

## Commissioners Set Tax Elections For May 12

### Issue Calls For 30c Tax For Lateral Roads

The Upton County Commissioners Court ordered an election for May 12 to determine if an additional ad valorem tax of 30c for the purpose of constructing and maintaining farm to market and lateral roads shall be levied.

The action was taken by the group at their continued meeting Tuesday.

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners voted to call the election. During the discussion, it was noted that many citizens had asked them about the tax levy, and a group from the McCamey Chamber of Commerce met with them at their March meeting and asked that they call an election to levy the tax.

It was upon these queries that the group called the election to determine if the property taxpayers of the county desired the levy.

The levy, if approved, will bring some \$90,000 a year into the county tills for the road program that is growing continuously with the expanding oil fields in the county. This is the first year that the levy has been made available to the counties of the state.

In 1949, the voters of Texas

adopted an amendment to the constitution of the State whereby the 30c state ad valorem tax heretofore levied by the state was to be discontinued and providing further that the counties, through a special election, may be permitted through the Commissioners Court to levy this tax for construction and maintenance of the farm to market and lateral roads within the county.

Beginning with the year 1951, the 30c tax will not be levied by the state, but may be levied by the various counties, provided an election is held and voters vote to permit the commissioners court to make such levies.

Under the law, homesteads up to \$3,000 cannot be levied upon for this tax, therefore exempting most, if not all, homesteads in Upton County from the tax.

If the additional tax is approved by voters, any amount, not to exceed 30c on the \$100 valuation, may be levied by the Commissioners Court for the farm to market and lateral road purposes, thus giving the county additional funds for the county roads, without any additional tax burden upon the home owners in the county.

### Texas Wool Suits First Family



Gov. and Mrs. Allan Shivers, photographed in the Governor's Mansion at Austin, display all-Texas additions to their spring wardrobe—the first suits made of cloth woven from worsted yarn spun from Texas-produced wool in the New Braunfels plant of Pioneer Worsteds Co. This plant, the only worsted factory south of the Mason and Dixon Line, has a capacity of 7,000,000 pounds of raw wool per year. The suits, of midnight blue gabardine, were made especially for the Governor and his lady.

### Rankin Study Club Meeting Held At Local Park Building

"Brown Americans" was the theme for the Rankin Study Club meeting held Thursday afternoon at the Park Building. Mrs. P. L. Crandell and Mrs. R. D. McSpadden were hostesses for the afternoon and served refreshments in the dining room prior to the program which was presented in the auditorium.

Mrs. Dan Runyan accompanied her piccolo students who played several numbers to open the program.

During the business session, reports were given by committeemen on various club projects, including Youth, Library and Public Welfare. Invitations have been extended to the Big Lake, McCamey and Crane Study Clubs to attend the "Friendship Tea" to be given by the local club on the afternoon of April 19.

Taking part on the afternoon's program were Mrs. Sam Holmes who spoke on "The Negro in America" and Mrs. Lewis, whose subject was "The Negro Problem From The Negro Point Of View."

Members attending Thursday's meeting were Mrs. D. S. Anderson, Mrs. Harry Cowden, Mrs. Paul Crandell, Mrs. C. G. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. Sam Holmes, Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mrs. Leola Hurn, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. Max Lewis, Mrs. Dunn Lowery, Mrs. Zack Munroe, Mrs. R. D. McSpadden, Mrs. Henry Neal, Mrs. Dan Runyan, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Hamilton Still, Mrs. C. G. Taylor, Miss Maggie Taylor, Miss Neva Rae Taylor.

### You Wouldn't Hurt Her, Would You?

(Reprinted from Winkler County News)

Today my daughter, who is seven years old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue socks. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is "Scoot," sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education, and she waved goodbye and started off to the halls of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her . . . the girl with yellow curls . . . and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher, who has eyes in the back of her head, and about the trees on the school yard, and about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things . . . tremendously vital, unimportant things . . . and then we studied spelling, reading and arithmetic, and then to bed.

She's back there now . . . back in the nursery . . . sound asleep, with Princess Elizabeth (that's a doll) cuddled in her right arm.

You guys wouldn't hurt her, would you? You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut, or her head gets bumped, I can fix it, but when she starts to school, when she walks across the street, then she's in your hands.

