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# Club County Show New County Officers Will reduled For Jan. 14 <br> January 14 has, been stock Show. Time will be at 6:30 as the date for the anCounty 4-H Club Livep.m. <br> Officials of the show will be Mr. <br> duties of District Judge. He will 

Tax Office To en This Week

rborough, busines Independent School mounced that the office in the high will be open for ursday and Friday and

Saturday, December 29 ,

4be open to serve the ased since some tax
pay their school
get reductions on tax," he stated. ours will be from 9:00 4:00 p.m. on Thursday fand from 9:00 a.m. un

Bill Sims, County Agent, Mertzon, Judge; Jack Garner, McCamey as General Superintendent; W. w Harral, Alfred Helmers and D. L. Trowbridge, Pen Committee; Norman Elrod and Kirby Dawkins as Sales Committee and Homis Huffaker, bookkeeper

New Year Closings To Be Less Extensive Closings for the New Year's he same pattern as did the Christmas holidays with the exception that more places plan to remain open on Monday, January 1. Cafes and service stations will, as a whole, remain open throughout the period.
Johnson's Department store,
will take office here on ofncials

## Among these will be John A.

 Menefee as county attorney. John A. has served previously in this capacity and is well known in the county. He has said that he : looking forward to once more serving in the offive and is reported to have some definite plans o: hot-check laws."There is only one way to handle hot checkers and that is to apply the law," Menefee has said. He pointed out that he does not hoid with the idea of writing letters and pleading with the offenders to make the checks good. He feels that offenders ought be filed on and handled through he courts. the courts.

jo:in A. menefee
new county attorney
replace Hart Johnson in this capacity and will make his headquarters in the Upton County Courthouse. It will be his first term in he offize of District Judge. Other new office holders will be Mrs. Momile MaSpadden as Jus1 and E. M. "Sully" Sullivan as Constable in Precinct 1. W. E. (Pete) Snelson will be the new State Representative for the 102 nd District which includes Upton and
Shelby H. Blaydes will take over as Distrist Attorney in the 83rd Judicial District.
Office holders who won re-election were Gene Eckols as Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, H. Wheeler as Commissioner in Precinct 1 and Jimmy James as Constable in (Continued to back page)

## 4 <br> 60 Was Year Of Consolidation For Rankin

bbout to come to an end
cipations and results as business houses sales apparenoing to come out better had though. In fact, F indicated that 1960 has (2increase in their busihe same time, one service losed because of lack of while another new one - and another re-opened. fesent time, cafes are end somewhat better-thantiness and the oil service dically ding in cementing tically booming. B J Co. Whg trucks from as far Wichita Falls and Big wit of Rankin last week hadided three Company has waded three new hands to
in the oil exploration the present time is in the Dryden area.
drom the Midkiff area
that the hat the long-awaited nd a majority is to get nd a majority of those with this project: are of
the opinion that it will be suc-
cessful in recovering a large a-
mount of oil from the Sprayber-
ry Trend area. Last week Humble Company was taking bids on 7 new locations on one of their leases and more are said to be planned. These were dirt hauling bids mostly but would indicate an astive increase in drilling in the flood work. A number of we!l service crews are also said to be at work in the norther part of this area and are expected to move in closer to Rankin as the profet will take four years to install the entire water flood program and up to twenty years to make all the recovery.
Last week, also, buyers were reported to be in Rankin seeking suitable lots for moving houses onto. These were to come from one of the oil camps in the Midkiff area that is selling their company houses with employees said to have first choice. One difficulty reported in the move-to-Rankin idea was the fact that many of the choice lots in the city limits are zoned for FHA and will not permit any

This matier was sed into the area. This matier was still pending at the middle of the week.

## LOOKING BACK-

Reviewing 1960, which started off in early January with the political announcements and maneuvering, it was a year of change for Rankin in many ways. For the first time, the merchants and individuals organized themselves into a Board of City Development and seccured a full time manager. Still in the infant age, the BCD did get started on a few projects this past year and was one of the prime movers in the biggest cleaning up job Rankin has undertaken in some time. A number of old, unused buildings were removed and other civic-pride projects started. Last summer, Rankin took considerable pride in being one of the cleanest towns a:ong Highway 67. Following the early city, school and vounty elections, the Upton County 4-H Club staged their biggest rodeo yet and added a fine showing of quarter horses to the showing of quarter horses to the
event. Meanwhile, back at the

