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Rankin Meets Rochester In Regional

Football Fever Rises As Fans Plan 11 Closing

that it is not often that fans get the opportunity to be in football, a number of business houses and have indicated that they will have a half-day holiday next week to watch the football team play in Colorado City for the game.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO DECORATE CARS AT CC

There will be a decoration contest for all cars just out of Colorado City. This group is composed of students from the high school and they will decorate their automobiles in the city for 50c. As many cars should be decorated in support to the Rankin team.

There will also be a special boom-box performance after the fans play the field. This group, composed of fans, students, the pep squad, will meet at the field and welcome the fans as they emerge from the room onto the grid-iron. Those who will join this group should be there prior to game time to cheer the boys on.

they will close entirely while others have stated that they will operate with a reduced staff while at least a part of their employees attend the game.

Most service stations will be open since they service doodle-bug crews and cannot close on that account. Those who have planned to shut down will do so at 11:00 a.m. in order to be in Colorado City by game-time at 2:30.

CLUB EXPECTS CHRISTMAS TREES HERE THIS WEEK

The 4-H Club is having trouble getting their Christmas trees and have asked the public to be patient. It seems that their freight car containing the trees has gone astray thus delaying the delivery of the spruces.

However, everything should be in order sometime this week and they will have the trees out for inspection on the lot between Boggs Grocery and Mitchell Drug. All money derived from the sale goes toward financing activities of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler spent the week-end in Brady with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler.

BUILDING ACTIVITY ON MOVE AS NEW HOUSES BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

Building activities are reviving somewhat in Rankin the last 30 days with three new houses now under construction and several more in the planning stages.

Powell Construction Company has almost completed a new home on South Elizabeth next to the Frank Boyd home and have plans and commitments for the beginning of at least one more house. Red Bluff Lumber Company poured foundation for a two-bedroom home just north of the Louis Mauldin place last week. Sam Holmes has a two-bedroom house that will also be nearing completion shortly.

At least two business houses are contemplating expansions after the first of the year and several other similar pieces of construction are said to be under consideration. It is also rumored that additional commercial facilities may be erected along the Santa Fe tracks in the near future.

Some two weeks ago, Western Acidizing indicated that they were considering moving into this area. At the present time, no further word has been heard from this concern but it is presumed that they are still "considering."

Miss Nancy Gary from San Angelo Business College was at home this week-end with her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Gary.

Gametime Set For 2:30 Friday On Colorado City Football Field

For the second straight week the Rankin Red Devils will be facing the Steers; only this week it will be the Rochester Steers, replacing the Robert Lee Steers who fell by the wayside last week 40-21 in the Bi-District game here.

Rochester, from deep in the farming country of Haskell County, has long sported a reputation as a football minded community. This year they have compiled a record of 10 wins and one loss, that being a 13-14, one point loss to Munday in their opening game of the season.

In Billy Holcomb, the Steers have one of the outstanding backfield runners in Class B ball. Weighing 163 pounds, Holcomb, combined with Larry Beauchamp at 143 and Donnie McNelly at 150, has given the Rochester team the reputation of being a rugged ground gaining crew.

Rankin, sporting their 40-21 win

over Robert Lee in which the Red Devils moved almost at will, has probably met tougher competition this year than have the Rochester lads and have definitely played against backfields that were as good as the Steers are reported to have.

Most fans feel that it will be a very close contest but that the Rankin boys, with 8 seniors playing their last game, will be going all out to win and have already proved that they understand how to take care of themselves against good ball clubs.

FANS TO EAST SIDE

According to Supt. Joe Scrivner, officials of Rankin and Rochester tossed a coin to see which side of the Colorado City stadium each would occupy and Rankin came up with the visitors or east side. Should the weather prove to be unfavorable, it is believed that this will give Rankin boosters the better of the two sides.

VARIOUS ROUTES

Several routes to Colorado City will be open to the fans. Said to be one of the best is to go north on the Midland Highway some 30 miles and then turn east, go thru Midkiff to Garden City and on to Colorado City. It is estimated to be about 135 miles by this route.

A second choice would be to go to Midland, thence to Big Spring and on to Colorado City. This is said to be the shortest route; however, there is considerable road work between Big Spring and Colorado City.

