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ELECTION FOR ROAD TAX SET FOR TODAY

Simpson Killed In Benedum Accident

Election Issues Aired At Town Hall Meeting

A special election concerning allocation of funds and a new road and bridge tax were discussed at a Town Hall Meeting at McCamey Wednesday night. The county-wide election is scheduled for August 19 to consider a 15c tax on each \$100 valuation in Upton County. If passed, the new tax will bring an estimated \$29,000 into the depleted road and bridge fund. Voters will also consider an issue to reallocate funds at the election; 12 cents of the jury fee will be transferred to the general fund.

None Hurt In Freak Accident

An accident which might be termed a "freak," and which also might have proven tragic, occurred when the hard wind hit Rankin Tuesday evening during a heavy rainstorm. The caretaker at the Upton County Park Building had braced the two large ironclad fire doors at the rear of the auditorium stage with a two-by-four when the storm hit, the doors were forced open and the stage timber snapped in two and was blown the full length of the foot auditorium. The accompanying rain ran off the stage like a river before the doors could be forced shut. Eight little girls barely escaped injury in the accident. Being Club members, they were in the building with their sponsor, Miss Myrna Holman, and had been practicing a play on the stage. When the storm blew they left the stage to go to another part of the building and scarcely left the path of the falling timber when it hit. The piano had been moved back against a wall and also escaped damage. Caretaker and Mrs. Ingley got the water out of the building in a very short time and it is thought no permanent damage was done.

None Hurt In Truck Collision Tuesday At Rankin Intersection

No one was seriously injured when two large trucks, one being driven by a Lane Brothers Trucking Company driver and the other by a Martin-Glover Wholesale Grocery truck driver of San Angelo, collided at the intersection of Highway No. 67 and Buckhorn Street at 6 a. m. Tuesday morning. The Martin-Glover truck turned over into the ditch on its side with the motor and entire front end completely demolished, and the Lane truck was badly damaged all along one side. The impact of the two vehicles could be heard for many blocks. The driver of the grocery truck was transferred to a motor line truck in the day. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cox are on extended vacation trip to the Northwest States.

the same time, he pointed out, the growing Pegasus Field in the northern part of Upton County is taking a heavy toll in road and bridge money. Present revenue is not adequate to make the improvements that must be made in that area and maintain other work over the county, Moore said and added that a great deal of machinery is also in need of replacement.

Rains, Windstorm Cause Much Loss To Property In Rankin

Rankin remained without electrical power Tuesday night following a 45-minute rainstorm which struck at 5:15 p. m. More than two inches of rain fell during the storm. Gales caused undetermined damage. Wind blew over a trailer house and virtually demolished all interior installations. These included a refrigerator, a stove, and furniture. Two other trailer houses in the camp, situated a mile north of Rankin on the Midland highway, were blown off their foundations. There are approximately 33 trailer units in the camp. The most seriously damaged unit is the property of Talmadge Poole, an oil field worker. Poole's wife was due in from St. Louis late Tuesday night. She had been visiting her folks there.

RANCHES HELPED

Two to four inches of rain fell in the Rankin, McCamey, Crane triangle. All ranches in this area received benefits. The Benedum Field, northeast of Rankin, was a quagmire at dusk Tuesday night. All roads were reported virtually impassable. Water covered the Crane-Rankin highway, a graveled thoroughfare, for a distance of approximately one mile, immediately west of Rankin. In a number of other places, swiftly-flowing draw water covered the road for distances of 50 to 200 feet.

HIGHWAY COVERED

The McCamey-Rankin highway was covered with water for more than an hour, at the height of the storm. In Rankin proper, the south portion of the city was threatened for a time with complete inundation. Had the rain continued for another hour, that section of the town would have been under water. The high wind blew several large tree limbs to the ground. One measured seven inches in diameter. The Santa Fe Railway tracks, immediately south of the Rankin depot, were under water for several hours. The water did not undermine the tracks.

INSURANCE MEN HERE

Richard Bass of Lubbock, Mr. LeBaron of Midland and B. J. Bartlett of San Angelo, representing various insurance companies, were in Rankin early on Wednesday as a result of Tuesday night's storm and the resulting damage.

Final services were held Tuesday afternoon for Leonard Simpson, 20, of Rankin who died in a San Angelo Hospital at 6:15 Sunday night from injuries received in an accident at the rig north of Rankin in Benedum Field Saturday.

