

The Rankin News

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1956

TURN-OUT ANTICIPATED HERE ELECTION OF TWO SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Rankin scarcely dry on Saturday. School District will hold election in school building. Boyd and Poage are running for year posts, names as on the ballot will be J. B. Steed, Joe Walton Poage. Simp-

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CITY INSURES ITS FIRE VOLUNTEERS

As a means of providing protection to volunteer firemen, the City of Rankin this week secured an insurance policy covering all firemen listed on the active company roll. The policy does not provide for protection of spectators or unauthorized persons who might take part in combating a fire and who were injured in any way.

Provided for in the policy is payment of medical expenses incurred by a volunteer fireman while fighting a fire up to \$1,000. Also provided is \$1,000 in life insurance, up to \$1,000 for certain disabilities as a result of injury and up to \$25.00 per week compensation for the time he might be off from his job or business as a result of injuries.

It also provided for payment of minor medical expenses such as treating cuts, small burns, etc., that might be received while the volunteer is performing his duties. All the above provisions will be in effect whether the fireman is at an actual blaze or is practicing fire drills.

LIABILITY POLICY BOUGHT

At the same time, city officials announced that they have purchased liability insurance on both of the fire trucks. Should they be involved in a collision or other mishap, these policies would protect the city from suit for damage.

Presently there are 22 volunteer firemen listed on the company roll who would be covered by the insurance policies. A total of 28 can be carried on the membership list.

"We would like to emphasize again that the city cannot be responsible for injury to unauthorized persons who are injured either as spectators or in actual assistance at a fire. It would be better for everyone concerned if only the authorized volunteer firemen would combat the blaze and handle the equipment," city officials said.

STOLEN PICK-UP TRUCK RECOVERED AT MONAHANS

Police authorities returned a 1952 model GMC pick-up to George Stephenson last week-end after it was found abandoned in brush country near Monahans. The truck had been stolen from the side of Stephenson's house about two weeks ago.

George reported that the generator and one tire on the truck had been damaged along with other evidences of abuse. No one has been arrested in connection with the theft.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dishman and daughters spent the week-end in Wichita Falls.

\$40,000 BLAZE DESTROYS MUD WAREHOUSE

Series Of Fires Plague Rankin; Losses Believed All-Time High

J. H. Tippett Rites To Be Held Today

Services for James Homer Tippett, 82, who died in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo Tuesday, April 3, will be held in Johnson's Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. today, April 5. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery beside his wife who died in 1924.

Tippett had lived in this area for some 70 years and had large ranching interests in Pecos, Crockett and Upton Counties. Presently heavy oil activity is being developed on and near his property some 12-14 miles west of Rankin.

Born October 2, 1873, near Cuero, he moved to West Texas with his family when he was about 12 years old. The family settled near Buffalo Gap.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Robert P. Amacker and Mrs. Jax M. Cowden, Jr., of San Angelo, Mrs. Jack Mann of Austin and Mrs. George B. Sanders of Dallas; a brother, Victor P. Tippett of San Angelo; 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

COUNTY SUIT TRIAL RE-SET FOR MAY 28

The recent law suit filed by David Tisinger, Austin attorney, against Upton County for \$15,000 and which was being tried last week, has resulted in a mis-trial and is re-set for May 28.

Judge Patterson dismissed the jury after three days of testimony had been heard when legal aspects concerning various testimony caused him to decide there had been a mis-trial. A new jury panel is expected to be called for the May trial.

BETA SIGMA PHI PLAY GOES TO McCAMEY FRIDAY

"East Lynne," Beta Sigma Phi's mellerdrammer play recently presented here, has been called to McCamey for a one-night presentation for benefit of the Cancer Crusade.

To be presented at the high school auditorium, proceeds from the affair will be divided between the two towns.

Rev. Lynn McAden left Monday for Lubbock to return his daughter to Texas Tech and probably encountered the heavy sand storm before reaching the plains city.

Two fires in Rankin within three days resulted in an estimated \$44,000 in property and equipment damage.

