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REV. DON COCHRAN TO REASSIGNMENT



REV. DON COCHRAN gets new post

With the yearly re-assigning of Methodist ministers, Rankin will be welcoming their new pastor for First Methodist Church Sunday.

Rev. Roy Lee and family are to arrive in Rankin the latter part of the week. Lee comes from Rankin from Robert Lee where he has served as pastor of the First Methodist Church. The Lees have one daughter who is married.

Rev. Don Cochran, the well-known pastor of First Methodist Church for the past five years, has been assigned to the Methodist Church at Freer, Texas, which is the town that he hoped to be able to move by Thursday.

While returning from the Methodist Conference in San Antonio, Don's car was involved in a slight accident. He had pulled to the side of the road when he became sleepy and had parked. While he was sleeping, another car driven by a Latin-American struck the Cochran automobile from the rear, causing considerable damage to the right rear fender and the trunk compartment. At the time of the accident, Rev. Cochran's car was completely off the side of a four lane highway.

Workers' Conference for First Baptist Church will be held at Bakersfield on June 10th. This is to be a day meeting and the following program has been arranged:

Theme: The New Testament Church

- 10:00 Song and Prayer, Chestnut Sylvester
- 10:10 Devotional, F. P. Frazier
- 10:20 Origin of the Church, R. Shannon
- 10:45 Progress of the Church, F. Dearing
- 11:10 Song, Prayer and Recognition
- 11:25 Special Music, Bakersfield Church
- 12:05 Lunch by Host Church
- 1:30 Board and WMU Meetings
- 2:30 Assemble for announcements, song and adjournment

BEAUTY COTTAGE TO MOVE FROM RANKIN

Myrtle Brown, owner and operator of the Beauty Cottage of Rankin, announced this week that she will be moving out of town.

Myrtle wishes to thank her friends and customers for their patronage and for being so nice to her while she has been in business in Rankin.

Further plans are being made by Mrs. Brown to open business in San Angelo.

This leaves two beauty shops in Rankin, both located on West 11th Avenue. The Rankin Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. L. L. Word, and Eades Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. A. F. Eades.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bushong and Mrs. Jack Franklin were called to Coleman Friday by the serious illness of their father, J. S. Saverance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bushong and Linda returned Monday from Jefferson, Texas, where they visited friends. They also visited the Louisiana Hayride.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scarborough and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Day spent the holidays fishing on the Pecos River.

New Water System Tie-In Scheduled On First of Week

If everything goes as planned, Rankin will soon be getting their first water from the new system recently completed east of town.

Present plans call for the new nine-well system to be turned into the city water system on either Monday or Tuesday, June 7 or 8. First hook-up of the new water will be on a manually operated set-up with the pumps being turned on and off by hand as more water is needed. Future plans will see the installation of a completely automatic water system which will shut itself off and on whenever the water level in the storage tanks reach a certain point.

Nine new wells located approximately three miles east of town will furnish 500,000 gal. daily. Storage facilities will consist of a 100,000 gallon concrete gathering tank located at the well sites from where the water will be pumped to a 300,000 gallon storage tank located on the hill north of town. From this tank it will enter the 50,000 gallon water tower to be distributed throughout the water mains. There is also another city-owned concrete storage tank of 50,000 gallons located in the park at the swimming pool. This gives the total storage capacity of 500,000 gallons, not including the amount that will be in the water lines themselves.

City officials have said that at present Rankin uses an average of 300,000 gallons of water per day at the rate of some 400,000 per day in the summer and 200,000 gallons per day in the winter.

This consumption for summer use can be expected to increase when more water becomes available at lower rate which will enable residents to raise lawns and gardens.

With the completion of the system, a problem that has plagued Rankin for a number of years will be solved, at least for the present. The matter of how and where to get more water for the city has been a subject of much debate and no little amount of hard feelings from time to time as different projects have been proposed. The present system is the results of a bond election approved by the voters last year. Numerous suggestions have been made as to how the project might have been carried out, but the fact remains that Rankin will have plenty of water for its immediate needs comes Monday or Tuesday.

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Several Improvements Due To Start In Rankin

Numerous improvements for Rankin were either in the process of construction or near beginning this week. Some delay has been experienced in some of the projects but the next six months should see considerable change here.