Services were held at the Methodist Church in Coleman with burial being held at the Coleman Cemetery. Simpson had suffered a skull fracture, a concussion, and burns about the chest Saturday afternoon at McCamey at a drilling site of the Postelle Drilling Co. The crew was working on a location in the Benedum Field north of Rankin.

Workmen on the job said Simpson picked up a steam hose while washing the rig down. Apparently, too much steam was turned on, and the hose jolted from the pressure, throwing Simpson to the ground. Steam from the hose burned his chest. His head apparently hit a steel part of the rig. Workmen carried him to a McCamey hospital. A Jacobsen Funeral Home Ambulance brought the youth to San Angelo where he was admitted at 7:50 o'clock, Saturday night.

At his bedside were his father, J. N. Simpson of Rankin, now retired, and Mrs. Jewel Rogers, a sister of McCamey. Mrs. Rogers said the family moved to Rankin from Arkansas about a year ago. Survivors besides the father and sister are the mother, also of Rankin; two brothers, James N. of Berryville, Ark., and Fred M. of Hot Springs, N. M.; and two other sisters, Mrs. Louella Yates of Parkin, Ark., and Mrs. Margaret Glendening, Conway, Ark.

HELPFUL HINTS

By Myrna Holman
Co. Home Dem. Agent
HELP FOR MERINGUE TROUBLES
Cooks who have had meringue trouble may find some help in this recent piece of work done by the New York State Experiment Station. Even experienced cooks sometimes find that a meringue may be soft and fluffy when it goes in the oven, yet quite different when it reaches the table. Familiar troubles are underneath, stickiness, toughness and beading.

Secrets of fine quality meringue revealed by the New York studies are: whipping egg whites and sugar to just the right stiffness; placing meringue on a hot filling and baking at 425 degrees for 4 to 4 1-2 minutes. The most tender moist meringue was secured by having whites at room temperature, adding a pinch of salt for each egg, beat until foam fine and forms rounded peaks. Then add sugar gradually, 2 T for each white and continue beating until meringue is stiff but not dry. Meringues baked on hot fillings cooked more evenly and were less likely to weep than those baked on a cold pie. Baking at 425 for 4 to 4 1-2 minutes proved more of a protection against leakage than baking at lower heat a longer time, as many recipes recommend.

Beading, the tests showed, results from too long cooking, causing over coagulation of the whites; 4 to 4 1-2 minutes is long enough and 425 degrees the best temperature for tenderness and preventing shrinkage and stickiness.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

If two stacked glasses become stuck, they can be eased apart by pouring cold water in the upper glass and standing the lower glass in warm water? Sandpapering the smooth soles of baby's shoes will help prevent slipping and falling? If fat in the pan gets on fire, it should be smothered with wet

Studying World Bank at First Hand



In three years the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, one of U.N.'s Specialized Agencies, has received hundreds of visitors, but few have shown more interest in the Bank's operations than a group of 32 students from eleven countries which recently visited the Bank. Here with Bank's President Eugene R. Black, are (left to right) Suzanne Vauchez of France; Jirina Hrazdilova of Czechoslovakia; and Auvo Kemppinen of Finland. They studied in the U. S. on American Field Service scholarships.

Upton Ropers Mix With Ozona In Roping, Softball

Members of the Upton County Roping Club will send ten of its members against the Crockett County team at Ozona today in a ten-man team roping event. Each member will rope two calves and total times of the ten men on twenty calves will determine the winning team. The roping will be staged at the Ozona Roping Arena Friday night under the lights. In the afternoon, the two roping clubs will mix in a softball tilt that many claim will determine the champion softball roping aggregation in West Texas. In order to participate in the softball game, the players must participate in the roping to be held in the evening. The two clubs will be honored with a barbecue to be held at the end of the softball game by members of the Crockett County Club. Ropers who will participate in the roping match for Upton County will be Walton Poage, J. Lane, Max Schneeman, Hamp Carter, Gene Holmes, Harry Howard, W. H. Carlton, Slim Heflin, Mutt Black and Alfred Helmers. Among those who will rope for Ozona are Vic Montgomery, Tom Powers, Louis Powers, Charlie Black, John D. Holleman and Beatus Parker.

