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Going Away Tea Given Mrs. Kathleen Hicks Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains and Mrs. Tom Workman entertained Saturday afternoon at a going-away tea for Mrs. Kathleen Hicks, who left Wednesday for Australia to make her home. The party was held in the Workman home from three to six o'clock.

Guests registered in a "Friendship" booklet and Mrs. Hicks was presented a corsage of white carnations tied with green by the hostesses. The green, silver and white color scheme was further carried out in the tea table, where individual white iced cakes topped with a bright green "K", green and white mints, nuts, coffee and tea were served. A white bowl of ivory, burning green tapers in white holders and silver service enhanced the setting.

The honored guest was the recipient of a number of appropriate travelling gifts from Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Mary Pierce, Mrs. Clay Taylor, Sara Lee Stephenson, Mrs. Luella Dean, Mary Ann Workman, Oma Elliott, Clois Baxter, Mrs. Joe Adams, Mrs. Warren H. Capps, Mrs. Ralph Daugherty, Mrs. A. O. White, Mrs. Tom Workman, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. Tommy Workman, Mrs. Clint Shaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Mrs. J. Lane, Mrs. Bud Thompson and Mrs. R. L. Bell.

Civil Service Examinations To Be Held At High School

Examinations are announced throughout the State of Texas for positions of Substitute Clerk and Clerk-Carrier for various Post Offices where employees do not have civil service status or where vacancies exist. Mr. R. A. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, McCamey, Texas, states that he will hold examinations for the following post offices: McCamey and Rankin, Texas. The examinations for the above post offices will be held at McCamey High School on March 19, 1949, commencing at 8:30 a. m. Applicants to be examined for each of these offices must actually reside within the delivery district of the post office at which they seek employment or be bona fide patrons of that office. Persons employed in a post office are considered patrons of that office. Employees in post offices who do not have civil service status should apply for these examinations if they wish to qualify for permanent employment. Applications and further information can be secured from the Post Office at each of the offices for which the examination is being held.

H. H. Ward Family Have Week-end Guests

Visiting the H. H. Ward family in Rankin over the week-end in honor of Mr. Ward's birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dallas and baby daughter, Thretha and an Arnold Ray of Lovington, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward, Jr., and baby daughter, Mary Annette, of Rankin, Texas. Mrs. Dallas and H. Ward, Jr., are daughter and son of the local Wards who operate a furniture store in Rankin. While in Rankin, H. H. Ward, Jr., had the pleasure of again meeting a World War II Buddy, Mrs. O. Price, and talking over their experiences while together in the Philippines and Japan.

Rankin Men Submit Winning Bids

James Worland submitted the high bid of \$750 on the 1947 revuelto that was up for sale at the county last Monday at the regular meeting of the Upton County Commissioners Court. Murry McCain, also of Rankin, submitted the high bid of \$151 on the 1941 pick-up which the county had for sale by bids. Both bids were accepted by the court.

Grady Boyd Post No. 675 Install Officers at Legion Banquet Monday

The local American Post had as their guest Monday night, District Commander, William J. Sohl of Alpine. The regular meeting of the post was held in the private dining room of the

City Cafe where dinner was served to 25. Commander Sohl presented the Charter to the Grady Boyd Post No. 672 of Rankin and installed officers as follows: Post Commander, Gordon L.

Steel; Vice Commander, J. Linton Clark; Adjutant, John J. Hurst; Finance Officer, James F. Lane; Chaplain, Reverend R. L. Herring; Historian, O. R. Adams; and Sergeant at Arms, David K. Workman.

Birthday Party Honors Mary Anderson On Twelfth Anniversary

Complimenting her daughter, Mary on the occasion of her 12th birthday, Mrs. Darby Anderson entertained at her home Monday afternoon.

Games of bingo provided entertainment and a prize, a picture of the honoree in a miniature gold frame, was awarded to Janet James.

Pictures were taken of the group after which the gifts were opened and displayed.

A pink and blue refreshment plate was served; dainty pink and blue nut cups filled with pastel colored candies marking the places of the guests. Attending the party were Janet James, Barbara Jean Cowling, Nancy McGill, Ruth McGill, Amarillis Harral, Anne McSpadden, Jan Daugherty, Sybil Patton, Mary Anderson, Barbara Harral, Clara J. Ratliff, Linda Harral, Virginia Harral, Priscilla Walcher, Margie Sue Walcher, Mrs. Walton Harral and Mrs. Jack Walcher.

Road Equipment Leased For Benedum Road Work

Upton County leased an elevating grader and a caterpillar tractor with a doser when the Upton County Commissioners Court met last Monday from the Pelfers Construction Company of Fort Worth.

The equipment will be used to do the foundation work on the Benedum road site which was recently selected by the county.

The equipment is scheduled to be in the county and in operation by the end of this week.

Amateur Calf Roping Jack-Pot Split Among Four Towns Last Week

Before a large crowd at the Upton County Fair Grounds in McCamey on Sunday, McCamey, Rankin, Ozona and Ft. Stockton vied for honors in the 2nd Jack-pot amateur contest.