Nearest completion of recent improvement projects is the new bath house at the swimming pool.

Set to start this week was construction of the new fire station

HOSPITAL NOTES

Staff members of the Rankin Hospital express their appreciation for the books donated to the Library Cart by Upton County Library of Rankin. The Cart was donated by the Rebecca Lodge No. 1 when the hospital opened in June last year.

Flowers planted at the hospital by Girl Scout Troop No. 3 are flourishing.

Marvin and Virginia Lee, both admitted to the hospital in April were dismissed the 27th.

Mrs. M. D. Southerland, Midkiff, medical, admitted the 20th, dismissed 27.

Mrs. James T. Abernathy, major surgery on the 22nd of May, dismissed the 29th.

Mrs. Ed Kole, medical, admitted the 25th, dismissed the 31st.

Mrs. Omar Warren, medical, admitted the 28th, still confined.

Mr. A. L. LeeMaster, Midkiff, severely cut his right leg when a blade flew off a lawn mower. He was admitted the 28th, still confined.

Mrs. D. M. Clark, McCamey, admitted the 29th, dismissed the 30th.

Mrs. Joe Anderson, still born infant boy, born at 9:20 a.m. on the 29th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shifflet, Crane, a baby girl weighing 9 lbs. 5 3/4 oz., at 11:28 a.m. on the 26th. Mother and baby dismissed the 28th. Named Dwanna Louise. The baby's sister, Sheryll Denise was the first baby born in The Rankin Hospital when it opened in June 1953.

Mrs. Louis Bennett and children of Odessa visited her mother, Mrs. S. E. Scott last Thursday.

Miss Myrtle Brick of Brownwood spent Sunday night with Mrs. C. J. Holcomb enroute to Alpine where she will enroll for the first summer session. Miss Brick is a former teacher of Rankin.

The J. L. Clarks went to Alpine to take their daughter, Esther, where she will be a student the first summer session.

Billy Joe Munselle and Bob Wyatt of Pasadena spent the week-end in Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hickox of Pecos were guests of Mrs. Bill Nix and other relatives, the McSpadden families, Sunday.

and city hall. A few minor details were being worked out at the first of the week and it was felt that everything would be ready soon. Once began this work should go rapidly and be completed within some 60 days.

Sealed bids were being called for by the Texas Highway Department this week for construction of the curbing and gutter and widening of the highway.

According to a Contractors' Notice of Texas Highway Construction carried in another part of this week's News, the bids will be opened on June 16. Awarding of a contract for the work should follow immediately and work would no doubt begin as soon as possible. This will be the longest project in the amount of time needed for completion. There can be no definite estimate made since weather conditions will determine to a great extent the amount of time needed for completion of the work.

Further improvements to get underway soon will be the construction of the Little League Ball park. No definite date for construction has been set but it is felt that it will be in the very near future, perhaps within the next few days. This work should be completed without too much delay since there is not much heavy construction.

FORMER UPTON COUNTY RANCHER PASSES AWAY

Word was received here early Monday morning of the death of David Langford of Glen Cove, and formerly of Rankin. Mr. Langford was a brother of J. W. and A. A. Langford of Rankin, and an uncle of S. O. Langford and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth of Rankin. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Novice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Everett were fishing at Mertzon Monday.



Jerry Fleetwood, Archie Higgins, Frank Boyd, Wayne Kenner and Bud Poage get in a little practice for the 2nd Annual All-Kid Rodeo. Higgins was all-around boy in last year's event and will be competing against some of the best youth in West Texas June 18-19 when some 100 junior and senior division cowpokes will cut loose in Rankin. (Photo by Rankin News)

ATTENTION BALL FANS

Since parking space at Rankin's Little League and Pony League ball games is insufficient, why not, fans, be a little more careful about parking your car.

At almost every game there will be a number of cars parked up to the fence with no one in them watching the game. At the same time there will be others who wish to see the game from their car, parking two and three deep and having to peek through the other cars.

By way of suggestion, why not park your car back away from the fence if you do not intend to watch the game from the car. Also in parking, get a little closer to the car next to you, thereby giving added parking spaces. The last suggestion would be to keep children off the front of the car so the people up the fence from you can see better.

