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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1974

County Ranks 29th in Oil, Gas Production

Higher prices for crude oil and natural gas produced in Upton County point to a significant increase in 1974 income for land and royalty owners. The county received \$7.4 million last year, according to a study by the Mil-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

The average price of oil now at about \$10.50 a barrel, compared with an average of \$3.84 a barrel last year, with some newly discovered natural gas selling intraday for more than \$1 per thousand cubic feet, the outlook for Upton County is encouraging if prices continue to rise, according to Sherman Williams, Association president.

Price rollback schemes and tax-and-control proposals are under way in Congress. "The current economic situation is evaporating," Hunt has said.

The association's study shows that Upton County ranked 29th in the state in oil and natural gas production last year in Upton County, valued at \$59.2 million, the county 29th in the state in crude oil production of 9.9 million barrels was valued at \$1.1 billion and 48.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas at \$9.3 million.

Crude oil prices for 1974 are estimated to be some 20 percent higher than 1973. This increase has stimulated a re-evaluation of drilling in Texas, with completions the first five months of 1974 at 4,013, a 19 percent increase over the same period last year.

From the county's 1973 output, the State of Texas collected \$2.3 million in oil production taxes and \$694,875 from natural gas.

Also adding to the dollar flow in the county last year were (Continued to Page 5)

Out-of-State Subs Cut Off by News

Due to the nonavailability of newsprint in the type need in the printing of The Rankin News, no further new out-of-state subscriptions will be accepted by The Rankin News. All present out-of-state subscribers presently on the mailing list; however, are invited to renew for another year if they so desire.

Every effort will be made to send them the newspaper for another twelve months. However, if the newsprint situation does not improve, these out-of-state subscriptions will be subject to cancellation at the option of the publisher. In the event that it becomes necessary to discontinue the subs, those who have paid will receive a refund equal to the amount remaining on their unexpired time.

Also, those out-of-state and presently on the mailing list will be extended the August special rates of \$4.50, now in effect. In the event refunds become necessary, they will be figured on a basis of 50 issues per twelve months.

No further overseas subscriptions will be accepted by The News at any price.

Full Slate of Classroom Schedules to Start on August 19th

School Registration Aug. 13

Registration for the 1974-75 school year at Rankin Schools is to start Tuesday, August 13. The first full day of school will be Monday, August 19, according to the information released this week by the local school administration.

Following is a schedule of registration for all students who will attend RISD this coming school year:

Students who attended Rankin High School last year and will be classified as Juniors or Seniors, are to register Tuesday, August 13. They should report to the high school principal, Mr. David Nelson, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 14, students who attended the Rankin Schools last year and who will be classified as Freshmen or Sophomores, will register at the

same hours as above.

Students who will be attending Rankin High School for the first time this year and those students who did not pre-register last spring are to register Friday, August 16, during the hours of 8:30 to 12 a.m.

All students are asked to adhere to the above schedule and only for emergency reasons will there be any deviation. Students are also requested to wear conventional clothing when they register.

"It is expected that we will have adult visitors on our campus the days of registration and students reporting in shorts, tank shirts, etc. may be requested to return home and change clothing before they register," stated the high school principal.

ELEMENTARY-JUNIOR HIGH

It is requested that all new elementary students, grades of Kindergarten through Grade 4, who did not attend the Rankin

All Students Must have Immunization

Rankin School Administration today noted that all students who attend Rankin Schools this coming term must have records of their immunization shots. A state law prohibits any student, from Kindergarten through the 12th Grade, from enrolling in any public school without first having the required shots.

Any parents having questions on the status of their children in this regard are invited to call the school for information.

Schools last year, report to the elementary building to Mr. Mike Hughes, the principal. Hughes states that those Kindergarten and first graders who have already received their notices or information of their registration need not report. Registration is to be carried out between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Friday, August 16.

Mr. E. G. Walker, principal, will register new students in Grades 5 through 8 on Friday, August 16, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Mr. Walker also stated that those students who attended the Rankin School last year need not take any further action until the opening day of school, August 19.

Ladies to Play at Rankin Golf Links

Rankin Country Club will host a women's golf tournament on Sunday, August 11. Play will be a partnership affair, best ball, and entry fee is \$6 per team.

