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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1966

MECOMERS WELCOMED - SONORA EYED

Friday Night Tilt Expected to Draw Statewide Notice

THE SCHEDULE

ay, Oct. 13--

Rally: 2:25 P. M., Corner of Main and 8th Streets

re: 7:00 P. M. across from Rankin High—home of the winning Red Devils

Oct. 14--

Barbecue: 5:00-7:00 P. M., school cafeteria

in-Sonora football game, 7:30 P. M. Rankin 21-Sonora 13—See 4th & 10

ning of Homecoming Queen, half-time activity

coming Dance, after the game until 1:00 a.m., Rankin Park Buldg. Open to everyone.

rs in Texas --

Special Attention Given Texas-Upton Oil

was discovered at presently known as Three years later the same black gold was struck from the earth at the Upton County has business ever since. The discovery of oil in Upton County came after many of the discoveries — and years after the drill first oil well near by Lyne Taliaferro in 1866. And it is as 100th anniversary as that special em- given to the in- about the state.

Oil - The First 100 been the theme for observances. Joint-salute this week is News with a section oil progress in Tex- Upton County. Many day activities can a few old pictures preserved. A few of ublished here as a industry that is an of all of us who in "the oil patch."

Rankin's share of the benefits from oil activity do not, however, date back quite that far. Some of the first wells drilled in the immediate area were dry holes. In the early '50, the Benedum field was discovered and since that time, Rankin has been well blessed with more and more production and has become the principal center of oil well servicing in the county and much of West Texas.

4-H Awards Program Held in Rankin

An awards program was held this past week by the Upton county 4-H Club at the Rankin Park Building. Awards and certificates went to a large number of those participating in 4-H projects and to their leaders. A complete listing will be made in next week's issue of the News.

Named as the "Gold Star Girl" was Debbie Day of Rankin.

Debbie has been in 4-H for six years and has won, among other awards, a county lamb championship in '65 and the Ft. Worth show in 1960.

With a standing room only attendance expected to be on hand, all eyes in Class A football in Texas will center on the Rankin-Sonora encounter slated to get underway at Red Devil Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Sonora has been variously rated all the way from first to fourth in the assortment of polls that come out each week in Texas football. The Red Devils have reached as high as fourth on some polls.

And it is probably these ratings that will place the visiting Bronchos in the favorites role at about a 7-point advantage. This arrangement, however, does not impress most local fans as they prepare to go all out in their support of a team that has won 5 in a row, scoring 204 points while allowing their opposition only 16.

Rankin G. I. Gets Award in Korea



ROBERT BROWNING

A former member of the Rankin Red Devils and a graduate of Rankin High School, now serving with the Army in Korea, was awarded special recognition recently by being named Battalion Soldier of the Month. He is Sp4 Robert C. Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Browning of Rankin.

Browning is a generator operator with a missile unit in Korea and was awarded a savings bond for his "superior knowledge of his job, current events, and over-all military bearing."

Sonora, however, has won most of their games by a comfortable mark and—like the Red Devils—have been stingy with their opponents in the point column.

Nor does the fact that they will be the underdogs—in some quarters—bother the Red Devils and their supporters. Fans were whooping it up as early as Wednesday in preparation for the game. Another plus for the Rankin corner will be the fact that a large homecoming attendance is expected to hit town starting Thursday. They give promise of still more added support to the local cause.

There is one point on which all seem to be in agreement: It's going to be a whale of a game and the winner may well have to be reckoned with in the upcoming state playoffs.

Sonora and Rankin have met a number of times on the football field—not, however, on a regular yearly basis. The Bronchos have won all encounters—up to date. Two other teams have already come and departed the Red Devil barbecue pit this year who could boast the same record prior to their encounter with the 1966 Red Devils. Neither Big Lake nor McCamey had ever had the taste of defeat at the hands of Rankin in the current series

of games until this year. Both were shut out by the hard hitting Red Devils.

Reports indicate that all the Rankin squad will be ready to go Friday night and the same conditioning is expected for the visitors. In last week's 22-8 win over the Braves, the Red Devils had some players who saw only limited action as they gave their sore spots a chance to calm down. All indications are for a hard and fast game.