In a blaze of undetermined origin just before midnight, Wednesday, March 28, Skeet's Place, a negro cafe, was destroyed and considered almost a total loss. Firemen were called just before midnight and battled the fire for approximately two hours before returning the trucks to the fire-station. However, smoldering timbers caused the blaze to re-ignite and a second run was made by the

COUNCIL SELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Meeting Tuesday night, April 4, in their first meeting of the current season, the Youth Council named new officers and set up the beginning phases of their 1956 program.

Accepted by the group was the resignation of Mrs. Frank Boyd as chairman with D. E. Jones nominated as a replacement. J. B. Pettit was named as co-chairman, Edith James as secretary and Mrs. Bill Bushong as publicity chairman.

Three committees were appointed to investigate the three phases of the youth council program which is to start on May 21. Lasting for three months, the program provided activities for children and teenagers through the summer months.

At this time the council is accepting applications for three full time instructors for the summer program and two part time instructors for a square dancing program. Applications will be heard at the next regular meeting of the group on Tuesday, April 17.

LITTLE LEAGUE BEGINS WORKOUTS FOR BASEBALL

Little League managers had their prospective players out on the practice field last Tuesday evening and were getting things in order to begin their summer ball program. Players are bought by the various managers and formed into four teams.

Grass on the Little League park is in very good shape and completely new bleachers have been erected.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman over the week-end were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Workman of Midland.

volunteer department at about 4:00 a.m.

Loss of property and equipment was estimated at around \$4,000.

SATURDAY FIRE

Perhaps one of the largest fires to occur in Rankin for some time was touched off at about 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning when wiring in the T. L. Stephenson Mud and Chemical warehouse caused a fire that is estimated to have resulted in \$60,000 damages.

in an estimated \$40,000 damage. Since the initial blaze, firemen have been called out on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights to extinguish small fires that have broken out in the debris.

T. L. Stephenson, owner of the property, estimated that five to six thousand sacks of chemicals, drilling mud, and other related products were destroyed. A major portion of the merchandise belonged to The Baroid Company and was consigned to Stephenson. It is believed that all the loss was covered by insurance. Some of the sacks were valued at as much as \$40 each or 80 cents per pound.

STUBBORN FIRE

With a total of 8 hoses going, firemen battled the blaze for 6 hours before moving off the equipment. During that time, a bulldozer belonging to Billy Rankin was used to move the destroyed building and its contents from the fire site.

Endangered by the blaze and suffering varying degrees of damage was two more warehouses owned by Stephenson on the east side of the one that burned, one on the west owned by Stephenson and another larger one owned by Permian Mud and operated by Ed Harris.

Very little damage was suffered in the two end warehouses while the two next to the blaze were damaged extensively.

PLAN TO RE-BUILD

Skeet Phillips, mgr. of Skeet's Place, which was formerly The Gay Paree, could not be contacted to determine whether or not he would rebuild his place of business.

Tomie Stephenson has indicated that his warehouse facilities will be re-built as quickly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kirby and children visited relatives in Kermit Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boggs visited his mother in Plainview over the week-end.

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Filler by J. B.

One thing about West Texas is that you don't have to travel to see what the country west of you looks like—just sit still long enough and it will all blow past.

Speaking of famous last words we'd say that about the most famous of them all is some tired parent slumping down into a chair about 11:30 o'clock at night and saying, "At last, all the kids are asleep."

It is approaching the season of the year when golf tournaments are held around over the country. It

is also approaching the time of year when wives who have golfing husbands are most likely to be able to get that permanent or new dress they have been wanting. Most husbands like to think that a fishing trip, a golf tournament or a hunting trip only costs them their traveling expenses. They never face the fact of buying all the home front.

Since we are observing various things this week and have been listening to some of the political speeches being delivered over TV and the radio, we have decided that the fellow Stonebaker who shot himself through the head several months ago may be just the man we're looking for.

If he is in the shape they say he is, he may have all the makings for a doggone good candidate for governor, an adviser to the income tax people—or a newspaperman.

As we listened to some of the testimony in the trial last week when the county was being used, we could not help but note that if the minutes of the commissioners' court had been published, a requirement that has been receiving considerable attention in the legislature the past two or three sessions, there would probably have never been a law suit.

Reminds sometimes have a way of getting out of pocket and consequently cannot always be found when needed but whenever they are published in a newspaper and become common knowledge, there can be little ground for dispute as to what took place concerning any given matter.

