

WHAT ABOUT THE TAXPAYER?

At the present time, Upton County has more oil activity than any other county in West Texas. And with such development, as in all cases, there are "demands" made on the county.

This time it's roads.

The ever-expanding Spraberry and Pembroke fields in northeast Upton County are the hardest-pressed at the present time. Virtually everyone is familiar with stories coming from the area of ranchers with guns trying to keep the oil people from going across their property and ruining it with make-shift roads going in all directions.

The rancher can't be blamed for not wanting his grass-land ruined by the silt-dust that follows heavy travel, nor can you blame the oil people who have leases that they must develop or else lose.

So you need roads . . . and you need them bad. This is one area that the Upton County Commissioners Court has been trying to get right-of-ways into, and hopes of paving with a bond issue.

Also, in the north-central part of the county, the Pegasus Field is still growing, and, though the field is a year and a half old, no adequate road system is yet in existence.

In west-central Upton County, one of the major strikes of the year is recorded with the opening of the McElroy-Sinclair discovery, and they are drilling in all directions at the present time. No road system is established in this area to date.

At the present time, Commissioners have estimated that as high as 75 per cent of their road and bridge expenditures are going to these areas, and it looks like there is going to be more demands with the expansion of the fields.

The reason for this article is due to a story elsewhere in this issue concerning the "commitment of an engineering contract" by the Commissioner's Court this week.

Some may grasp at the article as a source of beating the bond issue when it is presented. They may ridicule and criticize county officials in an effort to defeat the bond issue on this basis.

This would not be fair.

The county's valuation will grow several million dollars with this new oil development and will offer the County Commissioners an opportunity in the future to lower the tax rate. The county, and its citizens, should be glad to get the valuation.

No doubt there will be criticism arising from the story mentioned above, but the criticism should be placed where it belongs . . . not on a project that will merit the study, consideration and support of every taxpayer in the county.

The cost on the proposed roads has been placed by the members of the Commissioner's Court between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. On the basis of a 6 per cent, the engineer would receive \$45,000 to \$60,000.

This newspaper does not profess to know which is the best engineering firm in the State of Texas, but we do believe that in a program of this size, that every major firm in the state that might be interested in the project should be contacted. Furthermore, we believe that any engineering firm who might have a proposal to offer on the project should be heard and considered.

The two firms who "were left waiting in the hall," in Rankin Monday were businesses of considerable stature.

Allied Engineers, Inc., of Fort Worth handled the work for Upton County on the Upton County Airport scarcely two years ago, and the work has been "standing up." They handle millions of dollars in engineering work each year and have a large personnel staff to handle large projects of this nature. This firm left material with the court telling of its organization, personnel, and other pertinent matter that we feel should be studied and considered if the public is to "get its dollars worth."

Hasie Green Engineering Co. of Lubbock left a brochure on its firm several weeks ago, telling of the work they handle, their personnel, their references on past jobs, and other pertinent data. This firm handled a one million dollar road job in Lynn County since the end of the war, and several others of smaller amounts, according to their brochure, in addition to other types of engineering projects. They have adequate personnel to get on the job in a hurry to expedite the job in a hurry.

These are but two firms. There are bound to be several others in the state that would be interested in a million dollar project.

This newspaper believes that the Upton County Commissioner's Court should get the best and cheapest firm possible. They should save the taxpayers as much money as possible and get the very finest work available to them.

And with such a large fee that would be possible under such a large proposal, we know that the very best can be obtained at a lower figure than 6 per cent.

Time is of essence. The roads in these areas are needed badly at the present time, according to the commissioners. They must have relief as soon as possible. We believe that with the proper study on the part of the Commissioner's Court that they may find a way to cut off a lot of the important time element . . . if they will only hear "all of the proposals."

The only interest this newspaper has in the project is to help in every way possible to get the very best, at the cheapest price. In other words, we are for saving the taxpayers money as much as possible, and getting the most for that money that is spent.

Upton Commissioners To Austin On Farm Road

Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher and members of the Upton County Commissioners Court will leave for Austin Monday for a hearing before the Texas State Highway Commission relative to the proposed farm road leading from McCamey to the Pecos River to the Pecos County farming area located some eight miles south of McCamey.

The Upton County delegation has an appointment with the Highway Commission on Tuesday morning.

In light of the recent letter received from State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer, the court asked for another hearing on the project.

