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Hospital Bond Election Set For Saturday

Rankin Schools Ready For Opening

Superintendent Hamilton Still announced the faculty for Rankin's schools for the ensuing year as follows: New teachers are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Abilene, graduates of McMurray College. Mr. Martin will teach the first grade English and Mrs. Martin will teach the second grade. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scrivener, who taught in the Mertzon schools last year also come to Rankin. Mr. Scrivener to coach and teach social science and Mrs. Scrivener to teach in Junior High. Another new Junior High teacher is Mrs. E. B. Bloodworth who comes from Mozelle in Coleman County. Mrs. Nellie Eddleman of McCamey who taught in Wortham, Texas schools last year will be a third grade teacher.

Other new teachers are Mrs. Estelle Hodges of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, who taught at Port Isabel, Texas, last year will teach the first grade; Miss Frances of Cahona, Texas, also taught at Port Isabel, Texas and will be Home Economics instructor; Mrs. Helen Reynolds of Rankin returns to Rankin this year to teach commercial subjects and chemistry. Teachers remaining on the faculty from former years are G. C.

Mrs. White Attends Kerrville Meeting

Mrs. R. O. White, local president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, has recently returned from the School of Missions which was held at Kerrville on Aug. 21 through the 25th. This school, sponsored by the Southwest Texas Conference, is for the purpose of training study leaders in the local societies and features the four studies for the ensuing year which are approved by Women's Division. The foreign mission study, "The Near East," was taught at Mt. Wesley assembly grounds just outside of Kerrville, by Mrs. Geo. McCarr of San Antonio, and Mrs. C. J. Mann, formerly of McCamey, but recently of Austin, where her husband is pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church.

The Bible study, "Corporate Worship," was taught by Dr. W. C. Finch, president of Southwestern University. Dr. A. W. Martin, a member of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology at SMU, presented the Home Mission study, "Toward A Christian Community."

The Christian Social Relations study entitled "A Christian's Vocation," was presented by Mrs. Eleanor Neff Curry, Washington representative of the Women's Division of Christian Service. Each evening of the school, the platform hour presented Rev. Murray Dickson, young missionary to Bolivia, who brought messages on the church in that mission field. Plans are underway for a Missionary Education Seminar to be held at Eldorado Sept. 7, at which time the studies will be presented to teachers in the San Angelo district can have passed on to them the teaching aids made available at Kerrville. The Seminar will be under the direction of Mrs. R. O. White, who is district secretary of mission education. Other teachers for the seminar will be Mrs. Keys of San Angelo, Mrs. Mann of Austin and Mrs. Ross Welch of McCamey.

KENNEDY GIRLS VISIT PARENTS THIS WEEK

The Misses Marjorie and Janelle Kennedy, both of whom will be seniors in Abilene Christian College this year, visited this week in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kennedy at the Shell Upton County Station. The girls will return to Abilene Saturday for the Fall term.

Fitzgerald, High School Principal and mathematics instructor; E. E. Stewart, Principad Elementary School; Mrs. Leola Hurn, 6th grade; Mrs. Lucille Blount, 5th grade; Mrs. Elsie Runyon, 4th grade; Mrs. Inez Dosssett, 3rd grade; Mrs. Marjorie Miller, 2nd grade; Miss Louise Nelson, band; Miss Cleona Quiett, public school music, piano and voice.

Superintendent Still added "We plan to begin full day in-

struction on Monday, September 11. The new elementary building is almost completed, with a few minor exceptions, and some equipment yet to come in. The new gymnasium should be finished within two or three weeks. Painting and remodeling of the High School Building should be finished this week. Enrollment was good Monday in spite of the downpour of rain and everyone is thrilled over the new buildings and improvements."

Glendening Gets Serious Gunshot Wounds Near McCamey Wednesday

Bob Glendening, employee of the Shell Pipeline Company of McCamey, received serious gunshot wounds Wednesday afternoon about 14 miles northwest of town when a "wolf trap" was sprung when he was crossing a fence to walk a company line.

According to reports, the trap had been placed by the County Trapper of Crane County. The mishap occurred on the Shell right-of-way for their pipeline leading out of the oilfields in eastern Crane County.

He was rushed to a McCamey hospital by the truck who had carried him to the spot to walk the line, as the accident happened before the truck left the scene.

He received "serious" wounds in both forearms, and in his right leg, according to hospital reports. His condition is not considered critical.

Reports said that a 20 gauge shot gun with number 3 shot inflicted the wounds.

Crane County officers conducted an investigation, but no report was available early Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald Awarded Bachelor's Degree At N. T. S. C.

DENTON, Texas.—Mary Frank Davis Fitzgerald of Rankin was one of 831 students to be graduated from North Texas State College Aug. 25.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was presented the bachelor's degree by President W. J. McConnell at exercises honoring the largest graduation class in the history of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hurst and Lonnie spent last weekend in Brady.

