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Persian Minsiter's Daughter Addresses Local B&PW Club

The customs and mode of life in Persia were brought in vivid detail to members and guests of the Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club by Mrs. Esmeralda N. Edwards last Thursday night. Mrs. Edwards, who was a speaker at a banquet given by the club, is the wife of an American soldier stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, and the daughter of the Minister of Finance in Persia. She received her education in an American private school in Persia.

The able speaker made her talk the close of the banquet held in the private dining room of the club. Decorations in yellow and white carried out the club's colors, were carried out in detail, including large arrangements of flowers in crystal bowls floating in sound lighted tapers. The decorating committee was composed of Mrs. Clois Baxter, Edna Mae Patton, Dorothy Hurst, Luella Jean, Gertrude Rhorick and Evelyn Kozimor.

Mrs. Mae Price, program chairman, presented a number of the members and guests in musical selections throughout the dinner.

Vocal selections were by Beverly Blount, Jan Daugherty and Gary Anderson; Mrs. Irene Nettleship and Mrs. Virginia Ivy played piano duets and Miss Joy Ward gave a reading. Mrs. Nettleship furnished piano music for the dinner. Mrs. Edwards was presented a gift by the club at the close of her speech. President Della Workman made the presentation.

Others than the foregoing attending the banquet were Mrs. Paul Crandell, Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Jane Hill, Opal Dickson, Elsie Runyan, Mary Fitzgerald, Lucille Mount, Rosalie Shiller, Flora Law, Stella Holcomb, Opal Nix, Betty Stephenson, Ne Dean Bell, Jan Daugherty, Louise Anderson, Gladys Carter, Ruth Holcomb, Ann Clark, Ellen Moore, Lola Hurn, Lilye Cox, Louise Archison, Leah Johnson and Misses Mary Ann Workman, Myrtle Holman, Leila King and Helen Ross.

Sales Are Slashed In Auto Insurance

AUSTIN—Automobile insurance rates Wednesday joined the tumbling price trend.

J. P. Gibbs, casualty insurance commissioner, announced a wide range of rate reductions estimated to save Texas automobile owners between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 during the coming year.

Reductions are effective May 1. Most of the benefit will go to private passenger car owners. Comprehensive coverage rates were reduced 20.3 per cent on all makes and models. Full coverage and 80 per cent collision coverage dropped 25 per cent. All other types of private passenger collision coverage dropped 13.4 per cent. Private passenger fire and theft rates were cut an average of 13.4 per cent.

Bodily injury liability rates were reduced 9.2 per cent on the state-wide average. There was no change in property damage liability rates.

PTA Association To Meet April 12

The by-laws committee of the Upton County Parent-Teachers Association of which the local PTA association is a member, will meet in Rankin on Tuesday April 12th. Members of the committee are Mrs. Dee Locklin of McCamey, Mrs. George Atkins of Fort Stockton and Mrs. Walton Harrel of Rankin.

Mrs. Fred Hokit of Lubbock is spending several days in the home of her son, Walton Harrel, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harrel left Thursday with daughters Linda and Barbara for a San Angelo hospital, where the girls will have insulinectomies.



REV. HAL C. WINGO
Rev. Hal C. Wingo To Conduct Baptist Revival In Rankin

The First Baptist Church of Rankin is having a revival April 10-17. The evangelist is Rev. Hal C. Wingo of San Antonio.

Rev. Wingo is well known in our state for his pastoral and evangelistic work, having pastored some of our best churches. His forceful, dynamic preaching has won a place in the hearts of the people everywhere he has gone.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these meetings, regardless of denomination.

Former Rankin Youth Member of NTSC A Cappella Choir

DENTON—G. Lewis Jordan, son of Mrs. Ida Jordan of Oxford, Mo., former resident of Rankin, is a member of the North Texas State College A Cappella Choir which will launch a two-week tour April 14.

A senior major in music, Jordan is a member of the bass section. He is a transfer from SMU.

Highlighting the choir tour will be a performance at the Music Educators National Convention in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 21.

Mrs. C. J. Holcomb Hostess To Fidelis Mairons Class

Mrs. C. J. Holcomb entertained the Fidelis Matrons Class of the First Baptist Church Sunday School in her home Friday night. The party was the occasion for revealing the "Sunshine Sisters" for the past three months and gifts were exchanged.

A salad plate and hot punch were served and each plate bore a little nest of colored coconut containing tiny Easter eggs.

