

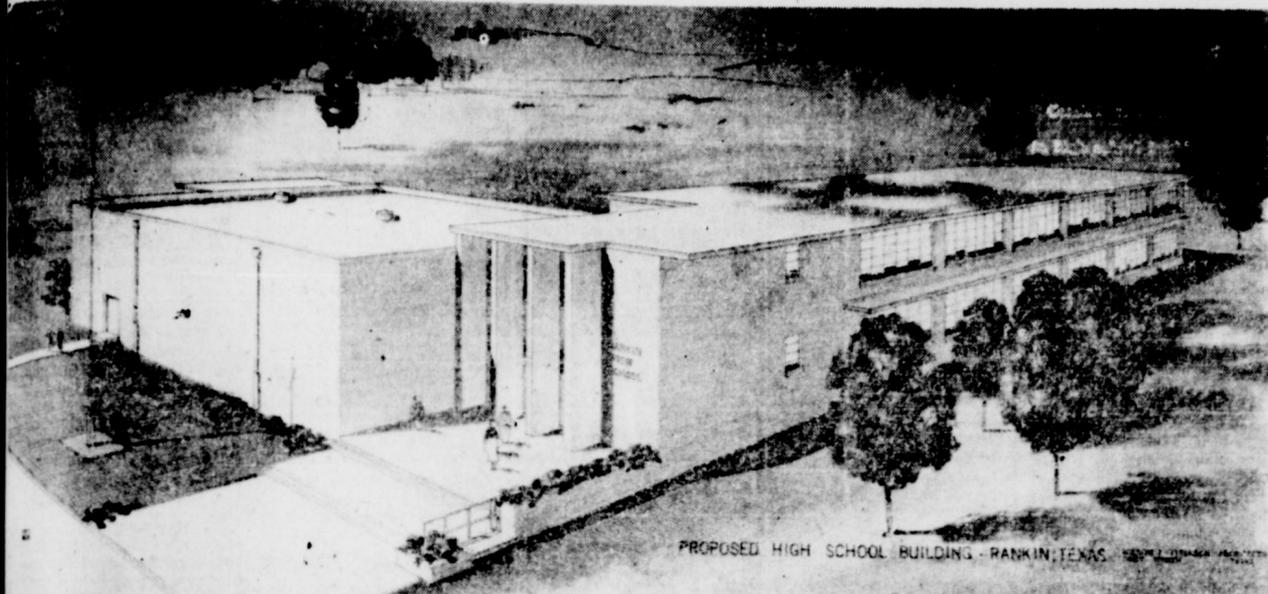
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PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING - RANKIN, TEXAS

## Local Schools To Open Sept. 1; 600 Expected

Rankin schools will officially open for the 1953-54 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 9 a. m., according to an announcement this

week by Supt. of Schools J. L. Alderdice.

Between 550 and 600 scholars will converge on the local schools for the opening of the fall term.

Buses will run at the same time and over the same routes as at the close of school last year, Mr. Alderdice said. On opening day the buses will run at 2 p. m. Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2, school will dismiss at 4 p. m. and the buses will run each day at that time unless it is announced a day ahead of time, he said. Four school buses serve the Rankin Independent School District.

The cafeteria will be open for business on the first day of school and lunches will be 35c for students and 45c for adults.

Mr. Alderdice requested that all high school students, ninth through 12th grades, register for the first term of school Monday afternoon, Aug. 31 from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. "This will only take 10 minutes of your time and we urge all high school pupils to be at the school at that time," he said in a statement directed at the high school students.

### 18 Holidays

In order for parents and students to make plans for the year, Mr. Alderdice announced a total of 18 holidays for the 1953-54 school year. They are as follows: Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas, from Dec. 22 to 2 p. m. to Jan. 4; teachers meeting at El Paso, Mar. 12; Easter, April 16 and 19.

The school year will end May 20. Prior to the start of school Sept. 1, a general faculty meeting will be held Monday morning, Aug. 31, at 9 a. m. A complete list of the teachers and their assignments will be available in next week's newspaper, according to Mr. Alderdice.

### MAJOR SCOTT HERE

Major and Mrs. L. C. Scott and family of San Angelo spent last weekend in Rankin with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Higday. Major Scott leaves next weekend for Korea. Mrs. Scott and children and Mrs. Higday will accompany him as far as San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hodges and children and Mrs. Dora Hodges attended a family reunion in Menard last weekend.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson returned home this week from Leonard where she visited her mother.

ary provision of the law will permit the City of Rankin to buy any surplus water developed by the park system.

## Test Well Drilled; 52 Gallons Per Minute Reported

Hopes for water for Rankin was increased this week with the announcement of a test well drilled two miles east of the city.

Reports Thursday indicated a steady pumping capacity of about 50 gallons per minute with a peak capacity of about 65 gallons per minute.

