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Railroad Commission Cuts December Production

Texas oil production was cut for the third consecutive month by the Railroad Commission under a December allowable of 1,886,944 barrels daily. That is 100,000 barrels less than the permissive flow or last Saturday.

One day was lopped from the statewide producing schedule and one day off the East Texas field, dropping them to 20 and 19 days, respectively. The Fullerton field in West Texas remained on 19 days and the Willmar field in Southwest Texas on 12.

STOCKS AMPLE

Ample national stocks of crude oil and heating fuel oil and rapid filling storage provided the basis for the reduction.

George Goad, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, testifying at the state oil prorating hearing which preceded issuance of the order, said Texas was "producing a little too much oil."

"How much too much?" asked Ernest O. Thompson, senior commissioner.

"About 250,000 barrels per day too much," Goad answered. He said if production were not curbed now, "by January 1 you will honestly have a problem finding a place to put the oil."

STORAGE ARGUED

Commissioner Olin Culberson did not agree that storage was that tight but was in accord with the one-day reduction of permissive flow.

Goad noted that the commission was worried a month ago about the possibility of a heating oil shortage.

"A month has gone by and we had no cold weather. I should say that almost nothing could happen that would cause a shortage of heating oil before February," he told the commission, adding that the regulatory body could act quickly to increase production if such a shortage developed.

IMPORTS PROTESTED

H. P. Nichols of Tyler, representing the East Texas Oil and Gas Assn., bemoaned the import threat to independent operators.

"As long as the big oil companies are allowed to import indiscriminately into the United States, we are going to have a depressed market demand for Texas oil," he declared.

Nichols asked one less producing day for the East Texas field, attributing his request to a drop of 23.07 pounds per square inch in the field's bottomhole pressure in the past six months.

SOME OPPOSE CUT

Bascom Gist, Tyler attorney representing a group of independent operators, opposed the cut. He said his clients "are still of the opinion that if allowed to continue on 20 or 21 days, the East Texas field will level off above 1,000 pounds, and will not go below that level."

Pressure in the field at October's end was 1,016.67 pounds. The 160,000-barrel cut for December is the biggest slash since September.

MEANS LESS TAXES

The curtailment dashed hopes of state officials for improvement of the state's financial situation through increased revenue from oil production taxes.

Production of an estimated 327,186 barrels of natural gasoline and distillate daily in December will increase Texas' national petroleum output to 2,884,130 barrels per day, the commission reported.

The new crude allowable of 2,586,944 will be 176,944 barrels per day above the U. S. Bureau of Mines estimate of the market demand.

DISTRICT ALLOWABLES

December's daily allowable by districts, compared with current figures:

1. Southwest Texas, 33,860, down 962 barrels per day.
2. Southwest Texas, 145,114, down 10,970.

3. Gulf Coast, 444,451, down 25,143.
4. Southwest Texas, 225,576, down 13,917.
5. East Central Texas, 41,709, down 3,065.
6. East Texas (outside), 97,450, down 6,608.
6. East Texas field, 272,484, down 22,541.
- 7-B. West Central Texas, 84,074, down 3,739.
- 7-C. West Central Texas, 72,798, down 3,623.
8. West Texas, 843,598, down 62,314.
9. North Texas, 191,370, down 7,191.
10. Panhandle, 104,933, down 10.

Burglary, Forgery Charged Are Filed In District Court

Jeff Shaw, 41, was lodged in the Upton County jail at Rankin Monday night after being apprehended in downtown McCamey. Charges of burglary and forgery were filed by the Upton County Sheriff's Department in the 112th District Court of Judge Garland Casebier of Ft. Stockton.

Shaw was sought in connection with the burglary of the L. E. Stokes Trucking Co. last Saturday night, and with passing a forged check to a McCamey merchant that was obtained in the burglary.

The case will come to trial in the February term of court.

Big Bend Trail Group Pass Resolution Against Overloaded Trucks

MARFA, Texas, Nov. 14.—The resolution, unanimously condemning the use of highways by overloaded trucks, was adopted here today by the Big Bend Trail Association, Inc., in annual convention.

The resolution presented by J. A. Lain of Cleburne, incoming president of the association, follows: "That the practice of operating overloaded trucks on Texas highways be condemned and that all law enforcement officers be called upon for strict enforcement of the highway laws and requiring overloaded trucks to be unloaded at the point of violation."

Self-Inflicted Wound Sends McCamey Man To Hospital Saturday

Bill McNair, about 50, of McCamey, is reported "improved" at the Crane Hospital this week, after suffering a self-inflicted wound in the living quarters of the TP Tavern last Saturday night at 8:15.

Investigating officers said the discharge came from a .45 revolver.

He was rushed to the Crane Hospital by Spalding ambulance. McNair is the manager of the Cozy Bar.

A C C Is Family Affair With J. W. Kennedy's

Abilene Christian College is a family affair with the James W. Kennedy family of Rankin Texas, former residents of Haskell.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are ex-students and give praise to their Alma Mater. Their eldest son, Lloyd Kennedy, now with the Shell Pipe Line Corporation in Kilgore, is a 1950 graduate of ACC. Marjorie and Jeanette Kennedy are now seniors in ACC and will graduate in the spring of 1951.

