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Upton 4-Her's Win At El Paso, San Antonio

Rep. J. T. Rutherford To Seek Re-Election To Post

J. T. Rutherford, Odessa, State Representative, District 88, has announced that he will seek a second term to represent the largest district in the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Rutherford is now in Austin attending in the Special Session called by the Governor.

Rutherford has lived in West Texas and Odessa for the past 15 years being educated in the Odessa Public Schools, Sul Ross State College, and Baylor University Law School.

"I have endeavored at all times to inform the people of my activities and in turn seeking their advice and counsel so I might represent West Texans," Rutherford stated. The West Texas Reporter was referring to a weekly column "Report to the People" that was published in the weekly newspaper in his county district. During the Special Session Representative Rutherford has sent out hundreds of questionnaires to seek advice on the special tax measures proposed by Governor Shivers. The oil-field worker-legislator also reporting each week by radio to the citizens of West Texas over The State Cactus Network, Odessa KRIG, Monahans KM, Pecos KIUN, and Alpine KF.

Representative Rutherford is married and has a daughter, 8 years old.

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Commission Clarifies Reports Made In Death Of Pair Near Medina

Official investigation by the Gas Utilities Division of the Texas Railroad Commission has revealed that no tank explosion or fire occurred in connection with the accident which claimed two lives and destroyed the Cripple Creek home near Medina of H. H. Null of Houston on January 27. S. C. McIntosh, director of the Gas Utilities Division of the Commission, personally investigated the accident which killed Mrs. E. W. Minear of Orchard and Donnie Null, 6, son of the ranch owner.

McIntosh's organization revealed that the blade of a bulldozer, which was being used in grading, caught and broke a water line. The water pipe and the gas line from the storage tank to the ranch house were in the same trench. Mr. Null, who was supervising the grading work, told McIntosh there was no break apparent in the gas line but that the water line was broken. Both lines were disconnected, the pipe removed from the yard section of the trench and the grading work completed. The lines were then reconnected. Mr. McIntosh was told. The section of the gas line lying under the house was not taken up. Fire tests were put on the connections of the replaced section of the gas line, but no tests were made between the tank, which stood a considerable distance from the house, and the house line. No gas pressure test was made to reveal whether there was a loss of gas between the tank and the appliance within the house.

About 45 minutes after completing the repair work Mr. Null entered the bathroom of his home and struck a match to light a heater and the explosion occurred. Mrs. Minear and the Null child were killed. Mr. Null, Mr. Null and their daughter were seriously injured by the force of the blast.

The only fire, and that of small extent, occurred in debris of the home and was quickly extinguished. The gas storage tank, Mr. McIntosh said, was not involved in the explosion.

Primary theory of the cause of the explosion is that while the bulldozer blade did not catch and rupture the gas line, the weight of the machine probably caused a sagging or pulling of the line, breaking or pulling loose a connection under the house allowing gas to escape when the yard repair had been made and service restored. Another is that in disconnecting the trench sections of the gas pipe the twisting may have loosened a joint connection under the house allowing the escape of gas.

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BARBARA HARRAL AND GRAND CHAMPION

Barbara Harral Shows El Paso Grand Champion

When the Upton County 4-H Livestock Show was hailed as having the finest stock ever shown in the county, the observers made no understatement.

Last week at the Southwestern Livestock Show and Exposition in El Paso, the Grand Champion of the Upton County Show walked off with the same award. Barbara Harral's Southdown won first place in the Mutton Class and was later named the Grand Champion of the show. It sold for \$425 per pound.

Another first place was won by Janet Pauley in the Heavyweight Fine Wool competition with a Rambouillet entry. It sold for \$125 per pound.

Janet's lamb was judged the Champion Fine Wool Lamb of the Show.

Other Upton County entries that won places in El Paso included: Crossbred Lightweight, Mona Sue Branch, 4th; Southdown Class, Mac Yocham, 5th place; Mary Beth Shipp, 6th place.

In Crossbred competition, Range Class, Amariyallis Harral placed 8th and 9th.

UPTON 4-HERS WIN AT SAN ANTONIO

Upton County Agent W. M. Day, Jr., and 4-H Club members returned from the San Antonio Livestock Exhibition late Wednesday night and brought home more laurels for 4-H Clubbers for the County for 1950.

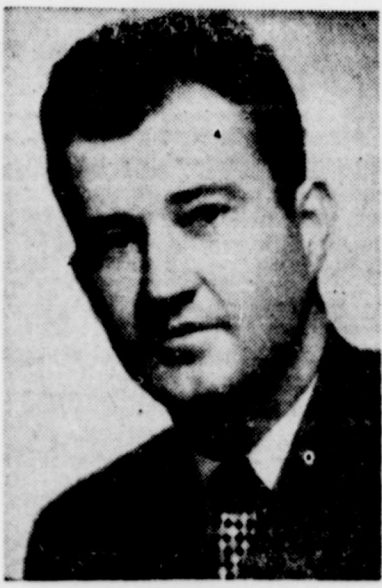
James Lyles walked off with first place in the Crossbred competition to lead the Upton awards.

In Rambouillet judging, Scottie Howard placed 3rd and Gene Yocham, 9th; and James Lyles, 10th.

In the Southdown Mutton Class, Gene Yocham placed 11th and Paul Brown 12th.

The Upton entries brought back \$150 in prize money.