A 48-hour test on the well was completed Thursday with the well being pumped from a pay sand at about 190 feet. The water came to within 41 feet of the surface. The well was bottomed at over 200 feet.

The results of the test must be evaluated before it is determined if the well will be usable. A bacterial and chemical analysis must also be made and samples have already been sent to the laboratory.

The test well just completed was drilled on H. F. Neil property in Section 27, Upton County. A second test well is slated to be drilled soon.

However, the completion of the test well does not offer much hope for additional water for Rankin this summer. The well is a preliminary to the construction of a county park water system as authorized by a park bond issue voted in April for \$360,000.

Bonds in the amount of \$150,000 have been sold and the proceeds banked by the county. The commissioners court Monday authorized the sale of the remaining bonds in the amount of \$210,000 with bids to be received on Aug. 24.

Advertising for a contractor to drill the actual wells and develop the water system will be started after results of the test wells are evaluated and the system is planned accordingly.

Meanwhile the City of Rankin was declared in a state of emergency last week as a result of the water shortage. Little relief may be expected this summer except in the way of cooler weather. Sources here believe it impossible to get aid from the park water system in time for relief this summer.

The average daily water consumption in Rankin is between 150,000 and 200,000 gallons, but the actual needs of the city have been estimated at more than twice that amount.

The park water system is to be constructed to supply the parks and county installations in Rankin. However, a second-

**NEARING COMPLETION** — Architects drawing of the new Rankin High School building now under construction by the Warner Construction Co. of San Angelo. The new structure is expected to be ready for occupancy about Nov. 1 barring unforeseen circumstances. When completed, the new high school plant will be one of the most modern in the state. The building will cost, including furnishings, a little less than a half-million dollars. It was financed through a bond issue.

## 6 From Rankin In New Desk And Derrick Group

Six Rankin women whose work is associated in some manner with the oil industry last week joined the newly-organized Desk & Derrick Club in McCamey.

They are Lella Workman, Mahle Manry, Opal Nix, Alice Bell, Margie Richards and Imogene Guyton. The group attended a regular monthly meeting of the club at the McCamey Park Building Tuesday night.

The Fellowship Class of the First Methodist Church of McCamey served dinner to the club. Guests at the meeting were J. T. Cunningham, division landman of Humble Oil & Refining Co. in Midland; Jack M. Chase, division landman with Lion Oil Co. of Midland; Pauline Redding, president of the Odessa Desk & Derrick Club; Bob Adams of the Odessa American, and Mr. Inman.

Dorothy Stroud of McCamey is president of the local club.

## RANKIN CALENDAR

**Thursday, August 13**  
8:00 p. m. — Rebekah Lodge No. 8 meets at the lodge hall.

**Monday, August 17**  
9:00 a. m. — WMS meeting at the Baptist Church.  
7:30 p. m. — Regular meeting of Rankin Lions Club in Park Building.

8:00 p. m. — WSCS Day Circle meeting at the Methodist Church.

**Tuesday, August 18**  
8:00 p. m. — Oddfellows Lodge No. 947 meets at the lodge hall.

**Thursday, August 27**  
9:00 a. m. — A. M. day meeting of the Rankin Home Demonstration Club, Park Building.

**Monday, August 31**  
9:00 a. m. — General faculty meeting of the Rankin Public Schools.  
1:00 p. m. — Registration of all high school students at the school. Ends at 3 p. m.

**Tuesday, September 1**  
9:00 a. m. — Classes begin for Rankin schools.

### NOTICE TO RANKIN SUBSCRIBERS

Since our sending out expiration notices last week we have had many of our subscribers to renew their subscriptions for the coming year; however, we wish to take this means of reminding our subscribers who have not paid their renewal that this issue will be the last one you will receive on your old subscription.

Mrs. David Workman and children, Kathy and David, of Midland, spent last weekend visiting in the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman, and her sister, Mrs. Glenn Hill.

Mrs. V. F. Wallace of Fort Stockton is visiting this week in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ivy and sons.

Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Gary of Kerrville visited last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Hill. Mrs. Hill accompanied her daughter home for a visit.

Mrs. Don Cochran and baby daughter, Pamela Sue, returned home last Saturday from the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Expedients are for the hour; principles for the ages.—Henry W. Beecher.

## Red Devil Gridders Open Against Iraan Sept. 18

A powerful Class A Iraan Braves grid squad will initiate the '53 Rankin Red Devil football season when the two teams engage Sept. 18 at Iraan.

Iraan is reported to be expecting their strongest squad in many years.

The local gridders will face a season of 10 games with a team that will require some remodeling, according to Coach Joe Scribner. Last year's team that captured second place in district play has been riddled by graduation, moving and boys dropping from school, the coach reported.

Of the 23 boys who suited out for the last game of the '52 season, against Pecos, 15 will be missing from this year's squad.

If no more losses occur between now and the beginning of school, Coach Scribner will have seven lettermen back, two reserve lettermen and three boys who were not eligible last year.

