

The Rankin News

Serving the Interests of Rankin and Upton County

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1956

City Calls Revenue Bond Election

Firemen, Fires, Drills Fire Volunteers Busy

When I heard something that a dozen jet planes were in town last Tuesday, I bet that you were getting first listen to the new siren at the City Hall. It was high up in the air and two utility poles, the big siren was a vast improvement over the old truck siren in Rankin when a fire broke out. All the blowing was at about noon Tuesday.

WIN SECOND IN TOURNAMENT

An inspired brand of Rankin Girls Basketball came out over some tough competition in Sonora last week to win a second place win, 54-41 to Mertzon by a 54-41

In the first game, the Rankin girls over Junction 40-39 in 15 minutes overtime. Diane High with 22 points followed Barbara Harral with 11. Kay McEwen were the stars.

In the second round Rankin defeated host team, Sonora, by Dean again leading the girls, followed closely by Sey with 16 and Barbara with 16.

In the final game, the home team defeated Mertzon 45-35. Harral made 16 points and Sey 15 for Rankin.

Adair, guard for the team, was named to all-district honors.

LAKEVIEW TOURNEY

At 8:30 the girls of Lakeview in San Angelo played their first game in that tournament. Their opponent will be the Lakeview, who has defeated the Rankin girls in a test.

Returning to Rankin, the girls are scheduled for a game in the beginning at 6:30.

NOTICE

Who has dishes at the home of Mrs. Bud Hurst is asked to pick them up at their earliest convenience as she will be out of the first of Feb.

Mr. and Mrs. Bee and family, former residents of Rankin, are now living in San Diego, Calif.

One day, the firemen were called out to extinguish a blaze at the McDonald Washateria on Upton St. By the time the truck and crew arrived, J. R. Funderburg had put the fire out with extinguishers from his shop across the street. Yep, J. R. is a volunteer fireman so it was all legal like.

The blaze resulted when a bucket of greasy clothing, soaking in gasoline near a hot water heater ignited. There was only minor damage.

Just to test the effectiveness of the firemen, Chief Dub Day called for a practice run Tuesday evening at 5:30. Some 15 firemen answered the call in freezing weather and after a short drill returned to the fire station.

NEW TRUCK SHIPPED

Word was received this week by Mayor Ivy that the new \$14,000 fire truck for Rankin was shipped from the factory several days ago. It is expected to be here around February 1.

RED DEVILS FIGHTING TO STAY IN DISTRICT RACE FOR THE CROWN

Rankin is practically in the same position in the race for the district crown as they were last year. And, as was the case last year, Grandfalls has proven to be the tough one for Rankin.

Playing their second conference game of the season in Grandfalls last Tuesday night, the Devils were defeated 61-53 in a game that saw them lead their opponents until the third quarter. Last year it was Grandfalls that tied with the Devils for district honors and were defeated in a thrilling overtime game to give the Rankin team their chance to go on to state.

TO OZONA TOURNAMENT

This week-end the Red Devils will enter the Silver Anniversary 25th Ozona Tournament, an event from which they have taken many honors in past seasons. In their first round they will meet the powerful Sonora Broncs at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19.

Among other teams entered are Junction, Rock Springs, McCamey, Del Rio, Iraan, and a host of other opponents that should make it an outstanding tournament.

John Christy made a trip to Houston Saturday where he has been taking treatments.

W. L. Gotcher Seeks Commissioner Post

W. L. Gotcher has announced his candidacy for County Commissioner of Precinct One, subject to action of the voters in the Democratic Primary.

Gotcher has been a resident of Upton County since 1910 except for a short period when he moved outside the county. He has been primarily in the ranching business and is well known throughout this area. For the past four years he has been employed by the county and has worked on various jobs connected with the upkeep and construction of county roads.

He and his wife came to Upton County when they were first married and ranched near Flatrock. He was one of the first school trustees to serve on the Rankin School board. At the present time, he and his wife live just west of the high school.

In making his announcement for commissioner Gotcher told the Rankin News that he has no other interests and would, if elected, devote his full time to the duties of commissioner.

"During the time I have worked for the county, I have gained a good understanding of the road commissioner problems and believe that I could fill the position satisfactorily. My only promise is that I will have the best interests of Upton County and its people in mind at all times."

Gotcher has said that he plans to try to meet all the voters in the precinct before election time.

COACH MIKE BRUMBELOW ADDRESSES FOOTBALLERS

Mike Brumbelow, head coach at Texas Western in El Paso and considered to be one of the outstanding coaches in the nation, was the principal speaker at the Father-Son Football Banquet last night.

A former TCU student, Brumbelow was hired for a number of years after his graduation by SMU as a scout and is given credit for much of their success of several years ago and especially their brilliant game played against Notre Dame some three years ago.

Brumbelow made a very appropriate and entertaining talk to the gathering and was well received by his listeners.

Held at the school cafeteria at 7:30, the banquet was sponsored by the football mothers and was carried out in a football type manner with Pre-Game Ceremony, Coin Toss, Kick Off, etc.

Rev. Lynn McAden gave the invocation which was followed by a

\$128,000 Sought To Buy Rankin Gas Co. Holdings

City Takes Option On Gas Company

The City of Rankin has taken an option to purchase the Rankin Gas Company for \$114,000.

