

The Rankin News

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LETTERS To The Editor

To the Editor:

Today when so many towns are having problems with drugs, juvenile delinquents, murders, etc. — Rankin remains a decent, law-abiding, peaceful place in which to raise our children.

We have wonderful schools and wonderful people. Yet, my family, like many others, will no doubt be moving elsewhere sometime in the months area. Why? I do not know everyone's reason but the reason I hear more often than any other is that there is "nothing to do in Rankin".

We spend most of our evenings in front of a tv set. We lose the art of conversation because all too often we feel that if we call on our neighbors without a "good" reason, that they will think we are after something. How many times have you knocked on the door of a friend to be greeted with the question, "Did you want something?" When you say, "Just wanted to see how you are", they then look at you with suspicion because in this day and age such a reason is unheard of.

There is so much the people of Rankin can do. How many of you have always wanted to know how to speak a new language or to read music or to learn more about poetry and literature—what about genetics? The old story of being "too old" simply does not hold water. We begin to grow old only when we stop learning!

Not too long ago I took the evening classes that were offered in Rankin in order to complete my high school education. Needless to say those three months were the most illuminating and enjoyable months I've had in a long time. Those two nights help-

ed me to come up out of that rut all too many of us tend to fall into. I do not want to stop learning. I know that other towns open their schools quite regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for adult education in the subjects I've mentioned above and more. I read an article not too long ago about Andrews school system doing so—not necessarily to earn a diploma but to make knowledge available for those who want it.

My question is this: why can't our school do the same? There must be plenty of housewives who would enjoy learning to speak Spanish and even the proper usage of English—the new math, maybe—even a typing course.

I like Rankin and I want to raise my children here and I know many people feel the same way but I also want to be able to improve my mind.

So what do you say, Mr. Editor—if the school teachers are willing to give up two evenings

a week, will the school board be willing to back such a project?

And what about you adults — would you be willing to give up a couple of dull evenings in front of a tv set in order to increase your knowledge and interest in life?

I do not know how to go about setting up such a program but I'm willing to do my part if someone will tell me what is necessary.

Thank you
A sincere Citizen
Ann Richardson

ED: Thanks Mrs. Richardson, for

Rankin G. I. Named Soldier of Month

Ft. Hood, Tex. (AHTNC) Mar. 2—Army Specialist Four Thomas J. Gossett, 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. James D. Gossett, 1000 Elizabeth St., Rankin, Texas, recently was named soldier of the month for the 12th Personnel and Administration.

Spec. Gossett is a clerk-typist in the Detachment. He is a graduate of Rankin High School and holds a B. A. Degree from Texas Tech.

WHICH DESIGNATION?

Numerous designations for the true church are revealed in the New Testament by Christ himself and His apostles.

Jesus called the church:

- "My church", Matthew 16:18
- "My Kingdom", Luke 22:30, John 18:36
- "The Kingdom of God", John 3:5; Luke 22:16

His apostles called it:

- "The church", Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22
- "The church of the Lord", Acts 20:28
- "The church of God", I Corinthians 1:2
- "The churches of Christ", Romans 16:16
- "The house of God", I Timothy 3:15
- "The church of the firstborn", Hebrews 12:23

Is your church mentioned by Christ and his apostles?

