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# The Rankin News 

SERVING THE INTERESTS OF RANKIN and UPTON COUNTY

## A Snug Fit



This 1967 model Mer- Service Station
a by Julian Duran, Duran, who had been working New Mexico nawe attended Rankin bois, missed the turn (a) Sunday night and ber: snugly in front of - Harris America at a Midkiff service station, was charged with reckless driving. according to Skeriff H. E. Gene' Eckols. Damage to the car was extensive, one light pole was demolished and one utility pole came out without a scratch.

## hodist Schedule ation Bible School

sethocist Church has
their annual Vacation for August 11-16. Ust 11. at $9: 30 \mathrm{am}$. trough Friday classes at 9:00 a.m. each
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Family", sections III and IV and "Living in a World of Con flict", sections V and VI.
Teachers for the school will be Mrs. Dan Ogden and Mrs. Larry Bailey, kindergarten, Mrs. Tommy Owens, first and second grades, and Mrs. Max Campbell, fifth and sixth grades.
Rev. Larry Bailey and Mrs. Edwin Autrey are in charge of the morning assembly. The young people of the church will be as sisting the teachers each day "All children between kindergarten and the sixth grade are invited to attend," said Rev. Bailey. "This is not a school fo children of Methodist members only, but for children from all homes and walks of life. Come and enjoy studying God's word with us.," he stated.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. C. E. Kenney of Rankin admitted July 28 and dismissed August 1.
Mrs. G. M. Gaston of Texon admitted July 20 and dismissed August 5.

Andy Mitchell of Rankin, admitted August 5.
Mrs. Herman Stanley of Rankin, admitted August 5
John Garner of McCamey, ad mitted August 5
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Tax Rate to Remain at 95 -cents on $\$ 100$.

## County Values Expected to Reach $\$ 56$ Mililion in '69

The Upton County Budget for 1969 has now been filed with thee County Clerk and is expected to be approved by the Commissioners Court on Aug. 15th. An increase of $\$ 1,000,000$ over the preceeding year is expected in values according to the budget letter. This will put total values in the county at $\$ 56,000,000$.
From this value, it is estimated that a total of $\$ 532,000$ will be assessed in taxes and that $\$ 504,400$ will be collected with possibly $\$ 26,600$ going on the delinquent rolls by July 1, 1969. As of July 1,' 1968 , delinquent taxes amounted to $\$ 30,000$ in the county. Of this amount, it is estimated that $\$ 10,000$ will be collected during the current tax year.

## On January 1, 1968, the total

 net outstanding bond and time warrant debt of the county stood at $\$ 330,000$. It is estimated that on January 1, 1969-the beginning of the new budget, this amount will have been reduced to $\$ 270,000$ with $\$ 60,000$ having been paid on the principal and $\$ 9,118.75$ on interest. By 1972, if no new bonds are warrants are luused, the county will be freeRankin Softball Club Wins First 2 Games

## Behind the sharp pitching of

 Strong Aum" Bill Wrinkie, the Rankin Soft Ball Team has now won their first two games of the season. They hold a $5-2$ win over Iraan and an 8-0 shutout of Big Lake.Thursday night, Aug. 8, they will host Iraan at the Rankin teen-age baseball field. Time is at $8: 30$ and the public is invited to attend.
Aside from Wrinkle, fans will get the opportunity of seeing in action such outstanding performers as "Speedy" Hughes, "Flash" Copeland, "Hot Shot" Latham, "Old Folks" Lee anc a number of others.
After Rankin gets their game in shape, they plan to enter the Big Lake Softball Tournament later in the year. The Rankin team is primarily the same one that has represented Union Texas Petroleum for the past several years and bas been, rather successful on the diamond.

## ment rate.

Fnancilly, Upton County's position improved $\$ 69,304.18$ during the past year over what it was a year ago. Last year operations were carried out with a $\$ 252$ 352.11 deficit - accumulated ove a period of years current total operating deficit is expected to amount to $\$ 133,047,93$-thus the approximately $\$ 70,000$ improve ment in the financial picture.
"We haven't completely eras ed our deficit," said Allen Moore, County Judge, "but at least we are headed in the right direc-
A comparison of recent budsamounts show that actual expenditures in 1967 amounted$\$ 659,000.65$, estimated expenditures for 1968 are put at $\$ 537,360$15 and $\$ 583,260.51$ is proposedfor 1969 operations Tax rate for the 1969 budge is proposed at 95 -cents on the $\$ 100$ valuation, the same as it has been since 1963. Percent of colloctions in recent years show 99.39 in 1963, 101.00 in 1964, 98.99 in 1965, 98.94 in 1966 and 99.10 in 1967.
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## Some Skilied Shooters Expected -

