

The Rankin News ^{25c}

Serving the Interests of Rankin and Upton County

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1960

SENIOR EDITION



... from WAGONS

... to RAILS



to VAPOR TRAILS

**Upton County
marks**

50 years of progress



to Rails, to Vapor Trails theme is courtesy
from her design for Beta Sigma Phi program



SPORTS ALL THE WAY was this group of Rankin school girls back in 1933. Over the years' some outstanding girls basketball teams have come from Upton County and from Rankin in particular.

This group had just won a large trophy at the Big Lake tournament and seem well pleased with the results.

Back row, left to right, Jackie Holmes (Mrs. W. J. Pollard now of Aztec, New Mexico) Glenn Webb, Polly Anna Whitmer, Ruby Childress and Coach Johnnie Weyerts.

Middle row: Frances Howell, Coral Scott (Mrs. Billy Rankin), Vernelle Powell (Mrs. Gordon Steele), Ireba Simmons, (Mrs. Jeff Ray McSpadden), Eloise Barfield.

Front row: Mary Higday, Zona "Tubby" Scott (Mrs. Ray Boggs), Alta Mae Woods, Genevieve Langford (Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth).

1910

1960



**FIFTY YEARS OF
PROGRESS FOR
UPTON COUNTY . . . FROM THE
COVERED WAGON AND THE
PRAIRIE TO MODERN CARS
AND HIGHWAYS**

We're Grateful For The Little Part We Have Had In This Progress and Are Looking Forward to the Years That Are Ahead.

we say . . .

CHEERS TO UPTON COUNTY

On The

**50th Anniversary
CELEBRATION**

and a big . . .

OLD FASHIONED

WELCOME TO EVERYBODY

McKenzie Motor Co.

Maurice McKenzie, Owner



It's our 50th Birth
but we're just like
Spring Chickens

On the Occasion of Our 50th Anniversary, we'd like to extend

BEST WISHES

ON THIS OUR

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Cunningham Barber Shop

J. E. Cunningham, Owner



**WELCOME
VISITORS
OF THE
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

In 1910, a little gift was a sure way to make a hit . . . and it still works in 1960

Rankin Gift Shop

Mrs. L. N. Collins, Owner



50 YEARS OF PROGRESS is being marked with our

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May We Extend a Welcome to all our Visitors and to the "Old-Timers"

Rankin Package Store

O. R. Adams, Owner



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Rankin family are pictured here. They include the late Mrs. F. E. Rankin, J. P. Rankin, Billy Rankin, Johnny Rankin and Billy Jack Rankin, the picture having been taken in the middle Forties. All are still living here and Johnny is believed to be the oldest native-born Rankinite in the county.

Rankin is named after F. E. Rankin who donated a half section of land to the old Orient Land Company for a townsite just

prior to 1912, when the railroad first came here.

Members of the family have lived in Upton County for over 60 years and were in the ranching business during early times.

J. P. Rankin has held almost every civic position open in the town and served as mayor for a number of years. He has also been a director in the First State Bank since it was organized in 1927



Rankin's First Woman Pilot: Miss Jackie Holmes, now Mrs. W. J. Pollard of Aztec, New Mexico, was the first licensed woman pilot in Upton County, having qualified when she was 22 years old and a student in the San Angelo Business College.



It's Fun To Be 50

It's fun to watch the years of progress go by. Upton County is now celebrating its 50th birthday . . . Fifty years of Progress.

West Texas Utilities Company is not quite that old but the years we have been privileged to serve Electric Energy to the people of Upton County have been pleasant years. We are looking forward to many more pleasant years in serving the people with dependable Electric Service.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

*an investor
owned company*



"You see, I was in sorta of a hurry to get to the Upton County Anniversary Celebration."

**WE WANT TO
EXTEND A
WELCOME
AND
GREETINGS
TO ALL ON THE
50th Anniversary**

**AND TO OFFER YOU
OUR SERVICES . . .
IN ANY WAY WE
CAN HELP**

**Wheeler
Magnolir
Service**

**ROSS WHEELER
Owner**

HERE ARE OUR SPECIALS FOR THE

ANNIVERSARY

Good for
Friday--Saturday
May 27-28

NOTE: We will be closed Saturday for the Parade and all day Monday, May 30

SHORTENING 3 Lb. Tin
Snowdrift 59c

Supreme 1 lb. bag 43c
Danish Wedding Cookies

Supreme 1 lb. box 27c
CRACKERS

GIANT SIZE BOX
TIDE 65c

Heart's Delight No. 303 45c
FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 for

Pacific Gold—No. 2 1/2 can 27c
ELBERTA PEACHES

JUMBO SIZE BOX
DASH \$1.99

Fleecy White 15c
BLEACH qt. bottle

Mountain Pass No. 303 29c
TOMATOES 2 for

VELVETTA 2 Lb. Box
CHEESE 89c

Choice Beef—Arm or Chuck LB.
ROAST 49c

Fresh Dressed 359
FRYERS lb.

Fresh 49c
PORK STEAK lb.

Choice Beef—Prime 63c
RIB ROAST lb.

LUNCH MEAT lb. 49c
Pickle & Pimento, Olive Loaf,
Pressed Ham or Almeat Bologna

Armour's Almeat 49c
FRANKS lb.

Fresh 22c
TOMATOES lb.

Texas Clipped 5c
CORN ear

Blue Goose 39c
LEMONS dozen

Yellow 8c
SQUASH lb.

Valley Frost 37c
STRAWBERRIES 2 for

Coastal 47c
LEMONADE 5 for

Winter Garden \$1.
FRUIT PIES 3 for

SET A **Thrifty Table**



LIPTON'S 1/4 Lb. Box
TEA 37c

LIPTON'S 16-count Bags
TEA BAGS 29c

BOGGS Gro. & Mkt.

We Give Frontier Stamps -- Double Stamps on Wednesday

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

UPTON COUNTY — MAY 28-29, 1900
RANKIN PARK BUILDING

H. E. "Gene" Eckols General Headquarters Rankin Park

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M. Parade, Street
11:30 A. M. Barbecue
11:30 A. M. - 1:30 P. M. Dedication

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:00 P. M. Old Upland Courthouse
SATURDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M. Beta Sigma Phi
8:30 P. M.

SUNDAY MORNING

Attend Church of your choice
Basket dinner at City Park

SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 A. M. Open House for Ex-Students Rankin Golf Club

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P. M. Old Fashioned Rankin Park Building
Visit Museum Rankin Park
Visit Museum McCamey Airport

PROGRAM FOR PANORAMA

Rankin Park Building 7:00

Open to the Public through courtesy Beta Sigma Phi

Narrators June Prentice & E.
Pianists Virginia Ivy, Sara Rozear
Quartet Dr. J. D. Gossett, A. E. Ivy, and L.

