

# School Bond Election To Be Held On July 25th

## Teachers' Housing Project, Tax Increases, Issues To Be Decided

Qualified property taxpayers in Rankin will go to the polls on July 25 to vote on a Rankin Independent School Bond issue. The tax and bond election is for the purpose of building and furnishing housing facilities for the teachers in the Rankin school system. The bond issue reads as follows:

To the resident qualified property taxpayers voters of Rankin Independent School District:

Take notice that an election will be held on the 25th day of July, 1947, within said district in obedience to an order duly entered by the board of trustees on the 8th day of July, 1947, which is as follows:

On this the 8th day of July, 1947, the board of trustees of the Rankin Independent School District convened on April 2 with the following members present:

- Walton Poage
- Jack Walcher
- George Stephenson
- Walton Harral
- A. B. McGill
- E. G. Branch
- A. J. Mitchell

and among other proceedings had by said board of trustees was the following:

In consideration of the petition of R. L. Bell and 42 other persons asking that an election be ordered upon the question of levying and collecting a tax for the maintenance of the public free school in Rankin Independent School District and also upon the question of issuing bonds of said school district for the purpose of purchasing, or building, a teachers home and purchasing land in connection therewith in said school district and

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board of trustees that said petition is signed by at least 20 qualified property taxpayers voters of said school district, who own taxable property in said district and who have duly rendered the same for taxation and is otherwise in conformity with the law, the board is of the opinion that said petition should be granted, and said election is ordered as follows:

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

That an election be held in said Rankin Independent School District on the 25th day of July, 1947, which is within 30 days from the date of this order at which election in accordance with said petition, the following propositions shall be submitted to the resident qualified property taxpayers voters of said district for their action thereupon.

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the board of trustees of Rankin Independent School District have the power to levy and collect annually a tax upon all taxable property in said school district for the maintenance of public free schools therein of and at the rate of not exceeding \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property in said school district until the same shall be discontinued as provided by law, provided, that the maintenance tax and the bond tax together shall never exceed for any one year \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation of said property.

### PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the board of trustees of Rankin Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of said school district to



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the amount of \$35,000 to become due and payable serially, \$2,000 in each of the years 1948 to 1957 inclusive and \$3,000 in each of the years 1958 to 1962 inclusive and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed two and one-half (2½) per cent per annum for the purpose of purchasing, or building, a teachers home and purchasing land in connection therewith in said school district and if there be annually levied and collected on all taxable property in said school district for the current year and annually thereafter while said bonds or any of them are outstanding a tax sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and to pay the principal thereof as the same becomes due.

The said election shall be held at the Rankin High School Building in said Rankin Independent School District and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers of said election: B. R. Cox, Judge; and Mrs. B. R. Cox and Mrs. John Christy, clerks.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR MAINTENANCE TAX."

"AGAINST MAINTENANCE TAX."

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

As to each of the foregoing propositions, each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the two propositions, respectively.

The secretary of the board of trustees shall forthwith issue a notice of said election stating in substance contents of this election order and the time and place of said election, and the secretary shall post a copy of such notice at three different places within the boundaries of said Rankin Independent School District, which posting shall be done not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for said election. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the results thereof to the board of trustees of said school district, and return the ballot box to the secretary of said board for safe keeping.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as near as may be, by the general election laws of this state, except as modified by Chapter 13, Title 49, revised, civil statutes of 1925, as amended, and this board of trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

Signed,

JACK WALCHER,  
Secretary, Board of Trustees.

## Rankin Girls Win, Lose Softball Games

The Rankin Ladies Softball Team beat the Crane team on the Rankin diamond last Tuesday night by a score of 15-11. The Rankin team journeyed to Crane Friday night and was defeated 15-9 by the Crane team.

Miss Louise Murchison left on Saturday for Ozona for a few days visit.

Wilma Payne is in Waco visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. M. Marlar.

# THE RANKIN NEWS

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## Commissioners Court Votes 20% Pay Increase

### Sheriff's Report Shows Decline In 2nd Quarter

In the second quarter report from the Upton County Sheriff's Department made public this week, a decline of eight cases is found over the first three month period. There was a decline in five of the six major headings, with an increase in the miscellaneous cases.

Cases filed in the various courts through the initiative of the Sheriff's Department showed the following for the first six months of 1947:

Cases filed in Dist. Court: Jan. 1; Feb. 0; Mar. 0; April 2; May 0; June 0; total 3.

