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On Display At Hogan Motor Company Saturday



Featuring improvements which produce unprecedented roadability and riding qualities, the beautifully redesigned 1951 line of Plymouth cars have numerous mechanical improvements and have retained their traditional roominess. Shown above is Plymouth's four-door Cranbrook sedan. New models will be on display at Hogan Motor Company in Rankin and Crane Motor Company in Crane on Saturday.

New Plymouth Combines Beauty and Riding Ease

Detroit, Mich.—Spectacular new qualities which produce driving and riding ease heretofore unknown in automobiles of any price feature the new line of Plymouth cars. Combining smart new body lines with unprecedented interior luxury, the new Plymouth will go on display in dealer showrooms throughout the United States Saturday, Jan. 13.

Designers have given the Plymouth a striking new silhouette, and refinements in the interior are innovations in the lowest price field. The styling improvements retain the traditional roominess of the cars.

Easier to drive and more comfortable, the new cars have greater beauty, more safety features and broader ranges of vision than ever before.

Engineers say the new "Safety-Flow ride" takes the bounce and wallow out of bumps. A new application of hydraulic flow control in the shock absorbers provides a more gradual change of resistance during spring deflections and thus a softer ride when driving on average roads. It also exerts extra resistance on rough roads to a degree where driver and passengers are almost completely freed of the discomfort of being jolted around.

The "Safety-Flow ride" is one of the greatest contributions to driving comfort and safety in recent years, according to D. S. Eddins, president of Plymouth Motor Corp.

"The new Plymouth gives you roadability never before offered in any car," he said. "There is no necessity for steering wheel fatigue or control the car on difficult roads. The driver is no longer required to focus full attention on the condition of the road. He may be more watchful of oncoming traffic, pedestrians, curves, crossroads and other potential hazards."

Eddins called the new development a major step toward restful motoring. More confidence is gained by driving or riding in a new Plymouth with the "Safety-Flow ride," and as a result there is less driver and passenger fatigue, he said.

The lines of the new Plymouth

have been beautified. An appearance of massiveness combined with smart streamlining is induced by a new grille, beautifully redesigned front fenders and hood, a wider windshield and a larger rear window. Narrower windshield pillars together with the wider windshield provide additional lateral vision. To utilize fully the greater vision through the new rear window, the rear view mirror is two inches wider. The chair-height front seat and the new design of hood and front fenders permit the driver to see the road nearer the car.

There are numerous mechanical improvements. Windshield wipers are electrically operated, and are of the single-speed, self-parking type.

A unique pressure-vent radiator cap, which has been added as standard equipment, permits the cooling system to be operated at atmospheric pressure during normal driving conditions. Under high-load, high-temperature driving conditions, the new radiator cap provides a pressurized cooling system to allow high coolant temperature without boiling or loss of anti-freeze.

All Plymouth engines now have a built-in by-pass cooling system permitting water circulation and resulting in more uniform temperature throughout the engine during the warm-up period. The new system consists of a passage in the cylinder head and block providing direct access to the water pump, and a choke-type thermostat to regulate coolant flow to the radiator.

The generator output has been raised to 45 amperes, an increase of five amperes, providing greater electrical capacity for the operation of car accessories. The new hand brake "T" control handle is more accessible, and, as on former models, it operates independently of the foot brake as an added safety measure.

In the convertible club coupe, the spare tire is mounted vertically as in other coupe and sedan models, rather than on the trunk floor.

The new Plymouth interiors offer the finest selection of upholstery and trim and the most harmonious color

schemes in the company's history. The colors which have been chosen provide throughout the interior a pleasing combination of shades in harmony with the car's exterior color. Designers say the interior is an unparalleled achievement in combining practicality with luxury. Always noted for spaciousness, Plymouth now has even more head room and more room to stretch out in comfort in the rear seat.

To go with the high quality of the upholstery, there is a handsome new instrument panel which features a more convenient grouping of controls, newly shaped instruments and improved coloring and lettering for easier checking while driving.

The wide, deep chair-height seats, the ease of entrance and exit, and all the other traditional Plymouth features for driver and passenger comfort have been retained.

There are nine body-types in the new Plymouth line: the Concord series includes a two-door sedan and a three-passenger coupe as well as the two all-metal utility models, the Suburban and the Savoy; the Cambridge series has a four-door sedan and a club coupe; and the Cranbrook series includes a four-door sedan, a club coupe, and a convertible club coupe.

The Suburban and the Savoy, with their smart, distinctive lines are all-purpose vehicles. They have the beauty and comfort of a sedan, and by simply lowering the rear seat flush with the floor they become sturdy cargo carriers for farmers, salesmen, sportsmen, tourists or others who require large cargo capacity. The Savoy, called the "country-club companion" of the Suburban, provides a greater variety of luxurious interior appointments and more exterior refinements to enhance the car's striking appearance.

Among the "high-priced car" features which are retained are six-cylinder, 97-horsepower engine with a 7 to 1 compression ratio, the combination ignition and starter switch, automatic electric choke, super-cushion tires, safe-guard hydraulic brakes, and safety-rim wheels.

Highway Department Sees Long Delay In Midland-McCamey Road

According to a letter received by Upton County Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher from D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, the proposed road from McCamey to Midland, with connecting links to Rankin and Crane, will require a number of years for completion through the allocation of funds from the Secondary Highway Program available to the counties concerned.