Bill Board Girl

Scene 1— 1910

The Family Portrait
The Merry Makers

Scene 2— 1920

Main Street of McCamey
Roughnecks
(Continued to Page 5)



Everybody's Coming
TO THE
UPTON COUNTY
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

BE SURE TO COME BY AND
VISIT WITH US FOR WE WANT
TO WELCOME YOU PERSONALLY

Ann's Dress Shop

MA— (continued from page 4)

Scene 3— 1930

Beaux
Hobos

Scene 4— 1940

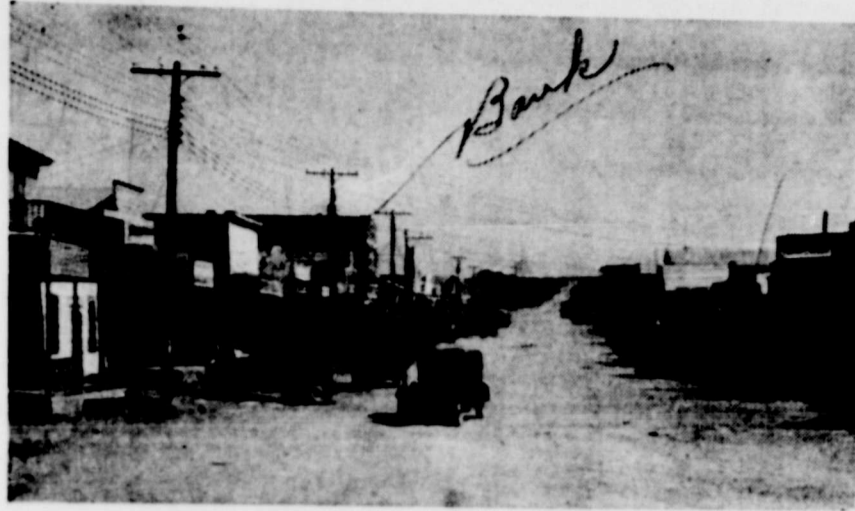
for Our Soldiers
Cowpunchers

Scene 5— 1050

Day
Men From Mars

Scene 6— 1960

For The Moon



MAIN STREET RANKIN — ABOUT 1927

First Publisher

(Continued from inside)

but we were doomed to disappointment when the route was surveyed eleven miles to the south. The county seat was later moved to the bustling little town of Rankin. So we all just bundled up our belongings and moved over, where, in 1915, Mr. Riser established the first newspaper in Rankin.

Through all these years, Mr. Riser says he feels like Rankin is "home" and he still expects to see it grow into one of the leading county seats in West Texas.

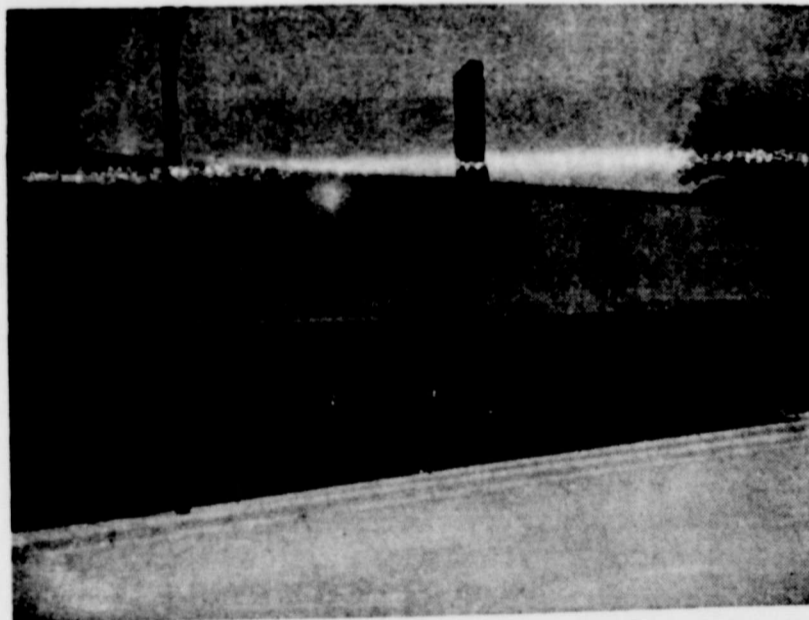
Meet Me At . . .



DEPARTMENT STORE

QUALITY MERCHANDISE

NATIONALLY KNOWN BRANDS



Your Shopping Center

SINCE 1927

Hardware
Sporting Equipment
Housewares

Dry Goods
Clothing
Shoes

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Johnson
owners



FIRST STATE BANK, RANKIN, TEXAS
... established in 1927

33 years . . .

Yes, for 33 years . . . since 1927 . . . the First State Bank of Rankin, Texas has been serving the people of Upton County and the surrounding area with efficient, helpful, and dependable banking policies. Our pledge has always been, and still is, to give our customers our very best. We feel that we have contributed in a substantial way to the growth and progress of Upton County and look forward with eagerness and confidence to the future that promises many good things for us all.

Our thanks go to our many friends over a wide area who have supported us with their patronage through the years . . . and, at the same time, we extend a warm welcome to everyone for our county's anniversary celebration.

1927 Board of Directors

John F. Lane
J. P. Rankin
B. S. Taylor
W. M. Noelke
Geo. W. Newberry
T. J. Murphy
Harry Baldwin

1960 Board of Directors

Dunn Lowery
H. F. Neal
Wendell Parker
H. M. Noelke
J. P. Rankin
Clay Taylor
L. E. Windham



The First State Bank

RANKIN, TEXAS





A BIG
WESTERN
WELCOME
AWAITS ALL
AT THE
CELEBRATION

Always find the latch string
at our place, too and we will
be looking forward to talking over
times during the get-to-gether.

We look forward to a bright
future for Upton County and
pledge our support to progress

Ins. & Real Estate

Norman Elrod, owner



**OLD-FASHIONED
COURTESY**

As one of the Oldest Busi-
ness firms in Rankin and
Upton County, Old Fashion-
ed courtesy . . . with a mod-
ern twist . . . has always been
our trade-Mark with us.

