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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1955

Seventeenth Annual Upton County 4-H Club Livestock Show To Open Saturday, Jan. 8

The eighteenth year. Upton 4-H Club members will have their annual livestock show. Opening scheduled to start 10 a. m. this year's show will be in McCamey on the C. W. Motor Co. car lot.

It will be an all day affair and is expected to be very interesting. A number of teams from surrounding counties. Contest will be handled by the 4-H members who will serve pie, coffee, sandwiches, etc.

Public is cordially invited to this show which promises to feature animals that will without doubt win high honors all over the coming show season. For information as to prizes, etc. be found elsewhere in this issue.

Hires Engineer and Construction

At first meeting of the Upton County Commission Court voted to retain the services of W. W. Grief and Associates consulting engineers of McCamey to draw up the necessary plans for construction of paving east Upton County.

A stretch of road to be paved near Midkiff and runs to the County line. This road has been in poor condition and paving will make Rankin easily reached by folks living west of the county.

Mrs. Carl Crosskno and Evelyn Hopkins were in Dallas for the holidays.

CECIL MERRIMAN IS NEW SINCLAIR OPERATOR

Cecil Merriman, a well-known and long-time resident of Rankin, has taken over the operation of the Sinclair Service Station.

Merriman has had a number of years experience in the service station business and has said that he extends a welcome to everyone to come by and get acquainted with their service.

Prior to taking over the station, Merriman worked for T. L. Stephenson Trucking. He and his wife have one son, 8-year-old Murray Dee, who is a student in Rankin Elementary School.

Services featured by the station will be wash and grease, tire service, Sinclair gas and oil, tires, tubes, batteries and other auto accessories.

ONE WRECK, ONE FIRE HOLIDAY FEATURES

As a whole, things were very quiet in Rankin on both Christmas and New Year's holidays.

According to Sheriff Gene Eckols, there were no serious disturbances or accidents in Rankin. On Friday, Dec. 31, a rather large grass and brush fire burned off several acres of land in the draw behind T. L. Stephenson's Trucking yard. Called to the scene was the Rankin fire truck, along with a number of volunteers and passers-by who all pitched in to help fight the blaze.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 31, a pick-up truck and a Plymouth passenger car were involved in an

COUNTY OFFICIALS BEGIN NEW TERMS

In ceremonies held Monday, Jan. 3, county officials were installed into the various offices for the new year.

After newly elected officials were sworn in, the following is the "line-up" of county officials:

Commissioners Court:
G. H. Fisher, County Judge
Sam Holmes, Com. Prec. 1
T. D. Workman, Jr., Com. Prec. 2
E. K. Bufford, Com. Prec. 3
Joe Conger, Com. Prec. 4

County Offices:
H. E. Eckols, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector

Elizabeth L. Rains, County Treasurer
Nancy K. Daugherty, County Clerk

Steve Preslar, County Attorney
J. A. Moore, County Auditor
W. W. Grief, County Surveyor
W. F. Moore, Const. Prec. 1
Sid Langford, Const. Prec. 2
Malcolm Reimers, Const. Prec. 3
Omar Warren, J. P. Prec. 1
W. J. Cowen, J. P. Prec. 2
Aileen Gibson, J. P. Prec. 3
Gertrude Stephens, J. P. Prec. 4

accident on Highway 67. This accident also occurred near Stephenson's as the driver of the truck, Hollis Hartman of Killeen now stationed at Fort Hood with the army, attempted to pass Ted Miles of Rankin as Miles was turning into the street leading to Stephenson's.

Both cars sustained heavy damages; however, neither driver reported injuries. Sheriff Eckols said that no charges had been filed in the case.

WHO'S EXCITED —

One of Rankin's newest papas is a very cool fellow ordinarily. Junior Hayes, who is completing his first week in Rankin as a butcher for Cashway Grocery, is the father of a boy born in Pampa on January 1.

Hayes had placed a phone call to Pampa to talk to his wife, not knowing that she had presented him with a son. When told of the big news, he got so excited he forgot to ask what they had named the baby. At last report, he still hasn't learned how to address his new heir.

Two more new dads performed for the Lions Club last Monday night. Schoolteacher W. D. Price and Ted Hogan sang "Rock-A-Bye Baby" for the gathering as a result of their new children. Hogan also played the piano for the occasion.

A hearty round of applause greeted the end of the performance—mostly because it was the end.

HILL TAKES OVER RANKIN ICE HOUSE

Glen Hill, who formerly operated the Rankin Drug, took over management and operation of the Rankin Ice House on January 1.

Hill, a long-time resident of Rankin, purchased the interests of O. R. Adams and C. L. Hale, who had been operating the establishment for the past several months.

Hours announced for the store will be from 7:00 a. m. until 9:00 p. m. for the present time, with a 6:00 a. m. opening time to take effect in the summer as the ice demand goes up.

The Rankin Ice House, open seven days a week, carries a line of groceries, meats, ice and beverages.

Hill stated that at the present time there are no plans for enlarging or improving the property but did not rule out the possibility of such taking place at a later date.