The letter was written in reference to the hearing given the delegations from Upton, Crane and Midland counties by the State Highway Commission on December 19.

The letter stated that the proposed road would receive further consideration prior to final formulation of the Secondary Highway Program by the commission.

The approximate length of the road was placed at 64 miles by Greer.

The letter expressed the "sincere appreciation of the nice presentation made at the hearing by members of the delegation."

Lloyd Horton Charged With Forgery Count

Lloyd Horton, 22, was arrested in downtown Odessa last Friday by Upton and Ector county officers and was returned to Rankin where he was lodged in the Upton County jail and will face a forgery charge filed last week in Justice Court, Prec. 3.

He was sought by Upton County officers in connection with the forgery of company checks of the National Supply Co. in McCamey where he had been an employee, prior to his disappearance during the holidays.

The charge will come before the grand jury of the 112th District Court to convene in Rankin Feb. 12.

14 Goes To Army, 10 More Leave For Physicals This Week

Local Board No. 121 serving Upton, Crane and Reagan counties were kept doubly busy this week as they processed 10 men for physical examinations and got them on the road Tuesday, handled 14 men on Wednesday who reported for induction, and prepared to send 10 more men for physical examinations on January 15.

On Tuesday ten men left for the Abilene Induction Station for examination. Part of those on the order were in school or lived elsewhere and reported from their present residences. Those to report and their present homes were Billy D. Lively, Harold F. Lowery and Robert W. Kelton, all of Crane; Harold Kleinman and Robert K. Gregory of Austin; Howard D. Christian, Abilene; Frank K. Driskill and Jack A. Perry of McCamey; Denver E. Wood, Lampasas; and Newell C. Dameron of Big Lake.

Those leaving for induction on Wednesday were Jimmy M. Glenn, Charles J. Mulkey, Rommy L. Parrot, James A. Zarafonitis, and Paul G. Simon of Crane; A. J. Jolly, Jr., Lynn E. Dixon, Albert Bruhn and Billy B. Phillips of Big Lake; Edwin B. Isbell of Texon; Wm. R. Conger, Donald R. Coplen and George C. Brooks of McCamey; and Frank H. Smith of Rankin.

Fourteen more men are scheduled to make the trip to Abilene for their physicals on Jan. 15, while there are no more calls for

SON TO SMITH'S

A baby boy, who has been named John Lewis, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Smith. The Smiths are now living in Oregon. Mrs. Gertrude Smith, paternal grandmother of the baby, has been visiting her son and family since early in December.

The Smiths have one other child, Wanda Jean, aged about three.

Poll Tax Payments Slow, Report Shows

A report from the office of H. E. "Gene" Eckols, Upton County Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector, showed that only some fifty poll taxes had been paid by Monday of this week, with only 19 days remaining for payment from Wednesday, Jan. 24, through the last day of the month for the collection of ad valorem taxes and selling poll taxes for the convenience of those persons residing in and near McCamey.

Meanwhile, he urged all persons who could, to pay their taxes at his office in the court house in Rankin and avoid the last minute rush.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Little Lonnie Ferrell was ill several days recently in the Cooper Hospital at McCamey. He was brought home to Rankin on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. F. Wilkes of El Paso, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Edwards, left Thursday to return to her home.

County Attorney's Office Shows Decline of Misdemeanors In 1950

A report from the office of County Attorney John A. Menefee showed that a total of 73 cases were filed in 1950 in Upton County Court, with 23 cases pending the February term of the County Court.

A breakdown of the cases show a marked decrease in the number of misdemeanors in the county, in comparison with the previous year. Probably the most noticeable decrease is in the number of charges of drinking while under the influence of intoxicating liquor (DWI).

During the past year, only 41 charges were filed, some 20 less than in 1949. Of the 41 cases filed last year, 35 of the violators were assessed penalties ranging from ten days in jail and a \$50 fine, to six months in jail. Six DWI counts will come before the

February term of the county court.

Of the remainder of the charges filed, the following figures reflect the disposal of the cases, number pending, and the penalty range of the offense.

On aggravated assault, two cases were filed, with two convictions, both for 30 days in jail, a \$50 fine plus costs.

Two convictions on charge of driving while license suspended, there were two convictions, both receiving penalties of \$25 fine plus costs.

Two convictions on the charge of pistol-carrying brought fines of \$100 plus costs.

A total of 25 counts on worthless checks were filed, with nine convictions and 16 pending.

One charge of negligent homicide is pending.

County Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher presides over County Court, and with close work with the County Attorney's office, has brought about swift action in most of these cases. The decrease in the number of DWI charges should be attributed to jurors and the County Judge for being consistent in assessing jail terms upon a conviction for that charge, along with the prosecution handled by the County Attorney.

Because of the policy of strict prosecutions, along with handing down of jail sentences, no doubt many possible violators have been led to follow a closer observance of the law.

The next term of County Court will be held in February, and most cases pending on the docket at the present time will be disposed of during that term of court.



Marine Gordon Lee Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Patterson of Rankin, is now serving overseas in the Far East area.

