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EVERYBODY IS . . .

—Ted Dotts

A few years ago when I was in the Infantry, I noticed how much theft went on. Soldiers would steal all that they could get their hands on. And, when men usually thought honest were called upon to explain their actions, they answered: "Everybody is doing it."

Yet, when pressed further to explain, many would reply, "Well, everybody does it and besides it is stealing from the government." These two things, then, made stealing a legitimate procedure: everybody does it; and the thefts were from the government.

Now this kind of thinking is an ever-present danger for us all whether or not we are in the Army, because so much of our living today is living in relation to the government. We are all related to the government as we pay our income tax, our social security, our state taxes, etc.

And, this kind of thinking is most especially dangerous for us here at Ropesville since we live in a farming community. The farmer, perhaps more than any other, deals with the government. The farmer is paid to shred or plow under a crop and the time may arise when that crop might be harvested, although the farmer has been paid not to harvest it. The farmer's whole life and business is closely tied to the government. And what kind of a country would we have if our farmers, the basic person in our whole existence, should begin to operate from these two ideas: (1) it is all right to steal if everybody else does; and (2) it is all right to steal from the government.

If you do something wrong because everybody is, I think you commit two sins. First, the commandment is: THOU SHALT NOT STEAL (Mt. 19: 18). The commandment does not say: Thou shalt not steal unless, of course, everybody is stealing, then you may steal. There are only four words—THOU SHALT NOT STEAL—and it could not matter if all the people in the world were thieves the commandment remains the same.

The second sin you commit when you steal and try to justify it by saying, "everybody is . . ." is the sin of bearing false witness. You are lying. I say you are lying because everybody is not stealing. I personally know men who do not steal, who do not cheat on their income tax, who do not cheat the government in their farming. Everybody is not stealing, so if you steal, do not drag down humanity to your level.

Then, some say that it is all right to steal, if you steal only from the government. "After all," some reason, "I pay taxes; therefore, what I steal really belongs to me." Now this is real ignorance of democracy, of the way in which our United States is organized.

Suppose that all who pay school taxes in this area decided to steal from the school. After all, did they not pay taxes? So, if you paid school taxes and wanted to build a patio out of brick, all you would need to do for materials would be to go to the school building and tear the brick out to build your patio.

Anyone who steals from the government is stealing from the rest of us. Anyone who cheats on his income tax is not bearing the same burden as those who do not cheat are bearing. Anyone who steals harms his neighbor. And anyone who harms

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YOUNG HOMEMAKERS SPONSOR TOYS FOR TOTS

The Ropes Young Homemakers Chapter are sponsoring a Toys for Tots Drive for the Ropes community.

The Young Homemakers are working to brighten up Christmas for the community underprivileged children.

Contributions are being sought from residents, civic clubs, schools, church groups and other organizations, and

individuals to provide gifts that are in good condition or need minor repairs. This is a good opportunity to empty the toy box of out grown toys, books, torn and worn toys, etc.

A box will be provided at the Ropes Food Store to collect your contribution until December 16.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN

If you know any child regardless of race, color or creed, not over 14 years of age living in the Ropes community, who might be forgotten on Christmas Day, fill out this coupon (print name and address plainly, please) and mail at once to the Ropes Plainsman, Ropesville, Texas.

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Address _____

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MRS. HOBBS ENJOYS TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

(Delayed)

Mrs. Emory Hobbs left Nov. 16 for a trip to California. She returned Sunday night. She made the trip out with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Freeman, who are residents of California, and returned home by train.

The first night was spent in Denver City with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Grace.

In Mesa, Arizona, they spent the night with her sister in law, Leola Freeman.

Mrs. Hobbs reports that when she crossed the Mojave Desert, it was covered with snow—the first time in 27 years. Snow was also very heavy in the San Bernardino Mountains.

In Madera, they visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lewallen, and in Modesto a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pizerulle, where they enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner. Also present were two nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hobbs of Sweetland and Marvin Grace of Hayward.

A very enjoyable trip was taken down the Red Wood Train out of San Josea to the Big Basin. Trees lining this trail are the oldest in history

and are so tall and overlap at the top presenting a tunnel effect. However, Mrs. Hobbs reports the trees could not compare with the ones in the Big Basin. One tree, referred to as the "Mother" Tree, is 329 feet high and 70 feet around the base. The "Father Tree" is 250 feet tall and 60 feet around the base. The "Stovepipe" tree is 209 feet tall and is hollow and you can look up through it. There are several hollow trees that would make good sized rooms.

The deer in the Basin are numerous and are tame. They eat out of your hand.

A trip over the Golden Gate Bridge was also enjoyed.

Mrs. Hobbs says that just out of San Francisco there is a Military Cemetery and the small white crosses reach as far across as the eye can see, and is one or two miles long. She also saw San Quentin prison and Alcatraz; these she didn't visit.