Mrs. Lizzie Barnett of Dallas is visiting in the home of her son, B. A. Patterson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis, Jr., of Marshall, Texas, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross Welch of McCamey recently attended services at the local Methodist Church. Welch is the new pastor of the McCamey Methodist Church.

Mr. W. D. Gregory, construction superintendent of the Shell Pipeline, and long time resident of McCamey, flew to South America, arriving Sept. 1 at Caracas, Venezuela. He was transferred there by Shell where he is to be in charge of construction work of the Steep Inch Pipeline. His wife will go by steamer some time in November.

Funeral Services Held September 1 For Mrs. Homer Powers

Mrs. Homer Powers, 86, pioneer resident of West Texas, died early Friday in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, where she had been seriously ill for 73 days.

Born in Coryell County, Mrs. Powers moved with her family to Fort Stockton where they lived for a number of years when they moved to Rankin, where they resided for 18 years. Following the death of her husband, the late Dr. Powers, in June 1935.

Mrs. Powers has made her home for the past 15 years with her daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Grosenbacker, in San Angelo.

Mrs. Powers' father, Henry P. Christmus, was a Baptist minister at Rockport, N. C., and during the Civil War served as chaplain.

Dr. James Leavell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of San Angelo, assisted by Dr. O. B. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at services, Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Cox Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Groenbacker; Mrs. R. N. Teel; Hope, N. M.; Mrs. J. W. Happle, Sanderson; Mrs. Speed Guyer, Los Angeles; Mrs. Charles Brown, Corsicana; and Mrs. Fred Gibson, McCamey; one brother, Henry Christmus, Stockdale; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Charlie Hickox, Earnest Woodward, Dave Elred, M. F. Cooper, A. H. Hammon, and Fred Kennedy.

Honorary pallbearers were Will Rooney, Ft. Stockton; C. J. Schmid, Rankin; Arthur Schnaubert, McCamey; and W. J. Tilton, Sr., Warner Hagan, F. L. Hutchins, A. H. Hamner, and Dr. D. D. Wall, all of San Angelo.

Rankin Students Off To College For Fall

Among Rankin young people going to college this Fall are Joveta Yocham to San Angelo Junior College, Marjorie White to Kilgore Junior College, Fields Branch to Schreiner Institute, Tommy Hall to TCU, Fort Worth; Jess Farris to Sul Ross College, Alpine; Virginia Still, Jim Elliott, R. C. Schlagal, Jr., and Jimmy Workman to Texas Tech, Lubbock; Roy Lee Bell and Ralph Daugherty Jr., to Texas University, Austin; James and Gayle Gamblin to West Texas State, Canyon; and Janelle and Marjorie Kennedy to Abilene Christian College. Some of the students have already left for the various schools and the majority will leave this week-end.

LET'S ALL VOTE

During the past few weeks there has been much discussion relative to the bond election to be held Saturday on a \$200,000 bond issue calling for the erection of a County Hospital.

The voting in this election is limited to those persons who are property tax-payers to Upton County, who reside in the county, and who have the necessary voting franchise. Since you are a selected group, and pay the taxes to maintain our county services, we urge you to go to the polls Saturday between the hours of 8 a. m. and 7 p. m. and perform your duty as a citizen . . . and a tax-payer.

BE SURE TO VOTE SATURDAY!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPEAKS

Last week, the editor of this paper phoned Austin in quest of information from the State Health Department pertaining to requirements placed on a County Hospital that is seeking Federal aid.

We were connected with Dr. Dean F. Winn, Director of Hospital Survey and Construction Division of the Department of Health.

He stated that he would be happy to send us the material requested, and on Friday, Sept. 1, we received a letter from Dr. Winn. The contents of the letter is given below, as we feel that it contains information that the voters of the county should be acquainted with before going to the polls Saturday and voting on the proposed County Hospital.

The letter reads as follows: Dear Mr. Moore: This letter will confirm our conversation by telephone this date. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Texas State Plan and some other literature regarding eligibility of hospitals for Federal aid, and information which should be studied carefully regarding hospital planning.

The Revised State Plan, which has been prepared as of July 1, 1950, is not being sent to you at this time because it has not yet been approved by the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service. You will note that on the pages I have turned down data concerning Upton County. In the current revision of the State Plan Upton County has been credited with 6,000 population and the Cooper Hospital has been rated as having 11 beds only. The new revision estimates that a total of 26 beds are needed in Upton County. These changes have raised the priority of the area from "E" to "C." The Revised State Plan will be distributed as soon as it is approved.

This office has had considerable correspondence with Mrs. W. L. Van Atta concerning a proposed hospital at McCamey. She has submitted an architect's schematic plan and requested that we review it. She has been informed that we would be happy to discuss this project with her or the architect or the County Judge if one of these individuals could visit this office personally, but that until such time as a formal application has been submitted, together with copies or architectural contracts, we will be unable to give any written official criticisms of the plans.