Home Demonstration Agent Years Report On Upton Activities

Thirty training meetings were held for training local leaders and committees in home demonstration work during 1950 in Upton County, the total attendance being 251.

Extension Service headquarters feel that the public is interested in a summary of the year's activities, so here's the rest of the figures.

Fifty-seven method demonstrations were given by the agent to adults with 664 attending, and 48 to 4-H clubs with 715 attending. Thirty-two other meetings were attended by the agent with an overall attendance of 3094. Sixty-nine meetings were held without the agent with 816 in attendance.

226 home visits were made, 314 office and phone calls answered, 90 news articles prepared, and about 500 bulletins distributed.

The two major demonstrations were clothing and cereal phase of the food program. For 1951 they are clothing and vegetable phase of the food program. The work has been carried on through the McCamey HD Club, the Garden HD Club, the McCamey 4-H Club, the Rankin 4-H Club, all of which meet regularly twice each month; the Upton County HD Council meeting monthly; and the Rankin Committee who have met at intervals.

The HD Clubs are open to anyone who cares to attend and no invitation is needed. One meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and the other on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The series of demonstrations planned for February and March deal with the cutting, marking, sewing and finishing of woollen materials in making a wool dress. This series leads up to a tailoring program to be given in the fall.

Mrs. Clint Shaw In San Angelo Hospital

Mrs. Clint Shaw is a medical patient in St. John's Hospital, in San Angelo this week. Her condition is said to be satisfactory.

Local March of Dimes Drive To Open Tuesday

W. K. "Bill" Ramsey, Drive Chairman, announced this week that the annual March of Dimes drive would open in Upton County Tuesday, January 16 with a quota of \$2,000 to be reached by the close of the drive on January 31.

Ramsey announced that H. E. Sharp would head the McCamey drive, and would be assisted by several McCamey businessmen in the opening day of the drive, while Clay Taylor would lead the March of Dimes push at Rankin, to be assisted by Dunn Lowery and Raipa Daugherty. Also on Tuesday, helpers will

distribute some 50 small sized Iron Lungs over the county in various business houses to be reminders, and collectors, from donors who might not be reached otherwise during the drive.

Details of the full two weeks drive had not been completed this week, but Ramsey said that some other events were expected to be held before the end of the month to help give the drive a "boost" and put it over the top.

He explained that the quota was set by the National Foundation, and is based on a contribution of 40c per capita.

J. T. Wade is chairman of the Upton County March of Dimes.

New Locations Made In Rankin Oil Fields

The staking of two Spraberry wildcats in the NW edge of the Benedum multiple pay field, and the registering of a 3-4 mile NW extension to the Pembroke (Spraberry) field highlighted Upton County developments Wednesday.

Blackwood & Nichols Co. of Midland will start operations at once on the two slated 7,750 foot Spraberry tests. Locations will be in sec. 2, EL&RR survey, 12 miles north of Rankin.

The firm's No. 1 W. L. Pickens and others will be 528 from the south, 833.3 feet from the west line of sec. 2, and 1503 feet east and slightly south of the same operator's No. 1 Humble-Eager project which is testing the Spraberry.

About 3-4 of a mile east, the Midland Company's No. 1 W. E. Gresham and others will be 660 feet out of the SE corner of the section.

Registering the fourth producer in the Pembroke field and a 3-4 mile NW extension to the field, Havenstrie Oil Co. No. 1A Pembroke-Beal was finalized for a 24-hour flow of 182.92 barrels of 37 gravity oil plus two per cent water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,112-1. Production was through a 40-64 inch tubing choke and from open hole between 7063 feet, where 5 1-2 inch casing was set, and 7177 ft., the total depth. With ground elevation 2713 ft., the producer is 1980 from the north, 660 from the east line of sec. 20-HE&WT survey.

H. S. Russell and others of Midland No. 1 Russell-Beal, projected to 8000 ft., with rotary and scheduled to begin at once in the Pembroke field, will be 660 ft. out of NE corner of the 277.3 acre lease in SW 1-4 of Block X, C. C. DeWitt survey. Elevation is 2676.5 feet.

Cities Service and Continental No. 1-AH U. Spraberry and Ellenburger discovery in eastern part of the county in sec. 29-3-U, cemented 5 1-2 inch casing at 10,950 ft. in the Ellenburger, topped

at 10,723 ft., 7171 ft. below sea level. It was plugged back from 11,261 ft. to the casing seat. Perforating and testing the Ellenburger was probable.

A prospective Wolfcamp or upper Pennsylvanian discovery in west central part of the county in sec. 129-D-CCSD&RGNG, Sinclair No. 1 McElroy Ranch Co. was drilling 10,047 ft. in Pennsylvanian lime and shale.

Only Routine Business Opens New Year For Commissioners Court

Routine business was the order of the day as the Upton County Commissioners Court held its first meeting of 1951 in Rankin last Monday morning.

The county will again operate on a salary basis during the coming year, and will retain all the present employees, with the exception of the County Health Nurse, Mrs. L. W. St. John, who resigned the post effective Jan. 1. She moved to Ft. Worth to join her husband.

Bonds for all county officers were approved by the court.

The county auditor's report and financial report was submitted to the court and approved.

In the only action out of the "routine" category, the court approved the purchase of additional library shelving for the McCamey and Rankin libraries for delivery in October.

