

TRADE DAY-- SANTA FOR RANKIN NEXT WEEK

Big doings are sure to come off in Rankin next week end. Things have been worked out with Santa and he will be here with a person on Saturday, December 19.

All the children of Rankin and the area are invited to be on hand for the big free show at the Ford Theatre, too. There will be a good selection of comedies and promise to provide many thrills and laughs.

While the youngsters are enjoying this entertainment, Santa will arrive in Rankin by special arrangements with the Rankin Lions Club and he will be loaded with candy, nuts, fruit and gum and will be ready to hear any and all requests that the small fry might wish to make known to him in regards to their desires for Christmas.

This program will be entirely sponsored by the Lions Club

with the exception of the use of the theatre which will be furnished by the Ford Theatre.

Arrangements for the candy and fruit were made with the cooperation of the local merchants and paid for by the Club.

Further Christmas gifts will be given at Christmas time with the cooperation of the civic and church groups of Rankin.

These gifts will be made to

the needy children of this area.

TO HAVE TRADE DAY

The merchants of Rankin are further considering offering a Trade Day for the week-end of Dec. 19 with special prices being offered for those who wish to do their Christmas shopping in Rankin.

Just what day would be best and to what extent this prog-

ram would be carried out, had not fully been agreed upon when the news went to press this week.

Some suggestions have been received that this be made into a regular affair for Rankin, either on a weekly or once a month basis. On these occasions, it is customary for the merchants of a town participating in such an activity as a trade day, to offer special inducements for people

to come and trade in their town on the particular day the promotion is staged.

There would be many advantages to trading in Rankin next week with such a program in action, with the merchants offering many good bargains in all lines of merchandise as well as service, with the ease of parking, promptness of service, and

the advantages of trading with folks you know, will make the usual shopping trip a pleasure instead of a chore.

Make your plans now to be in Rankin next week-end. See Santa Claus, shop at leisure in your own home-town and just enjoy the day in general.

Remember, we'll be looking for you in Rankin next week-end.

Do That Mailing Soon, P.M. Sez

According to Postmaster W. O. Adams, last year at Christmas all mail deposited in the office was dispatched up to the minute the mail trucks arrived. All incoming mail was worked out the same day it reached the office.

With the cooperation of the public, post office personnel believe they can maintain that record this season.

Both outgoing and incoming mail will be handled with greater dispatch if post office patrons will observe the following tips:

1. Anticipate your stamp requirements for the entire Christmas season and buy them all at one time. It takes as much time to service a patron buying one stamp as one buying a sheet. Should you over-buy, the stamps will be good later.

2. Buy your stamps early to avoid standing in line for service.

3. If your business will wait, stay away from the post office from 10:30 until noon, in order that incoming mail can be worked and delivered to boxes with greater speed.

4. Do not visit with employees during the Christmas rush. You may be delaying the dispatch of your own mail, or causing the patrons to wait for service.

5. Pick up parcels promptly. Storage shelves are limited.

6. Christmas cards mailed with a 2c stamp are consigned to waste if undeliverable as addressed. If they have a 3c stamp, they are forwarded anywhere as many times as is necessary. If it is impossible to make delivery, the card is returned to sender if his return address is on the envelope.

7. Cards addressed to children should also contain the Father's name if the box number is not known.

8. There will be boxes in the lobby labeled "Local," "Texas" and "Other States." These boxes will be used for mailing Christmas cards only, and patrons are requested to make their separations accordingly. Letter mail should be deposited in the regular slot.

9. General Delivery patrons are requested to call for their mail once each day after noon at which time they will receive all their mail for that day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stephenson went to Dallas and stopped by Fossum Kingdom on their way back to fish. Their luck was very good.

Tommy Stephenson, Carlton Stephenson, and Mr. Bowman of Midland were deer hunting at Junction, Texas.

W. O. Adams and family attended the Texas A.&M. football game at College Station last week. Acting postmaster Adams didn't seem too well pleased at what he saw there.

Lions Club Sets Ladies Night For Dec. 14 At 7:30

Lions club schedules ladies night for Monday, December 14, at 7:30.

Monday night, Dec. 14, has been set aside as Ladies Night for the Rankin Lions Club members and their wives.