Results were:

First Round of Jack-Pot Roping:

1st, Enoch Smith, McCamey, 20.2; 2nd, P. C. Perner, Ozona, 23.6; 3rd, Hamp Carter, Rankin, 26.

Second Round of Jack-Pot:

1st, P. C. Perner, Ozona, 13.2; 2nd, Brian Hale, Ft. Stockton, 19.2; 3rd, J. B. Parker, Ozona, 26.

Third Round of Jack-Pot Roping:

1st, Max Sheman, Rankin, 19.2; 2nd, P. C. Perner, Ozona, 19.5; 3rd, "Slim" Hefner, McCamey, 21.

The feature attraction of the afternoon was "Buckshot" Deakens and Jack Beckham retrieving a one dollar bill from the tail of a Brahma Bull calf.

The public is cordially invited to attend the roping contests which starts each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. There is no admission charge.

Joan Edwards' Condition "Unchanged"

Joan Edwards, 24 years of age and the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. M. J. Edwards, who received critical brain injuries in an automobile accident six weeks ago this next Monday night, remains unconscious in an Odessa hospital. Although a slight variation in her condition is noted at times, she remains practically "unchanged." Her parents and a number of the family are still at the bedside.

Ellenburger Test Is Staked By T. P. Here

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. has staked location for a scheduled Ellenburger test offsetting on the west its No. 62-E John F. Lane, Account 2, Ellenburger discovery in the McCamey field in Upton County.

The proposed 8,300-foot, rotary operation will be No. 63-E Lane Account 2, 1,980 feet from the South and west lines of section 5, GC&SF Ry Co. survey. It is due to start soon. No. 62-E Lane, Account 2, was completed last year for 60 barrels of 43.1 gravity oil and 90 barrels of water daily from 8,070,8130 feet.

Elliott-Allen Vows Exchanged In Ceremony At Church Of Christ Sunday

Miss Roma Elliott, daughter of I. C. Elliott of Rankin, and Mr. Ed H. (Harland) Allen of Sonora were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the presence of members of the families and close friends. The single ring ceremony was performed by Reverend R. L. Herring of the Church of Christ. Attendants were Ella Ruth Elliott, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor and Mr. Garland Allen of Sonora, twin brother of the groom, who was best man.

The bride was lovely in a beige suit with brown and rose accessories and corsage of blending roses. The maid of honor wore aqua. Arrangements of mixed carnations provided a background for the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are on a ten-day honeymoon to Eagle Pass, Houston and San Antonio, after which they will be at home in the Stephenson apartments in Rankin. Mr. Allen is a tool pusher for the Sonora Drilling Company and the bride is a deputy clerk in the Upton County Sheriff's office.

Mrs. Marcus Price Complimented With Wedding Shower In Merriman Home

Mrs. Marcus O. Price was complimented with a wedding shower when Mrs. George Stephenson, Mrs. Cecil Copeland, Mrs. Ray Boggs and Mrs. Cecil Merriman entertained in the Merriman home recently.

The party rooms were decorated with bouquets of variegated snap dragons and Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, aunt of the honoree registered guests in the bride's book.

Valentines were favors on the plates on which were served heart shaped strawberry short cake topped with whipped cream and hot punch.

Attending the party and sending gifts were Mesdames George Stephenson, Tommy Stephenson, W. J. Price, Cecil Copeland, L. L. Word, Tom Workman, R. C. Schlagal, Melvin Puckett, Don Horick, G. C. Fitzgerald, J. P. Rankin, W. A. Hudson, Louise Murchison, C. F. Merriman, L.

C. Steele, Jack Smith, Lewis M. Smith, Preston Patton, Lloyd Yocham, C. H. Nettleship, A. E. Ivy, R. R. Calcote, Stanley Kozimor, H. G. Yocham, Porter Johnson, E. Sterling, Ross Wheeler, J. Lane, Jack Marshall, Clois Baxter, Sam Holmes, Omar Warren, Dunn Lowery, O. R. Adams, R. H. Johnson, Ralph Daugherty, Hamp Carter, Zack Monroe, R. L. Bell, Clint Shaw, Bill Moore, Herschell Shaw, Walton Harral, Bruce McGill, M. O. Wheeler, Hudson Hanks, Marvin Bell, Will Nix, C. G. Taylor, Mary Pierce, Delbert McEwen, Ray Boggs, Pat Henley, O. C. Scarborough, Elizabeth Rains, Clay Taylor, H. Wheeler, Roy Priest, R. L. Herring, Herman Calcote and Misses Dorothy Robertson, Grace Roach, Mary Ann Workman, Christine Yocham, and members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church.

O.E.S. Hold Regular Meeting Monday

Worthy Matron Evelyn Jo Moore and Worthy Patron Randolph W. Moore presided when Rankin Chapter O. E. S. met Monday night.

Following the regular meeting of the chapter, the Worthy Matron's birthday was honored by her officers and members. Tea, coffee and birthday cake were served and Mrs. Moore was presented a white candle-tuft bread by the officers.

