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CITY SLICKERED—This pretty pair of Slickerettes is going to keep City Slicker Maestro Spike Jones under control all Oct. 8, when his Musical Revue will open a 16-day run the 1949 State Fair of Texas. This funniest of all stage shows is said to appeal to music-lovers, music-haters, rich people, poor people and the plain ordinary guy who enjoys good hearty laugh.

Study Club Is Formed By District President

Rankin women met at the Upton County Park Building Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21, for purpose of organizing a federal study club for Rankin. Mrs. Ralph Best, president of the 8th district, and Mrs. J. P. Holle, district chairman, both of Wink, were present to assist in the organization. Rankin will be in the District of State Federated Clubs and the local club is being organized by the McCamey Study Club and the 20th Century Club, Big Lake. The presidents of two latter clubs, Mrs. L. E. Yocham and Mrs. J. O. Lusby, attended Wednesday's meeting. Mrs. W. A. Hudson was elected

MARLENE HOLMES GIVEN INFORMAL PARTY ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Marlene Holmes, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. Sam Holmes, celebrated her sixteenth birthday Tuesday night, Sept. 20, when her mother entertained for her at an informal dance and party in the Upton County Park Building.

Guests registered in a book prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Edna Walcher, Marlene's cousin. Mrs. Jacobs of Big Lake, president of the register.

Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments of birthday cake and soft ice cream were served by Mrs. Holmes to Earl Brown, Barbara Yocham, Joveta Yocham, Emma Payne, Lawanda McDaniels, Helen Bruce, Louise Bodine, Betty Bodine, Jean Shaw, Joyce Burleson, Gene Yocham, Wanda Burleson, James Franklin, Willie Mulkey, Charles Blue, Myra Shaw, Gaynelle Black, Bruce Cain, Elbert Eckols, Billy Zacher, Virginia Godsey, Imogene Bowers, Joy Ward, Marjorie Hyles, Donald White, George Hyles, Aaron Longnecker, Don Paul Johnson, Bill Hurn, McEwen, Billy Ross Wheeler, Jimmy Workman, Dillard Hanes, Jo Hodges, Sammie Hanes, Bill Brown, Ted Yocham, Myra James, Mona Sue Hanes, Mayetta Higgins, Jimmie Kendall, Norman Yocham, Betty Romine, Loyd Gene Yocham, Dee Ann Gamblin, Louis Yocham, Jacobs of Big Lake as the honoree.

HELPFUL HINTS

MYRNA HOLMAN
County Home Demonstration Agent.

For a main dish that is colorful, flavorful and economical, try tomato, corn and cheese on toast. Ingredients for six are:
3 teaspoons flour
3 tablespoons melted fat
2 cups canned tomatoes
1 onion
2 cups canned corn
2 teaspoons salt
1-4 lb. cheese, shaved thin
Brown flour in skillet. Remove and mix with 2 tablespoons of the fat. Brown onion in remaining fat. Add all ingredients except cheese and cook about 10 minutes. Add cheese and stir until it melts. Pour over crisp toast and garnish with slices of hard-cooked egg.
Corn is one of the "filling" canned vegetables and combines well with protein-rich foods as cheese, eggs, milk, or meat to make satisfying main dishes. Its mild flavor makes it a good mixer.

OPERATION

Mary Ann Workman underwent an operation on her right wrist in a San Angelo hospital Saturday morning. Her mother, Mrs. Tom Workman, accompanied her and returned to Rankin Sunday night. Mary Ann remained in the hospital for a few days. She was returned to Rankin on Wednesday.

One Injured In Benedum Field

Rankin Meets Garden City Moran In Hospital After Explosion At Shell Well

Garbage Cans Purchased By Many Rankin Homes

The Civics Class of the Rankin High who with their instructor, G. C. Fitzgerald, are assisting the B&PW Club in placing standard garbage containers in Rankin, reported Thursday that approximately 100 cans had already been signed for.
The cans will be delivered to your door within the next very few days by members of the same class which took your name. Extra cans will be available at the Ranchers Wool and Mohair Main Street warehouse for those who did not get their names on the list when the town was canvassed. The cans are of 27 gallon capacity with a lid and handles and sell at the price of \$3.15.
It is hoped to have a regular

garbage collection system worked out for Rankin in the very near future.
The B&PW Club, whose project for the current year is "Beautification and Sanitation for Rankin," will have handbills distributed within the next week or ten days telling you how to enter their contest which will run until the middle of May on the beautification program. Watch for the handbills and get your name in the contest. This local woman's civic club has taken the year's project to help make and keep Rankin a clean, beautiful and healthful place to live. City, County and school officials have endorsed and are aiding the movement.

