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Tour of Upton Court House Made by Girl Scouts of Troop 3

Girl Scouts of Troop 3 journeyed to Rankin Friday April 14, for a first hand lesson in Government. They were welcomed at the Court House steps by J. E. Simco, County Sheriff, who conducted the group on a tour of the county offices and introduced them to the officers in charge of the county records and explained the workings of our county government.

The girls born in Upton County especially enjoyed seeing their names recorded in the huge columns of birth certificates. Collecting of taxes was explained. They were shown specimens of the various grasses that grow in this county and told of the conservation work being done by the Federal Government and the ranch owners.

They visited with Miss Louise Malaise, County Health Nurse, who previously had lectured to this troop on problems of personal health. The court room was also of especial interest. Mr. and Mrs. Simco then showed the group through the County Jail and answered their many questions concerning the cells, handcuffs, gags, police disguise, etc. pertaining to law enforcement.

At the conclusion of the tour Mr. Simco treated the members of the troop and their chaperones to cold drinks at the local drug store fountain.

Making the trip with the troop was their leader, Mrs. R. L. Bailey, Mrs. C. W. Brown and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Brown of Artesia, N.M., Mrs. Jimmie Boyd and Mrs. Hinkle Boyd, San Angelo, Mrs. D. C. Burch and Mrs. Walter Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Jopson Pettit entertained the 42 club at their home Saturday evening. Enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Patton, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, and Lloyd Yocham, and the host and hostess.

Proud Parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cowan are parents of a son, born April 19th. He weighed seven pounds and ten ounces and has been named Kenneth J.

Mrs. Bob Lattimer of Artesia, N. M. is here visiting friends.

Political Announcements

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22, 1944.

For Representative 88th Legislative District
O. E. GERRON (Ector County)

For County Judge:
A. B. HOLLEY

WM. R. (BILL) EDWARDS
(For a second term.)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:
J. E. SIMCO (Re-election)

For County & District Clerk:
RALPH H. DAUGHERTY
(Re-election)

For County Treasurer:
MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS
(Re-election)

For County Attorney:
JOHN A. MENESEE
(For Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
H. G. YOCHAM (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct 2:
W. C. McDONALD

W. J. PRICE

ED GUY BRANCH

For County Commissioner Prec. 3:
TOM TRIMBLE

BOB WAITS

Field Representative Of Red Cross Visits Upton County Chapter

Miss Marriot, Field Representative of the American Red Cross met with the Upton County Chapter in McCamey Monday evening, April 17th.

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Edw. Bierschwale, acting chairman of the County Chapter turned the meeting over to Miss Marriot with the request that she take this time to advise as to the duties and activities of the Red Cross and how the local unit could best cooperate.

Miss Marriot gave a clear concise picture of the Red Cross in the world today. She explained why the Red Cross was chosen as the only branch of service to work with the Armed forces in this World War II.

After her speech she graciously conducted a round table discussion on the various activities of the chapter, answering all questions with a fluency that proved her ability as Field Representative.

The questions on surgical dressings and blood plasma were fully explained to the satisfaction of all present.

In closing, Miss Marriot complimented the Upton County War Fund Chairman and the Upton County Chapter for its magnificent response to the War Fund Quota.

Mrs. Bierschwale made one appointment, Mrs. Zelma Ash will act as chairman of the Prisoner of War Sub-Committee.

Escaped Convict Is Captured in Upton

J. R. Castleberry, 30, who escaped from the Retrieve prison farm near Snipe, March 18, has been taken into custody at Rankin, Sheriff J. E. Simco notified Capt. Ernest Best of Texas Ranger Co. E., in San Angelo Monday.

Castleberry was serving a four-year term from Llano County for burglary of a liquor store, Capt. Best stated. Rangers Bob Edwards and Clarence Nordyke brought Castleberry to San Angelo and he will be returned to custody of state prison officials to serve out the remainder of his term.

Mrs. John Christy was a San Angelo visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Johnson returned Wednesday evening from Dallas where they had been to market.

Henderson Scarborough and wife of San Angelo spent several days here with relatives and friends. He is from Goodfellow Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Rhodes of Iraan were visitors here Monday.

John Ann Lowery and Esther Clark spent Saturday in San Angelo.



