

And Away We Grow - - -

Rankin is growing. Most of us do not realize it but Rankin has made very good progress the past year. Ask anyone on the streets how many new homes were built here last year and most of them will answer from 8 to a dozen. Actual number of new dwellings, permanent type homes, comes to seventeen, a surprising figure considering the fact that Rankin is definitely not in a boom.

Estimated value of new homes built here for the past year has been set at \$122,550 which is pretty good progress for a "poor year." This figure does not include im-

provements made on existing homes or old houses that were moved into Rankin. Most of these homes were two bedroom dwellings while several were of larger proportions.

Estimated improvements made on existing dwellings is set at \$16,500 which would not include sidewalks, fences, or interior work.

At the present time there are three homes under construction with an estimated value of \$24,500. Powell Construction Co. has plans underway for building as many new homes as possible in the coming year. "We may be optimistic in our views," stated Joe Powell, co-owner

of the firm, "but we hope to build even more houses next year than were erected in the year just past."

In the business construction lines Rankin also registered a good year with an estimated \$58,500 being spent on the erection of new business houses, offices and garages. Improvements in existing buildings kept pace with progress with approximately \$38,000 being spent for enlargements and improvements with both hotels doing remodeling jobs along with the First State Bank, Highland Cafe, Ramsey Cafe and their business houses and offices.

In school improvements there was a definite boost with occupation last summer of the new \$500,000 high school, construction of 14 new garage units on the teacherages, drilling, equipping and installation of a well house on school property, improvements of seating at the football field which would give school improvements a grand total of approximately \$517,000.

Other improvements made by the county would include curbing around the hospital, a bath house costing in the neighborhood of \$12,000, a little league ball park at \$5,500 and perhaps of most importance

would be the new water works which will run around \$150,000.

Another major improvement completed this year and one that has helped the looks of Rankin as much as anything done the past year was widening of the highway and erection of vapor lighting. Since the paving was done by the highway department and the lighting furnished by West Texas Utilities there is no accurate figure on the value of this project. Curbing and right-of-way, furnished by the city, cost around \$14,000. Still to be added to this project will be installation of a water line and fire plugs at an

estimated cost of \$5,000. Under construction at this time is the city hall and fire station valued at \$10,000.

These improvements would give Rankin a grand total of almost a million dollars—\$934,000 to be exact—and would not be counting the curbing work around the hospital, the street lights, the paving of the highway, street markers and other miscellaneous improvements.

No definite figures are available on the actual population of Rankin at this time but it is felt by most of those who work with the public that it is between the 1,500 and

2,000 mark. It should be remembered, however, that the present population is what might be termed permanent and should Rankin develop another "boom", the population figure might well reach 3,000.

All in all it has been a year of progress for the county seat of Upton County. Numerous reports are heard of better days ahead in business, several their building projects are being considered and with plenty of water now on hand, Rankin should be pointed for a bright future—if we only had some street paving.

The Rankin News

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THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1954

CLAYTON GUNNELS BUYS HILLTOP SERVICE STATION AND COURTS

Clayton Gunnels announced this week that he has purchased the Hilltop Service Station and Courts from "Cliff" Jones and is now operating that concern.

Gunnels was in business here from 1928-1930 when he and his brother operated the Ureda Auto Service in the location now occupied by the Mion Cafe. At that time the business was operated as a service station and auto parts and repair shop.

From Rankin, he and his family moved to McCamey where they operated a similar business for 10 years.

The Gunnels moved back to Rankin December 1 from Deming, New Mexico, where they had operated a hotel and various lodges and resorts, one of them being the Condorcroft Lodge.

Sale of the Hilltop Station included all the cabins, trailer courts, station, and cafe building, the latter now under lease to Mack's Cafe.

"We are happy to be back in business here in Rankin," stated Gunnels, "and have always felt at home here. We will continue to sell Phillips products at the station and will offer wash and grease service. We also have plenty of good trailer spaces and will be glad to serve folks."

The News was unable to reach Gunnels for comment but it is understood that his plans for the present are indefinite.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS

Winners in the drawing held at Barber's December 24 the following prizes were awarded: Mrs. Charley Hale, \$10; Mrs. Cootsie Lee, \$5, and Mesdames Archie McDonald, Cecil Hodges, Midred Farwell, Oscar Lee, J. C. Carroll and Mr. R. W. Pace were awarded \$1.

All prizes were given in trade on merchandise.

Mrs. Effie Ernest spent Christmas in San Angelo with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Smith.

