

## CHRISTMAS BUYING SHOWS GAIN OVER LAST YEAR-

# Slight Decline Noted In '55 By Most Rankin Businesses 

## AUTO ACCIDENTS MARR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## Automobile accident. <br> sulted in the deaths

in this area and considerable pro erty damage and personal injuries marked the Christmas holidays. Killed between Iraan and Sheffield on Christmas Eve at about 4:00 p.m. were Kenneth Murl Hearon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W Hearon of Rankin and T. H. Locker 42, of Iraan.
Highway patrolmen investigating the accident stated that they believed the car, belonging to Hearon and presumedly driven by him, hit a soft shoulder causing him to lose control and overturn a number of times. Hearon was dead on arrival at the Iraan Hospital while his companion lived for some seven hours. Both men were employed on drilling rig south of Iraan
Hearon was born on July 31, 1928, in MeCamey and attended school there and in Fort Stockton. He ser
enth Annual 4 -H Show
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turday, Jan- attend the event Along with
gymnasium in show will be a free bar-b-que.
Sponsored by the ranchmen Agent, in an- Upton County, the McCamey Cham $5: 00$ p.m. has ber of Commerce and business men irst time in in Rankin and McCamey, the show . We are go- is held each year for Upton Count night affair." 4-H Club members only. Fred Wil rerson will judse the fat lambs erson will judge the fat lambs Hal Holmes and while Joe Glover of Fort Stockton and Mr . and Mrs. will make the showmanship awards. General chairmen for this year's
show will be W. W. Harral and Ed Guy Branch of Rankin. Allen Moore will act as superintendent of of Brownsfield visited the $4-\mathrm{H}$ division. Walton Poage will h Rankin over head the show committee; Alford Helmers, J. C. Lyles, Frank Boyd, Pete Pollard and Wm. H. Scarborough, the pens committee, and A. E. Ivy, T. A. Pauley and Chas. Young, the sales committee.

## ces, spending 15 months oversea

## First Baptist Church here in Pa

## With Rev. R. L. Shannon ofticiatin

First Baptist Church in McCame Burial was in McCamey Cemete under direction of Moore Fu
Home and L. Porter Johnson.
Survivors include his parents, Mr and Mrs. J. W. Hearon; one brother R. D. Hearon of Rankin; one sister, Juanita Balkeo of Iraan; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah E. Hearon of Rankin.

## OTHER ACCIDENTS

On December 25 at about 2:00 m. a 1955 Chevrolet station wagon rammed the rear end of a 1955 Ford station wagon belonging to Charley fale while it was parked along the McCamey road. Occupants of the and were char ther youths They were parked awaiting the arrival of another companion.
Driver of the Chevrolet was D. (Continued To Back Page)

Prospects For Coming Year Believed To Be Improved
will probably show a slight decrease mated $\$ 58.000$ was spent last year over last year. A check with local merchants and firms this week indicated that some have shown an increase in business for the past year other have registered loses while stil others are running about the same In the service station business most of the operators report abou the same as last year with some showing a slight decrease. A ma jority of the grocery stores contacted report sales down from year ago.
Utilities as a whole have shown slight increase in their volume Wool and sheep raisers are believed to have had a slightly better yea in 1955 although actual figures can not be computed until later on has reported a large increase

Hower $\$ 58,000$ was spent last year. However, a considerable amount c repairing and remodeling was done New establishments completed fo he year include the new city hall, an addition to the county library nd the new golf house. Total value of these improvements is estimated at $\$ 30,000$

INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION
Due to the fact that the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co, enlarged their facilities over the pas year, industrial expansion showed a large gain for the past year. A a whole businesses and industries connected with the oil business report a considerable increase in ac tivity for the past year

1956 PROSPECT
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ported to 'be up considerably ove shown a marked decrease for the year with only some seven new houses being built in Rankin as compared with seventeen for 1954. BUSINESS BUILDINGS
Practically no new business buildings were erected in Rankin

## NEW YEAR CLOSINGS

FOR THIS WEEK-END
A repeat closing with a long kin for New Year's as it was for Christmas. Stores will be closed Sunday and Monday, January 1 and

This will be the last official closing of business houses in Rankin for some time with the usual number of cafes and service stations remaining open to service the public
 ceed the 1955 figure by reason ably large figure.
Several miscellaneous expansions are being considered with the she erection of a bus bawn and he erection or a bus barn and oth er improvements. Further improvements o
possible.
At the present time, Rankin
seems to be slightly up in ponulo
tion with a number of netr dents reported over the past weel Postal receipts would tend to indicate that more people are now in this area than there has been for some time.

A majority of merchants and individuals who were contacted on the matter are optimistic about 1956 and are expecting a slightly better year ahead business wise.

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## BOGGS Gro. \& Mkt.