At home in Rankin are six other prospective ACC graduates. Besides the son and daughters, Lloyd's wife, the former Miss Betsy Maud Kindred of Dallas, is also an Ex of ACC.

In 1961 the last of the Kennedy children will have entered ACC at which time Mrs. Kennedy plans to re-enter.

U.N. Relief in Korea



Moving swiftly to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population of Korea, the United Nations is undertaking a vast program of relief and rehabilitation. Here, inhabitants of Seoul are seen receiving the daily ration of rice distributed by the United Command with the help of local organizations to the city's seven districts. The rice was largely contributed by Thailand and the Philippine Islands.

Rankin 4-H Club Holds Regular Meeting; Adult Officers Are Elected

The Rankin Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club met Monday at the Park Building. Vice President Gentry Holmes presided and a drill in parliamentary procedure was conducted by County Agent Day and Home Demonstration Agent Myrna Holman.

Adult leaders of the club were elected, being Mr. Sam Holmes, Mr. Walton Harral, Mrs. Lloyd Yoeham, and Mrs. Darby Anderson.

A Christmas party was planned for Dec. 9.

Those present included Gentry Holmes, Elbert Eckols, George Broyles, Mac Yoeham, Bud Poage, Ruth McGill, Genevieve Poage, Linda Harral, Joy Gilbert, Patsy Teague, Barbara Harral, Mary Anderson, Beth Shipp, Jane Shipp, Amayallis Harral, Suzanne Fitzgerald, Gloria Morgan, Rachel Broyles and Norma Broyles.

Methodist W.S.C.S. To Begin A New Study

The WSCS will begin a new study from the book, "The Christian's Vocation," in the home of Mrs. Bruce McGill, Monday afternoon, Nov. 20, at 2 o'clock.

"The Christian's Vocation" is written by G. Bromley Oxnam, and the study will be taught by Mrs. R. O. White.

All church women are invited to participate in this study and are urged to be present at Monday's meeting, bringing a guest with you.



J. T. RUTHERFORD VISITS DISTRICT.—State Representative J. T. Rutherford of Odessa, shown, was a recent visitor in Pecos while making a swing over his large district. The state representative was visiting the people in an effort to determine their wants prior to the opening of a new term of the Legislature in January. He asks the people to write to him about their problems.

WSCS Group Organize Wesleyan Guild Here

Sixteen women met at the Methodist Church in Rankin on Monday night for the purpose of starting the organization of a Wesleyan Guild. Sponsored by the WSCS, the Guild is being organized for the benefit of business women and mothers with small children who cannot attend daytime meetings of the service society.

Mrs. R. O. White, WSCS president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Don Cochran was at the organ for the singing and Mrs. Goodwin led the devotional and a program representative of the type of work carried on in the society. "Health Problems" was the topic, with Mrs. R. L. Yancey discussing "Health Problems in Rural Areas" and Mrs. D. O. McEwen giving vital statistics in connection with health problems.

Mrs. Linton Clark was named temporary chairman for the organization of the Guild and appointed a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Doc Adams, Mrs. Ted Hogan and Mrs. Herbert Hurn.

The nominating committee will report at a meeting to be held the night of Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the church. This meeting is called for 7:30 and all Rankin churchwomen are cordially invited to attend and take part in the forming of this new society in Rankin.

WSCS members were hostesses Monday night and served cake and coffee from a beautifully appointed table in the church dining room. Mrs. Ross Wheeler presided at the coffee service and was assisted by Mrs. Hamp Carter and Mrs. S. H. Boyd.

ATTEND HOMECOMING

Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and Cathy and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hill attended the Texas Tech Homecoming Celebration last weekend. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. McComie, Jr., in Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reed and family on their farm near Silverton.

KOERTINGS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Koerting are visiting in the homes of their daughters, Mrs. Glenn Hill and Mrs. David Workman. The Koertings plan to be here until after Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Price and baby of Cisco visited in the home of Commissioner and Mrs. W. J. Price this week.

IMPROVED

Mr. R. H. (Bob) Johnson is convalescing at his home here following a recent illness from which he was hospitalized in San Angelo. He is recuperating very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Hurst and children and Mrs. Mike Grimm drove down through the Kerrville country Sunday.

NOTICE!

We would like to have your holiday news items for the Rankin News.

Let us know who visits you, where you go. And we would like to have your party news, your dinners, dances, etc.

Send your items to Mrs. Tom Workman or telephone her at No. 65 after 6 o'clock in the evening and she will be glad to take care of it for you.

EDITOR.

Mrs. Ross Welch Gives Book Review Tuesday At The PTA Meeting

The Kathryn Secret Parent-Teacher Association's regular November meeting was held on Tuesday night, the 14th, in the elementary school auditorium. Mrs. D. S. Anderson and Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald distributed programs at the door.

A short business meeting followed the devotional and Director Louise Nelson then presented the school band in a 30-minute concert.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson, program leader, presented Mrs. Ross Welch of McCamey, who reviewed Hartel Spence's "Get Thee Behind Me." Both the concert and review were much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Gold chrysanthemums in a blue pottery bowl centered the table from which refreshments were served following the meeting.

Hostesses were Mesdames R. C. Schlagal, J. Q. Russell, Geo. Wetzel, Campbell White, Ralph H. Daugherty, M. C. Duer.