These few courtesies would make the ball games much more interesting for quite a few more people.

A REAL HOLIDAY

Rankin took a holiday last Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Service stations and cafes remained open but for the most part, the town was "dead-er'n a door nail" all day Monday.

Most of the merchants took advantage of their first break in business since New Years and a good number of them headed out of town for fishing, golfing, convention going and what have you. Some of the fishermen reported good catches, some, along with the golfers, are not talking.

Mrs. Don Cochran and children are visiting her parents in Dallas while Rev. Don Cochran is away at conference.

Swimming Pool Opener To Be June 10--Maybe

Plans for the opening of the Rankin Swimming Pool have been worked out with opening date set for Thursday, June 10. This is a tentative date and several things could delay the opening.

Repainting and repairing of the pool itself has been under-

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR

School will start Monday, August 30th.

Holiday, Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6th.

Holiday, Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25th and 26th.

Holiday, Christmas, school will dismiss Tuesday, the 21st at 2:00 p.m. and return Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Friday, March 11. Teachers Meeting at El Paso.

Friday, April 8th and Monday, April 11, Easter.

School will dismiss Friday, May 20th.

way during the past week and about all that is needed now is enough water to fill it. This water will be supplied by the new water system scheduled to be hooked into city water mains on Monday or Tuesday.

Opening of the pool will be without the completion of the bath house, which is still under construction. A temporary shower will be rigged up at the side of the pool and swimmers can dress at home.

With the completion of the new bath house, Rankin will have a fine, modern pool and should be justly proud of it.

LITTLE LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE FOR 1954 SEASON PLAY

The following schedule for the Rankin Little League does not include the dates on which the games will be played since they are often changed from time to time. However, the schedule will be played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday night basis, with a double header each Friday night. The schedule was started last Monday and has seen the Cardinals vs. the Dodgers and on Wednesday the Yankees vs. the Giants. This Friday night it will be the Giants and the Cardinals in a double header affair.

FIRST HALF:

- Cardinals vs. Dodgers
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SECOND HALF:

- Dodgers vs. Cardinals
- Giants vs. Yankees
- Cardinals vs. Giants
- Yankees vs. Dodgers
- Yankees vs. Cardinals
- Giants vs. Dodgers

Rodeo Queen Entries Are Received By 4-H Club



Iraan's offer for the Queen competition is Miss Joyce Drennan of Iraan. A 1954 graduate of Iraan High School. Joyce was named F.F.A. Sweetheart.



Upton County's entry for Queen of the All-Kid Rodeo to be held June 18-19 is Miss Genevieve Poage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Poage, of Rankin.

CITY GETS SECOND INSECT SPRAYING

Work was in progress Tuesday toward giving Rankin its second going-over with county spraying equipment.

Using a newly discovered type of spray, the first spraying job was very effective on the fly population. However, in the past few days since additional rainfall, the insects were again beginning to swarm.

Although the new spray is for all types of insects with flies and mosquitoes coming in for particular attention, there has still continued to be complaints about the mosquito population in Rankin. Perhaps the most affected by the pests is the west side of town which reports some really dandy ones. It is felt that these are coming from the lake at the sewage disposal. City officials have explained that the lake has been sprayed with the poison and that the mosquitoes are probably coming from the lush vegetation in the draws around town.

SERVICES FOR INFANT HELD SATURDAY, MAY 29

Funeral services were held May 29th for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson of Rankin.

The baby, named Danny Lee, was still born at 9:20 a.m. Saturday. Rev. R. L. Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rankin, officiated.

NEWCOMERS TO RANKIN

Newcomers to Rankin this week include D. M. Mathis, Alvis Harris, D. G. Kelley, L. R. Phillips and Leon Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carl are parents of a baby daughter born last Friday morning, May 28th. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was named Lou Ann.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Murphey over the week-end were his sister, Mrs. Doc Stephens, and Mr. Stephens of Matador, and his niece, Mrs. Doc Cross, and children of Lubbock.

Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and Miss Neva Zoe McSpadden are visiting in Corpus Christi.

According to Marvin Bell, manager of the Ford Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Taylor will be in Rankin from June 7 to 19 and will take over management of the theatre while Mr. and Mrs. Bell are in Las Vegas, Nevada on a two-week vacation. The Taylors are looking forward to seeing their many friends in Rankin.