A third choice would be to go to Big Lake, then to Garden City and so on. One could go by way of San Angelo but this would be the longest route.

(See Line-up on back page)

Band Awarded High Honors In Odessa Meet

Rankin's Red Devil Band, performing with their usual fine precision, walked off with a first division win in the University Interscholastic League marching contest for Region 8 in Odessa last Saturday.

With some 21 bands entered in the contest, the Red Devil group was one of 9 winning this highest award. Two of the nation's foremost authorities on marching bands, Al Wright of Perdue University and J. C. Bainum of Northwestern University, acted as judges for the event.

TWIRLERS WIN AWARDS

In the twirling contest Bonnie Smith and Genevieve Poage each rated a first division with Andra Mitchell capturing a 2nd division award. The three, performing as a trio, won a 1st division trophy.

Contests for sight reading and concert playing will be held in early April in Odessa.

The Red Devil Band has performed at all football games and various other events in Rankin this year and has been an outstanding credit on all counts to their school

and community. Most football fans have always felt that, even though Rankin is sometimes beaten on the football field, they are never outperformed by the opposing band.

Fred Prentice, director, has expressed his thanks on behalf of the band for the response by the public to recent sales promotions staged by that organization. Money derived from these sales will be used to finance the trip to Enid, Oklahoma, in May where the band will again compete against some of the best aggregations in the southwest.

Last year they won a first division in concert playing and sight reading at the Enid meet.

Lions Club Turkey Shoot To Be Saturday-Sunday

The shoot time again here this Christmas with the Lions Club sponsoring their annual gobbler fete Saturday, Dec. 10-11 at the north of town.

The shoot will get underway early morning and will last all day. The first round will be from 8 a.m. until dark. Shotgun, 22 and skeet will be featured and anyone who shoots with anyone who has the trigger eligible to shoot the birds. A nice bunch of young turkeys are available and will make mighty straight shooters for families on Christmas.

The event will be carried on the same rules and regulations govern all turkey shoot competition will be

scored by numbers as will pistol shooting. Shotgun winners will be determined by the shooter having the closest pellet to the center of the target. Skeet shooters are given 5 birds in the first go-round with ties being shot off on doubles. A limit of two turkeys per shooter will be in effect.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Those who bring firearms to the area are urged to exercise extreme care while handling the guns. Bolts should always be open and the guns unloaded. While waiting to fire, the shooter should pay particular attention and keep the gun pointed away from the spectators and attendants.

Turkey shoots have been held here for a number of years and have always been carried off without an accident. It is the desire of

the club to continue this record and they are urging everyone to cooperate.

As usual, no scopes or fieldglasses will be allowed on the range and no target reading while a set is being set-off. Refreshments will be on sale at the grounds.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

With a record number of members present at their first meeting at the Highland Cafe last Monday night, the Lions laid plans for the annual Ladies' Night Christmas Party which will be held next Monday at the Elementary School Cafeteria. Each member and his wife is asked to bring an inexpensive gift for a child. These gifts, along with food and clothing, will be distributed to the needy of the community before Christmas.

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Filler by J. B.

Sooner or later Rankin schools are going to make somebody sit up and take notice. With a basketball team that has been the terror of the west for several years for both boys and girls, a football team that is well on its way to regional and a band that is fast becoming one of the toughest bits of competition in the country, the schools are in a position to fill their trophy cases to overflowing. Parents and citizens can well be proud of this group of boys and girls who take so much pride in their school and provide such fine competition in the various events that they enter.

They are a definite asset to the community.

Between the whooping of the Cranes and the squaling of the Badgers, we wonder if there will be some yelling by the Red Devils. With three teams in a position to bring high football honors to these parts of West Texas, only the Rankin Red Devils are left with a chance to salvage something against the boys from "down east."

For once we actually felt sorry for the folks over in McCamey. For the Badgers to lose their game in the last 20 seconds of play is certainly hearbreaking. The sale of crying towels and aspirin should be still going good over in those parts.

