

# The Rankin News

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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## District Champion Red Devils For Regional Play-Offs

With straight year in a row, the Rankin Red Devils have captured the district basketball championship. This year they had a little more than they had to play a game off with Grandfalls, the Cowboys 66-53.

The play will get underway in Region A Class B tournament at Odessa College Friday, 8:00 p.m. when Rankin will play Grandfalls. Grandfalls, second place winner in the district 95-B. Should they win, they will play the Van Horn-Mara-

who won slots in the playoffs are Balmorhea, Presidio and Dell City. Balmorhea and Presidio are considered the stronger two teams in the district.

The Red Devils closed out their regular games with a 12-0 record for a 6-0 record in district play.

The fans who can possibly support the Red Devils once again are looking for a win in basket-

### GIRLS TO PLAY 4-5

The district champion Rankin High School girls' basketball team will enter their regional tournament Friday and Saturday, March 4-5.

Full details have not been worked out as yet. However, it is certain that they will meet the winner of the Serria Blanco-Clint contest in their first game scheduled for 8:15 in Odessa College gym.

In a Tuesday night game this week, the Jr. High girls beat Barnhart 27-25. Co-champions in their district with Grandfalls, they had a 3-0 record, 2 lost record for district play.

### FIRE AT GAS PLANT

A fire broke out among storage tanks at the Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. plant some 22 miles north of Rankin early Tuesday night.

The McCamey fire department answered the alarm when it was learned that chemical extinguishers would be needed to combat the blaze. An undetermined amount of damage resulted.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kozimor and children of Odessa visited relatives and friends here Friday.

## TO TEST-VOTE CITIZENS ON TRASH HAULING —

# City Council Calls For Elections On April 5th

Rankin City Council has set Tuesday, April 5, as the day for voting on city commissioners. At this same time a "straw-vote" will be taken to determine whether or not people living in town want to continue the present trash pick-up service.

In the regular election only one

candidate has formerly filed for this position.

However, J. T. Bushong and Pettit have indicated that they will be seeking election for this post.

March 5 is the deadline for filing for this office.

On the matter of trash hauling, the city council will hold the test vote to determine whether Rankinites wish to continue the present system of trash hauling or discontinue it and let everyone dispose of their own debris. As it stands now there is a .75 charge per month for residents and \$3.00 for business for trash hauling.

check with city secretary Omar Warren this week showed that no for city councilman in the position presently held by J. B. Pettit. A post will be open and that will be these charges are added to the water bill each month and help defray the expense of hauling of the trash. This program was initiated some time ago and has not been too successful in that quite a few people have indicated that they do not want to pay the charge and had rather dispose of their own trash. This has resulted in the program operating at a loss to the city.

If the voters indicate that a majority of them favor the trash hauling charge, then the city council will continue to collect trash on its present program of once a week for residences and twice a week for businesses with the charge of .75 and \$3.00 being made mandatory on all city dwellers.

### TAGS-STICKERS SLOW

A check with the tax collector's office shows that automobile tags are not selling very fast these days. However, the office has been moderately busy and a last minute rush will probably develop.

Here in Rankin at least one service station, the Sinclair Station, is offering a free tag replacement service to all who would like to have their tags changed without skinning up their knuckles and getting dirty.

Hogan Motor Co. has received a new shipment of car inspection stickers and reports that this department has been reasonably busy.

## Barbara Harral Is 1st Place Winner

Barbara Harral was the lucky winner last week in San Antonio to lead the Upton County 4-H Club to another first place in stock show competition.

Barbara showed the champion southdown of the show to better last year's reserve champion won by the club. James Lyles took the reserve championship in the fine-wool while the entire club was awarded first place in a pen of 15.

Out of a total of 318 entries, James and Quinton Lyles placed 2nd and 8th in the fine-wool class. In the crossbreed class Bud Poage took 41st. Ruth McGill and Jimmy Pollard placed 7th and 8th respectively in the southdown breeds.

In the boys' show James Lyles took 21st; Sammie Helmers, 22nd; Wayne Kennemer, 23rd; Sammie Helmers, 28th; Emmitt McGill, 34th; Wayne Kennemer, 35th; Willie Boyd, 40th; Frank Boyd, 41st and Pud Poage, 42nd.

Showing in the open class, Linda Harral was 1st, Barbara Harral took 8th and Wayne Kennemer placed 11th.

Taking a total of 31 lambs to the show, the Upton County boys and girls placed all but one high enough to enter the auction sale slated to be held the latter part of this week.

This was the second year in a row for Lyles to have the reserve champion fine-wool in the San Antonio show.

