

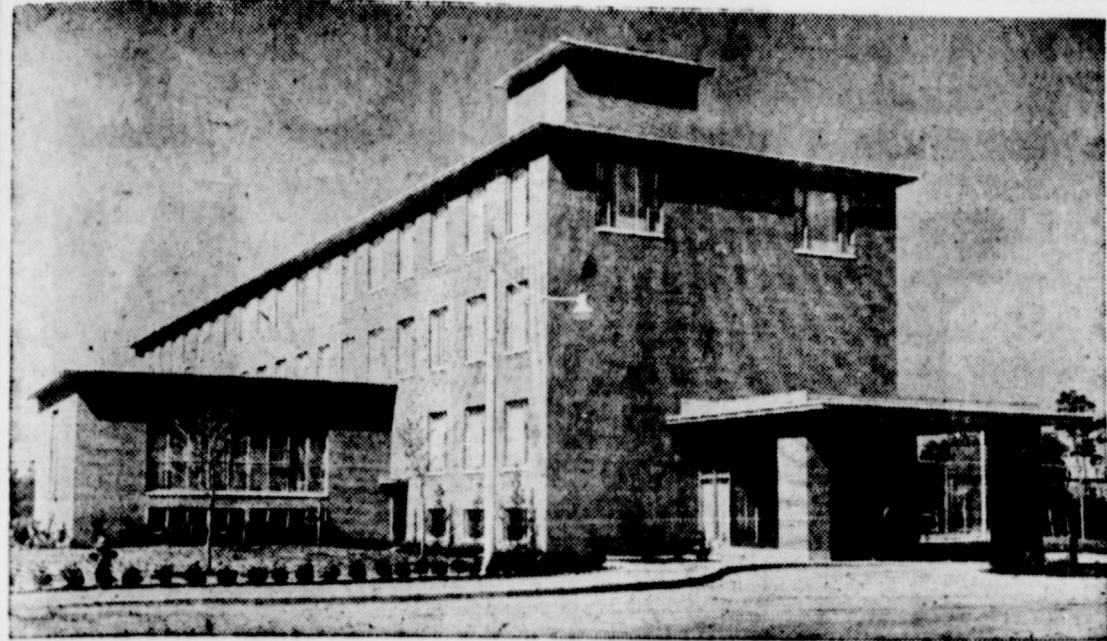
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Humble Oil & Refining Company's new Refining Research Building at Baytown was officially opened on Saturday, February 24. The building joins pilot units and service facilities in the same area to make up the Baytown Research Center. Here, scientists search for ways of making new products from crude oil and for methods of improving present ones. Movable partitions between laboratories are arranged in such manner that any laboratory in the new building can be made larger or smaller, as the current research project dictates. Besides offices and laboratories, there are a well-stocked library and reading rooms, two large conference rooms which can be combined when necessary, locker and shower rooms, and a lunch room.

Local Clubs Sponsor Cancer Program To Be Held March 27

The American Cancer Society of Texas, under the auspices of the local B&PW Club, assisted by the Rankin Study Club and the PTA, will bring to Rankin March 27 in the school auditorium, Dr. R. E. Windham of San Angelo, the medical advisor of this section of Texas. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Phillip Thompson and Mrs. Earl Beavers, along with other workers of the Cancer Society from San Angelo, for the showing of several films, among which is the film, "Traitor From Within."

The local committee making arrangements for the showing of the films and the discussion in which questions may be asked of the Cancer Society representatives, is composed of Mrs. Tyson Midkiff, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, and Mrs. Tom Workman of the B&PW Club; Mrs. Sam Holmes and Mrs. R. H. Johnson of the Rankin Study Club, and Mrs. D. O. McEwen of the PTA.

The slogans the unit organization works by are:

- "Fight Cancer With Knowledge."
 - "Early Cancer Can Be Cured"
 - "Guard Those You Love, Enlist In The Crusade Against Cancer."
- The greatest single weapon against cancer is education. Cancer is curable but it does not cure itself. The public must be alerted to cancer's danger signals. It is hoped every adult will avail themselves of the opportunity to see these films and hear the discussion.
- There will be no charge for admission; the opportunity is being given you by these local clubs in the interest of cancer education.

Stanley Holder Is Killed In Korean War Zone, Report Says



RALPH S. HOLDER

Ralph Stanley Holder, known to his family and host of friends as "Stanley," died in Korea Jan. 14, 1951, according to a telegram received by his father, Allen J. Holder of Rankin, on Friday night, Feb. 23. The father had received a wire on Jan. 27 stating that Stanley had been seriously wounded and although numerous attempts had been made through various channels to obtain further information, no further word was received until Friday night's wire came.