Mrs. Van Atta has been informed by this office that we are not clear as to whether she was acting as a private individual or as chairman of a hospital committee appointed by the Commissioners' Court. She was also informed that it is the policy of this office to deal directly with the county officials when county projects are involved. A copy of the letter containing the above remarks was sent to Judge Fisher on July 7, 1950. The only contact this office has had with Judge Fisher is a letter from him under date of May 26, 1950, in which he requested information regarding the securing of Federal aid for a county hospital and stating that in the event that local funds become available, the county would like to be in position to receive such aid. Both Mrs. Van Atta and Judge Fisher have been advised that the sponsors of the hospital should have a conference in this office so that the implications of a Federal grant and the problems of opening a new hospital could be thoroughly discussed. No such conference has been held.

Mr. Roy Moore, County Auditor, Upton County, visited this office at the request of the County Judge on July 14, 1950. The impression I gained from Mr. Moore's statements was that the people in McCamey who have been interested in a county hospital have had very little contact on the subject with the County Judge or the Commissioners' Court, and that there is some question as to whether a county hospital would have full community support.

If a Federal grant was approved for a county hospital the question as to whether it should be located in McCamey or Rankin would have to be approved by the State Agency after consideration of all of the factors involved.

Before a definite decision is made as to the advisability of constructing a county hospital, serious thought should be given to the expense of operating the hospital. In accepting Federal aid the county would be required to give definite assurances that any deficit occurring during the first two years of operation would be taken care of out of general tax funds or in some other acceptable manner. It should be noted that a minimum deficit of \$200.00 per bed could be anticipated for each of the first and second years of operation. The deficit could exceed this amount if the hospital failed to receive enthusiastic community support and patronage, or if the hospital was not completely divorced from politics. Certainly a decision to construct a hospital which was based on questionable community spirit, or on civic pride only, would be ill advised.

If the bond election is successful the County Judge should address a letter to Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, requesting a Federal grant-in-aid. Such a letter should be accompanied by a brochure of information clearly setting forth justification for additional hospital beds in the county, justification for locating the hospital in the selected community, information which would demonstrate that the hospital would have full community support, and a statement indicating the financial capacity of the county to insure its successful operation of the hospital.

If there is any additional information you desire, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours sincerely,
DEAN F. WINN, M. D.
Director, Hospital Survey and Construction Division.

Large Vote Turnout Expected On Issue

A large turnout of voters is expected Saturday to determine the fate of the proposed \$200,000 bond issue for the erection of a County Hospital.

There are approximately 1,000 eligible voters in the county, and some 800 votes are expected to be cast in the six voting boxes.

The election was ordered last month after a petition was submitted to the Upton County Commissioners' Court bearing the signatures of 127 eligible voters, who are property tax-payers in Upton County, by a delegation headed by Mrs. W. L. Van Atta of McCamey.

Mrs. Van Atta is chairman of a committee of the McCamey Women's Study Club, the organization sponsoring the proposition.

While the petitions were being circulated this summer, Mrs. Van Atta stated that Federal aid in the amount of \$200,000 was being sought through the Texas State Department of Health.

The plans and specifications for the hospital as prepared by W. C. Hedrick, architect and engineer of Fort Worth, call for a unit having 17 beds.

In order to vote in the Saturday election, a person must be a property tax-payer to Upton County, and meet the other requirements of having a poll tax.

Voting in Rankin will be at the Rankin Park Building and at the court house, a box will be located at the McElroy Ranch Headquarters, while in McCamey, voters residing west of Burleson Avenue and the Crane Highway and Iraan Highway will vote at the McCamey Park Building, those residing north of the railroad and east of the Crane Highway will vote at the C. W. Brown Pipe and Supply Co., and those residing south of the railroad and east of Burleson will vote at the High School.

Voting places will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Amateur Night Benefit For Rankin Library To Be Held Monday Evening

Mothers Of Pre-School Children Urged To Attend Meeting

Mothers of pre-school children are invited to attend a meeting in the Rankin Public Library at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 13 to discuss plans for a children's story hour. The project is being sponsored by the Rankin Study Club and all pre-school children's mothers of Rankin and the area are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

James Kennedys Honor Daughters With Party Monday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kennedy were hosts at an ice cream supper and musical in their home at the Shell Upton County Station Camp on Monday night. The party honored their daughters, Marjorie and Janelle, Abilene Christian College students home for a week's visit.

Seventy-five guests enjoyed the Kennedy's hospitality. Group singing was enjoyed in addition to a varied musical program and guests were present from Iraan, Big Lake, McCamey, Wink and Savannah, Ga.

Richard Johnson Gets BA Degree At SMU

DALLAS—Richard S. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson of Rankin, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University August 31.

Johnson was graduated from SMU in summer commencement exercises held out-of-doors on the central campus quadrangle of the university. A Navy veteran of World War II, he majored in English. He attended Phoenix Junior College, Phoenix, Ariz., before enrolling at SMU.

