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BONDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDINGS ARE SOLD

J. O. 'Bud' BARFIELD KILLED ACCIDENTALLY Location to be Named By Commissioners Soon



J. O. 'Bud' Barfield, 57, long-time resident of Rankin, was instantly killed in front of his home at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning when he accidentally discharged a .22 caliber pistol.

Incidence of Influenza Shows Wide Increase

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The 414 cases of influenza reported in Texas last week, bring the incidence of this disease up to forty percent more than the seven year medium, as shown from the figures submitted by the 181 counties sending in reports to the State Health Department.

Influenza without complications may be a fairly mild ailment, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, but, he pointed out, complications can turn this disease into a dangerous condition very quickly.

"Many cases of influenza are mild," Dr. Cox said. "Often they lend themselves to treatment readily. However, two important factors enter into the treatment of influenza, and they are calling the family physician as soon as the first symptoms appear, and taking life very easy for a re-acties sending in reports to the acute stage has subsided."

Dr. Cox declared that influenza is not mass-controllable. He emphasized that maintaining the highest possible health level at all times affords an individual the best protection from contracting this disease.

"Getting plenty of sleep and rest, daily exercise in the open, nourishing foods, and strict personal hygiene are our best known defenses against influenza," Dr. Cox said. "This applies to all respiratory diseases. A person who avoids all habits and practices detrimental to a maximum well-being and thus builds up a strong resistance to disease, is much less likely to contract influenza than is the individual who does not guard his health in this manner."



MRS. J. W. MILLER Miss Guila Bettis, formerly of Rankin, became the bride of Mr. James W. Miller, formerly of Snyder, Texas, in a marriage ceremony in the latter part of August in the First Methodist Church at Rapids City, South Dakota.

Merit System Exams Announced for Texas Dept. of Health

Competitive examination for positions in public health nursing with the affiliated local health units of the Texas State Department of Health has just been announced by the Merit System Council for the Texas State Department of Health. Examinations will consist of an evaluation of training and experience and a written examination. Veterans preference will be allowed applicants who have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces, and who make a passing score on the examination.

Applications will be received continuously until further notice. Positions for which examinations will be conducted are: Clinic Nurse, Supervising Clinic Nurse, Graduate Nurse, Junior Public Health Nurse, Senior Public Health Nurse, Supervising Public Health Nurse, and Director Nursing Service. Qualifications required include graduation from an approved school of nursing, professional registration in Texas, and experience in public health. Preference will be given those candidates who have college training in public health nursing, and public health nursing experience. Entrance salaries range from \$1980 to \$3450 according to classification.

Application blanks may be obtained from Russell E. Shrader, Merit System Supervisor, Littlefield, Building, Austin, Texas.

Mr. Barfield was born in Fort McKavett January 1st, 1891. He was a ranch foreman for Harris Brothers for many years before entering ranching for himself. At the time of his death, he was operating ranches in Culberson, Upton, and Gaines Counties. He had served as sheriff of Upton County from 1926 until 1935 and had been a member of the Rankin Masonic Lodge since its organization.

In 1915 he was married to the former Ella Pool, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Roy Howell of McCamey, and Mrs. William Forry of Redding, Pa., two sons, J. O. Barfield, Jr., of Lamesa and Sterling Price Barfield of Rankin; three brothers, Walter and Ralph of Odessa and Elder of McCamey; four sisters, Mrs. Ina Smith of White City, N. M., Mrs. Ray Parr of Carlsbad, N. M., Mrs. Austin Miller of Swafford, and Mrs. Laura Cartle of Arizona; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in the Rankin cemetery under the direction of Harris-Luett Co. of Rankin and the Jacobson-Moore Co. of McCamey.

Funeral services were held from the Rankin Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The Rev. D. G. Hardt and the Rev. R. L. Herring officiated.

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First Baptist Church Elect Officers For Coming Year

Officers in the First Baptist Church have been elected for the ensuing year as follows: Sunday School Supt.—C. G. Taylor. Asst. Sunday School Supt.—H. Wheeler. Secretary—Mrs. Zack Moore. Treasurer—Johnnie Hurst. Pianist—Mrs. Nettleship. Music Director—Mrs. Tom Workman. Teachers—Mrs. M. J. Edwards, Mr. Wakeman, Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mrs. Eddie Yocham, Mrs. L. P. Johnson, Mrs. Joy James, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Richardson.

Santa Fe Photo Contest to Close On October 15

The Santa Fe Railroad today announced that the photographic contest, which they have been operating in connection with their exhibit at the Chicago Railroad Fair, will close October 15th rather than the scheduled date of September 15th. This decision was made because of the extension of the Fair.

The contest is open to both professional and amateur photographers. Judges of the contest will be five Chicago newspaper and news magazine editors. They are: Hugh Moffett, Life Magazine; John Silence, Chicago Tribune; Verno Whaley, Chicago Herald American; Gil Gallaher, Chicago Daily News; and Maurice Denny, Chicago Sun Times. Send all entries to photo contest committee, Santa Fe Railway, Room 328, Railway Exchange Building, Chicago 4, Illinois, before midnight, October 15, 1948. Photographs made by Santa Fe employees or their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Mrs. J. H. Huggins, Jr., of Crane was a business visitor here Saturday.