He is the first war casualty from Upton County since the end of World War II.

Stanley was in the U. S. Army in Korea. In World War II, he served with the 102nd Paratroopers and was wounded in the "Battle of the Bulge." On Oct. 10,

was 23 years of age at the time of his death. Stanley attended Rankin Schools and graduated with the class of '43. Since World War II he had lived in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Shaw, and had been employed in and around Rankin.

Other survivors include the mother, Mrs. L. Howell of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Preston Conner of San Antonio; one brother, Gordon, of Ft. Benning, Ga.; a half-brother, Gail Howell, and a half-sister, Dale Howell, both of Austin. Also surviving in West Texas are two aunts, Mrs. Shaw of Rankin and Mrs. H. A. Holmes of Sheffield; and three uncles: Fush Patterson of McCamey, John Patterson of Stiles, and Paul Patterson of Crane.

1950, he re-entered the service and went overseas on Nov. 10th, 1950. He was born in Dawson County, Texas, on March 8, 1926, and

'Father's Night' To Be Observed By P. T. A. Tuesday, March 13th

Tuesday night, March 13, will be "Father's Night" at the Rankin Parent-Teacher Association meeting in the elementary school auditorium. Pro tem officers for the meeting will be Tommy Workman, president; Edwin Stewart, secretary; F. L. Daugherty and Johnny Hurst, registrars.

Mr. Joe Scrivner will be program leader and guest speaker will be Capt. Ray Butler of San Angelo. Capt. Butler of the State Highway Dept. will be introduced by Capt. G. L. Morahan of Pecos. Bill Martin will play piano selections and lead a sing-song.

Hosts for "Father's Night" will be Frand Boyd, Walton Poage, Walton Herral, J. W. Pollard, A. B. McGill, Ed Guy Branch, Lloyd Yocham, Dunn Lowery and Hamilton Still.

This promises to be an interesting meeting and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Rankin Civic Groups Plan Youth Program

Representatives of various local clubs and organizations met with a committee from the Rankin Study Club Tuesday night at the Park Building for the purpose of organizing an Adult Council. The Study Club committee is composed of Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Darby Anderson, recently appointed by Club President Mrs. W. A. Hudson in connection with a youth program adopted at the club's February 15th meeting.

Mrs. Hudson reviewed the work of the Mid-Century White House Youth Conference and announced the youth contest: "Building Freedom With Youth," which the club is entering.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson, committee chairman, presided for the council organization. Mrs. Ross Wheeler was elected recording secretary.

Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald told of inspections that had been made of area Youth Centers and an open discussion of the needs and possibilities of a community-wide youth program was held. Tentative plans evolved from the discussion for a recreational and civic program for youth with emphasis placed on the youth's participation in plans and their development.

Committees appointed were: Ways and Means Committee—Ted Hogan, Mrs. Tyson Midkiff, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Anderson, Wm. Day, Jr., Elbert Eckols, Marlene Holmes and Weldon Kennedy. Research Committee: Mrs. R.

H. Daugherty, Mrs. Linton Clark, Mrs. Leola Hurn, Mrs. Midkiff, Don Cochran, Esther Clark, DeJores Anderson, Gentry Holmes, Lloyd Gene Yocham.

All teachers are asked to serve as advisory members of this committee and all in the community interested in helping with the youth project in any way are asked to file their names with the Research Committee.

A committee composed of the original Study Club Committee and G. C. Fitzgerald will function in the organizing of a Youth Council to work in conjunction with the Adult Council on the current project.

The next meeting of the Council will be Tuesday night, March 20, at 7:30.

Attending Tuesday night's organization meeting were Wm. Day, County Agent; Miss Myrna Holman, County Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Home Demonstration Club; Ted Hogan, Boy Scout Leader; Don Cochran, MFY Sponsor; Mrs. H. Still, Mrs. Ralph Daugherty and Mrs. Leola Hurn, PTA Assn.; Mrs. Tyson Midkiff and Mrs. Linton Clark, B&PW Club; Hamilton Still, Joe Scrivner and Bill Martin, High School Faculty; Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Anderson, Rankin Study Club. Other clubs and organizations are invited to send representatives to the March 20 meeting.

Mrs. Jack Smith Named Rankin Study Club Head

The Rankin Study Club met on Thursday at the Park Building. Mrs. W. A. Hudson, president, presided, and Mrs. Russell Miller reported on the Club Collect.