MOVE TO TATUM

Mr. and Mrs. Joy James and family, who resided here the past two years, have moved to Tatum, New Mexico. James has been transferred there by the drilling company with whom he is employed. The family left Rankin Monday.

Nina Gayle Pettit Reported Improved After Polio Attack

Nina Gayle Pettit, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit, Jr., was taken to San Angelo a week ago on becoming ill and polio was diagnosed. She is in a San Angelo hospital receiving treatment and her condition is reported as being improved. Slight paralysis is said to be evident. The Pettits live on a ranch between Rankin and Texon.

P-TA Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday Afternoon

A regular meeting of the Kathryn Secret Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday afternoon, September 12 in the High School Auditorium at 3:15. At the meeting held Tuesday morning of this week, Mrs. Hamilton Still was elected president of the Rankin P-TA to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Campbell White.

Next Tuesday's meeting will constitute the regular meeting for September.

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PRODUCT OF RESEARCH

There is an indefinable quality of romance about rail-
road travel that is akin to a ship ghosting seaward through a
harbor entrance at dusk. The apparent changelessness of
trains on tracks has undoubtedly enhanced the magic of the
rails. But despite outward appearance, there have been
great changes in railroading, as great as the changes in ships
since the days of Columbus.

This fact was emphasized when a million-dollar research
laboratory built by the Association of American Railroads
was opened on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Tech-
nology in Chicago. This laboratory is the nerve center for
research in the railroad industry. It will be the headquarters
for engineering, mechanical and shipping container research,
as well as facilities for testing many other kinds of railroad
equipment. The net achievements of such research we see
all about us in a railroad plant and railroad methods which
are producing more and better service than the pioneers
could possibly have dreamed of. Today railroads have bet-
ter locomotive power than when the war began in Europe in
1914. They have more and better cars, better tracks and
terminals, better shops and signals—as a result of research
and expenditure of more than seven billion dollars on im-
provements in the past ten years.

Yes, railroads are far from just a string of cars on a
track. They are an ever-changing human organization, ag-
gressively keeping step with a developing nation, notwith-
standing the unmistakable aura of romance surrounding
them. They are a product of research.

A STORY OF EXPANSION

Before jumping to the conclusion that gas rationing is in
the immediate offing, the current position of the oil industry
should be considered. It reveals clearly a startling ten-year
story of expansion in both reserves and productive capacity.

In 1940, domestic crude oil production averaged 3,560,000
barrels daily. In 1950, domestic crude output is close to 5-
500,000 barrels daily. And if all the nation's oil wells were
operating at capacity, the daily output would be nearly 7-
000,000 barrels.

The increase in refinery output is equally impressive.
In 1940 refineries operating at 82 per cent of capacity pro-
cessed an average of 3,050,000 barrels daily. A few weeks
ago refinery processing of crude reached a record high of 5-
912,000 barrels daily.

Admittedly, the requirements during another war emer-
gency would be staggering. For example, much more crude
is needed for a refinery to turn out a barrel of fuel for jet-
propelled airplanes than is needed to produce a barrel of
aviation gasoline. Also civilian and industrial demand for
petroleum products now is much greater than in 1940. But
in the words of a news release in the New York Times, "The
domestic oil industry is in a much better position to meet a
war emergency than it was in 1940."

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM NEEDED

In a recent syndicated column, David Lawrence says:
"Whatever the immediate significance of the Korean war, a
profound effect has been produced upon the long-range mili-
tary policy of the United States. Never again can America
depend on that narrow concept of a one-weapon strategy."

Mr. Lawrence then raises some very important points
about which all our people have been thinking. Who is re-
sponsible for having deprived the Navy of its status as a
"fleet in being"? Who took away from the United States
Army its own airplane units capable of operating always
with ground troops? Whose idea was it that land armies of
the United States could fight without "armored divisions of
tanks"? Who deprived us of overseas bases — floating or
fixed?

Mr. Lawrence is bitter in his condemnation of civilian
or military officials for what he says is one of the "worst
blunders in all American history. It is a blunder inexcu-
sable because it defied the plain lessons of history taught in
every naval or military war college in every nation of the
world for centuries past.

"The price of peace is never inexpensive and the price of
survival always is economic discomfort and sacrifice."

Tragically and inexorably the exigencies of domestic
politics cut the ground from under national defense at the
moment when decisive strength was needed. As a result,
thousands of Americans will lose their lives.

"The kind of criticism backed with facts that is now being
leveled at those in control of the military establishment is too
serious to gloss over, or attempt to muzzle with admonitory
words that it is ill timed. The confidence of the people in the
wisdom of the military policy has been shaken. Only honest
correction of mistakes can restore that confidence."

— BUY MORE U. S. SAVINGS BONDS —



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Squint's Drumming
For Fair Play!

Squint Miller's mighty proud of
the lot he owns that fronts on
River Road—one of the prettiest
spots around here.