Attending the party were Mesdames C. G. Taylor, H. Wheeler, Math Hodges, Arthur Eades, J. C. James, R. J. Romine, Jack Smith, Omar Warren, John Christy, Warren Caps, Dave Gentry, Sam Holmes, Zack Monroe, Forrest L. Smith, Ralph Daugherty, Elizabeth Rains, Chambers and the hostess.

Rankin To Have Chrysler-Plymouth House Soon

A real estate transfer was consummated Wednesday, whereby Ted Hogan of Crane purchased two lots on Main Street directly across from the postoffice from Mrs. F. E. Rankin.

Construction is to start at once on a large stucco auto sales building and garage where a Chrysler-Plymouth agency will be housed. Rankin welcomes this, another business, in the fast growing town.

Rebekah Lodge To Sponsor Game Party

The Rebekah Lodge of Rankin is sponsoring a game-party at the I. O. O. F. Hall here Friday for the benefit of the lodge. Play is scheduled to start at seven-thirty and an admission fee of fifty cents per person will be charged. A good time, prizes and refreshments are promised by the ladies.

WHO'S NEW

A son, Kenneth Eugene weighing 7 lbs. and 8 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bean Jr. in a McCamey hospital March 31st.

Mrs. Ingram Gives Book Review At PTA

Mrs. Glee Ingram Munro of San Angelo reviewed Cid Pickett Sumner's "Tammy Out Of Time" at the night meeting of the Kathryn Secret Parent Teacher Association in the High School Auditorium Tuesday night. Sixty-five registered at the door for the meeting.

In the business session preceding the review officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President - Mrs. Ross Wheeler, 1st Vice Pres. - Mrs. D. S. Anderson, 2nd Vice Pres. - Mrs. W. J. Follard, 3rd Vice Pres. - Mrs. O. C. Blount, Secretary - Mrs. Curtis Warren, Treasurer - Mrs. Jeff R. McSpadden, Historian - Mrs. Walton Harrel, and Parliamentarian - Mrs. Ralph Daugherty.

Announcement was made of a school of instruction for all officers and members of PTA to be held here in the High School on Tuesday April 12th. The school, which will be in session all day will be instructed by Mrs. Kay of Fort Stockton, Sixth District Vice President. Luncheon will be served.

Hostesses for Tuesday night's meeting who served punch and cake at the close of the program were Mesdames R. H. Johnson, Lewis Bennett Hazel, Yocham, McDaniel, O. O. Blount, Parham and Ross Wheeler.

DAUGHTER TO OWENS'

A baby girl, who weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and who has been named Janice Elaine was born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens in a McCamey hospital Wednesday.

The baby has two sisters, Peggy and Karen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell of Rankin and Mrs. S. M. Owens of the Owens Ranch East of Rankin.

A BOY

A son, J. B. Pettit III, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit Jr. in a San Angelo hospital Wednesday. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 1 ounce.

The Pettits have two little girls, Nina Gayle 6 and Edith Marie 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit Sr. and A. D. Lear of Big Lake.

IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN

Phillip Robbins, Pecos County rancher, was a business visitor in Rankin Wednesday.

Mrs. Duke Hill and Glenn have returned from a few days visit with the Wallace Gary family at San Marcos.

Superintendent H. Still and daughter Virginia were weekend visitors in San Angelo.

Cars driven by Mrs. Clint Shaw and a Mrs. Holloway collided during the noon hour Wednesday at the intersection of Upton and Ninth Streets. No one was injured but both cars were damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller (Guila Bettis) of Isabel, South Dakota, arrived Monday night for a several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will Nix and other relatives in Rankin.

Miss Mittie Jackson of the local school faculty is away from classes this week because of illness.

Tom Workman and Mike Grimm flew to Dallas Saturday and returned Sunday. Mrs. Grimm is in Dallas, where she has been ill in the home of a sister.

Rankin received a half-inch of rain in Sunday night's precipitation.

Joel Starnes of Fort Worth and Cecil Starnes of Alpine were recent Rankin visitors.

Allen Moore and Tyson Midkiff had modern residences moved into Westlawn Addition last week. The Moores will occupy their new house and the Midkiff seven-room dwelling will be tenanted occupied.

Juan Rodriguez Gets Five Year Term In Murder Of Ben Johnson



Juan Rodriguez was given a five year sentence Thursday morning on the charge of the murder of Ben Johnson, colored, in the 83rd District Court of Alan Fraser in Rankin. The jury was in deliberation shortly more than nine hours before rendering the verdict.