Both the "B" team and the Junior High are open this week. Their next encounters will be on Thursday, October 20 when they host the McCamey Badgers.

Contracts Awarded in Monday Meeting by Commissioners

Among actions taken by the Upton County Commissioners in their meeting last Monday was the awarding of a bid to C. W. Brown Motor Company of McCamey for two Chevrolet trucks. Price was \$4200 each with equipment including dump beds. Two old trucks were taken as trade-ins.

Still another bid accepted by (Continued to Page 6)

SCHOOLS EMPLOY TWO NEW HANDS FILLING ALL VACANCIES ON ROSTER

The Rankin Independent School District now has a full complement of personnel with the addition of two employees last week.

Warren Moeller of Alpine was employed as the high school biology-chemistry teacher. Moeller, twenty-two years old, is married and has two pre-school age children.

He received a B. S. degree in biology from Sul Ross State College last May and has been working as a chemical analyst in Alpine since that time.

Moeller reported for his teaching duties Wednesday, Oct. 5, replacing Bud Poage, who has been serving as substitute teacher since the beginning of this school term.

Superintendent Bill J. Hood and

high school principal A. C. Copeland expressed their appreciation to Poage for his contributions to the school and commended him for his diligent effort and willingness to serve for this prolonged period of time.

The other new member of the school personnel is E. L. "Pete" Bearden, a two-year resident of Rankin. Bearden replaces Carter Murphy, bus and grounds custodian, who resigned.

Bearden, who was formerly employed by Eddins-Walcher Oil Co., and his wife Lola Fay, are the parents of four children. Bob, the oldest, is presently a junior student at Abilene Christian College; Lannie is a senior at Rankin High; Billy, a RHS sophomore; and Bonnie is an eighth grader.

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

THE BUSINESS—

Among the most noteworthy happening that take place each year in October is Rankin Homecoming. It's always a highlight of the year; however, this "spot" is not about homecoming but another event of major importance not only to Rankin but to Upton County and the entire state of Texas.

Special attention is directed toward the oil business each year in October.

And let it be plainly put: without the oil business you could stuff Rankin into a gnat's ear and have room enough to add McCamey and Midkiff. Without the oil business, Upton County would very likely be something on the order of Loving County with its estimated 1965 population of 205—authority: the Texas Almanac—on sale at the Rankin News for the piddling sum of \$1.79—plus tax.

rea will tell you that the best way to make a living in the ranching business is to have a pumping unit on every forty acres.

Consider if you will the prospect of Rankin and Upton County without the benefits of oil.

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To do so, we must take away the many public facilities: the hospitals, the park building, the swimming pools, the libraries, the baseball fields, the paved streets, the airports, the rodeo arenas, the beautiful courthouse.

You say we would have most of these without oil? I don't believe we would—at least not in the manner in which they are now provided. Do you ever have occasion to visit in an area that is without the benefits derived

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SPECIALS for Friday and Saturday, OCTOBER 14

FRUITS and VEGETABLES

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NEW CROP ORANGES	5-lb. bag	59c
COLORADO ROME APPLES	LB.	19c

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HASH BROWN POTATOES	2-lb. bag	37c
Pepperridge Farm FRUIT TURNOVERS		49c
Libby's 10-oz. Pkg. CREAM STYLE CORN—2 for		39c
GANDY'S ICE CREAM	1/2 Gallon	69c

Choice MEATS

GOOCH'S PICNIC HAMS	LB.	45c
Gooch's Blue Ribbon BACON	LB.	69c
FRESH PORK ROAST	LB.	49c
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balance for roads.

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THE SCOOP—
(Continued from Preceding Page)

from oil production? Most have.
And it makes Rankin look pretty
good when you compare their
public facilities with ours.