Eighth District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs To Hold Directors Meeting At Pecos

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eighth District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, will be held in the Community Club House at Pecos on September 28, according to Mrs. Joseph Best, Wink, District President. The District Executive Board will meet at 11:30 A. M. for a brief business session preceding a luncheon at 12:00 noon for the entire District Board. Hostess for the luncheon will be the City Federation of Pecos, of which Mrs. N. F. Chapman is president. A business session to discuss the plans and program of work for 1949-50 will be in the form of a forum beginning at 1:15 P. M. and closing at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, Midland, unopposed candidate for the T. F. W. C. presidency, as well as the other past presidents of the Eighth District, will be in attendance at this meeting. The District Board is now being formed and will be announced at an early date.

B & P W To Sponsor Style Show At Park Building September 8 In Benefit

The Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club is announcing a Fall Style Show to be held in the auditorium of the Upton County Park Building at Rankin the night of Sept. 8. Local shops and stores will provide the models and styles to be shown in the review. B. and P. W. Club members will sell tickets for the event at a nominal charge, the proceeds to be used in defraying the expense of the club's year books. More detailed announcements will be made later.

VISIT MRS. RAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schultze of Artesia, N. M., are spending a part of their two weeks vacation with Mrs. Elizabeth Rains and family here.

Mrs. Lloyd Martin (the former Betty Jean Rhodes) and little daughter, Terry Ann, of Buckeye, Ariz., are visiting friends in Rankin this week.

D. R. Currie of Fort Stockton was a Rankin business visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Mike Grimm is spending the week in Dallas on business.

At the Gulf of Guinea where the prime meridian crosses the equator at sea level, the earth's surface has neither longitude, latitude nor altitude.

Reallocation Second Issue Before Voters

Upton County property tax owners are expected to turn out in unexpected large numbers today, (Friday) to vote on the special Road and Bridge tax of 15c on each \$100 valuations and the Reallocation of Funds. The elections were called last month when a petition with 286 names were presented to the Upton County Commissioners asking for the special election on the Road and Bridge tax levy. The group called the election for reallocation at the same meeting.

The major oil companies have voiced approval of the measures, as have many of the smaller property owners in Rankin and McCamey. A greater portion of the revenue will be raised from oil holdings in the county. Interest in the election grew in some measure this week when an aspecial "Town Hall Meeting" was held at the McCamey Park Building Wednesday night. It will be the first time that voters of this county have used the new "secret ballot" method of voting as passed by the past legislature, and many of the voters are expected to turn out to acquaint themselves with the procedure as well as voice their opinion in the two issues.

The voting will be held at Rankin Park Building and the Courthouse in Rankin, at the McElroy Ranch Headquarters in the north box of Precinct No. 3; while those living in the south portion of Precinct No. 3 will vote at the McCamey Park Building; while the voters in Precinct No. 4 living north of the railroad will vote at the Rodman Supply, and those living south of the railroad will vote at the High School. Voters are reminded to bring their poll tax receipts with them to avoid delays at the polls. The election hours will be from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Upton Sheriff Posse To Be Organized Tuesday

Plans were begun this week by members of the Upton County Roping Club and the Upton County Sheriff's Department to form a Sheriff's Posse in Upton County in the immediate future.

At a meeting held at the McCamey Park Building Monday evening, Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols was present to meet with the members of the Roping Club to determine if there was enough interest in the project to merit plans and work for the organization.

The group voted to send representatives to Pecos, Ft. Stockton and other neighboring towns to study plans and by-laws, and called another meeting for Tuesday night, August 23 to formally organize a Sheriff's Posse.

All interested persons in such an organization are invited to attend the meeting Tuesday and become a charter member of the group. Officers will be elected and by-laws adopted at the Tuesday meeting.

Joan Edwards Fund Grows During Week

During the past week, the Joan Edwards Recovery Fund has nearly doubled since its beginning in McCamey by the Lions Club some two weeks ago. The Midland Reporter-Telegram have taken over the drive on an area wide basis, and late Wednesday, the fund had grown to \$1,674.00. Donations to the drive have been received from most points in the Permian Basin Area, and with many projects being promoted by various clubs and organizations over the area, the fund will grow considerably during the coming week.

Reports on Joan this week say that her condition is "Some better" and that some of the muscles in her body are "somewhat relaxed."

Three Candidates Are Initiated Into O. E. S. At Monday Meeting

Three candidates, Mrs. A. B. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McKelvey, were initiated into Rankin Chapter O. E. S. at the Monday night meeting. Worthy Matron Maggie Taylor and Worthy Patron Dr. J. C. Bredehoff presided at the regular meeting and for the initiation. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Jane Still and Mrs. Flora Shaw.