During the trial, Rodriguez testified that he had done none of the shooting that took the lives of Ben Johnson and Gene Robinson, and seriously wounded Leon Hooper, all of Odessa, three miles north of McCamey last August 11.

He stated that he was coerced by Monico Herrado, who is now serving a life term for the slaying of Gene Robinson, to accompany him on the trip, that he had no weapon, and that Herrado first shot the driver of the car, circled in front of the vehicle to the opposite side and shot the other two Negroes. He said that he was behind the car throughout the entire time of the escape.

Following the shooting, he said that he took the Negroes from the car after he had been threatened by Herrado. He said that he accompanied Herrado through fear of his own life.

Herrado was returned from the penitentiary and testified in the case. He told the court that in his own case he had told several lies, but swore that he was telling the truth concerning the shooting. His story related that he had shot Leon Hooper, who did not die, and that at the same time, Rodriguez was shooting the other two Negroes on the other side of the car. He said that Rodriguez had told him that "he was going to get his money back" that he had paid them for taking them on the trip from Odessa.

Leon Hooper said that Herrado had shot him, and that "he thought" he heard a shot from the other side of the car just before he was shot.

Rodriguez was defended by Jim Langdon of McCamey, while Travers Crumpton, District Attorney for the 83rd District, presented the case for the State.

The case went to the jury at 11:53 Wednesday night.

Serving on the jury were: Frank Robbins, Sr., B. J. Guthrie, Sr., Ross Wheeler, A. L. Ohlenburg, L. W. Stacy, Vernon Black, Lloyd Bowden, Louis Bennett, A. F. Eades, W. H. Bursleson, Olen Pigford and W. C. McSpadden.

FAIREST OF ALL TSCW—Miss Joan Moore, of Robstown, senior at Texas State College for Women, was crowned Saturday, March 26, as Queen of the Redbud Court, in the final program of a week-long festival at the college.

MRS. W. L. CLENDENEN RELEASES BOOK 'IN SHADOWS OF CASTLE GAP' THIS MONTH



MRS. WALTER L. CLENDENEN

Mrs. Walter L. Clendenen of Medders, Dwight Holmes, Ruby Ozona, announces the recent publication of her book of poems entitled "Within the Shadows of Castle Gap". The book is an accumulation of poetry and pictures of paintings, the poems being illustrated by paintings. It depicts neighboring ranch and colorful surroundings. One of the poems "Darn Good Country" is about Geo. Atkins, former Upton County rancher, now of Ft. Stockton. The book is published by the Talley Press of San Angelo.

"The Coyote Chase" concerns Joe Rogers, now deceased, Walter Clendenen and Smokey Taylor, now of Crane and Grimm Taylor of Rankin.

The introduction gives the history of Castle Gap and the purported murder of Maximilian and the many searchers for their treasure supposedly hidden in Castle Gap. Mrs. Clendenen who once lived near the historic landmark recalled the time when the ground was pock marked as result of fortune-hunting expeditions. Then another type of wealth was found there - oil.

She has studied under direction of Margaret Tupper, Eula

Tracksters Visit McCamey For Practice Meet Wednesday

The senior and junior track runners visited McCamey last Wednesday, March 30, and ran in practice against the McCamey boys. Billy Zachary placed good in the 440 and George Broyles placed well in the broad jump.

The tennis players accompanied them but all of McCamey's players had gone to Iraan for practice. They will go another time.

Mrs. Littlejohn Grows Mountain Laurel

Not every woman can make flowers grow. Some women have a natural talent, and the flowers seem to grow for them, while others may try and try to make the same flower grow, yet it will wither and die.

McCamey has one of the fortunate women who has the knack of sticking a seed or root in the ground, and it flourishes into a beautiful plant.

Mrs. Margaret Littlejohn seems to have that fortunate knack, and she keeps a profusion of flowers and birds around her at all times. This spring she has a Texas Mountain Laurel that has some six hundred sprays, when ordinarily two dozen is a generous number to count on any shrub.

Every year it is a delight to the flower lovers of McCamey to visit Mrs. Littlejohn's garden, and marvel that this desert country can boast such a lovely spot.

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CONTINENTAL FACE LIFTERS

The March issue of Sports Afield carried a "Report from Washington", written by Michael Hudoba, which dealt with governmental activities and policies affecting the conservation of our irreplaceable wildlife.