As for the Red Devils' chances against the Rochester crew, we'd say they're about 50-50. It is said that the boys from Rochester are a bunch of big rough farm lads and they like to play football. We'll pick the Red Devils but just barely.

Somewhere down the line a wise man coined the phrase that "what this country needs is a good 5c cigar." In recent years that was changed to "what this country needs is a good 5c nickle." Now it is to the point of "what this country needs is a good 5c anything."

Of course, all businesses are probably not as tough as the business life of a newspaperman. They not only do not make enough money to worry about taking it with them, they don't even make enough to buy a program to explain the sights along the way—or could that be ranching.

Once again it's getting near the time when you begin to hear noises that sound like candidates. So far things are quiet on the county front but in state politics, the pot has already began to boil.

We predict one of the wildest.

most expensive governors races that the state has seen in many a year. Already, several hopefuls have announced for the office and at least one, Jimmy Phillips, has began sending out his propaganda. Perhaps you received one of his "news-papers" in the mail a week or so ago. Mr. Phillips must have plenty of money to spend on the race for newsprint is not only a very expensive article at the present time, it is hard to get. Just where a candidate got hold of enough newsprint to make up several thousand papers is a little hard to understand.

It's always good to find someone who is optimistic about the future. Sometimes when we count the change in our pockets, we have a faint feeling that the future may be rather short. However, our confidence was given a boost this week when Mrs. Bill Johnson paid her subscription to the News for 2 1/2 years. That not only looks good in the pot but it indicates that at least someone thinks we'll still be around here in the newspaper business 2 1/2 years from now.

We'd take some more of that kind.

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SATURDAY SERVICES FOR SAM THOMAS CHRISTY

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the First Baptist Church for Sam Thomas Christy, age 71.

Christy was found dead in his pickup last Thursday evening about 4:00 p.m. on the street leading west from his home. It was estimated that he had died early in the morning and although several persons noticed the pickup, they failed to see Christy or to suspicion that anything was wrong. The death scene is only one block off a heavily traveled street and two blocks from the hospital.

Born November 26, 1884, in San Saba, he moved to Reagan County in 1906 where he resided until moving to ranching lands in Ward and Winkler in 1921. He retired to Rankin in 1946.

Rev. R. L. Shannon and Rev. Lynn McAden officiated at the

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Saturday services with Rankin Cemetery under direction of L. Porter Johnson at Moore Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Preston Walton Poage, Butch A. B. Pettit, Lloyd Harper and Carter.

A bachelor, Christy was by two brothers, John and Dan of Big Lake; the Mrs. Emma Wood of Big Lake, Mrs. W. M. Hill of Big Lake and Mrs. Nan Parrish of Big Lake.

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**ANN SHAW HONORED
WITH BRIDAL SHOWER**

Miss Ann Shaw, bride-elect of Mr. Jimmy Yocham, was honored with a bridal display shower Saturday, December 3rd, in the home of Mrs. Clay Taylor.

Hostesses were Mrs. Clay Taylor, Mrs. Preston Patton, Mrs. J. L. Clark, Mrs. R. C. McGeary, Mrs. Mel McEwen, Mrs. George Stephenson, and Mrs. D. O. McEwen.

Mrs. Taylor welcomed guests and Mrs. Pat Monroe Yocham presided at the guest book. Mrs. Mel McEwen and Mrs. McGeary served. Tea and coffee, Christmas cookies and sandwiches were served from a party table laid with an ecru lace tablecloth, centered with an archway holding wedding bells. Miniature candelabras at each side of the archway faced the aisle leading to a miniature church. Large green and silver candles completed the table decorations. Christmas decorations were used to carry out the Christmas theme throughout the house.

Miss Shaw received many beautiful and useful gifts. Approximately 50 guests attended the party.

Jimmy Yocham, Bobbie Ash and Gentry Holmes, students in Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent the past week-end here with their respective parents.

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lot of deer riding on and luggage carriers home a few days ago reminded of so many have venison but don't good if properly done. from the loin or leg ed. Cut the slices thick with oil.

ing, leg or saddle of est. Place in uncovered strips of bacon or salt nison. Roast in moder- 20 to 25 minutes per

ss tender cuts, use the method of cookery. A ast or swiss steak e main dish for any coarsely ground meat chill, too.

