

# UPTON LIVESTOCK SHOWING HERE SATURDAY

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### Petitioners Seek Rural Mail Route From Rankin

According to acting postmaster W. O. Adams, a petition is being circulated which, if sufficient signers are secured and the postal department acts favorably on, would establish a rural mail route out of the Rankin post office.

This route would be approximately 60 miles long serving the people who live in the oil camps to the north and east of Rankin as well as residents who live anywhere from the city limits on out who would put up a mail box along this route.

Camps that would be served would be Phillips Refinery, Texas Natural Gas Plant, Plymouth Gas Plant, El Paso Natural Gas Camp, Shell Pipe Line Camp, Humble Camp, Phillips Production Camp and all residents between the city limits and the end of the route.

Mail service provided by this route would be the same as that provided by the post office here in Rankin. Stamps, money orders, etc. could be purchased from the mail carrier, parcels would be delivered and any other like service would be rendered.

The mail delivered would be mailed at this post office on the same day that it was delivered and mail posted by the people serviced by the route would be brought back and dispatched from this office the same day at approximately 4:30 in the afternoon which is the same mailing as mail posted in the office here in Rankin. Delivery on the route would be made beginning at about 11:30 and ending as quickly as the route could be covered.

It is estimated that there are some 200 families and business offices along this route that would be served by this route. If the distance covered were 60 miles, this would require 180 families to live on the route or 3 to each

mile of territory covered.

There has been a previous petition in circulation for the establishment of a Star Route out of Midland to serve this same area with some exceptions. This type of service is not the same as provided by a regular rural route of the type being considered. The star routes do not make delivery of registered mail which would mean that people living along the route would have to go to Midland for such service. Also a route out

of Midland would not include the mail received that day since the carrier would have to leave before the day's mail arrived in Midland. Further delay would result in mail posted by the people living along this route as the carrier would not get back into Midland in time for mailing the same day.

If this route were to be approved, it would be instituted some time this year according to an estimate made by Mr. Adams.

At their regular Monday night's meeting, Jan. 4, the Rankin Lions Club heard a report from their committee on helping needy families during the Christmas just past.

This committee, headed by Rev. R. L. Shannon, found a great need for food, clothing and shelter in the homes of some in Rankin.

Working with committees from the local women's organizations, the committee investigated 20 families who had been called to their attention as needing help. Of this number, three families refused help on the grounds that others needed the aid worse than they. In all, the committee rendered aid to 14 families with a combined total of 56 children.

Used clothing was distributed to five families, three were furnished clothing for children, wood for fuel was furnished to three, and one family was provided with a stove when it was found they had no heat of any kind in the home. Others were provided with shoes for their children who had not been able to attend school because of the lack of shoes. Others were furnished blankets where it was found that a need for warm bed-clothing was urgent.

Toys provided by the Lions Club Ladies Night meeting furnished happiness for all the children.

The committee completed its work with the recommendation that a permanent committee be set up in the club to perform work of this type. They further reported that much joy and happiness was brought to the youngsters involved in this project. With very little effort by most of the folks involv-

ed in this program, a large amount of relief to some desperately needy families was given at a time when it meant the most.

### Lions Have Good Attendance Set Talent Show For Feb. 20

Plans are coming along on a Talent Show to be staged on Saturday night, Feb. 20, at the new high school auditorium.

This show will be the club's efforts on the annual March of Dimes campaign and to secure financial aid for the Lions Crippled Children's Home at Kerrville.

Definite details have not been worked out as yet but the club promises to make this one of the best shows of its kind to be seen. Talent of all types will be entered with cash awards being offered.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knott entertained guests in their home on New Year's Eve with a buffet dinner and a canasta party.

The party dined on Italian spaghetti and meat balls with pickles, olives, relish, combination salad, hot rolls, coffee and pecan pie.

After this enjoyable meal they spent the remainder of the evening at canasta. High for men went to Mr. B. G. Gressett and high for the ladies was won by Mrs. Gressett.

Present for the affair at the Knott home in Halliburton Camp were Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Gressett, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tate of Winters, Texas, and the host and hostess.

Light Southdoyn, 2nd in class at El Paso. Barbara Harral, 1st. place Cross Breed; Wayne Kennemer, Grand Champion of Show, also same honor at El Paso; Mike Collins, 1st place Light Fine Wool.

From left to right with one of the finest group of show animals seen in the history of the affair, are Sammy Helmers with his Champion Fine Wool, winning 1st place also in El Paso Show. Ellis Helmers, 1st place

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### HELP WANTED!

