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Benedum Road Delayed; Contractor Withdraws Bid

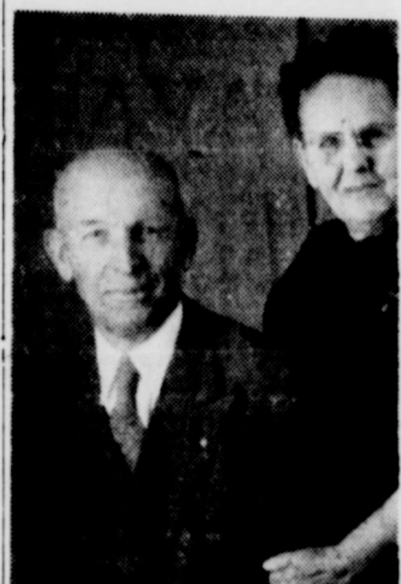
Plans Started Anew On Upton Project

Members of the Upton County Commissioners Court found themselves set back a month on the Benedum Road this week when W. O. Pelphreys, General Contractor of Fort Worth, sent a letter to the body requesting that his bid which had been accepted at the bond letting on the previous Monday be cancelled due to technicalities in the specifications. These details were pointed out in his letter, and on this basis, he asked that he be permitted to withdraw his bid. The court approved the letter.

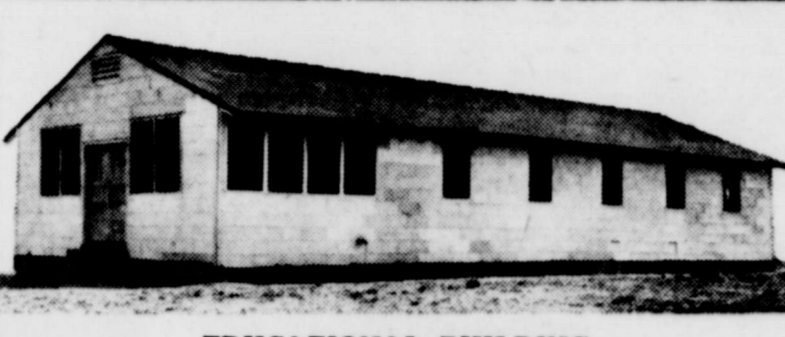
On the same day, the body voted to enter into contract with Sillman-Walker Engineers of Fort Stockton to assist Pittman, resident engineer, in completing the road. Advertising for bids are due to begin Friday, April 29, and it is expected that contracts will be received again for the road in about one month. Until that time the roadside will be maintained in the best condition possible by the county for the contractors when the contract is let.

Methodist Annex To Be Dedicated Sunday

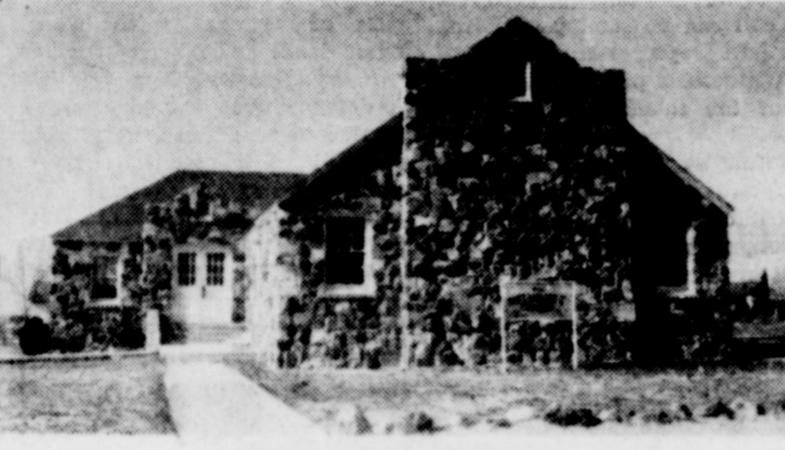
Reverend D. G. Hardt, pastor of the Methodist Church of Rankin, has announced the dedication of the new educational building which has recently been made a part of the church plant, for Sunday evening April 24th. A covered dish supper, to which everyone interested is invited, will be served at the building at six o'clock. Reverend Fred Brucks of San Angelo, District Superintendent of the church, will hold the 4th Quarterly Conference commencing at 7:45 o'clock, which will be followed by the dedication service. In its Easter service last Sunday morning the local church received 12 additions into its membership.



Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hardt



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



METHODIST CHURCH

McCamey Fire Takes Total Loss

Dewey's Thrifty Shop in downtown McCamey was a total loss on contents in a fire that was discovered about 7 p. m. Thursday evening. Dewey Jones, manager of the store, had closed at 6 p. m. The building was owned by A. F. Nickens. No estimate as to the loss on the building or the materials had been made early Friday.

GIRL TO DAVIDSON'S—Barbara Joan Davidson, weighing 7 lbs and 4 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson of Ozona in a San Angelo hospital on Friday April 15th. The baby has two sisters, Becky 7 and Anne 5. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hill formerly of Rankin, now living in Big Lake and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davidson of Ozona.

with H. M. (Dad) Roberts as contractor, became a reality in time for the opening services, September 24, 1939.

SUPPLEMENTAL FACTS
EARLY LEADERS: George E. Blanton and wife, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Yates, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. Childress, Mrs. Emmett Carruthers, first organizer; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schnaubert.

Sunday School and church was first held in the waiting room of the depot, with Geo. E. Blanton as superintendent, who served during the time he lived here.

The Methodist Church was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hickox, where Thelma, Mattie and Archie McDonald joined, and Mrs. McDonald and Clifton renewed their vows (1916). A little later in the same year the Baptist Church was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schnaubert.

PLACE IN EARLY LIFE: Within a short time after the town was organized and church and Sunday School were held in the waiting room of the depot, when a preacher was available. Sunday School worship was carried on regularly.

Rev. L. O. Ryan built the First Methodist Church of Rankin, Texas in the year 1939. He served the charge two years. He was succeeded by Rev. O. O. Moore who served the charge for 4 years. He was followed by Rev. H. G. Birdwell who was pastor of the church for one year. Rev. D. G. Hardt, the present pastor succeeded him. In the fall of 1948 a Hospital Unit was bought at the Marfa Air Field and moved to Rankin and converted into an Educational Building.

The growth of the First Methodist Church is keeping up with the growth of the town. Under the ministry of Rev. Hardt the Sunday school attendance has more than doubled. He has taken into the church 133 members. Of these 52 united with the church on profession of faith and 81 by letter.

Many of the members uniting with the church moved away and are now active in the church where they reside. The Educational Building is free of debt and will be dedicated on April 24, 1949 at 7:45. Rev. Fred J. Brucks, District Superintendent of the San Angelo District will be in charge of the service.

Darlene Workman Is Honored With Party On Sixth Birthday

Darlene Workman, whose sixth birthday was Easter Sunday, had a number of little friends in for an Easter egg hunt and birthday party in the afternoon at the home of her grand-parents in Rankin.

The egg hunt and games were enjoyed and the host and hostess served birthday cake, ice cream and candy to the guests. Darlene received a number of lovely gifts. Attending the party were Wanda Jean Smith, Beverly Blount, Rhoda McSpadden, Caroline Langford, Elsie Sharon Wheeler, Kay McEwen, Janice and Priscilla Bell, Beverly Bennett, Karen Taylor, Barbara Barfield, Darlene Workman, Lonnie Ferrell, Tommy Langford, Scotty Bennett, David Still, Johnny Barfield.

Others present were Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. S. M. Owens, Mrs. H. Still, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Workman of Texon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman Sr., Mrs. Maxine Taylor, Sam Tanner, Jimmy an Larry Ann Workman and Bob Erwin.

W. E. Athey Of Huntsville Dies

Funeral services for W. E. Athey of Huntsville were held in Bronte Wednesday, April 21, with Rev. V. D. Price conducting the services. Mr. Athey died suddenly Sunday of a heart attack. He was born August 16, 1903 in Runnels County. He is survived by one son, J. W. Athey of Bronte; three brothers B. C. of Huntsville, John McCamey, and Jake of Stockton, California. Four sisters, Mrs. My Boucher of McCamey, Mrs. Myrtle Best, McCamey; Mrs. Beatrice Phillips of Blackwell, and Miss Bertie Athey of Dryden, Texas.

Interment was in the Bronte cemetery under direction of the Huff Funeral Home.

'Ready Made Family' Given Tonight By Junior Class

"Ready Made Family", a 3-act comedy, will be presented in the High School auditorium Friday night April 22nd by the Junior Class of Rankin High School. The amusing performance which is being directed by Coach Mrs. Fitzgerald, will present the following characters:

S. E. Scott Dies In His Home April 20

S. E. Scott died at his home Wednesday, April 20, after an extended illness. Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. R. L. Herring officiating in Rankin.

Mr. Scott was born May 22, 1875 in Paris, Texas and was married to Miss Rosa Anna Preusser in Toyah, Texas in 1915. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Big Spring, where they moved their home until 1926 when they moved to Rankin where they were in the grocery business until Mr. Scott's retirement in February 1948.