LOCK-UP SLATED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Rankin will take another holiday on January 1.

Originally slated as a one day closing, several merchants have indicated that they may take another three days off while others have stated that they will be open on the first.

It is suggested that you check with any business house that you might have dealings with to determine when they will be closed.

POST OFFICE CLOSING SET FOR FRIDAY EVE

Grace Roach, postmistress, has stated that the Rankin Post Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 31, and will remain closed until Monday, January 3.

This closing schedule, the same as followed Christmas, is in accordance with an order issued by the President covering all government operated organizations.

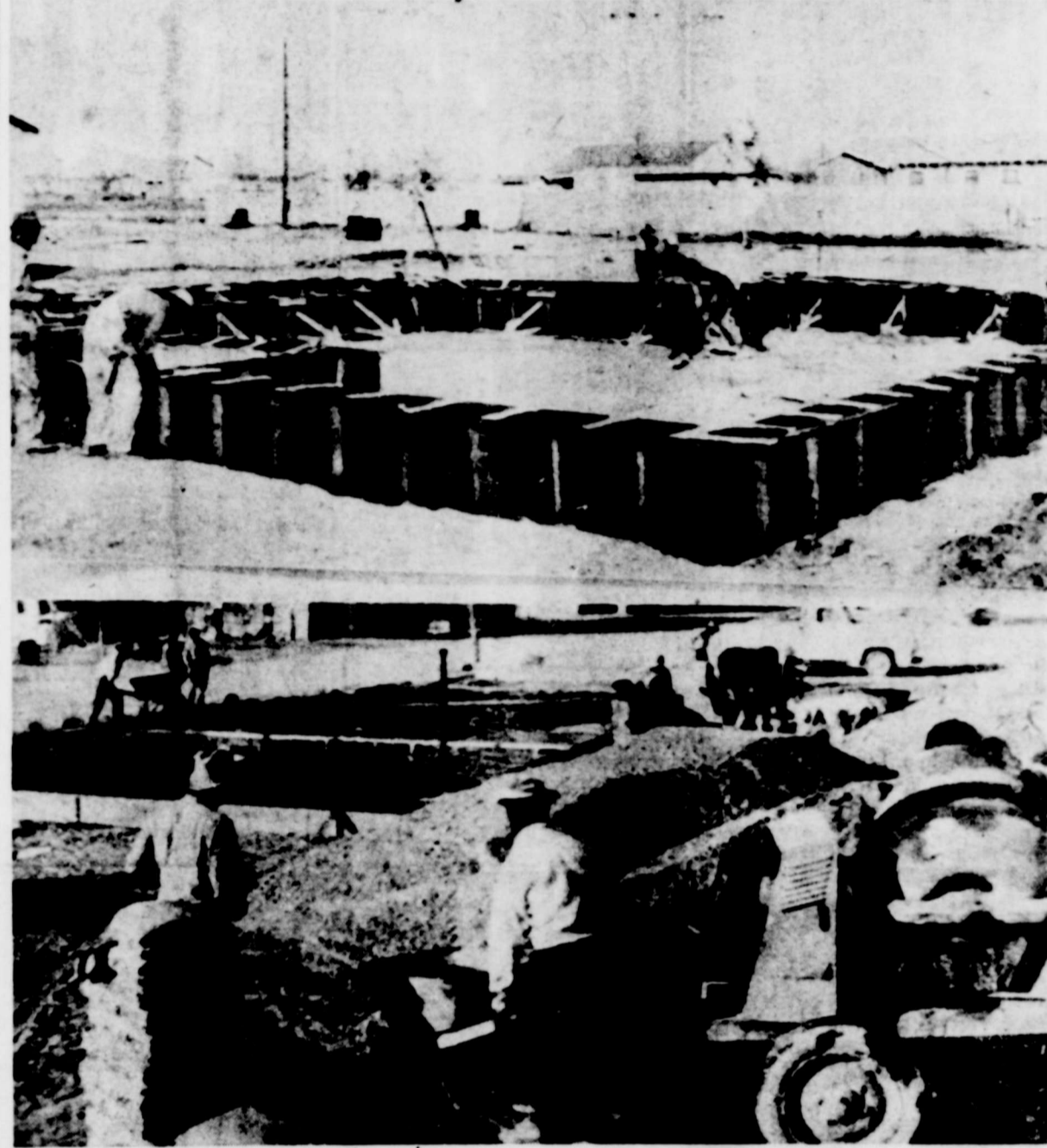
UPTON COUNTY PROJECT FLOWS WOLFCAMP OIL

Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1-C Rosa Barnett, Upton County project 1 1/2 miles southeast of Humble 1 Half, Wolfcamp discovery in the Amacker-Tippett multipay field, was continuing to test through perforations between 9,696-9,710 feet opposite the Wolfcamp.