The Upton group is seeking permission to use some \$48,000 of farm-to-market road funds to pave that portion of the road which lies in Crockett county leading to the farming area.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Greif are the parents of a son, Gary Walton, born Sunday morning, Sept 9, at the Cooper Hospital. The young man weighed six pounds, nine ounces. The Greifs have two other children, Sherrie Lynn and Wm. Riley.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Greif of Del Rio and maternal grandparents are Mrs. Frances M. Riley and Mr. J. J. Riley, both of Dallas.

JOINS GREIF & COKER

Howard Campbell, draftsman with State Highway Department for the past six years will join the firm of Greif & Coker, engineers within the next 15 days.

He will move to McCamey this week. He comes to McCamey from Andrews, Texas, from that Texas Highway District Office.

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PECOS COUNTY SUPPORTS FARM ROAD

Rankin Red Devils First Tilt With Ackerly Here Tonight

Rankin High School Red Devils

A replay of the 1950 Bi-District football game between the Rankin Red Devils and the Ackerly Eagles will take place in Rankin Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The Red Devils defeated Ackerly for the bi-district last season 20-6. Ackerly has a majority of her ball club back for this year. The Red Devils lost three men from last year's squad. Both teams are in good physical condition for the contest.

Coach Scrivner's charges will be playing for the first time on their new football field. A new sod has been put on the field. The stands have been repaired and a chain link fence built around the playing field.

The probable starters for Rankin are:

- Bruce McCain—Center
- Paul Johnson—Left end
- Geo. Broyles—Right end
- Norman Yocham—Back
- Jimmy Yocham—Back
- Bobby Goodwin—Back

No.	Player	Pos.	Wt.
31	Bruce McCain	C	165
24	Norman Yocham	B	159
26	Paul Johnson	E	151
30	George Broyles	E	159
21	Jimmy Yocham	B	134
29	Bobby Goodwin	E	165
22	Loyd Yocham	E	150
23	Don Murphy	B	144
32	Gentry Holmes	C	149
20	Elbert Eckols	B	120
33	Dan Treadwell	C	176
28	Murray McCain	E	141
35	Edward Ward	E	172
15	Charles Snell	E	117
27	Bob St. Clair	B	116
16	Andy Lyle	E	137
25	Joe Ellis	B	146
34	Joe Garner Loftin	E	165
10	Alfred Sanders	E	135

COACH—Joe B. Scrivner ASST. COACH—G. C. Fitzgerald
 JUNIOR COACH—Ed Stewart MANAGER—Bill Munselle
 COLORS—Maroon and White

Ackerly High School Eagles

No.	Player	Pos.	Wt.
9	Morris Rhea	E	145
3	Joe Blassingame	E	140
18	Darwin Nelson	E	130
	C. B. Brummett	E	190
	Ed Billingsley	E	115
15	Johnny Mahoney	E	150
17	Don Riley	C	185
	Waylon Moore	E	135
	Pete Gregg	C	140
14	Rex Zant	C	175
5	R. L. Shelton	B	165
1	Harold Rasberry	B	155
11	Jack Rodgers	B	150
13	Joe Don Zant	B	165
6	Eddie Gill	B	180
15	Pat Rudeseal	B	148

COLORS—Green and Gold
 COACH—M. B. Maxwell

Coats Motor Company Named Cadillac Dealer

Ray Coats announced this week that he had been named an authorized dealer for Cadillac for three counties.

Details of the appointment will be learned this week in a visit to central offices Mr. Coats said. He said that a further announcement would be made as soon as details are learned.

Two Leave For Army Induction Tuesday

Local Board No. 121, serving Crane, Upton and Reagan counties, had two men to leave Tuesday for induction into the armed forces. They reported to the Abilene Induction Station.

Warren O. Nutter and James Dishman, both of Big Lake, were the inductees.

Mrs. Burl Williams, clerk of the Local Board 121, announced that office hours have been changed, and hereafter, the office will be open from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m., Monday through Friday each week.

RANKIN STUDENTS OFF TO COLLEGE

Rankin young people leaving for college this fall include Joveta Yocham, Marlene Holmes and Bill Hurn to San Angelo Junior College and Dillard Delaney and Walter Ray McSpadden to Texas Tech, Lubbock.

County Tax Rate Stays At \$1.05

The Upton County Commissioners Court set the tax rate for the coming year at \$1.05 on a \$100 valuation at their regular meeting Monday in Rankin.