She's a nice kid. She runs like a deer and darts about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons. But, I can't be with her all the time . . . I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So, please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully. Please drive slowly past the schools and intersections. And, please remember that children run from behind parked cars.

Please don't run over my little girl!

### Marlene Holmes Essay Wins Study Club Contest

The following essay, written by Marlene Holmes, Rankin High School Senior, won first place in this year's contest sponsored by the Rankin Study Club for a paper written by a Senior on the subject "Why I Intend To Continue My Education at College or University."

#### WHY I PLAN TO CONTINUE MY EDUCATION AT COLLEGE

I plan to continue my education due to the fact that I do not plan to be dependent on my parents for a livelihood for my entire life.

I think that with a college education, I am more apt to do the type of work I can enjoy. I think that with a college education I could learn the type of work I will like. Often I am told it is foolish to continue your education because most young girls marry, thus few put their education to a use. Yes, this often proves right. What if a girl's parents are unable to support her before she marries? She can take in washing, ironing or do cafe

work. From my viewpoint, there are easier, more pleasant means by which a woman can support herself, if she is prepared.

Also, many times, after young people are married, they find that by both working, even part time, they have the opportunities to make and have more. Also, if it is necessary for a woman to make the living due to sickness or death in her family, a good education would make her work easier, more profitable and by far more pleasant. I think that by attending college, you will have a broader outlook on life.

I recall hearing that an educated man was to be feared. Then people say why educate him if they are to be feared. That is correct unless he is a Christian. I think a highly educated Christian will save this world.

I shall continue my education because I am eager to live a happy, useful and successful life. I think that I can build a better and happier world for my family and friends with a better education.

### Automobile Accidents Take Sharp Jump In '50

HARTFORD, Conn. — Automobile accident deaths and injuries in the nation took a sharp jump last year over 1949, according to figures released today by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

The report indicates that the 1950 death toll of 35,500 is the greatest since 1941, peak year in highway and street deaths when 40,000 were killed.

The injury total soared to a new all-time high of 1,799,800 in 1950, displacing the previous high of 1,564,000 established in 1949. The 1941 figure was 1,488,000.

These statistics are highlights of "R. I. P.," 17th in the annual series of traffic safety booklets issued by The Travelers. The Hartford insurance firm maintains an accident statistics bureau which collects and analyzes data from the 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Among specific causes of deaths and injuries, excessive speed once again raised its record. "Speed" took 13,300 lives last year. Speed caused 475,500 injuries last year. Speed was the dreadful mistake made by one of every three drivers involved in last year's serious accidents," says the booklet.

"Although there was only a very small increase in the total number of pedestrian fatalities during

1950, there was a sharp increase in the number of persons killed crossing streets between intersections. "Jay-walking" took the lives of 3,740 last year, an increase of 240 over 1949.

Last year, for the second time since the war, the percentage of 18 to 24 year old drivers involved in fatal accidents took a downward turn. But the booklet points out that while drivers in that age group "make up well under 20 per cent of the total of all drivers, last year (the) group was responsible for more than 24 per cent of 1950's fatal accidents."

### Sacred Heart Altar Society Is Organized

The Sacred Heart Altar Society of the Catholic Church of McCamey was organized at a meeting held Tuesday night, April 10, by the ladies of the parish.

The Rev. Frederic Doeren, OFM, pastor of the church, assisted in the organization.

Mrs. A. V. Langford was elected president of the society and Mrs. F. W. Payne was elected secretary and treasurer.

Meetings are to be held on the first Monday of each month, with the first meeting to be held May 7, in the home of Mrs. Langford.

### Story Tellers Hour Is New Project For The Rankin Study Club

Another project in connection with the Rankin Study Club's entry in the "Building Freedom With Youth" contest is the "Story Tellers' Hour."

Mrs. Hamilton Still is supervising and teaching a club composed of Junior High and High School girls in the art of story-telling. The girls meet each Monday afternoon in the library with Mrs. Still at 4 o'clock and officers of the club will be elected at next Monday's meeting.

On Saturday morning, April 14, the first "Story Tellers' Hour" will be held. Mary Lou Shurley and Delores Anderson will tell stories to children of pre-school age up through grade school age in the Park Building at ten o'clock and all children of the town and community are most cordially invited to join the group and hear the stories.