If you can play the fiddle, cut a rug, get hot with the be-bop, or just tell a tall tale, your talent is needed by the Lions Club.

With the coming of their Talent Show, scheduled for Feb. 20 at the new high school auditorium, talent of all kinds is being sought.

Cash awards will go to the winners and fun and laughter is promised for participants and audience alike.

Anyone wishing to enter the show may do so by contacting either Fred Prentice or Lion President "Dub" Day. Or if you know of anyone who is talented or might be interested, you can help out by giving the information to some member of the club.

### SLIGHT DECLINE IS FELT IN LOCAL POSTAL TAKE

1953 Annual Gross Receipts at the Rankin Post Office totaled \$16,298.27. This was down some \$1,364.77 from the 1952 figure when gross receipts at the local office reached \$17,663.04.

Gross receipts are based on box rents and stamp sales and are used in determination of expense allowance for clerk hire, etc. in the following years.

For this reason it is most important that patrons purchase all stamp stock through the local office in order that the Post Office Department will grant sufficient allowance to provide efficient service to the public.

### Knotts Entertain With Buffet Dinner, Canasta

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### Seventeenth Annual Show Promises To Be Excellent

#### UPTON ELLENBURGER STRIKE COMPLETED

Hunt Oil Co. 1 Velma Tippett Amacker, Upton County Ellenburger discovery in 106-D-CCS D&RGNG, located 13.5 miles northwest of Rankin has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 416 barrels of 53 gravity oil-gas ratio 400-1.

#### Quest Of Former-School Board Members Brings Names To 5

In the News issue of Dec. 17, Mr. J. L. Alderdice, superintendent of Rankin Schools published a request for names and addresses of former school board members of Rankin Schools.

Sure enough, some turned up and where do you suppose one of them lived? Yep, that's right, just behind the school house.

W. L. Gotcher came into the News office last week and reported the names of four others besides himself who served on the school board in 1914 or 1915. They were I. G. Yates, Ernest Blanton, Dr. J. H. Johnson, Stanley Pool and Mr. Gotcher.

These men served at the time of the building of the present High School Building which will be vacated very shortly by the high school students and teachers in favor of the new building just recently completed.

Of this group of five, Mr. Gotcher said that as far as he was able to determine, he was the only remaining member who was still living. Anyone having further information as to the whereabouts of any other past members of the school boards of Rankin would be performing a worthwhile service by informing either Mr. Alderdice or the News office of their names and addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan and Children have returned to their home after visiting the R. O. Whites during Christmas. The Jordans live at Eldorado.

Week end visitors of Mary Pierce were Mr. and Mrs. Klutts of El Paso.

### All 4-H Animals In Good Shape—Fort Worth Next

The seventeenth Upton County Livestock Show will be held in Rankin February 9, 1954.

This year's event will be held in the old Rankin High School gym, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The judges for this year's show will be E. O. Nevills, County Agent from Big Lake, and Charlie Green, County Agent from Midland. Mr. Nevills, a well known fat lamb judge, will line up the fat lambs and breeding sheep starting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Green will judge the showmanship, awards to be given by Hogan Motor Company of Rankin. Mr. Hogan has made this award the past three years for the boy or girl that does the best job of showing his or her animal. There will be two awards, one for the best first year feeder and one for an older feeder. The following 4-H members will exhibit 130 lambs in the show:

Frank Boyd, James McDonald, John Boyd, Carolyn Branch, Stanley James, Butch Moore, Wayne Kennemer, Jimmy Pollard, Bud Poage, Paul Higgins, Genevieve Poage, Archie Higgins, Mike Collins, Tommie Langford, Carolyn Langford, Ruth McGill, Emmitt McGill, Joe Shaffer, Virginia Harral, Linda Harral, Gene McCain, Jack McCain, Amaryallis Harral, Barbara Harral, Quinton Lyles, James Lyles, Sam Helmers, Ellis Helmers, Wayne Stigeler, Paula Sue Stigeler.

There will be around 40 South-down lambs; 50 fine wool lambs; and 40 Cross bred lambs in the show.

This year's show will also feature a grass contest to be headed by C. L. Drake, Soil Conservation Service District work unit technician, and Jack Skiles, local 4-H Club adult leader. Awards will be given to the four high individuals in the grass contest.

The Nathan Jewelers trophy will be awarded to the boy or girl that shows the grand champion. A club member that shows the grand champion three years in his or her feeding work gets the big Nathan trophy for keeps. Nathan gives a little trophy each year to member that shows the Grand Champion.

