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## City Voters to Polls Tues.

onal Meet in Lubbock, Aprin 1314, a,cording to Mrs. June Prentice, direetor.

## Plans Formed for

Jr.-Sr. Banquet
Final plans are being made for the Junior-Senior Banquet and prom which will be held March 31 at the Rankin Park Building. The banquet will begin at 7:00 oclock p.m. with the prom to follow at approximately $8: 30$. The stage band from Pecos High will provide music for danding The prom is for high school students and their dates only.
The prophecy, written by Jeanne Smith, concerns the members of the senior class. The seniors have written their class wil. These will be read at the banquet. Several sophomore girls and boys will serve.
The juniors began decorating for the occasion on Monday. Mrs. Bert Browning is assisting the class with stage decorations. The theme and decorations will remain a surprise for the special guests.

Guests other than the honored (Continued to Back Page)

## Rankin Band Group

## Wins 1st Division

In the regional University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble contest last Saturday in Odessa, Rankin Band had three entries that won I Division Ratings.
Anita Potter won first in class I Piano Solo and will continue to compete at the State contest to be hed in Austin on June 11 and 12.

Sue Kennedy won a first in class II Bass Clarinet solo.
A trumpet trio, in Class II, also won First Division and was composed of Ruth Brummett, Dan Humphreys and James Scarborough.

Qualified voters living within the eity limits of Rankin will go to the polls next Tuesday, April 3 and elect a Mayor and one City Councilman to serve twoyear terms. Seats up for voting are those of J. B. Pettit, Jr., the are those of J. B. Petat, Jr., 1 ity Mayor; and Marcus Price, City
Councilman. Mike Hughes is the other member of the council. Polls will open at 8 a.m. at
College Film

## Scheduled for Tuesday

Dr. Bryan wildenthal, president of Sul Ross State College, has made arrangements with CBS-TV for area showings of an Armstrong Circe Theatre presentation, "Day of Confusion: The College Admission Story,"
The date set for the Rankin program is April 3, 7:30 p.m.. in the high school auditorium. Preeeding the film presentation, to be handled by Mr. Binl williams of Sul Ross, there will be a filmstrip program by Principal Bill J. Hood on "A Briefing for Parents; Your Child and College."
"Your Child and College" dis-

## Saturday is Deadline For Car Tag Buying

Upton County Tax AssessorColle tor, H. E. "Gene" Eckoss, said this week that he has received a notice from the office of The Texas Highway Department that enforcement of the law requiring 1962 licenses to be on all vehicles by April 2 with stand as stated by statutes. The law says that April 1 is the last day on which you can purchase licenses
cusses such questions as "Who Should Go to College?", "Which College?", "How Do Colleges Select Students" and other related topies.
All parents are urged to attend, espesially those with childiren in grades $8-12$, and while the material is directed toward the parents, students will also be welcome.
After the filmstrip and film, a question and answer session will be held by Mr. Williams and Mr Hood to help clarify individual questions concerning college en-
cent penalty.
This year, April 1 falls on Sunday and the Highway Department has ruled, in effect, that Saturday will be the last day for purchasing tags since offices are not open on Sunday.
Sheriff Ecko:s also stated that a good many Upton County vehicle owners had not made their 1962 purchases according to his records and that he expected the last day or two of the month to be busy ones in that department. Eckols said that his office in the courthouse would be open all day Saturday for the convenience of those wishing to register their vehicles.
He warned that The Highway Department has notified all patrol.nen to "crack down" on anyone not havig the new p.ates on by April 2 .
Upton County is rather uniche in that there are often more motor vehicles registered within the county than here are pall taxes paid, indicating approximately 1 car to each adult in population.
names listed as they are to appear on the ballot are:

## FOR MAYOR:

J. B. Pettit, Jr. E. B. Bloodworth and Billy A. Brown.
for Councilman
M. O. Price, R. L. Bell, Eddie Yocham and D. L. Trowbridge.

## Rankin Boosters

Will Meet Tuesday
Rankin Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday night, April 3 at the elementary school cafeteria. Time is $7: 30$.
At this meeting new officers for the 1962-63 year are to be elected and other plans made. All the members and anyone ese interested are urged to attend.
The Booster Club, organized about two years ago, lends its support to athletic activities of the school and to such other school organizations as the Red Devil Band. Anyone who so desires can join by paying a very small fee on a year:y basis.

## \$27,751.03 Subsidy

Paid Upton County
Ranchers by ASCS
Soil conservation practices, approved and paid for by the Federal Government through the Agrisultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee, totaled $\$ 27,751.03$ in Upton County for the year 1961, according to the final report by Joe M. Kelly, Jr., local ASCS Office Manager. The past year's total of assistance given farmers and ranchers is approximately $\$ 12,207$ over that for 1960 when the figure was $\$ 15,344$ and compares with $\$ 32,975$ paid out in 1959 and with $\$ 28,875$ in 1958.
Brush control was the big item in the 1961 payment list, with $\$ 25,762.80$ paid out for this practice alone, Mr. Kelly said.
A breakdown of past year payments inciude the following:
Improved Established Cover, 10 ( acres on 3 ranches, $\$ 241.16$
Deferred grazing, 4082 acres on 3 ranches, \$438.88.
Control of brush, 21,340.9 acres on 18 ranches, $\$ 25,762.80$.
Wells for livestock water, one on 1 ranch, $\$ 418.00$.
Storage tanks for livestock water, 2 on 2 ranches, $\$ 550.00$.
Pipeline practice, 4520 feet on 1 ranch, \$312.19.
The report atso notec that $\$ 28$ was paid out for "snall cost-share increases."

