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Kathryn Secret P. T. A. Plan Silver Anniversary Program Next Meeting

At Tuesday's meeting of the P. T. A. Executive Board, plans were discussed for the Silver Anniversary program which will be held at the next regular meeting of the association. This special observance, which is an annual affair, will be on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 3 o'clock in the high school building. The board voted to donate all

bingo prizes on hand from former benefits to the March of Dimes party held in the Upton County Park Building Wednesday night, Feb. 1. Announcement is also being made by the executive board that all P. T. A. members will be asked to donate to a fund for the National P. T. A. office building to be erected in Chicago, Ill.



Characters having parts in the specialty numbers at the Buttons and Bows Tacky Square Dance held last Friday night in Crane.

The group will bring the feature to the March of Dimes Dance at the McCamey Park Building Saturday night. Front row: Ellen Walling and Sandra Russell, "Gold Dust Twins" and Donnie Tomlinson. Second row: Mrs. Fred Westmoreland, Mrs. S. S. Bangman, Mrs. P. O. Vines and Mrs. Roy Moore. Third row: Fred Westmoreland, Bob and Mrs. Hester, S. S. Bangman, and P. O. Vines.—Photo by Tomlinson

Regan Seeks Import Curb On Foreign Oil

Seriousness of the rising tide of imports on the economy of Texas and other oil producing states and particularly this area brought a deluge of requests from Ken Regan, Congressman from the 16th District, that something be done in favor of domestic producers.

Regan, in reply to a letter from Midland oil man last week, said the matter of oil imports had given him much concern ever since the first allocation of pipe for the Mediterranean area about two years ago and that imports are now reaching the point where we are getting considerable support among members of Congress to pass legislation that will definitely curb imports.

Regan is working with a committee of seven headed by Rep. Gossett of Wichita Falls as chairman that was set up last summer to study oil imports.

Regan also stressed the further curbing of the loss of foreign customers for petroleum products before manufactured in the U. S. if foreign refineries take over this market. "This will mean less in employment of refinery workers who have been furnishing these products and an additional loss of 250 to 500 thousand barrels a day of domestic crude oil refined products," Regan said.

The Congressman from this area is not sure the proposed 1.00 barrel tariff is the answer. "First," his letter said, "I believe the president would veto such a tariff, and secondly, I doubt that it would accomplish the purpose as the eastern wells are being run open and the transportation of our shores is not much greater in hauling oil from our Gulf fields around to the east coast."

"I am hopeful," his letter concluded, "that we may have some bill that would hold down imports to that quantity necessary to meet our domestic demands which could not be supplied by our domestic production through normal conservation practices without shutdown days."

"I realize how very serious this matter is to us, not only in West Texas but the entire State of Texas and the nation, and you will be sure of my efforts to bring about some corrective legislation," Regan concluded.

Ms. Walton Herral Hostess To W.S.C.S.

Ms. Walton Herral was hostess today afternoon to the Rankin W.S.C.S. at her home. Each guest brought something useful for the church kitchen and plans were made to make the kitchen serve useful in the expanding program of the church.

A letter of thanks for a Christmas blanket, presented to her by the society, was read by Guilla Bettis Miller and a Christmas card was displayed in a family in Poland whom group has helped. Several refreshments were served to: D. O. McEwen, Don Cochran, S. H. Boyd, W. O. Adams, J. P. Carter, B. B. Brown, D. S. Johnson, R. H. Johnson, J. L. Goodwin, Bruce McGill, R. L. Young, Ross Wheeler, E. D. Shaw and Campbell White.

McEwen Announces For Commissioner Of Precinct 2 This Week

D. O. McEwen, present Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2, announced this week that he would be a candidate for the post of Commissioner of Precinct 2 during the coming Democratic primary election in July. In making the announcement, Mr. McEwen pledged a progressive program of road work and in administrative affairs of the office. He asked the support of his friends during the coming months preceding the election. Mr. McEwen has been a resident of Rankin for seven years, is married and has four children.

