

## Hospital Bond Election To Be Held Saturday

### Rankin Facing "Unprotected City" Rate April 1

### Facilities For McCamey, Rankin Being Sought

As the result of an inspection made by engineers from the State Insurance Commissioner's Department, Rankin has definitely been put on notice that unless conditions are remedied immediately to meet requirements of the Department, Rankin will be placed in the unprotected category as far as fire insurance rates are concerned as of April 1st.

Only three weeks remain in which to meet these requirements, and this cannot possibly be done without the all-out cooperation of every property holder in this town.

If Rankin loses its protected fire rate credits, insurance premiums will increase approximately 50 per cent on dwelling insurance and considerably more than that per cent on mercantile classes.

This will result in many property holders not being able to carry sufficient insurance for their protection and paying an exorbitant premium for what they do carry.

There are a handful of civic-minded Rankin citizens who have decided to keep a volunteer fire department here, not only for our protection but to keep a thing from happening that is on the verge of happening to us right now. The State Engineers who inspected our fire-fighting facilities found them lacking, mostly because of lack of cooperation on the part of Rankin's citizens.

In a lengthy letter received by Mayor Ivy and signed by the State Insurance Commissioner and Chief Engineer, we find these paragraphs among many others.

"In connection with this entire problem, we want it thoroughly understood. We might advise you that unless the requirements set herein are met fully and completely with the fire department organization functioning as outlined above by not later than April 1, 1952, we shall have no other recourse to pursue but place the City of Rankin in the unprotected class with a key rate of approximately 150 per cent, which is going to cost a considerable increase in the fire insurance premium cost to your citizens each year. Therefore, what happens between now and April 1, entirely in the hands of you and your city officials."

(We would like to say that the Mayor and city officials cannot do what is required by themselves—they have to have the help of the property-holders who are the ones whose increase in rates is going to hurt.)

"In order that the City of Rankin may continue to classify as a protected city, you should have a functioning and trained fire department organization with a membership of at least 20 volunteers, 10 of whom MUST BE PRESENT AT EACH AND EVERY DRILL. THESE DRILLS MUST BE HELD AT LEAST TWICE EACH MONTH throughout the year with a two-hour drill session at each meeting . . ."

The five-page letter sets out many requirements to be met and if Rankin is going to save itself on this proposition, it is going to have to get to work NOW! Your local insurance agents do not want to see Rankin people penalized with high fire insurance rates. They would much rather see the property owners of this town be able to carry insurance amounts to protect themselves rather than to be unprotected because of excessively high rates.

The time is very short. This is a serious situation in many ways, and if you do not want to suffer the consequences, get in behind your mayor and city commissioners and help.

One thing you can do is meet with the volunteer fire department on Monday night, March 17. That will be the last regular meeting you will have an opportunity to attend before the deadline — it might help even at this late date!

#### VISIT IN SAN ANTONIO

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grimm returned Tuesday from San Antonio, where they had gone to see Mrs. Grimm's brother who has just returned from three and a half years in Japan and Korea.

The brother, who is also a brother of N. L. Hurst of Rankin, is ill at Brooks General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery visited relatives in Corpus Christi over the Monday holiday.

### Mayor Ivy Proclaims Girl Scout Fortieth Anniversary This Week

Mayor Ivy of Rankin, in proclaiming this the Fortieth Anniversary of Girl Scouting, was presented a Girl Scout pin and an Associate Membership on Wednesday.

Members of Troop 1 made the presentation.

### Holmes-Kubena Vows Read Last Saturday In Lovington, N. M.

Miss Marlene Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes of Rankin, and Harvey J. Kubena, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kubena of Pasadena, Texas, were united in marriage at noon on Saturday, March 1, in Lovington, N. M. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church by Rev. Watts, pastor.

For her wedding, the bride wore a rose-colored suit with navy accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Mrs. Kubena is a 1951 graduate of the Rankin High School and is employed by The First State Bank of Rankin. Mr. Kubena is a graduate of Merton High School and is employed by the Ralph Lowe Drilling Co. The couple will make their home here.

### Stanley Party Nets Funds For Scout Little House Program

Mrs. W. A. Hudson, president of the Girl Scout executive committee reports a net profit of \$70 from the Stanley Party given recently for the benefit of the Little House fund.

The committee thanks all whose patronage made the party a success and it is hoped to add to this fund with proceeds of a rummage sale to be held March 14 and 15. Anyone wishing to help or contribute in connection with the sale will please call Mrs. Ed Anderson, phone 128-R.

### Methodists Observe Week Of Dedication

Local Methodists will observe the Week of Dedication March 9 to 16. This is an annual observance in the Methodist Church. In the local church special religious services will be held Wednesday through Friday evenings, starting at 7:30.

On Sunday evening, March 16, at 7:30, The Chanters, a choral group from McMurray College, Abilene, will give a musical program at the school auditorium. There will be some 75 voices in this college choir.

