



# THE RED DEVIL

## PET PEEVES

Jean—gum smacking, lizards and horned toads.  
 Joy—measles.  
 Jimmy—Rusty Daugherty.  
 Marlene—Don.  
 Harry Gehe—World History themes.  
 Imogene—puppy dogs.  
 Bill Davee—flat tires.  
 Wilma, her shadow, her echo, and herself.  
 Don—long fingernails.  
 Chock—operations.  
 Dee Ann—mumps.  
 James G.—mumps and measles.  
 Joveta—Don to make fun of her.  
 Emma Lu—staying at home.  
 Lawanda M. fussing and tooth-paste fights.  
 Freshman girls—Billy Dean.  
 Wanda B.—James Franklin.  
 Bruce and Norman.  
 Paul Johnson—General Science.  
 Theo Blue—Francis Delaney.  
 Jodie Stephenson—red heads.  
 Ruthie—two toned chevies.  
 Merry Tom—freshman boys.

## 8th Grade Honored

Following graduation exercises Wednesday evening a reception and dance were held in the H. E. dining room honoring the graduates. Parents and several guests were invited. Punch and cake were served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Pat Yocham, Mrs. Andy Mitchell, Mrs. Sam Holmes, Mrs. Murry McCain, Mrs. Combs, and Mrs. Bodine.

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## MUMPS SIEGE ENDS

A siege of the mumps that raged through the school has ended with the end of school. Dee Ann, Rell Gamblin and Andy Lyle were unable to take their finals. Others of the school have been out with the disease.

## READ AND WEEP

The other night Jimmy Workman came in sopping drunk. He staggered home, turned on all the lights, and with a flourish, picked up the fish bowl and threw it against the wall with a loud shatter. Mrs. Workman yelled from the other room, "Jimmy, are you drunk?" "Naw, I ain't drunk," he replied, "but I'll teach them goldfish to snap at me."

## Eighth Grade Gets Gate

The eighth grade class received their diplomas last Wednesday night in the service that lasted an hour at the High School Auditorium. John Menefee spoke to the class about their preparation for life. Mr. Shiller, the eighth grade teacher, said that he was very pleased with the way things went. Maetta Higgins was valedictorian and Gentry Holmes was salutatorian of the class.

## Fads and Fashions

Marlene's shorter hair.  
 Jean's new white shoes.  
 Joy's measles bumps that just won't go away.  
 Jimmy's new shirt and boots.  
 The seventh grade girl's sundresses.  
 Encyclopedias around all of the student's necks.  
 Joveta's real short hair that shrank when she washed it in too hot water.  
 Bill's new loafers.  
 Joyce's new shoes.  
 Joan's new shaped glasses.  
 Rankin's new Community Center.  
 Green grass around Rankin.  
 Mr. White's sandals.  
 Jimmy Lee's sandals.  
 Mrs. Reynolds's new little blue two inch shoes.

## NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in the town of Rankin, Upton County Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., beginning on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1949, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Upton County, Texas, until such values have finally been determined for taxable purposes for the year 1949, and any and all persons interested or having business with the said Board are hereby notified to be present.

Ralph H. Daugherty, County Clerk, Upton County, Texas.  
 Upton County Rankin, Texas.  
 9th day of May, 1949.

## CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Judge and the Commissioner's Court of Upton County, Texas, for the construction of 8.239 miles of Flexible Base and Double Asphalt Surface Treatment from a point of intersection with State Hwy. 349 approximately 6.5 miles North of Rankin, Texas, Easterly to the Benedum Oil Field in Upton County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge of Upton County, Rankin, Texas, until 10 A. M. May 18th, 1949, and then be publicly opened and read.

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Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 25th day of April, 1949.  
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**"Help Avoid Summer Diseases" Says State Health Officer**

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—The summer season always brings an increase in the incidence of dysentery, diarrhea and enteritis, all of which are major menaces to the lives of small children, annually causing the deaths of hundreds of Texas youngsters.