Rankin's potent Red Devils will be heavy favorites tonight when they clash with Garden City in a conference tilt at the Red Devil Stadium at 8 p. m.

Last week the locals ran rough shod over the Imperial Indians, 58-13, and hold a previous 34-6 win over the highly rated Fort Davis team in the season opener.

Coach G. C. Fitzgerald said that the Red Devils would be in top condition for the tilt tonight with the following probable starting lineup:

Don Still, Captain Quarterback 165 Lbs.
Harry Yocham, Captain, left end 155 Lbs.
Norman Yocham, half back 150 Lbs.
Billy Zachary, half-back 165 Lbs.
Ted Yocham, right end 145 Lbs.
Bruce McCain, Cen. 160 Lbs.
Admission for the game is 50c and 25c.

Rankin I. O. O. F. No. 947 To Sponsor Boy Scout Troop No. 6

Boy Scout Troop No. 56 will meet under the direction of Scout Master Gordon Steele each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the American Legion Hall in the Rankin Park Building.

All boys who have reached the age of 11 are urged to attend each meeting.

Jim Lane has been appointed Asst. Scoutmaster and J. O. Lee chairman of the Board of Committeemen.

The troop will leave this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the lower Pecos River for an overnight camping and fishing trip and will return to Rankin late Saturday afternoon.

One man was seriously burned and four more men less seriously burned, when the Barnett B No. 1 Shell, blew out about 3:30 Wednesday morning and was followed by a flash explosion. The well is located in the Benedum Field north of Rankin.

J. D. Moran, driller, remained in a McCamey hospital Thursday, and was reported "some improved" by Shell officials. He received serious burns about his face and in his eyes. Those who were given emergency treatment and released were C. R. Patterson, B. W. Bradley, L. K. Braswell and M. L. Roberts.

According to information released by Shell officials, the accident occurred about 3:30 Wednesday morning when the crew began reverse circulation and a nipple connection blew off of the head and released a blow of gas for some 10 to 15 seconds.

C. R. Patterson, derrick man, was coming down out of the derrick to shut the blow off when the explosion occurred. Cause for the explosion has not been determined.

J. C. Smith, drilling superintendent out of Midland received burns in the face and on hands and arms.

Patterson discovered the leak and closed the well off immediately after locating the leak.

The well was drilling at 10,069 feet and had encountered a heavy gas prior to the accident.

Rankin Ladies Attend District PTA Meeting

Mrs. Walton Harral, president of the Pecos and Upton County Bi-County PTA Council, and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty attended the District Board meeting of PTA in San Angelo on Tuesday. Mrs. Harral's bi-county office makes her a member of the district board and she reported on the Pecos-Upton Council.

L. L. Martin, Crane School Superintendent, addressed the group at the morning session and Senator Dorsey Hardeman spoke at the luncheon. The day's meeting was held at the Cactus Hotel.

On invitation extended by Mrs. Max Schneeman, it was voted to hold the spring convention of the district in Ozona.

Will Monroe Seriously Ill In San Angelo

Mr. Will Monroe of Sheffield, son-in-law of Mrs. J. D. Walker and brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery, of Rankin, is seriously ill in a San Angelo hospital. Mrs. Lowery has been in San Angelo with the Monroes the past week and Mr. Lowery was in for the weekend.

Vice President Barkley Invited To West Texas

Vice-President Alben Barkley received an official invitation to visit McCamey and West Texas during his brief stay in Dallas last week, and replied that "I may get out that way one of these days. I'd sure like to visit you folks."

The invitation was extended by Mayor C. W. Brown of McCamey.

It happened like this. Never dreaming of meeting the vice-president, Mr. Brown and

his wife went to the airport to meet the plane. Standing amid the large crowd, VP Barkley was stopped by three SMU girls in front of Mr. Brown, and after a brief chat with the girls, Mr. Barkley shook hands with several persons standing nearby. Upon his turn, Mr. Brown invited the honored guest out to visit, whereupon he made his reply.

An estimated throng of 3,000 was on hand to greet the Vice-president at Love Field in Dallas.



CHARLES COX

Charles Cox Named Speech Instructor At Sul Ross College

Charles W. Cox, a Sul Ross graduate of '49, has been named Graduate Assistant to the Speech Department at Sul Ross. At the beginning of the spring semester, he will become an instructor.

Cox came to Sul Ross from the South Texas College of Law in Houston. Formerly he had studied two years at North Texas State College.

While at Sul Ross he was prominent in campus activities, having been a member of Alpha Psi Omega, Mask and Slipper, the Gavel Club, and the International Relations Club. He distinguished himself in play production and direction.