He's been in a stew about it
lately, though. Seems that trash-
dumpers take one look at his prop-
erty, stop their car or truck, and
out goes a load of rubbish, spilling
all over his place and the roadside,
too. Wouldn't that make you mad?

Last night Squint dropped by
the house. Over a friendly glass of
beer, he tells me what he's done.
"I put a couple of empty oil drums

out there," he says, "with a big
sign reading: 'If you must dump
trash—use these—I like to keep
my property clean!'"

From where I sit, Squint's sign
should make any would-be roadside
trash-dumpers pretty darned
ashamed of themselves. Now and
then some folks just have to be re-
minded that they ought to have as
much regard for their neighbors'
rights as they do for their own.

Joe Marsh

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CAPITOL
CARAVAN

BY MICHAEL C. ALLEN

Washington, D. C.—Did the Re-
publicans in Congress out-smart
themselves?

Or did President Harry Tru-
man out-smart them and the rest
of the lawmakers?

Those questions are being asked
by some of the Congressmen,
wearing a slightly bewildered
look. They are wondering just how
some Congress gave President
Truman more economic control
than he asked for.

After the U. S. became involved
in the Korean
fighting, Presi-
dent Truman
asked for im-
mediate author-
ity to regulate the
use of indus-
trial materials,
make govern-
ment loans to
encourage out-
put of some
commodi-
ties, and to cut
back consumer spending by telling
you how much down payment
to make on goods you buy.



Michael C. Allen

By the time Congress got
through with the President's re-
quest, the legislators had voted
additional authority for the Presi-
dent to set ceilings on all prices
and wages and to ration the things
you buy in stores—even though
Mr. Truman had said he didn't
want this power at the time.

The first big impetus to include
wage-price-rationing in the con-
trols legislation came from the
Republicans. Michigan's GOP
Representative James W. Thompson
declared if the President asked
industrial goods, price and wage
control would be needed in sixty
days. Just as well give him the
authority now, Mr. Wolcott ar-
gued. Most of his Republican col-
leagues went along with that line
of talk.

But politics kicks around, even
in days of crisis. If Mr. Truman
had wage-price control power and
didn't use it, high prices might
turn some November votes away
from the Democrats.

Republicans, pondering over
their Dutch Masters, why Mr.
Truman didn't ask for emergency
powers when an emergency exists.
The answer could be this: Mr.
Truman knew he wouldn't get the
power if he asked for it; Congress
is stubborn that way. So he just
sat back and let the Congressmen
vote it for him anyhow! If such
was the President's thinking, then
it looks as if cold psychology is
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So this is
HOUSEKEEPING

I'm torn betwixt and between:
whether to doff my hat for out-
standing achievement to Grand-
mother or to the man who works
with copper and brass? If it seems
a peculiar conundrum, let me tell you
what started the quandary. By acci-
dent I came upon a magazine put
out by a research association fea-
turing on the cover a full-color model
kitchen. Womanlike, with that fas-
cinating come-on, I plunged into
the pages. It turned out that the re-
searchers were drawing comparison
between housekeeping in 1950 and
1900. It was enough to make your
hair curl to realize what today's
brides have come to take for
granted!

Just for fun I tried to count the
number of elec-
trical labor-sav-
ing devices that
Grandmother
didn't have
when she was
a dewey-eyed
bride. I got to
seventeen then
checked the
magazine and found there were six
more. Don't peek at the upside-
down list 'til you've tried to deter-
mine what housekeeping was like
in 1900!



And why does copper and brass
come in for hat-doffing? If you've
been taking today's miracles as
much for granted as I had been
you'll be surprised, too, to discover
that most of the mechanical mar-
vels listed (plus radio and tele-
vision) were made possible by
copper and its alloys. It seems
that the rustproof, durable, heat-
conducting red metal was of major
importance in taking us out of
the ice man, coal stove and wooden
wash tub era. I don't think I
stagger easily, but it was over-
whelming to read that in the man-
ufacture of electrical appliances
slated for 1950 alone, more than
250 million pounds of copper and
copper-base alloys will have been
used!

When you say it fast, 50 years
wouldn't seem to make a tremen-
dous difference in the scheme of
things but I, for one, am delighted
to be a 1950 keeper of the home
and hearth!

Nothing is given away so lib-
erally as advice.

If crookedness and thievery
continue, the life insurance com-
panies had better be selling fire
insurance policies to some peo-
ple, 'cause they'll sure need 'em
where they're going.

Nothing is given away so lib-
erally as advice.

SALE!

ZIPPER
NOTE
BOOKS

WHILE THEY LAST

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THE McCAMEY NEWS
McCAMEY, TEXAS

Presbyterians Hold Meeting At Big Lake

The annual fall meeting of the presbytery of Brownwood was held at Big Lake on Thursday, September 7. The meeting was highlighted by a communion service conducted by Rev. M. L. Tomack of Santa Anna and Rev. L. L. Holland of McCamey and held in conjunction with the Women's Presbyterian Society, which also met in Big Lake on the same day. The delegates from McCamey to these meetings were: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McAdon, Mr. J. E. Pinkerton, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Holland. Detailed arrangements were made for the normal installation services for Rev. Holland as pastor of the McCamey Presbyterian Church.