In the case mentioned, it is the contention of the plaintiff attorney David Thayer, that he had an agreement with the commissioners' court through which he

was to receive the sum of \$11,000 for services rendered during the water district law suit here several years ago. The commissioners' court contends that such was not the case. There are apparently no records of the event in the minutes of the court even though it did involve a rather important matter. Witnesses heard on the stand during the time the trial was in session testified that a vote had been taken at the commissioners' court on the matter—still there is no records of such a vote or such a meeting.

Admitting that we personally would stand to gain financially from the publication of proceedings—and that would include all the proceedings that take place in the meetings of the commissioners' court, school boards, etc., we still feel that the public as a whole is entitled to know ALL that goes on in meetings of public affairs. And we further disagree with the opinion held by some public-official bodies that the general public is not intelligent enough to understand the workings of such affairs and consequently—the less they know about what is going on, the better.

We say that minutes, financial reports, expenditures and the whole works ought to be put before the public—not in some heavy-bound volume in the back of the clerk's office—but in the people's newspaper where they can sit down in their own home and read the facts for themselves and know where their county, school district, or what have you, stands.

CARD OF THANKS

Our hearts are filled with humility and appreciation for our many good friends whose comfort during our recent sadness meant so much to us. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

J. L. Maury, Jr. and family



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THERE IS A DANGER --

There is a very grave danger occurring in the fires in Rankin. It was particularly apparent Saturday fire at the Stephenson warehouse.

Young children, boys in almost every instance getting entirely too close to the fires and are offering volunteers, but are actually trying to fight the flames. So far everyone concerned fortunate and no one has been injured.

This sort of luck cannot be expected to longer.

Sooner or later, one or a large number of children are going to be seriously injured. Fires, even if they may be small ones, are a very dangerous to the human body makes an excellent torch once lit.

In the confusion and excitement that attends a fire, those trying to combat the blaze have no time to look out for children and cannot be blamed if disaster ever strikes.

If a child is injured, it will be the fault of the parents.

Keep your child away from fires. Do not let children play with fire. Do not let children play with firemen and the spectators—who incidentally, are in the way as well as danger—to look out for them.

On more than one occasion last Saturday night, young boys as five or six years old were observed playing with fire. In one instance, a boy was seen operating a fire hose that had been disconnected. They were inside a building, filled with smoke and a heavy blaze not more than ten feet away. The boy was attempting to hold onto the hose after pressure was put on it. This is a job that two grown men could not handle—yet four boys around 12 years of age were attempting to fight the blaze.

Both city officials and members of the fire department expressed deep concern over this matter in the last Tuesday night.

If your child goes to fires, instruct him to stay at a safe distance from the blaze, not only for his safety but in order that those trying to fight the fire are not hindered.

Other recent incidents that have been noted and come up for discussion, pertains to the group of boys who were not hindered.

GROWN-UP KIDS TOO

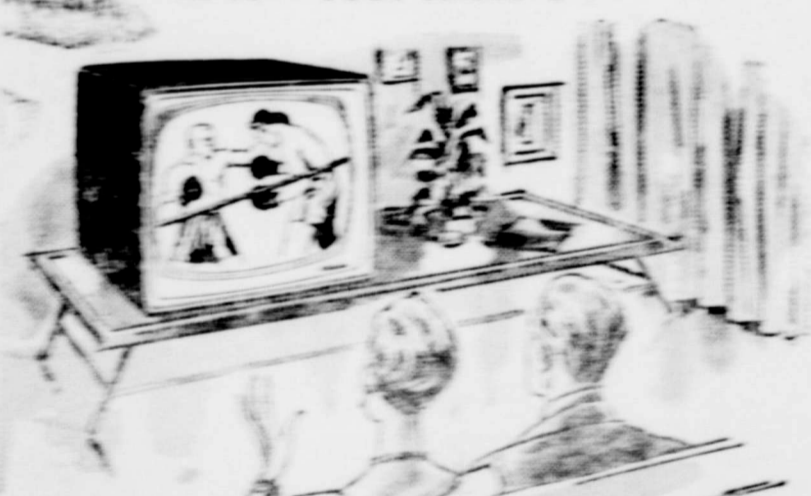
When the fire trucks chase the fire trucks. In the instance of the night of the road was blocked by cars and the trucks were unable to turn to town for water until the street was cleared.