Baptist Ladies Plan A Box For Orphans Home

The WSCS of the First Baptist Church is packing a box of used clothing for the Buckner's Orphan Home. If you have anything to contribute, please leave at the Home Appliance Store or call Mrs. Tyson Midkiff or Mrs. Elizabeth Rains. The collection will continue through this Saturday.

Mrs. Rains Entertains Guests With Dinner

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains entertained members of her family at dinner Sunday complimenting her grandchildren, Rhonda Beth and Freddie Gibson of Odessa on their 12th and 11th birthdays.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hoot Gibson of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kozimor and Mrs. Herman Hamilton of Rankin.

East Side Baptist Church Organized In McCamey On Sunday

The East Side Baptist Church is a new church recently organized in McCamey with the Rev. Quint Farley of Crane as pastor. A revival conducted by Rev. Farley, assisted by Bob Clements and Harvey Graham, has just closed with 18 members received by letter and one by baptism.

The ministers, Billie Don Ingram, Bob Clements and Quint Farley, were ordained at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, at 3 p. m. The Rev. H. D. Christian examined the candidates, the Rev. Wm. F. Atlee, Kermit, presented the charge to the candidates, and the Rev. M. M. Jolly, Odessa, presented the charge to the church. The Rev. Orville Coleman, Odessa, preached the ordination sermon, and the Rev. Harvey W. Graham gave the ordination prayer.

Immediately following the service, Quint Farley performed his first baptismal service, having three candidates for baptism.

HOSPITAL NOTES

E. H. Harding of McCamey was admitted to the Crane Memorial Hospital on Nov. 10, with a heart ailment. He is reported improving.

E. C. Bone, McCamey merchant, who was admitted to the Crane Hospital on Nov. 3, still remains in the hospital, but is reported much improved.

Bill Nix, 63, Dies In San Angelo Wednesday

Bill Nix, long-time Rankin citizen and for years one of the nation's top rodeo performers, died Wednesday in San Angelo, less than two days after he had passed his 63rd birthday.

Stricken Sunday, Nix was taken to a hospital in San Angelo the next day, on his birthday. Death came early Wednesday.

His death ended a colorful career which began when he came to Rankin in 1912 as the town's first barber, when Rankin first was established.

For 45 years he was one of the top ropers in cowboy rodeo circles and was a familiar figure in rodeo shows throughout the entire country.

Even a broken leg did not stop him in 1938, although he confined his activities to team-roping after

funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church. The Rev. Don Cochran will officiate the services.

Interment will be in the Rankin Cemetery.

Surviving is his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Jack Young of Isabel, South Dakota; a granddaughter, Mrs. Gaila Bettis Miller of Rankin; a great-granddaughter, Melanie Miller of Rankin; two sisters, Miss Lura Nix of Rankin and Mrs. Vera Diamond of Phoenix, Ariz., and two brothers, John and Henry Nix of Phoenix, Ariz.

Pallbearers will be Allen Holder, Walton Poage, J. B. Pettit, Hamp Carter, Ed Guy Branch, and Max Schneeman, Jr.

Officials Cooperate With B&PW In 'Clean-Up Weeks'

A committee from the Rankin B&PW Club met with the Commissioners Court Monday morning and were granted the officials' cooperation in the cleanup campaign now under way in Rankin.

This week and next have been proclaimed "CLEANUP WEEKS" by Mayor Rankin and the B&PW women are pushing the project.

If you do not have a way to dispose of the trash cleaned up from your premises, call Mrs. Tyson Midkiff or Mrs. Elizabeth Rains and a truck will pick up your trash. It must be placed

where the trucks can pick it up from your street or alley.

Also, it is going to be necessary for the vacant lots to be cleaned off as well as the occupied premises. Let's make this a CLEAN SWEEP—if you own vacant lots that are overgrown and littered with trash, please have them cleaned within this two weeks.

Handbills are being distributed from house to house by the B&PW in connection with this campaign this week.

THE DATES OF THIS EXTENSIVE CLEANING ARE NOV. 13 THROUGH NOV. 25.

Pembroke Outpost Set By Havenstrite Firm

Havenstrite Oil Co. of Los Angeles has scheduled a mile SE outpost to the two-well Pembroke (Spraberry) field in Upton County.

No. 1-1 Pembroke-Beal, projected to 8000 feet with rotary and beginning at once, will be 660 feet from the north and west lines of the 120-acre lease out of the NE corner of the south half of sec. 1-X-C. DeWitt survey.

The project will be about 18 miles NE of Rankin, six miles north of the Benedum field, and three miles west of the Reagan County line.

Magnolia No. 2-42 T. R. Wilson in the Pegasus (Ellenburger) field has been completed for a 24-hour flow of 638.55 barrels of 54.1 gravity pipeline oil. Oil-gas ratio was 1,182.1.

Production was through a 20-64-inch tubing choke. Pay was topped at 13,052 feet in drilling to 13,054 feet, with 5 1-2 inch casing at 12,758 feet. With elevation 2,873 feet, No. 2-42 Wilson is 660 feet from the NW and SW lines of sec. 42-40-48-T&P.

Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1-AH University, wildcat eight miles east of Rankin, was drilling at 9,697 feet in Pennsylvania lime.