— WORSHIP WITH —

The Church of Christ

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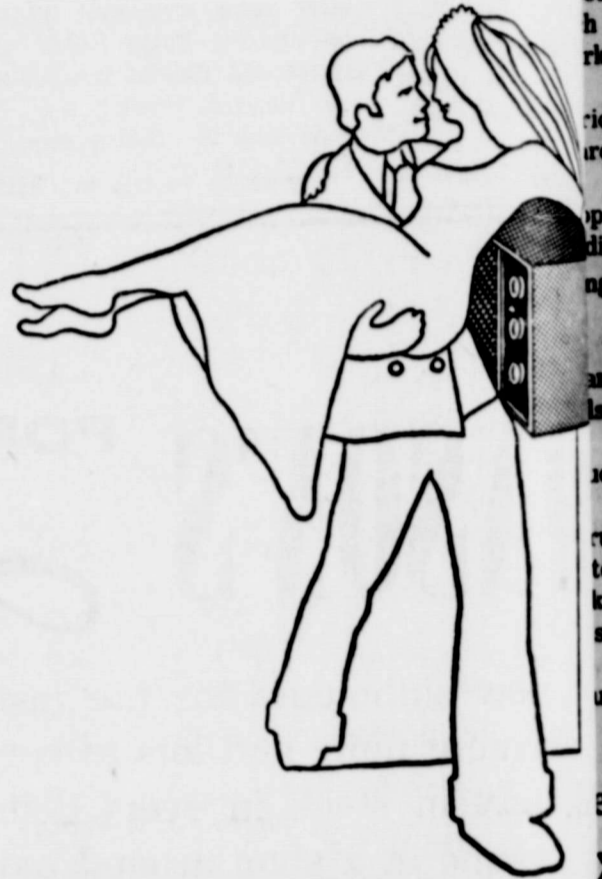
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FRANKLIN, TEXAS

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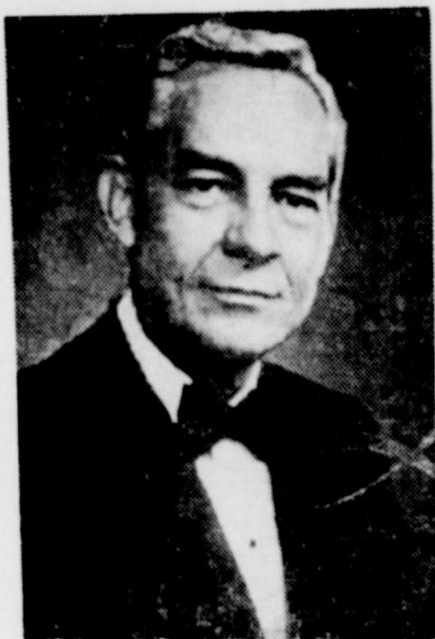
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Eastern Star School to be Held in Eldorado

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. J. Victor Jones, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Grand Examiner of District 5; Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5; and Mrs. Martha A. Word, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 2, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of Eastern Star, will be the distinguished members present for the "Keys for a Joyful Life" Eastern Star School and Joint Fraternal



J. VICTOR JONES
Worthy Grand Patron



MRS FRANCES KAY HERRIN
Worthy Grand Matron

Visit of Mrs. Herrin, to be held in Eldorado, Tuesday, March 23.

Hosts are the chapters of District 5, Section 2: Big Lake No. 752, Clara Mills No. 1032 of Midkiff, Eldorado No. 140, Fort McKavett No. 783, McCamey No. 818, Ozona No. 287, Rankin No. 176, and Sonora No. 575.

Registration for the school will begin at 8:00 a.m. Coffee will be served by the Eldorado Chapter during registration.

The School of Instruction will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Luncheon will be served at noon by the chapter of the Sections in the Memorial Park Building. At 5:30 p.m. the Estacy of the Keys Banquet will be served honoring the Grand Officers. Special music will be presented by Mrs. Charlotte Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler of Sonora. Rosemary Mathews will give a reading, Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Charles Niblett of Eldorado.

Preceding the Joint Fraternal Visit the officers of Big Lake Chapter will be presented in a drill. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Chapters of District 5, Section 2 will honor the Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Herrin by presenting a Welfare Program. Activities for the evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Joint Fraternal Visit will open at 8:00 p.m. At the close of the meeting a reception will be held in the Memorial Park Building.

All Eastern Star members in the area surrounding District 5, Section 2 are invited to attend this event.

Married March 3

Gay Holcomb of Rankin and Emmitt Long of Odessa were married March 3. They will make their home in Odessa.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holcomb of Rankin and is a graduate of RHS.

1000 NAME LABELS in plastic box for only \$1.50. Place your orders at the Rankin News.

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himself. Some were of aluminum, some of iron and some of ceramics.