Red Devils Enter Pecos Tourney Friday

A fast improving Red Devil basketball team will enter the Pecos Tournament beginning Friday, Jan. 7, with their first game against Marathon set at 7:00 p. m.

In the past week's play, the Devils took a pair of games from Ozona while dropping two to the McCamey Badgers.

In the McCamey tilt played Monday, Jan. 3, Bobby Hudson led the "B" team with 11 points, followed by Nolan Adams with 9 in a close 39-36 game won by McCamey.

In the "A" game, Clifford Chandler with 16 was high, followed by Bob Trower with 13 that found the Devils on the short end of a 38-41 count. In the first quarter, the score stood 6-2 with McCamey in the lead. At the end of the half, it was 18-10 McCamey and in the third quarter it was 28-20 McCamey.

Beginning the fourth quarter, the Red Devils began moving up on their Class A opponent and managed to lead by 4 points at one point. However, they failed to hold the more experienced Badgers with the final count being 41-38.

Tuesday night, Jan. 4, Rankin copped a pair from Ozona; the "B" game being 50-43 with Carlton Stephenson leading with 14 points followed by Debbs Gamblin and Nolan Adams with 12 each.

For the "A" game, it was 47-43 for Rankin with Ingram with 15 and Trower with 10, accounting for most of the points. In an earlier encounter this year with Ozona, the Red Devils split a pair with the "B" team winning their game while the "A" team lost.

MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE TO GET UNDERWAY

Pete Pollard has announced that the Annual March of Dimes Drive for contributions will get underway with a meeting in McCamey Thursday night, Jan. 6, at 6:30.

Plans will be laid at this meeting for the part to be played by each community in the annual dime gathering for polio victims. One of the feature attractions planned for this affair will be an all-night TV show on January 15. Talent for this show is being sought and anyone who would help out on the program should contact Pollard.

REV. RAY LEE HOME FROM ANGELO HOSPITAL

Rev. Ray Lee, pastor of the First Methodist Church, underwent minor surgery in a San Angelo hospital.

He returned home last Friday and is reported to be doing as well as could be expected. He hopes to be able to fill his pulpit next Sunday.



THIS YEAR'S WINNERS—Pictured above are the winners of the awards offered in the Seventeenth Annual Upton County Livestock Show held in Rankin Saturday, January 9, 1954. At the left is Carolyn Branch, 1st place Heavy Finewool; Barbara Harral, 1st Heavy Finewool; Linda Higgins holding; Barbara Harral, 1st Heavy

Southdown (Grand Champion); Amaryallis Harral, 1st Heavy Crossbred; Sam Helmes holding; Virginia Harral, 1st Light Crossbred, and Linda Harral, 1st Light Southdown. According to County Agent W. M. "Dub" Day, these are among the best ever produced in Upton County.

Vic Vet says

IF A POST-KOREA VETERAN'S TRAINING-ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE KOREA GI BILL RUNS OUT WHEN HE IS HALF-WAY THROUGH HIS SEMESTER AT SCHOOL, HE CAN FINISH THAT SEMESTER UNDER THE GI BILL.



Employees' Compensation and Social Security

We call to your attention again, that for some time it has been the ruling of the Bureau of Federal Employees' Compensation that compensation from the Bureau could be paid concurrently with Social Security benefits—but—the Social Security Administration had not ruled that Social Security benefits could be paid concurrently with Federal Employees' Compensation.

But the Social Security Administration has now made a ruling that Social Security benefits whether based on WW II or Korean credits or other earned credits, may be paid concurrently with Federal Employees' Compensation.

Voters in Two States Vote Vet Bonuses

Voters in Michigan and Louisiana in the November election approved payment of state bonuses to Korea war veterans. This brings to 4 the number of states which have approved bonuses to Korea veterans. Massachusetts and Vermont are already paying bonuses to Korea veterans of war service.

The Michigan bonus will require routine enabling legislation when the State Legislature convenes January 1, will provide payments on a formula of \$15 for each month of overseas service and \$10 for each month of statewide service, to a \$500 maximum. The payments will probably begin about April 1, 1955. A request has been made that no one write for applications until a formal announcement is made that applications are available.

The Louisiana bonus will be based on a flat \$250 for service in the Korea combat area; \$150 for overseas service outside the Korea combat area, and \$50 for those who served 90 days and who are not entitled to a greater bonus.

Payments should begin about Jan. 15, 1955. Applications must be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Old State Capitol Bldg., Baton Rouge, La. The deadline for making application is December 31, 1956.

AT YOUR SERVICE

with a
KEY DEPARTMENT

For your peace of mind — and for your convenience — you SHOULD have EXTRA sets of keys. It would be well to have one set in your wallet, and another set hidden on the outside of your car — your peace of mind is worth it!

PLAY SAFE!
The cost is small —

COME IN TODAY
HOGAN MOTOR CO.

Veterans who received either the Michigan or Louisiana WW II bonuses are also eligible for the Korea bonuses, provided they meet requirements for the new payments.

Louisiana provides a flat \$1000 payment for widows or other eligible survivors if the serviceman

was killed on active duty or died as a result of service.

Michigan has previously approved \$500 payments for survivors of Korea War veterans, who died as a result of service, and the new law authorizes bonuses to next-of-kin of eligible veterans regardless

of the nature of their death.