CAR LICENSE SALE STARTS IN UPTON DURING PAST WEEK

Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols announced this week that the sale of car registration licenses began on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Upton County, and would continue through March 31.

The deadline for securing and placing of licenses on vehicles is midnight of the above date.

The license for 1950 have a black background with gold lettering. They are the same size as last year's plates. The Upton County series will range between BN-1250 and BN-2799.

In making the announcement, Sheriff Eckols reminded owners of vehicles to bring along their certificate of title and last year's registration receipt.

A representative from the office will maintain temporary offices in McCamey during the last of March for the convenience of car owners in the McCamey area. Persons desiring an early purchase may secure their license from the Sheriff's office at the court house in Rankin.

Ellenburger Wildcat Staked In NW Upton

Location for an Ellenburger wildcat in NW Upton County has been picked. Drilling will be started some time during the next few months.

The prospector will be drilled by Sinclair Oil & Gas Co. and the Magnolia Pet. Co. as their No. 1 G. R. Davis.

Drill site is 660 feet from N&E lines of sec. 20, blk. 41, TP survey, T-5-S. That makes it six and one-half miles SW of the nearest producer from the Ellenburger in the Pegasus multi-pay field along the Upton-Midland County line.

The new exploration is 5 miles SW of Republic Natural Gas Co. and associates No. 1 American Republics Corporation fee, deep wildcat which has shown possibilities of production in both the Fusselman and in the Ellenburger and is now testing in the Fusselman.

Western Dance To Close March of Dimes Drive

The Upton County March of Dimes Drive will be culminated Saturday night with a Western Dance at the McCamey Park Building. This dance will be staged in lieu of the annual formal dances of past years.

Chairman J. T. Wade announced early this week that Bill Ingram was in charge of arrangements for the evening of festivities.

Mr. Ingram stated Wednesday that the Western, or square dance, would begin at 8 p. m. with the admission being set at \$1.50 per couple, or \$1.00 a person.

Music for the evening will be furnished by Lyles Square Dance Band of Crane.

Invitations have been extended to square dance clubs over this section of West Texas, and large crowds are expected from Rankin, Fort Stockton, Grandfalls, Crane, Odessa and Midland.

Mr. Ingram will act as master of ceremonies, with guest callers from Crane, Midland, Odessa and Grandfalls present during the evening.

Upton Is Included In State Maintenance Paving Program

D. C. Greer, state highway engineer, stated this week that the Texas Railway Commission had passed an order calling for \$5,890,000 maintenance program in Texas. Included in the program is approximately 8.3 miles in Upton County, according to the information released.

The asphalt program does not include any new construction. It is a separate program consisting of a high type of Maintenance, to improve existing roads and forestall their deterioration.

The improvement in Upton County will be on U. S. Highway No. 67 from Crane County line to McCamey and from State Highway No. 51 to Rankin. The program in Upton County will cost an estimated \$24,000.

1447 POLL TAXES SOLD IN UPTON

When the January 31 deadline was reached, a total of 1,447 persons had qualified to vote in Upton County by paying their poll tax, according to Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols.

In addition to the sales, a total of 45 exemptions were issued. It was not necessary for persons over 60 years of age secure an exemption in Upton County this year, and with these persons included, the voting strength of Upton County in the coming Democratic Primaries will be in the neighborhood of 1,800.

MOVED TO SNYDER

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Durham who have been in Rankin since last May with the Spiars-Wellis Equipment Company, have been transferred to Snyder. The Durhams left for Snyder Saturday.