Others attending were Louise Hudson, Monnie Rae McSpadden, Naomi Midkiff, Ella Barfield, Estell Harral, Mary Holcomb, Dorothy Hurst, Lelia Workman, Viola Warren, Blanche Mitchell, Jerusha Robbins, Molly Taylor, Leola Smith, Myrna Holman, Maude Frazer, Mrs. Brodeker and W. A. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chatterton, former Texon residents who are now living in Port Lavaca, Texas, visited friends in Rankin on Tuesday.

Hunting Seasons To Remain Unchanged

Deer hunting season and bag limit for the Trans-Pecos area remains the same as last year, according to a statement by Ray Williams, of the State Game Department staff. Everything is unchanged from last year, except the Commission decided that the drought has reduced the number of antelope too much, and there shouldn't be an open season on antelope this fall, Williams said.

Blacktail (mule) deer and whitetail or flagtail deer shooting will begin on Sunday, Nov. 6 and conclude on Friday, Nov. 11, Armistice Day. The bag limits are one blacktail and one whitetail (not 2 of either kind).

The bear season (limit one) runs concurrently with the deer season.

The quail season is from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. The limit is 12 a day and 24 in possession.

Open season on mourning doves runs from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, both days inclusive, in the north zone. Shooting will be permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset with a daily bag limit of ten and possession limit of ten. Shooting of white-winged doves will be permitted on Sept. 15, 17, and 19 from 4 p. m. to sunset, with a daily bag and possession limit of ten.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yocham returned the latter part of the week from a vacation trip to New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. They were called home by the illness of Mrs. Yocham's father, M. C. Hodges, who suffered a severe heart attack on Tuesday. Mr. Hodges' condition was reported Monday as somewhat improved.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT STAKE

When the voters of the county go to the polls today, they will decide the outcome of needed road improvements throughout the county.

During the early development of the Benedum Field, the resources of the Road and Bridge Fund were continually drained with the building of roads leading over the field and maintaining them so they were passable. During this period of some 18 months, they were unable to replace equipment that was being long overworked. Now, with the passage of the bonds last year to build a paved road into the field, this burden has been lifted.

But in the north part of the county, a duplication of the earlier problem is fast becoming a reality with the continued expansion in the Pegasus Field. No all weather road exist in the area, and only a few ranch roads exist at all. The county has been spending considerable money in the area in an effort to keep the roads open so that the progress of the field would not be delayed... and once again they find that the Road and Bridge Fund is being taxed so heavily that it is again impossible to replace the aging machinery. In fact, with the oil development in the country at the present time and the demands being made for roads... and they are just demands... should all the machinery be new, it is doubtful that they could adequately handle the job. Not only new machinery is needed to replace the old, but added machinery is needed to do the job in a manner that would be satisfactory.

Should the proposed tax levy fail to pass, it is possible that much of the assistance that the city of McCamey and Rankin have received in the past will be necessarily eliminated from the program. Small property owners in both Rankin and dHMcCamey will find that the tax will cost them only a few cents as based on county valuations... and the road work that is given in return is worth many times the taxes that will be raised.

Also, it may be necessary to revise the tax rate and boost it upward in the event the issue is voted down, and the tax raise will be much higher in cost to the property owner, and only a small portion of the revenue can be diverted to the Road and Bridge Fund. The money must be raised... and the manner in which the Commissioner's Court has taken is for the advantage of the tax-payers, and especially the small taxpayers.

Talk it over with your neighbors, with your commissioners, or someone whom you feel has the background to give you the details on how it will affect you... and then GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE 'FOR THE TAX'.

WHO GETS THE BENEFITS?

In 1948 one of the biggest automobile manufacturers made profits of 9.4c per \$1.00 of sales. This profit—less than 10 per cent—is the incentive that keeps this business at work. Let's look at the people it benefited.

First were the employees, who collected \$1,343,000,000 in wages and salaries.

The next group that benefited was Federal, state and local governments that took \$464,000,000 in taxes.

Finally the owners—434,000 of them—receive \$211,060,000.00.

This is the way the cash benefits from this company were shared: Owners, \$1.00; Government Tax Collectors, \$2.18; Employees, \$6.37.

The customers bought better automobiles than they could buy forty years ago, and they paid only a little more than half as much for them.

Profit keeps this company going. The employees receive the largest share of the benefit. Government takes the next largest share. The stockholders who put up the money to build this corporation and who run the risk of loss, received the smallest share of all.