CANDIES

be time to start mak- s candies. Do you have ese easy-to-do favor- af, easy-to-do pralines, r fudge, caramal crun- roll? These and other pes for candies, fruit ther foods are given in on Bulletin, **CHRIST- AT HOME.** You may by giving us a call or note.

4-H meetings on Mon- pnesday and an agents' Big Lake on Tuesday. some late afternoon e rest of the week and Lake on Friday. The wreen will find us very h year books for the

every purpose at the

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Eight Seniors Play Last Game For Rankin High



Don Davidson



Jimmy Ingram



Glen Welling



Joe Hodges



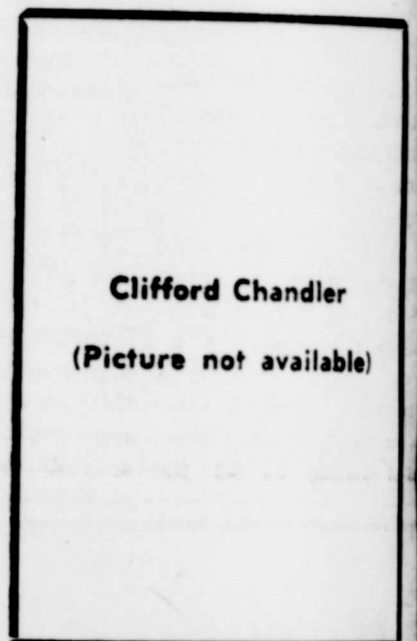
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— SKIN THE STEERS —
HOGAN MOTOR COMPANY
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan

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They Write —

Following article was sent by Esther Clark, a student of the University of Texas, who says a part of the importance of this vicinity has been the fortunes of that area.

WALKED UP to the University of Texas student union and asked: "What is so important about the date of 1923?"—he probably could not tell you.

It's an important date to me on a Monday morning, 11 o'clock. May 28, 1923, on Parker Ranch in Reagan when the almost-abandoned Santa Rita No. 1, "blew itself and sprayed a fine mist for 250 yards.

UNIVERSITY of Texas has been the same since.

the Santa Rita stood on the University of Texas property—considered to be the most valuable land in West Texas ("an oil graveyard").

James C. Dolley, vice-president of fiscal affairs, has said: "It was so poor it was all that the University could do to get five cents an acre for renting rights."

THAT "worthless" land of 20 acres (which was given to the University by the Constitution of 1876 and a legislative act which has 2,776 oil wells on it (as wells), pumping some 100,000 barrels of oil each year. It is of hitting oil on the

wildcat well in 1923 were shaky. So uncertain were the prospects that several of the New York investors nicknamed the well "Santa Rita"—after the Saint of the Impossible. It was later verified that if the well had been drilled 100 yards to the west, it would have been a dry hole!

Wind in the Cracks

Before oil money became a factor in University finances, the campus was dotted with pine shacks for classrooms.

Old-timers remember classes being dismissed on cold days because the wind whistled through the cracks of the wooden buildings.

IN FACT, the buildings were so ramshackle, one professor was quoted as saying: "No self-respecting, decent man would have housed his cattle in them."

But oil changed all that. It "unshacked" the campus.

Thanks in large measure to oil (and the grazing leases) from West Texas lands, the University of Texas main campus in Austin now has 63 buildings valued at more than \$32 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Yocham of Llano spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Dora Hodges, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Carolyn Midkiff, student in Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff.

Mrs. Bob Johnson of San Angelo accompanied Mrs. D. S. Anderson to Lubbock this past week for a short visit with their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ANNOUNCES UPTON WORK

The Texas Highway Department has announced from Austin that the first step has been taken that will set up a new program of highway work for the calendar year of 1956. This new program is especially designed to protect the investment already made in the State system of roads.

R. L. Faltinson, District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department at Pecos, has stated that the fol-

lowing state highways and roads in his area are scheduled for work under this program:

A section of State Highway 51 from McCamey North to the Upton County line is to be reconstructed.

Mr. Faltinson, stated that the Highway Commission has authorized the development of this program for the purpose of protecting the investment of the public in the State Highway System.