## RANKIN TO HOST JUNIOR GOLEERS <br> FOR SATURDAY PARTNERSHIP PLAY

Earier this year a good turn Rankin Golf Club will host area out marked the junior matckes junior golers in ar match Solurday, Aurthership match Saturday, August 10. Entry fee is $\$ 5$ per team with ail entri

Two divisions of play are to
be held with the 12 and unders
to go for 18 holes beginning at 9 a.m. Thirteen through seniors in high school will play 27 role starting at 8:00 a.m. Trophies are to be awarded to each member of the first and second place teams in all flights.
and some fine young golfers from a number of area towns were on hand. Condition of the course is-as usual-dry and the prevailing weather conditions have caused some fade-out of the greens; however, scores are expected to be low.
The public is invited to visit the course and watch the playing.
The course is open this week for practice to all juniors who plan to enter the toumament.

## Not There Anymore

SKIDMORE'S PLANTATION was the cat's whiskers back in about 1927-sporting a covered dance floor and a swimming poll known as "Rankin Beach". Located about two blocks East of the old Yates Hotel, the area is now
hard to find unless you kno where to look.
For a sample of a real estat agent's pitch on the prospec in 1927 for the Enst Ronkin Ad dition, see the story on insicie of this issue of The News.


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futy good idea why so interested in he airs of the nations tof the world.
that is the case, nevertheleess, the operations of thee hospital since the formation of the district, have been on a much improved basis, financially and otherwise.
If voters ever made a wise decision, it was the one to set up the hospital districts.
Perhaps the hospital won't be operated any cheaper-it has also been enlarged and is doing more business-but it certainly is now being operated in a more business-like manner. One would suspect that the primary reason for this is because the hospital and its Board of Directors are now masters of their own house, so to speak.
Cooperation between the board and the Commissioners Court under the old system was usually good but it just didn't work out as well as the present arrangement.
And therein ought to be a lesson of some sorts for all who think everything ought to be randled out of Austin or Washington. Actually, the very opposite it true-the less centralization, the better.
A prime example of beaucratic nonsense developed right in Rankin last month when the low rent housing program was started. It involves two loca
nen who kave known one ano ther for thirty years of so.
Pete Brown was employed by the contractor to boss the job Cy Pitman was hired by the architect to watch the job for him. The Federal Housing Authonity said that Pete had to have an office on the site and that Mr. Pitman had to have an office on the site
So, as the first order of business, an office was built for Mr. Brown and-get this - another just like it, was built-right beside it-for Mr. Pitman.
It wasn't that Pete and Cy couldn't get along. They have worked together before. But in this case, Pete represented the labor part of the job while Cy was with management and, according to Washington, the two

## Buy your face arazor.

Gillette Techmatic Razor \$2.95
can't be mixed
Well, the two offices have now been built-which will cost the taxpayers-and would you believe Pete and Cy both work out of the same one? And they an't had a fight yet.
But don't let that get back to Washington. After all, they paid somebody good money to come up with the idea of building two offices on a ten-unit job such as Rankin's.

I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT-
ED: The following was received this week from Bill Hood, former school superintendent in Rankin now living in Snyder. Some of the world's largest financiers in the world met in Chicago in 1923. Present were: President of the largest independent stell company
President of the largest gas company
President of the New York Stock Exchange
Greatest wheat speculator
One of the President's Cabinet Head of a world monoply President of the Bank of International Settlement.
They certainly should be considered the world's most successful men; at least they found the secret of making money.
independent steel company, Char les Schwab, died a pauper. The last few years he lived on borrowed money.
2. The president of the lergest gas company, Howard Hopson, is insane.
3. The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was released from Sing Sing Prison.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cuten died abroad, insolvent.
5. The member of the President's Cabinet, Albert Fall, imprisoned, was pardoned and released to die at home.
6. The head of the world's monoply, Oliver Kruger, the match. king, died a suicide.
7. The president of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.
The same year, 1923, the winner of several of the most important golf championships, including the U. S. Open and the P. G. A. Tournament, was Gene Sarazen. Today he is still playing an excellent game of golf and is solvent.
CONCLUSION: Stop worrying about your business and get out and play golf!

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d. Come in and see these new fashions.

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## Early-Day Real Estate Booster Poured it on Trick for Rankin



Gers Relinion $\begin{aligned} & \text { dition made this year for the Annual Old Timer's Reun }\end{aligned}$
Sheffield
y, August 10
Saturday August 10 at the air conditioned Community $Y$ Youth Center and adjacent park in Sheffield.
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$\qquad$ dates to be announced by chairmen.

