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\$1,500 Turned In Upton March Of Dimes Drive

With the March of Dimes drive in Upton County only three days left, \$1,460 had been turned in by volunteer helpers late Wednesday, with several helpers not yet reporting from the opening drive, according to Robert Smith, county Campaign Director.

The quota for Upton County is set for \$5,000.

No funds had yet been reported from Rankin, but Dunn Lowry who is directing the campaign Rankin said that the drive is in full swing early Thursday and that a successful campaign is in prospect.

Only one scroll of companies have been reported in the above drive, and does not include any of the funds placed in 100 containers that have been placed in various business houses over the county.

Smith said that the "March of Dimes Coffee Sale" held by the Benetton Restaurant had netted \$42 for the McCamey drive. L. Roberson, owner of the

Bluebonnet, said that the coffee drinkers were "very generous" throughout the day of the sale. Solicitors who are aiding in the campaign are urged to contact Mr. Smith at the McCamey High School at the earliest possible time and report on their activities in order that plans for furtherance of the drive during the coming week might be made.

It has been estimated that close to \$2,300 has already been contributed by Upton County citizens, but the exact figure will not be known until the close of the drive on January 31.

All persons are urged to make contributions, either to solicitors or in the March of Dimes jars to help the Upton drive.

Last year, the funds of the local chapter were completely diminished and the need for revenue to aid cases in the county has not been wholly met. Some \$1,500 was secured from the National Foundation to supplement local funds last year.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Hayes was virtually demolished by gas explosion last Tuesday night. Shown above, the fire in the front portion of the building is still burning, while the partition at the rear of the house still standing was torn apart. Three members of the family who were in the building at the time of the explosion escaped without serious injury. The home was located behind the West Texas Utilities office in downtown McCamey.—Photo by Johnson.

Wool-Mohair Association Holds Annual Meeting

House In Benedum Demolished

A new house in the Plymouth Oil Company's camp at Benedum field was blown to bits at six o'clock Saturday morning by a gas explosion. Sight-seers reported all that was left looked like a "pile of kindling wood."

Officials of the company stated they thought the explosion was caused by a gas leak which ignited from the water heater which had been lighted a day or so previously. Household goods belonging to the family who were to occupy the house had arrived at Benedum Friday night by truck and would have been moved into the house Saturday morning. No one was injured by the blast.

The annual stockholders and directors meetings of the Ranchers Wool and Mohair Assn. were held at the Fort Stockton offices of the company Thursday, Jan. 12th.

Luncheon was served at noon by mothers of the Senior Class of Fort Stockton, at which time a barbecue menu with all the complements was enjoyed by the men.

Directors elected in the stockholders meeting for 1950 are: H. F. Neal, J. P. Rankin, Hamp Carter of Rankin; O. W. Parker of Iraan; W. M. Jackson of Best, and Dell Currie, Loyd White, J. Burney Ligon and Marsh Lea of Fort Stockton.

In the ensuing directors' meeting, officers elected were H. F. Neal, president; Hamp Carter, vice president, and Tom Workman, secretary-treasurer.

H. E. "Gene" Eckols Seeks Re-Election To Upton Sheriff's Post

H. E. "Gene" Eckols notified The News this week that he would be a candidate for re-election for the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector for Upton County.

In making known his intentions for seeking the office in the coming July primaries, Eckols stated, "I pledge the same type of efficient service that I have rendered in the office in the past, and I wish to take this means of thanking all the citizens of Upton County for their cooperation in past relations." Eckols also said that he planned to contact all citizens possible before the coming election.

Eckols is a veteran of World War II, and is married and has two children.

Temporary Office To Open In McCamey For Poll Tax Sales

Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols announced this week that a temporary office would be opened in McCamey on Monday, January 23 and would remain in operation through Tuesday, January 31 for the collection of ad valorem taxes and the sale of poll taxes for the convenience of the citizens residing in McCamey and the surrounding area of Upton County.

Poll tax sales have been slow in the county to date, with only 247 having been sold through Wednesday of this week.

Sheriff Eckols predicted the total to reach 1,600 before the deadline of January 31.

He reminded that persons who will get their first free vote by becoming 21 before election time must file and secure an exemption in order to qualify to vote.

Rail Body Cuts Two Oil Producing Days

A 36,226-barrel daily cut in Texas' February crude oil production was ordered Tuesday by the Texas Railroad Commission at a meeting held in Houston, but the drop was cushioned by an anticipated decline in current stocks.

William J. Murray, Jr., chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, said in releasing the February proration order:

DAY OF RECKONING
"If the anticipated continuation of withdrawals from stocks does not continue there will be a day of reckoning."

He left little doubt this would be February 17 when the commission is to determine March allowances during a statewide hearing at San Antonio.

The February order was made late Tuesday afternoon after the commission had heard nearly three hours of testimony at a morning hearing. It was one of the longest and best attended hearings since the war.

There was standing room only in the Rice Hotel meeting room as oilmen from throughout the state came to warn that soft spots are developing in the state's crude market with danger of a rapidly developing trend.

Market declines in West Central Texas field and the new flush production in booming Scurry County were said to present serious problems to the Texas oil industry.

