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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1955

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Two days have been set as visitors day at Rankin Schools, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9. On these two days, efforts will be made to get as many parents and interested parties to visit public schools as possible.

In commenting on the observance, Supt. Alderdice has said, "We will not prepare any special programs for these days but will have school as usual. In this way, we feel that those who visit us will see us as we actually are here in the public schools." He further stated that the public is cordially invited to visit the schools anytime they might desire to do so and observe their daily routine. All those visiting on the above mentioned two days will be asked to register in a special register book in order that a record of the results of the drive may be kept.

This year will mark the 5th anniversary of Public Schools Week in Texas. The objective of this drive is to acquaint all the people with programs and accomplishments of the public educational system. A slogan of "Texas Public Schools—Democracy in Action" has been chosen for the occasion.

Construction was started Wednesday morning on the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building that will house the dial system. Location is just west of the present office in Rankin.

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AUSTIN.—Investigation of veterans land sales is spreading.

Twenty new witnesses were called in for testimony by the House Investigating Committee the past week. All were former employees of the General Land Office.

More will testify this week—the third week of interrogation by the House committee.

Two additional months of investigation will be undertaken by the Senate committee by order of the upper house. Investigation by the Senate committee has been going on since late in December.

A parade of witnesses will continue for several days.

Latest suit brought by the attorney general boosts the total recovery sought by the state to \$1,113,800. Named among the defendants were J. Paul Little and H. R. Stallings of Crystal City.

Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd said the land was purportedly owned by A. B. Abbott, "a fictitious person—an assumed name used by the defendant J. Paul Little."

Shepperd has charged that Veterans Land Board files were rifled and records removed, after the investigation started before Christmas.

Regulating Labor Unions

A determined effort is being made to draft more stringent labor laws. It stems from the Port Arthur strikes.

Labor unions on the other hand are actively expressing their opposition.

A Senate committee delayed action on Sen. George Parkhouse's bill. It prohibits picketing by non-employees and strikes by other than the majority group of employees.

In the House, the labor committee heard a bill written by the State Federation of Labor. According to Rep. Maury Maverick, Jr., co-sponsor, it would have prevented the multiple-strike situation in Port Arthur.

Under the Maverick-Berlin bill, the state labor commissioner would be required to call an election to determine whether the union represented a majority of the employees. A strike or picketing until that was determined would be prohibited. Also, if the union lost the election, it would be prohibited from picketing.

This bill also creates a full-time Industrial Commission to review disputes and invoke public opinion. But it would have no enforcement powers to settle labor fusses.

Nobody opposed the bill. It was sent to a sub-committee for a week's study.

Roy Harrington, secretary of the Texas Council of the CIO, said his group reluctantly accepted the bill. "We are about convinced," he said, "we are going to be hit over the head with a stick at this ses-

sion. We're trying to pick out the smallest stick, the one that will hurt the least."

Some industrial leaders call the union's bill a little Wagner Act. They say it forces arbitration by a state commission, collective bargaining, and production of books and records.

Crime and Comics

Rep. Joe R. Pool has introduced a bill to outlaw crime, horror and sex comic books.

Another to prohibit all sorts of lewd and scandalous publications has been presented by Rep. Grainer McIlhenny.

A House committee heard 16 witnesses, 14 in favor of the two bills. Authors passed out samples of the publications. Committee members got so busy examining the exhibits they missed much of the four hour testimony.

Insurance Bills

A bill by the Association of Texas Fire and Casualty Companies won the approval of a Senate committee. It is designed to correct abuses in the casualty field.

Sen. C. C. Martin is sponsor. The bill would raise minimum capital and surplus requirements for companies engaged in fire, casualty and marine insurance to \$500,000; and raise the minimum for casualty companies to \$150,000 capital and \$150,000 surplus.

Also approved by the committee was Sen. Searcy Bracewell's "tough" bill to raise the minimum capital and surplus for legal reserve life companies to \$375,000.

Lower Bus Taxes

The Legislature's tax program took a short backward roll down hill—as the House voted to cut \$250,000 a year from present registration fees of motor busses.