Cases filed in Co. Court: Jan. 1; Feb. 3; Mar. 0; April 0; May 5; June 2; total 11.

Cases filed in J. P. Court, Rankin: Jan. 1; Feb. 0; Mar. 5; April 14; May 3; June 6. Total 29.

Cases filed in J. P. Court, Pre-4, McCamey: Jan. 8; Feb. 4; Mar. 22; April 6; May 10; June 10; total 60.

Cases filed in J. P. Court Pre-4, McCamey: Jan. 18; Feb. 23; Mar. 13; April 17; May 23; June 14; total 113.

Cases filed in City Court, McCamey: Jan. 11; Feb. 6; March 30; April 15; May 12; June 4; total 78.

A grand total of 294. Cases filed in each month are as follows:

January—40.

February—41.

March—70.

April—54.

May—53.

June—36.

Total—294.

Of the 294 cases filed in the first six months, more than \$4,000

in fines have been collected, while many of the cases are pending final action.

The cases placed in the categories of drunkenness, bad checks, theft, forgery, affray, traffic violations and miscellaneous show the following results in a monthly analysis:

January: drunk 19; theft 1; forgery 2; affray 5; traf. violations 4; miss. 2; bad checks 7.

February: drunk 21; theft 0; forgery 0; affray 3; traf. violations 4; miss. 5; bad checks 8.

March: drunk 41; theft 0; forgery 0; affray 6; traf. violations 0; miss. 5; bad check 18.

April: drunk 22; theft 1; forgery 0; affray 2; traf. violations 6; miss. 16; bad checks 7.

May: drunk 33; theft 0; forgery 0; affray 5; traf. violations 3; miss. 1; bad checks 11.

June: drunk 21; theft 0; forgery 0; affray 4; traf. violations 5; miss. 6; bad checks 0.

It should be pointed out that the miscellaneous column includes arrests for such offenses as disturbing the peace, assault and battery, vagrancy and carrying firearms without a permit, and drunken driving.

Noteworthy is the fact that the arrests in traffic violations have not increased in number with the summer months' expected increase and the national average. This means additional safety to both drivers and pedestrians to our county.

This report is made available through the Upton County Sheriff's Department under the direction of Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols. It is meant to be an open report to the people.



Howard Duff, heard in important roles on "The Whistler," psychological thrillers over CBS, has won his first starring movie role—in the forthcoming Mark Hellinger film, "Homicide." "The Whistler," incidentally, is now aired throughout the nation on Wednesday, having dropped the former Monday broadcast for the Pacific Coast.

## Holman Catches Big Fish With Rod, Reel

MARFA, July 15.—Perhaps not the grandfather of all fish, but at least one of the ancestors, was hooked Sunday night about 11:30 by A. J. Holman when he was fishing in the Conchos, in Mexico, about 20 miles from Ojinaga.

The 61 pound yellow catfish was caught while Mr. Holman was fishing with a rod and reel. His line was 82 pound test and the reel quite large or he would not have been able to land the fish. Mr. Holman said this week he was using black perch as bait when the fish was caught—and landed after about 20 minutes.

## Mrs. Mary P. Null, 83, Dies On Sunday

Mrs. Mary Period Null, 83, died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flo Corbett, here in McCamey, last Sunday morning. She was born in Petersburg, Penn., on Dec. 5, 1864.

Remains were taken overland to Odessa Monday and shipped by rail to Addison, Pa. Mrs. Null's former home. Funeral services were held in Addison on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Her son and daughter, Hank Null and Flo Corbett, both of McCamey, accompanied the remains to Addison.

Deceased is survived by Mrs. Flo Corbett of McCamey, Hank Null of McCamey, Dan Null of Houston, all sons and daughters; and a granddaughter, Mrs. R. E. Wesberry of McCamey, and many great nephews and nieces. Spalding Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## William J. Orr Gets Three Year Sentence In Truck Theft Case

William J. Orr, 29, of McCamey, was sentenced to three years imprisonment last Tuesday by Judge J. B. Randolph of the 112th District Court in Ft. Stockton.

Orr was charged with the theft of a Chevrolet truck and 225 cases of beer from Tom Shirley, McCamey beer distributor, last April.

It was charged that Orr left McCamey and made the Fort Stockton run while in the employments of Mr. Shirley, and then took the truck and money for the beer and ran away. The truck was recovered two days later at Van Horn, Texas, while 30 days later, Orr was arrested in McAllister, Okla., for the Sheriff's Department of Upton County. Deputy Sheriff Earl Williams traveled to McAllister and brought Orr back for trial.