### Upton HD Club Holds Scoring Demonstration

A meeting of the Upton County Home Demonstration Clubs was held Tuesday morning from 10 to 12 at the Park Building, at which time Miss Nena Roberson, State Clothing Specialist, of the Extension Service of A&M College, gave a demonstration on "Scoring."

Miss Roberson scored dresses made by members to be worn in the dress revue to be held at a later date. She pointed out the good and bad points made and gave some helpful information along that line.

Miss Ina Holt of Ft. Stockton, district agent, and Miss Myrna Holman, Upton HD Agent, were present.

There will be a demonstration in Rankin on Thursday, April 19, at the Rankin Park Building, given by Miss Frances Reasonover, State Foods and Nutrition Specialist, of the Extension Service of College Station, Texas.

Jimmy Workman, Texas Tech student, was home from Lubbock the past weekend to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henley and daughters of Ft. Stockton spent Sunday with Mrs. Calla Henley.

### Mrs. Hamilton Suffers Burns On Her Hands

Mrs. Herman Hamilton has been away from her duties as bookkeeper at The First State Bank the past two weeks due to having her hands badly burned.

Mrs. Hamilton suffered the burns at her home here when hot grease overturned. The burns are slowly improving.

### PTA Meeting Is Held On Tuesday Afternoon

Vice President Mrs. D. S. Anderson presided at Tuesday's meeting of the Parent-Teacher Assn. in the absence of the president, Mrs. Hamilton Still. Mrs. M. C. Duer was in charge of the register at the door.

Mrs. Anderson gave the devotional and Mrs. R. H. Johnson, program leader, presented Miss Cleona Quiett and members of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Miss Quiett accompanied the children as they sang several numbers, first in a chorus representing each grade and then as an entire group.

The afternoon topic was "Leisure Hours." Mrs. Johnson spoke briefly on the topic, after which Mrs. Herbert Hurn talked on "Stimulating Children's Reading."

In the business session officers were elected for 1951-52 and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff was elected to receive the Life Membership given annually by the association.

An auditing committee composed of Messrs. D. S. Anderson, John D. Hurst and Allen Moore was elected.

Reports of the Spring Conference held recently at Big Lake were given by Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Mrs. Carl Keys and Mrs. Midkiff. The attendance prize was presented to Mrs. Pool, 2nd grade teacher.

Hostesses, Mrs. J. R. McSpadden and Mrs. H. C. Dishman served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

### In Auto Wreck

Deputy Sheriff R. C. Schलगal sustained bruises and had his car badly damaged in a collision accident in Llano last Friday afternoon while returning from a business trip to Austin.

Fields Branch, Schreiner Institute student, spent several days in Rankin over the past weekend with his parents and sisters.

### Men Dominate Offices In PTA Election Tuesday

An innovation in Rankin was the placing of men in the principal offices of the town's very active Parent-Teacher Assn. at Tuesday's election.

Officers for the coming year are:

Tommy Workman—President  
Bill Martin—Recording Secretary.

John D. Hurst—Treasurer  
Mrs. M. C. Duer, 1st Vice President.

Mrs. Carl Keys—2nd Vice President.

Mrs. D. S. Anderson—3rd Vice President.

Mrs. Walton Harral— Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Hamilton Still— Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Tyson Midkiff—Historian

This is the first time men have been elected to office in the Kathryn Secrest Parent-Teacher Assn. Mr. Workman, a rancher, and Mr. Hurst, a bank teller, each have a child in the elementary school, and Mr. Martin is a member of the High School faculty.

Installation of officers will take place at the regular meeting of the association the second Tuesday of May with a special program being planned.

### Theo Blue Awarded S.M.U. Scholarship

A former Rankin boy and a graduate of Rankin High School, Theo Blue, has received signal honors at Schreiner Institute by being one of the school's four students to receive a \$400 scholarship to Southern Methodist University in Dallas for high scholastic ratings. Blue is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blue who now live in Bronte. He will graduate this spring from Schreiner at Kerrville, and will enter summer school at SMU.

### Pfc. Bobby Bearden Injured In Korea; At Brooke Medical Center

Pfc. Bobby R. Bearden, 20, a member of a Rangers Company, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Bearden of McCamey, has arrived at the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, where he is undergoing treatment at Brooke Army Hospital for wounds inflicted by the enemy in Korea April 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill of Big Lake and Brownwood, former Rankin residents, visited here on Wednesday for a short time.