This is the same rate that the county had last year.

The tax breakdown as to funds is as follows:

General Fund	37c
Permanent Improvements	25c
Road & Bridge Fund	15c
Road & Bridge Fund (Special)	15c
Benedum Road Sink Fund	10c
Jury Fund	03c

Rev. Warren T. Capps Resigns; Accepts Johnson City Pastorate

Rev. Warren L. Capps, who has been pastor of the Baptist Church in Rankin the past several years, tendered his resignation to the church at Sunday morning's service, to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Johnson City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Capps and their five children are leaving Rankin this week for their new home.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mr. S. H. Bean, who had been a patient in the Cooper Hospital in McCamey for several months, was brought to his home here Monday. Mr. Bean is convalescing from surgery performed a few weeks ago.

VISITING IN FLORIDA

Mrs. C. J. Treadwell and little daughter, Bonnie Lee, 11 months old, left last Friday by plane for Florida for a two months' visit with relatives in Gainesville, Cross City, Clearwater Beach and St. Petersburg.

Conger, Trimble Get Support For Project

A meeting held in the Pecos County farming area Thursday morning with Pecos County officials, the farmers in the area, and Commissioners Joe Conger and Tom Trimble of McCamey, brought a bright prospect for the paving of the farm-to-market road from McCamey through the farming area, into Bakersfield.

The farmers in the area, working closely the past week with the Upton County Commissioners from McCamey, arranged for the meeting.

After a survey of the road needs in the farming area Thursday morning, Judge Paul Counts of Pecos County, and Commissioners Billy Moody of Fort Stockton and Ollie Garland of Iraan, pledged "full support" in bringing the project to reality.

The Pecos County Court now have funds to build some ten miles of farm-to-market roads, and said that they plan to recommend them to be used on the road from Bakersfield through the farming area, thence east to intersect Farm Road 305 south of the Pecos River. They said that they would pledge future FM funds to the project that would connect this road with the proposed road leading from McCamey through the farming area, which leads directly to the gin.

They said that they would prepare a letter to this effect and hand it to Upton County Friday at the area meeting of Commissioners Courts to be held in Fort Stockton.

Commissioners Trimble and Conger were jubilant at the prospects of securing the Pecos County assistance, and expressed confidence that Upton County would receive approval for the project upon presentation of the letter to the Highway Commission at the hearing to be held next Tuesday in Austin.

Both said they would "strongly urge" the pledging of Upton County FM funds to the project, as these funds become available.

The two McCamey Commissioners should be highly commended for their tireless efforts in trying to make a paved road into the farming area become a reality.

Commissioners Discuss County Road Extension

Members of the Upton County Commissioners Court spent considerable time at their meeting Monday discussing the pressing road needs of the county.

During the morning session, Frank Ward, tax man of Gulf Oil Corporation, spoke briefly to the court. He heard a brief outline of road plans and then told the court that "we know you are going to have to build some roads, and we will help in every way possible." He stated further "Don't make the proposal too large that the people might turn it down. Just present the present justifiable needs."

Later in the day, the commissioners estimated that some 21 miles of road would be needed in the Spraberry area, and pointed out that the proposed site would service the area in which the Humble and Phillips companies plan to build their refinery in the Spraberry section.

Also, they estimated that some 30 miles of roads would be needed in the proposal that would extend a road around the east end of Kings Mountain about four miles east of McCamey into the extreme north section of Upton County. The road would come between the Pegasus and Sweetie Peck Fields in the north part of the county, and would run through the center of the fast developing McElroy-Sinclair Field in east-central Upton County.

The cost of the overall project, if submitted as a paving program, was estimated by the commissioners between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

The plans and estimates will be established by an engineer to be named by the Commissioners Court.

The court made a contract commitment to Greif & Coker, Engineers of McCamey at their meeting Monday. The action will not be official however until the contract has been formally entered into by the court.

The contract was committed on the basis of a 6 percent fee, and with plans and estimates to be completed within 60 to 90 days.

Two other engineering firms, Allied Engineers, Inc. of Fort Worth, and Hasie and Green Engineering Company of Lubbock, were present in the courtroom seeking an opportunity to present proposals to the court, but neither were heard before the contract had been committed by the body.