Scheduled to start at 7:30 p. m. at the Elementary School Cafeteria, the affair has been planned to include a good meal and outstanding entertainment. Just what form this entertainment will take has not been announced. These plans have been kept a secret with the purpose of giving the ladies a real surprise.

It is requested that each couple bring a gift to be given as a Christmas gift to the needy children of Rankin and this area. Anyone knowing of such children, ones who will not be likely have

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Red Devil Basketeers Take Third At Odessa

Coach Bill Coor's Rankin Red Devil basketball team went to Odessa and brought home the bacon in the form of a third place trophy.

Rankin was the only class B team that even received an invitation to go against the big guns in the larger schools.

Rankin opened with Seminole and bested them by a 47-44 marker to advance to the semi-finals against the Odessa Broncos.

The Big Red caught a red hot Odessa team in this round and a tall point man who scored 31

Winners In Barbee Drawing Announced

R. L. Barbee, of Barbee's Dry Goods, announced the winners of last Saturday's drawing at which time a blanket, a bed spread and a towel set were given away at the store.

Winner of the blanket was Mrs. Peggy Anderson. Second prize-winner was Eric Bydson, and third prize winner was Mr. M. J. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were doubly lucky. They are husband and wife. He is employed by Dun Brothers, a local pipe stringing concern.



ONLY 15 DAYS TILL YOU'RE IT, POPI

Rankin Offers Good Shopping Facilities

As is usual, a good many folks in the Rankin area are doing their Christmas shopping. And, as usual, so I'm told, a good many of them are doing it in some other town.

This is hardly startling news. But it is a cold and highly significant fact to local merchants.

Local stores admittedly do not offer the expensively decorated windows, the glitter and sparkle, the widely-known name that some of the bigger city stores have. On the other hand, neither are local stores burdened with the high overhead as are some of these big town stores and consequently can-and-do-often offer better prices on the same merchandise.

Lots of folks are highly skeptical of the assertion that they can buy for less at home. In many instances, however, it is a fact, as any budget-minded shopper can easily discover.

Entirely apart from the matter of price is the matter of merchandise selection.

On occasions, folks say that, "Well, there's just no use looking for anything like that here—I'll just go to a bigger town and get it."

Maybe so. Maybe not so. The erroneous part of that type of thinking is the assumption that the desired item is not available locally.

We owe it to our hometown merchants to try to find what we need here. Often we can. If we can't and the merchant can't secure it for us by the time we feel we must have it, then that merchant would, no doubt, be the first to tell us to go elsewhere and would probably give us some good tips on where the best purchase could be made.

But let's give them the chance they deserve. Check the ads in this week's News. You may find just what you want at a real bargain!

RANKIN SPLITS WITH LAKE

In two games last Tuesday night at Big Lake, Rankin "A" Team last a thriller 38-37.

Rankin B Team hoped on the Big Lake B bunch to the tune of 45-30.

These were non-conference games.

points and went down swinging by a 61-41 count.

The Monahans Lobos were the opponents for the Devils' third place try. Rankin came out with their best ball of the season to stomp the Lobos 52-44.

Rankin will play the McCamey Badgers, a so-so team to the west of town, Thursday night, Dec. 10, at McCamey.

Friday night, Dec. 18, will see the end of the pre-Christmas games for the local hoopsters when they journey to Ozona to take on the team from that town. The Red Devils have boys capable of developing into a fine team and if they continue to improve, will without doubt, be rough going against this year for the lads from the big class schools.

Al Owens of Crane has been ill at the home of Mrs. R. L. Bell. Mr. Owens, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Bell, has been visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Levy Tanner of Cleveland, Texas, returned home Sunday after spending part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Manry, Jr.

Mrs. R. L. Shannon visited their daughter in Hereford last week and stopped on the way back to see their son in Meadow.

High Demand for Meat, Stable Cattle Prices Forcast For 1954

Next year will be another year of large supplies of red meat. Consumption is also expected to continue high, and retail prices in 1954 are expected to average about the same as in 1953. This was the prediction of U. S. Department of Agriculture economists at the annual Outlook Conference.

For 15 years cattle prices have been unusually high as compared with prices for all farm commodities, say the economists. Now, even though they are at the lowest point since 1946, cattle prices are still more favorable in relation to other farm prices than they were during the 1910-14 base period which is used for parity computations. They are lower, however, than could be considered normal at this time because of their long-term trend upward.