All commissioners were present with County Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher presiding over the meeting.

induction until February.

Football Trophy On Display At The Bank

A beautiful football trophy, won by the Rankin High School team as regional champions this year, is on display in The First State Bank of Rankin.

Included in the engraving are the names of all the players.

Study Club Art Exhibit To Be Held Next Tuesday

The Woman's Study Club Art Exhibit scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the McCamey Park Building, will show paintings done by Mrs. C. H. Tupper of San Angelo. Also the Arts and Crafts of local artists and the school children will be shown.

Mrs. Tupper will discuss her pictures before the Woman's Study Club meeting on Tuesday preceding the exhibit.

Miss Militia Hill, head of the Art Department of Sul Ross College, will be here and will judge and discuss the work by local artists and school children.

Rules concerning the local artists have been changed. They may exhibit three pictures and three crafts in each medium.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 9 p. m., and on Friday from 1 to 4 p. m.

Everyone is requested to bring their pictures and crafts to the Park Building around 2 p. m. on

Sunday, since all on the committee are school teachers and Sunday is the only time they will have to arrange for the show.

It is requested that each one entering pictures and crafts to come for them by 4 p. m. Friday, as the building must be cleared by that time.

The Study Club has endeavored to contact all who paint or do crafts and feel sure there are others, and if they have missed you, will you please phone Mrs. Geo. Ramer, Mrs. Howard Stoker or Mrs. Bess W. Moorman.

GORDON STEELE IN "VET" HOSPITAL

Gordon Steele of Rankin is a typhoid fever patient in the Veterans' Hospital at Big Spring. Mr. Steele is said to be recovering satisfactorily after having been ill for some time.

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THE GOOD LIFE

For the first time since the American Revolution, with the exception of the War Between the States, the people of our country are faced with a stark test of faith. The conflict with world communism now is not to save the world for democracy, but to repel an enemy who is determined to destroy in our own land the Christian ideal of human dignity and individual liberty and the political system which upholds that ideal. Our faith and our strength is this ideal.

As a nation, we came through World War II with little discomfort. Living standards have risen to record levels. So has the public debt which is exacting its toll in depreciating money. However it is evident that devaluated dollars have not yet cramped our style. Last year, according to the Commerce Department, U. S. citizens spent a staggering sum of \$178,832,000,000. The fabulous "American Way" is well illustrated in a current joke which defines a pedestrian as a motorist who has found a place to park his car. The list of American "haves" could go on indefinitely. Already there are 8,000,000 television sets in our homes—homes which are equipped with tens of millions of deep freezers, refrigerators, electric stoves, radios, washing machines, and infintum.

In retrospect, after nearly two centuries of freedom and the boundless progress that only freedom could have achieved, it would be a wonder if we were not confused when suddenly confronted with the prospect of a fight for actual survival. But the time when we can afford confusion has nearly run out. These words of Lenin, uttered thirty years ago, ring with new significance: "As long as capitalism and socialism remain we cannot live in peace. In the end, one or the other will triumph—a funeral requiem will be sung either over the Soviet Republic or over world capitalism. . . . We have to use any ruse, dodges, tricks, cunning, unlawful methods, concealment and veiling of the truth."

This is the ruthless concept, backed by vast military force, which is confronting America and the world. To meet it we will need more than arms and men. We will have to lay our sights on primary objectives and keep them there. We must forget the adolescent notion that material security is an unqualified "right." The "rights" embodied in the American ideal are few and elemental. They include equality of opportunity, freedom of speech and religion, and the protection of private property. They are the tools with which the individual may achieve "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

In a word, it is time we again understood what this country really stands for. John Dos Passos, the distinguished American author, has said, "this country was not founded to furnish glamorous offices for politicians, or to produce goods and services, or handouts of easy money. This country was founded to make men free." In the wealth of material comfort we have enjoyed so long, we have tended to forget that great truth. Now we must return to the simple fundamental—"This country was founded to make men free."

We face a two-faced task. We must fight with all we have against our enemies outside. And, while we are undergoing all the sacrifices and trials that may involve, we must keep our people free. One of the greatest dangers is that we may grant so much unlimited authority to the government that the system of checks and balances which stands between us and tyranny will be permanently destroyed. The problem of economic controls is a perfect example here. They should be imposed only if they are clearly necessary to implement the war effort. Otherwise, we will have control for control's sake—which is the essence of dictatorship. Then our productive capacity will be crippled and, far more important, we will no longer be a free people—we will have lost the battle.

We Americans have come to a climatic phase in the history of the good life. It is our duty to hold together for future generations the framework of freedom which made that good life possible.



AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 7.—Your state's capitol city will be an exciting and colorful place for a while. With the Legislature's session beginning Jan. 9, the town will be packed with people.

There are only 181 members of the Legislature—150 in the House of Representatives and 31 in the Senate. But there are hundreds of others who come here when the lawmakers convene.

Each legislator has his secretary. There are dozens of typists and clerks. Many of the solons will bring their wives and children for the duration of the session. And then there is what is called the "lobby."

The lobby is divided into many classes. A lobbyist may be one man who comes to Austin to see his representative and senator about a bill affecting a single county.

There are frequent delegations of varying numbers of citizens interested in this law or that.

