

# SELECTION MADE FOR LOW-RENT HOUSING PROJECT

Housing Authority of City of Texas, this week made selection of the site for the housing project currently under development here. Designated Site B, it is one of three selections that had been under consideration by the authority. The other two designated Site A and Site C, are not being considered

at this time. Site A was just east of the City Hall and faced Grand Street. This location was rejected by the federal co-ordinator of the project from the Fort Worth office when he classified it as a commercial site rather than residential. Site C, a split location with a portion facing Upton Street and just across from the Baptist

Church and a portion facing on Haff Street, was the first choice of the Ft. Worth co-ordinator but was rejected by the local housing authority since a part of the property was not for sale at this time.

Site B, currently the prime location and the one which the authority has instructed their architect, the firm of Pierce,

Norris, Pace and Associates of Midland, to draw up preliminary plans on, is located in Block 23. Two lots in the plat, 3 and 4, face Upton Street and are between the Church of Christ parsonage and the Joe Hood home. Four other lots under consideration, 7, 8, 9, and 10, face Francis Street and are located South of the S. O. Langford home. Property owners involved are the Joe Hoods, Miss Maggie Taylor and the S. O. Langfords. All have indicated a willingness to discuss sale of their property for the project.

In order to purchase the property, it will be necessary for a land man from the Fort Worth

office to come to Rankin, and, along with other qualified persons, try to reach an agreed-upon price with these property owners. The federal officials and property appraisers are expected to be here sometime in January.

As currently being considered, the Rankin low-rent project will consist of five buildings containing ten dwelling units. These will be composed of six one-bedroom units, primarily for elderly, two two-bedroom units and two three-bedroom units. The later will be designated for occupancy by low income families. Construction will be of brick and the property will  
(See Below)

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1967

## Local Banking House Marks Up Nice Gains

Assets at First State Bank in Rankin reached their second high for the period ending December 31, 1966, according to Lowery, president. Lowery said overall assets at the banking house had been higher than the \$5,005,000 recorded Dec. 31, but that was five or six years ago. The current statement of financial condition for the bank is up a good bit over the amount reported in September. A portion of the gain is retained in tax monies collected and deposited here by the County School District during the last few months of 1966. Total deposits as of December 31 were \$4,410,030.70. On the same date a year ago, this figure was \$3,976,988.74.

the current statement with \$2,165,949.81 being recorded; up from \$1,799,073.23 of a year ago.

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with the present call date stood at \$4,381,350.27. This compares with a figure of \$4,203,789.37 for a year ago.

Average of total loans for the same period this year was \$2,133,800.32 as compared with \$1,747,687.01 last January.

Dividends payable as of January 2, 1967 were listed at \$10,000.00. Undivided profits stood at \$180,857.34. This last total was also a gain over a year ago when \$159,404.37 was reported as being undivided profits.

## Girls win Consolation in Grandfalls Meet

Basketball action was highlighted last week with the RHS Girls team taking the consolation win in a Grandfalls. Teeing up the ball for their first round of play, the local squad, pre-tournament favorites to win the championship bracket, fell to their old opponents from Balmorhea. The Balmorhea and Rankin girls have met a number of times this season and all the games have been decided by a very close margin. This, however, was the first one of the tilts between the two that Rankin lost.

Rankin also placed some players on the all-tournament team but details were not available at press time.

In the boys action in Big Lake, Rankin failed to show but did get a measure of revenge when they beat the Big Lake Ows in a game there Tuesday night. Rankin also won the Freshman game but lost the B tilt.

Thursday the Girls go to McCamey for a pair of games after dropping two to Stanton last Tuesday night.

## MEETS AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY --

# UPTON COMMISSIONERS COURT HAS BUSY SESSION ON MONDAY

In their Meeting on Monday, January 9, the Upton County Commissioners Court took action on several items. Among them was the approval of various reports by county officials, the approval of additional fixtures and their installation at the McCamey Hospital, the extension for 11½ days of the time for completion of construction of the Rankin Hospital and a general salary increase for county employees and elected officials.