Attending Monday night's meeting were the Moores, Dr. J. C. Bredehoft, Mrs. C. J. Holcomb, Mrs. Omar Warren, Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Mrs. D. G. Hardt, Mrs. Tom Workman, Mrs. R. D. McSpadden, Miss Myrna Holman, Mrs. John Hurst, Mrs. Ben Frazier, Mrs. F. S. Smith and Mrs. Walton Harral.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy for us in this dark hour of bereavement. The words of sympathy, and the beautiful floral offerings were very deeply appreciated at the death of our brother and son, Mrs. Ella Barfield and family

Mrs. Kathleen Hicks, Daughter Leave For Australia

Mrs. Tom Mitchell and Mrs. Tom Workman and son Jimmy accompanied Mrs. Kathleen Hicks and baby daughter, Lelia Jeanne, to Midland Tuesday afternoon, from where they will leave by plane Wednesday for Sydney, Australia, via San Francisco, leaving San Francisco Thursday evening, the trans-oceanic plane will arrive in Sydney Sunday evening after a six hour stop-over in Honolulu.

Mrs. Hicks and the baby will make their home with Mrs. Kitty Taylor, their mother and grandmother, who went to Australia a year ago. Both Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Taylor came to the United States from London, England, following the war.

Ft. Worth Company Gets Upton County Air Port Contract

Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher announced this week that the Allied Engineers, Inc., of Ft. Worth had been awarded the engineering contract for the Upton County Airport to be built in McCamey. The airport is a part of the bond issue approved by Upton County voters in December.

J. Silas Pittman has been employed by the company to do the survey work and prepare notes for the proposed airport site. Work started on the field work Thursday.

Weekly Swing Of Southwest Markets

Most southwest farm products held about steady to strong during the past week, but some easy spots appeared, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Sorghums advanced 10 cents a hundred for the week, but other grains lost 1 to 3 cents a bushel. No. 1 hard wheat closed Monday at \$2.38 to \$2.43 in bulk carlots at Texas Common points. No. 2 white corn sold around \$1.66, yellow corn \$1.52, barley \$1.44 1-2, and milo \$2.67 to \$2.72. Oats ranged from 91 1-2 to 96 1-4 cents.

Warm weather in consuming centers slowed demand for rice during the past week, but prices remained unchanged. Higher feed prices reflected strength in the grain markets. Slackened demand for middle grade hay brought lower quotations.

Southwest cattle prices ranged largely from 50 cents to \$2 above a week earlier, although some classes showed little change. Houston moved cutter cows at \$15 Monday. Canners and cutters brought \$12 to \$16 at San Antonio, \$11 to \$16 at Fort Worth, \$13 to \$16 at Oklahoma City, and \$15 to \$15.50 at Denver.

Wide fluctuations during the week left hog prices \$2 higher after Monday's trading at San Antonio, and around 50 cents higher at most other markets. Top butchers reached \$20.25 at San Antonio, \$20 at Fort Worth, \$20.50 at Oklahoma City, and \$21.25 at Denver. Best pigs sold around \$16 to \$16.50.

Lambs gained \$1 to \$2 for the week, and ewes changed little. San Antonio bought common and medium fresh shorn lambs at \$17. Fort Worth took medium and good grades at \$21. Top slaughter lambs reached \$23.50 at Oklahoma City.

Receipts of cattle, calves and hogs last week dropped well below the week before, although sheep increased. Dressed beef, lamb and pork remained strong as trade opened in New York and Chicago Monday. Gains for the week ranged from \$3 to \$6. Veal and calf dropped from \$1 to \$6 since last Monday, depending on weight and grade.

Eggs held about steady at 37 to 38 cents a dozen in Denver and 40 to 45 elsewhere in the southwest for current receipts. Fryers weakened further, but other poultry changed little. Fryers brought 28 to 30 cents a pound in North Texas, 30 to 31 at New Orleans, 30 to 35 at Denver, and 26 to 27 at Arkansas farms.

South Texas processing plants

Angels of Mercy, Ethiopian Style



Only a hundred doctors and a few dozen nurses were available until recently to care for Ethiopia's total population of some 12,000,000. Now, with the aid of the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), training programs in all parts of the country are turning out the necessary help to relieve the critical shortage of medical personnel.

Car Demolished In Accident Tuesday

A 1939 Ford four-door sedan turned end over end four times just east of Rankin at about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon without injuring the driver, Carl Bean, Jr., (colored) of Abilene. The automobile was completely demolished when it took to the

air in attempting to make too fast a turn on a curve. Bean was placed in the Upton County jail by local officials and Wednesday morning was assessed a \$72.00 DWI fine and placed in the county jail for ten days after payment was made of the fine.

Insurance Payments IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN Up In Texas In 1948

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Neal have been in San Angelo since Sunday, where Mr. Neal has been receiving medical treatment.

Texas families received \$43,552,000 in life insurance benefit payments during 1948, compared with \$39,991,000 in the previous year and \$38,005,000 in 1946, the Institute of Life Insurance reported today.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Moore and son Duwan spent Sunday and Monday in Rankin.