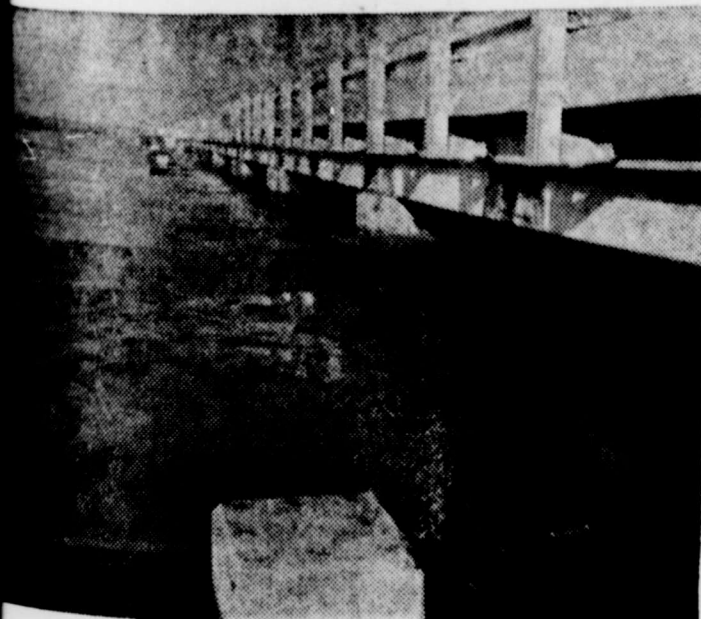
Reservations may be made by calling the club at 693-2834. Final tee-off time will be one p.m.; however, golfers may start any time prior to that hour. Trophies will be given.

Several local women's teams are expected to challenge the field for top honors.

Notice

Pre-school immunization shots will be given at the Upton-Reagan Center in McCafey August 13 from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m.

To The East...



When many Rankinites didn't know about it—high water from last Saturday's rainfall on the Rankin Draw watershed is approximately eight foot deep under Highway 77 bridge.

Finally Rained Or... Did It

Grimm Taylor tells the story of the ole Rankin boy, out bird hunting, who leaned his double barrel shotgun against the fence during a rain shower. One barrel was filled up with water and the other was dry.

And so it was with the rains that hit the Rankin area over the week-end and again on Monday. With the heavier portions falling on open ranch land, no accurate measurements are available. However, an indication of the nature of the rain can be seen when measurements of as much as 2 inches were gauged, while less than a quarter of a mile away, only .20 was received.

Saturday's rains fell mostly on the Rankin Draw watershed and resulted in a "quickie" flooding along Highway 67 with water over the road in several places for a short while. Late Saturday evening, the high water reached the residential area in Rankin south of the Santa Fe railroad and gave residents of that portion of town some anxious moments as it lapped at doorsteps and foundations. In about an hour, the danger of flooding was past. In this area, only light sprinkles had fallen earlier in the day.

On Sunday, it was the area to the west and northwest of the city that received heavy rains, with Rankin proper again getting little more than a dust-settler. China Draw, which crosses the Crane Highway some four miles west, was reported to

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To The West...



"The most water since they built the bridge," said Jay Lane as flooding conditions hit China Draw west of Rankin Sunday afternoon. Waters had dropped about two feet at time picture was made.

BY SCOOP . . . J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

The Scoop

AW RIGHT —

The Rankin (Texas) News —
Thursday, August 8, 1974

Naturally we've all heard the old joke about Rankin getting a half-inch of rain when Noah had the flood, but considering last week-end's performances, you could easily get the idea that it's not exactly a joke. Up until Monday, Rankin proper—everything west of Court Street, at least, has had hardly enough wet to measure.

In fact, Ross Wheeler, who was off on a trucking run last Saturday and got home in time to see all the water in the draw along Hwy. 67, said that the first thing he did when he got his truck parked at home was to go check his rain gauge. Being unable to see any water in the gauge, his first thought was that it had rained so much that the gauge was full. He took it out of the holder — at that time it was getting dark — and began trying to "pour out" the

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Specials for Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., August 7, 8, 9,



Talk about Bargains, look at THESE!