Contract for installation of ad-

## Voter Registration has Few Applicants; Deadline is Jan. 31

Some 100 Upton County residents have taken advantage of the new, free voter registration certificates now being issued at the office of H. E. "Gene" Eckols at the courthouse in Rankin and at the sub-station in McCamey. January 31 is the last day on which these certificates—the first ever used in Texas—may be issued.

In order to vote in any elections that may be held in 1967, including school and city, voters must have a registration certificate or an exemption. Exemptions are for those over 60 years of age.

With an estimated 2000 to 2500 Upton County residents eligible to register, a last-minute rush is expected. For that reason, all who can do so are being urged to get their certificates as soon as possible.

The tax-assessor's office is open from eight to five, Monday through Friday. There is no charge for registration.

ditional fixtures in the McCamey Hospital went to Newton and Burnett Electric Service of McCamey in the amount of \$1,579.67.

The extension of working time on the construction period for the Rankin Hospital was made to Casey Construction Company, the prime contractors on the job.

Action on the pay raises was taken following public notice for two weeks that such increases were being considered. Generally, the amount granted amounted to ten percent. Following is the list of employees and elected officials and their monthly salaries as reflected in the minutes of the court:

Allen Moore, Nancy K. Daugherty, John A. Menefee, Elizabeth L. Rains and H. S. Huffaker, \$675.00 per month.

H. E. Eckols, 708.34; Edith Windham, 485; Patricia Wrinkle, 425; Dorothy Coomer, 485; Blanche Mitchell, 425; S. O. Langford, 540; Malcolm Reimers, 480; Cecil Copeland, 480;

W. M. Sherrill, 125; W. J. Price 250; John Whaley, 250; B. D. Hill, 250; Jean Binkley, 425; Billie Sue Glass, 425;

H. Wheeler, T. D. Workman, Jr., E. K. Buford and Joe E. Conger, Sr., 600 per month

L. Z. Titsworth, J. D. Shipp, E. M. Sullivan, L. B. Swanner, and C. T. Fletcher, 495 per month.

Frank Parr, 190; R. H. Lott, 410; Gussie Lee Brown, 90; W. M. Day, Jr., 425; Louie S. Jeffers, 195; Dorothy Sullivan, 325; T. T. Edwards, 225; Zanata Harlow, 360; Odessa Edwards, 360;

Clarence Weddle, 125; Gus M. Brown, 300; Nolan G. Adams, Sr., 240; Gertrude Gibbs, 240; W. C. McDonald, Sr., 400; Al Turner, 100; Russell Hall, 275; L. C. Steele, Sr., 150; Ray Lee, 200; R. L. McLaughlin, 83.58; R. E.

Mason, 129.62; Martha Joan Bur-en, 30; 83rd District Judge, 125; 112th District Judge, 125.

In addition to these regular monthly salaries, car expense was set at \$100 per month for the four county commissioners and the county judge and at \$50 per month for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1.

Machinery operators—hired in addition to regular employees, are to be paid at the rate of \$2 per hour; truck drivers at the rate of \$1.75 per hour and laborers at the rate of \$1.50 per hour.

The court was scheduled to meet again at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday.  
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## Low-Rent Housing

be landscaped and otherwise made as attractive as possible.

Although no set figure has been arrived at at this time, the local housing authority is estimating that the total project will cost around \$165,000.

"For that kind of money, we believe that the Rankin low-rent housing project will not only be a worthy addition to the community, providing excellent living quarters for elderly and low-income families, but will also be a very attractive addition to our city." Mr. Travis Bley, chairman of the local authority, said this week.

Initial steps on the program were undertaken in Rankin a year ago last November with a stamp of approval being given by the citizens of the city in a vote in December, 1965.

"Although we are moving the project along as fast as we can, we still may be over a year away from occupancy and that's provided we don't hit any snags along the way," Bley said.

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

SINCE 1925—

An event of small importance but, perhaps, of some significance, took place last week. So far, I haven't heard of any plans for a celebration to mark the occasion but nevertheless, with the January 5 issue, the Rankin News started its forty-first year of publication. In that length of time most businesses have either grown to large enterprises or have faded away. Somewhere in that analysis may be hidden an economic rarity for the News has done neither—although it is much closer to the fading away bit.