Recovery was 70 feet of slightly

oil and gas-cut drilling mud on a two-hour drillstem test from 9,579 to 9,660 ft.

Magnolia No. 2 Ruburn in the Pembroke field was taking an electric log survey at total depth of 6,895 ft. in Spraberry hand. It has not reported any drillstem tests.

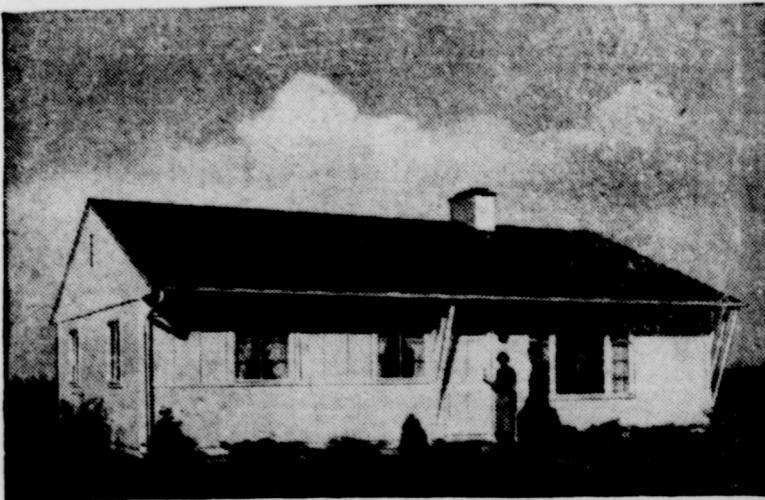
Rankin B.&P.W. Club Hears Varied Reports

The Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club met for their business-luncheon Thursday noon, with President Naomi Midkiff presiding.

The invocation was given by Elizabeth Rains. Ann Clark was elected treasurer of the club to take the place of Jane Still, resigned, and a committee was appointed on arrangements for a covered dish dinner which the club will have the night of Nov. 28 in the Park Building. Mrs. Rains made a report on the progress of the Boy Scout fund drive in which a committee from the B&P.W. is assisting. A committee was also appointed to meet with the Commissioners Court Monday in further connection with the cleanup campaign which will get underway the first of next week.

Lelia Workman gave a report on the Fall Conference of District 8 B&P.W. held in McCamey Oct. 28 and 29.

Realtors View New Pre-Fab



Miami Beach, Fla.—U. S. Steel's newest prefabricated, low-cost home—The Coronado—is shown above as introduced at the National Association of Real Estate Boards convention here. It's a ranch-type home, will be available January, 1951, and will sell in the \$7,000-\$10,000 price range. The Coronado will be mass-produced by U. S. Steel's 14-year-old prefabricated housing subsidiary, Gunnison Homes, Inc., at its plant in New Albany, Ind. Like the other Gunnison Homes models, the new Coronado will be fully insulated, have completely modern electric, plumbing and heating equipment and will be offered in two and three-bedroom sizes with a variety of exterior architectural treatments.

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THE RECORD OF MEDICINE

Just what is the matter with American medicine? To judge by those who are directing the hue and cry in favor of compulsory government health insurance—which is a polite term for political domination of the healing arts—medicine has woefully failed in its obligation to the American people. In the light of that, it is interesting to record a few facts. In 1900, each child born had a life expectancy of 49 years. Today his expectancy is more than 68 years—not far from double the former figure.

Fifty years ago, typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox and many other diseases were dreaded killers. Today deaths from such causes have been virtually eliminated.

In 1900 there were less than 1,000 approved hospitals, with 400,000 beds. Now there are 6,300 registered hospitals, with 1,500,000 beds.

Fifty years ago, the voluntary, low-cost health insurance plans, as we know them now, did not exist. Now they cover millions of families.

These are but a few of the achievements of free medicine, working in the American way. It is obvious to all—especially the medical fraternity—that a great deal more needs to be done in the conquest of disease, and the improvement of medical service. But the big point is that it is being done—steadily and soundly. And it is being done without a group of political appointees dominating the doctors. American medicine can stand on its record.

A BARGAIN

The chief officer of an oil company, Robert E. Wilson, Standard Oil Co., Indiana, recently stressed four points about the oil industry which are of wide public interest.

1. Gasoline is a bargain!
2. Prices are determined by vigorous competition.
3. Gasoline prices are simply added to the basic product prices determined by such competition.
4. Industry profits are fair—lower than most people would think.

Gasoline prices have risen substantially less than those of most other commodities. The August cost of living index stood at 173. Yet the average price of gasoline, including the heavy taxes which are imposed on it and which are beyond the industry's control, was only 141 in that index.

To put the situation another way, the average hourly wage in manufacturing industries today will buy 5.4 gallons of gas as compared with 3.6 gallons only 10 years ago. And the farmer's bushel of corn will buy 5 gallons now as compared with 3 1/3 gallons 10 years ago, and about two gallons in the year 1920.

There is still another factor, and that is quality. Laboratory tests show that today's high-quality gasoline is 50 per cent better than the product obtainable in 1925. But it costs no more than it did in that year, except for the higher taxes imposed.