The returning lettermen are Jimmy Yocham, Joe Ellis, Jimmy Thigpen, Murry McCain, Gene McCain, DeWayne Lindsay and Homer Rosenbaum.

The reserve lettermen are Clifford Chandler and Paul Abalos.

Three boys who worked out last year, but were not eligible, are Don Vickers, Bobby Trower and Joe Smith.

A full house of Red Devil fans is expected to see the revamped locals under the lights in their first season tilt against the Iraan Braves. Popularity of the Red Devils hasn't dropped any in spite of player losses.

### Schedule

The full schedule follows:  
Sept. 18 — Iraan — There.  
Sept. 25 — Loraine — Here.  
Oct. 2 — Ozona — There.  
Oct. 9 — Big Lake — Here.  
Oct. 16\* — Van Horn — There.  
Oct. 23\* — Grandfalls — Here. (Homecoming Game)  
Oct. 30 — Open.  
Nov. 6\* — Clint — There.  
Nov. 13 — Pecos "B" — There.  
Nov. 20\* — Sanderson — Here. \*Denotes conference games.

Pleasure tasteth well after Service. —Thomas Fuller

## Shallow Test Is Scheduled For Upton County

Trebol Oil Co. & E. G. Rodman of Odessa have filed application to drill a shallow cable tool wildcat, their 1 Mayhew, 11 miles west of Rankin in Upton County.

Operations on the prospector began Monday. The location, on a 480-acre tract, is 2,310 feet from the south and 1,650 feet from the east lines of 2-WGC&SF.

The prospector is near present production in the Rodman-Noel (Grayburg) field, but is separated by five dry holes.

## Halliburton Ladies Have Bingo Party

The Halliburton Ladies were entertained with a bingo party Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Rankin Park Building.

Hostesses were Mrs. Jake Hamilton, Mrs. Bob Sturgeon, Mrs. B. J. Walton and Mrs. V. V. Hill.

Halco was the name chosen for the Halliburton club. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Hugh Massey, McCamey; vice-president, Mrs. V. Hill, Big Lake; social chairman, Mrs. Joe Simpson, Rankin; club ministries, Mrs. Horace West, Rankin; membership committee, Mrs. Raymond Bates of Rankin, Mrs. W. D. Prince of Big Lake and Mrs. B. G. Gressett of McCamey; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ray Knott, Rankin.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. N. T. Haller, Mrs. D. B. Ford, Mrs. W. D. Prince and Mrs. V. V. Hill, Big Lake; Mrs. J. C. Surber, Mrs. Hugh Massey, Mrs. B. G. Gressett and Mrs. C. M. McSweeney of McCamey; Mrs. Joe Simpson, Mrs. L. W. Bishop, Mrs. J. W. Van Zant, Mrs. B. J. Walton, Mrs. G. W. Webster, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. H. L. West, Mrs. H. R. Sturgeon, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. R. F. Bates, Mrs. Hallingsworth, Mrs. I. F. Harkrider and Mrs. Ray Knott, all of Rankin.

the Bloodmobile were as follows:

Ted Hogan, D. S. Anderson, Jimmie Lee, Bill Moore, Mrs. B. A. Patterson, Mrs. Ralph Daugherty, Kenneth M. Hearon, Hudson Clinton, Dale Coolidge, Mrs. C. G. Taylor, Mrs. T. L. Stephenson, Mrs. Murry McCain, Margie Richards, H. H. Tipton, De Ann Gamblin, Preston Patton, Mrs. Ross Wheeler, J. L. Alderdice, C. W. Griffitts.  
Charlie Green, L. D. Sipes, Mrs. S. E. Riegel, Mrs. W. J. Bailey, J. D. Adms, Mrs. H. A. Ball, R. D. McSpadden, Mrs. Curtis Wooten, W. O. Adams, J. W. Powell, L. Z. Tittsworth, T. L. Stephenson, Tom Workman, C. L. Hale, J. W. Hearon, Mrs. Chris Bierl, G. C. Beeman, R. L. Shannon, Grace Roch, Mrs. Noble Harkrider, H. V. Reese.  
M. C. Talley, Harvey Frank-

## Rankin Scouts Win Second Place In Swimming Meet

Boy Scouts of Rankin's Troop 96 carried off second place honors at the district swimming meet held in the McCamey pool Saturday.

The local Scouts took first in seven of 10 events, second in two of the events and third in eight events.

Scoutmaster Ted Hogan said he did not have a list of the winners available yet.

Last Friday members of the troop aided in setting up the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Rankin Park Building. They also assisted in publicity during the Bloodmobile appearance.

## McSpadden-Rodgers Rites Held Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McSpadden of Rankin announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to Charles Rodgers of Texon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rodgers of that community.

The wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage on Saturday night, August 8, with Rev. Don Cochran officiating. The parents of the couple were the only attendants at the ceremony.