Gold Medal	5-lb. Bag	24-oz. can Dinty Moore	
FLOUR	98c	BEEF STEW	98
Van Camp's		300 Van Camp's	
VIENNA SAUSAGE	37c	PORK & BEANS	2 for 58
Quart Jar Wagner		300 Libby's	
FRUIT DRINK	33c	BLACKEYED PEAS	2 for 28
Giant Cold Power		303 Del Monte Whole	
DETERGENT SOAP	98c	GREEN BEANS	3 for 38
22-oz. bottle Dawn		2-lb. jar Welch's	
DISHWASHING DETERGENT	89c	GRAPE JELLY	98
Van Camp's	1/2 flat can	15 1/2-oz. Del Monte	
TUNA	49c	PINEAPPLE CHUNK	38
300 Mountain Pass		No. 2 Can Kimbell's	
BEEF TAMALES	49c	SLICED PIE APPLES	58
		No. 2 can Texsun	
		GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	2 for 48

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Fresh		12-oz. can	
LETTUCE	head	V-8 JUICE	2 for 48
Fresh		3-oz. jar Lipton	
TOMATOES	lb.	INSTANT TEA	38
Fresh		12-oz. box Post	
BELL PEPPERS	each	CORN FLAKES	58
		18-oz. box	
SPUDS	10-lb. Bag	3 MINUTE OATS	48
Fresh		14-oz. Jar Fanning's	
CABBAGE	lb.	BREAD & BUTTER PICKLES	78
Fresh		Quart Jar Kimbell's	
PEACHES	lb.	SALAD DRESSING	38
		303 Sunshine	
		SQUASH	38
		2-lb. pkg.	
		DRY PINTO BEANS	28

Fresh Meats

Choice Beef USDA Grade	LB.	Kountry Fresh 8-oz. can	
ROAST	Arm or Chuck	BISCUITS	2 for 28
Ranch Brand	LB.	Kimbell's Quarters	
BACON		OLEO	58
Fresh	LB.	Plus Deposit	6 bottle
FRYERS		Dr. Pepper	68
Peyton's	LB.	FROZEN FOODS	
HOT LINKS		6-oz. can Whole Sun	
Choice Beef Club	LB.	ORANGE JUICE	2 for 48
STEAK		Gandy's Half-Gallon	
		FROZAN	58
		Woody's	
		CORNY DOGS	88

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ME IN AND SEE
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At least—as of Monday—it had made a little better effort and had at least cooled things off a little. In fact, you could say it's doggone pleasant.

STRAIGHT TALK —

It would appear that it has now come down to the time for some "telling it like it is" as far as newspapering and the Rankin News are concerned. First, the News is not going out of business—not in the near future at least. However, it appears that there are going to have to be some changes in operation.

Everyone is aware of the fact that there is a shortage of newsprint; however, in my case, it

is no longer a shortage. There just isn't any more and there are no hopes of getting any before September and more than likely, October—if then. Presently, I have about enough for this issue and two more. After that, I haven't decided what I will use; but you will get your paper — if I'm still operational by that time—or, as my mother used to say, "The Lord willing and the creek don't rise."

There are several reasons for the newsprint business. The major one is that there are very few newspapers printed any more on what we call "flat stock" and with the "hot metal" process. Only the Rankin, McCamey and Iraan papers are now using this method in our area. Even the big weekly papers like Fort Stockton are no longer produced in their own plant—they, along with others such as Crane, Big Lake, Ozona, Sonora, Van Horn — even Grandfalls—are "farmed out" to such places as Pecos, Monahans, Lamesa and Del Rio where they have "cold type" equipment and use roll stock newsprint.

There is very little flat sheet newsprint being produced any more and there are rumors that in four or five years, there won't be any.

Considering the investment in equipment and time, plus high postage rates and overhead, a newspaper the size of the Rankin News is a marginal thing at best. Fortunately, thanks to a lot of loyal customers, I have a reasonably good printing and

Railroad Bridge has Close Call



High water Saturday evening in Rankin Draw that crosses Highway 67 about a quarter of a mile east of Rankin city limits, laps at the Santa Fe Railroad Bridge. The bridge has been a victim of the draw's high water on several occasions in the past.

office supply business to help carry the load. That is why, I say with a measure of confidence, that the News will continue to be published.

Now for the straight part. Any newspaper, be it large or small, does not depend on subscriptions or news stand sales for any substantial amount of income. Again, considering the high cost of newsprint and the climbing cost of mailing, it's doubtful that any newspaper does any better than break even on subscriptions and sales.

Advertisers pay the profits—if there are any. Naturally, to get results for the advertisers, newspapers try to sell all the papers they can—or, that was the practice in the past. However, in our case, sending a copy of The News to a subscriber in Oklahoma, or California, or any place outside the Rankin trade territory, does very little if anything for the advertiser.