T. MIDKIFF PURCHASES HOME APPLIANCE CO.

Mr. Tyson Midkiff has purchased and is operating the Home Appliance Company's store in the Masonic building. The transaction was closed the last of the week and Midkiff has taken possession.

Dr. H. A. Steadman Dies After Long Illness

Dr. Hugh Argyle Steadman, a long time resident of McCamey, died at his residence at 6:30 a. m. Thursday, following several months illness at the age of 73.

Dr. Steadman moved to McCamey from Taylor, Texas, in 1930 and had practiced dentistry here until retiring over a year ago.

He was born Oct. 4, 1875, in Woodland, La. He graduated from Dental College in Louisville, Ky., in 1898. He had practiced dentistry for 50 years. He was married to Bernice Chiles in Caldwell, Texas, June 16, 1909, and moved to Taylor in 1912. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors besides the wife are a daughter, Mrs. Chas. C. Rollins, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., who arrived with her husband, Major Rollins, by plane from New York Wednesday night. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Alice Fridge of Atmore, Ala., and one brother, Geo. Steadman, of Shelby, Miss.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday by C. G. Forester from the Jacobsen Funeral Chapel. Burial services will be at Ft. Stockton Cemetery at 3:30 p. m.

Pallbearers are: John Northcutt, E. C. Bone, R. A. Barger, E. P. Halameick, Dr. J. M. Slaughter.

ADAMS PURCHASES RANKIN LAUNDRY

O. R. Adams has purchased the Rankin Laundry. The purchase was consummated the last of the week and the laundry is being operated by Mary Pearl and Billy Shipp.

H. M. Roberts Dies In Rankin Tuesday

H. M. (Dad) Roberts, died at his home in Rankin at 11 o'clock Tuesday night. He had been in failing health for some time.

Born July 21, 1875 in Poolville, Texas, he was married to Edna Oxford, March 17, 1910, there. He moved to Rankin in the early part of 1926 to engage in general contracting in which occupation he was actively engaged until his health failed him.

Survivors besides the wife are two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Stratton of Van Horn and Mrs. Harvey Kelley of Sonora and three grandchildren, and one brother, S. W. Roberts of Poolville.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning from the First Methodist Church in Rankin with the Rev. O. O. Moore of Agua Dulce and former minister of Rankin officiating.

Pallbearers were Paul Crandell, C. G. Taylor, Hazel Yocham, S. H. Boyd, H. Wheeler, and W. J. Price. Burial was in the Rankin Cemetery under the direction of Porter Johnson of Rankin and Jacobsen Funeral Home of McCamey.

83rd District Court Grand Jury Session Opens Next Monday

Grand jury for the 83rd District Court will go in session on Monday morning at 10 a. m. with Judge Allen Frazer of Alpine presiding in Rankin.

Travers Crumpton of Ft. Stockton will be the prosecuting attorney.

Members of the 83rd District Grand Jury include: Frank Boyd, Ed Guy Branch, Ray T. Boggs, P. L. Crandell, Linton Clark, L. P. Johnson, Dunn Lowery, and A. J. Mitchell, all of Rankin.

J. P. Fussell, S. R. Braly, L. R. Grigsby, Pedro Tijerina, Jr., John Paul Godwin, J. D. Lancaster, H. W. Adams, and Dale Keneaster, of McCamey.

RANKIN WOMEN MEET

Rankin women met at the Park Building Thursday of last week for a demonstration on quick breads made from the master mix. They plan to meet again in October to work on feather comforts. Anyone interested in attending the meeting will be welcomed. Anyone wishing to make a comfort may contact the agent at 77 beforehand for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff were called to Midland Monday due to the serious illness of a brother, Mr. Herd Midkiff.

4-H CLUBS

The McCamey 4-H Club will meet each second and fourth Thursday at 10:35 at the high school. There will be an organization meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29, at that hour. All girls are invited to attend and hear plans for the year. Awards for 100 per cent club girls of 1949 will be given at this time.

The Rankin 4-H Club girls re-organized last week with 27 members and immediately set to work planning for an opening picnic. Planning a picnic can be work. The group has divided into three units, one with Suzanne Fitzgerald as chairman to plan food; another with Janie Shipp as the chairman to plan recreation; and a third with Rexie as leader to plan time, place and transportation.

West Texas Utilities Observes Safety Meet

Employees of the West Texas Utilities Company held their 3rd Quarterly District Safety Meeting, September 21. The meeting was held in the main West Texas Utilities Office at 7:30 p. m.

Representatives from McCamey, Iraan, Rankin, Big Lake and the Rio Pecos Valley were present. R. S. Cope, McCamey employee gave the main address, speaking on "Automobile Safety."