The State Health Officer, Dr. George W. Cox, declares that the chief cause of these intestinal diseases are contaminated milk, water or food; allowing the child to get overheated or exhausted; excessive sugar in the infant's formula, and foods that have

been improperly refrigerated.

"All foods should be clean and fresh, and all left-overs should be refrigerated so as to avoid spoilage. The utmost care should be used in preparing the infant's formula which should, of course, be prescribed by a physician, and his recommendations as to sanitation precautions and correct refrigeration should be implicitly followed."

The State Health Officer warned parents especially of the danger of disease transmission by flies. Children in any home that is not free from flies, are in danger of contracting dysentery or other intestinal diseases which may be fatal.

"If dysentery or diarrhea symptoms appear in your child, call your doctor immediately," Dr. Cox advises. "His treatment of the disease is your best insurance against fatal results, since such diseases are really a very serious threat to the child's life. Don't depend on home remedies for diarrhea or dysentery; consult a competent physician and let him institute the safest and best treatment which medical science has available, for combating these wasting diseases."

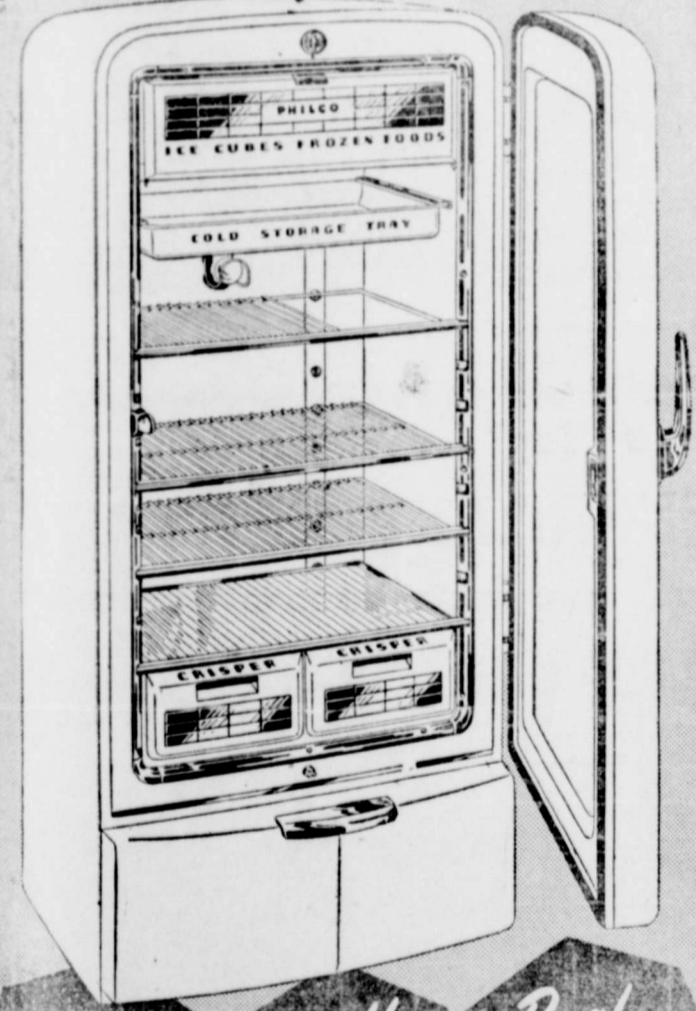
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RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL, RANKIN, TEXAS