In almost every instance of a recent fire, a delay and confusion has resulted—and criticism of the fire department which they did not deserve. The fire department of interference from persons who do not belong in the department.

Firemen practice every other Tuesday night. A number of more people on the department who attend the drills and who know something about the department and what they are trying to do.

Unless you are a member of the volunteer fire department, don't interfere during the fires unless you are asked to do so.

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SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scouts, Pack 56, had their regular March Pack Meeting last Thursday night in the elementary school building. Scout Master Cledie Vickers presented Mark Carson with the Denner of the Month award, the Wolf Gold Arrow to Bill Scrivner and Murray Dee Merriman, the Wolf Silver Arrow to Melton Sowell and Murray Dee Merriman, the Bear Badge, Bear Gold Arrow and Bear Silver Arrow to Jerry McDonald.

Two new Cubs, Tommy Sheffield and Don Brown, were recognized and given their Bobcat badges. The meeting was then turned over to the Dens who gave a very good program of underwater men and octopus.

Refreshments of chocolate milk and cookies were served by the Den 2 mothers.

ADOPT BY-LAWS; COMMITTEES

held meeting last members of the discussed, revised constitution and a for the organization. and rules set up was fee for both week ends and a limit of Saturday, Sunday

for the various coming tournament

SERVICES HELD

NT'S BROTHER

es were held Mon- in Houston for J. 68 year-old brother anry, Jr. of Rankin. ed in Houston fol- of about 3 months. ill health for some e services from this and Mrs. Manry of heir daughter, Mrs. Big Spring.

the home of Mrs. over the week-end sons, Bruce Monroe d Zack Monroe of their families, and Mrs. J. W. Pittman Perrington, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

The Rankin volunteer fire department wishes to express their thanks to R. A. Buchanan and others who contributed refreshments to the group during the fire Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so nice during our recent sickness. The many nice flowers, visitors and words of encouragement are certainly appreciated.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Happy Ending With A "Familiar Ring"

well says he and his quite a time at the Convention in Chi- for a while they had a in communications." e bell in their hotel pitched so low they answer their calls. w if it was for us or aid, "always sounded e it was ringing in e's room."

Buck hit on the ation. He just made in the hotel switch- ator that whenever them she'd use two

long rings and a short—their party-line signal back home.

From where I sit, our own familiar routines tend to make other ways of doing things seem strange. That's natural. For instance, if you've always had ice water with your meals, you might think it's odd that lots of us prefer a bottle of beer at dinner-time. I say you've a right to your own customs . . . but don't call mine wrong.

Joe Marsh

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APRIL 6 & 7

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Libby's
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No. 303 Libby's
FRUIT COCKTAIL **23c**

No. 303 Libby's
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DOG FOOD 2 FOR **25c**

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Fresh
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ORANGES LB. **9c**

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CHEESE 2 lbs. **83c**

Supreme
CRACKERS 1 LB. BOX **20c**

10 oz. Bag Supreme
VANILLA WAFERS **20c**

Folger's
COFFEE Pound **98c**

Supreme
CLUB CRACKERS BOX **29c**

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10 oz. Libby's Frozen Cut
CORN 2 PKGS. **35c**

Flav-R-Pak Frozen
STRAWBERRIES 2 FOR **49c**

Gulf Stream Frozen
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Coastal
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SIRLOIN STEAK LB. **59c**

Ham Ends and
HAM HOCKS LB. **29c**

Fresh dressed-cut up if you like
FRYERS LB. **43c**

Hormel Midwest
BACON LB. **39c**

Peyton Ace
BACON Pound **29c**

Fresh
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Choice Beef
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Choice Beef
ARM ROAST LB. **39c**

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Wando, the magician, performs a new levitation twist by floating his pretty assistant, Arlene Skanes, through the pillarless Chevrolet Bel Air sport sedan. Elimination of the center posts (which are found in other sedan models) permits a startling illusion of this kind.

Roundup

OF WEEK'S NEWS

*Being a column devoted to the latest rumors—mostly.