The program will be preceded by 30 minutes of organ music by one of the students.

The public is invited to attend.

### Brownie Troop 4 Meets In Ed Anderson Home

Brownie Troop 4 met with their leader, Mrs. Ed Anderson, in her home on Wednesday. Plans for the rummage and bake sale to be held on March 15 were discussed.

Betty Jo Richardson, Ann Ford, Peggy Ann Box and Mary Broyles were invested and Zella Anderson served refreshments to these and Darlyne Miller, Mary and Martha Kennedy, Betty McCain, Glenda Newman, Karen Reed, Darlene Workman, Valto Shields and Jo Ann Hart.

### Hasie-Green Retained For Preliminary Work On Water District

Mayor A. E. Ivy announced this week that Hasie & Green, Engineers, of Lubbock had been retained to handle the preliminary work in forming a water district.

Ivy, along with Linton Clark and Skinny Taylor, were appointed to handle the necessary details to start the project by members attending a Town Hall meeting two weeks ago.

It was agreed that the engineering firm would assume all expense in handling the preliminary work in the event that the water district was not approved by voters at a later date.

### Bell, Boggs Announce For Council; Ivy Only Candidate For Mayor

As the deadline passed for filing for a place on the ballot in the city election to be held Tuesday, April 1, two candidates had filed for the one vacancy on the council, and Mayor A. E. Ivy was the only candidate for mayor.

Roy Bell and Ray Boggs are the candidates for city council.

Skinny Taylor, whose term expired this year, was not a candidate for re-election.

### Sacred Music Choir To Meet In Workman Home Next Sunday

The Sacred Music Choir will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The meeting has been changed from the third to the second Sunday this month because of the McMurray College singers who will be in Rankin for special services on the 16th.

All singers are cordially invited to meet with the choir in the Workman home this Sunday.

### J. H. Ward Leases City Cafe From Rhorick's

J. H. Ward of Odessa has leased the City Cafe from Don and Gertrude Hall Rhorick, having taken over management of the local business Saturday, March 1.

Mrs. Rhorick came to Rankin in 1936, at which time she opened the City Cafe in another location and has been in the business here ever since.

Ward, an experienced cafe operator, promises good service to the public and contemplates considerable remodeling and improvement in the cafe's location.

### Rankin Girl Scouts Progress Is Outlined

Remarkable progress has been made in the Girl Scout movement in Rankin since inauguration less than a year ago. Five troops have been organized which include two intermediate troops and three Brownie troops. There are at present 72 Girl Scouts and Brownies registered in the various troops in Rankin.

Leaders are Mrs. D. O. McEwen, Troop 1; Mrs. J. Q. Russell, Troop 2; Mrs. Chandler, Troop 3; Mrs. Ed Anderson, Troop 4, and Mrs. Carl Keys, Troop 5.

A very active executive committee, of which Mrs. W. A. Hudson is president, is in back of these troops. This committee's time and efforts are being spent toward obtaining a Little House for Rankin's Girl Scouts and Brownies in order that the work of the troops may be carried on more effectively. The committee thanks the people of this community for their support in the past and pledge to go forward in Scouting. Any adult desiring to advance the best interest of our country can make positive and valuable contribution by volunteering service in this movement.

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

During the past week, a number of persons have made inquiries relative to the Hospital Election to be held Saturday. Some of these questions we have been able to answer, while others had to be sought out from other channels of information with which this paper was not fully acquainted.

For the information of our readers, we set forth some of these questions and the answers that we have found to the best of our ability.

Is the Cooper Hospital going to be moved to Rankin if the election carries?

The answer is no. The election calls for the purchase and improvement of the Cooper Hospital facilities to be used as a County Hospital and would be located in McCamey. A separate hospital would be built in Rankin.

Is the county going to pay Dr. James Cooper \$150,000 for his hospital and equipment?

There is no foundation for this statement. The Commissioners Court have not agreed to pay any specific price for the facility. The price will be set probably by appraisal in the event that the election carries. If the Commissioners cared to do so, they could deal directly with Dr. James Cooper and arrive at a figure, but some members of the court have indicated that a professional appraiser would be retained to set the figure.

If the hospital would not operate under Federal standards (no Federal aid is sought in the election), whose standards would they operate on, and what are these standards?

We couldn't find a definite answer to this question, but came up with the following information. In all probability, the hospitals would become members of the Texas Hospital Association and operate under their standards. Generally speaking, these standards are set by the Texas Health Department and would vary from town to town. In other words, the requirements for one member would not be the same as that hospital in another city due to population, number of patients, etc. Therefore, the number of nurses, registered and practical, would not be able to be determined until a study had been made by this association. This manner of operation would mean an overall smaller operating cost to both hospitals in the event the election carries.

What doctors would be permitted to use the hospitals?