John L. Ingram Dies

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ingram returned Wednesday from Shreveport, La., where they were called upon receipt of word of the death of Mr. Ingram's eldest brother, John L. Ingram, age 59, who died Sunday, Sept. 9. Mr. Ingram suffered a stroke.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, from the Wilma Funeral Chapel, Shreveport, by the Rev. W. O. Fisher, Lutheran minister. Interment was at Ashland, La.

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Notice to The Public: Any erroneous reflection upon the character,
 reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be
 gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

SELLING SOCIALISM

In a recent Saturday Evening Post Article, which has been widely quoted and reprinted, Charles Stevenson describes government activities in the field of propaganda—paid for, of course, by all the taxpayers.

One section of his article dealt with the Federal Security Agency's labors on behalf of the compulsory government health insurance and related legislation. According to Mr. Stevenson, anyone who challenges the program "stands denounced in the FSA's speech-news releases as a 'reactionary' who 'is against health, against social security, against education, against a living wage, against everything that means anything to ordinary people, and in the end against our very liberty, our opportunity, our hopes for the future.'"

Mr. Stevenson also pointed out that the American Medical Association was roundly abused for spending money to fight compulsory health insurance, which it believes would dangerously undermine our standards of medical care and make the doctor the servant of the politician. Yet, he said, FSA has apparently been spending far greater tax-supplied sums for its own propaganda. He cited a case where a man appeared before a congressional committee to argue for health insurance as an independent citizen. He got in 9,000 words of testimony before questioning disclosed he was a full-time government employee. He was then in the Labor Department, and later was employed by FSA.

Mr. Stevenson described many such instances. Every possible form of pressure was used to sell a health insurance scheme which, if historical precedent means anything, would have been merely a prelude to socialized medicine. Mr. Stevenson said, "These campaigns are typical of propaganda techniques that are spreading throughout the government."

Luckily, the people were not fooled—the health insurance scheme has been shelved. But that is only a temporary stratagem. It will be back—and the only way we can be sure of stopping it is to be eternally vigilant.

THE RATS FIND THE CHEESE

It will be a tragedy if the public cynically overlooks or forgets the recent revelations of dubious and dishonest practices within the Federal government. Corruption in government, unless relentlessly exterminated, can destroy any nation from within.

Some time ago, Henry J. Taylor, the nationally-broadcast radio commentator, devoted a program to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation scandal. Prior to speaking, he talked with Jessie Jones, who headed RFC for many years. He asked Mr. Jones for his opinion of RFC now. Mr. Jones gave it, along with permission to make his views public.

Here, according to Mr. Taylor, is what Jesse Jones said: "There's no integrity left in that agency any more. It has violated all moral standards and the public trust, whether it has violated any laws or not. The agency was established to serve an emergency. The only emergency it's serving now is political. It is rotten to the core."

"There is no solution but to close it up, and take the public's money out of that sinkhole at the earliest possible moment."

"It's been a place where the rats found the cheese." The RFC is the largest of the government agencies whose reason for existence has long since vanished—and which undermine the national integrity. There are others. The government must be cleaned up, from stem to stern.

TRUE "PROFIT CONTROL"

There has been a lot of talk about how much profit retailers should be allowed to make and just what formulae should be applied by OPS to take care of increases in wholesale prices, overhead expenses, and other costs. OPS has, on several occasions, made changes in orders which proved to be unworkable, and which would have squeezed profits so thin that retailers would have had to sharply cut their purchasing of stock.

Entirely aside from these rather technical matters, the fact is that the best form "profit control" ever devised by man does not lie in rules and orders and laws. It lies, instead, in free, open competition—along with the public's idea of what this item or that is worth. As an example, many commodities are now selling at prices below the legal OPS-established level. The reason for that is that people would not buy at the higher price—and when that happens, competitive business seeks a price that the customers will pay.

Many people seem to think that retailers customarily keep, as profit, twenty cents and perhaps more out of each dollar that goes through the cash register. This is a highly fallacious assumption. Depending on the kind of goods sold, and the rate of turnover, typical stores actually earn a profit of one to five cents out of that dollar. All the rest of the money goes to buy stock, to pay wages, taxes and rents, and to meet other unavoidable expenses.

Whether prices go up or down in the future, competition will be the big restraining factor on profits. Consumers are abnormally price-conscious today, and retailers, of sheer necessity, are doing everything they can think of to hold the prices down.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

Morrison, Ill., News: "Our government may topple because you and I have neglected our Ship of State. Directly and indirectly we are sabotaging that sleek, swift vessel designed by the framers of the Constitution to gracefully and successfully take the lead among world governments in the race for a better world. We have allowed barnacles to accumulate on her hull, and her timbers and planking to rot. We have rigged her with ignorance and manned her with incompetence."