After a general discussion the group went to the Bluebonnet Drive-In where refreshments were served. Thirty-two were present for the meeting.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Reverend and Mrs. O. O. Moore of Agua Dulce, Texas, and Mrs. Randolph W. Moore of San Angelo were here for the H. M. Roberts funeral services Thursday.

Plebiscite Administrator Meets U.N. Internes



A group of forty young men and women from 28 countries is this year training for an eight-week period at U.N. Headquarters where they are assigned to different departments in the Secretariat to learn the work of the Organization. Here, Admiral Chester Nimitz of the United States, U.N. Plebiscite Administrator for Jammu and Kashmir, explains his contemplated mission to interested "internes" Kanis Atauliah (right) of Pakistan, and Surgit Singh, of India.

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Changes Made In GI Bill For Training

Certain changes in Certificates of Eligibility for World War II veterans planning to train under the GI Bill have been made, and it will be necessary that all veterans comply with these new instructions in order to avoid delay in entering school. Robert W. Sisson, Veterans Administration Regional Manager at Lubbock announced today.

Certificates of Eligibility issued to World War II veterans planning to train under the GI Bill from now on will include (1) the name of the course a veteran wants to take and (2) the name of the approved school at which he wants to pursue the course.

The new type certificate will be good only for the listed course in the specific school named.

The additional information on Certificates of Eligibility, Sisson explained, will aid VA in its efforts to help veterans get training that will be of direct use to their readjustment to civilian life, rather than seek training that might serve no other than recreational or avocational purposes.

Also, Sisson added, a veteran is asked to select a school and course before he even obtains

a certificate will be more apt to give serious thought to his educational objectives and to the institution in which he wished to pursue those objectives.

In the past, veterans were not asked to list the course or school on applications for GI Bill training. Certificates of Eligibility, therefore, could be used for nearly any course in any institution that had appropriate GI Bill approval.

But Public Law 266, passed August 24 of this year, prohibits veterans from taking GI Bill courses for avocational or recreational purposes, or courses in institutions not in existence for at least one year. The new type certificate -- with course and school listed -- have become necessary in order to screen applications and to prevent veterans from taking courses at government expense which have been prohibited by law.

Veterans who had Certificates of Eligibility issued before September 1, 1948, have been urged repeatedly by VA to exchange them for certificates bearing identifying "C" or claims numbers. Those few veterans who still have the old certificates should surrender them for the new type -- listing course and school -- before commencing a course of training.

FIVE NIGHT CONTESTS, ONE DAY SW TILTS TO BE AIRED IN HUMBLE BROADCASTS

One of the most unusual football broadcast timetables ever to confront listeners comes up this week on Humble Oil & Refining Company's weekly broadcasts of Southwest Conference games.

There will be but one day game--Texas vs. Temple, in Philadelphia--and that game will come to listeners with an early 12:30 p. m. kickoff because of time zone differences.

The remainder of Saturday's heavy, six-game schedule, well-sprinkled with intersectional meetings, is at night. Three strong Southern Conference teams invade Texas with Wake Forest-SMU at Dallas, South Carolina-Baylor at Waco, and Clemson-Rice at Houston. Texas Tech and Texas A & M at San Antonio and Oklahoma A&M-TCU at Ft. Worth complete an evening schedule to provide listeners with an unusual Saturday night football selection.

Broadcast of the game between the Southwest Conference champion, S. M. U., and Wake Forest starts at 8:00 p. m. over stations KRLD, Dallas; KXYZ, Houston; KMAC, San Antonio; WACO, Waco; KNOW, Austin; KRRV, Sherman; KGV, Greenville; K SST, Sulphur Springs; KPLT, Paris; KCMC, Texarkana; KMHT, Marshall and KFRO, Longview. Kern Tips will be play-by-play announcer and Fred Kincaid will handle color.

The Rice-Clemson game goes on the air at 8:05 p. m. with Eddie Barker announcing play-by-play, assisted by Bill Newkirk. Stations KTRH, Houston; KTSA, San Antonio and KXOL, Ft. Worth, will carry the game.

Eight p. m. is broadcast time for the T. C. U.-Oklahoma A & M game; stations will be WBAP-570, Ft. Worth; KATL, Houston; KFDX, Wichita Falls and KREL, Baytown; and Charlie Jordan and Hal Thompson, will be announcers.

The University of Texas-Temple broadcast gets off to an early start, 12:30 p. m., over stations KTRH, Houston; KRLD, Dallas; KABC, San Antonio; KTBC, Austin and KRGV, Weslaco. Ves Box will be the announcer.

Stations KWTX, Waco; KLEE, Houston and WRR, Dallas will carry the broadcast of the Baylor-South Carolina game, starting at 8:00 u. m. Dave Russell and Buddy Bostick will handle play-by-play and color, respectively.