The project flowed 62.26 barrels of oil plus 1.4 per cent basic sediment, no water, in nine hours through a 3/4-inch choke. Tubing pressure was 475 pounds. Using the same size choke, the project flowed 128 barrels of pipeline oil in 24 hours. On a second 24-hour test, using a 1/2-inch choke, it flowed 135 barrels of pipeline oil.

Location is in 24-Y-GC&SF, 12 miles northwest of Rankin.

This is the second well in this location to produce oil in the past week. Early last week a similar well located some 16 miles west of Rankin flowed heavily from the Wolfcamp formation.



Rankin continues to grow as indicated by the two pictures above. In the upper photo, workmen are setting forms on the first unit of houses to be constructed by Powell Construction Co. This will be a three bedroom home and along with a two bedroom structure will be used to show the public the type of homes being built

by this concern. In the lower picture workmen are pouring the foundation of the new city hall and fire station which is now well along toward completion. With several other projects on the drawing boards, Rankin heads into 1955 with a good start in construction.

— PHOTO BY RANKIN NEWS

NAME R. L. BELL SCOUT CHAIRMAN

According to an announcement released this week by Scout officials, R. L. Bell has been appointed chairman of the Boy Scout Finance Drive. Scheduled to get underway in February, the drive is an annual affair set up to raise funds for scouting operations in this area.

Bell named the following men to assist him in the project: vice chairman, Bill Johnson; chairman of special gifts, Preston Patton; publicity, J. B. Hutchens; prospects and ratings, Ted Hogan; audit, J. D. Hurst.

First meeting of the group will be a joint get-together with a similar group in McCamey at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane and children of Alpine are here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rankin.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Dave Gentry over the holidays were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Gentry of Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Adams and son spent Christmas in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Dunn Lowery flew to Albuquerque, N. M., Friday to be with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Walker, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and children of Huntsville arrived in Rankin Monday for a visit with her parents, the Dunn Lowerys.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McEwen and Kay and Andra June Mitchell returned Monday from a trip to Oklahoma and Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vardy were in Colorado City Friday and Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Vardy.

Don Vickers left early this week to spend a few days visiting with his brother, "Blackie" Vickers, in Houston.

BASKETBALLERS HEAD FOR DISTRICT PLAY

Rankin basketball squads will get down to serious business early next week when the girls meet Grandfalls there January 6 for their first conference game.

Playing in a conference composed of Rankin, Grandfalls and Barnhart, the girls will be in the position of defending champions of the district.

On January 3 the boys' team will be in McCamey to take on one of their arch rivals in the Badgers. McCamey is reported to have a fine team this year and may be able to upset the Red Devils.

On January 4, the hometowners will be hosts to the Ozona team in another non-conference game.

To date the Rankin team has not shown too much on the hardwood but according to Coach Bill Cook the boys are coming along and may come up with the winning combination before long.

Lt. Ralph H. Daugherty, Jr., who has been on special assignment at Fort Knox, Ky., was here with his mother, Mrs. Nancy K. Daugherty, over the holidays. Lt. Daugherty, who is with the First Armored Division stationed at Camp Hood, returned to that post where he will take part in the battle maneuvers to be staged beginning January 3. There will be 30,000 men shipped to Camp Hood to take part in the maneuvers.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes over the holidays were their son, Sam A. Holmes, his wife and son, Tommy, of Atascosa, Texas; Eugene Holmes and family of McCamey, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kubena of Pasadena, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welling and Glen left Tuesday for a few days visit in Dalhart and Texline, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Warren were in Waco visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and daughter, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler visited their daughters in Dallas Christmas.

NEW RATES FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

Beginning with the first issue in January, new rates on classified advertising will go into effect at the Rankin News.

In the past we have been running listings on rentals, etc., without charge. This has been a service which we have been happy to render and feel that it has been successful. We had two reasons in mind for doing this.

First, it filled a need here in Rankin of giving information to people needing places to rent, buy or sell.

Second, we feel that it has acquainted property owners with the value of this sort of advertising. Almost everyone who ran ads in this program got results. For this reason, we feel that many will want to continue using the classified ads even though there will be a small charge.

