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Santa Fe Hearing Postponed For 60 Days

Miss Winnie Pearl Ellis Honored At Bridal Display Shower In Barfield Home On Monday

Miss Winnie Pearl Ellis, whose marriage to Mr. John Kidd will be solemnized on Dec. 22, was honored at a display shower given for her on Monday afternoon by Mrs. Allen Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Perry and Miss Mary McKinley. The party was held in the home of Mrs. J. O. Barfield between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. Gifts were displayed on a table

centered with a pink and silver arrangement, centered with a miniature bride. Coffee and cakes were served to Mmes. C. P. Roody, H. D. Shaw, E. W. Yocham, Boyd Cox, Bill Parham, Dunn Lowery, Sam Holmes, A. E. Ellis, Wilbur Alexander, Frank Parr, Tom Workman, Billie Ward, Mary Ann Workman, Allen Moore and Stanley Kozimor.

MARY ANN WORKMAN, BRIDE-ELECT IS HONOREE AT SHOWER HERE TUESDAY

A bridal shower for Miss Mary Ann Workman, bride-elect of Joe T. McCommie, Jr., was given on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. C. G. Taylor, Mrs. Clint Shaw, Mrs. C. J. Holcomb, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Mrs. Dunn Lowery and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty in the Harral home. Party hours were from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Joyce Franklin And Ruthie Elliott Have Joint Birthday Party

Joyce Franklin and Ruthie Elliott were honored for their birthdays Thursday night when Mrs. Y. J. Franklin and Mrs. Alvin Bushong entertained for them at the Park Building with a play-party.

Guests registered in books for the girls, which were presided over by little Babs Bushong and the guests presented the honoree with birthday gifts.

Attending the event were Marlene Holmes, Joveta Yocham, Barbara Yocham, Barbara McSpadden, Virginia Godsey, Marjorie White, Wanda Burleson, Imogene Sanders, Lawanda McDaniels, Paul Johnson, Walter McSpadden, Donald White, Norman Yocham and Bill Hurn.

Don Still, Don McEwen, Gentry Holmes, Jimmy Lee, Harry Yocham, Fiddle Blue, Billy Dean Zachary, Dillard Delaney, Alvin and Bob Bushong, Elbert Eckols, George Broyles, Red Miller, James Franklin, Earl Brown, Ted Yocham, Jimmy Workman, Pete McEwen, Aaron Longnecker, Donald White, Don Cochran, Malcolm Davis, Billy Ross Wheeler, Harley Romine and Dee Aun Gamblin.

WMU Holds Meeting On Monday Afternoon

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met on Monday at the church with the enora Hudson Circle in charge of the Royal Service program.

Attending were Mmes. C. G. Taylor, Sam Holmes, Dave Gentry, Jack Smith, Zack Monroe, C. P. Roody, Omar Warren, Warren Capps, John D. Hurst, Bill Lebinske, H. J. Romine, W. A. Hudson, J. W. Nickson, and Joy James.

First State Bank Board Of Directors Meets Wednesday

Attending the semi-annual inspection meeting of the board of directors of The First State Bank of Rankin on Wednesday were Mr. J. M. Lackey of Barnhart, Mr. H. M. Noelke of Mertzon, Mr. O. W. Parker of Iraan, Mr. H. F. Neal, Mr. J. P. Rankin, Mr. Clay Taylor and Mr. Dunn Lowery of Rankin.

Annual Court House Christmas Party Held Wednesday Morning

Court house employees enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and gift exchange Wednesday morning at the court house. Refreshments were coffee and doughnuts furnished by Elizabeth Rains, Roma Allen and Judge G. H. Fisher.

Baptist Church Plans Christmas Program

A Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald will be given at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, Dec. 18, at 7 o'clock.

Sheriff Posse Plan Christmas Jubilee To Be Held In Rankin

Plans were made by the Upton County Sheriff's Posse for their first Annual Christmas Jubilee to be held at the Rankin Park Building on Friday evening, December 23. The affair will be open to the public.

A band will be secured to furnish the music for dancing during the evening. Charge for the event had not been determined early Thursday, but will be announced during the coming week as soon as a band has been secured and the cost determined.

Also, the Posse issued a challenge to any Sheriff's Posse in the State for a basketball game. The Posse quintet is now taking shape and plan to play several games in both Rankin and McCamey in the coming quint season.

Commission Cuts Off One Producing Day

According to reports released on Wednesday evening from Austin, the Railroad Commission cut Texas' average daily allowable for January 83,373 barrels by cutting off one producing day off the schedule.