Any medical doctor in Upton County could use either of the hospitals. If the Commissioners Court so desired, they could permit doctors from other towns and counties also to use the hospitals.

Who would "control" the hospitals?

Some commissioners have indicated that they would follow the same procedure followed in other counties . . . that of appointing a Hospital Board to be composed of property taxpayers of the county. This board would "control" the hospitals.

How many registered nurses would the hospital have?

If standards of the Texas Hospital Association are followed, the number of registered nurses, and practical nurses, would be determined after a study of the hospitals had been made, and recommendations would be made from this study.

Who would handle "emergency cases" that would come to the hospital during the night?

Usually, in other counties, the doctors of the hospital staff take "time about" handling emergency calls, either on a nightly or weekly basis. This would be one of the problems for the Hospital Board to work out with doctors of the hospital staff.

Who would have "the final say-so" on questions coming up?

If a Hospital Board is set up, this group would probably handle most of the questions, however, if the question was considered serious enough, or important enough, it would probably be referred to the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners Court would have the final say-so on questions of policy.

These are the answers to questions coming to this newspaper, the simplest way we know how to answer them, and the best way to answer them.

The election is Saturday. If you have a poll tax, pay property taxes, then go to the polls and VOTE!

### Rankin Study Club Plans Talent Show

Mrs. Jack Smith, president of the Rankin Study Club, announces preparations are underway to stage "Shooting Stars," the big musical variety show, on March 17 and 18. Mrs. Smith says this show comes highly recommended, for it has met with outstanding success in other towns throughout the nation. It is being put on for the benefit of the Community Center.

Something entirely different in the field of home talent, it is a big, four star hit parade of comedy and music. Miss Marge Lombardi, professional director, and a real television technician from Detroit, Mich., describes the show as a "scream-lined show of shows," using local "celebrities."

A special hand painted backdrop, in full color showing television cameras, spotlights, microphones, booms, cables and other typical paraphernalia fund in studios is used to give the production an authentic background.

A group of children in special costumes enact the famous fairy-

tale, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." In connection with this scene, the King and Queen of Toyland will be announced and they will receive loving cups which are being donated by Nathan's Jewelers of San Angelo. The interest in the baby popularity contest is terrific. There are approximately 75 contestants with more entries coming in daily.

The "Queen for a Day" is selected from the audience each night and she is crowned on the stage as she receives her gifts, just as does the queen on the original radio and television show.

Among the many wonderful prizes will be a dinner, on the house, of the Queen's choice for her and her escort, given by Jack Ward of City Cafe.

The Rankin Study Club is busy with rehearsals and the project is progressing full speed ahead. Other special scenes now in rehearsal promise much enjoyment for those who view the show and all Rankin is eagerly looking forward to Mar. 17 and 18 with its "Shooting Stars."

Many Upton County citizens will have an opportunity to use their poll tax for the first time Saturday and determine the fate of the proposition of purchasing the Cooper Hospital facilities in McCamey and erecting a hospital in Rankin.

The bond election Saturday is for \$300,000.

Members of the Commissioners Court have agreed that the funds would be divided between McCamey and Rankin for hospital facilities if the voters approve the issue.

No cost has been set on the Cooper Hospital, with the Commissioners waiting to see the outcome of the election. Dr. James Cooper has said that any manner suitable to the county would be alright to establish a fair price for the hospital and equipment.

Probably an appraiser, or a group of appraisers, will be named to set the price on the hospital, and equipment, in the event the election carries.

During the past few weeks, a great number of architects have met with the Commissioners in connection with the erection of the hospital in Rankin, but the Commissioners have told them all that they preferred to wait until the outcome of the election before retaining an architect.

At a special meeting Monday, absentee ballot judges were named, as required by the new election law. Those named are John Paul Godwin, Walton Harral, Hamilton Still and Hollis Huffaker. The judges will canvass the absentee votes at 1 o'clock on the day of the election.

Regular voting places, at the court house and Park Building in Rankin; at the Plymouth office in the Benedum Field; and at C. W. Brown Pipe & Supply, the Park Building, and the McCamey High School, will be open from 8 a. m. until 7 p. m.

Only property taxpayers, who have poll taxes or who are exempt, may vote in the election.

### News Meets Baytown In State TAF Cage Opener

The News Publishing Co. quintet will play their opening game in the State TAF Tournament at Odessa this (Friday) morning at 8 a. m., facing the strong Humble team from Baytown.

The game will be played in the Bowie Junior High School gym.

In the event that The News team wins the opening game, all remaining games will be played in the new Field House.

The playing roster of The News team includes two men from the Phillips Oilers, who were eliminated in the district play, Gerald Tucker and Kenny Jastro. Other members on the roster are Glenn Whittis, John Kiick, Norman Cox, Ben Harris, Marvin White, Charles Morris, Calvin Benson, Johnny Turlo, Herman Hopkins, Johnny Johnson, Charles Kitchens and player-sponsor, C. C. Carll.

