Auditorium on Thursday, February 7, 1957, at 7:30 p.m. There will be persons present from the Reserve Headquarters at Lubbock to explain the regulations and obligations for all men of draft age and those who will become of draft age within the next year.

This is not a recruiting program, but it is a program to give all interested persons the facts on the obligations for young men.

All young men and their parents are urged to attend, as well as any other interested persons. There will be an opportunity for everyone to ask any questions they desire, and receive the correct answer from persons who are informed on the subject.

There will be a plug on Radio KSEL, 950 on your dial, next Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. This program will tell about the program at the school, and will feature C. T. McCormick as he explains the purpose of the program.

HENRY ETHERIDGE FUNERAL HELD ON FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

Funeral services for Henry Etheridge, 50, were held from the Church of the Nazarene, in Ropesville, on Friday of last week. Rev. Dan Jones, pastor, delivered the funeral oration. He was assisted by Rev. H. W. Gaston, pastor of the Ropes Methodist Church.

Henry Etheridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Etheridge, deceased, was born at Chico, Texas on February 21, 1906. He lived in Lubbock a number of years before moving to Ropes.

On April 8, 1950, he was married to Isla Wilkison, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Lynell, now five and a half years old.

While Henry had not enjoyed good health since leaving the Armed Forces, his death came as a jolting shock to his family and the community. Only a few hours before his death he was on the streets of Ropes, talking with friends and attending business. Even at the time he retired for the night there was no indication the end was so near.

At about 2 o'clock in the morning his wife noticed he was ill and tried to arouse him. It was then she realized he was seriously ill and phoned the Loyd Arant home. Loyd summoned other neighbors, but it was too late for ministering of human hands, for within a matter of thirty minutes or less, Henry had passed into that realm beyond the sunset.

Interment was in the Ropes cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Lynell, three sisters, Mrs. A. C. Tapp of Grand Prairie, Mrs. Irene Rhodes of Baldwin Park, Calif., and Mrs. Rena Mae Best of Amarillo; and two brothers, L. E. and H. C. of Dallas.

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FOR SALE

Three-room modern home in north Ropes. See J. R. Gailey.

COUNTY JUDGE PAUL WILLIAMS IN HOSPITAL

County Judge Paul Williams is now in a Levelland hospital where he is being treated for rheumatism.

We were told that the sudden onset of this deadly malady made him almost helpless, attacking both his legs and arms.

He has many friends in the Ropes community who wish for him a speedy recovery.

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ROPSVILLE NEEDLE CLUB MEETS

The Ropesville Needle Club met January 24th in the home of Mrs. G. R. Johnson in Lubbock with all members present except Mrs. Teaff, who was unable to attend. The Needle Club members had a letter from one of the former members of which they were very proud to receive. The letter was from Mrs. Roy N. Spradlin. Here's a big "Hello", Helen, from us to you. Please send us a bit of those nice fresh vegetables you are having to eat. Everyone reported a nice afternoon. A quilt was quilted. Cake and coffee were served to the following members: Mmes. R. H. Hudson, Tobe Chitwood, W. O. Drake, Peck Rogers, Ed McAteer, Bob Thomas, James Means, E. N. Exum, and the hostess, Mrs. Hayslip.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Chitwood.

GROUND OBSERVERS CORPS GIVEN START IN ROPES

While the number who attended the first meeting of the Ropes Ground Observers Corps was few, the Ropes station was given the name of "Charlie Delta 52, Buack".

The work of the Corps and the choosing of its members was postponed until February 18 when an official will meet with the Ropes Lions Club to give full details and what is expected of such an organization.

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RETURN FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Dalton returned Wednesday from Miami, Florida after spending ten days with Harlon Dalton and family. Harlon is a jockey at the Hialeah Race Track and doing very good, bringing in some winners. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton took Harlon's wife and little girl down to Florida from Albuquerque, New Mexico in his car and flew home. There are lots of interesting things to see in Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton say they enjoyed going on the sight-seeing boat, seeing Miami Beach, the Aquarium, the Bird Farm, and many other things. The Hialeah Race Track is one of the most beautiful in the country.

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Robert Pope, of Lubbock, was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office Monday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor.

