

THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

Great Grandpappy of all Sandies Moves Real Estate on South Plains

Riding in on a southwest wind, which reached a velocity of 60 to 70 miles an hour, the South Plains this past Monday was treated to one of the heaviest sandstorms of the year, and for that matter, the past several days. The day started out sunny and mild, but by mid-morning there were indications of a sand storm. Around 10 o'clock the barometer started dropping and the wind picked up speed. It reached down and scooped up sand from the earth and tossed it about in the air until it seemed there was a solid mass of sand coming toward you. At mid-day the visibility was cut to almost zero and it was as twilight, lights being turned on in the home to dispel the gloom.

Death Touches Ropes With Heavy Hand

Death struck a heavy blow in the Ropes community this week, claiming two of our citizens, James B. Comer, 66, and W. O. Drake.

James B. Comer passed away Monday at his farm home northwest of Ropes. He was found by a son during the heavy sandstorm that was blowing.

It is said Mr. Comer had been suffering from high blood pressure, but while in Ropes a few days ago he told one of his friends that his blood pressure was almost normal, and that he felt better than he had in seven or eight years.

Mr. Comer, a native of Tennessee, had lived in the Arnett community since 1946. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ropes Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Frank Story, delivering the funeral oration, assisted by Rev. Neil Powell, Wellman.

Pall bearers will be Paul Veretto, Henry Nessel, Roy Titus, Shirley Cooper, Eddie Hale and Newt Green.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Agnes Comer, three sons, R. L. Comer of Fort Morgan, Colo., O. C. Comer of Odessa, and J. B. Comer Jr. of Route 1, Levelland; a daughter, Mrs. A. V. Webb of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and four sisters, Mrs. Frank Cooper of Dallas, Mrs. Will Cooper of Pursley, Mrs. Otis Medlin and Mrs. Billie Harris, both of Grand Junction, Colo.

W. O. DRAKE PASSES AWAY

The Ropes community was shocked and saddened Tuesday night when it learned that W. O. Drake had passed away enroute to a hospital in Lubbock, after suffering a heart attack at his home on North Timmons Avenue in Ropes. Funeral services will be held from Ropes Methodist Church at 3:30 pm Thursday afternoon.

While Mr. Drake had been ill for more than a year suffering from ulcerated stomach and high blood pressure, no one even dreamed that his condition was so serious. He was in town several times during the day Tuesday. However, while playing dominoes he had to quit because of a pain in his chest. Seemingly, the pain grew more severe until, after going home, he was unable to drive his car, and realizing that he must reach a doctor, he and his wife went into the street in front of their house where they waved down Woodrow Jones and Billy Ray Martin who immediately rushed him to the hospital, but he had already passed away before he could be carried into the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Drake have lived in the Ropes community for many years, having raised a family here, and are known by most of our people. Since having to retire from farming they have lived in Ropes, and daily he has been on our streets meeting and talking with friends. He will be missed, not alone by his family, but by those who have come in contact with him.

Survivors include the wife, Ruby; two daughters, Mrs. D. D. Shaver of New York, and Mrs. Doyle Forbis, Wellman; four sons, Oliver of Lubbock, Marvin of Lubbock, J. T. and Bob, both of Ropesville; a brother, Trace, of Quitaque; four sisters, Mrs. Lila Ferguson and Mrs. Gord Driggs of Pampa, Mrs. Jewel Reed of Phoenix, and Mrs. Della Ray of Buckeye, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR TRUSTEES

Last week, in stating that a trustee election would be held for school trustees, the Plainsman failed to give the names of the nominating committee, which are as follows:

J. W. Berry, chairman; E. G. Moore, J. R. Smith, James Adams and Bud Rucker.

The election is scheduled to be held April 4th, with Everett Wallace as election judge. At that time the terms of G. W. Sosebee and H. S. Abston expire.

The nominating committee will meet on Thursday of this week.