There are 22 teams entered in the tournament at the time of the drawings on Tuesday.

Tournament officials drew a 32 team bracket, with 10 teams getting first round byes. That, however, may be changed since there could be another team or two entering the tournament late today. If that should happen the pairings would almost be the same with two less byes.

Getting first round tournament byes were the Rotary Engineers of Midland, J. R. Bates of Dumas, Tommy Tinker, Lubbock, Texas City, Jack Kelly, San Angelo, Southern Select, Galveston, Brownwood, Champion Paper, Pasadena, Redi-Mix, Borger and the YMCA team of Ft. Worth.

The tournament will get underway at 8 a. m. Friday, with first day's games to be played in three gyms, the Field House, the high school gym and Bowie Junior High School, with the final days action set for the high school and Field House. The championship game is set for 9 p. m. Saturday night at the new Field House.

In the upper bracket of the tournament, Kelly Manufacturing of Houston, the tournament's defending champions are seeded, and in the lower bracket The McCamey News Publishing Co. team is seeded.

Upper bracket first round action will find the Chilton All-Stars of Waco meeting Prim Drug at 9:30 Friday morning at Bowie, Kelly Mfg. taking on San Antonio at 9:30 Friday in high school and the Plains Chevrolet of Amarillo taking on Davis Construction Co. of Corpus Christi at 9:30 Friday in the fieldhouse.

Lower bracket teams will go into action at 8 a. m. Friday with Bill Hale's Lincoln-Mercury team of Odessa meeting Shelton Jewelry of Temple at the high school. McCamey News Publishing faces the

Humble of Baytown at Bowie, while Dallas will go against Spearman at the field house, taking care of the first round of action.

The third session will get underway at 11 Friday in all three gyms, matching teams that received first round byes with the exception of the winner of the Bill Hale-Temple game which will meet Southern Select of Galveston.

The Friday afternoon session will get underway at 1:30 in second round games, while the quarterfinals are slated for Friday night.

Saturday morning the two semifinal contests will be played at the field house, with upper bracket clubs to meet at 11 while the lower bracket winners meet at 9:30 a. m. The two finalists will then rest until 9 Saturday night.

The consolation bracket of the tournament will also be played but times have not been set. There are only six teams to battle for consolation trophy, with the finals set for 7 p. m. Saturday night.

### Two Midland Juveniles Steal, Wreck Car

Two Midland juveniles, Waylon Deel and Audra Lee Kossey, both 13, are in the Upton County jail in Rankin this week following their arrest in McCamey Monday morning.

The two youths were charged with the theft of a 1950 Ford sedan being driven by Vernon Miles east of McCamey, the vehicle went out of control and was turned over and badly damaged.

The pair caught a ride into McCamey, and were attempting a second car theft when caught. They were in a 1951 Chevrolet belonging to Chas. Green at the Gulf Service Station when they were caught.

### Birthday Tea Will Honor Girl Scouts Wednesday Afternoon

A Mother and Daughter Tea in honor of the 40th anniversary of Girl Scouts will be held in the Rankin Park Building on Wednesday, March 12, from 4 to 6. All Girl Scouts and Brownies with their mothers, executive committee members and anyone interested in the Girl Scout movement, is invited to attend.

Speaker on this occasion will be Mrs. Geo. Ramer of McCamey, who is a long time scout worker. Mrs. Ramer is president of the McCamey Girl Scout Executive Committee and holds an office in the Permian Basin Council.



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### THE COST OF PRICE CONTROL

The News, of Cascade, Idaho, recently carried an editorial on the Office of Price Stabilization. "The OPS," it began, "is itself repugnant to every American tradition. The dislocation, confusion and injustice already caused by price control efforts shows us the urgent need to return to free market prices. Fair and open competition at the retail level offers the surest protection against excessive prices and profits."

The News then went into another phase of OPS' operations—that of cost to the taxpayers. It reprinted the annual payroll for OPS' Boise district office. Sixty-three names are on the list, at salaries ranging from \$2750 to \$9,600. The annual total comes to some \$320,000. This, remember, is but for a single district office—and one which The News says is one of the smallest in the nation. Yet that office takes a third of a million a year for salaries, to say nothing of rent, transportation, expense accounts, supplies and all the rest of the overhead.

Of course, this shouldn't surprise anyone. It is the old, old way of bureaucracies and OPS is certainly no exception to the rule. The more people you can put on the payroll, the more power you can wield—and the more important your own job seems to be. It would take a modern-day Diogenes to find a professional government officer who ever willingly cut down expenses of any kind.

The sooner OPS becomes history, the better off the whole country will be.