Agent Day stated that Upton 4-H clubbers would be entered in the Midland Show on March 6-7; and would compete in the Odessa Show on March 8-9-10 and 11.



J. T. RUTHERFORD

HELPFUL HINTS

BY MYRNA HOLMAN
County Home Demonstration Agent

NEED A NEW LAMP?

It is wise to consider more than looks and price when choosing a new lamp. Any lamp that will be used for reading, studying, sewing or other close work needs to be constructed to give plenty of clear, soft, glareless light.

For a good buy in a lamp look for four things: size, bowl, bulb, and shade. As to size be sure the lamp is tall enough and has a shade broad enough at the bottom to spread a wide circle of light and allow for sitting up comfortably while reading.

The lamp should have a good reflector bowl under the shade. It should be of good quality plastic or white diffusing glass of even thickness throughout. Three way bulbs are most useful.

Select shades broad at the bottom, deep enough to conceal the diffusing bowl and with a white lining to reflect light. A white or ivory shade gives about 50 percent more light than a dark shade which absorbs and thus wastes light. If a dark shade is preferred the lining should be white.

BUYING A NEW RUG?

Twist type carpets and rugs are becoming more popular and are challenging the supremacy of the "cutpile" type. Reasons women give for preferring this type are that it shows soil and footprints less easily, has good scuff resistance, is of plain color yet may give a two-tone effect because the uneven surface provides highlights and shadows.

Another trend in buying is toward the small, bright-colored cotton rug which add cheerful color to the home at little cost and suits informal house furnishings.

4-H GIRLS SAY THANKS

Upton County 4-H Club Girls went a long way Saturday toward raising funds for their summer camp and state meeting at the Food Booth at the County Livestock Show. The girls, their sponsors, and the agent wish to express their appreciation to all who had a hand in making this possible. The food was largely donated by food merchants and housewives, the Rankin merchants and women being particularly generous in this. The girls appreciated every gift.

They are also grateful to the men who worked with Mr. Day for providing materials for the food booth and arranging other equipment, and to all others who helped in any way in their work. They wish to extend a special vote of thanks to Mr. Fletcher Stapp and his assistants in the ring for auctioning their cakes at the end of a hard day's work and to the people who bought them for such generous prices.

Both clubs held meetings this week and are busily engaged in completing their goals for the year.

Mrs. Hamilton Still Is Named Librarian By Court

Mrs. Hamilton Still, wife of Rankin's school superintendent, has been appointed by the Commissioners Court as librarian of the Upton County Library in Rankin.

The library, which is being sponsored as a project of the Rankin Study Club, is now in the formative stage with numerous committees working diligently. It will be quartered in the north wing of the Rankin Park Building and will be equipped with modern, standard library furnishings.

"When I consider what some books have done for the world, and what they're doing, how they keep up our hope, awaken new courage and faith, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose hours are cold and hard, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truth from heaven. I give eternal blessings for this gift, and thank God for books."

—James Freeman Clark, historian.

Plans Announced For Upton Art Exhibit In McCamey, March 6-7

Plans for the 1950 Upton County Art Exhibit, sponsored by the McCamey Study Club, was announced by Mrs. Paul Crandell of Rankin this week, leader of the program for the current year.

The exhibits will be held at the McCamey Park Building on March 6 and 7 with the following scheduled hours: Monday, March 6: 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 7: 10 a.m. until noon, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., and from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

In Rankin, all children wishing to enter work completed during the current school term should be left with Mrs. Shiller at the school, along with the entrants name and address and grade. Rankin adult entries are to be left with Mrs. Crandell at her home. Children must have these to Mrs. Shiller by Tuesday, Feb. 28.

In McCamey, children are to have their pictures into the elementary building not later than Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., March 1. McCamey adults have until Saturday, March 4 to submit their entries and leave them at the McCamey Park Building.

Adults work must have been done in 1949-50 and may be framed or unframed.

All pictures should be titled, if possible.

The public is urged to reserve time on these dates and visit the exhibits.

Insurance Premiums Of Deceased Veterans To Be Paid By NSLI

Dividends due deceased veterans for the time they held National Service Life Insurance in force prior to their death will be paid to their beneficiaries or heirs, Upton Service Officer Leonard St. John said this week. The information was released by Veterans Administration.

Where the insurance was in force at the time of the veteran's death, payment will be made automatically to the beneficiary of record. No application of any kind will be required in these cases.

If the insurance was not in force at the time the veteran died, the dividend will be paid to his estate through the executor or administrator of the estate. Where there is no administrator, payment will be made directly to those persons who are entitled to the veteran's estate under the inheritance laws of the State of which the veteran was a legal resident at the time of death.

In the lapsed insurance cases, claim forms will be sent by VA directly to those persons found to be entitled to all or a share of the veteran's dividend. No general distribution will be made of these claim forms, VA said.

Payment of dividends in behalf of deceased veterans will begin soon, VA said, and is expected to be substantially completed by June 30 of this year.

Upton Sheriff's Posse In Donkey Cage Tilt In Rankin Saturday

Cahal Clinton announced this week that an inter-Upton Sheriff Posse Basketball game would be held at the Rankin High School gym on Saturday night, February 25 beginning at 7:30. The Posse will be divided among players from McCamey and Rankin.

