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## Results Of Achievement Tests Ready At Schools

School officials have announced the scoring of achievement tests given previously in the county has now been completed for 4th and grades 8-9.

## Schedule Dec. 11-12

The "The Christ Child" pageant, will be presented Sunday night, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church. The play will be produced and directed by Thigpen. Assisting directors are Medley and Evelyn.

## OF BASKETBALL

- 1st Place  
2nd Place  
3rd Place  
4th Place  
Consolation  
2nd Place  
3rd Place  
4th Place

## Livestock Show

The Upton County Livestock Show will be held at the junior high school on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All entries are to be tagged.

## Girls Club

The Theta Rho Girls Club will hold their Christmas business meeting, the first of the coming year, on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:00 p.m. Linda Crow, president; Linda McDonald, vice-president; Sharon Wheeler, secretary; and Effie Pettit, treasurer. Effie Pettit is advisor for the club.

## HART JOHNSON SEEKS RE-ELECTION

District Judge Hart Johnson of Fort Stockton became the first candidate to toss his hat into the political ring in Rankin for 1960 when he announced today that he will seek re-election in next year's Democratic Primary as Judge of the 112th Judicial District.

He will seek his first full four-year term in the office, having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Langdon on January 1, 1959.

A lifelong resident of Fort Stockton, Johnson had practiced law there for 33 years prior to becoming district judge. His 112th judicial district includes Pecos, Upton, Crockett and Sutton Counties.

He was graduated from high school in Fort Stockton in 1918, received a degree from Simmons College, now Hardin-Simmons University, in 1922 and a law degree from the University of Texas in 1926.

Johnson served two terms as Pecos County attorney. He was mayor of the city of Fort Stockton from 1939 until resigning in 1942 and was 112th district attorney for six terms from 1943 through 1954.

He has one daughter, Mrs. Paul D. Dionne of Fort Stockton, and two grandchildren.

## Norman Elrods Get Youth Director Post

The adult and teenage council of the Rankin Youth Center met at the Rankin Park Building on Monday night, December 14 and considered the applications for director of the Center.

Chosen by ballot as directors were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elrod.

At the same time, the revised rules and regulations of the Center were read and approved.

Those attending were Mr. Fyold Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bushong, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. James, Mrs. Carl Shaffer, Mrs. Herbert Hurn, Mrs. Bruce McGill, Mrs. Walton Poage, Mrs. Charles Hale and Mrs. Ross Wheeler. Teenagers in attendance were Sammie Steele, Ruth Gryder, Darlene Workman, Donnie Gryder, Dennis Kennemer, Donald Lee, Bucky Scarborough and Jimmy Lewis.

## Youth Council Elects New Officer Group

At a recent meeting of the Youth Council, the following officers were elected: Frank Boyd, president; Dennis Kennemer, vice-president; Barbara Bushong, secretary; Sammie Steele, treasurer.

At the meeting the group voted to decorate the Youth Center for the holidays. They also voted to have a dance during the holidays.

Party Starts At 10:00 A. M. --

## Santa Comes To Rankin Sat.



Big Daddy of the Christmas business, old Santa himself, will be in Rankin Saturday.

## Rankin Is Winner Of Sportsmanship Award In District 5-B

The District 5-B Football Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to the Rankin Red Devils for the second year in succession. The voting for the recipient of this trophy is conducted through each member school. The coaches, players, band members, pep squad members and the administration of each school cast votes. Because Grandfalls did not complete their district schedule, they disqualified themselves from voting this year.

This will be the last year for at least two years that Rankin will have an opportunity for such an award. District 7-A, Rankin's new district, voted not to give a sportsmanship trophy. The distances involved in 7-A might mean that band, and pep squad would not be in attendance at all games; consequently, the vote might be construed as an untrue picture of district-wide sportsmanship.

## NOTICE - -

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 18, there will be a veterinarian at City Hall to vaccinate dogs for rabies and distemper.

He notified the Rankin Lions Club this week that he definitely will be here Saturday morning to talk with all the youngsters of the area. Officially, activities will get underway here at 10:00 a.m. when the Lions Club, in cooperation with the Ford Theatre, will stage a free showing of comedy pictures at the Ford Theatre.