Rates for this advertising can be found at the beginning of the classified ads in this issue.

MIDNIGHT PREVIEW AT FORD THEATRE

Among the attractions offered for seeing the old year out and the new one in will be a midnight preview at the Ford Theatre.

To begin at 11:30 the picture will be "King of the Race Track" and will star Don Ameche.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snell and children and Sue Schlagel returned Monday from Bolding, Arkansas, where they visited Mr. Snell's parents.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Haller at 3:10 p.m. on Dec. 18, a baby girl, named Shannon. Mother dismissed 21st, baby still confined.

Mr. Leo Tiemann, admitted Dec. 19, accident, dismissed 20th.

Valerie Ann Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green, admitted Dec. 20, dismissed Dec. 21st.

Mr. Robert Reams, Texon, medical, admitted Dec. 21, dismissed Dec. 23rd.

Michael Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blue, medical, admitted Dec. 23, dismissed Dec. 24th.

Mr. Dave Flowers still confined.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, a baby boy at 2:10 p.m. on Dec. 25, weighed 7 lbs. 1/4 oz. Named Gordon Lee Patterson, Jr. Both dismissed Dec. 27th.

Joe Roy and Linda Kilchrist tonsillectomy, dismissed Dec. 27th.

Mr. H. V. Strait, medical, still confined.

Visiting in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bihler of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. James Mims and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell, Jr., and son of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bell and daughter of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Priddy of Fort Stockton.

Guests in the A. E. Ivy home for Christmas were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ivy of Stamford, and Mrs. Ivy's mother, Mrs. V. F. Wallace of Fort Stockton.

LAST CHANCE FOR SUBS AT BARGAIN RATES

There will be only three more days of bargain rates on renewing or subscribing to the Rankin News.

If you have not yet paid your subscription or made arrangements to have it charged, we urge you to take advantage of this offer before January 1. After that date all subscriptions not paid or charged will be discontinued. There will be no sales at drug stores or cafes for an indefinite time after that period. Don't fail to get your hometown newspaper—subscribe now.

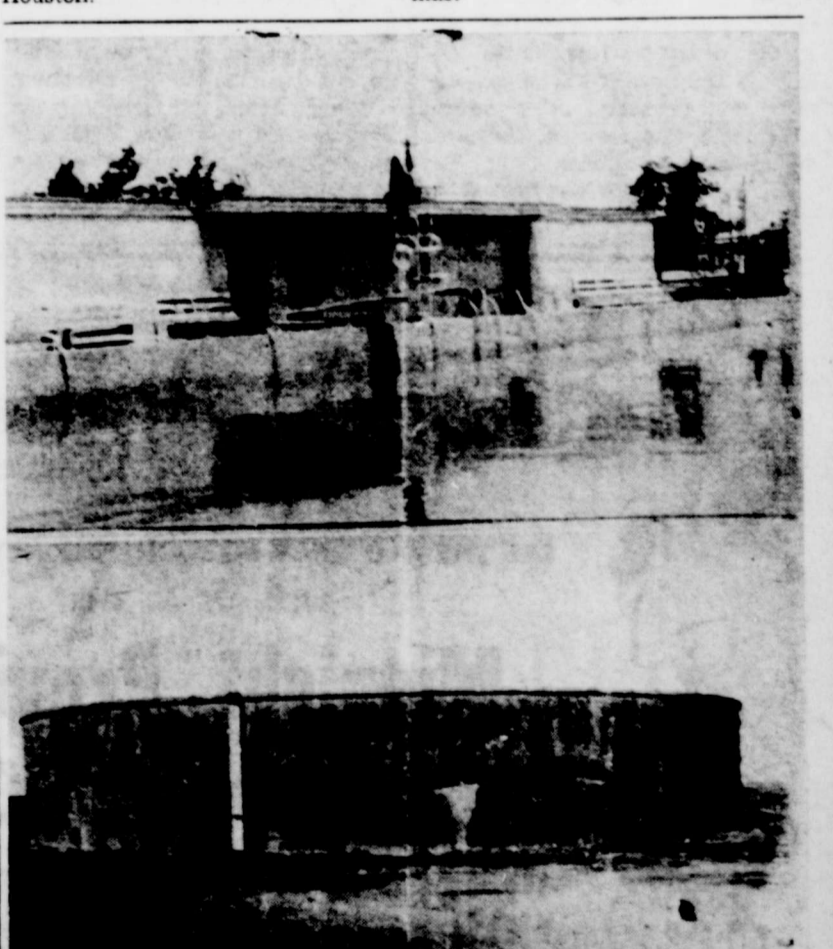
There will be important issues coming up next year that will concern all of us. Political elections, although not scheduled next year, will begin shaping up. There may be special elections called for various reasons, sports and school activities will be numerous, many other events will transpire that will make the price you pay for your hometown newspaper one of your best bargains.