## COOKING SCHOOL FOR RANKIN PLANNED FRIDAY



MRS. ABBIE ANDREWS  
... a good cook

All the housewives in Rankin and the surrounding area are invited to be guests of the West Texas Utilities Company at an all-electric cooking school to be conducted here Friday, February 25, 1955.

The demonstration, which will present the most recent and modern developments of cooking will be held at the old Rankin High School gym at 2:00 p.m. Mr. F. W. Welling, West Texas Utilities Company's local manager, in announcing the school, said, "As a result of numerous requests to repeat the cooking school, which we presented last year, this school was planned."

Mrs. Abbie Andrews, a senior home economist for Frigidaire Sales Corp., will present the newest developments and new recipes and ideas. She will be assisted by Mr. Don Purdy, of West Texas Utilities Company's district staff. Mrs. Andrews is a graduate Home Economist with years of practical experience. She has had special training in food preparation, preservation, and quick-freezing techniques at the nationally famous Frigidaire Home Economist Department at Dayton, Ohio.

Recipes and gifts will be given to homemakers who attend the demonstration. All the food used in demonstrating the modern electric way of food preparation will be presented to women attending the school.

Pat Dishman is recovering at her home from an appendectomy performed Friday, Feb. 18, in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Pat will be confined to around her home for about two more weeks.

In further commenting on the lower prices, Green said, "We feel that our customers should be able to buy gasoline at home for the same price as found in neighboring communities and that people who travel on Highway 67 will be more inclined to stop in Rankin once they learn that gasoline is as cheap here as it is on down the road."



CHAMPION OF THE EL PASO SHOW held last week ago was won by Butch Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moore. A record price of \$5.00 per pound was paid for this lamb.



# West Texas Roundup

Ozona will be holding its collective breath today and Friday while a group of engineers from the Soil Conservation Service make a final appraisal and determination as to whether or not the Johnson Draw watershed will qualify for assis-

tance under U. S. Public Law 566 for a flood control project.

The visit of the engineers resulted from an application for SCS assistance sponsored by the Crockett Soil Conservation District board of supervisors and signed by that group and the County Commissioners Court, the special flood control committee of citizens, the Ozona Lions Club and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

—The Ozona Stockman

Howard O. Newton, F. N. Kelley,

and George J. Tompkins were the first to announce their candidacy for the coming city election set for April 5. The election will name the mayor, three councilmen, who will serve two years each, and one councilman to serve one year. J. L. Roberson is the only member of the present council who will be carried over under the city's system of staggering councilmen elections. Roberson was elected to the council last year to serve 2 years.

—The McCamey News

Commissioners Court of Pecos County will meet Feb. 22 to receive bids on the construction of the 19.6 mile stretch of new highway to run through the rapidly developing lower Coynosa farming district from north to south.

The new highway, to be financed by a \$200,000 road bond issue voted by Pecos County citizens in November, will link the farming district with Highway 285 leading into Fort Stockton. It intersects 285 at a point 14 miles west of Fort Stockton, and runs north and south in

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an almost straight line  
—The Fort Stockton

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Choice BEEF RIBS	LB.	27c	Puffin BISCUITS	3 FOR	29c
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9 oz. can White Swan PORK & BEANS		10c	Morton SANDWICH SPREAD	pt	18c
White Swan—heavy syrup PEACHES	No. 2 1/2	42c	No. 300 Black Hawk CON CARNE		29c
No. 300 Stokely's APPLE SAUCE		19c	Black Hawk SPAM		47c
No. 300 Stokely's FRUIT COCKTAIL		28c	46 oz. Del Monte TOMATO JUICE		33c
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by J. B.

Like a little excitement  
 all breaks and shootings  
 the coffee conversation a  
 Last week must have  
 letter day in that de-  
 Rankin.

the boys in town are

getting up a petition to present to the city council to try and get four men on the city council. We're for it. Not that we believe that four men will do any better job than has been done by the present two plus the mayor—but it will be a step that will have to be taken sooner or later if Rankin continues to grow and we might as well get it in working order now.

There will probably be only one hitch to the business of having

four councilmen instead of two and that will be finding four qualified men who will take the job. The average business man already has enough ulcers to keep him busy without taking on the added job of city councilman—a job that offers no pay, no thanks and plenty of complaints. If we were ready to leave Rankin, which we're not, we would suggest that a few women were placed on the council. But don't get me wrong, ladies—I'm not trying to think up any more work for you.