The program for the afternoon was entitled, "The South." Miss Myrna Holman gave an illustration on "The Everglades" and Mrs. Omar Warren's subject was "Plantation Life."

In the business session the following officers were elected for the year 1951-52: President, Mrs. Jack Smith. Vice President, Mrs. Hamp Carter. Second Vice President, Mrs. R. Daugherty.

Third Vice President, Mrs. R. White. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Key. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ed Hogan.

Treasurer, Mrs. Sam Holmes. Parliamentarian, Miss Myrna Holman. Critic, Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald. Reporter, Mrs. Omar Warren. Historian, Mrs. W. A. Hudson. Federation Counselor, Mrs. Walton Herral. Reports of Committee Chairmen were heard, including the report of the Chairman of the Welfare Committee, who announced the date of March 27 at 7:30 p.m. when the cancer films will be shown at the elementary school auditorium under the auspices of local organizations.

Rankin Band Concert Planned For March 6

The Rankin High School Band will present a concert on March 6 at 7:30 p. m., in the Rankin elementary building auditorium. The program will include:

- Chorale, "Adoramus Te"—Paltrina.
- Overture, "The Traveler"—Bechtel.
- "I'll Take You Home Again, Athleen"—Westendorf.
- Baritone solo by Weldon Kennedy.
- Cornet duet by Mona Sue Branch and Esther Clark.
- "The Whiffenpoof Song"—Mingrode and others.
- "Russian Chorale and Overture"—Isaac.
- "Cool Water"—Nolan
- Novelty, "Jack and the Beanstalk"—Coons.
- March, "Our Director"—Bigelow.

The band is under the direction of Miss Louise Nelson. The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

ESTER CRITICALLY ILL

Mr. Herschell Shaw is expected to be the last of the week from Lockton, Calif., where he went to see his youngest sister, Mrs. J. Descamps. The sister has been very ill for some time, her condition having been critical recently.



Steve Preslar Joins Roy R. Priest In Rankin Law Firm

Upton County gained a new lawyer with the announcement that Steve Preslar has joined Roy Priest in the practice of law in Rankin.

The young attorney grew up in Ranger, attended the public schools and junior college there, and mixed farm work with jerking soda and oil field work to "sweat out" the depression. Later, he worked in Washington, D. C., with the FBI and attended the George Washington University at night. After a three-year hitch with Uncle Sam's flying Navy, he returned to enter the School of Law of the George Washington University, and received his LL.B. degree.

The Priest and Preslar association brings together two graduates of the same university, though years apart. Both worked in the Nation's Capital while attending school, but were unknown to each other until recent times. A further parallel of the two men's lives is that each was attracted to friendly West Texas as a place to live and rear a family.

Mrs. Preslar is the former Avis Mckelvain of Ranger and Breckenridge. She taught school in Ranger and Abilene prior to their marriage. They have one son, Cliff, two years old.

McCamey Man Charged On Aggravated Assault Count This Week

Jimmy Bolen, 24, of McCamey was charged with aggravated assault Tuesday in Justice Court, following his arrest late Monday night.

It was alleged that Bolen forced his attentions on a teen-age girl who was acting as a baby-sitter in his home.

He was released from the Upton County jail Tuesday after posting a \$2,500 bond.

The charge will come before the grand jury of the 83rd District Court that is to convene March 26 at Rankin.

Mary Anderson Feted With Birthday Party On Monday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Anderson were hosts to a group of young people on Monday evening at the Park Building honoring their daughter, Mary, on the occasion of her 14th birthday.

Dancing was enjoyed during the party hours. A pink and green color scheme was emphasized on the refreshment table which held a beautifully decorated birthday cake. An arrangement of pink carnations marked the center of the table.

Mrs. E. B. Bloodworth presided at the punch bowl while Mrs. Tyson Midkiff served the cake. Mrs. Hamp Carter also assisted with hostess duties.

During the refreshment hour, gifts of the honoree were opened and displayed.

The guest list included Esther Clark, Paul Johnson, Lucy Schovajsa, Loyd Gene Yocham, Betty Jo Beckham, Rell Gambin, Nancy Shurley, Bill Hurn, Carolyn Midkiff, Charles Shurley, Nancy Gary, Douglas Delaney, Mary Anderson, Gentry Holmes, Larue Reynolds, Elbert Eckols, Amaryllis Herral, Lee Thompson, Barbara Herral, Bob St. Clair, Audrey Murphy, Betty Bodine, Claudine Chandler, Dee Ann Gambin, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Carter, Mrs. Tyson Midkiff and the hosts.

