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**FINAL PLANS SET FOR MIDLAND FIASCO WITH "TRAIL DAYS" PROGRAM JULY 1-4**

Plans for the largest civic celebration ever seen in Midland were nearing completion today as civic clubs and hundreds of volunteer workers entered the final week prior to the Trail Days celebration to be held July 1-4.

Midland is prepared to welcome thousands of visitors for one of the most elaborate celebrations in its history. The outstanding event of the celebration will be the presentation of "Frontiers of Progress," a gigantic pageant-spectacle, at the rodeo grounds.

Featuring a cast of 500, beautifully costumed and lighted, and presented on a spectacular scale, "Frontiers of Progress" depicts the growth and development of Midland and the Permian Basin from the days of the Comanches down to its present preeminence as one of the leading oil centers of the nation. Combining the spectacular with the historic, the pageant will be marked with all the romance of the early history of West Texas.

Many other events will be presented during the days of the celebration, it was announced by Ted Kruger, chairman of the special events committee.

A partial listing of the events to take place follows:

Each day: Midland County Museum open for inspection to general public. Review of "Then and Now" window displays in downtown Midland.

Friday, July 1, 3:00 p. m., Old Settlers Tea and Reception, Blue Room, Scharbauer Hotel.

4:00 p. m., Trail Days parade, with scores of beautiful floats, cowboys, Indians, covered wagons, pioneers, beautiful girls, visiting dignitaries and the Trail Days Queen.

8:30 p. m.—Coronation of Trail Days Queen at Rodeo grounds.

8:45 p. m.—"Frontiers of Progress" Giant pageant-spectacle, Rodeo grounds.

10:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

Saturday, July 2, 3:00 p. m.—Old Fiddlers Contest, Main Street Midland.

5:00 p. m.—Square Dance Contest and Exhibition, Main Street, Midland.

Afternoon—Children's Events.

8:30 p. m.—Presentation of Trail Days Queen and "Frontiers of Progress" pageant-spectacle to be followed by fireworks.

Sunday, July 3, 9:00 p. m.—Gigantic fireworks display, Country Club.

Monday, July 4, 11:00 a. m.—"Hole in One" contest, Midland Country Club.

2:30 p. m.—Baseball, Midland Indians vs. Odessa Oilers, Indian Park.

3:30 p. m.—Judging of Beard Raising Contest and shaving of beards.

8:30 p. m.—Presentation of Trail Days Queen and "Frontiers of Progress" pageant-spectacle, to be followed by fireworks.

**DOUBLE PAY EXTENSION TO BENEDUM SEEN**

Warren Wright and Lewis T. Lohman No. 1 Chancellor, which earlier indicated production from the Fusselman section of the Silurian, Saturday sprayed water blanket and oil on its first test of the Ellenburger, to indicate a south extension to pay in that formation in the Benedum field in Upton County.

The drillstem test was from 11,385-450 ft. in Ellenburger topped at 11,490 ft., 8746 ft. below sea level. A 2700 ft. water blanket was used. No. 1 Chancellor began spraying the blanket in 20 minutes and was spraying oil with the blanket when the tool was closed after 45 minutes. Drill-pipe was being pulled.

The operators planned to drill 75 ft. deeper and run casing for dual completion.

Recovery from the Fusselman on a 1 3/4 hour drillstem test from 11,020-174 ft. was rating 5 to 6 million cubic ft. daily, the 2000 ft. water blanket, 1460 ft. of clean oil and 300 ft. of gas-cut mud. Location is 660 ft. out of the NE corner of the south half of the east half of sec. 5, A. W. Daugherty sur., 3-8 mile SE of Slick-Urschel No. 1 W. H. Dixon and others.

**Typhus Fever Declines In Texas Over Past Year, Says State Officer**

AUSTIN, Texas—The people of Texas have been fortunate in escaping any outbreaks of typhus fever this year, the total number of reported cases so far being 133. This is a gratifying decrease in the incidence of this disease, but at the same time, it is well to warn that only continued stringent rodent-control measures will hold this disease in check.

This is the advice of Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, who says that "typhus is one of the most debilitating of all diseases, and the long drawn out illness results in such loss of time that this factor is usually even more expensive to the victim than his doctor and hospital bills."

Inasmuch as typhus fever is transmitted to man by the rat flea, the control of typhus depends almost entirely upon ridding ourselves of rats.

No garbage should be left exposed where they can get to it to feed. Granaries and feed houses should be rat-proofed so that rats are starved out. All rat harborages such as trash piles, piles of old lumber, accessible quarters in the walls and foundations of the buildings and other suitable living quarters should be denied them.

Houses and business buildings can be effectively rat-proofed at a comparatively low cost, and the expense is always much less than damage that can be done by rats, and the sickness they spread around.

"When the rat is gone, typhus fever will go also," Dr. Cox said. "Keep building out, starving out, and killing all rats, and typhus fever will no longer menace the health of our people."

**HASTINGS THINKS**

An airplane company was intrusted to receive the following letter from a convict, "How long a warming up is needed for a helicopter? ... What is the down payment? ... Will it carry two people?"

It came as no surprise to some of the people who have been trying to buy automobiles, that automobile dealers for the first time have appeared on the list of top salaries as announced by the United States Treasury. Ten dealers had incomes of above \$75,000 and one Chevrolet dealer made \$192,784, which is almost \$30,000 more than the salary of the president of General Motors.