Mrs. and Mrs. Rodgers will make their home in Texon after a honeymoon trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mrs. Rodgers is employed at the telephone office in Rankin and Mr. Rodgers is employed by the Plymouth Oil Co. in Texon.

## 48 Give Blood During Bloodmobile Visit Here

During the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here last Friday, 48 Rankin citizens donated a pint of blood each for the use of the armed forces, civil defense and to fight polio.

The Bloodmobile was set up here all day Friday at the Rankin Park Building.

The Red Cross is acting as a collecting agency in the national blood program. The appearance of the Bloodmobile in Rankin was sponsored by the Lions Club and under the direction of a committee composed of Ted Hogan and Ray Boggs.

The thanks of the committee and the Lions Club went out to

the public and numerous individuals and businesses for their cooperation and aid during the appearance of the Bloodmobile.

Mr. Hogan issued the thanks of the Lions Civic Improvement Committee to all the local donors, to members of the Rankin Study Club, Mrs. W. A. Hudson and Mrs. Max Lewis, who handled the cards and refreshments; Gandy's Creamery for milk; Cashway Food Store and Boggs Grocery for fruit juices, and to the Boy Scouts for aid in loading and unloading the Bloodmobile equipment and for their aid in the publicity.

The donors who appeared at



**DRIVING MADE EASY** — Pictured above is R. F. Fournier of Omaha, Neb., who was struck down by polio in 1952. A year later he took a daily four-hour turn as a demonstrator explaining to large audiences how Plymouth's simplified driving controls for handicapped people actually operate. The Plymouth device is available by special order at Hagan Motor Co. in Rankin. It is easily installed and enables handicapped persons to drive safely with manual controls. Mr. Fournier joined Chrysler Corporation's "New Worlds in Motion" styling and engineering show when it played Omaha recently. The temporary job marked a big step forward in his rehabilitation, while the driving kit he demonstrated holds hope for many handicapped persons.

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## JUST IMAGINE

To say that we Americans have unrivaled living standards is simply to repeat something that has been said countless times. And the reason for this repetition is that it is true. The retail store is the show window of our abundance. In a little town or a vast metropolis these stores offer an almost bewilderingly varied selection of goods, at prices which, measured in the light of the average family income, are very reasonable.

Contrast this with conditions in Russia, the home of communism—the system which claims to free the masses of men and women from capitalistic exploitation and bring them the resulting material benefits.

E. Gordon Fox, an engineer who has lived in Russia, recently said:

"Imagine a shortage in everything except perfume; imagine spending hours standing in queues to make ordinary purchases; imagine milk dished out in open cans on street corners; imagine a nabesce of screens and the presence of more flies than there are dollars in our national debt; imagine working a month for the wherewithal to buy a shoddy suit of clothes . . ."

Just try to imagine these things next time you go shopping. Then decide what you think of free, competitive enterprise and the system which makes it and all other freedoms possible.

### SANTA FE CARLOADINGS

Santa Fe carloadings for week ending Aug. 7, 1953, were 22,935 compared with 22,809 for same week in 1952.

Cars received from connections totaled 12,327 compared with 13,007 for same week in 1952.

Total cars moved were 35,262 compared with 35,816 for same week in 1952.

Santa Fe handled a total of 35,469 cars in preceding week of this year.

### FOR INDUCTION

Three men registered with the local Draft Board went to Abilene for induction August 13, 1953: James F. Fowler, McNamee; Henry B. Fields, Crane; and Charles M. Leonard, McNamee.

## Functions of Plastic Surgery Explained By Med. Association

Plastic surgery can have two functions. Reproductive surgery seeks to restore lost parts of the body or to bring back functions to a part which has been injured

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or disease? Cosmetic plastic surgery strives to make a part (usually of the face) look better. Sometimes the two functions go hand in hand.

For example the repair of deep burns by skin grafting may be essential to good function of a limb and at the same time keep the patient from having ugly scars.

When severe burns are received, the doctor must preserve life first then give local treatment to the wounds. Regardless of what local treatment is given, skin grafting must eventually be done to replace layers of skin which have been destroyed, usually in three weeks or less after the burn is received. The time at which it is performed will depend upon several factors, among them the patient's general condition and the surgeon's opinion of the time at which he is able consistently to obtain good results.

There are many techniques available for repairing various kinds of sizes of burns. The surgeon uses the type proved best for the particular loss of skin the patient has suffered.

Another instance of plastic surgery which both repairs and adds to the patient's appearance is an operation for cleft palate, an abnormal opening in the roof of the mouth present at birth. The cause of this condition, which occurs about once in 800 births is unknown. Often it is associated with cleft lip or as the defect is more popularly known, "harelip."