## It Is Rumored That

Marlene and Don don't get along.  
Joe Garner caught a racer snake, and all the girls looked like race horses.  
A leg fell in Jean's lap. (Table leg, that is.)  
The freshman class had a class meeting Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock.  
Some first graders tried to hang one another Wednesday.  
Marlene finds dictionaries very interesting.  
Joy has a new wisdom tooth. (We can't tell that it has done any good.)  
Harry Gene was a shade sleepy at the prom.  
Wilma went to her grandmother's and really had a time.  
The girls really had some classy dresses for the prom.  
Bill and Joy are expecting many happy wishes on their birthday this Saturday.  
Jean moves to the front of the room every morning in math class.  
Joy finally cut her fingernails even though Bill and Don didn't want her to.  
McCamey has a bigger choral club than Rankin, but they can't sing any better.  
Don enjoyed the McCamey band's visit to Rankin. He met some of his old girl friends that he was just about to forget.  
Mona Sue and Dee Aun, Myra and Loyd, Jean and Paul, could be found after the prom Saturday.  
Dee Aun doesn't like to dance to anything but "I Love You So Much It Hurts Me."  
Coach wants the study hall door nailed down in math class.  
All penmanship students are learning to write their names.

## Orchids and Onions

Orchids to Joveta for doing the Virginia Reel with Mr. Still.  
Onions to Don for getting his tongue twisted up while he was announcing the songs Tuesday afternoon.  
Onions to coach for wanting to nail the study hall door shut.  
Orchids to Don for drinking so many chocolate gismos.  
Onions to the messes for catching up with Joy and James.  
Orchids to Emma Lu for being sweet to Joveta.  
Onions to Bill for being the baby, he can't help but be.  
Onions to a boy in a Pontiac with a crashed in fender for hiding his face when he was parked out on Max Schneeman's road.  
Orchids to Ruthie for eating up the typewriter and typing the paper.  
Onions to Theo for forgetting Frances Delaney.

## People; And The Age They Act

Virginia Still—20 years.  
Jimmy Workman—30 years.  
Earl Brown—15 years.  
Barbara McSpadden—13 years.  
Ruthie Elliott—18 years.  
Jean Shaw—2 years.  
Marlene Holmes—4 years.  
Ted Yocham—About 6 year.  
Wilma Faye Payne—about 35 years old.  
Mr. Schiller—About 14 years old.  
Joveta—65 years old.  
Don Still—3 1-2 years old.  
Joy Ward—About 30 years old.  
Bill Hurn—3 1-2 months old.  
Imogene Sanders—About 6 months old.  
Wanda Burleson—About 19 years old.  
Harry Gene—About 21 years old.  
Dillard Delaney—About 92 years old.  
Grover Yocham—About 25 years old.  
Lewis Ward—About 12 years old.  
Wanda M.—About 13 years old.  
Charles Blue—About 7 years.  
Andy Lyle—1 year.  
Pete McEwen—12 years.  
Billy Ross—bigger than Harley.  
Toad—About 12 years old.  
Emma Lu—About 30 years old.  
Myra James—About 8 years old.  
Mona Sue Branch—About 18 years old.  
Field Branch—About 45.  
Billy Dean—3 1-2 years old.  
Loyd Gene—Old enough to know better.  
Dee Aun Gamblin—20 years old.  
James Gamblin—About 5 years old.  
Paul Johnson—Old enough to want to know.  
Merry Tom—About as old as a 50-year-old maid.  
Jimmy Lee—About 6 years old.  
Walter McSpadden—About 11 years old.  
Billy Brown—About 65 years old.  
Winnie Ellis—About 20 years old.  
Chock Romine—About 14 years old.  
Harley Romine—About 19 years old.  
Wanda Hunsinger—2 1-2 years old.  
Theo Blue—About 9 years old.  
Frank Powell—About 9 years old.  
Donald McEwen—About 40 years old.  
Bill Davee—Old enough to buy candy.  
Jodie Stephenson—About 38 years old.  
Joyce Franklin—About 36 years old.