And there is the more or less permanent "third house" as the lobby is sometimes called. This is composed of persons who either live in Austin, or who come here to stay through every session. These are people who perennially represent one or more interests, such as oil, public utilities, farm and ranch groups, and so on. The list is long.

Dozens of bills, or proposed new laws, will be introduced, but there are three major subjects to which the Legislature must give considerable attention. These are:

1. Re-districting. The state, according to the Constitution, must be divided up every ten years into districts from which senators and representatives are elected. The reason for these ten-year changes is that the population shifts, and the various parts of the state should be equitably represented, according to the number of their inhabitants.

Despite the constitutional requirement, the Legislature has neglected, for many years, to get the re-districting job done. But now there is a board whose business it is to undertake the chore if the Legislature fails again.

Chances are that the Legislature will tackle the task, rather than turn it over to the board.

2. Financing. The cost of government keeps going up because the people keep demanding more services—mainly in the field of welfare programs, such as old age assistance; highways and roads; and education. All this costs millions. The question always is: Where is the money coming from?

3. A fight between the trucks and the railroads.

The railroads claim that big trucks damage the highways. Thus it may be that the railroads will call for a reduction in the truck gross load that limit of 48,000 pounds.

The truck men point out that Texas now has an axle-load limit of 18,000 pounds, and that according to highway engineers, this weight does not damage the roads. The truck people want truck length increased from 45 to 50 feet, and they want the 48,000 pound gross load limit removed. Gross load would be determined by the 18,000 pound-per mile regulation.

As one editorial writer has said, the factor that should and doubtless will decide the truck-rail fight is the public interest.

At any rate, these are some of the things that will make news in the Legislature during the next few months.

Gratitude is one of those things that cannot be bought. It must be born with men, or else all the obligations in the world will not create it.—Lord Halifax

Brave Ranch Youth Paces Dimes Drive

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas, Jan. 7.—One of the countless reminders of March of Dimes benefits brightens the current Texas story.

It concerns a heroic farm lad—Terry Macfarlane, 17 year old player on the Dripping Springs six-man football team. Stricken with polio at mid-season, Terry shifted his fighting instinct from the playing field to Brackenridge Hospital at Austin.

The husky 185-pounder surprisingly overcame tremendous odds to conquer a crippling polio attack.

Terry, who is treasurer of the local Future Farmers Club, was carried into the hospital paralyzed from the waist down. His arms and shoulders were also affected.

E. S. Stewart of Abilene, chairman of the 1950 Texas March of Dimes, said such cases usually take months, sometimes years. Complete recovery generally is doubtful.

Terry kept assuring the staff of the polio ward, maintained by the Travis County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He insisted that he would get back to the football field. You see, he was headed for the University of Texas squad. Besides, his horse, "Tall Boy," needed breaking in better. He had thrown Terry twice.

Terry relentlessly paced his own treatment, pressing the agonizing physical therapy routine so courageously that he had an astonishing comeback. Then he got the tremendous lift of being named mascot for the Longhorns. The trimming included a last-minute 50-yard lien seat. Thus, he triumphantly joined the Cotton Bowl celebrities.

The story of this fine young man has gone a long way toward stimulating interest in the 1951 Texas March of Dimes since this annual campaign raises most of the money to treat polio patients.

God's goodness hath been great to thee. Let never day nor night unhallowed pass but still remember what the Lord hath done.—Shakespeare

While no offering can liquidate one's debt of gratitude to God, the fervent heart and willing hand are not unknown to nor unrewarded by Him.—Mary Baker Eddy

PAY YOUR POLL TAX BY JAN. 31

In order to qualify for voting in any elections to be held during the coming year, you must hold a poll tax receipt.

Payments may be made at the Sheriff's, Tax Assessor's and Collector's Office at the Courthouse in Rankin.

Last day for payment is January 31.

A temporary office will be set up in McCamey on January 24 through January 31 for the sale of poll taxes, and collection of Ad Valorem taxes.

Your Poll Tax was not included in your Ad Valorem tax payment. It must be paid separate as required by law.

Those who can should pay early and avoid a last minute rush.

H. E. "Gene" ECKOLS

Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector

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- New Twin-Action Rear Brakes (heavy-duty models)
- New Dual-Shoe Parking Brake (heavy-duty models)
- New Torque-Action Brakes (light-duty models)
- Foot-Operated Parking Brake (models with 3-speed transmission)
- Steering Column Gearshift (models with 3-speed transmission)

4-Speed Synchro-Mesh Transmission (in heavier models)

- Wide Range of Springs

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Dr. Hugh Evans

Delegation of ten Presbyterians from McCamey went to San Antonio Tuesday evening to hear address of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA. Moderator is Dr. Hugh Evans, pastor of a Presbyterian church in Dayton, Ohio, and to the position of National Authority last May when General Assembly met in Cincinnati. Address, which was delivered in the First Presbyterian Church, USA, in San Angelo was a challenge to all Christians to do three specific things to avert the world crisis. The commands were: Pray! Testify! A delegation which attended McCamey was the largest of town group present and was a cordial and friendly one by Dr. and Mrs. Evans reception in honor of the pastor and his wife following address.