Your money goes into battle every time you invest in War Bonds—goes up to the German lines in the form of tanks, planes, assault boats as pictured here in the Mediterranean Area. Success of our troops depends upon the help they get from the home front. Bullets fired yesterday won't win tomorrow's battle. War Bonds bought last month won't pay for our next offensive. Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

Group Leases for El Paso to Take Part in Regional Meet

Entering the regional meet at El Paso this week are the girls tennis doubles, Anna Maude White and Mary Alice Bell; the girls tennis singles, Daphne Snell; boys relay team, Clayton Dameron, Jack Garner, Herman Calcote and John Robert Prude; pole vaulting, Clayton Dameron; high jump, John Robert Prude; declamation, girls' senior, Mary Alice Bell; declamation, boys' senior, John Robert Prude; declamation, junior boys, Jimmy Workman; slide rule, Clayton Dameron; and Christine Yocham in Ready writing; Daphne Snell, typing. The tennis teams and their coach Supt. Prude left Thursday and the remainder of the group was accompanied by Miss Margaret Worthy Friday.

Boy Scouts Have Overnight Camp

The Boy Scouts enjoyed an overnight camp on the Pecos River last weekend. Scouts who made camp were Bobby Bell, Roy Lee Bell, James Parrish, Jack Burleson, Dan St. Clair, Ralph Daugherty, Tom H. H. R. C. Schlagal, Casbeer Snell, Ted Yocham, Billy Brown, Theo Blue, Jimmy Myers, and Donald McEwen. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster R. L. Bell, John Hyde and son, Billy Mac and the Rev. Seth Hughes.

County Agent Snell In Charge of Lions Program Monday Night

County Agent C. Snell had charge of the program Monday night when McCamey Lions met in their regular meeting. The following club boys were guests for the evening, Bob Pauley, David Pauley, Roland Conger, Frank Robbins, Stanley Williams and Bobbie Johnson.

Fathers of the 4-H club boys present were T. A. Pauley, Howell Johnson and Joe Conger.

Mr. Snell had each 4-H club member present make a short talk on his activities on his club work.

Another guest that evening was John Lamb, formerly of McCamey, who made an interesting talk on his fifteen months stay in England where he was in civil service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jackson of Goldsmith were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eades and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rudolph Jackson and baby son. Also as guests of the Eades were his brother, Carl Eades, and daughter, Carlene, of Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. R. C. Schlagal and children and Mrs. Bud Hurst spent the weekend in Tennyson with relatives.

Rodeo at Jay Lane Ranch Promises Rodeo Fans Entertainment

Featuring the roping between the world champion roper, Toots Mansfield and Walton Poage, Rankin rancher who ropes with the best, the rodeo and barbecue at the Jay Lane ranch, Sunday promises to be high class rodeo entertainment.

The barbecue dinner will be served at one o'clock and events will follow during the afternoon. Jack pot ropings and matched ropings will take place.

Jay has a lot of Brahma steers which will be used and also the calves are tough little Brahmas. In preparation for the day a new judges stand has been built. This is the second rodeo and barbecue to be staged at the Lane ranch. The first was last summer.

Marine Needs 17-Year Old Youths

West Texas high school seniors who are now 17 years old may join the U. S. Marine Corps, be placed in the inactive reserve, and be assured sufficient time to complete the current school term before reporting to active duty, Capt. William E. Wisdom, officer in charge of Marine recruiting for West Texas and New Mexico, announced Saturday.

This program is especially advantageous for those young men who prefer the Leathernecks, but who will be 18 before school ends this spring. Wisdom explained, "They will be subject to selective service before graduation and cannot then be assured of assignment to a favorite branch of the military service."

However, 17 year-olds may, if they so desire, depart at once for the Marine Corps base at San Diego, Calif., since a large quota has been received for enlistees who will be assigned to active duty in April. When assigned to active duty, these young Marines will immediately receive the same pay, privileges, and training as the older recruits who enter the Marine Corps through induction. Also, they are eligible for family allowance upon proof that dependency exists.

Seventeen year olds must have their parents' consent forms and full information may be obtained by applying to the Marine Corps recruiting station, 905 Mills Building, El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains had as her guests over the weekend her daughters, Ms. Evelyn Steigler of Odessa and Mrs. Louise Gibson and children of McCamey. Also as her guests were Lt. Stanley Kozmor of the Midland Air Field and Sgt. Norman Ales of Pyote Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers and son, Jackie, and small daughter, of Los Angeles, Calif., spent Thursday and Friday here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Schlagal and family.