# of Mr. Jimmy Yocham Thursday 

 evening, December 22, in the Rankin Baptist Church Rev P white carnations. \begin{tabular}{|l|l|l|} Shannon, pastor of the church, of - \& bride, was matren,
\end{tabular} ficiated for the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. H. D. Shaw and the bridegroom is the son of Mr . and Mrs B. F. Yocham, all of Rankin.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a street length dress of blue brocade faille, fashioned with fitted bodice, full skirt and elbow length sleeves. The neckline was trimmed with sequins and rhinestones. Her hat was of matching color and trim and her shoes

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE Almost new baby cay kin News Office-

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FOR SALE-My home located in northeast Rankin. 5 room and bath with attached garage, hardwood flooring, air conditioned with duct system. Floor furnace. venetian blinds, plumbed for automatic washer, TV antenna and tower. R. D. King, Phone MY 3-2217. 1-5-c
FOR SALE-Two bedroom modern home, garage. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. Will sell for equity, no down payment required. Located on Court Street Write Box 323 or Phone 3378 and and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Arney, Brownfield Texas Ligon accompanied the Le Travis Arney, Brownfield, Texas 9-29-c
NOTICE TO BIRD HUNTERS In the past it has been my on thening during the pleasure to have all my friends turned with a buck. hunt on my property during dove and quail season. This year, The L. N. Collins and though, due to the extreme Collins spent the Christre? drouth and scarcity of birds, $I$ days in Eastland. wish to ask you NOT to hunt on
my land. Trespassers will be dealt Mrs. W. R. McSpadden with. left Monday to join he Billy Tom Cowden $\quad l \begin{aligned} & \text { left Monday io } \\ & \text { who is stationed at Bars }\end{aligned}$ Crane, Texas 1-15-c ornia


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we saw some that looked like they Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, Mr. ${ }^{\text {| The }}$ Rankin (Tex.) Newswere having a hard time. In a big and Mrs. Clay Taylor, Miss Maggie Thursday, December 29, 1955 majority of them, cars parked along Taylor and Bill Taylor visited their the streets ranged, as a whole, in sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J the 1940 model class. Business T. Dameron in Van Horn over the houses, even in some of the bigger Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powell and sons visited relatives in New Mexico and West Texas over the holidays.

## Moore Funeral Home

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goes into making a good town, we are well out in front of anything Some time ago Jimmy James

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The Rankin (Tex.) Nows-


GENERAL MOTORS' PARADE OF PROGRESS TO APPEAR ${ }^{\text {and }}$ engineers have in store for AT FLY FIELD IN ODESSA ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

See tomorrow today! That's the will operate daily from 2:00 to 10:00 slogan of General Motors' all new p.m. through the following Monday, Parade of Progress that will ap- January 9. Admission is free. pear at Fly Field, Odessa High The Parade of Progress spells out School, Odessa, as a feature of in fascinating displays, in exciting "Permian Basin Progress Week." words, the accomplishments of moThe huge traveling circus of science dern science and engineering. . will open to the public on Friday, and outlines the bright and happy January 6, 1956 at 7:00 p.m., and future our country's research men move mile long motorcade will
in Odessa at 11:00 a.m., January 5 1956. Gala parades through downtown Midland and Odessa have been planned. Invited to ride in the parades are the mayors, civic leaders and GM dealers from both cities.
Featured is a 40 -minute stage show in the "Aerodome" tent, only tent of its kind in existence. It is constructed like an inside-out umbrella with the ribs of aluminum on the outside and the silver, plactic coated canvas suspended on the inside. The result being a mammoth tent comfortably seating 1250 people with no wires, ropes or anything to obstruct vision of the shows. Here spectators will see the "Cold Stove" that never gets hot, the "Motor that Runs on Sunshine," the drop of water with a bang, and many other dynamic demonstrations of progress.
The atmosphere is that of a circus, complete with "big top" and side-shows. The midway is made up of twelve "Futurliners," whose sides open to form stages and marques where one can see demonstrations on jet propulsion, "The Mir-
and Man, "3-D Sou others. Of special ladies are exhibits on frigeration, "Around " Clock" and eggs beim stove that never getey Always a favorite old alike is "Oide to Oldsmobile that transcontinental Old Scout still runs the operator has diem now and then, it is ous moment when life again.
During its tour beal II the Parade of 251 eities in Cany the United Stater than twelve and spectators. The Parade took to the E 1953, and. after nom in the United Stater it has been viewed 4 million people.
Purpose of the Pund how science and inder to contribute to our his of living. Beyond this that the Parade of inspire young people wards an even better Feature attractions during "Permian Bas Week" celebration are Motors Parade of Proe Sand Hills Hereford horse Show. And ther'

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FOR SALE: Wher part or entire lot followi located at Shell Pip l ations Westbrook Ses miles SW Westbrook be seen Monday throwe tween 8 AM and 5 PI ing M. R. R. L. Adams 3-4 room cottages $2-5$ room cottages 1 - All metal 5 stall Bids will be receint Noon January 13, 136 mailed in sealed envela G. G. Billings, Box 19 Texas. Word "Bid" mati velope. Property to be 1 (2) weeks after accepte mittance to be made check in favor of Shell Corporation.

