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Mr. and Mrs. Shack Jones have as their guests his sisters, Mrs. J. W. Cooper and Mrs. R. H. Baggaley, of Dallas.

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RANKIN LITTLE LEAGUE PLAY TO BEGIN JUNE 1ST

The Rankin Little League officials announced this week that they are preparing for the arrival of baseball season. Officially set to open around June 1st and continue through July 31st, Little League Baseball provides sports and entertainment for youngsters during the summer months.

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Freight Change Proves Unpopular With Users

Rankin merchants and business men were in quite a huff this week about the freight service rendered by Sunset Motor Freight. It seems that the town took a step backwards last week when the freight hauling company withdrew its local delivery service man and transferred all Rankin freight to its Big Lake house.

Merchants say that delivery service is slow and that it is almost impossible to ship merchandise from Rankin to outside points since they have to just catch the delivery truck whenever they can in order to get the item to be shipped picked up. A complaint will be registered with the company by the Rankin Lions Club in an effort to secure better service.

LIONS CLUB SPONSORING UPCOMING DANCE REVIEW

Rankin Lions Club will sponsor a gigantic dance review May 14th at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium, featuring pupils of the Flo Darling Dance School.

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Billed as an economy move by the company, some local observers feel that the company was willing to keep their offices here as long as the town was booming but now that business has slowed, they are unwilling to continue proper service.

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"I have no intention of entering into a money spending contest," he said. "I am sincerely and aggressively seeking the job of United States Congressman and I intend to seek election just as I have in the past: On my merits and not on the demerits of my opponent."

Rutherford pointed out that he considered the job of Congressman full-time one — not a sideline — and would exert his every effort to be worthy of the position if elected.

"In my six years of representing the people of West Texas, I have kept them informed, at my own expense, of legislative action," Rutherford said. "This I accomplished through radio, mimeograph copies of the bills and in my weekly 'Report to the People' through the courtesy of West Texas newspapers. In this way I feel I have moved the people closer to their state government and I will continue these reports if elected to the job in Washington."

Rutherford has been at the state capital as a senator the past two years and was a member of the Texas House of Representatives four years prior to that time. He was elected State Representative in 1948 over two opponents, and returned in 1950 without opposition and defeated the incumbent to win his Senate seat in 1952. He was elected by a large majority, carrying 53 of 58 boxes in El Paso. A Marine Corps combat veteran of World War II, Rutherford has lived in West Texas since early youth. He is married and the father of two children, Cleo Ann, 13, and Charles Lane, 15 months.

Rutherford is past state commander of the VFW and a member of the board of directors of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children. He was individually cited for his service to that organization.

"I point with pride to my attendance record at Austin," Rutherford said in his announcement. His absents have been limited — most of them due to his small son's serious illness last session, he said.

"I may not have always voted in accordance with some people's desires, but I have voted in such a manner that I thought would benefit West Texas and the majority of its people," Rutherford stated.

Known as a tireless and aggressive campaigner, Rutherford said he would be "very busy" during the coming campaign.

"I shall attempt to contact personally as many of the more than 20,000 poll tax payers as possible in the 19-county 16th Congressional District between now and election day," Rutherford concluded.

Mrs. Ed Kole returned the last of the week from San Antonio where she had been with her daughter who is ill. Mrs. Kole brought the little two-year old granddaughter home with her by plane.

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Friday night, after a chuck wagon supper had been served to a large group, an "Idea Preview" was presented in which each of the 10 areas of FHA had a separate part.

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Carol, who had lived in Bay-route, Arabia, with her parents for two years, told of her experiences as a scout member there. And how they would meet with the French girls organization at the Ambassador's open air theatre to have their court of awards together. They would also go for long hikes down to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to have cook outs there.

To complete their fields of achievements in International Friendship, it is required that the group have a speaker from another land or one who has been a member in another land. Carol has made this possible for the group by being their guest.

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Mrs. Walton Harral is banquet chairman and Herbert Hurn, president of the MYF, program leader.