Crowds Applaud '51 Chrysler Displays

DETROIT.—An unprecedented reception by the public of the 1951 Chrysler models has been reported by dealers in all parts of the country where the automobiles were placed on display early this month.

The numerous improvements in all of the models, together with the spectacular appeal of the all-new 180-r.p. V-8 "Fire Power" engine, provided attractions without parallel in the 27 years of the Chrysler line, dealers reported.

The high point of the nationwide unveiling came at the Chicago dealers' show, where the new engine proved to be a "show-stopper" that had the Chrysler displays thronged at all hours and spurred an endless flood of orders.

Sickness Epidemic Hits Many Rankin Citizens Recently

An epidemic of flu, colds, sore throats and complications has been prevalent in Rankin the past week or ten days. Attendance among students and faculty has been greatly affected with hardly a family in the town or community which has not had illness.

A number of Rankin folks have been and still are in area hospitals. In the Cooper Hospital at McCamey at present are Mrs. J. W. Garner, Andrea June Mitchell and Bruce McCain.

In San Angelo hospitals have been Pappy Taylor, Tom Richardson and Darlene Workman. Gordon Steele remains in the Veterans' Hospital in Big Spring where he has been for more than two months. It is expected Steele will remain in the Big Spring hospital several more weeks.

Andrea June Mitchell has been hospitalized about a week and Mrs. Garner, her grandmother, several days. McCain had a tonsilectomy on Tuesday.

Pappy Taylor was brought home last Saturday after having been a pneumonia patient some two weeks and Mr. Richardson is reported seriously ill at this time in San Angelo.

Darlene Workman has been ill about two weeks with an infected throat and bronchial-pneumonia. Her condition was reported improved Monday.

District OES Head To Visit Rankin

The Deputy Worthy Grand Master of this district will make her official visit to Rankin Chapter OES on Friday night, March 2nd.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the meeting called at 7:30 in the Chapter room.

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RANKIN

WHEREAS, The Rankin Study Club, as their major project for the year 1950-51, did sponsor in and for the City of Rankin and it's surrounding communities a Public Library for the use and benefit of it's citizens; and

WHEREAS, said Public Library, housed in the Rankin Park Building, has been fully completed in every detail and has been and is being operated under capable management meeting all State and County Rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Rankin Study Club is continuing to put forth every effort to maintain a Public Library in and for Rankin to meet the educational, vocational and fictional reading needs and desires of both adults and children, in a library whose quarters are fitted in the most modern and complete setting with a cataloging and circulation system carefully tabulated with the utmost precision;

I, J. Pearl Rankin, Mayor of the City of Rankin, now therefore do hereby designate the week of March 5th through the 10th, 1951, as "BOOK WEEK" for the purpose of giving our citizens a special opportunity to donate books to our Public Library and I urge every citizen to respond as liberally as possible to this appeal.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Rankin to be affixed this 28th day of February, A. D. 1951.

(SEAL)

J. PEARL RANKIN.

GIRL TO ZACHARY'S

A baby girl weighing 6 lbs. and 12 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Zachary, Jr., at the Memorial Hospital in Midland on Thursday, Feb. 22. The baby has been named Grace Kathleen and was brought home

to Rankin with her mother on Tuesday.

VISITS SISTER HERE

Roy Bloomer of San Francisco is visiting his sister, Mrs. Preston Patton, and other West Texas relatives for a few weeks.

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THE MAN-POWER PROBLEM

"With relatively low proportion of front-line power in the U. S. military forces is attracting more and more attention," says an article in the U. S. News & World Report. "Congress is on the warpath over it. Congressmen want to know why more divisions cannot be made up of messengers, chauffeurs who drive generals, coal shovelers, men in service units of one kind or another. Members of Congress . . . are beginning to ask whether the armed forces are wasting man-power while demanding more of it."

The crux of the problem can be expressed with a single set of figures. In the Soviet army, there are nine men in supporting jobs for every ten men in combat divisions. In the American army, by contrast, 26 men are now used in support units for each ten men in combat divisions. Proportionately, in other words, the Russians have a lot more gun-carriers than we have.

Military men have an answer for this. Russia's supply routes are far shorter than ours. Secretary Marshall has said, "Our greatest drain is in these long hauls we are involved in, and the fact that all our policy is built on fighting outside this country . . . The Soviets have nothing like that at all." This is a geographical fact about which nothing can be done.