Up at the County Seat last week we heard a rather strange point of view brought out concerning the proposed bond issue to be voted on April 2. During the discussions on the legality of the matter, someone put forth the question as to whether or not it would be legal to use county funds to pave inside city limits. Now we don't know much about legal matters and especially about road bonds, but it seems that the county is willing to come inside the city limits and collect taxes each year and if it's not legal to spend some of that money in said city limits—how is it legal to col-

lect taxes? A deal like that sorta smells like taxation without representation or something or other.

And unless they have changed the history books since we went to school, we remember reading where we once kicked the pants off our good buddies, the English for just that very thing.

But like we said, we don't know much about such matters.

If you should be driving by the elementary school, you will note that the people of the Northside Church of Christ have started a parsonage just east of the school. It is always good to see a church organization grow and we extend compliments to these folks on this step. They have a fine looking church and we feel sure that the parsonage will be another nice addition to a rapidly improving Rankin.

Another improvement that will most likely be made in the future is the club house planned by the Rankin Golf Club. At the present time, this organization is trying to buy a building from the Shell Pipe

Line but even if they are unsuccessful in their bid, they will continue with the present plans. If they can do what they want to, they will locate the club house on the little hill on the north center of the course instead of the present location at the by-pass and highway. A nice looking club house at the hill location would be an attractive addition to the recreational facilities of Rankin. Nothing helps a town more than having entertainment for everyone right at home.

A little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother: "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

He thought a minute, and then said: "Well, I'll run in and out, and in and out, and keep slamming the door till they say, 'For goodness sake, come in or stay out.' Then I'll go in."

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER Issued by the City Council of Rankin, Texas, notice is hereby given that a City Election will be held on Tuesday the 5th day of April A. D. 1955, at Rankin, Texas in the City of Rankin, in Upton County, Texas, for the following purposes, viz: to elect one City Councilman for a term of two years.

A. E. Ivy,

Mayor of the City of Rankin, Texas.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received at the office of the County Judge, County Treasurer or County Clerk on the following items of water supply equipment until 2:00 o'clock on March 14th, 1955, at which time the bids will be opened in Commissioners Court and the following items sold to the highest sum bidder. Bids must be made on each item, lump sum bids will not be considered.

Item No. 1. One steel tank tower, 38 feet high, equipped with wooden platform, 3 inch standpipe and steel ladder.

Item No. 2. One bolted steel tank, 8 feet high, 9 feet diameter, approximately 3800 gallons capacity.

Item No. 3. One frame shack, 9 feet by 11 feet, flat top.

Item No. 4. One redwood tank, 9½ feet high, 7½ feet diameter, approximately 3000 gallon capacity, galvanized iron lid.

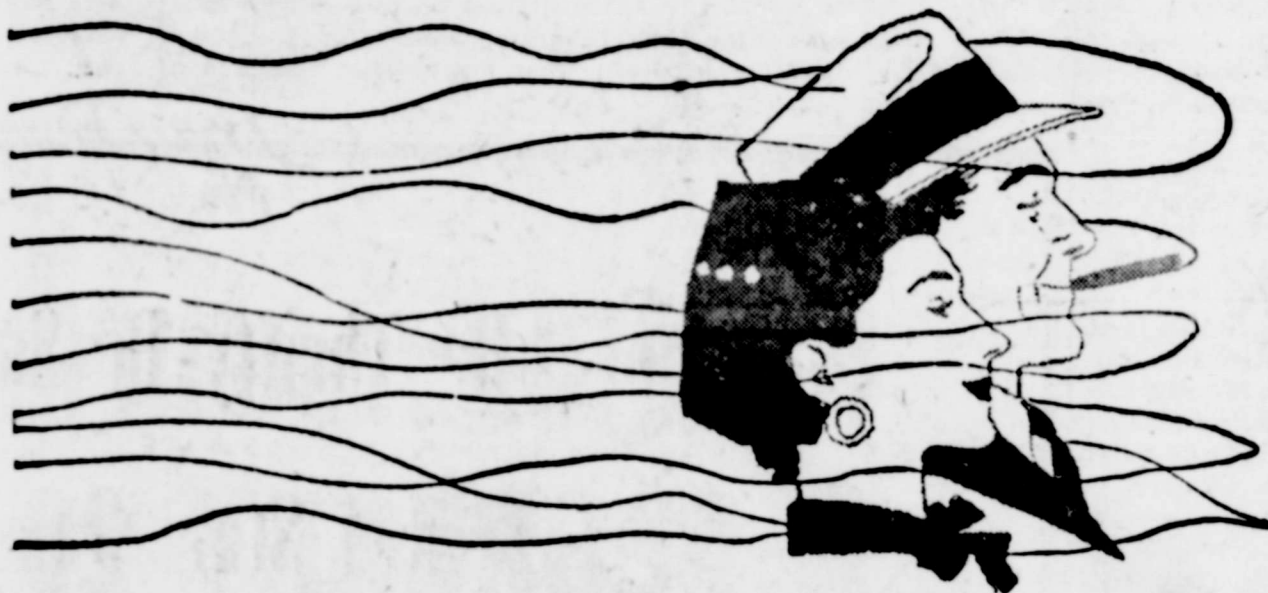
Item No. 5. One water well pumping unit complete with 3 HP electric motor, Fairbanks Morse pump-jack, 205 feet of 3 inch tubing and wooden rods, brass cylinder and checks.

