

Filler by J. B.

The golf boys have come and gone. Without a doubt, the tournament was a success. The Rankin golfers were very considerate of the visiting boys and went easy on them in the tournament play. Many compliments were received by the local club on their course and all in all, everyone had a fine time. There was some ribbing of the local stick boys at the Lions Club Monday night. It seems that someone had heard of a place where cotton choppers were needed and they were recommending the Rankin Golf Club for the job.

We had the dog tagged and shot. First time a minority vote ever overruled a majority vote.

Rankin High School made a few coaching changes the past week. It seems that Joe Schriver is just like most of us. He is getting a little older than he

thinks. Joe was advised to quit the coaching business for a year or so in order to get out from under the strain of that type of work. He can now join the rest of us armchair quarterbacks on the sidelines this fall when Rankin takes on the opponents in the football wars. But, we'd be willing to guess that Joe will still be under a strain when the games get under way. Just quitting a job because of your health does not keep you from wishing you were still working at it.

In naming D. E. Jones as new head coach and athletic director along with Bill Cook as first assistant, the school officials have picked two good men in our opinion. Both have proven their ability to coach teams and both have had experience. Jones had winning teams in the schools where he coached before coming to Rankin and we feel sure he will be successful here as head coach. Bill Cook and his championship basketballers need little mention since their record speaks quite loud by itself. When a team with just five boys

can get to the state tournament two years in a row, the coaching is bound to be all right.

Like most small towns, however, Rankin could use some more boys in their athletic program. Enrollment is small and some of the boys in school do not play football. Hopes for this fall would be a lot better if there were a few more names on the roster when the team takes the field.

Fishermen were out and after 'em again over the week-end with some reporting good luck. We personally had a very bad week-end of it and are just about at the point of giving someone a good mess of fishing tackle.

Rankin continues its growth in residential houses with the beginning of two new homes on Elizabeth Street this week. One has just about been completed on the outside with the other in the framework stage. The new water system is also nearing completion and should be turned on soon.

FACTS—FIGURES

The other day we picked up this little analysis of census figures.

Population of the United States	153,000,000
Those over 65	41,000,000
Left to do the work	112,000,000
Those under 21	54,000,000
Left to do the work	58,000,000
Government employed	25,000,000
Left to do the work	33,000,000
In the armed services	10,000,000
Left to do the work	23,000,000
In state or city work	19,000,000
Left to do the work	4,000,000
In hospitals or asylums	3,800,000
Left to do the work	200,000
Bums who won't work	175,000
Left to do the work	25,000
In pens and jails	24,998
Left to do the work	2
Left to do the work	2
You and I, and I'm getting tired!	

—Submitted by "Dub" Day

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H. D. CHATTER

by Myrna Holman
Co. Home Demonstration Agent

TO THDA AT KERMIT

Ten Upton County women attended the Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting at Kermit last Friday.

One of the main speakers was Mrs. Grace M. Martin, State Coordinator of women's activities in defense and disaster relief, who spoke on "You and Civil Defense." Among other things Mrs. Martin outlined these six things families should do to be prepared to meet emergencies:

1. Select the safest spot in the home.
2. Do fire prevention house cleaning.
3. Have fire fighting equipment.
4. One family member trained in first aid and a well-equipped first aid kit.
5. Rehearse recommended treatment for burns, bleeding, etc.
6. Practice rescuing a trapped person.

Mrs. Martin concluded her address with these words: "Our

defense weapons must include love of family, loyalty to country, aid to others, faith in God, a fierce regard for freedom, and the will to work together in making civil defense an integral part of our everyday life."

"Your vigilance may be the price of your freedom."

Those attending from Upton County were: Mesdames J. R. Sumrall, Cecil Sullivan, J. T. Gibbs, M. B. Hambrick, P. H. Scott, J. W. C. Hayes, J. T. Bushong, J. L. Goble, N. R. Taylor, and Miss Myrna Holman.

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

Friday, May 14—H. D. Club, El Paso Camp

Tuesday, May 18—Big Lake 4-H

Wednesday, May 19—McCamey 4-H

Thursday, May 20—Big Lake 4-H

METHODIST YOUTH CHOIR SING AT VESPER SERVICES

Methodist Youth Choir, the only organized choral group in Rankin, gave its first annual vesper concert Sunday evening at the Methodist Church under the direction of its director, Mrs. J. L. Alderdice.

The audience was pleased with the beauty and training of the fresh young voices as they sang special arrangements of hymns, anthems and special numbers. Miss Mary Anderson was soloist, singing "Songs My Mother Taught Me." Miss Ann McSpadden read the scripture and Hurb Hurn read a meditation in poetry in keeping with the choral offerings.

During the regular worship service, Rev. Don Cochran, pastor, installed the MYF officers for the coming year.