Berea, Ohio, Enterprise: "The construction cost of our own Economic Planners' Arizona irrigation project, together with its so-called 'multiple-purpose' trimmings, is to be \$708,780,000. But that is just the beginning of what the American taxpayers will have to pay. The Interior Department itself admits that actual cost to the taxpayers, counting interest on the borrowed money necessary to build it, would be \$2,784,509,000. That is almost ten times the total value of all farm lands and buildings in the whole state of Arizona as recorded by the U. S. Census Bureau. Yes, planning by government economic planners comes high!"

Central City, Colo., Register-Call: "Through June 30, 1951, overseas assistance in all forms since the end of the war has amounted to \$55 billion. In other words, 'post-war' rehabilitation and reconstruction abroad has cost the American taxpayers more than arms assistance during the war."

NOTICE

Five Dollars (\$5.00) reward for the names of the parties or any information of parties who attended the Auction Sale, Saturday night, September 1, 1951. These parties purchased at Auction a two piece brown living room suite, five piece yellow chrome dinette suite, two table lamps, one mirror and one floor lamp. Party issued a check for three hundred and forty dollars (\$340.00) for payment of this furniture. This check has been lost or stolen. If these parties see this ad, will you please get in touch with the Monahans Furniture Company, phone 398. Anyone who might know these parties or their address please notify them or us. These parties called at the store Sunday morning, Sept. 2. They were driving a three-quarter or one ton truck with a flat bed on same and had a two wheel trailer behind truck. We loaded the brown divan on the trailer and we loaded the yellow dinette suite and brown chair on the truck. Also one of these gentlemen had a little boy with him and this child was about five or six years old. Any information will be strictly confidential.

**CITY ORDINANCE
 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1951**

PAST DUE WATER BILLS

1. All past due water bills not paid by Oct. 10, 1951, will have service discontinued.
2. Charge for reserviceing will be \$5.00.
3. All bills not paid by the 10th of each month will be charged 10 per cent.

SPEED LIMIT

1. There will be a speed limit of 20 miles per hour inside the City Limits of Rankin.
2. All violators will be tried by Mrs. Murray McCain, City Judge.

TRUCKS

1. All trucks parking on Main Street will be fined \$5.00.
- A. E. Ivy, Mayor
 Clay Taylor, Commissioner
 J. L. Clark, Commissioner
 Bud Cummings, Water Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. McComie, Jr., are on two weeks' vacation which they are spending in Valley Mills and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Prim Roady of Tatum, N. M., were Rankin visitors Wednesday.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: RANDOLPH O. SHAFER and
 The Unknown Heirs of Randolph O. Shafer, GREETING:**

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 1st day of October, A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 83rd District Court of Upton County, at the Court House in Rankin, Texas..

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 16 day of August, 1951. The file number of said suit is No. 1120.

The names of the parties in said suit are:
 J. M. RADFORD GROCERY CO., a corporation, as Plaintiff, and RANDOLPH O. SHAFER and the Unknown Heirs of Randolph O. Shafer, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for the title to and possession of all the oil, gas and other minerals in, on or under that certain tract of land situated in Upton County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of Section 3, GC&SF RR. Co. Survey, Certificate No. 4/953, Patent No. 249, Vol. 67 of the records of the General Land Office, recorded in Vol. 41, page 8 of the Patent Records of Upton County, Texas; owning and claiming fee simple title thereto under the five, ten and twenty-five years Statutes of Limitations of the State of Texas.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 16 day of August, A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Rankin, Texas, this the 16 day of August, A. D., 1951.

(LS) Ralph H. Daugherty, Clerk, 83rd District Court of Upton County, Texas.

Wild turkey generally take water only once a day, flying from their roost for the daily drink.

The earliest record of the armadillo occurring east of the Trinity River is about 1902.

Big Bend National Park is one of the last great wilderness areas in Texas.

RANKIN LIBRARY

"The Brother," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, is a new book on the Memorial shelves in the Rankin Library. It has been given by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson in memory of Donald McEwen.

Other new books in the library this week include "The Cruel Sea," by Nicholas Monsarrat, and "The Mohawk Ladder" by Noel B. Carlson.