Eight p. m. will also be broadcast time for the Texas A&M - Texas Tech game, with Bill Michaels announcing play-by-play and Alec Chesser color. Stations carrying the broadcast will be KABC, San Antonio; KFJZ, Ft. Worth; KTHT, Houston; KRIO, McAllen; KFDM, Beaumont; KRBC, Abilene; KGKL, San Angelo; KBST, Big Spring; KBWD, Brownwood; KCRS, Midland; KFYO, Lubbock; KORA, Bryan and KTRE, Lufkin.

V. A. Announces GI Life Insurance Dividend Scale

The Veterans Administration's first calculations on amounts proposed to be paid nearly 16,000,000 veterans in the \$2.8 billion special National Service Life Insurance dividend have been received by the Veterans Administration Regional Office at Lubbock this week, Robert W. Sisson, Manager, announced today.

Maximum possible amount that any veteran can receive will be \$528. Other payments, based on age groups will run to lesser sums. The dividend will be paid on both term and converted insurance policies, and will be paid only for the period that the policy was in force prior to the policy anniversary in 1948. No payments will be made for periods of lapse, V-A emphasized.

According to Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, the estimated rate of the dividend was arrived at after long actuarial studies, and that the rate of payment will be the same for both term and converted policies, as the dividend is based on mortality savings since there are no excess interest earnings.

In arriving at the dividend scale, standard insurance practices were followed, whereby dividends on a life insurance policy represent a return to the insured of the excess of premiums paid over the amounts required to pay claims and set up necessary reserves. This is not necessarily proportional to the premium paid.

While portions of the premium originally estimated as necessary to pay claims may turn out to have been too high and can return a dividend, the part of the premium that goes into building up reserves cannot return a profit unless the fund earns a rate

of interest higher than that assumed in the premium calculations. This has not been done in the case of National Service Life Insurance.

In computing the maximum payment of \$528, the dividend was based on a \$10,000 policy in force for 96 months, (the longest possible period), on a veteran aged 40 or less at the time the policy was taken out. This represents a payment of 55 cents a month per \$1,000 of insurance. As the mortality rate for the age group of 40 and under did not vary greatly, a single dividend will apply to this whole group.

The rates of payment will be: Those under 40 years of age at the rate of 55 cents per month per \$1,000 of insurance; those 41 to 45 years of age, scaling down from 52 cents to 40 cents; those 46 to 50, 37 cents down to 25

cents; those 51 to 54, 24 cents down to 21 cents; those 55 and over, 20 cents per thousand.

The proposed scale does not apply to insurance on a permanent plan which has been surrendered for a reduced paid-up amount. These cases will be handled separately.

No further information has been received as to the exact date payment of this dividend will be made, Mr. Sisson pointed out. Application blanks are available at Veterans Administration offices, and after being properly filled out, there is no need for further correspondence concerning the dividend as this will only cause delay in payment.

R. H. Johnson, acting postmaster, said early this week that more than 500 of the forms have been given to veterans of Up-

ton County through Monday of this week.

Service Officers of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars also have passed out some 150 forms to members of their organizations and other veterans who wanted the forms.

It is warmer to wear two thin garments than one thick one because the air between them serves as insulation.

Bathing beauties believe keeping their powder dry.

English mailboxes are called pillar posts.

Word to wives: If you can reform your husband -- follow him.

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THIS MAY MEAN AN IMPORTANT TELEPHONE CALL IS INTERRUPTED



THAT'S WHY WE SAY: PLEASE DO NOT SHOOT AT BIRDS ON TELEPHONE WIRES OR POLES THANK YOU



Instead of paying bills in cash use checks. The cancelled check provides a definite receipt--and your monthly Bank Statement an accurate record of all such expenditures. Open that checking account with us right now.



YOU WILL BE HAPPY



If YOU Buy One of These USED CARS

1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster 2-Door with Radio, Heater, Sun Visor and Seat Covers.

1940 Chevrolet 2-Door (a little old, but plenty of driving miles left.)

1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster 2-Door (completely reconditioned; new paint job.)

1939 Ford Tudor Sedan (just a good car.)

C. W. BROWN MOTOR CO.
McCAMEY TEXAS

Bill Goodwin Killed In Ranch Accident Near Breckenridge

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Havins and Donna and Darrell Havins have returned from Breckenridge, where they were called at the death of Mrs. Havins' brother, W. H. (Bill) Goodwin, 60, who was apparently thrown from his horse and killed instantly at about 4 p. m. on Tuesday afternoon at his home on the Stewart Ranch about 14 miles north-west of Breckenridge.