### PEMBROOK POOL OBTAINS SEVEN MORE OUTPOSTS

Seven outposts have been staked to the Pembroke (Spraberry) field in NE Upton County.

J. H. Snowden and others, R. Pembroke No. 1-19 Johnnie Graham, half mile north outpost to production in the field, will be 660 ft. from south and east lines of sec. 19-N-HE&WTRR survey. Permit is for an 8,500 foot rotary test.

Havenstrits Oil Co. of Midland has staked location for six slated 8,000 footers in a 266-acre tract in northern portion of sec. 2, blk. N, De Witt survey. The projects will be in the western part of the field.

The firm's No. 4-B Pembroke-Beall will be 660 ft. out of SE corner of the tract; No. 5 Pembroke-Beall, 660 from north, east corner of tract; No. 6 Pembroke-Beall, 660 from north, 1,926.8 ft. from east line of tract; No. 7 Pembroke-Beall, 660 from south, 1,926.8 ft. from east line of tract; No. 8 Pembroke-Beall, 660 ft. out of SW corner of tract; and No. 9 Pembroke-Beall, 660 ft. out of NW corner of tract.

Blackwood & Nichols of Midland No. 3 Humble-Barnett, slated 7,700 ft. rotary test in Benedum Spraberry field, will be 660 ft. out of NE corner of sec. 4-Y-CC-SD&RGNG survey.

Upton wildcats, Humble No. 1 Tippett was drilling at 12,666 ft. in shale, chert, and dolomite, Sunday No. 1-A University at 9,341 ft. in lime and shale, Cities Service No. 1-AM University at 7,093 ft. in sand and shale. Sinclair No. 1 McElroy set packer at 9,330 ft. to test perforations from 9,365 to 9,405 ft. to check cement back of casing.

### Golf Tournament Set For May 18, 19 and 20

The McCamey Invitational Golf Tournament and Barbecue is scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20, at the McCamey Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded for all flights. Runner-up, consolation and medalist.

Quality Friday, match play on Saturday and Sunday, 18 holes. Calcutta Pool Friday night.

Those wishing to qualify on home course may do so and mail or phone score to Ralph Coker of McCamey.

A large attendance is expected from Iraan, Crane, Ft. Stockton and Big Lake.

### Girl Scout Troop 1 Meets On Monday

Girl Scout Troop No. 1 met Monday afternoon with their leader, Mrs. D. O. McEwen. A clean-up campaign with a party following is planned for Saturday.

Scouts attending the meeting were Pat Dishman, Mary McCain, Gloria Morgan, Genevieve Poage, Rachel Broyles, Kay McEwen and Rovena Langford.

### Leaves For Army

Nolen Faught returned to Rankin for a brief visit this week and left Wednesday for Abilene to be inducted into the United States Army.

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### A MATTER OF TRANSLATION

John Q. Public, a guy who ought to be vitally concerned, rarely take the trouble to brood over the mathematical figures of government which the newspapers print from time to time.

Perhaps, in the immortal words of a very successful politician, it was all "planned that way." For governmental mathematics are so huge and bewildering that John Q. is unable to translate them into realities or into practical applications. Such a situation, of course, is just what a good many politicians like.

Yet John does have a sort of uneasy feeling about "government spending," and he surely ought to have because John's standard of living (and even his destiny) is tangled up in those figures.

Let's translate a couple of them to show how.

As of last October, civilian employees of the local, state and Federal governments of the U.S. numbered 6,402,000. At the same time, there were 35,400,000 Americans in private jobs. Thus, simple division shows that John and eight of his working neighbors are paying the wages of those government workers.

As of last June 30, the Federal government owed debts of \$281,000,000,000, the state governments \$5,323,000,000, and local governments \$18,324,000,000. Translated, that means that John is himself in debt for \$1,865—and so is every other member of his family. Furthermore, those governments are going to collect from John and his family, come what may.

A great number of these employees were put on government payrolls, and a large part of those debts were made, because John (who's nobody but you and me) asked our governments for more and better services and benefits.

When translated, however, they just don't look so tempting any more.

