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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1968

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Perhaps a bit brash in saying but, sometimes, a fire can result in a good thing.

In this instance, when Rankin lost one of their cafes in a blaze earlier in the year, a new, enlarged building is now nearing completion in its place.

Formerly known as Speed's Cafe, the new eating house is to open shortly after the first of the year and will be operated by

#### Court Buys Grader; Enters Fire Contract

In their regular session, held Monday, December 9, the Upton County Commissioners Court attended to business matter among which was the awarding of a low bid in the amount of \$19,900 to Trainer Equipment Company for a new Caterpillar Motor Grader. The bid included the trade-in of a used Allis-Chalmers grader.

In other matters, the Court entered into an agreement with the City of Midland on the use of fire fighting equipment owned by Midland and used to fight fires in the oil field.

In substance, the agreement gives the City of Midland equipment permission to fight fires in Upton County without first having to determine whether or not the fire is in Upton or Midland County.

The agreement is for one year and will be renewed annualy without further action on the part of either party. Either of the two parties may revoke and rescind the contract upon written notice to the other party 60 days prior to any termination date.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rutland from Sheffield. The Rutlands and their daughter, who will be a student in Rankin Schools, are expected to move to Rankin in the near future. They have had previous experience in cafe operation and the new structure will offer more floor space than any cafe in Rankin in recent years.

Owned by Clay Taylor, construction is being done by Pete Brown. Shown in the picture above are Brown, Ed Helmers and E. M. Sullivan as they work on the outside of the building.

#### Tournaments are Big on Schedule for Rankin Teams

Tournaments will play a big part in the 1968-69 basketball schedule for Rankin teams. A total of nine — including the ones played last week—are listed. Rankin High Boys held their 13th annual tournament last Friday and Saturday while the four teams of Junior High entered a McCamey event.

Next tournament action comes this week, Dec. 13-14, when the Boys A Team goes to the Imperial Invitational and the A Girls enter the McCamey Invitational.

On Dec. 20-21, the A Girls will be in Eldorado and on January 3-4, the Boys A Team goes to the Reagan County tourney while the Boys B Team enters the Iraan "B" Tournament.

January 9-10-11, the Girls A squad will be in Grandfalls for the final high school tournament.

January 23-25, the Boys and Girls of the 8th Grade will enter the Iraan Tournament.

# King-Size Yule "Tree" Is Planned for Rankin

### New Office to Open on First of January

Announcement was made this week that, beginning January 1, Rankin will have a new tusiness.

Larry Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bearden of Rankin, has indicated that he will open a bookkeeping and income tax office on January 1. The new business will be located at 808 Main—in the building formerly occupied by Cunningham Barber Shop—and will offer a complete service in its field.

Bearden is a graduate of Rankin High School and has recently been graduated from the Draughon's Business College where he studied bookkeeping and income tax work.

#### Christmas Spirit Starting Early with Rankin Folk

Getting off to any early start in the Christmas spirit department, a group of local Rankinites have prepared and sent to local servicemen in Vietnam, Christmas parcels consisting of a number of items that are said to be hard to find in the war zone. The parcels were mailed in time to reach the men before December 25.

Still another group, members of the Exemplar chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi, are currently soliciting items to make up baskets for needy families in the Rankin area. Boxes have been placed in all grocery stores in Rankin and those who wish to have a part in the undertaking may purchase items and place them in the boxes. Food stuff and household items would be appropriate.

All the donated goods will be assembled and distributed before Rankin is going to have a king sized Christmas tree.

Plans were revealed this week by the Lions Club to string lights to form the traditional shape of a Christmas tree on the Sheriffs Department radio tower on top of the hill on the west side of the Midland Highway. Materials were ordered this week and the work is expected to be completed within the next few days.

Once lit, the huge "tree" will be visible in all parts of Rankin and for many miles along the highways approaching town.

Cost of the installation, which the Lions hope to make into a yearly attraction, will run about \$250 and the club has indicated that they would welcome any help in the form of donations. These wishing to "chip-in" on the work may make contributions to the Lions or leave them with David Binkley at the First State Bank.