A friend who was supposed to go with Mr. Goodwin on a hunting party that night, called by earlier in the afternoon and found his saddled horse standing at the lot gate. He thought nothing of the incident until he returned later to find the horse still standing with saddle and then he started a search that ended when a large group of town and ranchmen gathered and found the body about a mile from the house at 2 a. m., being guarded by the dead man's grey hound, that was his constant companion.

Members of the American Legion had charge at the graveside and survivors included besides Mrs. Mattie Havins of Crane, Mrs. Mollie Black of El Paso; Mrs. Jennie Cunningham, Aransas Pass; Albert Goodwin, Breckenridge; Joe Goodwin, Ft. Worth, and John Goodwin of Hollywood, Calif., all brothers and sisters of the deceased. Joe Goodwin of Monahans, Darrell Havins of Crane were nephews and Donna Havins a niece.

Over twenty years ago, the Congress of the United States passed the Railway Labor Act. It was hailed by union leaders as a model for the settlement of labor disputes.

THE LEADERS of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on the Missouri Pacific Railroad have refused to avail themselves of the peaceful means provided by this Act for settling their disputes. They insist that they be the sole umpire of their own disputes over the meaning of contracts.

There is no Need for Strikes

With all of the available methods for the interpretation of contracts, there is no need for a strike or even a threat of a strike, but the leaders of these railroad unions have ignored the ordinary procedures established by law and insist upon imposing their own interpretations of their contracts by means of a strike.

The wheels have stopped rolling on the Missouri Pacific. They may stop rolling on other railroads at any time. Recently the Wabash Railroad was forced to discontinue operation for several days under similar circumstances.

What are These Strikes About?

These strikes and strike threats are not about wage rates or hours. They result from disputes over the meaning of existing contracts. They cover claims for a full day's pay for less than a day's work, or for payments for services performed by others who were fully paid for the work done.

President Truman's Board Condemns Strike

There is an established legal method for handling disputes involving existing written contracts--just as there is such a method of settling any contract dispute which you may have in your daily life.

The President of the United States appointed a Fact Finding Board to investigate and adjust the Missouri Pacific dispute. This Board reported, in part, as follows:

"... it is with a deep sense of regret that we are obliged to report the failure of our mission. It seems inconceivable to us that a coercive strike should occur on one of the nation's major transportation systems, with all of the losses and hardships that would follow, in view of the fact that the Railway Labor Act provides an orderly, efficient and complete remedy for the fair and just settlement of the matters in dispute. Grievances of the character here under discussion are so numerous and of such frequent occurrence on all railroads that the general adoption of the policy pursued by the organizations in this case would soon result in the complete nullification of the Railway Labor Act..."

Obviously the railroads cannot be run

efficiently or economically if the leaders of the unions ignore agreements or laws.

Provisions of the Law which are Disregarded

There are five ways under the Railway Labor Act to settle disputes over the meaning of contracts:

- 1--Decision by National Railroad Adjustment Board.
- 2--Decision by System Adjustment Board for the specific railroad.
- 3--Decision by arbitration.
- 4--Decision by neutral referee.
- 5--Decision by courts.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad has been and is entirely willing to have these disputes settled in accordance with the requirements of the Railway Labor Act. Regardless of this fact, the union leaders have shut down that railroad.

Innocent Bystanders Suffer Losses and Hardships

There are about 5,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen on the Missouri Pacific. They are known as "operating" employees, and are the most highly paid of all employees on the nation's railroads, but their strike action has resulted in the loss of work to 22,500 other employees of the Missouri Pacific. In addition, they have imposed great inconvenience and hardship upon the public and the communities served by that railroad.

The Railway Labor Act was designed to protect the public against just such interruptions of commerce.

If these men will not comply with the provisions of the law for the settlement of such disputes, then all thinking Americans must face the question, "What is the next step?"



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Friday, Sept. 23, 1949

Red Devils Wallop Imperial 58-13

The Red Devils are keeping good stride by beating Imperial 58 to 13. Rankin kicked off to Imperial to start the game. The Devils held Imperial for four downs and forced them to punt. The kick went out of bounds on the 29 yd. line. On the first play Zachary made a sensational 60 yd. run for pay dirt. The Devils then kicked off to Imperial. On the fourth down Imperial lacked about two yds. for a first down. Imperial tried a pass but it was incomplete. The Devils took over on their 20 yd. line and once more Zachary made a 60 yd. run for the second touchdown of the game. After the Devils got possession of the ball again, Don Still carried the ball up to Imperial's 5 yd. line.

