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The all-new 1952 Ford Customline Fordor Sedan features a completely new Ford Coachcraft body with curved one-piece windshield and rear window, triple-spinner grille arrangement and body highlights sweeping backward from the extended headlights along the hood and fender to the jet-tube taillight sections. Added styling features of the Customline Fordor are the chrome capped rear fender profiles.

## New 1952 Ford Goes On Display At Slaughter Motor Company On Feb. 1

Ford Division of the Ford Motor Co. today announced three completely new lines of Ford passenger cars for 1952. Featuring Coachcraft bodies and more powerful engines, the new models are scheduled to go on display in Ford dealerships throughout the nation Friday, Feb. 1.

The new model will be on display in the show rooms of the Slaughter Motor Co. in McCamey.

There are a total of 18 models in the three lines—eight in the Mainline series, seven in the Customline series, and three in the Crest-

line series.

Ford's styling identity is preserved in the low-wide lines of the hood and front end of the new cars, centering around a triple-spinned, air-scoop grille arrangement. The new cars have curved one-piece windshields and rear windows, and their body lines sweep backward from extended headlights along the hood and higher fender line to the jet-tube taillight sections.

Among the 1952 models are three completely new utility passenger vehicles, one for each of the three lines of cars. The Ranch Wagon in

the Mainline series is a two-door, six-passenger unit, with all-steel body. In the Customline, there is the country sedan, a four door, eight passenger vehicle with all-steel body.

In the Crestline is the Country Squire, another four door, eight passenger model, with wood trim over the steel panels.

All three of the utility units are quickly convertible for light hauling tasks. The rear seat of the Ranch Wagon folds into the floor, and in the two four-door models, the center seat folds into the floor and the rearmost seat is removable.

## Highway Commission Establishes 40,000 Miles of Road During 35 Years

AUSTIN. — More than 40,000 miles of paved state highway constructed with no bonded state indebtedness—that is the record of the 35-year-old Texas Highway Department. While other states burden themselves with heavy bonded debts for roads, Texas builds more and better roads on a pay-as-you-go basis.

These 40,000 miles represent that portion of the state's total 198,000 miles that Texas dollars alone have paid for.

Although early roads were built on hope almost as much as on money, Texas has over the years evolved a financing program that not only keeps the state out of the red but has resulted in one of the nation's finest networks of state highways.

Today the state never programs construction until the county involved has shown ability to bear its share of cost, which includes securing right-of-way and clearing it of all obstructions.

For city-state construction, the city must not only provide right-of-way, but also must provide whatever utilities and storm sewer work is necessary.

When the highway department was created in 1917, it was activated with ten employees; today its personnel numbers 9,000, of whom 8,200 work in its 25 districts across the state. From its original small office in the Capitol, the department moved after its first year to the Land Office building, and since 1933, has occupied its own 8-story modern office building on 11th St. in Austin.

But the Highway Department is far from satisfied with Texas roads. It realizes that each year the overall picture of Texas highways becomes larger because construction and maintenance, with the inflated dollar and limited revenues now available, cannot keep pace with wear and tear caused by traffic demand that is growing both in number of vehicles and in load weight.

E. H. Thornton, Jr., chairman of the Highway Commission, points out that unless drastic remedial action is taken—and taken fast—Texas soon will have an inferior highway system from border to border. This is especially true, he explains, along the state's primary highway system connecting principal cities. Here more than 71 per cent of all traffic must use

mileage that includes only 41 per cent of the state's total.

Highways in Texas are classified under three types. Primary roads form the arterial link between cities; secondary roads are feeder routes on which traffic is usually lighter than on the primary system, although secondary roads frequently connect cities. Third type is the urban system, consisting mainly of expressways in Texas' biggest cities.

Each type may be financed by 50-50 state-federal money for construction, but thereafter all expense of upkeep must be borne by the state.

Prior to 1917, all roadbuilding in Texas was done on the county level, which naturally resulted in strips of fair roads over some parts of the state but sorry ones elsewhere. Creation of an agency to coordinate roadbuilding on a statewide basis often was discussed but nothing was done about it until Congress in 1917 passed the Bankhead Act calling for a paved highway spanning the nation from Atlanta, Ga., to Los Angeles, Calif.

Some 772 miles of this artery, later known as US Highway 80, lie in Texas between Marshall and El Paso.

This Act required each state to appoint a body to supervise federal aid to counties, with Uncle Sam providing 25 per cent and each county 75 per cent of the cost of putting Highway 80 across that county. Acting under this impetus, the Texas Legislature set up the State Highway Department in 1917.

Curtis Hancock of Dallas was the first chairman of the Highway Commission. Serving with him were H. C. Odle and T. R. McLean.

First State Highway Engineer was G. A. Duren; Julian Montgomery was first chief engineer; and D. E. Colp was first secretary to the Commission. Mrs. Vance Stockton became the first clerical employee of the department.

J. D. Fauntleroy left the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in Fort Worth to come to Austin to help organize the Highway Department.

Brady Gentry, Reuben Williams, F. E. Knetsch, J. S. Redditt, F. A. Wemple, and A. F. Mitchell. All of these have served commissions.