O. V. FULLER TO LEAVE FOR NEW JERSEY

O. V. Fuller, superintendent of Ropes schools, left this week for Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he and a number of superintendents from this section, and others from all over the nation, will attend a meeting of the National School Administrators Association.

On the return trip the administrators from Texas will stop off in Washington, D. C., and have breakfast with Senator Lyndon Johnson and Representative Geo. Mahon.

Schools to Hold Open House

In celebration of school week, March 2-6, the Ropes schools will hold open house on the evening of March 5. Every one is not only invited, but are urged to attend.

The full program has not been worked out but M. G. Hannaford, principal of the high school, stated there will be activities from all departments. There will be a physical education show in the gym, slide rule demonstration in the math department, moving pictures in the social science department, a science show in the lab, and a demonstration in the homemaking department.

A full schedule for the program is being prepared, and will be publicized in time for folks to know when and what to attend.

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BERNICE PRATER OUTSTANDING WORK

"I think," said Mr. Hannaford, "that Bernice Prater should be commended for the outstanding work she has done in the library. She has repaired and put back into circulation a large number of books which would have been a total loss but for her work."

CENSUS SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

As the school census is finished this year it shows a large increase in children of school age. The completed census registers 700 white students and 45 Negro students.

RELATIVE OF MRS. C. STEPHENSON PASSES AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson were called to Colorado City on Saturday night of last week to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law of Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. A. R. Moore, who passed away unexpectedly.

ATTEND FRIENDSHIP NIGHT AT SUNDOWN

The following members of the Ropes Eastern Star attended Friendship Night at the Sundown club this past week:

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Howard, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Frank Sylvester, R. M. Mayfield and Edward Russell.

RECOVERING FROM THE CHICKENPOX

Danny Young, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young, is about recovered from a seige of chickenpox.

following were on the trip: Dalvador Arroyas, Johnny Castenada, Gary Gresham, Joe Jeffcoat, R. C. Lewis, Betty Mannin, Roy Pinkert, Johnny Redman, D'Linda Robinett, Danny Robinson, Emogene Wright, Maurice Whitehead, Cathy Byrd, Dolores Brown, Clinton Abney, Beverly Bartlett, Marilyn Fletcher, Karen Blackmon, Priscilla Green, Helen Cain, Cynthia Gresham, Janice Jackson, Larry Jackson, Linda Jones, Dorothy Kulms, Mary Morrow, Janice Pointer, Marie Salinas, Glenn Thrash, Jimmy Williams, Gerald Ward, James Zorns, and Donald Wright.

STUDENTS TAKE CHORUS TRIP

The following students of the Ropes schools spent February 10th in Lubbock on a field chorus trip:

Sandra Armstrong, Carrol Baxter, Sharon Campbell, Mary Ann Humble, Jo Ann Jeffcoat, Betty Mannin, Pat-sy Wright, Martha Mannin, George Merritt, Ronnie McNabb, Bernell Ponton, Jackie Weatherly, Connie Witherspoon, Emogene Wright, Joyce Wright, Ronnie Tibbets, Wenda Lowrie, Sandra Bain, Gracie Riojas, D'Linda Robinett, and Ann Calloway.

She had been in ill health

TWO CARS ARE WRECKED IN A COLLISION

In a two-car collision the automobiles of Wayne Grueben and John Costenada were badly wrecked. The accident occurred on the pavement in front of the school buildings.

The Costenada car, backing from a parking place, was smashed into by the Grueben car, which was traveling south. No one was injured.

The accident was investigated by the Highway Patrol.

MAYFIELDS VISIT IN MATADOR

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield spent Saturday afternoon in Matador visiting in the homes of friends.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. V. A. BETHANY

Funeral services were held in the Ropes Methodist Church on Saturday, February 7th, at 2:00 p.m. for Mrs. V. A. Bethany, Sr., who passed away at the home of a daughter in Big Lake.

Mrs. Bethany, a former citizen of Ropesville, moved with her family to Ropes in 1924 and she and her husband, who preceded her in death, were well known to most of our people.