### Masons to Have Party Thursday

Rankin Masonic Lodge will hold their Christmas party on Thursday, December 12 with the public invited to attend. There will be sacks for the children and coffee and cookies will be served. Parents are asked to bring gifts for children.

At about 8 p.m., following the Christmas party, a speaker from the Midland Police Department will address the gathering. His topic will be on law and order.

In issuing the invitation, Mr. Charlie Sims, Worshipful Master of the Rankin Lodge said, "You are cordially invited to attend our Christmas party and to hear our speaker. We hope for a good turn-out."

# Santa Letteres to be Printed in Annual Christmas Issue

Say, Kids, have you written your letter to Santa?

All letters written to Santa and either mailed or brought by The News Office before December 23 will be published in the annual Christmas Greeting edition which will go into the mail December 24.

Business houses and individu-

als wishing to place greeting ads in the issue should contact the News office not later than Monday, December 23.

The News will not be published on January 2, 1969 and the office will be closed from December 24 to January 6. All who need printing or supplies prior to the closing date are asked to call 693-2873.

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

BREAKFAST-

Last week, Rankin Schools announced their intention of trying a plan to serve breakfast at the school cafeteria. The first serving was made last Monday and results were 110 meals served. This is quite a bit below the average of 250 neaded to put the program on a paying basis. However, school officials have said that they feel participation will increase as the new undertaking gets further along.

From this corner, I would like to raise my putter in salute to the school board and the administration for being willing to try new ideas. It was not too many years ago that the idea of serving a hot lunch at school was new and it didn't catch on too well with everyone at first. Now almost every school has a cafeteria and it would seem to me that the serving of a breakfast is a logical step in this part of the school program.

For that matter, what with all the demands made on student's time these days—and I'm not complaining—it might be a good idea to keep the school cafeteria The Rankin (Tex.) News-Thursday, Dec. 12, 1968

open about eight hours a day.

Some of the kids involved in the wide-ranging activity program in the modern school have hardly enough time to get home for meals—assuming they live in town—including breakfast, din-

for meals—assuming they live in town—including breakfast, dinner and supper (or: breakfast, lunch and dinner if you want to big-dog it).

But to get back to the Eusiness of trying new ideas — it might be well for schools in our area to look for new things to try—anything that would expand and improve the school program for these people in Austin who are set on this consolidation bit are already working and they are going to be hard to beat.

The more we can offer here (Continued to Next Page)

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ram but it will not likely cost nearly as much as it will if the powers that be are able to set up the entire state under one taxing program as they are proposing.

The point is, if we already have the best in a school program, then there would be no grounds for "giving you something better" under consolidation.

#### WEST TEXANS-

Right now peace talks are tryto start in Paris that will reach a settlement in Vietnam. Certainly each of us hope that these talks will be successful, that a fair settlement can be worked out. But it must be fair — at least that's the opinion of a big majority of West Texans in a recent poll taken by Rep. Richard C. White of El Paso.

In October, Rep. White mailed an opinion poll to the people of his district and received the following results:

All percentages are given relative for those who voted "for" or in favor of the proposals.  Complete withdrawal from Vietnam now, before completion of negotiations — 4.9%

Maintain our present military posture and continue to negotiate, with our present objectives — 20%

3. Negotiate and settlement, regardless of terms, in order to withdraw our troops as soon as possible. — 6.9%

4. Declare a time limitation on negotations, after which, if there are no material results, U. S. and South Vietnam would step up action. — 67.3%

To all those who checkend No.