Broyles then tried for pay dirt, and failed. They gave the ball to Zachary who once again ran it over. The Devils got hold of the ball again and Don Still ran it for the fourth touchdown of the game. Passes from Still to Harry Yocham made the first four extra points. Still threw a pass to McCain who made the fifth touchdown. Elbert Echols tried a drop kick but failed.

Yocham was in on every tackle and assisted both sides of the line. Until he turned his ankle in the third quarter. Still made a touchdown and Zachary made two more. A pass was tossed to Ted Yocham by Don Still which was intercepted behind the goal line, and Ted downed the interceptor with the assistance of Bruce McCain for another two points.

Elbert Echols drop kicked a conversion which gave the Devils two more points. On Zachary's other two touchdowns, Harry Yocham caught the pass from Still which gave the Devils two more points. That put the score 58 to 0 in favor of the Red Devils. On the last quarter Coach Fitzgerald sent in the B team. They kicked off to Imperial and Imperial went to the air and made 13 points. Hurn and Murphy played a good defensive game.

No one boy out-played the other on the Red Devils team. The boys that made the touchdowns may get all the glory, but without a center to center the ball and block and the other four men on the field the one carrying the ball could not make the touchdown. The final score was 58 to 13 in favor of the good old Rankin Red Devils.

SENIOR CASS

The Rankin Senior Class wish to express their appreciation to the public for the co-operation with the concession stand. We also hope you will be at the next football game, Friday, Sept. 23, and give us some more of their fine support.

School Enrollment Up; Teachers To Be Added

Rankin High School is really got reason to be proud of their enrollment this year. Last year the enrollment in grade school was 246, but it has shot up to 261 this year. The enrollment has gone up in each grade as follows:

First Week of School	Third Week of School
First grade—33	37
Second grade—34	34
Third grade—31	34
Fourth grade—29	32
Fifth grade—31	32
Sixth grade—28	29
Seventh grade—28	30

The increase was 15 in three weeks for the first eight grades. For High School the increase was five. They were in the following grades:

First Week of School	Third Week of School
Freshmen—14	18
Sophomores—26	27
Junior—13	13
Senior—13	13

Two new teachers are to be added to the faculty next week. Supt. Still announced Thursday evening.

SENIOR PICNIC POSTPONED SATURDAY; CONFLICT WITH STUDENT COUNCIL MEET

The seniors had planned a picnic for next Saturday, but it has been postponed until a later date, because several students of every class in high school are going to Fort Stockton to a student council meeting.

Those going to Fort Stockton are:

Seniors — Lee Murray, Chock Romine, Joveta Yocham, Don Still and Marjorie White.
Juniors—Lewis Ward, Bill Hurn and Earl Brown.
Sophomores—Dee Ann Gambelin, Paul Johnson, Mona Sue Branch, Jean Shaw.
Freshmen — Bruce McCain, Mayetta Higgins, Bobby Wyatt, and Betty Sue Bodine.

ORCHIDS & ONIONS

Orchids to the Red Devils for being such a swell football team. Onions to Jean and Joy for being such stinkers to poor Marlene.

Orchids to all the red-heads in RHS.

Onions to Mrs. Schmidt for giving the seniors such a foreign poem to learn.

Orchids to Winnie Pearl for catching her a man.

Onions to the music class because it makes us get up too early.

Orchids to Merry Tom for being so truthful in Junior Business.

Onions to Jean and Wanda for getting so tickled in Junior Business.

Orchids to Mrs. Hodge for letting us have such interesting work in Home Making.

Onions to Chock for yelling at Vada Mae at the staff meeting.

Orchids to Toad and Evelyn for making such a cute couple.

Onions to Harry and Barbara for fussing just like brother and sister.

Students' Hit Parade

"Seems Like Old Times"—Nola Grace to Joe Ellis.

"Why Don't You Haul Off and Love Me"—Billy to Vada Mae.

"Sentimental Reasons"—Don to Joveta.

"Love Sick Blues"—Joy Ward to Bill "Romeo" Hurn.

"If I Could Be With You" Lovey to Lee.

"Need You"—Betty Bodine to Red Morgan.

"Again"—Winnie to John.

"Why Does It Get So Late So Early"—Football boys to Coach.

"Two Loves Have I"—Virginia Godsey to Goose and Ackie.

"I Can't Get Started With You"—Jimmy to Marlene.

"Feuding, Fussing and Fighting"—Harry Gene-Wanda.

"Its All Over Now"—Chock-Gloria.

"Tomorrow Night"—Ted to Marlene.

"Got to Get Me Somebody to Love"—Mayetta.

"Warm Red Wine"—Billy and Jimmy.

"Together"—Mona Sue and Grover.

"I Don't See Me In Your Eyes Anymore"—La Wanda to Chock.

"Slipping Around"—Norman Yocham.