The cutback will make the allowable 2,050,948 barrels per day as of Jan. 1. Permissive flow as of Dec. 10 was 2,134,321 barrels daily.

All Texas fields except East Texas will be on 17 producing days, and East Texas will be on 15.

WSCS Group Given Dinner Party By Mmes. Carter, Shaw

Mrs. Hamp Carter and Mrs. Clint Shaw were hostesses to the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Methodist Church at a dinner-party Wednesday night.

Elaborate Christmas decorations in the Carter home included the Nativity scene, reindeers dashing across a large mirror through clouds of "angel hair," a lighted Christmas tree and lighted candle and decorations throughout all the party rooms.

Christmas greetings to the society were read from Mrs. Floyd Henderson and Mrs. G. H. Boswell, District President and Promotion Secretary, respectively, Miss Myrtle Brick of Kerrville, and the Mission Home and Training School of San Antonio.

Table grace was sung by the guests. The dinner was served buffet and eaten at beautifully decorated foursome tables.

A Christmas program was rendered after dinner during which carols were sung, talks were made by Mrs. R. O. White and Mrs. D. O. McEwen on Christmas and Church Schools around the world, and special music furnished by Miss Cleona Quiett and Miss Louise Nelson. Mrs. Don Cochran read "The Little Angel," and the program ended with the group singing "Silent Night."

Santa Claus surprised the ladies by making an abrupt appearance following the program and distributed gifts from the tree to Mmes. S. H. Boyd, Walton Harral, D. O. McEwen, J. W. Robbins, Ross Wheeler, R. O. White, E. D. Yates, Walton Poage, R. H. Johnson, D. S. Anderson, B. B. Brown, Dan Runyan, Bodine, Cochran, Jim Lane, Ted Hogan, O. R. Adams, Miss Nelson, Miss Quiett and the hostesses.

TO ATTEND REUNION

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kozimor are leaving Saturday to be present at the annual Christmas dinner of Mrs. Rains' family. The dinner will be held in the home of a brother, J. T. Gunter, at Brownwood.

WHOSE BIG BROTHER?

Last Friday, a score of West Texas lawyers and business men took time out from their work during the heavy Christmas rush to attend a hearing to be conducted by the Railroad Commission of Texas concerning the application of the Santa Fe Railway Company to discontinue the scheduled passenger service between San Angelo and Fort Stockton.

For all practical purposes, these men wasted their time, as all testimony given was by the railroad, and on the following day, the hearing was continued by the Examiner until February 15 to be held at Big Lake.

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT DID COME OUT OF THE MEETING.

During the hearing, testimony was given by the Santa Fe officials of various capacity that "San Angelo was not included in the surveys because we did not consider them vitally affected nor concerned." We've scanned the San Angelo Standard-Times for any mention of the above and till yet haven't found it. Their reporter was present in the room throughout the hearing.

Ever since we can remember, the San Angelo Standard-Times has expressed concern over the towns along the Santa Fe lying to the west of that city, and has long claimed itself as the voice of this section of the state. The merchants in San Angelo spend thousands of dollars each year to get their products before the people in this area. We feel like there are many merchants in San Angelo who would disagree with the railroad people as to whether they would be "vitaly concerned or affected" by the proposed move.

We feel like the San Angelo Standard-Times, the only daily newspaper serving all the towns along this particular line, should more fully publicize the matter in this respect if they truly have the interest of the people of West Texas at heart.

Knowing that many times things of importance can be omitted without realizing it has happened has occurred in our own small paper, we fully can realize how such a thing could happen on a daily.

We do hope that they will be a little more observant between now and February 15 and aid our community, and others along the Santa Fe, in securing the data in San Angelo as to the importance of the scheduled service now available to the merchants and other parcel post and mail users in San Angelo.

As the San Angelo Standard-Times has many times noted, this section of West Texas is progressive . . . and we who live out here really believe in the statement.

Many of the weeklies in the area have long looked upon the San Angelo Standard-Times as a "big brother" . . . but now we are wondering . . . "Whose Big Brother Is Who?"

Workman-McCommie Honored At Bridal Dinner Sunday

As a courtesy to Mary Ann Workman and Joe T. McCommie, Jr., whose marriage will take place in the Methodist Church in Rankin on Dec. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman entertained with a dinner in their home on Sunday night.