The sale will be conducted by

Nelson Johnson, from San Angelo, and is slated to start around 3:00 p.m.

The Upton County 4-H Girls will be at the show to sell sandwiches, cold drinks, and will conduct a bake sale.

The seventeenth annual show will be headed by W. W. Harral, General Superintendent. The Show Committee consists of: Ed Guy Branch, 4-H Division; and J. C. Lyles, Breeding Sheep. The Pen Committee members are: Alred Helmers, Frank Boyd, J. C. Lyles, and Carl Shaffer. The Sales Committee members are: Ted Yocham, A. E. Ivy, T. A. Pauley, and Charlie Young.

Following is the Premium List:

CLASS OF SHOW	
I	
Singles	
HEAVIES AND LIGHTS	
A. Fat Mutton Lambs	
1st prize	\$7.50
2nd prize	6.00
3rd prize	5.00
4th prize	4.00
5th prize	3.00
B. Cross Breed Lambs	
(Same as Fat Mutton Lambs)	
C. Rambouillet Lambs	
1st prize	\$10.00
2nd prize	7.50
3rd prize	7.00
4th prize	6.00
5th prize	5.00
D. Champion Single Lamb	\$10.00
CLASS II	
PEN OF TWO	
A. Fat Mutton Lambs	
1st prize	\$7.50
2nd prize	6.00
3rd prize	5.00
4th prize	4.00
5th prize	3.00
B. Cross Breed Lambs	
(Same as Fat Mutton Lambs)	
C. Rambouillet Lambs	
(Same as Mutton Lambs)	
D. Champion Pen Fine Wool	\$10.00
E. Champion Pen	
C. B. or Mutton	7.50
BREEDING SHEEP	
Buck Lambs:	
1st prize	\$20.00
2nd prize	15.00
3rd prize	10.00
4th through 10th	5.00

### STREETS GET TOPPING

A number of streets were being given a topping of caliche this week by the county. Dirt was being hauled in and the level of the streets raised considerably. The prospects for the marking of the streets by the Rankin Lions Club took an upward turn this week with the arrival of signs for this purpose. Work will get underway immediately on this project, according to Lion President "Dub" Day.

### NEW HOMES STARED

According to F. N. Kelley of F. N. Kelley Construction Co., more new homes are to be built on the street leading to the Rankin Hospital. Two new homes are already occupied in this area with another due for completion by the first of February and a fourth one to be finished as quickly as possible. A fifth home has been approved and foundation work will begin soon on it. These houses have all been sold, and according to Mr. Kelley, he expects to completely fill the two blocks adjoining the hospital with new homes.

largest seismographing companies in the state. A large number of crews will operate from this building.

Further construction in the form of a Conoco service station is also planned for the very near future.

### FIRE INFLECTS DAMAGES

An early morning fire the first of the week burned out the inside of a house owned by Ray Boggs in the northwest part of town. Living in the house was the T. V. Meridith family. The fire, of undetermined origin, started in a closet and swept through the building before Rankin firemen could bring it under control. The Meridiths lost almost all of their belongings and the entire inside of the house was severely damaged by smoke, fire and water. Estimated damage on the building was \$1,500.

### NEW BUILDINGS UNDERWAY

This week saw the beginning of construction of two new buildings in Rankin. One will be a new Magnolia service station constructed on the site of the old Chevron station on the highway. The old building is being torn down and construction of the new station will begin immediately. It is estimated that this station will cost around \$18,000 and will improve the appearance of that part of town considerably.

Just to the north of this location, work is progressing on a large garage being built by H. Wheeler. This garage will be leased to Superior Oil Co., one of the



### That's \$3.37 Tax On That 37 Acres, Please

Remember the good old days when the amount of taxes on 67 acres of good farming land was \$3.36?

You might if you were paying taxes as far back as 1911.

Mr. E. F. Pryor, who lives at the Shell Pipe Line Camp, brought in an old billfold to the News office last week. It had belonged to Mr. J. B. Sale who was his wife's great grandfather on her mother's side of the family.

It had turned up in some of Pryor's belongings and upon examination turned out to contain quite a raft of old receipts, bank deposits and an old advertisement from a newspaper dated Sept. of '94.

This ad was an invitation to "all Tennesseans, Mississippians, Carolinians, Kentuckians, Georgians, Arkansans, Louisianans, Virginians, and citizens of every state to enjoy the hospitality of Clarksville, Texas, in Red River County. The ad was sponsored by Will Taylor who offered an "Elegant" line of good clothes and the like at reasonable prices and carried a notation in bold type at the bottom to "put this in your hat." The ad also included a picture of a very friendly sort of looking chap with a white beard, high top shoes and a vest, leaning against what appeared to be a hackberry tree.