This option, as drawn up between the two parties, stipulates that the sale must be completed on or before March 1, 1956. It further states that the Rankin Gas Company guarantees 380 meter connections for which the City will pay \$300 each. Should it be found on date of sale that there are more than 380 meters, the City will pay Rankin Gas Company \$50 per meter for all over the 380 figure. Should it be found that there are less than 380 meters, the City may deduct \$300 per meter for each meter less than the 380.

Further in the agreement is a clause stating that the sale is contingent on the approval of a bond election to be held by the City in January or February to determine whether or not the voters wish to issue bonds to finance the purchase of the company.

This agreement has been signed by Mayor Ivy and Councilmen Boggs and Pettit for the City and by Joe Powell and C. J. Brown for Rankin Gas Co.

PLEASE NOTICE—

We need your news. If you have news items that you would let us run, we would appreciate your calling us. Club news, church news, personal items, etc., are always appreciated.

However, we will need them not later than Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in order to be able to publish them the week they are received.

"Welcome" by a football mother and a "Thanks" by Gene McCain, center on the Rankin team.

In the first quarter Coach Ted Kirby made presentations. In the 2nd quarter assistant Coach Bill Cook introduced All-District players.

For the halftime activities coach Kirby introduced Mike Brumbelow who gave the "Half-time Pep Talk" to the gathering.

The third quarter was taken up with a movie of the Ozona-Rankin game followed by the benediction by Rev. Shannon to complete the fourth quarter.

Named as referee for the occasion was Supt. Joe Scrivner with Jan Thigpen acting as band director.

February 4, 1956, has been set as the date for an election to determine whether or not Rankin voters favor the sale of \$128,000 in revenue bonds for the purchase of Rankin Gas Company. Purchase price of the company is to be \$114,000 with the remaining money being used to extend the system and to be set up in an operating fund.

A full legal explanation of this election notice is carried elsewhere.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Those wishing to vote absentee on this election may now do so at the City Hall.

Voters must have a 1955 poll tax and be property owners within the city of Rankin.

In this issue of the Rankin News. For several weeks now members of the city council and representatives of Rankin Gas Company have been discussing the proposal sale of the utilities concern to the City of Rankin. Competent engineers have been called in along with bondsmen who deal in financing such transactions and the system and its financial condition has been thoroughly investigated.

According to reports from both the City Council and the Rankin Gas Company, engineers and bondsmen believe that the property and holdings of the company are well worth the sale price of \$114,000 being asked.

Joe Powell, local manager of the gas company, explained that the concern is owned by a three-way partnership and that returns from the system have not been sufficiently large to give them a reasonable profit on their investments. It is for this reason that they wish to dispose of the company.

On the other hand, it has been pointed out that there is enough profit in the company that it would prove financially good by way of an investment for the city and that it would pay its own way as well as retire the bonds issued for its purchase. These revenue bonds are different from a tax bond in that no taxes are levied against property owners for payment of the bonds. Instead, as in this case, the gas company itself would be put up as security and profits from the concern would be used to retire the bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Birch visited her relatives in Post over the week-end.

Linton Clark visited with his father in Ballinger last Saturday.

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Filler by J. B.

If a crowd was what was needed to make the 4-H Club stock show a success, last Saturday night's affair was the granddaddy of all successes. It would be our guess that the members and sponsors of the organization express their thanks to all who came out and helped make the show the success that it was.

D. S. Anderson says the most disappointing thing in the world is the size of the rock you get out of your shoe. That sounds logical.

Then Walter Clay McSpadden tells this little tale concerning the fact that we all, at one time or another, bite off more than we can

chew. It seems that a colored gentleman from Chicago was visiting with some of his country relatives in Georgia.

Since there was nothing else to do by way of entertainment, the country boys asked the city slicker if he would like to go coon hunting. Even though the Chicago lad had never even seen a coon he was not going to play dumb so he said, "Sure, let's go."

After a good chase, the dogs treed an extra large size coon high up in a big tree. The country boys pulled the dogs off, handed the gun to the Chicago visitor and said, "Shoot him."

Still determined to play the part of the know-it-all from the city, the Chicago man refused the gun and stated that he would climb the tree and get the coon down bare-handed—which he proceeded to do.

After crawling out on the limb and coming to grips with the coon, there was a great commotion in the tree with branches breaking, leaves falling, much shouting, snorting and snarling. And along about that time the Chicago boy let out with a yell of "SHOOT INTO US, COUSINS."

Ordinarily we are personally against anything being owned by the government, state, or city that could be owned and operated by a concern or individual. In short, we are a staunch believer in private enterprise.

However, there seems to be a point or two in favor of the purchase of the Gas Company by the City of Rankin. In the first place, there is no competition in the field and seldom is in utilities of this sort. Then it has been proven in numerous other towns in this area that a gas company such as this is a money maker for a small city.

Now if there is anything that the City of Rankin could use other than a good rain, it would be some-

thing that would bring in a little added revenue to the coffers. According to some high paid help in the form of engineers, bondsmen and miscellaneous wise men who have been scurrying around town for the past month holding all sorts of secret meetings, this gas company deal would be a very good investment for the city.

