

Interest Increasing In Rankin Development

In an effort to develop economically continues to local citizens. second meeting on the last Monday night at Cafe by Rankin Lions was probably the largest held in recent years study was on hand and dining hall to capacity. were directed by Lion

President Sam Fitzhugh and again, one of the main subjects discussed was water.

Another item that was brought up was whether or not Rankin should form a Chamber of Commerce or make an effort to work through some other type organization. It was decided that a Board of City Development should be organized and that, if need be, further organizational plans would be at-

tempted later should their need be so indicated.

TEMPORARY BOARD—

In an effort to get started on some plan of action, the group voted to select a temporary Board of City Development composed of the Mayor, A. E. Ivy, owner of Wallace Lumber Company, Councilmen Ray Boggs, owner of Boggs Grocery and Market, and J. B. Pettit, local employee of Rankin Schools and five

individual citizens. Both County Commissioners H. Wheeler and T. D. Workman, Jr. will be invited to work with the board.

Individuals elected were Dunn Lowery, President of the First State Bank, Porter Johnson, owner of L. Porter Johnson's Department Store, Allen Moore, head of the Pryor Construction Company, Bill English, assistant cashier at the First State Bank, and J. B. Hutchen, Jr. This group scheduled their first

meeting for Friday night, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the First State Bank at which time they will hear the head of the Board of City Development from San Angelo. He will discuss with the group the methods used in forming a permanent Board of City Development, including financing methods and some of the projects that are ordinarily undertaken by such a board. After hearing him, the Rankin temporary board will try to formulate a plan for Rankin which will be presented to the public as soon as it is ready.

The Rankin News

Serving the Interests of Rankin and Upton County

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1960

PRESLAR IN JUDGE RACE



STEVE PRESLAR for district judge

Steve Preslar has announced that he has filed for application to the voters of Rankin, Crockett, Pecos and Upton counties for promotion to the 112th District of Texas. He is presently serving his second term as County Attorney of Rankin County and is not seeking re-election. In keeping with the tradition of the office when he first sought the position he would not ask for a second term. At that time he stated, "If I prove to be worthy I will be entitled to a pro-vice I should get out." Many citizens and others have urged him to present himself for re-election. (Just how many urged him to seek promotion being spelled out by the fact that he points to the fact that "citizens" means "people".) Speaking seriously that he has had the question on his mind for over a year and the final decision only a self-thought and family matter. "It's a family decision and will be a family effort to win a winning team, we are a team consists of Avis, Steve and active in community projects' wife, and three children, Samuel H. and Robert Preslar was born on the Cow Creek in Coleman County, Texas, on March 27, 1918, the youngest of five children and was christ-

BILL MOORE SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS CONSTABLE

Bill Moore, long-time resident of Rankin and Upton County, authorized the News to announce this week that he has filed for re-election for Constable, Precinct 1, Upton County, subject to the Democratic Election which will be held on May 7, 1960.

In submitting his request for re-election to the voters of the precinct, Moore stated that he believed his past experience in the office qualifies him to perform the duties involved and that he has always tried to render service at all times in the past and will continue to do so if re-elected.

"I am very grateful for the assistance and faith the voters of Precinct 1 have given me by electing me to this office in the past and will certainly appreciate your vote and help in the coming campaign," he said.

CUB SCOUTS SELLING EXPOSITION TICKETS

Cub Scout Pack 56 of Rankin is now selling tickets for the Scout Exposition to be held in Crane on February 13. Tickets are 50c for adults and 25c for children. Time of the show is 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Half of the proceeds of the sales remain with the local Cubs for operational expenses.

Stephen F. The family moved to Ranger in Eastland County when the father died when Steve was four years old. Steve's graduation from Ranger schools came in the depths of the depression during which he took any job available, working as a newspaper boy, printer's devil, store clerk, farm laborer, oilfield roustabout, janitor, policeman, and elevator operator. He sandwiched the jobs in with attendance at Ranger Junior College, Cornell College, Nebraska State Teachers, University of Iowa, University of North Carolina and George Washington University from which he received his law degree. He served two and a half years with the FBI in Washington before serving in the Navy in World War II. (Continued to Page Three)

Rankin School Survey Now Under Study By Trustees

E. B. BLOODWORTH FILES FOR JP IN PRECINCT 1 RACE

E. B. Bloodworth announced last Tuesday that he had filed with Kirby Dawkins, County Democratic Chairman, to have his name placed on the May 7, Primary Election ballot as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1, Upton County.