The Christmas theme was carried out in decoration for the dinner party and those present were Miss Workman, Mr. McCommie, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Workman and daughter, Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and daughter, Cathy Ann, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Menefee, Jimmy Workman and the hosts.

IOOF, Rebekahs Hold Christmas Party On Monday Evening

The Rankin IOOF and Rebekah Lodges held their annual Christmas party on Monday night with a large attendance. A Christmas program, tree and exchange of gifts provided entertainment and refreshments of pie and coffee were served.

Baptist Ruth Class Entertains Wincome Class Tuesday Noon

Members of the Winsome Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church were guests of the Ruth Class at a luncheon in the Park Building Tuesday noon.

Poinsettias were used in decoration and recorded Christmas Carols were played during the luncheon hour.

Present at the luncheon were Mmes. Allen Moore, Mildred Ballard, Lucille Dodson, John D. Hurst, W. A. Hudson, L. C. Holcomb, G. C. Fitzgerald, J. W. Nickson, J. P. Senter, Ann Brasher, Opal Capps, Verna Romine, Tiny Williams, Jean Guest, Gladys Treadwell, Ethel Windham, and Mabel James.

Towns Get Extension To Prepare Cases

The Railroad Commission postponed the completion of the hearing on the Santa Fe Railway's application for discontinuance of the scheduled passenger service between San Angelo and Fort Stockton on the second day of the hearing being held in San Angelo last Saturday. The hearing will be resumed in Big Lake on Feb. 15, 1950.

Examiner Chas. F. Petet postponed the hearing after hearing pleas from attorneys representing the various towns along the line.

The hearing opened Friday morning with the legal representatives of the various towns and railroad brotherhoods asking for a continuance as they were not "ready." The Examiner permitted the hearing to get underway so that the Santa Fe officials might get their arguments entered into the record. During the course of the day of presentation of exhibits and witnesses, the attorneys representing the towns closely questioned each "exhibit" and the various officials who testified.

Particularly, they sought to determine the reason that the city of San Angelo had been omitted in the surveys included in the "exhibits," but each time, it was answered with a reply "that we didn't feel that they would be vitally concerned," "I wasn't instructed to include San Angelo," or "we did not feel that the city

Methodist Youth Group Has Christmas Party

The Intermediate Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church were entertained at a party in the church educational building on Tuesday night by Mrs. Wallace Gary and Mrs. R. H. Johnson.

A Christmas tree, gift exchange and games entertained the youngsters for the evening and the hostess served refreshments to the group.

of San Angelo would be greatly affected, as the train served San Angelo in a minor way to the west."

Joe Steadham of Austin, representing the railroad brotherhoods, and H. A. Leverton of Big Lake led the defense of the towns.

Lewis Jeffrey of Amarillo is attorney for the applicant. The various exhibits introduced as testimony were "estimates" in matters of population, major businesses, and mail importance on Star Routes. The towns lawyers strenuously refuted the figures.

At the close of the lengthy session, the railroad legal council entered strenuous objections to the postponement, saying that the railroad would be granted the discontinuance in the end, and that it was not right to force them to continue to lose money until Feb. 15, 1950.

A meeting of all interested parties along the Santa Fe line affected by the application are invited to attend a mass meeting to be held in the Upton County Court House Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1. Representatives from the railroad brotherhoods will be present at the meeting, and the ways and means of fighting the application will be determined.

Those attending the hearing in San Angelo last week from Upton County included: John A. Menefee, Dunn Lowery, Pearl Rankin, C. W. Brown, James Fleming, Fletcher Stapp, James A. Rutherford, Jim Langdon and Bill Moore.

Menefee was the legal counsel for the city of Rankin, while Langdon represented McCamey. Other legal advisors assisting the towns were Ralph Logan, Barnhart and Mertzon; W. J. Grissett, Texon; W. A. Hadden, Fort Stockton; Robert T. Neill, San Angelo; F. P. Abbot, San Angelo; W. H. Winchester, H. L. Reynolds, C. E. Combs and H. R. Taylor, all of the railroad brotherhoods.

Substitute Clerk Examinations To Be Held For Vacancy

The Civil Service Commission announces examinations for filling vacancies in the Rankin Post Office in the position of Substitute Clerk at the salary of \$131-2 cents per hour. To be eligible to take the examination, applicants must actually reside within the delivery of the Rankin Post Office or be bona fide patrons thereof. Application forms and additional information may be secured from the post office or from the Director, Fourteenth U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Hartwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

Methodist Young Adult Class Has Supper

The Young Adults Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church of which D. S. Anderson is teacher, enjoyed a "potluck" supper and 42 party at the church Tuesday night.