Former state highway engineers have been G. A. Duren, R. J. Windrow, J. D. Fauntleroy, Gibb Gilchrist, R. J. Hank, A. C. Love, R. A. Thompson and Julian Montgomery.

As Gov. Allan Shivers recently pointed out, there are now few homes in Texas not within sight of, or at least within easy access to, a paved road.

No small accomplishment for a highway department just now entering its 35th year.

### John Menefee To Seek Re-Election As County Attorney In July

John A. Menefee announced this week that he would be a candidate for re-election as County Attorney in the July primary.

Mr. Menefee has been a resident of Upton County for the past 17 years. He is married and has three children, two of them attending the public schools in McCamey.

He is a veteran of World War II having served two years in the U.S. Infantry, including 16 months in the European theatre.

In making his announcement, Mr. Menefee made the following statement: "I can only pledge to the voters of Upton County that I will continue to handle the affairs of my office in the most expedient manner possible, and protect the rights of our citizens in matters coming before my office."

I sincerely appreciate the support and help given me by my friends in past years, and earnestly solicit your continued assistance. To those new citizens of the county, I ask your consideration and hope to meet you personally during the coming months."

### Theft Charge Filed In Rankin Last Friday

Leonard Harris was lodged in the Upton County jail at Rankin last Friday being charged with theft over \$50.

Harris is charged with the theft of carpenter tools in downtown Rankin on the day of his arrest.

The charge will come before the grand jury which convenes next Monday.

## POLL TAX SALES REACH NEW HIGH IN UPTON COUNTY THIS WEEK

A new record for the sale of poll taxes in Upton County was assured at the close of offices in Rankin and McCamey on Wednesday afternoon with a record-breaking 1,647 being sold at that time.

The record of 1,607 taxes was paid in 1950.

With the record already broken, offices in both McCamey and Rankin were to remain open until midnight Thursday to enable per-

sons to secure the "privilege" of voting in at least five elections this year.

Observers predicted upward to 2,000 poll taxes would be sold before the deadline at midnight on

Thursday. Also at the closing hour Wednesday, 50 exemptions had been issued.

### BULLETIN

A record breaking 2,011 poll taxes were purchased by Upton County citizens according to H. E. "Gene" Eckols, Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector.

The tabulation was released early Friday morning at the conclusion of sales in the county.

There were 74 exemptions issued to persons becoming 21 years of age.

A breakdown of the voting strength in each precinct will be issued when completed this month.

Exemptions are only required by those persons becoming 21 years of age. Persons over 60 do not have to secure exemptions in cities having less than 10,000 population.

Though there is a great deal of interest in the presidential election and local races this year to account for the active interest, there has also been a noticeable increase in population during the past year due to the extensive oil developments over much of Upton County.

### MRS. MITCHELL BETTER

Mrs. Tom Mitchell is convalescing very satisfactorily following two major operations performed within the past two weeks in a San Angelo hospital.

It is anticipated she will remain hospitalized for some time.

## "DON'T FENCE ME IN" FALLS ON DEAF EARS IN UPTON PROGRAM

Just how much material is involved in preparing the right-of-way for the Upton County road program that was recently approved by Upton County voters in the amount of \$1,050,000, was vividly brought to light by the Upton County Commissioners Court this week when they authorized the County Auditor to advertise for bids on materials.

The amounts of fencing materials

needed reached near astronomical figures.

For instance, the advertisement asks for bids for 13,596 cedar posts with 4 inch tops and 6 and 1-2 feet long. Also, they ask for bids on 300 posts with six inch tops and 8 feet long. In the same advertisement, they seek bids on 27,192 staves with one to one and one-half inch tops.

In the other bid, they need com-

mitments on 206 miles of barged wire and 103 miles of net wire. In the same advertisement, they ask for bids on 16 kegs of steeples, 10 rolls of stay wire and 5 rolls of tie wire.

These materials are needed in addition to fencing that already had been built over portions of the roads by the county and by other parties, and also does not include some fence that was already in existence at the time the location of the roads were established.

It was estimated that 103 miles of fencing would be necessary, including both sides of the remainder of the road where the improvement is needed.

Bids on the material will be opened on Monday, Feb. 18.

The first letting on the road project is set for Thursday, Feb. 14. The roads to be built in the east side of the county to service the Spraberry Trend will be let on that date.

Much of the work on the road in the west side of the county has been completed by the engineers and a letting on the work will be let upon completion.

### CAN WE REST ON OUR LAURELS?

This year the Texas Highway Department observes its 35th anniversary. What has been done during those years?

Since its establishment in 1917, the department has directed the expenditure of \$1.4 billion and the construction of 40,000 miles of roads. Texas is known as having one of the finest highway networks in the nation.

What happens now? Can the highway department—and the rest of Texas—can we rest upon our laurels?

The truth is that our main highways are becoming overcrowded, obsolescent, and unsafe. We are riding on roads that were planned and built twenty years ago—for the traffic of twenty years ago.

At the same time, our traffic today is fast increasing; in volume it has already surpassed estimates that had been made for 1960.