4-H CLUB JUDGERS TO EL PASO ON WEEK-END

Dub Day, county agent, and a group of boys representing the Upton County 4-H Club judging team will be in El Paso Saturday to enter judging events there.

In past years, Upton teams have placed high in grass and wool events of this kind.

OIL PLAY SLOW IN IMMEDIATE AREA

Although the last area report released indicated that some 18 rigs were operating in Upton County, the closest to Rankin at the present time is thought to be the shallow test some seven miles west of town. No reports were available

on this well but it is believed that they are nearing their contract depth.

Considerable workover continues in the Spraberry field with some new wells also being drilled as step-outs to that area. Of principal interest to Rankin at the present time is a deep test being drilled approximately eight miles southeast in the vicinity of the Texaco well that created quite a bit of excitement here two years ago.

BENEFIT DANCE SET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

A benefit dance will be staged at the Park Building Friday night, April 6, with all proceeds going to Mrs. "Cootsie" Lee.

Ticket sales are reported to be going well and a good turn-out seems assured.

Tex Collins and his band will furnish music for the affair.

WESTERN BEGINS LAYING OF BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

Some 10 workmen were busy this week digging and setting up preparatory to pouring of foundations on the first series of buildings for the new Western Acidizing plant on the Midland highway. Heavy rock formations were being encountered with progress being limited as a result.

The plant is scheduled to go into operation early in the summer. A number of new houses have already been completed for the employees and the company is now

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BASEBALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL OPENS WITH MARFA TILT

Fans of baseball will be reminded that the season for the high school team officially opens here on Tuesday, April 10, when the Marfa Shorthorns come to town.

Rankin's baseball squad, although limited in material, is expected to field a fair team in a class which included Rankin, Alpine, McCamey, Sanderson and Marfa. Each team will play 8 games with the final contest slated for May 14.

PAVING CONTRACTS TO BE OPENED BY COURT MONDAY

Bids for street paving in Rankin will be opened by the Commissioners' Court Monday, April 9. If an

The Rankin (Texas) Thursday, April 5

acceptable bid is submitted on actual paving is expected to begin very shortly.

Most of the streets topped now have the completed and curbing a rapid clip.

LOLA JONES OPENS RANKIN BEAUTY SHOP

A new business opened Rankin professional week when Lola Jones the opening of the Beauty Shop. A former resident when she operated here some 6 years ago returned here from

The beauty shop modeled and new equipment been added.

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Murphey, who under-
in a San Angelo hos-
nday, is reported as
ell.

Mrs. Dunn Lowery spent the week
end in Albuquerque, N. M., visiting
her sister, Mrs. Lee Danselser.

Miss Estner Clark, student at the
University of Texas, spent the Easter
holidays here with her parents.

CLASSIFIED ADS

ALL RENT TRADE

1951 Ford pick-up. Ex-
dition. Chas. E. Glebe.
4-19-p

G. I. Equity in three
home. Attached gar-
yard. Well and pump.
Arby, 401 Severn St.
4-19-c

Two room and bath
ated close to school on
kland. Phone MY 3-
3-19-c

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accommodate a couple.
room furnished house.
3-2355. Dunn Lowery.
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kin. Inquire at Home Appliance
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tion, Phillips 66 products. Drive-
Inn Cafe. Leased for five years.
6-unit Court rented permanent-
ly, consisting of 3 modern fur-
nished apts. and 3 modern bed
rooms. One 12x24 bath house. 30-
unit Trailer Park. 417 ft. High-
way frontage by 208 deep. One
mile north of Rankin, on Midland
Highway. Some down and some
each month. 6% on balance. See
Cliff Jones, owner 4-12-p

FOR SALE—Five room home with
detached furnished apartments.
close in. Rental income will pay
out property. Ten to fifteen va-
cant lots near courthouse. FOR
RENT—2 furnished apartments
north of Highland Cafe. Roy
Priest, MYrtle 3-2469. tf

**Beta Sigma Phi
Holds Initiation**

By CHRISTINE DAY

Omicron Tau Chapter, of Beta
Sigma Phi initiated six new mem-
bers into its organization on Tues-
day, March 27th, at the home of
Mrs. Edith James. The very im-
pressive ceremony was conducted
by Mrs. Bettie Elrod. The new
members are Helen Crisp, Naomi
Odom, Ann Phillips, Coral Rankin,
Sara Rozean and Oecil Shurtleff.