"The Reclamation Bureau has announced a seven-year western water program totaling well over \$3,000,000,000, while the Army Engineers, whose authority for dam building covers the entire country, has proposed a thumping \$57,000,000,000 program.

"If approved by Congress, these lavish undertakings will conduct biological surveys along with the engineering surveys on proposed dam sites. But the service will be hard put to keep up with the engineering boys since Congress appropriated only \$150,000 for these companion projects.

Sportsmen and conservationists everywhere have become alarmed lest the craze for building Federal dams—whose principal purpose is the socialization of the power industry in this country—destroy existing species of wildlife as ruthlessly as the old market hunters destroyed the passenger pigeon and the buffalo.

Plunkett's Show Coming Next Week

Plunkett's Variety Show, with ten members of the family to give the show company its name, will set up here for a three-day stand.

A new flame-proof tent will house the show. The show is sponsored by the American Legion.

The Plunkett family has operated a stage show on the road since 1929 and has had a tent show since 1934 in the West. Thirty people are in the company of entertainers, presenting a three-act comedy play and ten acts of vaudeville, with a complete change of program each night.

On the vaudeville bill are Miss Jerry Plunkett, songstress; Kennedy Swaim and Goofo Gibbs, described as two of the funniest men in the stage show business; Cleo and Flo, dance team; Captain Plunkett, and four trained animal acts; the educated chimpanzee, and the famous Plunkett troupe on the sounding trampoline.

Miss Billie Plunkett and Miss Ricky Miget are the aerialists and contortionists.

The new U. V. black light (Strobite) is presented on the vaudeville acts each night.

School children are invited to see the exhibition of seals at the show any time during the day. There will be no admission charge for this.

This year the Plunketts present the Dick Darling productions of vaudeville acts in conjunction with beautiful wardrobe and lighting effects produced by the Strobite company.

eight spines. The white crappie usually has six.

The black crappie's mouth is strongly oblique; that of the white is only moderately so. The color of the black crappie is olive, the shade varying, covered with dark green or blackish spots and without distinct pattern. Silvery olive is the color of the white crappie, and it is mottled with dark green. There are several faint vertical bars on the flat sides which aren't on the adult black crappies.

Both varieties have white, flaky meat, and are delicious to eat.

Crappies stock well in most ponds and lakes. It is often recommended as the best fish to stock in artificial lakes. They make good running mates with bass and northern pike.

Try night fly-fishing for crappies if you want some new thrills. They usually move into the shore to feed as the sun goes down. But when a school of crappies quit biting, there's no use arguing. You might as well quit too.

Miss Cleona Quiett, music instructor at Rankin schools, resumed classes Monday morning after a two weeks illness. Miss Quiett remained in San Angelo the past two weeks where she received treatment for a serious ear infection.

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SPORTS AFIELD

What is a crappie? Hank Bradshaw, sportsman and writer, calls him the Babe Ruth of the pan fish for when a crappie takes a fly, it hits with every ounce of power he's got just like the Babe used to sock a baseball.

The crappie is found in waters east of the Rockies, and when an angler seeks a substitute for larger fish, he looks for crappies. They'll fight with reckless abandon until licked to a gasping frazzle—and this fish doesn't often pull the scales down much over one pound.

Throughout the country the crappie is called by many other names: calico bass, speckled perch, speckled bass. It bites the year round on anything that squirms, artificial or alive. It likes a clean, hard bottom, comfortably pillowed with vegetation or brush, but it will also do well over mud.

Crappies may be distinguished from other sunfishes by general appearance, as well as by the long dorsal and anal fins, which are nearly equal in size. No one has much difficulty making this differentiation. Where the trouble comes is in distinguishing between the two crappies—black and the white.