Randolph Substitutes For Fraser As 83rd District Court Opens

Judge Alan R. Fraser of Alpine was unable to open the 83rd District Court here Monday due to illness, and Judge J. B. Randolph of Fort Stockton is in charge of the court.

Judge Randolph normally presides over the court of the 112th Judicial District. Travis Crumpton is the prosecuting District Attorney. Crumpton is also from Ft. Stockton.

B&PW Club To Sponsor Book Review Oct. 28

The Business and Professional Women's Club met in the home of Estel Harral Thursday night with fifteen in attendance. President Lelia Workman presided for the short business session and announced plans for a book review to be given under the club's auspices on October 28 and also informed the members as to arrangements for the District Conference to be held in Midland on October 23 and 24. A project committee was appointed, composed of Miss Myrna Holman, Mrs. Louise Anderson and Mrs. Nan Daugherty. Mrs. Flora Shaw exhibited purchases she had made from representatives of the El Paso Business & Professional Women's Club, who sell the articles two days each week for the patients of the blind. The articles are made by the patients and sold in an El Paso store. Miss Myrna Holman announced plans for the Mobile TB Unit which will be in the county October 6, 7 and 8 and the club pledged their support to the project.

The program, "Your Health and My Health," was led by Mrs. Leola Hurn, Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee. Mrs. Hurn gave a 30 minute paper on the program subject, followed by a piano medley by Mrs. Nettleship.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, brownies and coffee were served by hostesses Estel Harral, Ruth Holcomb and Lelia Workman.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Nettleship of the Rankin school faculty and Mrs. Sallie Swafford of Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holcomb have moved into one of the two newly completed houses which H. F. Neal has erected on the Midland Highway just north of Rankin.

Rowan-Vinson Nuptials Read In San Angelo Saturday, September 25

A wedding of local interest was that of Miss Louise Rowan and Morty Vinson which took place in the First Baptist Church in San Angelo on Saturday, September 25. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Rowan of San Angelo and the groom's mother is Mrs. May Vinson of Abilene.

Mr. Vinson is a Rankin High School graduate who lettered in football and later attended the University of Tulsa, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson will live in Big Lake where he is employed by the Superior Oil Co.

Guests from Rankin at the wedding were Gene Holmes, who was best man; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Finis Vinson.

Sale of the Upton County Park and Park Improvement bonds were made last Monday at the meeting of the Upton County Commissioners Court to the Columbia Securities Corporation through their agent in San Angelo.

Terms of interest for the bonds were 2½% on bonds maturing from 1949 through 1957 inclusive; and 3% on bonds maturing from 1958 through 1969. The county has an option to take up the bonds after payment of the first ten years. The overall interest rate for the 21 years is 2.89%, if the county uses the option clause, the interest charge will be considerably lower.

To further reduce the cost, the purchasing company gave a \$160 cash premium to the county. Members of the court voting on the bond purchase were Commissioners Tom Trimble and W. J. Price and County Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher. Commissioners Joe Conger and Hazel Yocham were not present.

Bids for construction of the Community Building in Rankin and McCamey will be accepted at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court on October 11.

Officers Named For Upton County Red Cross Chapter

Chairman C. G. Forester of the Upton County Red Cross Chapter called a meeting of the Upton County Chapter last Thursday night at the McCamey Lion Club building for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

A nominating committee consisting of H. E. Stoker, Jack Ott and Mrs. Fred Gibson submitted the following men for the groups approval and they were elected by unanimous vote: J. R. Sumrall, Chairman; Randolph Moore, vice chairman; Lloyd Bowden, secretary-treasurer; Jesse Russell was named Fund Campaign Chairman to replace H. S. Fitzgerald from who has moved from McCamey.

The board of directors were all re-nominated and elected. The directors are Matt Dillingham, Jack Ott, George Ramer, all of McCamey, and Ralph Daugherty of Rankin.

At a meeting to be held in October, the board of directors will appoint a Disaster Chairman, Home Service Chairman, Publicity Chairman and Jr. Red Cross Chairman.

Upton County 4-H Clubs Organize For Year's Work

Upton County 4-H Clubs, with branches in Rankin and McCamey, began organization during the past week, County Agent W. M. Day announced this week.

First to organize was the McCamey branch with 35 members for the coming year's work. At an organizational meeting held in the McCamey High School Auditorium on September 23, the following officers were elected for the year: Mack Patterson, president; C. T. Huffman, vice president; Janet Pauley, secretary-treasurer; and Donald Boggs, reporter. The organization was formed under the direction of County Agent Day.

The Rankin 4-H Club, which has 19 members, will elect their officers for this year at a meeting to be held in the early part of October, according to Day.

At the present time, the members and their sponsor are trying to get lambs to feed for the spring shows. Due to the increase in membership and interest, there will be more lambs to be fed by the clubs than ever before. Between 55 and 60 lambs are expected to be included in this year's program.

Upton County X-Ray Plans Are Completed For October 6 - 8

The mass x-ray survey to be conducted in McCamey for the residents of Upton County by the Medical Society of Crane-Reagan and Upton Counties and the Texas Tuberculosis Association, postponed from last May, has been set for October 6, 7 and 8, and will be held in the Lions Club Building on West Burleson Street.

