# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

#### THE WEED CUTTERS-

The City of Rankin has now on hand in operation, a first-class weed cutter in the form of a mowing machine on a tractor.

AND, they have offered to cut the weeds on vacant lots in town, FREE OF CHARGE, if the property owners will only clean up the property of tree limbs, trash,

Now this is a mighty little to ask of anyone who has vacant lots that grow weeds and brush and generally make Rankin look somthing like a gnat pasture in the summer time. Think how nice it looked here last summer and how many compliments were received from visitors about the neat appearance of the townand it did look nice. Rankin could be a very attractive little spotwhat with all the many trees that are beginning to grow up to big size, plus the fact of its natural

An hour or two of work will clean up any lot so that it can be mowed of weeds and brush and I'd guess that many folks are going to take the city up on their proposition.

#### PAY RAISE-

Representative Pete Snelson in Austin has introduced a bill to permit Upton County to pay certain county officals more money.

I thoroughly support the idea of the state "permitting" the people of Upton County paying their officials more money if they see fit to do so. In fact, I believe in "County Rights" just as much as in States Rights and think thatas in the case of Federal regulation-so is it with state regulation; that the less you have, the better and that it's really none of Austin's cotton picking business what we pay our county officials.

This type of bill is what is known as a permissive or local bill in the legislature and they affected since they will not ap-

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ply to the state as a whole. Sometimes there will be opposition if another house member fears that the bill might set a pattern that would cause his own voters to demand similar treatment but this is not likley to happen on this one and Rep. Snelson,-who has been a very busy man in this session of the Legislature, is to be complimented on taking time to tend to a bill that is strictly local with Upton County.

And it might be further pointed out that, in some cases, there is a definite need for better salaries for county officials. The best example would be that of Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector where the office handles about a million dollars a year of county money in addition to being responsible for maintaining law and order on a twenty-four hour a day basisand that's exactly what it amounts to at times. For this service, the official gets less than many truck drivers can earn per month. This office is really two offices and in many counties only a little larger than Upton, it is divided into two seperate jobs. We really get both done on one man's

We demand ful time service and honesty in our officials and we get it but we're not paying what it's worth in some cases and just because one office is worth a certain salary should not mean that all are. It ought to be based on the amount of work and responsibility involved. (I'm not going up to the courthouse for a few years after that statement.)

I, personally, would like to further commend County Attorney John Menefee for opening his files on this matter, which has been going on for about two years in an effort to get such a bill introduced. He offered us all the information he had on hand.

There is far too much of the attitude among those in public ofusually go through the mill with- fice that the less the public knows, out any trouble unless they are the better. The right to know what contested by the citizens directly is going on is one of the big fights (Continued to Page 3)

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#### Local Go-Karters Rack 'em Up Sunday

Big Lake participants were the guests Sunday, April 16 at the Rankin Go-Kart Track and the spectators observed some fair racing. Visitors from Big Lake were Jack Vail, Shorty Easter, Wayne Jones and W. E. Short.

Officials were Fred Prentice of Rankin and Jack Sheppard of Texon. Trophies were awarded to P. V. Brown, 1st place A Standard, Bill Brown, 2nd place A Stan-

### Omicron Tau Names New Officer Slate

Elizabeth Colquitt was in charge of the program for the Omicron Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi April 11. Barbara Weaver was the hostess.

dard, Don Brown, 1st place A Standard Junior, and Melvin John son, 1 st place Australian Pursuit.

The Rankin Club will go to Big Lake for races Sunday, April 23. Guest speaker was Susie Wilson who exhibited pieces of ceramic she had made from a bag of clay, showing the group how each article was made. This kind of molding, the group was told, is one of the primitive arts that has continued to exist.

A regular business meeting was conducted and the officers for '61 and '62 were named. They are: President, Katherine Cook; vicepresident, Beth Peacock; recording secretary, Faye Copeland; corresponding secretary, Peggy Priddy; treasurer, Betty Ann Holder; extension officer, Punk McFadden; sponsor, Velma Lane; director, Kelly Shaffer; and honorary member, Mrs. Theresa Hurn.

After the closing ritual, coffee, Cokes and cookies were served to sixteen members.

If a man could have half his wishes he would double his trouble.—Benjamine Franklin.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Silas Wood of Rankin was admitted December 24.

Mrs. Ruth Hawkins of Rankin was admitted April 9 and dismissed April 16.

Michael Turner, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Turner of Midkiff was admitted April 10 and dismissed April 13.

Mrs. J. L. Manry, Jr. of Rankin was admitted April 12.

Mrs. A. W. Fisher of McCamey was admitted April 16.

Miss Myrna Holman of Rankin was admitted April 12. Mrs. Leo Tieman of Rankin was

admitted April 16.

Mrs. Ruby Morgan of Rankin was admitted April 16. Mrs. J. R. Lott of Rankin was

admitted April 16.

Mrs. S. W. Bonnell of Iraan was

admitted April 17.