Survivors other than the widow include three daughters, Mrs. Billy Rankin, Mrs. Ray Boggs and Mrs. Lewis Bennett, all of Rankin. One brother, Marvin Scott and one sister Mrs. Lily Craig both of Mingus, Texas. Also several grandchildren nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers include Ralph Daugherty, L. Z. Titsworth, Clint Shaw, H. G. Yocham, Clay Taylor, Lloyd Yocham, Paul Crandell, Tommie Stephenson, all of Rankin.

Interment will be in the Rankin Cemetery under the direction of Porter Johnson of Rankin and Jacobsen's Funeral Chapel, McCamey.

Miss Neva Rae Taylor of Fort Worth spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor and other relatives in Rankin.

Dunn Lowery and C. W. Brown left by plane from Midland Tuesday for a business trip to El Paso.

Brief History of Church Development In Rankin

Two years after the town of Rankin was established, the first steps were taken to establish a church. This was made possible through the able leadership and direction of the late I. G. Yates, who headed a subscription list, bearing the names of other subscribers, who also donated liberally to this cause.

On November 6, 1914, a Warranty Deed was given by the Orient Land Company to Geo. E. Blanton, J. H. Johnson, and H. H. Russell, trustees of the non-denominational church and their successors in office of the County of Upton, State of Texas, to Lots 7 and 8, Block 5 in the town of Rankin on which the first church building was erected. Each trustee was a member of a different religious organization: Geo. E. Blanton, a Baptist; J. H. Johnson, Church of Christ; H. H. Russell, Methodist.

Upon completion of the building the dedication was held, with a Church of Christ minister of San Angelo, Texas officiating. The church was dedicated as the "Rankin Union Church", but later popularly called the Community Church. A special guest on this occasion was the late L. L. Farr of San Angelo, Texas. Mr. I. G. Yates was the first person to unite with any church in this building. He united with the Church of Christ.

This building was used jointly by different denominations, each using a designated Sunday until in later years all had built their individual church building, except the First Methodist Church, which continued its use to the present year, 1939.

Union Sunday School was held each Sunday in this building, and the use of union literature was continued through the year 1932, at which time the use of Methodist literature was begun. Mr. Geo. E. Blanton was the first superintendent and Mrs. Will Nix the first secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School in this building.

On March 7, 1939, the First Methodist Episcopal Church South of Rankin purchased the share of the Rankin Union Church from the Church of Christ. A warranty deed was given to J. W. Robbins, S. B. Ferrier and W. E. Stephenson, Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church South of Rankin in the town of Rankin. On March 9, 1939, the share of the First Baptist Church of Rankin was also purchased and a Warranty Deed was so given by Ralph H. Daugherty, H. G. Secrest, and R. R. Priest, Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Rankin, Texas.

Work was started on June 12, 1939 tearing down the old building. Many individuals contributed work as well as money, and the building, a beautiful rock veneer,

Washington, Billy Brown as Nicodemus Pipp. Curtain time for the play is 8 o'clock and admission will be 25c and 50c. The proceeds of the play will be used to help defray expenses of the Junior - Senior banquet and prom which will take place May 7th.

Rodriguez Found "Not Guilty" In Reagan Trial

After deliberating less than an hour, a Reagan County jury found Juan Rodriguez "not guilty" in a charge of murder filed in Upton County on the death of Gene Robinson, colored, north of McCamey last August 11.

Rodriguez told practically the same story that he related to an Upton County jury two weeks ago, saying that he shot no one during the shooting escapade in August of last year, and that he was coerced with a threat to his life by Monica Herrado to accompany him in his escape from the scene.

The trial opened Monday morning in the 83rd District Court of Judge Alan Fraser and the selection of the jury was complete early that afternoon.

The case went to the jury at 12:25 a. m. Thursday morning, and the verdict was returned at 1:29 the same morning.

District Attorney Travers Compton of Fort Stockton was prosecuting attorney, while Jim Langdon of McCamey and H. L. Leaverton of Big Lake represented the defendant.

Rodriguez was assessed a five year sentence in his trial in Rankin, and the sentence was to be passed by the court before the end of the week.

Members of the jurors were H. S. Baldie, J. A. Roach, Jr., Billy Boyd, M. B. Hambrick, Stanley Turner, David Childress, T. L. Medford, Burt Rogers, Robert Fagg, W. W. Mason, H. C. Pepper and Boyd Bryans.