The commission deliberated nearly four hours in executive session before setting February's daily allowable for the state at 2,052,174 barrels, compared to 2,088,400 as of last Saturday.

DELAYS RELEASE
The commissioners normally release their order within an hour after adjourning the statewide hearings.

Most Texas fields will operate on 15 days in February, with the vast East Texas field producing on 13 days. The January schedule is 17 and 15 days respectively.

February production of natural gasoline and distillate was estimated at 291,895 barrels daily, giving the state a total liquidified petroleum allowable of 2,344,069 barrels daily.

The new cutback is the tenth to be ordered by the commission since December, 1948. These cutbacks have totaled 998,970 barrels daily. Allowable adjustments and new production have offset 344,125 barrels daily, leaving the February allowable 664,845 barrels daily below the permissible flow of December 11, 1948.

An even sharper cut had been anticipated for February and some oilmen who testified Tuesday had recommended February schedules as low as 13 days for (See PRORATION, Back Page.)

most fields and 11 for East Texas. West Central Texas, where operations are to lose a market for 5,400 barrels daily Thursday unless new purchasers are found, and Scurry County dominated the lengthy hearing.

Four large companies—Humble, Gulf, Texas and Magnolia—indicated each may take 1,000 barrels from the West Central surplus. Premier Oil Refining Co., the current purchaser, has announced it will discontinue its purchases at 7 a.m. Thursday.

French Robertson, a bilene, president of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association warned:

"We must have a very soft market in Texas to have 5,400 barrels begging. It is soft or this condition would not exist for such a small amount."

"This soft spot indicates a surplus of crude on the Texas market," he said, "and it may have a general breaking out. We need to tighten the supply of crude."

Raymond Myers, Magnolia Petroleum Co., said Scurry County is the "big question" and added that February allowable problems should be solved "where the sore spot is."

"If a particular field is causing the trouble, the whole state should not suffer," he added.

Myers, who said Magnolia's pipe line facilities in Scurry will become full sometime next month, recommended that the county's flush production be cut through use of a 15-day schedule and 140-barrel per day well allowances.

The current well allowable there is 220 barrels daily.

INEQUITY CLAIMED
H. P. Nichols, Tyler, East Texas Oil and Gas Association, said an inequity exists between Scurry production and the vast East Texas field.

"If the commission sees fit to reduce East Texas it means the field will be cut to 9 1-4 barrels per well a day and production already is under 10 barrels," he said, while questioning the commission on the 220-barrel allowances for Scurry County.

Other possible solutions offered by the oilmen included:

Harold Gray Neely, Ft. Worth—Eliminate current special allowances for discovery wells and have the commission's engineers check the bottomhole pressure rates in Scurry County as they now are doing in East Texas.

"I think if the commission would do its own bottomhole pressure in Scurry," he said, "it might find reason to reduce the Scurry allowances."

Members of the Howard County Royalty Owners and Producers Association told the commission they are in a similar po-

Linda Carol Bushong Feted On Birthday

Little Linda Carol Bushong celebrated her fifth birthday with a party given her by her mother, Mrs. J. T. Bushong, at the Upton County Park Building in Rankin recently.

The children played games and presented Linda Carol with birthday gifts and were served refreshments of cake and ice cream. Mrs. Bushong was assisted by Mrs. Lee Fortenberry, Mrs. Alvin Bushong, Mrs. Jack Franklin, Mrs. Ace Williams, Mrs. Ray Ballard and Mrs. W. C. McDonald.

Guests included Elsie Sharon Wheeler, Donnie Nickson, Cynthia Russell, Carolyn Langford, Billie Ballard, Beverly Bennett, Jerry Wayne McDonald, Charlotte and Carolyn Fortenberry, Jackie Williams, Carlela Keys, Deane Franklin, Billy Jack Rankin, Virginia Harrah, Bobby and Barbara Bushong, Betty Ruth James, Robert Huddleston, Buddy and Corkey, Lonnie Ferrell, Dwain and Marthella Robinson, Jerry, Frances and Penney Davis, Scottie Bennett, Wayne and Beverly James.

VISITS DAUGHTER

Mrs. Hamilton Still and Don left Thursday evening to spend a few days in Dallas and will visit with Virginia Still at Texas Tech in Lubbock enroute.

Mrs. Mary Pierce has as her guests recently, her brother Jesse Kuykendall and her nephew G. Canyon, Texas.

Ralph Daugherty Asks Re-Election To Clerk's Post For Upton County

Ralph Daugherty announced this week that he would be a candidate for re-election to the office of Upton County District Clerk in the coming July primary.

Mr. Daugherty stated that "I'm still giving 24 hour service in my office, and I am pledging to continue that service as long as I am office."

He has been a resident of Upton County for the past 20 years. Mr. Daugherty is married and has two children, Rusty, who is attending Law School at the University of Texas, and Jan, who is in the fifth grade in the Rankin Public Schools.

Tom Trimble Seeks Re-Election For Commissioner Pre. 3

Commissioner Tom Trimble of Precinct No. 3 notified The News this week that he would seek re-election to the office in the coming July primary.