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Milk		Bread
FRIDAY	Hot Dogs	French Fries
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RANKIN STUDY CLUB HAS LUNCHEON MAY 6TH

Rankin Study Club met for its installation luncheon at noon, Thursday, May 6th, in the Park Building.

Officers for the 1954-55 club year are: president, Mrs. Walton Harra; vice-president, Mrs. C. G. Taylor; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. A. B. McGill; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Alderdice; recording secretary, Mrs. W. A. Hudson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Tom Mitchell; treasurer, Mrs. Jap Edwards; parliamentarian, Mrs. R. O. White; critic, Mrs. Jack Smith; reporter, Mrs. Jack Skiles; historian, Mrs. E. C. Higday; federation counselor, Mrs. Hamp Carter.

Mrs. Paul Jacobs of Big Lake acted as installing officer. Other visitors at the luncheon were Mrs. D. K. McCullan, Mrs. Billy Boyd and Mrs. W. D. Hudson who accompanied Mrs. Jacobs from Big Lake.

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, UPTON COUNTY MAY 10, 1954

Motion by Commissioner Conger, seconded by Commissioner Workman that the minutes of April 26, 1954, Special Session, Upton County Commissioners Court, stand approved as read.

All Commissioners voting aye.

Motion by Commissioner Conger, seconded by Commissioner Grief that the following reports

A letter from Mrs. W. W. Howell, accepting membership in the club next year, was read.

Mrs. E. C. Higday read the history of the club for the past year.

Mrs. A. B. McGill, Mrs. Hamp Carter, Mrs. Dunn Lowery and Mrs. D. S. Anderson were hostesses for the luncheon. They served turkey salad, green beans and buttered potatoes, spiced peaches, iced tea, and pineapple sherbet with cookies for dessert.

for month of April be approved: G. H. Fisher, County Judge; Allen Moore, Auditor; Nancy K. Daugherty, County Clerk; Mrs. Murray McCain, Justice of Peace Precinct 1; Allene Jo Gibson, Justice of Peace Precinct 3; Gertrude Stehens, Justice Peace Precinct 4.

All Commissioners voting aye.

Motion by Commissioner Conger seconded by Commissioner Workman that County Clerk be notice of the meeting of the authorized and directed to give Board of Equalization. Board will meet beginning Friday, July 30th.

All Commissioners voting aye.

Motion by Commissioner Grief seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the County Judge be authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the construction and equipment of County Park Improvements.

All Commissioners voting aye.

Motion by Commissioner Grief seconded by Commissioner Holmes that Court recess.

All Commissioners voting aye.

Guests in the J. R. McSpadden home over the week-end were her nephew, Homer Cowan, and family of Pecos. Mr. Cowan was entered in the golf tournament here over the week-end.

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The following article is a reprint of a news story that appeared a few weeks ago in a leading newspaper. It points very clearly to the fact that we, the parents of today's youngsters, are not doing a very good job of rearing them. We are too prone to depend on our schools, churches and various organizations to do the job of leading them for us. We, the parents, need to realize that our children grow up watching us and doing as we do. If we fail to set an example for them, to teach them respect for law and order, love of God and their country, and the duties of citizens, we will fail them as parents. The article follows:

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declared Tuesday that the "startling" increase in juvenile delinquency is largely due to parental failure which he called "one of the great tragedies of American life."

The nation's top expert on crime said in an interview that parents should be compelled to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the actions of their children.

Hoover said mothers and fathers should be forced to pay for property "wantonly destroyed" by their youngsters, as one means of developing this responsibility.

He commented: "I venture to say such a requirement would change the attitude of many parents."

The FBI chief warned that the rapid increase in crime—outstripping population growth by a ratio of four to one—has resulted in a "shocking condition" demanding "the urgent attention of every American."

What is the general crime situation in the United States today? Crime is on the increase. In 1953, for example, crime jumped 6 per cent over the preceding year. Increases were reflected in all crime categories except murder. A major crime was committed every 14.6 seconds. Rural crime jumped 9.6 per cent; urban crime 4.5 per cent. Since 1950 crime has been outstripping population growth by a ratio of 4 to 1. City crimes in 1953 stood 39 per cent above the pre-World War II average of 1937-39. This is a shocking condition, demanding the urgent attention of every American.

Do juveniles represent a large percentage of the arrests? They certainly do. Of over 1,750,000 arrests recorded in 1953 by 1,174 reporting cities, 8.4 per cent were persons 17 years old or less, and 14.7 percent were under 21. In the category of auto thefts, 53.6 per cent of all persons arrested were juveniles—29 per cent not even being old enough to get a regular driver's license in most states!