Things are moving forward in Rankin—keep up with the pace in The Rankin News.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McKelvey visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, in Albuquerque, N. M., over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunkin and children, Jim and Doris, of Kansas City, Mo., visited with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shaw spent the holidays with relatives in Pasadena.



An abundance of water is one of the many changes made in Rankin over the past year. The top photo shows the new bath house completed this year, filled with the new water supply. In the lower picture is the storage tank located west of Rankin from which the city gets its water supply.

— PHOTO BY RANKIN NEWS



Recently completed business places in Rankin include the Yocham & Hayes Magnolia Service Station on Highway 67. Constructed at a cost of \$28,000 the station is of the latest design for that type of structure. In the lower photo are the offices of John Menefee and L. E. Windham located across from the courthouse. Menefee will begin a private practice of law there after the first of the year while Windham will operate his private offices from this location.

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Notice To The Public: Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.
 CARDS OF THANKS \$1.00
 One Year (in advance) \$2.50 6 Months (in advance) \$1.50



OVERDUE "BAY WINDOW" ALTERATIONS



Vic Vet says

ONLY NEW DWELLINGS ARE COVERED BY THE ONE-YEAR WARRANTY FOR GI HOMES. THE WARRANTY MEANS THESE HOMES WERE BUILT IN "SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMITY" WITH VA APPROVED PLANS.

Duplicate Discharges—Now Cost a Fee

The Defense Department has announced that effective February 1, 1955, it will start charging veterans for furnishing duplicates of discharges—the cost will be \$1.50 for a certificate to replace a lost discharge. Searching other records will be charged at the rate of \$2 an hour.

person from being overcharged if the Defense Department gets ensnared in its own red tape trying to find a particular record.

Deadline Dec. 31—Dental Applications

We call your attention again to the deadline date of December 31, 1954, or one-year from discharge, for making application for Class 2 dental treatment—the one time treatment for service-connected, noncompensable disabilities.

Income—Claims

A recently amended VA Regulation provides that income received by a veteran prior to filing a claim for non-service-connected pension, may affect eligibility for the reason that the evaluation of total permanent disability is now based on date the veteran became disabled, instead of the former practice of evaluating the disability as of the date the claim was filed.

Under this new Regulation, this post-disability income such as accident insurance and workmen's compensation is considered as income for purposes of annual income limitation (\$1,400 and \$2,700) this means that the veteran will gain nothing by waiting until after his civilian benefits are received, to file a claim with the VA—the new amended regulation in no way affects the effective date of VA award, it is still the date received or date the permanent disability a-



DREAM COMES TRUE — Pictured above are Mayor Olin Smith and ex-Mayor C. W. Brown of McCamey turning the first shovel of dirt at the site of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's new dial building. The

two McCameyites broke ground on the building last Tuesday morning. When completed in late 1955, the \$370,000 building will house the mechanism for the dial system serving Rankin, Iraan and McCamey.

KIDS EVERYWHERE

Kids, kids, grownups and more kids is just about the only way to describe Santa's visit to Rankin last Saturday.

Getting off to a big start at 10:00 o'clock was a free show for everyone at the Fort Theatre. This was followed by the appearance of Santa himself and the distribution of gifts to the kids.

After everyone had been given a sack containing candy, fruit and nuts, the small fry were treated to a personal visit with Santa. Many of the little folk seemed to have quite a bit to say as it was almost noon before the last one had climbed upon St. Nick's knee to make their requests.

Following this session of personal visitation, Santa visited the children in the hospital and shut-ins around town.

Approximately 750 sacks of candy, nuts and fruit were distributed Saturday. Donated by merchants, business men, civic clubs and individual there was enough of the goodies left to put into the gift baskets to be distributed to needy families here before Christmas day.

If there is a needy family in your neighborhood who may not have too much Christmas, you may call any member of the Lions Club and they will consider the family for a basket of food, clothing, toys or whatever else might make this a little happier season for them.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cummines visited his mother, Mrs. J. M. Ward, and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck, in Gatesville over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Phillips of Odessa were here during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Everett.