In making his announcement for re-election, Mr. Trimble issued the following statement, "The experience that I have gained in the past will enable me to give a much better administration if I am returned to office. I pledge continued road improvements throughout my precinct at all times. I will continue to give the same attention to the administrative affairs of the county as I have in the past. With the persons in my precinct coming to me with problems relating to my office, I have achieved much that might have gone by unnoticed. I hope that any newcomers will take advantage of bringing problems to me as they arise. I take as means of asking your support for the coming election."

Joe Conger Announces For Re-Election To Commissioner No. 4

Joe E. Conger notified The News this week that he would be a candidate for re-election in the coming July primary.

In making known his intentions to seek the post for another term, Conger stated, "I pledge the continued kind of service that I have rendered in the past, as I feel it is the type of program that all citizens in my precinct desire."

Mr. Conger is married and has three children.

Wanna Jean Smith Ill With Virus Pneumonia

The illness of Wanna Jean Smith, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Smith, who was taken to San Angelo Tuesday night, has been diagnosed as virus pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are in San Angelo with the

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains Seeks Re-Election To County Treasurer Post

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains announced this week that she would be a candidate for re-election for the office of County Treasurer of Upton County.

In making the announcement, she tendered her thanks to the people of Upton County for their support in the past, and expressed advanced appreciation for any help given her by her friends in the coming July election.

Mrs. Rains has been a resident of Upton County for the past 22 years.

M. F. Dicus, Long Time Resident of McCamey, Dies Wednesday

Milton Finley Dicus, a resident of McCamey for 26 years died in a San Angelo Hospital, Wednesday morning at 8:25 after a month's illness. He had been hospitalized in San Angelo for about a week. His condition early this week was reported as improved and he was to be returned to his home here Thursday, when he suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning.

"Papa" Dicus as he was called by his friends, would have been 78 years old July 15. He moved to McCamey in 1924 from Arizona, where he established the Pioneer Mercantile Company and the NuWay Grocery Store and lived to see his business develop into a quarter-million dollar business. Until his illness a month ago he was active in civic affairs and managed his furniture and appliance store which he enlarged about seven years ago.

He was elected mayor of McCamey in 1943 and served in that office until 1945. He was a McCamey city councilman for a number of years and a candidate for county commissioner in 1942.

His body was taken by air to Phoenix, Arizona Wednesday night with funeral services held there Friday.

Survivors include the widow, Nina of McCamey, one son, Elwin of Longbeach, California, one daughter, Mrs. William Grantham of Hollywood, California, one stepson, W. H. Gale of McCamey, one brother, C. R. of Arcadia, California, three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Jolly and Mrs. Chas. Tantlinger, both of Pasadena, California, and six grandchildren.

Henry Neals Return From Caribbean Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Neals have returned from a Caribbean Sea cruise which took them by way of New Orleans, La., Havana, Cuba, and Guatemala.

ATTEND 4-H SHOW
Mr. and Mrs. Walton Harrah and daughters attended the 4-H Club Livestock Show in Fort Stockton Saturday.



Shown above are members of the all-tournament team selected by the Sandhills Independent Invitational Tournament staged in the Crane gymnasium the first week-end in January. Shown above (left to right) Tiny Earp, Sandhills; Kenneth Sewell, News Publishing Company; Rosy Ward, Bill Hale Motors; Calvin Benson, News Publishing Company; Bobby Higdon, Alpine Hawks. Ward was earned the best sportsmanship award also.—Photo by Johnson.

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WILL CONGRESS SELL OUT?

The new session of Congress may do much to decide whether we are to continue down the road that ends in statism and dictatorial government, or whether we are to reaffirm the principles and ideals that made us a great, free and prosperous people.

A determined effort is being made to fasten the welfare state idea upon the country. Congress will be asked to appropriate billions for cradle-to-the-grave security measures—all of which, of course, would be compulsory. The only logical reasoning behind proposals of this character is that the American people are no longer capable of taking care of themselves, that independence, thrift, self-reliance and pride are obsolete virtues, and that we must follow the sorry example of near-bankrupt England and dictator-ridden Russia.

An equally determined effort will be made to extend government ownership and domination of industry and enterprise. This naturally goes hand in hand with the welfare state—the cloth is cut from the same bolt. The principal target of the socialists is and has long been the light and power industry. Inasmuch as electricity enters into almost every industrial, domestic and agricultural activity, political control of it would create, in effect if not in name, a monopoly over land, water, basic natural resources, and the instruments of production. The completed and proposed valley authorities are perfect examples of this.

It is also possible that an effort will be made to increase the tax rates—despite the fact that they are excessively heavy now, cut deep into the purchasing power of every individual, and make it difficult and in some cases impossible for enterprises to obtain the investment capital they need. That is particularly true of new and smaller companies.

The basic issue was well put by General Eisenhower when he said, "Government ownership or control of property is not to be desired principally because of the historic inefficiency of government management. . . . Its real threat rests in the fact that, if carried to the logical extreme, the final concentration of ownership in the hands of government gives to it, in all practical effects, absolute power over our lives." That fine statement should be on every Congressman's desk. We have come nearer than we realize to giving government such power.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

If the forecasters are right, 1950 will be quite a year. U. S. News & World Report has summed up the consensus. According to it, the people as a whole "will be better fed, better clothed, better housed, better supplied with the goods and services they want. Jobs promise to be rather plentiful. Pay will be better than ever before. Taxes will not be higher. Prices are likely to be fairly stable."