Item No. 6. One water well pump Red Jacket, with 165 feet 1 inch pipe.

Item No. 7. One water well pump and pressure unit complete with Red Jacket Pump, 175 feet 1¼ inch pipe, pressure tank and switches.

Item No. 8. One water pressure boosting system with tank, 2 booster pumps and switches.

Upton County does not warrant or guarantee the condition of any of this equipment. All items are stacked on or around the county yard south of the depot in Rankin, are numbered in accordance with this advertisement and can be inspected at any time during the day. Items purchased must be removed from the present location in 20 days.



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**in Memory of Max Daniel Shipp and His Mother, Mary Pearl Shipp**

(Editor's Note:— The following article was written by Mrs. Andy Shipp of Rotan, Texas and mother of J. D. Shipp. It was mailed to the Rankin News with the request that we print it—which we are very happy to do.)

As Jesus was gathering his bouquet on January 1, 1955.

He looked down in the Shannon Hospital at San Angelo, Texas and gathered a tender bud, Max Daniel for ever to bloom in the Master's bouquet.

For Jesus said, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me for such is the kingdom of heaven."

Then on January 26, 1955, at 10:30 a.m., the same Jesus came to the same hospital and picked another flower, Max Daniel's mother, Mary Pearl Shipp to add to his bouquet.

We never understand the work of God's hand.

From a natural standpoint, it looks like God could have left them here to brighten our path a while longer

But God is an all wise God and doeth all things well.

So we should be reconciled to his will, and be willing to give him the best we have.

For as we stood beside the casket and looked upon her face, we realized how much their family loved them and no one could take their place.

They are gone but not forgotten and our hearts are crushed with pain.

We shall not meet them here no more.

But we know their spirits are waiting

For us on the other shore.

For the days in pain Mary Pearl lingered

For life's burden to lay down.

To exchange all pain and sorrow for a bright and shining crown.

On a sad and lonely morning, when the clock was ticking time away.

Angels came to bear their spirits to a land of endless day.

To the bright eternal city.

To the mansion of the best.

Where no tears are grief can enter.

And the weary are at rest.

Yes, our loved ones have left us.

Gone to a better land.

But some day we will meet them

Then we all will understand.

So farewell till your loved ones greet you.

On that bright celestial shore

**ED KOLE TO OPEN GATEWAY CAFE SAT.**

Ed Kole, well known restaurant operator in this area, will open the Gateway Cafe here Saturday, February 26. The Gateway is in the same location as the former Western Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Kole have operated the Highland Cafe and Trailer Courts here in Rankin for some time and have a large acquaintance throughout this area. Mrs. Kole will continue to manage the Highland while Mr. Kole will take over the management of the Gateway.

"We have completely redone the cafe," Kole has stated, "and we want the people of Rankin to come out and see our new cafe. We feel sure you will be pleased with its appearance and we know you'll like the same fine food and service you have become accustomed to at the Highland."

Free coffee and doughnuts will be served all day Saturday.

**STOCK SHOW WILL BE FEATURED ON PROGRAM**

Of special interest to Upton County residents should be the TV program, "Texas In Review" for next week. Since Upton County 4-Club has won top honors in many of the shows held over Texas, there will probably be some mention of that fact in this program.

Shows to be covered will be Houston, Fort Worth, and San Antonio. Time for the show will be Tuesday, March 1 at 8:00 p.m. on KMID.

Where no pain or death can enter,

And sad partings come no more.

Yes, they have lost their darling wife and son and mother.

They have bid them all adieu.

They have gone to live in heaven

And their form is lost to view.

Oh, those dear ones, how we loved them,

But an angel came down for them.

And removed them from our flock.

—Written by

Mrs. Andy Shipp

Rotan, Texas

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**CONSTRUCTION BID LET ON TELEPHONE BUILDING**

A contract has been awarded for construction of the new Rankin dial telephone building. C. E. Brusenhan, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

The contract was awarded to Cecil Sullivan, general contractor of McCamey, Brusenhan said.