Everyone in Upton County over 15 years of age is eligible for this free chest x-ray, and confidential reports will be sent to each person x-rayed. Arrangements will be made to include all school children over 15 and those under that age will be x-rayed on referral of the family physician. A worker for the Texas Tuberculosis Association will visit Upton County before the survey starts and work out all details for the program.

One night session will be held so that people living in the old fields could come in without interruption of their work.

MURDER TRIALS OPEN MONDAY

Juan Rodriguez and Monica Herrada were formally charged with two counts of murder and one charge of attempted murder by the 83rd District Court Grand Jury last Monday afternoon in Rankin.

District Attorney Travis Crumpton of Fort Stockton, read the charges through an interpreter to the two accused men before the court of Judge J. B. Randolph, also of Fort Stockton. At the request of the District Attorney, the trials for the two men will open Monday-morning, October 4, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the District Court Room in the Courthouse in Rankin. The district attorney asked for a special venire of 50 men in addition to the usual venire of 25 for the purpose of securing a petit jury for the trials. Judge Randolph appointed Attorney Roy R. Priest of Rankin as a counsel for defendant

Frank Grimes, J. S. McClure, J. R. McDermott, C. A. Weddle, O. Q. Alford, Mack Strong, Fred Pounds, G. L. Shipman, B. H. Willis, T. D. Cox, E. L. Jones, F. Strabbling, Pedro Tijerina, J. A. Taylor, W. C. Putman, Don Cook, G. C. Jones, Harry Howard, Otis Odum. Bert Morgan, H. H. Rains, K. K. Babcock, J. B. Henderson, S. R. Braly, T. D. Reeves, H. O. Newton, John Fussell, W. T. Thomas, E. C. Schuhman, B. McCollum, G. W. Huffman, Clarence Powell, L. W. Stacey, Clyde Bynum, D. Locklin, O. R. Adams, Eddie Yocham, Elton Hall, Johnson Rankin, F. L. Smith, L. Z. Tittsworth, J. S. Lane, Jack Walker, Preston, Potton, H. D. Shaw, E. D. Hale, C. E. Wheeler, Marvin Bell, Hamilton Still and Clay Taylor. The 83rd District Court is to be in session for a period of two weeks.

IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN

Sara Lee Stephenson of Odessa spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stephenson.

Mary Ann Workman and Luel January spent the week-end in San Angelo, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Austin.

Mrs. Pete Pollard left Saturday for Temple to be with her father, John T. Holmes, who will undergo surgery there Tuesday. Hal Holmes of McCamey has been in Temple with his father the past two weeks.

Hank Null of San Angelo was a Rankin visitor Saturday.

Wm. Day attended the Texas A&M football game in San Antonio Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Priest have returned from a business and pleasure trip to California.

Mrs. Tom Workman has been confined to her home this week in a case of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Dahn of England visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Steele, and Mrs. G. L. Steele and family this week. They returned to their home Thursday.

Mrs. Burch Woodward who has been hospitalized in a San Angelo hospital for several days has returned to her ranch home south of Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Owens accompanied by Mrs. R. R. King of Rankin traveled to Alpine Saturday to meet the Presidential train which stopped there on its tour thru Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ingham had guests for the day Saturday, Mrs. Ingham's father and mother, and Mrs. Willis Johnson of McCamey.

Mrs. Chas. Hale Sr., has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Chas. Stone and her niece Mrs. Stone of St. Louis, Mo.

NETT BREAKS FOOT

Louis Bennett is on crutches as a result of having his left foot broken while working on a drill well in the Benedum Field this week.

Thanks For Donated Time In Selective Service Registration

The registering of all men ages 18 thru 25 August 30th thru September 18th was a long and tedious task and I wish to thank the volunteer registrars for their excellent work in getting the boys registered in accordance with the President's Proclamation.

Mr. Pauley announces that registration of boys as they become 18 will be accomplished at the office of Local Board No. 121. The local board embraces Upton, Crane and Reagan Counties, and the 18 year olds will be accommodated each in his own city. The Crane County boys will be registered by L. L. Martin at the High School, the Rankin boys by Ralph H. Daugherty at the Court House, and the Reagan County boys by Paul Jacobs in the Lake.

Commissioner W. J. Price announced early this week that work had started on the Benedum field road. The work will include the laying of a caliche base for four miles of the road from the point of intersection with the old Midland road. Drainage for the road will also be included in the improvement program. Price stated that he expects the work to be completed in about six weeks, providing there is not a period of bad weather to interrupt the program. This improvement will greatly facilitate travel for the movement of the necessary supplies into the field and will give a much better road for the many interested parties to visit the field and see the great works now in progress in the area. Also, Price pointed out that with the caliche bed, a great danger hazard will be eliminated for all traffic. Until this program got underway, the dust has been so heavy that "visibility zero" was encountered each time one passed a car enroute to or from the field.

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"The Show Windows of the Southwest" Ready With Thirty Million Dollar Show October 9th

The thirty million dollar, sixty-third State Fair of Texas, which Lone Star Staters proudly call "The Show Window of the Southwest" will get under way next week with probably more fanfare than ever attended any previous state fair. Dates are Oct. 9-24.

Officials say this is the largest fair, and the most costly to produce, they have ever attempted. It has required more people to put it together. More than 2,000,000 are expected to attend. Last year's attendance was 1,763,921.

Governor Beauford Jester will formally open the Fair and dedicate the new \$800,000 Automobile, Aviation and Recreation Buildings.