"The death benefit payments in this state last year were made under 31,362 policies, compared with 29,739 policies in the previous year and 29,466 policies in 1946," the Institute reported.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eades visited the Rudolph Jackson family in Odessa Sunday. Mrs. Jackson and children, Nickie and Nancy, accompanied her parents home to Rankin for a week's visit.

"Of the aggregate 1948 payments in the state, \$31,953,000 was under 11,531 ordinary policies; \$7,761,000 was under 3,348 group life insurance policies; and \$3,838,000 was under 16,483 industrial insurance policies. These payments help keep families together, provide educational funds, pay off mortgages, provide retirement income or stabilize business organizations in all parts of the state."

Tom Workman and Arch Hall flew to Fort Stockton on business Monday.

The national total of death benefits paid last year was \$1,446,607,000 which compares with \$1,339,390,000 in 1947 and \$1,280,362,000 in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and baby and Mary Ann Workman spent the past week-end in Dumas with Mrs. Workman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Koerting, and other members of the family. Mrs. Workman and Cathy remained in Dumas for the week.

Texas Retail Sales Decline 6% In January

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell left Monday for an indefinite stay in Cisco for the benefit of Mrs. Powell's health.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 24—Texas retail sales, estimated at \$321 million for January 1949, dropped 6 per cent under figures for January 1948, the University of Texas Bureau of Business research reported.

Mrs. Frank Parr is a patient in a McCamey hospital this week.

Apparel stores with sales decreasing less than 1 per cent, food stores, with sales declining less than 2 per cent, and department stores, with sales dipping 3 per cent, recorded the smallest declines over this 12-month period. Lumber and building materials sales showing the greatest all in business for January 1949, tumbled 28 per cent from the January figures.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Price had as their guests the past week-end Mrs. Price's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Garner and sister and brother, Wanda Dean and John of Lubbock.

Greatest gains for 1949 in retail sales placed family clothing stores and men's and boys' clothing establishments at top with 5 per cent jumps over January 1948, and drug stores, filling stations, and florists with 2-per cent rises. General merchandise, eating and drinking places, and restaurants maintained nominal increases of less than 1 per cent over January 1948.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains left Thursday to spend the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schultz, in Artesia, New Mexico.

Christmas influenced retail sales for December 1948, when sales stood 80 per cent above those for January 1949 in jewelry, 49 per cent in family clothing stores, 53 per cent in men's and boys' clothing stores, 48 per cent in hardware stores, 58 per cent in department stores, 49 per cent in apparel, 47 per cent in women's specialty shops, 50 per cent in general merchandise, and 43 per cent in shoe stores.

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What Has Happened To Meat Prices?

Is any form of "price control" workable? The answer to that is yes—but not the kind of arbitrary and artificial controls which governments sometimes impose, to the eventual sorrow of their people. The only kind of "price control" which does a sound job is that which is part and parcel of the supply-and-demand system of production and distribution.

Meat has been providing an exceptionally good example of that. This winter there was a seasonal increase in meat supplies. As a result, between September and mid-January the general wholesale price of all meats, for the country as a whole, declined about 20 per cent. This was reflected in sharp declines in retail prices. In the Chicago area, over the same period of time, pork chops dropped an average of 26 per cent, round steak 25 per cent, and so on down the line. Lard, which is one of the major by-products of the meat packing industry, sank 30 per cent.

This, to repeat, was the result of increased meat supplies available to the consumer. How long that will go on, no one knows. But all of us should know, from experience and observation, that government controls and allocations would inevitably create shortages—precisely as they would act as a welcome shot in the arm to the black market. No one will do his utmost to produce more meat for the future if he knows that the prices he will receive, and the markets available to him, will be dictated by the whims of politicians whose principal interest lies in seeking favor with the voters.

Supply and demand continues to demonstrate that it is the best and fairest economic system yet devised by man.

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

By

J. T. RUTHERFORD

State Representative
88th District

This is something new.

As you read this, you will see the first attempt by a public servant to keep the people informed, from week to week, of the job that he is doing, trying to do, helping to do.

As your representative at the state capitol, I intend writing the newspapers of my district each week, and in this way informing the readers of proposed legislation and enacted legislation. From time to time I will insert little side-lights of interest. And, at the same time, I invite your letters or personal visits.

In this, the first article, I will attempt to give you the background of legislative work, and some of the problems facing the legislators.

A member of the House of Representatives is in the same boat with any public servant, whether he be county, state or national. He can leave his district, enroute to a session of the legislature, with a knowledge of what his constituents want. However, once away from his district, he loses direct contact. Since times change, and opinions and circumstances change, it is possible for the legislator to "get out of tune." For that reason, it is necessary to make this attempt to keep you informed, and at the same time ask you to express your opinions and wishes by wire, letter, phone, or personal visit.

It has been said that a poli-

tician thinks of the next election, while a statesman thinks of the next generation.

It is my desire to be a statesman—to think of the next generation. It is essential, however, to think of the present generation. And—perhaps you will forgive me—it is only human to think of my own future. To be successful in thinking of all three, it is necessary that I inform you and you inform me—so that your wishes can be observed by your elected representative.