All of this is important to us because we use the roads to take us where we want to go, whether on pleasure or business. Much of our commerce moves by highway.

Too many people take our highways for granted, almost as if they were provided by Nature.

Unlike the sea lanes and air lanes, our highways are man-made. It is up to us to see that they are not neglected, but are made and kept adequate to meet the ever increasing demands upon them.

What, then, must we do?

The highway department has estimated that it will require additional revenue of at least \$100 million per year for the next five years to bring our roads into condition to handle the traffic flow of today and tomorrow; to handle that traffic safely and expeditiously.

All of this is of great concern to the Texas Good Roads Association, which has taken the leadership development for many of the 35 years of the Texas Highway Department. Through its efforts, studies now are being made of all the needs of our highway system, and the manner in which the work best can be financed without the necessity of increasing taxes.

Throughout the year this study will continue, with an opportunity for everyone to be heard in the formulation of a plan to be submitted to the legislature in 1953.

It must be a comprehensive program, based on the usual sound economy exhibited by the highway department in the past. At the same time it must be a program that will have acceptance from the people because it is sound and practical.

### ATTENTION TEENAGERS

The last Youth Council party prior to closing of the contest, "Build Freedom With Youth," will be held at the Park Building at 7:30 p. m. Saturday night, February 2.

Mr. Howell Johnson of McCamey will be at the party to take pictures and all girls who care to are asked to wear their Christmas formal for the first picture. Everyone else come in square dance costume. The girls who come in formal are asked to bring their square dance costumes also for other pictures.

An evening of varied features is planned including dancing, a few square dances, circle games, ping-pong, as well as other activities. The pictures that will be taken are needed for the contest entry scrapbook — so everyone be on hand.

### Girl Scout Troop No. 1 Work On Project

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 1 worked on their current project, the dressing of dolls with milk-filters, at their Jan. 24 meeting. Mrs. Gordon Steele is instructing the troop in this craft.

Plans were discussed for the box supper to be held the night of Jan. 29 for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Articles being made by the various Brownie and Scout Troops will be displayed in the spring.

### Box Supper Benefit Helps March Of Dimes

Twenty-four dollars was netted from the box supper given on the night of Jan. 30 in the High School auditorium for the benefit of the March of Dimes with Girl Scout Troop No. 4 and their leaders, Mrs. D. O. McEwen and Miss Dorothy Ingram sponsoring.

The troop and leaders wish to thank all who assisted, especially Mr. Ralph Daugherty, who auctioned the boxes; Mr. and Mrs. Ledger and other adults who were present, the boys who bought the boxes, the girls who brought them, and to ALL, Troop No. 1 says "THANKS."

### Regional Director Visits Rankin Girl Scout Group

Miss Eunice Prien of Dallas, with Mrs. M. W. Callie and Mrs. Black of Midland, visited the local Girl Scout Executive Committee group on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Scout problems were discussed along with plans for the summer camps. Mrs. Callie is area camp chairman and Mrs. Black is Mitre Peak camp director.

### MRS. LANE HAS SURGERY

Mrs. J. Lane of Rankin is recuperating nicely from surgery in a San Angelo hospital where she has been the past week or ten days.

## 112th Grand Jury To Convene Next Monday

The grand jury for the 112th District Court will go into session Monday morning at the court house in Rankin.

The court, presided over by Garland Casebier, will open at 10 a. m.

At least nine counts will come before the group from the Upton County Sheriff's Department. There are four charges of theft over \$50, three burglary charges, and two

forgery charges.

Hart Johnson of Ft. Stockton is District Attorney.

Members of the grand jury are J. L. Werst, O. K. Furr, G. W. Huffman, O. R. Adams, Eddie Yocham, Paul Crenshaw, T. I. Goodwin, Walter Campbell, Bob Roberts, Tom Workman, W. E. Boyette, Mark Haesly, J. L. Roberson, Cecil Copeland, R. W. Kelton, Jack Beckham.

## Baird Man Injured In Truck-Train Wreck Here

Willis Baulch of Baird was badly injured and the cab of the truck he was driving was demolished when hit by a train on the Santa Fe tracks at the Main Street crossing in Rankin Tuesday morning at about 7 o'clock.

The 1948 Ford truck with large van body was loaded with drums of oil and greases in cases for delivery here.

Baulch was taken to a McCamey hospital where his condition was reported as "fair" Wednesday.

Red Bluff Lumber Buys Johnson Yard

The Johnson Lumber Yard has been sold to the Red Bluff Lumber Co. which operates numerous lumber yards in this area.

The sale was consummated last week and is now under the new management.

### Gordon Steele Resting Fairly Well This Week

Gordon Steele, whose right foot was badly mangled when a piece of steel fell at the Crandell Pipe Yard last week, was reported as improved and resting fairly well Wednesday of this week.

Steele had suffered intensely since the accident until the past few days. He is in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

### ATTEND STOCK SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Herral and daughters, Amaryllis, Barbara and Linda, returned Wednesday night from the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, where they had been since Sunday.