Topping the list of opening day attractions will be the Texas Oklahoma football classic. This will be the "coming out" party for the renovated Cotton Bowl, just rebuilt and enlarged at a cost of \$1,280,000.

Almost as popular with Fair visitors will be the hilarious Jimmy Durante-Harry James show in the Auditorium, the new "Ice Cycles" show, the "Flying L" Rodeo, Million Dollar Midway,

and the most color array of displays ever seen in the Fair's huge exhibit halls. These will include shows devoted to automobiles, aviation, electrical industry, petroleum, foods, textiles, culinary and antiques, agriculture, livestock and poultry.

Opening day is traditionally Press and Radio Day in honor of Texas newspaper and radio men.

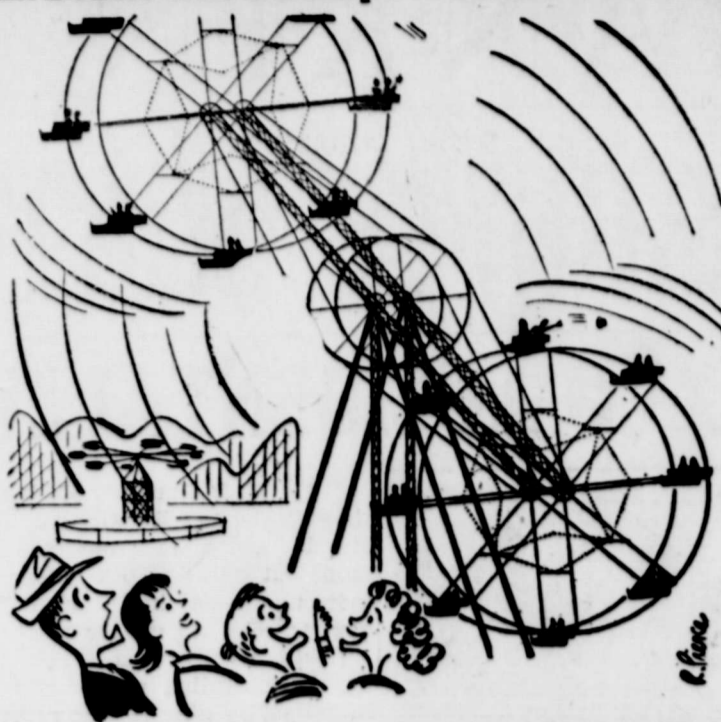
Formal opening of the Fair will be a mile-long parade through downtown Dallas.

Despite its enormous size, the State Fair of Texas has managed to retain some of the flavor of the old county fairs. Advance interest in the 1948 show of pickles, preserves, jams and jellies, textiles and antiques has amazed even Fair officials.

On October 16 the rural youth of Texas, 60,000 strong, will take over the Fair, breaking all previous records for gatherings of 4-H Club members, Future Farmers and Future Homemakers.

Another outstanding event will be participation on Oct. 24 of twenty school bands and some 2,000 young Texas musicians in a Band Festival and massed con-

Giant Double Wheel Ready For State Fair Visitors



The Skyrider, first double ferris wheel and highest portable ride ever seen in the South, will be introduced to Southwesterners at the 1948 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, October 9-24. Both wheels rotate independently as they chase each other up around in the sky. Other spectacular rides at the Fair this year include the Hurricane, Hi-Ball and \$100,000 Roller Coaster.

cert in the Cotton Bowl.

Theme of the 1948 State Fair is "Everybody's Going," and the Fair's new singing commercial tells the world that—

"All Texas is rarin' to go— To see the country's biggest Fair, It's everybody's show!"

If a basket is equipped with dust cloths, brushes and furniture polish, it may be carried from room to room, and then set aside in the storage closet until needed again. Such planning shortens the time of doing the work, and cleaning up afterward.

Concho Valley Scout Heads Change

Two of the executives of the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, have been transferred within the council area, it was announced Saturday.

Joe O. Galbraith, assistant Scout executive, who previously has served in San Angelo, Del Rio, and Uvalde, has returned to San Angelo, and A. H. Bird, field Scout executive who has resided at Camp Louis Farr, will move to Brady.

Galbraith, making his residence in San Angelo again, has been with the Concho Valley Council field executive, McCamey,

since March, 1941, serving the council here and in Del Rio and Uvalde. He will direct the Twin Mountain and Colorado River Districts and the program section of the Scout work in the entire area.

Galbraith is a graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives in New Jersey and has a record of ten years of professional Scouting leadership, having been affiliated with Scout councils in Beaumont and Roanoke, Va., prior to coming here.

Bird, who is affectionately known as "Chief," has resided at Camp Louis Farr, near Mertzon, since 1942, serving the territory west of that point in the council known as the Permian Basin District.

He will move to Brady Tuesday where he will assume the duties of field Scout executive in the Junction, Menard, Eden and Brady territory, known as the Heart O' Texas and East Ranch Districts.

Bird has also completed the professional members of the Concho Valley Council are in line with the expansion program now underway in the 26-county area, Scout leaders here announced. At present the council employs six men, strategically located to give a maximum of personal services to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Mothers, district and council committeemen, and other volunteer Scout workers in this broad area of West and Southwest Texas.