UPTON TEST LOGS SHOWS

Spraberry oil and gas has now shown in Ashland Oil Co., Fryer and Dirickson of Oklahoma City No. 1 B Sherrod, Upton County wildcat 1 1/2 miles west of the Reagan County line.

Recovery was 708 feet of oil and gas-cut mud on a drillstem test of the Sprayberry from 6,965 to 7,104 feet for an unreported length of time. The scheduled 10,500 foot wildcat was shutdown while awaiting orders.

No. 1 Sherrod is 660 feet from north and east lines of sec. 6-C-L&SVRR survey, 15 miles NW of Stiles in Reagan County, and 12 1/2 miles NE of Upland.

Thanksgiving of the heart gives a fine freshness, a tingle, a tang to one's spirit that not only assures but increases victory.—S. D. Gordon

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NANCY WRIGHT—Alternating as Maria in "Daughter of the Regiment," to be presented in Crane January 12 is both a talented pianist and vocalist. A graduate of Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth all City Symphony and has sung in three operas at NTSC. Last year she served as workshop pianist for the production of "Romeo and Juliet."

MIDLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

Holiday cattle receipts were light at the Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale Thursday, Dec. 28. Demand was strong for the 250 head consigned. Choice grade Hereford stocker calves were again in the spotlight and were bid up to \$39.25 cwt. R. L. Porter of Midland got that price for a package of heifer calves that weighed an average of 425 lbs. His steer calves of about the same weight brought \$33.25. Other calves brought \$30 to \$32 and the steer yearlings \$28 to \$29.50. The stocker cows drew \$18 to \$22.

Fat calves and yearlings went at \$26 to \$31, medium and common kinds at \$20 to \$26. Fat cows auctioned for \$20 to \$23, mediums \$19 to \$20, canners and cutters \$14.50 to \$19. Bulls sold for \$22 to \$25.50.

Jan. 5, 1951.

Prices continued upward on all classes of cattle Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale. The market was very strong and active on 630 head consigned.

Stocker calves, both steers and heifers, were bid from \$31 to \$36 per cwt and several went to \$36.75. Bulls were in demand at \$23 to \$26.50 and a few were higher. Stocker yearling steers

auctioned for \$29 to \$31 and cows at \$18 to \$23.

Fat calves and yearlings brought \$27 to \$32.50, mediums \$24 to \$27, commons \$20 to \$24. Fat cows sold for \$21 to \$23.50, medium cows \$20 to \$21, canners and cutters \$16 to \$20.

Trans-Texas Airways Now Carries Over 200 Passengers Every Day

Trans-Texas Airways announced today that in the last 8 months they have carried over 200 persons daily. Officials of the airline report that during this same period of 1950 Trans-Texas boarded 49,276 passengers, which represents an average of over 200 passengers per day. This means that 15 air passengers arrived at or departed from the average station throughout the Trans-Texas Airways system.

TTA officials also report that for the week ending Dec. 27, 1950, the airline had an average passenger load factor of 377.

The route structure of Trans-Texas, serving 38 Texas cities (20 of these stations served exclusively by Trans-Texas) and six Mexican border points, is set up to form the outstanding local carrier service in the South.

Dynamic new personnel has been added to give the best passenger service.

A prayer for our Soldiers

BY MAJOR GENERAL ROY H. PARKER
Chief of Chaplains, United States Army

Almighty God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we commend to Thy special care and keeping those serving in our Army. Though they be in the midst of dangers, do Thou send Thy guardian angels for their protection. Walk beside them as they go through the valley of the shadow of death.

Knowing that all good things come from Thee, grant them courage and loyalty, through a firm faith in freedom's cause, in the present conflict. When sacrifices are called for, let them be made in the knowledge that Thou art the rewarder of Thy servants. Enable them to live valiantly and serve nobly, in the full realization that no man liveth unto himself. Grant them clear minds, strong bodies, resolute wills, and pure hearts free from hatred and bitterness, renewing them each and every day with strength, like strong men of old, who against onrushing wrong stood with confidence and courage.

Awaken in them a lively faith that will keep them close to Thee. Enable them to rest their cause upon Thy Word that though the foe be strong, yet knowing the cause as they battle for the right, they can never fail. Fill their hearts with the assurance that with Thee nothing is impossible and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

If it be Thy will that injuries be sustained, let them experience the touch of Thy healing hand and do Thou bless the means and the ministries employed for the restoration of their health.

In these difficult times, when the forces of evil are running rampant and many hopes seem about to be crushed, fill their hearts with an abiding sense of Thy reality and the certainty of Thy continual presence. Enable them to look to Thee when loneliness and longing overtake them; fulfill their yearnings by granting them Thine own companionship and fellowship. Enable them to realize the full meaning of Thy promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

Thou who are the Protector and Helper as well as the Giver of victory, grant unto them every good gift of body and soul and unite us with them in faith and love unceasing. Amen.

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Reporter's School Is Held For H.D. Clubs

A Reporter's Training School for members of the Upton County Home Demonstration Clubs, under the direction of Miss Myrna

THE RANKIN NEWS . . . Friday, Jan. 12, 1951

Holman, County Home Demonstration Agent, was held Monday, Jan. 8, at 10 a. m. in the Park Building.