Among the numerous receipts was the one for payment of \$3.36 in taxes on the 67 acres of land. That was a long time ago.

Visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon this weekend were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Shannon of Gail, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are teachers in the schools at Gail.

Mrs. Walter Cook returned to San Francisco after visiting in the home of Mrs. C. J. Holcomb.

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Paul Johnson, who returned to Rankin last week after a visit in Dallas, has gone back to Lubbock where he is enrolled in Texas Tech.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler has returned from Golthwaith with her daughter, Elsie Sharon. Elsie has been visiting relatives in Golthwaith and Brady.

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BEAR HUNT



depending on how we treat the Lord.

Got some late poop this week on more people moving to the Rankin area.

A chap from one of the oil camps said that they hope to have a number of new families moved into houses that they have just completed before too long. In this case it amounted to about 16 families all together.

I used to work for a fellow by the name of A. M. Jackson. He is a man with many whiskers in the newspaper business and he used to say that "he that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted."

Now Mr. J. has made several pesos in the newspaper business and he always tooted his own horn so herein we give a few beeps on our own said horn as regarding comments on the paper.

"We enjoy the paper more than we ever have." "I like the little personal items" "Give us more on the sports." "I'm going to subscribe." "We sure missed the paper last week. Be sure we get ours this time." "We're going to give subscriptions as Christmas gifts" (They did, too) "I enjoy the church news" "I want a television program" "It's a really good hometown paper"

And this one I like the best—"I like the ads. They help me in knowing what's being offered at special prices." All Advertisers please note.

These are just some of the nice things folks have said for which we are thankful. We'll try to do better as we go.

Then there is the one about a big game hunter who was re-

ported missing in Africa. Opinion was that something he disagreed with ate him.

Maybe you prefer the one about Cactus Joe who threw his cards down, drew his shootin' iron and said, "There's something crooked about this game, Slim. Them ain't the cards I dealt you."

Miss Kathleen Wheeler returned to Dallas Saturday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson have returned from a visit with her mother, Mrs. G. D. Maloney in Fort Worth.

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*Filler by J. B.*

It's 1954, no less. For the past week or so the papers have been full of long columns of predictions and prophecies as to what the new year will bring.

We read one chap's opinions and feel like going out and buying the wife a new coat and a new broom. Everything is just going to be dandy. Everybody is sure to make a killing in the money department, taxes are going to be cut so low that the government will be paying us. Russia is going to repent of her sins and become a sender of good gifts instead of spies, the Democrats are going to all get their old jobs back and things will be just lovely.

Ah, life, you are going to be a beautiful thing in 1954.

Then we read another chap's point of view.

We just hadn't orta done it. Everything is going to the dogs in '54 and the dogs are taking off, too.

A big fat depression is roaring down upon us. Everybody is going to lose their jobs and all the people in business for themselves are going broke. The Ruskiies and everyone else including the creatures in the flying saucers are going to hop on us. Things are gone without hope according to this chap. What to do? Ship the wife back home to her pa, put the kid in the orphans home and take to the hills.

Then we look back and see that these same folks were predicting the same things for 1953. They had predicted the same for 1952 and so on back to just about the year one. Some are partly right, most are wrong. Personally I believe that there is a way to know. Back some 1900 years ago a chap named Paul wrote in a letter to Roman Christians, "and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . . ." That sorta leaves it up to us. We more or less get what's coming to us

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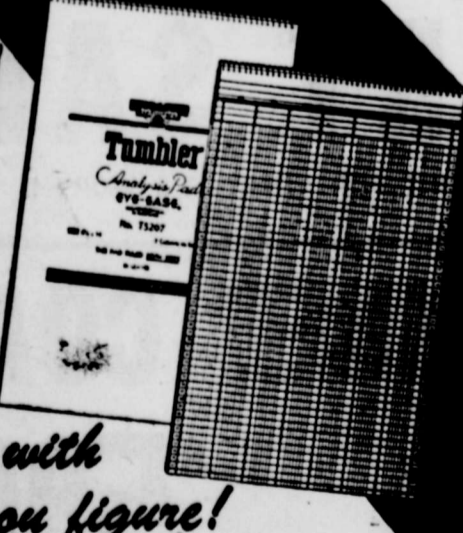
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### CHURCH CALANDER

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**SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
6:30 P.M. Training Union  
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship

**MONDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Lottie Moon Circle  
W.M.S.  
1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle W.M.S.

