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**FIRST-CLASS ARGUMENT**

Just how competitive is the oil industry? The factual answer to that question will probably come as a surprise to most people who have personal contact with a tiny segment of this enterprise. Some 34,000 separate companies are engaged in the main production, refining and distributing branches of the industry. About 250,000 concerns, partnerships and individuals are engaged in retailing petroleum products. Then 13,000 companies are engaged in producing oil from the earth, 2,400 in transporting crude and its products, and 13,000 are competing in the open market as wholesalers.

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Second, petroleum produce prices generally are today 40 per cent lower than they were in 1920, a postwar period like the present, while the average for all commodities is but one per cent lower. The average worker's hour of labor will buy five gallons of gas now as against less than four in 1941. Competition forces men and enterprise to constantly seek ways and means to reduce prices.

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**Santa Fe Railway Nets Five Million During October '49**

The Santa Fe's income for October, 1949, was \$5,453,917, according to a statement released by Pres. F. G. Gurley today. Net income for the first ten months of 1949 was \$39,463,964 compared with \$52,746,269 in first ten months of 1949.

October gross	\$41,576,317
October net railway operating income	5,966,060
October net income	5,453,917
Ten months gross	402,003,187
Ten months net railway operating income	44,063,858
10 months net income	39,463,964

**Civil Service Exams Are Announced**

"The Civil Service Commission advises that there is still a need for applicants for filling vacancies in the position of Irrigation Maintenance Superintendent at the entrance salary of \$3978 per annum. Qualified applicants are urged to file for this examination. Employment will be with the Bureau of Reclamation, Balmorhea Project, Balmorhea, Tex. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the post office or from the Regional Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas."

**65 Year Olds Should Check For Social Security Benefits**

Loss of social security benefits particularly to 65 year old retired workers, continue to be a major problem, according to George Clark, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Administration office.

"The smart thing for a worker to do," said George Clark, "is to contact the social security office when he is 65 and discuss his particular problems with us. Financially successful people apparently became successful because they did not overlook their opportunities. We find that very few financially successful workers lose their benefits."

George Clark explained that social security claims may be back-dated for a period of three months only and that workers who do not check into their rights within three months after they first became eligible may lose some of the benefits they have paid for.

"The social security office," George Clark concluded, "is a good place for a worker to spend a part of his 65th birthday. Our job is to help workers collect all the payments they are entitled to. However, we can't do this unless the worker comes in and talks it over."

**SHEFFIELD NEWS**

Douglas Haley, who attends the University of Texas in Austin, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Haley, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nowell visited in San Angelo during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Nowell's mother, Mrs. W. L. Slaughter. She also visited with Mrs. Nowell's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slaughter and son, David.

The Community Thanksgiving service and dinner was a great success. The community should thank Brother Black for starting a custom which should be continued through the years.

H. C. Nolke left Sunday for San Antonio where he will attend a meeting of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. From there he will go to Chicago to attend the International Live Stock Show and a directors meeting of the Corriedale Assn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Wise spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Uvalde where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Elliott and children, accompanied by Mrs. P. G. Fikes, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Santa Anna where they were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Merck spent the weekend in Sonora visiting relatives. Their daughter, Mary Lee, accompanied them that far on their way to Waco where she is a student in Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Anderson and daughter, Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Workman and Darlene were among those from Rankin attending the the Santa Claus parade in Midland Tuesday night.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Word and children in Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brasher attended the Wink-Haskell football game in Sweetwater Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Shaw, Ann and Jean, spent Thanksgiving in Del Rio and Villa Acuna, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walcher are attending the Notre Dame-SMU football game in Dallas this weekend.

**James Otis Burnett Dies In McCamey After Long Illness**

James Otis Burnett, 46, died at his residence in McCamey at 12 o'clock noon here Tuesday following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday from the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. W. I. Lee officiating, assisted by the Rev. Oby Nelson of Iraan. Burial was in the McCamey Cemetery under the direction of Jacobson Funeral Home. Masonic rites were held at the graveside.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP FIRM THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF UPTON**

Notice is hereby given that the partnership business heretofore conducted in Rankin, Upton County, Texas by Henry H. Ward and Harry B. Stevens under the firm name of RANKIN FURNITURE COMPANY has on this the 19th day of November, A. D. 1949, been dissolved by mutual consent and agreement. The partnership interest of Harry B. Stevens has been sold and transferred to Henry H. Ward and wife Belle F. Ward and the said Harry B. Stevens has withdrawn from said business and such business will be continued under the name of RANKIN FURNITURE COMPANY at the same place in Rankin, Upton County, Texas. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged at the

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**SIGNED THIS THE 19th day of November, A.D. 1949.**  
Henry H. Ward  
Belle F. Ward  
Harry B. Stevens

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF UPTON**  
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for Upton County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Henry H. Ward and Belle F. Ward, his wife, both known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Belle F. Ward, wife of the said Henry H. Ward, having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Belle F. Ward acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 19th day of November, A. D. 1949.**  
Mrs. Will Nix

**Notary Public, Upton County, Texas**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF NOLAN**  
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for Nolan County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Harry B. Stevens, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.  
**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 21st day of November, A. D. 1949.**  
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Ocie Hunt  
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## Students Hit Parade