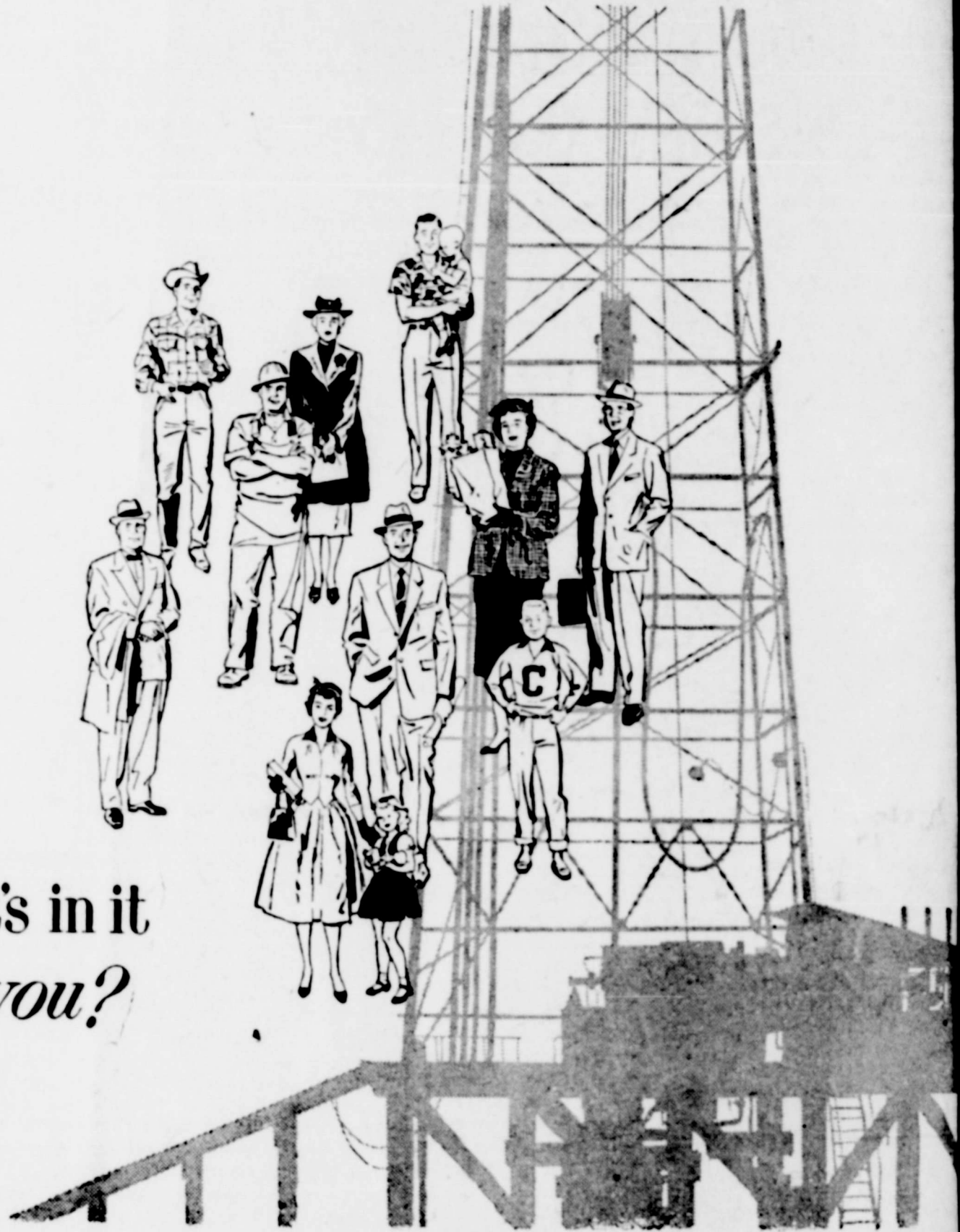
A sign on a Texas filling station reads: "No smoking! If your life isn't worth anything, gas is."

Scotch tape at the Rankin News.

The Rankin (Tex.) News, Thursday, January 6, 1955

Some people don't pay — because they plan to

It is easier to form a habit than reform a bad



What's in it for you?

Every Texan profits in a large way from every barrel of crude oil and every cubic foot of natural gas produced in the State.

Directly. Taxes paid by the petroleum industry to support all agencies of the State Government, including schools, old age assistance, and welfare institutions, totaled \$170 million in 1954, more than a third of all the taxes collected by the State. And, in addition, the industry pays millions in other taxes to counties, school districts, and municipalities.

Indirect profits are even greater. Industry employees receive and spend about \$850 million a year; royalty and lease payments to landowners add up to \$500 million. Most of this money passes promptly into trade channels.

As a result, you'll find oil dollars on every

balance sheet in Texas and in every bank account, including your own.

... But you can't figure profits in money alone.

The *chief* profit from the production of oil and natural gas rests in what these fuels *do*: In the miles you cover with your car ... in heat for your home ... in the usefulness of articles made from petroleum hydrocarbons ... in the power that moves long trains across the continent and turns the wheels of the large industrial plants.