C. Reimers, Mrs. J. T. Gibbs, Mrs. E. R. Sullivan, Mrs. John Sumrall, Mrs. J. L. West and Mrs. T. L. Fuller.

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Katherine Secret P-TA Holds Regular Meeting

The Katherine Secret P-TA had their regular meeting Jan. 9 at 3 o'clock. A collection for March of Dimes was taken with over \$5 being collected. Mr. Bill Martin then led the assembly in singing.

During the business meeting, four delegates were elected to go to the Bi-County Council meeting at McCamey which is to be held Friday, Jan. 12, at the McCamey Park Building.

The delegates are Mrs. Walton Poage, Mrs. Tommy Workman, Mrs. Murry McCain and Mrs. M. C. Duer. Alternates are Mrs. Ross Wheeler and Mrs. Carl Keys.

The assembly then voted to send \$10 to the National Congress of P-TA to add to the fund being collected to build a national building. A project committee was selected and they are Mrs. Walton Poage, Mrs. Ross Wheeler and Mrs. Geo. Reynolds. Mrs. J. Q. Russell was elected Study Course chairman and there will be a study course, conducted by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Walton Harral at the Park Building next Tuesday, Jan. 16, starting at 9 o'clock.

This study course will consist of three or more meetings. Mrs. Leola Hurn announced that two books were given to the library by Mrs. McGill in memory of Nancy. The title of the books are "Strong and Good" and "Ben and I".

The program leader for this meeting was Mrs. A. B. McGill.

She introduced the high school principal, Mr. G. C. Fitzgerald, who gave a talk on "How Valuable Are School Grades and Report Cards."

A style show was presented by the HE Girls which was directed by Miss Frances Lay. Several songs were sung by pupils of Miss Cleona Quiett. Mrs. Dan Runyan presented her piccolo band who gave several enjoyable numbers. The prayer was given by Mrs. Oleta Bloodworth.

Door prize was won by Mrs. Chas. Dosssett.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lloyd Yocham, Mrs. Bill Moore and Mrs. Tommy Stephenson.

NOTICE!

It is my intention to make application to the Texas Liquor Control Board for a Package Store Permit. The business will be operated under the trade name of Jim's Package Store and the location of the business will be as follows:

Approximately 275 feet South of the North line of Section 24, Cert. 982, HF&WT RR Survey, and 50 feet West of State Highway No. 349, approximately 1-2 miles North of the City Limits of Rankin, in Upton County, Texas. I am the sole owner of said business.

JIMMY MILLER.

Jap Edwards Reported 'Improved' This Week After An Operation

Postmaster M. J. (Jap) Edwards' condition continued satisfactory at the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo Thursday, after having been extremely critical last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Edwards was taken to the hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 3. His condition was not considered serious at that time but became worse over the weekend. Emergency surgery was performed on Sunday afternoon, resulting in an improvement in his condition. Although still under the care of special nurses, it is thought that he is "out of danger." Mrs. Edwards has been at his bedside also.

Called to San Angelo over the weekend were Mr. Edwards' sisters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hunter of Altus, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Baker of Lubbock. Also Mrs. Edwards' sisters, Mrs. A. F. Wilkes of El Paso and Mrs. Bob Cearley of Altus. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Berlye Baker of Altus, accompanied Mrs. Cearley. From Rankin with the Edwards' were Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman.

Bill Hale Motor Co. Beat News Publishers In Crane Cage Finals

Bill Hale's Independents of Odessa defeated the News Publishing Co. of McCamey, 48-41, here Saturday night to capture the Crane Independent Basketball Tournament championship, sponsored by the Sheriff's posse.

Pairings Are Set For Reagan County's 20th Tournament

Big Lake's 20th Annual Basketball Tournament pairings have been announced with 16 teams seeking the array of team and individual awards.

A new champion is assured with the 1950 winner, San Angelo's Bobcats, not entered. The Bobcats have a district encounter scheduled on the opening night of the tournament, Friday, Jan. 19.

However, three of the six teams which have been able to equal the record of two tournament titles will be in the field. They are Big Lake, McCamey and Crane. Others who have been able to take home the title twice are San Angelo, Crews and Forsan.

Tournament officials will be Curly Hays and Shorty Lawson, both of Abilene.

The tournament opened at 9:00 Friday morning, Jan. 19, will pit Crane against Barnhart. This tilt will get under way the area's oldest cage carnival which will conclude with third place and championship games Saturday night, Jan. 20.

Here are the tournament pairings:

UPPER BRACKET

11:30 a. m. Friday—Rankin vs. Junction.

10:15 a. m. Friday—Ft. Stockton vs. Reagan County.

1:30 p. m. Friday—Ballinger vs. Reagan County B.

2:45 p. m. Friday—Eldorado vs. Coleman.

LOWER BRACKET

9 a. m. Friday—Crane vs. Barnhart.

4 p. m. Friday—Winters vs. Ozona.

7 p. m. Friday—Lake View vs. Roscoe.

8:15 p. m.—McCamey vs. Snyder.

SECOND ROUND

9:30 p. m. Friday—Rankin-Junction winner vs. Ft. Stockton-Reagan winner.

9 a. m. Saturday—Ballinger-Reagan B winner vs. Eldorado-Coleman winner.

10:15 a. m. Saturday—Crane-Barnhart winner vs. Winters-Ozona winner.