The case was tried in Fort Stockton due to a question of jurisdiction raised by Dist. Attorney Hart Johnson.

Orr pleaded guilty of the charges and waived jury trial. Hart Johnson was prosecuting attorney.

The charge carried from a two to a ten year sentence.

## Highway Patrolman In McCamey, July 24

Justice of the Peace George Brown announced this week that State Highway Patrolman Gilbert Bell of Alpine would be in McCamey on Thursday, July 24, to issue drivers license.

Mr. Bell has been attending special schools over the past month and has not been making the regular run.

Beginning in August, he will visit McCamey on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cox were San Angelo visitors Friday.

## Mrs. J. P. Rankin Given Surprise Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pollard entertained their mother, Mrs. J. P. Rankin, with a surprise birthday party in the Rankin home Wednesday evening.

Cake and ice cream were served to the guests.

## Bill Rankin Honored With Buffet Supper

Mrs. Billy Rankin entertained her husband with a chicken buffet dinner in their home Wednesday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rankin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bennett and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boggs.

Mrs. Ray Boggs was a business visitor in Odessa Monday.



Laraine Day, Brian Aherne and Gene Raymond are featured in "The Locket," attraction at the Grand Theatre, in McCamey, Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24.

## ALL ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE PAY BOOST ON JULY 1

### Minutes of Upton Co. Commissioners Court

Regular Meeting of the Hon. Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, July 14, 1947.

Be it remembered that on this the 14th day of July, A. D. 1947, the Hon. Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, met in regular session at the court house in Rankin, Texas, with the following members present:

- G. H. Fisher, County Judge
- H. G. Yocham, Commissioner Pre. 1.
- W. J. Price, Commissioner Pre. 2.
- Tom Trimble, Commissioner Pre. 3.
- Joe E. Conger, Commissioner Pre. 4.
- Ralph H. Daugherty, County Clerk.
- H. E. Eckols, Sheriff.

Whereupon the following proceedings were had to-wit:

It has been called to the attention of the Commissioners' Court that Mrs. Arthur Schnaubert who was recently appointed Election Judge, Election Pre. No. 4, does not wish to accept such position.

Motion by Com. Tom Trimble, duly seconded by Com. Joe Conger, that this Court appoint Mrs. Dick Tipton Election Judge, Election Pre. No. 4.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

Motion by Com. Tom Trimble, duly seconded by Com. Joe Conger, that this Court appoint Mrs. Arthur Schnaubert, Assistant Election Judge of Election Precinct No. 4.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

Motion by Com. Joe Conger, duly seconded by Com. Yocham, that the Commissioners' Court accept the resignation of Earl Strubling as County Service Officer effective as of July 1, 1947.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

Motion by Com. Price, duly seconded by Com. Conger, that the night-watchman, A. A. Morgan, salary be raised from \$50 to \$100 per month, beginning on July 15, 1947.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

Motion by Com. Joe Conger, duly seconded by Com. Trimble, that Malcolm Reimers Ex-Officio salary be raised to \$100 per month, beginning July 15, 1947.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

Whereas, the Commissioners' Court having considered the provisions of H. B. No. 785, recently enacted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor; wherein it provided for an increase of approximately 45 per cent of the present salaries of county officials of Upton County, Texas;

Motion by Com. Price, duly seconded by Com. Trimble, that the salaries of all elected County officials and County Commissioners be increased 20 per cent, effective July 1, 1947.

Commissioners Yocham, Trimble and Price voting Aye.

Com. Conger voting Nay.

Motion by Com. Yocham, duly seconded by Com. Conger, that this Commissioners' Court adjourn.

All Commissioners voting Aye.

## Wednesday Bridge Club Entertained In Home Of Mrs. W. J. Pollard

Mrs. W. J. Pollard entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club in her home Wednesday with two tables. Mrs. Porter Johnson won high, Mrs. Roy Priest second high and Mrs. Joy Scott, consolation.

Those present were: Mmes. Roy Priest, Porter Johnson, Dunn Lowery, Jack Walcher, Graham Connally, Joy Scott, Walter Harral, Grim Taylor and the hostess.

Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and "Tyke" have returned from a two weeks vacation spent visiting relatives in Eunice, N. M., and El Paso, Tex.