Those who attended the supper-party were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. White, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell White, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Yancy.

LEAVES FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Myrna Holman, Upton County HD agent, is leaving this weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Houston and LaPorte.

Methodist Christmas Pageant To Be Sunday

A Christmas pageant will be presented at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30, followed by the Christmas tree and treat for the Sunday School and church members.

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Notice is hereby given that the partnership business heretofore conducted in Rankin, Upton County, Texas by Henry H. Ward and Harry B. Stevens under the firm name of RANKIN FURNITURE COMPANY has on this the 19th day of November, A.D. 1949, been dissolved by mutual consent and agreement. The partnership interest of Harry B. Stevens has been sold and transferred to Henry H. Ward and wife Belle F. Ward and the said Harry B. Stevens has withdrawn from said business and such business will be continued under the name of RANKIN FURNITURE COMPANY at the same place in Rankin, Upton County, Texas. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged at the RANKIN FURNITURE COMPANY in Rankin, Upton County Texas.

SIGNED THIS THE 19th day of November, A.D. 1949.

Henry H. Ward
Belle F. Ward
Harry B. Stevens

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF UPTON

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for Upton County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Henry H. Ward and Belle F. Ward, his wife, both known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Belle F. Ward, wife of the said Henry H. Ward, having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Belle F. Ward acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 19th day of November, A.D. 1949.

Mrs. Will Nix
Notary Public, Upton County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF NOLAN

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for Nolan County, Texas on this day personally appeared Harry B. Stevens, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 21st day of November, A. D. 1949. (SEAL)

Ocie Hunt
Notary Public, Nolan County, Texas.

The Freshest Freshman

This week we have none other than Betty Bodine. She was born in McLean, Texas, on Sept. 16, 1934. Betty Sue moved to Kermit when she was 12 years old and lived there until February of last year.

Her pastime is drawing and painting. She also likes to drive the car. Her likes are having a lot of fun and wanting to go places. She likes all kinds of sports, too. Some of her dislikes are conceited people, General Math, and homework of any kind. Her favorite teacher is Miss Nelson, favorite color, red; food, Spanish subject, Homemaking.

Freshman Ideal Boy And Girl

- Hair—Wallace
- Complexion—Gentry
- Eyes—Bobby
- Smile—Norman
- Nose—Don
- Height—Bruce
- Physique—Norman
- Hair—Carolyn
- Complexion—Betty
- Eyes—Barbara
- Smile—Carolyn
- Nose—Betty
- Legs—Maetta
- Figure—Juanita
- Hands—Carolyn
- Feet—Betty



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh.

Now Hospitals Are "Banks," Tool

Doc Simpson was saying, "Hospitals are building up 'bone banks' that work just like blood banks. When bone is needed, the surgeon takes one from a refrigerator, cuts it to the right shape and simply splices it in."

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"No sir!" replies Doc. "No more than they worry about whose blood they get. No one yet asked for a bone from a man who went to the same school or church he did."

From where I sit, it would be a better world if we were half as willing to accept other people's ideas and tastes, as we seem to be willing to accept their bone and blood. There'll always be differences. Some like buttermilk, others would rather have a sparkling glass of temperate beer. But underneath we're pretty much the same—deserving each other's respect and tolerance!

Joe Marsh

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One only new automobile—4-door sedan, equipped with radio and heater, suitable to be used by Upton County Sheriff. The successful bidder is required to take the present Sheriff's car (1949 Model 98 Oldsmobile equipped with radio, heater and seat covers, as a trade-in.

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Deputy.

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IRAAN PERSONALS

Bud McFadin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McFadin will arrive home next week from Texas University for the holidays.

San Angelo visitors this week were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Holland, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Noelke, Jr., and Mrs. H. C. Collett, Mrs. Jack Cauble, Mrs. R. Morris and son, Marvin.



What a big help!

"Mrs. F. will work on our Christmas dolls for the poor. A big help!"

"Edith wants me to have some of their apples. They're delicious."



"Daughter Mary Ann makes plans for a formal dance. Big event."



"Ed, my husband, will get a later bus from the city. Saves me a wait at the bus stop!"

There's a pleasant bustle of family life in the home of Mrs. Ida Bianchi, on the outskirts of Oklahoma City. And the telephone is right in the middle of everything.