Mrs. Bethany had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years, and followed in the path laid out by the Lowly Nazarene, being a faithful wife, a loving mother and an accommodating neighbor. To know her was to love her.

Our Church will be host to the Associational Workers Conference the evening of February 26th. We will need the cooperation of the ladies of the church in serving the evening meal to our visitors.

OUR SPRING REVIVAL will be conducted April 2 to 12. The evangelist this year will be Kirby McGuire, pastor of the Queen Street Baptist Church of Tyler. Eddie Smith, of the same church, will be in charge of the music. A program of Revival Preparation is in progress. We will be taking a survey of the community in the next few days. We will appreciate the cooperation of each home in furnishing information relative to the church affiliation of the members of the family. Any information received that will be helpful to the other churches of the community will gladly be shared with them.

BAPTIST NEWS

John J. Cole, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship.... 11:00 am
Training Union 6:30 pm
Evening Worship... 7:30 pm
Wed. Nite Serv..... 7:30 pm

WE INVITE YOU to worship with us at the First Baptist Church.

MELVIN YOUNG TO OPEN LAUNDRY IN WOLFFORTH

Melvin Young, who runs the Texaco Station in Wolfforth, was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman on Friday of last week and stated he is preparing to open a new coin operated Maytag Laundry in Wolfforth. It will be located next door to the service station.

He will install twelve automatic coin operated washing machines and four dryers.

The laundry will operate twenty-four hours a day, and he is running an ad in the paper this week inviting the folks of the Meadow and Ropesville communities to wash with him.

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LEON BAIN WINS IN EL PASO

Leon Bain, we learn as we go to press, won third place in the El Paso Stock Show with a Berkshire hog. The hog was raised by J. M. Hewlett and weighed 218 pounds.

C. T. McCormick says this is the toughest show in the state, and that winning 3rd place was a feat within itself.

LIONS TO HOLD LADIES NIGHT

The Ropes Lions Club will hold Ladies Night on February 16th.

A good program has been arranged for 7:00 p.m., and all members with their wives are urged to attend.

REV. F. STORY IN O'DONNELL

Rev. Frank Story, pastor of the Ropes Methodist Church, was in O'Donnell on Wednesday visiting.

BOY SCOUTS TO MEET

The Ropes Boy Scouts will meet in the basement of the Ropes First Baptist Church on Thursday night of this week at 7:00 o'clock. All scouts are urged to be present.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given for Mrs. Katherine (Ayers) Watson on February 18 at 3:00 o'clock in the school cafeteria. The public is invited.

A. MAYFIELDS' VISIT IN TULIA

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield and daughters, Linda and Debbie, spent the weekend in Tulia visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thurman, and other relatives.

Returning home with them for a visit was their niece, little Carol Ross.

VISIT IN ROPESVILLE

Misses Winona and Darlene Shanklin spent the weekend in Ropes visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris, and their aunts, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris. They live in Lubbock.

Other visitors in the Morris home Sunday were Mrs. Bob Shanklin and boys, and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and daughter, all of Lubbock; Mrs. Donald Morris and children, and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and children, Mrs. J. R. Gailey, and Mrs. Henry Etheridge and daughter, Lynell, all of Ropesville.

DARBYS HAVE HOUSE WARMING

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Darby gathered at the new Darby home Thursday night of last week for a house warming.

Many folks were present, and the Darbys received a large number of nice and useful gifts.

CARD OF THANKS

The Ropes basketball girls and coach, and Mrs. Graves and Julia wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means for the lovely steak supper they prepared for them on Thursday night of last week.