All elected officials of Upton County received a 20 per cent increase in pay, effective July 1, 1947, last Monday when the Commissioners' Court voted for the pay boost.

The authorization for the increase came with the passage of HB 785 passed by the last legislature by unanimous vote in both houses.

It provided for a pay increase in all counties with less than 20,000 population, based on the last preceding Federal census, and did away with previous laws restricting the pay of these officials. It provided for an increase in pay up to 45 per cent.

The bill was passed as an emergency measure and stated "a fact that county officials and deputies, clerks and assistants in the counties within the provisions of this Act are inadequately compensated for their services; the fact that said counties are losing and will continue to lose the services of valuable officials and county employees unless such compensation is increased; the further fact that many counties of this state within the population limits provided in this Act have large financial resources by reason of which heavy responsibilities are placed on some county officials; and the fact that said officials and employees cannot be properly compensated under the present statutes."

At the Commissioner's Court meeting last Monday, after reading and consideration of the above measure, a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Trimble "that the salaries of all elected County Officials and County Commissioners be increased 20 per cent effective July 1, 1947."

Commissioners Yocham, Trimble voting Aye, and Commissioner Conger voting Nay.

## Daughters Honor Mrs. Maude Gentry On Her 72nd Birthday

Mrs. Dee Locklin of McCamey, Mrs. Paul Jacobs of Big Lake, and Mrs. Sam Holmes of Rankin honored their mother, Mrs. Maude Gentry, with a birthday party Thursday afternoon, on her 72nd birthday. Mrs. Paul Jacobs entertained with a review of the book, "The Egg And I." Punch and cake were served to the following guests:

Mmes. J. O. Barfield, Tom Workman, Murray McCain, Sedwick Langford, J. A. Walker, Walton Harral, Tyson Midkiff, Jap Edwards, B. R. Cox, Ed Yates, M. C. Hodges, Clint Shaw, Sam Bean, R. L. Herring, Ralph Daugherty, Elizabeth Rains, M. J. Brown, Omar Warren, C. G. Taylor, and Miss Maggie Taylor. Mrs. Gentry, the honoree, and the hostesses.

Mrs. Gentry received many lovely gifts.



Paul Whiteman, dean of American music, has become radio's first coast-to-coast disk jockey, heard Mondays through Fridays on ABC. "Pops" says he's been a jockey before: in Billy Rose's musical show, "Jumbo," he entered the arena of the old Hippodrome on the back of a white charger.



"Blondie" will have her comical troubles with her scatter-brained spouse "Dagwood" for another year. Sponsor of the program has renewed the CBS Sunday comedy starring Penny Singleton as "Blondie" and Arthur Lake as "Dagwood" for 53 weeks more. This starts the show's ninth consecutive year on the air.

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-49c  
-43c  
-39c  
-59c  
-65c  
-36c

# THE RANKIN NEWS

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## HIGH PRICE TAGS

The argument over the causes and cures of commodity price inflation has degenerated into a buck-passing contest. Labor blames capital and capital blames labor. Various segments of business blame other segments of business. Government officials attack industry, and industry counter-attacks in turn. And a good many consumers seem to feel everyone except themselves at fault.

The truth is that the guilt must be shared by all elements in the American economy. And the cure, if there is to be one, can be achieved only by unified attack on the fundamental forces that push prices up—and the value of the dollar down.

First of all, prodigal government is a very strong inflationary influence. The terrible burden of debt the country now has makes this danger infinitely greater than it ever was before. We must put our fiscal house in order.

The productivity of labor is all-important. A basic reason for high prices is that output per man in producing industry has gone down—while wages have gone up. This philosophy of more money for less work is one of the best friends inflation has.

The attempts of some businesses to earn excessive profits comes into the same category. It is an inexcusable form of consumer exploitation. Fortunately, it is gradually being corrected as competition becomes more intense.

The type of prodigal buyer who will pay anything for what he wants made the black market in the past—and is a dangerous influence still. However, the easy money seems to be running out, which is a blessing to the country.

These factors contribute to the high price tags you see on goods in stores. They indicate why efforts of retailers to reduce prices cannot produce much in the way of results under present conditions. Reform must begin at the source—and until that happens, the price problem will loom large in American life, so don't blame the retailer!

## NOT AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE

With the exception of the United States, the major nations of the world have been overrun and subjugated by ruthless, oppressive political forces.