For the children, there are "Maple Sugar for Windy Foot," "Dig For Treasure" and "The Little Grey Men."

During the month of August, 848 books were checked out of the library with 52 of this number being non-fiction.

The library is open from 12 noon to 6 o'clock each week day under the supervision of the Librarian, Mrs. M. J. Edwards.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, A. J. Mitchell, intend to apply to the Texas Liquor Control Board at its office in the City of Austin, Texas, for a package store permit under the provisions of the Texas Liquor Control Act. The store will be located at 712 Main Street, Rankin, Texas, in Upton County, Texas. A. J. Mitchell, owner. The business will be operated under the name of Mitchell Drug.

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**Kathryn Secret PTA
 Holds Meeting Tuesday**

The Kathryn Secret Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday evening at 7:30. President Tommy Workman presiding.

Mrs. Pete Pollard was elected program chairman to replace Mrs. Joe Knight.

It was decided that all future meetings be held at night.

The program leader for the evening was Mrs. Delbert McEwen. The program subject was, "Do We Know Each Other." Mrs. Ross Wheeler gave a talk on "What Parents Expect of Teachers," followed by a talk by Superintendent Hamilton Still on "What Teachers Expect of Parents."

Special music was rendered by Mr. Ray Showalter, band director, accompanied by Mr. Bill Martin. He played "Have Mercy On Me, Oh, God" (J. S. Bach), and "Trees" (J. Kilmer).

After the program, those present attended a social hour where refreshments were served by the executive committee and special hostesses. Mrs. Johnny Hurst presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brasher left Sunday for Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bozeman have moved into their new home in Crane, where Mr. Bozeman is manager of the Permian Basin Abstract plant.

**Rankin Study Club To
 Hold First Fall Meeting
 Thursday, Sept. 20th**

The Rankin Study Club will hold its first fall meeting on Thursday morning, Sept. 20, in the Rankin Park Building. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 and all members are invited and urged to attend.

Mrs. Jack Smith, president, will extend greetings to new members and Mrs. Hamp Carter, program chairman, will distribute the club's 1951-52 Year Books.

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One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
Psalm 27:4.

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Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Worship—11.
Training Union—7 p. m.
Evening Worship—8.
Monday, WMU—3 p. m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting—8 p. m.

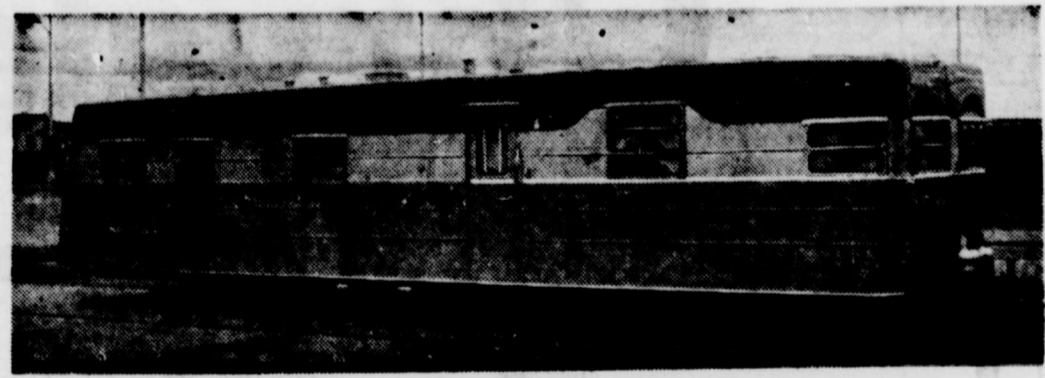
NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Upton County Courthouse
10:00 a. m. Sunday—Bible Classes.
11:00 a. m. Sunday—Morning Worship.
8:00 p. m. Sunday — Evening Worship.
8:00 p. m. Tuesday—Bible Study.
The North Side Church of Christ, newly organized congregation, is currently meeting in the District Court room of the Upton County Courthouse. Erection of a church building will commence shortly on Upton Street directly across from the high school building.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Don L. Cochran
Corner Eighth and Half
10:00 a. m. Sunday — Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Sunday—Morning Worship.
6:45 p. m. Sunday—Methodist Youth Fellowship.
8:00 p. m. Sunday — Evening Worship.
3:00 p. m. Monday—W.S.C.
8:00 p. m. 2nd Mondays—Wesleyan Guild.