Following the show, Santa will arrive and will have a load of gifts in the form of candy, fruit and nuts for the children in attendance.

He will also have time for a visit with all who want to go by and say a few words about their desires for Christmas morning.

"This Christmas party is for all the children in the Rankin and Midkiff area," Lion boss Sam Fitzhugh has said. "We want everyone to feel free to come and enjoy the fun."

## Methodist Christmas Program Is Sunday

Rev. Lynn McAden, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rankin, has announced that the church will have their annual Christmas program and tree Sunday night, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Following the program, the adult department of the church will have their Christmas party with refreshments and a gift exchange.

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

## FOR AND AGAINST—

Following last week's comment on the band not appearing in the contest at Odessa, the question has been put to the editor: "Are you for or against band?"

Actually I don't think it makes much difference whether I'm for or against band since I have nothing to say one way or another about such matters but for the record, let it show that I do favor band instruction in our schools. In fact, I favor it to the tune of about \$175 plus carrying charges. I also favor football, basketball, one-act plays, "Be Kind to Editors Week" and helping old ladies across the street. All in their proper places.

I also favor having some book learning along with our schools and it's no secret that the kids are getting exposed to this a little more this year than in past years.

In talking further about the band with Fred Prentice, he pointed out that the students had the time to practice enough for the band contest but that, apparently, they did not do so. Therefore, he did not feel that they should go to the event. I think he did exactly right.

My youngster did have the time but she has done very little practice. She has done a little more studying on the books. Now I repeat what was said last week: "It all depends on how you like your band contests—with or without Rankin". And to decide that, you will need to in that class described as "One Who Thinks For Himself."

And the above does not apply just to the band—it goes for all the extra curricular activities. In a school the size of Rankin, there is a great demand for the time of the students. First, they must give time to their studies, then to their sports activities (about a half-dozen from which to choose), the various contests such as interscholastic league, serving on school posts such as the annual, school paper, etc., and then they have their outside activities such as the 4-H club, scout program and church activities—added to a county sponsored youth activities program.

That's a pretty full schedule and leaves little room in the way of time for anyone who would take part in all of these many things.

For my part, my youngsters will be better off putting their studies first and the rest of it second. Maybe you prefer it the other way around. It's a free country.

But it's not likely that we're all going to agree on what is important and what is not. Take your choice.

## WHEN SANTA COMES—

Be sure to take your small fry to the Lion's Christmas party Saturday. It's for everyone—not just needy children. That is handled by the Lions also but is not the intention of the Saturday party.

Saturday is just a day for kids to enjoy the pleasures of Christmas time a little more. Everybody's welcome.

## TEACHERS' PAY—

Shortly after the first of the year—and before election time—the Texas Legislature will likely meet to kick around the matter of an increase in school teachers' pay. If they do meet, it is not likely that teachers will get any pay increase and if they do, it will not be in the amounts wanted. The whole thing will probably be staged for benefit of politicians now in office and out seeking re-election to make it look like they are a hard working lot and interested in teachers' pay increases.

Some interesting facts on the subject were received this week by the News from a local source. Among them:

515 local boards of education in Texas paid \$31,514,195 in above-minimum teachers' salaries last year.

Taken as a state average, this amount gave each eligible Texas teacher \$499 more than the Gilmer-Aikin required salary base. More than 3 out of 4 Texas teachers were paid more than minimum salary.

The average salary of classroom teachers in Texas schools was \$4,410 last year. This ranked 28th nationally.

The salary increase average from 1957-1959 was 4 percent in Texas, which was the lowest percent increase in the Nation.

A recent Associated Press release states that 50.7 percent of the Texas Legislators oppose a Special

Session; a little more than 25 percent favor one. 20 percent were undecided.

Support for a teacher pay raise: 46 percent said they would vote a raise if a special session were called; 28 percent were undecided.

Amount of raise: About 34 percent felt that the \$405 suggested was all right; 35 percent were undecided and more than 19 percent said it was too much.

Rankin teachers are paid on a base of \$4,300 for a beginning B.A. or equal degree and \$4,600 for the beginning MA degree or equal. \$100 per year is paid for each year of service up to six years then \$60

for 10 years. Salaries were raised by the local school board in 1958.