As we said before, we're against the idea in principal but since we have a number of principals that we don't pay too much attention to, we believe we'll vote for this darn thing. Personally, we would advise you to make up your own mind on the matter.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS BEGIN TO MOVE BETTER

A check with the Sheriff's office last Tuesday indicated that almost 700 poll taxes have been paid here and in McCamey with some 400 having been paid in McCamey and

300 in Rankin. This indicates that a mild upturn in payments has been recorded in the last few days with indications that a last minute rush is to be expected. With only 12 more business days left in the month, voters who plan

The Rankin (Tex.) News
Thursday, January 19,
to pay their poll tax are
do so as soon as possible.
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needs at the Rankin News



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2. Make alterations cheerfully — because the customer has the right to have his ad set up as he desires—he is paying for it.
3. Take special care in set-up — many newspapers lose advertisers because of sloppy work in the back shop. The Rankin News pledges to always do their best in composition and printing.
4. Keep accurate files — so that an advertiser may refer back to any ads he has run over the past years or may collect from wholesalers for advertising allowances.
5. Give extra service — in any way possible to better serve our customers. We are in business to show a profit and to show a profit, we must make our service profitable to our customer.

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The Rankin News

THE AMERICAN WAY



A Friendly Gesture Misunderstood

Plan Vigorous '56 Program Monday Nite

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January 19, 1956

FORE PLEASE

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to local duffers

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and Tomie Stephen-
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anny Hurst over Kelly
Shorty Taylor; fifth
Lowery and Dorothy
Carl Shaffer and Gene

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Store, Eddins-Walcher
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O. Gossett, J. R. Fun-
P. Rankin, Floyd
H. Scarborough, Allen
nie Hurst, L. Porter
ubert Dishman, Mrs.
Carl Shaffer, Ray
Rankin News, Cecil
Wes Hearon, Hamp
k Marshall, Wayne

their projects and laid several plans
for the immediate future.

Among the most encouraging was
the report that some 87 persons re-
ceived aid at Christmas time due
to the efforts of the Lions and in-
dividuals of Rankin. The report
further indicated that there would
possibly be a surplus of funds in
the Christmas program account and
that this money would be carried
over and used for the same pur-
poses next year.

WESTERN ACIDIZING

A report by Santa Fe Agent R. L.
Bell that he had contacted officials
of Western Acidizing, the chemical
concern that is considering moving
to Rankin, and was informed that
everything looked favorable for
Rankin's securing the new plant. A
further report showed that Mc-
Camey Chamber of Commerce had
information that led them to be-
lieve that Rankin had been chosen
as the site for the new operation.

Again it was emphasized at the
meeting by Lion President Joe
Powell that the entire program
hinged on whether or not Rankin
could supply the needed 12-15 two
bedroom homes for the employee
of the firm by April 1.

Along this same line, Lion W. O.
Adams reported that he had made
extensive search of money which
could be borrowed to finance con-
struction of these houses and has
been unable to find any large mon-
ey loaning concern that would
back the project. This led to a
discussion by the group on the pos-
sibility of forming a loan associa-
tion in Rankin for the purpose of
constructing the houses.

Lion Joe Scrivner pointed out
that not too many years ago, Odessa
faced the same situation as Rankin
now faces in that they could not
borrow outside money to finance
construction. They followed the
plan suggested of forming a loan
association with the results that
numerous individuals invested in
the organization which in turn built
the houses and has realized a very
nice profit as well as receiving
credit for development of present-
day Odessa.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Further discussion by the club
was centered around the possibility
of a local chamber of commerce. A
report by Lion A. E. Ivy indicated
that he had checked with numer-
ous surrounding towns that operat-
ed with a chamber and had found
that there would be need of a bud-
get for such a program of about
\$7,500. He further pointed out that
to raise this amount in Rankin
would require a minimum donation
by every business house of \$25.00
per month.

Since it was felt that this would
not be practical, the plan of secur-
ing a chamber of commerce at the
present time was shelved with the
understanding that it would be
looked into at a later date.

NEW MEMBERS

T. L. Stephenson was brought
into the club as a new member and
Bud Cummings was re-instated.

SPECIALS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JANUARY 20 AND 21

WE GIVE BLUE PACIFIC STAMPS

SNOWDRIFT 3 lb. tin 73c

Pops Rite
POP CORN 10 oz. Tin 15c

No. 300 Libby's
FRUIT COCKTAIL 23c

Heinz
TOMATO SOUP 2 FOR 25c

46 oz. Libby
TOMATO JUICE 29c

No. 2 Libby Sliced
PINEAPPLE 27c

46 oz. Libby's
PINEAPPLE JUICE 29c

Zee
TISSUE 4 ROLLS 33c

Kraft's Velveeta 2 Lbs.

CHEESE 80c

Cello Bag
PINTO BEANS 4 lbs. 39c

Kuner's Old Fashioned Spiced
SWEET PICKLES 2 FOR 43c

Morton's Frozen Apple, Peach,
Cherry PIES Large 45c

Frozen
CATFISH 1 LB. 49c

Fruits - Veget.