And consider the schools. All
of us have seen some of the
schools that must depend pri-
marily on state aid—as we would
have to do without oil. They do
not compare very well with the
Rankin Schools. Talk to some of

the old timers who were here be-
fore oil came and who had the
responsibility of operating these
same schools with what little
money they could scrape togeth-
er locally. They will tell you of
paying teachers in script. Of hav-
ing to get together and do re-
pair work on the school on a
community-project basis. They
will tell you of children getting
to school as best they could be-
cause there were no busses and
no money with which to operate
them had there been.

And then consider, for a mom-
ent, what the situation would be
if all who depend on the oil busi-

ness were to suddenly leave Ran-
kin. Right off the bat the school
enrollment would drop well over
half—more in a little while as
others were forced to leave. For
whatever it is worth, the town
would have no newspaper, even
fewer stores and the churches
and civic clubs would be hard
put to stay in operation as the
membership fell.

Take almost anything from us
aside from the oil business and
we can survive, but if it should
go, about 90 percent of us will
follow.

But, fortunately, there is no
indication that the oil business
is anywhere near the departure
point for Rankin or for Upton
County. On the contrary, almost
daily, new and improved recovery
methods—plus new production—
add to the potential reserves of
the county and overall values
show gains from year to year. It
no longer takes large numbers of
people to operate the oil business
but again, Rankin has been for-
tunate. Due primarily to being
centrally located, we have been
the well service companies such
as Halliburton and Western add
to and build up their installa-
tions. Consequently, Rankin has
enjoyed a slow but steady streng-
thening that has benefited all
who rely on oil for a livelihood.

So, look around. If your neigh-
bor is related to the oil busi-
ness, extend him your hand and
say, "Fellow, I sure glad you are
here."

You can never speak truer
words.

HOMECOMERS—

How you all, there, homecom-
ers? It's always a pleasure to
have you back in town.

And as you may have heard,
a special treat has been planned
for your benefit this year. The
Red Devils are going to beat the
Sonora Bronchos just to make you
happy. At least, that's the way
it's planned.

And a word of warning. If
you have been away from Ran-
kin as long as two years, watch
out. You may think you're in
the wrong town when you start
looking for a familiar face but
you're not. Rankin has many
new folk who have been added
recently. They are fine people—
the kind you homecomers expect
to find here—and there's every
indication that they can be made
into first-class Rankinites.

It may take a little time but
as many of you who have de-
parted our fair shore have learn-
ed; there's worse places than
Rankin.

Political
Announcements

SUBJECT TO ACTION OF THE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 1966

DEMOCRATIC PARTY—

For State Senator, 25th Dist.:
Dorsey B. Hardeman of Tom
Green County (Re-Election)

For State Representative,
66th District of Texas:
Gene Hendryx of Alpine
(Re-Election)

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WIN A MUSTANG WITH THESE 8 ALL-PRO

WIN \$250 DOLLARS WITH THESE 5 ALL-PRO

WIN \$25 DOLLARS WITH THESE 4 ALL-PRO

WIN \$5 DOLLARS WITH THESE 3 ALL-PRO

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WIN MUSTANG \$250 \$25 \$5 \$1

Start with this.

Match and win with the 2.

Get Your Entry at
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A Texas oil refinery won a 1966 Honor Roll Award given by the Izaak Walton League of America for leadership in water conservation.

Texas petroleum industry employs some 199,800 persons, about 1 out of every 14 Texas workers with an average total payroll of \$1.3 billion annually.

A new service station in Washington, D. C., won an award from the First Lady's Committee for a More Beautiful National Capital. It was the only commercial establi-

shment so honored in a year long competition.

An average of 425 rotary drilling rigs operated in Texas during 1965.