Jim Kent Campaign Headquarters Opens An Open House was held in
Monahans Friday and Saturday in connection with: the oficial
opening of the district campaign headquarters of Jim Kent of
Monahans, Repblican candidate for State Representative of Disaistrict in the state. The open-
ing coincided with the annual ing coincided with the annual
two-day Monahans Crazy Days Celebration and the attendance
as the focal point of the camp-
aign activities. Numerous women
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Kent, a 27 year old native of would serve as a "liason with the gasoline distributor earlier in Texas.
might be borrowed for decoration
on floats are asked to speak up
and help get the parade ready
to roll.
Another meeting was held on
the evening of Saturday. Aug-
ust 3 with other possible meeting
dates to be announced by chair-
men.

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Then, there's that once a month when a girl could use a good old-fashioned medicine.

Maybe you feel just plain bad then. Or Well, we have just the thing for this once a month time. Lydia E. Pinkham Tablets. They're made with
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## Lydia E. Pinkham

Tablets and Liquid Compound

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Plans Underway for
McCamey Labor Day
Celebration Sept. 2
McCamey News - Committes
for the Second Annual McCam-
ey Labor Day Celebration have
been named by general chair-
man, Larry Greene. In charge of
building new barbecue pits for
installation in Santa Fe Park
are Doyle Ferguson and John
Farquhar. The additional pits
will enable John Whaley, head
chef, to cook more barbecue at
one time.
The parade will be directed by
Raymond Brooks and will in-
clude organizational floats and
sirls entered in the beauty pag-
eant. Ken Spencer of Crane has
been asked to enter his antique
cars in the parade.
The McCamey Lions Club will
be asked to kelp serve as they
did last year and Boy Scouts will
have a concession stand. Games
after the barbecue will be the
projects of Glen Crites and Billy
Rives Rives.
The Upton County Sheriffs
Posse will stage hoise races and calf roping at the Sheriff's Posse arena south of town. Wordhas been received of several out-0-1-
town people who plan to enter

## Political Announcements

SUBJECT TO ACTION OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION:
$\qquad$
For State Senator,
25th Senatorial District:
PETE SNELSON
of Midland County
(Democratic Party)
ERNEST ANGELO of Midland County (Republican Party)

For State Representative, 66th District of Texas: GEORGE BAKER of Pecos County (Democratic Party)
JIM KENT
of Ward County (Republican Party)

## For District Attorney

83rd Judicial District
WILLIAM H. EARNEY (Democratic Party)

For Sheriff,
Tax Assessor.Collector
H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS (Democratic Party)

For County Attorney
JOHN A. MENEFEE
(Democratic Party)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
H. WHEELER
(Democratic Party)

Section 1. That Article III,
Constitution of the State of
Texas, be amended by adding
a new Section 52 a to read as
follows: follows: "Section 52a. The Legislature shall have the power to
authorize counties, cities, and
towns to issue revenue bonds for industrial development purposes, or in aid thereof; proacquired from proceeds of the bonds
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taxes. Legislation passed in anticipation of the adoption of
this amendment shall not be invalid solely because of ite

anticipatory nature. The tax revenue, the utility revenue, of any county, city or town town \begin{tabular}{l|l}
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horses in the racing events. Following the out-door events, talent show with Royce Thor mal as chairman and master of ceremonies will take place in co-
ordination witl: the beauty pageant at the auditorium of the McCamey High School. Anyone interested in entering the talent show is requested thormal, 652-3367, or the chamber of commerce, 652-8584. The talent will be divided into divisions by age and an award for outstanding talent will be presented.
The Omicron Omicron Sorority has been asked to sponsor the beauty pageant. There is a possibility that a sorority in Rankin will also work on this event. Last year for the first time, Miss Upton County was selected. Last year's winners were Reva Jo Brown, Miss Upton County:


PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDME
NUMBR TWELNE ON THE BALOTT NTI SENATE JOINT RESOLU- $\qquad$ TION No. 14 proposing an anthority nop amendment to Article III, Con-
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by adding a new Section 523 by adding a new Section 52 a
to give the Legislature the power to authorize cities and Sec .2 . The forvgien counties to issue revenue
bonds for industrial development purposes. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
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Maribette Thomas, , and Rtonda Rankin. Winners re miss and mise suthe


can also be contacted if a mem-
ber needs help.
On July $30 t h$, the $4 \cdot \mathrm{H}$ Club
members and adults made their
annual fishing and county camp

anch on the Llano River near
funetion. The club members were ecord keep.ng while in leadership and

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## LUTHERAN <br> CHURCH SERVICES

EACH SUNDAY Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m Elizabeth \& 8th Sts.

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$11 / 2$ Ton $(18,000 \mathrm{BTU}) \$ 9$ to $\$ 15$
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IS LOW, TOOI

FREE WIRING


Rankin Hosts 4-H Electric Schooling
$\qquad$ H grits and adult leaders joined 30 and 31 in the Pankip July Bullding.
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School Calendar for 1968-1969 Term

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