One of the danger signals of politics running amuck appears when government begins to enter business in tax-free, unregulated competition with private citizens, as it has in this country with the electric industry. Those who profess to see no danger to the long range freedom of the people in this movement, like to point to the post office, which is a government business of long standing. Admittedly, government in the postal business has not led to dictatorship, but neither is it an example to inspire confidence in the purity of political motives. According to a recent news report, the Republicans want to investigate nearly 800 "broken down hacks" of the Democratic party who have been appointed as postmasters by the President. The Democrats call it a "fishing expedition" to force the President to dole out some of the jobs to Republicans. At any rate, the job of postmaster is a recognized political plum, having very little to do with individual competence.

Is this the way we want to fill the executive positions of the nation's leading electric companies? A tax-free, socialized electric industry operated under the manner of the post office department would mean thousands of additional political officeholders owing allegiance to the party in power. Instead of working up through the ranks on merit, as most top utility men do now, the president of the local electric company would be drawn from the ranks of obedient party followers.

If the utility industry should ever become firmly established on a par with the post office department, socialism of other basic industries would logically follow, as in England. Hundreds of thousands would be added to the public payroll. It is impossible to conceive of such political expansion continuing far long without something serious happening to the freedom of the people.

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## Weekly Swing of Southwest Markets

Most SW farm products found fully steady to strong markets last week, but many fruits and vegetables and a few livestock sold lower.

After early-week declines, spot cotton scored sharp advances following the July 7 acreage report, and netted gains of \$3.50 to \$11 per bale. Medium and higher grades found strong demand in light trade.

Grain markets developed generally strong tendencies last week. Sorghum prices soared again, gaining 60¢ per hundred, as South Texas movement reached full volume, and the July 10 crop report indicated smallest production since 1939. Corn netted little change, for cash premium reductions offset futures market rises. An average crop of 2.6 bushels is forecast—675 million less than last year.

Rice prices bounded upward \$4 to \$5 per hundred lbs. last week. Bran dropped \$4.50 per ton and shorts \$8.50. Soybean meal sold lower, too.

Hay harvest went forward in most areas. Growing conditions for peanuts continued favorable. Combing wools sold actively at strong prices.

Eggs and poultry of good quality found steady to firm markets last week, and lower grades held around steady. Ft. Worth bought most eggs on candle grade at 47¢ per doz. for select whites, 44 to 45 for best mixed, and 40 to 42 for medium. Denver paid 40 to 42, Dallas 39, and New Orleans 43 1-2.

West Texas potatoes found a dull, weak market at Ft. Worth, and Missouri and Kaw Valley prices weakened as shipments neared a peak. Onions held about steady. Watermelons weakened at most markets. Texas Black Diamonds brought \$2.50 per hundred lbs. for 35 to 40 lb. melons at Kansas City and \$2 to \$2.50 for 26 to 40 lb. sizes at St. Louis.

Most sheep and lambs gained 25¢ to \$1 or more last week. Medium to good spring lambs sold at \$18 to \$20 as San Antonio and \$21 to \$24 at Oklahoma City. Good and choice grades cleared at \$21 to \$22 at Fort Worth, and \$24.50 to \$25 at Wichita and Denver. San Antonio bought common to medium shorn goats at \$6 to \$7.

Butcher hogs and sows sold 50¢ to \$1.75 higher at SW markets last week, while stocker and feeder pigs dropped mostly \$1 to \$2. Good and choice barrows and gilts topped at \$25 at San Antonio, \$25.50 at Fort Worth, \$25.75 at Oklahoma City, \$26.35 at Wichita and \$26.25 at Denver.

Only minor weak spots marred a generally advancing cattle market last week. Houston paid \$25 for choice club yearlings and \$14 to \$20 for common to medium steers and yearlings. San Antonio bought average medium to

Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. L. M. Smith flew to Rochester, Minn., Sunday with Mrs. Lewis Smith's baby, Jackie, who is quite ill. She is under observation there in St. Mary's Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman flew to Sunray, Texas, Saturday and returned Monday. While there they attended a party in honor of Miss Ann Koerting who is to become the bride of their son, David, in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Poage and child, en left Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyo., where Mr. Poage will participate in the rodeo there.

Earl Van Zandt of Odessa was a week end visitor in the W. H. Burleson home.

Jimmy Workman is spending 2 weeks on the Prude Dude Ranch near Fort Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman and their guests, Miss Ann Koerting of Dumas, Mary Ann Workman of Midland, and David Workman of Lubbock, are spending a few days fishing on Devils River Lake.