Schedule of Services
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship...11:00 AM
 Training Union 6:30 PM
 Evening Worship... 7:30 PM
 Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM

DISTRICT NINE CONVENTION will meet at the College Heights Church at Plainview February 28. Plan to attend.

THERE WILL BE A Brotherhood Evangelistic Rally for our District the night of February 12th. This meeting will be held at the First Church, Lubbock. It has been designated LADIES NIGHT, so we would like for our men to take their wives and attend this meeting. Dr. Casper Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the speaker. Our state WMU president, Mrs. Clem Hardy, will also be on the program.

TRAINING UNION meets every Sunday night at 6:30, and there is a place for every one of the family. Training Union attendance is a good habit. Include it in your program of activities.

WHAT PART OF THE CHURCH did you join???? The chances are that the Church would not amount to very much if it were not for the folks who joined all of it. THINK IT OVER.

A BANQUET FOR JR. GA girls of our Association was conducted at Levelland Tuesday night. Several girls attended from our church.

KEEP YOUR BULLETINS for the next few weeks and you will have your own personal copy of the resident

membership roll of our church. The members whose names appear each week on page 4 of the Bulletin will be recognized the following Sunday morning. If you notice any mistakes in the list, please notify us so we can make any needed corrections.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS begins at 7:00 o'clock each Wednesday night. We will continue our study this week of Hebrews. The passage to study is Hebrews 5:11 to 6:20, and Hebrews 10:19-39. Our subject is, "WHAT KIND OF FAITH DO WE HAVE?" Do you have faith to the saving of the soul, or are you a superficial professor? No question could be of greater importance. Also refer to Matthew 7:15-27.

A GROUP Training School will be conducted at Levelland February 18 to 22. We would like for our Teachers and Officers of the Sunday School to take advantage of this training if possible.

It looks as if the Junior Department is still in the lead in the percentage of the enrollment present. We commend our Juniors.

COMING EVENTS FOR Sunday School Workers
 1. A Visitation Program.
 2. A Community Religious Survey.

THE ANNUAL PANHANDLE PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE was held at Wayland College on Monday and Tuesday. Those attending from the Church were Boots Moore, Ray Martin, C. E. Strickland, Jack King, Maurice Cain, and the Pastor.

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

F. A. SIMS CELEBRATES 93RD BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sims on Monday attended a dinner which had for its purpose the celebration of the 93rd birthday of their father, F. M. Sims, the celebration being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sims.

The celebration had been planned for Sunday, but due to the icy highway it was impossible for the eight living children to attend.

Mr. Sims, a native of Tennessee, moved to Texas in 1882, settling in Grayson County near Whitewright, where he lived for 10 years. He then moved in 1892 to Collins county, living there for the next 20 years. In 1912 he moved to Wilbarger county, staying there three years. Then he got the fever "Go west, young man" and moved to Lubbock county in 1915. He lived there for 9 years and in 1924 he moved to Hockley county, settling on the place where he now lives.

During the 32 years he has lived in Hockley county he has proven himself a worthy citizen and has had much to do with the growth of this community. During his active years he was ever found supporting community projects, and working for the things that made the community a better place in which to live.

Mr. Sims married Nettie Dotson in 1888 at Blueridge, Texas, and to this union was born five boys and four girls, all living except one:

Mrs. R. W. Souls, L. J. Sims, Otto Sims, Tony Sims, Tom Sims, Mrs. G. T. Tubbs, Mrs. Roland Evans, Mrs. Quinten Cate.

While the weather prevented the children living away from Ropes from attending, it was a very joy-

ous occasion. The many friends of the Sims family hope for him many more happy birthdays.

SEZ WE

This is one time we let our birthday slip up on us. As a matter of fact, we had even forgotten we were born in the month of January until, this past Saturday night our kids came tripping in from Lubbock, bearing a huge cake with more than 50 candles on it. We knew a waffle supper was being planned, but until we saw the cake and "loot", we were taken completely by surprise. Indeed, it was most like Christmas, judging from the many nice gifts. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield, Stephen and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Berrlyn, Artie and Irene; and Mrs. R. W. Shanklin, Winona and Darlene. Bob Shanklin was "tied up" at home with the three boys, Wesley, Troy and Roy, who are suffering with the chicken pox. Our daughter-in-law and children were in Texico where they visited Donald, our son.