Enjoying lunch at El Cerrito, Mrs. Hobbs boarded the train at Richmond for the return trip.

SENIORS TO HAVE TURKEY SHOOT DECEMBER 12

The parents of the Ropes Senior class will sponsor another Turkey Shoot on December 12, 1964.

It will be held at S. B. Berry's field just west of the railroad tracks from 9 a.m. until

dark thirty.

The prizes will be turkeys, hams or bacon. A trophy will be given to the winner of the most prizes.

'Ya'll Come!'

HOMEMAKING I NEWS IN CALIFORNIA

—by Judy Hardin

The Homemaking I class of Ropesville, along with the Freshman class and a few other high school students, is preparing a Christmas program for December 22 during the activity period.

Barbara Burks is the choir chairman, whose job is to choose members for the choir, find robes for them, and select the music.

While the choir is singing, there will be a still scene of the Nativity. Mickey Hill and Dennis McNabb are responsible for the scenery.

A skit is also scheduled for that day. Judy Hardin is the skit chairman and is responsible for it. Susan Berry is costume chairman, who is in charge of the costumes worn in the skit and Nativity scene.

Others participating in the program are Kathy Allen, Carolyn Bethany, Janice Bradshaw, Brenda Cole, Esperanza DeLeon, Shyrle Ann Harris, Karen McKee, Louise Means, Diana Suter, Brenda Thomas, Yolanda Trevino, and Erma Wright.

IS RECOVERING

We noticed Rev. Wayne Perry is up and around again after having surgery recently.

JEST SOME THOUGHTS—

If you missed the football game at Levelland Friday night, you really missed some things, and we don't mean just the game, although it was exceptionally good.

The fans were quite a sight to see, the team really had to play that night to outshine the spectators.

Clothes were dug out that hadn't seen daylight in years and everything was taken out of the cars except the seats to keep warm.

Knitted tams pulled down low over the ears, and hats setting on top of the were numerous.

Clothes were for warmth, not looks. It appeared to be a costume party for Ole Man Winter.

We have never seen so many "campers" in our life, although the only thing being hunted was warmth and a winning score.

We doubt if any game was ever viewed before from so many sleeping bags, insulated coveralls, quilts and blankets.

The sound and sight of fans being zipped into sleeping bags was certainly a common thing.

People were hard to recognize in their unusual attire. It was quite interesting just to wait and see who showed up next and what they had dug out to battle the cold.

Very few moved at halftime, guess they were unable to walk in their sleeping bags—quite an appropriate time for the "Bunny Hop".

Either that or their feet were immune by that time to being imposed on, like ours, or maybe they had good and generous neighbors like we did, with a big thermos of hot coffee.

The Ropes side of the stadium was pretty well crowded, with everyone wanting to sit on the south side of someone else.

But there has never been as much "togetherness" in the community before.

Sundown was not too well represented—guess they all own radios.

Anyway, the game was well worth sitting out in the cold to watch. We are mighty proud of the Ropes Eagles and Coaches Maxfield and Powell.

A wonderful football season that comes very seldom.

ROPES HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

The next club meeting will be held December 15 in the home of Mrs. Ronnie Ayers at Wolforth.

The Council Christmas party will be December 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Levelland. Each person is asked to bring a homemade valued at \$1 for exchange.

ILL OVER WEEKEND

Monica, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ream was ill over the weekend and was taken to Lubbock for medical care. She was suffering from a cold.

YOUTH SCOUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ropes Cub Scout Pack will have a Christmas party and meeting December 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the community building.

Den II will bring the program. All parents are invited to attend.

EAGLES WIN REGION 1 TITLE FRIDAY NIGHT

The football game held at the Lobo Stadium in Levelland this past Friday night between the Eagles and the Roughnecks was quite a game.

The Eagles really soared high with a 14-0 win over the Roughnecks for Region 1 Title.

Approximately two hundred Ropes fans turned out to see the game in below freezing weather.

The sides of the gridiron were lined with ice, but the spirit of both team and fans was high.

The entire team played a very good game, and we believe it was the best of the season.

At halftime feature twirler Mary Jackson braved the cold and gave her final performance for the Ropes Eagle fans. She made a very pret-

ty picture in her bright green costume, and did a wonderful job. She was accompanied by the Eagle Band from the stands, who were dismissed afterwards because of the cold. We, along with others, do enjoy hearing our own band and being entertained by our own excellent talent.

The Sundown Band gave a fine performance at halftime in precision marching. We know their horns were so cold they could hardly blow them.

There was a stovepipe heater operated with butane for the Eagles, which we understand Mr. Braden prepared. We know this was greatly appreciated.

The second half of the game was as exciting as the first, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

ROPES EAGLE BAND TO GIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Ropes Eagle Band will present its annual Christmas concert Sunday, December 13th, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. On the program also will be the 5th grade band and the Junior High Band. There will be no charge for the program and everyone is invited to attend.