Order Of Eastern Star Holds Colorful Memorial Service At Monday Meeting

A beautifully impressive memorial service for deceased members of the Order of the Eastern Star and for loved ones of members of the local chapter who have passed away during the past year marked the meeting of Rankin's O E S chapter Monday night. The ceremony followed the regular meeting of the chapter which was presided over by Worthy Matron Evelyn Jo Moore and Worthy Patron Randolph W. Moore.

The Worthy Patron dedicated the memorial service to the memory of Fannie Riddle, Charles Ellis Hudson, Gay Harris, Mr. Durham, J. O. Barfield and Tuffy Barfield.

The background of a flower garden and seven-branched candelabra in which burned tall tapers formed the setting for the all-white ceremony. The officers in formal carried arm bouquets of gladioli and formed a cross at the white satin-covered altar.

Mrs. Dorothy Hurst played soft piano music during the observance accompanying the reader, Mrs. Louise Hudson. The Worthy Matron read the story of the Resurrection to close the service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson were host and hostess for the social hour following Monday night's meeting and served frosted punch and small white cakes topped with the Worthy Matron's selected flower for the year, a red rose. The table was centered with a large arrangement of red roses enhanced by white tapers in crystal holders and crystal and silver service.

Misses Maggie Taylor, Mary Ann Workman and McSpadden, Leila Workman, Flora Shaw, Rommie, Mary Helemb, Maude Frazer, Anna Mardt, Leola Smith, Lovena Boyd, Viola Warren, Jerusha Robbins, Blanche Mitchell, Messes J. W. Robbins, Frank Robbins, Frank Boyd and J. C. Bredehoff.

Checking on the Palestine Truce



How United Nations truce teams on the widely-scattered fighting fronts in Palestine kept in touch with each other is shown in this photo of one of the key stations in a U.N.-organized radio network covering Palestine and Rhodes. This system helped make it possible to check on observance of the truce which paved the way for the armistice agreements now in effect between Israel and Arab states.

'HIGHWAY OF TOMORROW' THEME FOR P-TA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A dinner honoring board members, luncheon for all delegates and visitors, a barbecue at Rooney Memorial Park, and late evening social hour are on the agenda for the social side of District 6, P-TA spring conference to be held in Fort Stockton April 28-29.

Platform speakers will include Mrs. R. M. Carter of Sherman, Region I vice president, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers; Byron England of El Paso, instructor in public schools; the Rev. Ray N. Johnson, of San Angelo, pastor of the First Methodist Church and Supts. Gilberto Cedra of San Felipe High School, Del Rio, and P. A. Tankley of Dpl Rio City Schools.

Other features of the program include an address by Mrs. Philip Thompson, district president who will present the conference theme, "On the Highway of Tomorrow," a panel on "Public Relations" by six superintendents of public schools, E. W. Smith of Fort Stockton, L. L. Martin of Crane, H. E. Stoker of McCombe, C. G. Bradford of Sanderson, C.

E. Ellison of Big Lake and Hamilton Still of Rankin.

The workshops, to be held from 2:40 until 4:10 p. m., April 27 will play an important part in the conference. Mrs. R. M. Carter will be director of the local unit work shop and Mrs. Sydney P. Bolding of San Angelo will direct the Oak Tree workshop.

Headquarters will be the Fort Stockton high school auditorium and Mrs. Louis Jones of Christval, vice president, will serve as aid to Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Carter's topic will be "Unlimited Opportunities in the Parent-Teacher Field," and Joseph King, district legislative chairman will speak on "An Active Citizen."

The barbecue at Rooney Memorial Park is by courtesy of the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce and P-TA. Mrs. John Vickery is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Elbert Boatman and Mrs. Karl Butz. Dinner for board members is courtesy of Fort Stockton P-TA. Mrs. Garland Sasebier chairman.

"Opportunities are Responsibilities" is topic for the Rev. Mr.

Johnson for the evening session. Reservations for rooms may be made directly to the courts or hotel, or write Mrs. C. T. Measday, Housing Chairman, Box 163, Fort Stockton.

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

J. T. RUTHERFORD
Representative
88th District

There has been so much discussion of the Gilmer-Aiken Bills that it seems few people know what they are all about. Therefore, this column will attempt to explain its intent, and will lead off with Senate Bill 115.

The entire intent of 115 is its foundation in the theory of government. As many of you know, the state superintendent is elected by the people directly, but an educational board is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. The bill provides that a new board of 21 members be set up, elected by the people from congressional districts. The board, by majority vote, would appoint or elect a State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

As may be seen, the present arrangement at state level is not in use on the local county level; in most counties the school board is elected and in turn appoints the school superintendent. If the state level plan were used on a county level, it would mean that the county judge would appoint a school board and the people would elect the school superintendent.