A business meeting was conduct-
ed afterwards and the officers for
the coming year were announced
and voted on. These officers will
be installed on April 28th.

Refreshments were served to the
group by the hostess and social
committee.

Visitors in the H. Wheeler home
last week-end included Mrs. Hol-
derness and her daughter from
Carlsbad, N. M., and Kathleen
Wheeler from Dallas. Mrs. Hold-
erness is Mrs. Wheeler's sister while
Kathleen, a teacher in Dallas, is
the Wheeler's daughter.

**PROGRAM ON INTERIOR
DECORATING PRESENTED**

Miss Jane Elrod, a senior at the
University of Texas, presented a
program on interior decorating to
the members of Beta Sigma Phi
and their guests on Friday, March
30th, at Mrs. Helen Poage's.

Miss Elrod brought with her
samples of new upholstery mater-
ials, new drapery materials and
new ideas in wallpaper. She stress-
ed the importance of expressing
individual personality as well as
co-ordinating textures.

Cookies and cokes were served
to the members, their guests, Miss
Elrod, her mother, Mrs. Tom Elrod
and her sister, Doris Ann.

DUSTER TAKES THE CAKE

Almost everyone was able to a-
gree on one point of the weather
this week and that was the fact
that the Monday duster was either
one of the best or the best that had
ever hit Rankin. From all reports,
this area was not as severely hit as
some but almost everyone is report-
ed to be well satisfied with what
we did get and is not anxious for
a repeat.

**Political
Announcements**

Rates for the various classifica-
tion of Political Announcements
to be carried by this newspaper
during the year of 1956 are listed
below.

Charges for Announcements are
cash in advance as required by law.
This same policy of cash in ad-
vance applies to all political ad-
vertising carried in this newspaper
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der in which they are received.
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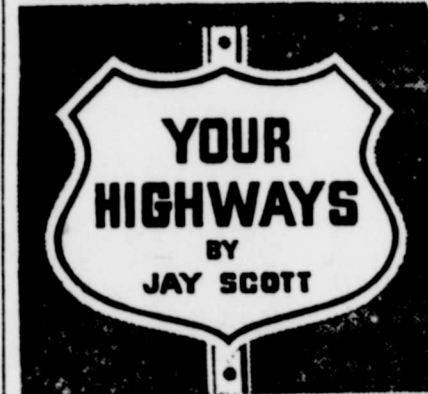
For State Representative
102nd District:
Louis H. "Andy" Anderson
(Re-Election)

For District Attorney
112th District:
Connell Ashley
(Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector
Buck Jones

For Commissioner Precinct 1
H. Wheeler
W. L. Gotcher
Joe Powell
W. O. Adams

For Constable Precinct 1
L. Z. (Shorty) Titsworth
Sammie A. Hodges



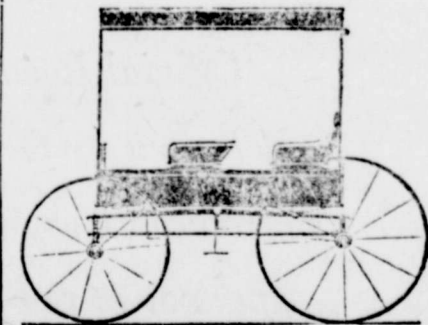
In 1955, highway construction
in the USA totaled \$4.6 billion—
less than half the amount highway
officials say was necessary.

A major auto company is work-
ing on a nonskid brake.

Church-going motorists in
Washington D. C. have no parking
problems. Downtown parking lots
and garages accommodates cars
free until 2 p.m. provided driver
shows a church bulletin.

A New York state village in-
stalled a traffic light on a sharp
curve that stays red until an on-
coming driver slows to 25 miles per
hour.

More than 200 colleges, univer-
sities and 425 schools are conduct-
ing driver education programs.



All those auto station wagons
you see on today's highways got
their start from the horse-drawn
vehicle shown above.

In Morgantown, N. C., while a
man was making a phone call, his
car rolled away from the curb, fol-
lowed a gentle left turn through
heavy traffic for 3 blocks, turned
left on another street and plunged
down an embankment with damage
only to itself.