Rep. Douglas E. Bergman's amendment to increase auto license fees by one-third was modified to exempt commercial vehicles, then reported favorably to the House.

After six weeks of legislating, the lawmakers have shown little inclination to increase taxes.

Cigarette Smuggling

Cigarette smuggling cost Texas \$1,200,000 in badly needed revenue last year. So says J. G. Pope of the cigarette and amusements tax division of the state comptrollers office.

An all-out enforcement campaign has been ordered to stop the flow of bootleg cigarettes. They are coming in from Missouri and Colorado where there is no state tax.

New Appointees

Gov. Allan Shivers has named three new members to six terms on the University of Texas Board of Regents.

Designated were Mrs. [Name obscured]

Devall, wife of the postmaster of the Kilgore News Herald; Lee Johnson III, Ft. Worth man; and Dr. Merton [Name obscured] Antonio physician.

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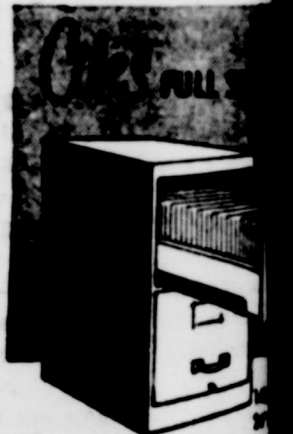


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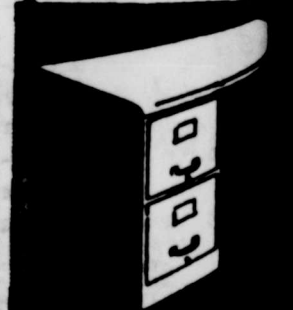
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If you who are doubtful of the keeping quality of frozen goods, you will be interested in this true one. Mrs. John Rankin and the home agent prepared some

peaches in syrup, had them frozen and stored them in the freezer locker. That was in April, 1949. In cleaning out her locker recently Mrs. Christy found a pint of these peaches that had gotten buried under other things in the locker and been missed up until then. She found that they were dehydrated to some extent and that the sugar had formed a sort of crust over the top, making it look more as

if they had been frozen in just dry sugar instead of syrup. Otherwise and flavorwise they were fine. Mrs. Christy just added a bit of water and found they made an excellent plate pie. Well, that's the story. We recommend storing frozen fruits for about a year but in case a container gets lost you won't have to throw it away.

Freeze Main Dishes

Freezing is a real time-saver

when preparing main dishes such as meat loaves, stews, and casseroles—if you follow a few suggestions for success.

DO—leave vegetables and macaroni slightly undone for freezing. Otherwise they will be soft when reheated. Vegetables which are fully cooked are also likely to have less color and flavor or be off-flavor.

DO—freeze meat pies or turnovers with pastry crusts unbaked. Crusts baked after freezing will have fresher flavor and be more flaky and tender than those baked and then frozen.

DO—cool the main dish quickly. Set the uncovered pan of food on ice or in ice water. Quick cooling stops the cooking and helps to keep the natural flavor, color, and texture of the food. It also retards growth of bacteria that may cause spoilage.

DON'T—add a cheese or crumb topping to a casserole before freezing. Such toppings are best added when the food is reheated.

DON'T—hold main dishes too long in frozen storage. For economical use of freezer space and top quality two or three months is long enough to hold main dishes in frozen storage.

For further information on freezing cooked foods, ask your local county home demonstration agent for a copy of B-175, Frozen Foods.

Schedule of the Week

We have a date with the doctor for the first of the week and so will be gone for a couple of days. We haven't had a check since the surgery last summer so thought we'd better check on the state of health before plunging into the mad rush that our schedule indicates for the spring months.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we'll work with the Rankin tailoring class, the Big Lake dress-making class, and meet with a couple of 4-H clubs.

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1955 Fordor 8 Cylinder Passenger Automobile with Automatic Transmission, Radio and Heater. Bidder to take in trade a 1954 Mercury Fordor Sedan, with Radio, Heater and Power Steering.