As you know, it took some time for the members of the House to get settled down to work for this session. Some of you probably fretted, as I did, at the delay. In fact, I arrived in Austin with an impatience that bordered on eagerness. Or vice versa, I wanted to get things done. I fumed and fussed until I understood that the delay is not a delay at all—but a period in which organization is acquired. The Speaker is elected—and at times that is a result of a fiery contest—committees are appointed, rules formulated.

To be truthful, now that the session is in full swing and hours of work long and exacting, I sometimes wish for a delay. Even a short one. At the present time I serve you on the following committees:

1. Oil, Gas and Mining
2. Judicial Districts
3. Military and Veterans' Affairs
4. Penitentiaries
5. Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions.

It is necessary to attend at last five committee meetings each week. These meetings sometimes last from 1 to 5 hours each, and some night sessions of the legislature sometimes continue until

1:30 a. m. It is impossible to begrudge time spent in committee hearings, however, since the real basis of all legislative work is achieved in the committee rooms.

Many times I receive wires asking me to support certain House Bills. Most of the time, these are good bills—as first introduced. However, many are amended or practically re-written in committee, so that the only way to recognize them after their emergence is by their numbers. And sometimes, after amendment, they are not good bills. As you can see, that creates a problem. Should I vote as the people asked me to? I think you will agree that I should not, if amendments made the bill a bad one. But what of the people who do not know the bill was amended into a bad bill? Will they think that I refused to do my duty? I think you will agree that this problem can only be solved by constant contact and exchange of information by the people and the legislator.

How does a bill become a law? Simple, you say. You learned that from your text book of Texas Government.

But it isn't just like the text book says it is.

For instance, most people think the legislator introduces a bill by dropping it in a box or "hopper." That's what the text book says.

Well, there is no hopper. Here is the way a bill becomes a law.

First, the bill is drafted and turned over to a filing clerk for numbering and filing. The number placed on that bill will be retained throughout its course.

The filing clerk gives the bill to the Speaker, who tentatively refers it to committee. Notice, the Speaker TENTATIVELY refers it to the committee. That means he merely notes which committee should get the bill for discussion at a later date.

The Speaker gives the bill to the clerk, and the clerk reads the caption as the First Reading.

It then goes to the Committee. The author must appear before the committee with a copy of the bill for each member of that committee. This is necessary—and he must explain the bill to the committee—point out its advantages. In other words, he must JOCKEY that bill through committee. If he fails to appear before the committee, the bill will never emerge. It will be dead.

As the next step, the bill is brought back to the House for a second reading. At this time, the rules of the House may be suspended and the Third Reading be done on the second day, if two-thirds of the House agree. A vote is taken.

If the bill passes, the final motion is that the author of the bill makes a motion that the House table any reconsideration.

If successful, thus far, the bill goes to the Senate where almost the same procedure is followed. The author must follow that bill, speak about it, win friends for it. In short, he must jockey that bill through both houses.

If the bill is amended in the Senate, it goes back to the House. If the House does not agree with the amendment, then joint committees meet to work out the differences.

If passed, the bill goes to the Governor, where it may be vetoed. If vetoed, it can be passed only if three-fourths of both Houses vote for it.

Next week I shall attempt to give you the background of work now going on here in Austin.

CUSTOMERS ALWAYS RIGHT

John L. (at a cigar counter, pointing): "I always smoke that brand there in the can."

Clerk: "I'm sure there's no better place to smoke them, sir."

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14x20 Pre-Fabricated Houses, \$550.00 delivered in McCamey complete with doors, windows, roof decking, 210 lb. tab shingles, 105 siding, hardwood flooring, 16 inch construction throughout. 14x20 \$750.00, other sizes in proportion. See sample houses block west Community Bldg. Glenn Hampton, West 6th, McCamey, Phone 476-W.

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HASTINGS THINKS

BY HASTINGS BAKER

A New York bartender received a rather generous tip—a 1948 Cadillac.

Most men have long suspected that women's hairdressers include a large percentage of lunatics. One of these refugees from the looney bin has a new twist to make women sit up and take notice. He pours half a glass of champagne on top of the feminine head, offers her the other half to drink and proceeds with the mysterious art of setting the curls. Could it be that he hates women?

There is another Jolson story—not about Al, but about Leon who went from concentration camp to riches. He spent three years in concentration camps and then more than two years hiding in a closet. When he got out of the closet, he had to learn to walk again. Just two years ago he came to the United States. He had no money, but borrowed \$2,000 and has already built this up to a million dollar importing business.

Volume II of Winston Churchill's memoirs bring to mind again the incredible weakness of the allies facing the Nazi war machine in the early days of the war. He now gives some of the facts which were then top secret. After the fall of France, the British had only 50 infantry tanks in service except for those used in training. Says Churchill in his flowing phrase, "Never has a great nation been so naked before her foes."