# тнE SCOOP by Scoop 

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

## COWER RATES -

I suppose the city fathers on the council are to be commended for making it possible for us to buy water on summer irrigation rates but I wonder if they know that they have thus knocked in the head one of the prime arguments of husbands for getting out of doing yard work? Here we husbands have been pointing out
wives all the advantages of sat
ing on the water bill by not hav ing that garden spot spaded up or the lawn re-done and her comes the city and lowers the rate and out the window goes that route of escape. Looks like it back to the

And, as long as we're going to have to do it anyway, what say we all make a little sperial ef fort toward having some good looking yards and trees this season?
At the same time that the lower water rates were announced, the city suggested the possibility of another cut in the city tax ate. A similar cut was put in-

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good news for if anything ever needed reversing, it's the trend toward ever higher and higher taxes. It is true that most of this higher taxation has come from the state and national levels and not from the local governmentsbut a cut anywhere is welcomed. And while on the subject. it might be well to point out a few facts about our tax situation in Rankin as related to the city. These figures are all a matter of rocord and can be checked by Rankin has the third lowes Rankin has the third lowest city tax rate of any incorporated town in Texas of equal size-and most likely any size since the larger the town, the higher the tax rate. With the present tax rate of 90 c , we compare as fol lows: to McCamey, rate, $\$ 1.75$ Crane, rate, $\$ 2.05$; and Big Lake (where a few years back they ried to do away with city taxes) rate. \$1.55.
Rankin has 6 city employees McCamey has 19, Crane has 24 and Big Lake has 21. Neither Mc

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Camey nor Crane operates-in addition to the water and sewer systems-the gas system as does Rankin. Big Lake does operate heir own gas system with their 21 employees.
On the rate for the gas service Rankin is cheaper than Crane and McCamey and, aithough the exact rate was not available in he case of Big Lake, it is believed that Rankin residents get their gas cheaper than the Big Lake folks-or as cheap, at least
With the new summer wates rates, Rankin will be below all 3 sister cities in this departmentunless they lower their rates.
So when the question arises as o what does Rankin have to offer, it might well be said: it's a cheap place to live-for West Texas.

TAINT SO-
Following last weeks news cove
mage of the Rankin Schools and their almost sure bet of getting into the Southern Association, it was brought to my attention that Rankin used to be accredited with the association-some years back. This is true. Rankinites have always had a great deal of pride in their schools and that's the very reason they stand high today, but accreditation with the Southern Association twenty or more years ago is a far cry from being in that select group to-day. For one thing, the present accre. ditation as sought by Rankin will include all three grade levels - the high school, junior high and elementary whereas the old system only included high shool or the last three grades in those days before the 12 -grade system.
The other-and important dif ference-is the fact that in the old system, all a schoo: had $t$ do was pay a membership fee



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the one-act play for their win in district. By now, every school in competition is out to beat Ran-kin-three times State champions and the local crew has to be good to win.
And good they are-at least to those of us who saw and heard their dress rehearsal performance last Thursday night. Why they did not win even more awards at Sul Ross is somewhat a mystery Cheers to the actors, directer and others connested with this effort-and rabbit's feet all 'round for regional.

## JOHN A. MENEFEE

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## TEXTBOOK SELECTIONS MADE HERE <br> \section*{(Continued from Pagt}

Bill Cook, junior high principal; Mr. Virgil Dobbs, high school science; Mrs. June Prentice, high school social studies, Mr. Bill Hood, high school prinsipal; and Mr. Kenneth Welsch, superintendent.
The State-approved list is prepared by a fifteen-member State Textbook Committee. State Committee members are appointed by the State Board of Education This committee and its advisors review all textbooks offered by publishers. The 1961 committee wirked in cooperation with approximately 800 advisers, persons considered to be authorities in their fields.

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In Ottober, the State Textbook Committee recommends titles of books from those offered. The number of titles may not be less than two nor more than five, a variation determined by quality and quantity of books offered, This Committee then submits its report to the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner may delete any title from the list, but he cannot add a new title or titles. Hearings with interested individ-
uals or groups continue until November.
In November, the State Board of Education takes official action on the list of books recommended by the Commissioner who is guided in his actions by the recommendations of the State Textbook Committee and its advisers, Local textbook committees may now adopt one or all of the titles offered in each subject and new textbooks will be printed in accordance with their selections.
TV Profram from Kerrville
"Route 66 "-National TV showhas based the plot for its March 30th program at the Lions Kerrville Texas Crippled Children's George Maharis, one of the two stars of the series, is struck by a girder and rendered indefinitely blind. Arriving at Kerrville the entire remaining two-thirds of the show depicts his training and emotional adjustment at the Lions Camp.