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Texas is the 1st producer of oil and natural gas



A Little Voice Goes a Long Way

There was a time, long ago, when it took real lung-power to make yourself heard on the telephone. And you had to listen closely to make out what the other party said. The problem was transmission—getting your voice from here to there. Today, it's easy to hear and be heard. In fact, tots and telephones get along fine, whether it's a

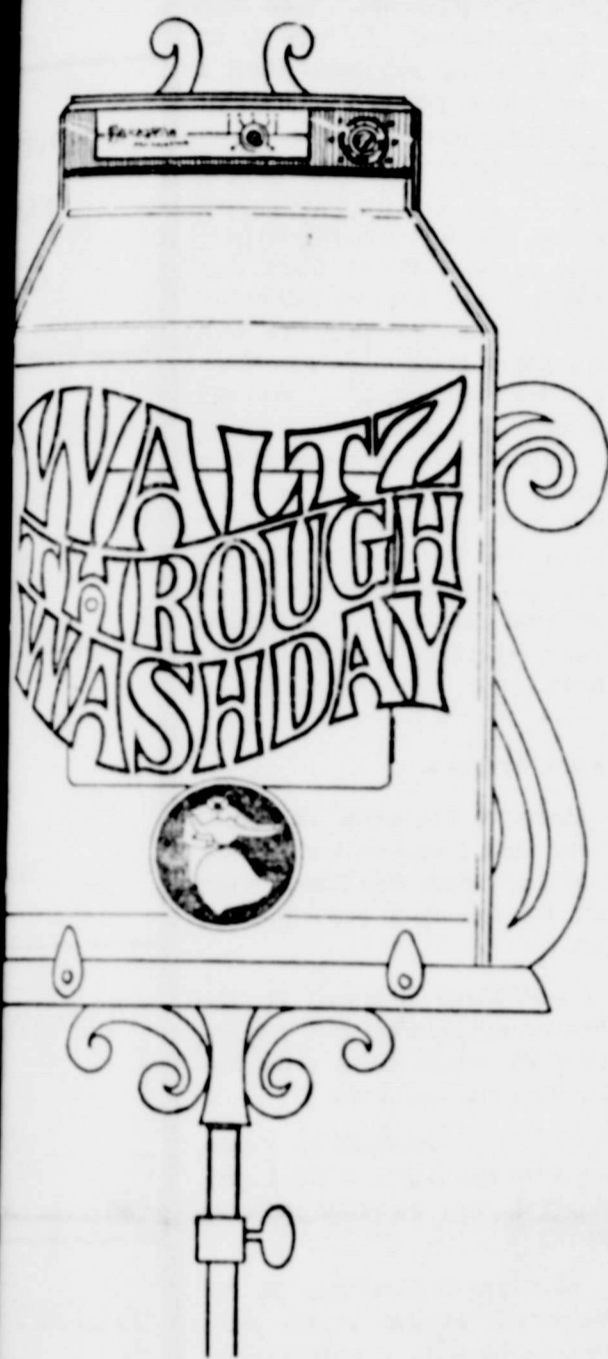
Long Distance call from grandmother across the country or just a chat with a youngster down the street. That's because a little voice goes a long way—clearly and distinctly. Continual improvement in the transmission of your voice is one way Southwestern Bell makes your telephone service—already the world's best—even better.



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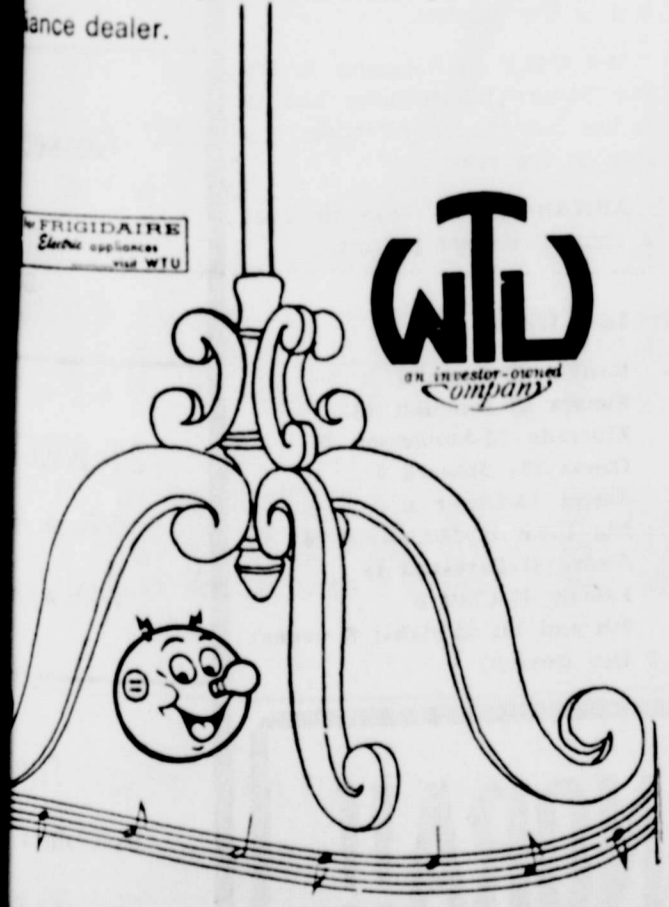
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Wink High School's 18th Annual Homecoming has been scheduled for Friday, October 14. All Wink Exes and their families are invited to attend the homecoming activities.