Are Prepared To Accomodate
Visitors During The Celebration

Wates Hotel

Living Upton County Since 1926



RANKIN'S FIRST HOUSE
... built in 1912

Rankin's first house—built here and still in use at its original lo- cation just across the street from Red Bluff Lumber Company, was

erected in 1912 and was owned by J. O. Love, a bachelor. At that time and for a number of years afterwards, it was considered the most modern and outstanding home in the town—even if it did not have modern plumbing until years later.

It is currently owned by Ross Wheeler and was their residence for a number of years.

First settlers in Rankin lived in tents and a rather large tent-city developed here. Later, a number of the houses from Upland were moved here, including a two-floor hotel. Most of the moving was done with horses and mules and right-of-ways had to be cut by hand since there was no road.

Later came the "shot-gun" oil field houses. Many of these old houses are still in use now.

The original post office is now in use as a sheep barn behind the Allen Moore home.

JUST AN OLD-FASHIONED

GREETING

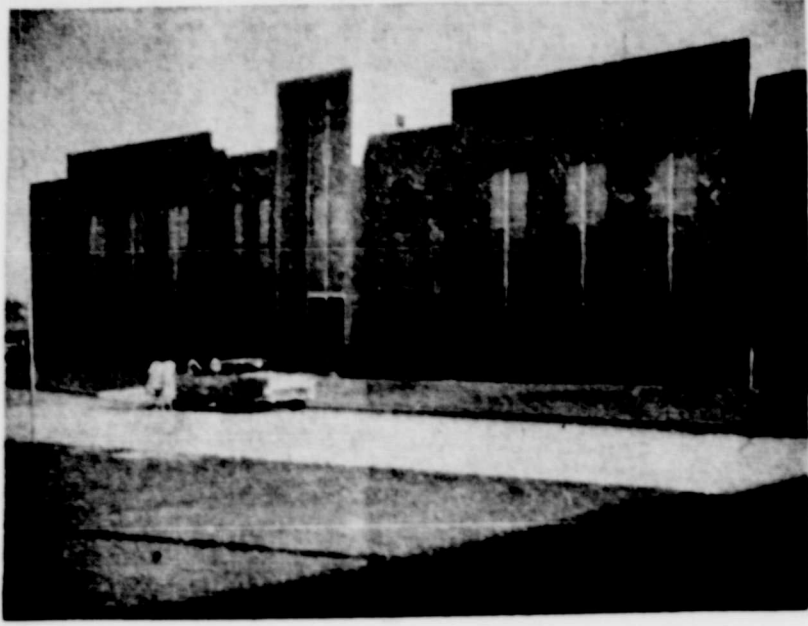


TO OUR
FRIENDS AND VISITORS
ON OUR
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We hope you will find time to visit with us
during the Celebration

Boggs Grocery & Mkt.

Ray and Sug Boggs



THE PRIDE OF UPTON COUNTY—1960
... to be open Saturday

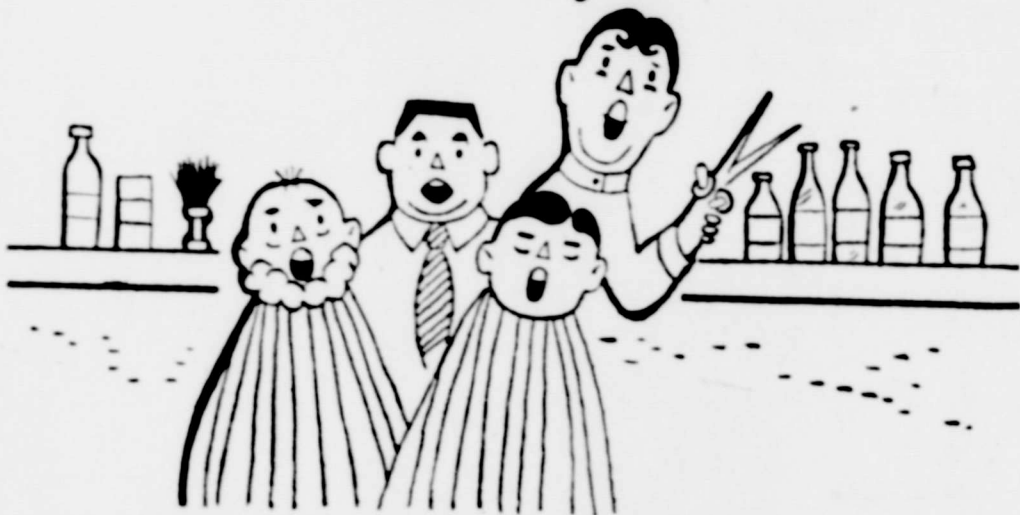
In 1960 citizens of Upton County remodeled courthouse in Rankin point with pride to their new-kin. Completed in the latter part

of 1959 at a cost of approximately \$250,000, the building is completely air-conditioned throughout, has one of the best District Courtrooms in the District and was designed by Crockett-Covington and Associates of Odessa. This was the third addition to the original structure which was first built in Rankin after moving the county seat here from Upland.

The building will be open to the public all day Saturday, May 28.

Present county officials are H. E. "Gene" Eckols, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, G. H. Fisher, Judge, Steve Preslar, County Attorney, Elizabeth Rains, County treasurer, Nancy K. Daugherty, County and District Clerk, and Commissioners H. Wheeler, Tommy Workman, Jr., E. K. Bufford and Joe Conger, commissioners of Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

a chorus of
GOOD WISHES
to all of you!



ON THE OCCASION
OF OUR COMMUNITY

50th Birthday

It is our pleasure to be a part of the community on this occasion and to say "Welcome" to our friends and Visitors.

Red Bluff Lumber Co.

C. J. Shaffer, Prop.



Through The Years
It Has Been
Our Pleasure To
Serve The People Of
Rankin and Upton County

We look forward to the future and your continued patronage

Clark's Cleaners

Mr. and Mrs. J. Linton Clark, Prop.

1910



TIME FOR UPTON COUNTY

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

and this will be the time for old Friends to get together and new Friends to be made. Make us your Headquarters for your stay in Rankin. We'll do our best to make you feel right at home.

**HURST
BARBECUE**

Ennis Hurst, Owner



A PORTION OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1960
... while vacationing at Corpus Christi May 8-9-10

First Publisher Writes News Article



W. D. Riser
1919 Vintage

Through the solicitation and backing of Henry M. Halff, multimillionaire of Midland, and owner of the JM ranch in Upton County, The Upland Round-Up was established in Upland, the first county seat of the county, on September 16, 1910, by W. D. Riser, young newspaper man of West Texas.