Some 4,000 men and boys are currently registered in this council, which is the largest in area in the state.

Other professional staff members of the council are Jack Hodges, scout executive, San Angelo; J. B. Morris, field executive, Del Rio; Norton Curry, field executive, Uvalde; and John Dagen, field executive, McCamey.

Complete Chart on Cancer Is Prepared for First Time

For the first time a complete chart on cancer has been prepared for publication with the approval of the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society.

Prepared by Maxine Davis, noted medical reporter, the complete chart appears in the October issue of Good Housekeeping magazine.

Categories into which the chart is divided include 1—the site or location of the cancer; 2—the frequency with which such cancers occur in each sex; 3—the common age at which they occur; 4—details of the doctor's examination; 5—technical laboratory studies; 6—treatment; 7—chances for cure; 8—preventive measures.

"No such comprehensive and succinct investigation of cancer ever has been made available to the public," the magazine declares. "In an illness in which early diagnosis continues to be the most important factor, and fear of examination a contributor to delay, this hysterical presentation of facts renders a unique public service."

"For the first time in the history of medical science, there is reason to hope for some solutions to the tragic riddle of cancer," Miss Davis writes in an article which accompanies the chart; "In the past, although no one denied cancer's gravity, few scientists studied it. . . . So profound is the subject that few had the courage to in-

vestigate it, and the funds available to them were miniscule. Today money for research on a grand scale is being provided, and many investigators are at work.

"Your chances of suffering from cancer are not increasing, but the incidence of cancer is rising. This is because cancer is more likely in middle and later life, and as science lengthens our life span, more of us live to be cancer victims.

"Cancer is not necessarily fatal. Cures do exist. Thousands are cured each year. Nevertheless, one in every six who live into middle age is doomed to die of cancer.

"For the first time the federal government has appropriated adequate money. Last year it gave \$14,000,000 to the National Cancer Institute of the U. S. Public Health Service, staffed by as competent administrators and scientists as can be found. This year the National Cancer Institute has been given another \$14,000,000 plus authorization to make contracts amounting to \$8,000,000 for construction of essential laboratories.

"Some of this money goes for education of the public and of the medical profession; but the greater part is being spent for research. Research and education are long-time undertakings, and we may regard these appropriations merely as down payments on a bill that easily will exceed \$100,000,000 within ten years."

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Boys Co-Op Ranch Funds Campaign Opens In West Texas Districts

Big Gifts effort in the Boys Co-Op Ranch Funds Campaign in nine West Texas Districts embracing 32 counties was beginning at intervals this week in various sections. M. D. Bryant, Regional Big Gifts Chairman, announced.

Drive got under way in District 6 embracing Tom Green, Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Irion counties with the appointment of C. Hunter Strain, West Texas road contractor and financier, as Big Gifts Chairman for that area. H. C. Grafa, San Angelo insurance man and civic leader, assumed responsibility as Big Gifts Chairman for Tom Green County.

Hill D. Hudson, Pecos, took over special gifts chairmanship of District two embracing Loving, Walker, Ward and Reeves counties. In Sweetwater, the responsibility for the drive was taken by

Clayton Williams, A. R. Norred, Charles Paxton and Irving Loeb. Otho Adams, Fort Stockton, accepted as Special Gifts Chairman for District one, made up of Brewster, Presidio, Pecos, and Jeff Davis counties. Assisting him as special gifts committeemen are Elbert Boatman, Paul Counts, Dan Bihl, Dred Wood, W. T. Posey, Garland Casebier, Karl Butz, E. W. Smith, Guy Moses and Clyde Smith.

Meanwhile, daily meeting in San Angelo were setting big gifts organization in motion in that headquarters city.

Regional tour of the 32-county area for enlistment of leadership is now being undertaken by Fred Lindall, Ranch president and District Campaign Directors John W. Robinson, J. B. Adkins, Claude Evans, Herbert Wilson, Ben Godfrey, George Riffin, George

Photo Classics



Patience and a helpful wife made it possible for Arnold C. Pearson, an airplane engineer, to make this appealing Speed Graphic portrait of his son, Carl. After several unsuccessful attempts at getting Carl to pose, Pearson enlisted the aid of his wife who knelt behind the screen door and held the boy in position.

Bucken, E. Travis Bley and John Carnes, all of San Angelo.

Enlistment of leadership under Lindall's direction will have taken place in Brownwood on Tuesday, Midland on Wednesday, Pecos on Thursday, and Alpine on Friday.

R. S. Smith, Sr., 80, Dies Monday Morning

Death of R. S. Smith, Sr., 80, Monday morning about 4 o'clock, Sept. 27, ended Crane's couple's marital record of 59 years, and claimed a son of the founder of Menard, Tull D. Smith.

Mr. Smith succumbed after suffering a stroke a few days previous. He had not been in good health the past few years. Funeral services were scheduled Monday afternoon at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 4 o'clock with Rev. Raymond Dunn being assisted by former pastor, T. L. Slimp of Coleman. Interment was in Crane Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Sarah Adeline Smith, four sons, Rube Smith of Crane; Tull of San Antonio; Joe of Breckenridge; Otto Smith of Scottfield, Ill.; and five daughters, Mrs. Jewel Harvey, and Mrs. Floyd Virde of San Antonio; Mrs. L. H. Downing of Breckenridge; Mrs. Ollie Alexander and Mrs. Myrtle Williams of Crane. All were here for the funeral.