On the second Sunday night in May, the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Alderdice, will render a vesper. They will be assisted by the MYF members who will give a poem, meditation and scriptures. Following the vesper service, Rev. Don Cochran, pastor, will install the following MYF officers who were elected at the business session last Sunday night:

President, Mary Anderson; vice-president, Covie Wheeler; secretary-treasurer, Ruth McGill; commission chairman: fellowship, Herbert Hurn; membership, Bobby Wheeler; membership and evangelism, Genevieve Poage; missions, Kearny Sue Scudday, Christian vocation, Nolan Adams.

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A schedule of the summer recreational activities will be published within the near future, however, we do urge at this time that the citizens of Rankin cooperate with the directors in making this program a success for the boys and girls of this community.

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Picked by the company as one of their outstanding men and one who will someday reach a million dollars a year in insurance selling, Justice is without a doubt headed for a bright future with the company. He and his wife have one son who is four years old and the pride and joy of his grandparents.

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Through all the years since the first missionaries began working at home and abroad, the missionary program has developed to meet human needs. The program has grown as the work has developed, first one child is taught to read, then a class, and eventually, a school. As these schools grow, they cost more. There must be teachers who receive salaries. When standards are met, the schools become accredited. Each step cost money.

Women's Society of Christian Service used the Treasure plan to meet some of these needs. Each member was given a small treasure chest listing the 28 countries where Christian service is being carried on, and asked to drop coins for each country into the chest throughout the year. This money is to be over and above the regular pledges. With over a million members, it is easy to see how this plan can help to supply the needs.

H D CLUB TO MEET MAY 13

The Rankin Home Demonstration Club will meet May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Park Building.

Miss Myrna Holman will give demonstrations on family records, business like practices, records that help in spending plans and tax returns, mortgages, notes, and deeds, other family records, outlook for your shopping dollar.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

W. J. "Pete" Pollard, Joe Powell and J. B. Hutchens attended the District Lions meeting in Sheffield last Friday night. They heard instructions for the incoming presidents and secretaries.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon attended the revival service at Iraan last Friday night. Rev. R. H. Cagle, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ballinger, was the evangelist. Rev. Cagle was pastor for several years at Hereford and Rev. Cagle and Rev. Shannon were closely associated with the Baptist Associational Work there for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Adams and family were San Angelo visitors Sunday.

Roy Priest, Jr., visited his father, Roy Priest, Sr., over the week-end. Priest is from St. Louis.

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Food For Thought - -

Each week a large amount of mail reaches our desk from all types of organizations. It is not often that we even bother to open the stuff, much less print any of it. But we are making an exception in the case of this one. It is from an address by Attorney General John Ben Shepperd to the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce, Jacksboro, Texas, Saturday, April 24, 1954. It is entitled "THE DYING TOWNS OF TEXAS."

I want to talk to you about a subject that politicians ordinarily avoid. I want to talk about what is happening to many of the small towns of Texas, and why.

Take a trip sometime from the Oklahoma border through Wichita Falls, and down through Corsicana to the Coast. It makes you sick to look at the dying towns. In some of them you don't see any children in the streets. You don't see any cars in front of the houses. There is no bustle or activity. It makes you feel that private initiative is dead.

Some of these little towns have tried desperately to bring in new business and industry. Chambers of Commerce have met 'til three in the morning. Foundations have been set up in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to attract new industry, usually with little success. Many of these towns are losing what little industry they have.

Worse than that, they're losing their people. What are we going to do about the exodus of people away from the small towns? Those that don't actually lose population fail to gain as much as they should. The people leaving the farms pass them by and go straight to the city.

One hundred forty-six counties in Texas—more than half of the 254—lost population between 1940 and 1950, and are still losing. Jack county, in spite of oil development and new business, lost 24% of its people between 1940 and 1950. One out of four pulled out.

A certain part of this is normal migration. It has been going on since 1800 when only 5% of the people lived in the city. Nowadays it takes more people to work the factories and fewer to work the farms.