Mrs. Robert Latzel of Star Rt.,

Midland, was admitted April 18.

Mrs. R. L. Bell of Rankin was admitted April 2 and dismissed April 14.

#### Mrs. V. E. Holt Hosts Thetha Rho Girls

Mrs. V. E. Holt entertained the Theta Rho Girls Friday night with a hamburger supper and a slumber party honoring the senior grils of the club: Betty Garrett, Elsie Wheeler and Linda Crow. The senior girls, in turn, presented Mrs. Holt with a gift expressing their appreciation for the work she had done for the Theta Rho Girls.

On Saturday, Mrs. Leonard Garrett and Mrs. Holt took the girls on a field trip to the Sand Hills State Park at Monahans. They also attended the Rebekah Association at Odessa.

To the timid and hesitating, everything is impossible because it seems so.—Scott.

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### Local Women Have Odessa Exhibits

The Federated Porcelain Arts Club is having an exhibit at the Lincoln Hotel in Odessa Sunday afternoon, April 23 from 2 to 5 o'cock. This is a state exhibit and a surprising amount of beautiful hand painted China is to be displayed.

The public is invited and there is no charge.

Local members of this club are Ione Shurley, Velma Lane and Helen Poage. They will each have an exhibit of their work.

### WSCS Rummage Sale Opens Friday

The ladies of the WSCS of the Rankin Methodist Church have anounced the reopening of their Rummage Sale at their new location just South of Cashway Gro.

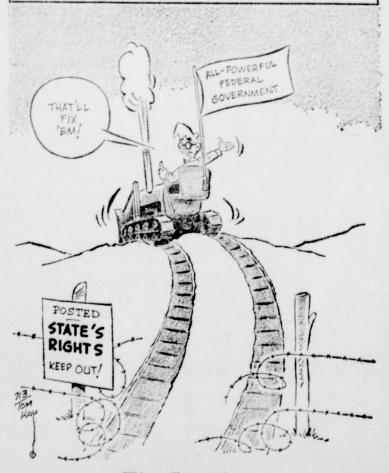
This will be the first opening of the sale this year and WSCS members have indicated that a good supply of merchandise is on hand. It will be open each Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m.

#### Rebekah Lodge News

Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 met for regular meeting Thursday, April 13 with Elsie Turner presiding as Noble Grand in the absence of Nadine Woodard. Thirteen members were present, 37 visits made to the sick and 12 cards sent.

Eighteen from the Rankin Lodge attended the Rebekah Association at Odessa last Sautrday at which the Rankin Lodge presented the Bible at the opening of the association. Georgia Howard was the mascot for the Bible drill.

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## Texans Have \$38 Million Stake in 1 Penny

A \$38 million decision for or against Texas motorists will be made in Congress between now and midnight, June 30. A number of Texas Congressmen have been frank to say they will stick by the promise Congress made two years ago when it raised the federal gasoline tax from three cents a gallon to four cents- a \$38 million a year increase on the Texas gasoline users. The promise: to cut the tax back to three cents June 30, 1961.

This promise can be carried out without slowing down the big federal highway construction program. All Congress has to do is insist that some \$800 million a year in various automotive taxes, paid by the same taxpayers who

pays gasoline taxes—be spent on highways rather than for general governmental purposes. The present law provides for this, to replace the expiring one-cent a gallon federal gasoline tax.

But congress is under pressure from the Administration to continue the "temporary" gasoline tax so other highway-user taxes can be spent elsewhere in the federal

Texans have seen their gasoline taxes increase 63 per cent in the past 10 years. It's time to call a halt to this undue imposition on one of the necesseties of modern life-transportation.

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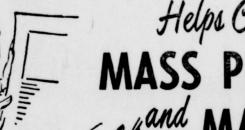
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### Wife of Former Pastor Buried Wed.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at the Iraan Methodist Church for Mrs. Bessie Mc-Roy Bickley, 64, who died in an Odessa Hospital last Sunday following a lengthly illness.

Mrs. Bickley was the wife of a former pastor of the Rankin Methodist Church, Rev. Joe W. Bickley, now retired and living in Ira-

The couple have three children: one son, Lt. Col. Roy Bickley of Rapid City, S. D.; two daughters, Mrs. Buck Johnson of Pecos and Mrs. James King of Iraan. All have many friends in Rankin.

### WTU Women To Attend Abilene Meet

More than 150 WTU women personnel from the 50-county service area will be in Abilene on April 21, to attend the Seventh Annual West Texas Utilities Women's Institute. "Reddyettes in Orbit" will be the theme of the 1961 Institute.

This ever is attended each year by women employees of WTU, employed as secretaries, stenographers, cashiers, bookkeepers and clerks. Ruth Johnson will attend from the Rankin office.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort 'em as much as you please.—Mark Twain.

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#### Mrs. Odom Hosts Exemplar Meeting

Mrs. Naomi Odom was hostess for the regular meeting of Xi Epsilon Chi of Beta Sigma Phi in her home Tuesday, April 14.