### A JOB FOR THE STATES

Back in March, 1949, President Truman addressed the National Conference of Industrial Safety. In his talk, the President said, "Insofar as government action is concerned, the state governments have the principal responsibility for helping to make work places safe. . . . The role of the Federal Government, as I see it, is primarily to stimulate cooperation for safety and to encourage the use of the best methods and standards."

Mr. Truman's position was a sound one then and it is a sound one today. It highlights the fallacious thinking of those who want the central government to be responsible for practically everything. As an example, a Federal mine safety bill has been introduced by a Southern Senator and has been the subject of hearings. The bill would give the US Bureau of Mines what can only be called drastic police powers over mining operations. The idea, of course, is that the cause of safety would be advanced.

Yet many of the people who are most conversant with mining's safety problems are convinced that the bill would do no such thing. At the present time, the states make and administer the mine safety laws, in the light of their experience and needs. Over the years, the laws have been improved and enforcement has been strengthened. If further steps in these directions are needed, the states can and no doubt will take them. If a Federal bureau should take over, however, the states would logically feel that their responsibility had ended and mine safety would suffer as a result.

No industry has made more dramatic progress in promoting safety than mining. It has done so at a tremendous cost in money, education and effort. Neither fact nor theory justifies the proposed police-power bill.

### It's The Law In Texas' New Feature Added For News Readers

"It's The Law In Texas," a new weekly feature, makes its appearance in today's edition of The News.

It is the first of a series of columns that will appear in this paper each Thursday. The articles will disclose points of law that every person needs to know.

The write-up being published today tells how a person's name should be signed to legal documents. It points out that proper signatures on important legal papers may save both time and money.

Among topics to be explained in other columns are the liability of a homeowner for accidents occurring on his property, the question of who inherits in event a person dies without leaving a will, and others of equal interest.

Distributed as a public service by the lawyers of the state, the weekly column is prepared under supervision of the State Bar of Texas Committee on Public Information. Each statement made will be carefully checked by the Bar group to insure conformity to applicable Texas laws.

The rendering of legal advice on specific personal problems is for lawyers, specialists in the field.

### MIDLAND LIVESTOCK REPORT

The cattle market was steady to strong on most classes at Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale Thursday, Feb. 28.

Stocker calves were 50c to \$1 per hundred higher on good and choice grades. One group of 19 two year old heifers that averaged 700 pounds brought \$213 each.

Fat calves and yearlings sold for \$29 to \$34, mediums \$26 to \$29, commons and culls \$20 to \$26. Fat cows cleared at \$21 to \$23, mediums \$19 to \$21, canners and cutters \$15 to \$19.

Bulls auctioned for \$34 to \$27. One lot of 400 pound Hereford bull calves went to \$38.25.

Stocker steer calves drew \$35 to \$38 and heifer calves \$33 to \$37. H. B. Eudaly, Grandfalls, got \$36.25 for a bunch of 300 pound heifer calves and up to \$38 for his steer calves.

Ed Cox, Monahans, sold 21 mixed calves that averaged 200 pounds for \$92.50 a head.

Receipts were 433 head.

### CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF FENCE CONSTRUCTION—UPTON COUNTY

Sealed bids will be received for constructing fence along road locations in Upton County at the office of the County Judge of Upton County, Texas, until 10:00 A. M., March 10, 1952, then publicly opened and read.

The work will be in two separate projects as follows:

Project 1 (east side of the county) comprising approximately 42 miles new fence, relocating 8 miles and salvaging 6 miles;

Project 2 (west side of the county) comprising approximately 60 miles new fence and relocating 8 miles.

The County will furnish the materials. Each bidder shall familiarize himself with the proposed work. Separate bids are to be placed on the two projects, and they may be awarded separately.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities. Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge at Rankin, Texas.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT, Upton County, Texas.

By J. A. Moore, County Auditor.

ATTEST:

(LS) Ralph H. Daugherty, County Clerk.

Upton County, Texas.

By Sara Lee Vardy, Deputy.

### CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing approximately 29.4 miles of road comprising grading, drainage and paving from U. S. Highway 67, 5 miles East of McCamey, Northward in approximately a 12.6 mile section and a 16.8 mile section to the North County line about 7 miles East of the Northwest County corner will be received at the office of the County Judge of Upton County, Texas, until 10:30 A. M., March 14, 1952 and then publicly opened and read.

Bidders must submit a cashier's or certified check, or bond for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract under the conditions set forth within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. The minimum wages which shall apply on this work are the established rates for this area as set forth by the specifications. Each bidder shall submit a statement of his experience, financial resources and equipment with the bid. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities. Plans and specifications may be obtained from Hasie and Green Engineering Company, P. O. Box 1139, Lubbock, Texas, upon a deposit of \$35.00, of which \$15.00 will be refunded upon return of plans and specifications.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT, Upton County, Texas.

By G. H. (Bud) Fisher, County Judge.