Bloodworth has been a tax payer and resident of the Precinct for the past 10 years, having served for eight years as tax assessor and collector for the Rankin Independent School District. He is a disabled veteran of World War I and a member of The American Legion.

Bloodworth stated that he is making his first political campaign and promised that he will put on an active campaign for the office with personal visits to as many of the voters of the precinct as possible.

"If elected, I will make a full-time hand in the office of Justice of the Peace," he stated, pointing out that his disability will not effect him in any way in the performance of his duties and citing his previous business experience as his qualifications for the position. "I want every citizen of the Precinct to know that I solicit his vote and assistance in this race," Bloodworth has said.

BIRTHS

Rep. and Mrs. J. T. Rutherford are the parents of a daughter, their third child, born this week weighing 9½ lbs.

CORRECTION

In the Boggs Grocery ad on page 3, Skinner's Spaghetti should be 2 7-oz. boxes for 25c instead of 25c each.

During their last regular meeting, held Wednesday night, January 13, members of the Rankin School Board received and studied copies of a survey conducted November 12 1959 by the Board, school administrators, two state Educational Agency members and an architect from Odessa. This report has been made in the form of a brochure with charts figure computations, projected school and population growth and comments concerning these various aspects of the survey. A copy of this will be available later for any interested person to study at the administration office. Since their original meeting, the board and administration have been studying various phases of the question each time they have met; taking ideas and suggestions from a number of sources.

As was reported in the November 19, 1959 issue of the News, this survey covered all the facilities of the Rankin System as they are now being used, possible points of improvement and anticipated future needs. Beginning with the athletic field, the group made a physical inspection of each building and department all the way through the high school.

Noted at that time were the following:

Athletic Field: Investigate possibility of constructing a track for field events. Concession stands need remodeling. Study possibility of locating track some other place.

Central Storage: Making use of dock and rest rooms as storage and possibility of using old bus garage as storage and building new bus

shed. **Elementary School:** A need for sinks for Science in grades 3-6. Refrigerated storage desirable for cafeteria, serving lines need improving, dietician needs office, dry storage needs remodeling, garbage disposal unsanitary so close to food preparation area. Playgrounds too small and had no outside drinking fountains which were believed to be desirable.

Junior High School: Location of business manager, tax office in same building was judged to be "not good" rest rooms were found to be inadequate with no PE dressing facilities available. Stage and adjacent rooms in gym were wasted space. Stair railings were too low and very dangerous. On the second floor, science laboratory and lecture room were found to be obsolete and needed re-locating downstairs as did the library, which, in itself, was too small and out of date. Lighting and electrical facilities were inadequate and needed complete remodeling. Playground areas were inadequate, landscaping was desirable, rooms needed more flexibility and much space was wasted throughout the structure due to poor arrangement. Specifically, classrooms were found to be much too small with no storage space

Gym-Band Hall: Size of dressing rooms were found to be inadequate, space for indoor sports other than basketball was lacking, acoustics in band practice area were questionable, instrument storage was inadequate, practice rooms needed (Continued to Page Two)

Poll Taxes Moving Slow

Poll tax payments in Upton County were going at a slow pace this week according to the office of H. E. "Gene" Eckols, tax assessor. With less than two weeks left in which to pay poll taxes, only 262 receipts had been issued and 70 exemptions. In an ordinary

general election year, Upton County will register around 2,000 poll tax sales, indicating that there will likely be a heavy last-minute rush this year.

Poll tax payments in the county over the past four years totaled: (Continued to Back Page)

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

EDITORS NOTE: Due to the lack of space and time, the editor's column has been omitted this week in order to give room for the school survey report. Interest in building a better Rankin is very high at this time and that is good—building a better Rankin will—of course—mean maintaining good schools along with the water, housing and all the rest. Study this report and do some thinking on the matter. Who knows, you might qualify for a cigarette advertisement.

RANKIN SCHOOL SURVEY

(Continued from Page 1)

soundproofing and a coach's office was needed.

Senior High School: Superintendent's office should be located elsewhere, location for counselor's office in high school building could be provided, some additional stor-

age space was needed in both the high school building and the shop areas. Playground space was inadequate as was parking area. Also looked into was the possibility of a high school cafeteria.

FACILITIES RATED

During the inspection, an objective valuation of the buildings and fixtures was made.