Personally, I doubt that the first publication was made on January 1 of 1926 but it's possible. On the letterheads in use—or from someplace—when the Scoop came in 1953, is the notation "Since 1925". That doesn't exactly jive with the Volume Number of forty-one but then not many things do jive when it comes to the News.

It might be noted that when I came to the News in 1953, I

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had in mind getting a couple of years experience in the editor's chair, having already "mastered" the back shop, the advertising business and the art of dodging bill collectors. That two years has stretched into thirteen—going on fourteen and the end is not yet. That gives you some idea of what they mean up at the school house when they speak of "slow learners."

But, as the rules of the game are written, it apparently is the lot of most of us to work and such being the case, I'll take my stretch right here. You can have this West Texas weather but you will have to go far to beat the working conditions and that is no speaking.

#### THE WATER BOY—

If anything ever comes of all these plans about developing a better water source in West Texas—  
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## THE GIRLS



"But, Emma, you're SUPPOSED to suffer . . . That's part of it!"

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is high



the Prices  
are low

### SPECIALS for Friday and Saturday, JANUARY 14 & 15

No. 1 Flat Can Green Label  
CHICKEN OF SEA TUNA **35c**

10-lb. Russett  
POTATOES **39c**

Washington Golden  
DELICIOUS APPLES lb. **21c**

Ruby Red  
GRAPEFRUIT 5-lb. bag **39c**

Golden  
BANANAS lb. **12c**

#### Frozen Foods

Libby's 10-oz pkg. Whole  
BABY OKRA 2 for **49c**

GANDY'S  
ICE CREAM 1/2 Gallon **79c**

Morrows Quick Filin  
STEAK 18-oz. pkg. **79c**

10-oz. pkg. Fisher Boy  
FISH STICKS **29c**

2-lb. Bag Frozen  
FRENCH FRY POTATOES **33c**

#### Choice Meats

Gooch's Blue Ribbon  
BACON LB. **67c**

GOOCH'S  
FRANKS LB. **51c**

ARM OR CHUCK  
ROAST LB. **45c**

ROUND  
STEAK LB. **79c**

FRESH  
FRYERS LB. **31c**

CLUB  
STEAK LB. **59c**

Dankworth Sausage  
PATTIES LB. **69c**

BEEF  
RIBS LB. **25c**



3-LB. TIN

**79c**

Betty Crocker  
CAKE MIX  
Ger. Chock., White, Yellow, D.

24-ox Box  
CORN MEAL

20-oz. Welch's  
GRAPE JELLY

Half-Gallon  
CLOROX

Giant Duz  
DETERGENT SOAP

303 Del Monte  
SPINACH 2 for

303 Ranch Style  
BLACKEYED PEAS 2 for

LIPTON  
TEA

Evangeline or Kim  
SWEET POTATOES

303 Stokely's  
CORN 2 for

303 Boy ar Dee  
CHILI WITH BEANS

Stokely's  
CORN-ON-COB

303 Stokely's Cut  
GREEN BEANS 2 for

303 All Green Cut  
ASPARAGUS TIPS

Aurora 2-roll pack  
TOILET TISSUE

303 Boy ar Dee  
BEEF RAVIOLI

No. 2 Can Adams  
ORANGE JUICE 2 for

303 Stokely's  
APPLE SAUCE 2 for

Zee 80-count Pack  
TABLE NAPKINS 2 for

# BOGGS GROCERY AND MARKET

WE GIVE FRONTIER STAMPS

DOUBLE STAMPS ON WEDNESDAY

Member 1967  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

DP—  
(from Preceding Page)

Allen Moore is going to the ground floor. When water and what is be- about it, the Judge is the best informed people anty. He said last week kin is one of three or s still being considered sort of large-scale state

and federal study of the possi- bilities of making salty water into something usable

Reports of this undertaking have cropped up from time to time and the Judge has attended at least one meeting where it has been discussed. The amount of money to be spent is a whopper and if it could be secured here in Upton County, it would be a very juicy plum indeed.

Yessir. If you want to get the low down on the water situation and you have a little time to

spend, I recommend that you take up the subject with the Judge. It's a topic dear to his heart but if you think I'm going as far as saying he's got water on the brain . . . well, not likely.