Here are more startling figures: Nearly half of the persons arrested for burglary were not yet 18, with two-thirds being under 16! Persons under 21 represented 50.6 per cent of the arrests for crimes against property.

Adult Delinquency
 Are juvenile offenders mostly boys? Yes. Of all persons under the age of 18 arrested in 1953 in 1,174 cities, 87.8 per cent were males and 12.2 per cent females.

Is juvenile delinquency in many instances adult delinquency? Most emphatically. The parents have the basic responsibility of teaching their children to be good citizens. They know the child best—his interest, desires and weaknesses. They must see that he learns to obey the law, respects the rights of others and behaves as a good citizen.

All too often parents abdicate this responsibility—that is today one of the great tragedies of the American life. The home becomes merely a place to sleep, eat a few bites or change clothes. No longer is it the center of living and learning. Instead of the sympathetic bonds of companionship between parent and child there is merely a nodding acquaintance in the morning and evening. This, as police records all over the country shows, is the way of juvenile delinquency.

How about other agencies of the community, don't they have a responsibility, too?

The school, the church, the civic club, the law enforcement agency—all have their roles to play. But don't expect them to carry the primary responsibility. Stop for a moment and ask this question. How many hours is the youngster in church or Sunday school? (If he goes at all) in school? At the boys' club, these agencies can—and are doing—much good, but they simply can not be expected to fill the void left by the refusal of some parents to be interested in their children. Nothing can replace the warm understanding, companionship and guidance of a father or mother.

Are the schools doing enough to fight juvenile delinquency?

America's schools today are working under great handicaps. In city after city classrooms are overcrowded. More teachers are needed, more buildings, better equipment. Unfortunately, in most places, America has been shortsighted in handling its schools. The incentive of teaching as a profession certainly doesn't come from the low salaries paid in comparison with other endeavors.

How can parents be educated to their responsibility in combating juvenile delinquency?

The main thing is to inculcate in parents a sense of personal responsibility. Recent publicity given juvenile delinquency by the press, radio and television has been helpful in bringing before the American people the story of this problem. Congressional committees have done excellent work. I think this publicity has done much to make parents stop, think and, most important, act. They realize that the youngsters in trouble could be their son or daughter. They have learned that prevention is the best way to combat delinquency.

In cases where youngsters have wantonly destroyed property, for example, I feel that parents should be held financially responsible. I venture to say such a requirement would change the attitude of many parents. Likewise, if a youthful offender is brought to court, his father and mother should also be present. This likewise, I am certain, would emphasize to many apathetic parents their basic responsibilities.

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LUNCHEON GIVEN BY WMU

Approximately 24 members and guests attended the covered dish luncheon held at the Rankin Baptist Church last week.

Each member of the WMU invited a guest and brought their favorite covered dish. A short program preceded the luncheon and everyone present enjoyed fellowship together.

Mrs. Gentry Holmes returned thanks and the group joined together in singing "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds."

Those present were Meses: R. L. Shannon, Sam Holmes, M. J. Edwards, M. O. Wheeler, Elizabeth Rains, Nancy K. Daugherty, Roxie L. Hutchens, Zack Monroe, J. W. Powell, Effie Ernest, Tom Mitchell, E. D. Yates, H. M. Roberts, D. D. Hodges and Mrs. Gentry.

WEEK-END GUESTS VISIT IN R. L. SHANNON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Butler and son, Darrell, of Iraan visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon last Saturday night. Darrell Butler and Lee Roy Shannon roomed together as students in Texas Tech College in Lubbock.

Butler, who has just returned home from Korea, showed numerous slides of pictures in color that he made in Korea, Japan and Hong Kong, China. He has been employed in Korea by an Engineering Company that has a branch office at Midland and will report there for assignment when he receives his discharge from the Armed Services. Darrell was much impressed with the opportunities of the beautiful city of Hong Kong, China, and expressed a desire to return there, if he can get an assignment in some branch of engineering work.

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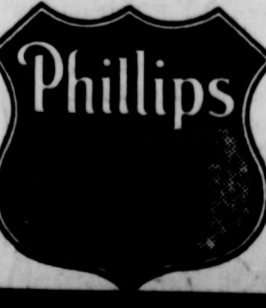
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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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"No," Doc said, "you are—you and the rest of the town. Those are for the boys from our town who are at the National Guard encampment."

"Everyone who comes in adds a line or two, and when a couple of pages are filled, I mail them. That way the boys hear from folks who might not write otherwise. They sure do enjoy it."

From where I sit, little things can add up pretty big. A few short notes make a letter. Boys from our little town help build up a strong National Guard to protect our freedom. Even freedom is made up of a lot of things—living where we like, voting the way we think is right, choosing between coffee, tea, or beer at dinner. And anything that adds up to freedom gets my stamp of approval.

Joe Marsh