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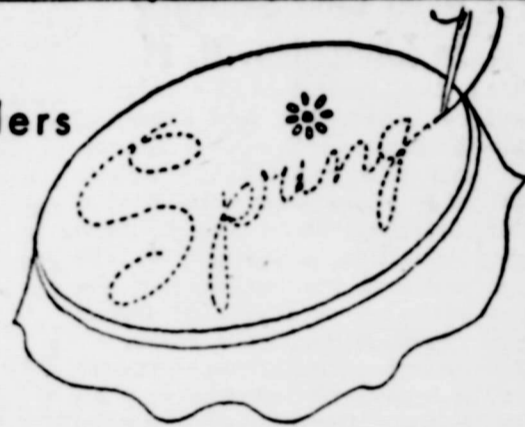
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# New Division Office For Humble Features Four Story Building, Formal Opening March 6

MIDLAND. — Twenty-five years after its first West Texas Division offices were built in McCamey in 1927, Humble Oil & Ref. Co. will open a new four-story office building in Midland.

The two-day opening ceremonies begin March 6 with a dinner in the Scharbauer Hotel, honoring all the Midland office Humble employees. Company officials from Houston will attend.

Mayor Perry D. Pickett will formally open the new office building in a ceremony at 11 a. m. the next day. There will be conducted tours of the building, followed by a luncheon at noon in the Midland Country Club.

An open house from 2 to 6 p. m. will show the new building to Midland Humble employees' families and friends.

That night, the company's annual West Texas Division foremen's banquet will be given in the Ranchland Hills Country Club. John W. House and F. D. McMahon, division production and pipe line superintendents, respectively, will preside.

The years since the building of the two modest adobe brick offices in McCamey have seen progress for West Texas and for Humble. Discovery of rich oil fields in the Permian Basin in the early twenties had brought about great interest in the area by oil companies, and Humble was busy with explo-

ration, production, refining and sales operations there.

Humble Pipe Line Co. had already constructed one major line in West Texas and was laying another in 1927.

By the late twenties and early thirties, drilling and producing had spread into many new counties in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Humble's division headquarters were moved in 1935 to Midland, more centrally located for the region. Offices were first in the Petroleum Building and later in the Tower Building.

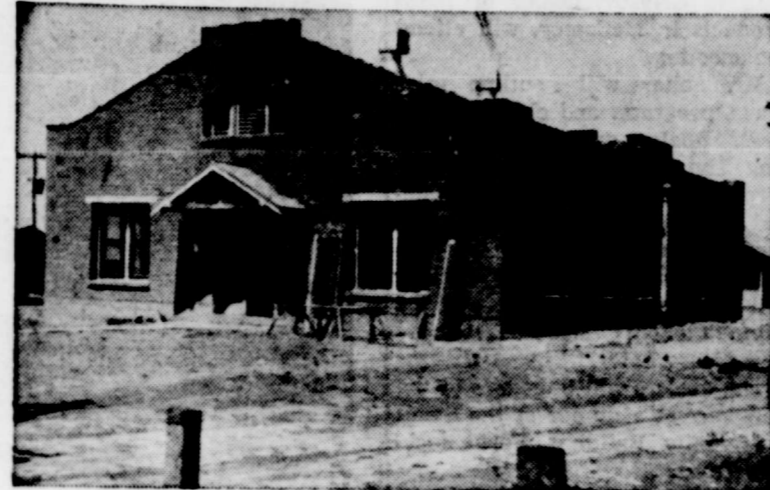
Drilling has increased so much since then that in the company's West Texas Division there are now eight districts—Stanton, McCamey, Means, Odessa, Snyder, Wasson, Wink, and Hobbs, N. M.—and many sub-district field centers.

At the first of this year, the Production Department had almost 1,300 producing wells in the division. Daily production was about 45,000 barrels. Between 1925 and Jan. 1, 1952, Humble Pipe Line Co. transported more than one billion barrels of crude oil out of West Texas and New Mexico, approximately 25 per cent of the area's total production since oil was first discovered at Big Lake in 1923.

Humble's exploration, production and pipe line employees in West Texas now total 1,100, of whom 191 work in the new building in Midland.



New Office Building for Humble Oil & Refining Company's West Texas Division Headquarters in Midland.



Adobe Brick Office Building, one of the two built by Humble in 1927 in McCamey as the Company's first West Texas Division Headquarters.

## TROOP 3 HISTORY

Girl Scout Intermediate Troop 3 was organized and became official members of the National Girl Scouts in May of 1951. It was organized with a troop of 12 girls with Mrs. Tom Ed Montgomery as leader, Mrs. Jeff McSpadden, assistant leader. The troop committee mothers were Mrs. M. C. Duer, Mrs. Andy Mitchell and Mrs. Louis Bennett.

Six girls with Mrs. Tom Ed Montgomery attended Girl Scout Camp at Mitre Peak near Alpine for a week in August, 1951.