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In the not so long ago, Rankin was a quiet cow town that sported the mark of the old west—the board sidewalks. This old photo is from the News' files and was taken in front of what is now the Rankin Recreation Hall. The bank, as it looked in the 30's, is on the corner. Across from the bank is the present location of the Ford Theatre. The men in the picture and unidentified and the model of the car is in question. It is, however, believed to be a '41 or '42, either a Chevrolet or Buick. And you can find those who will tell you "those were the good old days."

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Jack H. Rice of San Angelo, admitted October 11.

Mr. Clyde Teal of Iraan, admitted October 11.

Mrs. Tom Workman of Rankin admitted September 14 and dismissed October 11.

Mr. Jesse Kennedy of McCamey, admitted October 2.

Miss Joyce Scott of Rankin, admitted October 10.

Mrs. J. D. Glenn of Rankin, admitted October 10.

Sharon Merwin, eight - year-old daughter of Barbara Merwin of Rankin, admitted October 8 and dismissed October 11.

Beverly Merwin, five - year-

old daughter of Barbara Merwin of Rankin, admitted October 8 and dismissed October 11.

Commissioners --

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the Court was that of Newton and Burnett Electric Company of McCamey for the installation of a Nurse Call System in the Rankin Hospital, currently undergoing remodeling. Total amount of this bid was \$3899.20 which was to include labor and materials.

Other matters coming before the court were routine.



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SONORA—

Well now. We finally got to them. Let's get this over with quick: Can Rankin beat Sonora?

You better believe it!

And to those of faint heart, we say: "Depart from us . . . we never knew you."

But what about their passing, you say? Well, for catsake, what do you think all these other people have been doing that Rankin has defeated. That wasn't no watermelon they've been throwing around out there.

And the reason they have been passing has been because they had no choice—they couldn't go on the ground. Yes, it is said, but both Marfa and Iraan scored on the Red Devils with passes. Big deal. In five ball games with everyone passing we give up two touchdowns. The Dallas Cowboys should do so well.

But what about last week at Iraan? Rankin looked bad. Did they? What was the score? Who won? Before the game with the Red Devils having been practically out of action for two weeks, everyone was saying they would be flat for the Iraan game. So they were. But recall what happened after Iraan scored—or after we scored for them. Rankin had the little jolt they needed to wake them up and it was "Clear the bodes" from there on in.

No. Don't sell this bunch short. They have looked all year to this game Friday night, knowing that they have to beat Sonora to get out of district. This bunch wants to win. They have their sights set high. They will make the effort.

In comparing the two teams, most of the "experts" say Rankin has the best defense. Scores and yardage from the games played would indicate that this is true. Sonora is said to have the edge on offense. It is supposed that their fine passing—and it will be the best the Red Devils have looked at this year—makes it easy for them to run up the middle. Ask Big Lake about that. They had it easy until Rankin adjusted to their offense but from there on it was a long night for the Owls.