The meeting was called to order by President Mae Price at which time a Little Theatre party was planned for April 27. The group and their husbands will go to Midland to see the play "The Marriage Go-Around".

For a service project, the Sorority will gather to paint the Girl Scout Hut.

After the business, Mrs. Sug Boggs gave a very interesting program on the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.

The meeting was adjourned following the closing ritual and mespah.

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.—D. Jerrold.

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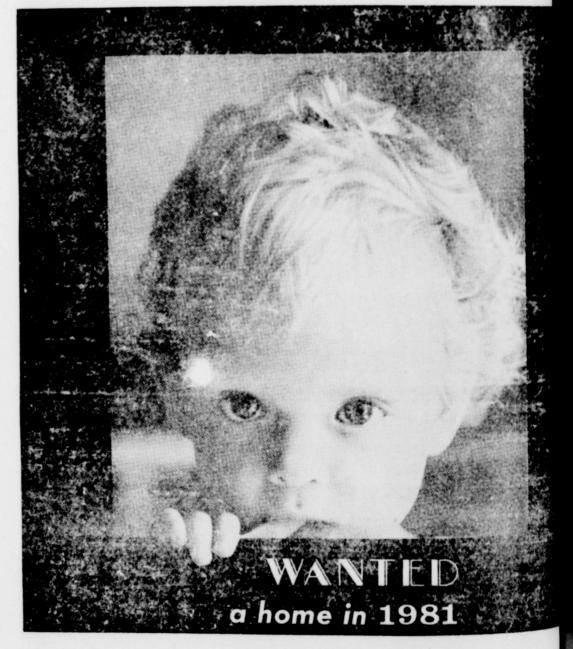
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#### D. Shipp Is Honoree

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Roscoe Snell, Mrs. Nolan Adams, Mrs. Ed Harris, Mrs. Charles Bob Snell, Mrs. Bob Hallford and Mrs. Martin Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick presided at the guest register and refreshments of punch and cookies were served with Mrs. Hallford pouring.

The table was laid with a blue cloth centered with a crystal bowl

### Tieman Is Lone Rankin Golf Winner

Leo Tieman was the only Rankin golfer to bring home a prize from the Iraan Tournament held last Sautrday and Sunday. He was runner-up in the second fight.

Other Rankin golfers were J. K. Colquitt, Ed Welsch, Ray Boggs, Floyd Everett, L. Z. Tistworth, P. V. Brown and J. B. Hutchens.

Colquitt and Hutchens reached the finals but failed to place.

Others attending as spectators included Dunn Lowery, C. G. Taylor, J. T. Bushong, Jim Wells and family, Mesdames Boggs, Tieman, Titsworth and Hutchens, Doc Adams, Johnny Hurst, Dub Mow, and an assortment of youngsters.

Miss Nell Taylor has returned to her home in Durant, Okla. after a 2-weeks visit with the Walton Poages. Miss Taylor is Mrs. Poages cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Bean of Costa Mesa, Calif. are visiting with his sister, Mrs. Beula Mae Hall.

filled with blue bonnets.

Approximately 20 guests attended.

L E T T E R S To The Editor

JOHN E. HILL Hotel and Ranch Operations Amarillo, Texas

APRIL 10, 1961

Mr. J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor The Rankin News Rankin, Texas

Dear Mr. Hutchens:

I surely want to compliment you on your recent editorial and that part of it headed "The Big Bite." The encouragement of big companies to spend a lot of money in any additional plant has its merits. However, until we can build up a buying power of the general public on a permanent basis, we probably have all the plants already in existance that are needed. Someway there must be more money get into the hands of the greater body of American consumers and more of it stay with them for their use.

Yours very truly, JOHN E. HILL

EDITOR—Nothing adds more to the zest of any newspaper than letters to the editor. I believe they are one of the most thoroughly read parts of any publication and I, for one, am always thankful for anyone who will take the time to express himself in a note to this or any other newspaper. Public opionion is always needed—whether they agree with the newspapers views or not—although it doesn't seem quite so lonely out in left field when you get one now and then that gives a little pat on the back.

Mr. Hill has raised the question of which comes first, the chicken or the egg in relation to industrial expansion to provide more jobs or more money in the hands of consumers to induce more expansion. One thing is for sure—if you keep gathering all the eggs and eating all the chickens—as the present tax load is now almost doing—you are going to run out of both before long.

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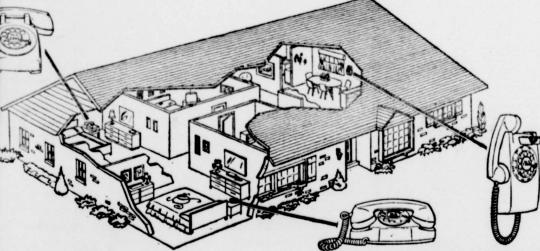
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