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**TOWARD BETTER HEALTH**

Propagandists (many of whom seem to be government employees) for Federal compulsory health insurance commonly attempt to lower the boom on opponents of the scheme by claiming that it is being fought by people who have no interest in bettering our general health standards or in improving the quality and scope of medical care.

That's quite an indictment, and it deserves attention. If it is true, a great many millions of typical Americans, of all ages and occupations and creeds and income levels, have a cynical and selfish disregard for the public health. For example, hundreds of national and local organizations have gone formally on record in opposition to compulsory health insurance. These include, to list but a few, the American Association of Small Business, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, AMVETS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Federation of Press Women, and the National Grange.

Is it logical that the members and directors of such diverse groups are against better health and improved medical care? The answer, of course, is no! Many of them, indeed, are leaders in the search for practical ways and means to raise our standards of health to the highest conceivable level. They are actively and aggressively supporting science's long and brilliant war against disease. But, at the same time, they are opposed to compulsory health insurance, for they are convinced that it would lead to political domination of the healing arts, to socialized medicine and, consequently, to a sharp decline in medical standards and our health. And the record—as found in England and elsewhere—supports this belief 100 per cent.

**GRASS ROOTS OPINION**

Covington, Tenn. Leader: "This is not the time to be building bridges, dams and buildings. Rather it is a time to be cutting out all expenses which can be put off until later times. All the crying for government economy will not have half the effect of cutting expenses that a little self-discipline on demands for local projects will have. It is difficult for a man with his hand in the till to accuse another of missing funds."

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Daily Herald: "It is a commonplace of history that nations do not realize what is happening to them until it has happened. Thoughtful Americans have in recent years been deeply concerned over the trend toward socialism. The truth is that we already have socialism in America, not complete as yet, but far advanced."

Greenville, Texas, Evening Banner: "The statement by an official of an anti-vice group in Lake Charles, La., that the indictment of five newspaper men in Lake Charles for alleged defamation is a threat to freedom of the press is one that not only the people of the Louisiana city, but all over the nation, should consider seriously."

The five newspaper men were charged with defaming the characters of sixteen Parish officials and three admitted gamblers. . . . Without attempting to defend the newspaper men involved, there is a danger in connection with the indictments, and it is a danger that affects the freedom of the press. Their conviction would not only close the door on newspaper anti-crime campaigns in that particular Louisiana section, but would open the doors to the gamblers. And if such a thing could happen there, it might easily happen anywhere else in the nation."

**PACK OF LIES?**

President Truman has strongly defended his proposed Federal budget, contending that no major cuts can be made in any part of it without endangering the welfare of the nation. In a recent speech the President took his most aggressive position yet, when he stated that charges of waste and extravagance in the Federal establishment amount to a "pack of lies."

The President has every right to his views. But if he is correct in this instance, the country certainly is full of "packs of lies," and they abound in the Democratic as well as the Republican party. Senator Byrd, for instance, holds—and substantiates his position with masses of facts and figures—that the budget could be reduced by something like \$8,000,000,000 without harming any essential government activity. Senator Douglas has waged a gallant but losing battle against pork-barrel spending which cannot be defended except on vote-seeking political grounds. The Hoover Commission, which was entirely non-partisan, showed precisely where billions are being wasted in the administration of government. Only a few of the Hoover Commission recommendations have been adopted and those that have been are of a relatively minor character.

The President's stand is logical only if we assume that centralized government must do everything for everybody. In essence, this assumption says that the people are incapable of taking care of themselves, and that, consequently, they must be wards of the state. That is a philosophy of defeat and despair, and no nation could accept it and retain its strength and freedom.

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**MIDLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

The cattle market was strong and very active at Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale Thursday, Jan. 24.

Most classes were up to \$2 a hundred higher than the slump prices of the week before.

One group of lightweight steer calves brought S. R. Saider, Jal. N. M., \$40 a hundred and a group of Black Angus yearling bulls consigned by Homer Ingram of Midland, sold for \$230 a head.

Receipts were \$45 head. Fat calves and yearlings drew \$30 to \$34, mediums \$27 to \$30, commons \$24 to \$27. Fat cows cashed at \$19 to \$22, mediums \$17 to \$19, canners and cutters \$13 to \$17. Fat bulls auctioned for \$25 to \$27, mediums \$22 to \$25.

Stocker steer calves cleared mostly at \$33 to \$39, heifer calves \$32 to \$36, steer yearlings \$31 to \$35, heifer yearlings \$26 to \$28.50, and stocker cows \$19 to \$25.

**Spectacular Aquarena Opens At San Marcos**

Texas may now boast another brag. Located in its heart on the border of the hill country in San Marcos, is Aquarena, one of the most spectacular and unusual developments in existence.