Moreover, there are certain great differences between the U. S. and Soviet forces which explain, to some extent at least, the heavy disparity in the relationship of service troops to fighting troops. For one thing, our forces employ much more complex mechanical equipment, which naturally requires many men to maintain and repair it.

Too, by comparison with the Russian soldier, the American soldier is much better cared for, and lives a much more comfortable life. U. S. authorities have been informed, according to U. S. News, that casualty and personnel records are not kept for Russian soldiers below the rank of captain. When one is killed or wounded, that is the end of the matter, and the family never learns what happened from the government. By our standards, the Russian medical service is cruel and primitive. Apparently the seriously sick and wounded are simply regarded as a needless drain on the army and are left to die. The American army's record in this respect has been magnificent. The most strenuous efforts are given to rescuing those who are incapacitated, and 98.5 per cent of all who reach hospitals live.

So it goes, down a long list of differences. Even so, says U. S. News, "The upshot of it is likely to be that Congress will tell the generals they must squeeze more front-line troops from the man-power they already have and the man-power they expect to get."

This problem, of course, is just one phase of the general military man-power problem. The present pool of draft eligibles will be pretty close to dry before very long. The army wants authority to draft 18-year-olds, but Congress, apparently disturbed by letters from the constituents, is chary of this. It also doesn't want to take veterans, even those of very short service. It wants many 4-F's to be inducted—but here the army is opposed. The Russians are complaining of unfair treatment and discrimination, and this, too, has awakened Congressional interest and sympathy. A firm solution to the man-power issue—industrial as well as military—seems to lie well in the future.

GRASS-ROOTS OPINION

CLARISSA, MINN., INDEPENDENT: "Minnesota Municipalities, the monthly publication of the League of Minnesota Municipalities, carried an editorial in its January, 1951, issue that we hope all state, county, village and township officials, to say nothing of Federal employees and the ordinary citizen can well take to heart. The editorial said that it is time for citizens to pull in their belts and quit asking their government on all levels for all kinds of unessential services."

MEADE, KAN., GLOBE-NEWS: "We take a dim view of these old welfare state items that have been presented repeatedly to Congress in recent years, and that have been repeatedly rejected by Congress in late years being included in the budget for national defense."

MAYVILLE, N. D., TRIBUNE: "We have grown into a self-centered nation of people, each separate section demanding the maximum of benefits from a munificent government, caring little whether others are treated likewise. As a result, the national cost of living has grown to such proportions that our original dollar has been cut to less than half its former value."

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Report to the People

BY J. T. RUTHERFORD



(This is the sixth in a series of articles prepared by J. T. Rutherford, State Representative District 1, and published in this paper as a public service in the interest of a better government in Texas.)

Just about like Austin, only larger.

That's my impression of Washington after spending a couple of days there last week. The same sort of people going about the same sort of business, only more so.

As chairman of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, I went to our national capital to get more information on plans for civil defense.

Through my activities as State commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I was able to talk to people that I might not have seen otherwise, including secretary of Defense George Marshall.

One of the things that impressed me most was the sincerity of Gen. Marshall, and his explanation of the way the national defense plans are shaped by public opinion. There is something to think about, because public opinion means you and me and what we think. I wish you could have been there to hear him say, "Joe Stalin doesn't have to consult his people. We do."

He told how it is a good thing that in our country it is still the people have the say-so, not the government. Even the generals who are "in the know" get nervous about some of their defense plans and are called down to the people. And they find that in many cases it is the people who are right, not the generals.

Gen. Marshall put an extra serious tone into the conversation when he pointed out an angle of the present war situation that has been mentioned much before, the past when we have declared war on a country, it has always on several days or even weeks before our army actually met the enemy. Now, if we went to war with Russia, it would be only one or two days before our troops and the Russians would be shooting it out.

Another general had some comments about one of the least talked about problems of the war in the area. That's the problem the quartermaster corps has in getting supplies for the foreign soldiers who are fighting with the UN. It's something you feel like laughing about but can't because the thing is serious.

Here are a few examples:

The Turks that are fighting with us on the front line eat just a meal a day, but they won't have our food because it is usually cooked in pork. And of course they won't have anything to do with our chaplains, since they are Moslems. They do save on

ammunition, though, because as a matter of pride they like to bayonet the enemy whenever they can.

The Thialand soldiers are a big problem because of their feet, which are not so big. American shoes are not for soldiers who usually wear sizes between six and ten. But for a soldier from Thialand a size seven is extremely large. They wear on the average about four and a half.