A harelip defect as a rule can be repaired about three weeks after birth. The time for repairing a cleft palate may vary with different surgeons but rarely is it done before the child is two years of age. Many surgeons tend to wait until the child is four or five years old. Speech therapy is given after and sometimes before surgery to help the child pronounce words more clearly and to keep him from speaking in a monotone.

The removal of keloid tissue (an exaggerated growth of scar tissue) also may be for reparative and cosmetic purposes. Keloids which grow into bands, knots, ridges, or other forms of projection above the skin may limit the motion of a limb, the head, or neck, as well as make the patient self-conscious about the appearance of the growth.

Small keloids usually can be treated with x-ray or radium. Older or larger ones, however, may need to be removed by surgery. Since keloids tend to recur, new tissue which appears should be destroyed right away by the use of radiation or pressure.

Persons who have once had keloids should avoid injury or any form of irritation such as a rubbing belt. Also, they should have new keloids removed early to avoid severe or long-drawn-out treatment.

A new plastic procedure (for cosmetic purposes only) is being recommended in a limited number of cases. This is so-called "sandpaper surgery."

If you haven't seen 3-D until you see "SANGAREE" at the FORD THEATRE, 4 days starting Aug. 28 . . .

## State Fair To Hold Horse Show Oct. 10-25

Leather-pulling performance classes packed with action, color and thrills will sparkle throughout an exciting series of horse shows at the 1953 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10-25. Livestock Manager Ray W. Wilson has promised:

"Top mounts and riders from all over the nation will compete in brilliant exhibitions of horse sense and horsemanship during each of the fair's three week-ends." Wilson said.

"Cash premiums of \$10,910 have been posted for Quarter horses, Palominos, Shetland Ponies and in the open cutting horse contest. Judges have been selected from the ranks of the nation's most distinguished authorities," he said. "Those tough packages of dynamite, the Quarter horses will blast open the show the first weekend, Oct. 10-11, with first and second rounds and finals in roping and cutting divisions. Reining classes are Oct. 14, and halter classes Oct. 16-18.

Quarter horse premiums total \$3,940. Judges are T. C. Jenkins, Hughie Long and Percy Turner. Jenkins, Fort Worth breeder and nationally known rodeo performer, and Long, a Cresson breeder and rider, will judge roping, cutting and reining classes for the American Quarter Horse Association. Turner, a Water Valley breeder and active association member, will judge halter classes.

The open cutting horse contest and the cowboy range mount class, will be held the second weekend, Oct. 16-18.

"All cutting horse performance classes have been planned to show the true ability of this remarkable cow horse and to provide thrilling and educational entertainment for the audience," Wilson said.

Alex Fambro, a Breckenridge breeder, and Hardy Tadlock of Fort Worth, both are recognized by the National Cutting Horse Association as outstanding authorities, will judge cutting horses, which will compete for \$ 2,000 in premiums.

Beautiful Palominos and graceful Shetland ponies will take over the judging ring Oct. 23 to open the third weekend of the horse shows. Judge Hughie Long will ration out \$2,070 in premiums in the Palomino classes.

Shetland Pony judge will be J. Parish Lewis of Pewaukee, Wis. Lewis, owner of Bryon Avon Farm, is a nationally known authority on Shetland halter and performance classes. Premiums for the Shetland Show total \$ 3,000.

## Dr. Cox Offers Summer Diet Suggestions

Summer with its abundance of low-calorie fruits and vegetables is a good time to shed those extra pounds put on during the winter months. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, states:

"People don't need as many starchy foods which produce energy in warm weather as they do in the winter he said, because in the summer the warmth which starchy foods give to the body is not needed.

"Green leafy and yellow vegetables and all types of fruit which are plentiful during the summer months provide an excellent low-cost diet for the person who is overweight," Dr. Cox said. "Many of these foods can be eaten raw and are very nutritious this way provided the food is carefully washed to remove all dirt and insecticides which may be present."

Dr. Cox stressed the importance of properly storing food during the summer. He explained that certain foods such as cold cuts, cream desserts, potato salad and sandwich spreads have a tendency to spoil quickly during the hot weather. Foods of this type should be kept in the refrigerator until before they are served.

"By using good common sense in choosing and serving the proper kinds of food, you'll feel better and have a much more enjoyable summer," Dr. Cox concluded.

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## WASHINGTON AND SMALL BUSINESS

Socialistic waste. That's what Congressman Ralph Gwinn of New York terms the Tennessee Valley Authority, or TVA.

But many hold whether or not TVA is waste by socialism, blunt business standards condemn it.

Government needs to reduce both public indebtedness and taxes. While no one seems to know just how much has been poured into TVA, there are strong feelings. C. W. Harder that government could realize \$27 billion by selling TVA to private operators, could save \$500 million per year on bond interest, other costs.

In mid-thirties TVA was started to provide irrigation, power, and to control floods, although Army Engineers claim the Tennessee Valley will not flood more than once every 500 years.