An average of their scoring, which was very close considering that there were at least three different score on each facility and building, are as follows:

Elementary School, 80.6, Junior High Building, 48.7, Gym-Band Hall 77, and High School, 85.9. The above results indicated some improvements needed in all 4 areas with their order of importance, if projects can only be handled one at a time, being Junior High, Gym-Band Hall, Elementary Building and

High School Building. Other needs, such as improved playgrounds, bus shed, more storage, track field, etc. could be worked out at such time as the situation seemed most advantageous. Elementary and High school buildings in themselves, were considered very satisfactory; however, one unsatisfactory work area in each kept the score from rating much higher.

PROJECTIONS

The above findings were based on the situation as it actually exists at the present time in Rankin System. At the same time, the survey report included a "projected" growth estimate of the school and the future facility requirements. To get an idea of what to expect by way of increased future school enrollment, figures were taken for the past 17-year period, from 1940-1957 and a straight-line growth possibility was projected for the next 30 years.

A chart is included in the survey which shows that Upton County had a population of 4297 in 1940, it had reached 5307 by 1950. In 1957, it was 7,798 and is estimated to be 8,600 now. 1970 population is estimated at 12,100 from this chart.

For the two school districts in the county, growth has almost equalled that of the county percentage wise. In 1940, county schools had an enrollment of 1948, in 1959, 1176 and in 1957, 1728. Estimated enrollment for 1965 is 2654 and for 1970, 3231.

Another interesting fact was the growth-chart for City of Rankin which had a population of 672 in 1940, 1139 in 1950 and 2000 in 1957. On the same straight-line basis, the 1965 population is estimated on the chart at 3712 and the 1970 estimate is 4780.

RANKIN SCHOOLS

A percentage of increase for the Rankin Schools is also carried out which reflects a 90% increase since

1950 alone. Should it have been carried back to 1940, it would have been even higher. Highest percentage of increase is reflected in the upper grades of the system with 236% in the 10th grade, 143% in the 11th and 170% in the 12th. During the past 10-year period, graduates from Rankin Schools are up 255.5%, while actual enrollment in the entire school is up 108%, graduates being over 2 times as great as enrollment increase, indicating that more students are staying school longer.

To get an estimated "percentage of increase" an average of the growth of Upton County, 47%, Upton County Schools, 47%, City of Rankin, 75% and Rankin Schools, 90%, was taken and averaged with the result being 64.7%. Using this figure, it is estimated that the enrollment for Rankin Schools in the 1965-66 school term will be 978; for 1970-71, 1140.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Permian Basin Shrine Club announced this week that J. L. Manry, Jr. of Rankin has been elected President of the Club. Tom Hogan, Jr. of Crane was elected vice-president.

John Paul Godwin of McCamey is secretary and Owen B. Carnes of Big Lake is Treasurer. Dunn Lowery and Tom Workman of Rankin were elected "Aides to the President", along with several other members from various towns in the Basin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kidd and son visited Friday in Midland with her mother, Pearl Ellis.

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Thursday, January 21

Xi Epsilon Chi In Scarborough

The Xi Epsilon Chi Beta Sigma Phi met in the evening. Mrs. Lurline Scarborough conducted the business meeting which the chapter's "the yard stick" was presented by Mrs. Lurline Scarborough. The program "High School To-Day" by James B. Kennedy was presented by Mrs. Lurline Scarborough. The report emphasized the appeal to the slow, the gifted child.

The roll was answered. You Can Do to Improve Education. Mrs. M. A. Priddy door prize.

Refreshments were served to the members.

The Rankin Study Club met Thursday, January 31 for a business meeting. Mrs. M. A. Priddy, president, urged members to be present.

The regular meeting will be at the usual time of 7:30 P. M.

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January 21, 1960

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he wanted it understood that he was not seeking the office because of the pay-increase bill which went through the last legislature. This was the bill which allows the four counties involved to pay to the Judge of this District, in addition to the present salary, the sum of \$8,500.00 per year. Preslar stated that he was opposed to such bill for two reasons: "First, in principal, on the basis that the legislature should not spend its time passing one-man bills instead of legislating for the other eight million Texans; and you will remember that the last session of the legislature required two over-time sessions in order to write a tax bill and that they never did find time to do anything about the pay of school teachers. No one can quarrel with the proposition that to attract good men as judges you need good pay, but this is not the way to do it. Secondly, I am satisfied with the present pay of \$15,000.00 per year as being in keeping with the present work load of the Court."