Santa Fe Hearing Reset For March 15 By RR Commission

Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher was notified by the Texas Railroad Commission this week that the hearing concerning the discontinuance of Santa Fe Passenger run between San Angelo and Fort Stockton had been postponed from February 15 until March 15. The request for the change of date was made by the protestants in the case. The meeting site is Big Lake,

the site of the original meeting for February. The complete text of the letter received from the Railroad Commission is as follows:

"At the request of the protestants it is ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the above numbered and entitled cause, partially heard at San Angelo, Texas, on December 9, 1949, and December 10, 1949, by agreement of all parties was

Bingo Nets \$400 For March of Dimes; Drive Ends Feb. 4

A bingo party in the Upton County Park Building for the benefit of the March of Dimes netted almost \$400 for the fund Wednesday night. Credit for the party's success goes to Mmes. Ray Boggs, T. L. Stephenson, Clay Taylor, George Stephenson and L. Z. Titsworth.

A number of prizes were donated to the party by the local Par-

ent-Teacher Assn. and were added to a large number given by business men and individuals.

The Yocham Cafe and The City Cafe have each donated a day's "coffee money" to the drive and individual contributions are being taken by the Rankin committee members. Dunn Lowery is chairman of the local committee and others are Ray Boggs, O. R. Adams, Gordon Steele, Jack Walch, Jim Lane, T. L. Stephenson,

Don Rhorick, Tom Workman, R. H. Daugherty and Otho Blount.

The drive was scheduled to end Jan. 31, but as Rankin has not yet reached its quota, the committee has announced that the campaign will run through Saturday of this week, Feb. 5.

Every individual or organization not yet having made their donation is urged to contact one of the committee as soon as possible.

C. H. DOTY DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK

Charles Henry (Cy) Doty died in a physician's office in Rankin at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. He had suffered a heart attack earlier at his home in the Shell Pipeline Upton Station north of Rankin and was carried to Rankin for medical aid.

He was district foreman for Shell Pipeline's Upton Benedum District and resided at the Upton Station since September, 1948.

Mr. Doty was born July 27, 1897, at Winfield, Kansas. He moved with his family to Oklahoma and spent several years in Stroud and Cushing. He moved to Austin in 1929 and lived there for 14 years. He also lived in Goodrich and Kilgore before moving to Upton.

Mr. Doty had been employed by Shell Pipeline for 27 years. He was married to Carrie Tolleson March, 1929, at Chandler, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, holding membership at Cushing.

Survivors besides the widow include one son, Jack Doty of Guthrie, Oklahoma; a stepson, Ken Tolleson of Freeport; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Doty of Cushing, Oklahoma; one brother, Ralph Doty of Tulsa; and one sister, Mrs. Pauline Brady of Springdale, Arkansas.

The body was shipped to Cushing, Okla., where services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. Campbell White Hostess To PTA Group

Seven members of the Kathryn Secretst Parent-Teachers Association attended the covered dish luncheon and study in the home of Mrs. Campbell White in the Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. camp Thursday.

Mrs. White, who is educational director of the association, led the study from "Freedom To Grow," which is published in the National Parent-Teacher Magazine.

"The Pre-School and Adolescent Child" occupied the 3 hours study.

The next study meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Walton Herral on Thursday, Feb. 9. The group will convene at 9 a. m. and will have a covered dish luncheon at noon, with an afternoon session which will adjourn at three o'clock. There will be a study in both the morning and afternoon at the next meeting.

Satin Suits a Star



Elizabeth Scott consults a magazine resort issue on the "What to Wear" question. Wherever she goes, Miss Scott will turn more heads than a tennis match when she sports this new swim suit—a Rose Marie Reid original. Made of bright, elasticized satin, it comes in—cherry cordial, creme de menthe, chausseuse and chalice blue. Miss Scott co-stars in the current release "Paid in Full."

Mrs. Braly Honored At Dinner Program In Rankin Thurs. Night

Honoring Mrs. Ruby Braly of McCamey, the Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club entertained at a dinner-program Thursday night. Mrs. Braly is district director-elect of Dist. 8, B&PW Clubs, State of Texas, having been elected to office at the fall B&PW Conference held in Pecos in November. Accompanying Mrs. Braly were Mrs. Oquilla Holmes, president of the McCamey Club, and Miss Ethie Eagleton of the McCamey school faculty.