## was approved and renovations and

 additions were started at Rankin Schools which are still going on. Many new teaching facilities have been added and enrollment was reported up over last year. Students are expected to occupy all of the junior high upon their return to classes on January 3.Somewhere during the early fall, the Go-Kart fans completed a paved track at the rodeo arena and the fad is fast gaining among area residents.
1960 provided considerable coffee conversation for Upton Countyites w. h the so-called hospital issue whish resulted in Rankin getting rangement hospital board, an arto the ut hat has worked out vast utmost satigaction to the wast majority of citizens. This issue was, perhaps, the biggest news tem of local interest for the year. The pride and joy of Rankin, the Red Devils, moved up to Class A in 1960 and took it on the chin for 9 losses and one win-making the year one of their poorest in the win column for some time. 1961 promises to be a year of im .
provement along this line.
The 4-H Club won their usual allotment of stock show honors and will start off the 1961 season with their county show in January.
Road construction has been a oig topic in Rankin this fall and winter and indivations are that this area will be in for a lot more work along this line. Plans call for work on the Midand Highway, the Crane Highway and Highway 67 on both the East and West side of Rankin. Crews are expected to do most of the work from Rankin.
Rankin saw the completion of more blocks of paving in 1960 and is presently installing some new and larger water lines in the west part of town. Street lights are also being erected on Elizabeth St. The first-o-f-the-year shuffing of business locations is also on with at least one firm expecied to open on Main Street after the 1st of the year.
Highway Grocery erected a new building on Highway 67 and at least one other firm is presently considering expansion.

## THESCODP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1960
The Rankin (Tex.) News-
its over-
For all pracitisal purposes, Rankin made it through the Christmas holidays unscratched. One nut did cause a minor disturbance in one of the local stores when he purchased a Christmas gift and tried to pay for it with eash. Evidentally he had started his after reasommg with him for a are just not done that way anymore, he finally had it charged not have to call the law. This was probably the biggest Christmas ever for the citizens of the U. S. and they spent less moncourse, there is always the 10th of January to face but who knows for sure that he'll make it past
We have become a nation of "put it on the cuffers". No longer is the prestige of a person judged by how long his car happens to be-it's how long his string of credit cards is. It used to be that an applicant for a job was tested on his ability to make change but now it's to see how good he is on filling out credit purchase forms. They talk about the dollar being weak and it's more than likely ture since it gets such litthe exercise

## THE JESTER-

Along with the usual batch of Christmas cards, I received one from Coach Don Leach that wa to say the least, different.
It was a three picture deal show ing the coach addressing the annual football banquet in which $h$ stated:
"I wish to commend the learned gentlemen of the press. They stated that, in the conference race we would be the team to beat."
"We were.
"And everybody did.
Yeah, well then there's the ad vice on how to get a teen ag off the phone: Teach them
mind-the, tell them to hang u And of course you have heard
about the new deodorant they now have on the market. It's called "Disapper" After you rub it on you vanish-and, nobody knows where the smell comes from.

## new years-

These last few days will put an end to 1960-the year that "
supposed to start the country o on the road to pienty. There has been plenty of course but hardly what was promised. Anyhow, all iike to take new hope at beginning of a new year and tell ourse.ves at we are on the verge ole proverblal one tree. Not that the year we have just finished was any worse than the ones that had gone before-but we just all like to stand on the beach and look for the ship to come in and somehow the weather is always clearer around the first of the year and it's not much trouble to make yourself believe that you can-at last-see the top of the sail out in the distance.
That's good. People ought to be optomistic-if for no other reason than to cheer up the other fellow and I for one am thoroughly convienced that the year ahead is going to be a good one. Not any big starteling developments as related to the old pocketbook-which is the measuring stick used by us all in determining the goodness of any given time-but just a year in which we will all get the feeling that things will be looking up. It won't start right away but by the end of the year, we will all be fat and sassy.
And, of course, you'll want to make your new year's resolutions. Over the holidays, I caught up on some reading and in the batch was included the tax report of the State of Texas. This thing has just about changed my mind on a few things and one of them is the manner in which Texas gets the taxes. For one thing. Rankin and everyone else in the state is trying to

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tieman spent two days with relatives in Central Texas over the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Dell Cooledge and sons visited with her parents over the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Manry, Jr. visited in Houston during Christmas.

THE AMERICAN WAY


## No Relief in Sight

Miss Maggie Taylor and Bill had as their holiday guests Mrs. Ray Dunlap of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Stuart and sons of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Dumlap and children of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden and children from Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dameron and sons of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dameron of Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Taylor and children of Midkiff, and Mrs. Odessa Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Tay:or of Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alvin Holmes and sons have returned to their home in San Antonio after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes.
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Speed, Jr. and children recently returned from Mississippi where they visited with his mother who had been seriously ill. She is reported now
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Mrs. J. Linton Clark Is WSCS Hostess

Mrs. J. Linton Clark was hostess to the recent meeting of the wscs of the Rankin Methodist Church. Mrs. Hamp Carter was co-hostess.
Mrs. Walton Harral was in charge of the program "This Is His Birthday" with Mrs. C. A. Shaffer, Mrs. Meivin Johnson, Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Mary Ann Workman, Judy McAden, Mrs. Ross Wheeler and Mrs. Clark as assistants.
Members voted to contribute towards baskets that were given to the elderly citizens at Christmas time.
Mrs. A. B. McGill reported that a box of Christmas gifts had been sent to the Orphans' Home at Waco.

## Christmas Party Held For SS Class

Members of the Fidelis Matrons Class of the First Baptist Church were honored Tuesday night, December 20 with a Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. H. Wheeler.