In making his announcement Preslar said he hoped that everyone would understand that this is not a contest against an incumbent or an attempt to unseat anyone already in office, but on the contrary it is an election to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term caused by the resignation of Judge Jim C. Langdon when he moved up to the Court of Civil Appeals; and, that the law provides that in the event of a vacancy, such as this, the people shall fill the vacancy at the next election, but that the Governor shall appoint a judge to serve only until such election.

Preslar also stated that he would make an old-fashioned, door-to-door campaign and see every citizen of each of the four counties. He stated, "I realize that this will be quite an undertaking due to the size of the District but the District to be campaigned in is the same size as the District to be served and I feel I should not ask for the privilege of serving such District if I am unwilling or unable to cover it in a campaign."

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Rankin Rebekah Lodge Has New Officer Installation

The Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 met at 7:30 Thursday, January 7 at the Odd Fellow Hall for installation of officers for the new term. Installing officers were district deputy president, Pauline Dies, Texon; district Deputy marshal, Mrs. Alice Bell, Rankin; deputy warden Elma Fell, Texon; deputy inside guardian, Mrs. Inez Langford, Rankin; deputy recording secretary Dorothy Howard, Texon; deputy chaplain, Vivian Hyde, McCamey; and deputy musician, Barcey McCain, Rankin.

Officers installed were Mrs. Dora Woodfin, Noble Grand; Mrs. Mellie Jo Howard, Vice-Grand; Mrs. Alice Bell, Chaplain; Mrs. Nadine Woodward, Warden; Mrs. Ann Harkey,

Conductor; Mrs. Erma Connally, Right Support to noble grand; Mrs. Eddeon Moses, Left Support to the noble grand; Mrs. Ruth Windham, inside guardian; Mrs. Elsie Turner, outside guardian; Mrs. Mae Cowles, right support to vice-grand; Mrs. Barbara Weaver, left support to the vice-grand; Mrs. Barcey McCain, musician; Mrs. Fern Kosel, recording secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, financial secretary; Mrs. Bob McAllister, treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Cummings, past noble grand;

Mrs. Emma Gamble, left support to past noble grand; Mrs. Inez Langford, right support to Chaplain; Mrs. Elma Fell, right support to past noble grand; Mrs. Ned Malone, left support to Chaplain; Mrs. Do-

rothy Howard, team captain; Mrs. Lawanda Lee, United States Flag bearer; Mrs. Pauline Diez, Rebekah Lodge flag bearer; Mrs. Ned Malone, Lodge Deputy; Mrs. Elsie Turner, Lodge Reporter.

Mrs. Alice Bell, lodge deputy, presented the installing staff with pink carnations corsages and Mrs. Dora Woodfin presented her officers with a year book and pink carnation corsages.

Mrs. Bell presented Mrs. Nancy

Cummings with her past noble grand Jewel and certificate.

Twenty-two members, along with two visitors, Vivian Hyde and Mrs. Inez Kelly of McCamey, were present.

The dinner was served buffet-style from a table layed with white net over a pink cloth, centered with a silver bowl of pink carnations with pink candles at either end. The noble grand's chosen colors of pink, green and silver were carried out

The Rankin (Tex.) M. Thursday, January 21

in the table decorations

Mr. and Mrs. Don St. daughters of Buena Park are visiting her brother, nedy, and family. Mrs. the former Edna Kennedy her home here for a years.



TELEPHONE TALK

by Kenneth Cochran, Manager

HOW WE MANAGE THE TELEPHONE BUSINESS

With the beginning of a new year, many folks take stock of their old resolutions and make any changes that are needed.

Here at the telephone company there's one resolution that never changes, no matter how many times we review it. It is to manage the business in the best interest of the public, employees and shareholders.

The telephone company exists for one purpose: to furnish you the best possible telephone service at reasonable cost—a cost consistent with financial safety and fair treatment of employees.

SERVICE HAS BEEN IMPROVED

Good service, of course, is our first objective. But since only good service is one that continually improves, a planned program of service improvements is called for. Some examples:

STORMPROOFING TELEPHONE CABLES

All cable in Rankin will be placed under air pressure with seven pounds pressure at the central office and two pounds pressure at the end of the cable.

Then a process, which is called "Soaping the Cable", will be utilized to find all leaks and repair them. This preventive maintenance will help give you better telephone service, protecting the cables against all trouble except lightning and bullet holes.