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Babs Bartfield, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bartfield, Jr., will represent the Reeves County 4-H Club as an entry in Queen of the All-Kid Rodeo.

Summer Youth Program Given

There will be a recreation program in Rankin this summer, sponsored by the county for the youth of our community.

Activity will be conducted for all school age children and the program will be divided into three groups. No. 1 for children in grades 1 through 4, ages 6 through 9 years. No. 2 for children in grades 5 through 7, ages 10 through 12 years. No. 3 teen age group grades 8 through 12, ages 13 through 18 years. The program will begin the 1st of June and run through the 15th of August. The schedule will consist of the following: for boys there will be beginners swimming, baseball, basketball, hikes, ping pong and model airplane building. For the girls there will be beginners swimming, hand crafts, bead work, leather tooling, hikes and story hour classes. The time will be from 9 until 12:00, Monday through Friday, Monday and Wednesday, Grades 1 through 4, Tuesday and Thursday, grades 5 through 7 and Friday grades 8 through 12. One night a week will be devoted to family game night for all groups. A weekly schedule of this program will be printed each week in The Rankin News. Be sure and plan to attend this summer program.

Meeting place will be at the Junior High Building in the old gym.

Lions Club members attending the District and State Convention at Midland the past week-end were Bill Johnson, Pete Pollard, Joe Powell, Dub Day and J. B. Hutchens. Pollard and Hutchens attended the schools for incoming presidents and secretaries.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Miller and Mike of Novice and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Scott and children of San Angelo visited in the E. C. Higday home over the week-end. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Miller are daughters of the Higdays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barbee went to San Angelo over the week-end where they fished at North Concho Lake.

Filler by J. B.

We didn't intend to bother folks with this column this week but we heard two or three people say that they got a laugh out of it occasionally, so with a rub-

bed-up ego, we just couldn't pass up the chance. There is just one thing that the folks didn't say and which we are not too sure about and that is just which way they were laughing when they got the bang out of this filler.

There are many nice things about Rankin which we spend

considerable time bragging about in this newspaper. Like everything in Texas, it is the biggest and best town, has bigger and better things, etc. Yep, when we do something or grow something here in Rankin, it's the biggest and best. Take our fishermen we are growing. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powell have a young son who is just taller than a couple of cap guns which he carries, and has the making of a fine fisherman.

It seems that the family was on an outing at Lake Nasworthy last week-end. After the picnic lunch under the shade trees had been taken care of, young Powell took his fishing pole out of the back of the car and proceeded to do a bit of angling. Without any bait the young lad failed to land any fish. Upon their return to Rankin, someone asked him if he caught any fish. "Sure did," he replied. "How big was it?" he

was asked. "It was this long," he stated, stretching his arms as far apart as possible, "and it weighed 100 pounds." Now if that is not the mark of a true fisherman, we have never heard of it. Of course, he probably takes after his father.

This week we would like to pass out a few flowers to one of Rankin's hardest working individuals. Carl Delaney up at the

Harlan Hotel can find more to do up there, and does it, than we could get up the courage to think about. Carl has given the place a remodeling from just about top to bottom, doing all the work himself, and if that was not enough to keep busy, he put in a barber shop and also operates that himself. Last week he completed the installation of air conditioners in all the rooms and again he did all the work by

himself. Perhaps the town would be better off if it had more hard-working citizens like Carl; but we would just have to leave since we would never have the energy to keep up with that pace. It looks like he has just about re-done everything up there and it's going to be interesting to see what the boy thinks up next.

No doubt everyone has heard by now that the publisher, C. C. Carll and Mrs. Carll are the proud parents of a baby girl. The happy event left the mother doing fine and the father looking sorta shot. He was passing out the cigars over at the McCamey hospital and escorting the visitors up to the window of the nursery. All in all, it has been a rather trying time for the old boy but we who have been through the same thing can extend our sympathy to him; and may at a later date tell him that the worst is yet to come when the young lady begins demanding attention at a time when even a rooster would be ashamed to crow.