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| Old Fashion FRANKS | LB. | 42c | Giant OXYDOL | | 59c |
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| Puffin BISCUITS | each | 10c | A L L | 6 LBS. | 39c |
| Belveeta CHEESE | 2 LBS. | 89c | Dry PINTO BEANS | 4 lbs. | 21c |
| Sun Spun or Sweet Sixteen BLEND | 2 LBS. | 43c | Dry PINTO BEANS | 2 lbs. | \$1 |
| Ac Hi 6 oz. can ORANGE JUICE | | 19c | Mrs. Tucker's SHORTENING | 4 LBS. | 38c |
| Ac Hi 6 oz. can LEMONADE | | 21c | Miracle Whip SALAD DRESSING | pt. | 26c |
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Swiftly Gets Slowed Down

Swiftly Fisher has a short temper and really hit the roof when he got a parking ticket last week. He wasn't near a hydrant or too far from the curb. There was a big sign saying "ONE HOUR PARKING" and he'd only been gone twenty minutes.

Running to Traffic Court, where Hack Miller was on duty, Swiftly hollered how he hadn't done anything wrong... how he is the most law-abiding driver in town.

But Hack examined the ticket, and smiled. "Slow down, friend," he said. "You're not guilty—except of making a big fuss over nothing. This ticket came from some kid's policeman play outfit!"

From where I sit, jumping to conclusions can make anyone appear silly. Another way to look foolish is to make a quick decision on a question of personal preference. For instance, I like a glass of beer occasionally. You may be a buttermilk man. But neither of us ought to "lay down the law" about the other's choice.

Joe Marsh

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West Texas Roundup

Members of several organizations appeared before the regular meeting of the Iraan Lions Club and pledge their organizations cooperation in obtaining an emergency vehicle, ambulance, for the City. The Iraan Lions Club has been leading a drive to make possible the purchase of an ambulance.

—The Iraan News

There won't be a congested crowd at the polls this year it seems. Only 998 paid poll taxes in the county and there were 22 exemptions, bringing the total of qualified voters to 1020, according to the deputy tax assessor-collector.

—The Crane News

If you don't think the fur business is big business in Crockett County you should have had a look in the Mike Couch fur house here the past week.

The wind-up of the trapping

season, which ended the last of January, the local fur buying establishment accumulated in one week 3,200 ringtail furs, 200 coons, 264 fox, 12 beaver and an assortment of wolf and wildcat hides, deer, javelina and skunk, a total value of \$14,000 worth of furs.

Mr. Couch the week before had sent \$36,000 worth of furs by truck to the St. Louis fur market and so far this season has sold for area trappers approximately \$69,000 worth of pelts.

—The Ozona Stockman

About 83 per cent of the city's 1954 taxes came in before the close of January, it was learned from Guy Walker, city secretary. The tax roll amounted to \$31,450.97 which represented a total valuation of \$2,960,730.

A new real estate valuation system for tax purposes has been inaugurated this year by both the City of Big Lake and the Reagan County Independent School District. This new system, which experts claim will more equalize tax assessments for property owners, is based primarily on square footage, materials used and age of the building.

—The Big Lake Wildcat

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The 25th of February is an important date for the view of the great land, for it is the making application grower cotton all Ruth Minear, secos County ASC.

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Reputations are made with this luscious pecan-and-Karo filling!

Here's a conversation-making dessert, a pie that's a real stunner! Eyes light up, and requests for the recipe are sure to follow the first bite. Pecan Pie is a Southern heirloom recipe, so delicious that it has gained country-wide fame, simply on the strength of its mellow, luscious flavor. This easier-than-ever recipe makes it as simple to fix as a package dessert.

PECAN PIE

- 1/2 recipe pastry
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup Karo Syrup
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup pecan meats

Roll pastry 1/8 inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer. *If salted nuts are used omit salt in recipe.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

TROOP 4

Girl Scout Troop 4 met in the school cafeteria Thursday, Feb. 10, with their assistant leader, Mrs. West.