This profit Texans share with all Americans. It is reflected in the American standard of living, which is the world's highest; and it provides a dividend of national security, because a well developed, efficiently operated petroleum industry is one of the major resources in the U. S. arsenal for national defense.

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THE RANKIN (Tex.) NEWS—
Thursday, January 6, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Linton Clark accompanied Mrs. Mary Pierce to Midland Saturday when she received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Ina Houser. Mrs. Pierce left Midland for Dallas where services were held the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boggs spent the week-end in Plainview visiting Mr. Boggs' mother.

John Kidd and Jack Abernathy attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cunningham and Miss Leona Moore spent the Christmas holidays in Brownwood where they attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham's granddaughter to Marvin Whatley on Sunday, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cunningham and their son, J. E. Cunningham, spent New Year's Day in Brownwood.

Trouble with a crew haircut on an older guy is that too many of the crew have already bailed out.

LINES BY SOGLOW



Planning your retirement? How about "doing" Italy . . . Roman ruins . . . St. Peter's . . . the opera at LaScala! Let's be realistic—for that dream, you need CASH. On the Payroll Savings Plan, your employer will set aside whatever sum you specify each payday, will invest your savings in United States Savings Bonds. When they mature, at 9 years, 8 months, you get back \$4 for every \$3 you put in—more if you hold them longer. THEN stop reading travel folders and start packing! So get on Payroll Savings today, to build a good future—with United States Savings Bonds.

'Tis best to learn the trade and not just the tricks.

Handwriting on the wall usually means there's a child in the family.

Stapling machines at the Rankin News.

Inks for every purpose at the Rankin News.

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Upton County 4-CLUB FAT LAMB AND SHEEP SHOW

sponsored by
 Ranchmen of Upton County
 Chamber of Commerce
 McCamey, Texas
 Business Men
 McCamey and Rankin, Texas

January 8, 1955

4-H CLUB PLEDGE

I PLEDGE:
 My HEAD to clearer thinking
 My HANDS to greater service
 My HEART to truer loyalty and finer sympathy
 My HEALTH to more efficient living in service to my home, my community, my country and my God.

Amen.

Judges for the 1955 Show

Fat Lambs Fred Wilkerson
 Showmanship Joe Glover
 Ft Stockton

For Boys 4-H Club Sheep Show

1. All boys must have put lambs on feed on or before December 1, 1954.
2. Lambs must show their milk teeth
3. Each club boy is permitted to show two lambs in the single class
4. Each boy is permitted to have one entry in the group of two
5. Club boy must hold his lamb or get some other boy to help him hold his lamb while the lambs are being judged
6. Lambs must be on grounds and be ready to show by 9:00 o'clock a. m., January 8
7. Each 4-H Club member is allowed to sell only one lamb in the auction sale.
8. Grand Champion must be sold at auction

History Of This Show

Business men and ranchers of Upton County have been cooperating for the past seventeen years in sponsoring the County Fat Stock Show. They pledge their cooperation in making the eighteenth Annual Show a great success.

The purpose of this show is to encourage boys in 4-H Club work and to give more recognition to the demonstrations they are carrying out and to give recognition to the type and quality of sheep produced by the ranchmen of Upton County.

It is the aim of those Ranchers and Business men to enlarge and improve the Upton County Show and to make it more educational.

They wish to invite you and your friends to attend the eighteenth Annual Show.

Committees and Superintendents

General Chairmen

J. R. Smith
 T. A. Pauley

4-H Division

Ed Guy Branch Superintendent

Show Committees

4-H Division Alford
 Pens Alford
 J. C. Lyles, Frank Boyd, Geo
 Sales
 A. E. Ivy, T. A. Pauley Ch

AWARDS—

Class I
 Singles
 Heavies and Lights

A. Fat Mutton Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

B. Cross Breed Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

C. Rambouillet Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

D. Champion Single Lamb—

E. Finewool Champion—

Class II
 Pen of Two

Fat Mutton Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

Crossbreed Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

Rambouillet Lambs—

- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- 4th prize
- 5th prize

Champion Pen Fine Wool—

Champion Pen, C, B, or Mutton

4-H CLUB MEMBERS—

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Frank Boyd | Nelson W |
| John Boyd | James Mc |
| Wayne Kennemer | Carolyn B |
| Bud Poage | Butch Mo |
| Mike Collins | Jimmy Pa |
| Emmitt McGill | Archie H |
| Virginia Harral | Tommy L |
| Sam Helmers | Ruth Mc |
| Stanley James | Barbara B |
| Carolyn Langford | Linda Ha |
| Quinton Lyles | Jack Mc |
| Wayne Stigeler | James Ly |
| Robert Epley | Ellis Hel |
| Stanley Helmers | Paula Sue |
| Kennedy Sharp | Gene Mc |
| Judy James | Rickey P |

Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

VERN SANFORD
Press Association

— A Texas Supreme Court dispute ruling in an El Paso case may clear up a two year situation in Port Arthur. In a prior decision, the court held that state courts have jurisdiction in cases similar to the one.

— Action in the coast town taken because of an order ruling that jurisdiction of federal courts under Taft-Hartley.