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home.
Chances of the New Year's baby reaching his first birthday alive and healthy are much improved over the chances his 15 -year-old brother had, since the infant death rate is less than half the rate in 1940. State Health Commissioner Henry A. Holle attributes the dif ference to better pre-natal care. The mother of the New Year's baby will be better off too. Her counterpart of 1940 ran a death risk seven times greater than today's mother runs during the birth process. Dr. Holle credits improve ments in maternal care with making the difference.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Day and children spent Christmes erith relatives in Rawls, Texas.

WINFRED WRIGHT FAMILY MAKES HOME IN RANKIN
The Winfred "Fred" Wright fam ily is due to move to Rankin this week from Paint Rock and will make their home here.
Mr. Wright, 43, will be associated with L. Porter Johnson's Department Store as will his wife. They have three sons, two who will attend school in Rankin and one who will enroll in college this fall Wright has been in the merchantile business for a number of years and for the past 10 years has been a road salesman for a hardware concern.
Members of the First Baptist Church, the Wrights come to Rankin with a fine record of past civic social and church activities.

## NOTICE to taX PaYERS

## Pay your Poll Tax early and avoid the last Minute Rush

## JANUARY 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY POLL TAX.

 PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGED ON/ADVALOREM TAX PAYMENTS AFTER JANUARY 31.POLL TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE ISSUED WITHOUT charge.

## H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS

Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector Upton County

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parks and sons of Seymour, Mrs. W. E. Horn and daughters of Crane, and Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and son of Odessa spent the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. J. W. Powell, and sisters, Mrs. R. D. McSpadden and Mrs. G. L. Steele, and family

Mrs. Zola McSpadden spent the Christmas holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McSpadden, in Odessa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pettit, Eudora, Osear C. and Carl H., had as their guests for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. James E. Colvin of Midiand, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Colvin, Lana and Dona of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Whitifield, Joyce and Henry Ray of Lingleville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benningfield, David and Don of Leveland.

Mrs. Lewis Bennett, Scotty and Beverly of Odesa spent Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Scott, and her sisters, Mrs. Ray Boggs and Mrs. W. E. Rankin and families.

Visiting in the Dunn Lowery home over the holidays were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and daughters.

SHORT SNORTS: Paralytic polio this year struck six times more Texas children who were not vaccinated than those vaccinated. Texas highway fatalities for 1955 are expected to run four per cent above 1954. .. Jan. 16-21 has been designated by Gov. Allan Shivers as Pay Your Poll Tax Week. . . He has proclaimed Jan. 23-29 as Citrus Weck. . Twenty-one tracts of land declared forfeited by the Veterans Land Board are to be put up for sale at the earliest practical date. Jack R. Maguire of Austin was nemed executive secretary of the Texas Ex-Students $\boldsymbol{P}$ ) sociation, succeeding John A. McCurdy who resigned several months ago.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.

The J. W. Hearon family
The A. J. McDonald family


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## First State Bank

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Ma Brown Pure Cherry
PRESERVES
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LIMA BEANS
Choice Beef
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## CASHWAY <br> GROCERY AND MK1.

AUTO ACCIDENTS(Continued from front page)
A. Stephens, 73, of Odessa, a paper carrier for the Odessa American. Neither Hale or his companion were injured while Stephens was reported to have suffered injuries to his ribs. He was hospitalized in Rankin from 2:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dec. 25. Considerable damage resulted to the Chevrolet while damage to the Hale car is still undetermined.
On Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, an automobile was discovered wrecked east of Rankin. Sheriff's officiais were unable to determine the owner of the car or the cause of the accident until late Tuesday evening when a young man from Crane reported to the Sherifr's office that it belonged to him.

He stated that he had fallen asleep and turned the car over. He was not injured.

The Rankin (Tex.) N Thursday, December
TO TEST MERCHAN CHAMBER OF COM MANAGER FOR RA A sort of "test petition prepared for presentation kin merchants and busine determine whether or would be willing to cons ward the salary of a Chamber of Commerce here.
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Visiting in the Allen $v_{0}$ on Christmas Day were hit and sister from McCames. her from Denver City als for a short while before $a$

## Mid-nite Shor

Saturiay Dec. 31

## "LaOr Ganiva"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
BINGO NIGHT - \$15 JACKPOT Glynis Johns - Robert Newton "BEACHCOMBER"

FRIDAY \& SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 \& 31 Jane Russell - Jeff Chandler
"FOXFIRE"
Technicolor

SUNDAY \& MONDAY, JANUARY 1 \& 2 "THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER" Robert Mitchum - Shelley Winters

TUESDAY \& WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 \& 4 Kirk Douglas - Silvana Mangano "ULYSSES"

Technicolor