But some of this exodus is not only abnormal, it is fatal to the little towns. A lot of the older, mature people that a small town needs are spending their retired years in the city suburbs. A lot of middle-aged people are living in the city and practicing week-end agriculture on the farms, or commuting every day to their businesses in the little towns. But the heart of the problem—the thing that really opens the sore—is the way the young people are pulling out. In many small towns there aren't enough young people left to be pallbearers for the old ones.

Look at a map that shows the relative ages of the people in the various counties. There is a large section in North-Central Texas, ranging roughly from San Angelo to Tyler and from the Red River to Yoakum in the South, where the percentage of people over 65 is almost twice as high as in other parts of the state.

Place that map on top of a map showing the counties that have had the heaviest population losses, and you'll find that they correspond almost exactly. It's the young people who are leaving, while the older people are faithfully trying to keep the home town alive.

For the first time in history, the percentage of Texans living on the farm or in the small towns have fallen below the national average. We're more cityfied than most other states. Forty-seven Texans out of every hundred are living in the fifteen big cities of the state; that's three-fourths of all the people who live in towns of more than 2500 people.

The old people say, "There are very few young people left in my town, and the ones there are don't want to do anything. They don't have any initiative. They don't lift themselves by their bootstraps the way we used to do."

But the young people say, "There's no chance in my home town. They don't give you a break. They don't lend you any money to get started. It's not easy to get ahead any more. The older people have the best business locations, and they don't want any competition. A lot of people are living on their insurance and savings and they don't want any new business to change the old landmarks or disturb the quiet. They won't sell their real estate. There's nothing to do but get out." (Could this be Rankin?)

Chambers of Commerce all over Texas are dreaming visions of new and great industry and smokestacks on the horizon, but can't see their greatest assets—young people—walking past them with packed suitcases. They're sending promotion experts to New York to bring back factories, and on the same train with them are the young people of the town leaving because they couldn't get ahead.

But what can we do on the local level—now—tomorrow morning? We can encourage young people to stay at home and go into business. We can put up collateral for loans to help them get started. We can teach our children the meaning of private initiative. We can take a healthy attitude toward competition. Competition benefits both parties. We can work to improve our recreational facilities. A lot of young people leave the small towns for no other reason than the lack of recreation. We can provide it.

Local civic clubs ought to appoint committees of "eyesore-spotters" to point out unsightly places and get people to clean them up voluntarily. Nobody wants to settle in a town of outhouses, pig pens, chicken coops and junk yards, but that is exactly what keeps a lot of tourists and new residents out of many little Texas towns. (Could this be Rankin?)

H. D. CHATTER

by Myrna Holman
 Co. Home Demonstration Agent

Upton County Women are again joining the National Home Demonstration Council in the observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 2-8.

Miss Jennie Williams, president of the National Home Demonstration Council, has this to say about the observance:

"Our opportunity to publicize our privilege—the very great privilege of belonging to one of the most vital and forward-looking organizations in this land of many organizations. Ours is the privilege of joining hands with a million or more other women in the United States, who, like ourselves, are working to stimulate better living in the American home. Ours, too, is the privilege of joining with six million women around the globe, who are working for better conditions in rural homes everywhere.

"We do not work blindly toward our goal. We have the help and guidance of our Extension Service, a truly American institution, that is being observed and introduced in many far away lands. If 'imitation is the truest flattery' we may take pride in the fact that other countries have found our system of education in and for the home worthy of their close study and adaptation of their needs."

The theme in Texas is "Home—the Cornerstone of Freedom." The following objectives have been listed:

1. To encourage and assist pa-

rents in the training and guidance of children and youth; to develop teamwork in the family.

2. To encourage all families to eat well-balanced meals.

3. To help families to make wise decisions in the use of the family income.

4. To aid families to make satisfactory choices in the selection and use of clothing and household fabrics.

5. To help families achieve the maximum standards of housing possible within their incomes.

6. To encourage the families to use their influences to strengthen the communities in which they live.

7. To acquaint young families with the educational opportunities provided by the Extension Service and the many avenues through which home demonstration work may serve their needs.