#### School Menu

DECEMBER 16-20

#### MONDAY

Tarter Sauce, Catsup, Fried Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Buttered Corn, Corn Bread, Light Bread, Oatmeal Cake

#### TUESDAY

Tossed Salad, Corn Dogs, Mustard, French Fries, Light Bread, Sliced Peaches

#### WEDNESDAY

Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce,
Turkey, Dressing, Giblet
Gravy, Candied Yams, English Peas, Light Bread,
Peanut Butter Crunch

#### THURSDAY

Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Slice of Cheese, Chocolate Pudding

#### FRIDAY

Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Tuna and Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Ice Box Cookies

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

4. White then asked, "then, what course of action would you recommend?" Since many of the responses checked more than one course of action, the figures add up to more than 100%

a. Invade North Vietnam —
 22.9%

b. Resume the same bombing of North Vietnam in effect before the President's limitation — 10.8%

c. Commence unlimited bomb-

ing of strategic targets including Hiaphong Harbor — 61.7%

d. Maintain our present military strategy — 7.8%

 e. Withdraw into enclaves around major population areas.—
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f. Try for an all out military victory with the entire American arsenal of conventional, (non nuclear) weapons. — 69.0%

g. Try for complete military victory with ALL weapons. 18.8%

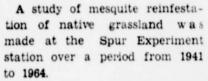
#### Rankin High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE -- GIRLS --

December 13-14 A Team McCamey Invitational December 20-21 A Team Eldorado Invitational January 7 A Team Mertzon There 5:00 p.m. January 9-10-11 A Team Grandfalls Invitational January 14 A & B Grandfalls There 4:30 p.m. January 21 A & B 6:30 p.m. Ozona Here January 24 A Team Iraan Here 5:00 p.m. January 28 A Team Sandeson There 5:00 p.m. January 31 A & B Ozona Here 6:30 p.m. February 4 A Team Iraan There 5:00 p.m. A Team February 7 Sanderson Here 5:00 p.m.

> BY W. M. (DUB) DAY County Agent, Upton County

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#### KOUNTY AGENT'S KORNER



The results of the study has been published along with other research work in a publication "Brush Research in Texas." A copy of this work can be picked up at my office.

Summary of the study follows:
A 160 acre pasture was cleared of native mesquite in 1941 with an average of 213 trees per acre removed. Subsequent regrubbing in 1945, 1952 and 1964 removed 109, 185 and 107 reininvading mesquite plans, respectively. In the 23 year period since the area was first cleared, 401 additional plants per acre have been removed.

Since cattle have not been permitted to bring seed into the area, the major source of new plants was seed in the soil and those transported onto the area by rodents, coyotes and birds. Native, bean-producing mesquite on three sides of the study area provided seed sources for bean transport by wild animals. Cyclic periods of below average mois ture and droughtbreaking rains intensified mesquite emergence establishment.

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### Kyle Adams Gets UIL Scholarship

Reports received this week by The News indicate that Rankin now has two winners of Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Kyle Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Adams of Rankin and a journalism student at Texas University, has been named to the list of 1968 scholarship awards from the TILF.

A report received last week told of Roy Lee Stacy winning a similar scholarship.

Adams placed first in the 1966 State Meet Prose Reading contest, was third in the district one-act play, won fourth place in district Prose Reading contest in 1965, placed second in regional Informative Speaking and second in district one-act play in 1967. In 1968, he won third place in regional Informative Speaking and third place in district typing.

In his high school years at Rankin High, he was a member of the National Honor Society three years, served as a class reporter, was a Merit Award Scholar and a member of the Spanish Club for one year.

He ranked fourteenth in his graduating class and has a four year average of 89.5 in high school.



KYLE ADAMS

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# HINTS for the HOMEMAKER

By Mrs. Louie S. Jeffers, County Home Demo. Agent

This might help you if you are using some of the new leather-like fabrics for your Christ mas gift sewing.

Leather-like fabric made into skirts, vests, jumpers, belts and totebags is a sign of fail this season. The fabrics are available by the yard and the Extension Service offers some suggestions for sewing them.