Construction of the new building is scheduled to get underway immediately and should be completed in the spring.

Dial equipment will arrive for installation in the new building when construction work has been completed. Then a crew of specially trained installers will move into Rankin to install the intricate dial equipment in the new building.

"Before the new system is finally cut into service, a lot of other work must be done," Brusenhan said.

All telephones will be replaced with dial instruments to work with the new system, new dial telephone numbers will be issued each customer, a new directory will be printed and delivered, and a thorough check of telephone wires and cables throughout the city will have been made.

"These are but some of the many tasks that are ahead," the telephone manager pointed out.

**MIDKIFF H. D. CLUB MEETS**

The Midkiff H. D. Club met Feb. 3rd at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. Wayne C. Chestnut. There were nine members, one visitor and the agent present.

After a brief business session, the agent, Miss Myrna Holman, gave to the club information on simple dress making.

Nine of the ladies wanted to start a simple dress making class, to be held at a future date. A total of fifteen ladies will be allowed to each class. All rural ladies are invited to attend and should contact some Midkiff club member if interested.

Refreshments of chocolate and banana pie and a drink were served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Caraway on the original Hadacol corner on Feb. 17. Ideas for spring bags will be the theme of this meeting, presented by Mrs. W. Wilkerson, and "Family Insurance" given by Mrs. K. Van

Eight years working for the firm—never absent—never late. Then one morning he came in an hour and a half late. His clothes torn, his face and hands scratched and bloody.

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# Society--Club News

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## WHEELER TREASURER

was elected District Treasurer at the district meeting of the Methodist Church in San Angelo last month.

Coming from Rankin are: Mrs. Anderson, Barbara Har-Sue Scudday, Virginia, Sybil Patton, Mrs. Herb Hurn, Mrs. and Mrs. R. H.

who is Western Sub-district executive board

The election of officers was held for the young Cactus Hotel. Greeted were Eugene Harris, dis-tendent, and Bishop the group then re- the First Methodist Bishop Smith brought

## OF PRAYER

of Prayer services at the First Methodist 1:30 to 2:30 Friday February 25, under the Mrs. Ray Lee, spirit- etary of the WSCS. of all denominations to be present.

## "HOMES" THEME CLUB MEETING

Study Club met at February 17th at the "Texas Homes" was for the afternoon. Mrs. program leader, in- Mrs. James Simmons. showed a film en- ABC's of Decorating This film was com- etter Homes and Gar- ve many helpful hints improve the looks and of your home through color and re-arrange- ment.

members enjoyed re- of hot punch, angel food cake and mints. Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Mit- hostesses for the after-

"May I help you from sir?"

"What do you mean— om my soup?"

"Well, sir, judging from I thought you might dragged ashore."



All his children were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hurst for a birthday dinner in honor of Uncle Bud who was observing his 80th birthday Saturday, Feb. 12. The birthday cake was a large three-tier affair,

decorated in white with red roses and "Happy Birthday, Daddy." There were 80 red candles on the downy steps at the front of the cake. He received many nice gifts and cards.

Those calling during the day: Mrs. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Sharon and Mike, Ruby Howard, Sue Schlagal, Ena Augustine, Bill Adams, Dorella Schlagal, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snell, Olivia and Dianne, Mrs. Iona Rogers and Jackie of Iraan, and Mrs. Jackie Trainer of Pasadena.

## SCHOOL SETS PROGRAM

There will be a general faculty meeting each Tuesday for the next four weeks at 3:00 p.m. This will be for the purpose of study and work on the State Evaluation Program.

School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on these four days so that faculty will be able to make this study. Buses will run at that time.

## P-TA SPONSORING EDUCATION COURSE

With classes scheduled to be held each Tuesday night from March 1 through April 19, the Katherine Secrest P-TA will sponsor a "Parent Education Course."

To be held in the elementary auditorium at 7:30, the programs will be a study and discussion on various topics related to children, parents and the school. Among those to be included in the study course are Pre-School, School Age and Adolescent.

With the first program set for March 1, Dr. James Gossett will address the gathering on "Pediatrician to Parents."

## RANKIN GIRLS 4-H CLUB

By Barbara Bushong, Reporter  
The Rankin Girls 4-H Club met on Tuesday afternoon, February 22, at 4 p.m. at the Park Building.

Dorothy Abernathy gave a demonstration on proper order of clothing in chest of drawers. Plans were made to begin work on Mother's Day gifts. Also plans were made to have a bake sale on a Saturday in March.