Persistent declines in cattle prices over the past 2 years appear to be about ended, but the forecast does not indicate that they will regain their levels of a year

RANKIN W.S.C.S. SPONSORS YEARLY YULE CARD SALE

Following the custom of many years, the Rankin W. S. C. S. is selling Christmas Cards again this year.

They have on hand a large selection of boxed cards, humorous, religious and other styles in addition to everyday cards, Children's Books, stationary and other gift items. Also "glow-in-the-dark" Christmas tree decorations.

The cards may be secured at Clark's Cleaners, Ann's Dress Shoppe, Eades Beauty Shop or from Mrs. R. O. White, second house north of the Methodist Church.

Fewer cattle are being put on feed grains for fattening this fall than last. This means the supply of finished cattle in the first half of 1954 is likely to be smaller next year, but the supply of grass-fed beef will remain high, the outlook report indicated. Grass-fed beef usually grades as Good, Commercial, or Utility, according to government standards.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE—OR CAN IT?

Every so many years some old beliefs that have been accepted as facts are proved to be just so much hot air.

One of those that take a regular beating is that old adage that "it can't happen here."

Some people said that Columbus could not cross the ocean, that the world was square, that he and his ships would sail right off the end of the world. It just could not be done; but it was.

Many people said that man would never fly through the air like a bird, but he is. He not only flies through the air like a bird, he goes through the water like a fish and drives on land like a bat out of Jacob's pasture.

Many people said that Germany would never overrun France with her defenses on her Maginot Line—They did. Many said that there was nothing to fear from the Japanese, that they were friendly little squint-eyed people who copied things and could not see very well. Now that was a joke.

And on and on one could go naming all those things that down through the years somehow come to be thought of as things that "just could not happen here." And sooner or later we wake up and find that it not only can but already has happened.

In the past few weeks there has been some rumbling down on the coast about communists taking over things. That they are thinking in terms of taking Texas, and no doubt, the entire U. S. They do not plan to do this with guns, tanks, planes, etc., but just slowly working themselves into the major positions of responsibility. In the case of Texas, through control of three labor unions.

Did you say "it can't happen here?"

Now you can just bet that that is one of the big things that these "commies" are banking on. They are past masters on knowing how people will react to certain of their schemes. They know that we here in Texas are prone to get along with just about anybody. That our attitude is often one to live and let live. We are just prone to take the attitude that all this business of spies, "crumminist", black hearted traitors and such is something that takes place in Europe and Washington. "It just can't happen here."

Just as sure as we take this attitude and go blindly on our money gathering ways, we are going to wake up and find that the "crummies" have got us. We have some wide-awake men in Austin who are trying to bring this danger to our attention. They are doing the best they can with what they have. One thing they do not have is any laws that say "crumminists" can't do just about anything they want to so long as they break no laws. They can not stop them from holding offices in these Unions. All they can do is smell out the rats and point to them and holler "Crumminist." From there on it is up to the people to make their own choice.

Whether or not the people who are being organized and used in this business by the "crummies" sincerely desire the advantages that a union can offer, or are just being misled by the organizers into believing that they need the union and have cause for the strikes now in progress is beside the point. Whether they know or not that they are being used as a rope to hang themselves if the "crumminist" should gain control of things in Texas, is the important thing and is the thing for us here in Rankin to think some about too.

All newspapers who are members of the Texas Press association as is this paper, have been warned to expect trouble from these birds if they put over the deal along the coast. Especially important to the red-colored boys are the oil areas. Rankin is an oil area. We live in Rankin. We raise our children in Rankin. We want to continue to live in Rankin. But we want to live in Rankin run by good solid Texans and a Rankin operated in the free, competitive American way and not one with some bunch of "thugs" sitting back pulling strings that could cause us all sorts of trouble.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE IF WE THINK IT CAN'T AND DO NOTHING TO HELP STOP THIS BUSINESS BEFORE IT GOES ANY FURTHER.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Alfonso Chocan, McCamey, dismissed Dec. 1.

Mrs. W. B. May, McCamey, dismissed Dec. 2.

Mrs. W. L. Grgsiby and baby, William Lee, Jr., dismissed Dec. 2nd.

Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Sr., dismissed Dec. 1.

W. T. Eckert, Jr., McCamey, tonsilectomy, admitted Dec. 1, dismissed Dec. 2.

Tom Warren, McCamey, medical, admitted Dec. 2, dismissed Dec. 4.

John L. Sullivan, McCamey, oil-field accident victim, dismissed on Dec. 5.

Sharon Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards, McCamey, admitted Dec. 1, dismissed Dec. 4.

Miss Joan Snell, Rankin, fractured right arm playing basketball on Dec. 3, was transferred to San Angelo for special treatment on Dec. 5.

Clarence W. (Jack) Smith readmitted to Rankin Hospital Dec. 2nd.

Sandra Juanita and Sharon Anita Martin, infant twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Martin, Rankin, medical, admitted Dec. 3, still confined.

Mrs. H. R. Congden, medical, admitted Dec. 8.

Johnny Burleson, Iraan, injured left hand while playing football at Iraan school. Emergency treatment was given at Rankin Hospital.

Donald Shook, 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Shook, McCamey, admitted Dec. 3 in a critical condition. X-ray taken showed the child had swallowed a nail. Dismissed Dec. 8.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bolen, Rankin, a baby boy at 10:33 p. m. Dec. 3. Weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. Named James Ray. Both dismissed Dec. 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown, McCamey, baby girl at 1:06 a. m. Dec. 4, weighed 7 lbs. 12 1-2 ozs. Named Karen Velys, both dismissed Dec. 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Benskin, a baby boy at 1:19 p. m. Dec. 4, weighing 7 lbs. 12 1-2 ozs. Named David Wayne. Both dismissed Dec. 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Rankin, a boy at 10:01 p. m. Weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. Named Robert Dean. Still confined.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Welling, McCamey, Dec. 6, twins, a girl at 12:54 p. m. weighing 7 lbs 5 ozs. Named Donna Dianne, and a boy at 1:07 p. m. weighing 6 lbs. 14 ozs. named Donald Ramon. Still confined.

Miss Myrna Holman was a San Angelo visitor Saturday.

D. S. Anderson of Rankin and B. G. Anderson and Mrs. Sarabeth Siddall of Midland visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Morris, in El Paso last weekend.

Lottie Moon And Ruth Circles Meet

The Lottie Moon and Ruth circles of the WMU met Monday at 9:00 at the First Baptist Church for the Royal Service program for December.

The program for the day: "The Gift of God's Love."

Devotional: Mrs. B. A. Patterson; Prophecies in scripture reading; Mrs. J. L. Manry and Mrs. Grim Taylor, Song in the Night; Mrs. Jack Smith, The Message of the Song; Mrs. Omar Warren: "Stewards of the Gospel." Mrs. Sam Holmes, The Song Must Be Sung; Mrs. Jap Edwards. This was followed with the song, "Jesus Saves."

The following articles were given:

Our Indian Fields and In Lebanon by Mrs. B. A. Patterson; In Hong Kong by Mrs. Shannon; In Japan, Mrs. Pierce; In Rio De Janeiro, Mrs. Wheeler; In Africa, Mrs. J. L. Manry. Song of the Cross was given by Mrs. Zack Monroe, and the closing prayer was led by Mrs. Shannon.

After the program, a business meeting was held, and it was voted to send each of the adopted beneficiaries for the year a gift of \$5 each for a Christmas gift and a card to each of these: Mrs. Mattox of El Paso, a retired minister's widow, and to Miss Roberta Hampton, a student in Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Dismissal prayer was led by Mrs. West.

KNOW YOUR LIONS

LION MARK DORSEY

Born in Midland, Texas, Jan. 5, 1918, Mark Dorsey grew up in that city. He attended school there and lived and worked in that city until March of 1952, when he came to Rankin.

Lion Dorsey is employed as a pumper by Sinclair Oil and Gas Co., and lives in the Benedum Field.

Julian, who is Mrs. Dorsey, and Mr. Dorsey have three children, Dianne, 12; Judy Faye, 11, and Eddie, 9.

Lion Dorsey is a member of the membership committee of the Lions Club and, although he has been a member only a short while, has enjoyed his work with this organization very much.