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:30 p.m. - Mid-week Service

**Rankin Methodist Church**  
DAN COCHRAN, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship ..... 7 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8 p.m.  
Choir Practice Wed 7:30 p.m.

**Church Of Christ**  
LEON KESLER, Minister

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mid-week services ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Church Of Christ**  
L. L. CALVIN, Minister

Bible Classes ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mid-week Services ..... 7:45 p.m.

**WMU CIRCLES OF FIRST BAPTIST HOLD MEETINGS**

Both circles of the WMU of the First Baptist Church met at the church January 4th.

The topic for the Royal Service Program was "The World At Our Doorstep." There were ten members and one visitor present.

**METHODIST WSCS MEET FOR CIRCLE PROGRAM**

Womens Society of Christian Service met in regular business session on January 4 at 2:30 p. m. at the church.

Profits from the sale of Christmas cards was reported as well as reports from various other projects.

Next study course will be Alcohol and Christian Responsibility. The date of this meeting will be announced later.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the park building with Mrs. D. O. McEwen on Monday, January 11 at 2:30 p.m.

**MEN'S NIGHT PROGRAM IS P-TA FEATURE JAN 12**

The Rankin P-TA will meet on January 12 at the Elementary School Auditorium at 3:15.

All parents and those interested are urged to attend this meeting.

An outline of the program is as follows:

Business session followed by program under leadership of A. E. Ivy. The topic "Developing Civic Responsibility" will be given by John Menefee.

Rev. R. L. Shannon will bring the devotional.

Rev. Don Cochran will lead in the singing.

Hosts will be J. R. McSpadden, L. D. Sipes, J. D. Shipp, R. L. Wall, G. L. Steele and J. L. Alderdice

This will be Men's Night and all men are urged to attend.

**DATE SET FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION MEET**

The Home Demonstration Club of Rankin is scheuled to meet Thursday, January 14 at 2:30 p. m. at the Park building.

A demonstration will be given on "Pattern Alteration, Sleeve Problems" and other alterations applying to ready-to-wear.

If you have a sewing problem pertaining to the above points, you are asked to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lane met Mr. and Mrs. A. P. May in El Paso Friday. Mrs. May is the former Opie Rhodes of Rankin. She and her husband have lived in Saudia-Arabia for the past two years. He is with the American-Arabian Oil Co. there. They arrived in the states on Dec. 11 and left Monday for New York to fly back to Dhahran, Arabia.

### HUNTING FATALITIES ARE BOOSTED BY FOUR DEAD

Austin, Jan. 6—Four additional hunting fatalities have brought to twenty-three the number of Texans succumbing during the fall hunting season, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

All of the latest deaths were attributed to firearms. Of the previous list of eight reported, six had been caused by drowning duck hunters.

The latest casualties included: An Abonham man shot by his own gun which was discharged when he set it down against a tree. The bullet struck him in the head.

A Corpus Christi man killed by his son near Uvalde when the latter fired at a wild turkey.

A 15-year-old Marshall lad killed hunting rabbits when a companion's gun was discharged as he hurried through a fence to shoot at a rabbit.

A 14-year-old Fort Worth boy killed by a self-inflected rifle wound while hunting.

The Executive Secretary said the fall casualty list seems to be running slightly higher than the one for last year.

He said that while all the reports have not been made, it is significant that not one case has been reported of a hunter being killed in Texas when mistaken for wild game.

The Executive Director said the final total would not be known for some time since the last phase of the major fall harvest carries on through January 16 when the quail season ends under the General Law.

Mrs. B. P. Miller and daughter, Sisie Jo of El Paso visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler. They have returned to their home in South Dakota.

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 SAM HOLMES  
 (Re-Election)

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alderdice have been visiting near Dallas. They also visited with Mrs. Alderdice's mother in Oklahoma.

Mr. Johnny Hurst visited her mother at Melvin over last week end. Their son returned to Rankin with her after having visited with his grandparenth during Christmas.

J. L. Clark and Ester spent the weekend in Ballinger with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cummings have returned from a visit with relatives in Gatesville.

Mary Pierce spent Christmas at Royse City near Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Exis Marten of San Angelo visited in the Henderson Knight home over the week end.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knott of Haliburton Camp this weekend were Mrs. Knott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Magers of Oklahoma City.  
**DID YOU HEAR** . . . .  
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