8. To recognize that families through organized study, planning, and action are making a lasting contribution to home and community improvement.

Locally club women are observing the week by sponsoring a radio program, sponsoring a picnic for 4-H girls, an especially through regularly scheduled meetings to which all women are invited. The schedule appears below.

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

Demonstrations in Women's Clubs this week will be on family records to keep. An outline listing all "valuable papers" and "important papers" will be given together with a demonstration on ways of filing these and other worthwhile material.

Tuesday a.m., May 4th—Big Lake H. D. Club, with Mrs. V. B. Duncan

Wednesday, May 5th—Texon H. D. Club, at Clubhouse
 Thursday, May 6th—Midkiff H. D. Club at Phillips Camp
 Friday, May 7th—Several cars of women and the agent go to Kermit for the district meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association. At this meeting Mrs. Dora Smith of Big Lake will serve on the resolutions committee, and Mrs. J. E. Barber of Big Lake and Mrs. J. R. Sumrall of McCamey on the election committee.

Dr. O. Z. Martin
OPTOMETRIST
 Hours 9-5, Closed Mondays
 Telephone 141

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 RANKIN, TEXAS
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF FIRST STATE BANK

ASSETS

OF RANKIN, TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 15TH, 1954, A STATE BANKING INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AND OPERATING UNDER THE BANKING LAWS OF THE STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CALL MADE BY THE STATE BANKING AUTHORITIES AND BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF THIS DISTRICT.

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,014,822
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,162,750
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	496,000
Corporate stocks (including \$5,400.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	5,400
Loans and discounts (including \$3,648.58 overdrafts)	999,950
Bank premises owned \$4,310.90, furniture and fixtures \$7,500.00	11,810
Other assets	800
TOTAL ASSETS	3,691,582
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,081,830
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	227,950
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	27,750
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,074,852
TOTAL DEPOSITS	3,412,382
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	3,412,382
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	\$ 55,000
Surplus	125,000
Undivided profits	77,582
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital) Contingencies	22,500
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	280,082
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,691,582

*This bank's capital consists of:
 Common stock with total par value of \$55,000.00

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 1,307,810
 I, D. S. ANDERSON, cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 D. S. ANDERSON

CORRECT—ATTEST:
 H. F. Neal, Clay Taylor, Dunn Lowery, Directors.
 State of Texas, County of Upton, ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April, 1954.
 RUTH HOLCOMB
 Notary Public
 Upton County, Texas

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
 APRIL 30 AND MAY 1**
MARK STEVENS
 IN
"JACK SLADE"
 — PLUS SECOND FEATURE —
"SCARLET SPEAR"
 WITH
JOHN ARCHER — MARTHA HYERS

**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
 MAY 2 AND 3**
"GYPSY COLT"
 — STARRING —
**DONNA CORCORAN — WARD BOND — FRANCES DEE
 AND GYPSY**

TUESDAY, MAY 4
CARY GRANT AND MYRNA LOY
 IN
"MR. BLANDINGS BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE"

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
 MAY 5 AND 6**
"MISS ROBIN CRUSOE"
**AMANDA BLAKE — GEORGE NADER
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UNLESS WE ARE NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRARY, ALL RENEWAL POLICIES EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER MAY 1ST WILL BE ISSUED BY US WITH THE \$50.00 DEDUCTIBLE CLAUSE ATTACHED.

We can endorse your existing policy substituting the \$50.00 Deductible Clause for the \$100.00 Deductible Clause, charging for the difference in rates on the unexpired term only, and will do so upon your request.