The present practice of electing a board and letting the board name the superintendent, as done in our larger counties, is what Senate Bill 115 wants to institute on state level. Opponents say the method is undemocratic—although 80 per cent of Texas counties use the system for local schools.

Opponents say the 115 would give one man far too much control—while others say the present system gives the state superintendent too much control. The misunderstanding arises because few are acquainted with the state educational procedure.

Senate Bill 115 provides that

the state superintendent would be responsible to the board and the board responsible to the people. The elected board would tend to give the people closer control over the educational set-up, proponents believe, and would give every section a chance to have a representative to boost that section's ideas and needs. The present board, named by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, often comes from one section—East Texas or South Texas.

A brief history of the State Department of Education since 1859 shows that the superintendent's office was created by the legislature. Prior to 1859, the duties were performed by the State Treasurer. Many have asked if the elective office can be abolished without putting it before the people as a Constitutional Amendment. However, the office was not created as Constitutional Amendment but as statutory law by the Legislature. Therefore, proponents believe the legislature has the right to abolish the office.

Some confusion has come up over the bill—as a result of much debate and wrangling. However, the bill can be summed up from this paragraph within it:

"Whereas, present provisions claim the mandate of the people.

If this be true—then the board for state management of education allows the existence of confusion, lack of coordination and lack of fixed responsibility, and perpetuates a multitude of overlapping agencies which lead only to inefficiency, and discourage the exercise of effective leadership . . ."

The main point of confusion and lack of coordination is based on this assumption:

The present board is appointed by the governor and is confirmed by the Senate—while the superintendent is elected by the people.

Therefore, as the superintendent is elected, the board is ineffective and powerless in any respect, either as an advisory or policy-making board. This is true because the superintendent, when any disagreement arises, can be wasting time and space and should be abolished. And the paramount effort of 115 is to coordinate all the factors of State Education and make them harmonious and effective.

The bill is difficult to boil down and explain. The above is not an explanation of all the bill, but of the bill's intent. Anyone wanting a copy of the bill, please write. I am out at the present, but will have new copies made.

each case the director left the studio soon after completion of the picture.

Anna Louise Strong is a strange woman. She is a devoted lover of communism although recently arrested in Moscow and expelled from Russia. Her account of her own arrest makes the high handed police methods of the Russian dictatorship all the more terrifying because she speaks as a friend of Russia. She tells of how three men came in the middle of the night and took her away to prison, and of her complete bewilderment: "My mind raced madly—what, what, what had I done?—We turned into the inner court of Lyubyanka prison—'How, I gasped, shall I ever get out of here?'—'All night, between snatches of sleep, I faced my sins.'"

In this same tone of nightmare she tells of how she lay all night with a strong light glaring in her face, trying to figure what it could possibly be that caused the arrest of a good communist like herself.

After three days she was brought before her judge and accused of crimes which would mean death or Siberia for an ordinary Russian. Her attempts at defense were waved aside. "I wanted to cry: 'But I loved your country!' I wanted to write to explain it to the world! The

words froze. He wouldn't permit them nor would he understand them." Judgment was promptly pronounced, finding her guilty of spying.

Anna Louise Strong was not sent to Siberia, but to the United States. She spends her time telling what a wonderful country Russia is. She contributed \$1,000 to the defense fund to defend the communists now being tried in New York. It never seems to occur to her to compare her own nightmare arrest and trial in Russia with the present trial going on in New York in which the communist defendants spent ten weeks arguing that our whole jury system is not fair.

She didn't even have a jury. Her judge wouldn't listen to her, but the New York judge had to listen to the long speeches which took ten weeks before the trial could even get started. The defense lawyers try to worry and fret the judge into making a technical mistake which will give them grounds for appeal.

There does not seem to be a rational explanation for Miss Strong's ideas. One is tempted to shrug her off as a crackpot. But we have been shrugging off communists as crackpots for years and still they multiply.



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Assault, Attempt Rape Filed Against Youth

Salvador Villegas, 15 year old Latin American, is being held in the Upton County jail in Rankin with two charges of assault and attempt to rape filed against him.

Young Villegas was taken into custody last Friday morning by officers after the charges had been filed in Justice of the Peace Court of Mrs. Fred Gibson. The attacks were alleged to have occurred in the late hours of Thursday in McCamey.

Villegas will be tried in the County Juvenile Court of Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher.