Mrs. Collie Henley is visiting in Fort Stockton this week.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Stiles of Sheffield were visitors in the A. F. Eades home Tuesday evening.

The boys softball team went to Big Lake for a ball game on Monday night. The score was 26-23 in favor of Rankin.

Mrs. J. W. Garner and Mrs. Jack Garner were San Angelo visitors Tuesday.

Andy Mitchell and son, Joe Garner, spent the last part of the week on Devils River fishing.

Mrs. S. M. Owens left Saturday for a two months vacation in Wilcox, Ariz.

Mrs. O. R. Adams was in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery have had as their guest this week, Mr. Lowery's mother, of Rockport, Texas.

Mrs. Allen Moore is on the sick list this week.

## METHODIST WSCS HOLDS BARBECUE AT BALL FIELD

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church held a barbecue at the Rankin football field Friday night for the benefit of sending boys and girls to Methodist Kerrville Camp on July 21-25. They netted about \$75.

After the barbecue a ball game was played, Rankin vs. Big Lake. The score was 9 to 8 in favor of Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes and family attended the Church of Christ Encampment in Sheffield Friday.



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San Antonio	110	\$26.00	\$19.10	\$52.00	\$32.50	\$23.90
Corpus Christi	190	\$41.00	\$30.09	\$82.00	\$51.25	\$39.61
Del Rio	60	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$30.00	\$18.75	\$13.75
Lubbock	75	\$17.00	\$12.49	\$34.00	\$21.25	\$15.64
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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman flew to Dumas, Texas, on Saturday, where they were week end guests in the J. W. Koerting home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Adams left Friday for a visit with Mr. Adams' parents in Tulsa.

Mrs. Zack Monroe and daughter, LaVerne, and Mrs. Callie Henley returned Sunday from a vacation to Grand Canyon, Catalina Island and other interesting points.



Part it in the middle?

ALL RIGHT, maybe Bert the Barber doesn't know a kilowatt from a cable, but that doesn't stop him from being one of our bosses, just the same.

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The productivity of labor is all-important. A basic reason for high prices is that output per man in producing industry has gone down—while wages have gone up. This philosophy of more money for less work is one of the best friends inflation has.

The attempts of some businesses to earn excessive profits comes into the same category. It is an inexcusable form of consumer exploitation. Fortunately, it is gradually being corrected as competition becomes more intense.

The type of prodigal buyer who will pay anything for what he wants made the black market in the past—and is a dangerous influence still. However, the easy money seems to be running out, which is a blessing to the country.

These factors contribute to the high price tags you see on goods in stores. They indicate why efforts of retailers to reduce prices cannot produce much in the way of results under present conditions. Reform must begin at the source—and until that happens, the price problem will loom large in American life, so don't blame the retailer!

## NOT AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE

With the exception of the United States, the major nations of the world have been overrun and subjugated by ruthless, oppressive political forces.

One of the danger signals of politics running amuck appears when government begins to enter business in tax-free, unregulated competition with private citizens, as it has in this country with the electric industry. Those who profess to see no danger to the long range freedom of the people in this movement, like to point to the post office, which is a government business of long standing. Admittedly, government in the postal business has not led to dictatorship, but neither is it an example to inspire confidence in the purity of political motives. According to a recent news report, the Republicans want to investigate nearly 800 "broken down hacks" of the Democratic party who have been appointed as postmasters by the President. The Democrats call it a "fishing expedition" to force the President to dole out some of the jobs to Republicans. At any rate, the job of postmaster is a recognized political plum, having very little to do with individual competence.

Is this the way we want to fill the executive positions of the nation's leading electric companies? A tax-free socialized electric industry operated under the manner of the post office department would mean thousands of additional political officeholders owing allegiance to the party in power. Instead of working up through the ranks on merit, as most top utility men do now, the president of the local electric company would be drawn from the ranks of obedient party followers.

If the utility industry should ever become firmly established on a par with the post office department, socialism of other basic industries would logically follow, as in England. Hundreds of thousands would be added to the public payroll. It is impossible to conceive of such political expansion continuing for long without something serious happening to the freedom of the people.

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## Weekly Swing of Southwest Markets

Most SW farm products found fully steady to strong markets last week, but many fruits and vegetables and a few livestock sold lower.

After early-week declines, spot cotton scored sharp advances following the July 7 acreage report, and netted gains of \$3.50 to \$11 per bale. Medium and higher grades found strong demand in light trade.