The troop now has 13 members, having almost finished their second class rank requirements with Mrs. E. A. Chandler as leader, Mrs. Jeff McSpadden, assistant leader,

and troop committee mothers Mrs. M. C. Duer, Mrs. Andy Mitchell and Mrs. T. L. Stephenson.

members with several more who want to join.

New officers are elected every fourth week.

## HISTORY OF BROWNIE TROOP 4

Was organized the first part of this year by Mrs. Carl Keys and later turned over to Mrs. Ed Anderson who has the girls meet in her home. The troop consists mostly of second graders with a few first and third graders.

The girls take turns serving refreshments and are very eager and enthusiastic about Brownies.

The troop is overflowing and at the rate it is going, there will be need for a new troop in the near future. There are 17 registered

Committee Mothers are Mrs. Tommie Workman, Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. Murry McCain. Assistant leader is Mrs. J. W. Kennedy.

A mahout is an elephant trainer.

Fatty Arbuckle's first name was Roscoe.

The total coast line of the US is 4,823 statute miles.

## Red Devils Lose Region 8-B Title

Balmorhea edged out the Rankin Red Devils, 41 to 40, in Alpine on Saturday night. The shade win gave Balmorhea the basketball championship of Region 8-B.

Van Horn finished in third place and Ft. Hancock fourth. Ft. Davis won the consolation bracket.

The Balmorhea decision was reached in the fleeting moments on two successful free pitches by Jim Reeves.

The all-tournament team selection is:

- Albert O'Rear, Balmorhea.
- J. Yocham, Rankin.
- Pena, Valentine.
- D. Gamblin, Rankin.
- Chappell, Van Horn.
- Granada, Ft. Davis.
- Bobby Burchard, Van Horn.
- Tommy Williams, Ft. Hancock.
- Perry Coursey, Pyote.

Balmorhea	fg	ft	tp
Carrasco	3	9	15
Carrillo	3	0	6
Harrison	0	1	1
O'Rear	4	4	12
Reeves	2	3	7
Totals	12	17	41

Rankin	fg	ft	tp
Gamblin	3	0	6
N. Yocham	1	0	2
R. Gamblin	2	2	6
J. Yocham	5	1	11
B. McCain	1	0	2
G. Broyles	3	1	7
B. Munselle	1	0	2
B. Goodwin	2	0	4
Totals	17	6	40

## Election Order

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Rankin Independent School District that an election be held at the High School Building, in the Town of Rankin in said Rankin Independent School District on the 5th day of April, 1952, for the purpose of electing Two (2) School Trustees for said Rankin Independent School District.

Boyd Cox is appointed judge nad ordered to hold said election in accordance with the General Laws of Texas.

The return of said election shall be made to the Board of Trustees of said District in accordance with the General Election Laws of Texas.

In testimony whereof, witness the signature of the President and Secretary of said Rankin Independent School District and the seal thereof hereunto affixed, this 5th day of March, 1952.

/S/ WALTON POAGE,  
President,  
Rankin Independent School District.

Attest:  
/S/ ED GUY BRANCH,  
Secretary.

Jim McCollum of San Angelo, a brother of Burley McCollum, is seriously ill in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Mr. McCollum was retired last year by the Big Lake Oil Co. at Texon.

## Brownie Troop 2 Meets Last Monday Afternoon

Brownie Troop 2 met at the elementary school building Monday afternoon. Present were Glenda Parker, Nova Mayes, Joyce Long, Melinda Elwood, Barbara Bushong, Sammie Steele, Virginia Haral, Carolyn Langford, Judy James, Dorothy Abernathy, Elsie Wheeler, Ann Chandler, Cynthia Russell.

Officers for this quarter are Judy James, chairman; Dorothy Abernathy, reporter; Joyce Long, cleanup chairman.

The girls sewed on their felt book marks and Barbara Bushong served refreshments.

## Santa Fe Carloadings Week Ending March 1

Santa Fe carloadings for week ending March 1, 1952, were 23,413 compared with 25,735 for the same week in 1951. Cars received from connections totaled 12,385 compared with 14,533 for same week in 1951. Total cars moved were 35,798 compared with 40,268 for same week in 1951.

Mrs. John Paul Godwin underwent surgery in the Shannon Hospital Friday and is now at the Cooper Hospital in McCamey where she is reported progressing very nicely.

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**WRONG SIGNATURE ON LEGAL PAPERS MAY COST TIME AND MONEY!**

Should a married woman sign important documents with her own given name or use her husband's first name? Is "Junior" or "Senior" legally part of your name? Should you sign your middle name or initial? Is "Mr." or "Mrs." part of a legal signature? Lawyers find that people are often at a loss to know how to sign their names to legal documents. And, while signature discrepancies ultimately may be straightened out, the process can be expensive.

In legal effect, a name is used

merely as one method of distinguishing one person from another. Under the Common Law, since very early times, a legal name has consisted of one Christian or given name, and one surname which is the family name. Generally, use of both such names is necessary for legal identification.