Whatever newsprint is available will have to be used where it will do the most good for the advertiser.

So it is that you will note on the front page news item, that we are no longer accepting any out-of-state subscriptions to The Rankin News. We will try to take care of what we presently have—and we have about as many going out of town as we do locals. But, unless there is some change in the newsprint situation, I am sure that this will be the last year for any out-of-state subs.

And, unless the situation improves, the next to go will be those in the far places of Texas—and so on down—possibly until only in-county sales will

be made. I hope it doesn't come to this; but right now, I'm not optimistic. I do feel that Rankin needs a newspaper and I'm not about to quit unless it gets a lot harder than I can foresee. But I also trust that readers will understand why I can no longer have an unlimited number of subscribers. It's simply no longer a paying proposition and I can't afford the loss.

And a price increase would do little to ease the situation. I'm already charging more than the paper is really worth—and all this is not a sob story. It's just plain fact—with no excuses.

Card of Thanks

ON BEHALF of ourselves and the children of Shorty Taylor, deceased, we wish to express our very deep gratitude for all the loving attention given to us at the passing of our wife, mother and grandmother, Mollie Taylor. You have made our dark pathway turn toward the light. We are humbly grateful.
Grimm Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden and family
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roady and family

Taylor Awarded

San Marcos — William Lewis Taylor, son of Mrs. Norman Boggs of Rankin, received the award for Best All-Around in golf during end of school ceremonies at San Marcos Academy, the state's largest boarding school.

Taylor participated in the sports activities in conjunction with the Academy's accelerated six week academic summer program for public school students.

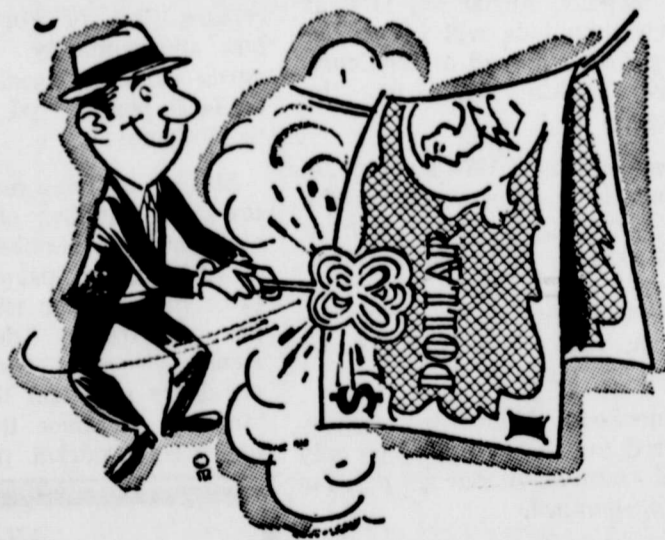


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Fall Is Time for Gardening

W. M. DAY, JR.
County Extension Agent

Now is a good opportunity to begin a "grow your own groceries" program in your backyard. Fall gardening time is here. If you have a garden spot free of grass and rich in organic matter you can plant by August 15 and be eating fresh green peas and greens by October 15. If your garden spot is not ready yet your harvest will be a little later.

August and September are good months to start vegetable gardens in West Texas. The high winds of spring are gone and the weather is beginning to cool down. This helps vegetables grow better.

A good garden begins with picking the right spot and improving your soil. Bermuda grass must be eradicated and large amounts of organic matter worked into the soil.

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Thick stands of Bermuda grass can be killed with the chemical herbicides, dalapon or eptam, or use thick, heavy, black plastic tarps with bricks on corners to mulch the grass. After 2-4 weeks of shading the grass will die.

After the grass has been removed, sprinkle to wet the soil three feet deep. After it has dried out a bit, spade or rototill it 6-8 inches deep. Then level and stake rows off 36" apart with a wooden stake at the end of each row. Then spread on a layer of manure 3-4 inches deep and rototill or spade in. You can cut down one-half on the manure needed if you only fertilize strips 18 inches wide along your row centers.

Be sure to wait 30 days before

planting. If you act soon, you can catch the September planting. If your soil is already in good shape you can plant sooner.

Consider putting in drip irrigation for easy, efficient watering. You can now put these in for less than \$20. Ask my office for further information.