**ANOTHER PLAN—**

On the subject of water, there are far more plans than there is of the precious liquid. Recently, another has been proposed for West Texas—or at least of portion thereof. It would involve the transportation of huge amounts across the state from the Mississippi River and other sources. This plan is actually undergoing cost studies by the U. S. Bureau

of Reclamation in Austin.

Included in this survey will be an idea to transport water from the Aimsted Reservoir to be formed at Del Rio to El Paso and the Trans-Pecos area.

According to our Austin source, the Bureau expects to have its cost estimates assembled by May 15.

Many of us may not live to see the day but apparently the business of getting water out of a well—as we presently understand the process—is on the way out in West Texas.

**A JOKE—**

The tale is of the husband who aways complained about his wife's cooking. One morning she determined to fix his breakfast just as he ordered. She asked what he would have.

"Dry toast, orange juice, and two eggs; one fried and one scrambled," was his order.

The wife went to the kitchen and prepared the order with the utmost care, put it on the table and called old fussybutton in to inspect her efforts.

After looking the situation over and sampling everything he said:

"Damn if you didn't scramble the wrong egg."

**Benedum HD Club  
Has Thursday Meet**

The Benedum Home Demonstration Club met January 5th with Mrs. Ralph Adkins as hostess. The program, "Organization" was presented.

Mrs. Adkins, the new president of the club, selected members for the various committees to serve for 1967.

Following the business session, refreshments were served and a drawing for the door prize was held.

Nine members were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Wayne Reams is the reporter for the Benedum Club.

**Troy Sub-Station  
has New Schedule**

Mary Pierce, operator of the Troy Laundry, Main Street in Rankin, has announced a change in pick-up and delivery schedules to become effective Friday, January 13. The new change was brought about when the Troy Laundry transferred their Rankin service from their Odessa installation to their one in San Angelo.

Pack-up schedules now call for Monday, Wednesday and Friday dates. Items picked up on Monday will be returned to Rankin the following Friday. Wednesday pick-ups will be back here the next Monday.


Items must be at the sub-station by 11:00 a.m. on the above pick-up days in order to reach San Angelo on that same day.

"We feel that our customers will be well satisfied with this new arrangement," Mrs. Pierce said this week.

Mrs. Pierce also offers sewing service and alterations at her office.

**THAT'S A FACT**

**THAT'S A LOT OF MUSHROOMS!**  
ONCE A LIMESTONE MINE NEAR WEST WINFIELD, PA., AND TODAY THE WORLD'S LARGEST MUSHROOM FARM, THE BUTLER COUNTY MUSHROOM FARM PRODUCES 14,000,000 LBS. OF MUSHROOMS PER YEAR IN ITS 15 MILE UNDERGROUND MAZE!



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IN 1956 THE U.S.S. GLACIER SIGHTED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN, AN ICEBERG THAT WAS 208 MILES LONG, 60 MILES WIDE!

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MORE THAN HALF OF THE NATION'S STOCKHOLDERS  
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**NO. 1251**  
Stated Meeting Nights  
2nd and 4th Thursdays  
7:30 P. M.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Rankin, Texas  
Residence: McCamey  
OLive 2-3087

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES OF  
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

R. L. SHANNON, Pastor

**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

**WEDNESDAY—**  
7:30 p.m.—Midweek Services

Each person needs something to live for apart from himself and his own work.

**ATTEND CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY**



**GROWING-UP COMFORT**

How times have changed in electric heating—it's growing up! By the time this lad is 15 years old, according to Edison Electric Institute, there will be 19 million electrically heated homes in America. Just as the electric refrigerator replaced the icebox, electric heating is replacing tired, outmoded fuel systems. Electric heat is even from floor to ceiling. It is constant. And, it is safe—a clean break with the past.

Isn't it time you began to enjoy this modern way of heating your home? It costs no more to operate than flame-type fuels. See WTU or your local comfort-conditioning dealer.



*The Litter Critter Says . . .*



**OBSERVE  
HIGHWAY SIGNS  
FOR  
YOUR SAFETY**  
TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Kids  
Love it**



**KRAFT Macaroni and Cheese Dinners make quick school lunches!**

## Omicron Tau Open New Year With Meet in C. Preston Home

The 1967 year for the Omicron Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi began Monday, January 9 with a regular business meeting in the home of Mrs. Charles Preston.