Officers for February were elected as follows:

President, Sujane West; vice-president, Helen McCammon; secretary, Barbara Bushong; reporter, Betty McCain; song leader, Georgia Ann Yarborough; game leader, Marie Pettit, and treasurer, Judy James.

Others attending the meeting were Linda Hughes, Cheryl Pace and Carolyn Langford.

TROOP 2

Girl Scout Troop No. 2 met Monday, February 14, at 4 p.m. in the Methodist Educational Building. This troop is working toward First Class Scouts. Homemaking was chosen as the group project with other badge work to be done individually.

The following were named to troop offices: Virginia Harral, president; Sammye Steele, secretary; Glenda Sue Parker, treasurer, and Elsie Sharon Wheeler, reporter.

Others attending were Arleta Lee, Mrs. Ross Wheeler and the leader, Mrs. Glen Parker.

Members of Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 attending the school of instruction conducted by Mrs. Myrtle Shaffer, district supervisor, at the McCamey Lodge last Thursday, Feb. 10, were:

Mesdames Fern Kosel, Ethel Cramer, Pauline Diez, Ned Malone, Dorothy Howard, Dorella Schlagal, Cora Lee McKelvy, Inez Langford, Barcy McCain and Elizabeth Rains and Bobby Malone.

COUNTY H. D. COUNCIL MEETS IN RANKIN FRIDAY

The Upton County Home Demonstration Council met in the Rankin Park Building at 2:30 on Friday, February 11, with Mrs. J. T. Gibbs, chairman, presiding.

Appointed to the yearbook and financial committee were Mrs. J. R. Sumrall, chairman, McCamey; Mrs. M. R. Taylor of Midkiff; and Mrs. Sam Holmes of Rankin. The education and expansion committee is made up of Mrs. J. W. C. Hayes of McCamey as chairman, Mrs. R. H. Garner of Midkiff and Mrs. J. L. Morrow of Rankin.

Mrs. J. T. Gibbs of McCamey is chairman for the committee in charge of renting the urn and chrysalis service.

Officers of the County Council are Mrs. J. T. Gibbs, McCamey, chairman; Mrs. J. R. Sumrall of McCamey, vice-chairman; Mrs. M. R. Taylor of Midkiff, secretary, and Mrs. Cecil Sullivan of McCamey, treasurer.

TRAINING UNION NEWS

A social for the Junior Training Union was given Friday, Feb. 11, at the First Baptist Church.

Games were selected and played by the juniors.

The Valentine motif was carried out in the refreshments of ice cream and cookies served to the following:

Linda Hughes, Gloria Hughes, Linda Bushong, Barbara Bushong, Carol Hale, Lonnie Ferrel, Ronnie Allen, Larry Word, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bushong, Mrs. Jim Kiser and Mrs. Elizabeth Rains.

Old Dobbin had his faults—but you didn't have to fill the old boy up with anti-freeze every winter.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Jackie Hamilton, 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, medical, admitted Feb. 9th, dismissed Feb. 12th.

Alberta Bernice Wise, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Wise, medical, admitted Feb. 10th, dismissed Feb. 11th.

Mr. Charlie C. Peoples, McCamey oilfield accident, admitted Feb. 11, dismissed Feb. 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Ortis on Feb. 9th at 3:57 a.m., a baby girl weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. Named Rose Marie. Both dismissed Feb. 11.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Armendariz of Big Lake on Feb. 12, a baby boy weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. Named Joe Richard. Both dismissed Feb. 15th.

Mr. Angus Preddy, emergency room treatment on Feb. 14th.

Methodist Youth Choir Meets By Virginia McCammon

Wednesday night, February 9, at 7:00 p.m., the First Methodist Youth Choir met at the home of Mrs. H. Wheeler.

Easter selections and Sunday specials were sung.

Those present were: Mary Anderson, Barbara and Linda Harral, Herb Hurn, Virginia McCammon, Genevieve Poage, Monya Steed, Kerney Sue Scudday, Bob and Cox Wheeler and Mrs. J. L. Alderdice.

Refreshments of lemonade, hors d'ores and cookies were served by Mrs. Wheeler.