Court Grants Salary Raises

Upton County Commissioners' Court met in a special session on July 30 with all members in attendance. Among matters attended to were:

- Motion that Chief Deputy in the office of the County & District Clerk salary be set, effective July 1, in the same amount as of that date plus \$43.20 per month plus 6%. Commissioners Workman, Adams and Fletcher voting AYE; Commissioner LaQuey voting NO.

Motion that all employees of Upton County and elected officials, excluding County Commissioners, be given a 6% raise effective July 1 with the following exceptions: Russell Hall and F. D. Taylor in the Park Department. All Commissioners voting

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A. M., Monday, August 26, 1974, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read at the Court-house, Rankin, Texas, for the purchase of:

One only new 1974 automobile, four door sedan equipped with V-8 motor, 455 cubic inch or equivalent, air conditioning, power disc brakes, power steering, automatic transmission, radio, tinted glass and electric clock.

Successful bidder will be required to take in trade one only 1972 Oldsmobile four door sedan fully equipped.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids are to be sealed and marked "Bid on Automobile" and mailed to either the County Judge or County Auditor.

(s) H. S. Huffaker
County Auditor
Upton County, Texas

ATTEST:

(s) Buena R. Coffee
County Clerk,
Upton County, Texas

AYE.

- Motion to appoint Precinct Judges and Assistant (Precinct) Election Judges for the year of 1974-75. All Commissioners voting AYE. (Officials are:)

Precinct No. 1: Mrs. Sam Holmes, Judge; Martha Shipp, assistant judge;

Precinct No. 2: Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Judge; Mrs. Hamp Carter, assistant judge;

Precinct No. 3: Mr. Al Andrews, judge; Oteka Darby, assistant judge;

Precinct No. 4: Geneva Sumrall, judge; Mrs. Tom Waddell, assistant judge.

- Motion to set the following tax rate for the year 1974: (All Commissioners voting AYE.)

Road & Bridge, .05; Road & Bridge Special, .15; General Fund, .75. Total County Tax: .95.

State tax, .17; McCamey Hospital District Tax, .60; Rankin Hospital District Tax, .68;

Discount on State Tax only: October, 3 percent; November, 2 percent; December, 1 percent.

Penalty and interest to begin February 1, 1975. Statements to be mailed around October 1 of 1974.

Meeting adjourned until 10 a. m. August 5.

AUGUST 5 MEETING

The Court met again on Monday, August 5 with all members present. Bids were let for slurry seal aggregate to Portable Aggregates, Inc. of Fort Stockton for approximately 1800 cubic yards of slurry seal aggregate at \$4.60 per cu. yd., stockpiled in McCamey.

Also, a bid was let to Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co., of San Antonio, for approximately 875 tons of rock asphalt pavement at a price of \$5.75 per ton and \$3.55 per ton freight, delivered in Rankin. No bids were received on slurry seal and the court voted to purchase this material at current market prices.

The court then recessed August 12.

Mollie Taylor Buried Sunday

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 4, at Rankin First Baptist Church. Mrs. C. G. (Mollie) Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, died Friday, Aug. 2, at Hospital following a illness. Burial was in the Cemetery.

She was born August 2, 1892, San Saba County and married to Grimm Taylor, July 7, 1923 in Menard, Texas. She established their home in Rankin in 1923 and has lived here since that time.

She was a charter member of the Rankin Chapter of Eastern Star, a charter member of Rankin Study Club, long Baptist and member of local church, and had been in many communities. She was preceded in death by one son, Travis Taylor.

Survivors include her presently serving as the Peace in Precinct 1, Rankin County; two daughters, Harry Cowden of Rankin, Mrs. Neva Rae Rowland, Calif.; and two sons, Mrs. Lucy Swindell of Chee, Wash., and Mr. Scevvers of Aransas Pass.

There are also eight children.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE

EACH SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45
Worship Service: 6:00
Elizabeth & 8th St.

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Pastor: J. C. Tankersley, Phone 693-2324

"Jesus Is The Saviour"

Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

The Apostle Paul said, "And He is the head of the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, in all things He might have the preeminence."

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS:
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Training Union
7:00 p.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS:
7:30 p.m. Bible and Prayer

Calves Find Water to Drink



Pictured inside the circle above are the heads of eight roping calves being held by Frank Boyd, who lives along the Rankin Draw. Caught in the high water Saturday, the animals wisely stayed next to a board fence that prevented their being washed away. All survived.