MRS. B. CURRY HAS VISITORS

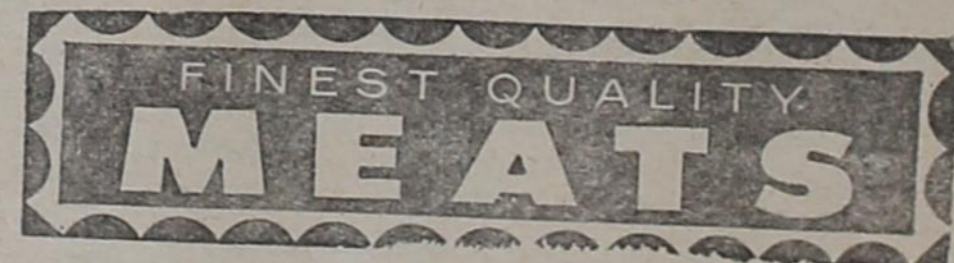
Mrs. Bessie Curry had as her guests Sunday her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Godwin and boys, and her granddaughter, Melba Curry, all of Lubbock.

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I am writing this letter in hopes that others may do as I did and turn to Chiropractic for health.

If you are now in bad health, I highly recommend that you go see Drs. McIlroy and McIlroy to see whether or not you are a Chiropractic patient.

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MEADOW NEARS TITLE WITH ROPES VICTORY

Meadow's Bronchos all but wrapped up the District 7-B conference basketball championship Friday night, scoring a 55-43 victory over the Ropesville Eagles.

It gave Meadow a 7 - 0 conference record.

Ropesville teams won the other games, the varsity girls taking a 41 - 35 triumph and the girls B team winning, 17 - 16.

Meadow led at the quarter, 17-14, but fell behind at the half, 30-29. The Broncs took charge in the third quarter to lead, 43-35, and pulled farther ahead in the fourth quarter.

Four players scored in double figures for Meadow, led by James Smith with 16 points. Jimmy Pendergrass had 14, Maurice Warren had 13 and Don Hester, 10. Jimmy Williams had 17 points and Bill Durham, 12, for Ropesville.

Wenda Lowrie scored 26 points for the Ropes girls, and Kay Settles had 23 for Meadow, while Roseva Lewis had 12 for Ropes B and Jan Lockett, 6, for Meadow.

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PAT PATTERSON IS RE-HIRED

In the article last week telling about principals and coaches being given new contracts with the Ropes schools, in some manner the name of Pat Patterson was left out of the list.

Pat's contract was renewed along with the others.

STORYS' VISIT WITH DAUGHTER

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Story and son, Milton, were in McAdoo since last issue visiting in the home of a daughter and family.

MRS. T. WHITE IS ILL

Mrs. Travis White and daughter Carolyn, who have been seriously ill, are said to be well on the road to recovery.

SUSIE ANN NORRIS RETURNED HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Susie Ann, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Norris, was returned to her home in Ropesville from a Lubbock hospital where she was suffering from pneumonia. She is reported to be improved, but will be confined to her room for several days.

Mr. Norris is a teacher in Ropes public schools.

NEW READERS

We are glad to number among our new readers this week Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lindley, of Route 1, Ropesville.

DON WHITLOCK IS RECOVERING

Don Whitlock, who has been suffering from the Yellow Jaundice, was released by his doctor this week,

and will be able to return to school next week.

Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock, and has been confined to his room for several days.

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FARM BUREAU ENDORSES NATURAL GAS TAX

WACO — Governor Daniel's proposal to tax natural gas as a means of raising needed revenue has been strongly endorsed by the Texas Farm Bureau.

J. H. West, president of the state's largest farm organization, declared that the tax is fair and equitable because it does not place an undue burden on Texans, while at the same time, gives the people of Texas an opportunity to benefit from the "irreplaceable" natural resource now being shipped out of state.

The revenue-raising proposal, HB 43, has been introduced in the House of Representatives in Austin by Rep. George Hinson of Mineola. The proposed tax is a "severance beneficiary" tax on natural gas at the rate of 3 per cent of value, which would raise \$41 million over the next biennium. It would be paid by the producer only if there is no severance beneficiary to pay for it.

West lauded both Governor Daniel and Rep. Hinson for their efforts to secure needed state revenues from such a source. He contended that even with passage of the Governor's proposal, Texas would still be taxing natural gas at less than half the rate of some surrounding gas-producing states.