KING SIZE

Are you interested in big figures? Here are some king-size ones, which illustrate the magnitude of the job that has been given to the oil industry.

Last year, cars and trucks and buses traveled an estimated 395,000,000,000 miles, and consumed 30,700,000,000 gallons of gas. The regular scheduled U. S. Airlines flew some 7,750,000,000 passenger miles, and drank up 434,000,000 gallons of fuel. Farmers, with their 3,000,000 tractors, consumed about 10,000,000,000 gallons of assorted oil products. And the railroads and ships used millions of gallons of diesel fuel.

Do those statistics make you dizzy? They are, of course, beyond the ability of anyone save a top-flight mathematician to visualize. The growth of the oil industry has been one of the most colorful and dramatic chapters in the history of America. Fifty years ago it was an infant, suppling us with a small number of products. Now it is a giant that provides thousands of necessities and luxuries in incredible amounts.

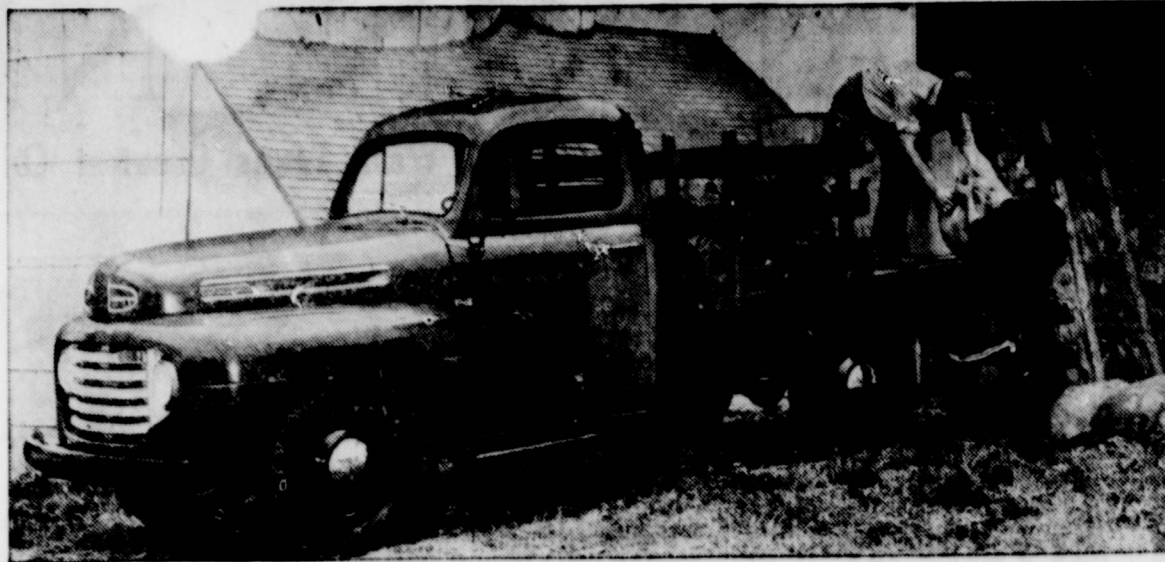
The quantity of oil products sold only tells part of the story. Tremendous advances have also been made in the quality. As a typical example, the gasoline we buy today at the corner service station is far superior in performance to that of the past. The industry spends huge sums on research each year, so that still better products will be available in the future.

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"NEW CRANE THEATRE" TO HAVE GRAND OPENING WITH GALA PARTY WEDNESDAY

All equipment has been set and with the arrival of the new seats, the New CRANE Theatre will be ready for its formal opening that has been set for August 24th.

A large number of officials of Theatre Enterprises, Inc. will be on hand to assist in the dedication of this more than \$100,000.00 addition to their system of theatres over the country.

Leonard Hallenbeck, local manager says that stands will be erected in the street in front of the theatre, one for the callers and one for the music for the dancing that is to be held in the roped off street.

The Buttons and Bows and the Castle Gap promanaders Clubs of Crane will be on hand as well as square dance teams from Grandfalls, McCamey, Odessa, Terminal City, Midland and other nearby towns.

The theatre building will be opened at 6 p. m. with a broadcast from KECK to be given from 6:00 to 6:45. The dedication will follow the showing of the first picture and the street party is to follow immediately afterwards.

The outer lobby is covered with a tile flooring with the inner lobby covered with a heavy carpeting. The stairs and aisles are covered with the same pattern carpet.

August 24th is the day and the feature will be an outstanding picture that has been chosen by the officials of the company for this occasion, "A Letter To Three Wives".