The Greeks must have their olive oil. And it has to be Greek Olive oil. They won't use any other kind. And the French have to have their wine, and the British their rum. They all keep the quartermasters hopping.

Brig. Gen. Robert Ginsburgh told a story that sums up the Chinese tactics in Korea. The story came out of the Chinese-Japanese war, and it goes like this:

Chinese he kill Jap. Jap get mad and kill ten Chinese. Chinese get very mad, kill another Jap. Jap get very very mad and kill 100 Chinese. Pretty soon no more Jap.

But even the Chinese, the generals say, can't keep on losing men at the rate they are now. They recall times when as many as 10,000 Chinese have been killed in a single day.

I spent an hour with the defense department in the Pentagon building discussing Civil Defense and mobilization. Some of the people I met and talked to were Gen. Marshall, Col. Barnet Beers, Military Civil Defense Liaison Officer; Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff; Gen. Cates, commandant of the Marine Corps; Harry Vaughn, Mr. Truman's military aide; and Hal Boyle, famous Associated Press columnist and correspondent. There were many others.

But let's get back to Texas. Just before I left for Washington my bill to stop joy riding in State cars passed the House with flying colors. It has very little opposition. And since then I have received many letters of congratulation.

Another anti-truck bill has been introduced. It is to reduce the load limit from 48 to 38 thousand pounds.

A letter from a man in our district started like this: "What jerk introduced House Bill 208, a 'dictator's dream'?" He was talking about a bill which keeps a certain profession from advertising.

These are just more cases of business men bringing fights with their competitors to the Legislature. Letters from many West Texans shook that we all take the same view on bills of this sort. There are enough laws restricting business passed in Washington.

Why should we start doing it in Texas?

And just what business is it of the Legislature to restrict a man from advertising anyway — no matter what he sells? The first thing you know they are liable to want to keep politicians from advertising.

SPORTS AFIELD

BY TED KESTING

Two friends of mine, Barney Peters and Lurton Blassingame, drove 40 miles out of New York a few months back to experiment with a new idea for shooting crows.

They wore homemade head nets of green mosquito netting. With their faces hooded by the netting and their hands dabbed with mud they found that the crows came closer and stayed longer. But still there were times when the birds flared away unaccountably.

They decided it was clothes. In all but the densest cover a distinct, manlike shape could be made out. So a couple of days later they bought surplus Marine Corps camouflage suits and head nets. What happened when they first tried these getups on the crows was startling.

They took a stand in fairly sparse cover. Blassingame with gun and call, Peters with camera focused at 100 feet. The crows were over them in a minute. Seconds later the woods were a riot. Crows were flying among the tree trunks like ruffled grouse. When it was all over, four shots later, Blassingame had seriously wounded three maples and Peters had exposed some pictures that were a complete flop because the crows were all out of focus—they had been too close! And that was the whole trouble; they were geared for 30- and 40-yard shooting.

Had they been well hidden in brush below the maples, I wouldn't have been so surprised at the way those crows came in. But they'd been standing with no attempt at concealment. Later they found that this sort of thing is by no means unusual, particularly when they stood so that there was plenty of sunlight and shadow on the camouflage suits.

From this experience they naturally went on to further experiments. They learned that for camouflage to be most effective its wearer should stand before a backdrop of greenery at least as tall as he is and of the same approximate coloration as his suit. Further, you've got to remain still until the crows are close enough for a good shot.

By now they have shot from just about every sort of cover imaginable with amazing success. And the thing that appeals to me is that you don't have to fuss with a blind, or rig up an owl on a pole.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Dr. J. Marvin Rape and A. J. Mitchell, operating and doing business under the firm name of Mitchell Drug Store at Rankin, Upton County, Texas, is dissolved as of February 12th, 1951.

All accounts payable by said partnership are to be paid by A. J. Mitchell and all accounts payable to said firm are due and payable to the said A. J. Mitchell, at 712 Main Street, Rankin, Upton County, Texas.

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License Tags To Be Sold In McCamey Beginning March 19

Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector H. E. "Gene" Eckols announced this week that a representative from his office would be in McCamey on Monday, March 19, and would maintain regular hours until Saturday, March 31, in selling car licenses for 1951.

March 31 is the deadline for purchase of the tags without being subject to penalty.

The temporary offices will be located at the Justice Precinct No. 3 office.

Car owners who have out of state titles, and those having Texas titles that are not cleared or registered, cannot be serviced in the McCamey office. These vehicles must file at the office in the court house in Rankin.