With less than a dozen business concerns in the town, and not many more citizens, the young editor rolled up his sleeves and pitched in to tell the world of the grandeaures and wonderful opportunities in the new county, and the (hoped for) booming new county seat. There was less than 150 voters in the county. But everyone expected great things in the future. The Kansas City-Mexico and Orient Railroad was being built out of San Angelo west, and we "thought" we had a cinch on it building through Upland, (Continued to Page 5)

AVAILABLE at the News Office:
A limited number of extra copies of this edition. First come—first serve basis. No phone calls.

HOLD IT!

While We Extend

Birthday Greetings



Thru the years it has been our pleasure to serve the people of Upton County and of the Permian Basin in a good Old-Fashion manner.

1910

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1960

WE CAN DO IT YESTERDAY
IF YOU CALL US IN TIME
W. E. BILLY RANKIN
DIRT CONTRACTOR
RANKIN, TEXAS

W. E. "Billy" Rankin, Owner

since 1925 . . .

. . . The Rankin News has served the people of Rankin and Upton County. There have been good years and bad with a mixture of disappointments and pleasant surprises. Always, the News has tried to serve the people of this community.

As the present publisher, it has been my privilege to edit the 50th Anniversary edition. It has been a task but help from the merchants and individulas was generous . . . for which I thank you all.

I know there could have been more but time has run out. To keep everything normal, the usual number of mistakes and errors have been included in this, the 50th Anniversary Special.

THANKS TO EVERYONE

The Rankin News

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor & Publisher

Rankin, Home of Ropers

(Submitted by a McCamey resident)

Rankin, Texas is known from the Canadian Rockies to the bush country of the Gulf of Mexico as the having produced more World Champion calf ropers and some steer ropers than any other place in the West.

Rankin is or has been, the home of such World-Famous ropers as Toots Mansfield, 7-times World

Champion calf roper who used to ranch here. Others are Walton Walton Poage, pictured here with his prize as World Champion at Madison Square Garden, Buddy Neal, Doug Poage, John D. Holliman and team ropers Harry Howard and J. Lane and J. Lane and Scottie Howard.

Old time ropers include such names as Bill Nix, Allen Holder, Aubrey Harrell, Homer Woods, Hiram (Butch) Harris, Lee (Roy) Lane, Hamp Carter and team

ropers Joe Lane and Maynard Gaylor and J. D. Garner and Bill Eaton.

Another famous roper who will be remembered by old times was J. Ellison Carroll, former sheriff of Reagan County.

Oh, they say there will be a great roundup.

Where cowboys like cattle will stand

To be cut by the Riders of Judgment.

Who are posted and know every brand.

—From an Old Cowboy Song.



FRI. SAT.
MAY 27-28



—PLUS—

TAB HUNTER
(in 'Battle dress again!')

NATALIE WOOD
(a 'Rebel' with a cause!)



PRESENTED BY WARNER BROS.

SUN MON., TUES.

MAY 29-30-31

"THE ROOKIE"

with
TOMMY NOONAN
and
PETE MARSHAL

WED., THURS.

JUNE 1-2

JERRY LEWIS



Ford Theatre

RANKIN, TEXAS

Matinee 2:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
Evening Show starts 7:00 p.m.
Regular Admission: Adults 50c
Children 25c. Family Nite
Ever Wed. - Thurs. Bring the
Entire Family for 90c

MIDLAND'S

Diamond Jubilee

RODEO

May 31 - June 4

FIVE NIGHT PERFORMANCES

Opening Day Parade

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

MAY 31

sponsored by

Midland Fair, Inc.

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J. B. HUTCHENS, JR., Editor and Publisher

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Elsewhere: \$3.00 per year in advance

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS containing items for sale at a profit, charges of admissions, etc. are considered advertising and will be charged for at regular rates. CARD OF THANKS: \$1.00.

ADVERTISING RATES UPON REQUEST

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

CLASSIFIED ADS



MINIMUM cost of Classified Ad put on Charge Account: \$1.00.

A VET will be at the City Hall June 4 to vaccinate dogs against Rabies.

WANTED: Washing and Ironing. Rates: 10c lb., wash/dry, \$1.75 doz. mixed pieces. Mrs. A. A. Morgan, 1100 Block, N. Kilborn.

FOR SALE: Used, Overhead Garage Door. Call Mike Grimm, MYrtle 3-2836.

TAKE UP PAYMENTS ON 32-ft. La Salle 1954 trailer house. See McKenzie Motor Co. or call MY 3-2504.

OPPORTUNITY for Ladies as an Edith Rehnberg Cosmetics distributor earning \$3 to \$5 hour. Contact Mrs. Ramona McMillan, Box 153, McCamey, Texas, Phone OLive 2-3124 526p

BERMUDA GRASS seed. New crop, fancy hulled. Now is the time to plant. Johnson's Dept. Store.

FOR SALE: 3-bedroom house, has large living room 12x24, utility room 8x12, closed garage, side walks, paved street, grass and shrubs. FHA loan available, payments about \$55 including everything. For details, call MY 3-2522.

SHOES — Shop our shoe department today. More than 3800 pair in stock. Newest colors and styles. Johnson's Dept. Store.

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom G. I. house with nice yard. Call Ted Hogan, Crane, JO 4-2118, collect.

FOR SALE: Harvest good condition. Sprout, MY 3-2836

FOR RENT: Modern Mary Pierce, P. M.

LEE RIDERS—LETT GLER JEANS in ed blue and JOHNSON'S DEPT

COOLER PADS, paintings, plastic tubs for your air conditioner. Johnson's Department

GARDEN HOSE—plastic. 25 and 298 to 795. Johnson's

POWER LAWN Mowers and gasoline. Johnson's budget. Johnson's

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom or unfurnished. schools. W. O. Adams 3-2202.

GARDEN SEED—Pick up den tools. Pick up barrows. Everything gardening needs. Johnson's Dept. Store.

FOR RENT: 3-bedroom furnished or unfurnished. month. 2-bedroom furnished or unfurnished. Call MYrtle 3-2522

New Lee Western Full range of advertised \$4.99. Johnson's Dept. Store.

Off Election Set County On June 4

Democratic Chairman
kins, this week releas-
following announcement:

is mandatory that the
Primary be held, and
is only one State race
local races involved, the
County Executive Commit-
to hold such elec-
polling places only in
of economy. Eligible
Election Precincts 1, 2
vote at the polling place
et 1 at the Courthouse
E. C. Higday will be
ing Judge at this Box.
oters in Election Precin-
and 6 will vote at the
ce for Precinct 6 at the
Administration Office in

Rankin (Tex.) News—
y, May 26, 1960

McCamey. Walter Campbell, Jr.
will be the Presiding Judge at
this Box".