Dental Examinations Urged For Children By State Health Head

AUSTIN—Tooth decay or dental caries is a destructive, progressive disease of the teeth. A school children reveal that 50 per cent of them have decayed teeth at three years of age, 75 percent at four years of age, and 90 per cent at five years of age. Six out of ten children age 4 and 5 have as many as seven or more cavities.

Decay begins most frequently in the small pits and fissures on the chewing surfaces and at the points of contact between the teeth. Pits and fissures with structural flaws should be filled at once to prevent decay.

Dr. Cox said, "Dental examination—large part of a tooth may be destroyed by decay, with little evidence of decay on the surface, says Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer. Surveys of large groups of pre-erupted and care should begin with the three year old child, and periodic examinations and necessary care should follow, thereafter, as often as the dentist advises. The first or baby teeth should be kept in a healthy condition until it is time for them to be lost.

"X-rays aid the dentist in finding hidden cavities, especially those between the teeth. Many of these beginning cavities are located in areas where they cannot be found in any other way. X-ray pictures are also useful in finding other conditions that require immediate attention such as abscesses, impacted teeth, broken roots, bone destruction due to pyorrhea, extra teeth and other information that is important in treatment of the case.

"With periodic dental examination and adequate dental care for each child, beginning at three years of age, the great majority of the children will reach adulthood with good dental health."

Weekly Swing of Southwest Farm Markets

Lower prices for most grains, fruits and vegetables contrasted with strong markets for most other farm products during the past week, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Adm. reports.

Sheep and lambs closed the week unchanged to mostly 50c higher. Medium to choice spring lambs ranged from \$20 to \$23.50 at Texas and Oklahoma markets and around \$25 at Denver Monday. Goats advanced 50c at San Antonio.

Advances of 50c to \$1.25 for the week were general at the hog markets. Medium weight butchers turned mainly from \$21.75 to \$22.25 in Texas and Oklahoma and \$12.75 to \$24 at Denver. Sows brought \$17.50 and down at Texas markets.

Most cattle showed gains for the week ranging from 25c to \$2, cows lost similar amounts at San Antonio and bulls recorded general declines.

Canner and cutter cows brought \$11.50 to \$14.50 Monday at Houston, \$10 to \$13 at San Antonio, \$10 to \$13.50 at Fort Worth, and \$12 to \$14 at Denver.

Less cattle arrived at Texas and Oklahoma markets last week than the week before, but other livestock numbers changed little in the southwest and midwest.

Pork lost \$2 to \$6 for the week

as other dressed meat sold weak to lower.

Good demand raised prices of candle eggs a cent or two per dozen and spring chickens a penny a pound during the past week. North Texas markets paid 50c to 54c a dozen for candled white eggs and 45c to 48c for mixed colors.

Wool trade was quiet, but Texas reported scattered sales of 12-months wools around \$1.55 to \$1.60 clean basis. Mohair remained nominally 38c and 58c.

High-protein feeds continued to rise in price this week, as most other feeds showed little change. Stronger alfalfa hay markets contrasted with sagging prairie hay values. First harvesting of early-planted peanuts began in South Texas.

Heavy supplies of many summer fruits and vegetables sold at lower prices this week. San Luis Valley peas fell to \$1.75 a bushel and northern Colorado potatoes to around \$2 a hundred pounds. Peaches declined in Arkansas and Louisiana, and sweet potatoes in Southern Louisiana and East Texas.

All grains except sorghums closed Monday lower than a week earlier. Losses ranged from 1c to 5c. No. 1 hard ordinary wheat sold at \$2.17 1-2 a bushel at Texas common points. No. 2 yellow milo brought \$2.15 to \$2.25 per hundred lbs.

Southern rice growers sold more rough rice than in several weeks, and Commodity Credit Corporation bought substantial amounts of milled rice. Prices held about unchanged from recent levels.

Most cotton markets closed on Monday 50c to \$1 a bale higher

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Fertilizer, Pearl shells, Leather, gold, Gum Kaori, Coal, Pig iron, Clover seed, Fertillizers, Cocoa beans, Vanilla beans, Crayfish tails, Pig lead.

Information Courtesy American Merchant Marine Institute, New York

than a week ago, although Little Rock declined \$3.25. Dallas sold spot middling 15-16 at 30.65; Houston 30.90; Galveston 31.00; New Orleans 31.25, and Little Rock 31.40.