FHA Girls' Pictures Are Made For Rankin High School Annual

The FHA Girls met last Thursday, Dec. 3, in the homemaking room of the new high school building to have their pictures made for the school annual. The girls wore their skirts that they had just finished making in the Home Economics.

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11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
6:30 P.M. Training Union
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY
9:00 a.m. Lottie Moon Circle W.M.S.
1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle W.M.S.
WEDNESDAY
7:30 p.m. Mid-week Service

Rankin Methodist Church
DAN COCHRAN, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 7 p.m.
Evening Worship 8 p.m.
Choir Practice Wed 7:30 p.m.

Church Of Christ
LEON KESLER, Minister
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Services 8:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ
L. L. CALVIN, Minister
Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:45 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Mid-week Services 7:45 p.m.

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CARDS OF THANKS \$1.00

First Baptist Church To Enter Xmas Giving

Plans for the First Baptist Church to enter into the giving of Christmas baskets to needy families of Rankin have been announced by Bro. Shannon, the pastor.

It has been the custom on past Christmases to carry out this program in connection with other churches and service organizations of the city.

Also planned is a special Christmas program for Sunday night, Dec. 20, with a visit from Santa Claus scheduled. Christmas carols will be sung, a special program is planned, and extra effort will be put forth to make this a special worship program. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting as well as any other regular meetings at the First Baptist.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

The Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 o'clock A.M. December 18th, 1953, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read, at the Courthouse, Rankin, Texas, for the purchase of

1 (One) - New 2 (Two) Ton Truck with Cab, approx. 161" Wheel Base with Six (6) 8.25 x 20-10 ply tires, 2 (Two) Speed Rear Axle, Engine Ventilation, Truck heater, Oil Filter, Fuel Filter and spare tire as above size.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

J. A. MOORE
County Auditor,
Upton County, Texas.

ATTEST:
Nancy K. Daugherty
County Clerk,

Rankin Study Club Meets December 3rd

The Rankin Study Club met on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 4 o'clock at the Park Building.

Mrs. Walton Harral presided in the absence of Mrs. J. L. Manry, president.

Mrs. Leola Hurn led the Club Collect.

The program was presented by Mr. Mike Hughes, driver trainer at Rankin High School, who spoke Objectives and Driver Training In The School." He also gave facts about the auto accident situation in the U. S. and suggested measures to be taken to prevent such accidents.

Mrs. James Campbell reviewed an article on "Safety In The Home" and cautioned adults to teach their children how to play safely at home.

Mrs. Jack Smith gave a report on her trip to the State Convention in Austin.

Mrs. Chris Bieri and Mrs. James Campbell served coffee and cookies to the following members:

Mrs. J. L. Alderdice, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Chris Bieri, Mrs. Leola Hurn, Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. Jack Skiles, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Mrs. E. C. Higday, Mrs. John Lair and Miss Pat Taylor.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Case of "Moostaken" Identity

Slim Smith never had a chance to use his moose call until a trip north this year. Visited him yesterday to see what he'd bagged.

"First day out," he told me, "I picked up a trail. I sounded the call and waited. Then I heard a moose call. Sure enough, something came crashing through the brush. But it was another guy with his moose call. Boy, did I get my finger off the trigger in a hurry!"

"My last day there I picked up another trail. This time I got

me a real moose. But you can bet I took a good look before I did any shooting!"

From where I sit, we could all learn a little from Slim's experience. Most of us are guilty sometime or other of being too quick on the trigger. Like the fellow who would deny me the right to an occasional glass of beer with my dinner. I say that kind of "aim" is way off!

Joe Marsh

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RANKIN COLLEGE GIRL WINS ESSAY HONORS

Editors Note—The following article is an essay published in the El Paso Scottish Rite Bulletin. It was written by Miss Nola Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd of Rankin.

The title of the article is "Impressions Of A University Freshman."

A very excited and nervous freshman walked through the doors of Scottish Rite Dormitory into the residence that would be home for the next four years! I had heard other girls talk about wonderful S.R.D. and my visions were high. Now that I have lived here every phase of life has far exceeded my expectations.

The flowers! How they impressed me—the beautiful social area is just like home except much larger of course; the recreation room with tables for games, ping-pong, and television can really give you a lift when you get tired of studying.

Meal time at S.R.D. is like eating at home, grace is said before each meal, eight girls at each table make conversation lively. There are always fresh flowers on the table, and the food—m—m—delicious.