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THE RANKIN RED DEVIL

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A WORD TO THE WISE

BY JIMMY WORKMAN
 Well, folks, the time is nearly here! Soon the holidays will be here and everyone will be having a wonderful Christmas. For some, however, this Christmas season will be the worst time of their life. There will be death and suffering all over the nation due to carelessness alone. Some of you who are reading this very article will plan to take that long-awaited trip back home or to that friend you haven't seen in so long or on that happy honeymoon or something of the like. For everyone planning a happy Christmas away from home, I have a little word of advice you might like to have. During the holidays the roads will be crowded and in places the driving will be dangerous due to weather conditions. Please drive carefully and enjoy a very Merry Christmas. Drive like the other fellow is a fool and not like you are!

When you start down the road just remember—
 There was a man who fancied
 That by driving good and fast,
 He could get his car across the track
 Before the train came past.
 He'd miss the engine by an inch,
 And make the train hands sore—
 There was a man who fancies this . . .
 There isn't any more!!!!
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERY-
 ONE!**

Orchids And Onions

Onions to Vada Mae for moving to Kermit.
 Orchids to Jean for going with Chock.
 Onions to Mrs. Schmidt for assigning so many lessons.
 Onions to Virginia for acting like an ape.
 Orchids to the Study Hall for getting new tables.
 Orchids to the Library for making new rules.
 Orchids to Jackie for being so popular.
 Onions to the "A" string for losing their ball game.
 Orchids to the school for getting a new score board in the gym.
 Onions to the girls for not having any more ball games.
 Onions to the senior class for growing so small.
 Onions to the band hall floor for being rotten.
 Onions to Don for being hen-pecked.
 Orchids to Elbert for making friends at Kerrville.
 Orchids to Ruthie for taking the first grade teacher's place.
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Christmas Formal Set For Saturday Night

The junior class is sponsoring a Christmas formal at the High School gym Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p. m. This dance is for the high school and their dates. All kinds of refreshments will be sold. You may reserve tables now for 15c and if you wait until Saturday night it will cost you 25c for a table.

MINUS A SENIOR AND PAPER EDITOR

The senior class is very sorry to have lost a senior this week. She was Vada Mae Owen who moved to Kermit. Vada Mae was a good student and was liked by everyone. She was the editor of The Red Devil Paper staff. We hope Vada Mae will like Kermit and we know she will make friends as quickly as she did here.

NOTICE!

We wish everyone would come to the Junior Dance at the High School at 8:00. Bring your girl! Buy some food! Reserve a table!

Shorthand Class

The shorthand class of 1949 is progressing very rapidly. Their skill in writing so many words per minute has been very good. There were seven seniors in the shorthand class until Vada Mae Owen moved, now there are six. They are Winnie Ellis, Chock Romine, Marjorie White, Jimmy Workman, Billy Brown and Imogene Sanders. The teacher is Mrs. Taylor. She is very sweet.

Juniors Win 13 To 12

The juniors edged out over the McCamey juniors by a score of 13 to 12. It was a tight game all the way. McCamey got ahead at the opening of the game. Jimmy Yoeham was high point man for Rankin and was outstanding in all fields. The rest of the lineup is: Jerry Romine, John Schlagal and Joe Loftin. The game was nobody's until the gun sounded. In the closing rounds, Rankin got its other two points to win.

RANKIN GETS A NEW SCORE BOARD

It is red and white, representing the school colors. Instead of a clock, it has lights which form the number of minutes left to play. It also ticks off the seconds, showing how many seconds are left to play. It goes to a score of 99. It was installed Dec. 12. The juniors and B teams were the first to play after we got the score board installed. The juniors beat McCamey's juniors 19 to 9. The B team beat them by 13 points.

The Saucies! Sophomore

This week's sophomore is Elbert Eckols. He was born Sept. 12 at McCamey, Texas. He has lived around McCamey all his life. Elbert moved to Rankin at the end of the last school year. His likes are girls, drop-kicking, football, basketball, track, tennis, softball and swimming. His dislikes are fickle girls. His favorite food is everything, and his favorite subject is geometry. When Elbert graduates from high school, he plans to be a doctor or a coach. Elbert is well liked in Rankin and liked by everyone.

SENIORITY

This week's seniority is none other than the one and (thank heavens) the only Ruthie Elliott. She is a brown-headed, blue, blue, green, or grayeyed, 5' 2 1-2 senior girl.

Yes, on the day of Dec. 11, 1932, the eighth wonder came into the world, and people still wonder (what it is).