We'd rather have a wart on our nose than a debt on our hands.

Midlander Killed In Motorcycle Crash

Johnny L. Howard, 26, a Midland postal employee, was killed Monday when the motorcycle he was riding and a car sideswiped on a highway between Kermit and Wink.

His body was sent to Natchitoches, Louisiana, with funeral services and interment scheduled in nearby Camppti, Louisiana.

Howard is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Howard, Sr., who reside on a farm three miles south of Midland.

He had been employed the last three months as a city mail carrier here. Previously he was employed with the Austin Sheet Metal Works.

Mr. Howard was a nephew of Mrs. W. G. Ingram of McCamey, who attended the funeral.



THIS PUBLIC HEALTH nurse, member of a Malaria Control Team sent to South India by the World Health Organization and the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund, gives expert aid during her round of visits to a victim of a plague epidemic. The Team's efforts, meanwhile, cut the numbers of malaria patients.

No Enlistments After Draft Exam Call Is Made

AUSTIN—"Will I be able to enlist after I'm notified to report for physical examination by my draft board?"

This is a question which a lot of men are asking Selective Service local boards in Texas.

The answer is "no," Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state director of Selective Service, said today.

General Wakefield referred to Section 15 (d) of the Selective Service Act of 1948, which prohibits acceptance of a registrant for enlistment after he has received orders to report for induction.

The state director quoted from the following regulation (Local Board Memorandum No. 11) issued by Selective Service national headquarters:

"The prohibition contained in Section 15 (d) of the Act against the acceptance of a registrant for enlistment after he has received orders to report for induction has been interpreted by the National Military Establishment to mean that no person shall be accepted for enlistment after he has been notified to report for armed forces physical examination by a Selective Service local board."

This does not in any way prevent any registrant from joining an organized unit of a reserve component (which includes the National Guard) after he has received an order to report for physical examination, General Wakefield said.

"The registrant may join such a reserve unit as far as Selective Service is concerned," the State director pointed out. "If an Army, Air Force, or Navy reserve unit will not accept him, it a matter outside our control."

"But he cannot enlist for a tour of active duty in the Army, Air Force, or other department of the National Military Establishment after he receives his order to report for physical examination," General Wakefield concluded.

A jury is one thing that won't work right when it's fixed.

You can't make a good hand out of a heel.

LEO PLUMLEE GETS RECALL TO U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS

Leo Plumlee, serviceman for the Southern Union Gas Co. in McCamey, received notice last week that he was to report to San Antonio on Sept. 11 as a member of the U. S. Air Corps.

Plumlee is the first McCamey reservist to be recalled to service. He served in the Air Corps for four years during World War II and held the rank of Staff Sergeant upon discharge.

He is married and has one child.

Bud McFadin Named All-American In Pigskin Review 1950

Bud McFadin, of Iraan, Texas, outstanding guard at the University of Texas and one of the Nation's top football players, has been picked for a position on the Pigskin Preview's 1950 All-American team. The Preview appears in the current (September 9) issue of The Saturday Evening Post.

In presenting its eleventh annual preseason estimate of player and team performance, The Saturday Evening Post selects Texas as the fifth most outstanding football team in the country. Notre Dame is first.

McFadin is the only member of the Texas squad picked for the Preview All-American.

R. G. Taylor Awarded B. S. Degree At A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 8.—Richard Green Taylor, Jr., of Crane has received his BS degree in mechanical engineering at the Aug. 25 graduation at the Texas A&M College.

You'd think some fellows were trying to pay their accounts twice, the way their checks come in and then bounce right back again.

We couldn't understand how he kept so fat, when everyone said he ate like a bird, until we discovered he ate a peck at a time.

COUNTRY CLUB, BENEDUM ROAD WORK IS LET

Daily & Holifield were awarded the contract for the paving of the extension on the Benedum road to the Reagan County line, and paving a little more than a mile of the Country Club road just south of McCamey last Monday with a bid of \$10,488, by the Upton Commissioners' Court.

The bid on the Benedum road was for \$6,000 plus caliche cost in place on the project, and \$4,488 for the paving of the Country Club road which leads into the Pecos County farming district.

Work on the Country Road is expected to be started by the first of the coming week.

UPTON COUNTY WELL IS FINALED

Magnolia 2-B TXL on east side of the Pegasus (Ellenburger) field in Upton County finished for 575.8 barrels of 53.3 gravity oil with no water. Gas-oil ratio was 1600-1.

The 2-B TXL is one mile south and slightly east of the Magnolia No. 4 Glass, finished Thursday for 937.65 barrels of 52.99 gravity oil with no water, and is approximately one mile SE of the discovery well, the Magnolia No. 1-A TXL.