Being one of 159 freshmen, you have company, no matter how bad a time the professors give you. You really know what is going on, living with 346 girls 88 of them sophomores, 72 juniors, and 27 seniors. You think with so many, it would be hard to get acquainted but it really isn't. So many know each other before coming to the dormitory; for example, there are 40 girls from San Antonio, 36 from Houston, 29 from Dallas, and 18 from Fort Worth. Two hundred and ninety-one of the residents are daughters of Texas Masons whose fathers get to know each other in the local and grand lodge meetings. Fifty-six are nieces, granddaughters or sisters of Texas Masons.

On Sunday morning, dressed in our best, we go to the church of our choice. Denominations represented are: Methodist, 114; Baptist, 78; Jewish, 43; Presbyterian, 39; Episcopalian, 34; Lutheran, 6; First Church of Christ

Scientist, 6; Evangelical and Reformed, 1; Greek Orthodox, 1; Serbian Orthodox, 1.

Paging Mr. Anthony! That must be how the counselors (one for every 50 girls) feel, listening to our problems, answering our questions and cheering us up when we are homesick. They are really a freshman's best friend.

New shoes, miles of walking during registration and orientation, introduced most of us immediately to the dormitory nurse who bandaged our blistered heels. She cares for us when we feel badly and if we are really sick, takes us to the Health Center and sees that we get the attention we need.

Coming from a small town, I never realized time was so important. A life saver for us is the business office. They announce our guests, send through our calls, put up our mail, give notice of special delivery packages, sheets and blankets for retreats and sunbathing, ping-pong balls and paddles, sewing machine attachments and scissors, cash our checks and bank our money. They give us hours of time we would have to spend running to all kinds of places for these services.

I never realized how much mother had kept up with my things and helped me until I was on my own. S.R.D. lets us down easy on the care of our cotton clothes. The laundry is picked up at our door once a week, the flat work is returned finished and all we have to do is go out the back door to the laundry and get our ironed starched things. That is really a help!

One would think you would feel all crowded up living with so many people, but you don't. There is so much lounge, recreation, and social space in the building and there are seven acres of beautiful landscaped grounds around the dormitory. If your roommate's radio or visiting friends become annoying, you can take your books, go out on the lawn in the day-time, sit under the tall trees, listen to the birds sing, and watch the squirrels bury nuts, or in the evening you can go to the fifth floor study hall where it is always quiet.

Birthday Party Fetes John Michiel Sipes

John Michiel Sipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sipes of Rankin, was honored on his 3rd birthday, Friday, Dec. 5, with a party.

Present for the funfest were Jon and Charles Cooleage, Judy and Dug Beeman, Kenneth and Sammy Bean, Trelen Bozeman, Tommy Sheffield and Mike Eckols.

Serving cake and coffee for the older guests at the party were Mesdames Pauline Sheffield, Beeman, Bean and Bozeman.

Ice cream and cake were offered to the small fry with favors for the party-goers being walking canes, balloons, bubble gum and suckers.

John Michiel received a very large selection of gifts for the occasion.

Birthday Party Held At Park Building

Sujane West was honored on her tenth birthday with a party held at the Rankin Park Building on Dec. 4.

Games were played and prizes won by Cheryl Pace and Bucky Scarborough.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to the following guests:

Linda McDonald, Percelia Bell, Janice Bell, Cheryl Pace, Suzie Pace, Pat Simpson, Eva Leta Bradberry, Marie Pettit, Nina Gayle Pettit, Barbara Bushong, Malinda Ellwood, Charlene West, Fred Moore, Jessie Lee, Bucky Scarborough, Larry Simpson, Bobby Hamilton, Billy Knott, Ronnie Bieri, J. J. Hall, Jimmy Lewis and Sujane West.

Dad's being a Mason never meant much to me while I was growing up; it was something I took for granted. Now that I am privileged to live in Scottish Rite Dormitory, I realize that one of the best breaks in my life is to have a Dad who took time to be a good Mason and make it possible for me to be a resident of S.R.D. Thanks, Dad!

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Among those attending the Baptist Sunday School meeting at Imperial this week were, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. R. L. Pearce, Mrs. Sam Holmes and Rev. and Mrs. Shannon. They reported a large attendance and a good meeting.