The efficiency of TVA as a source of hydro-electric energy is held open to question, too. Congress is asked to build a total of 9 steam generating plants, presumably to meet greater needs for electricity.

There is evidence in Washington that administration may come to grips with the TVA question in order to justify its billing as a businessmen's administration. But there are many smoke screens of emotion and false promises to cut through.

Besides the cry of Socialism, there is the argument that the tax-free TVA doesn't pay the taxes of private utilities.

This last argument is probably a half-truth as there is con-

siderable doubt any utility pays taxes out of profits, but instead adds them to consumer rates. Recently, the Pacific Gas & Electric, one of the nation's biggest utilities, told stockholders no rate increases are planned, unless taxes are increased, thus admitting that unlike individuals and small businesses, taxes do not come out of profits, but out of the customers. This situation could be remedied, however.

The big point is that the P G & E is located in California with more irrigated acreage than rest of U. S. And business deals have been worked out in California which if applied in the Tennessee Valley 20 years ago would have kept the government out of the power business.

A group of farmers needed a dam in the nearby Sierras for irrigation water. The dam is owned by the farmers' organization, but the power house is owned by the utility. And in exchange for permitting the water to run through their generators, the utility company pays off the dam's bonded indebtedness by semi-annual payments.

When TVA was started, it was necessary for the government to drive out of business 17 different private utility companies. A deal similar to the above would have given area even greater benefits without permitting bureaucrats to waste millions.

Many plans have been drafted for turning TVA over to free enterprise in a manner that will not result in merely changing from government monopoly to private monopoly. But Washington has given no authority to solve TVA question on basis of sound business and under a free enterprise system to reduce national debt by \$27 billion, save at least half billion yearly.

## How The School Program Is Financed

(This is the third and last in a series of articles explaining the minimum foundation, or Gilmer-Aikin, school program. Mr. Stilwell, superintendent of Texarkana schools and chairman of the Texas State Teachers Association's legislative committee, was a member of the original Gilmer-Aikin committee.)

By H. W. STILWELL

Details of financing the minimum foundation school program, which is the educational envy of many other states, are rather complicated but the principles are

easy to understand.

In effect, here's what happens: The state law grants funds to local school districts for hiring a certain number of teachers, proportionate to school attendance, and to pay them no less than minimum salaries set by law, based on their training and experience. That means a school district must obtain a certain amount of money.

Now, a big part of that money comes from the available school fund established by the constitution and into which goes one-fourth of certain taxes. The money in this fund is distributed on a per capita basis—the average daily attendance is divided into the amount of money in the fund each year

to determine the amount to be paid each school district per student.

In addition, the local school district may pay a certain amount of the money required to keep it above minimum standards. The ceiling on this local fund assignment, on a state-wide basis, is \$45,000,000. In other words, local districts in addition to paying the entire cost of buildings and many other items, also pay \$45,000,000 into the minimum foundation program.

Each school district's individual share of this amount is determined through the use of an economic index formula, written into the law. This formula, designed to determine a district's taxpaying ability, is based upon the assessed valuation of the county, its scholastic population and its total income.

The local fund assignment for each school is added to the amount it receives in per capita payments. If the total is less than the amount needed to maintain minimum standards laid down in the Gilmer-Aikin laws, the difference comes from the minimum foundation fund. In that way, every child in the state is guaranteed a minimum standard of education.

The local funds, of course, come from ad valorem taxes on local property since that is the only tax source local school districts have. Each school board is responsible for spending that part its local tax revenue which is not required for the minimum foundation program. School boards must meet that obligation first; they are then free to spend the remainder of their local revenue for such things as new classrooms, equipment and the many other items needed in modern schools.

Has Texas solved the problem then, that the 18-member Gilmer-Aikin Committee tackled back in 1947? Not entirely, but it certainly has come a long way and now has the foundation on which to build the kind of school system statesmen dating back to Mirabeau Lamar and Sam Houston have advocated.

Attendance has greatly improved and so has the standard of teachers—in fact, 98 per cent of Texas teachers hold degrees. All of our schools have classes now nine months a year. The average daily attendance has increased approximately 10 per cent since the Gilmer Aikin laws went into effect in 1949.

We still face a critical shortage of teachers, however, for we have not yet made the teaching profession attractive enough to young



Robert M. Lafferty, engineer at Brownwood, Texas, receives second prize of \$200 in a contest to cut down loss and damage. Nineteen other Texans were among the 113 winners.

college graduates. We still face a growing and serious need for classrooms; local school districts are straining at their bank accounts now to provide these.

But, despite these problems which beg for solutions, Texans can well be proud of the minimum foundation program established by the Gilmer-Aikin laws.