Gasoline is typical of many other products that could be used for examples. Competition is responsible for holding prices—even as competition is responsible for forcing up the quality.

THE COUNTRY PRESS SAYS

COALINGA, CALIF. RECORD: The U. S. Government, which continually points with alarm to major industries as being too 'big' for the Republic's well-being . . . announced that employees on its civilian payroll now number 2,060,000."

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Dr. Cox Re-Named State Health Officer By Board of Health

AUSTIN—The Texas State Board of Health has elected Dr. George W. Cox of Austin to his eighth consecutive two-year term as state health officer.

The vote of the nine-member board was unanimous in favor of keeping Dr. Cox in the post he has held since 1936, the longest tenure in the 70-odd year history of the State Department of Health.

Dr. O. B. Kiel of Wichita Falls, chairman of the board, called Dr. Cox, "outstanding among the health officers in the nation."

"The job he has done in his capacity is remarkable," Dr. Kiel said. "I speak for the whole board when I say Texas is fortunate to have such a man as Dr. Cox heading its public health activities."

In addition to Dr. Kiel, present members are Dr. S. D. Coleman, Navasota; Pat J. Cavanaugh, a San Antonio pharmacist; Dr. John H. Mitchell, Tyler; Dr. A. W. Rogers, Corsicana; J. P. Burden, San Angelo; Dr. T. C. Terrell, Ft. Worth; Dr. B. E. Pickett, Carrizo Springs; and Dr. L. S. Gates, Center.

Dr. Cox aligned himself with the public health movement in Texas throughout his professional career. He is a former member of the State Board of Health. His medical degree was conferred at Tulane University. Some of the highlights of his tenure as the leader of State public health activities are:

A reduction of typhoid fever death rates of 97 percent; a 96 percent cut in malaria mortality; 43 percent reduction in syphilis death tolls.

The common diseases of childhood—scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria and measles—have been so sharply curtailed that last year the combined death rate from these four causes was less than one-third that of diphtheria alone 15 years ago. Influenza and pneumonia deaths have also fallen off sharply since 1937.

A 500 percent increase in the number of local health units has occurred under the administration of the veteran health chief who strongly advocates decentralization of the states health facilities "so people can get to them."

He is a past president of the United States-Mexico Border Public Health Conference, a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and a member of the American Public Health Association, American Medical Association, and the Texas State Medical Association. He is also director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Public Health within the framework of the State's civil defense organization.

Mrs. Joe Cravens of McCamey underwent major surgery on Nov. 9 in the Crane Hospital.

Mrs. A. C. Rucker of McCamey is a patient in the Crane Hospital.

Motor Transportation Officials Seek New Law On Texas Trucks

AUSTIN—Texas Motor Transportation officials today made public the details of a law they will ask the legislature to pass and commented that more than five million dollars in additional revenue to the state could result.

Weight limits to trucks would be based on the 18,000 pound-per-axle load maximum as approved by the American Association of State Highway Engineers and as now provided by Texas laws.

Length of trucks would be increased from 45 to 50 feet; and gross weight would range from 32,000 pounds to 72,000 pounds, depending upon the type of vehicle.

Under these specifications, no damage could result to the highways, said James E. Taylor, executive director of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. To support this statement, he quoted Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, as follows:

"Our tests show that in the application of wheel loads (or axle loads) to the road, if the wheels rest as much as 36 to 40 inches ahead of the next wheel, there is no overlap of stresses in the road structure. In other words, the road has to carry only the weight of each particular wheel load. The stresses do not pile up."

Taylor explained the expected increase in revenue by saying that under present laws the registration fee for a 16,000-pound truck tractor and a 32,000-pound trailer combination is \$312. Under the proposed law a 40,000-pound truck tractor and 32,000-pound trailer would pay \$568. This figure does not include additional gasoline or diesel fuel taxes which would be paid on heavier loads.

Last year there were 102,743 trailers registered in Texas and 23,971 truck tractors.

He cited the association's belief that "present restrictive limitations are discriminatory and have no scientific justification from the standpoint of public safety or highway protection. It is arbitrary and uneconomical." The trucking industry, Taylor observed, is asking for a law that is in basic accord with the recommendations of the country's outstanding highway engineers, and currently in effect in the rest of the western states.

These recommendations, Taylor stated, have been agreed upon jointly by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the American Association of State Highway Officials.

"The most unreasonable feature of the present Texas law is its arbitrary limit of 48,000 pounds on the gross weight of trucks," was Taylor's view. Highway engineers agree that axle weight and not gross weight is the critical factor in determining stresses on highway pavements. The pavement will carry virtually any gross weight as long as it is spread over enough properly loaded axles.

Texas highways are as good or better than those of the 11 west-

ern states which have weight laws reflecting the basic recommendations of the American Association of Highway Officials, Taylor contended; and in the other states in the western groups weight loads up to 78,000 pounds are permitted.

"Removal of present restrictions on motor vehicle lengths and gross weights is necessary, in the opinion of Texas Motor Transportation Association's directors, in order to bring Texas laws in closer harmony with those of surrounding states," Taylor said.

States surrounding Texas allow lengths of combination vehicles of 50 to 65 feet, compared with Texas' present 45-foot limitation; and gross weights of from 60,000 to 73,200 pounds as compared with Texas' 48,000 pounds, Taylor pointed out.