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Luxurious glass bottom boats ply over Sprinklake which in addition to being the source of the 45 mile long San Marcos River, is a veritable fairyland of aquatic wonders. Boat passengers see unfolding before their eyes a lost world under water. Thrilling sights are the many fish, turtles, marine plant growth, and dozens of natural springs bubbling through the lake bottom.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of January, 1952, V. P. Tippett and wife, Ergeal B. Tippett, filed with the Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, an application for cancellation and for permission to cancel that certain subdivision known as the Town-site of Heidelberg, more fully described in a map or plat and dedication of record in Book 8, Page 209 of the Deed Records of Upton County, Texas, said subdivision being located in the following described tract of land in Upton County, Texas, to-wit:

The South one-half (S/2) of Section Thirty-five (35) Block Thirty-eight (38), Township Five (5) South, T & P Ry Company Survey; and that said application will be considered by the said Commissioners' Court of Upton County at its next regular term, to be held in the Courthouse of Upton County on the 11th day of February, 1952, at which time and place any person interested in such lands is commanded to protest, if desired, against such action.

- G. H. FISHER, County Judge.
- SAM HOLMES, Commissioner, Precinct 1.
- W. J. PRICE, Commissioner, Precinct 2.
- TOM TRIMBLE, Commissioner, Precinct 3.
- JOE E. CONGER, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

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**Inter-County Council First Christian Church Meets In McCamey**

The Inter-County Council meeting of the Disciples of Christ met at the First Christian Church in McCamey Jan. 29, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

The Fellowship meetings are held over the area on the fifth Tuesday of the year with reports given from the various churches.

Speakers for the meeting were Ministers Harold Humphrey of Pecos; Wilbur Mindel of Odessa; Mr. Cogswell, who represented Big Lake and Mertzon; Mr. George Brown, layman, of Fort Worth, and

William Tucker, McCamey. Other towns represented at meeting were Ft. Stockton, Mans and Rankin.

Luncheon was served by the McCamey members in the church dining room.

The next meeting will be held in Ft. Stockton April 29, at new Christian Church, which recently been built.

The big advantage in having more than one child is that you climb over each other instead of over mom and pop.

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Bidders must submit a cashier's or certified check, or bond for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) as a guarantee that bidder will enter into contract under the conditions set forth within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. The minimum wages which shall apply on this work are the established rates for this area set forth by the specifications. Each bidder shall submit a statement of his experience, financial resources and equipment with the bid. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities. Plans and specifications may be obtained from Hasie and Green Engineering Company, P. O. Box 1139, Lubbock, Texas, or upon a deposit of \$35.00, of which \$15.00 will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications.

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 By G. H. (BUD) FISHER, County Judge.

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The Texas Highway Commission this year observes its 35th anniversary of integrated road building in the state. This group, which always has been headed by outstanding leaders in Texas, has done a remarkable job of building a billion-dollar system. Its established policies have given it an enviable record throughout the nation for its soundness and efficiency. It is a highway department any state can be proud of.

The job of building highways is not finished, however. We've come out of the mud, with a good road to every farm and ranch area of Texas, and with an arterial system to connect it with the main thoroughfares of the nation.

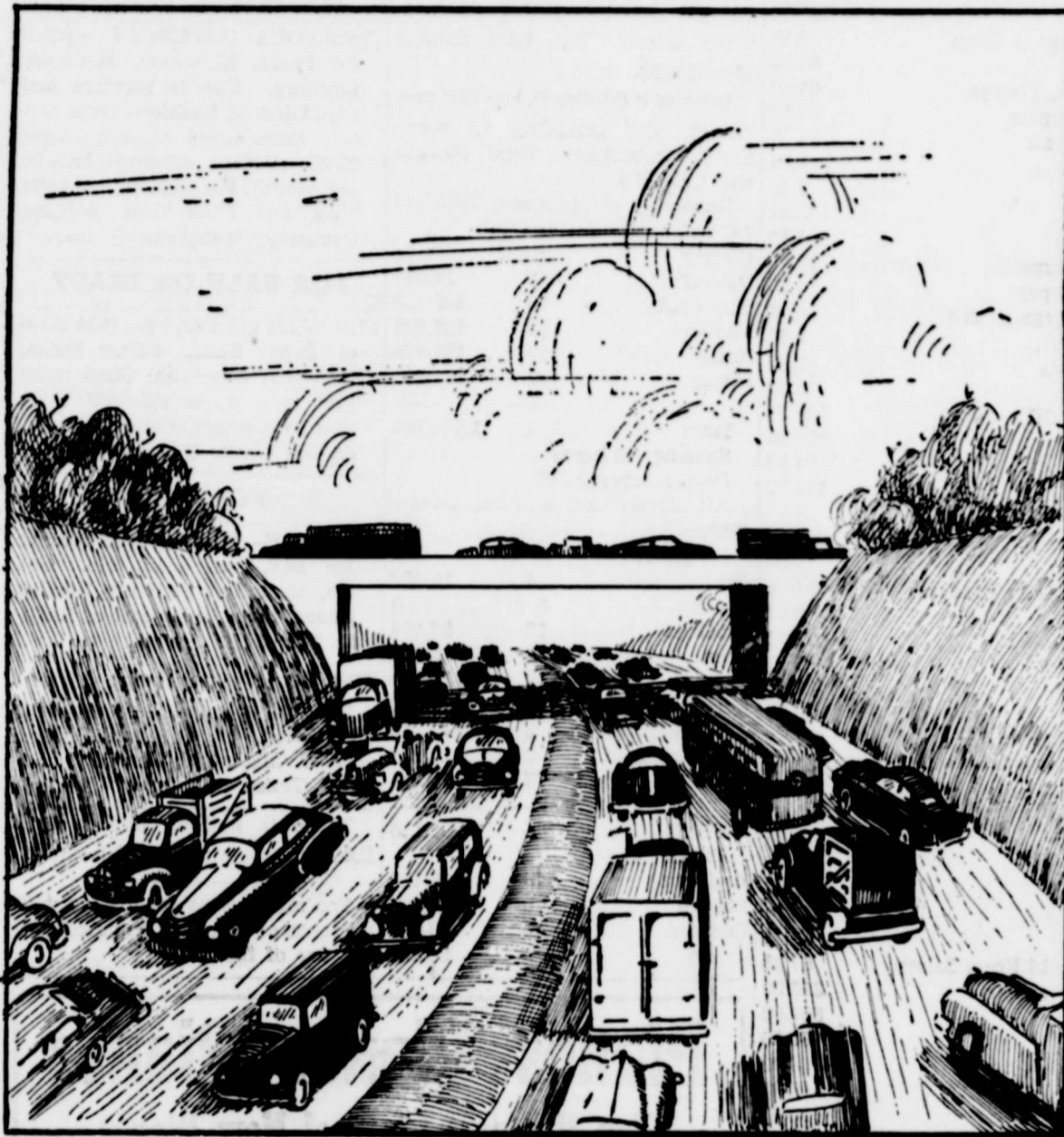
The rapid increase in the number of automobiles, trucks and buses, however, has brought greater demands for more and more improved roads—roads that are safe in width, modern in construction, and that will stand the wear and tear of the tremendous traffic load they must bear.