The boom business of drive-in theatres is finding that the movie show is almost a sideline to sales of other things. The ordinary movie house can sell a lot of popcorn, but the drive-in theatre, which has been described by Variety as "passion pits with pix," is an entire amusement area with attractions such as golf-driving ranges, ponies for the children, out-door dance pavilions, bingo based on speedometer mileage and huge quantities of hamburgers. Some drive-in theatres

even found that the so called sideline items pay all expenses of the theatre, and the day may come that the show will be free to lure customers to spend money in the rest of the amusement area.

Bonifacio Yturvide is blind. He recently graduated from the University of Nevada with an 'A' in every course in all four years in college. It is the only such record made at the University in the last 17 years. He took some notes in Braille, but mostly he just

listened to lectures and remembered. His parents were Basque immigrants, which may remind us that in the displaced persons camps of Europe there are today undoubtedly many people with high intelligence which would be an asset to this country.

The Russian anti-semitic policy is picking up speed all the time. In Hungary the Nazi had an ill-famed concentration camp called Kis Tarsca. The Russians have put in back in business

**From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh**

**Now I'm Going Back To High School!**

When I saw lights burning in the High School auditorium last night, I looked in to see what went on. About twenty people were listening to Buzz Ellis, the electrician, talk about television.

I slipped into a back seat and asked Hap Thomas what was up. Hap told me it was the new Self-Improvement Club. I stayed to listen—and learned a lot. Buzz really knows his stuff.

Turns out this club meets every Friday night. Each member gives a talk on the subject he knows most about. I joined on the spot because learning new things is one of my favorite hobbies.

From where I sit, it's willingness to learn from the other person that makes Americans tolerant towards so many different viewpoints and tastes in things. Just because Buzz Ellis goes for chocolate malteds, while I prefer a mellow glass of beer, doesn't mean I'm right and he's wrong. Incidentally, next week I'm going to talk on how to run a newspaper.

*Joe Marsh*

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<b>TOMATOES</b>	2 for 25c	TIDE	28c
CHUM		OXYDOL	28c
<b>SALMON</b>	No. 1-2 can 32c	DUZ	28c
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<b>Cheese</b>	77c	IVORY FLAKES	28c
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**CALF ROPERS CHALLENGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO "HORSE" SOFTBALL GAME**

Cahal Clinton, president of the Upton County Roping Club, handed out a challenge this week to the Chamber of Commerce for a softball game to be played on horses. Evidently, a little brag-

ging has been taking place along the line for the head of the roping club submitted the following letter this week to the C. of C.:

To The McCamey Chamber of Commerce and F. R. Stapp, Manager:

On or about the first of April of 1949, the Upton County Roping Club challenged the Chamber of Commerce to a softball game on horseback, after you, Mr. Stapp, had bragged so much about the athletes in the Chamber of Commerce. I have never heard as many excuses and alibis on why you never accepted this challenge for the Chamber of Commerce. We, the Roping Club, agreed to furnish the horses and even to help you and your players on them, if necessary, to play a five to fifty inning softball game to be played on horseback.

Mr. Stapp, you finally came back with the alibi that you and your players were busy building a softball plant, and that you would play us when you got the softball diamond completed. Now of all things, since you have been playing in this softball plant for nye on to one month, you now crop up with the alibi that it is not completed, just because of two little old signs which have not been painted.

What's the matter with you guys? Are you just "plain-footed scared" or haven't you got these major league softball players in this Chamber of Commerce that you claim to have?

We hope to have our roping arena lighted up by July 4, 1949, and we will play you and your team in our cowboy boots and hats, and you and your "stuffed shirts" in your white shirts and ties, just any old day or night that you are ready, and we will play you in your softball diamond or our roping arena.

We don't have any fancy bases to be used, but we have a pretty good saddle (1901 vintage) that we can use for home plate, a set of old stirrup leathers that we can use for the pitcher's plate, and two sheep skins and a cow hide for the bases, which won't mean anything to you and your players because you'll never get to step on any of them.

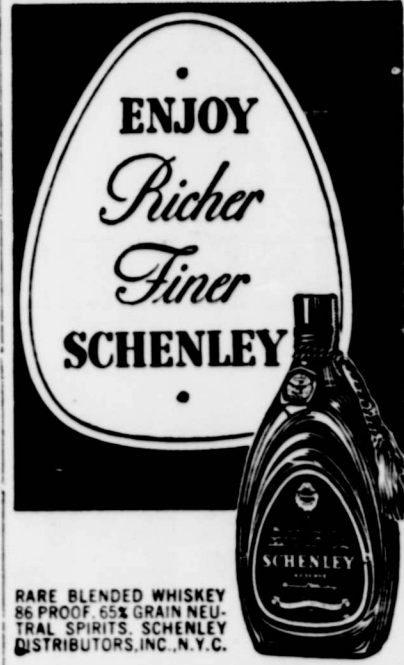
Now, Pardner, once and for all, tell us, "Do you and your Chamber of Commerce accept our challenge?" If so, when will you play us? Sincerely,  
UPTON COUNTY ROPING CLUB.  
By Cahal Clinton, Chairman.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Herring of Miles spent several days the first of the week in Rankin.

Miss Rose Marie Gilstrap, who has been visiting in Rankin the past two weeks, returned to her home in Odessa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell and son of Royalty spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. J. O. Barfield.

Mrs. Clois Baxter is on two weeks' vacation from The First State Bank. Mrs. Tom Workman returned on Monday from her vacation.



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