Participants for Rankin will include: Walton Poage, Winston Holcomb, Max Schneeman, Tom Montgomery, J. Lane, J. D. Poage, W. M. Day, Lloyd Yocham, Tom Workman, Dunn Lowery, Allen Moore and J. D. Shipp.

On the McCamey roster will be: Mutt Black, Cuthbert Caril, Cahal Clinton, Enoch Smith, Simmons, Red Jones, Sid Hoffman, John Rediger, Tom Thimble, Joe Conger, Fred Senter, Mark Haesly, J. L. Robinson and Horace Slaughter.

Iraan Wins District; Red Devils Edged Out

Large Crowd Attends B.&P.W. Game Night

Friends and members of the Rankin B&PW enjoyed a game party at the Rankin Park Building Tuesday night. Canasta, bridge, "42" and games for children provided entertainment with a large number of tables in play. Proceeds of the party were for the benefit of the local B&PW Club.

Members who arranged the party and served coffee and doughnuts to the players were Maxine Bennett, Edna Maye Patton, Martha Taylor, Louise Murchison, Jackie Montgomery, Leila King and Myrna Holman.

Mrs. John Kellerman Reviews 'Cheaper By The Dozen' Recently

Mrs. John Kellerman of McCamey reviewed "Cheaper By The Dozen" for Rankin Study Club members and their guests at the club's Guest Day meeting in the Rankin Park Building recently.

Mrs. Harry Cowden played two piano numbers and Mrs. R. O. White led the club collect. The reviewer was introduced by the president, Mrs. W. A. Hudson. Mrs. Kellerman was presented a gift from the club by Mrs. Ralph Daugherty following the review, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Hamilton Still and Mrs. Jack Smith. Members of the Rankin school faculty, the PTA and B&PW Club were special guests for the afternoon. Those attending were Mmes. John Kellerman, Dunn Lowery, W. A. Hudson, C. G. Taylor, H. J. Cowden, M. J. Edwards, Roy R. Priest, H. Wheeler, Ross Wheeler, W. L. Goodwin, R. H. Johnson, Hamp Carter, T. W. Hogan, R. O. White, B. R. Miller, W. B. Cook, Jack Smith, Omar Warren, Dave Gentry, Sam Holmes, Hamilton Still, Ralph H. Daugherty, Campbell White, A. G. White, R. L. Yancy, Findley Beckham, H. W. Hurn, Dan Runyan and K. H. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Koerting of Dumas are guests this week in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Workman.

Iraan advanced to regional tourney in basketball last weekend after winning all three of their games at the 92-B tourney played off in Grandfalls last Saturday. Runner-up was Grandfalls, who will also be eligible to participate in the regional tilts on Feb. 25 in Marfa.

Entering the district tourney with all wins and no losses in conference games, Iraan continued her winning streak with all wins and no losses in the three games of the round-robin affair.

In the final tournament game, Iraan defeated Imperial 65-24. S. Cox and Dixon for Iraan led the way in scoring with 12 points each. The Imperial lads who took scoring honors were Rose with 8 points and Holloway with 7.

Grandfalls defeated Rankin 30-24, to take second place in the tourney. Hare led the way for the Cowboys with 14 points. Rankin's Red Devils were led by Gamblin with 12 tallies.

Earlier in the day, Iraan defeated Grandfalls by the narrow margin of 47-40. Davidson scored 30 of the losers' 40 points.

Rankin defeated Imperial 35-32. Gamblin was high point man for Rankin with 17. Grandfalls stopped Imperial with a score of 46-40. Davidson again racked up 30 points.

Iraan defeated Rankin 49-26. Final standing of the teams, including tourney games, showed Iraan with nine wins, no losses; Grandfalls, 6 and 3; Rankin, 2 and 7; and Imperial, 1 and 8.

Receiving gold basket balls on the all-tourney team were Dempsey, Sammy Cox, Warden and Billy Cox of Iraan; Rose of Imperial; Gamblin and Broyles of Rankin; and Davidson, Stewart and Hare of Grandfalls.

Iraan brought home the first place trophy that had been awaiting the tournament winner in the local trophy case. It is home to stay—in Iraan.

TNT Canasta Club Meets In Craig Home

The TNT Canasta Club met in the home of Mrs. J. M. Craig on Wednesday. Mrs. Edward Godsey was awarded a prize and a refreshment plate carrying out the George Washington theme was served to seven members and a guest, Mrs. Bill Crisp.

Others attending were Mmes. Finley Beckham, Campbell White, Larry Hooker, Ralph Yancey and F. M. Tucker.

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Rankin P.T.A. Group Meets In Harral Home

Members of Rankin's Parent-Teacher Assn. met in the home of Mrs. Walton Harral recently for an all-day meeting and a six-hour study. Mrs. Campbell White, educational director of the association, led the study on the court, "Principles To Grow," in morning and afternoon sessions. Twelve members attended the meeting: Mrs. J. R. Russell, D. O. McEwen, Ross Wheeler, White, R. D. Yancy, Carl Keyes, Sam Holmes, D. S. Anderson, Ralph H. Daugherty, Kennedy, McDaniel, and Harral.

Bi-County P.T.A. To Meet In Ft. Stockton

The Pecos-Upton Bi-County Council of Parent Teachers Assn. will meet in Fort Stockton on March 3. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the morning session, with installation and a program in the afternoon. Mrs. Walton Harral of Rankin is president of the Council.