Sonora has a fine ball club. They are big and they have no weak positions. So far this year, they have made all comers look pretty much alike. Against them Rankin will send a club that may not be as large in size but

CARD OF THANKS

MY DEEPEST Appreciation and thanks go to all of you who have remembered me in so many, many wonderful ways during my stay in the hospital. The cards, letters, flowers, visits, phone calls—your prayers—and the birthday cake . . . all were most cheering. I hope to be back among you soon. Until I see you in person . . . Thanks!
MARY PIERCE

that is big in heart. The Red Devils will hit you. Sonora admits to that. Friday night may well be one of the best ball games in the state. And mark this well: It's not a question of can Rankin beat Sonora . . . it's can Sonora beat Rankin?

To you fans and boosters: how about a good turn-out at the pep rally Thursday afternoon? Show the Red Devils that they have your backing. Everyone can get away for 30 minutes. Let's be there. The time is 2:30 at the bank.

THIS WEEK—

RANKIN 21-Sonora 13. Sorry about that, Bronchos, but you see, you don't scare this bunch. They are just itching to get a piece of you.

ELDORADO 21-Iraan 18. The Braves might win this one but they will be let down after trying so hard last week.

OZONA 21-Junction 14. Again, Junction might pull it off. Ozona, however, has a better winning habit.

MENARD 30-Sanderson 20. For Sanderson, another Friday night out of the way.

ALPINE 28-Crane 12. When it was first reported that Crane did not have it this year, few believed. Not any more.

WINK 18-Big Lake 8. Of all the encounters Rankin has had thus far in the season, Wink has been the toughest even if it was only a scrimmage.

FABENS 20-Marfa 18. Wow—of all the tough ones to pick, this is the hardest.

McCAMEY 12-Parkland 8. It's the Badger homecoming and it is the last chance for them to stay in the race.

ARKANSAS 22-Texas 13. Just a shot at college picking.

Last Week—

Rankin 22-Iraan 8
Sonora 32-Junction 13
Eldorado 36-Sanderson 0
Ozona 20- Menard 0
Marfa 14-Crane 6
Big Lake 22-McCamey 14
Alpine 47-Parkland 13
Fabens 33-Clint 0
4th and 10: 35 right; 8 wrong;
2 ties (season)

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**FRIDAY
OCT. 14**

RANKIN
Red Devils
VS.
SONORA
Bronchos



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7:30 P. M.
RED DEVIL
STADIUM
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We'll Always Help Insure a Win for Rankin

Xi Epsilon Chapter Makes Plans for the Hollowe'en Carnival

Xi Epsilon Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Dot Sullivan Tuesday evening with Doris Speed as hostess.

Members attending the area convention reported an enjoyable experience.

Plans were discussed for the cake walk and grab bag to be held at the Hollowe'en Carnival by the chapter.

Punk McFadden and Sybil Browning presented De Alva Snell who showed her new fashion in fall jewelry.

Dot Sullivan was chosen to represent the chapter as Valentine Queen.

Neil Rankin was a guest and plans to renew her membership in the sorority after being a member at large for three years.

Doris Speed served refreshments to those present. Punk McFadden won the door prize and Neil Rankin won the jewelry prize.

Future Bride Feted at Oct. 4 Shower

Lavhyllis Carroll, bride-elect of Rex Hill, was entertained with a miscellaneous shower Tuesday night, October 4 in the Rankin Park Building.

Co-hostesses were Mesdames F. T. Sanders, Alva Batchelder, H. West, Alvin Linnemann, Clint Shaw and Lydia Smith.

Blues and whites were used in the party decor. An arrangement of white roses at the base of blue and white bows, wedding rings, bells, and three small bibles composed the centerpiece that adorned the serving table. Eighteen guests were present.

The honoree, her mother and the mother of the prospective bridegroom were presented with corsages of white carnations.

School Menu

OCTOBER 17-21

MONDAY

Onions and Pickles, Chili, Pinto Beans, Turnips and Greens, Crackers, Corn Bread, Apple Sauce Cake

TUESDAY

Tartare Sauce and Catsup, Fish Sticks, Buttered Potatoes, Navy Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Light Bread, Banana Pudding

WEDNESDAY

Vegetable Salad, Hamburger Steak, French Fries, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Apricots

THURSDAY

Honey, Pork Sausage, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Squash, Hot Rolls, Lemon Pie

FRIDAY

Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Tuna and Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Plain Cup Cakes

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

Omicron Tau Holds Oct. 10 Model Meet in W. Chesser Home

Model meeting of Omicron Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held October 10 in the home of Mrs. Wilbur Chesser. Eighteen members attended.