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Failure To Hear Proposals, Cause "Confusion" On Engineering By County

After a lengthy, drawn-out, four hour afternoon session of the Upton County Commissioner's Court Monday, a commitment was made to Greif & Coker, engineers of McCamey, for proposed road work that was estimated as high as one million dollars. Less than four hours later, three members of the Commissioner's Court had openly said in interview that they did not plan to enter into contract under the commitment, in light of information that was brought to them by the editor of this paper.

In order that as little confusion

NOTICE
W. W. Greif, of Greif & Coker, Engineers, phoned the news office Thursday morning and said that his firm had withdrawn their proposal submitted to the Upton County Commissioners Court last Monday.

This action relieves the Commissioner's Court of their "contract commitment" made to the firm at the meeting Monday.

Mr. Greif said that when the court decides to re-open talks on the engineering contract that his firm would probably again submit a proposal.

He said that the step was taken due to "rumors and talk" on the action taken by the court Monday.

as possible come from the mix-up, the account of the meeting ran roughly as follows:

It was the regular meeting of the court.

Just prior to noon, Fred Hess, representing the Allied Engineers of Fort Worth, appeared before the court. According to one commissioner, Mr. Hess asked if he might present the proposal of his company to the court. According to the same commissioner, County Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher told Mr. Hess that he did not believe that they were far enough along on the project at the present time.

As the noon hour approached, Mr. Coleman Hasie, representing the firm of Hasie & Green Engineering Co. of Lubbock, appeared on the scene and had the commissioner's court as his guests for lunch.

As the group returned to the court house around 1 o'clock, the editor of this paper saw Mr. Hasie, and feeling certain that the engineering on the proposed project would be committed that day, asked Mr. Hasie what he planned to propose to the court. Mr. Hasie said that he planned to present the court with a proposal of a 5 per cent fee, and would have plans and estimates ready in a week or ten days.

Shortly afterward, the court reconvened.

In a few minutes, W. W. Greif, of Greif and Coker, Engineers, and who is also county surveyor, entered the court room. He said that he was on his way to Texon to figure on some road work, but was ready to answer any questions that might be asked concerning the road program.

After passing a few words, Mr. Greif excused himself and continued on his way.

For the next hour or so, the court went into lengthy discussions concerning the disposition of a proposition made to them in the morning session by a group of

McCamey people concerning the Upton County Fair Grounds.

Also, they took time out to set

Editor's Note: Mr. Greif has been working with the various commissioners for some six weeks on the location of roads that are to be proposed in the bond issue. That was his purpose in asking if any questions were to be forthcoming from the court. He did this work as county surveyor.

the tax rate for Upton County at \$1.05 for the ensuing year.

Mr. Greif then re-appeared in the court room, and once again talks were resumed on the roads. Mr. Greif discussed the needs in the Spraberry area at some length with Commissioner Sam Holmes, and in the end the two decided to meet the following morning on the site for further work so that a road might be opened into the area at the earliest possible time.

Then discussions were held on a proposal submitted by Ector County which that body intends to submit to the Highway Commission at their meeting next week, and in the end, decided that Upton County would be little affected with the proposal, inasmuch as Upton County was not interested in committing future Farm-to-Market road funds into the area.

The proposal as submitted by Ector County is essentially the same that had been made by Commissioner Tom Trimble to become a part of the proposed bond issue.

During all this time (it was then about 4:15), Mr. Hasie and Mr. Hess were still waiting in the hall to have an opportunity to present their proposals to the court.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Judge Fisher asked the court if they didn't think it was about time to start discussing "contract" with Mr. Greif on the road proposals.

Commissioner Tom Trimble asked if it might not be advisable to ask for bids on the engineering, and the Judge said that it was not necessary to get bids on professional services.

Mr. Greif then offered his proposal to the court. He said that he would expect to be paid partially for the preliminary costs in drawing up plans and estimates, and that his fee would be six per cent.

The editor of this paper, who was present throughout the afternoon session, and part of the morning session, asked Mr. Greif how long it would be before the plans and estimates would be ready and he said from 60 to 90 days.

Editor's Note: The fee referred to in the above story in all instances refer to a percentage of the amount of the contract under which the project will be completed.