Absentee balloting is now un-
derway at the Clerk's Office at
the Courthouse in Rankin. Race
in question is that for Judge of
the Court of Criminal Appeals
in which Lloyd W. Davidson is
opposed by W. T. McDonald.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bruno of
McCamey are the parents of a
daughter born May 17 at 11:35
p.m. weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. and
named Carol Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bevins of
Rankin are the parents of a daugh-
ter born May 18 at 1:20 p.m.
weighing 6 lbs., 10 ozs. and nam-
ed Vanessa Kaye.

HOSPITAL NOTES Notice To Celebration Committee Workers

Mrs. R. D. Bruno of McCamey
was admitted May 17 and dismis-
sed May 20.

Mrs. T. C. Bevins of Rankin
was admitted May 17 and dismis-
sed May 22.

Dewey Wilson of Rankin was
admitted May 18.

Mrs. H. L. Downs of McCamey
was admitted May 18 and dis-
missed May 20.

Celestina Deanda of Rankin
was admitted May 19.

B. H. Halford of Rankin was
admitted May 21.

Louis Vasquez of Rankin was
admitted May 21.

Wayland Reed Norwood of Mid-
land Star Rt. was admitted May
20 and dismissed May 23.

Mrs. D. L. Chadic of McCamey
was admitted May 23.

Mr. O. C. Scarborough of Ran-
kin was admitted May 7.

Mrs. Thomas Gonzales of Mc-
Camey was admitted May 24.

Mr. Louis Norwood of McCam-
ey was admitted April 23.



THE CLASS OF '36: Graduates
of Rankin High in '36 numbered
less than there are now teachers.
Pictured are Pat Henley, Jack
Frazier, Vernelle Powell, Gerald-
ine Cathy, Mary Higday, Genevieve
Langford, Ruby Childress and
Omah Gene Roberts.

Compare with picture of a part
of the graduating class of 1960 as
it appears elsewhere in this issue.

Former Rankinite Dead in California

Mr. J. W. Casey, son-in-law
of Mrs. Effie Earnest, passed
away April 26 and was bur-
ied April 28 at Concord, Cali-
fornia.

He was the husband of the
late Lelia Earnest. They were
married in Rankin and made
their home here for a num-
ber of years before moving
to the West Coast.

Mrs. E. M. Sullivan this
week attended funeral ser-
vices for a brother-in-law in
Mississippi.

JOHN A. MENEFFEE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Rankin, Texas

OFFICE PHONE MY 3-2291
OFFICE IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE
RESIDENCE MCCAMEY
ULIVE 2-3087

CARD OF THANKS

DEAREST FRIENDS . . .

Your words of encouragement and
sympathy, all your acts of kind-
ness were such a comfort in my
recent sorrow.

MRS. MARY PIERCE

RANKIN MASONIC LODGE

NO. 1251

Stated Meeting Nights:

2nd and 4th Thursdays
7:30 P. M.

DESCRIPTION SUNGASSES

Single Vision Green Lenses

Your Prescription Duplicated
Precisely

Plastic Frame and Case



Dr. Robert E. Norris

OPTOMETRIST

OL 2-4773 McCamey, Texas 110 E. Fifth

as
low
as

1150

TEXAS LAWMEN

Thomas P. McCall, Sheriff

"Takes a fightin' man to keep the peace!"

Back a hundred years ago there were more Texas acres than Texans. And when a lawman was needed, the Governor usually just commissioned the man he judged best qualified to get the job done. That's the way Sheriff Thomas P. McCall made it, the first time. Born in Belfast, and as Irish as Paddy's shillelagh, McCall had drifted to Texas about 1848, en route to California. But here he found congenial souls, and tarried. He was next heard of as the boon companion of Bigfoot Wallace, the pair of 'em carrying the mail on horseback from San Antonio to Santa Fe. By 1857 he was driving the overland stage out of San Antonio to El Paso, in distinguished company. Light Townsend rode shotgun, while the guards were Louis Ogre, Tom Rife, a stranger named Bader and Bigfoot Wallace. Together they made lots of legend, and some history. A year later Governor Runnels called in McCall and handed him the Sheriff's badge, Medina County. Evidently a wise choice, for in 1860 he was re-commissioned by Governor Sam Houston. Later, when elections for Sheriff became stylish, Bexar County voted him in and kept him in office until he had to "holler uncle" and retire. For the rest of his life he swapped tall tales, tobacco and tankards with ex-outlaws and other friends, in San Antonio.

The lawman has always needed courage and good judgment to keep the peace. We need that, too . . . to keep our good life and liberty. When an industry provides employment and enjoyment for so many, it "belongs". In Texas, "Beer Belongs". The United States Brewers Foundation is constantly at work, with brewers, wholesalers and retailers, to assure the sale of beer and ale under pleasant, orderly and law-abiding conditions.

Texas Division,
**UNITED STATES
BREWERS
FOUNDATION,**

206 VFW Building,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

NOTICE

WE NOW STOCK, SELL, INSTALL, SERVICE
AND REPAIR NATIONALLY FAMOUS

A-R-A AIR CONDITIONERS

FOR EVERY MAKE CAR

- See Our Display Featuring: The "Executive" at \$277.50* and The "M-One" at \$236.50*

* Price includes Installation — Other Models Available

MCKENZIE MOTOR CO.

Highway 67—Next to Magnolia Station

A TEXAS SIZE

WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ECHO DRUG

★ Registered Prescription
Service

★ A Complete Drug Line

★ Cosmetics—Gift Items

PH. OL 2-3332 100 E. 5TH
McCAMEY, TEXAS

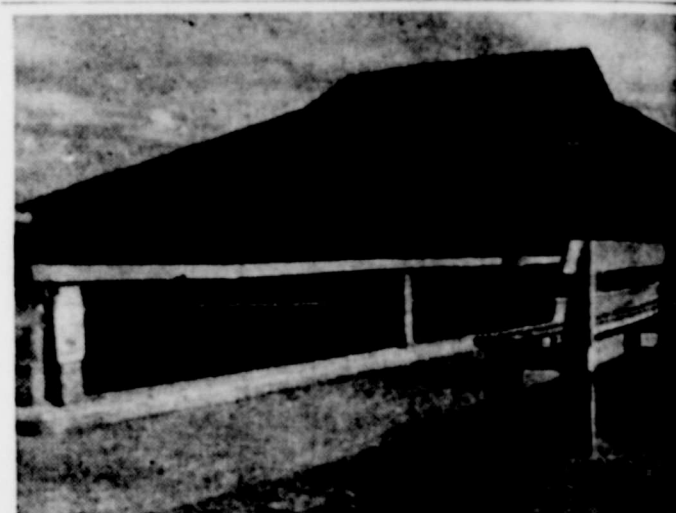
MARVIN L. FRANKS, Prop.