For the record, the black crappie has a dorsal fin with seven or

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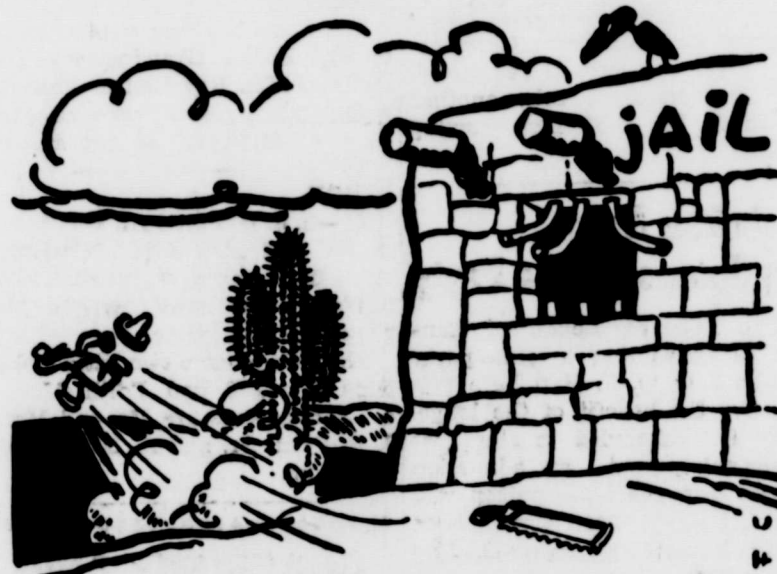
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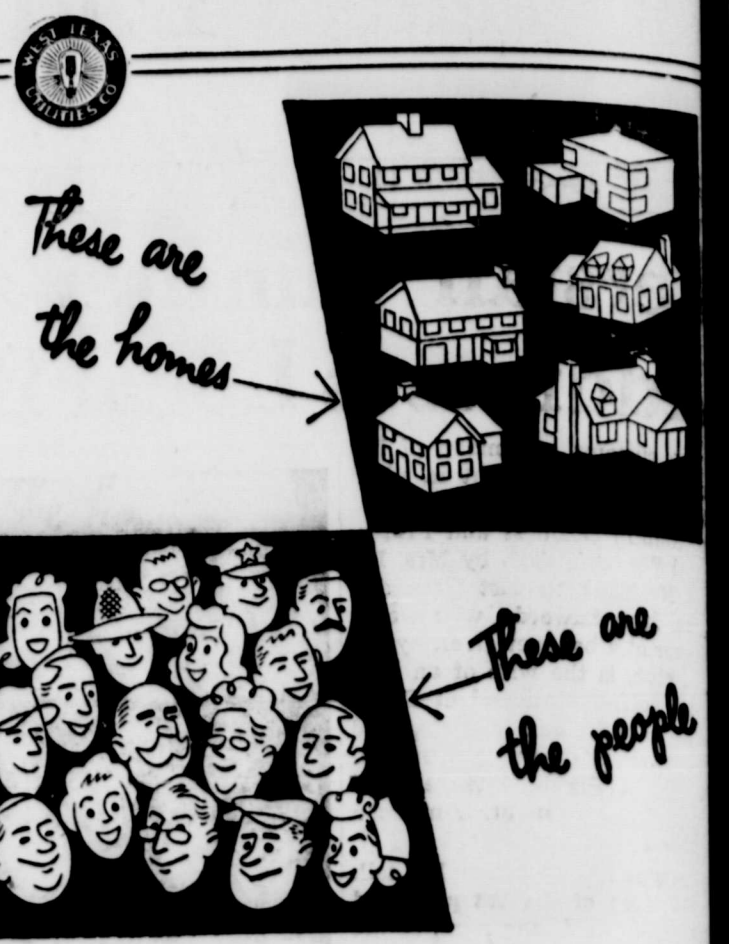
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Report To The People

J. T. RUTHERFORD
Representative
88th District

A round-up of activity at the capitol shows the Gilmer-Aikin education reform showdown in a dominant spot during the past week.

On Wednesday, the House will resume debate on the key bill of the Gilmer-Aikin series, to create a new elective education commission and abolish the elective post of Supt. Woods. Scores of amendments are waiting in the House for the first bill. Proponents claim 70-odd House votes.

Pending for House debate is a measure to create a state youth commission. Also, favorably reported to both houses is the measure for insuring secrecy of ballots.

The House-enacted Basic Science bill is among many contro-

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IRAAN NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Monroe Harrelson and little Bill are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oakie Davis of Cisco.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Lancaster are the proud owners of a new Chevy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hudman, Jr., are driving a new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Phillips spent a recent weekend in the Del Rio vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davidson spent the past weekend in Comanche with Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. E. Eoff. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Sigman and daughters, Donna Sue and Danise.

Mrs. Guy Johnson spent the past two weeks visiting relatives in Dallas, Mineral Wells and Goldthwaite. She was a guest of her mother, Mrs. C. F. Williams, of Goldthwaite, and of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jordan of Mineral Wells. She visited a daughter in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Beckham of Big Lake were recent visitors in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Waldrip and Tommy.