Visiting their mother, Mrs. W. E. Garner, here in Rankin over the holidays were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Garner, of Eastland; her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Garner, of Deridder, Louisiana; her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Roy White, of Lubbock; and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Garner of Big Lake; and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Price of Rankin.

mittee on this service. They will be responsible for distribution of gifts.

FILE VAULT
 2 letter files; 2 index card drawers; a dial lock safe; 3 book shelves plus 3 1/2" shelf. Heavy steel; 32 1/2" wide, 60" high, 19" deep. Green or gray.
 No. 992 \$107.98

LEGAL SIZE . . . \$59.99
 No. 204—Four letter size full suspension drawers. 14 1/2" x 52 1/2" x 26 1/2". Heavy steel, green or gray. Plunger-type lock \$9.00 additional.
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PITTSBURGH
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Select the color of your choice from our Maestro Color Display of 300 fashion-style hues. We'll match it in a matter of minutes in the Pittsburgh quality interior finish of your choice—Wallhide Rubbed or Alkyd-type Flat Wall Paint and Satinhide Enamel.

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RED BLUFF LUMBER COMPANY

SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN WITH US AT THE

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DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1
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 — PLUS SECOND FEATURE —
 "SINGIN' IN THE CORN"
 Starring JUDY CANOVA

SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY
JANUARY 2, 3, & 4
 DICK POWELL
 DEBBIE REYNOLDS
 "SUSAN SLEPT HERE"
 IN TECHNICOLOR

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
JANUARY 5 & 6
 Spencer Tracy — Richard Widmark
 Jean Peters — Robert Wagner
 "BROKEN LANCE"
 CINEMASCOPE

“We Ain’t Mad At Nobody--”

That's right—we are not pointing fingers, criticizing anyone in anyway for the things they do or trying to tell anyone how to run their own affairs.

We just want to point out a few facts and talk about Rankin and our future a bit, and of course, to toot our own horn a little.

MR. MERCHANT —

Now that the Christmas shopping is over any you have checked the till—how did you come out on your Christmas business? Better than expected, no doubt, yet did you get as much of the shopping business as you should have? Did you get half or even a fourth or did you see dollar after dollar roll out of Rankin in just about every direction—San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Big Lake and probably even to Flatrock. All of these towns are already reporting huge Christmas sales.

Now being a business man of sorts, our first thought is that people ought to shop at home, that they have deserted their hometown with the shopping dollar—Well, maybe they have but they're not entirely to blame.

What caused them to go to these places? It's very simple—advertising. From December 1 to December 22, a total of approximately 750 inches of Christmas advertising was done by Rankin merchants. One issue of the San Angelo Standard-Times had over four times that amount.

Circulars were ankle deep sometimes in the postoffice floor—all from out-of-town concerns. Only two business houses that we know of put out a circular for Christmas shoppers.

Sure, we can't compete with the big towns, but we ought to be able to compete with our next door neighbors.

Now we're not saying that we're the only way to reach our own people with advertising although by far the biggest damage to Rankin business was done by newspaper advertising in the season just past, we do say that we can do a fair job of getting the message to the majority of local folks.

Last year was no whiz here in Rankin as far as business goes yet one of our customers who ran advertising every week for the past year with only one or two exceptions, reports the best business year since coming to Rankin. Not all that was done by his advertising with us—we know that—but the fact remains that it did help show an increase in profits.

MR. BUSINESS MAN

We suggest that you seriously consider setting up some sort of advertising budget for next year whether it's only a few dollars or several hundred and spend it wisely.

The Rankin News is the best means of putting your message before your customers. We now have a fine list of paid subscribers—people who are interested in Rankin and who will spend more of their money here if encouraged to do so.

We would like to further point out that it's not the amount of advertising you do that pays off. A 50c ad run every week for one year might not bring you but two customers but if you were selling houses, that would be mighty good results.

A \$1.00 ad won't sell many groceries or dry goods but it will let people know that you want their business—it will give your store hours—another thing we noted in the recent Christmas season was five people trying to get into one store after it had closed—no store hours advertised.

If only one of those customers could have gotten into the store, they would have paid for the advertisement necessary to notify them to get there before closing time.

MR. MERCHANT

It is our sincere desire to help in building a better Rankin which in turn will mean a better business for us all. We solicit your advertising in our newspaper by way of reaching this end.