The auto industry—for the first
time—now has a woman in its ranks
of test drivers. She's Betty Skelton
who has a host of records tucked
under her apron strings.

Dunn Lowery, W. C. McSpadden
and Johnny Hurst were in Iraar
Sunday playing golf.

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Give special treatment to spots and stains and then clean or wash them as directed on the label. Dry cleaning kills all forms of moths at the time of treatment, but does not insure permanent protection. If placed in sealed paper bags immediately after cleaning they will be protected indefinitely. Washable woolens may be moth proofed when they are laundered. Para di chlor-benzene crystals will prevent moth damage and any remaining odor will disappear rapidly when clothing are ready to use.

THDA DISTRICT MEETING

We welcome some two hundred delegates from the district to the annual meeting to be held in Big Lake on Tuesday. Big Lake and Texon Home Demonstration Clubs will be hostesses to the group. As Reagan County THDA chairman Mrs. Dora Smith of Big Lake will have general supervision over arrangements for the meeting. Mrs.

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J. W. C. Hayes of McCamey is Upton County THDA chairman. This is one of the few meetings where the home demonstration agent attends as a visitor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our orchids this week go to Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Mrs. L. H. Gibson, and Mrs. B. M. Hambrick of the Homemakers Home Demonstration Club for preparing the club table for a Child's Birthday Party at the recent table setting contest. They received first place in their division and honorable mention for the entire show. We regret that another out-of-town meeting pre-

vented our attendance.

SCHEDULE

Monday, April 19, McCamey 4-H Club
Tuesday, District THDA Meeting, Big Lake
Wednesday, Home Visits, Reagan County
Thursday, Office
Friday, Upton Council meeting, Rankin.

Mrs. G. L. Steele and daughters, and Mrs. R. D. McSpadden and Neva, spent the Easter holidays in Seymour with their sister, Mrs. C. C. Parks, and family.

Americans Poor On News Reading

Better vision care is needed to make it easier for Americans to read, the West Texas Optometric Society said today.

"In many European countries newspapers and books are read by a much higher proportion of the population than in America," Dr. Robert Norris, local member of the association, said. "In the United Kingdom 611 daily newspapers are sold every day per 1,000 inhabitants, according to a UNESCO report. In Sweden the figure is 490. In the United States it is 353.

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"Headaches or other ailments after reading rank first among reasons why patients seek medical attention. Think how many millions of people have their vision and eyesight impaired by reading or stop, probably realizing it because of the inefficiency is often caused by poor vision.

Dr. Norris said that people should get the best vision care available but the printed word is still the main competition in America. Therefore, all aspects of vision care should be given attention to reading need.

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cheerful helper but e. Before man came of keeping balance ruthless; drought, disease, and predators grazing population. controls, she was able the most productive build up the soil. By requirements of Na- the range according rements, the rancher od harvest of forage a good turnout of ol. At the same time, he basic resource—the order.

ed States, over half ly a billion acres pro- for livestock. Yet, in on, there remains only cent of the original on. The grasses such rama, the bluestems, etop, plains bristle-

grass along with the desirable forbs, copperleaf, dusty miller, the daleas and many others used to be in great abundance over our own locale.

Continuous yearlong use, coupled with the droughty climate contributed largely to this decrease and change of our grasses. As the perennial high quality grasses were used excessively, nature was thrown out of balance. She quickly retaliated by covering the ground with lesser producing grasses, weeds, and even many undesirable invading forms of vegetation in order to protect herself.

One means of covering the bare spots and lesser plant forms with better, higher producing ones is by resting or deferment. Deferment permits the good plants to become strong, increase in size and vigor. It permits litter and cover to accumulate to protect the soil and absorb rainfall. Plants are allowed to seed out to produce seedlings and resist undesirable invaders. On pastures where there are large areas of bare ground with only a small per cent of the good grasses, comeback may appear to be slow. When severely denuded ranges are

present, two growing seasons will insure quickest and best results. In Nature's order of plant succession, the next step above bare ground is an annual type of plant growth. For the large part, these are low producing and may even be undesirable plants. These produce only sufficient cover for soil protection and make a seed bed for better plants to grow.