The Eagle Band will leave Tuesday, the 29th of December for El Paso. While in El Paso the band will participate in the January 1st Sun Carnival Parade, a marching

contest held in the new 30,000 seat Sun Bowl Stadium. The New Year's Eve Band Jamboree and the Ropes Stage Band will enter the Band Talent Contest. The band will return home after the parade on the 1st of January.

We would like to thank the many people of Ropes for buying our band candy and cleaner. The money from these sales will make our El Paso trip possible.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS YOUNG FARMERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Farmers are being hosts to the Young Homemakers at a Christmas party Monday night, December 14, at 7:00 in the High School Lounge.

Everyone is to bring a toy, new or old, for the Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the Young Homemakers.

The Ropes Lions Club donated the toys contributed to them to the Young Homemakers.

We want to say Thank You to the Lions Club for this kind and thoughtful deed.

STATIONED AT FORT HOOD

FORT HOOD, (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Douglas J. Melcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Melcher, Route 1, of Meadow, was assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, November 22.

Melcher is a communications center specialist in Company A of the division's 141st Signal Battalion. He entered the Army last May and completed basic combat training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

The 22 year old soldier was graduated from Meadow high school in 1961 and attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. and Mrs. David Friend of Houston on birth of a son November 26. He weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces. He was named David Allen.

Mrs. Friend is the former Yolanda Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euin Evans. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans of Lubbock.

CONGRATULATIONS TO—

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs on birth of a new daughter born Wednesday morning at Brownfield. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and has been named Melody Jan.

VISIT IN HOBBS

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Abston and Cathy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Abston of Vernon visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Flowers in Hobbs, New Mexico.

HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

J. C. King was honored with a birthday dinner in his home in Lubbock November 29. He was 72 years old.

Present for the occasion were all five of his daughters grandchildren and nephews and nieces.

Attending from Ropes was Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons and Mike.

The Kings are former residents of Ropes and will be remembered by many.

We wish him many more happy birthdays.

4-H NEWS

Mrs. L. S. Rosser and Danny attended the Gold Star Banquet at Lubbock Monday night, December 7. Danny participated in the program.

There will be a county wide Christmas party at the Womens Building at Levelland It will be Saturday, December 12 at 7:00. All 4-H members are invited.

We will have our Christmas party at our next regular meeting December 14 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Each girl bring a girl's gift and each boy a boy's gift. Prices of gifts range between \$1 and \$1.25. Each member bring fresh fruit, canned fruit, candy or nuts for a basket for the needy.

Reporter,
Ted Lowrie

SERIOUSLY ILL

Coach Don Powell is reported to be seriously ill in Saint Anthonys Hospital in Amarillo. Latest reports say he is critical.

SCHOOL TO DISMISS DECEMBER 22

Superintendent O. V. Fowler announced this week that the Ropes schools will be dismissed Tuesday, December 22 for the Christmas holidays.

Activities will begin after lunch and the buses will run when the parties are finished.

ATTENDS TEA

Mrs. J. H. Roberson was in Brownfield Sunday where she attended a Red Dress Tea of the Maids and Matrons Club. Guests were all dressed in red, and the hostess wore white.

EVERYBODY IS...
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his neighbor would do well to recall the words: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40)

IN HURLWOOD
(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. John Ream and Thanksgiving dinner in Hurlwood in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ream.

On Friday the Reams went to Pampa where they visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gaut and family.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

(Delayed)
Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evans and family were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans, and his sisters, Mrs. Richard McGahey and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeager, Carl and Carolyn, all of Lubbock.

ATTEND SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Members of the Ropes Eastern Star attending a School of Instruction in Lubbock this past Saturday were Mrs. Bertha Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Howard, Mrs. Gladys Russell, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Shannon, Mrs. Lillian Willis, Mrs. Hattie Sims and Mrs. Shellie Mayfield.

SPANISH MISSION

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening worship 6:00 p.m.
Classes 7:30 p.m.

Read the ads in the Ropes Plainsman and trade at home. Prices in Ropesville meet all competition.

VISITING HERE FROM VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Abston of Vernon are here visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson and boys, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Abston and Cathy.

Methodist Church

Sunday:
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00
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WEEKEND VISITORS

Visitors over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs and Mike of Phoenix, Arizona, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs of Littlefield. Saturday night guests were their children, Mrs. J. C. Dorsett, Mark and Steve, and Lillian Gryder, Gary and Bill of Brownfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Merin Hobbs, Eva, Kathleen and Carrie, of Ropes.

VISITORS MONDAY

Visitors Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John

Ream were her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodwin of Pearsles, New Mexico.

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IS ILL
Latest reports on Mrs. H. W. Black say that she is doing as well as can be expected. Mrs. Black fell two weeks ago and broke her hip.

VISIT IN MCCAULLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin spent the weekend in McCaulley visiting relatives.

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