Mrs. D. S. Anderson and daughter, Mary, were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shaw returned to their ranch at Marathon on Saturday after a few days' stay in Rankin.

Girl Scouts Meet On Monday Afternoon

Intermediate Girl Scout Troop No. 2 met Monday afternoon on Dec. 7 at 4 p. m.

The girls worked on their Christmas project and made plans for a program to be presented at the Troop Christmas party Dec. 21.

The group repeated their Motto Slogan, Promise and Girl Scout Laws.

Plans were completed on the trip to Midland Saturday, Dec. 12, to attend a lecture by Lady Baden-Powell, Girl Scout Executive.

Mrs. Glen Parker assisted the leader, Mrs. Res Wheeler, in supervising the Christmas project. Sammy Steele and Phyllis Perry were hostesses.

Glenda Parker was hostess to the following: Dorothy Abernathy, Mary Broyles, Ann Chandler, Judy Dorsey, Virginia Haral, Arleta Lee, Sammie Steele, Elsie Sharon Wheeler, Darlene Workman, Evelyn Howard, Phyllis Perry and the leader, Mrs. Ross Wheeler.

Elsie Sharon Wheeler is to be hostess at the next meeting.

Baptists Donate Old Church To Boy Scouts

Some time ago the Rankin First Baptist Church voted to donate the old church building to the Rankin Boy Scouts for a meeting place.

The provisions of the gift were that the building must be moved from its present site next to the new church in order to give room for further expansion planned for the future by the Baptists.

This building is approximately 63 feet long and 30 wide. It is of sheet iron construction and will make an excellent meeting hall for the Scouts.

At last report, plans were under foot to move the building and anyone having any time to devote to this project should contact some of the Rankin Scout officials.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ted Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell attended the Annual Boy Scout banquet held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Angelus Hotel in San Angelo.

Rankin School Menu

THURSDAY, DEC. 10
Carrot Sticks
Salmon Croquettes
Potato Salad Blackeyed Peas
Chocolate Cup Cakes
Milk Bread

FRIDAY, DEC. 11
Hamburgers
French Fries
Ice Cream

MONDAY, DEC. 14
Cabbage Slaw
Cheese and Macaroni
Pinto Beans Spinach
Cornbread and Butter
Pudding

TUESDAY, DEC. 15
Lettuce
Fried Meat Patties
Rice and Gravy Blackeyed Peas
Peach Cobbler
Bread

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16
Vegetable Salad
Stuffed Weiners
Potatoes in Sauce
Cream Peas
Pineapple-up-side-down Cake
Milk Bread

THURSDAY, DEC. 17
Pineapple and Carrot Gelatin Salad
Roast or Bakek Liver
Creamed Potatoes Green Beans
Milk Bread

FRIDAY, DEC. 18
Hot Dogs
Fried Potatoes
Milk and Cookies

MONDAY, DEC. 21
Relish
Bar-B-Que on a Bun
Fried Potatoes
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY, DEC. 22
Pineapple and Cream Cheese Salad
Baked Ham
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Cherry or Mince Pie
Milk Bread

Attention All Good Cooks!

Mrs. W. M. Day offers this as one of her favorite tested recipes. She says it is husband tested and has her stamp of approval.

TEXAS RED BEANS

Clean, wash and soak 11 lbs. pinto beans.

Cover with water and cook slowly until tender. All seasoning. (Either bacon or ham.) And one hour before serving, add one medium size onion, finely diced.

- 1 Tbls. chili powder
- 5 Tbls. catsup
- 1 Tbls. vinegar
- 2 Tbls. sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt.

Deer hunting two weeks ago in Brady were Mike Hughes and R. L. Wall. They brought home the bacon in the form of two fine bucks.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR WOOL NEXT YEAR

On the supply side we find that the 1954 production of wool in the US will probably be somewhat lower than in 1953. This will be brought about because we expect a reduction in the number of stock sheep in 1954.

The world supply of wool for the 1953-54 season is expected to be about the same as for 1952-53.

On the demand side, we find that mill use of apparel wool in the US during the first half of 1953 was about 20 per cent above the same period in 1952. Mill consumption for the entire year of 1953 will probably exceed that of 1952.