Texas New Red
POTATOES LB. 5c

Arizona
ORANGES LB. 10c

Fresh
CABBAGE LB. 5c

Rome Beauty
APPLES LB. 8c

Large Heads
LETTUCE Head 10c

Cello Bag
CARROTS Bag 9c

Libby's
VIENNA SAUSAGE 2 FOR 35c

Mrs. Winston's Strawberry
PRESERVES 20 oz. 59c

No. 300 Kuner's
KRAUT 2 FOR 25c

200's
KLEENE 15c

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BACON LB. 39c

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Choice Beef
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UPTON
CITY OF RANKIN

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Rankin, Texas, on the 4th day of February, 1956, on the proposition and at the place more particularly set forth in the election order adopted by the Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of January, 1956, which is as follows:

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$128,000.00 GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Rankin, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purpose hereinafter mentioned;

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held in the City of Rankin, Texas, on the 4th day of February, 1956, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of the City of Rankin, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City in the sum of \$128,000.00, maturing serially in

such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Commissioners, the maximum maturity being not more than Thirty (30) years from their date, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Five and one-half (5½%) per cent per annum, for the purpose of purchasing the privately owned natural gas system now serving the City of Rankin, including the supply line, and improving and extending same, to be issued in accordance with and secured in the manner provided in Articles 1111-1118, both inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, each bond to be conditioned that the holder thereof shall never have the right to demand payment of said obligation out of funds raised or to be raised by taxation, secured by a pledge of the net revenues from the operation of said system, and, in the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, to be secured additionally by a deed of trust on the physical properties thereof and a grant to the purchaser under sale or foreclosure under such deed of trust a franchise to operate said system and properties for a term of twenty years."

2. That said election shall be held at the City Hall, within said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed directors of said election, to-wit:

H. Wheeler, Presiding Judge,
Vernelle Steele, Assistant Judge,
Mrs. H. Wheeler, Clerk,
Mrs. Jack Smith, Clerk.

3. That said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended,

including the provisions of Article 704, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty Fourth Legislature, and only legally qualified electors who own taxable property in the City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be qualified to vote.

4. The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

5. A substantial copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor of said City and attested by the City Clerk shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty Fourth Legislature, supra. The Mayor is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the City Hall and at two other public places within said City not less than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for holding said election. He shall also cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within said City, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen days prior to the date set for

4-H Club Show Big Success

An estimated 600 persons, perhaps the largest crowd in the history of the show, was on hand last Saturday night for the 19th Annual 4-H Livestock Show in Rankin.

With a free bar-b-que starting off the event at 5:00 p.m., the judging and auction sale followed. Competition was very close and many observers expressed the belief that the 160 lambs exhibited were the best that the club had ever produced.

Picked as Grand Champion Southdown and selling for \$180 per pound to T. L. Stephenson Trucking and Hogan Motor Co. of Rankin, was a fine lamb shown by Bud Poage, also of Rankin.

Sharing equal honors as the Champion Fine Wool and purchased by Ranchers Wool & Mohair

said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Article 704, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED
this the 17 day of January, 1956.

A. E. Ivy, Mayor,
City of Rankin, Texas

ATTEST:
Omar Warren,
City Clerk,
City of Rankin, Texas.

The Rankin (Tex.) News
Thursday, January 19,

Association of Rankin for pound, was a lamb shown bars Harral of Rankin.

OTHER WINNERS LIST

Among the other winners various events were: Sa (light) 1. Bud Poage, Scarborough, 3. Stanley Ellis Helmers, 5. Robert Robert Epley, 7. Butch Moore, 8. Wayne Kenn Carolyn Branch, 10. Ellis Southdowns (heavy) Poage, 2. James McDona olyn Branch, 4. Ellis Harral Sisters, 6. Clay Wayne Kennemer, 8. Branch.

Rambouillet (light) 1. mers, 2. Johnny and Wright, 3 Jimmy Pollard Brothers and Sisters, 5 Lyles, 6. Bobby McAden Helmers, 8. Bucky Scar Archie Higgins, 10. James and Sisters.

Rambouillet (heavy) 1. Harral, 2. Quinton Lyles, Branch, 4. Ellis Helmers, Bros., 6 Clay Wilson, Brothers, 8. Vickey Helmer nor Brothers, 10. Poynor Crossbreds: 1. Carolyn 2. Tommy Langford, 3. B Harral Sisters, 5. Carolyn Rambouillet pen of two Helmers, 2. Jimmy Pollard Poage, 4. Carolyn Branch and Ann Moore.

Southdown pen of two Epley, 2. Boyd Brothers.

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SHOW—

Ellis Helmers, 5. Butch Moore.
ds pen of two: 1. Bud Carolyn Branch, 3. Ro-
y, 4. Harral Sisters, 5. yles, 6. Stanley Helmers.

BUYERS LISTED

in Upton County who lambs from the members, \$65 per head, were:

Rankin: Eddins-Walcher, Boggs Grocery, T. L. Step-
Trucking, Hogan Motor Co.,
Real, First State Bank, Ran-
Wool and Mohair Associa-
West Texas Utilities, Walton
Nathiff Brothers, Home Ap-
B. McGill, Noelke Es-

REBEKAH LODGE NEWS

The Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 met in regular session on Thursday night, January 12th, with Dorothy

tate, Dr. J. D. Gessett, Frank Boyd, E. G. Branch, Wallace Lumber Co., Lions Club, J. W. Robbins, Grace Roach, Humble Service Station, Rankin Gas Co. and W. W. Harral, and Cashway Food Mkt.