It was announced that work will begin on these projects just as

soon as final planning is completed and right of way secured. Resident Engineer J. V. Valentine will be in charge of the work in this area.

Tommi Stephenson, hunting on his lease near Pandale, reported bagging a 6 point buck last week.

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**POST OFFICE OPENS
DRIVE FOR CAREER HELP**

The Post Office opened a nationwide drive Sunday to recruit career postal employees.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said Saturday the 30-day campaign is part of the long-range program to improve postal efficiency and the career postal service.

Red, white and blue posters are posted up in 10,000 large post offices, 3,000 communities and on 16,000 Air Force recruiting billboards listing the advantage of Post Office employment. The posters carry the slogan, "Plan a career in Uncle Sam's Post Office—good pay—advancement — many other benefits."

Summerfield said the postal service is now more attractive than ever for the young person seeking a career. He urged those interested to file for Civil Service examinations as they are announced locally.

The Post Office listed these as some advantages of a postal career: starting pay of \$70 a week with automatic raises to a maximum of \$90; 2½ to 5 weeks paid vacations; a retirement plan; and low-cost life insurance.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS
SHOULD HAVE 3c**

Reporting that her "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign is really in high gear, Postmaster Grace Roach today gave some helpful hints on how you can be sure that your Christmas cards will reach everyone on your list before Dec. 25th.

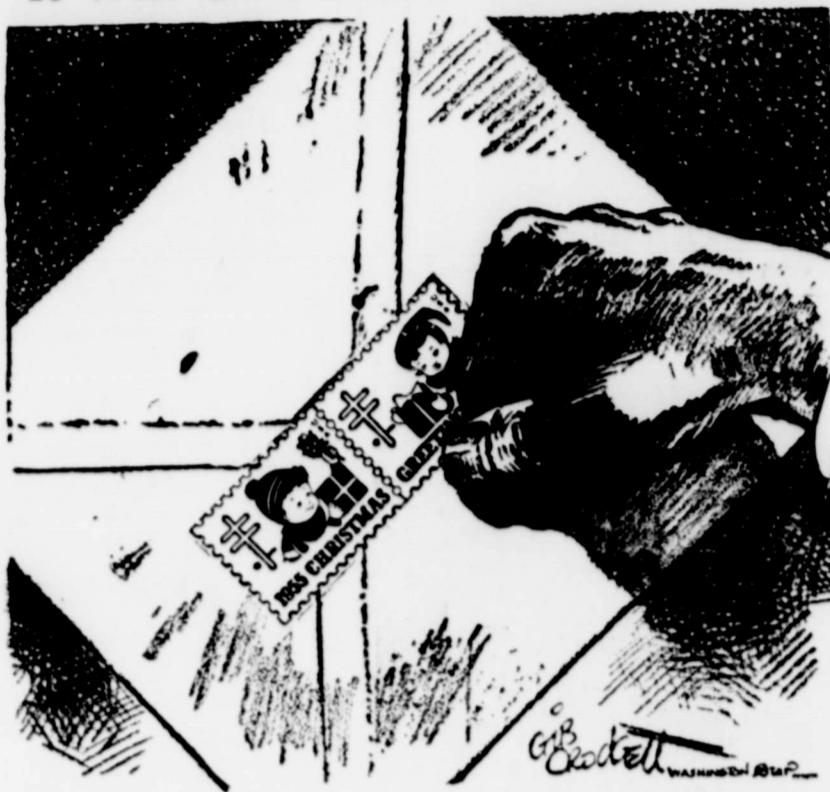
"When you use three cent stamps on your Christmas cards, you get first-class mail service," she said. "first-class friends deserve first-class mail and the use of first-class postage makes it certain that your Christmas cards will be delivered promptly. Also, use of first-class postage insures forwarding service if the addressee has moved or the card will be returned to you if the recipient cannot be located. Then, too, on Christmas cards sent by first-class mail, you can include handwritten messages making your greetings more personal."

It is perfectly correct and, in fact, advisable to include your return name and address on each Christmas card envelope. This helps your friends to keep their mailing list up-to-date and insures correction of your list if the card is returned as undeliverable.