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FLY CONTROL PROGRAM WELL UNDERWAY

BY W. M. (DUB) DAy Upton County Agent

Sterile screwworm filer are being airdropped and facilities for producing them are being enlarged in southern Texas, as a Federal-State-Rancher effort to eradicate screwwworms from a large area of the Southwestern United States gets under way, the US Department of Agriculture says.
Inspections begun in mid-January have uncovered screwworm infestation in livestock in thirty southern Texas counties. Finding these destructive pests over-wintering farther north than was anticipated has accelerated the pace of eradication efforts. Temporary sterile-fly production facilities at Kerville are being enlarged and a permanent sterile-fly "factory"
sion. Inspection and treatment of
animals within and entering the
eradiontion area have been in
Essential for eradication are (1)
production and air dispersal of sexually sterile screwworm flies, (2) establishment of a fly-free barrier along the Mexican-Texas

order, (3) prompt treatment and reporting of all suspected screwworm cases, and (4) maintaining a ground inspection line to prevent movement of screwworms on infected livestock into fly-free zones.
Screwworm flies are reared by the millions in an aritficial medium and made sexually sterile by radioactive cobalt. They are released by airplane over screwworm infested areas. The sterile male flies mate with native female flies, which then produce eggs that do not hatch. Thus the species is eventually wiped out. In 195859, this technique eradicated the screwworm from Florida, where they over-wintered and annually moved northward to infest livestock in the southeastern states. Air release of sterile flies produced at Kerrville began February 14. Ten million a week are being airdropped in the pest's overwintering area in southern Texas. Present facilities for rearing and sterlizing flies at Kerrville will be doubled when a new temp orary building is competed. Cor struction began in February

## Buildings at the former Moore

 Air Force Base near Mission, ip the Lower Rio Grande Valley, are headquarters for the eradication effort. Construction of these facilities has been accelarated, and they are expected to be ready by July 1 to produce 50 to 75 millionsterile flies a week. sterile flies a week
Florida is making available the state-owned equipment used to produce flies for the sucessful eradication of screwworms from the Southeast. ARS equipment will also be transferred from the Ftorida area to Mission and the Florida plant will be closed. Production of flies at Kerrville will be dissontinued when the Mission facilities are open
Agricuitural Research Service Animal Inspection and Quarantine ectivities along the Mexican border have been intensified. Year round inspection is normalnimals carrying ticks and disease from entering the US. Now, efvent screwworm-infested animals
turned from roy Bell have reGalveston where they attended the Oddfellow Grand Lodge session Oddfellow Grand Lodge session
and visited relatives in Snyder, Houston and East Texas


THE RANKIN NEWS

## Army Makes Offer

## To Senior Students

All seniors who may be interest ed in pre-qualifying for entistment in the United States Army may now do so without obligation to enlist, and at no expense to the individual.
Pre-qualification is accomplished on Saturday at the US Army Recruiting Main Station, Abliene By pre-qualifying now, the senor may also have the opportuntty to "choose his own job" and obtain a written guarantee on his army schooling, all without being obligated to enlist or at no cost obligated to enlist
to the individual.
Interested parties should contact S/Sgt. James D. Wilson, local Army Recruiter, at the draft board or Sheriffs office on Thursdays between the hours of 12 noon
and 3 pm . If unable to contact him in person, call collect to Midland, MUtual 4-7782 or OXfora 4-4542 and an appointment can be made to see $\mathbf{S g t}$. Wilson in the home of the interested party. All students would depart Midland by bus at 2.45 pm . on Friday for Abilene; once in Abilene they would recelve the mental and physical examination required for entrance into the services. All students would return home on Saturday afternoon.


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## SALUTE-.

## The RHS One-Act Play Cast

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## McCamey Sorority

Sets Style Show
The Omicron Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of McCamey will present a benefit style show Tuesday, April 3 in the McCamey High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the show is "Springtime Fantasies."

Tickets are $\$ 1$ for adults; 50 c for students and children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by their parents

## TUESDAY

MARCH 27
Raisins, Celery Sticks, Baked Ham Gravy, Wax Beans, Buttered
Corn, Hot Lightbread, Pears WEDNESDAY
MARCH 28
Meat Balls and Spaghetti, Har vard Beets, Blackeyed Peas, Corn Bread, Apple Cobbler THURSDAY March 29

Vegetable Salad, Fried Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Grapefruit Sections

FRIDAY
March 30
Sandwiches, Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Oranges
monday
APRIL ?
Cabbage, Celery, Appie Salad Barbecue, Pinto Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler

TUESDAY
APRIL 3
Beef Stew, Mixed Vegetables, Blackeyed Peas, Corn Bread Crackers, Pineapple Nut Cake

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