Don't know why they call 'em slacks when there's never any slack in them.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 1.485 miles of Gr., Strs., Flex. Bs. & Asp. Conc. Pvt. from west city limits to east city limits of Rankin on Highway No. US 67, covered by F1105 (2), in Upton County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., June 16, 1954, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposals the wage rates for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of James W. Whitson, Resident Engineer McCamey, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 4 AND 5
JOHN WAYNE
JEAN ARTHUR
"COWBOY AND THE GIRL"
— PLUS SECOND FEATURE —
"CEASE FIRE"

SUNDAY AND MONDAY JUNE 6 AND 7
"SIEGE AT RED RIVER"
Starring
VAN JOHNSON AND OANNE DRU

TUESDAY, JUNE 8
STERLING HAYDEN
JOY PAGE
"FIGHTER ATTACK"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY JUNE 9 AND 10
ELIZABETH TAYLOR
DANA ANDREWS
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FATHER'S DAY IS NEAR

**MEETING OF SUPERVISORS
MIDDLE CONCHO SCD**

The regular monthly meeting of the Middle Concho Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held in Mertzon Monday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Supervisors present were Reginald Atkinson, chairman, John Patterson and Howard Parks, members. Others present were:

Gilbert Meredith, ASC secretary; Cecil L. Drake, SCS technician; E. C. Nevills and Curtis Henderson, county agents.

Routine matters were disposed of promptly. Mr. Patterson reported that the auditor was apparently mixed up on the type of audit required, and after some discussion and perusal of the state law, more thorough instructions were sent him.

Mr. Nevills stated that some of the ranchers of the Big Lake area thought the district should purchase a tractor and pitting plow for their use. This matter was considered by the board and Mr. Atkinson reported that Mr. Holstein, a contractor from Ft. Stockton, had agreed to pit areas of 100 acres or more in brushy land for \$1.50 per acre. The board felt that it would be impossible to furnish the same service at a similar or cheaper rate. Until there is more interest in pitting shown by the ranchers, it was decided to recommend to those few who are interested at the present, that they give the contractor a trial. If his work should prove satisfactory, the board will consider the purchase of this equipment more seriously.

Mr. Atkinson reported that the seeder had probably been delivered to the Bill Tullies ranch by this date, and suggested that a rental rate be decided upon. A trial rate of 30c per acre with the operator being responsible for any breakage was agreed upon. Mr. Atkinson gave an enlightening talk on the small watershed flood control bill now before the Senate. A rumor has it that one Senator from the swamp country is bitterly opposing this bill.

Drake reminded the board of the Daler District Program at San Angelo May 28 and both Patterson and Atkinson said they would try to attend.

Drake then presented the following agreements for their consideration:

C-1 Ashby McMullen, Ozona, 5,440 acres, initial; 53 Henry Cravens, Mertzon, 650 acres, basic; 54 Norman Elrod, Rankin, 8,950 acres, basic; 55 W. M. Hemphill, Mertzon, 15,463 acres, basic; 56 Joe B. Mayer, San Angelo, 3,300 acres, initial.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson visited last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Jr., in Dallas. They were considerably thrilled with their first visit with a new granddaughter, Louise Robin, born May 5.



At 7:00 p. m. May 15, Miss Billie Ruth League of Welch and Mr. Roy Pitts of Texon were united in marriage.

Miss Teague is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Teague of Welch. Mr. Pitts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Woodard of Kerrville.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white gown of nylon over taffeta and a veil of illusion net. She carried a white satin Bible topped with a white orchid. Miss Patsy Todd of Welch, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor. She wore an aqua ballerina length gown with white accessories.

The alter was decorated with an arch with baskets of white stock and white candle tapers. Adrin Pitts of Kerrville served

as his brother's best man.

Mr. Ollie Cantwel, uncle of the groom and Church of Christ minister of Brownwood, performed the double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kessler of Texon, Mrs. Ed H. Allen of Big Lake and Mrs. Johnny Warner of Rankin sang "Till the End of Time" and "I Love You Truly." A reception followed at the E. A. Balwin home. Mrs. Kessler served the cake and Miss Bonnie Todd, cousin of the bride, served punch.

When the couple left for a short honeymoon to Colorado, the bride wore a gray suit with white accessories.

The couple will make their home at Texon where Mr. Pitts is an office employee of the Big Lake Oil Company.

were 26 teachers helping on the first day.