Ruthie is our basketball captain, of that we are all very proud. Her likes are Bill Hurn, basketball, Miss Hodge, and study hall. Her dislikes are mushy shows, being quiet, riding with reckless drivers, and cokes that are not spiked.

Her favorite song is "Where Are You," and her favorite color is pink. By the way, she looks pretty in it, too.

Ruthie's pet peeve is red heads and green cars. She wishes to close with this statement: "You're a good kid, I think."

More New Students

The past two weeks, we have gained a few more students in our high school. They are Jackie Stewart, a junior from Big Lake; Joan Eaton, a sophomore from Big Lake, and Betty Jo Becker, a freshman from Duncan, Okla. We are glad to have these new students and hope they will like Rankin High School as well as we do.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the President of the Board, Rankin Independent School District, Mr. Walton Poage, Rankin, Texas, up to and not later than 2 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 29, 1949, in the Superintendent's office in High School Building, Rankin, Texas. At which time and place all of the proposals then received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the hour named hereinabove will be returned unopened.

The work to be done consists of construction of an Elementary School Building and a Gymnasium Building including band practice rooms. All work to be done in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared for same by Wilson and Patterson, Architects, Fort Worth, Texas. Separate proposals will be received on the Elementary School Building and on the Gymnasium Building, also a Combined Bid covering both the Elementary School Building and the Gymnasium Building. Separate proposals will be received for General Construction, Plumbing and Heating and Electrical work.

Copies of the drawings, specifications and other proposed contract documents are on file and may be seen at the offices of the Architects. One set of such document may be obtained upon deposit of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each building, which deposit will be refunded to each actual bidder upon return of such documents in good condition within three days from bid opening. Additional copies may be obtained upon similar deposit but cost of reproduction of the set will be deducted from deposit. Similar deduction will be made from deposit of other than actual bidders.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days from and after the time established for opening bids. Each proposal, to be eligible for consideration, must be accompanied by a certified check or Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the respective proposal, to insure the Owners against loss occasioned by the bidder's failure to execute a contract if awarded or to furnish satisfactory Contract Surety.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Rankin Independent School District, which will contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with all state laws, including, wage scales and hours as required by House Bill No. 45, Acts of 43rd State Legislature.

The right is reserved, as the interests of the Owner may require, to accept any or reject all proposals, or to overlook any irregularities or informalities in any proposals received.

RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.
 BY WALTON POAGE,
 President.

T. A. B. Party

This month's T. A. B. party will be given at the home of Mr. H. Still. It will be a Christmas party and everyone will go caroling afterward.

Several different reviews of stories will be given and it will be one of the most interesting parties we have had yet.

Everyone who has paid their dues to Marjorie White will be invited, so hurry and pay her before Dec. 19.

The attendance at the last few parties has been low and we feel that those who are not coming are really missing something so remember to be there at 7:30 Monday the 19th.

Rankin "B" Team Beats McCamey

The Red Devil "B" played an exciting 32 minutes of basketball against McCamey last Wednesday. The starting lineup was Aaron

Longnecker, M. Longnecker, Bill Hurn, Joe Loftin and G. Broyles. Don Murphy was the sub and Jerry Romine.

Broyles was high pointer for Rankin followed by Longnecker and Hurn. McCamey had a fast and good club. Rankin pulled out ahead in the third quarter and kept it's lead through the rest of the game. The final score was Rankin 20, McCamey 16.

Student's Hit Parade

White Christmas—Rankin to Weather man.
 That's My Desire—Chock to Jean.
 I'm Throwing Rice—John to Winnie.

I Never See Ginger Alone—Norman to Virginia.
 Miss You—Rankin to Vada Mae
 You're Adorable—Elbert to Carolyn.
 Fishing Song—to Paul, Loyd Gene, Dee Ann and Boogie.
 Mule Train—to Joveta, Winnie

and Mrs. Hodge.

Little Red Head—Elbert to Marjorie.

Blue Christmas—Ted to Marlene.

I Love You So Much It Hurts—Everyone going steady to each other.

The Jolliest Junior

The jolliest junior is none other than Jackie Steward. He is that cute blue-eyed blond. He came here last week and is a very good student.

He was born in Texon, Texas, on that wonderful day of Nov. 27, 1932.

Jackie likes basketball and we think one of the junior girls. How about it, Jackie?

His favorite food is fried chicken and his favorite teacher is, well, let's say all the teachers.

Looks as though Jackie is going to be very popular around the school this year.



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