The local club's colors of white and yellow were carried out in lovely arrangement on the dinner table. White stock with white and yellow daisies and white candles in silver and crystal holders were used in decoration. The dinner was served in the dining room of the City Cafe.

Following dinner, program chairman Mrs. Searcy Crandell presented Miss Eagleton, who spoke on "International Relations." Miss Eagleton, who has made an extensive study of the subject, brought a most interesting and instructive address to the group.

Vice President Nan Daugherty presented Mrs. Braly and Miss Eagleton gifts from the club in appreciation of their contributions to the furthering of B&PW Club work.

In a short business session, at which President Lelia Workman presided, members were urged to donate individually to the March of Dimes and to pay their poll tax. The club voted a donation of \$15 to the polio fund.

Rankin Seniors Feled With Steak Supper Saturday Night

Mrs. Campbell White and Mrs. Tom Workman took the Seniors of Rankin High on a picnic steak-supper and wiener roast Saturday night. The group cooked their supper at the roadside park five miles east of Rankin and there was an abundance of good "eats". Coach and Mrs. Fitzgerald with their daughters, Jamie and Suzanne were guests. Fitzgerald is sponsor of this year's senior class.

William Taylor Has Heart Attack Here

William Taylor, who is employed on the Noelke Ranch south of Rankin, was taken to San Angelo Tuesday by his brother, Clay, after suffering a heart attack. William remained in San Angelo for treatment.

J. D. Shipp Returns From Hospital

J. D. Shipp, who has been hospitalized in San Angelo as the result of an eye injury was returned to his home on the Elrod Ranch Southeast of Rankin Sunday.

CLEMENS TRANSFERRED TO MONOHANS THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clemens have been transferred from Rankin to Monohans by the Shell Oil Company. Mrs. Clemens and Mrs. Harvey Durham, who recently moved to Snyder, were both employees of the First State Bank of Rankin.

Rankin Rebekah Lodge Honor Mrs. T. H. Blue With Layette Shower

Members of the Rankin Rebekah Lodge, including a number of ladies who live in Texon, were guests at a layette shower for one of their members, Mrs. T. H. Blue, on Monday night. The party was held in the lodge parlors and included a number of friends as well as members. Mrs. Blue was the recipient of a lovely assortment of gifts and refreshments were served.

BORN TO PRICE'S

A baby boy was born early on Tuesday, Jan. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Price in the McCamey hospital. The baby has been named Marcus Wayne.

Political Announcements

Charges for publication in this column of The Rankin News: District and State Offices... \$20.00 County Offices... 10.00 Precinct Offices... 7.50 No refunds to candidates who withdraw.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 22, 1950.

- U. S. Representative, PAUL MOSS
- 16th Congressional District: RALPH H. DAUGHERTY (Re-Election)
- Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Collector: H. E. "Gene" ECKOLS (Re-Election)
- County Attorney: JOHN A. MENEFFEE (Re-Election)
- County Treasurer: MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS (Re-Election)
- Commissioner, Prec. 1: SAM HOLMES (Re-Election)
- Commissioner, Prec. 2: W. J. PRICE (Re-Election)

Benedum Ladies Form Canasta Club At Wednesday Meeting

A canasta club was organized at the Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation Camp in the Benedum Field Wednesday afternoon, when eleven ladies met in the home of Mrs. J. E. Wallace.

The club will meet in the homes each two weeks. Attending Wednesday's organization meeting were Mesdames R. A. Cien-denin, Finley Beckham, J. M. Craig, Campbell White, Larry B. Hooker, Ralph Yancy, Dale Parker, James E. Harrison, J. E. Wallace, F. M. Tucker and Edward Godsey.

Officers elected were Mrs. Yancy, president; Mrs. Wallace, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Tucker, reporter.

Mrs. Preston Patton's Father Seriously Ill

Mrs. Preston Patton returned Saturday from Dallas where her father had undergone surgery last week. The father's condition is reported as being still "serious."