General John Ben Shep-

perd, elated over the verdict, promised an immediate review of the Port Arthur strike.

— Strikes there were organized by out-of-state groups. The original union responsible, Distributing, Processing, and Office Workers of America, was thrown out of the CIO after charges of being communisted. The strike continued under a CIO local.

— The El Paso case responsible for the new ruling was that of Whitfield Transportation, Inc. vs. Truck Drivers, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 941.

More Money
Money problems continued as the chief worry of legislators who in January will see demands for \$66 million more than present revenues will yield.

Jerry Sadler, back in the legislature after a long layoff from politics, said he'd boost a beer tax increase and a penny jump in gasoline sales tax to solve the problem.

Low Rainfall
Average rainfall over Texas was 50 per cent of normal during November, the State Board of Water Engineers reported.

Austin Jobs
Austin is faced with its greatest employment boom of all time, says the local Texas Employment Commission Office.

TEC reports listed 63,165 persons employed on non-farm jobs and estimated that total employment, now at 69,670, would be ever greater in February.

Public Welfare
Expenses of providing for old age assistance, and aid to the blind and dependent children are increasing for the state because of the drouth.

More Beef With Brahman Blood



A PRODUCTIVE COW AND A BIG CALF. The $\frac{3}{4}$ Brahman calf out of Brahman crossbred cows is finding increased favor among beef producers. This picture, taken at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lufkin in August, shows a Brahman-Hereford crossbred cow and her $\frac{3}{4}$ Brahman calf. The cow is 13 years old. Earlier, she had produced 10 quarter-Brahman calves by Hereford bulls, averaging 535 pounds. The eleventh calf, shown here, born in February, weighed 550 lb. August 2.

Keith Crouch, superintendent of the station, said the August weighing was 50 pounds per head lighter than the average for the station's 13-year history, due to drouth. The weaning

weight of this calf pushed the total calf production to near 6000 pounds.

Said Professor J. K. Riggs of the Texas A & M College department of animal husbandry: "The cow is living evidence that long, productive life, regular calving, heavy weaning weight and environmental adaptability can all be rolled into one with a very good calf thrown in."

Time was when there was talk about the "minimum amount of Brahman blood required for adaptability" to Texas conditions. Now ranchers are discovering the more Brahman blood they have in their cattle the more calves they have to sell and the heavier the calves are at weaning.

Three ways to a bright New Year



— TAKE SISTER TO THE SCOUT MEETING — while your automatic washer does the laundry

MORE TIME FOR THE FAMILY WHEN YOU LIVE ELECTRICALLY



— GIVE A FAMILY PARTY — refreshments are all ready in your freezer



— HELP HUNGRY WITH HIS HOBBY — while your electric dishwasher does the dishes

In 1965, too, Electric Service will be your biggest bargain. In homes served by WTU the average cost of a kilowatt-hour of electric service is 22% LESS than it was 10 years ago.

West Texas Utilities Company

What They Write —

Rankin News.

I am sending \$2.50 for the paper for another year.

I do enjoy reading about all my good friends down there and will see all of you when I come back to Rankin.

Sincerely,
Mrs. G. A. Black

Public Welfare Director John H. Winters said old age assistant applications were up 5 per cent over 1953 and that demands from all three groups were steadily increasing.

Oil Money
Financial problems facing the Texas legislature have been slightly eased by oil production boosts. A 257,307 barrel increase permitted for January in oil allowables brings to about 400,000 barrels the total boosts allowed since October. As a result, state tax revenue will be \$1,500,000 a month higher.

Oil Outlook
Prospects have never been brighter for the state's oil industry than in 1955, says Railroad Commission Chairman Ernest O. Thompson.

Thompson said that heavy demands for gasoline and distillate fuels were responsible for the optimistic outlook.

Marriage Ban
Abolishment of Common Law marriages in Texas has been asked by a State Bar committee meeting in Austin.

Judges on the executive committee of the Bar's judicial section said the law would reduce the problem of illegitimacy and would help save welfare funds.

RANKIN LEADING IN UPTON GROWTH

Each January business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statements. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will exceed three million, with over 100 going to Upton County businessmen.

The Upton County section of the current issue of the Dun Bradstreet Reference Book contains listings of 146 local names comprising manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. It does not include some of the service and "professional" businesses, such as barber and beauty shops, real estate and stock brokers. Thus the figure for businesses in Upton County would actually be higher than the 146 quoted above. In 1951 the number of listed names totaled only 134—an indicated increase for this year of 9 percent.

The number of Upton County business enterprises listed in the current issue of Dun & Bradstreet's Reference Book, compared to 1951, clearly outlines the substantial business development.

| | Listings | Listings | Percentage |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Nov. 1951 | Nov. 1954 | Increase |
| McCamey | 98 | 102 | 4 |
| Rankin | 36 | 44 | 22 |

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- BLOUSES
- DRESSES
- SKIRTS
- UNIFORMS
- GOWNS



HOSE
 REGULAR TO \$1.29
98c

PANTIES
 REGULAR 59c — 2 FOR
\$1.00

Print Material
 SMALL GROUP 4 YARDS
\$1.00

REG. \$4.98
SLIPS

\$2.98

SCARFS

78c

SHOES

\$1⁹⁹ & \$2⁹⁹

GIRLS..