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By C. WILSON HARDER

Congressional leaders privately advise small business leaders, "Tell your people not to be panicked by lurid reports and sell their businesses as many did early in World War II."

Scare headlines by publicity-seeking bureaucrats are getting a false front on raw material supplies; many statements are made hoping to stop planned investigations, they say.



This is the C. W. Harder year bureau heads may roll, lopped off by the House and Senate Small Business Committees now gaining power through greater support from increasing organization of independent businessmen.

First target in the battle to end material shortages for both civilian and military supply will be the Marshall Plan. Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan on the floor of Congress has called attention to public bitterness over the diffusion of the American substance.

In a recent speech in St. Louis, Stuart Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, said since V-J America has given nearly thirty billion dollars to aid foreign nations, equal to 60% of the total national debt at Pearl Harbor. But right now, besides the squandering of American taxpayers' dollars, squandering of so-called critical materials creates genuine alarm.

Examples: Copper is said to be critical, yet in January, 1951, Marshall Plan officials gave \$6,625,000 worth of copper to Germany, Austria, Netherlands. Cotton is said to be short, but

\$20,160,000 worth was given to France in that same month. Tin is said to be short, yet \$2,000,000 worth was given to the Netherlands in January; \$800,000 worth to French North Africa the previous month.

Many Congressmen want to find out why we give away materials said to be short. The annual report of the Senate Small Business Committee headed by Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, just issued, indicates no one has been able to explain why these materials should be short.

The Committee refers to the study by 18 leading economists at Harvard School of Business who find that the present economy can support an army of 6 million men.

So far, the only statements on shortages have been made by bureaucrats, and by monopoly officials busy cutting off supplies to independents.

Besides curtailing gifts of supposedly critical materials abroad, fair distribution is needed at home.

This is one reason why the House Small Business Committee headed by Rep. Wright Patman (T.) bitterly criticizes Federal Trade Commission failure to enforce Anti-trust laws.

This committee says the FTC needs more money because it needs better men; a very strong statement.

These are just a few of the points mentioned by Congressmen when they state:

"If small businessmen keep up present active interest in government, just as Big Labor and Big Business have always done, their problems will be far less . . . and the Nation won't lose any wars either."

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Growth is expensive . . . Cross construction cost in Texas last year was \$52,623,000. That's an average of \$54.31 for each of the 950,000 people in all walks of life whose help we must have to pay for expansion and improvement of telephone service—the people who have invested their savings in the telephone system.

WE CAN'T STOP GROWING NOW

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HELPFUL HINTS

By MYNA HOLMAN
County H. D. Agent
4-H 14 POINT FREEDOM PROGRAM

The 4-H defense mobilization pledge: "As a 4-H member and an alert citizen of our great nation, I will earnestly work to preserve our deeply rooted spiritual heritage, our time-proven Democratic government for free men, and our vast wealth in manifold human and natural resources"

In carrying out this pledge, 4-H members plan to strive to:

1. Obtain the best possible education.
2. Understand what genuine freedom in a democracy means.
3. Keep physically and mentally strong.
4. Produce for home and world use.
5. Assist in the conservation of all natural and material resources.
6. Take over farm and home tasks of older members who leave for military service.
7. Participate in various defense mobilization and relief campaigns.
8. Care for young children.
9. Learn and demonstrate labor-saving practices.
10. Receive training in first aid and home nursing.
11. Provide ways of giving comfort to the victims of war casualties.
12. Keep well informed regarding United Nations and world affairs.
13. Continue to help and write to boys and girls in other lands, sending them illustrative materials regarding life with its many freedoms in the U. S.
14. Do all I can to stir the hearts of fellow-Americans to a renewed allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Republic for which it stands.

NOTES FROM IRAAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Geo. B. Forrester, independent evangelist working through the Western and Northern part of the United States, organizing new congregations, and reviving older ones in Montana, Oregon, California, Oklahoma and Western Texas, has accepted a call to the Iraan Christian Church for the coming year. Mrs. Forrester, Florence, Florence and Forves arrived last Wednesday from McAlister, Okla., just after the thorough new decoration of the parsonage was completed, and are now at home to welcome all who wish to call to meet them. The children entered school Monday morning, and are quite pleased with the new surroundings.

Mr. Forrester is recognized as one of the leading Bible teachers in the Brotherhood, and his methods have attracted the largest attendance in mid-week Bible study in the history of the local congregation. His sermons are so appropriate and in keeping with the events of modern world affairs that the attendance for the two Sundays he has been here, that it reflects the interests of both members and non-members as there has been almost a double in numbers in attendance, the Sunday evening services affording a well filled auditorium.