To visualize the immense power of plane engines, compare a plane engine of more than 3,000 horsepower with the 500 horsepower of the most powerful bulldozer. A plane with four such engines packs considerably more power than the largest locomotive. With all this power pushing a plane against the thin air of the stratosphere, even the

largest bombers can streak through the sky at 10 miles a minute. By the time a fighter plane can rise to such height, the bomber is far away. Also a larger bomber can actually outmaneuver a fighter plane in the high thin air. The fighter has smaller flaps and rudders. A fast fighter in making a turn may skid 15 or 20 miles while the big plane with larger control surfaces can make the little plane look clumsy.

Dogs are not happy in Hungary. Almost all male dogs over one year must be sterilized. Only the pure breed dogs escape and 99 out of 100 dogs are not pedigreed. All dogs are taxed and the dog lover who tries to dodge the sterilization law faces a stiff prison term.

The Atomic Energy Commission is definitely big business, with a budget for the coming year of more than two million dollars a day.

A father in Lynn, Massachusetts, was suing his daughter's boy friend for socking her on the chin. When the case opened the father sheepishly passed the judge a note from his daughter: "Selwyn and I have eloped. Please don't interfere. We will be very happy."

Mao Tse-Tung is a name which will soon be as familiar as Chiang Kai-Shek because, whether we like it or not, Mao Tse-Tung is the new boss of China. To most of us he is a completely strange person and even the experts know very little about his early life. He is a stocky, moon-faced bear of a man, weighing over 200 pounds and standing 5 feet, 8 inches. His manner is bland and oily when he wants to be nice and coldly ruthless when he wants to be tough. In one year he had headed over four thousand of his fellow communists because he considered them not true communists. If he can be that rough in his own party, it can be imagined what he will do to those outside the party.

He is the peasant type, likes to noisily munch peanuts and

smokes cigarettes with much loud huffing and puffing. His hands are small and dainty, his voice high and thin and his wife is his fourth.

The Chinese have just gone through a hard ten years and now they must face the future under this man who is without mercy and a head chopper by nature.

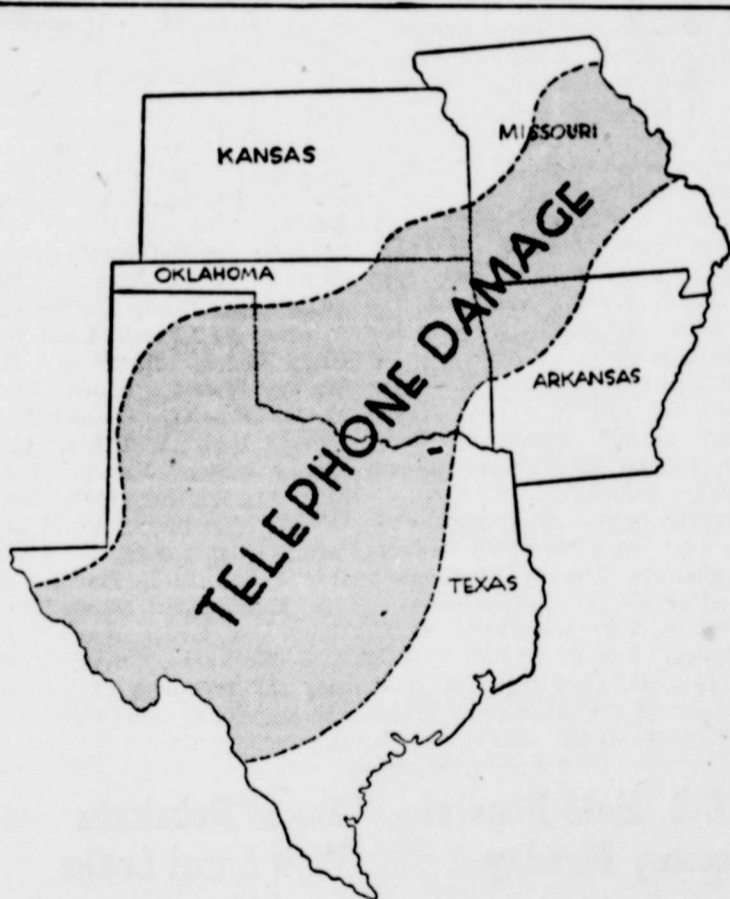
Now that Hungary is behind the iron curtain it is a strange nightmarish country. It came under the news spotlight with the mock trial of Mindszenty who was drugged and his secre-

tary terribly tortured. The ordinary people suffer too. Every person is recorded in a government card index of red, white and green cards. Red means communist. White means ordinary laboring peasant. Green means trouble. If you had a grandfather who perhaps, owned a small shop, you would be green because a member of your family had risen above the working class. It is that easy to be recorded on the dreaded green cards.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
How's Your Listening Time?
Buck Howell and I were in Bal-ville last week. Dropped in at Bob's diner where some friends were sitting around talking about whether to sell hogs now or wait.
Buck plunges right into the discussion. He's lecturing away when suddenly they all stand up and start stomping their feet like it was an Indian war dance.
I'm flabbergasted. But Buck only looked sheepish and explains, "Guess I was talking again, when I should've been listening. When a person's talking time gets out of line with his listening time around here, the gang reminds him by standing up and stomping."
From where I sit, that's a good system. Everyone has a right to his opinions—but others have a right to theirs, too—whether it's deciding between to sell or not to sell, apple pie or cherry pie, or a glass of mellow beer or cider. Life's more interesting that way, and hang it if you don't sometimes learn something!
Joe Marsh
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January Telephone Damage Reaches Ten Million Dollars

way or another, they got to where they were needed, and they got the job done.