The Gilmer-Aikin State rate of pay is \$3,204 for BA degree teachers and 3429 for MA's with increment pay of \$54 per year for 12 years on BA's and for 24 years on MA's.

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## Adams Tells Rankin Club Of Citizenship

Adams was the speaker at the December meeting of the Rankin Club. He was introduced by Mrs. Jack Smith. Adams spoke on "Good Citizenship - a prerequisite to a Better Community." He stressed the importance of becoming a good citizen, not only at the home, school and church, but also in the community. Adams stated that the foundations on which we build good citizens are the children that are classified as "delinquent." He said that some of these children are citizens with the proper training and good leadership. Adams said that the children of today will become the leaders of our community. Such as the Boy Scouts, 4-H Club members all good citizens by tea-

ching them honesty, fair play toward their fellow man, some spiritual recognition, sharing and giving as well," he said.

Not only parents, but other leaders of the community set examples for good citizens. We learn that the best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves, Adams stated.

In the business session, the club voted to bring small gifts to their next meeting to distribute to the Children's Home for the Retarded at Mexia.

Mrs. Harvey Kubena and daughter of Houston, and Mrs. W. A. Hudson of Temple, a past president of the club, were guests.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hamp Carter and Miss Myrtle Reed to 22 members and guests.

After repeating the Club Collect, the meeting was adjourned.

## Howcoetts Club Has Christmas Party

On the evening of December 8 at the Rankin Park Building, the Howcoettes Club honored their husbands with a Christmas party during the evening of bridge, canasta and 42. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bowen won high in bridge; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bain and Mrs. H. L. West won high in canasta and Mr. H. L. West and Mrs. J. E. Welch won high in 42. Mrs. Joe Simpson won the door prize.

Refreshments of pie and sandwiches were served to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. West, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tieman, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Murmis, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mortl, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Cranfield, Mrs. W. F. Moses, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. T. C. Frost, Mrs. M. W. Lorfing, Mrs. L. B. Benry, Mr. and Mrs. Bain and Mrs. R. C. Quick of Rankin and Mrs. Dug Buford, Mrs. M. R. Tillman, Mrs. J. F. Simon and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cleveland, all of Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dupriest of Rankin, Texas Natural Camp, are the parents of a son born December 5 at an Odessa hospital weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and named Micheal Dale.

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Dear Santa,

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Love  
Larry Dean Titsworth

Box 101  
Rankin, Texas  
December 9, 1959

Dear Santa,

I am in the 3rd. I am 8½ years old. I want a football. I want a machine gun. I want a camping set. I want a commando outfit. I want a ballerina doll. Thank you for the toys I got last year.

Love  
Lester Ray Titsworth

Dear Santa

I am a little girl. 7 years old. Please bring me some dishes and a ballerina doll and a record player. Also I would like a stuffed mouse and some games.

Love,  
Teddye

Kenneth Welsch Is  
Beta Speaker

The Xi Epsilon Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hurst recently for their December meeting.

After a short business session, Mrs. Hurst introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Kenneth Welsch, superintendent of the Rankin Schools. He discussed the curriculum of Rankin Schools and how the schools were meeting the requirements. There was a question and answer period following his talk. The group discussed achievement tests, the present state adopted reading program and the new junior high self-development program.

Refreshments were served during the social hour. Mrs. Alma Adams won the door prize.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a bike for Christmas and I would like to have a little tiny tear doll.

Santa, I hope you can bring the things I have asked for and I hope that you will be able to bring the things to all other boys and girls that they asked for.

Yours truly,  
Karen

P. S.— I shall try to be a good girl always. Also we shall have some refreshments for you at our house on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

I am 7 years old I want a doll and a Baby buggu and a Baton and some Dishes

Your friend  
Janice Key Brown

(ED. The above was on a very pretty Christmas card addressed to Santa and wishing him a Merry Christmas.)

Christmas Party Held  
By Cub Scout Packs

Cub Scout Pack 56 held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the Park Building. Mrs. Nolan Adams of Den No. 1 gave a skit. Christmas poems were given by Lenney Garrett and Jimmy Adams.