Deceased's one surviving brother, H. C. Smith of Kennedale near Ft. Worth, arrived late Monday evening. Mrs. Downing, and a daughter, Mrs. O. E. Coleman

and two children remained here for a few days. Mr. Coleman and a daughter, Doris, returned to Vinson.

The Smiths have lived here for the past seven years, coming from McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley. Few couples have been married long periods who live in Crane, since the little oil town was born no earlier than 1926, and youth catering to oilfield work is only as it has grown since those boom days.

Oilfield life is mild as Mr. Smith once compared to the Indian days of his youth back at Menardville, as Menard was known originally.

Mr. Smith's parents erected the first store building in Menardville, and was preserved as a memorial to pioneer days until it burned in 1947.

The Crane man's father was killed 18 miles below Menard by a gang of outlaw Comanche Indians. Knowing that he was going to a roundup with his horses, the Indians laid in wait, and had slain Mr. Smith shortly before the appearance of a stage coach that routed them with the Smith stock.

The body was hidden beside the road while the coach made its way in to town and summoned help. He was buried in the first cemetery beside a Mrs. Colston, reputed the first woman there to kill an Indian. The cemetery was soon moved, and the two graves remained to themselves.

Recalling one episode of his youth, the local Mr. Smith once recounted how he and his mother, two brothers and sisters escaped possible death at the hands of the Indians. His mother blew out the kerosene lamp when she saw a big Indian peering through the window, and the redskin was unable to determine whether men folk were present or not, and left the family unmolested.

Many times when the boys went riding on their ponies, they were driven back home by the redskins—but they would go again. It was all in adventure of youth, and routine of their day, Mr. Smith allowed.

Mr. Smith's parents originated from Alabama. R. S. was married to Miss Sarah Adeline Gallaway Sept. 17, 1889, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hose Gallaway in Stephen-

Civil Service Commission Announces Examination Date

The Civil Service Commission today announced a Mathematics examination for filling positions in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. The salaries range from \$3,727 to \$6,235 a year.

To qualify, competitors must (a) have completed a full 4-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in mathematics; or (b) have had four years of technical experience in mathematics; or (c) have had any time equivalent combination of education and technical experience. In addition to meeting these prerequisite applicants must show from 1 to 4 years of responsible professional experience in mathematics. No written test is required.

Applications will be accepted in the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., until June 30, 1949. However, persons who wish to receive early consideration should have their applications on file not later than October 26, 1948.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission's Local Secretary Auda L. Osborne, located at P. O. Iraan, Texas, from Civil Service regional offices, or from U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Store, Restaurants Show Decline In August Sales

AUSTIN, Texas, September 29—August retail sales in Texas climbed 3 per cent from July to an estimated \$435 million, the University of Texas Bureau of Business research reported.

In comparison with August 1947, retail sales jumped 14 per cent.

Sales of durable goods stepped up 8 per cent in August to a level 25 per cent above August 1947. Motor vehicle dealers tallied an 18 per cent rise over July, for the greatest increase among durable goods stores. Except for declines of 4 and 14 per cent in hardware and farm implement sales, all stores in the durable group reported gains over July sales.

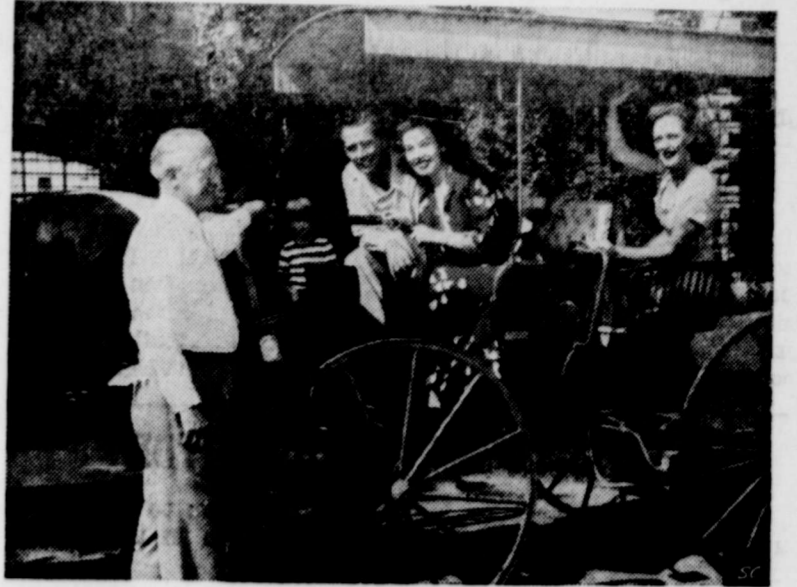
Nondurable goods stores turned in a 4 per cent dip from July sales, as most stores in this category reported decreased. Despite higher prices, August 1948 sales were unchanged from a year earlier.

Food store sales fell 10 per cent from July, as all types reported August sales from 7 to 9 per cent less than a month earlier. In the 12-month period, food stores sales expanded 3 per cent.

Apparel store sales lagged 4 per cent from July; restaurants, 5 per cent; country general and drug stores, 3 per cent; and florists, 2 per cent.