Phillips Given Three Years in Attempted Murder Charge Thursday

Meeting in a special session Thursday the 112th District Court tried the case of John Phillips for attempted murder. The grand jury was called for Thursday morning and after convening at the Court House in Rankin, Phillips was indicted for attempt to commit murder of his wife on April 15th.

Waiving his time of hearing, Phillips came up before the court and was tried without a jury before Judge W. C. Jackson, 112th District Judge, with Hart Johnson the district attorney. Phillips was given 3 years in the State Penitentiary.

Phillips was tried by the 83rd District Court when that body met two weeks ago on another charge.

Plant a Victory Garden Advises H. D. Agent

By Nettie B. Messick

A record number of Victory gardens is imperative this year because there is a real need for all of the food that the people of Upton County can produce.

Governor Coke R. Stevenson recently received a telegram from Col. Prentice Coops of Tennessee, stating that a survey by the National Garden Advisory Committee of which he is chairman, indicated lagging interest in planting gardens this year. He explained that maximum production of gardens will ease a series of critical wartime emergencies. For example, nearly 50 per cent of the 1944 commercially canned vegetables and 70 per cent of the processed fruits have been reserved for government requirements. Moreover, the food needs for our allies have in some instances doubled. Home grown food, Gov. Cooper adds, helps to hold down living costs and saves transportation, manpower and scarce packing materials.

It is not too late to plant a garden now, if you haven't one already started. In fact, the Rev. Moore, one of the best gardeners of the county says that from May 1st to May 10th is the best time to plant gardens in Upton County. By then the wind has quit blowing so much and the ground is warm enough for vegetables to come up and grow quickly.

For quicker growth and greater production, green and butter beans and blackeyed peas should be inoculated with nitrogen before planting. Most families can produce an abundant supply of fresh vegetables for home use during the summer and fall if they will try. Fresh vegetables grown at home contain much more food value than vegetables that are brought in from a long distance, and there's no comparison in the taste—tomatoes for instance.

It's not only economical, but it is our patriotic duty to grow a garden this year.

Texas Hobbs To Plug Back to Deonian Pay

Bottomed 20 feet below its contract depth of 6,000 feet, The Texas Co. No. 1 Charles W. Hobbs of San Angelo estate in southeastern Crane County will be plugged back to between 5,770 and 5,730 feet, will run casing to around 5,725 feet and gun perforate it opposite pay lime generally reported to be the Devonian.

No. 1 Hobbs entered the oil and gas bearing section at 5,267 feet, 2,893 feet below sea level, and recovered lime bearing oil stains and odor to 5,390 feet. The main pay however, appeared to extend to 5,345 feet.

Forty-five gravity oil rose at a rate estimated at 13 barrels an hour on the drillstem test, from 5,240-95 feet. The oil was free from water.

No. 1 Hobbs is in the C N N 46-35-H&TC, almost on the Crane-Upton County line, 4 1-2 miles southwest of shallow Permian lime production in the McCamey field in Upton County.

James Fitzgerald and I. T. Dennis No. 1 O. B. McPherson, wildcat C N N 15-35-H&TC, 4 1-2 miles northwest of No. 1 Hobbs, was drilling early Wednesday at 5,485 feet in gray lime.

Faculty and Guests Entertained with 42

Miss Frances Johnson and Miss Myrtle Brick entertained with a 42 party at the school Saturday night. The room was decorated with potted hydrangeas.

High score for ladies went to Miss Louise Malaise. High score for men to Mr. H. Wheeler and Miss Juanita Dickey won the traveling prize.

A salad course was served to Messrs. and Mesdames John G. Prude, H. Wheeler, John Chisty, Hamp Carter R. O. White, Misses Mary Jo Warren, Kathleen Wheeler, Louise Malaise, Juanita Dickey, Elisabeth Prude, Anna Maude White, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, and Messrs. W. A. Hudson, John Thomas Holmes and the hostesses.

Community Canning Center is Discussed By War Food Committee

The second meeting of the Upton County War Food Committee was held in McCamey Wednesday afternoon at the School building. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether the people of the county desire a Community Canning Center to be set up in McCamey.

Following the organization meeting last Thursday, a questionnaire was sent to all homemakers of Rankin and McCamey in an effort to determine if such a canning center could be established, using either home grown fruits and vegetables or those bought in car-load lots for canning purposes.