Early day Rankin was a mixture of tents, houses and tin buildings in 1927. This picture, taken from about the southwest corner of the present courthouse, shows a few of the buildings that are still in use along Main Street today. In the foreground is a group of tents, located about where the present J. P. Rankin home is situated.



1929 ROUNDUP on the Murphy Noelke Ranch shows cowboys of that time doing the job of marking and branding. This picture includes present-day Rankinites Grimm Taylor, holding the head, and Hamp Carter, standing in the center of the picture. Others who took part, some included in the picture, were: Herman Carter, Jap Taylor, Louis Taylor, Fush Patterson, Russel Yocham, Ott Lane, Allen Holder and William Taylor.



SKIDMORE'S PLANTATION will be remembered only by old timers since it, along with the old Rankin Beach, has faded from the scene.



Believed to be one of the oldest pictures of the early-day Rankin population is this one of an Easter picnic held at Flat Rock. All of the town's population was on hand with the exception of three people.

Ever Wish You Were

Back

**IN THE
GOOD (?)
OLD
DAYS**

?



Probably not if we had to do without our modern conveniences . . . but we all enjoy talking about old times and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and to making new ones at the Celebration

Collins Oilfield Welding

L. N. Collins, Owner



YIPPEE!
We're Celebrating
The
**UPTON COUNTY
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

and
Want To Extend A
Real West Texas

WELCOME

To All Our
VISITORS
and
FRIENDS

Ranchers Wool & Mohair Assn

Tom Workman, Manager



ALL THE OLD
SETTLERS WILL
BE HERE FOR THE
CELEBRATION !

WELCOME

Whether you're the first or the last
in Upton County, you will
find a big Welcome awaiting you
during the Golden Anniver-
... or anytime for that matter.

Wallace Lumber Co.
A. E. Ivy, Owner

GREETINGS

and

Best Wishes



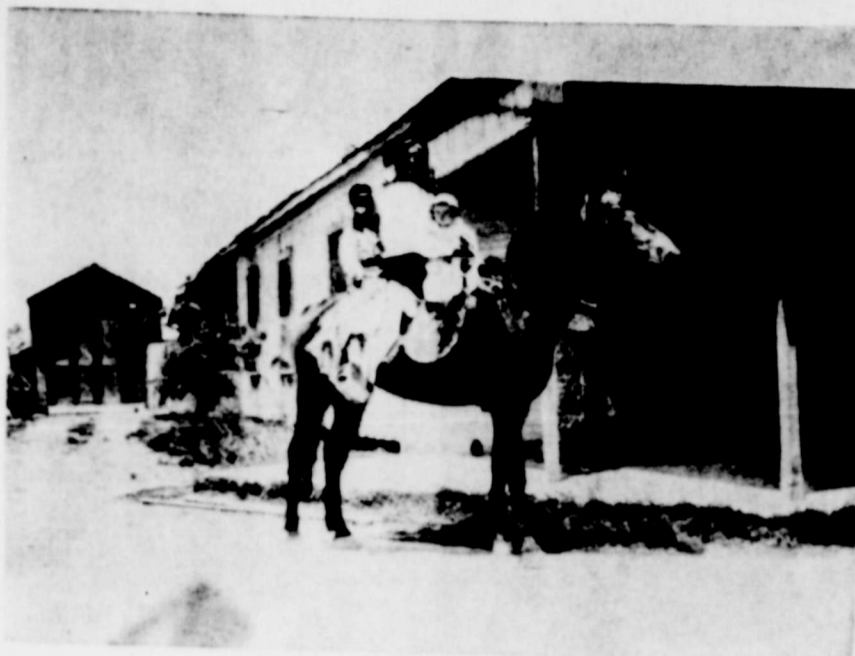
TO OUR FRIENDS
ON THE OCCASION
OF THE

50th Anniversary

We especially extend congratula-
tions and a welcome to the "Old
timers" and to the Visitors.

HIGHLAND CAFE

Luise Kole, Owner & Operator



MRS. EFFIE EARNEST

... Rankin's oldest resident

Mrs. Effie Earnest, who now goes north on the Midland High-
ways in the last house on the left way, and within the City Limits.

is Rankin's oldest resident having
moved here on June 6, 1910. The
County was organized in May of
1910.

Mrs. Earnest's present home, in
which she still takes considerable
pride, was originally built in Up-
land, the old county seat, and was
moved to Rankin while Mr. Ear-
nest was operating a freight line
from here to the old county seat.
He later had the Midland mail
route. When they first came to
Rankin, Mrs. Earnest remembers
that everyone lived in tents. A
picture of the first house con-
structed in Rankin is also carried
in this issue.

Until a few years back, Mrs.
Earnest was an accomplished rider
and is pictured here with neigh-
borhood children astride her favor-
ite horse. She was often seen to
gallop through town out to where
they ran some calves, rope and
doctor a sick animal by herself.



... looking back

As we look back over the years, we realize
that our association with the people of Ran-
kin and Upton County has been more than
a business acquaintance . . . That you have
become our friends.

**We Want To Say "Thank You" and That We
Value Your Confidence in Us Very Highly.**

WELCOME

TO THE
"OLD-TIMERS"

AND THE
VISITORS

ON OUR

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

McKelvy's Rankin Food Mkt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKelvy



1910

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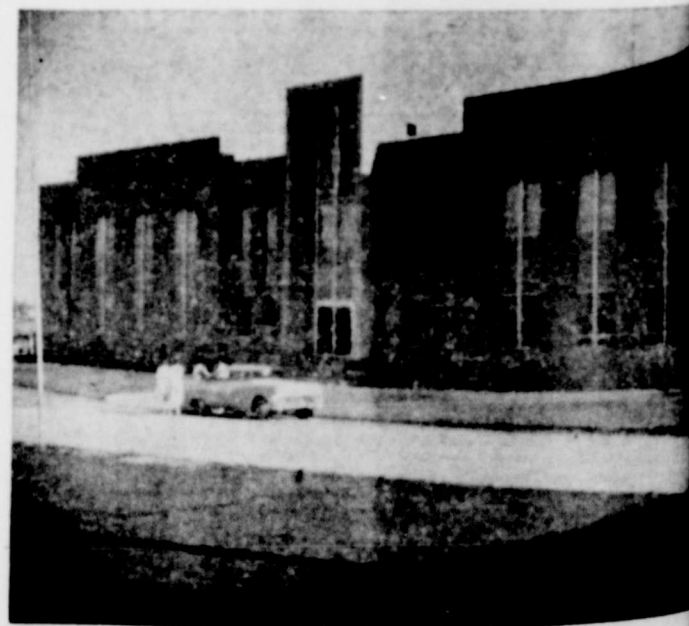
1960