Mrs. R. S. Salver was honored on her birthday last Friday with a supper at the cafe. Bar-b-cued ham, beans and potato salad were enjoyed by all.

Mr. C. C. Sandy spent a couple of days in DeLeon on business this past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook spent the week-end in Eden visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook and family. On the way home, they stopped on the North Concho River and had a picnic.

Texon News

By DOT DAVIS
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Its vacation time again. Everyone wants to go somewhere exciting and usually end up visiting with relatives. Once in a while someone really takes a trip and then it is the talk of the town. Hope you have one of the big trips this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Raney were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boggs over the week-end. They are living near Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Potter and family spent Saturday in San Angelo visiting with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ensley and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Fell are on vacation. They are going to Florida to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and family are on vacation through Mississippi and Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kessler and Gary and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Thomas are on vacation to Georgia. They will visit with Mr. Kessler's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Isbell are home from college. They are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Eanes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lee are home from school. They are visiting in her parents home. They will go back to school for the summer course.

Pat Newbrough is home from college for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Liefeste were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Satterfield over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Shattuck are home from school. They are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. Shattuck.

Vacation Bible School started this week. There were 103 present on the first day. The children are learning many wonderful things and I know they are all enjoying it very much. There

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TIPS**

A woman writes: "I understand that service is faster when long distance calls are placed by number—but what happens when I don't know the out-of-town number?"

The operator will place your call even if you can give her only the name and address of the person you're calling. To do this, however, she must reach the Information operator in the distant city and that causes delay. Your local operator will repeat the number for you and it's a good idea to jot it down for future reference. Then, next time, call by number and your call will go through more quickly.

A housewife asks: "Is it proper to extend and answer invitations by telephone?"

It is perfectly permissible to extend informal invitations by telephone. However, a telephone invitation should not be given at the last minute. It is also permissible to accept or decline informal written invitations by telephone. Only formal invitations require a written answer.

A party line user writes: "Will you please repeat your rules for good party line manners?"

- (1) Keep conversations reasonably brief.
- (2) Space calls so others have a chance to use the line.
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TEXAS LIONS LEAGUE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, INC.
 Headquarters, Box 247
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 May 24, 1954

TO: President
 Secretary
 Chairman of Crippled Children's Committee

May we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the interest your Club has shown in supporting the Camp this year. You have helped to make possible the additional facilities needed to accommodate 480 campers for this summer.

We felt that since the Fiscal

year ends on the 30th of June, your members would be interested in knowing that through the 15th of May our Club has contributed \$164.00 with a membership of 48. Inasmuch as 100% Participation Certificates are issued on a basis of \$10.00 per member for each Fiscal year, we are very anxious that our records on membership correspond with yours. The figure shown was secured from your District Governor at the close of last Fiscal year, and if there has been a change, we would appreciate your notifying us.

May we congratulate your members on the fine start you have made towards our 100% Class as we are very anxious to



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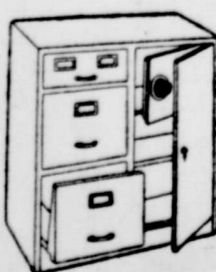
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The Rankin News

H. D. CHATTER

by Myrna Holman
 Co. Home Demonstration Agent

WITH THE CLUBS

The McCamey Junior girls met with Mrs. Jim Patton last Wednesday to practice making beds using the rules of work simplification. After the agent gave the demonstration, Delight Huffman and Catherine Payne repeated the demonstration. These girls are learning all the work simplification rules.

Tuesday was work day in the Midkiff Home Demonstration Club when the agent and some club members helped Mrs. O. G. Ham upholster a studio couch.

The Big Lake Senior 4-H Club girls prepared a cook-out meal at their meeting on Thursday, May 27th. As a result they have planned to sponsor a cook-out for the Junior Girls, Patricia Cope, Sandra Weltmer and Donna Phillips will give the demonstration.

The district 4-H Club encampment will be held in McCamey on July 21-24. Mary Alice Skains of McCamey and Patricia Cope of Big Lake are members of the district 4-H committee and will assist with camp operations.

The McCamey Home Demonstration Club will prepare and serve the meals and the local agent is general camp chairman. Representations from 13 counties will attend the camp.