The figures are extremely impressive, even in an era when we are accustomed to talking glibly in terms of tens of billions. In 1950, our total spending—which includes everything spent by individuals, business and government—is expected to be nearly \$267,000,000,000. That is \$7,000,000,000 more than the estimated figure for this year, and \$5,000,000,000 over the 1948 total.

The biggest gain is expected in spending by individuals. One reason for this is the \$2,500,000,000 which veterans will receive in refunds on their government life insurance. Payments will begin shortly after the first of the year and will be completed in a relatively short time. It is believed that a very large part of the money will be spent in a hurry for consumer goods of all kinds.

Total individual earnings, the magazine goes on, are forecast at \$216,500,000,000. Personal taxes and anticipated savings will account for about \$34,000,000,000 of it. So, if the crystal ball is telling the truth, individuals will send \$182,500,000,000 flowing through the channels of trade and commerce.

Spending by government will increase by some \$2,400,000,000. Private investment, on the other hand, will probably be not much greater than this year, and substantially below the \$45,000,000,000 figure which was chalked up in 1948.

U. S. News also touches on the fields where most of the money will be spent. On the basis of the forecasts, there will be a rise in sales of clothing and home furnishings. The nation's food bill, on the other hand, may go down a bit, due to lower prices. The automobile people think that sales will be as good or nearly as good as in the current boom year—a premise largely based on the fact that there are 20,000,000 cars of varying degrees of antiquity now on the road which will need to be replaced before too long. The construction industry, in both its residential and commercial branches, seems to be looking to 1950 with confidence.

Some of the experts are convinced that economic troubles lie ahead of us—but few expect them in 1950 or soon thereafter.

A FORTUNE IN TOOLS

Suppose you wanted to go to work in the oil industry, began looking through the help-wanted columns of a newspaper, and came on this item: "MAN WANTED: Exceptional opportunity for advancement in growing concern producing, refining, and marketing petroleum products. Applicant must provide his own tools or their equivalent, \$34,000. Address Petroleum, Box 1950."

You would think, with reason, that this advertiser was about as eccentric as they come. You'll never see such an ad. Yet the fact is that some one must put up, on the average, \$34,000 to provide the tools needed by each worker employed in oil. That is the amount of money that has been invested in the thousand-and-one kinds of equipment needed to get the oil out of the ground, make it into products ready for consumer use, and to distribute them.

That money comes primarily from two sources. One is the investor—the man or woman whose savings make great enterprises possible. The other source is profits earned in the course of carrying on the business. In oil, for example,

a very large share of its post-war profits have not gone to stockholders at all—they have gone to expand and improve its plant. They have gone, in other words, into tools. And those tools have created more jobs and higher-paying jobs. Of late, it has been rather the fashion to denounce profits as a wicked capitalist device. But without profits industry would slow and finally stop, unemployment would grow to a huge volume, and the whole economy would become static. We all accept the idea that the man who uses the tools deserves fair wages. And so does the man who provides the tools.

LOOPHOLES in the Law

By WILL WILSON
 District Attorney of Dallas County

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of short case histories, all taken from court records, showing how legal loopholes often enable criminals to escape punishment in Texas. Will Wilson is chairman of a special steering committee of the State Bar, which is working for revision of the antiquated Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure in order to eliminate these loopholes.)

Old John had a little money saved up, and he was a kindly old fellow. When Slicker Pete came along with a hard luck story, Old John lent him a hundred dollars. It would be just for a few days, Slicker Pete said. He promised to pay Old John back at the end of the week. Sure enough, when the week ended, Pete wrote out a check to the old gentleman.

But when Old John went to cash the check, he found that Pete not only did not have a hun-

dred dollars in the bank—he did not even have an account there. It was a worthless check, pure and simple, given willfully and intentionally.

But when Slicker Pete was arrested and then prosecuted for passing a worthless check, he was acquitted.

WHY? The laws of Texas require that for a person to be found guilty of passing a hot check, he must have received something of value AT THE TIME the check was given. Pete had received the "something of value"—that is, the hundred dollars—several days before he gave Old John the check.

The State Bar of Texas is now working to close such loopholes in the law so that honest citizens will not be so easily victimized by crooks. The outworn Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure now used in Texas are sorely in need of revision.

LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
 President—Harding College
 Searcy, Arkansas

A SENSIBLE LABOR POLICY

A great labor organization got down to earth the other day with some real thinking on a resolution for the new year. An Associated Press story from Washington dated Dec. 26 said: "The American Federation of Labor today proposed that management and labor get together in 1950 to cut production costs and that labor get a wage increase as its share of the result in saving." That's talking real turkey!

Labor is right in suggesting that employees deserve a share of what is saved when production costs are reduced. I believe that workers ought to have higher wages, when they can produce more goods without increasing costs in other ways. Actually, there is no sound way to increase wages except greater productivity. Our production per man day has now jumped 500 per cent during the past 100 years. That explains today's good wages.

REWARD FOR OUTPUT
 Throughout the industrial history of America, most industries have paid all they could afford to pay in wages. There have been some exceptions. But in general, as productivity increased wages climbed higher. Because of modern methods and good tools productivity per man day has doubled during the past 33 years. The reward for great output and efficiency has been a very high level of wages.