At present some 53 per cent of Texas' natural gas production is consumed out of state, with many of the consuming states deriving considerable revenue from taxing it. For example, the states of New York, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois collect from two to nine times as much in taxes per thousand cubic feet on Texas gas than Texas itself collects.

West said he agrees with Governor Daniel that Texans who may end up paying part of this tax on the gas consumed in Texas will be glad to do so in order to see that

those who are enjoying more than half of our production outside the state pay a just tax on this natural resource. The Texas Farm Bureau, at its convention last November in Corpus Christi, reaffirmed its policy favoring an increased natural resources tax when additional money was needed to run the state government. The policy first calls for strict economy in state government agencies and elimination of all non-essential services.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

By Price Daniel
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas

GREETINGS:

Today, more than ever before, the importance of our schools is being realized by an awakened Nation. A new perspective has been taken on by education, both in scientific and liberal arts fields.

As we rush to train scientists and place satellites in outer space, however, it is important to remember that our public schools will furnish our leaders of tomorrow with the basic human, moral and spiritual foundations necessary for more advanced training and knowledge.

In an effort to make Texas public schools the finest in the Nation, the citizens of our communities are urged to take an active interest in the school systems and to cooperate with the respective school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers.

For the past nine years Public Schools Week in Texas has been set aside as a special time each year to place increased emphasis on our educational system. Par-

ent visitation is encouraged and each citizen is urged to recognize the tremendous importance of our public schools.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 2 - 6, 1959, as

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Price Daniel,
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While with the fleet the destroyer will visit many Far Eastern ports.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this means of thanking the folks of the Ropes community for the many kindnesses, words of sympathy and the flowers at the time of the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. V. A. Bethany, Sr. We will never forget you. May God bless each of you.
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The Wellman girls remained undefeated in District 7-B here Tuesday night by dumping Ropesville, 52-36, as three players hit in the double figures.

Karen Hamm led the spree with 23 points while Virginia Thornton had 16 and Velda Hill 13. Wenda Lou Lowrie had 16 for Ropes.

Ropes won the boys' game, taking the varsity conflict, 44-29, as Larry Jackson scored 12 points and Jim Williams 11, and the B game, 41-18, as Jackie Weatherly scored 22 points.

Merle Smith, with eight, and Leon Falls, with seven, led Wellman varsity, with James Martin getting six for the B squad.

ROPES HD CLUB MET FEB. 3rd

The Ropes Home Demonstration Club met for its first monthly meeting on February 3rd at the home of Mrs. N. J. Green. Nine members and one visitor, Mrs. T. K. Markham, were present. Mrs. Joe Harris, president, presided at the meeting which consisted of voting on the yearly recommendations of the county council committees on year-book, finance, recreation, exhibit, education and expansion. The council committees make recommendations which the local clubs carry out in their meetings throughout the year.

The program was in charge of Glenda Tussy, program chairman, who demonstrated the making of wall plaques.

These were made by covering dinner plates with crushed egg shells, decorated with flowers and then spraying with copper paint.

The next meeting to be held on February 17 at the home of Mrs. Harry Copeland will feature a demonstration of breads and cereals for breakfast given by the county agent.

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BOB WRITES FROM AUSTIN

ANIMAL HEALTH
Several bills dealing with

Animal Health have been introduced this session, the main one of which is a brucellosis control program for cattle other than dairy cattle. (Dairy cattle are already under a combination State-Federal Program.)

The program would require 75% of the stock owners to approve it in any area, and then it could go into effect and all stock owners would have to comply.

CATTLE TO BE BANNED

Unless Texas sets up a program for its beef cattle, we may find Texas cattle banned from many states. When a state becomes brucellosis free, then cattle from an area which is not "clean" will be banned from entry into that state. House Bill 31 would help take care of this problem.

RIGHT-TO-WORK LAW

Texas' Right-To-Work law is coming under fire this session. The labor unions have introduced several bills which might allow the repeal of this law.