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**CHECKS AND BANK ACCOUNTS**  
 Here are the answers to a few of the general questions on checks and bank accounts that people ask.  
 Should a check be made payable to "cash," "bearer" or to a designated payee? The answer is that it should be made payable to a designated payee. If made payable to cash or bearer, and the payee loses the checks or it is stolen, anyone finding it might cash it, and in the hands of an innocent holder it may be enforced. If a check is made payable to one or more payees, can any one of the named payees cash the check? That depends on the way the check is written. If it is payable to Doe, Richard Doe or Mary Doe, all must endorse it before the bank will cash it. If it is made payable to John Doe or Mary Doe, either may obtain the cash by a single endorsement.

Every depositor has certain contractual relations with his bank. The case of a "checking account" is contained in the signature card which the depositor signs when he opens his account with the bank and in the deposit slip which he uses to enter his deposit. These instruments govern the duties and obligations of the bank, as well as the rights of the depositor.

A "demand deposit" is subject to withdrawal at any time by the depositor on checks written and cashed by him to others. Such deposits, under the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board are not permitted to draw interest. If a deposit is a "time deposit," money is deposited in the bank for a certain specified time which a certain rate of interest is paid if the money is left there for such specified time. The depositor receives a certificate of deposit as evidence of his deposit.

A "savings account" is money deposited at a certain rate of interest for no specified time, but which can be withdrawn in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the depositor's book in which the various deposits are entered as made. If a checking account stands in the name of two persons in a joint account, payable to the survivor, in the event of the death of one of such persons, may the bank pay out the money on the demand of the survivor? Yes, under the Texas law, part or all of the deposit may be paid to or on the order of the survivor. And under the terms of a contract for use of a safety deposit box, two or more persons may jointly lease a box and provide for access and entry and removal of the contents from the box whether the other person or persons be living, incompetent or dead; and in case of removal the bank shall not be liable.

What if the safety box is in the name of one who dies? In the event of that the only person named in the lease agreement

**Texas Trends**  
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—Dallas Fashion Center Photo  
**MARCY LEE** of Dallas enhances a practical one-piece fall cotton dress with a redingote look, using multi-colored stripes for a dickey-like collar and double inverted pleat. The lustrous fabric is a two-ply cotton by **Wiley & Lord**. Harmonizing stripes are combined with solid gray, skipper blue, bronze, green, cardinal and tan in sizes 12 to 20.



**TEXAS TRENDS** — For fashionable waiting all the year 'round, it's a two-piece outfit from Heirline of Dallas for the mother-to-be while she waits. Of a nylon and orlon weave that looks like linen, it washes so perfectly that the pleats stay just as they are. The all-around pleated skirt has scooped-out fit. In navy, pink, or aqua with white trim. (Dallas Fashion Center Photo)



**OLD-FASHIONED LOOK** — Gingham comes alive in this smart new French Riviera-styled sundress and stole by Fashion Frocks of Cincinnati. Ideal for either a sultry sun or the cool of evening, the scoop neckline and wide elasticized belt add to the glamour.

and that person dies, then the box may be opened at the request of persons claiming an interest in the contents. The contents are carefully inventoried and are delivered to the custody of the administrator of the estate of the deceased who is appointed by and acts under the supervision and direction of the probate court, and who distributes the estate as provided by law.

Construction of a new Oceanographic Laboratory to meet the Navy's urgent need for important oceanographic research began this year at Falmouth, Mass.

**Squeak Stopper**



Pretty Dorothy Dunne of Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., garbed to stop traffic, also stops rubber automotive door squeaks with a quick application of a new stainless, colorless rubber lubricant developed by the Permatex chemists. Usually thought of as silent, many of the 250 rubber parts in your car can develop squeaks and groans unless properly lubricated. The new "Rub-Lub" liquid, easily applied, is also effective for rubber refrigerator door parts and other rubber components used in industrial, business and household equipment.

**Homemade Peach Conserve is Ideal Gift**



Photo Courtesy C. and H. Lane Sugar

Each time you make a batch of this rich-flavored, quick-cooking peach and pineapple conserve, pack part of it in some interesting way for gift use.  
 For a bridal shower, for example, fill a measuring cup with the conserve and tie the recipe onto the handle. Or fill a couple of tall drinking glasses and give them, complete, with straw jackets or coasters.  
 For a hostess gift any time, or for Christmas giving (yes, Christmas is coming sooner than you think) pack a cute breakfast jam jar with the delectable spread.

**Peach Conserve Tropical**  
 Dice coarsely enough ripe peaches to make 6 cups (It will take about 4 lbs., or 8 to 10 medium-size peaches.) Mix with 3/4 cup candied crushed pineapple (not drained) in large kettle and cook 3 or 4 minutes, to soften the peaches slightly. Then add 4 cups C and H Pure Cane Granulated Sugar and 1 tablespoon lemon juice. And also, if you like, 1 or 2 tablespoons finely chopped candied ginger. Boil hard, stirring about 20 minutes, or until as thick as you like it. (Test by cooling a spoonful quickly on a cold saucer.) Let conserve cool in a shallow bowl. Stir occasionally while cooling, so fruit will absorb syrup, and won't float. Pack cold in small jars or glasses. Cover with thin coat of melted paraffin. Put on lids; label and date jars. Store in cool, dry, dark place. Makes 5 or 6 glasses.