But what's been happening of late? In the past five years wages have been pushed upward by artificial means. Heavy pressure from both unions and government has shoved them upward faster than productivity has increased. Naturally, these methods create dislocations and encourage inflation. I believe we have reached the point where any further steps in that direction would bring unemployment and encourage depression.

A RAY OF HOPE

Now, this AF of L plea that labor join with management to bring down production costs for the purpose of obtaining higher wages is a real ray of hope. It makes exceeding good sense. For example, I am told that in the housing industry the cost of laying brick could be brought 'way down, with the right kind of cooperation of employees and management. Here is a condition that has hurt construction progress and slowed the building of homes throughout the nation.

I understand that a good bricklayer can lay 800 to 1,200 bricks a day without much difficulty. However, a good many builders have told me that the union will allow their bricklayers to put up only 350 to 400 per day. If this

industry represents a fair example of what could be done with full cooperation of labor and management, surely there are great strides to be made in the years ahead toward achieving higher living standards for the people of America.

Experts tell us that America's living standards have advanced in direct proportion to productivity per man day. This simply means that increased production will bring about increases in living standards. My conviction is that good labor-management cooperation could increase productivity per man day another 100 per cent within the next 33 years. This would bring a 100 per cent increase in living standards.

This miracle will happen again, only if labor and management pull together. If they solve our industrial problems in an intelligent way, America will reach higher and higher levels of output. Not only will this cooperation insure plenty of jobs and the goods we need. It will do much to reverse the trend toward statism, which threatens to reduce every American's standard of living to the same low level.

Political Announcements

Charges for publication in this column of The Rankin News:

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For U. S. Representative, 16th Congressional District:
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 For County and District Clerk:
 RALPH H. DAUGHERTY
 (Re-Election)
 For Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Collector:
 H. E. "Gene" ECKOLS
 (Re-Election)
 For County Treasurer:
 MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS
 (Re-Election)

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SALESMEN WANTED
 DON'T WRITE US if you like to punch a time clock and work for the other man. DO WRITE US IF you would like to go into a business of your own, in Upton County and McCamey. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1361-256, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. T. B. McClish

NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN

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 McCamey Texas

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

GREETINGS: Austin, Texas
 Under the terms of the Farm Credit Act passed by Congress in 1933, there are 502 production credit associations in operation over the nation, of which 36 are located in Texas.

The management of these associations was placed in the hands of the members themselves on the theory that only local farmers and ranchmen have the intimate knowledge of the people and their operations that is necessary in making loans that are both safe to the lender and sound to the borrower.

The Farm Credit Act contained provisions for member ownership as well as member-operation on the thesis that people tend to take care of what belongs to them.

Congress supplied the original capital stock to these associations to assist them in getting started in their capacity as retailers of wholesale credit already available through the intermediate credit banks.

Although no definite time limit was set in which the capital was to be returned to the Treasury, the 36 Texas production credit associations, which comprise one of the 12 production credit districts in the nation on December 31, 1949, completed the job of paying back the last dollar of the capital allocated to them, and became the first production credit district in the nation to be completely member-owned.

Over a period of 16 years, the 36 associations in Texas not only raised enough capital to replace the money which has voluntarily been returned to the U. S. Treasury, but have built up about \$15,000,000 as capital and surplus of their own and in the process made an invaluable contribution to the credit structure of Texas agriculture, and have voluntarily relinquished their status as tax-exempt bodies.

The efficient operation of the Texas associations has received national approbation as an example of the American system of free enterprise and initiative.

Representatives of production credit associations over the nation will join with the Texas production credit associations in observance of this event in Houston Jan. 23-25, 1950. THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, hereby designate the period January 22-28, 1950, as

PRODUCTION CREDIT WEEK
 and call upon the people of Texas to join in the observance of this laudatory achievement on the part of the 33,000 farmer-rancher members of the production credit associations of our state.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 31st day of Dec., 1949:

ALLAN SHIVERS, Governor of Texas

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TODD PUBLIC BOOKKEEPING SERVICE

Ten Upton Patients Noted In Release On Special Session

Austin, Texas, January 16.—Figures that bring the significance of the special legislative session to each county were released today by the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools. Commenting on them, Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings, chairman of the board, said, "The problem is not an abstract one," he added: "It concerns every citizen: No one can say when tragedy can strike or what Texan will be the next to enter one of our institutions."

"I call your attention to the accompanying figures, and I suggest that you may want to familiarize yourself further with the situation by discussing it with your state senator or representative." According to the board's current records, there are 10 patients from Upton County in the state hospitals and special schools, distributed as follows: Mental Hospitals—4; Epileptic hospitals, 0; Mentally deficient hospitals, 2; Tuberculosis hospitals, 0; Deaf and blind schools, 0; Orphan home, 4. The cost of caring for these patients for the current year is \$7,760. Appropriations for the institu-

tions will be the business of the state legislature, to be called in a special session by Governor Allan Shivers. The last legislature's appropriation for the operation of the hospitals and schools during the next fiscal year was vetoed by the late Governor Beauford H. Jester when it became apparent that revenues to provide for it were not available.