A new member, Carol Ann Shipp, joined the club. There were eight members and the two leaders, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Abernathy, present. The leaders served home-made ice cream as refreshments.

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## MIDKIFF NEWS & VIEWS

By NINA GARNER

The new paving project is of considerable interest to everyone here. This has been such a long time getting underway, but now looks as if we are really getting that awful four-mile strip of road paved right soon.

The new face you see in the Post Office Department is Mrs. Harvey Hayden and she is our new Postmistress just since Feb. 15th. Mrs. Hayden and family hail from Oklahoma City, and her husband is operation supervisor of the Phillip's Gasoline Plant here. She has two daughters, Judy and Betty. They attend the Rankin schools.

Know why there were so many sleepy girls in church Sunday? Well I shall tell you. You probably didn't see her but Mrs. Wayne Chesnut's car came rolling into Midkiff about three o'clock Sunday morning, bringing our basketball girls in from Alpine tournament. The girls won 4th place. Everyone seemed quite pleased with the trip.

The big new building you see under construction about 1-2 mile south of the corner is the new Baptist Church. It is sure going up fast and why shouldn't it? As I passed by there one afternoon of this week, whom do you think I saw laboring away? None other than Brother Southerland, our pastor, and several other local men lending their time and talents. Among those were the following: Bill Bulter, Wayne Sledge, Sterling Eggleston, Sam Upchurch, E. J. Boyd, Foe Franks, and Luther Gobles.

The Esther Sunday School Class held its monthly business meeting this week in the lovely home of Mrs. Manson James. A good time was enjoyed by twelve members. We will meet next month with Mrs. Charley Kinerem. The plan of work was worked out for months, and is now being carried out by the members. Our Visitation Committee was seen out visiting this week by your reporter. They are the following for the week: Mrs. Erwin Pittman and Mrs. Leonard Hale.

Missionary Circle No. 1 met at the church Friday, February 17, at 2 p.m. for a book review on "Now

is the Day" by George W. Sadler, given by Mrs. Erwin Pittman, after which eight ladies tacked out a quilt. This group is trying to raise money to furnish a room for the new church building.

The Midkiff Home Demonstration Club met Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. O. E. Van Sickle with Mrs. Emmit Caroway as hostess. There were 15 members present as the following: Mmes. J. P. Van Sickle, Leonard Hale, Emmit Caroway, J. C. Kurtz, O. E. Van Sickle, H. Spencer, J. L. Beumiller, W. L. Case, Clyde Payne, R. H. Garner, A. G. Dean, G. C. Mitchell, B. Kurtz, P. A. Whisman and the hostess.

The program on insurance was given by our family economics leaders, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Van Sickle. Ideas for family bags were given by Mrs. G. C. Mitchell and Mrs. R. H. Garner. Next meeting will be March 3rd with Mrs. A. G. Dean.

J. L. Beumiller, club reporter

Mrs. Joe Franks and sons are visiting relatives in Pecos this week.

The Mason family was in Grand-falls this week-end visiting a brother who is ill. They also plan to attend the dedication service of the new Baptist Church there.

Want to subscribe for the Rankin News? Then see your Midkiff reporter, she will be glad to write up your subscription for you.

Mrs. Odessa Poore and Mrs. Oma Lee McCraevy of Lubbock were week-end visitors in the D. M. Mills home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caroway and son of Decator are visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Caroway.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory of Odessa were visitors in the Raymond G. Smith home this week-end.

## HIGHWAY ADDS STAMPS

J. W. Hearon, manager of Highway Grocery & Market, announced this week that that concern is now giving Red Star stamps at the rate of one stamp for each 10c purchased.

Similar to several other types of trading stamps given by merchants in Rankin, a customer may use the stamps for trading at the store or may redeem them for cash. Each book is worth \$2.50 in trade or \$2.00 cash.

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**BLOUSES  $\frac{1}{2}$  PRICE**

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MEN'S — BOYS' SHOES

1-3 TO 1-2 OFF

MEN'S — BOYS JACKETS

HALF REG. PRICE

# BARBEE'S CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY AT 5 P.M.



Feb. 24, 1955

### Vet says

Administration today is... list of deadline dates... eligible veterans of... conflict period must... wish to take advantage... benefits... deadlines resulted... President's proclamation... January 31, 1955, as the end... conflict period gov... for the benefits... period began June 27... most important dead-

lines not affected by the President's proclamation requires that eligible veterans who wish to go to school or train under the Korean GI Bill must start training within three years after they leave service or forfeit all further rights to the benefits.