From McCamey: Slaughter Motor Co and Pauley Feed Co., Red Bluff Lumber Co., Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and Burton Lingo Lumber Co., Brown & Thorp Drilling Co., James Cafe, Moore Funeral Home, Security State Bank, Moore Hardware, J. R. Smith, and B. A. Epley.

Out of county buyers included Nathan's Jewellery of San Angelo and John Fields of Sonora.

Howard, Noble Grand, presiding.

The following officers were installed by District Deputy President Elizabeth Rains: Bobby Jones, Noble Grand; Oma Belle Arledge, Vice-Grand; Mary Lou Holt, secretary; Alice Bell, treasurer; Ruth Hale, conductor; Modine Adams warden; Zadie Abernathy, chaplain; Yoma Fowler, inside guardian; Fern Kosel, outside guardian;

Inez Langford, right support to Noble Grand; Josie Bearden, left support to Noble Grand; Maud Hearon, right support to Vice-Grand; Martha Snell, left support to Vice-Grand; Erma Connally, musician; and Dorothy Howard, Jr. Past Noble Grand.

Twenty members and one visitor enjoyed delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting.



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A brand-new

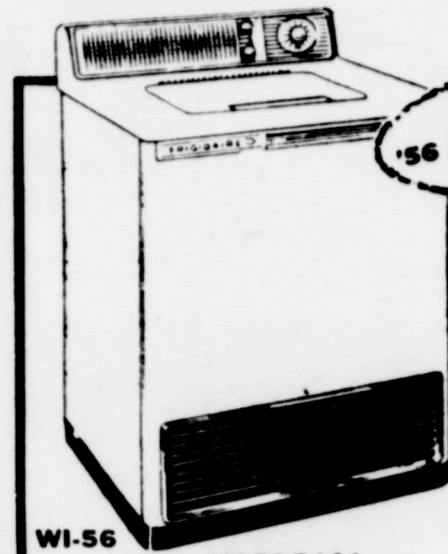
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Gets pounds more water out of clothes— slashes time and money spent in drying



Exclusive feature of the '56 Frigidaire Automatic Washer

You've always counted on Frigidaire for the most advanced thinking in homemaking convenience. Now they've done it again with this wonder-working Rapidry Spin. Come in, let us show you how it works. You'll agree, it's pure "engineering magic."

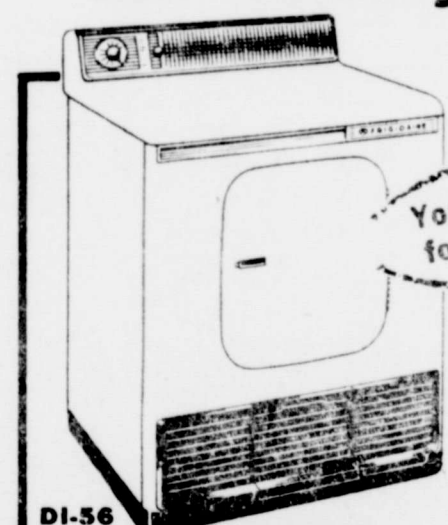
WI-56 IMPERIAL AUTOMATIC WASHER ONLY 310 A WEEK
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Trade-Ins

Other famous Frigidaire features.

- Live-Water Washing Action • Float-Over Washing and Rinsing • New Econo-Dial • Flexible Select-O-Dial • Lifetime Porcelain finish • Choice of 5 beautiful colors, all white, or two-toned.

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You won't spend a penny for plumbing or venting

Gone—objectionable hot, moist air and lint, thanks to the exclusive Frigidaire Filtrator. No plumbing or venting needed. Clothes are dried soft, fluffy and sweet-smelling, with just the degree of dryness you want.

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Trade-Ins

More Frigidaire Features:

- Variable Temperature Control • Dry-O-matic Timer • Safety Door Switch • Radiantube Heating Element • Ozone "Sunshine" lamp • Choice of colors.

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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 AD- VALOREM TAX PAYMENTS AFTER JANUARY 31.

POLL TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE ISSUED WITHOUT CHARGE.

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS
Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector
Upton County

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, Ben F. Brooks, Jr., an individual, am making application to the Texas Liquor Board for a package store permit; that the business will be operated under the name of "Brooks' Package Store" and is located on a tract of land fronting 50 feet on the South line of the Upton County Road between Midkiff and the Reagan-Upton County Line and extending Southward 300 feet, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the South right of way line of said Road 375 feet East of the West line of Section 20, Block 37, Township 5-South, Upton County, Tex.; THENCE Southward at a right angle to the first line a distance of 300 feet for corner; THENCE Westward parallel to the first line a distance of 50 feet for corner; THENCE Northward parallel to the second line a distance of 300 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Upton County, Texas; that the above named person is the only person having any interest in said business. Said business as above described is located approximately 2 miles east of the Midkiff Post Office on said road.