Most of the important plants grow during the spring, summer and early fall making this time the most beneficial for deferment. Rest is most beneficial during the growing season, with five or six months being better than less time in most cases. The percent of climax grasses present should be used in determining the length of the deferment. Riting pastures having the highest percent of climax vegetation first gives the quickest and most economical improvement in building up forage production. In this case shorter periods of deferment prove more beneficial than longer ones which are necessary on areas of bare ground or with small per cent of climax plants. Deferment is meant to give long time

results and no part of the range should be over used in order to rest another part. Livestock numbers should be adjusted to the amount of forage being produced. This permits the grasses to produce feed for winter use which in turn would lessen the feed bill.

Maximum production is obtained only when 40 to 50 per cent of the annual top growth is grazed during the growing season. This allows plant to retain their vigor and sufficient leaf surface for growth plus the added protective cover that is formed on the ground to get maximum benefit of rainfall, be it .1 or 3 inches.

Deferment is an excellent method of getting production ahead of the livestock.

The local Soil Conservation Service office working through your

'RAAN TOURNAMENT OPENS SATURDAY, 7

A number of Rankin golfers are expected to go to Iraan this week-end and enter the invitational tournament to be held there on Saturday and Sunday.

With an entrance fee of \$6.50, tee off time in match play is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Qualifying rounds, except for medalist, do not have to be played on the Iraan course.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McKelvy were in Albuquerque, N. M., over the week-end visiting their daughter Mrs. Kenneth Rose, and family.

Middle Concho Soil Conservation District can furnish further information on this and related subjects.



by Robert L. McGee, Manager

TELEPHONE TALK

MIGHTY MITE

In the telephone business, we must look beyond tomorrow and into the future for new ways to improve service. And the Bell Transistor, a new electronic gadget, is one of the most exciting developments in many a day.

It's so new that it was an unknown word in my vocabulary not so long ago. But the Bell Transistor is in actual telephone operation already in a few places, helping Long Distance operators to dial direct to distant cities.

Invented by telephone scientists, the Bell Transistor—which consists of a tiny piece of metal sprouting a couple of hair-thin wires—is the first practical replacement for many present vacuum tubes. But it can do many things that a vacuum tube cannot do, and takes far less power to do it. It can, for example, amplify sound waves one million times their original strength. Transistors won't get hot, won't burn out, and have a life expectancy of 50 years.

Tiny transistors—an ordinary thimble will hold seven—are also helping modernize the communications equipment field. They are being used in radio and television sets, hearing aids, military equipment, and in many other electronic devices.

The telephone company is proud of its miracle mite. With good reason. More than anything else, the Bell Transistor represents another step forward in a continuing effort to bring you the best telephone service possible.

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You know, there are a number of expressions which used to be just "telephone lingo," but have now become familiar terms to everyone who uses the telephone.

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By placing your calls by number whenever you make a Long Distance call, you're really saving time. Calls go through **twice as fast**. Talking about Long Distance, anytime is a good time to call your family or friends just to keep in touch. Why reserve Long Distance calls for holidays or special occasions? Make Long Distance a habit at your house—it's the most personal way to keep in touch.

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P-TA Members To Address District 17 Meet April 5-6

Among the principal speakers at the First Annual Conference of the Seventeenth District, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, meeting in Midland April 5-6, will be Mrs. Walton Harral and Mrs. Ross Wheeler of Rankin.

As the first general session is called to order on April at the Ben Milam Elementary School in Midland, Mayor Ernest Sidwell will make the welcoming address followed by the response by Mrs. Ross Wheeler, president of the Katherine Secret P-TA in Rankin.

During the evening session, Mrs. Wheeler will speak on "Room Mothers and Membership" during one

of the four group work are to be conducted.

Also on Friday and one of four panels thru the various disc will be Mrs. Walton H will speak on Object "Promote Welfare of Youth in Home, Sch and Community."

NEW OFFICERS AT
Other members of chapter who are sched tend will be the new ficers recently elected scheduled to take off near future.

Among these will be Hurn, president-elect; Wheeler, who will serve as 1st vice-president; Hopkins, 2nd vice-president; Tommy Workman, 3rd; Mrs. Louis Ma; Mrs. Wayne How; Mrs. Floyd Field; and Janelle Moore.

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