President Mrs. Bill Wrinkle introduced Mrs. Charles Preston, a transferee, and fall pledges, Mesdames Rusty Ratleff, Max Taylor, Bert Goodyear and Jim Torrance. Mrs. Paul MacLean and Mrs. John Midkiff were unable to attend.

Vice-president, Mrs. Cody Bell, gave a short talk on the "Aims, Purposes and Scope" of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Wrinkle read correspondence from the International office listing the chapter on the 3-Star Roster. This indicates an excellence in activities for the 1965-66 year.

The display table was adorned with a basket of yellow roses and showed chapter torches, pro-

gram books, scrapbooks and achievement awards.

Mrs. Tommy Owens and Mrs. Wayne Hawkins presented the program for the evening, "Your Poise and Charm." Members were asked to fill out a charometer—rating themselves. The key idea given was to "Be Yourself Always." "All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than one lovely action."

Mrs. Owens won the door prize.

Busy Bees is New Rankin 4-H Club

"The Busy Bees," a new girls 4-H Club, was organized in Rankin last Monday. After selection of the name for the club, officers were elected with the following results:

President, Debbie Brown, vice-president, Carol Cranfill; secretary, Denisa Day; reporter, Elvina Fowler; and recreation leader, Leora Herrington.

Other new members include Mary Holcomb, Linda Gossett and

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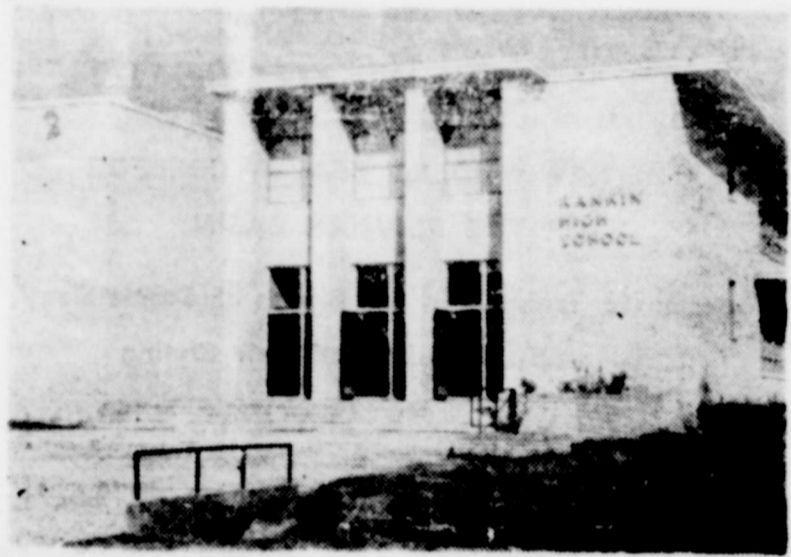


UPTON COUNTY and Rankin are particularly popular because of their location, which has long been a center in oil field service. In the picture above, a truck convoy heads for the Yates Field in Iraan during the boom days. Rankin, being the end of the railroad at that time, was the unloading point of oil equipment for a large area. Today, Rankin is a service center with Halliburton, Western, B. J., and numerous smaller independent operations offering oil well service all over West Texas.

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PART TIME CHURCH—PART TIME SCHOOL: This was the first "Community Church" in Rankin—located on the present site of Rankin Methodist Church. It also served at times as the school building. Several residents recall attending classes there. **BELOW:** The Present High School Building, one of some six buildings, numerous playgrounds, athletic facilities and installations in use by the Rankin Schools today.



OIL FOR GROWTH



POPULATION: The entire population of Rankin—except one—was for this early-day gathering at a Flat Rock today, some 2100 live in Rankin proper with 65 percent directly or indirectly associated with its related fields.