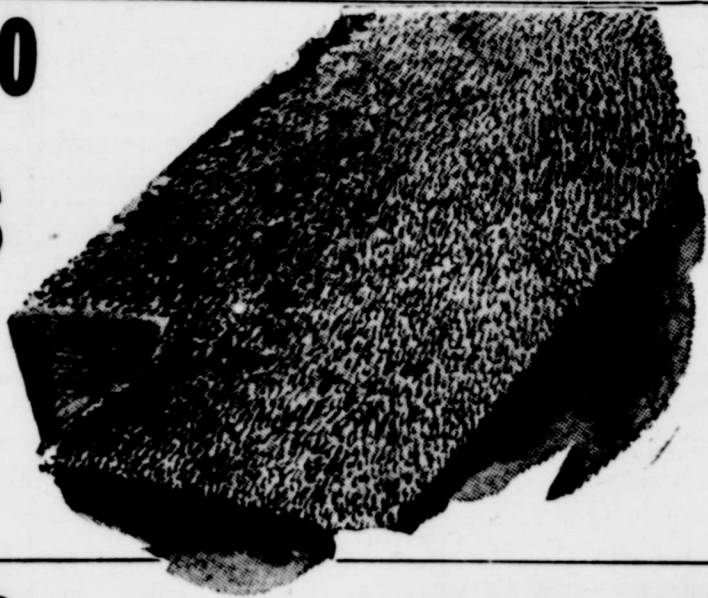
We wish also to remind you that we can add Medical Payments to your Automobile Liability Insurance Policy, which provide not only Medical and Hospitalization Benefits for Every Person Riding in the Insured's Car, but which also pays Funeral Expenses.

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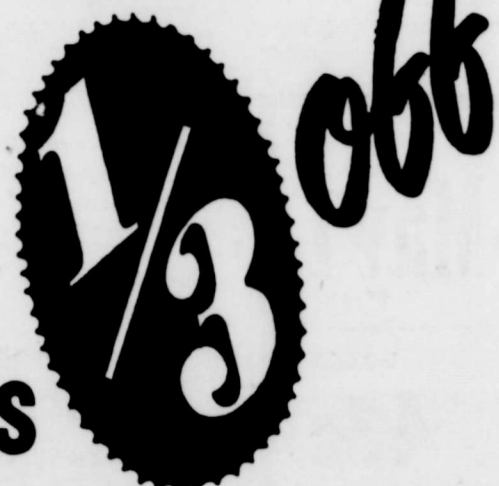
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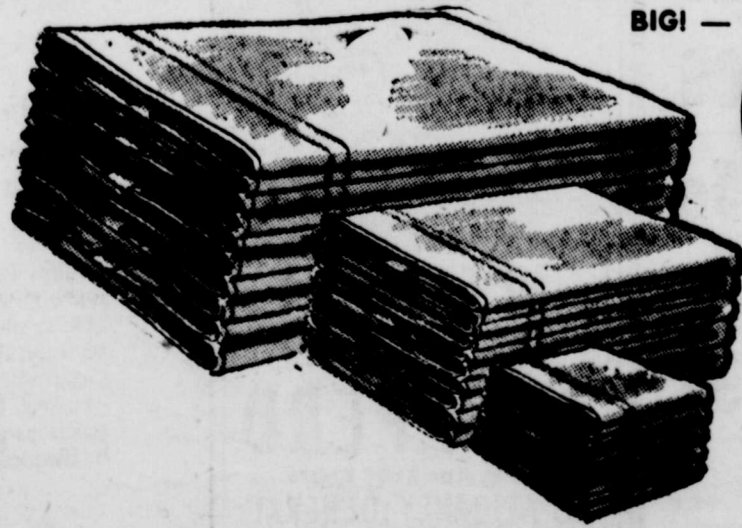
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FREE! WITH EACH PURCHASE OF 3 PAIR OF BLUE JEANS AT REGULAR PRICE
Boy's 1¹⁻² in. Jean Belt

A Word Of Thanks—

WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE PATRONIZED US DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HERE IN RANKIN AND ASSURE YOU OUR DESIRE TO GIVE GOOD, FRIENDLY SERVICE AND YOU WITH THE GOODS YOU WANT AT POPULAR PRICES.