Highways are becoming congested and unsafe. They are wearing out every year. Texas must have a program that will eliminate the new hazards brought on by speed and tonnage. We must eliminate city bottlenecks, but at the same time we cannot neglect the roads that serve rural areas.

Our highway officials know what our problems are. In cooperation with county and city officials, engineers have been able to make traffic studies to show where the greatest needs exist. But they must have more money with which to carry on the work.

Today we are spending \$119 million on highways, and one-fourth of it goes to maintenance. To get the job done, Texas needs another \$110 million a year for building roads. They are your roads.

Work through your local officials and your Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee. Know what your highway needs are, and then do something about them.



## Let's Get Out Of The Muddle



The Texas Good Roads Association is a voluntary non-profit, state-wide organization dedicated to the preservation of highway user taxes for the construction and maintenance of a well-planned and adequate road system for Texas.

The Association is vitally concerned about getting rural residents out of the mud and urban residents out of the muddle of traffic congestion. Its basic philosophy and chief concern are to help the State Highway Department maintain the same high degree of integrity, the same devo-

tion to duty, that the Department has demonstrated for the thirty-five years of its history.

Dedicated to the construction and maintenance of roads that will serve all Texans who use the highways for pleasure and profit, the Texas Good Roads Association is a meeting ground for those who support and advocate the principle that the State Highway Department must continue its program with undiminished effectiveness.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND EXPENDITURES		
Claimant	What For	Expend.
Sam Holmes	Commissioner Salary	\$ 309.30
W. J. Price	Commissioner Salary	238.05
Tom Trimble	Commissioner Salary	299.15
Joe E. Conger	Commissioner Salary	276.00
Sam Holmes	Car Expense	100.00
W. J. Price	Car Expense	100.00
Tom Trimble	Car Expense	100.00
Joe E. Conger	Car Expense	100.00
E. H. Robertson	Maintenance Operator	247.65
Earnest Buford	Maintenance Operator	289.30
Murray McCain	Maintenance Operator	255.40
George Yates	Maintenance Operator	258.75
C. A. Taylor	Maintenance Operator	268.96
Dave Pool	Heavy Duty Operator	3,050.00
Road Machinery Company	One Pneumatic Air Compressor	32.00
C. H. Jones	Labor	18.00
John Menette	Refund Expense Before Federal Credit Rest Bd.	25.00
L. E. Windham	Refund Expense Before Fed. Cred. Rest. Bd.	56.00
W. L. Gotcher	Labor	2.00
Ed Kole Cafe	Meals for Jail Workers	76.20
W. J. Pool	Labor	45.00
Jim Cartharn	Labor	88.10
Elmer Armentrout	Labor	16.00
A. C. Acuff	Labor	12.00
A. E. Ellis	Labor	38.00
H. H. Mexiner	Labor	48.00
Bruce McCain	Labor	29.00
Alford Nichols	Labor	25.00
Texas Bond Reporter	Publication of Sale of Bond Notes	42.70
W. C. McSpadden	Gas, Oil, Tire Repair	74.98
L. R. Grigsby	Gas, Oil, Tire Repair	165.50
Commissioner Court	Refund Expense Before Federal Credit Rest. Bd.	4.12
C. W. Brown Pipe & Supply	Pipe Couplings & Hose	54.82
West-Tex Oil Company	Gas and Oil	84.40
C. W. Brown Pipe & Supply	Hose, Nipples, Clamps	10.50
Gulf Service Station	Anti-Freeze & Tire Repair	75.16
Porter's Service Station	Gas, Oil, Tire Repair	1.90
Echo Drug Store	One Pound of Ether	3.38
Ward's Auto Store	Rod Pump	112.33
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West Texas District	Supplies	13.48
L. Porter Johnson	Auger Bits, Handsaw, Supplies	4.75
Yoeham Service Station	Tube and Tire Repair	4.50
The National Supply Company	Water Can	4.57