Soon after the metal and ceramic type numbers were made available, a new fad developed. To the already existing plate detailed information was added such as state, county, city, and often one's name or monogram.

Numbers for vehicle registration were chronologically assigned in the office of the county clerk. Thus the first to register was assigned number one. This process was the same in all counties and soon led to considerable confusion with numerous vehicles having the same numbers.

In 1917 the first official plate was issued by the state—thus any plate collection would date from that time. From 1917 thru 1919, a round seal was issued each year to update the tags—these were in red (1917), white (1918) and blue

RHS Tennis Teams in Midland Meet

Rankin High School sent two doubles teams and three singles players to a Midland tennis tournament last week-end and all won their first round matches with the exception of singles player Denisa Day. However, all were eventually eliminated from the tournament.

Doubles teams were Diane Day and Sharon Helms and Randy Quick and Mike Ward. Others in solo matches were Mike Stacy and Kathy Helms.

They bested competition in their own class before going down to the larger schools—in some instances those of AAA.

(1919).

Over the years a number of sizes have been used as well as designs. One series—no one knows why since the plates were identical—contained the words "front" and "back".

Mrs. Heffernan is Shower Honoree

With a table covered with a pink and white cloth and a rattle tree as a centerpiece, Mrs. Butch Butler was honored with a pink shower at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Friday, March 5.

Hostesses were Mesdames DeWayne Turner, Roger Goodwin, Jan Heffernan, Bob Johnson, Bud Poage, James Merrill and Kenneth Butler. Out-of-town guests in attendance included Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. D. E. Stewart and Mrs. Franklin Cox and Laura, all of Rising Star.

Refreshments of coffee, tea and cake were served the honoree and guests.

Midkiff 4-H Club In Recent Meeting

The home of Mrs. Gene Braden was the scene for a recent meeting of the Midkiff 4-H Club at which ten members and the agent, Mrs. Jalyne Burkett, were on hand. Meetings are held every first Monday in the County Club House at Midkiff.

With a program on decoupage, Debra Braden served refreshments as hostess. President of the Club is Richard Hoelscher, vice-president is Debra Braden, secretary is Tresa Thate, treasurer is Beverly Hoelscher and Janice Midkiff is reporter.

— USE THE CLASSIFIEDS —

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Meetings held

Epsilon Chi

Epsilon Chi chapter of Phi Kappa Psi met at Mary Lou's on March 1 with Mary as hostess. It was reported that 24 members of the chapter attended the play, "Fid-Road" at the Midland Theatre.

presented the program on "Drag or Hindrance".



BIRTHS

Born Friday, March 12 at 9:24 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. James Heffernan, a son weighing 6 lbs., 14 ozs. and named Jimmy Ray.

Punk McFadden won the door prize.

The Xi Epsilon Chi met March 15 in the home of Mrs. Barbara Barton. New officers for the coming year were elected.

Faye Copeland will serve as president; Pauline Gossett, vice-president; Judy Wilkerson, recording secretary; Peggy Collins, corresponding secretary; and Sug Bloxom, treasurer.

Mrs. H. G. Adams gave the program on her trip to South America. She showed native wares of Columbia and made coffee from Columbia to be served with the refreshments.

Mrs. Adams won the door prize.

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—Hebrews 10:23-25

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Red York APPLES	3-lb. bag 49c	Sunlite BISCUITS	CAN 10c
U. S. No. 1 Russett POTATOES	10-lb. bag 59c	Lipton's TEA	14-lb. box 43c
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BANANAS	LB. 13c	SNOWDRIFT	3 LBS. \$1.
Choice MEATS		Sun Valley OLEO	Queen Size EACH 59c
Fresh FRYERS	LB. 33c	SARAN WRAP	Stokely's 8-oz. Tomato 3 FOR 41c
Peyton's FRANKS	PKG. 73c	SAUCE	Stokely's 14-oz. bottle 2 FOR 49c
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not sliced		CORN	Evangeline No. 2 1/2 can 39c
Peyton's BACON	LB. 73c	SWEET POTATOES	Carnation or Pet 2 FOR 45c
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