- Choose a simple designed pattern. Try to avoid set-in sleeves.
- Interface the knit-backed type leather-like fabric in buttonhole and neckline areas to prevent stretching.
- 3. To cut, pin pattern only in the seam allowances. Mark from the wrong side using dressmaker's carbon and a smooth edge tracing wheel.
- 4. Adjust your sewing machine to 8 to 12 stitches an inch. Use heavy duty mercerized cotton thread for construction.
- 5. The seams will cause problems because you cannot press them flat with an iron. To keep seams flat, glue the seam allow-

#### School Menu Breakfast Meal

DECEMBER 16-20 MONDAY

Cold Cereal, Half Cup Pineapple Tidbits, Buttered Toast

TUESDAY Bacon, Eggs, Toast, Tomato

Juice

WEDNESDAY

Oatmeal or Rice, Orange Juice Donut

THURSDAY

Cold Cereal, Toast Orange Juice

#### FRIDAY

Sausage (2), Hot Biscuits (two small), Honey, Half Orange
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Accompanying her to Rankin



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was Mr. W. W. Beene, manager of passenger sales from the Midland office of Continental.

After completing her address, Miss Cardon talked informally with the girls. Included in the picture above are Gay Rhodes, Debbie Day, Anja Courtwright, June Sullivan, Miss Cardon, Bonnie Bearden, Marilyn Workman and Sharon Helms.

From time to time, the Rankin High School sponsors speakers on a wide range of career topics

in order to assist students in the selection of their future vocations and in selecting subjects of study that will be of benefit to them in their chosen field. This is a part of the school's counseling program as currently being carried out under the direction of School Counselor Mr. Glenn Cornwell.

The counseling program begins in the elementary grades and is continued through the student's public school career. Emphasis on career selections is increased as the student near graduation.

#### Would You Believe Don Stacy . . .?

Last week, The News published a news release from Angelo State College telling of the awarding of a Texas Interscholastic League scholarship to one of their students from Rankin, Roy Lee Stacy. Details were given on the numerous awards that Roy Lee has compiled from high school into college.

From its files, The News lifted a picture of a Stacy and that has brought up the question . . . will the real Roy Lee Stacy please stand up?

The picture published with the release was that of Roy's brother, Don Stacy, himself a graduate of Rankin High School, now married and living in Snyder.

The two brothers both get their pictures in the paper this week along with the apologies of The News if they have been caused any unnecessary trouble like . . . "I though you was Royor are you Don or is Don Roy?" Stuff like that.

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#### Rankinites' Son to Become Member of Bar on December 16

Robert Allen (Butch) Moore son of County Judge and Mrs. Allen Moore, has been graduted from South Texas College of Law, Houston, where he was awarded the degree of Juris Doctrate. Moore, the youngest member of his graduating class, was a member of Phi Alpha Delta and a participant in moot court.

He is a 1961 graduate of Rankin High School where he played football, tennis, was a State champion in debate and was a member of the 4-H Club.

He attended Odessa Junior College and was selected president of the Freshman class. During his tenure at OJC, he was employed by Warren Burnett, well known attorney in the area.

He transferred to the University of Texas and took his Bachelor of Arts Degree. While in Austin, he was employed by the House of Representatives in the Sargeant of Arms Department and was later transferred to the Attorney General's office.

Upon graduation, Moore then attended South Texas College of Law and has worked as a tea-

cher for the Houston Legal Foundation and was a partner in the Tinker's Investigation.

Moore took his Bar examination in October and has received notice that he passed. He will be sworn in as a member of the Bar December 16 in Austin.

#### Miss Eggemeyer is Correspondent to National Magazine

Miss Sheryl Eggemeyer, 15, of Midkiff, has been named Co-Ed Correspondent for the 1968-1969 school year, according to an announcement by Miss Margaret Hauser, editor of CO-ED magazine. Co-ED, published nationally by Scholastic Magazines, Inc., The Rankin (Thursday, Dec.

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Debra Houchins of Rankin, adsed December 5.

Mrs. Doyle Moellering of Mc-Camey, admitted December 4 and dismissed December 7.

Michael Hodges of Midkiff, ad mitted December 4.

Glen Smith of Crane, admitted December 4 and dismissed on December 6.

Sonya Adams of Rankin, admitted December 5 and dismissed December 6.

Mrs. W. A. McNair of Mc-Camey, admitted December 5.

Mrs. D. R. Edge of Rankin, ad

mitted December 5 and dismissed December 6.

Beverly Edge of Rankin, admitted December 5 and dismissed December 10.