Hoots Battery and Electric	Labor and Parts	62.60
Olin Smith	Welding Repair	12.50
Eddins-Walcher Oil Co.	Diesel and Motor Oil	100.34
P. L. Crandell Company	Stock Guard	395.00
Reynolds Welding Shop	Welding Repair	24.20
Hogan Motor Company	Repair and Parts	106.22
Armed Metal and Drainage Co.	Galvanized Metal and Drainage Pipe	205.80
Ingram Welding Works	Welding Repair	15.00
Conlan Tractor Co.	Repair and Parts for Motor Graders	791.04
Wm. Cameron & Co.	Material	8.03
C. W. Brown Motor Co.	Repair Parts and Labor	72.73
Don-Car Machine Co.	Install New Gear	3.00
Burks Service Station	Gas, Oil, Tire Repair	33.12
The Texas Company	Oil	39.98
W. E. Boyett	Magnolia Service—Gas, Oil, Tire Repair	108.72
Herring Supply Co.	Hydraulic Oil & Upper Lube	232.90
Morton Equipment Co.	Tubes and Grader Blades	73.47
Pollard Welding Service	Welding Repair	122.00
Hodges Auto Service	Parts and Labor	75.35
Road Machinery Company	Parts and Labor	75.61
Dukes Humble Service Station	Tire Repair	1.25
Coats Motor Co.	Gas, Oil, Prestone, Repair	573.82
L. Z. Titsworth	Welding Repair	43.40
Group Hospital Service	Blue Cross Withheld From Salary	57.25
First State Bank	Withholding Tax for November	396.00
L. Z. Titsworth	Cattleguard	300.00
Carl Chambers	Labor	80.00
Emil Moellering	Labor	49.00
W. L. Gotcher	Labor	16.00
Tom Hudson	Labor	39.90
Elmer Armentrout	Labor	14.00
Ed Ogle	Labor	85.40
Bill Pool	Labor	65.00
J. E. Peynor	Hauling	8.00
Gene McCain	Labor	56.00
Jim Cartharn	Labor	32.00
Alford Nichols	Labor	153.67
Security State Bank	Balance on 2 GMC Trucks	401.70
First State Bank	Withholding Tax for December	287.39
Social Security Fund	Withheld From Wages	\$310.12
H. E. Eckols	Tax Coll.—Car & Truck Licenses	\$310.12
		12,421.85
	Balance December 1st, 1951	\$54,452.73
	Receipts for December	310.12
	Expenditures for December	13,421.85
	Balance January 1st, 1952	41,341.00

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND		
O. C. Scarborough	Rankin Park Caretaker	\$ 238.55
A. F. Schnaubert	McCamey Park Caretaker	226.95
D. O. McEwen	Rankin Community Caretaker	200.00
Gertrude Gibbs	McCamey Community Caretaker	178.80
H. B. Meyer & Son	Janitor Supplies	80.07
Rankin Water Works	Rankin Comm. and Park	13.15
L. Porter Johnson	Heating Elements & Material	22.19
McCamey Water Department	McCamey Park and Comm.	63.57
So. Union Gas Co.	McCamey Park Building	23.55
West Texas Utilities	McCamey Park and Comm.	58.55
Wm. Cameron and Co.	Material and Paint	59.18
Dixie Disinfectant Co.	Janitor Supplies	17.72
West Texas Utilities	Repair Water Heater	1.50
West Texas Utilities	Rankin Park and Comm.	80.28
News Publishing Company	Rules	7.50
Dukes Humble Service Station	Gas and Oil	11.60
Group Hospital, Inc.	Bluecross Withheld from Wages	16.45
First State Bank	Withholding Tax for November	82.60
First State Bank	Withholding Tax for December	82.70
Social Security Fund	Withheld from Wages	57.00
Hanover Insurance Co.	Insurance Refund	\$65.95
		65.95
	Balance December 1st, 1951	\$4,591.02
	Receipts for December	65.95
	Expenditures for December	1,519.91
	Balance January 1st, 1952	3,137.06

Accidents are always caused by something; therefore, they could always be prevented.

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Texas' first road was the trail Coronado made across the Plains of West Texas in 1540 hunting his fabled Seven Cities of Cibola.

## Upton Leads Spraberry Producers In January

A total of 154 of the 402 wells completed in the San Angelo and Midland districts of the Railroad Commission of Texas during the first four weeks of 1952 were Spraberry producers.

Upton County led the Spraberry completion parade with 62, with Midland County a close second with 55. Reagan had 19, Glascock 15, Dawson 3.