In 1910, the year Upton County was organized, the Old Upland Courthouse was only a dream. In 1913, it became a reality and was the latest in Architectural design . . . Times change and progress demands new and better things -- in buildings in particular . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO UPTON COUNTY ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

THE NEW -- Completed in 1959 by the people of Upton County, this new, modern building is approximately five times as large as the Old Upland structure and is modern in every way . . . serving a growing, progressive oil county . . . building for a bigger and better future

WE ARE PROUD OF HAVING HAD
THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING
THE PEOPLE OF UPTON COUNTY



Crockett-Covington & Associates

ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

216 West 5th

Odessa, Texas



READY . . . DON'T BE LATE
THERE'S A GOOD TIME
TO BE HAD AT THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We'd like, at this time, to extend congratulations to the citizens of Upton County and to say "Thank You" to our many friends and customers who have enabled us to be a part of a growing community.

Credit Bureau of Rankin

Mrs. P. V. Brown, Prop.

HELLO



BEST WISHES
TO OUR COMMUNITY
ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Call on us anytime we can be of service . . . now or in the future.

Cashway Gro. & Mkt.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dell Cooledge, Owners



LAWMEN IN 1928

Officers who broke up the 1928 bank robbery in Rankin, killing 2 of the outlaws, were (l-r) Bud Barfield, Upton County Sheriff,

Clarence Shannon and Hugh Gillespie, deputies.

Since that date, a considerable amount of controversy has been

waged among those living here as to just what happened—and another chapter of the Old West has been written.

IT'S OUR COUNTY BIRTHDAY



And We've Prepared A Big
WELCOME

For Our
FRIENDS AND THE VISITORS
WELCOME EVERYBODY!

Home Appliance

J. T. James, Owner



THE ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

... in Rankin, Texas, January 11, 1928

Among the events that point out share of violent death that ex- the fact that Rankin had its own amplified the Old West, is this

scene taken on Jan. 11, 1928, of one of two bank robbers killed on that date.

Early on the morning of the 11th, the two bandits drove up behind the First State Bank, located at that time 3 doors North of the present Post Office. They had cutting torches and tools and pried open the back door. At about this point, several law officers arrived to surprise the pair and in the gunfight that followed, killed both of them.

At that time, there was a standing reward of \$10,000 for bank robbers but this money was never paid or claimed by the law officers responsible for the shootings.

Bystanders nor the name of the two robbers can be identified from this picture but needless to say, no further attempts at armed robbery have been tried on the First State Bank since that date.



... from WAGONS

... to RAILS

... to VAPOR TRAILS

Upton County has come a long way since the days of the Wagon Trails and we are proud to have had a small part in this progress.

We ask all our friends to join with us in celebrating the Golden Anniversary and want to extend our Warmest Welcome to the many visitors.

BE SURE TO SEE THE
PARADE, SAT MAY 28

**EDDINS-WALCHER
OIL & BUTANE COMPANY**



**WELCOME
TO A REAL WESTERN
CELEBRATION**

everybody's coming, you know
And While You're In Town, Be
Sure To Drop In and Visit With
Us. Serving You is Our Pleasure

Sinclair Service Station

Cecil Merriman, Operator



Warmest Wishes

**Upton County
Citizens**

ON THIS OUR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

Our business association with
with you has been most pleas-
ant . . . we hope to serve you for
many more years.

Bert's Ice House

Bert Browning, Owner

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED



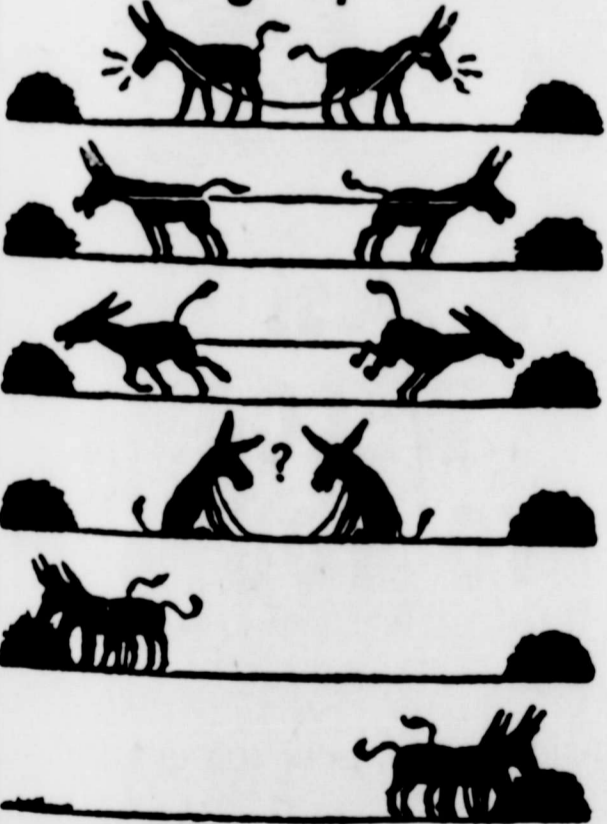
THE OLD FASHION WAY

VISIT WITH US AT THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Rankin Drug

Mrs. S. A. Farrow, Owner

The Story of Success



Pulling together is best for everyone and we pledge to lend our support to the continued progress of Upton County on this, our 50TH Anniversary Celebration.

Ramsey Cafe

Sidney B. Ramsey, Prop



THE PRIDE OF UPTON COUNTY—1913

. . . marker to be erectet

Built in 1912-1913, the court- its day. Original cost was about house in Upland was the pride of \$33,000, bonds for which were on-

ly retired in recent years. This was the second courthouse for the Upland city, the original one having been sold and moved to a ranch location where it is still in use today.

On March 20, 1921, the voters of Upton County approved a move of the county seat to Rankin. This marked the beginning of the end for Upland and the old courthouse, which today, stands a falling ruin some eight miles northwest of here. A dedication service will be held during the celebration at the Upland site and a historical marker will be erected.