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

We'll be at College Station all week at the State 4-H Round Up.

Jacquelyn Lucado and Joyce Skains will represent Upton County 4-H girls at the Round Up with Mrs. Jack Lucado as adult leader. Jacquelyn was district winner in the individual dairy foods demonstration contest and will compete in the state contests at College and Joyce is delegate from the county.

issue as many 100% Certificates as we possibly can. The fine support we are getting from Clubs such as yours is very gratifying.

A cordial invitation is extended to each of your members to visit the Camp this summer. We feel you must really see the children in their various phases of camping activities to truly realize what you are helping to make possible for these crippled children of Texas.

Again our sincere thanks and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
 Frank Robertson
 President

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson and Paul spent the week-end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Jr., and family. This was the first visit the Johnsons had made to see their new granddaughter, Luise Robin. The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Jr., was born May 5th.

SORORITY OBSERVES LAST MEETING WITH PICNIC

Members of Beta Sigma Phi and their husbands celebrated their last meeting with a fried chicken supper at the home of Velma Lane.

Games were played after the supper and several prizes were given to the lucky winners.

The Sorority will discontinue their meeting through the summer and the first meeting will be in September with the beginning of the culture programs.

Several socials are planned for the summer months.

WSCS REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Bible Study Circle of the WSCS was held at the Methodist Church last week.

The program began with the devotional, led by Mrs. Ross Wheeler, followed by a short business meeting conducted by Chairman Mrs. J. L. Clark. It was voted to purchase maps for use in the study. The group continued to study I Kings, chapters 12 through 21.

It was decided to meet once each month during the summer months and the next regular meeting will be held June 23rd. Miss Mattie McDonald will bring the devotional for this meeting.

Among those attending the golf tournament in Fort Stockton over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stephenson, Bob Schlagal, Ray Boggs, Dunn Lowery. Tomie Stephenson was winner of his flight.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charges for Announcements are cash in advance. The same policy will be in effect on all political advertising carried in the columns of this newspaper.

Names will be carried in the order in which they are received.

One news story will be carried.

For Hon. U. S. Representative, 16 Congressional District: J. T. Rutherford

For State Representative 102nd District: Audie Belcher

For District Judge, 112th Judicial District: Aivis Johnson
 Jim C. Langdon
 Roy R. Priest

For District Judge, 83rd Judicial District: John C. Epperson

For District Attorney, 112th Judicial District: Marvin Blackburn
 Connell Ashley

For District Attorney, 83rd Judicial District: Bruce C. Sutton
 Lucius D. Bunton

For County Judge: Earl C. Bone
 G. H. "Bud" Fisher (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector: H. E. "Gene" Eckols (Re-Election)
 C. H. "Cliff" Jones

For County and District Clerk: Mrs. Nancy K. Daugherty (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: John A. Menefee (Re-Election)
 Steve Preslar

For County Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rains (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: Sam Holmes (Re-Election)
 Preston Patton
 J. W. Hearon

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. D. "Tommy" Workman, Jr. (Re-Election)
 W. J. Price

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1: Omar Warren (Re-Election)
 O. C. Scarborough

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 2: O. N. Justice
 Mrs. Murray McCain (Re-Election)
 W. J. "Curley" Cowen

For Constable, Precinct 1: W. F. Moore (Re-Election)
 L. N. Collins

For Constable, Precinct 2: S. O. (Sid) Langford (Re-Election)

Pvt. and Mrs. Leslie McFadden of El Paso spent the holidays here visiting her mother, Mrs. Ray Boggs, and her grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Scott.

Miss Roveva Langford spent the week-end in Grandfalls with her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Vermillion, and Mr. Vermillion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sipes returned Tuesday night from a trip to Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alvin Holmes and Tommy of Atascosa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes during the past week.

Mrs. C. L. Chandler and Clifford, Mrs. Ted Yocham and Misses Ann and Jean Shaw and Audrey Murphey spent the week-end at Colorado City fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Steele and children spent the week-end fishing at the Banner ranch. They reported good luck.

Jimmy and Norman Yocham, Billy Ross Wheeler and Ted Yocham were fishing at Chandler's over the holidays.