Humble To Broadcast Three Games

Three critical Southwest Conference games are listed in Saturday's Humble Oil & Refining Company football broadcast schedule.

Texas faces TCU in Fort Worth; Rice and Texas A&M meet in college station, and SMU goes to Little Rock to play Arkansas. All three broadcasts begin at 1:50 p.m.

Kern Tips and Alec Chessel will be at Kyle Field to call the play by play and color of the Aggie-Rice meeting on stations WOAI, San Antonio; WFAA-WBAP-320, Dallas-Fort Worth; KRIG, Odessa; KVKM, Monahans; KJUM, Pecos.

From TCU Stadium, Ves Box and Dave Russell will describe the Longhorn-Horned Frog game on KRLD, Dallas; KTRH, Houston.

The Arkansas-SMU meeting will be broadcast by Charlie Jordan and Buddy Bostick from Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium on station KGKL, San Angelo; KPET, Lamest; and KCRS, Midland.

There is one advantage to the roustache. It holds back the ice while you're drinking.

The magazine boys call hash the review of reviews.

Three of America's most popular characters were unborn: Uncle Sam, Santa Claus and Charley McCarthy.

Household Workers Come Under Social Security Law Jan. 1

"Do you have a maid?"

Not so very many households these days can answer yes, but those who do have a maid or any other household worker will need a copy of a brief booklet bearing that question as a title. George Clark, Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office has begun distribution of this booklet. This colorful leaflet sets out, in a few sentences, just how the 'lady of the house, or any employer of domestic help in or around the home, may tell whether or not the worker is brought under the new social security law which becomes effective on January 1.

The work of those regularly employed in private homes will be credited to social security and the employer will be responsible for supporting wages, along with social security taxes, to the collector of internal revenue.

A simple test in the booklet, in terms of amount of wages paid and regularity of employment, will tell whether a maid or cook or laundress will get the protection of social security—and whether the housewife should start making reports next year. If so, there's a postage-paid postal card in the government-issued booklet which the housewife should mail in for instructions.

For the domestic worker's own information about her new social security protection, a special leaflet is available at the social security office, San Angelo. Mr. Clark pointed out that regularly employed domestic workers will need a social security account number card after January 1, 1951.

The "Do You Have A Maid?" booklet does not apply to domestic work on farms operated for profit. Such work is covered by other provisions in the new social security law.

Brewing Industry Shows Increase In Grain Purchases

NEW YORK — The nation's farmers sold the brewing industry of the United States a million more pounds of grain and grain products during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950 than the previous year despite a 2 per cent drop in beer distribution according to a report issued today by the U. S. Brewers Foundation.

The beer industry purchased 3,891,761,336 pounds of malt, corn, rice, wheat, barley and sorghum from agricultural areas of the country compared to 3,890,760,573 pounds of the same grain products a year ago. Over 10 million pounds of other agricultural materials, mainly corn, sugar and hops, were also used in the production of beer and ale.

The 407 breweries of the country used 2,707,240,886 pounds of malt; 852,074,810 pounds of corn; 320,830,068 pounds of rice; 7,284,480 pounds of wheat; 3,701,700 pounds of barley and 629,330 pounds of sorghum grain.

These agricultural products of which 84,202,618 barrels were distributed. This volume represented, at \$8.00 a barrel tax, Federal government revenue of \$673,620,944. Not included are beer revenues to states where taxes range from a rate of 6 cents a barrel up to more than \$17.00.

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TOM TURKEY

Thanksgiving Story For Girls and Boys

BY IRBY GLENDENING

It was only a week before Thanksgiving Day, he had the farmer's wife tell their neighbor she would sell all her turkeys to be eaten at Thanksgiving. Tom had lost his appetite; for any day to take them away, didn't have the heart to tell feathered friends what he heard, but he still refused to sell the grain the farmer's wife was out.

Tom was worried. She saw him standing in one corner of the farm and called to him. "Tom, don't you eat; are you sick?" Tom shook his head, he couldn't eat. She looked so happy and contented with life. It wasn't thought Tom, to be fattened the way they were, only to be used for some one's Thanksgiving dinner.

Tom tried to get through the enclosure, but it was no use, more he tried, the more doors were broken in the attempt. The farmer's wife noticed Tom not eating. "What's the matter, Tom, are you sick?" Every day she said the same thing to him, so he answered, "Gobble, Gobble, Gobble" and gave her his most grateful look. The next day the farmer came for them. He looked over before herding them into the large crates; he noticed Tom with his head down and something wrong with that bird, so he doctor him up a little; I'll be the rest of the flock." So Tom watched the man take all his turkeys away. The barnyard was lonely for Tom, just thinking about the fate of his friends made him unhappy. Then one day to his surprise the gate was open. He was free, he would run the Johnson farm. He ran happily down the dusty highway, until he saw another farm yard, there three turkeys lived. "Hello boys" he said cheerily. "Oh hello" they answered. "Where are you from?" "I came from the Johnson farm," said Tom. "All your friends were sold for Thanksgiving and it was so lonely I had to leave."