Officially organized in May, 1910 Upton County had L. W. Ainsworth, County Judge, A. F. Schnaubert, Sheriff, R. C. Harlan, district and county clerk and commissioners W. C. Sumner, John W. Garner, Jeff C. Thomason and John F. Lane.

IT'S A GAY
PARTY THAT
WE'LL BE
HAVING AT
THE CELEBRATION
MAY 28-29 . . . WE
HOPE' YOU'LL BE
ON HAND FOR
THE UPTON
COUNTY



50TH ANNIVERSARY

1910

—

1960

During our stay in Upton County, we not only have enjoyed a reasonable good business, but have made some truly priceless friends in the process.

THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR
PATRONAGE AND FRIENDSHIP
AND

A GREAT BIG
WELCOME

TO ALL OUR VISITORS

Western Motel

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheffield, Props.



TWO CUTE KIDS won first prize at a 1931 party. Look for box elsewhere in this issue for identification of these two girls.



RANKIN'S FIRST CHURCH

... a community church

Rankin's first church building was this structure located South of the present Elementary school. Prior to it, services were held in the depot, homes and other community buildings. It was called a "Community Church" and all denominations used it—often with preachers from the various faiths

alternating in bringing the messages.

Today, Rankin has six church buildings serving some four different denominations, the largest and most elaborate being the First Baptist Church located on 8th St. The old original Baptist Church is now the Boy Scout house West of the Little League Park.



AWAITS YOU AT THE
UPTON COUNTY

50th Anniversary CELEBRATION

And about here, we'd like to assure you that we're "shooting the works" to make everybody welcome . . . now and later.

We're proud of our friends and customers
and we want you to know it.

LOWERY & WORKMAN INSURANCE AGENCY

For A Really
Gay Ole Time . . .
You'll Want to
Be On Hand
For The



UPTON COUNTY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

And, as you visit with old friends don't forget to keep us in mind . . . we extend our warmest welcome all and look forward to serving you during the Celebration and in the year ahead.

Yochams "66" Service
Eddie Yocham, Owner

Big 'Doings In
The County Seat
At The Golden
Anniversary and
Just About
Everybody's going
To Be Here



A West Texas WELCOME TO YOU ALL!

Old timers, new comers and just plain visitors . . . welcome to each of you . . . be sure to visit us while you're in town.

Hale's Garage
Charlie Hale, Owner

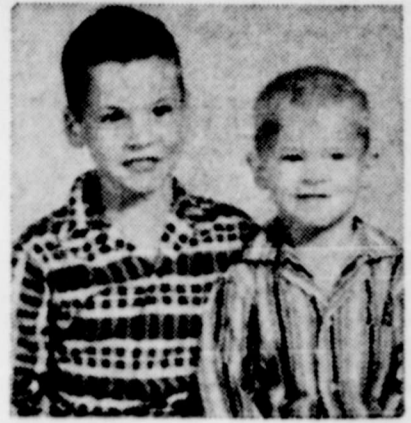
CUTE KIDS— Mrs. Oma Lowery and Mrs. Louise Kole won the prize at a Tacky Party in 1931 and are apparently very proud of their prizes—a set of old-fashioned "unmentionables".



THE RANKIN LIONS CLUB

... this is a Lions Club?

Everybody liked to have fun in the P-TA. Displaying some high class fashion and legs—the likes of which Rankin has not seen for many a day are, left to right, Jack Greer, H. G. Secrest, Clarence



Along with the old, we have the **FUTURE CITIZENS**: Dug, age 5, and Darrel Cook, age 3, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook of Rankin.

Burress (former publisher of the Rankin News), P. V. Patrick, Judge Hubert Forman, a Mr. Moore.

Burt Lloyd, Joel Starnes, Bert Howell, Frank Salmon, County Judge Latson.



Congratulations

TO THE
CITIZENS OF UPTON COUNTY
ON THE
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

a great big "WELCOME" to
all the Visitors
please come by and visit with us

Currey's Gulf Service

Bill Currey, Owner



Right This Way,
Folks . . . the Big
Celebration is About
To Begin

WELCOME

EVERYONE TO RANKIN AND

TO THE

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If we can be of service to
you during this time . . . or
later . . . please call on us.

Continental Oil Co.

Dan Daugherty, Distributor

1910

1960



AS THEY SAID IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS:

HOWDY

AND GOOD WISHES

TO THE PEOPLE OF

UPTON COUNYY

ON OUR

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Highway Grocery & Drug

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald, Owners

Come One - Come ALL TO OUR

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MAY 27 -- 28

OLD FASHIONED

BARGAIN BEE

BEST MAID

Salad Dressing

45c

Lipton
TEA 1/4 lb. box **39c**

Stokely's No. 303 can
CUT GREEN BEANS 4 for **\$1.**

GANDY' 1/2 GAL.
Ice Cream 79c

GIANT SIZE
TIDE 69c

Stokely's No. 303 can
FRUIT COCKTAIL 4 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 303 can
Cream Style Golden Corn — 5 for **\$1.**

SHORTENING

SNOWDRIFT

67c

Stokely's 14 oz. bottle
CATSUP 5 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 303 can
WHOLE TOMATOES 4 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 303 can
HONEY POD PEAS 5 for **\$1.**

Dramond—80 count
NAPKINS 2 for **29c**

LIGHTCRUST

FLOUR

49c

Van Camp's No. 300 can
PORK AND BEANS 7 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 2 can
PEACHES—Sliced or Halves—3 for **\$1.**

Guardian—Tall Can
DOG FOOD 12 for **\$1.**

Van Camp's
TUNA 5 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 303 can
SPINACH 5 for **\$1.**

Stokely's No. 303 can
PIE CHERRIES 4 for **\$1.**

SWEET SIXTEEN 1 LB. PKGS.

OLEO

\$1.

CASHWAY

GROCERY
AND MKT

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

FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Potatoes

10 LB. B
69c

TEXAS CLIPPED
CORN

RADISHES

GREEN ONIONS

Frozen **FOODS**

Coastal—Pink or White—6 oz. can 5 for

Lemonade

55c

FROZEN—10 oz. pkg.
STRAWBERRIES

2 for
43c

Choice **MEATS**

PORK CHOPS

POUN
59c

Peyton's
FRANKS 12 oz. pkg. **39c**

GRADE A
FRYERS

POUN
35c

Peyton's Ace
BACON 1 lb. pkg. **49c**

PEYTON'S
SAUSAGE

2 Lb. B
79c

GROUND MEAT lb. **39c**

CLUB

STEAKS

POUN
69c