When your Christmas cards are ready to mail, you will do both yourself and the local Post Office a real favor by putting the cards with local addresses in one bundle and those for out-of-town destinations in another.

The Postmaster went on to say that the mounting volume of Christmas mail makes it doubly important for everyone to help in the "Mail Early for Christmas" program. She warned that packages mailed to out-of-state points after this week may not be delivered in time for Christmas. She said that the flow of Christmas cards is running about normal but parcel post is definitely behind schedule and suggested that all out-of-state parcels still to be mailed should be sent by air parcel post, and pointed out that Christmas cards addressed to the most distant points should also be air mailed.

It Will Go Further With This Seal



YATES HOTEL

**FIREPROOF
SPECIAL WEEKLY RATES
Steam Heated Rooms
Just South of Depot**

**The Rankin (Tex.) News
Thursday, December**

Barbara McSpadden, student at Odessa Jr. College, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. McSpadden.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell and W. Yocham were visitors here Saturday.

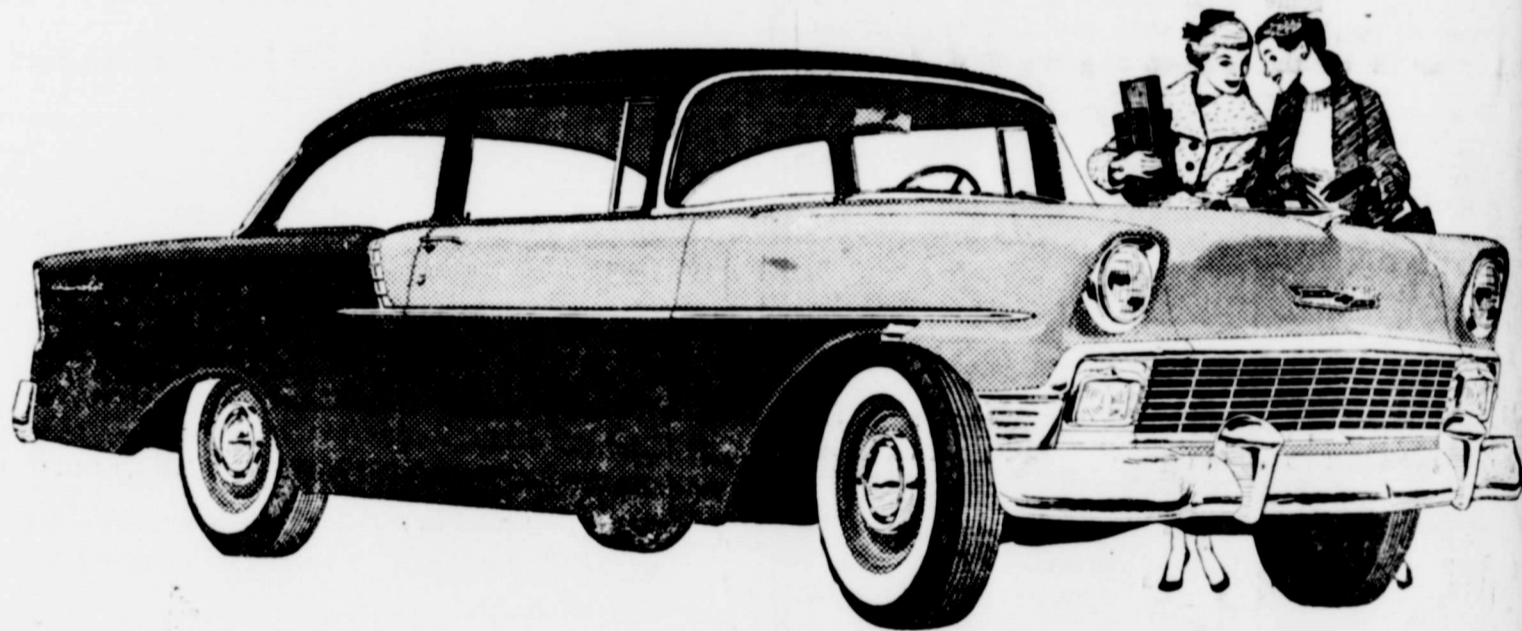
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DISCUSSED AT CLUB MEETING

of the Highways" was presented to the Rankin when it met Thursday, the Park Building. Mrs. Schell of Fort Stockton, chairman of District Eight, Division of Women's Clubs, speaker.