This requirement is contained in the law itself and, therefore was not affected by the President's proclamation.

Those who start their education or training within the required 3-year period must complete their Korean GI Bill Training by January 31, 1963, or eight years after discharge, whichever is earlier. The terminating date of January 31, 1963, resulted from the President's

proclamation. For GI loans on homes, farms or businesses, eligible veterans of the Korean conflict period now have until January 31, 1965, to receive a VA guaranty or insurance as a result of the President's proclamation. No further guaranties or insurance may be issued after that date on loans made to veterans under the present law.

For vocational rehabilitation under Public Law 894, eligible disabled veterans of the Korean conflict period must start in time to finish their rehabilitation by January 31, 1964, or nine years after separation, whichever is earlier.

These termination dates apply to all eligible veterans except those in

certain "hardship" categories. For the latter, an additional four years is granted by law in which to complete their rehabilitation.

For a \$1,600 grant toward the purchase of an automobile or other conveyance, seriously disabled veterans of the Korean conflict who are eligible must apply for the grant within three years after they leave service or forfeit the benefit.

For this benefit, the President's proclamation merely set January 31, 1955, as the end of the Korean conflict period during which eligibility for the grant may be established. This means the injuries covered by the law must be sustained in active service on or before that date.

No application deadlines prevail for the other VA-administered benefits affected by the President's proclamation. These benefits for eligible veterans of the Korean conflict period on a wartime basis are:

Hospitalization and domiciliary care for nonservice-connected disabilities.

Compensation for service-connected disabilities or death at wartime rates.

Pension for total and permanent nonservice-connected disabilities or death.

Reimbursement of burial expenses and a flag to drape the casket.

The President's proclamation did not change the deadlines previously established by Congressional action for certain benefits available to eligible World War II veterans.

These benefits and the applicable deadlines are:

World War II GI Bill education or training—For those now in training, no additional training may be afforded after July 25, 1956, except for veterans who may have additional training time under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945.

Vocational Rehabilitation under Public Law 16 — In general, no training based on World War II service may be afforded beyond July 25, 1956, except for certain hardship cases who are granted an additional four years in which to train.

World War II GI Bill loans for homes, farms or businesses — No guaranty or insurance will be available on loans made to eligible World War II veterans after July 25, 1957, except for those who have established a later terminal date under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945.

Max Schneeman, Jr. was re-elected president of the Regan County Sheriff's Posse in a meeting of the posse members Tuesday night. Other officers to serve during the coming year include Richard Springstun, -secretary-treasurer; Chas. Springstun, corral boss; and R. E. Rogers, captain.

—The Big Lake Wildcat

In an effort to apprehend the person or persons who have indiscriminately placed poisoned objects over town, in yards and elsewhere, Mayor Winters said yesterday that he had called in special trained help. The mayor told the Crane News that he had talked with law enforcement officers of the county and city departments and they had agreed to call in the special investigators.

The special investigator is in Crane now and is working on all phases of the investigation and following every lead he can get.

The Texas Ranger Force is also cooperating in the effort.

—The Crane News

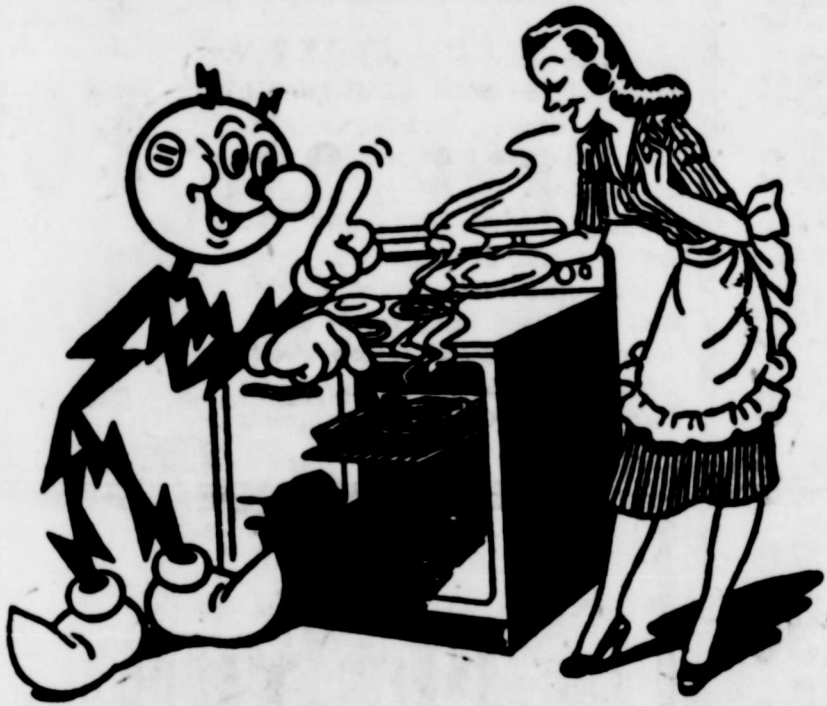


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**SHOOTING, ESCAPE  
HIGHLIGHT LAW  
ACTIVITIES HERE**

Law enforcement officials were given a little extra duty here the past week with one shooting scrape and an escaped county prisoner.