SPECIAL GROUP—

- SHOES
- WOOL CAPS
- DRESSES
- GOWNS & PAJAMAS



GIRLS' B

Girls' P

REG. 69c—2

ANKLETS

JEANS 2

NOTICE: Some folks here still don't know that we are 100% Cash and Carry. This is a 15 year store policy so far. We are not partial. Everyone trades with us on an equal basis and we sincerely appreciate your patronage. We do not SELL SAVING STAMPS and; therefore, can give you more goods for your dollar. Thanks!

SALE

Starts Thursday,
January 6

CLEARANCE

MEN--

SPECIAL GROUP OF--

SPORT SHIRTS

DRESS PANTS

WESTERN PANTS

BELTS

COATS & JACKETS

SHOES

WORK CLOTHES 20% Off



off



One Group
WESTERN SHIRTS 2⁷⁷ & 3⁷⁷

One Group
DRESS SHIRTS 20% OFF

MEN'S
SOX 3 PR. 98c

Reg. 75c
SHORTS 49c

Reg. 75c
UNDER SHIRTS 49c

HATS 20% OFF

BOYS--

SPECIAL GROUP--

SHIRTS

SHOES

Sizes 2-8

SUITS

OVERALLS

DRESS PANTS

COVERALLS



off



JACKETS

QUILTED LINED

\$4.88

BOYS' JEANS

10% OFF

COME LOAD UP

CAR OFFERS IN-BUILT COFFEE SHELF



The latest Chevrolets carry an innovation that makes coffee stops more convenient for travelers. The inside of the door to the glove compartment contains two circular wells, forming snug holders for cups. The glove compartment slants downward to prevent spillouts.

SCHOOL FAVORITES NAMED AT YOUTH COUNCIL DANCE MONDAY, DEC. 27

The Youth Council entertained the young people with a Christmas formal dance Monday night, Dec. 27, at the Rankin Park Building. Music was furnished by Tex Collins and his Tomcats.

There was a large crowd to see the school favorites presented at the intermission. Jimmy Thigpen, senior class president, was the Master of Ceremonies, and the following favorites were announced:

Senior class favorite girl, Audrey Murphy; senior class favorite boy, Bob St. Clair; junior class favorite girl, Ann McSpadden; junior class favorite boy, Glen Welling; sophomore class favorite girl, Wylene Chesnut; sophomore class favorite boy, Bobby Hudson; freshman class favorite girl, Jane Shipp; freshman class favorite boy, Albert Browning; most popular girl, Audrey Murphy; most popular boy, Jimmy Ingram; best all around girl, Mary Anderson; best all around boy, Glen Welling.

The young people of Rankin wish to express their appreciation to the Youth Council for sponsoring this gala event and to Mrs. Walton Poage and Mrs. Johnnye Ruth Gary for their planning and special assistance.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD PLANS SPECIAL TRIP

For their next regular meeting on January 11, the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church has planned a trip to Crane to attend the Brotherhood Officers' Clinic.

Present plans call for the men to leave Rankin at 6:30 p.m. by automobile and be in Crane by 7:15 p.m.

It is felt by the program committee of the organization that all members who can possibly make this meeting should plan to do so. It will be a meeting to define and clarify the duties of the various officers of the organization and how the group functions. Since this is a new brotherhood and there are no experienced officers in the organization, this meeting should benefit all members.

All men who would attend this gathering are asked to meet at the church here in Rankin at 6:30 p.m. and be ready to go to Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham and Mary Lou and Freddie spent the holidays in Brownwood where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Cunningham's brother, Marvin Whatley, to Barbara Allgood on Sunday, Dec. 26.

Liberace's favorite song must be "I'm in love with a wonderful guy."

Society--Club News

Allgood-Wheatley Vows Read In Brownwood

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whatley are at home in Hobbs, N. M., following their recent marriage in Brownwood at the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Allgood of Brownwood. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whatley of Lohn.

Rev. James Crow read the double ring ceremony. Miss Betty Owens accompanied Walker High at the organ. The selections sang by Mr. High were "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore white lace over slipper satin and a finger tip illusion veil caught to a Juliet cap of lace trimmed in seed pearls. She carried an orchid on a white Bible.

Her attendant was Miss Fay Webb, who wore a dress of brown velvet bodice with pink taffeta skirt under brown and pink net with matching head piece.

Bridemaids were Fern Cook and Nelda Thompson. The flower girl was Mary Lou Cunnigham of Rankin. All were dressed in pink taffeta under pink net skirts with matching head pieces. All carried bouquets of pink carnations.

The groom's attendant was J. E. Cunningham of Rankin as best man. Harley Maynor of Brownwood and Clyde Elmer Word of Fort Stockton were ushers.

The reception followed immediately after the ceremony in Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Whatley is a 1954 graduate of McCamey High School.