NSLI Checks Includes All Veteran Policies

Leonard St. John, Upton County Service Officer, announced this week that veterans who had two or more insurance policies during their time of service will receive only one National Service Life Insurance dividend check.

St. John explained dividends will be made on the basis of one check per veteran instead of one check per policy.

This was held to be necessary because all accounts of each veteran must be brought together to effect deductions of various types of indebtedness required by law to be offset against the dividend.

St. John reported that many Upton County veterans had already received their dividend check. The highest number reported through the first of the week on the last three important digits was 136.

Doyle Eurlison spent the early part of the week visiting relatives in Leon and Gorman. He returned to Iraan Wednesday.

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Dear John—Winnie to John
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Miss You—Virginia to Fields.
Take Me In Your Arms and Hold Me—Elbert to Lawanda.
A King Without a Queen—Chock to the girls.
Driving Us To Drinking—Choir to Miss Quiet.
Who Do You Love—Boogie to Joy.
Quicksilver—Ted to "Aunt Imogene."
You May Not Be An Angel—Red to Marlene.
Girl of My Dreams—Bobby to Betty Sue.

The Devil's Pitchfork

There were quite a few college students running around last weekend. Jodie Stevenson from Draughton's Business College in Abilene, Fields Branch and Theo Blue from Schreiner in Kerrville, Virginia Still from Texas Tech in Lubbock, and Mary Hurn from Sul Ross in Alpine.
It was heard from Marlene that J. D. was coming back to Rankin this weekend. I hope you get to see him, Marlene.
The seniors seemed to have a good time on their class picnic Saturday night. They all were out at the roadside park. We were sorry that the Still's, including Don, Winnie Kidd and Billy Brown, could not be with us.
The Band had its first right rehearsal Monday night. It is beginning to sound like a new band now.
Everyone seemed to be enjoy-

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ing picnics last week during the monthly T. A. B. party was pretty weather.

held Monday night at Jimmy Workman's home. We all enjoyed being in their home very much. We all wonder what happened to Pudgy and Myra.

Where are all the smiling faces that used to be around RHS before report card day.

Marlene and Red seem to be seeing quite a lot of each other now-a-days.

The Choral is really learning to sing "Muletrain."

Everyone is wishing the weather would stay one way or the other at least for an hour.

Why are the seniors always waving their hands around, could it be the senior rings?

The H. E. II girls are all wondering how they can get paint off themselves.

Looks as if Lawanda McDaniels and Weldon are doing o. k.

Gentry, you and Mayetta surely are getting thick in last period study hall lessons, I guess.

Goose, where did Sherry go? What is this we hear about Pete H. winking at Marjorie White to Ruthie's regret.

Aaron, why do you sit in study hall all by yourself?

Ted, have you heard from the "Mighty Mo" lately?

Nola Grace, why are you so sad looking (could it be because Don M. can't come to school)?

Ruthie, what is the matter with Johnnie Warner? (Could it be that he is a little sophisticated?)

Toad, what's happened to you and Evelyn?

Who is your boy friend, Carolyn? Wallace G. or someone else?

Looks like Chock has started his "lover's whirl" again. Better watch out, girls.

Ted, how did you like those long rides in a "Pontiac"?

Seems as though Betty B. and

Bobby W. are doing o. k.
Joy, why were you so mad in music Tuesday morning?

Senior Picnic

The seniors were honored with a steak fry and wiener roast on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the roadside park.

Everyone had a good time although a few did complain of a full stomach later.

Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. White served potato salad, beans, potato chips, cokes, and fruit, while Mr. Fitzgerald supervised the broiling of steaks and weiners. Then everyone toasted marshmallows.

We regret that three of the seniors could not attend the outing, for everyone enjoyed it very much.

Those present were Imogene Sanders, Ruthie Elliott, Marjorie White, Jo Veta Yocham, Jimmy Workman, Chock Romine, Ted Yocham, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Suzzane and Jamie, Mrs. White and Mrs. Workman.