Young Villegas is well known over the Permian Basin area for his participation in both TAAF and Golden Gloves boxing. He represented McCamey in the District Tournaments held in Odessa the past two years and made one trip to the state tour-

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

"Waste, ignorance, greed, ineffective or nonexistent state laws, and an enormous national lassitude are killing off our salt water food fishes at an alarming rate . . . the problem directly

Sport anglers know that many species are becoming increasingly scarce, a few actually extinct. They have watched commercial boats fishing too close inshore and destroying acre after acre of bottom fish food. They know from bitter experience, that the ocean, like the land, is not inexhaustible, and they believe that overfishing is very much responsible for dwindling catches.

Commercial fishermen certainly are not responsible for all the ills that afflict our marine fishes—dams and pollution are also to blame—but they are definitely guilty of two major offenses: overfishing and mismanagement.

The coastal states generally have shown that they are utterly incapable of managing fishing resources within their boundary waters. There are only two possible solutions to the ocean fish famine that threatens us. The states must promptly get together and impose effective conservation laws that apply to all,

affects the pocketbooks and stomachs of all Mr. and Mrs. America," claims Bill Wolf, one of this country's foremost outdoor writers.

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or else control of commercial fishing must be taken out of their hands and placed under federal jurisdiction. Let us order your rubber stamp in any size or style, McCamey News.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF FIRST STATE BANK OF RANKIN

Rankin, Texas, at the close of business April 11, 1949, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,046,027.61
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	620,944.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	313,505.44
Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$5,796.22 overdrafts)	887,734.78
Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$1,845.00	4,846.00
Other assets (U. S. Obligations redeemed)	2,459.88
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,878,517.71
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,899,949.81
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	140,816.98
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	21,967.98
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	643,155.11
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,705,889.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	2,705,889.88
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided profits	67,627.83
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital) Reserved for Contingencies	5,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	172,627.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,878,517.71

* This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

MEMORANDA
 Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 267,400.00
 I, D. S. Anderson, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 CORRECT — ATTEST:

H. S. ANDERSON
 H. F. NEAL
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 DUNN LOWERY
 DIRECTORS.
 State of Texas, County of Upton ss:
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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd AND SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

JOHNSON'S GLO-COAT and SIMONIZE	
Pint	can 49c
Quart	can 89c
PASTE WAX	lb jar 55c
BRUCE'S	
TUF-LUSTRE WAX	qt. 89c
\$1.39 O-CEDAR PERMA-MOTH	qt. 1.19
BON-AMI	can 12c
TREND	2 boxes 35c
PALMETTO	
SCRUB BRUSHES	each 19c
RANCH STYLE	
BEANS	2 cans 25c
FOLGER'S	
COFFEE	1 lb. 53c 2 lbs. 1.05
3 lb. PURITY OATS, With Ivy Bowl	box 35c
MEXICAN	
BANANAS	lb. 10c
LARGE ICEBERG LETTUCE	head 10c
RADISHES, ONIONS	2 bunches 5c
VALLEY CUCUMBERS	2 lbs. 23c
FANCY TOMATOES	carton 20c
SUNKIST ORANGES	doz. 44c

NATIONAL BROOMS and MOPS	
\$1.90 value PUREGOLD	each \$1.25
\$1.90 value ARISTOCRAT	each \$1.35
\$1.55 value BLACK BEAUTY	each 98c
No. 20 MOPS	each 56c
GOLD SEAL GLASS WAX	pint 49c
30c BOON HOUSEHOLD CLEANSER	19c
AJAX	can 12c
GOLD DUST SCOURING POWDER	can 5c
12 qt. GALVANIZED PAILS	each 58c
RANCH STYLE SPAGHETTI	2 cans 29c
R. & W. 1-2 or SLICED PEACHES	1/2 can 19c
LARGE OXYDOL	box 29c
NEW SPUDS	2 lbs. 7c
GREEN CABBAGE	lb. 4c
FLA. G. B. CORN	2 ears 13c
SUNKIST LEMONS	doz. 25c
WRAPPED CELERY	stalk 13c
YELLOW ONIONS	lb. 4c

LET'S GIVE THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION A BOOST

KRAFT or BORDEN'S CHEESE	2 lb. box 75c	ARMOUR'S STAR SLICED BACON	lb. 59c
LEAN SALT PORK	lb. 29c	BANNER SLICED BACON	lb. 49c

Sirloin STEAK
 lb. 69c

BARON'S NU-WAY
 McCamey, Texas

CHUCK ROAST
 lb. 45c

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RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL, RANKIN, TEXAS

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WHAT IF?