A BIG JOB

Improvement of telephone service is a big job, but probably the biggest of all is expanding the telephone network. Just look at the growth here in Rankin: 533 phones today, compared with 264 in 1950, and one out of 7 residential customers has at least one extension phone.

Good service also takes willing owners, folks who've invested savings in the business and depend on management to run it in a sound, profitable manner. If their money can't earn a reasonable profit in the telephone business, who can expect them to continue investing it with us?

With good earnings, we can plan ahead with confidence, build for the future, striving always to give you the best telephone service we know how.

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Ad-Valorem Taxes Are Delinquent After Jan. 31st

**Blue Shower
for Mrs. Cranfill**

A Blue Shower honoring Mrs. W. H. Johnston was held in the home of Mrs. W. H. Johnston on Thursday, January 14, with many nice gifts and a punch were served to the guests.

Guests were Mrs. Cecil Faulkner, Mrs. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Bill Bobby Vandever, Mrs. and Mrs. Johnston.

Youth Rally will be held in Rankin January 26 at 7:30 p.m., one for the largest from any church, and the largest total number of people are to be given.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Opal Nix of Rankin was admitted January 6.

Mrs. Franklin Lancaster of Rankin was admitted January 10 and dismissed January 17.

Martha Abalos, 13-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lasro Abalos of Rankin was admitted January 10 and dismissed Jan. 17.

Mr. Neal Woodfin of Rankin was admitted January 10 and dismissed January 15.

Mrs. Mike Moore and daughter were admitted January 10 and dismissed January 15.

Mr. Dee Locklin of McCamey was admitted January 8 and dismissed January 11.

Mrs. R. L. Riley and baby of Rankin were admitted January 7 and dismissed January 13.

Mrs. Apolina Acosta of McCamey was admitted January 13 and dis-

missed January 16.
Mrs. James Fisk of McCamey was admitted January 15.

Mr. N. C. Cason of Rankin was admitted January 17 and expired January 18 at 4 p.m.

Mr. B. F. Yocham of Rankin was admitted January 17.

Susan Fisk, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Fisk of McCamey was admitted January 17.

Mrs. Troy Byford of Rankin was admitted January 17.

Mrs. James Bausch of Alpine was admitted January 18.

Mr. James Fisk of McCamey was admitted January 17.

Mrs. Lucy Galloway of Rankin was admitted January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Mary and Martha visited last week in Albany and Haskell with relatives.

H. D. CHATTER by . .

MYRNA HOLMAN
Home Demonstration Agent, Upton County

WORKSHOPS—

We had three all day meetings the past week. We worked with a dressmaking class one day, a lampshade workshop the next, and then attended a Texas Home Demonstration Association training meeting the next.

We'll admit that's a few too many all day sessions all in one week, but we're always glad to schedule workshops when there is a desire or need for them. These are usually scheduled by those interested in any phase of work giving their names to the agent or to a member of the program building committee who in turn give them to us. The interested group then get together and plan for the workshop to fit their needs. Club members and non-club members alike take part. Subjects cover the entire home economics field and so vary from making the family tree to a bread making day such as the Rankin women held recently as well as those on upholstering, dressmaking, and the like.

We have not yet heard from the

proposed upholstering workshop in Texon but if you're interested let us know and we'll advise you of the plans—or let you help make them rather.

TRUTH WILL OUT—

The notion that women lie about their age more than men is unfounded according to Dr. Nathan Masor of New York. He made an eight-year study of 151 people in three age groups, 18-23, 30-50, and over 50. No one of the 18-25 group, and only one man (no women) in the over 50 group lied about age. In the 30-50 group, however, more men than women lied about their age. But (sigh) it must be admitted that although fewer women fibbed, the ones who did told whoppers—taking more years off than did the men.

Two Rankin band students, Miss Charlene West and Lonnie Ferrell, attended the try-outs for the State band contest held in Odessa recently. Miss West was selected for the regional band and took part in a stage performance held during the contest.