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD OF TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF HEARING UPON INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORY EMBRACING LAND LYING IN UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS, WITHIN THE MIDDLE CONCHO (234) SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, on the 16 day of June, 1953, there was duly filed in the office of the State Soil Conservation Board, at Temple, Texas, a petition signed by fifty or a majority of land owners pursuant to the provisions of the State Soil Conservation Law, as enacted by the 47th Legislature, known as House Bill No. 444, requesting the inclusion of additional territory within the Middle Concho (234) Soil Conservation District, and, WHEREAS, the lands sought to be included in the said district by said petition comprise lands in Upton County, described substantially as follows:

All lands lying in Upton County, Texas

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held pursuant to the said petition, on the question of the desirability and necessity of the inclusion of such additional territory within the Middle Concho (234) Soil Conservation District; on the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such additional territory; upon the propriety of the petition, and all other proceedings taken under the said Act; The said public hearing will be held by the State Soil Conservation Board on the 24 day of July, 1953, beginning at 8:00 o'clock p. m. at Courthouse, Rankin, Texas in the County of Upton.

All interested parties, are invited to attend and will be given opportunity to be heard at the time and place hereinbefore specified.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD  
 (LS) By V. C. MARSHALL, Administrator.  
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Take all the swift advantage of the hours.—Shakespeare

The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion.—Longfellow

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**OIL ROUNDUP IN WASHINGTON**

The first seven months of 1953 have shown oil problems do not end with a new Congress, a new administration or a truce in Korea. There have been many developments in Washington affecting the oil producer.

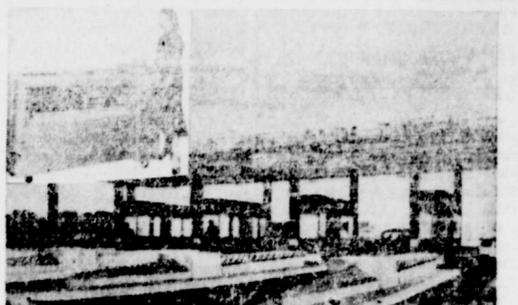
Legislation on the Tidelands was completed, restoring state ownership within historical boundaries, and establishing jurisdiction by Interior Department over areas beyond these boundaries. Public land mining claims for fissionable materials, on lands held on an oil and gas lease during the period July 31 1939-Dec. 31, 1952, were validated but a long-range solution to this problem is a subject for further consideration by Congress. The "Regan Bill," to repeal the waiver of second and third-year rentals of oil and gas leases on public lands was held in the Rules Committee and was not acted upon by the House at this session. A bill exempting local gas distributors from FCC jurisdiction passed the House, but was not acted upon by the Senate. Natural gas pipelines which cross the public domain were exempted from common carrier obligations. The trend toward expanding Naval Petroleum Reserves was reversed through cancellation of plans for greater activity in Alaska and Wyoming. Government operation of synthetic plants on a commercial scale was discouraged by limiting appropriations and directing the sale of certain facilities. Tax hearings by the Ways and Means Committee are continuing, and are scheduled to reach the subject of depletion about the middle of August.

A bill to establish complete federal control of the petroleum industry; federal budget troubles that keep the spotlight on all tax provisions, including depletion; and constant pressure for free trade in everything from hobby pins to bullets are a few of the warning signs for the future.

Many men do not allow their principles to take root, but pull them up every now and then as children do the flowers they have planted, to see if they are growing.—Longfellow

To feel oppressed by obligation is only to prove that we are incapable of a proper sentiment of gratitude. W. G. Simms.

**THE RANKIN (Texas) NEWS—THURSDAY, AUG. 13, 1953**



**MODERN TURNPIKE** — To be in operation next year is the almost completed 427-mile New York State Thruway modern toll highway. The average motorist entering the gates of the super highway won't be aware of the intricate toll collection and auditing equipment his fare will set in motion. As a driver enters the Thruway, he will be handed a punched card type of ticket. As he leaves the highway, it will be placed in a Remington Rand "exit-interchange computer" which will electronically calculate his fare and compile all the information regarding his trip on the Thruway. The card will later go to a central accounting office where it will again go through computers analyzing the trip in numerous different ways. All this complex machinery won't hold up motorists for more than a few seconds and it will protect the toll highway against leaks in toll collections which could become astronomical with several hundred thousand vehicles passing through daily. The electronic instruments were developed through the cooperation of Remington Rand, Inc. and Teller & Cooper, Inc. Remington is the world's largest manufacturer of office equipment, business machines and business systems supplies.

The secret of success in life, is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.—Disraeli

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