Mrs. Bill Wrinkle led the group for business. Seventeen members answered roll call.

Good reports were heard from the treasurer and committees concerning the holiday festivities and projects.

Correspondence was read from the El Paso city council as a reminder of their state convention in June and a "thank you" note from the Big Spring State Hospital for a Christmas box sent by the sorority.

A manual review on attendance and absence was given by vice-president Mrs. Cody Bell, encouraging more perfect attendance for the new year.

Members voted to contribute to the 1967 Beta Sigma Phi state project which is the Texas Association for Retarded Children.

"Let's Talk on the Radio and Over Television," was the theme for the first program of the new year. Participating on the program was Mrs. Joe Lee and Mrs. Bobby Harding. "Voice" was the discussion topic and members were advised: "Listen to what you, yourself say."

Following the program refreshments were served. Mrs. Stokes won the door prize.

Next meeting of Omicron Tau will be held January 23 with Mrs. J. C. Surber as hostess.

## School Menu

JANUARY 16-20

### MONDAY

Tartare Sauce, Fish Sticks, Navy Beans, Buttered Corn, Turnips and Greens, Corn Bread, Hot Light Bread, Peanut Butter Cookies

### TUESDAY

Gelatine Salad, Fried Liver, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Light Bread, Chocolate Cake

### WEDNESDAY

Celery Sticks, Baked Ham, Brown Gravy, Candied Yams, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Peach Halves

### THURSDAY

Pickles and Onions, Barbecue, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Hot Light Bread, Vanilla Pudding

### FRIDAY

Vegetable Salad, Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Pork and Beans, Cheese Cake

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

MARKING PENS, INKS, rubber stamps, cloth marking inks, and stamp pads of all descriptions at The News Office.

## Hospital Auxiliary Memorials Listed

Recent memorial gifts made to the Rankin Hospital Auxiliary include the following:

TO MRS. TOM WORKMAN by Dr. and Mrs. James Gossett

TO MRS. KATIE DILWORTH by Mrs. Sam Holmes and Mrs. Gentry Holmes.

TO MR. AND MRS. B. D. BROWN by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor.

TO MR. TOM OWENS by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sullivan, Miss Maggie Taylor

## Cranfill-Cowen Vows Read Here Recently

Miss Clea Cranfill became the bride of Pvt. Sammy Cowen on Saturday, December 31 in the home of the bride's parents in Rankin. Duane Johnson, minister of the Northside Church of Christ performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cranfill and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cowen, all of Rankin.

The bride wore an off-white two piece dress of bonded knit.

Her flowers were white carnations atop a white Bible.

Miss Jane Faulkner was maid of honor and Pvt. Robert (Butch) Langford was best man.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony. Miss Gaylene Dobbs served the punch and Mrs.

## Busy Bee 4-H'ers in January 9 Meeting

The Busy Bees met at the Courthouse on Monday, January 9 at 4:00 o'clock. Mrs. Lou Jeffers, Home Demonstration Agent, demonstrated how to make tea

William Johnson, the bride, served the punch. The bride is a junior at Rankin High School and her groom is in basic training at Bliss in El Paso.

She stressed the point that tea is steeped too long and has a bitter flavor.

The Busy Bees, a 4-H organization, planned a party for February at the Courthouse.

Nine club members and one agent were present at the meeting.



## Your passport to the world

Your telephone can carry your voice to almost any corner of the globe at the speed of light. Pretty amazing when you stop to think about it. Fact is, you can reach 97 percent of the telephones in the world by Long Distance. And closer to home, you can call more people and more places in Texas than ever before. That's just one way your telephone service has grown in value over the years.

Another way is in transmission quality. Today's phone users can talk as though they were four feet apart. Back in the early 1930's, it was 35 feet. And the low cost of telephone service makes it a real bargain. Today you can make a three-minute, station-to-station call to any point in the continental United States (except Alaska) for \$1 or less after 8 p.m. or all day Sunday. Better service to more places at lower cost. We think that's a winning combination.