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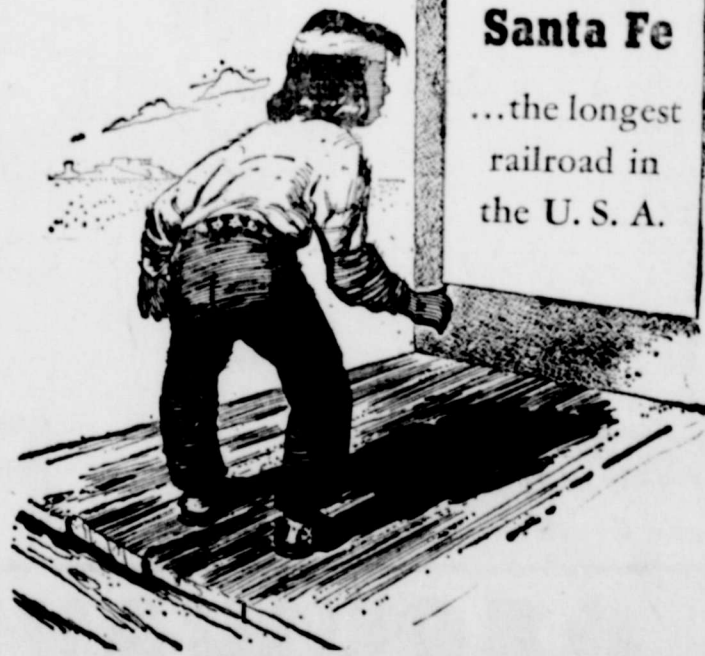
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POTATOES		45c
Fresh	lb.	15c
ORANGES		
Washington Delicious	lb.	17c
APPLES		
Fresh	bunch	5c
ONIONS		
Fresh	bunch	5c
RADISHES		

Frozen FOODS

Winter Garden—FRUIT	EACH	
PIES		39c
Peach, Apple or Cherry		
Gulf Stream—10 oz. pkg.		59c
BREADED SHRIMP		
Minute Maid—6 oz. can	2 FOR	
GRAPE JUICE		43c

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Peyton's English Style	LB.	
BACON		49c
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BEAUTY BAR	2 for	39c
Kountry Kist		
CORN	2 for	29c

GIANT SIZE BOX
TIDE **69c**

Deer Brand—303 can		
TOMATOES	2 for	25c
Skinner's—11 oz.		
RAISEN BRAN	2 boxes	49c

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PEACHES 3 cans **\$1.**
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COOKIES	2 lb. pkg.	49c
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Flour **49c**

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POLL TAXES LAG . . .
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1956: Paid—2180; Exemptions, 350 for a total of 2530.
1957: Paid—1717; Exemptions, 252 for a total of 1969.
1958: Paid—1743; Exemptions, 289 for a total of 2032.
1959: Paid—1439; Exemptions, 246 for a total of 1685.

"Indications are that we are going to be very busy the next few days," Eckols said. "For the convenience of those who have not yet paid their poll taxes, we urge them to do so as soon as possible and thus avoid waiting in line on the last days."

The County Sub-Station will be open in McCamey and at the courthouse in Rankin until noon on Saturday, January 23 and all day Saturday, January 30. Poll taxes may be paid there at that time. They can be purchased at any time during regular office hours through the week at the sub-station and the courthouse in Rankin.

Eckols also stated that a representative from the Tax office would be at the Oilfield Cafe in Midkiff January 29-31 and that poll taxes could be paid there at that time.

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RANKIN, TEXAS

The Rankin (Tex.)
Thursday, January 23, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Apol...
McCamey are the parents of a son born January 13 at 7:11 a.m. weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs and 10 ozs.

Political Announcements

Rates for the various editions of Political Announcements to be carried in this newspaper for the year 1960 are listed below.

Charges for Announcements to be carried in advance as requested. This same policy of advance payment applies to all political advertising carried in this newspaper. Any commercial printing with a candidate's name is subject to this policy.

RATES FOR POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
102nd District of Upton County

LOUIS (ANDY) L. MIDLAND
(Re-Election)

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE
112th Judicial District

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(For First Election)

STEVE PRESLAR
Upton County

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
83rd Judicial District

SHELBY H. BLAIR
Fort Stockton

FOR SHERIFF, TARRANT COUNTY
COLLECTOR, UPTON COUNTY

H. E. "GENE" BROWN
(Re-Election)

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY
Upton County:

JOHN A. MENEZES

FOR COMMISSIONER
Precinct 1, Upton County

H. WHEELER
(Re-Election)

FOR CONSTABLE
Precinct 2, Upton County

J. T. "JIMMY" JONES
(Re-Election)

FOR CONSTABLE
Precinct 1, Upton County

BILL MOORE
(Re-Election)

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