Mexican jumping beans jump because of the larva of a moth which is inside.

Toboggan sleds were invented by American Indians.

Charles R. Ruble Is Ross Volunteer After Initiation Ceremony

Cadet Technical Sergeant Charles R. Ruble, B Battery Field Artillery, Texas A and M College, has been formally initiated into the Ross Volunteers.

Cadet Ruble is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ruble of McCamey. He is a junior majoring in business.

A graduate of the McCamey High School, he was president of the junior and senior classes, president of the band, letterman three years in football, two years in basketball and two years in track, member of the state band in 1947, and named the best all-around boy in 1944-46-47.

While at A and M he is communications sergeant of the artillery regimental staff, enlisted reserve corps member and a member of the San Angelo club, and in his freshman year a member of the track squad.

The Ross Volunteer is an organization composed of 105 juniors and seniors chosen from the cadet corps on the basis of scholarship, military proficiency, character and leadership. The ceremony took place in the form of an initiation banquet.

Highlighting the ceremony was an address by Major General A. D. Bruce, former R. V. Commander in the class of 1916, in which it was stressed that the members must have three things—discipline, education and leadership. "But, above all," he concluded, "let us have character, the keystone of our arch."

General Bruce joined 16 other guests of honor, including Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the A. and M. System, Pres. F. C. Bolton, Col. H. L. Bostner, P. M. S. and T. Dean M. T. Harrington, D. C. (Spike) Arnold, R. V. in the class of 1927, and C. C. Krueger, member of the board of directors of the A. and M. College System, in witnessing the formal initiation of 82 juniors and seniors into the honor military organization of the college.

Benedum Gas Zone Field Rules Made

Detailed field rules to govern the Benedum field's Ellenburger and Fusselman reservoirs in Reagan and Upton counties have been adopted by the Railroad Commission.

The two reservoirs have been reclassified as gas zones, and gas rules were adopted as a result of a hearing November 15. The new rules provide:

Spacing of 600-2640 feet for wells to the same horizon. For the Ellenburger, 160-acre proration units are set up, with 10 percent tolerance and a limit of 45-00 feet between the farthest points in a unit. Acreage assigned to wells must be continuous, contiguous, not more than 3500 feet from the well, reasonably expected to be productive, and of common or utilized ownership.

For the Fusselman, 320-acre proration units are set up, with 10 percent tolerance and a limit of 6900 feet between the farthest points in a unit. Acreage assigned to a unit must be continuous, contiguous, reasonably expected to be productive, not more than 5800 feet from the well and of common or utilized ownership.

Purchasers of residue gas must submit nominations each month. The commission will determine the quantity of gas which can be produced without preventable waste. Allowables will be allocated on a formula based on datum reservoir pressure times acreage.

Datum planes for reservoir pressure tests are to be 8400 feet for the Fusselman and 8700 feet for the Ellenburger, both below sea level. Reservoir pressure tests are to be submitted by May 15 and November 15 of each year, after an original test.

Open flow potential tests are to be made on each completion, at three different rates of flow. Reservoir pressure at shut-in and at each rate of flow are to be measured and reported to the commission. All gas production must be processed for "commercially attainable" recovery of butane and heavier hydrocarbons at a plant in the area before the gas can be sold to a pipeline.

Each operator must test each well semi-annually, at the allowable rate plus or minus 10 percent, and report to the commission the amounts of separator gas, separator liquid hydrocarbons and water production flowing bottomhole pressure; the flowing tubing and casing pressures and temperature.

Cranes Play Ballinger At Coleman Friday

The Region Two Tournament of which Crane is a part will be played off this coming Friday and Saturday at Coleman. The three other teams involved are Ballinger, Merkel and Hamilton.

Crane will play Ballinger at 7:30 Friday night, then Hamilton and Merkel will play at 9:00. The winners of these two games will play in the final at 9:00 o'clock Saturday night. Prior to this game the losers will also play for 3rd and 4th place at 7:30 Saturday night.

This arrangement was made at a special meeting in Ballinger Sunday afternoon, at which time officials of this Region voted on Coleman as the site.

Lenten Season Opens With Special Services

Wednesday, February 22 marked the beginning of the Lenten season. Services started in the McCamey Catholic Church at 7:30 with the blessing of the ashes. Lenten devotions will be held every Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30. The services will consist of "The Way of the Cross" and "Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament."

of devotion will be held with services beginning at the o'clock mass with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and closing services will be held at the evening at 7:30.

The church will observe World Day of Prayer with special services. People of McCamey and surrounding areas are invited to attend.

It takes ten inches of snow equal an inch of rain.

A person normally has 12 pairs of ribs.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to Get That Homework Done

Miss Gilbert, our grammar school principal, spoke the other night at the regular Parent-Teachers' meeting, on getting children to do their homework when they want to listen to the radio.

"We mustn't give them a flat 'no,'" Miss Gilbert said. "If we adults really believe in tolerance and moderation, we should instill these qualities in our children. Listening to the radio is fine—in moderation—as long as homework gets done, too."

From where I sit, the lady was dead-right. This radio vs. home-

work problem is a wonderful way to see to it that our youngsters acquire the sensible moderate habits they'll need later on.

I've never believed in hard and fast rules—except where absolutely necessary. Let the other fellow do as he likes, as long as he's temperate and tolerant. Guess that's why I've never felt we should quarrel with the fellow who is partial to a glass of beer—the "Beverage of Moderation."