OWN YOUR OWN

A new item. First time start in spare time.

then work full

Refilling and collecting our machines in this area. If you must have a \$360 cash to secure inventory. Devoting 4 hours to business your end of collections should amount to \$175 monthly possibility of taking income increasing applicant can qualify distance will be given expansion to full time above average phone in application.

January CLEARANCE

BEGINS FRIDAY, JANUARY 7th, 8:30 A.M.

NO EXCHANGES

NO REFUNDS

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RANKIN, TEXAS

DRESSES

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CHILDREN'S

NYLON SLIPS

Sizes 8 - 10 - 12
5.95 VALUES **2**

SWEATER SETS

CHILDREN'S S-M-L 1/2

SOCKS

NYLON AND COTTON

Sizes 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 1/2

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RIGHT —
 There is a practice being carried on in Rankin that is fair and harmful to the town as a whole.

It is a well known fact that a number of supposedly "peddlers" men, who work Rankin out of trucks, are selling goods to the public at the same price they sell to the wholesalers. It is possible for one to buy brooms, mops, jewelry, fruits, vegetables and all sorts of sundries from these peddlers at wholesale.

At first glance one would say—so what—it doesn't appear to be so much and it's the individual's own money and he is being wise in saving by buying wholesale.

The only thing wrong with these two ideas are that they are not so. In the first place, these are lean times in Rankin and all the money needs to be spent here. In the second place, it is very doubtful if one cent out of each dollar spent by these "wholesalers" stays in Rankin.

If we here at the News office were to spend ten dollars at a local service station man for a part for our car, there is a possibility that some of the following events would take place: first, the service station operator would use a part of the money to pay his help, then he would need to have some work done at his house for which he would pay a plumber. The rest of the money might be used to pay a part of his school tax which in turn would be used to help pay the salary of a school teacher.

Now the teacher, the station attendant and the carpenter would need groceries and if they bought them in Rankin the following week the groceryman ran a ten dollar ad for the peddler, who could say that we didn't actually get our ten dollars back?

Had that money been spent with a "peddler" it would have been gone from Rankin for good.

Any business man or person who makes a living in Rankin should have any desire whatsoever to see the town prosper, should do some considered thinking before he continues to take any part in trading away from home.

Legally the peddler practice could be stopped. If there is an ordinance against this sort of business, it ought to be enforced. If there is not, there could be one written. Business men and themselves are also to blame. If they would refuse to do business with the wholesaler who sells to the public, they could stop the practice.

Perhaps the prime lesson to be learned from the entire situation is that there is a lack of organization in Rankin. A Merchants Association, a Chamber of Commerce, a Business Club or any other organization that so desired, could exert enough pressure to bear to stop the practice.

In any rate, it's taint right for a business house to have to pay taxes and then compete with a wholesaler who doesn't pay more than coffee money in Rankin—Think it over.

Insane People

"Not all the insane people are in the asylums," says Mrs. Richard Bergen, coordinator of volunteer activities for the Austin State Hospital.

As proof, Mrs. Bergen submits evidence of some of the gifts sent mental patients for Christmas. They included unwashed underclothing, dirty neckties, ripped dresses, shattered plaster plaques, cigar butts, used facial tissue, worn-out gloves that don't match, soleless shoes covered with paint, lots and lots of junk costume jewelry and some lewd articles — all of which came wrapped as Christmas gifts.

More than one-third of the 6,000 gifts sent the patients were of this nature.

"Some people apparently think the hospital is full of nothing but raving maniacs who don't know the difference between a decent gift and a piece of junk," says Mrs. Berger. "They couldn't be more wrong."

Lots of people have great aims in life, but never pull the trigger.

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JANUARY 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY POLL TAX.
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POLL TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE ISSUED WITHOUT CHARGE.

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS
 Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector
 Upton County

MRS. SHIPP REPORTED SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

At last report Wednesday morning, Mrs. J. D. Shipp was considered to be somewhat improved in that her condition is not getting any worse at the present time.

A son born to Mrs. Shipp Saturday and named Max Daniel, died at birth. Burial services were held Monday, Jan. 3, at 3:00 with burial in Rankin Cemetery.

Mrs. Shipp underwent surgery Monday for complications following the birth. Since that time she has been in serious condition with three blood transfusions being administered.

Friends and relatives in Rankin have been greatly concerned for her and have given the necessary blood for the transfusions, as well as making up a fund to pay some of the expenses involved in her care.

P-T A TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET JANUARY 15

The Tri-County Council of Parents and Teachers Association will meet in McCamey in the Park Building at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15.

The McCamey Elementary and High School units will host the meeting.

The Council consists of McCamey, Rankin, Crane, Iraan and Fort Stockton.

SERVICES HELD FOR MOTHER OF MRS. LOWERY

Funeral services for Mrs. Eunice A. Walker, 83, mother of Mrs. Dunn Lowery and former resident of Rankin, were held at 3 p.m. Monday in the First Methodist Church in Marathon.

The Rev. J. W. Bickley of Iraan and the Rev. Mr. Riley of Marathon officiated with burial in Marathon Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died Friday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque, N. M., of a heart ailment, following an illness of several months. She had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Danfeler, in Albuquerque for several years.