T. A. B. Party

The monthly T. A. B. party was held Monday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 in the home of Jimmy Workman. Jimmy read several narrative poems.

After the review, sandwiches, cocoa and cookies were served to Bill Hurn, Earl Brown, Virginia Gody, Louise Ward, Chock Romine, Donald White, Jimmy Workman, Betty Sue Bodine, Carolyn Robinson, Weldon Kennedy, Mrs. Schmidt, Lawanda McDaniels, Marjorie White, and Elbert Eckols.

Everyone enjoyed it very much. The next party will be out at Virginia Gody's home some time next month.

SENIOR NEWS

Well, here we are again! We haven't much to report this time, but we will try to tell you all about us since mid-term. We got our English work books today which is a great help, because none of us are very fond of those regular grammar books.

A play which is being held in San Angelo Wednesday, Feb. 1, is being attended by all of the seniors but two. They are looking forward to going very much, so let's hope this awful weather we are having does not stop them.

The name of the play is "You Can't Take It With You."

The seniors had a very nice outing Saturday night. Everyone attended but two. They had hot dogs and a steak fry. They really had fun. Mrs. Workman, Mrs. White, and Mr. and Mrs. Fitz were there. After the party most everybody went to the show.

Rankin Girls Lose Volleyball Games From Imperial

The R. H. S. girls were defeated by Imperial in a three-way tilt on Thursday, Jan. 25. The games were played in the Rankin gym and it was the second non-conference match of the season.

The junior girls played an excellent game against Buena Vista although they came out on the short end of the score.

The B team also did much better than in the first game played and came out with a better score.

The A team girls all tried very hard and put up a fight to the last minute, holding the score down.

Although the scores do not sound very convincing, everyone feels that they were good games and urge the town people to come out to watch the coming matches.

Mrs. Schiller called the games and deserves credit for very fair decisions.

The lineups were as follows: Junior: Gaynelle Black, Ann

Shaw, Nola Boyd, Shirley Broyles, Mary Alice B. and Mary Beth S.
"B": Marlene Holmes, Wanda Burleson, Virginia Gody, Marjorie White, Joy Ward and Barbara Mc.
"A": Mona Sue Branch, Maetta Higgins, Ruthie Elliott, Imogene Sanders, Jean Shaw and Jo Veta Yocham.
Subs: Marlene Holmes, Wanda Burleson and Virginia G.

Weekly Swing of Southwest Markets

Most livestock and other farm products held fairly steady in the face of dull to good demand at southwest and midwest markets last week, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports.

Slow trading clouded Lower Rio Grande Valley fruit and vegetable markets last week as lettuce weakened and cabbage dragged in the face of a firmer tone on grower prices. Broccoli prices lowered as other items held about steady. Citrus met buyer resistance to high prices. New Orleans reported cabbage and sweet potatoes in liberal supply at lower prices. At Denver, winesaps, broccoli and winter squash were stronger as lettuce, Brussel sprouts and cranberries weakened.

Southwest and midwest hay markets faced slow trade last week under the influence of mild weather which permitted pasturage of grain fields and stubble. Fort Worth sold No. 2 New Mexican hay at \$33.95 a ton and No. 2 Arizona hay at \$40.33. Receipts of hay overran demand at Kansas City. In North Texas, feed markets weakened under slow demand.

Mohair advanced four cents in last week's Texas Hill country contracting. Sales for later delivery were made at 61 cents a pound on adult hair and 81 cents on kid. Wool held firm.

Peanuts weakened in southwest trading as shellers restricted shipments in anticipation of improved demand. No 1 shelled Spanish nuts were quoted at 17-1-2 cents a pound in Texas.

Steady prices and slow demand marked rice trading in the southwest. Small rough rice marketings made reliable quotations impossible.

Cattle were mostly steady to strong at major southwest and midwest markets through Friday. But Monday, some classes weakened from 50 cents to \$1. At Fort Worth last week, buyers were aggressive for most classes as yearlings ruled strong and stockers found a ready outlet at stronger prices. Good demand for sausage bulls at San Antonio caused price upturns for this class. Oklahoma City saw stockers and feeders facing a good outlet on country accounts as prices worked up.