Joe Marsh

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Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 22, 1950.

For U. S. Representative, 16th Congressional District: **PAUL MOSS**

For County and District Clerk: **RALPH H. DAUGHERTY** (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Collector: **H. E. "Gene" ECKOLS** (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: **JOHN A. MENEFFEE** (Re-Election)

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

For Commissioner, Prec. 1: **SAM HOLMES** (Re-Election)

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**Texas Day Observance
Is Planned By Study
Club For March 2nd**

"Texas Day," which is observ-
ed annually by State Federated
Study Clubs, will highlight the
meeting of the Rankin Study
Club on Thursday, March 2, at
the Rankin Park Building.

An exhibit of paintings by the
Texas artists will be displayed
with Mrs. Jim Lane and Mrs.
Ted Hogan in charge of the ex-
hibit. The paintings are being
loaned by the Texas Fine Arts
Assn. and the public will be wel-
comed to view the exhibit.

The pictures, being brought to
Rankin as another fine contribu-
tion of the local club to our city,
will be on display at 4 o'clock in
the afternoon.

**Delta Kappa Gamma
Meets To Honor
Founders Day Feb. 18**

The Gamma Gamma Chapter
of Delta Kappa Gamma, national
teachers' honorary society, met
at the Rankin Park Building on
Saturday, Feb. 18, for its annual
Founders' Day program.

Mrs. Winnie Browning of
Crane, chapter president, con-
ducted the business meeting. Miss
Myrna Holman, president of the
local group, presented the pro-
gram, "As The Years Turn," di-
rected by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
and Mrs. Elsie Runyan. Betty
Jo Beckham, Evelyn Echols, Wel-
don Kennedy, Mary Alice Bean,
Shirley Broyles, Esther Clark and
Nola Grace Boyd were presented
in a series of living pictures de-
picting the most significant chan-
ges in the educational status of
women in America. Background
music was furnished by Misses
Cleona Quiett and Louise Nelson.
The program closed with a flute
solo, "Agnus Dei,"—Bizet, played
by Miss Nelson.

Refreshments were served to 25
members from Rankin, McCamey,
Iran and Crane and to eight
guests.

The next meeting of the chap-
ter will be held in Iran in April.

SPORTS AFIELD

BY TED KESTING

The difference in a fisherman's
luck is often only the difference
between a well-designed hook
and a poor one. The importance
of using good hooks, efficiently
shaped, and of keeping them need-
le-sharp cannot be overempha-
sized.

Unfortunately, most anglers
judge hooks as they do women—
by pretty curves. But commercial
fishermen, who cannot afford to
indulge in such aesthetic nota-
tions, know better. They use
mainly hooks with the nearest
thing to a plain round bend that
they can find, and with the back
of the point parallel to the shark.

According to Jason Lucas,
whose book on bass is bible to
many fishermen, this parallel
point is undoubtedly the best for
setlines; but for angling, where
one must drive home the barb at
just the right instant, he prefers
a hook with a very slight out
point. In penetrating tissue
deeply, this is not so efficient as
a parallel point—but it starts in
faster instead of sliding from the
fish's mouth without pricking him.

A hollow point will penetrate
better than a spear point. In
some hooks, an inward turn of
the point or barb gives the illu-
sion of a true hollow point, but
it doesn't give as good results.
Watch out for that.

When fishing, test your hooks
frequently for sharpness by pas-
sing the ball of the thumb lightly
down behind the barb—not across
the top of it. If the point doesn't
dig in easily, it is too dull.

For sharpening hooks at home,
use a small half-round file of
"smooth" cut. When out fishing,
carry one of the small whetstones
made for the purpose.

For that first quick penetration
always sharpen from the inside
and sides of the point only. Never
touch the back except to remove
a "wire edge." However, some
people like a very slight wired
edge for the first quick start in.

NOTICE!

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reporter for The Rankin News.
Mrs. Tom Workman. She will be
glad to have anything you can
contribute in the way of personal,
social or civic news for your
paper.

SOO-EE! SOO-EE!!

(By Dwayne Featherstone in
The Broadcaster)

If one should travel near Ira-
an, Texas, in Pecos County, he
might catch a glimpse of a hairy
animal to which he would call
"Soo-ee! Soo-ee!" Imagine the
surprise of the traveler when the
animal turned, and he discovered
that he had been calling the javel-
ina, dreaded wild boar of West
Texas.

The javelina is never seen
alone; it travels about in droves
of 30 or more. It looks like a
small pig which is sometimes
called Musk Hog because of a
gland in the rump which gives
off a musky odor. The javelina
is good to eat; it tastes something
like pork, but the musk gland
must be removed as soon as the
animal is killed or the flesh will
be tainted. Around the body,
where the neck joins the shoulder,
is a grayish band or collar; the
rest of the hair is a grizzly black.
Javelinas are accustomed to feed-
ing at morning or evening; they
eat various kinds of animals—
such as insects, worms, and
snakes, as well as roots, fruit and
nuts. One can tell where they
are feeding by the uprooted
ground and the chewed roots.

Very common around this part
of the country, the javelina is
found on top of the long points
and down in the canyons. It does
more harm to the ranchers than
it does good. It will tear up a
net-wire fence by hitting at full
speed and tearing a hole where
it can go through. It will kill
baby lambs by cutting them to
pieces with the long tusks that
stick out of the side of its mouth.