Schell stated that 8% of are caused by fast driving by slow driving. At the lecture, she gave a drivers test to the club

O. Adams led the Club and Mrs. Sam Holmes dispensed to the flag.

the business session Mrs. were was appointed as to replace Mrs. Tom Mitchell as a member of

LETTERS TO SANTA

Rankin, Texas
December 1

Dear Santa

Please bring me an accordion, filling station, doctor's kit, and plastic bricks.

Love
Kyle Adams

Rankin, Texas
December 2, 1955

Dear Santa

I am nine years old. For Christ-

the club.

Mrs. Zack Monroe presented a handkerchief to Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. John B. Lair, welfare chairman, suggested that members of the club bring toys to the next meeting, to be distributed by the Lions Club to needy children. A ten dollar CARE package is to be sent to Korea.

Pumpkin pie and coffee were served by hostesses Mrs. Marcus Price and Mrs. Herbert Hurn.

mas I went a betsie wetsie doll, and a new drees, a new pair of shoes, and bring Mother, Daddy, Hal some presents.

yours tiling
Barbara Kay Hutchens

Rankin, Texas
Nov 22, 1955

Dear Santa

I am nine years old and I want a Dagnet Talkina police car and I want a station wagon car, also a Electronic Radio Station and a croquet set, bring mother, daddy, bud, and Jeanie, gifts too.

Yours truley
Jerry Lee Stewart

Friends of Hal Holmes of McCamey are happy to hear that he has improved and has been moved to a hotel in San Angelo. Hal has been in a San Angelo hospital for sometime due to a heart ailment. He is the son of Mrs. J. P. Rankin and J. T. Holmes of this city.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Man's Omega gold wrist watch. Carlton Stephenson, phone MYrtle 3-2461 or 3-2462. 1tc

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FOR SALE—Nice electric stove and other furniture. FOR RENT—1 two-bedroom furnished apartment, part of bills paid. Mrs. Al Turner, phone Myrtle 3-2274 12-15-c

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FOR SALE—Nice size weaning pigs. Curley Cowen, 1/2 mile east of Rankin on Big Lake Highway

NOTICE TO BIRD HUNTERS

In the past it has been my pleasure to have all my friends hunt on my property during dove and quail season. This year, though, due to the extreme drouth and scarcity of birds, I wish to ask you NOT to hunt on my land. Trespassers will be dealt with.

Billy Tom Cowden
Crane, Texas 1-15-c

FOR SALE Almost new baby car bed. J. B. Hutchens at the Rankin News Office.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that fire policies OC 21654 and OC 21655 of the Marquette Casualty Co. of New Orleans, Louisiana, which were in the possession of Graves L. Shaffer, Jr., former agent of the said Company at McCamey, in the State of Texas, have been lost, that such policies have been marked void on the records of the Company, and there is no liability by or on the part of the Company growing out of such policies, and that any issuance of said policies is illegal and void.

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Large Firm	Head	15c
LETTUCE		
Plastic Bag		39c
POTATOES	10 LBS.	
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APPLES		
1 Lb. Pkg.		\$1
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Armour's Plain (Without Beans)		37c
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Hormel's		39c
SPAM		
Ma Brown Pure Cherry		39c
PRESERVES	21 oz.	
Armour's		37c
BEEF STEW	16 oz. Can	
Hershey's Bag		29c
KISSES or MINIATURES		
Large Bars		39c
HERSHEY BARS	2 For	
Hershey's Semi-Sweet		43c
DAINTIES	2 PKGS.	
Hershey's		35c
COCOA	1/2 LB.	