They lived in Erath County until 1905 when they moved to Breckenridge. In 1930, they took residence in McAllen where they remained until moving to Crane in 1942. Raising and stock farming was forsaken for the fruit country, and the couple have been in retirement here.

Stars of "Oklahoma" Get Ride In Real Surrey With Fringe On Top



CARY, ILL.—From singing about a "surrey with the fringe on top" Caroline Tanner, feminine star of the Broadway musical, "Oklahoma", graduates to driving one. Otto Schnering, president of Curtiss Candy Company, shows her how to hold the reins as she prepares to give her co-stars Wilton Clary and Marianna Peterson a ride in a real horse-drawn surrey during a picnic held for the show's cast at the Curtiss farms near here.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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ties—from freedom to enjoy a glass of beer or ale, to a woman's right to vote along with men.

Folks can thank themselves that on summer evenings they'll be able to listen to band concerts in a well-kept park... enjoying a bottle of beer or soda pop (whichever they prefer). Because from where I sit, that's a freedom they've earned by exercising a still more important freedom: Voting!

Joe Marsh

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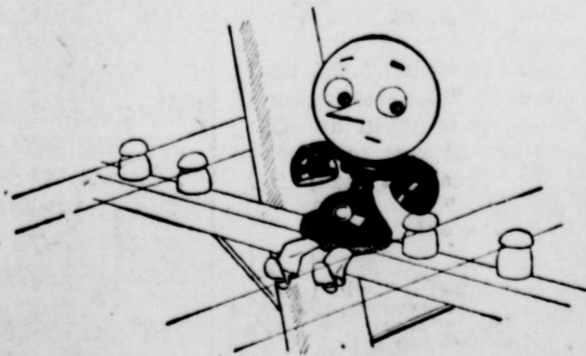
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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

This paper is for your interest and for you to say what you want. We are having little co-operation in the news. The staff is asking your aid in this matter.

I would like to comment on the fifth grade's report in last week's paper. I think it very original and very good and some of you other grades might try something like that. Very good, Glen, but you are letting us down this week.

And another thing, strive to write the news in such a way that the staff will not have to write it over.

Thank you.

THE EDITOR.

CRAZY CAR WEDDING HIGHLIGHT OF WATER VALLEY TRIP LAST WEEK

Joveta Yocham and Don Still shocked the group riding back from Water Valley in Mrs. Yocham's car with the announcement that they were going to get married. Joveta, in constant dread that Don would back out, decided on a cozy little car wedding. So, the group was hushed and the wedding took place.

The bride wore a white cotton blouse and levis, while the groom wore a plaid shirt and levis, the maid of honor, Virginia Still, also was dressed in a blouse and levis. Music was played by Loyd Yocham on a piano, imaginary, of course, and Ruthie Elliott sang, "I Love You Truly" and "You Call Everybody Darling." Joy Ward acted as best "woman."

Pep Squad Go To Water Valley For Game Last Friday

Thirteen pep squad girls went to Water Valley Friday afternoon to see Rankin play against Water Valley.

The girls decided to go in cars and for a while it looked as if they couldn't get enough ways for everyone.

Finally, though, everyone got there in time to do a good bit of yelling.

We want to thank Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Branch who took girls in their cars, and Mrs. Loyd Yocham who brought some of them back.

Franklin Injured

In the game with Water Valley Friday, James Franklin was injured slightly in the last quarter. An ambulance from San Angelo was rushed to Water Valley and Franklin was taken to the Clinic in San Angelo, where x-rays proved only a bruised rib.

Franklin will probably not take part in tonight's game.

Dark basements need lighting. Have light switches at both ends of the stairway. A white step at the top and bottom also helps to prevent falls.

Devil's Pitchforks

The boys can't seem to concentrate on football anymore. Should the pep squad girls start wearing longer skirts?

Emma Lou, is it Pete, Ted, Buddy, Shorty or James?

Some of the students writing thousand word themes. Could be they are trying to make up their LOW grades in World History?

I wonder why Don looks so sad—no wonder Joveta had to go home and cook dinner at 11.

Myra certainly was flirting with Jimmie Workman in study hall!!!

Say, we hear that Barbara and Billy Dean are going out once in awhile. Tell us, is it true?

Tempie, what is this we hear about? Is it that handsome Dillard?

Wonder if there's anything between Emma Lu and Red Morgan?

Nina Marie Bryson is doing o. k. for herself. She rates a date with James Franklin.

Ruthie, you go to bed too early. Stay up a little later.

Hey, what's wrong with part of the "fish" girls? Don't they want dates?

So LaWanda rates one of RHS football jackets. That could be owned by no other than Theo.

Wonder how many boys Marlene has on the string now?

Looks like some of the girls around here have too many boys waiting to see who wins next.

Jimmy Yocham is a very popular boy in the seventh grade. Watch out, Jimmy!!!!

Dillard, here's you a deep dark secret. Your new admirer is none other than Mary Alice Bean.

It seems that Jean and Bill are doing o. k. these days.

Jodie and J. R.; Pansy and Junior are making quite a few double dates. They sure make a cute foursome.

TEE...HEE...

'SCUSE!

A sauntering rookie from Kentucky encountered a brisk second lieutenant. "Mawnin," drawled the rookie pleasantly.

The outraged officer launched a stinging lecture on military courtesy, with emphasis on saluting.