Mrs. Ellen Myers of Belton has been a guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Meyers of the Gulf Camp. She will visit other relatives on the Plains before returning home.

A number of Iraan citizens attended the band festival in Alpine Saturday.

C. T. Berrier of Odessa was a weekend guest of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones.

Doyle Burselon of Gorman is visiting his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huddleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barbee are adding a new picket fence to their property, the Randolph residence.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rhinehart spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carmichael and Beverly Jean of Lubbock. While there, Beverly Jean observed her first birthday which fell on April 1.

Mrs. G. H. Butler spent the past weekend with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duly Butler of Lubbock.

Dewey McNabb of Seminole, a former Iraan resident, has been transferred to the Freeport district by the Ohio Oil Co.

Mrs. R. S. Windham of Crane was an Iraan visitor Friday.

Mrs. Alvin McGilvray of San Angelo was a visitor in the R. W. Burnett home this past week.

The W. E. Hulls have been transferred back to Iraan by the Ohio Oil Co. Welcome back home!

Bud McFadin of the Texas University spent a recent weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McFadin of Ohio Camp No. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hallman, Jr., and children of Penwell, spent the past weekend visiting Mrs. Hallman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howell, Sr., and Mrs. Carter Lockerd and Mike.

Miss Jan Downing of TSCW of Denton spent the past weekend in Iraan with Supt. and Mrs. C. B. Downing.

Mrs. J. C. Dempsey, Sr., has been on the sick list the past two weeks, and will undergo surgery at the Cooper Hospital, McCamey, this week.

Mrs. Geo. Parrish of Houston arrived Saturday for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Fittz and Mr. Fittz of Iraan.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice To Bidders:

The Commissioners Court of Upton County, Texas, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 o'clock a. m. April 8th, 1948, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read, at the Courthouse, Rankin, Texas, for the construction of 8 miles of pavement on the Benedum Oil Field Road—Beginning at the intersection of Benedum Oil Field Road and State Highway No. 349 about 6 1-2 miles North of Rankin; Road paving to consist of Flexible Caliche base and double course Bituminous surface treatment.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from G. H. Fisher, Upton County Judge, or J. S. Pittman, County Engineer Rankin, Texas.

A bid will not be considered unless the bidder shall have filed with the County Judge at least seven (7) days prior to the date upon which bids are to be submitted, a complete statement of his financial resources and of his experience on similar work.

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

(LS) G. H. FISHER,
County Judge, Upton County,
Texas.

ATTEST:
Ralph H. Daugherty,
County Clerk, Upton County,
Texas.

By: Luella Dean,
Deputy.

SHEFFIELD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Geeslin of Dryden, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. D. H. Farmer, and son of Safford, Ariz., were in Sheffield for the weekend visiting relatives. Mrs. Farmer is the former Mary Ellen Geeslin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams and son, Michael, of Iraan visited in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Collett.

Miss Jo Jo Nowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nowell, who has been visiting her parents here, has returned to Dallas where she attends Hockaday School for girls.

Russell Morris made a business trip to Fort Stockton Wednesday.

Mrs. Dudley Ingham and children, accompanied by Mrs. Jack

Cauble and children, went to Ft. Stockton Saturday to visit the dentist.

Jack Caution went to Pasadena over the weekend to visit his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chandler of Dryden were Sheffield visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mills had as their guests for the week, Mr. Mills' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills of San Antonio.

San Angelo visitors this week include Mr. and Mrs. Elton Holland, Sr., Mrs. Don Cruse and Mrs. Wayne Mills, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. John Carson, Mrs. Charles Hale, Mrs. Will Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen and daughter of Sanderson were Sheffield visitors Sunday.

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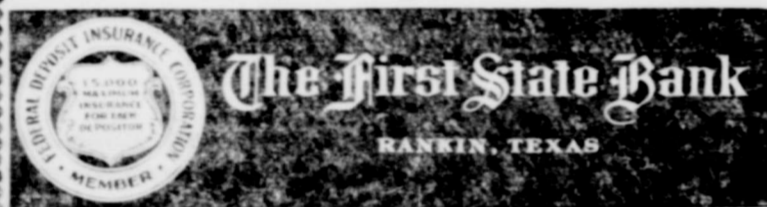
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Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eades spent the weekend in Hobbs, New Mexico with Mr. Eade's brother and family and returned by way of Odessa where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jackson and grandchildren, Nickie and Nancy.