Footage drilled in completing these 154 Spraberry oilers was 1,111,736.

Upton County led in completions from all pays with 78 producers, Midland County again in second place with 61.

Footage drilled in completing the 402 producers in the two districts was 2,460,057.

The total number of producers finalized in the state during the first four weeks of the year was 890, giving the San Angelo and Midland districts 45.2 per cent of the total.

District 7-C (San Angelo) had 144 producers, including all Spraberry oilers. The total footage was 926,118.

District 8 (Midland) had 258 producers, also including all Spraberry completions. Total footage was 1,533,939.

Spraberry completions, Districts 7-C and 8, first four weeks:

County	Prod.	Footage
Dawson	3	14,833
Glascock	15	106,322
Midland	55	405,633
Reagan	19	137,488
Upton	62	447,459
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,111,736</b>

Spacing: 40 acres  
Proven acres: 5,800  
All completions, first four weeks, 1952:

District 7-C:	Prod.	Footage
Coke	4	19,257
Conecho	0	0
Crockett	13	36,136
Irion	2	15,644
Reagan	19	137,488
Runnels	21	90,558
Schleicher	3	18,242
Tom Green	0	12,148
Upton	78	596,594
<b>Totals</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>926,118</b>

District 8:

County	Prod.	Footage
Andrews	19	116,474
Borden	5	35,551
Cocharan	14	89,459
Crane	5	20,628

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### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Westinghouse Electric Ice Box, two years old. See Marvin Sullins at Henry Nevill's Ranch, three miles east of Rankin, Texas.

FOR SALE—Cabinet-type Maytag Ironer; two years old; excellent condition, at a bargain. Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Box 215, Rankin, Texas.

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## HELPFUL HINTS

By Myrna Holman

Mrs. E. R. Sullivan and Mrs. F. C. Reimers of McCamey demonstrated the making of nylon corsages to the Rankin HD Club at an all-day meeting on Thursday. A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

Mrs. Chris Bieri, president, presided at the business meeting. New craft leaders elected were Mrs. Sammie Hodges and Mrs. W. M. Day, Jr.

Clothing leaders, Mrs. W. C. McDonald and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, and food leaders, Mrs. Ed Anderson and Mrs. Bos Foster, were also elected.

Others present at the meeting were Mrs. B. B. Brown, Mrs. J. Mrs. J. T. Bushong, Mrs. J. C. Hayslett, Mrs. R. D. Shehorn and Mrs. D. O. McEwen.

Ice box desserts will be demonstrated by Agent Miss Myrna Holman at the club's next meeting on Feb. 14 at 2 p. m. in the Rankin Park Building.

## Brownie Troop 4 Holds Meeting On Wednesday

Brownie Troop No. 4 met for their regular meeting Wednesday, with their leader, Mrs. Ed Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson told the group the Brownie Story and they sang the Brownie Song.

Betty McCain served ice cream to Ann Ford, Joan Hood, Zaida Anderson, Mary and Martha Kennedy, Marie Pettit, Karen Reed, Darlene Workman, Valta Shields, a new member, Jane Phillips.

Valta Shields will be hostess at next Wednesday's meeting of this Troop.

Mrs. Don Rhorick is in Hot Springs, Ark., where she is resting at the health resort for a few weeks.

## Political Announcements

Charges for publication in this column of The Rankin News:

District and State Offices \$20.00  
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(No refunds to candidates who withdraw)

Subject to action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 26, 1952.

For County and District Clerk: RALPH H. DAUGHERTY (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector: H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS (Re-Election) JOHN GANTT

For County Treasurer: MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: JOHN MENEFFEE (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: SAM HOLMES (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: W. J. PRICE (Re-Election) J. O. LEE

For Constable, Precinct 1: MARVIN BELL (Re-Election)

For Constable, Precinct 2: SID LANGFORD (Re-Election)

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 2: MRS. MURRY MCCAIN (Re-Election)

## 4-H Girls Say Thanks

Rankin people have again shown their generosity toward the girls' 4-H club by donating cakes, pies, and groceries toward the booth they operated at the county livestock show. Those who purchased the products also came in for their share of thanks.

Rankin grocery stores donating food were the Red and White (Boggs Grocery), Rankin Food Market, Highway Grocery, and McKelvey Grocery.

The girls regret that they do not have a complete list of the women who baked pies and cakes for them so that they might say "Thanks" to each personally. Please know that both they and their leaders are most grateful.

The girls use the money they make for district camp, state meetings, award trips and other 4-H activities.

If any of you who furnished pies and cakes for the girls have plates which have not been returned, won't you please call the agent and let us know. There are several plates on hand without names and we have no way of knowing to whom they belong.

## Four Escape Injury When Car Overturns

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eldridge their two children, all of McCamey narrowly escaped serious injury Wednesday night when their overturned about six miles east of McCamey.

The accident occurred when car became unhitched from a house it was pulling and the threw the car out of control. vehicle narrowly missed a car and overturned one and a times.

The 1951 Ford was termed a loss. The house trailer had slight damage but did not turn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Scarborough long time Rankin residents, moved to a farm near West Springs, Texas.

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