Butcher hogs faced active demand at 50 cents to \$1 advances at most southwest and midwest markets. Monday's top prices ranged between \$16 to \$16.50.

Eggs and live poultry, both in

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liberal supply, faced slow to fair demand at southwest markets but no price changes of importance were recorded.

Most grain prices turned downhill this week, except for an advance of 14 1-2 cents per bushel on wheat. From Monday through Monday, corn lost 1 to 2 1-2 cents per bushel, barley 2 cents and sorghums 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Spot cotton markets at Little Rock, New Orleans, Dallas, Galveston and Houston were fairly active last week. Prices moved up and down about 25 to 50 cents per bale. Offerings of equities from farmers increased at \$2 to \$5 per bale.

Released from hospital Mrs. R. D. McSpadden was brought to Rankin Monday from San Angelo where she had been hospitalized the past week. Although improved, Mrs. McSpadden is still confined to bed.

GOOD WEATHER, FEW FISH
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Texas Highway Maps For 1950 Readied By Highway Department

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The new map has been brought up to date to show all of the recent changes in the principal highways of the state. Complete mileage tables are shown.

Twenty-five full color pictures show points of interest in Texas and along the Pan-American highway in Mexico.

The highway department distributed three hundred thousand copies of the 1949 edition. An even larger demand for the new map is anticipated.

Midland Livestock Market Report

Buyers were more plentiful than sellers at Midland's livestock auction sale last Thursday. The market averaged steady with last week. Stocker calves were 50c to \$1.00 higher while canners, cutters and cows were 50c to \$1.00 lower. Cattle receipts were down to 300 head and only a few hogs were offered.

Robert Turner of Midland sold twelve young bulls that averaged 346 pounds for \$25.10 cwt. A group of eleven 3-6 year old cows from Toyah brought \$162 per head.

Fat calves and yearlings sold for \$22 to \$24 with not many choice kinds offered. Medium calves and yearlings went at \$18 to \$22. Medium cows were bought for \$14 to \$16. Canners and cutters moved at \$11.50 to \$14.

Fat bulls sold for \$17 and \$18 and medium bulls went at \$15 to \$17. Stocker steer calves were bid in at \$25 to \$27.50, the higher price going for a few good light weights. Stocker yearling steers

sold for \$21 to \$23.50. Stock heifer calves brought \$23.50 to \$25.50.

Principal buyers were M. Rhodes, Lamesa and Barefoot at Black of El Paso. Largest consigners was J. T. Marchant of Marland. Jerry Cowden of Crawford and D. F. Parker of McCamey were consigners at the sale.

MOTHER ILL
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S. E. Etheridge Dies Suddenly Monday At His Home

Silas Evans Etheridge, age 62, superintendent of the Jim Robbins Farms near McCamey died suddenly Monday about 2:00 o'clock after suffering a heart attack.

The body was taken overland by the Jacobsen Funeral Home Tuesday to Eldorado where services are to be held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Etheridge had lived in Eldorado most of his life before moving here a few years ago.

The Rev. J. M. Hayes, pastor of the Eldorado cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Mr. Etheridge was born in Livingston May 3, 1907. He spent his boyhood days there. He moved with his family to Colbert and later to Eldorado in 1927.

He married Miss Ethel Enoch Dec. 19 in San Angelo sixteen years ago.

He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include the wife, two sons, S. E. III, and Eddie all of McCamey, father, S. E., Sr., of San Angelo, two brothers in Eldorado and one in Lampasas, and one sister of Eldorado. Mrs. R. L. Brown of McCamey was his cousin.

Pallbearers were Earnest Finkigan, Billy Frank Meador, Jack Jones, Rex White, all of Eldorado and Phillip Robbins, Red Jones, Quinn Sharp and T. L. George, all of McCamey.

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