11:30 a. m. Saturday—Lake View-Roscoe winner vs. McCamey-Snyder winner.

Semifinals at 2:15 p. m. Saturday in the upper bracket and at 3:30 p. m. in the lower bracket. The third place game is scheduled at 7:30 p. m. and the title finale at 9 p. m. Saturday.

Linda Carol Bushong Honored With Party On Sixth Birthday

Linda Carol Bushong was given a party recently on her sixth birthday by her mother, Mrs. J. T. Bushong. The party was held in the Rankin Park Building.

Birthday cake and ice cream were served and favors were miniature cars.

Attending were Ann Cook, Sue Ballard, Diane Franklin, Wayne Price, Sonny Wetzel, Carol Ann Shipp, Dorothy Kay Abernathy, Bonnie Lee Treadwell, Bucky Scarborough, Wayne and Royce Burrows, Cynthia Russell, Carlela Keys, Virginia Harral, Carolyn Langford, Jamie and Suzanne Fitzgerald, Melinda Elwood, Scotty and Beverly Bennett, Barbara and Bobby Bushong, Judy James, Betty McCain, Arnold Holloway, Messdames Jimmie Holloway, Grover Burrows, G. C. Fitzgerald, Elwood, Wendell Cook, Jack Franklin, Alvin Bushong, Clarence Treadwell, Carl Keys, A. D. Crocker, Montez Wade and Marcus Price.

Aldridge, Stroud Spot Two Upton County Projects

Aldridge & Stroud, Inc., of Crane have filed applications for permits to drill a shallow wildcat and a field test in Upton County.

The firm's No. 1 J. H. Shirk, slated 3,000 foot cable tool wildcat five miles NE of McCamey, will be 990 from south, 2,310 ft. from west line of sec. 13-3-MK&TRR survey. Elevation is 3,111 feet.

In the Hurdle field, the firm's No. 1 King Ranch Oil & Lignite Co. will be 33 feet out of the SE corner of sec. 28-2-MK&T. Permit is for a 3,000 foot cable tool test to begin at once.

RANKIN CAGER SET FOR LOOP COMPETITION

The Red Devils of Rankin High are getting steamed up for district play with Big Lake, Iraan and Barnhart, the component quintettes of District 94.

The local aggregation, coached by G. C. Fitzgerald, has already rolled up an impressive record of seven wins against two losses.

Their first defeat was in their very first game with Balmorhea at the Reeves County high school tournament. Without alibi, but with explanation, Coach Fitzgerald reminds one that the game was played the next day after the Rankin-Marathon district football championship game—and without practice. Later the Red Devil five went into the loss column when they tangled with McCamey.

Fitzgerald is developing a fast basketball team around his high scoring junior forward, Dee Aun Gamblin. Gamblin, manager of the football six, scored 20 points in both the Balmorhea and Rankin tournaments and was selected an all-tournament player in the invitational affairs.

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STATE SHOWS BIG INCREASE OF GAS IN HOME HEATING

The number of Texas homes equipped with gas heat increased by 75,389 during the past year, a report by the state's utility firms points out.

About 75,866 more homes will get gas heat in the next year if heating materials continue to be available by the end of 1951, the report continues. This increase of 16 per cent in homes with gas heating over the two-year period is the result of the rapid expansion of natural gas pipelines on which \$73,607,000 has been spent in the state since 1946.

Pipelines and storage facilities authorized by the Federal Power Commission in Texas and adjoining states since V-J Day, have brought natural gas into Texas in such greatly increased volume that many more thousands of

homes and major industries now have the advantage of the low cost fuel. Many large and small communities have been added, including El Paso and Dallas, according to W. Paul Jones, president of Servel, Inc., the national leading gas equipment and appliance manufacturer.

This new natural gas construction is part of a nationwide expansion program, in the course of which the gas utility industry has spent three billion dollars since August, 1945. There now are almost 300,000 miles of pipeline in service in the United States delivering energy for manufacturing and household uses at an annual rate exceeding four thousand billion cubic feet.

Because supply still does not meet demand, the gas utility plan still further expansion through 1954. Of the approximately \$3,140,000,000 to be spent in the coming five-year period about \$2,750,000,000 will be used by the natural gas industry.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Friendship—Four Thousand Miles Apart

Never quite got the hang of how to play chess myself, but I'll say this for the game—it started one of the strongest friendships I know of: between Dad Wilson in our town and a fellow in Sudbury, England.

The two of them have never met or seen each other—but for eight or nine years they've been playing chess by mail together. Dad puzzles over the Englishman's latest letter, takes a couple of days to think it over, and then airmails a chart of his next move.

Dad always thinks best with a mellow glass of beer behind his chessboard. And the fellow in England writes that he does the same. "Almost as if we were in the same room," says Dad contentedly.

From where I sit, you can talk about diplomacy and foreign policy, but it's often little friendly things—like a game of chess or a glass of beer—that can make for tolerance and understanding between people of different nations, between folks here at home.

Joe Marsh

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The old saying, "Well, my credit is good, it may take me six months or a year to pay a 30 day bill, but they know I will pay it." This is not a good credit risk, and chances are that the merchant was not informed of this revolting situation until the transaction was made and the merchandise was put in use.

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