While we have reached that stage in life where a birthday means little to us—and sometimes we would rather forget them—it is rather heart-warming to have the brats—once our babies, but now with growing families of their own—to come in and yelp: "Happy Birthday". And it was, indeed, a happy birthday. We played games to the tune of fighting cousins, who dearly love each other, but when they meet on common ground, fight with the ferocity of two strange tomcats.

However, kids will be kids. They have a riotous spirit which must have an outlet, so they let off steam, and we rather enjoy hearing them—if they were quiet and

peaceful they would not be normal.

Which reminds us, you can pay your poll tax today at the Ropes Drug—and this is positively the last day.

Rather damp today and if it freezes there will be plenty of ice. It is a slow mist, but what we need is a foot of water—however, we can be thankful for what we receive.

We could have snow, but no sign of it now. The seige of winter is holding on with grim determination. From the present outlook it will continue to hold on. While we are not particularly fond of cold weather, we do like the little moisture it is bringing.

With that, we move off the page.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our deep appreciation for the many kind deeds, words of sympathy, flowers, food, and your thoughtfulness at the time of the death of our beloved husband, father, brother and brother-in-law. It was these things that made it possible for us to bear the sorrow of this dark hour. It is our hope and prayer that when the Dark Angel visits you, you will find yourselves among such friends as you have proven to be.

Mrs. Henry Etheridge and daughter, Lynell
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkison
Mrs. A. C. Tapp and family
Mrs. Irene Rhodes and family
Mrs. C. C. Best and family
L. E. Etheridge and family
H. C. Etheridge and wife
J. R. Galley and wife
Mrs. L. Arnold and boys
M. L. Wilkison and family.

THREE ELECTIONS IN APRIL

Just so that you might start thinking about it, there are three elections coming up in April.

On April 2nd a City Election will be held to elect three aldermen. At the same time an election will be held to elect a United States senator.

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Close on the heels of these two elections will cofe the school trustee election.

SCHOOL-CENSUS BEING TAKEN

This week the school census is being taken. It is of the utmost importance that each child in the school district be registered. So, if the census taker should not call on you, you call on the census taker.

LEAVE FOR AUSTIN MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell will leave for Austin on Monday where Mrs. Russell will take the examination for beautification.

She has just completed her course in Lubbock.

There are 24 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MET MONDAY NIGHT

The Ropesville Volunteer Fire Department met Monday night with seventeen members present.

The practice time was spent in teaching members how to operate the truck. At the business meeting which followed one new member was taken in, Joy Allen.

FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS CENTER

Great Lakes, Illinois
SAN DIEGO, Cal. (FHINC)
— Donald G. Jones, sonarman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jones of Ropesville, Texas, and husband of the former Miss Lillie M. Miller of Ropesville, aboard the mine sweeper USS Illusive, participated in "Operation Ski-

Jump", the year's biggest Pacific naval training exercise which ended January 25.

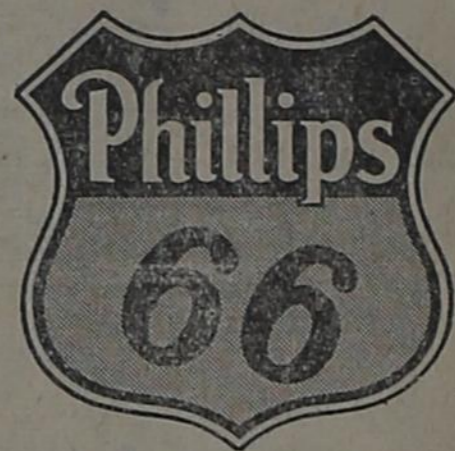
More than 20,000 Navy men and 30,000 Marines took part in the 18-day maneuver, the sea phase of which ended with an amphibious assault landing at Camp Pendleton, Calif., January 17. Marine troops maneuvered ashore until January 23.

Warships added a realistic "softening-up" phase to the operation by shelling San Clemente Island. Carrier

based planes, and planes of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing based at Y1 Toro and Mojave, Calif., provided air support and cover for the task force.