The Forresters are workers among the younger people, they having given much thought and attention to the organizing of the Youth Groups all over our United States. Mr. Forrester plans the

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A reception with 62 of the membership in attendance gave the Forresters a welcome with a barbecued goat dinner on Friday night, one of the special events of the season.

Mr. Forrester was guest speaker with the Lions Club at last week's meeting, and his address was enjoyed by all present. He makes himself available wherever he may serve for the civic good of the communities who need him.

The Iraan Christian Church is proud to announce the new program for our community.

The McCamey golf team won four of six matches in Permian Basin League play over Big Lake last Sunday in 18 hole matches at McCamey. It was their second match of league play.

You May Do This Now

1. PLANT pansies, regal lillies, roses, snap dragons, stock and shrubs.
2. MULCH roses with fertilizer and soil, feed and spray them.
3. SPRAY fruit trees with oil emulsion.
4. SEPARATE Chrysanthemum and Shasta Daisies.
5. PRUNE roses after winter wood has been killed.

Mrs. Clint Shaw of the Rankin Study Club's Beautification Committee joined by the following committee members, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. Harry Cowden, Mrs. Linton Clark, Mrs. Tom Workman and Mrs. Ted Hogan, suggest that you check this list to see if you can help improve the appearance of our community.

CARD OF THANKS

It is our sincere desire to express to you, our friends, our appreciation for the words of sympathy and the many acts of kindness extended to us upon receipt of the message telling us of Stanley's death. We shall never forget and always will be grateful for the comfort you brought to us.

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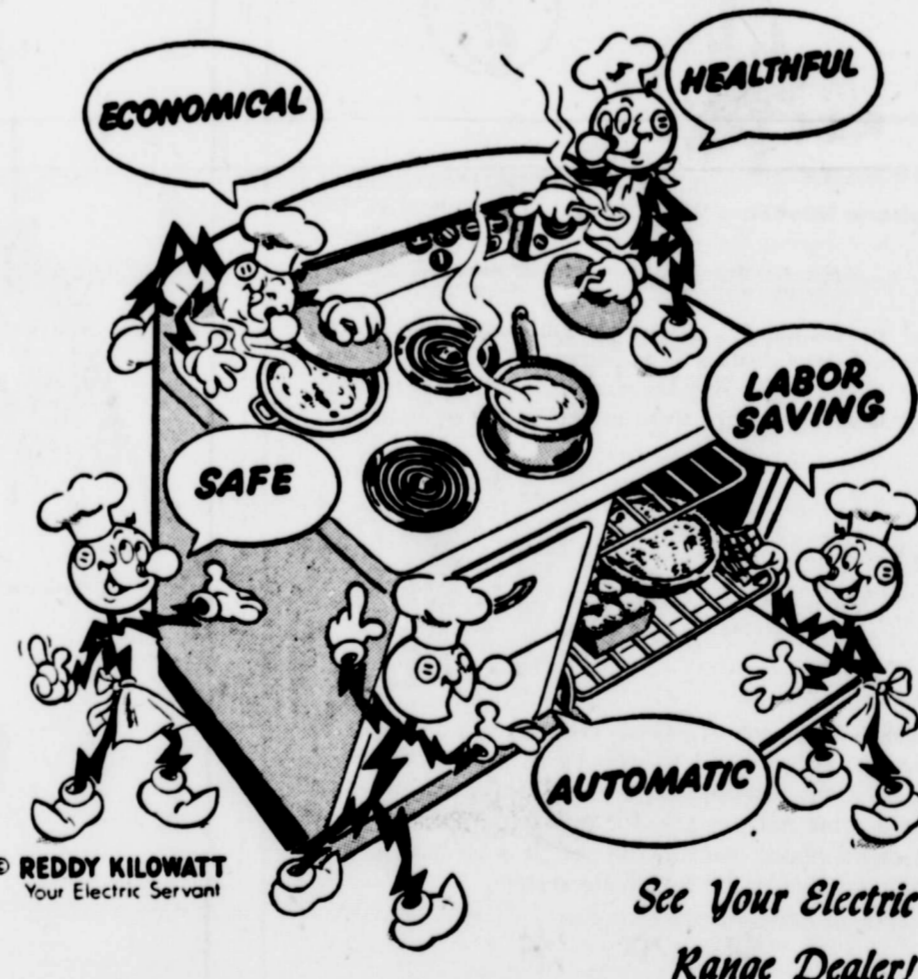


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