Southwestern Bell



REPORT OF CONDITION OF  
**"FIRST STATE BANK"**

Rankin, Upton County, Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1966, state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

**ASSETS**

	Dollars	Cents
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection .....	803,417.64	
U. S. Government Obligations, direct and guaranteed .....	1,183,479.00	
Obligations of States and political subdivisions .....	598,378.01	
Securities of Federal agencies and corporations not guaranteed by United States .....	239,775.00	
Other securities (including \$8,250.00 corporate stocks) .....	8,250.00	
Other loans and discounts .....	2,156,949.61	
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises .....	4,901.00	
Other assets .....	1,164.13	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>4,996,314.39</b>	

**LIABILITIES**

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations .....	1,570,748.54
Time and savings deposits of individuals partnerships, and corporations .....	1,768,362.08
Deposits of United States Government .....	26,277.14
Deposits of States and political subdivisions .....	982,922.66
Deposits of commercial banks .....	57,583.63
Certified and officers' checks, etc. ....	4,136.65
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>4,410,030.70</b>
(a) Total demand deposits .....	2,344,314.27
(b) Total time and savings deposits .....	2,065,716.43
Other liabilities .....	80,426.35
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b>4,490,457.05</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Common stock—total par value .....	100,000.00
No. shares authorized 5000	
No. shares outstanding 5000	
Surplus .....	175,000.00
Undivided profits .....	180,857.34
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves .....	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b> .....	<b>505,857.34</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b> .....	<b>4,996,314.39</b>

**MEMORANDA**

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date .....	4,381,350.27
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date .....	2,133,800.32
Loans as shown in item 7 of "Assets" are after deduction of valuation reserves of .....	9,000.20

I, Johnnie Hurst, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: /s/ JOHNNIE HURST

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

(s) L. E. WINDHAM, CLAY TAYLOR, J. P. RANKIN, Directors

State of Texas, County of Upton, ss:  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this 9th day of January, 1967.

(s) GENEVIEVE TITSWORTH,  
 Notary Public, Upton County, Texas

(NOTARY SEAL)



**OUR PEOPLE  
 IN SERVICE**

NOTE: This column is published so that we at home will be able to remember our Servicemen with cards, letters, magazines, etc. Listings are free of charge and current addresses are of the utmost importance.

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**ROSCOE J. SNELL AQF2**  
 534 65 85  
 U. S. Naval Air Station  
 Box 23-OMD PPO 96667  
 San Francisco, California  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Snell of Rankin

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**S4 EDDY HOUCHINS**  
 US 54 366 855  
 531st Transport Company  
 APO 96331, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Houchins of Rankin. Birthday: Oct. 9. Entered Service 6-15-65.

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**THOMAS R. FROST**  
 B 701 050  
 Co. 316, USNTC  
 San Diego, Calif 92133  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Frost of Rankin.

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**CHARLES HALE**  
 54 217 324  
 571st Trans Det.—Box 202  
 APO San Francisco 96227  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hale of Rankin, a gunner on a helicopter assigned to duty in Viet Nam.

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**CAPT. JOHN D. SHERRILL**  
 1910794 USAF  
 Gen. Audit Office APO 96243  
 San Francisco, Calif.  
 Son of Bill Sherrill and brother of Mrs. Melvin Tieman and Mrs. Herman Stanley, of Rankin.

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**S-4 ROBERT BROWNING**  
 US 54 366 927  
 D Battery 7th MSL Bn  
 5th Arty., APO 96208  
 San Francisco, Calif.  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Browning of Rankin.

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**PVT. HARVEY L. HELMERS**  
 RA 18 728 053  
 Co. A Trp. Cmd. USASCS  
 Fort Monmouth, N. J. 07703  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helmers of Rankin.

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**TOPS NEWS NOTES**

BY THE TOPS REPORTER

Rank-N-File TOPS met January 5. All members weighed and there was only one who gained. Shame! Shame! Barbara, Bobby McAlister was our top loser.

To start the New Year off right we gained a new member. We welcome new members at all times. If you want information on TOPS, call Connie Cranfill, Nancy Smitherman or Bobby McAlister.