Once again we wish to urge all of our male members to attend regularly, as we need your deep voices.

LYDIA CIRCLE MEETS

The Lydia Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Ray Lee Monday, February 14, at 2 p.m. with Mrs. R. O. White as leader of the program.

Mrs. White brought highlights from several topics in "The Methodist Woman." The organization and purpose of the Woman's Division of Christian Service were discussed. It was learned the Woman's Division functions through three departments: The Section of Education, Cultivation, and Standing Committees. Mrs. Albert McKay took part on the program and told of the need for English teachers and social workers in the mission field.

The officers made out reports to be sent to district secretaries.

A social hour followed with Mrs. Ray Lee, Mrs. G. B. Phenix and Mrs. Ross Wheeler as hostesses. Refreshments of cake in the shape of a Valentine and hot spiced tea were served to Mrs. Gene Paschall, Mrs. Burge, Tony Paschall, Cindy Phenix, and Ann Pettit of Odessa, who were guests, and to the members, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. J. W. Goodwin, Mrs. Dunn Lowery, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Alderdice, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. White.

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WSCS BIBLE STUDY CLASS MEETS LAST WEDNESDAY

The Bible Study Class of WSCS met Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church with the chairman, Mrs. J. L. Clark, leading the program.

Devotional was given and reading of the 1st Psalm was by Miss Mattie McDonald.

Lessons were presented by Mrs. Bill Nix on "Hoseo" and on

"Amos" by Mrs. Tom Workman.

Those present were Mesdames R. H. Johnson, Ann Phillips, Mary Pierce, Clark, Workman and Nix and Misses Rebecca Reed and McDonald.

Plans were made for each member to send a "Get Well" message to Mrs. Herbert Hurn, who is ill in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

The next meeting will be Feb-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Munselle of Comstock visited friends in Rankin over the week-end.

"I spotted some leopards this morning," bragged the hunter. "Don't be silly," replied the guide, "they're born that way."

February 23 when Mrs. Clark will bring the lesson on the books of Zephaniah, Nahum and Habakuk.

Filler by J. B.

After taking a look through some of the daily newspapers and seeing all the sad headlines, one sometimes feels like he should have "stood in bed."

Last week a little item came across our desk that should make us all feel a lot better. We suggest that you even go so far as to frame it and take a gander at it every once in a while. Here 'tis—

1. There are 162,922,000 Americans who are not members of the Communist Party.
2. Some 37,011,460 couples will stay more or less happily married during the year.
3. Some 162,717,890 persons will not die of cancer in 1955.
4. And 162,380,580 persons will be safe from fatal heart attacks.
5. Most of the time, 15,720,000 organized workers are not on strike.
6. The Internal Revenue Service will find that 43,846,154 income tax returns are filed correctly in 1955.
7. On the average, there are 63,880,000 people working to bring home the bacon.
8. Last year, the scheduled airlines safely carried passengers 18,902,134,841 miles in the U. S. and possessions; railroads safely carried passengers 31,674,831,200 miles.
9. And finally, there are 83 countries in the world that have not

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discovered the secret of the hydrogen bomb.

Ah, the goose, she is at least going to vote on the proposition looked for awhile in our country folks had over on us by the such was not the case.

And right here is as any for us to tip our

Holmes and Tomes Rankin commissioners boys understood the people they represent, firm stand on the matter a mighty good job, in

And it should also be the remainder of the necessarily opposed to but just did not seem

as to what their people all fairness to them. Camey Commissioners County Judge, they felt was best in taking time as they did in the matter before call

tion. It is not an easy have to make some of that are made by the court, knowing all the you can not please

As we see it, the that the election has everything is settled

ly, chances for passage sue should be better have been since McCa decided to make the making in that town option

So if you want to for progress in Upton a better looking Rank nothing of less dat streets, you will get your ity on April 2.

Incidentally, we were one of the legal mink week and he tells us have paid your poll not a property owner still render property of office, such as your personal property, and fied to vote on this

Remember, only if more of the voters go will this matter carry it 100 per cent in Rank

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