Commissioner W. J. Price then told Mr. Greif that he knew some firms that would do the preliminary work on establishing plans and estimates with the understanding that if the bond election were defeated that there would be no cost to the county; and that if the bond election did carry, then this would be added to the cost of the entire project.

Mr. Greif said that he would do this also.

At this point, Judge Fisher once more raised the question of talking "contract," but since no one had

attention to the fact that in the event the bond election did amount to one million dollars, that the court had "just sent \$10,000 of the taxpayers' money down the drain." A full conversation concerning the details of the proposal was given to Mr. Price, and Mr. Price was then asked to deliver the contents of the conversation to Commissioner Sam Holmes as we did not think we might be able to make it clear to him over the telephone. Mr. Price promised that he would.

Thereupon, we called Commissioner Tom Trimble and he came to the office to discuss what had happened. As we talked in his car, he said that he "was not satisfied with what went on" and said that he was not going to sign a contract.

After attending a meeting of the Lions Club, Commissioner Joe Conger was reached over the phone, and the same information was passed on to him. He said that something would be done about it.

Shortly thereafter, Commissioners Sam Holmes and W. J. Price came to our office in McCamey. Both seemed to be very dissatisfied with the manner in which the affair of the "contract commitment" had been handled, and both said that they were not going to sign the contract.

While they were still in the office, the call that had been placed for Judge Fisher came through and we gave him the same information that had been given the commissioners.

Judge Fisher said that Mr. Hasie had been before the court several times before and could have presented his proposition to the court. He said that "it looks like you're just trying to stir up trouble," to which we told him that our only interest was to try to save the taxpayers \$10,000, more or less, and that we did not care who got the contract.

Judge Fisher then said, "go on and run your story and then we'll see what we can do."

After a few more personal remarks, the conversation ended.

Resuming conversation with Commissioners Price and Holmes, we urged Mr. Price to contact Mr. Hasie to verify what we had told

them. Mr. Price said that he would.

Later in the night, feeling that we should be "positive" in what had been said, a call was placed to Mr. Hasie in Lubbock. Mr. Hasie repeated what he had said earlier in the day to the editor of this paper concerning his fee, and the length of time it would take to complete his plans and estimates. His statement verified our beliefs.

On Tuesday, a conversation was held with Commissioner Tom Trimble and he was also urged to phone Mr. Hasie to verify what had been told him. He said he would, and on Tuesday night he contacted the editor of the paper, and in a later conversation in Commissioner Trimble's home, he said that Hasie verified the amount of the fee, and told him further that it would take him from 10 days to two weeks to work up the plans and estimates, and felt sure that he could do it in 10 days. He also told Commissioner Trimble that in the event that the election did fail, that there would be no cost to the county for the plans and estimates. Mr. Hasie also told Commissioner Trimble that Judge Fisher had promised him an opportunity to present his proposal to the court before any commitment was made on the project.

No meeting had been called late Tuesday night to discuss the matter.

Mrs. White Attending WSCS Seminar In Eden

Mrs. E. O. White is in Eden several days this week where she is teaching in the WSCS Seminar of the Methodist Church. This is a district meeting held annually and Mrs. White is teaching the three courses of study which will be presented to the individual societies during the coming year.

Mrs. David Workman and daughter, Cathy, of Midland spent Tuesday with relatives and friends in Rankin.

Dr. J. C. Bredehoft has returned from a visit with his son in Maryland. He made the trip by plane from San Antonio.

THE RANKIN NEWS . . . Friday, Sept. 14, 1951

City Pass Speed, Water Rules; Name Officials

Frank (Red) Parr was named as Chief of Police for the City of Rankin by the City Council when they met for their regular meeting Monday night, Oct. 10.

Mrs. Murry McCain was appointed City Judge.

It was also agreed that the City Hall would remain open from 9 to 11, and 1 to 3 from the first of each month through the 10th.

The body also passed the following ordinance:

CITY ORDINANCE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1951.
PAST DUE WATER BILLS

- All past due water bills not paid by Oct. 10, 1951, will have service discontinued.
- Charge for reservicing will be \$5.00.
- All bills not paid by the 10th of each month will be charged 10 per cent.

SPEED LIMIT

- There will be a speed limit of 20 miles per hour inside the City Limits of Rankin.
- All violators will be tried by Mrs. Murray McCain, City Judge.

Some hunters say the flesh of grey squirrels is superior to that of fox squirrels.

TRUCKS

- All trucks parking on Main Street will be fined \$5.00.

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