A total of 311 feet of pay was indicated for the No. 2-B TXL. Top of pay was 12,745 feet, total depth was 13,056 feet. Elevation is 2,875 feet.

Crane Schools Show Enrollment Of 761

Enrollment for the Crane Schools through Tuesday afternoon was, according to Jim Nevins, principal of the elementary grades, 1-7, was 499, and according to a report from the High School, there were 183, and for the 8th grade, 79, making a total of 761.

Advice to the girls: Never let a fool kiss you; or a kiss fool you.



BY CAPT. DANIEL STOKES

(Capt. Daniel Stokes, 5th Air Force fighter pilot, has a hobby he puts to good use in his work of defending America.)

To me, the weather is nearly as important as the engine in my plane. Next to a sudden, disheartening silence from up front, the worst thing I can imagine happening to a pilot is to find himself locked up in bad weather without a fix on his position.

Fighter planes don't carry navigators. The pilot is the whole works. Under these conditions a guy can get pretty busy. That, of course, is his job, and just one of my private worries.

However, not all flyers are military pilots. Civilian pilots can get snafued by weather, too. It has no favorites. When the weather socks in, it takes all comers.

My hobby started because I got tired of being lost. But I see now there was no need to have waited so long. Figuring out what the skies are going to look like tomorrow is kind of fun. Not too hard, either. All you have to have in the way of equipment is a weather map, a sky to look at, a radio which gives out with the humidity and barometric pressure, and a mellow Dutch Master Cigar to smoke while you're making with the brainwork.

Generally, all weather travels from West to East. There are local exceptions, naturally. That hurricane route that runs up the Florida Coast, for instance, moves from South to North.

There are just a few rules to learn for forecasting. Rain is basically caused by heat. Here's a little example: there are clear skies, hot and humid. You look out the window and don't see a single cloud. You know it can't rain without clouds, so you decide to go on a picnic. Don't.

Why? Easy. All this heat beating on the ground causes up-currents. The rising air is moist and when it reaches higher altitudes it condenses. And that's what a cloud is—a collection of water. Before you could start your car for the picnic, chances are you'd have to go back for your umbrella. If it's hot and humid, look out.

Personally, I've given up picnics on nice days. I go in the fog.

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GOOD HEALTH

I. WHY ARE MANY SCHOOLS SO CROWDED?

2. ARE HOSPITAL BILLS TOO HIGH?

3. WHAT IS GERIATRICS?

Answer to Question No. 1:
1. Not only are more children born but many more now live long enough to go to school. The death rate among pre-school children has declined from 20 deaths per 1,000 in 1900 to 1 per 1,000 today. With so many childhood diseases conquered, pediatricians report they spend most of their time supervising the health of well children and thus preventing illness.

Answer to Question No. 2:
2. The American Hospital Association says it costs an average of \$14.33 a day for a general hospital to take care of a patient but the hospital receives \$2.80 a day less than that from patients. Patients are being cured faster, which reduces the bill, and millions now take advantage of voluntary insurance plans such as Blue Cross and others to prepay hospital bills on an insurance basis.

Answer to Question No. 3:
3. It's that division of medicine which has to do with old age and its diseases. Because we now live much longer, more and more doctors are studying the problems of health in old age.

DIAMOND GARTER, ADDED FEATURE ATTRACTION AT TEXAS STATE FAIR

The Diamond Garter—a new refreshment center for quaffing and chaffing which will offer continuous entertainment—will be a feature of the 1950 State Fair of Texas Mid-Century Exposition, October 7-22.

With the atmosphere of an oldtime music hall of the Gay Nineties, the Diamond Garter will present three nightly performances of "The Drunkard's Daughter," new but nostalgic comical preachment against sin and gin.

From the time the theatre-restaurant opens at 11 a.m. until it closes around midnight, patrons will be entertained by singing waiters and handle-bar mustaches, piano players with a

"backroom" touch and top talent doubling as actors in the old-fashioned melodrama and as entertainers.

Located at the "top of the Midway," directly across from the sensational new Sky Wheels thrill ride, the spacious Diamond Garter will contain 400 tables accommodating 1600 patrons. From the 100-foot bar, sandwiches, soft drinks and other beverages will be served at reasonable prices.

The Diamond Garter will be operated by R. G. McElyea of Amusement Enterprises in Fort Worth, and the show will be produced by Charles R. Meeker, Jr., managing director of the Starlight Operetta and the State Fair Auditorium, in cooperation with

McElyea. Decorations for the refreshment center will be designed by Peter Wolf, scenic designer for the Starlight Operetta.

McElyea said that the show to be produced at the Diamond Garter would be of top quality and that entertainers would be the best talent available.

He plans to employ actors for the Melodrama, "The Drunkard's Daughter," who can also sing and otherwise perform, and a brace of good masters of ceremonies will keep things moving at a fast pace continuously.