Yours For A Better Rankin,

THE RANKIN NEWS

Filler by J. B.

That's that — and we're glad. Christmas may be fun for the kids but it's sure hard on the pocket-book. Up in our end of town just about every kid, male or female, was out bright and early with a pair of pearl handled cap pistols and a shotgun. It was almost dangerous to step out of the house and at least four of them beat me to the draw.

George Smith, who does a considerable amount of work around Johnson's, was a living example Monday morning of the old saying that the thought of work can spoil a person's day.

George passed the editor early Monday morning down by the cafe. He looked a little sheepish and stopped long enough to say that he had reported for work, forgetting

TYPING, bookkeeping, income tax returns and other office services. Blanche & Clayton Gunnels. First house on right north of News office. 4tp-12-39

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6 A. M. to 10 P. M.
Seven days a week

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APARTMENTS AND CABINS
TRAILER SPACE

North on Midland Hiway

that the store was closed on Monday.

Commented George, "If I had known that we wasn't going to open today, I could have stayed home and enjoyed life."

As some may have guessed, the editor has taken up the time honored game of golf. It has always been our opinion that anyone who would spend their time swatting a ball, chasing it down and swatting it again, must be a little off the rocker. That opinion has now been confirmed. There's just this about it, once the bug bites you, you're stuck and I believe I've figured out why people keep swatting, chasing and swatting. Each time you get set to hit the ball, you have visions of it sailing far and wide and landing on the next green. After checking the wind, your form, the ball, the club, the tee, the scorecard, the spectators, the sun, the fairway and your backbones, you step up and clobber the ball. You hit the ground, drop your shoulder, look up from the ball, and someone talks just as you swing and the thing goes about a hundred yards, fifty of them out in the rough.

That makes you so doggone mad you chase the thing down and knock the tar out of it again and so the game of golf.

Anyone interested in buying a set of clubs should keep in touch with us. They are excellent for someone just starting out or for an old hand that loses his temper easily.

The dog business isn't what it used to be around our house these days. We're back to one dog from a high of eight about 6 weeks ago.

On this one we have changed models. If it has seven pups, it will surprise me but then it would probably surprise him a whole lot more.

We didn't have much trouble picking out a name for this one.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlagal Christmas Day were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hurst, her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green and son, William, of Tennyson, and Mrs. Iona Rogers and Jackie of Iran.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dunkin and children, Angela and Alan, of Columbia, Mo., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown Thursday and Friday. Mr. Dunkin is a nephew of Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blue and daughter, Vicki, of Fort Stockton spent Christmas with the T. H. Blue family. Also Mrs. B. A. Patterson of Odessa spent Christmas evening with the Blue family.

Mrs. J. D. Garner spent Christmas in Sheffield with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hutchens and Barbara were visiting friends and relatives in Slaton and Snyder over the Christmas holidays. According to business acquaintances of Mr. Hutchens in Slaton, business houses there have registered one of their best years on record.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hale and family and Mrs. Cora Ligon spent Christmas Day with the Stewart Bangeman family in Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell and Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and son visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horn and family in Crane Christmas Day.

You can't push yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

We call him Honest John. That may seem a little strange at first for a dog's name but he is honest. Whenever he's in the house and acts like he's fixing to make a puddle — he's not fooling — he's honest about it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vermillion of Grandfalls were here last week visiting the S. O. Langfords and the L. Z. Titsworths.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McSpadden and children spent Christmas day in San Angelo with the Charley Hieko family.

Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and son, Jimmy Wayne, of Eldorado, are spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Welling and family of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Welling and family of McCamey, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Puckett and family of Midland spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welling.

George Kelly of Sterling City spent Christmas Day here with his grandmother, Mrs. M. O. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton and S. A. spent Christmas with their son, brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Horton at Post.

Other guests in the Weldon Horton home were his two sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. (Svig) Turner, Perre, Pam and Lisa Jane, of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bowen, Deede and Terre, of Brownwood.

While in Post Sam visited with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horton.