MUST BELONG TO UNION?

In many states which do not have a Right-To-Work law, all workers (farm workers too) must belong to a union and pay their dues before they can go to work.

Of course, this means more money for the unions because more people pay dues. I believe in a man's right-to-work without having to belong to any group or organization or labor union. When we have to pay dues for the right to get a job, then we have lost a little more than our freedom.

SPENDING
All groups are now appearing before the House Appropriations Committee requesting more and more money. The more money that is required, the more taxes we have to pay. This is the vicious circle in which we find ourselves.

"CUT THE FAT"
The problem, of course, is where can we "cut the fat" and where must we expand to adequately provide state services for Texans. Certain fundamental programs must be expended, and yet all money requests cannot be granted. These are the "horns of the dilemma" which are before the legislature. As members of the legislature, we must therefore make some people happy, some people mad, and others merely disappointed. I hope you will be one of those who is "happy".

Bob Bowers,
State Representative,
District 98.

DO YOU WANT TO KILL A CHILD?

Numerous complaints have been made to the City of Ropes about cars exceeding the 15-mile speed limit in front of the schools during school hours.

It is stated that cars will flash by the school, with children playing next to the street, at speeds exceeding 50 and 60 miles an hour, which, if a child should run out into the street, would make it impossible for a car to stop before it had hit the child.

It should not be necessary for a traffic cop to be placed on this street to stop excessive speeds. Anyone old enough to drive a car should have sufficient intelligence to know that a car running more than 20 miles an hour is inviting trouble. It is said that adult drivers are as much at fault as teenage drivers.

What does the life of a child mean to you?

If you have to hurry, choose a street other than the street in front of the school houses.

If you kill a child on this street and your speed exceeds twenty miles an hour, you can be charged with manslaughter.

When you turn onto this street -- slow down.

RICHARD RIOJAS LEAVES FOR MEXICO CITY

Richard Riojas left this week for Mexico City where he will enter the University of Mexico Medical School. It has been the hope of Richard to enter a Texas school but the medical profession of this state seemingly is of the opinion that if they let worthy young men into their ranks there might be an over-supply of medical doctors.

Richard has completed four years at Tech, where he took pre-medical studies, and is now ready for a medical school, and after exhausting every source in Texas, obtained entrance in the college in Mexico City. Richard is the son of Ralph Riojas, of Ropes, and is an outstanding student. We're happy to know that his ambition to become a medical doctor is to be realized, even if he has to go to Mexico City to further his education.

R. M. MAYFIELD HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Mrs. R. M. Mayfield honored her husband with a birthday supper on Wednesday evening, March 14.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boles and children, Bob, Milton and Donna, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield and children, Linda and Debbie.

MRS. B. CURRY IS RECOVERED

Mrs. Bessie Curry, who has been numbered among the ill, is reported to be almost recovered.

FROM CALIFORNIA

Tom Shanklin, accompanying Donald Morris from California, was in Ropes on Monday night.

These sandstorms are some sight for Tom—they don't have them in California.

RECOVERING FROM THE CHICKENPOX

Buck Baxter, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nichols, is recovering this week from the chickenpox.

WRIGHTS VISIT IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Warner

Wright and children were in Amarillo over the weekend where they visited in the home of relatives.

MRS. BOB THOMAS RETURNS FROM JACKSONVILLE

Mrs. Bob Thomas returned this week from Jackson-

ville where she had been visiting in the home of a daughter.

MRS. H. TIMMONS IS RECOVERING

Mrs. Herman Timmons, who has been suffering from a virus, is reported to be almost recovered.



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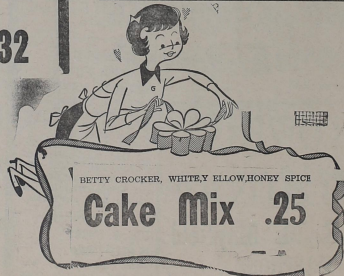
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