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Softball Tilts With Iraan End In Ties

Rankin and Iraan grade softball teams clashed Tuesday afternoon for an hour only to come out tied up. The lower grades played five innings in the hour with Rankin still to have their last time at bat and the score ended in a 10-10 tie.

The other teams composed of the seventh and eighth grades played four full innings to tie up 4-4. As the Rankin team came up for their last time to bat, the score was 4-1 in favor of Iraan. Rankin had two outs, the bases were loaded, and Tommy Diez was up to bat with three balls and two strikes. Tommy knocked a home run, bringing in three runs but was tagged out on home plate, thus ending the game in a tie.

A thrilling ball game if ever there was one. The seventh and eighth girls were all there rooting too.

Umpires for the two games were Harry Yocham, James Gamblin, Lewis Ward and Chock Romine.

Field Trip Details

On Tuesday, March 29, the chemistry class composed of Viola Smith, Wanda Hunsinger, Joyce Franklin, Ted Yocham, Joveta Yocham, Don Still, Virginia Still, Jimmy Workman, Donald McEwen, Theo Blue and Fields Branch went with its instructor, Mr. Reynolds, to the gas plant east of Big Lake.

The students were shown the nice lab, the huge 600 h. p. compressors, the big generators, the cooling system and the boiler room while visiting the plant. The man in charge of the plant showed the students around the plant and explained the general functions of the production, along with the other things. The students saw stacks where butane and propane are produced and the water softening system at the plant.

APRIL SHOWERS IN WITH A BANG

With all the plans to play hookey on "All Fool's Day," everyone woke to find an overcast and a howling wind. All plans went boom and the April 1 attendance at school was amazing. About half a dozen were absent in high school. Not one unexcused absence was issued on even their absences.

Along with the wind comes the usual spring mischief and the teachers buckled down. Detention hall every evening has had an unusual amount of members, some are getting used to it as regular attendants.

When a warm day came, spring fever came, and studies fell off 75 per cent.

Well, everyone will get in the groove again, maybe! These teachers sure ought to let up, they are actually killing their poor students. Work, work, work, yap, yap, pay, all day long, and the students with their spring fever, love fever, and smallpox vaccinations in such rotten moods, can hardly take it. Oh, well, it will work out all right, it has before.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rankin High School Choral Club will present an evening of folk music and composed music on April 15 at the High School auditorium. It will begin at 7:45. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

PET PEEVES

Marlene Holmes: Her nose and Frank Powell.
 Imogene Sanders: Boys pinching and biting.
 Wanda H.: Pete McEwen and Theo.
 Field Branch: Midland girls
 James G.: Short teachers and people talking in the show.
 Ruthie Elliott: Kayes
 Jay Ward: Billy's puppy
 Bill Hurt: Marlene
 Wilma: Vic McVay
 Bill Davee: Gordon
 Norma Jo: Billy Max Hodges
 Joyce Franklin: Music teachers.

Wanda B.: Bruce
 Vic McVay: The Navy
 Jean: Penmanship
 Emma Lu: Frank
 Jo Veta: Her nose and Don Still: Billy Stokes
 Wanda M.: Red Morgan
 Geo. Broyles: Betty Poteet
 Billy Brown: Jimmie Workman
 Mona Sue: Arky
 Dee Ann: Emma Lou
 Loyd: Motor scooters
 Ted: Wet weather
 Harley: English teachers
 Theo: Wanda (?)
 Donald: Vaccinations
 Foots: General Science Teach (These are purely coincidences, and anyone taking them seriously is a dope).

NOTICE, HORSE OWNERS

By order of the Commissioners' Court of Upton County, a stall fee of \$5.00 per month will be charged for each animal quartered at the County Fair Grounds barn. If only quartered for a few days a charge of 25c per day will be made. This is in accord with a recent order passed at a recent meeting of the Commissioners' Court.

HERE IS THE LATEST

We hear that Billy Dean has gone back to his second childhood, he can't sit in his chair in science class without falling out backwards, the results were all the freshmen staying in for 45 minutes.

Imogene, you really bruise easily, don't you?
 Marlene, have you and Frank come to the parting of the ways?
 Wilma, who is it, Gordon or Bill? (or both).
 Emma Lou, who is your latest flame?



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