Scout Awards were presented to the following: Terry Holt, Service Star Award; Ed Edgar, assistant Denner; David Welsch, Denner Award; Larry Gray, the Webelos Badge; Eddie Connally, the Bobcat Pin. Each boy who brought in a new member to the Pack was given a billfold. They were: David Welsch, Jimmy Adams, Gayland Williams, Ellis Caveness, Kyle Adams and Robert Cowles.

Refreshments were served to all dens. Candy and nuts were served by the Cub sponsors, The Rankin Rebekah Lodge.

One hundred and fifty attended the party with Mr. R. L. Bell, long-time Rankin scout worker, the honored guest. Santa Claus was also present for the gathering.

Entertain Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrett entertained a group of friends with a 42 party Saturday night at their home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Edgar and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Houchins.

Refreshments of coffee, cookies and candy were served to the guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman visited over the week end in Levelland with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Workman and in Stanton with Mr. and Mrs. David Workman.

Mrs. Tom Gober of Mertzon and Miss Mary Emma Gober of San Angelo spent the week end with Mrs. Gober's sister, Mrs. E. W. Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and family of San Angelo visited in the Wm. Scarborough home Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. McAden of Merkel is visiting with her son and family, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn McAden.

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**Rankin Rebekas To  
Serve Turkey Dinner**

their families on December 22 at the Rankin Park Building. Ned Malone was recommended as Lodge Deputy.

Mrs. James E. Culbertson, New Mexico are the daughter born December named Debra Lou.  
Mrs. Alfred Sanders and ... last week to Hope.  
... of San Angelo is vi- ... mother, Mrs. Zack  
... Brides Books, Bibles, ... at The Rankin News.

Mrs. B. D. Wilson of Rankin was admitted November 30 and dismissed December 9.

Mrs. Joe B. Pittman of Star Rt., Midland, was admitted November 30 and dismissed December 9.

Baby girl Abalos born November 27, still confined. She is the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lasro Abalos of Rankin.

Geraldine Emerson, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Emerson of Iraan was admitted December 4 and dismissed December 9.

Mr. Don Rhorick of Rankin was admitted December 13. Rhorick was involved in a car wreck over the week-end.

Mrs. C. A. Shaffer of Rankin was

Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 met Thursday evening at the Odd Fellow Hall for regular meeting with Noble Grand, Nancy Cummings, presiding. Eighteen members were present with sixteen sick visits reported and two cards sent to the sick.

Two visitors were present from McCamey Rebekah Lodge No. 169, Vivian Hyde and Jean McCormick. The Lodge voted to serve a turkey dinner and all trimmings to the Phillips Oil Company employees and

admitted November 12 and dismissed December 8.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schewening of Grandfalls were visitors in Junction last week.

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### CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS IN MANY LANDS—

Here's a collection of not-so-well known Christmas beliefs and ceremonies. Plan to tell the stories in your story hour or adapt some of the ideas to your program of decorating and entertaining for the holidays.

**DENMARK**— One custom in Denmark is almost unique to that country: "Blowing in the Yule." At sunrise, while the people are at breakfast, the town band climbs the many steep ladders to the top of the church tower and plays four old hymns, one to each corner of the compass, so that no one is forgotten. Those sitting in their homes always join in with the song as soon as they hear the first note. As the fourth hymn ends, the deep voices of the big church bells commence to boom and Yule is under way.

**FRANCE**— In France at Christmas time it is the rule of the family gatherings that all the quarrels of the year shall be forgiven and forgotten before the family has their celebration. While the feast is in progress, the older people usually tell stories of the doings of those who, in the past, have brought honor upon the family name. After the supper is over, noels are sung.

On December 4, the Feast of St. Barbara, the women plant St. Barbaras' grain. On Christmas Day the plants are placed in a bowl on the table when the great supper is served, the growing sprouts being a symbol of the harvest of the New Year that is soon beginning.

**AMERICA**— Most of the Christmas customs in America have come from Europe: our Christmas tree from Germany, our Santa Claus from Holland; our Christmas stockings from Belgium or France; Merry Christmas from England, and also our Christmas cards, plum puddings and mince pies. The one thing that is strictly native to this country is the use of the poinsettia.