"Why, that's exactly what happened here" said one turkey, who had a slight limp, we are all that is left of five hundred turkeys." "Thanksgiving is one day I refuse to give thanks" said another. "I think it is a great honor to be the only bird chosen for Thanksgiving, said the third." Just imagine being the symbol of such an important day; you really should feel proud to give your life."

Tom thought this over for awhile and he began to feel ever so much better. He had never looked at it this way. Finally he

told his new friends good bye and started back home. He even strutted a little as he thought what a beautiful bird he would be on the Johnson family's Thanksgiving dinner table.

MIDLAND MARKET REPORT

The market at Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale Thursday, November 10 was steady and active on 740 head consigned and sold. Foy Proctor of Midland consigned 100 Herefords including a group of cows that weighed over 1200 pounds—one was 1440—and brought top price.

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Other principal consignors were Pete Wheeler, J. F. Fernandez, Paul Slaton, H. A. Perry and Peck

canners and cutters \$13.75 to \$18. Bulls brought \$20 to \$23. Some good selections of stocker calves were offered. Steer calves were bid from \$28.50 to \$31 and light-weights higher. Heifer calves drew \$26.50 to \$30 and a few choice higher. Steer yearlings ranged from \$26 to \$28.50 and heifer yearlings ruled steady by the head at \$105 to \$175.

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TOUR OF MESQUITE CONTROL TESTS MADE ON RANCHES

COLLEGE STATION. — Visits were made recently to 16 of the 26 ranches in Texas on which field tests for controlling mesquite are being conducted. The off-station tests are being carried on by the ranchers under the direction of C. E. Fisher, superintendent of the Spar Experiment Station, and Dale W. Young, assistant agronomist with the Bureau of Plant Industry, and with the assistance of local county agents and PMA.

The group making the tour, led by Fisher, included representatives of the Production and Marketing Administration, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Extension Service, chemical research men, and airplane operators.

From observations made on the tour, the ester of 2, 4, 5-T still appears to be the best chemical for the control of mesquite. Three-fourths pound acid of 2, 4, 5-T in three gallons of water and one gallon of diesel oil gave the most consistent and promising results in all the tests studied. Included were sprouts, seedlings and small and large trees.

Mesquite on the ranches visited was sprayed by airplane during the spring of 1950. A. H. Walker, range specialist for Texas A&M Extension Service and one of the group making the tour, says that, although it is too soon to deter-

mine the final results of spraying, the work definitely looks promising.

Walker reminds ranchmen that the present goal of this experimental work is to find a practical method of mesquite control, rather than mesquite eradication. A mesquite kill of 100 per cent is not expected.

The immediate objective is to find a low cost method of control which stockmen can afford. For the method to be practical, the increased carrying capacity of the grazing land plus the ease of handling live stock must pay the cost of applying the control. Application costs for the ester of 2, 4, 5-T runs about \$3.50 per acre for both material and flying.

Spraying with an airplane is the best method of applying the chemical mixture for controlling mesquite when there is no danger of damaging field crops. However, Fisher and Young caution that airplane operators should be experienced in brush control spraying and the airplanes should be properly equipped. Apparently the coarser the droplet size of the chemical, the better the results will be. To be most effective, the chemical should be applied at tree-top height.

Mesquite spraying gives the best results when the chemical is applied in the spring at full leaf stage, which will be six to eight weeks after the first leaves appear. If ground moisture conditions are not favorable, the control results will probably be disappointing, apparently because the chemical is not translocated properly so as to kill the roots. Fisher and Young suggested waiting another year if conditions are not favorable.

They warn against the danger of using 2, 4, 5-T in areas where susceptible crops are grown. This compound has been known to drift as far as eight miles in a high wind. Small droplets are carried easily in the wind, and applications made 20 to 30 feet above the tree tops add to the drift danger. Although 2, 4, 5-T may do wonders when properly

applied, Walker reminds stockmen that carelessness in applying may result in lawsuits and possibly outlawing of the chemical.

Grass will not kill mesquite but giving grass a chance to seed out on sprayed areas will materially reduce the number of sprouts and seedlings. If an operator can not rest the pasture, the growing season following spraying, Walker advises to at least stock it lightly. Proper range management following spraying may double the length of time that the treatment is effective. This may be the difference between profit and loss on the operation.

He emphasized that the work on chemical control of mesquite is still in the experimental stage. Results of the work are not conclusive enough for making overall recommendations, and the range specialists can go no further at the present time than to make suggestions.

Walker mentions the fact that control tests on other species of brush are also in progress, but they have not reached the advanced stage of mesquite research.

DEDICATIONS

1. Harbor Lights—to Fields and Virginia.
2. I Cross My Fingers—to Dee Aun from Claudyne.
3. Heart and Soul—to Lacy from Pudge.
4. I'll Never Be Free—to Toad and Lyn.
5. I Love the Guy—to Bill from Nancy.
6. If You Were My Girl—to Mary A. from Charles S.
7. When—to Mary from Dillard.
8. Every Night I Cry myself To Sleep—to Bobby from LaRue.
9. Do You Ever Think of Me?—to Pudge from Lacy.
10. So In Love—to Nola and Don.
11. Walking the Floor Over You—Football team to Coach.
12. Where Are You?—to Kenneth from Nubbin.
13. So Tired—to Miss Nelson from the Band.
14. Where Are You?—to Fouts from Esther.
15. Saturday Night's the Longest Night in the Week—to the boys from the girls.
16. Little White Lies—to Bill Hurn from ????
17. If You've Got the Money, Honey, I've Got the Time—to Zaek from an admirer.
18. Always—to Mona Sue and Grover.
19. I'll Never Be Free—Jean
20. Why Don't You Haul Off and Love Me?—Reil to Betty Jo.
21. Bushel and a Peck—to Elbert.
22. I Can Dream, Can't I?—Boogie to Myra.
23. I'll Be Loving You Always—to Wanda and Harry.