Our new officers took their places this week so things were really buzzing. It seems we all have a job to do this year but we're looking forward to doing it.

Girls, keep up the good work and let's have NO GAINS this week.

**Phi Zeta Beta has  
 Final '66 Meeting**

The Phi Zeta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, December 27 in the home of Mrs. Tommy Gayeon.

Final plans for the New Years eve dance at the Rankin Golf Club were discussed.

The chapter voted unanimously to give \$10 to the Heart Fund drive.

Mrs. Doug Woodfin, program chairman, presented the program in the form of a short quiz on "Model of Charm," in which all the members participated.

Refreshments were then served to the eight members present.



IN 1966 --

# Upton Industrial Growth Slowed to 2 Percent

Today, Mr. A. J. Hemphill, district manager of the Ft. Worth office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., announced statement requests were mailed to 124 business in Upton County. He said figures obtained from a physical count of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book for January, 1967 totaled 124 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in this area compared to 122 in 1966—an increase of 2 per cent for the period.

Mr. Hemphill noted that each January business concerns in all parts of the United States are asked by Dun & Bradstreet for copies of their financial statements. This year requests are being sent to nearly three million business concerns—to the corner grocery store, with a few thousand dollars, as well as to businesses worth millions.

The Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book lists those manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers who seek or grant commercial credit, but it does not include

some of the service and professional businesses, such as beauty and barber shops, security dealers and real estate brokers. Therefore the figure of total businesses in the United States would be higher than the three million quoted above.

During the past year, Hemphill added eleven changes were made in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book listings of Upton County businesses, including four names added, two names deleted and five changes in the ratings of continuing businesses. These changes occurring in Upton are slightly lower than the rest of the country where a change of business significance is counted about every five seconds.

Using the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book listings as a guide, it is interesting to review what has happened in the three Upton County communities during the past year.

Rankin — Reference Book listing in January 1967: 32. Reference Book listing in January of

## Low-Income Money Available for Small Business Enterprises

Additional and much needed resources for hard-pressed, low-income Texas rural people desiring to improve their farm income or start small businesses will be provided through an amendment to Title III of the Economic Opportunity Act recently signed by

the President.

1966: 32. No change.

Midkiff — 1967 listing: 9. 1966 listing: 8. 13 percent gain.

McCamey — 1967 listing: 83. 1966 listing: 82. 1 percent gain.

For the county as a whole, this represents the smallest percentage gain in the past number of years.

When the owner or officer of a business enterprise, or his accountant, fills in and mails his financial statement to Dun and Bradstreet, it becomes a part of the credit report on his business and a factor in determining the credit rating of his business. Mailing the statement, rather than waiting for the Dun and Bradstreet reporter's call, means a concern's important suppliers will quickly have the latest facts on which to make credit and sales decisions. When the Dun and Bradstreet reporter receives a business man's financial statement in advance of his periodical call, he can make a more detailed analysis of the financial condition of the business and discuss its operation more intelligently.

Back of each listing of a business in the Reference Book is a Dun & Bradstreet credit report. The report includes the following: a record of how the business is paying its bills; a history of the business (who owns it, who runs it, and how long it has been operating); a description of what the business does and how it does it; a financial section which usually includes the latest financial statement.

This fact was pointed out this week by Mr. Robert E. Edwards, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor for Upton County.

"This important Economic Opportunity Act amendment increases from \$2,500 to \$3,500 the maximum war-on-poverty loans that the USDA Farmers Home Administration can make to individual Texas farmers or other rural residents," Supervisor Edwards said.

This amendment also authorizes additional credit to borrowers as long as their outstanding indebtedness for an economic opportunity loan does not exceed \$3,500.

The new economic opportunity loan provisions will more adequately cover the financing of needed land, working quarters and equipment needed to establish many Texas economic opportunity individual enterprises on a sound basis," Edwards explained. "Another important point is that the program can now supplement

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original loans with improvements or expansion. Since this Office of Economic Opportunity program in January, 1965, the Farmers Home Administration has made \$851,065 in credit to Texas families and loans to over 30,000 the United States and the Virgin Islands.