Christmas decorations were used and a turkey dinner was served to twenty members and guests. Mrs. Tyson Midkiff gave the in vocation. Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Norma Jean Norris accompanying on the piano.
Mrs. Wheeler was assisted in the serving by her daughter, Mrs. Norris. Mrs. M. J. Edwards, teacher of the class, expressed her appreciation to the members of the class.
The class members counted their
Lottie Moon offering to foreign missions for the year and found that it amounted to $\$ 100.00$

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. McKinnley Brawley of Rankin was admitted December 18 and dismissed December 24.
Mrs. Ceell Merriman of Rankin was admitted December 16 and dismissed December 24.
Mike Schneider, 7 -week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schneider of Iraan was admitted December 17 and dismissed December 22.

Mr. Loyd Kane of Rankin was admitted December 19.
Terry Scarborough, 17 -year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cesil Scarborough of Midkiff was admitted on December 21 and dismissed December 24.
Melaine Jane Howe, 2 -year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Howe of McCamey was admitted December 21 and dismissed December 23.
Christy Gay Howe, 9 -month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Howe was admitted December 19 and dismissed December 23.
Mr. Silas H. Wood of Rankin was admitted December 24.
Mrs. C. D. Winter of Iraan was admitted December 22.
Mr. Henry B. Donnelly of Rankin was admitted December 17 and dismissed December 23.
Loylene Murry, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Murry of Midkiff was admitted on December 18 and dismissed December 21.
Mrs. Herman Stanley of Rankin was admitted December 18 and dismissed December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henley and daughter of Tularosa, New Mexica visited over the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Cala Henley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher of San Antonio spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Linton Clark

## NOTICE

# ra Convenience to the Public 

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nd Mrs. Dunn Lowery spent lidays in Huntsvilie with Haughter, Mrs. Don Lewis, mily.
and Mrs. Charies Brown aghter of San Antonio were visitors with her mother, mar Warren.

Evelyn Jo Moore and her from Dallas visited this elk with her mother, Mrs. Robbins.

Ind Mrs. A. F. Eades spent Idays in Abilene with their z. Mrs. Rudolph Jackson,

Lucy Simpson Hosts Exemplar Meeting
The Exemplar chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Lucy Simpson Monday, December
19 for the regular meeting and annual Christmas party.

Lurlene Owens acted as president in the absence of Mae Prise, After the business meeting, the program was presented by Coarl Rankin. In keeping with the season, she gave a talk on Christmas and the different customs as carried out by various countries To conclude the program the group gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols.
After the program the members exchanged gifts and later coffee and cake were served by the hos-

## OTICE TO GAMBLERS

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Rankin Northside Lirruch of Christ Is Scene Of Woody-Willis Wedding Ceremony

mRS. James A. Willis
Miss Virginia Myrle Woody be- fata trimmed in fur of the same came the bride of James A. Wil- color and featuring the beil bouflis Saturday evening. December 17 in a ceremony at the Northside Churoh of Christ.
The minister, Gene Johnston, read the double ring ceremony. Music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edgar of Midkiff and Mrs. Tommy Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Pollard of Midland.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woody of Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Willis of Graham are the parents of the bridegroom.
Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of pure silk peau de seau. The basque bodice featured a Sabrina neckline outlined with deep lace appliques reembroderied with sequiens and seed pearls. The full chapel length train skirt was highlighted with a shirred bustle back with lance re-embroderied over the bottom of the bustle.
Her finger-tip length veil of double oircle illusion was held by a crown of encrusted circlets of seed pearls. She carried a giant orchid atop a white Bible trimmed in net and ribbon streamers with lilies of the valley.
Miss Geneva Woody of Rankir sister of the bride, was maid $c$ honor Bridesmaids were Mis s Frankie Jean Clay of Midland and Miss Linda Sue Stroud of Orange, cousin of the bride. They wor identical dresses of Amethys taf-

## HEY, MOM!

 new program.Woody of Rankin, sister of the bride, and Sarron Kay Stroud of Orange.
Mr. Willis was attended by his best man, Bill Burgees of Graham, Jackie Stringer of Lawton, Oklahoma and Eugene McCrackren of Waco were his groomsmen.
Ringbrearer was Orvil Hughes of Graham, cousin of the bridegroom.

The guests were seated by Earl Struod of Orange and Jackie Stringer.
A reception was held at the Rankin Park Building immediately following the ceremony, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to points in South Texas. The bride wore black wool with fur trim as her costume with matching accessories.
The bride is a 1958 graduate of Rankin High School where she was valedictorian and chosen Homecoming Queen. She attended Abilene Christian College for 2 years where she was a member of the Campus Serviee Organization, $\mathbf{s}$. A. E., and Business Club.

Her husband graduated from the Graham High School, attended Texas A \& M College and is presently attending Abilene Christian College.
The couple will be at home in Abilene.
The rehearsal dinner was held Friday evening at the Highland Cafe with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. willis as hosts.
Prenuptial parties honoring the bride included a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Virgel Dobbs. Decorations featured her chosen colors of Amethyst and white. A handmade tablecloth̄ covered the or*id serving tabls. Also a gift tea was given by friends of the bridegroom in the home of Mrs. Dean Hughes, 1429 Old JacksMrs. Dean Hughes, 1429 Old Jack
borough Road in Garaham.

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