#### SYMBOLISMS—

Trees— The Great Giver (God)  
Poinsettia — Nativity  
Holly — Hospitality  
Berries— Drops of blood, love, even unto death  
Thorns — Suffering  
Pine — Hardihood, immorality  
Ivy — Memory  
Evergreens — Eternal Life  
Fir — The fire of the spirit  
Bells — Joy  
Wreath — Eulogy, memorial, remembrance  
Candles, torch or brand — Nativity, symbolizing spiritual joy; light

#### THE WEEK AHEAD—

We'll be home for Christmas the latter part of the week. Office work is waiting for any other time we have.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of San Angelo were week end guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elrod.

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Mrs. Mike Moore and  
gford visited last week  
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## WORK IN THE 4-H CLUB

By  
**WAYNE KENNER**



WAYNE KENNER  
12 years of club work

The Upton County 4-H Club has strived under the leadership of Dub Day to help boys and girls become sound young men and women of good faith and character. It has been one of the most interesting organizations in the community, because it offers to all young people not only a challenge to themselves, but also the chance of winning esteem in high competition. You can consider it quite an honor if you happen to win a show where there are over 1300 or 1400 entries. I have been rather fortunate in this manner. In 1955, I won the Champion

Southdown at the Abilene Fat Stock Show, which was termed "the Largest Sheep Show in the World" that year. Also, in 1953, I had the Grand Champion lamb at the County Show, and also Grand Champion Lamb at the El Paso Show. In 1957, I had Champion Fine Wool and Champion Crossbred Lamb at the County Show, and Reserve Champion with the same animals at the District Show in Crane. In 1958, I again had Champion Lamb at the County Show. Over a period of 9 years, I have accumulated 90 ribbons, three trophies, and several medals which I won in other phases of 4-H work. These include grass, wool and mohair, livestock, and rifle teams. In 1958, I was on the Wool Judging Team that won the State Contests.

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## LETTERS To The Editor

Los Angeles, California

To the editor of The Rankin News:

First I wish to commend you most highly for having the "courage of your convictions," to write such splendid articles as that which appeared in your paper on November 19 in your "Scoop" column, and "Sins in the Welfare State".

You mention ONE woman in California who receives \$11,000 for 19 children born out of wedlock—according to a report in "Human Events". IF there was only ONE such and silliar case, it would not be intolerable, but there are hundreds, yes, thousands throughout the country, and rapidly increasing day by day.

But even worse—if such is possible—is the thousands of "workers" who work just long enough to qualify under this new law whereby they draw "unemployment" pay for 39 weeks. Then when the 39 weeks are up, they work again ONLY long enough to qualify for another "loafing period." One such family consisting of five young men, ages from about 18 to 25, each with an automobile with which to run around in, and two women folks with a lot of children to support, made a racket of this "unemployment" business. And it is said that there are literally thousands of such cases. Sin does not pay? Indeed as Tom Anderson, editor of Farm and Ranch says: "In the Welfare State it does!" Who pays for all of this? The American tax payer, of course.

But worst of all, says a promi-

quired in many things, and appreciation should be extended to them for this.

4-H Club work can be justly termed, I think, as one of the most worthwhile projects in any community. It gives a chance to the members to develop themselves on their own, and in the right manner. I have learned many things from 4-H club work, that I would not have learned otherwise. It will remain with me always as one of the most interesting phases of my life.

dent jurist, "those conditions are simply breeding a nation of loafers and bums—men who have lost all self respect and ambition, and depend on the government to sustain them." The we growing soft? Indeed we are.

And so are most of the present day editors who do not have the courage to speak out against such deplorable conditions.

W. D. Riser  
1213 1/2 South Hoover  
Los Angeles, California.

ED. NOTE: Mr. Riser is the former Editor of the Upland Roundup, the first newspaper published in Upton County. Though getting on in years, he is still vitally interested in his Nation and the manner in which the "let George do it" attitude seems to be taking over.

Mr. Riser prefers to speak his bit for himself and not wait for the other fellow to raise a voice.

We always welcome letters from our readers whether they are in LA or Flatrock.

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Thursday, December 17, 1959

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