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Staff Sets Inservice Sessions

Administrators and faculty will meet Monday, August 12, at 8 a.m. in the high school auditorium to organize the 1974-75 school year. Employees will be in a week of inservice preparation.

On August 15, Rankin will join area "cluster" inservice sessions held in Big Lake. Participants participating will be Rankin, Big Lake, Iraan, Crane, Imperial and

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Walter Woolf, Rankin, admitted July 24, dismissed August 7.

Mrs. Shankle Bloxom, Rankin, admitted July 24.

August Becker, McCamey, admitted July 26, dismissed July 29.

Mrs. C. T. Kelly, Crane, admitted July 28, dismissed August 5.

Vicky Hill, Rankin, admitted July 28.

Anselmo Hernandez, McCamey, admitted July 29, dismissed July 31.

Harry Anderson, McCamey, admitted July 29, dismissed on July 31.

Mrs. R. S. Flutch, Rankin, admitted July 29, dismissed July 31.

Mrs. W. F. Nobles, McCamey, admitted July 29, dismissed on August 1.

Bart Burnett, McCamey, admitted July 30, dismissed August 1.

Stephen Shultz, Rankin, admitted July 30, dismissed August 1.

Mrs. Steve Robertson, McCamey, admitted July 31.

Chet Niederhofer, Iraan, admitted August 1, dismissed August 3.

Mrs. Lloyd Helms, Rankin, admitted August 1.

Mike Phillips, Crane, admitted August 2.

Mrs. Henry Neal, Rankin, admitted August 2.

Mrs. Nolan Corder, Rankin, admitted August 3, dismissed on August 6.

Baby Boy Corder, born August 3, dismissed August 6.

Lexie Tharp, McCamey, admitted August 3.

Mrs. G. L. Black, Iraan, admitted August 4.

Mrs. Edward Butler, Crane, admitted August 4, dismissed on August 6.

Rufus Felder, Big Lake, admitted August 4.

Thelma Beatty, McCamey, admitted August 5, dismissed on August 6.

Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Fort Stockton, admitted August 5.

Baby Girl Johnson, born August 5.

Mrs. George Haggerton, Rankin, admitted August 5, dismissed August 6.

William Berry, McCamey, admitted August 6.

Rankin Rains -

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have reached one of its highest levels of water in recent years.

Monday, the town fared somewhat better and .61 was gauged by Mr. Fred Welling, the official U. S. Weather Bureau rain and temperature gauger. Total official measurements for Rankin for the three-day period has been .66 of an inch.

Although there are still spots of dry pasture and farm land, it is reported that much benefit has been received from the moisture, the first of any consequence over the general eastern portion of Upton County in almost twelve months.

Oil Production

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these factors:

● Drilling activities, on which producers spent \$6.5 million in drilling 82 wells, \$771,210 of which was lost in 18 dry holes. Successful completions amount to 64 oil wells.

● Payrolls, which amounted to \$4.3 million paid to 427 workers, according to Texas Employment Commission figures.

● Operation of other oil and gas facilities, including six natural gasoline processing plants with 170.5 million cubic feet per day capacity.

Wedding Date Told for Couple

Mr. and Mrs. George Weinkauff of Rankin announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Doby Jon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Johnson of Midkiff. A September 21 wedding is planned by the couple at 2 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church in Midland with Pastor Donald Hafemann officiating.

Miss Weinkauff is a 1974 graduate of Rankin High School and the future bridegroom is a graduate of Reagan County High in Big Lake.

Two Rankinites Said to be O.K.

Two Rankin residents, Sheriff S. O. (Sid) Langford and Shirley Little, both victims of heart trouble, were reported to be improving Wednesday. Langford, in Houston where he underwent an

open-heart operation last week, is up and walking around and has been in touch with his office by telephone this week. He says he's feeling great.

Little, who suffered a heart attack while on vacation in New Mexico about two weeks ago, is said to be doing as well as can be expected but faces a long period of recovery. He may be flown back to Rankin in the near future.

Scrimmages Set For Red Devils

Coach Dwayne Turner today released the dates for two scrimmage games for the Red Devil football team. These will be with Big Lake, here, on August 23rd, and at Ozona on August 30.

Time of the Big Lake affair is at 4:00 p.m. while the Ozona tilt will be at 4:30.

Turner reported that physicals were given to prospective players Wednesday morning and that two-a-day practice sessions are to begin Monday. The coach is expecting over 50 boys to participate in the high school portion of the football program.

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