"Forever and Forever"—Don and Joveta.

"Always"—Punkin, Ann, Esther.

PEP SQUAD

The pep squad girls did an excellent job of keeping up enthusiasm at the game Friday night. Most of the girls wore dark skirts and white blouses and they all did some powerful yelling.

The football boys sure did appreciate the good yell and fine support of the girls in the pep squad. The girls owe Mrs. Hodge part of the credit for such a fine job. They are looking forward to the game Friday night so they can back up those Red Devils again with all the pep they can muster up. The girls hope to go on all the trips.

ABC's

A dorable—Joveta
B ad—Billy Brown
C aptivating—Winnie Pearl
D angerous—Chock
E nergetic—Billy Brown
F ine—Coach
G od, Jr.—Jimmy Workman
H andsome—Don Still
I ntriguing—Ruthie
J ack Donkey—Jimmy Workman
K issable—All the girls
L ovable—all the guys.
M anageable—Ted Yocham
N ice—Marjorie
O h that Senior Class
P retty—Wanda
Q uaint—Veddis Mae
R ascals—Ted Yocham
S tupid—Chock
T error—Wanda
U nbearable—Paper Staff
V ivacious—Marjorie
W insome—Ted Yocham
X cellent—Imogene
Y ocham—Joveta
Z ealous—Imogene

Dann Lowery is in Pecos this week, where he was called for Federal Court jury service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ingley left Monday night for a few days business trip to East Texas.

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STAFF MEETING

The meeting of the newspaper staff was held at 7 Wednesday night. The newspaper was compiled and edited and the staff had a wonderful time trying to work amidst all the love making of Billy and Vada Mae.

Also, Don Still had it in his head that Joveta should not do anything but pay homage to him so that caused a little trouble. Lee couldn't think of a thing to say in the gossip column so she assigned it to, oh, I forgot, no one knows who writes the gossip column. It is a different one every week, you know. We have several new columns in this week, too. They will appear every week. A couple of these are A B C's and Students Hit Parade. We intend to put these in every week. Don't forget to read the Guess Who, either. We give the answer next week. For a hint, she is a little older than 18. Not much, though. Turn your answers in to Lee. Every right answer will have their name in the paper next week. I will sign off until next week and everyone be sure to get all the news in to Lee, in the office.

GUESS WHO?

This week's Guess Who has light brown hair and big blue eyes, a coke bottle figure, and she is a high school teacher. She is very popular and well liked by everyone. Answer next week.

The Devil's Pitchfork

Who is it that Lee is looking forward to see some time in November?

Well, Don, whose clippers did you run into?

Who's master does Louie Ward think he is?

Say, Ted, where did you get the football you are wearing with an "S" on it? Could it be from Seminole?

I hear all the shorthand students have "writer's cramps." What about that, Mrs. Taylor?

If you hear the Senior English students talking about the April showers bathing May flowers in liquor, PLEASE! Don't call Big Spring because it is all in a day's work.

Is it English Virginia G. is really working on every night until 1 o'clock?

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Reporters	Don Still and Marjorie White

It seems as though Vada Mae and Billy sure are getting thick. Jimmy, do you have a habit of getting drunk every time you get mad?

RHS seems to have a new romance this year. Not calling any names, but the initials are Jimmy Workman.

Marjorie seems awfully excited about going to Fort Stockton Saturday, could it be because Chock is going along, too?

Vada really hadn't had anything to drink when she ran into the barber pole last Friday night. Just ask Lee.

Say, Winnie, where were you Monday?

It seems as though Joe Ellis and Nola Grace Boyd are seeing quite a bit of each other lately.

Say, Jo Veta, you had best watch Don. He seems to get along with Marlene H.'s cousin pretty good.

Imogene, who is it you were seen in the car with Tuesday night???

Who will come out tops with Virginia G.? Will it be Elbert or Arkie?

Wanda, it seems as though your Pontiac isn't coming back.

The high school is overloaded with "Lovesick Locust," and the "Romantic Roaches" this year.

Well, Lee, who was your escort last Friday night?

Chock, let us in on your chasers after drinking orange crushes.

Punkin, who's the new boy-friend? It couldn't be Don White could it?

Marlene M. is like the Lord, she loves all the boys, she's like the Devil, she wants them all, but she'll play heck getting them all.

Where was Marlene M. and Vada Mae at 12 o'clock Saturday night?

Say, girls, I notice Wallace Gary is free. (What's the matter?)

Where did Jean Martin disappear to?

Wilma, why don't you tell us these things, about Harley, I mean.

Bruce, do you think you are making any headway with Gloria???

Norman seems to be allergic to all girls. Come on, girls, let's get to work.