JOHN A. MENEFFEE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Rankin, Texas

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AVON PRODUCTS
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UPTON COUNTY LIBRARY

12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Every Day Except Sunday

Heads Sports Drive



BOB CONSIDINE, reporter and sports columnist, has been appointed National Sports Chairman for the 1966 March of Dimes, January 3-31. He has asked sports editors, TV and radio sportscasters, promoters and athletic directors to help in the future victory over polio. Considine urges March of Dimes campaign directors to contact and work with these people during the campaign.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1955

Feb. 13, 1955—Open house was held Sunday afternoon for two new houses on Severn Street. These have been constructed by Powell Construction Co.

Feb. 2, 1955—In a letter submitted to the school board in their regular meet Wednesday, D. E. Jones, head coach of Rankin High School, asked that the board accept his resignation as head coach and that he be retained as a classroom teacher and coach of girls basketball.

With a 31-26 win over the Grandfalls last Friday night, Feb. 4, 1955, the Rankin High School girls' basketball team wrapped up the District crown for another year.

Feb. 3, 1955—Led by Carolyn Branch, the Upton Co. 4-H Club "stole the show" at the Ft. Worth Livestock Exposition.

The Club had 14 places out of the first 24 and 9 out of the first 15. Taking only 15 lambs to the show, they placed all but one in the high brackets.

MRS. DUB DAY HOSTESS TO BETA SIGMA PHI

Mrs. Dub Day was hostess to the Beta Sigma Phi local chapter Tuesday night, January 10th. Roll call was answered with a favorite sport.

It was voted by the club to give

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Dee Perry Forbus and Norman Yocham exchanged wedding vows at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, at Carlsbad, New Mexico. Rev. Ray of the First Baptist Church of Carlsbad performed the ceremony in the church parsonage.

Dee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Perry of the Sinclair Camp, Rankin. Norman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Yocham of Rankin. Norman is a graduate of Rankin High School, and is employed by the B. J. Construction Co.

Jan. 13, 1955—Cashway Food Market of Rankin paid top money of \$1.50 per pound for a prize winning lamb shown by James Lyles in last Sat. Livestock Show.

RANKINITES ATTEND STATE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon and Rev. B. A. Rogers of Rankin attended the State Evangelistic Conference at Fort Worth last week. Large crowds attended each session, and enthusiasm for evangelism ran high.

This is one of the most important meetings that is promoted each year by the Baptist General

twenty-five dollars to the Pollo drive.

It was announced by the president, Bettie Elrod, that Alma Adams, whose name was drawn as winner of the Christmas doll, had sold the doll and given the money to Beta Sigma Phi to be sent to Girls Town.

Mrs. Johnny Ruth Gary presented a very interesting program on "Tools for the Art of Life-Action."

Cokes and coffee were served to the members, their director, Mrs. Walt Poage, and their sponsor, Mrs. Nan Daugherty.

Mrs. Daugherty won the door prize.

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Convention of Texas as announced each year for program on Evangelism. A feature this year will be an Eclectic Clinic to be held in ecia in Texas. The one Castle Gap Baptist Association at the East Side Church Camey on January 23. To 10:00 a.m. and close at 4 this clinic will be directed C. P. Jackson and Dr. J. vington who are both working under the State ment of Evangelism, Da pastors, educational direct gelistic singers, and any are interested may attend

BOYS BASKETBALL SC

Jan. 19	Ozona Tournament
Jan. 20	Ozona Tournament
Jan. 21	Ozona Tournament
Jan. 24	Barnhart
Jan. 31	Imperial
Feb. 2	Iraan
Feb. 7	Grandfalls
Feb. 10	Odessa B & C
Feb. 14	Barnhart

"I've got room for 9 of us"



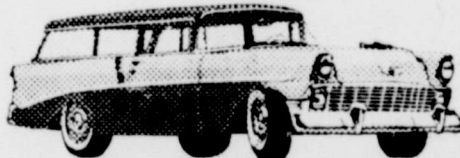
Bel Air Beauville—
4 Doors, 9 Passengers

Chevrolet offers you a choice of six sprightly new station wagons—including two new 9-passenger models—all with beautiful Body by Fisher, all with plenty of cargo space, all with new horsepower ranging up to a hot 205!

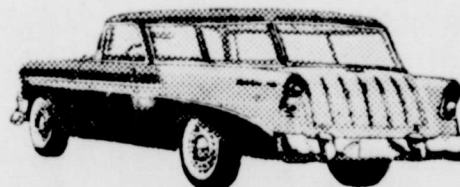
Here's a zippy, exciting kind of power that's fun to handle. And the closest thing to sports car performance—split-second steering reaction and the knack of holding fast around curves—that you'll find in a full-size automobile. Seat belts, with or without shoulder harness, and instrument panel padding, are optional at extra cost. Safety door latches and directional signals are standard. Come in soon and drive a real road car!