Ranchers have had much trouble
with the javelina because
it roots lechuguilla, a West Texas
plant, and eats the cabbage part
at the bottom. Sheep will then
eat the plants which will kill
them. This happens when there
is no rain, the grass is short, and
the sheep are poor.

Four or five years ago, the ran-
chers tried to get rid of the jav-
elinas by buying ammunition for
persons who would kill them. So
many were killed in a short time
that the Legislature passed a law
regarding the javelina. There is
open season on the javelina all
year from the Pecos westward.
From the Pecos eastward there
is an open and closed season.
Open season is from Nov. 17 to
Dec. 31; the quota is two hogs
per person. The javelinas are
continually becoming more plen-
tiful since this law has gone into
effect.

The javelina's hide is softer
than buckskin and will wear lon-
ger than cowhide. It has proved
useful in the making of various
products such as gloves.

Pigs of these wild hogs are born
in March or April. At this time
the javelina is dangerous and
will attack a man. The sow will
attack anyone who crowds one
of her pigs, and if the pig squeals,
the hunter may be attacked by a
whole group of javelinas. A sow
usually has one or two pigs but
occasionally one with three pigs
is seen. The pigs are smaller
than a jackrabbit at birth; they
have grayish stripes down their
sides. When charged, they will
run behind rocks or in brush and
hide.

The boar is larger than the
sow and has longer tusks. Boars
are not as fierce as the sows, but
they can cut a limb half an inch in
diameter in two at one whack.
If shot and wounded, he will hide
and then charge when the hunter
least expects him.

When the javelina is run into
a cave, he will soon begin pop-
ping his teeth. The hog is then
warning that he is watching and
may charge. There will always
be one hog at the mouth of the
cave. He will stand to guard the
entrance with just his nose stick-
ing out, or he will back a little
way from the opening. If this
hog is shot, another will take his
place. They will keep this up
until every animal is killed.

The most dangerous way to
hunt the javelina is with a dog.
The dog may chase the javelina
for a distance, and then the jav-
elina will chase the dog, which
will usually come back to the
hunter. The hogs will follow
and may attack. Persons who
hunt coons at night should break
their dogs from running javelinas,
because the beasts are more dan-
gerous at night.

The javelina has a sharp bone
between the eyes and cannot be
killed by a shot there. When
this bone is hit with a .22, the
bullet will not penetrate. The
best place to shoot is the side of
the head or the ear. Persons

have killed these hogs with rocks.

When a little pig is caught, he
should be put in a box without
any cracks. He can crawl through
any place that is large enough for
his nose, because his head is long
and sharp and the rest of his body
is narrow. A baby javelina will
make a good pet. When young,
his tusks can be knocked out, and
he will be better than a watch
dog. No one will come into a
yard where one is until the owner
makes the pig let him through
the gate.

One day Doc Hickock was hun-
ting the javelina; he wanted the
hide for a rug. He had killed a
half grown hog, had it strapped
to his back, and was headed for
the car when he saw a sow and
two pigs. Thinking he would
kill the sow to take home, shot
but hit one of the pigs in the leg.
The pig started to squeal, and the
whole draw was soon filled with
javelinas. Hickock ran and climb-
ed a tree. He shot the eight shot-
gun shells he had left, but still
the hogs would not leave. The
tree was not very high, and he
had a hard time keeping it from
bending to the ground. The hogs
would cut down limbs and try to
cut down the tree. The shooting
took place late in the evening,
and the hogs did not leave until
nearly daylight the next morn-
ing. Hickock said that was the
most miserable night he had ever
spent. He finally reached home,
however, with the two pigs that
he had killed while he was in the
tree. He had their heads moun-
ted and their hides tanned.

A Texas Ranger was once
scouting this area for signs of
stolen cattle when he walked up
on some javelinas. There were
both sows and pigs in the bunch,
and they started toward him. He
backed up in a bush, drew his six-
shooter and killed 11 hogs before
they left.

Three neighbors had bought a
new hound, and they took him to
the hills to try him out. Leaving
the car, they had walked about a
mile when they heard the dog
bark. A minute later they heard
the dog bark again; he seemed
to be getting closer. They waited
a little while and the next time
they heard him bark, he was
nearer, and they could hear the
popping of teeth. Realizing that
a javelina was chasing the dog,
they immediately looked for trees
to climb, but only one had time to
hide behind a bush. The dog ran
behind the bush and the hog ran
between the man's legs, trying to
get the dog. After a mad chase
and fight for safety, the men
finally got together, caught the
dog, and drove home.

These are a few of the stories
that have been told about the
javelina, the wild boar of West
Texas.

Soo-ee! Soo-ee!

Midland Market Report

Midland's livestock market con-
tinued strong and active at last
Thursday's sale. The butcher
cattle market was the most ac-
tive it has been in several months.
Some cattle sold as high as \$3
per hundred more than last week.
Receipts totaled 500 head.

Stockers were more plentiful
and several bunches of mixed
steer and heifer calves weighing
425 to 450 pounds brought from
\$26 to 27.50 per hundred. A few
hogs were offered and brought a
top price of \$17 cwt.