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Wire shipments during the month were more than was required by Southwestern Bell in all of the fourth quarter of 1948 for normal purposes. In addition to wire, thousands of poles, crossarms, and tons of pole-line hardware were moved by truck, by express, and by air into the storm areas.

Equipment is standardized
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New Junior Enrolled In Rankin High

All the Juniors as well as the rest of the school are enthusiastic about the new Junior girl who enrolled in R. H. S. Monday. She is Imogene Sanders, sixteen years old and 5 feet 5 inches tall, from Christoval, Texas. She is interested in all kind of sports and thinks that she will like Rankin. Imogene has light brown hair, a peach complexion, and gray eyes, and very attractive. She is studying Typing, English III, Commercial Law, and Algebra I. Mr. Sanders is working on the A. D. Neal ranch north of town and Imogene rides the bus. Rankin is very happy to have her.

P. T. A. Purchase Playground Equipment

The P. T. A. has purchased some new play-ground equipment. They have bought a four board See Saw, a six set swing, and a new merry-go-round. They have purchased these articles to be installed on the play-ground for the children's use. Everyone will be happy to have this new equipment. The See-Saws have arrived and will be installed soon. The other equipment will arrive in due time and will be installed.

FOUR PUPILS ENROLL IN GRADE SCHOOL

There were four new pupils to enroll in R. H. S. this past week. Several more are expecting to enroll soon.

Coach Issues Call For Track Team

Coach Fitzgerald issued a call for boys who are interested in participating in the track and field events this spring. They began working out last Tuesday with ten boys reporting for duty. They plan to have a very good team this year with boys planning to participate in all phases of the interscholastic league.

Onions And Orchids

Orchids to Harry Gene for bringing a certain girl carnations.
 Orchids to most of the boys for dancing so much. It wasn't so bad, was it?
 Onions to Merry Tom and Frances D. for not coming to the dance.
 Orchids to Mrs. Reynolds for helping with the dance.
 Orchids to all the boys with dares for getting their girls a corsage.
 Onions to Emma Lou's dress for staying up. We hear she got kind of worried.
 Orchids to James for going with Fields Tuesday nite.
 Onions to Billy Dean for talking so much.
 Orchids to Joyce Marie for coming back to R. H. S.
 Orchids to James and Fields for rescuing their victim Tuesday.
 Orchids for it raining Tuesday nite, EH!!! James????
 Onions to a certain girls for not leaving a certain boy alone.

State Supervisor Visits School

Last Tuesday the State Supervisor visited dear old R. H. S. and found the school to be in very good shape. He visited all the rooms and looked at some of the notebooks, which he found to be in shape. Everyone enjoyed his visit very much and hope that he will come back soon.

FRESHMAN DANCE

The Freshman Class of R. H. S. sponsored a dance last Saturday night in the High School Gymnasium.
 This dance was Nite Club style and tables were supposed to have been reserved before the dance. The Gym was decorated with balloons and different colored lights.
 The dance began at 7:30 o'clock and at 10:00 o'clock a floor show was presented. A silhouette was given to the tune of "Pistol Packin' Mama", a song was sung by JOY WARD, and the Senior boys had their brains tested. Donald McEwen didn't register and he had to sit down.
 Three Senior boys Fields Branch, James Gamblin, and Theo Blue were left on the stage to contest for a prize. They all won a sucker.
 This dance was enjoyed by all and a lot of fun was had by all. Refreshments were sold by the Freshman mothers.
 We hope to enjoy many more of these dances very soon.

Six Weeks Exams Next Week

Six weeks exams are to begin next week with every body looking forward to this big event. We hope to make good grades on our tests but this can only be done with a lot of studying. Well! things come and go so maybe we can make it past the tests again.

Buttons Win Beaus



This town-tailored suit, with its white pique lapels and bone buttons all in a row scored a bull's eye on Cosmopolitan magazine's Male-Tested Fashions juror. Mickey Rooney, Jean Sablon, Steve Hannagan and Peter Lind Hayes agreed that they liked the "expensive look" of its "restrained" silhouette. Of Pacific Mills Verdona crepe, with slim, eight gore skirt, the suit is tailored by Handmacher and is available in navy, black, grey, spring green or five other colors at about \$65.