Louie has at last found romance—Maetta!
 Dee Aun fell down while dancing the Virginia Reel.
 The seniors turned curly headed.
 Mona Sue had a secret admirer.—G.B.
 The freshmen could play with frogs in general science.
 Zack and Pudge double dated with Maetta.
 Bill Hurn had a fight. Now they call him froggy.
 Harley had a tooth ache.
 The whole bookkeeping class chewed gum Wednesday.
 Joy could sing.
 James could break his ink bottle in the hall.
 Paul had a green shirt.
 Someone broke James' record in typing—record errors that is.
 A quartette was being organized.
 Mumps McSpadden and Chicken Pox Burleson didn't come to school.
 Ted and Wanda H. were romancing, in the play that is.
 Nigger Shaw 'Am de bes one yet.'
 There was enough news to fill this page. Then there would be no adds. Could be if there was some interest.

Softball Starts Monday

Coach Fitzgerald announced that he would start his boys training for softball next Monday. He expects a good many boys out for the breaking in of the club. There will be scrimmage game every evening. The practice will be at the south end of the school campus.

New Jackets Arrive

Some of the boys and girls of Rankin are really proud of their new jackets that came in this past week. Thirteen girls and six boys received jackets.
 The senior boys and two lettermen in basketball who didn't receive football jackets were presented with jackets Tuesday. Harry Yocham and Jimmy Workman and the four seniors, James Gamblin, Fields Branch, Theo Blue and Donald McEwen, were receivers of the awards. The senior boys were supposed to be given a five dollar better jacket than the under classmen but they didn't in football so they paid the excess of \$5 on their new jackets.
 The girls jackets were given out last Friday. The highest thirteen players got jackets. Their jackets are suit coat length and full at the bottom. These are the first jackets the Rankin girls have received in four or five years. Stripes were awarded as if they had received jackets every year.

DEFT DEFINITIONS

Filing Cabinet—a place where you can lose things systematically.
 Motorist—a person, who after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.
 City—a large community where people are lonesome together.
 Ignorance—when you don't know something and someone finds it out.
 Divorce—the proper time to separate during the courtship.

Blood Shed, A Mystery On The Second Floor

Marlene Holmes and Joy Ward followed a blood spattered trail from the first landing on the north stairs Wednesday morning to the English room, where the senior English class was being held. After the bloodhounds took close inspection they discovered that Fields Branch had been stabbed in the arm by a knife held by Virginia Still. They knew this because there was a hole in Fields' arm and Virginia Still held the knife. Wow! What a mystery. Fields was or rather rushed himself to the office for a first aid treatment by doctor H. Still.
 After all it was an accident over one little knife and a quarter. Virginia reached to pick up a quarter with a knife in her left hand, Fields reaches or the knife and bingo, a hole in his artery. The injury wasn't serious and Fields will probably recover.

Curtains At 8:00 On Junior Play Tonight

The junior class is giving a play tonight at the high school gymnasium. The play is entitled "The Ready Made Family." It is a three act comedy and the admission is only 50c for adults and 25c for school students. A skit of the play was presented to the school in the assembly program Wednesday and even the short part that was given was laughable all the way. The play will start at eight o'clock sharp with tickets on sale ahead of time.
 The play features Wanda Hunsinger as Agnes Martin, Don Still as Bob, Joveta Yocham as Marilee, Imogene Sanders as Gracie, Winnie Ellis as Miss Lydia, Ted Yocham as Henry Turner, Ruth Elliott as Doris, Jimmie Workman as Sammie, Billie Brown as Nicodemus and Jean Shaw as wife of Nicodemus.

GIGGLES

Radio Announcer: "And now a word from our sponsor who has made this program impossible."
 A passer-by tossed a nickel toward the blind man's cup and missed, the coin rolling away. The blind man got up and chased it. The donor said, "I thought you were blind."
 "Oh, I'm not the regular blind man," was the reply. "I'm just taking his place while he's at the movies."

A tree is an object that will stand in one place for years, then suddenly jump in front of a lady driver.

Coach Fitzgerald giving his team a pre-game talk: "Well, here we are unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon—and getting ready for our first game."

Virginia on a garden bench to Jimmy beside her: "I feel a little chilly, Jimmy. Will you run inside and get me Grover Lee?"

Joy: "Bill, if you were my husband I'd put poison in your coffee."
 Bill: "Joy, if I were your husband I'd drink that coffee."

During a performance in a California theatre a lady started to leave immediately after the first act. "My, but I did enjoy the play," she told the hostess. "Can't you stay and see the rest?" the lady smiled sadly.
 "There wouldn't be much use. Look," she pointed to the program, "it says here the scene in Act II is the same as Act I."