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- Potatoes, No. 1, 10 lb bag.49
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 Few grains salt
 1 cup powdered sugar

Have ready a baked 9-in. pastry shell. Chill milk in ice tray until almost frozen around the edges. Mix in a 1-qt. saucepan the cornstarch and sugar. Drain cherries, saving syrup. If necessary, add water to syrup to make 1 cup. Stir syrup into cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir until very thick and clear, about 7 min. Cool thoroughly and then add drained cherries. Put into pastry shell. Meanwhile, melt butter in small saucepan. Take from heat and mix in until smooth the lemon juice, salt and powdered sugar. Cool thoroughly. Put ice-cold milk into a cold 1-qt. bowl. Whip with cold rotary beater, or with electric beater at high speed, until stiff. Whip in cooled powdered sugar mixture just until mixed, about ¼ at a time. Do not overbeat. Arrange around edge of pie. Chill an hour before serving.

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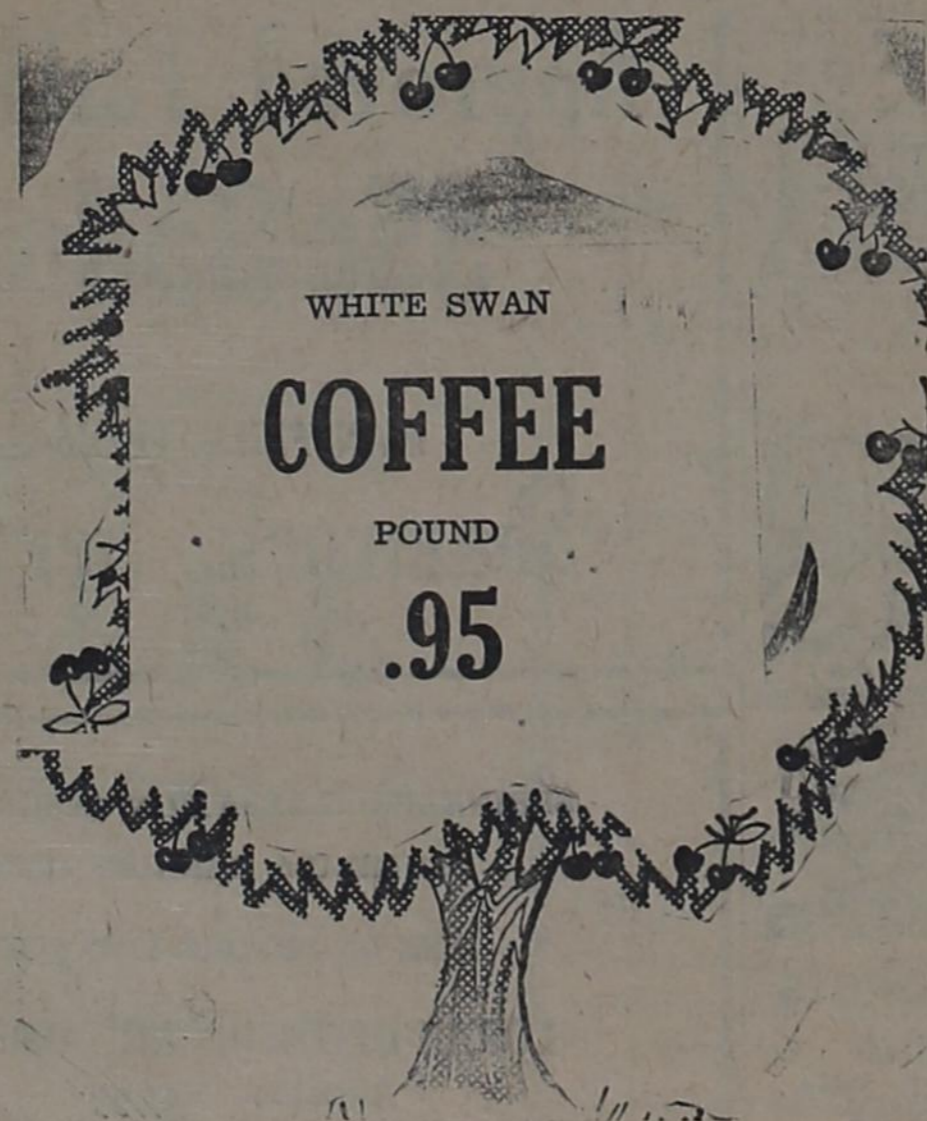
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