Many a woman has discovered that once she buys a "Dior" dress she's flat-busted.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, S. W. Lawson, intend to apply to the Texas Liquor Control Board at its office in the City of Austin, Texas, for a package store permit under the provisions of the Texas Liquor Control Act. The store will be located in section 23, Block 38, Township 5-South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the NEC of said section: Th. W. along the N. boundary line of said section, a distance of 174 feet to a point; Th. South parallel with the E. boundary line of said section, a distance of 12 feet to a point for the place of beginning; Thence East parallel with the North boundary line of said section, a distance of 30 feet for the NEC of this tract; Thence S. parallel with the E. boundary line of said section a distance of 30 feet for the SEC of this tract; Thence W. parallel with the S. boundary line of said section, a distance of 30 feet to a point for the SWC of this tract; Thence N. parallel with the E. boundary line of said section to the place of beginning. This location is approximately 36.1 miles from the Town of Rankin, Upton County, Texas, and is situated on the West side of the Big Lake-Midland Road. S. W. Lawson, owner. The business will be operated under the name of Rancho Package Store, address: Box 41, Rankin, Upton County, Texas.

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Three Weddings Held Over Christmas Holidays

MCCAIN KNOX MARRIAGE READ CHRISTMAS EVE

Miss Mary Lou McCain of Rankin and Jamie Knox of Ozona were married Friday, December 24, in the home of the bride's parents. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McCain of Rankin and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knox, Sr., of Ozona.

Double ring vows were read by the Rev. Ray Lee, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rankin. The bride was attired in a white suit with avocado accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with red roses.

The attendants were Yvonne Knox, sister of the groom, and Gene McCain, brother of the bride.

Only immediate members of the families and close friends were present.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held in the home.

After a brief wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Ozona where Mr. Knox is employed at the Ben William's Grocery.

SHAW-McEWEN VOWS EXCHANGED DECEMBER 23

First Baptist Church in Rankin was the setting for the double ring marriage ceremony on December 23 at 3:00 p.m. for Miss Jean Shaw and Pfc. Marvin McEwen. Miss Shaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shaw while the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McEwen.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length dress of white tulle. In a princess-style, the costume had a full skirt and fitted bodice topped with a Spencer jacket trimmed with seed pearls and rhinestones. Her matching hat was also trimmed with seed pearls and rhinestones and her accessories were of deep brown.

The bride carried a white Bible topped with white gardenias. Miss Ann Shaw, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. She wore a street length princess-style dress of porcelain pink faille. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Jimmy Yoeham served as best man and Billy Ross Wheeler and Norman Yoeham acted as ushers.

Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Tom Workman, while Miss Andra Mitchell sang "Because."

Vows were taken before a fern covered arch way with baskets of flowers, consisting of orchid mums and stock, on either side. Rev. R.

MISS SHACKELFORD WEDS JESSE FARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Farris, who were married December 23 in the First Methodist Church of Rankin, are at home in Midland.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Ray Lee. Wedding music was furnished by Miss Ruth McGill and the soloist was Miss Mary Anderson.

The bride, the former Miss Lois Benton Shackelford, is a granddaughter of Mrs. Tom Shackelford of Sanderson and Mr. W. G. Gull-hur of Marathon. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. A. B. McGill of Rankin.

Given in marriage by her brother Rowdy Shackelford, the bride wore a white suit with matching accessories and carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Mrs. DeWayne Lindsey, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Zackie Monroe of Midland served as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor with Jo Ann Hood presiding at the guest book.

Mrs. Farris is a graduate of the Marathon High School and has been employed at the First State Bank of Rankin.

Mr. Farris is a graduate of the Rankin High School and Sul Ross College at Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Currie Edgar of Guthrie, Okla., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Edgar over the Christmas holidays.

L. Shannon presided at the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Guests were registered by Miss Kay McEwen, sister of the bridegroom. Cake and coffee were served by Misses Esther Clark, Audrey Murphy, Beth Shipp, assisted by Mrs. Clay Taylor.

After a short wedding trip the couple returned to Rankin to spend the remaining holidays with their parents.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patterson of Crane, John Patterson of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holmes and son, Wayne, of Sheffield, Mrs. J. D. Shaw of Barnhart, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneeman, Jr., of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Monroe of Midland, and Mrs. J. R. Foster and son, Stevie, of McCamey.

RADAR EXPLANATION ON HUMBLE'S SHOW

Some motorists will find The Humble Company's Texas in Review especially interesting next week. This is because the program's featured film will show how and why the highway department uses radar control stations to catch speeders.

And there will be other films of interest on the TV program. There will be pictures of the Conair Recreation Clubs and "Operation Gopher," showing how engineering students at Texas University built a recreation room under a building on the campus.

Other items include the Houston SPCA in action, and a review of events filmed for Texas in Review during 1954.

Texas in Review can be seen Tuesday, January 4, on KMID-TV, Midland, at 8:00 p.m.

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