You Were Only Fooling—Goose to LaWanda.  
Far Away Places—Virginia Godsey to Fields.  
Blues, Stay Away From Me—Carolyn to Elbert.  
Country Boy—Chock.  
Love Me, Love Me—Bruce to Betty Sue Bodine.  
If I Could Only Take You Home—Norman to Virginia.  
A You're Adorable—Zack to Marva Lafon.  
I'm Throwing Rocks—Vada and Marjorie to?????????  
Where Are You, Now That I Need You—Ted to "Mo."  
Don't Cry—Everyone to Elbert.  
Mind Your Own Business—Everyone to LaWanda.  
Stouthaired Men—Basketball boys.  
Love Somebody—Donald W. to Esther.  
Girl Of My Dreams—Bill Hurn to Ruthie.  
What Makes Your Big Head So Hard?—Gym floor to Marlene H.  
Some Enchanted Evening—Carolyn R. to J. D.  
Two Loves Have I—Zack to

Marva and La Verne.  
Pretty Baby—Harley to Barbara.  
Miss You—Evelyn to La Verne  
Gotta Get Me Somebody To Love—Nola.  
So Tired—Betty Ann and Mary A. to?????  
Do You Love Me?—Esther to Don W.  
Have You Ever Been Lonely?—Beth to???  
I Love You So Much It Hurts Me—Jimmy to Ann.  
My Darling, My Darling—Jerry to Punk.  
Lay That Pistol Down, Babe—Billy Brown to Zada Mae.  
King Sized Papa—Joveta to Don.  
You're The Cause Of It All—Jimmy W. to Virginia Still.  
I "SHAW" You Standing In The Sun—Chock to Jean.  
You Were Meant For Me—Jimmy W. to (You Know Who).  
Gloria—Billy to Gloria.  
William Howard Taft was the first U. S. president to receive a salary of \$75,000 a year.

## Notice, 4-H Members

Every 4-H member remember the meetings every month at 7. The first and third Tuesday of each month. There have been three meetings this year in the Rankin Park Building. On the first meeting new officers were elected for the following year. They are:  
President—Gentry Holmes  
Vice President—Lloyd Yocham  
Secretary—Mary Anderson  
Treasurer—Amaryllis Herral  
Social Committee—Mac Yocham, Mary Beth Shipp, and Mona Sue Branch.  
Reporter—Dee Aun Gamblin  
If you would like to have a white pair of coveralls with your name and project, see Mr. Dub Day, the county agent. The coveralls will cost around \$8 a pair.  
In our following meetings we will study the different kinds of grass.  
Everyone be present at the next meeting Dec. 6.  
Wong, used by at least 150,000,000 Chinese, is the world's most common family name.

## Junior Class News

The junior class is all very proud of their new pins. (We hope you all have noticed them).  
Our class is having a formal dance Dec. 17. We hope to have a large crowd attending. Everyone better start saving nickles and dimes because there is going to be lots of delicious food. All high school and eighth grade is invited.  
Mrs. Hodge had company over the Thanksgiving holidays, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gilmore.  
**WHAT IF—**  
What if the seventh grade girls should have hair like Nancy Gary's, personality like Fern Robinson, eyes like Marie Seymour, complexion like Geraldine Smith, legs like Roanne's, figure like Mary Anderson.  
What if the seventh grade boys should have good looks like Billy Moody.  
One quintillion is written 1,000,000,000,000,000.

## SENIORITY

This week the senior in the spotlight is Vada Mae (Casey) Owen. She was born Jan. 5, 1933, at Luling, Texas. Vada first saw Rankin Aug. 1, 1949.  
Vada has blonde hair, gray-green eyes, and she is 5'5" tall. Her favorites are: food, enchiladas and tacos; color, green; subject, English; pastime, editorials and typing; songs, "Blues, Stay Away From Me" and "If I Could Be With You." Vada dislikes radio commercials, snobbish people, civics and boys in general. (HA, HA!)  
**GOSSIP COLUMN**  
Why did Louie want Mary Ruth to go to the show with him on Monday night?  
Why does Beverly keep telling Mary Ruth Louie doesn't like her? She must be jealous.  
Did Bobbie cry when Junior left?  
All the seventh grade boys and girls are tattle tale.  
What if Dale and Jack were the teachers pet.

## The Devil's Pitchford

Is LaWanda trying to make Elbert jealous or does she care? (He doesn't).  
Was Norman really mad at Fields Saturday night or was he just fooling? I don't believe he was fooling.  
What is this we hear about the new addition to the Leche family?  
Is it true what they say about Elbert being too bashful to ask Carolyn Robinson for a date?  
What is this we hear about a senior and Barnhart? Tell us more.  
It seems as though there are several girls that just can't make up their minds. It really isn't that difficult.  
It seems as though LaWanda sure gets her way lately. Tell us how you do it, LaWanda.  
Well, girls, who is next on Chock's list?? I wonder. Could it be Jean Shaw?  
Billy Brown sure is happy now. It couldn't be because Gloria is back in school, could it?  
It seems as though Don and Jo-

## Veta are still a most devoted couple.

Who asked who to go riding Tuesday night, LaWanda? (The isn't Twirp season, you know)  
Why are girls' fingernails sharp? (Just ask Vada).  
Chock, is it true that your name is Charley Dean?  
Was it in Big Lake that saw Marjori last Thursday night?  
**Seventh Grade News**  
We have a very nice boy in the seventh grade. His name is Jack Knighton. He is from Big Lake. We are very glad to have him a room mate. James started school here Monday.  
**Orchids And Onions**  
Orchids to Don Still for being high-point man in the Metzko basketball game.  
Onions to the man that didn't bring new basketball shorts.  
Orchids to Elbert and Norma for being captains.  
Onions to Ruthie for going around saying, "You don't mind do you, Jojo?"

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