NOTICE OF SALE

Humble Pipe Line Co. is putting up for sale on a bid basis Three 5 room cottages, two 6 room cottages, three 2-stall garages, one 100 gallon butane tank and one 200 barrel bolted steel water tank with 30 ft. Emco tower.

These items are located at Arden Station which is approximately 35 miles west of the City of San Angelo, Texas. Bids should be in the McCamey office, Box 577, June 7, 1954.

NOTICE OF SALE

Humble Pipe Line Company is putting up for sale on the Bid Basis 1-4 room, 24x28 ft. Houston ready cut cottage and 1-28 ft x 18 ft. 2-stall wood frame corrugated iron garage, which are located in the Humble Oil & Refining Company Sand Hills District Camp, approximately 23 miles west of City of Crane, Texas, on Star Route 1.

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AUSTIN. — Texas' fast-flying governor returned from a vacation in Alabama, spent a few days in the state, and planned off to Korea, where he and other state executives will make an inspection tour at the invitation of President Eisenhower.

While in the capital, Governor Shivers was very busy doing these things:

Answering charges of disloyalty to the Democratic Party by saying that when he supported Mr. Eisenhower for president in 1952 he was really fighting to preserve the principles of the party of Jefferson and Jackson because he wants the Texas party and the national party to return to those principles in unity.

Announcing that the campaign manager in his race for re-election will be State Senator Otis Lock of Lufkin, and that campaign headquarters in Austin would be opened right away.

Answering that Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic National chairman, who said that the would deal with the Texas Democratic Advisory Council, rather than the state democratic executive committee. Shivers told Mitchell: "I strongly suspect that your statement is an announcement of your entry into the Texas governor's race. I welcome that challenge."

Saying that Texas and other states would need years to work out compliance with the non-segregation rule.

Promising that as long as he is governor there will be no state sales tax or income tax.

Naming Welton Hart, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, as chairman of the newly-created Governor's Economic Advisory Commission.

Announcing that John VanCronkhite, his former aide under attack in an insurance court case, is not in his present re-election campaign.

Lloyd's Closed
 After a nine-day hearing in 98th District Court here, Judge Charles O. Betts granted a temporary injunction, asked by the attorney general's department, forbidding the Lloyd's of North America Insurance Co. from doing business in Texas.

At one time, VanCronkhite was employed as public relations counsel for the company, he testified during the hearing.

Insurance Muddle

There was comment from several sources on the insurance situation. Garland A. Smith, chairman of the state insurance commission, pledged the greatest possible protection to holders of policies issued by companies doing business in Texas.

Smith emphasized that state insurance laws are sound, fundamentally, but that some changes are necessary. He said some new laws will have to be passed, and that they will be at the next session of the Legislature.

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd said he would appear before an El Paso County grand jury on June 4 with evidence of possible criminal violation of Texas insurance laws.

At El Paso and other Texas cities. Shepperd has filed suits against insurance companies, forcing them into receivership. Charges have been that the companies were created through fraud and were insolvent.

Financial Reports
 Attorney General Shepperd advocates a new law requiring publication of all financial reports on all government levels.

Shepperd also opposed secret sessions of governmental bodies, saying, "There is no place on an open door for a sign saying closed meeting or executive session."

What has happened in Duval County, Shepperd declared, "can happen anywhere, and will, unless the lesson is told and retold."

J. W. Edgar, state commissioner of education, has appointed a 59-member group, authorized by the Legislature, to study the role of television in education. S. M. Brown, El Paso school superintendent, is chairman of the body.

Allowables Up
 Texas oil allowables for June will be 3,010,515 barrels, the R. R. Commission decided. That is an increase from the May figure.

Resort Lodges

Progress was being made in the plans to construct four resort lodges, each to cost about \$1 million, at Inks Lake near Burnet, Eisenhower Park on Texoma, Lake Whitney, and Texarkana Reservoir in Cass County.

This is a project of the State Parks Board. The money for building the lodges would come from revenue bonds. Private operators would lease the lodges and run them.

Texas Rangers are investigating trouble between the wets and dries at Bandera.

Rev. Joe R. Townsend, Baptist minister in that West Texas resort and ranch town, moved for a dry election after saying that he had been thrown through a plate glass window.

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