At the time, Governor Jester indicated that a special legislative session would be required to provide the necessary money for operation of the institutions during the second year of the current biennium.

Also to be considered by the legislature is an appropriation to expand the hospitals and schools, which are now, according to several surveys, over-crowded and inadequately staffed.

"Dub" Oney Reported Improved This Week

The condition of "Dub" Oney who was seriously injured January 11, when he was knocked from a 40 foot pole when doing connectin work on a job near the Shell tank farm just west of McCamey was reported to be slightly improved this week.

Oney suffered slight burns, a fractured collarbone and a broken spine. He was moved to the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo on Friday and underwent spinal surgery Saturday.

Citizens Committee Named To Investigate Foreign Crude Imports

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—From every part of Texas came messages of praise for the action of Railroad Commission Chairman William J. Murray, Jr., in launching a Citizens Committee "charged with the responsibility of investigating the economic impact, both present and future, of excessive importation of crude oil and acquainting the citizens of Texas with the threat of physical waste of their natural resources and the threat to their schools and universities, their private businesses and jobs."

Named to head the Citizens Committee were E. J. McCurdy of Fort Worth, Chairman, and Dr. T. S. Painter, President of the University of Texas, Co-Chairman.

"We as independent producers and land owners of Texas hail, we this action on the part of the Chairman of our oil and gas conservation body as one vital to the welfare of the entire State and Nation" said G. I. Warren, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association. In pledging TIPRO support of the Committee, Warren offered the full facilities and resources of the Association.

"Too long this problem has been thought to be one affecting only the oil industry. In appointing a 'Citizens Committee' with representatives from every segment of the Texas economy, Commissioner Murray has made a tremendous contribution to the understanding of the real nature of the import problem."

"Despite the fact that Texas has increased its oil producing ability by 484 new fields and a net gain of 6196 new wells during 1949, its January crude production will be some 500,000 barrels per day less than January of last year, (representing a daily loss to the state, producers and royalty owners of about \$1,250,000.) As imports rise, (already at the 800,000 barrels per day) crude allowances here have to be cut back to prevent excessive above ground accumulations and consequent waste. Texas' 116,000 oil wells, which Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson says could produce 3,000,000 barrels daily without waste, are allowed only 2,000,000 barrels daily production.

"On the national level, crude production in 1949 declined 8.5 percent while crude output in the

rest of the world jumped by 9 percent. Crude production in the world outside the U. S. rose to 4,123,000 barrels daily, as compared with 3,819,000 in 1948; in the U. S. production dropped by an average of 469,000 barrels daily.

"Accounting for this was the fact that U. S. exports fell while imports increased. Exports for 1949 were at the rate of 325,000 barrels daily, compared with 368,000 last year and 450,000 in 1947. Imports jumped to a 1949 daily average of 638,000 barrels, compared with 513,000 last year, and 436,000 two years ago.

"This nation's oil wells are permitted an average daily flow of 12.6 barrels as compared with 3,000 to 15,000 barrels daily of foreign wells where no conservation agencies exist. If the current world-wide surplus of oil is permitted to flood the domestic market, the U. S. will become a have-not nation with respect to war-vital oil in a very short time. Approximately three-fourths of the nation's 440,000 flowing wells are marginal wells which will have to be abandoned permanently soon if some curb is not placed on petroleum imports.

"It was with a full understanding of the problem, then, that Commissioner Murray said in making the announcement that the problem is not one facing the oil industry alone but is a crisis to all Texans."

Be Careful In Using Heaters In Your Home

AUSTIN—By the time you are aware that heater weather has definitely hit Texas.

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox, commenting on the above-mentioned fact, said Thursday there is no doubt that carbon monoxide—associated with gas heaters—is one of the most lethal and least publicized of all the poisonous gases.

Carbon monoxide, the doctor explained, is formed when there is not enough oxygen mixed with burning gas, or when the design or operation of gas burning equipment is faulty.

"With a toxicity comparable to the gases used in warfare, not enough attention is paid to the deadly effect of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide," the veteran health officer said. He indicated that carbon monoxide claims more than its fair share of accidental deaths in Texas, but for some inexplicable reason, it is not held in the same perspective as other accidents.

Dr. Cox believes this "killer" is due an explanation, and makes the following recommendations for users of gas heaters:

1. Make sure the heater is properly adjusted, by a gas service man if possible.
2. Use metal tubing for connecting the stove to the gas line, and check for leaks before the stove is used.
3. Always ventilate a room where a heater is burning. Even if no carbon monoxide is being formed, oxygen is being used.
4. Never operate a stove at its highest burning rate.
5. Do not use propane or butane in a heater designed for natural gas.
6. Never let the stove burn all night. When other people using the same fuel line turn their stoves off, the line pressure will increase, and the flame of the burning stove will increase to the point where carbon monoxide may be produced.

Carbon monoxide expelled by an automobile exhaust is a big health hazard in winter, too, Dr. Cox warned. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been listed as a highway death, when carbon monoxide was really the killing agent.

Food Leaders Training School Held In Rankin Monday

Attending the Food Leaders Training School held in Rankin Monday as representatives of the McCamey Demonstration Clubs were Mmes. J. W. C. Hayes, Lovie Burnett, G. W. Huffman and J. R. O'Callaghan.