With economic activity and consumer purchasing power at about present levels and no great change

in defense requirements, mill consumption in 1954 probably will be nearly the same as this year.

Another favorable factor is that inventories of woolen goods in manufacturing and distribution channels relative to retail sales are about normal.

PRICES IN 1954

The average prices received by domestic producers for the 1954 clip probably will not be much different from that of 1953.

Mrs. L. W. Bishop at the Haliburton Camp has returned to Rankin after having tonsilectomy in Comanche, Okla.

The Rankin Hospital Staff wishes to thank the women of the First Baptist Church W.M. U. for the plate favors furnished by that organization on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Harris and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkerson and children of Andrews were visitors in the Edward Harris home Sunday.

Mrs. R. C. Schlagal and Sue went to San Angelo and brought Mrs. Robert C. Schlagal and baby daughter, Trudy Gale, to Sherwood where they will stay until Lt. Robert C. Schlagal, Jr., arrives from Anarber, Mich., where he is stationed. Trudy Gale was born at the Base Hospital at Goodfellow Field in San Angelo on Dec. 1st.

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ROMAN BEAUTY	.25	NO. 2 CAN, ANY BRAND	.29
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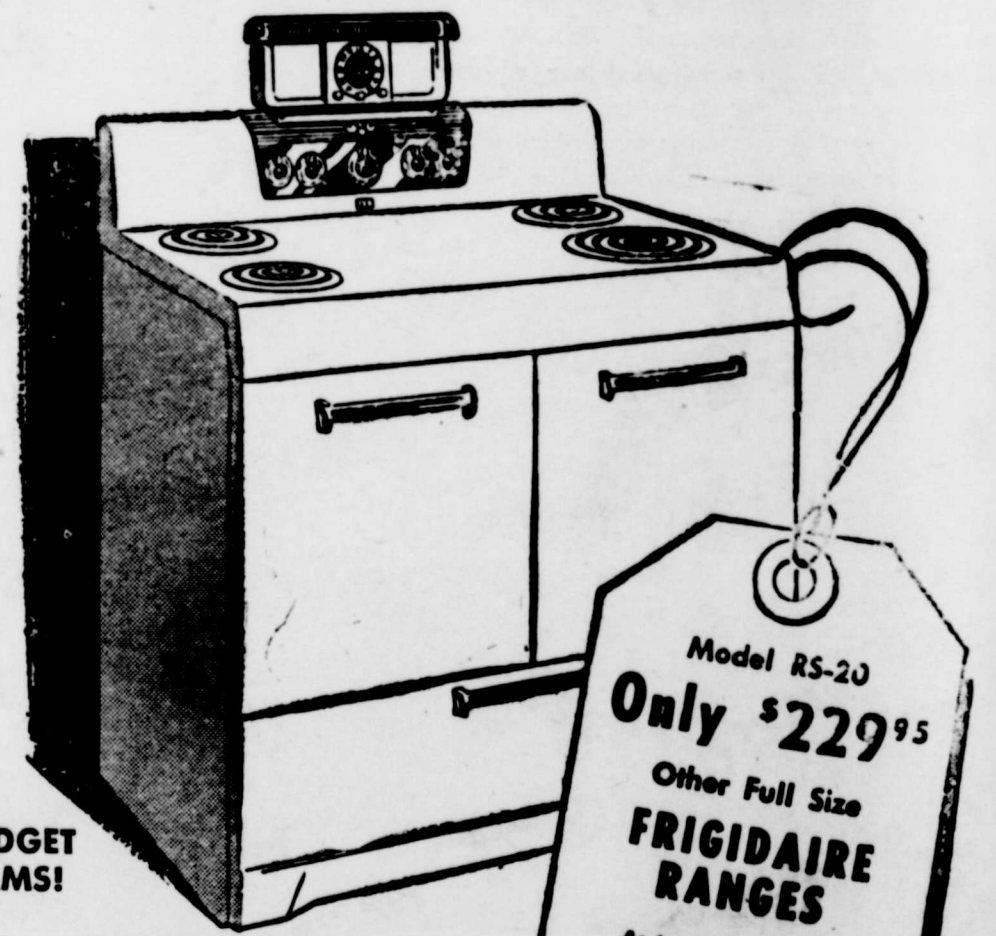
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