NEWS FROM BAND

Friday evening at 5:30, a bus filled with band students left for Forsan to play for the football game.

Between the telling of jokes, fighting, reading "comics," and Weldon's playing of Mona Sue's cornet, everyone made the trip just fine, all except one drum, which got so hot the head burst; so Rankin had one snare drum and one bass drum to beat on during the game.

The band played their numbers and yelled along with the pep squad. At the half, the band was dismissed. Everybody was happy, for this was the first time to get out and "run wild" since they had left Rankin.

There were plenty of cold drinks and sandwiches before the band got to the concession stand, and there were still plenty of sandwiches left when the band reported back to the stands.

There was much fun, laughter and hugging every time Rankin scored, which was often. There was also plenty of blasting of the big brass instruments.

After the game, the band wearily piled into the bus for a quiet, restful journey home, and they would have had such a ride except for some very energetic rousances.

An old mountaineer once told us he had been shaving himself with a straight-edge "for nigh on to five years, and I ain't cut

What a salesman was the guy who talked his wife into being sorry for the girl who lost her hairpins in the back seat of his car!

RED DEVILS WIN OVER STERLING CITY, 15-13

The high flying Rankin Red Devils won a hard fought conference football game over the undefeated Sterling City Eagles, 15-13. Both teams were playing their hearts out. The blocking and tackling was terrific on both sides. The win puts the Red Devils in a tie for district honors with the Eagles. If both teams win Friday, they will flip a coin to see who represents the district in the bi-district against Ackerly.

Rankin's Billy Zackary ran 60 yards for a td on the first play from scrimmage only to have it called back because of an off-side penalty.

Norman Yocham scored the first counter of the game late in the first quarter and Eckols passed to McCain for the extra point and Rankin led 7-0.

Early in the second period, Rankin struck again on a pass from Bill Hurn to Bruce McCain in the end zone. Eckols added the extra point by kicking it through the uprights for two points and Rankin led at the half 15-0.

After the half, Sterling came back strong. They scored twice in the fourth quarter, using power plays with Blecznik and Butler scoring one td each. The Eagles missed a try from placement after their second td, which proved to be the difference. Time ran out and the Red Devils had won 15-13.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery visited Mrs. C. O. Lowery and other relatives in Rockport the past weekend.

Hygiene authorities advise us not to moisten our fingers when counting our money. We're not worried. No germ could live on our salary.

Farmer Jones has a pig he calls Waterman. At least that's its pen name.

RANKIN H. S. BAND

The Rankin High School Band performed for their first time at the Rankin and Sterling City football game Friday night. They played the school song and two parade marches. They also made an R and an S. Their performance was exceptionally good, although the weather was very cold.

At the first of the game, Rankin crowned their football sweetheart, Virginia Godsy. Virginia is one of the majorettes at Rankin and a junior in school. She was presented with a corsage trimmed with maroon and white streamers. The crowning was a very pretty sight.

The band will make a trip to Alpine Saturday, Nov. 18, where they will perform at the half of the Sul Ross football game that night. There will be a number of other bands present who will perform at this time.

The bands will also participate in the Alpine parade that afternoon.

McCamey Personals

Maxine Shirley and Guy Allison spent last weekend in Big Spring.

Mrs. Wayne Weyland of Odessa is visiting in the Emmett Asher home.

Mr and Mrs. A. A. Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pulley spent last weekend in Waco and attended the Texas-Baylor game

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ohlenburg left Wednesday for Roswell, N. M., on a hunting trip

Clarence Powell returned from Roswell, N. M., this week where he was on a hunting trip. He

bagged a nice size deer.

Mrs. Jew Leavey bagged a deer west of the Pecos last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ingram are visiting Mrs. Ingram's mother, who is ill, in Natitoches, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Buford of Kermit visited last weekend in the Douglas Buford home.

Jesse Wade and Coy Farrar,

Jr., attended the SMU-A&M ball game in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schna and daughter, Josie, are spending this week visiting in W Falls.

Mrs. J. Lane received first second degree burns on her last week. She is reported nicely.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

We Ask That "Fares" Play Fair

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To his surprise the cabman answered right back. "Don't blame me," he said "Fast as I clear this taxi out, the fares just mess it up again. I like a clean cab as well as anybody, but a man has to have some co-operation!"

Judge figures the fellow was in the right, and maybe we ought to

do a little campaigning with the public. I agree with him—that's why I'm writing this article.

From where I sit, it's important for us to remember the fellow who's going to get in the cab after we leave it. Because he pays the same as we do, he's got the same right to a clean, comfortable ride—just as he has the same right to enjoy the beverage of his choice (be it coffee, beer, lemonade, or what have you).

Joe Marsh