"Two-Ten" Beauville—
4 Doors, 9 Passengers



"Two-Ten" Handyman—
2 Doors, 6 Passengers



Bel Air Nomad—
2 Doors, 6 Passengers

THE HOT ONE'S EVEN HOTTER



"One-Fifty" Handyman—
2 Doors, 6 Passengers



"Two-Ten" Townsman—
4 Doors, 6 Passengers

C. W. BROWN MOTOR CO.

McCAMEY, TEXAS

Join the
MARCH OF DIMES
January 3 to 31

REPORT OF CONDITION OF
FIRST STATE BANK OF RANKIN

of Rankin, Texas at the close of business December 31st, 1955, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this state and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,381,227.44
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,067,532.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	449,228.21
Corporate stocks (including \$6,750.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,750.00
Loans and discounts (including \$10,057.50 overdrafts)	1,287,635.47
Bank premises owned \$2,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$8,000.00	10,000.00
Other assets	423.25
TOTAL ASSETS	4,202,796.87

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,096,428.69
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	351,356.19
Deposits of U. S. Government (including postal savings)	38,764.17
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,384,869.05
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,871,418.10
Other liabilities	7,732.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,879,150.30

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	100,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided profits	65,821.61
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	32,824.96
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	323,646.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	4,202,796.87

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of \$100,000.00.

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes..... 1,101,000.00

I, D. S. Anderson, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. S. ANDERSON

CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. P. Rankin, O. W. Parker, Clay Taylor, Directors.
State of Texas, County of Upton, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January, 1956.

RUTH HOLCOMB
Notary Public
Upton County, Texas

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Phillip Stanley Eller, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Eller of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 1st, dismissed Jan. 3rd.

Robert V. Jones, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jones of Rankin, surgery, admitted Jan. 2nd, dismissed Jan. 3rd.

Charles B. Rogers of Texon, medical, admitted Jan. 3rd, dismissed Jan. 6th.

Mrs. G. D. Ragsdale of Midkiff, medical, admitted Jan. 3rd, dismissed Jan. 5.

Mr. L. Z. Coffee of Odessa, medical, admitted Jan. 4th, dismissed Jan. 7th.

Helen Marie Martin, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin of Midkiff, medical, admitted Jan. 5th, dismissed Jan. 10th.

Mrs. Leo Moureling of McCamey, medical, admitted Jan. 6th, dismissed Jan. 7th.

Darlene Workman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Workman of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 7, dismissed Jan. 13th.

Mr. R. L. Craig of Midkiff, medical, admitted Jan. 9th, dismissed Jan. 13th.

Mrs. Herman Stanley of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 10th, dismissed Jan. 14th.

Mary Ann Stearne of Texon, 6-years-old, admitted Jan. 12th, surgery, still confined.

Norma Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Wise of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 13th, dismissed Jan. 14th.

Mrs. R. K. Stearns of Texon, medical, admitted Jan. 13th, still confined.

Mr. D. A. Stonecipher of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 14th, still confined.

Marilyn Workman, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Workman of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 15th, still confined.

Katherine Weis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Weis of Rankin, medical, admitted Jan. 13th, dismissed Jan. 14th.

DIMES DRIVE PICKS UP MONEY AT SHEEP SHOW

The 19th Annual Livestock Show was something more than a lamb show for Upton County last Saturday night when several of the lambs purchased were donated to the March of Dimes by the purchasers.

These lambs were in turn auctioned off to other bidders and approximately \$105.00 for the dimes drive was raised in this manner.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

The Commissioners Court of Upton County, Texas, will receive sealed bids until 2 o'clock P.M. January 27, 1956, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read, at the Courthouse, Rankin, Texas, for the Purchase of:

1 only full diesel 6 cylinder motor grader, developing not less than 120 Brake Horse Power, 13x24 8-ply tires both front and rear, combination mechanical and hydraulic steering, all steel type cab, 11 tooth V type scarifier, mechanical controls, 12 foot shiftable hydraulic moleboard. This machine must not weigh less than 25,500 lbs. Bidder must accept as part payment, 1 AD 3, Allis Chalmers Motor Grader. A nine year old machine. Trade-in may be seen by contacting Commissioner E. K. Buford, McCamey, Texas.

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

J. A. Moore
County Auditor,
Upton County, Texas

ATTEST:
Nancy K. Daugherty,
County Clerk,
Upton County, Texas.

1-19-56

YATES HOTEL

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SPECIAL WEEKLY RATES

Steam Heated Rooms
Just South of Depot

AARON CERAMIC STUDIO
409 Gaston
Crane, Texas

Box 1316
Phone 2386

Ceramic Supplies — Firing
Special on all Green ware

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Meet Every Tuesday Night
All Oddfellows Are Invited
To Attend

J. O. LEE, Secy.

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Moore Funeral Home

COMPLETE MORTUARY SERVICE

24 HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Listen Every Sunday, 1 p.m.
"Memorable Melodies"
Station KCMR

L. PORTER JOHNSON
Rankin

Specials Fri. & Sat., Jan. 20 & 21

Texas		
ORANGES	5 LB. BAG	29c
Idaho Russett Cello Pkg.		
POTATOES	10 LBS.	43c
Large Heads		
LETTUCE	2 Heads	23c
Rome Beauty		
APPLES	LB.	10c
Cello		
CARROTS	2 FOR	19c