Indiana Man Seeks Texas Lands For Goldfish Ponds

AUSTIN, Texas.—In the course of 113 years the public domain of Texas has been sought for all kinds of purposes, but Land Commissioner Bascom Gles believes a modern-day potential customer must be reckoned as the most unique.
 Giles was visited recently by E. C. Shireman of Martinsville, Indiana, who was wondering if any of the public school land would be suitable for building goldfish ponds.
 Or for several goldfish ponds. When Mr. Shireman builds goldfish ponds, he builds them. At his present hatchery in Martinsville, Indiana, Shireman has some 400 acres of goldfish breeding grounds. His present stock of goldfish is about 25 million, of nine different varieties, including the Calico Telescope.
 Shireman has no intention of removing his headquarters to Texas, not at present, though he is considering testing the Texas weather and climatic conditions. Goldfish, explains the man who sells about 15 million per year, start laying eggs when the temperature rises to 60 degrees. In Texas that would mean they lay most of the time, though it remains to be seen what effect the "blue" waters would have upon their schedule.
 As a 14-inch goldfish (Shireman claims they grow 'em that begin in Indiana) will lay some 75,000 eggs per spawning season, a few more weeks of warm weather could produce results.
 Shireman, the "goldfish king of the world," started his unique industry as a hobby. Now he employs 125 "goldfish nurses" and sells his products in 48 states. His hatcheries require some 20,000 pounds of fish food daily and specially built trucks deliver fish to jobbers in all sections of the country. Fish are also shipped by express.
 Some 10 per cent of his production is used for bait by sportsmen, as about that many of the newly spawned never turn "gold."
 Interested in acquiring Texas land, Shireman explains that he does not contemplate such operations in this state.
 "However," he smiled, "if the college kids will go back to eating goldfish, we may have to expand."

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

As hunters know, many domestic animals occasionally wander from the hands of man—cattle, horses, hogs, turkeys, ducks, geese—all sometimes throw off the human yoke and take to remote places or join their wild cousins.
 It is unfortunate that man's two favorite household pets and helpers should cause the most trouble when they do hear the call of the wild. The cat and dog, turned primitive, destroy those things which are important to us economically, esthetically and recreationally, claims Bill Wolfe, author of many hunting and fishing articles.
 The killer cat comes in for the major share of the blame, and is the subject of much argument. Defenders to the contrary, the domestic cat which is allowed to prowl at will in suburban or rural areas and the homeless cat which turns entirely wild and lives as a beast of prey, destroy wildlife of much more value to man than the contribution they make killing a few mice.
 The owner who takes tabby out to the country to be turned loose, is positive it will head for the nearest farm and find a good home. They never find such a home. If they survive the first several grim weeks, they learn how to kill to live. They stay away from the farmhouse, where they are less than welcome. In a little time the wild has reclaimed them entirely. There is nothing cute about them. They are miniature tigers.
 When the dear little kittens need food they have a varied choice—young of rabbits, quail, pheasants and low-nesting songbirds are easy prey. Furthermore they can kill the adults of all but the larger animals and birds classed as small game.
 If this is condemnation, it is not intended for the cats, but rather for their owners who abandon them or who do not properly care for them. They seldom realize how destructive their cats can be when allowed to roam at will. There is no room for killer cats, and the hunter is justified in shooting them as he would any serious predator. The hunter spends his money to put game in the field. The cat owner contributes nothing, not even a license fee.

WHAT IF!!

Emma Lu talked about someone but herself??
 Grover came to school??
 Wanda B. and Harry Gene would not fuss so much??
 Mona Sue could find a boy friend that was not taken??
 WILMA went to see Vick when he had the Flu??
 It rained??
 Bill Davee could type.
 Billy could stand the typing drills??
 Donald could compete with Red??
 A truck Driver got scared the other day??
 All of the seniors had their wills made out in time to send the annual off to the publishing company.
 Donald could read.
 Chock was a mean little boy.
 There was a new Junior Girl Theo got mad at his typewriter?
 Marlene didn't want her name in the "what if".
 There were some objections to the paper staff.
 Everyone went to the Freshman Dance.
 Wanda H. went to DeLeon??
 Virginia could play tennis. She can't Chock said.
 Bill and Joy had a fuss in History class??
 The freshmen and seniors were having a feud?
 There were three dumb Senior boys?
 Virginia could hold hands at the Freshman dance.
 Ruthie left her coke bottle at the staff meeting.
 Harry Gene, Norman, and Bruce had a party Sunday nite.
 Virginia could Break Boys Hearts!!!!!!!

Annual In Mail

The seniors got their annual in the mail today and hope to get it back in May. They have been working steady on it for a week and finally got it ready. The Taylor Publishing Company is printing their annual with promise to return it by the first week of May. They have enjoyed it very much and hope that you will enjoy the finished copy as well.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT NOW IN SESSION

The junior tournament is now in session at the Rankin High School gym. With over a dozen teams entered, there will be some tough competition and you are requested to come out at any time. School will be dismissed Friday afternoon for the games.

TENNIS BEGINS IN R. H. S.

All the kids of R. H. S. have taken their tennis rackets and have begun practice. There are a number of students who are taking up this sport and they are getting in all the practice that they can at every possible moment.

CORRECT

Teacher: "Earl, did you whisper today?"
 Earl: "Yes, ma'm, wunst!"
 Teacher: "Pat, should he have said wunst?"
 Pat: "No, ma'm, he should 've said twict."

HE'S RIGHT

In answer to Mrs. Nettleship's request to "name one of the most important uses of a cow's hide, Lewis replied: "It helps to keep the cow together."



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