PLENTY FRUIT CAKE INGREDIENTS

Lipton's		39c
TEA	1/4 LB.	
Dash		29c
DOG FOOD	2 FOR	
No. 303 Standard		29c
TOMATOES	2 FOR	
Dromedary Pitted		43c
DATES	1 LB. PKG.	
Chicken of the Sea Chunk		39c
TUNA		
No. 300 Jack Sprat		25c
LIMA BEANS	2 FOR	
No. 300 Brown Beauty		29c
BEANS	2 FOR	
No. 303 Stokely's		55c
PEARS	2 FOR	
Stokely's No. 303		49c
FRUIT COCKTAIL	2 FOR	

Pure Cane 5 Lbs. 10 Lbs.
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FISH STICKS		
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Shadowland		69c
BAR-B-QUE SAUCE	QT.	
Armour's 11 oz. Dec. Tumbler		39c
PEANUT BUTTER		
400's White or Colored		\$1
KLEENEX	4 PKGS.	
Carnation or Pet Tall		43c
MILK	3 FOR	
Sun Valley—Also 5c Coupon		21c
OLEO	LB.	
Puffin		49c
BISCUITS	5 FOR	
Betty Crocker		29c
GINGER BREAD MIX		

Peyton's Half or Whole Pound
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Peyton's		69c
SAUSAGE	2 Lb. Bag	
Center Sliced		98c
HAM	LB.	
Choice Beef		39c
CHUCK ROAST	LB.	
Midwest		45c
BACON	LB.	
Fresh Pork		43c
SPARE RIBS	LB.	
Grade A—Cut up if desired		45c
FRYERS	LB.	

ACROSS STREET FROM POSTOFFICE
BARBECUE MADE DAILY
CHECK OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

GIRLS OPEN SEASON WITH 62-40 WIN

Rankin's girl basketball team served notice in their opening game that they are going to be fast competition this year as they poured in 62 points against Barstow here Tuesday night. Believed to be one of the highest scores set by a girls team in a number of years the statistics show that the girls were not necessarily outstanding in their shooting, missing over half of their field goal tries.

Dianne Dean and Barbara Haral led the parade with 16 points each, followed by Kay McEwen and Genevieve Poage with 10 each and Bonnie Smith with 8. Bonnie chalked up her 8 points despite the fact that she played a good part of the game at guard.

B TEAM WINS OPENER

Actually, the opening win of the season was rung up by the B team in the first game of the night when they won an easy 46-24 victory over the Barstow Bees. Ruth McGill canned better than half of the hometowners points with an even 24.

Thursday, the high scoring Rankinettes will travel to Lake View for a tussel with the Lake View Maidens.

DAVID WORKMAN GETS PROMOTION IN FIRM

David K. Workman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman, has been promoted to the position of secretary-treasurer of the Midland Production Credit Association. He formerly was assistant secretary-treasurer. He has been with the firm since Feb. 1, 1951.

Workman served two years with the Air Force during WW II. Following his military service, he received his degree from Texas Tech in 1946.

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ROCHESTER STEERS	
No.	Player
10	Tommy Michaels
11	Lynn Clayton
12	James Pope
13	Jimmy Gammill
14	Bud Strickland
15	Johnny Walton
16	Wayne Qualls
20	Larry Goode
21	James Reid
22	Willis Cox
23	Alvie Jones
24	Boyd Speck
25	Pat Glover
26	Ollie Sanders
27	Larry Beauchamp
30	Foster Corley
31	Lennis Tibbets
32	Aubrey Wolf
33	Donnie McNelly
34	Glen Sanders
36	Duane Strickland
35	Hoyie Tibbets
37	David Tate
40	Jerry Bean
41	Billy Holcomb
42	Don Brown
43	Donald Wade
50	Douglas McGuire

ROUND TABLE IN MC

The scout round table held in McCamey Thursday at 7:30 at the high school. Interested parties are urged to attend.

BELL PLANS REAL ESTATE

R. L. Bell has announced to establish a real estate office in Rankin. Until as he can get an office, he can be contacted at the depot. He is taking listings on property and property for

Mrs. Dunn Lowery has Sheffield for several days brother-in-law, Mr. Bill who has been released from Iraan Hospital.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1955

BINGO NIGHT — \$50 JACKPOT

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10

"THE NAKED DAWN"

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"THE KENTUCKIAN"

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 & 14

"HIT THE DECK"

Ann Miller, Russ Tamblyn

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Walter Pidgeon, Vic Diamone, Gene Raymond

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