Economic Opportunity throughout the Nation, providing more than 40 kinds of non-agricultural enterprises—in addition to as a result of credit through this program, average \$1,672.

The Farmers Home Administration's office serving Upton is located at 101 in Fort Stockton.

NEW AND USED lines for sale at the office—MY 3-2873.

## WE SALUTE

### The Rankin Lions Club

Few civic organizations go about their work more faithfully—and often with less fanfare—than do the Lions Clubs and particularly the Rankin Lions. For a good many years now, this organization has faithfully served the community as a whole while at the same time rendering aid and assistance to individuals.

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# Clearance Sale . . .

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University of Iowa --

# Grad Takes Part in Unusual Plant Study

Kirk Whiteside is the son of Mrs. K. H. Whiteside. He is a graduate of Rankin High School and was a member of the varsity teams and participated in numerous other sports. Presently, he is a student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. The following account, written by staff writer Kirk Whiteside, appeared in the

"Daily Iowan" and concerns—among others—Kirk Whiteside.

Rock collecting is the "hobby" of several research workers in the University's Botany Department, but they conduct it on a rather unusual scale. The "hobby" encompasses an amount of three or four tons of coal which contains parts of plants from a period 280 million years ago.

Leading the research in the prehistoric plants is Donald A. Eggert, assistant professor of Botany. He is assisted by two graduate students, Bob Dennis, Mount Vernon, Ill., and Kirk Whiteside, Rankin, Texas.

The study is aimed toward plants preserved in coal balls, which can range anywhere from walnut-size up to three-ton ledges. The researchers made several trips to various parts of the state during the past year to collect the coal. Most commonly frequented in Iowa were coal areas near What Cheer, Ottumwa, and Des Moines.

### Dig or Dynamite

Another profitable spot for collecting the coal balls is in southern Illinois near Harrisburg. The coal is either dug out or dynamited, then reduced to smaller chunks which the researchers ship back to the University.

"It's unusual, but coal balls containing the plants are not found in Pennsylvania, which is famous for being a coal center," said Eggert. "The main spots where we've found them are in Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Kansas.

The cells and internal structure of plants are well preserved in the coal balls. The preservation began in the Pennsylvanian Period, 280 million years before the present time. This was the era of the earth's history when coal was being formed by plants over

a period of 25-30 million years.

Some of the plants, which were for the most part, swamp florals, became coal and others remained as plants and became preserved by the rock. "It's still not known how this happened," said Eggert.

### Peel Technique

The plants contained in the coal balls are processed by a method known as the Peel technique at University laboratories.

This technique is used because the plant fossil is contained in limestone, which is covered by coal.

The coal ball is etched in acid, causing its walls which contain a section of the plant, to stand out. Acetone is placed on the walls and then a layer of cellulose acetate is put over the acetone. When the acetone evaporates, a thin cellophane layer is peeled off the rock. The cellophane, which is one cell layer in thickness, contains actual layers

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of the plant and can be mounted on slides for microscopic study.

"The entire process saves much time over the previous methods, for it takes 20 minutes to obtain one cellophane layer," said Eggert. "It is possible to put a plant together but this would take tens of thousands of layers."

The research has provided much insight into the internal structure and appearance of plants which make up coal. Seeds, leaves, stems and roots of plants — even bony remains of prehistoric animals — have been uncovered by the University workers.

"Some of the plants are well enough preserved to study their actual development," said Eggert. "In fact, we know more about many of these prehistoric plants than we know about plants that are now in existence."

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### Salaries --

(Continued from page 1) day, January 11. It is expected that they will begin at revaluation of compensation for tax roll purposes.

IRONING WANTED to do in my home. \$1.75 per dozen. Call MY 3-2547.

FOR SALE: Two-bedroom home at 310 West 8th Street. Phone MYrtle 3-2203 after 5:00 p.m.

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### Whiteside --

Find Some Extinct Plants. Several plants not known to exist in the Whiteside area have been discovered by a team of researchers. Among the new types of seed plants, the Lycopodium, a size stature, up to 10 feet high, existed in a small patch of land in Whiteside. Research findings were reported in a paper published in the journal of the National Academy of Sciences.

Research is being conducted through a three-year program awarded by the National Science Foundation last September.

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