### GRASS ROOTS OPINION

LIBERAL, KAN., SOUTHWEST DAILY TIMES: "The overmanning of government agencies and the overlapping of the many new-created bureaus are responsible largely for the poor manpower day-production records. Waste and inefficiency in nearly all government operation now is at an unheard of peak."

OMAHA, NEB., DAILY JOURNAL - STOCKMAN: "Subsidies, no matter what name they masquerade under, have no place in the American way. They are a resort to subterfuge, in which the real cost of living is camouflaged to as to fool the people."

## THE AMERICAN WAY



Close Those Valves

Male drivers in 1950 were involved in more than 90 per cent of all U.S. automobile accidents.

In 1950, 1,799,800 Americans were injured in traffic accidents.

You are almost three times as likely to be killed in an automobile accident between 7 and 8 in the evening as you are between 7 and 8 in the morning.

Speeding on U. S. streets and highways last year killed 13,300 men, women and children.

Speeding on U. S. streets and highways last year injured 475,500 men, women and children.

In 1950, 9,400 pedestrians were killed in the U. S.

Three out of four traffic accidents happen in clear weather on dry roads.

### Pecos Valley Farmer Uses Green Tags To Market Cotton

Market 1951 cotton by the green tag method, Pecos Valley farmers were urged this week by S. R. Gohmert, western cotton branch manager, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration, Bakersfield, California.

This is the official grade and staple report placed on each bale by USDA cotton classers at the request of farmers belonging to Smith-Doxey improvement groups.

"Demand promises to be strong for this year's crop. In knowing the exact grade and staple length, farmers will be in excellent position to get the best price for their cotton," Gohmert explained.

Last year, 1,490 farmers in the Texas border counties took advantage of USDA's Smith-Doxey classing program and marketed 149,984 bales under the green tag system, he continued.

They can get the same service without cost this year by making application for it. Requirements include organizing into a group to promote improvement of cotton, adopting a variety, filing an application, arranging for sampling and meeting certain other requirements.

In addition to the official classification, they also will receive market news showing current prices at nearby markets. By comparing the grade and staple

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length on the green card against the price for the same kind of cotton on the market news sheet, the approximate price of a bale can be easily determined, Gohmert said.

An overwhelming majority of motor vehicles involved in accidents last year were reported in apparently good condition.

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AND UP BUDGET TERMS



### GOVERNOR ALLAN SHIVERS PROCLAIMS MAY AS "JURY SERVICE" MONTH

AUSTIN, Tex., April 12.—May is officially designated as Jury Service Month in a proclamation issued today by Governor Allan Shivers.

Secretary of State John Ben Sheppard announced plans for observing the event. Sheppard, who is chairman of the American Bar of Texas, revealed the statewide program as a joint project of the bar and Texas newspaper publishers, represented by the Texas Press Assn., of which Frederick I. Massengill, Jr., publisher of the Terrell Daily Tribune, is president.

The governor's proclamation favored the passage of a joint resolution by both houses of the state legislature, which stresses the importance of the right to a jury and the dependence of this right upon willing service jurors by all eligible citizens. The primary objective of the program, Sheppard stated, "is to give new life to the jury service system so that our democratic system of free courts will survive."

General objectives are: (1) that no Texan will ask to be excused from jury service during the month of May; (2) to make a study of the types of individuals asking to be excused; (3) to urge employers to insist that their employees accept jury service, and to pay them while serving; (4) to urge lawyers to insist that their clients accept jury service; (5) to find new and better ways to encourage eligible jurors to serve; (6) to make the public conscious of the fact that seeking to be excused from jury service will, in time, cause them to lose that right.

In discussing "Jury Service Month," Sheppard said, "Apathy and unwillingness to serve on a jury are a real detriment to our free court system. A man who tries to be excused from serving on another's jury is in a measure denying himself the right to trial by jury."

Last year, 35,500 Americans were killed in traffic accidents.

### Texas Crime Report Shows 10 % Increase During Past Year

AUSTIN—The Texas Crime Report for 1950, just released by the Texas Department of Public Safety, indicates that crime in general over the State is up 10.9% over 1949.

Among the seven major crimes tabulated in the report: Murder and Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Aggravated Assault, Theft and Auto Theft, the greatest increase was reflected in the category of Auto Theft.