A native of McCulloch County, Mrs. Walker was born August 16, 1871. She married John A. Walker and the couple moved to a ranch near Marathon from Sheffield about 40 years ago.

Following her husband's death in Sept. 1930, Mrs. Walker lived in Marathon and Rankin several years before moving to Albuquerque.

Survivors include the two daughters; three sons, J. E. Walker of Georgetown, Vivian Walker of Grant, N. M., and Julian Walker of Eunice, N. M.; one sister, Mrs. Charles A. Porter of Roswell, N. M.; one brother, Homer Bond of Silver City, N. M.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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NEW COLUMNS IN RANKIN NEWS

This week we are featuring new columns that will feature the Rankin

In the column "Texas Roundup" will be items taken from newspapers concerning happenings in their localities that our readers will find items of interest in concerning their neighbor

We also call attention to a new column that has been in the past two weeks. This column of interest to veterans will supply each week through the operation of the local organization and will have information of benefit to a number of Rankin folks.

Another feature that will have some cooperation from organizations is "This Week in Rankin." This will list events that will take place in Rankin for the week ahead, including organizations, etc., who have their activities in Rankin should contact the earliest date possible on the calendar.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Services for Mrs. Eunice A. Walker were held Monday at the Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. and Mrs. Jay Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Mr. and Mrs. B. R. C. Mrs. Clint Shaw, Gene Sam Holmes.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

JANUARY 7 & 8
Johnny Weissman
"TARZAN ESCAPES"
— PLUS SECOND PART
"CAPTIVE WOLF"

SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY

JANUARY 9, 10 & 11
"THE GAMBLER FROM NATCHITOCHOULES"
Dale Robertson — Director
IN TECHNICAL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

JANUARY 12 & 13
"ATHENA"
Jane Powell — Editor
Debbie Reynolds — Actress
Louis Calhern

FOR THEATRE
RANKIN, TEXAS

Specials Fri. & Sat., Jan. 7 & 8

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| Cello CARROTS | 2 FOR | 25c |
| Texas—Full of Juice ORANGES | 5 LB. BAG | 35c |
| Cello Bag GRAPEFRUIT | 5 LBS. | 35c |
| Nice Firm TOMATOES | CTN. | 19c |
| Cello bag—Premium RED POTATOES | 10 LBS. | 49c |
| Fresh Texas CAULIFLOWER | LB. | 19c |
| Steels No. 303 NEW POTATOES | 8 FOR | \$1 |
| Kraft's MIRACLE WHIP | QT. | 59c |
| 10 oz. Ass't. flavors Heinz JELLY | 4 glasses for | 99c |
| Hormel O L E O | 5 LBS. | 99c |
| No. 300 White Swan PUMPKIN | 3 FOR | 39c |
| Pet, Carnation or Armours's MILK | 3 TALL | 43c |
| White Swan COFFEE | LB. | 98c |
| Diamond 80 count NAPKINS | 2 FOR | 29c |
| No. 303 Standard TOMATOES | 2 FOR | 29c |
| Tin CRISCO | 3 LB. | 79c |
| 11 oz. Pkg. KISSES or MINIATURES | | 53c |
| Plain or Almond—Giant Block HERSHEY'S | | 53c |
| 5 oz. Pkg. HERSHEY-ETS CANDY | | 25c |

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| Armour's No. 303—No Beans CHILI | 2 FOR | 69c |
| Mayflower Cream Style CORN | 2 FOR | 27c |
| 300's KLEENEX | 2 FOR | 49c |
| Giant Size T I D E | | 69c |
| Giant Size C H E E R | | 69c |
| Supreme Coconut Choc. Drop COOKIES | LB. PKG. | 45c |
| No. 303 Stokely's SPINACH | 2 FOR | 31c |
| No. 300 Jack Sprat PORK & BEANS | 3 FOR | 29c |
| Popular Brands Reg. Limit 1 CIGARETTES | CTN. | \$1.99 |
| King Size—Limit 1 CIGARETTES | CTN. | \$2.10 |

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| Libby's ORANGE JUICE | 6 FOR | 99c |
| Mr. "G" 10 oz. Whole Kernel CORN | 3 PKGS. | 39c |
| Morton's CHICKEN POT PIES | 4 FOR | 99c |
| Choice PORK CHOPS | LB. | 49c |
| Hormel Midwest Sliced BACON | LB. | 49c |
| Choice Chuck BEEF ROAST | LB. | 39c |
| Choice SIRLOIN STEAK | LB. | 69c |
| Swift's Tender Grown FRYERS | LB. | 43c |

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MEN'S NIGHT FOR PTA TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

The regular monthly meeting of the P-T-A. will be held Tuesday, January 11, at the elementary school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. with Men's Night.

Following the business meeting, R. L. Wall will act as program leader with Rev. R. L. Shannon scheduled for the devotional. The Band will have selections on the program. The topic will be "We the People Promote the General Welfare" with District Judge Jim Langdon speaking on economic security. John D. Hurst will talk on thrift.

A tea hour will follow with these acting as hosts: Bruce McGill, H. E. Eckols, J. W. Kennedy, W. J. Dunlap, A. A. Rhodes, J. F. Everett, Joe Simpson and Dan Shurtleff.

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