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VETERANS' LAND BOARD SALE

The Veterans' Land Board will receive sealed bids at the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, until 10:00 o'clock A.M., November 15, 1966, for the sale of 104 tracts of land. 93 tracts offered to eligible Texas Veterans only in Briscoe, Brown, Caldwell, Cameron, Culberson, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dimmit, Gaines, Hidalgo, Hunt, Jasper, Kimble, Lamar, Lime-stone, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Parker, Reeves, Runnels, Smith, Ward, Webb, Williamson, Winkler, Uvalde & Zavala Counties. 11 tracts offered to non-veterans and eligible Texas Veterans in Erath, Hidalgo, Maverick, Uvalde & Zavala Counties.

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The American Petroleum Institute publication entitled "Oil Facts" reports that a Russian motorist has to fill out a questionnaire, go to a government office to buy a coupon booklet, then go to a government-owned service station to trade the coupons for gasoline.

At the stations, which are hard to find even in large Russian cities, the motorist may have to wait in line for a long time. Then he has to guess how much his tank will hold, check his coupons, and handle the hose himself. All the attendant does is to collect the coupons, and set the pump dial. For oil, anti-freeze or repairs, the driver has to go elsewhere.

By contrast, Oil Facts points out that U. S. motorists are free to choose among an estimated 214,500 privately owned stations, each competing to supply the best possible goods and services.

WAGES BUY more gasoline: The average manufacturing employee in the United States could buy 31 per cent more gasoline with one hour's wages in 1965 than in 1955, even after allowing for sharp increases in gasoline taxes.

With taxes included, an hour's pay in 1955 bought 6.4 gallons of gasoline. During the following decade,

average gasoline prices declined and average wages increased. As a result, one hour's wages in 1965 paid for 8.4 gallons of motor fuel.

Lyne T. Barrett drilled the first Texas oil well near Nacogdoches in 1866.

TEXAS has 18.3 billion barrels of oil reserves—14.3 billion in crude oil; 4 billion from natural gas liquids.

First oil discovery in Upton County was made in the McCamey Field in 1926. New production has been added almost continually since that time.

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HOMECOMING FANS— at least some of them, will recall three very hard nosed football players from the Red Devil teams of the 50's. Among them was Nubin Browning, Bill Lewis & Joe Dean Hamilton. Browning still lives in Rankin, is an employee of Western Company, and has children attending Rankin Schools. The whereabouts of Lewis and



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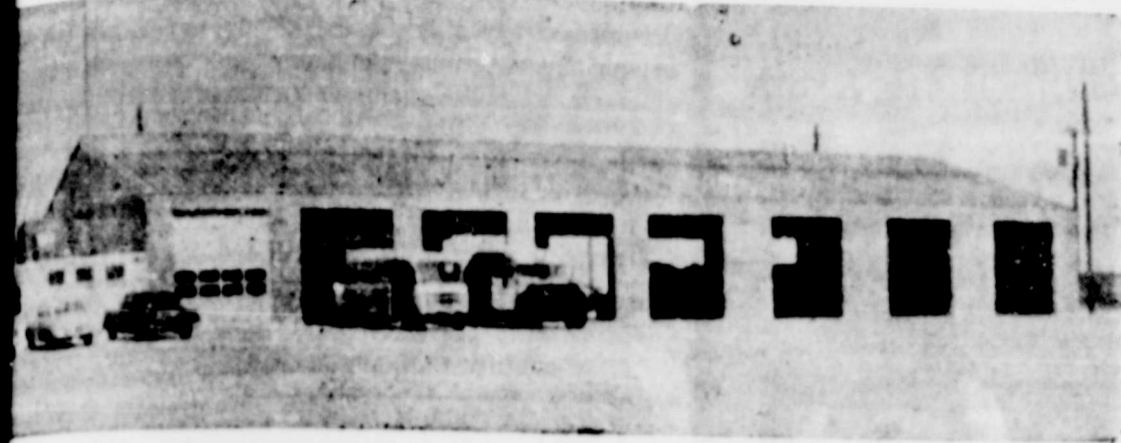
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