To stem the rise in the number of stolen motor vehicles and to assist you in protecting your investments in an increasingly hard-to-get commodity, Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, passes along these tips to car owners:

1. Keep unattended cars off streets, particularly at night.
2. If you use your auto at night, do not park on poorly lighted or little-used streets.
3. Lock car at all times—ignition, doors and rear deck.
4. When car is parked or stored in public garages or on parking lots, insist upon a claim check. Don't yield when attendant says, "You do not need a ticket as I will know you." Also, insist upon locking ignition, doors and all compartments when fire rules do not prohibit such measures.
5. If auto is kept in a private garage, see that locks are strong and that door hasps cannot be taken off with a screw driver, or hinges removed from the outside.
6. Do not leave car registration or driver's license in car as thieves frequently escape arrest by presenting documents of the rightful owner when stopped by police officers. They may also submit the registration card and driver's license to prove ownership in successfully selling stolen vehicles.
7. Report suspicious tampering with autos to your local police. The securing of license numbers of cars near the scene of such activity may prove of value to the police in the event of theft.

Fifty-five per cent of last year's fatal accidents occurred during hours of darkness.

### The Secretary Of State Issues Procedures For All Upton Notaries

County Clerk R. H. Daugherty has received notification from the office of Secretary of State John Ben Sheppard on the procedure to be followed in the re-appointment of qualified notaries public whose terms expire June 1, and the appointment of new notaries.

The re-appointment of all presently qualified notaries of Upton County will be made by Secretary of State Sheppard by May 20, and each re-appointed notary must qualify with the County Clerk on June 1, file oath and pay the statutory filing fee to the clerk in order to serve as a qualified notary for the new term, June 1, 1951, to June 1, 1953.

After all re-appointed notaries have qualified, the clerk will forward Certificates of Qualification and filing fees to the Secretary of State. Individual notaries are not to send money to the State office.

Terms of all presently qualified notaries expire on June 1, and a notary cannot qualify for the 1951-53 term before that date, irrespective of re-appointment or new appointment.

Persons applying through the County Clerks for notary appointments for the first time will receive appointments effective on the date of qualification. A Certificate of Appointment on each person applying for the first time will be sent to the Secretary of State for approval and then returned to the County Clerk, after which the person will be notified to appear within ten days to qualify before the Clerk.

In the instructions received from Sheppard, he stated, "An applicant must be 21 years of age or older and a resident of the county in which he intends to act as a notary. It is important that the exact name of the applicant be given and that this name be used on all documents signed by the person. He must also give his correct mailing address."

Last year, 299,500 pedestrians were injured in the US.

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Your Phillips 66 Dealer has the "know how" and the quality products needed to help put your car in the pink of condition. He provides six important safety services . . . six money-saving maintenance services.

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### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

#### Buzz And The Off-Key Baritones

Reverend Lester of the church out on Hillboro Road coaches his Young Peoples' Choir late Thursday afternoons—after high school basketball practice lets out.

Buzz Ellis pastures cows next to that church. Around 5 o'clock they used to make a lot of racket about wanting to go home. That made it kind of rough on the choir.

When Buzz learned what was going on he said to Reverend Lester: "I never yet heard of a cow that could moo on key. So, I'll just move 'em in a little earlier..."

This started me to thinking. Buzz doesn't go to that church. And he's so tone-deaf he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket!

From where I sit, you might say that Buzz didn't have much in common with those singers. But he doesn't divide folks into groups he's "with" or "agin." Your politics, your personal preferences—or the fact that you like a moderate glass of beer—mean nothing either way to Buzz. He's a real neighbor to everybody!

Joe Marsh

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PINTO BEANS	2 Lbs. 21c—4 Lbs.	41c
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CARNATION MILK	2 Tall or 4 Small	27c
HEINZ Baby Food	3 FOR	25c

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GRAPEFRUIT	lb.	9c
YELLOW ONIONS	Lb.	6c
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RADISHES	2 Bunches	15c
MESH BAG SPUDS	10 LB. BAG	39c
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McCAMEY, TEXAS

**161 Gulf Employees To Receive Service Awards At Odessa**

One hundred and sixty-one employees of the Ft. Worth Production Division, Gulf Refining Co., Houston Pipe Line Division, and Gulf Research and Development Co. of the Gulf Oil Corp., will be honored next week at the company's 12th Annual Service Award meeting.