Snowdrift	3 Lb. Tin	
Shortening		.69

Armour's		
MILK	3 FOR	41c
Maryland Club		
COFFEE	LB.	91c
Maryland Club		
COFFEE	2 LBS.	1.79
Regular 39c Size		
KOTEX	3 FOR	\$1
Lipton's		
TEA	1/4 LB.	39c
No. 303 Jack Sprat		
PUMPKIN	2 FOR	25c
Hormel		
CLEO	5 LBS.	\$1

Giant Size	Each	
CHEER		.69

No. 300 Austex Chili		
BEANS	2 FOR	29c
No. 300 Austex		
TAMALES	2 FOR	39c
No. 300 Austex		
BEEF STEW	3 FOR	99c
No. 300 Austex Plain (No Beans)		
CHILI		39c
Kraft's		
CARMELS	1 lb.	37c
Kraft		
DINNER	2 FOR	29c
Kraft's		
MIRACLE WHIP	QT.	59c

Giant Size	Each	
TIDE		.69

— FROZEN FOODS —

10 oz.		
FISH STICKS		39c
Libby's Cut		
OKRA		19c
Libby's 10 oz. Cream Style		
CORN	2 PKGS.	29c
Peach, Apple, or Cherry Large		
PIES		49c

Folgers	1 Lb.	2 Lbs.
Coffee	.91	1.79

Stokely's whole kernel vac. pack		
CORN	2 FOR	35c
Red Heart		
DOG FOOD	7 FOR	\$1
No. 303 Standard		
TOMATOES	2 FOR	25c
Zestee peach, apricot, pineapple		
Plum PRESERVES	20 oz.	39c
No. 303 Stokely's		
FRUIT COCKTAIL	4 FOR	\$1
No. 303 Stokely's Red Pitted		
CHERRIES	2 FOR	49c
Sunshine		
CRACKERS	LB.	25c
No. 303 Stokely's		
Cut GREEN BEANS	2 FOR	49c
Dromedary Pitted		
DATES	6 1/2 oz.	19c
Van Camp's		
BEEFIE WENIE	2 FOR	35c
Ma Brown Pure Cherry		
PRESERVES	21 oz.	39c

Grade "A"—Cut up if desired	Pound	
FRYERS		.43

Semi-boneless		
PORK ROAST	LB.	39c
Choice Arm		
BEEF ROAST	LB.	49c
Choice Chuck		
BEEF ROAST	LB.	39c
Hormel's		
PICNICS	LB.	39c
Midwest		
BACON	LB.	39c
Fresh		
PORK LIVER	LB.	19c

TRADE WITH US — YOUR NEIGHBOR DOES

CASHWAY GROCERY AND MKT.

We Give S & H Green Stamps — Double on Wednesday Purchase of \$3.00 or More

1956 SCHOOL CENSUS NOW BEING TAKEN

The 1956 school census has begun in the Rankin Independent School District with the census forms being sent out this week.

School census takers have attempted to send forms to all parents who have children whose birthdays are between Sept. 1, 1938 and Sept. 1, 1950. It is requested that the parents complete the forms and return them to the school as soon as possible. All forms must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Since a great deal of revenue for the Rankin schools is obtained annually on the basis of this census, school officials have expressed their anxiety to register all school-age children in the district. Any parents of children in this age group who have not received census blanks, or if you know of anyone who has not received them, are requested to go to the high school or call Mrs. Jack Skiles at the high school (MY 3-2351) and she will see that they get the forms.

Census takers are particularly anxious to know of those children who will be in the first grade next school year—those being six years old by Sept. 1, 1956. They would

CLASSIFIED ADS

GOBSC STOCK FOR SALE—\$1.50 net. Call MY 3-2291 between 8:30 and 5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Workman. 1-26-c

FOR SALE — Six bottle electric sterilizer. \$5. Mrs. J. B. Hutchens.

FOR SALE — 3 room house with bath. Connected to sewerage, gas and water. House, lot and furniture all for \$1,000. Call MY 3-2239. 2-2-c

FOR SALE—Lot No. 7, Block No. 9, Westlawn Addition in town of Rankin. Price \$180.00. Write E. F. Lasater, Box 151, Ignacio, Colo. 2-2-p

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also like to hear of any children who are not school at the present time

CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks to each and every one of our many friends whose loving sympathies and help during our recent illness are especially grateful.

The H. R. Eck
The Gene Eck

Political Announcements

Rates for the various types of Political Announcements to be carried by this paper during the year of 1956 are listed below.

Charges for Announcements cash in advance as requested. This same policy of cash in advance applies to all advertising carried in this paper and to any commercial connected with a candidate for office.

Names will be carried in order in which they are received. One news story will be on page one for each candidate.

RATES FOR POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

District & State Offices
County Offices
Commissioners
Other Precinct Offices

For State Representative
102nd District:
Louis H. "Andy" Anderson
(Re-Election)

For Commissioner Precinct
H. Wheeler
W. L. Gotcher

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

BINGO NIGHT — \$30.00

Stewart Granger — Vivela Linfors

"MOON FLEET"

Color—Cinemascope

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 & 21

"WICHITA"

Joel McCrea — Vera Miles

SUNDAY & MONDAY, JANUARY 22 & 23

"STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND"

James Stewart — June Allyson

VistaVision — Technicolor

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 & 25

"THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"

— Starring —

Charlton Heston — Julie Adams

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