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Your telephone bill reduced by excise tax cuts April 1

The excise tax cuts voted by Congress are good news for all telephone customers. You benefit on long distance calls. Here the tax cut reduces your cost 12% in most cases. But your bill for local service will be less, too — approximately 5% less. You get the full benefit of these tax reductions. Not a penny goes to the telephone company. Now it costs even less to "talk it over by long distance." And your local service, too, is an even bigger bargain.



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TIN CRISCO 3 LBS	79c	GRADE "A" EGGS DOZEN	43c
LIPTON TEA 1/4 LB.	31c	CRISP BELL PEPPER LB.	19c
AUSTEX BEEF STEW 3 FOR	99c	VINE FRESH CUCUMBERS 2 LBS.	25c
GANDY'S MELLORINE QT.	29c	FRESH TOMATOES CTN.	21c
LIMIT ONE—MILK PER CASE	\$6.15	FRESH CORN 3 EARS	23c
LIGHTCRUST FLOUR 10 LBS.	89c	MESH BAG POTATOES 10 LBS.	39c
PRIM TISSUE 3 FOR	19c	HONOR BRAND FROZEN STRAWBERRIES 10 OZ.	29c
BIG TOP PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ.	59c	HONOR BRAND FROZEN GREEN BEANS CTN.	19c
ASS'T FLAVORS KOOL AID 6 FOR	25c	NO. 303 GEBHART SPICED CHILI BEANS 7 FOR	99c
REGULAR SIZE TIDE OR CHEER	31c	STOKELY'S FRUIT COCKTAIL 4 FOR	99c
GIANT SIZE TIDE OR CHEER	71c	HORMEL O L E O 5 FOR	99c
HEINZ BABY FOOD 12 FOR	\$1	JACK SPRAT GREEN BLACK EYED PEAS 7 FOR	99c
U. S. CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS LB.	23c	Chase & Sanborn, White Swan COFFEE—LIMIT 2 LB.	\$1.09
CHOICE ARM OR CHUCK BEEF ROAST LB.	39c	PEPSODENT TOOTH PASTE LG.	25c
U. S. CHOICE SIRLOIN STEAK LB.	69c	PEPSODENT TOOTH PASTE GIANT	45c
HORMEL SLICED BACON LB.	73c	STOKELYS CATSUP BOTTLE	19c

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Local city spotters to get here'll be plenty more of these Specials on our windows. S & H GREEN STAMPS—DOUBLE STAMPS ON WEDNESDAYS WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITY

this day the 26th of April, A.D. 1954, the Hon. Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, met in a regular session, at the Court House in Rankin, Texas, with the following present and presiding:

Hon. G. H. Fisher, County Judge
Sam Holmes, County Precinct 1
T. D. Workman, Jr., County Precinct 2
W. W. Greif, County Precinct 3
Joe E. Conger, County Precinct 4
Nancy K. Daugherty, County Clerk

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had, to-wit: MOTION by Commissioner Greif, duly seconded by Commissioner Conger that the minutes of the regular session of April 12, 1954, and THE SPECIAL SESSION of April 23, 1954, of the Upton County Commissioners Court be approved as read.

All Commissioners voting aye; MOTION by Commissioner Greif, duly seconded by Commissioner Workman that Filed Change Request No. 2 Revised be approved and County Judge be authorized to execute the same.

Change order is as follows: HASIE & GREEN ENGINEERING CO., Wilson Building, Lubbock, Texas.

CHANGE ORDER AND SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT F. C. Request No. 2 Revised Accompanied by sketches of F. C. Plan. Sheets numbered Original Drawing Sheets, 1, 4, Upton Con. Park Proj. No. City Proj. No. Hwy No. TO HASIE & GREEN ENGINEERING COMPANY

Approval of the following changes in place/ and/ Or/ specification is requested Limits: Pump House and Pipe Joints

Description: 1. Add 60 sq. ft. to Pump House
(2) Use 35-10" and 7-8" pipe extension lead joints
(3) Change electric system to conform to revised well location
(4) Add 8" water meter to sell water to city of Rankin.