However, although the use of the middle name or initial is not required, it is wise to use it since it may be important for identification in some cases.

According to attorneys, married women have more difficulty with their signatures than most other people. When a girl marries she, of course, takes her husband's surname. Thus Mary Lou Jones legally becomes Mary Lou Brown when she marries James E. Brown. But, in practice, she usually does not stop there—she uses her full name as her own, signing herself as Mrs. James E. Brown, instead of Mary L. Brown (or Mary Lou Brown) which is correct.

Can this apparently minor error in Mrs. Brown's signature cause any trouble? Let us assume that the Browns decide to sell their

home, which they have owned for 15 years, and move to Oregon. Five years pass, and their former home is now owned by George Smith, who has made a deal to sell it at a nice profit. In checking the title of the property, the name "Mrs. James E. Brown," turns up in Smith's abstract, as it appears on the deed by which James and Mary sold their home.

For the title to be clear, the land records must show that the Mrs. James E. Brown who sold the house and lot was the same identical person as the Mary L. Brown or Mrs. James E. Brown whose name appears on the deed conveying the property to the Browns many years before.

In order that the purchaser may be safe, lawyers and courts must not overlook the possibility that they may be two different persons. If so, the first Mrs. Brown may have died leaving heirs who have not yet relinquished their interest in the home. Other possibilities would present serious implications also.

Proof of identity in this case could involve tracing the Browns through several states, or other methods equally or more expensive and time consuming. While waiting for this proof, George Smith might lose his chance to take a profit. The intended purchaser may have to begin a new search for a suitable family shelter. The Browns may be out time and money in correcting the discrepancy.

In this situation, the "minor" variation in Mary's signature has resulted in trouble for everyone involved.

Perversely enough, other married women feel that their maiden surname is still legal and continue to use it. For instance, a wife may register her automobile in her maiden name instead of her married name. This is not in compliance with the law requiring a car to be registered in the name of the owner. Her maiden surname is gone for good, unless she is divorced and wants to resume the use of her maiden name. Then it may be returned to her by a court order.

The law does not consider "Ju-

nior" or "Senior" a significant part of the name, as regards identification. However, it will not be incorrect to add such terms to your signature if you wish. Similarly, "Mr." or "Mrs." are not legally important or necessary.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law).

**Grigsby To Attend Texas Company Meet In Ft. Stockton Mar. 11**

The Texas Company's Golden Anniversary Spring Dealer Meeting will be held in the Small Community Building at Ft. Stockton, Texas, Tuesday, March 11, starting at 7 p. m.

Mr. V. L. Salter, State Manager, will be the leader of the meeting. L. R. Grigsby, dealer of Texas Products in McCamey, will attend the meeting.

Mr. Salter will outline sales plans, programs and objectives for 1952. Dealers will be shown "Setting The Pace," a full color feature-length motion picture produced especially for them. Also featured at the meeting will be "Remember Judson Brown," another full color motion picture, and the film, "Custom Made Havoline—Two Years Later."

The dealers will be guests of the Company at a dinner at the Small Community Building, Fort Stockton, Texas.

H. W. Brooks, Jr., zone manager, and Dan O'Connell, dealer service representative, will participate in the meeting.

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Subject to action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 26, 1952.

- For State Representative, 102nd Dist.: HULON B. BROWN
- For County and District Clerk: RALPH H. DAUGHERTY (Re-Election)
- For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector: H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS (Re-Election)
- JOHN GANTT
- For County Treasurer: MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS (Re-Election)
- For County Attorney: JOHN MENEFFEE (Re-Election)
- For Commissioner, Precinct 1: SAM HOLMES (Re-Election)
- LOYD YOCHAM
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2: W. J. PRICE (Re-Election)
- J. O. LEE
- For Constable, Precinct 1: MARVIN BELL (Re-Election)
- A. A. MORGAN
- For Constable, Precinct 2: SID LANGFORD (Re-Election)
- For Justice of Peace, Precinct 2: MRS. MURRY McCAIN (Re-Election)
- C. C. "CHARLIE" CAMPBELL
- For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1: OMAR WARREN (Re-Election)

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**L. D. Parker Killed When Car Overtakes**

Funeral services were held for L. D. Parker, 35, of San Angelo, in the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, with J. F. Kendrick, minister of the First Christian Church, officiating. Parker was killed Friday at the

outskirts of San Angelo when his car failed to complete a curve and overturned.

He, with his family, had moved from Crane to San Angelo about a month ago, where he was employed as manager of a Piggly Wiggly meat market. They had lived in Crane about six years.

Survivors are his wife, three daughters, Joyce, Vonna Lou and Donna Sue; one son, Dwayne, all of San Angelo; one sister, one brother and two half-brothers. Interment was at O'Donnell.

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