At the meeting Wednesday, Mrs. H. E. Stoker, chairman of the War Food Committee, appointed C. Snell as county finance chairman, R. S. Cope as chairman of the equipment committee and Mrs. Nettie B. Messick as chairman of the marketing committee. Each chairman is to make investigations and report at the next meeting in order that the Food Committee may make decisions in regard to the practicability of such a canning center.

Miss Kay West and Miss Altie Nolen were guests on the James ranch this weekend.

Mrs. Lloyd Yocham and sons spent the weekend in Kermit with her parents.

Miss Margaret Worthy spent the weekend at her home in Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walcher returned Saturday from Dallas and Cleburne. Mr. Walcher took examinations in Dallas as an applicant for Ensign of the Navy and in Cleburne they visited Mrs. Walcher's aunt.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler left Thursday for Albuquerque, N. M., where they will visit their daughter, Norma Jean, who is a student at the University there. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler as far as El Paso were local students taking part in the regional meet.

Cpl. Haydon Puckett and wife of San Antonio were visitors here while on furlough.

Mrs. Alma Adams spent the weekend in Roscoe and Snyder where she visited Cpl. O. R. Adams' parents.

Methodist Society Meets

Fourteen members of the Methodist Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. John G. Prude, Monday for the second lesson of a study. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. S. H. Boyd Monday afternoon at 3:30. The study will be under the direction of Mrs. Hamp Carter and Mrs. Delbert McEwen.

Those present for the meeting Monday were Mesdames Hamp Carter, S. H. Boyd, Stanley Eddins, W. T. Elrod, Walton Harral, E. C. Higday, Delbert McEwen, O. O. Moore, Dunn Lowery, Will Stephenson, Ross Wheeler, R. O. White and the hostess.

Mrs. J. Linton Clark and daughter, Esther Faith, La Rosa McKelvy, and Mrs. Mary Pierce spent the weekend in Big Lake as guests of Mrs. Clark's parents.

The eighth grade will have a picnic on the Pecos river Friday afternoon sponsored by the room mother, Mrs. L. H. Carruthers.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bickley, and their daughter, the former Miss Marie, formerly of Rankin, were visiting friends here Tuesday. Rev. Bickley has been pastor of a church in El Paso for the past six years.

Mrs. Jesse Russell and Mrs. Bill McCartney of McCamey visited friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hannaford and children spent the weekend in Abilene.

Cpl. Jap Taylor of Goodfellow Field spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mrs. Hatchell spent the weekend in Abilene.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF
THE FIRST STATE BANK OF RANKIN
OF RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

at the close of business April 13, 1944, a State banking institution organized and operated 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 by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

| ASSETS | |
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| Loans and discounts (including \$946.07 overdrafts) | \$744,479.20 |
| United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed | 330,532.58 |
| Obligations of States and political subdivisions | 96,454.01 |
| Corporate stocks (including 1,950.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) | 1,950.00 |
| Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection | 513,682.78 |
| Bank premises owned \$1.00 furniture and fixture \$507.75 | 508.75 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,687,607.32 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | 921,289.65 |
| Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | 169,033.69 |
| Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) | 86,367.26 |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions | 415,323.01 |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS | \$1,592,013.61 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinate obligations shown below) | 1,592,013.61 |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | |
| Capital | \$25,000.00 |
| Surplus | 40,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 30,593.71 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | 95,593.71 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | 1,687,607.32 |

This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):

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| U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities | 315,282.58 |
| Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement) | 90,646.77 |
| TOTAL | 405,929.35 |

Secured and preferred liabilities:

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| Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law | 405,929.35 |
| Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets | 5,404.66 |
| TOTAL | 411,334.01 |

I, Clay Taylor, Assistant Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Clay Taylor

CORRECT—ATTEST:

O. W. Parker
J. P. Rankin
Dunn Lowery
Directors

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"I agree with you, Sam. I never miss one of those stories in the papers or magazines. And there's one thing those writers seem to agree on no matter where they are stationed with our men...and that is that the men who have left their homes and families to go away and fight this war don't want to come back and find that prohibition has been put over on them while they were away...either nationally or locally. They have heard about the attempts being made and they resent it bitterly."

"I don't happen to drink myself. Furthermore, I don't think it's fair for us at home to be making any major changes while 10,000,000 of our fighting men are away and have no chance to express their opinions."

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