"Lawdamighty," said the rookie, "if I'd a knowed you was gonna talk on like that, I wouldn't of spoke to you atall."

TIME

With a stormy look on his face, the master of the household waylaid the servant in the kitchen. "Look here," he began angrily, "How dare you tell my wife what time I came home this morning after I told you not to?"

The Irish girl eyed him steadily.

"Sure and 'Oid didn't," she replied calmly. "She asked me what time ye came in an' 'Oid only told that 'Oid was too busy getting the breakfast ready to look at the clock."

VIEWS

Overly conscientious, when she engaged a new maid, she asked as many questions as are asked in a civil service examination.

"Have you," she asked sternly, "any religious views?"

"No, ma'am, I haven't" answered the girl, "but I've got some dandy snapshots of Niagara Falls and the Great Lakes."

NAUGHTY NICE

After hearing the joke about the boy going to the dam to get some dam water, Wayne Mac decided to tell his mother about it. She of course told him not to say that word, but to use the word barrier. After saying the joke over using barrier instead of dam, Mac said, "Aw, gosh, Mother, I'd rather say dam."

Photo Classics



Two drivers exchanged highway lanes in a thrill game. Result: a head-on auto-truck crash and this grim aftermath, photographed by Joe Benetti with a Speed Graphic. Driver of the car (on ground) was killed instantly. His companion, an 18-year-old girl, shown being lifted from the wreckage, died shortly afterward.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

The second grades are enjoying their new library books so very much. The "Magical Picture Books" are the newest books out and some are purchasing a personal copy. These books have magic wands that bring the characters and verses to life in realistic action, and contain forty different action changes.

Mrs. Jack Walcher, Mrs. Poage and Mrs. Mitchell have been selected as room mothers.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

We have a new pupil this week. His name is Azre Lowery. We are glad to have him.

We are studying about the Lincoln Highway in geography. We have written to the cities on the Lincoln Highway, asking them for some pictures of their city. We have gotten many beautiful pictures from them.

FIFTH GRADE ELECT TWO ROOM MOTHERS

The fifth grade met this past week and elected room mothers. Mrs. Harrel and Mrs. Patton were chosen. We regret that they lost two pupils this week but they are a little less crowded. We have been making art books of wall paper and having lots of fun.

EIGHTH GRADE REPORTS

The eighth grade was sorry to lose two pupils this week. James Franklin was promoted to the Freshman class and Kenneth McNeal moved away.

FIRST GRADE REPORTS

Three new pupils have entered since the class was divided. They are: John Thomas Rediger, McCamey; George Michael Fisher, McCamey; Michael Vandervort, San Angelo. Glenn B. Bullard withdrew last Friday. We regret losing him.

Three room mothers have been elected. They are Mrs. Otho O. Blount, Mrs. L. B. Parham, and Mrs. Curtis Warren.

We miss the pupils that were transferred to the other class, but much better work is being done since we are not so crowded.

FIRST GRADE, SECTION B

The newly-organized first grade class is making some progress. All the children were happy to welcome Helen Dodson as a member of the class.

RHS RHYTHM BAND ORGANIZES

The first and second grades are beginning a rhythm band and they hope that in a few weeks they will be able to play several pieces. Mrs. Nettleship is the sponsor.

Devils Lose To Water Valley 22-6 In Close Tilt

Friday at two o'clock the Devils played the Water Valley Wildcats at Water Valley. Rankin scored in the first few minutes of the game but failed the extra try. At the half the score was, Rankin 6, Wildcats 8. In the second half, Water Valley scored two touchdowns to make the score 22-6 in favor of Water Valley. It was a slow moving game due to the hot sun.

FRESHMEN NEWS

We were sorry to lose Rowena Light from the freshman class, but another new girl has moved here. Her name is Merry Lowery, and we are very glad to have her in our class.

We are glad to hear that Paul Johnson is getting along so well and are looking forward to having him back in school with us.

Red Devils To Tangle With Sterling City Team In Conference Fray Here Tonight Under Arcs

Know Your Teacher

Rankin's second grade teacher is Mrs. Opal Dunn Dickson. She comes to us from her home town of San Angelo. Mrs. Dickson attended high school at Kingsville and graduated there. She attended Hardin Simmons University also. She has taught in schools at Hereford, Harlingen, Plains, Veribest, and two years in New Mexico. Upon being asked how she liked Rankin, she replied, "This is the most ideal set-up I have ever seen, and my husband and I like it very much." Mr. Dickson is teaching here also.

Cosch C. G. Fitzgerald spent the week preparing his Red Devils for the conference tilt with the Sterling City squad here tonight under the lights.

To date, the Rankin team has not won a contest and will go into the contest as underdogs against the visiting team from Coke County.

Rankin has a few men on the injured list who will not be available for the contest this week, but extra efforts has been made during the past week to iron out a few of the rough places in the Rankin offensive, and the fans are due to see a wide open contest on the Red Devil gridiron tonight.

The game is scheduled to start promptly at 8 o'clock, according to Supt. Hamilton Still.

Probable starting line-up for the Red Devils will be: Billy Zachery, back; Don Still, back; Fields Branch, back; Don McEwen, line; Theo Blue, line, and James Gamblin, center.

A man in a ford pulled up beside a Buick and making 95 miles per hour and asked the man in the Buick how to get it out of low gear.

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