SERIOUSLY ILL

H. M. (Dad) Roberts is seriously ill, having suffered a stroke Friday afternoon at his home here.

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Badger Football Squad Sessions Open Monday

Twenty-one football hopefuls reported to the opening practice sessions last Monday when the initial call for players was made by Coach Wesley Ply of the McCamey Badgers.

Prospects for the locals will be some better for the approaching season as the seven returning lettermen will give additional power to the backfield, while the four linemen will be working nucleus for the forward wall.

All boys are reported to be in top condition as the season practices open, with four more men expected to report for practice before the opening game with Iraan on September 9.

Limited reserve power will again place the McCamey team in the lower bracket when the early season predictions are released, but with the speedy backfield combinations of the Stokes brothers, and a line that will average at 165, upsets loom for some of the opponents.

Other hopefuls who are seeking berths on the starting Badger eleven include Joe Hunt, Dan Stacy, Robert Carter, Orvil Churchill, Maurice Colloom, Loyd Lee Hayes, George Livezey, Joe Robbins, C. A. Nowlin, Bobby Stapp, Mack Patterson, Johnny Boggs, Raymond Garrison, Harold Stone, Gary Davidson and Teddy Vaughn.

Coach Ply indicated that possibly four or five more boys would be out when they return from vacations. "Rusty" Kedziora is manager of the team.

After the opening sessions work the "kinks" out of the boys

during this week, Coach Ply said that scrimmages would begin the middle of next week. He urged football fans to turn out to see the Badgers go through their paces at any of the practice sessions.

Golden Cranes Ready For District 5-A Foes

CRANE, TEXAS, August 18.—Nine lettermen, supported by 24 reserves and recruits, reported to Coach Bill Haralson, pilot for the Crane Cranes, Aug. 15 to begin work for the 1949 football season. Practices will be held twice daily except Sundays until school opens.

Coach Haralson and his assistant, Brady Thomas, and the Junior Coach, Floyce Underhill, attended the Coaching School held in Beaumont from Aug. 1 to the 6th.

A schedule with five games played at home and a like number away from home has been arranged.

Sept. 9—Seminole at Seminole.

Sept. 16—Fort Stockton at Ft. Stockton.

Sept. 23—Denver City at Crane.

Sept. 30—Andrews at Crane

Oct. 8—Kermit at Kermit

Oct. 14—Alpine at Crane

Oct. 21—Pecos at Pecos

Oct. 28—Open date.

Nov. 4—McCamey at Crane

Oct. 11—Monahans at Monahans.

Oct. 18—Wink at Crane.

Upton Softball Double Eliminations Underway

Four teams of the Upton County Softball League opened a double elimination playoff series Thursday night when T P tangled with Shell in the opening game at the Upton County Softball Park.

Tonight, the Recreation will tangle with the Rio Pecos outfit in the chase for the County title.

Saturday night, it will be sudden death for one team when the losers of the first two games meet.

Monday night, the winners of the first two contests will play, with the loser of the game meeting the winner of the Saturday night game.

The final game may be played on Wednesday when the remaining undefeated club mixes with the Tuesday night winner. In the event that the undefeated club is beaten, the championship will be decided Thursday night in a final game.

Pecos Eagles, With 23 Old Hands On Deck, Launch Pre-Season Practice For Grid Race

PECOS—The Pecos High School Eagles began training for Fall football season as 59 hopefuls turn out for practice Monday morning. Uniforms will be issued at 9 o'clock and training will begin with two sessions a day until school starts, Catch Howard Lumley said.

Practice will start off slowly with drills and calisthenics as the boys work into shape after the Summer's layoff. Twenty-three of the boys are returning

from last year. They will constitute the main strength of this year's squad.

Coach Lumley said that Pecos would have a light team this year with plenty of speed. He and assistant coach Royal James will concentrate tactics around the fast, shifty backfield which should make for some spectacular playing on the field this Fall.

The first game of the year is September 9 at Brownfield and the first conference game will be played here against Andrews the following week.

Wink Wildcats Will Begin Twice-A-Day Workouts Monday; Prep For Sept. 2 Tilt

Monday morning at 8 o'clock marks the beginning of an intensive training program for the Wink Wildcat 1949 football team as they prepare for the early September 2nd game with Cathedral High of El Paso.

Coaches Glenn Frazier and Bill Oglesby have issued a call to all candidates to report promptly at the hour next Monday, and announced that twice-a-day workouts will prevail until the start of school on Sept. 1st.