The demonstration consisted of a comparison of the nutritional values of whole grain cereals and other cereals; how to study the information labels on packages and proper storages of cereals in the homemakers kitchen. Food leaders who attended the training school will bring this demonstration to their home clubs at the next meeting.



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SAUCY SOPHOMORE

The saucy sophomore for this week is the one and only (thank goodness) Jean Shaw. She was born Nov. 17, 1934, in San Angelo, Texas. She has brown eyes and hair. She is 5'3 1/2" tall and weighs 110 pounds. Her likes are many and her dislikes are few. Some of her likes are: Girls basketball; color, green; food, Chinese food; subject, Homemaking; favorite drink, chocolate milkshakes. Her dislikes are: English, liars, catty people, gum smackers, getting up early, working.

Jean is noted for her wonderful personality. She was reporter for the paper last year and she is on the paper and annual staff this year.

We are very glad to have her in our class.

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Students Hit Parade

So Tired—All the girls to the dishes.
You're So Mean To Me—All the girls to Jackie.
Those Little White Lies—Jean to Chock.
You're Breaking My Heart—Chock to Jean.
You're So Understanding—Harry to Wanda.
Where Are You?—Marlene to J. D.
Muletrain—Volleyball girls to Cindy.
I Love You Because—JoVeta to Don.
Ain't You Ever Coming Back—Eighth grade girls to Betty Ann.
Where ARE You—Nola to Don Murphy.
Where Are You—JoVeta to the typewriter keys.
Blues, Stay Away rom Me—Mary Alice and Marlene Holmes.
Ain't Got Nobody—Ava D.
Dreamers Holiday—Ann to Jimmy.
My Happiness—Jerry to Punk.
I Love You Truly—Lyn to Toad.
Kiss Me Once—Esther to Dan W.
Let Me Call You Sweetheart—Demeris to Louie.
I Love You So Much—Marva to Zack.
Knuckleheads—Mr. Shiller to Eighth Graders.
Hadeool Boogie—Marlene and Mary Alice to their drums.
I'm Walking the Floor Over You—Mona Sue to Grover Lee.
Kiss Me Once—Myra to Pudgy.
Slipping Around—All the kids after 12 o'clock.
Honey, Do You Think It's Wrong—Students to Mrs. Schmidt.
A You're Adorable—to Barbara from gym class.

WHAT IF—

The girls smacked gum during their Algebra I mid-term exam. Winnie loved Algebra. Paul had little feet.
What if Mona Sue was tall. "Goose" had a crush on Sherry. Mr. Stuart gave long tests. What if the boys beat on the girls and vice-versa. Pudge was an idiot. What if the band has some new books. What if Elbert is interested in someone in Big Lake. The junior girls needed new suits. Esther played volleyball with her feet. The eighth graders would get smart. (In lessons, that is). Some of the eighth grade girls liked to play Cowboys. Gaynelle was mean as the dickens. Nola got Don M's jacket the second day. The junior team had a banquet. Barbara A. and Betty Ann moved. Mr. Shiller was tough as a boat. The Christmas holidays made everyone lazy. Wanda really knew how to sew. Jimmy hit Ann in the back with a hammer. (OUCH). It got chilly in "Dear Ole Rankin." Ann and Jimmy, Punk and Jerry were still lovers. Lawanda flirted with other girls' boyfriends. Flu, Stay Away From Me—Ruthie. Forever and Ever—Don to JoVeta.

COWBOYS DEFEAT "DEVILS"

The Devils went to Grandfalls Tuesday night to get defeated by not making enough free throws. The score was 28 to 36 for Grandfalls. In the last few minutes a Cowboy took a swing at Harry Yocham but didn't connect. The B score were also defeated by a score of 28 to 20. The Rankin Red Devils will attend an invitational tournament Friday at Big Lake and we wish them luck. The lineup was:

A
Boogie McSpaddin, C.
Dee Aun Gamblin, F.
Archie Broyles, F.
Elbert Echols, G.
Norman Yocham, G.
B
Paul Johnson, C.
Marvin L. F.
Aaron, L. F.
Jackie Stewart, G.
Bill Hurn, G.

Rankin V. B. Girls Defeated By Imperial

The Rankin volleyball girls went down fighting last Thursday, Jan. 12, at Imperial. The starting lineups were:

A GAME:
Ruthie Elliott
Jean Shaw
Jo Veta Yocham
Maetta Higgins
Mona Sue Branch
Imogene Sanders
Substitutes:
Marlene Holmes
Wanda Burleson
B GAME:
Virginia Godsey
Marjorie White
Myra James
Joy Ward
Wanda Burleson
Lawanda McDaniels
Substitutes:
Barbara McSpaddin
Anne Shaw
Nola Boyd
Shirley Broyles
Marva LaFon
Mary Alice Bean
Substitutes:
Evelyn Echols

The girls did very well although they did lose all three games.

WHAT IS A BOY?

Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colors. They are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

A boy has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Sunday mornings and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday School, company, schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise or so late to supper. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, two gumdrops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance and a genuine superionic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss and your master — a freckle-faced, pint-sized bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them with two words—"Hi! Dad!"

It was a busy week for Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman of Independence, Missouri—the week that young Linda Marie joined them.