Fat calves and yearlings sold
for \$22 to \$26 while mediums
went at \$20 to \$22. Fat cows
brought \$16 to \$17.75 and med-
ium cows moved at \$15 to \$16.
Canners and Cutters sold for \$12
to \$15. Bulls cashed at \$16.50 to
\$18.25. No fat bulls were offered.

Stocker steer calves were bid
from \$25.50 to \$27.50 and light-
weight kinds in the 250 to 300
pound class sold as high as \$29.
Stocker heifer calves brought
\$24.50 to \$26.50.

Dave Ford of Iran was a con-
signor at the sale.

**Catholics Purchase
Church Building Site**

The Catholic Parish at Crane
on Monday purchased one-half
block of ground in the north part
of town west of the football sta-
dium which will be the future
site of the new Catholic Church.
Plans are indefinite at present
but it is the plan to start build-
ing proceedings sometime during
the year.

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Kenneth, how do you feel today?

Nola and Esther got Nola's car (by themselves, too).

Dan B. wants his name in the paper, so here it is: DAN BLUE Dean, Shirley, and Ava D. are the only ones who made a poster in the eighth grade. (Energetic, aren't we!)

Joe Ellis almost had to stay in Monday.

Punkin, why didn't you stay in Monday?

Jimmy, why do you and Ann have to fight all the time?

Why do Barbara and Alice B. get lonesome for each other?

Just how hungry were the volleyball girls coming back from Iran? Good and hungry, weren't we, Demeris?

Jerry, are you sure you and Punk were talking about a slavery house. Punk, you had better live up to your promise; you know Mr. Shiller.

Betty Sue and Mary Alice ran a close race of eating after the Iran volleyball game, Betty Sue's stayed down but up came Mary Alice's.

Tough Luck Ann, Punkin and Lyn were on the loose Thursday night at the City Cafe. Hold on to your French fries. "Stealers!"

What were Marlene, Ann, Mary Alice, Punk and Demeris doing on the bus when up came Harry Gene and Billy?

Ann, don't forget your—so Jean won't have to change with you next time.

Jerry, please stop fighting Gaynelle in class. Wait until you can fight in private.

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F. H. A. NEWS

The Future Farmers of America enjoyed a valentine party Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the dining room.

President Imogene Sanders gave an interesting talk on "The Fashions of Today."

Refreshments were made by the second year girls. Frosted punch was served by Marlene Holmes and valentine cake by Ruthie Elliott.

Mrs. W. J. Pollard and Mrs. J. P. Rankin made a very pretty valentine box. The valentines were passed out by Marjorie White after the refreshments.

The next meeting will be held at Marjorie White's house. A talk will be given by Mrs. Ed Godsy on the care of the hair.

The homemaking girls are proud to announce that the homemaking department has been finished. The walls were painted turquoise blue by the first year girls, dining room furniture refinished by the second year girls, and curtains made by Lawanda McDaniel and Wanda Burleson.

Those attending were: Mrs. Hodge, Imogene Sanders, Ruthie Elliott, Jo Veta Yocham, Winnie Pearl Kidd, Marjorie White, Marlene Holmes, Wilma Payne, Gloria Little, Virginia Godsey, Barbara Yocham, Betty Sue Bodine, Carolyn Robinson and Wanda Burleson.

WHAT IF—

J. P. went to Oregon. Jimmy Workman tells tall tales. The volleyball girls really won a game.

Virginia was worried when she heard Fields was sick. Joy was learning to play the flute.

The 11:00 study hall was quiet now because of some new rules. The seniors are starting to work on their play.

The junior class had as many girls as the senior class now. Mary Alice had the privilege to go with Mac.

Kenneth felt good Sunday. Don M. and Weldon had a fight. The eighth grade had a new girl.

Amaryllis and Mary Beth were absent a whole week. (Lucky stiffs).

Nola finally got to bring her car to town.

Esther had a crush on a certain boy. Jimmy and Ann fought in school.

Weldon spent the night with some one.

The junior girls lost their volleyball game.

Lyn ran out of money.

Punkin narrowly escaped from having to stay in from gym on Monday.

Alice and Lyn got in an awful predicament Saturday at the City Cafe.

Lyn had white hair Saturday. (It was a wig).

John Bolton wrote an interesting letter to Alice B.

Students Hit Parade

You Are So Understanding—Bill to Joy.

Take It Easy—Mrs. Hodge to her study hall.

Why Does It Get So Late So Early—Don to Virginia.

Where Are You?—Jimmy to his finger.

Ain't Misbehaving—Virginia to Fields (really?????????)

If I Could Be With You—Jo Veta to J. P.

It's Been So Long, Darling—Ted to Marlene M.

Long Distance Blues—Jimmy to ??????????????

Letters Have No Arms—Chock to Vada Mae.

I Love You, Yes I Do—Billy to Gloria.

Quicksilver—Elbert to all the girls.

Have I told You Lately?—Elbert to Margaret.

There's No Wings On My Angel—Red to Marlene.

The Gods Were Angry With Me—Chock to Vada Mae.

Somebody Else Is Taking My Place—Sammie to Gloria.

Poor, Poor, Papa—to Bruce.

I Want To Go Home With You—Chock to Marjorie.

Rumors Are Flying—(Rooming house blew up).

I'll Be Around, No Matter How You Treat Me Now—RHS to the Seniors.

I Love You Because—Harry to Wanda.

I Love You—Ruthie to her volleyball.