Early Tuesday morning, Feb. 15, J. C. Miles, who was being held in

Upton County jail pending trial for hot check charges, managed to unlock a door in the kitchen of the local jail and escape town. Miles had been made a trusty at the jail and was on duty in the kitchen at the time. He was apprehended by officers in Monument, New Mexico, on Thursday and has since been returned to Rankin.

At approximately 8:00 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Jim Harkey and

Rocky Burnett, both employees of BJ Service Co., were involved in a fist fight and shooting affair at the service plant. The dispute between the two came about over money Burnett had won from Harkey in a gambling game the previous night.

During the scuffle, Harkey fired one shot from a .45 Colt that pierced his hand and shattered the right shoulder of Burnett. Both

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bishop, Jr., on Feb. 15, at 11:54 a.m. a baby girl weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. Named Lois Jane. Both dismissed Feb. 19.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barbee on Feb. 16 at 10:45 p.m., a baby girl weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. Named Tonya Linn. Both dismissed Feb. 21.

Mr. James R. Harkey, accident on Feb. 17, dismissed Feb. 18.

Mr. Art Burnett, accident on Feb. 17, dismissed Feb. 18.

Mr. L. L. Word, medical, admitted Feb. 18, dismissed Feb. 19.

Mr. W. R. Perry, medical, admitted Feb. 19, dismissed Feb. 20.

Joan Maxwell, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maxwell of Midkiff, medical. Still confined.

Mrs. R. L. Nichols, surgery, admitted Feb. 21. Still confined.

Terry D. Batchelder, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Batchelder of Midkiff, medical. Still confined.

Everett Sly, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCarty of Midkiff, medical. Still confined.

Mrs. Dora Hodges, medical, admitted Jan. 31, dismissed Feb. 19.

**Emergency Room**

Mr. William Kenneth Ray, oil-field accident, X-ray of hand on Feb. 16.

Don Murphy, admitted Feb. 18. Sutures of finger on right hand.

men were taken to the Rankin Hospital where they were treated. Neither was in serious condition and both have been released from the hospital.

Charges were filed against Harkey in Justice of Peace Court, Prec. 2 for assault and attempt to murder, with bond being set at \$5,000. He posted bond and is now awaiting action of the grand jury of the 83rd District Court which meets March 28th.

A little man entered... boomed, "Shut the door... brought up in a barn... went back, shut door... gan to cry. Pat man... walked over and said, "hurt your feelings"... said, "That's alright... me homeick every... jackass bray."

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**FEBRUARY 23 & 24**

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10 oz. Libby's Cream Style CORN	6 FOR	\$1
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No. 303 Jack Sprat GREEN BEANS	2 FOR	35c
Jack Sprat No. 303 ENGLISH PEAS	2 FOR	39c
300 Jack Sprat Shoestring POTATOES	2 for	25c
12 oz. Sun Spun SWEET GHERKINS		35c
No. 303 Nancy Lee COLLARD GREENS		10c
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White Swan COFFEE	LB.	89c
303 Mayflower Cream Style CORN	2 FOR	25c
Kounty Kist CORN	2 FOR	25c
Diamond 80 Count NAPKINS	2 FOR	25c
No. 300 Brown Beauty SPANISH RICE	2 FOR	39c
Stokely PEACHES	NO. 2 1/2 CAN	33c
Stokely's No. 303 PEARS	2 FOR	55c
No. 300 White Swan PUMPKIN	3 FOR	39c
Gebhart's Mexican Style BEANS	2 FOR	29c
Hershey's 11 oz. Pkg. KISSES or MINIATURES		59c
No. 300 Stokely's ASPARAGUS		33c
Puffin or Ballard BISCUITS	2 FOR	19c
Morton's SALAD DRESSING	Pt.	20c
Peyton's All Meat FRANKS	LB.	39c
Fresh Pork LIVER	LB.	25c
Armour Star PICNIC HAMS	LB.	39c
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