Grain markets developed generally strong tendencies last week. Sorghum prices soared again, gaining 60c per hundred, as South Texas movement reached full volume, and the July 10 crop report indicated smallest production since 1939. Corn netted little change, for cash premium reductions offset futures market rises. An average crop of 2.6 bushels is forecast—675 million less than last year.

Rice prices bounded upward \$4 to \$5 per hundred lbs. last week. Bran dropped \$4.50 per ton and shorts \$8.50. Soybean meal sold lower, too.

Hay harvest went forward in most areas. Growing conditions for peanuts continued favorable. Combing wools sold actively at strong prices.

Eggs and poultry of good quality found steady to firm markets last week, and lower grades held around steady. Ft. Worth bought most eggs on candled grade at 47c per doz. for select whites, 44 to 45 for best mixed, and 40 to 42 for medium. Denver paid 40 to 42, Dallas 39, and New Orleans 43 1-2.

West Texas potatoes found a dull, weak market at Ft. Worth, and Missouri and Kaw Valley prices weakened as shipments neared a peak. Onions held about steady. Watermelons weakened at most markets. Texas Black Diamonds brought \$2.50 per hundred lbs. for 35 to 40 lb. melons at Kansas City and \$2 to \$2.50 for 26 to 40 lb. sizes at St. Louis.

Most sheep and lambs gained 25c to \$1 or more last week. Medium to good spring lambs sold at \$18 to \$20 at San Antonio and \$21 to \$24 at Oklahoma City. Good and choice grades cleared at \$21 to \$22 at Fort Worth, and \$24.50 to \$25 at Wichita and Denver. San Antonio bought common to medium shorn goats at \$6 to \$7.

Butcher hogs and sows sold 50c to \$1.75 higher at SW markets last week, while stocker and feeder pigs dropped mostly \$1 to \$2. Good and choice barrows and gilts topped at \$25 at San Antonio, \$25.50 at Fort Worth, \$25.75 at Oklahoma City, \$26.35 at Wichita and \$26.25 at Denver. Only minor weak spots marred a generally advancing cattle market last week. Houston paid \$25 for choice club yearlings and \$14 to \$20 for common to medium steers and yearlings. San Antonio bought average medium to

Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. L. M. Smith flew to Rochester, Minn., Sunday with Mrs. Lewis Smith's baby, Jackie, who is quite ill. She is under observation there in St. Mary's Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walton Poage and children left Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyo., where Mr. Poage will participate in the rodeo there.

Earl Van Zandt of Odessa was a week end visitor in the W. H. Burleson home.

Jimmy Workman is spending 2 weeks on the Prude Dude Ranch near Fort Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman and their guests, Miss Ann Koerting of Dumas, Mary Ann Workman of Midland, and David Workman of Lubbock, are spending a few days fishing on Devils River Lake.

Mrs. Callie Henley is visiting in Fort Stockton this week.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Stiles of Sheffield were visitors in the A. F. Eades home Tuesday evening.

The boys softball team went to Big Lake for a ball game on Monday night. The score was 20-23 in favor of Rankin.

Mrs. J. W. Garner and Mrs. Jack Garner were San Angelo visitors Tuesday.

Andy Mitchell and son, Joe Garner, spent the last part of the week on Devils River fishing.

Mrs. S. M. Owens left Saturday for a two months vacation in Wilcox, Ariz.

Mrs. O. R. Adams was in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery have had as their guest this week, Mr. Lowery's mother, of Rockport, Texas.

Mrs. Allen Moore is on the sick list this week.

## METHODIST WSCS HOLDS BARBECUE AT BALL FIELD

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church held a barbecue at the Rankin football field Friday night for the benefit of sending boys and girls to Methodist Kerrville Camp on July 21-25. They netted about \$75.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes and family attended the Church of Christ Encampment in Sheffield Friday.



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### Questions, Answers For World War II Vets

Q: Are there any charges for guaranteeing or insuring a GI loan?

A: No commission, brokerage and similar charges may be made against the veteran for securing a guaranteed or insured loan. Of course, customary out-of-pocket fees usually borne by the borrower, such as appraisal, title examination fees and other costs and expenses incident thereto, may be charged against the veteran by the lender, the same as against all borrowers.