Morning workouts will begin at

8 o'clock and evening sessions will begin at 4 o'clock, Frazier said.

The early training period will also find Mr. Frank R. Barton, newly elected Junior High Coach assisting with the varsity squad. At beginning of school he will take in charge his own junior squad for daily workouts.

Head Coach Frazier would make no predictions on the outcome of the approaching grid season, but indicated he had hopes that his lads will finish in the top bracket of the tough District 3A.

CRANE ANNEXES TEXAS SOFTBALL TITLE WITH WIN OVER LUBBOCK SATURDAY

Closing a most successful season by occupying the top berth for the Texas Soft Ball League, the Crane Gulf Oilers, with Darrell Havins as manager, will go to El Paso to participate in the tournament there beginning August 24.

The Crane club, playing the best four out of seven with the Lubbock Sunbeams, had three games to their credit and on Saturday night after allowing one run in the first and one in the fourth inning, gave Lubbock the first game, but came back to win with a revenge in the nightcap with a score of 4 to 0.

Red Denham pitched both the games for the Crane Club as he had for all of the games played in the Shaughnessy playoff, and collected 18 strike outs to his credit while Kenney Scott, the imported pitcher from Oklahoma, had added 18 also.

L. E. Weeks came to bat in the

first with one man out and with second and third bases occupied and got a long hit into right center field to make the entire circuit for a home run, bringing in are other two plays ahead of him.

He was also the player in the fourth box that got a hit and gave Crane the added run.

Neely Moore for Crane and James Willis for Lubbock were behind the home plate.

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Iraan Braves Prep For Grid Season

IRAAN, TEXAS, August 19.—Twenty-nine men answered the siren call to football on Monday, Aug. 15, when Coach Monroe Harrelson began working out the Braves for the opening game with the McCamey Badgers in McCamey Sept. 9. Of this group nine are returning lettermen.

Tri-captains were elected by popular vote on the opening day of scrimmage. These are Sammy Cox, Larry Dempsey and Therman Gray.

Practice hours are set from 8 a. m. until 10 a. m. and from 7 p. m. until 9 p. m. daily at the Cactus Field for the remainder of the summer.

The squad consists of the following men: Backs—Larry Dempsey, Sammy Cox, Bill Huddleston, Marvin Cooney, Roy Robicheaux, Art Burnett, John Matthews, Billy Madden and Johnny Barbee; Ends—Billy Bob McCarver, Billy Troy Cox, Tuffy Cummins, James Blumenritt, Clyde Teal, Dewitt Greer; Tackles—Ray Gooch, Elmer Thurman, Robt Hartley, Dennis Bell and Gene Schubert; Guards—Jack Stanton, Henry Holder, Jack Reynolds, Buddy Black, D. D. Jones, James Bailey and Jerry Gooch; Centers—Therman Gray and Douglas Wilson.

The Brave schedule for the 1949-50 season:

Sept. 9—McCamey at McCamey.

Sept. 17—San Angelo B Team at Iraan.

Sept. 23—Eldorado in Eldorado.

Sept. 30—Ozona in Iraan

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Oct. 7—Open date	ANDREWS — Coaches Tubby Taylor, Payne of Goldsmith of the Andrews Mustangs, attended the Beaumont coaches clinic last week and brought back some new ideas on football.
Oct. 14—Junction in Junction	It is generally believed that Andrews has the best chance in years to cop the championship.
Oct. 21—Sonora in Iraan	
Oct. 28—Menard in Iraan	
Nov. 4—Sanderson in Iraan	
Nov. 11—Lakeview in Iraan	
Nov. 18—Big Lake in Big Lake	

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Theatre-Goers Give \$138.85 To Polio Fund During Past Week

Theatre audiences contributed \$138.85 to the Texas Theatres Polio Fund, Marvin Bell, manager of the Ford Theatre, announced Tuesday.

The fund is an emergency measure designed to cope now with the polio epidemic which has been spreading throughout Texas for the past month.

The state has one-fourth of all polio cases in the United States. From Jan. 1 through July 26, Texas stricken totaled 1,123.

The 1949 outbreak is reported by national health authorities to be worse than the 1948 outbreak. The approximately 25,000 victims last year had equaled in number the all-time previous high—in the year 1916.

"Texas Takes Care Of Its Own" is the slogan of the Texas Theatres Polio Fund.

The statewide committee planning and directing the campaign is headed by L. M. Rice, Dallas attorney.

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