This field change is requested for the following reasons:
(1) Installation pump with larger lead plates than pumps on which planned
(2) Expansion joints not in original plan—to alleviate temperature stresses
(3) Wells located different than original plan.

Contractor: Clyde Yarbrough, Inc.
FIELD CHANGE QUANTITIES
Item No. Description Unit Quant.
1 Pump House add sq. ft. 60
2 Lead Joints lbs. 714

Price
\$10.00 \$600.00
.00 \$428.40
9,794.88 9,794.88 1 10,586.33
900.00 900.00
Total 10,586.33
Net Unerrun 1,136.95

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Hon. U. S. Representative, 16 Congressional District: J. T. Rutherford

For State Representative 102nd District: Audie Belcher

For District Judge, 112th Judicial District: Alvis Johnson
Jim C. Langdon
Roy R. Priest

For District Attorney, 83rd Judicial District: Bruce C. Sutton

For County Judge: Earl C. Bone
G. H. "Bud" Fisher (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector: H. E. "Gene" Eckols (Re-Election)
C. H. "Cliff" Jones

For County and District Clerk: Mrs. Nancy K. Daugherty (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: John A. Menefee (Re-Election)

For County Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rains (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: Sam Holmes (Re-Election)
Preston Patton
J. W. Hearon

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. D. "Tommy" Workman, Jr. (Re-Election)

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1: Omar Warren (Re-Election)
O. C. Scarborough

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 2: O. N. Justice
Mrs. Murray McCain (Re-Election)
W. J. "Curley" Cowen

For Constable, Precinct 1: W. F. Moore (Re-Election)

For Constable, Precinct 2: S. O. (Sid) Langford (Re-Election)

C. T. JOHNSON
A DEMOCRAT FOR LT. GOV.
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\$100 MO. PENSION AT 65
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SAVE WATER—SAVE FARMS



THE CANDIDACY OF JOHN BEN SHEPPERD FOR RE-ELECTION AS ATTORNEY GENERAL SECOND TERM
V COURAGEOUS
V EFFICIENT
V EXPERIENCED
V SINCERE

Electric System L.S. 1
8" Water Meter 1
Total \$11,723.28
Net Unerrun

ORIGINAL PLAN QUANTITIES
Contr. Amt. Quant. Contr. Amt. Price
\$10.00 \$600.00
.00 \$428.40
9,794.88 9,794.88 1 10,586.33
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Total 10,586.33
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Respectfully requested by: HASIE & GREEN ENGINEERING CO.
BY: George P. Green, Consulting Engineer
Approved: G. H. Fisher
Owner: 426-54
Approved: Contractor Date

Five copies of this form must be submitted to the office of Hasie & Green Engineering Company, P. O. Box 1139, Lubbock, Texas, for each Field Change Request.

All Commissioners voting aye. MOTION by Commissioner Conger, duly seconded by Commissioner Workman that the Plat of East Park Addition an addition to the City of McCombe, Upton County, Texas, and dated April 19, 1954, be approved by this Court.

All Commissioners voting aye. MOTION by Commissioner Workman, duly seconded by Commissioner Conger that the audit of Upton County, Texas, for the year of 1953, as presented by George R. Donnell and Associates Certified Public Accountants of San Antonio, Texas,

CARD OF THANKS
Words can not express our appreciation to our many friends who called or sent flowers and cards during the passing of our loved one. May God's richest blessings be yours.
Mrs. W. H. Burleson
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gene Yocham
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Zandt

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be accepted and ordered filed as of this date by Upton County Clerk.
All Commissioners voting aye. MOTION by Commissioner

Holmes, duly seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the Court recess.
All Commissioners voting aye. ATTEST:

NOTICE DOG OWNERS
ALL DOGS MUST BE VACCINATED FOR RABIES
VACCINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE
City Hall May 11
NEW TAGS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THIS TIME ALSO. TAGS \$1.00—RABIES SHOTS \$3.00
DOGS WILL BE VACCINATED IN McCAMEY MAY 12
BY ORDER OF
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