## Swimming Expedition Made To Ft. Stockton

The kids are all going around with red faces now and it isn't because they're blushing. You guessed it, they have been to Ft. Stockton, swimming. Almost all the school kids were over there and everyone had a very good time.  
At 8:30 Wednesday morning, the Freshmen and the ones they had invited met at the school house and left as soon as Mrs. Reynolds arrived. Everyone was loaded in the cars and we left.  
Those taking cars were: Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Zachary, Mrs. James, Harry Yocham, and Harley Romine. The others going on the trip were: James Gamblin, Louie Ward, Walter McSpadden, Paul Johnson, George Broyles, Lawanda McDaniels, Chock Romine, Joy Ward, Bill Hurn, Joveta Yocham, Don Still, Virginia Still, Jimmy Workman, Billy Dean Zachary, Emma Lou Cleveland, Jean Shaw, Barbara McSpadden, Myra James, Lloyd Gene Yocham, Jimmy Lee, Myra James, Charles Blue, Janet James, and Betty Ruth James.  
When we got there, at about 10:30, everyone went swimming and about 12, we got out and went to the park to eat a delicious lunch of sandwiches, potato salad, cold drinks, and all the trimmings.  
After this was digested, and probably before, everyone was back in swimming.  
By 3:30 the cars were all headed toward Rankin again, and everyone was rubbing on lotion, and saying "Why didn't I know I was getting so blistered?" Oh, well, maybe some day we'll learn.

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## GUESS WHO

ANSWER NEXT YEAR  
He takes junior English and always studies in study hall. He is about 5' 10" tall and always wears levies. He has brown hair and grayish-yellow eyes. He likes Marlene.

## To The Teachers

We, the students of Rankin High, would like to say to the teachers, "Although we may have had some ins and outs, we have really enjoyed this year under your good supervision and teachings. We hope you all come back next year. You have been understanding and very helpful and we thank you very much. We hope you will never forget this 'mean bunch of kids.'" We hope to see you all again next year.

## Who'd Have Guessed It?

Marlene broke her record and got to music class on time last week.  
Emma Lou was classified as "well-done" when she got back from swimming last Wednesday.  
James got a new evening dress for graduation. It is a beautiful Peachie-Blue affair, without any straps.  
James wanted to know "what kind of disease is compusology." I wonder if some of the pretty girls could tell him.  
Winnie Pearl is now a grown young lady, at least she is in age, whether she is in action or looks or not.  
Ruthie was so very, very smart in her books, especially book-keeping.  
When Don and Joveta have a disagreement, Don always agrees to meet halfway, he'll admit he's right if she will admit she's wrong.  
Once coach was teaching his civics class about the Golden Rule. After he had taught on it for two or three days he said, "Toad, supposing a boy came up and hit you on one cheek, what would you do?" "How big a boy are you supposing?" asked the unreformed Toad.  
Joveta knows how to beat Don up now, just hit him on his poor blistered back.

## Junior-Senior Banquet Given

The Junior class honored the Senior class of Rankin High with the annual Junior-Senior banquet last Saturday night.  
The theme of the banquet was "An Old-Fashioned Garden." The theme was carried out through all the banquet. Napkins, programs, favors, nut cups and place cards all had designs on them of a garden. The room was decorated with a stone-wall fence surrounding it. Trees were placed into the corners. A large rose bush was placed in the center of the room. The ceiling was fixed as a sky effect.  
The tables were decorated with bright crepe paper. Sprinkling cans were used as the centerpieces.  
Don Still, the Junior president, made the first opening welcome. Theo Blue, president of the Senior class gave the response. Next a musical number, "Auld Lang Syne," was sung by the entire group, accompanied by Mrs. Nettleship, Jimmy Workman then read the Prophecy, Donald McEwen read the Senior wills, and James Gamblin read the class history.  
The Junior girls made a dedication of "My Best To You," to the Senior class. This was sung by Joveta Yocham, Winnie Ellis, Imogene Sanders, Lawanda Hunsinger, and Ruthie Elliott.  
James Gamblin also sang a lovely song, "Blue Shadows on the Trail."  
The prom was held in the gymnasium of the school building. This was also decorated like an outdoor garden. Upon entering, a rose-covered arch was seen, and a picket fence surrounded the floor. Small tables were in a circle around the dance floor. The refreshment bar was at a corner, iced punch was served.  
At 10 o'clock sharp a floor show was presented. Joy Ward sang a very lovely song, "Spring Fever." James Gamblin and Jimmy Workman did some swell harmonizing in "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," after which Jimmy sang a lovely solo. Grover Yocham provided more very good entertainment with his guitar and fine voice.  
Those enjoying the banquet were: The seniors, the juniors, the room-mothers and fathers, and the high school faculty.  
We hope that each of them enjoyed the banquet as much as we enjoyed giving it.  
We wish to thank all those who helped so kindly, our mothers, Ernie Ford, and all the others.  
We also want to express our appreciation to Jean Shaw, Marlene Holmes, Mona Sue Branch, and Myra James for helping serve. They did an excellent job and everyone enjoyed their ex-