Call of the Wild Goose—Elbert Because—Jerry to Punk

My Bucket's Got a Hole, In It—Kenneth.

Who Do You Love, I Hope—Ann to Jimmy.

I Love You Because—Lynn to Toad.

They Wouldn't Believe Me—Don to Esther.

Let's Fall In Love—Alice to Mac.

Some Enchanted Evening—Nola to Don M.

Rag Mop—Joe Ellis.

Walking the Floor Over You—Kenneth to his girl friend.

Why Don't You Haul Off and Love Me?—Demeris to Fiddle.

Wedding Bells—Amaryllis to James M.

Let Me Call You Sweetheart—Lyn to Toad.

I'll Go Chasing Women—Richard to Alfred.

Square Dab From the Country—De Wayne.

Some Day—Esther to ??????????????

Muletrain—Rel.

Slipping Around—Amaryllis and Beth.

Jimmy, Please Stay Home With Me—Ann to Jimmy.

Angelic Eighth Grader

This week the Angelic Eighth Grader is none other than Evelyn Eckols. She was born Oct. 9, 1935. She has a sweet disposition and a nice personality. Some of her favorites are—food, Spanish dishes; color, blue; teacher, Mr. Shiller; subject, band. She thinks boys look best in everyday clothing. (Especially "Toad," so she says). She thinks girls look best in skirts and sweaters, and she does.

She also is especially fond of volleyball. (Aren't we all).

She is undecided to be a nurse or air hostess which we hope some day she will be successful at whichever she chooses.

Her likes are Toad, food, blue jeans, volleyball, dancing, driving, swimming and walking. Her dislikes are catty remarks, conceited people, school, work and McCamey.

She is 5 ft. 1 1/2 inches tall, has big brown eyes, blond hair, and wears clothes nicely.

New Students

The juniors added two more girls to their class this last week. They are Mary Harrison from Ft. Stockton and Lucille Latham from Floydada. The junior girls are soon going to outnumber the other girls in high school if we don't watch out. A little over a week ago there were only two junior girls and now they have five.

Saucy Sophomore

The saucy sophomore this week is Myra James. She moved here from Andrews, Texas, in 1948. She has blonde hair, and hazel eyes. She is 5 ft. 4 in. tall and weighs 114 lbs. She was born Aug. 14, 1934. Some of her dislikes are asparagus, big fat men oranges and corny shows. Her likes are Loyd Gene, volleyball, basketball, hot dogs, hamburgers, blue and green, algebra and band and blue eyes.

Myra plays volleyball, basketball and softball. She is a favorite of all (especially Loyd Gene) and we are glad to have her as a member of our class.

Question Of The Week

The question of the week ought to have a good many different answers. The question: "How Do You Feel?"

Demeris: Awful hungry

Gaynelle: About one yard long

Jerry: With my hands

Shirley: Just fine

Rel: He doesn't

Esther: O. K.

De Wayne: Fine

Loretta: O. K.

Effie Lois: O. K.

Ann: About an inch high

Lynn: Ask Mary Alice

Alice B.: Hungry

Charles: Sleepy

Joe: That's okay

Jimmy: Okay

Dean: Alright

Ava D.: Knowable

Amaryllis: I don't know

Kenneth: Fine

Richard: Like eating a big meal.

Alfred: Like I had one bottle too many. (Bottle of coke, that is).

Murray: Mighty low

James: Albright.

Mrs. Joe T. McCommie, Jr. of Big Spring is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Tom Workman, who is ill.

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Volleyball Tournament

The Rankin volleyball girls went to the Reagan County Volleyball Tourney at Big Lake on Saturday, Feb. 18. Rankin played the first game at 9:00 with Mertzon winning by only two points. They played their next game at 2:00 with Eldorado. Eldorado won over us by five points. Even though we lost, we made a good showing.

In the tournament, Eldorado won first place; Sonora second, and Reagan County, consolation.

One of our Rankin girls made the all-tournament team. She as Ruthie Elliott. Everyone is very proud of her and she has a pretty good volleyball to show for it. Also on the all-tournament team were two from Reagan County, one from Ozona, Sonora and Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Harral and daughters returned Saturday from El Paso where they had attended the livestock show.

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BAKED LONG ISLAND DUCK AND DRESSING

—75c—

BAKED TENDERLOIN OF BEEF WITH BROWN GRAVY
STEWED CHICKEN AND EGG DUMPLINGS
BAKED PORK GRAVY AND SPICED APPLE
FRIED TROUT FISH WITH TARTAR SAUCE
ITALIAN MEAT BALLS, SPAGHETTI
ITALIAN CHEESE

—60c—

BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIBS
VEGETABLE PLATE WITH DEVEILED EGG
HAMBURGER MEAT LOAF WITH WHITE SAUCE
BAR-B-Q FRANKFURTERS

Vegetables With Above Listing Are
SCOLLOPED IDAHO POTATOES
FRESH BLUE LAKE BEANS
SWEET WHOLE GRAIN CORN SOUFFLE
HOT HOME MADE ROLLS OR FRENCH BREAD

DESSERT

BLUEBERRY SHORT CAKE WHIPPED CREAM
or
CREAMED COCONUT CUSTARD

WE SERVE SEA FOODS MEXICAN DISHES
CHOICE CUT-TO-ORDER STEAKS AND CHOPS

This is a Typical Menu Served Daily At Our Modern Cafe.

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