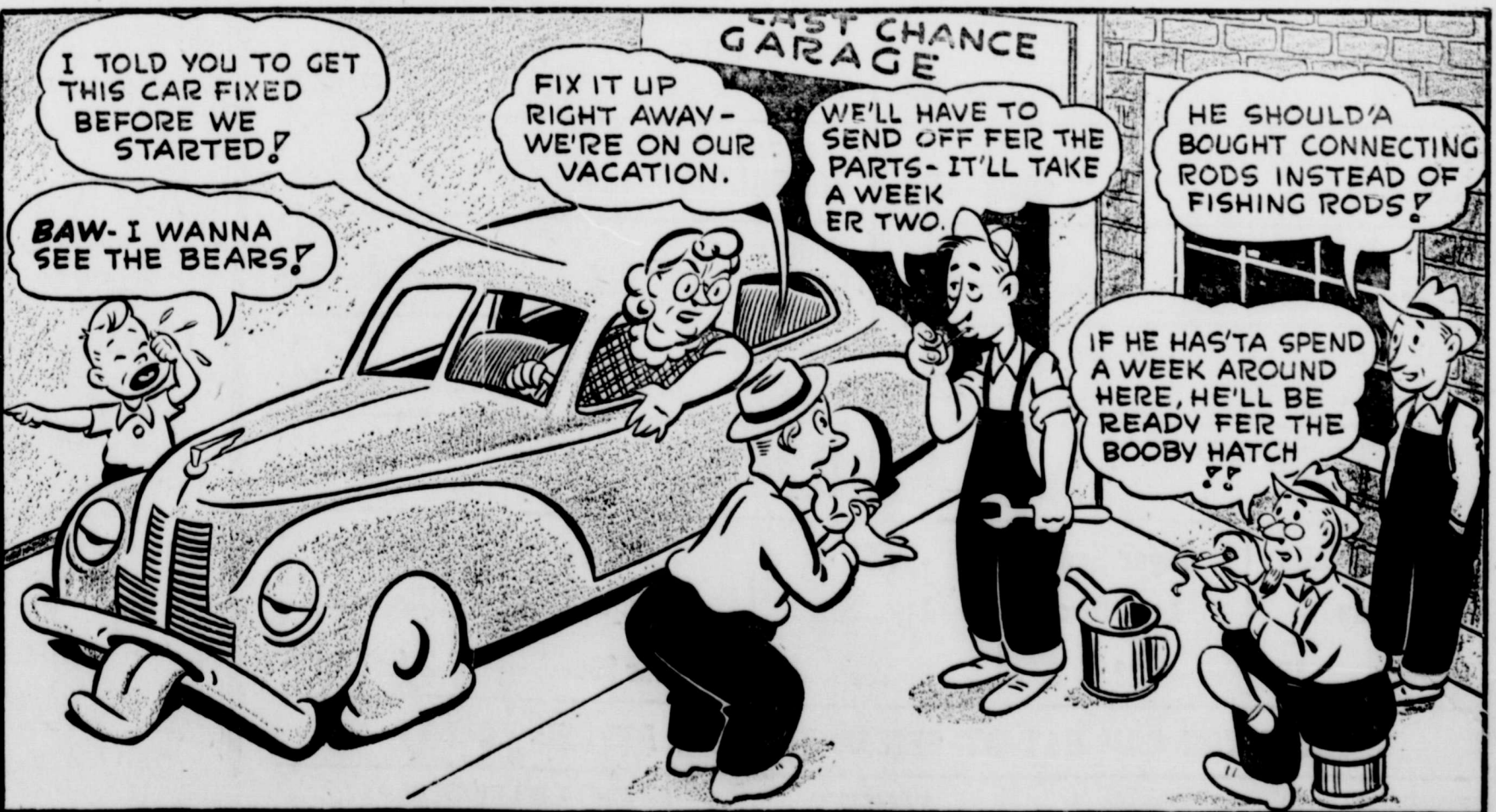
Q: What will happen if I do not make my loan payments?

A: That depends upon the terms of your loan, the attitude of the lender, and the laws of the State where the veteran and security are located. If payments are not made when due, the loan is in default and the lender may take such action as is provided in the loan agreement and is permitted by the state law and by the regulations for guaranty and insurance of loans.

Q: Does VA make loans or find a lender for me?

A: VA does not make loans, nor does it find a lender for the veteran. VA is not permitted to make loans. Within the limitations established by law, it guarantees or insures the repayment of a part of the loans made by the lenders to veterans. In addition, VA pays the lender as a credit on the loan 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. The veteran is not required of repay this amount.

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