The Diamond Garter will be the first theatre-restaurant of its type to be in operation at the Fair since the Texas Centennial and Pan-American Exposition in 1936-37.

Along with the excellent entertainment to be provided, the Diamond Garter will offer a comfortable place for State Fair visitors to relax and partake of light refreshment while seeing the sights at the 1950 Fair, McElyea pointed out.

Don't Wait For Draft Call If You Want To Join Marines

SAN ANGELO—The San Angelo Marine Recruiting office has released the following information in order to clarify certain policies regarding the draft.

As in the past war the Marine Corps is not permitted to enlist any man who has been summoned by his draft board for his pre-induction examination.

Men who are expecting to be sent their pre-induction notice may enlist in the Marine Corps, provided they do so prior to the receipt of notification to report to their draft board, but not later.

For information about the Marines contact M-Sgt. Boyd Knowles in Room 201 of the Post Office Building in San Angelo.

Apparently the guys who take cold showers every morning just do so to brag about it.

Women have many faults, but men have only two—everything they say and everything they do.

You have to make allowances for men when he's off to college.

Trigger Happy Hunters; Live Stock Exposition Please Take Notice Will Be Feature Of State Fair Of Texas

AUSTIN—The Executive Secretary of the Game, Fish & Oyster Commission reports that an increasing number of sportsmen have expressed interest in curbing promiscuous shooting during the fall hunting season in Texas which opened Sept. 1.

He said letters to his office indicated particular concern over possible harm to the immature quail crop. The general state quail season opens December 1. Meanwhile, the first major phase of the scattergun season opened September 1, when mourning doves in the north zone become legal game. The south zone season does not open until October 20.

The Executive Secretary suggested that the trigger happy few who "shoot at everything that moves" cause law-abiding sportsmen to worry about the welfare of species which are not legal game. He qualified this comment by pointing out that Texans are known for their good sportsmanship in the field and said that, as always, the overwhelming superiority of the genuine sportsmen will have a strong bearing on restraining the irresponsible element.

The serious minded hunter, according to the Executive Secretary, is not interested in mixing up his targets. For example, when he flushes the inevitable covey of quail while hunting doves, he just watches and doesn't shoot. By the same token he won't shoot doves while hunting quail and neither will he bang away at squirrels and rabbits while stalking deer and turkey. It is not only bad hunting discipline, but often illegal as well.

One sportsman wrote the game department that he had an outlet for the uncontrolled shooting enthusiasm of the trigger happy types, as well as for responsible sportsmen for that matter. He suggested they "take up the slack" by cracking down on the thousands of house cats that have reverted to the primitive in Texas outdoors and prey on many species of bird life, as well as on small game generally.

Our fishing days are days of eternal expectation and perpetual disappointment.

We're getting just like our car. The older we become the more knocking we do.

The car's speedometer doesn't always reveal how far a couple has gone.

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Guernsey and Milking Shorthorn shows also will be held Oct. 13-20 and will offer premiums of \$5200, \$3000, and \$2500 respectively.

Dates for the Quarter Horse show are Oct. 10-16 with \$3000 in premiums. Palomino Horses will vie for \$2500 in premiums Oct. 17-22.

The Junior Livestock Show, Oct. 17-21, will offer \$11,250 prize money. Judging dates are: Hereford cattle, Oct. 9; Polled Hereford, Oct. 10; Shorthorn, Oct. 11; Aberdeen-Angus, Oct. 12; Brahman, Oct. 13.

Midland Livestock Market Report

A probable record price in West Texas for stocker cattle was paid in Midland Thursday, August 31. The price was \$36.10 a hundred and was paid for a herd of 28 heifer calves that weighed an average of 507 pounds. They were raised by A. G. Bohannon on his ranch near Midland and were brought to Midland Livestock Auction Company ring by L. E. Floyd, also of Midland.

The market was strong and active on all other classes of the 400 cattle consigned to the sale. Fat calves and yearlings brought \$25 to \$28.50 while commons and mediums went at \$22 to \$25. Fat cows sold for \$21 to \$23 and medium cows for \$19.50 to \$21. Canners and cutters moved at \$14 to \$19.50. Bulls ranged from \$21 to \$23.50.

In addition to the record-breaking heifer calves, several bunches of steer calves sold for \$29 to \$31. Other heifer calves auctioned at \$28 to \$31. Steer yearlings were bid from \$26 to \$28.75 and heifer yearlings went by the head for \$125 to \$170. Hogs got a top price of \$24.

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"A half hour later John called home to say that 'Junior' turned out to be a girl!"

"Mother called everyone we knew, as soon as they were up. Karen and Sharon, our other daughters, were trying to get in their two cents worth, too, of course."

"John and Mother kept our telephone record for me. I'm finishing it now. Reading it back makes me realize how much we depend on our telephone—and how little it costs!"

BACK TO SCHOOL

There's a Great Day Coming—

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