At a banquet to be held at the Bowie Junior High School in Odessa, Diamond and Ruby lapel pins will be awarded to employ-

ees with periods of service ranging from 10 to 35 years.

The principal speaker at the banquet, which is part of Gulf's 50th Anniversary Celebration, will be Zone Supt. of Production W. C. Todd.

Ninety-eight per cent of drivers involved in fatal automobile accidents in the US last year had at least one year's driving experience.

There were 233,800 more persons injured in U. S. motor vehicle accidents last year than in 1949.

About 75 per cent of last year's automobile accidents involved passenger cars.

**One Day Only FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**RAY "Smoky" WHITLEY**  
*You have seen him on the screen... Now see him... IN PERSON ON THE STAGE*

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 "Back In The Saddle Again" — "Hang My Head and Cry"  
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 And Many More!

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 PRESTON FOSTER • VIRGINIA GREY • JIM DAVIS  
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**Charles Starrett — Smiley Burnette**  
 — In —  
**"OUTCAST OF BLACK MESA"**

**Extra Special!**  
 — In —  
 Featurette, "CALIFORNIA OR BUST" Starring **RAY WHITLEY**  
 Remember, He will Be On Our Stage In Person April 20

**SUNDAY AND MONDAY**

They're Back On The Old Homestead—  
 With A New Baby In The House, and Uranium In The Pasture!

**MARJORIE MAIN PERCY KILBRIDE**  
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**DARTS FOR DOLLARS**  
**\$25.00**  
 Don't Be Sorry — Be There!

**Wednesday and Thursday**

**THE GREAT WYOMING TRAIN ROBBERY!**  
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**MRS. W. S. FOWLER** Box 1224 — Phone 75-J-2 McCamey, Texas

**Mrs. Pribble Dies At Her Home In McCamey After Long Illness**

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Pribble, 63, died here Wednesday morning about 9:30, after an illness of the past several months. She had been a resident of McCamey for the past 24 years.

Early Thursday morning, funeral arrangements were pending the arrival of relatives. Arrangements are in charge of Spalding Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held from the Assembly of God Church in McCamey, with the Rev. A. R. Vaughn officiating. Time and place of burial has not been announced.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Grover Pace, Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. Frank Milligan, Fredonia, Kansas, and Mrs. S. R. Nobles, of Big Spring; and four brothers, Logan, Robert and Stephen Knowles, all of Fredonia, Kansas, and Alfred Knowles of Anahuac, Texas.

**Texas Company Meet In Ft. Stockton April 4**

The Texas Company's 1951 Dealer Meeting was held at the Large Community Hall, Fort Stockton, Texas, Wednesday, April 4, starting at 7 p.m.

Mr. J. J. De Phillippi, Supt., Sales Training, was the leader of the meetings.

Mr. DePhillippi outlined sales plans, programs and objectives for 1951. Dealers were shown "Keep Pitchin'," a full color feature-length motion picture, produced especially for them. Also featured at the meeting was the "Introduction to Meadville," another full color film threaded with a human interest story.

The dealers were guests of the Company at a dinner at the Large Community Hall.

Mr. V. L. Salter, State Manager, and Mr. H. W. Brooks, Jr., Zone Manager, participated in the meeting.

Twenty-four per cent of all drivers involved in fatal automobile accidents in the US last year were between the ages of 18 and 24.

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**MIDLAND LIVESTOCK REPORT**

The market was steady and active on Thursday, April 5, at the Midland Livestock Auction Company's sale. Heavy butcher cattle made up the bulk of the 450 head consigned and sold. Forty choice quality Hereford cows consigned by Foy Proctor of Midland sold for an average of \$27.90 cwt. and several up to \$28.50. Average weight of the Proctor cows was 1110 lbs. Other fat

cows went from \$24, mediums \$22.50 to \$24, canners and catters \$17 to \$22.50. Bulls dressed \$27 to \$30.

Good stocker steer and heifer calves auctioned for \$38 to \$41. Sam Cox of Tarzan got \$41 for package of 300 pound steer calves. Henry Cummings of Pecos sold seven 400 pound steer calves \$39 cwt. Steer yearlings cleaned at \$34 to \$38.

One deal of twelve 670 pound steers went at \$36.20. Stocker cows cashed at \$22.50 to \$27.



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