Busy week, too, for the Bowman telephone. As Mrs. Bowman reports, "We use the telephone a lot from day to day, but we never stopped to think how helpful it really is, until we kept a record of calls. We averaged our bill—and were really surprised at the low cost—about 2¢ a local call!"

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"John and Mother kept our telephone record for me. I'm finishing it now. Reading it back makes me realize how much we depend on our telephone—and how little it costs!"



"Mrs. Dawson called Tuesday to give me her recipe for blackberry jelly. I made 13 glasses!"

"Then early Wednesday morning we knew the stork was on his way. Mother called the doctor."



"John got the cab, while Mother packed. Within minutes we were off!"



"Mother called everyone we knew, as soon as they were up. Karen and Sharon, our other daughters, were trying to get in their two cents worth, too, of course."



it's a GIRL!

English Grade Question Of The Week

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST IN 1949?

Esther—Don W. and still does.
Ann—Going with Jimmy Y.
Jimmy—Lovin' Ann.
Jerry—Punkin.
Punkin—Jerry.
Demeris—Moving to Rankin and meeting Fiddle.
Loretta—Going with McClelland Haines.
Nola—Don M.
Marva—Zack.
Beth—Being mean.
Dan T.—Football.
Evelyn—Going steady with Toad.
De Wayne—Summer.
Dean W.—Summer.
Mary Alice—Trip to New York City.
John L.—Coming back to Rankin.
Joe—Playing football.
Shirley—Summer.
James M.—Summer.
Ava D.—Summer.
Amaryllis—Summer.
Kenneth—Summer.
Richard—Summer.
Alfred—Nothing.
Dan B.—I can't say that.
Mr. Shiller—When the eighth grades didn't bother me (that must have been summer).

HELPFUL HINTS

BY MYRNA HOLMAN
Home Demonstration Agent
REST PERIOD FOR POINSETTIAS

When the handsomest leaves of the Christmas poinsettia plant drop soon after the holidays, many a housewife sadly—and mistakenly—concludes that the plant is dying and discards it. This may be unfortunate, because the dropping of the leaves after blooming indicates that the plant is going into its normal rest period which should last until about the first of May. With a little care the plant may be kept in good condition for blooming next year.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place and water only sparingly. About the first of May, the plant may be cut back to remove excess old wood and make it more shapely. Shake of the old soil and re-pot in a mixture of about 3 parts garden loam, 1 part well-rotted manure and 1 part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding, and provide for good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out. Set the plant outdoors in a little shade. Leave the plant outdoors until fall when nights become cool. Then bring indoors to a window where there is a good light and air, slightly cool, and no draft. Regular watering so that the soil never dries out is essential. An application of liquid manure every week is of benefit. Keep the plant dark at night because artificial light may cause unsatisfactory flowering.

Poinsettias cannot stand frost, may drop their leaves from drafts or too much warmth.

FRESH PRUNE JUICE

Ever wonder why fresh prune juice is not on markets along with the popular juice made from dried prunes? After years of working to find a practical way of extracting juice from fresh prunes, food technologists at the California Experiment Station announce success.

The technologists recently found a method by which the prunes would prove a good yield of red to deep pink juice with rich, fresh prune flavor. The juice is easily preserved by pasteurizing in cans or bottles, or by freezing.

THIS WEEK

Home Demonstration meetings scheduled for the coming week are: Garden H. D. Club, Wednesday, Jan. 25, and McCamey H. D. Club, Friday, Jan. 27. The groups will meet at the Park Building. Food leaders will conduct a program on Food Values and Purchase of Cereal Products. The public is invited.

The McCamey 4-H Club will meet on Thursday morning, Jan. 26, to complete plans for the Livestock Show Food Booth. The Council Exhibit Committee will also meet on Thursday morning. The Rankin 4-H Club will hold their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 23. This group is enjoying a chili supper on Friday, January 20.

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Rheumatic Fever Takes High Toll In Texas

Rheumatic fever causes more deaths than any other disease in children of school age, declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The first attack usually occurs in children at the age when they are in the first or second grade and recurrences are most common up to the age when children are leaving high school. The insidious onset of so many cases during the school year suggests that teachers and others in daily contact with school children should be aware of early signs and symptoms which may mean acute rheumatic fever. Dr. Cox said, "There should be more and improved examinations of school children by physicians with time enough for the nurse or teacher and parents to plan with the physician for any needed medical attention. School absence due to illness or vague disorders, if investigated may disclose early cases of rheu-

matic fever. Teachers need to be more alert to visible signs and symptoms suggestive of substantial health. Among these signs and symptoms which should bring children to the attention of teacher or parents are: Failure to gain weight; pallor; poor appetite, fatigue; frequent colds and sore throats; scarlet fever or any known streptococcal infection; unexplained nosebleeds; unexplained fever; pain in arms, legs and joints; unusual restlessness; history of previous rheumatic fever; behavior changes; decreasing achievements in school by a child who has previously done well.

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
Supervisors of the McCamey Humble Pipe Line District held their regular monthly meeting at the Methodist Church Annex Thursday.

O. E. S. MEETING
The McCamey Order of Eastern Star held their regular meeting this week with 18 members and two visitors present.



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