Loyd: "Dee Aun, you sing like a frog with a man in his throat."

"A CARD OF THANKS"
 The Choral students wish to thank Miss Cleona Quiet for taking them all to the show after the program Tuesday night. They enjoyed it very much.

GUESS WHO

It writes 1500 word themes in History. It rides a bicycle and goes to church. If you can't tell yet, it wears glasses. It goes to school We think, at least it has been seen several times in the school building. It also goes in swimming quite often in a tank. The number 13 is closely related to it.

Janitor Revolts

Wednesday evening, Mr. White of the janitorial staff of Rankin, announced to the paper staff that he was about in revolt of the muddy weather. He wishes to ask everyone to wipe their feet before coming inside because he might have to clean it up off the floor. That would save wear and tear on the floor too.

"CARD OF REQUEST"
 The Boy Scout troop of Rankin request the presence of their Scout Master at the regular meetings on Monday nights.

Mrs. Dick Koerting of Dumas is visiting this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Workman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Harral and family spent the past weekend at their Pecos County ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eades visited the Rudolph Jackson family in Odessa Sunday.

Maburn Harris of Eastland, former Upton County Judge, was in town on Monday seeing friends.

Porter Rankin of Midland was a local business visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph W. Moore and children, Duwaine and Becky Sue, were here from Angelo to spend the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins. They remained for the Eastern Star meeting and memorial service Monday night.

Choral Group Presents Show To Large Crowd Tuesday

Tuesday night, April 19, the Rankin High School Choral Club was presented in a recital by their director, Miss Cleona Quiet. A program of European folk songs was followed by a group of folk and composed songs of America. Lewis Ward, acting announcer, introduced the program.

The folk songs representative of many lands included: Dark Eyes—Russian Folk Tune; Cosack's Lullaby—Nicholas Bachmetieff; Estrellita—Manuel Ponce; Ay, Ay, Ay—Creole Song; Skate With Me—Tyroese Folk Tune; Morning—Italian Folk Tune; Czech Dance Song—Arr. by Beatrice Krone; Slavic Dance Song—Arr. By Beatrice Krone; An Easter Chant—Traditional French.

After a brief intermission, the following American songs were presented: O Irish Hills—Londonderry Air; Three Little Maids From School—Gilbert and Sullivan; Ol' Man River—Jerome Kern; Oh, What a Beautiful Morning—From Oklahoma; Cool Water—Bob Nolan; Over The Rainbow—Harold Arlen; He's Gone Away—Southern Mountain Song; I Dream of Jeanie—Stephen Foster.

"Three Little Maids From School," a trio by Joveta Yocham, Virginia Still, and Joy Ward; "He's Gone Away," a solo by Joy Ward; and "Ol' Man River" and "Cool Water," in which James Gamblin and Joy Ward had solo parts, were particularly well-received by the audience.

Following the program of songs six couples danced the Virginia Reel. The entire group then joined in the finale, "It's a Grand Night For Singing."
 Members of the choral club are: Sopranos—Mona Sue Branch, Marlene Holmes, Merry Lowery, Barbara McSpadden, Wilma

McVay Farewell Party Held Saturday

Vic McVay was given a farewell party at the home of Wilma Payne Saturday night, April 16. There was a large crowd attending and plenty of refreshments were served by the household. Dancing and lawn games held the attention of everyone. At the beginning of the party the group presented Vic with a beautiful cigarette lighter as a present.
 Vic McVay came to Rankin about Christmas from McCamey and enrolled as a sophomore in R.H.S. Everyone was sorry to see Vic leave.

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Cucumbers POUND 9c
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SQUASH POUND 10c
 FIRM, CRISP HEADS POUND 3c
CABBAGE POUND 3c
 IDAHO RUSSETTS 10 lb. MESH BAG 45c
POTATOES 45c
 GREEN 3 BUNCHES 10c
ONIONS 10c
 3 BUNCHES 10c
CARROTS 10c
 3 BUNCHES 10c
RADISHES 10c

FOLGER'S POUND 55c
Coffee POUND 55c
 CARNATION TALL
Milk 2 for 25c
 MIRACLE WHIP SALAD PINT JAR 31c
Dressing PINT JAR 31c
 BOSS WALLOPER PAIR 25c
Gloves PAIR 25c
 LIPTON'S 1-4 lb. PKG. 59c
TEA 59c
 CARTON of 6 BOTTLES
Coca-Cola 20c
FLOUR, Light Crust, .25 lb. bag \$1.71
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STEAK POUND 69c
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Hamburger POUND 35c