Mrs. H. A. Porter of Rankin, admitted December 7, dismissed December 8, readmitted December 9.

Baby Boy Porter born December 9.

E. L. Autrey of Rankin, admitted December 10.

Mrs. E. M. Carpenter of Iraan

Mrs. E. M. Carpenter of Iraan admitted December 9.

Mrs. M. D. Blockmon of Sheffield, admitted December 10.

#### Red Devils Third in Annual Tournament

With only two days practice, the Rankin Red Devils managed to place third in their tournament held last week end. Taking top honors were the McCamey Badgers with the Wink Wildcats in for second.

In what looked something like a contest of musical chairs with teams dropping in and out of the listings, Crane's Junior Varsity won the consolation bracket and McCamey's Juniors were runners-up. Playing against the more experienced squads, Rankin's B-Team finished in seventh place.

In other games, Rankin won a pair of matches Tuesday night in Imperial with the A squad in a 61-46 win and the B-Team, 42-40. The Girls game with Mc-Camey did not develop due to a mix-up in scheduling.

#### Growth --

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followed by the move of Union Texas Petroleum employees into town and has continued well into 1968. It is estimated that some thirty new homes have been developed here under this procedure.

Along with this increase, there has been a number of improvments made by existing homeowners with some erecting entire new homes. Rental property has also been improved.

This activity seems to be headed for a carry-over into 1969 and beyond. Several more homes are said to be in the planning stages and at least one major project, the enlarging of the Rankin Country Club, is planning for an early 1969 start.

will see the A team in action.

Thursday, December 12, RHS Freshmen will join the Junior High 7th and 8th Grade boys on a trip to McCamey while the 7th and 8th Junior girls will host two games with McCamey. Starting times are 4:30 p.m.

Expansion of the low rent project is also said to be a possibility; however, the local housing authority has indicated that they will await the results from the current work before considering any further development of low rent housing in Rankin.

For the business nouses, the construction of a new ked Bull Lumber Company would mark a 1968 highlight. The firm has expanded in size and is now offering a much larger stock of merchandise.

The Shell Service Station, a victim of a fire earlier in the year, has now been remodeled and is back in business.

Across the street, McKenza Motor Company has added a parts house and operates under the name of Rankin Auto Parts.

All in all, 1968 is closing on a strong note for the local economy and many are looking to a continued pace of improvement in 1969.

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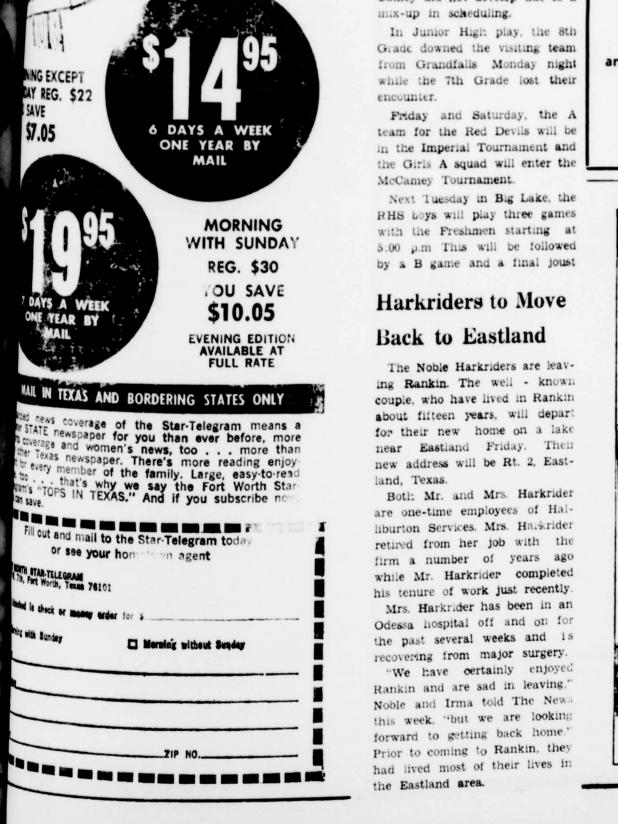
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