## Final Edition Of Red Devil For The Year

As the editor for the past year of the Rankin Red Devil, I am happy to report a successful year. I also wish to thank all of the staff members for their help on the paper. I am pleased with the results and hope that I have pleased everyone. I have tried to do my best and am happy to have held this honored position.  
The past two weeks I have turned the paper over to Ruth Elliott in order to give her some experience for the coming year. Next term when you go to organize your paper staff, I would like you to bear in mind Ruthie for the editorship. I believe that she would make you a very good editor and could show you how to put out a paper. I hereby nominate her for the position and may my nomination stand until election time.  
JAMES GAMBLIN.

## Graduation Complete

Thursday night at 8:00 the High School Graduation got under way. The ten seniors solemnly marched in to the music by Miss Cleona Quiett. Also those in the choral club sang with the group. Salutatorian, Theo Blue, and Valetorian, Virginia Still, delivered very good speeches. James Gamblin introduced the speaker, Judge Allan R. Frazer, who talked to the group in a very interesting address. With the receiving of the diplomas, the boys and girls passed from the doors of R.H.S.

## Reception Is Given Honoring The Seniors

Mrs. Bob Schlegal and Mrs. George Stephenson were hostesses at a reception given in honor of the Graduating Seniors Thursday night immediately following the exercises. It was given in the High School Dining Room and refreshments were served to over forty guests. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the party and many handshakes were exchanged.

## Final Exams Are Over

Nearly everyone is happy over their grades. Some made 100, some made 9. Well so much for that. It happens every year. The glad part of it is that school is out and everyone's worries are over, even the teachers. Also the swimming pool will be open Saturday and everyone can go swimming.

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Feature Writer.....	Jimmy Workman

## "Good Luck, Seniors"

To the Seniors of 1949, we would like to say "Farewell, it has been wonderful going to school with you all these years. We hope you will not forget the old "Alma Mater," and all your friends here, still struggling to achieve the goal you succeeded in reaching this year. We are very proud of you all. We know you will be great successes in all that you try to do, after all, you came to school at Rankin High, didn't you?  
We hope you have the very best in life that you can possibly wish for, and more too.  
Our best to you, may your dreams come true.  
May old father time never be unkind.  
And through the years, save your smiles and tears,  
They are souvenirs, they'll make music in your heart.  
Remember this, each new day's a kiss,  
Sent from up above, with an Angel's love.  
Our best to you, may your skies be blue.  
May your love last, that's my best to you.  
"Farewell"

## Senior Trip Is Planned

The senior class has planned a seven-day trip through the lower regions of Texas. They plan to leave early Saturday morning for San Antonio to spend a night there and then continue on to Galveston. They will stay two nights in that city and move on to Houston to stay a night. By return they will stay two nights in Austin and then come home.

## Seniors Are Honored At T. A. B. Party

On Tuesday night the Seniors were honored at the regular T.A. B. party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Still. A review of "Madame Delphine" took place. The music class sang a Creole song which was very beautiful. The music class sang a Creole song which was very beautiful. On a table from which punch and sandwiches were served, stood a doll graduate which wore a maroon cap and gown and carried a diploma. After refreshments were served all of the Seniors had their pictures made by Mr. Johnson from McCamey. Hostesses for the party were Joveta Yocham, Jean Shaw, Joy Ward and Marlene Holmes.

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