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## MOURNING DOVE — WHITE WINGED DOVE OPEN SEASONS 1949

**MOURNING DOVES**

**OPEN SEASON — NORTH ZONE:** Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, both days inclusive. Shooting hours, one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**SOUTH ZONE:** Oct. 1 to Nov. 14, both days inclusive, except in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, LaSalle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kinney and Willacy counties where mourning doves may be hunted only on Sept. 16, 18 and 20, from 4 p. m. until sunset, and from Oct. 1 to Nov. 11, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** Not more than 10 per day and not more than 10 in possession.

**McMULLEN COUNTY:** State law Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Federal law, Oct. 1 to Nov. 14.

**WHITE-WINGED DOVES**

**OPEN SEASON:** Sept. 16, 18, and 20, inclusive.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** 4 p. m. to sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** Not more than 10 per day and not more than 10 in possession.

**McMULLEN COUNTY:** State law, Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Federal law, season closed.

Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission. GAME SANCTUARY

Selected to take white-winged doves from the former State Game Sanctuary in southern Texas.

No hunting permitted in game refuges and game preserves.

Shotguns must be permanently plugged to three shell capacity.

Shotguns may not be larger than 10 gauge.

A hunter may not have more than 10 a day of either or both species (White-wings or mourning doves) in the aggregate.

## ROWDEN HOOVER IS SHOT TO DEATH IN IRAAN

### Cyclists Warned To Learn State Safety Rules

The Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club publishes the following "Rules For Safe Bicycle Riding," with the hope that parents whose children ride bicycles will study them and have their children study them. Many bicycles on our streets are a potential danger to the rider, the pedestrian and the motorist because of lack of knowledge as to when and where a bicycle should be ridden. For the sake of the child on the bicycle, it would be well for every person to acquaint themselves with the bicycle traffic rules so you can watch for the bicycle riders as well as the bicycle riders watch for you.

The following rules come from the State of Texas Dept. of Safety at Austin and are authentic: **RULES FOR SAFE BICYCLE RIDING**

1. Obey all traffic laws, signs and regulations.
2. Never ride two on a bicycle. A passenger on a bicycle interferes with vision and proper control.
3. Always ride in a straight line—do not weave in and out of traffic.
4. Always ride on the right-hand side of the street or highway, close to the curb or parked line of cars. Move with traffic. It is much safer to ride close to the right hand curb and let automobiles overtake on the left than it is to ride a bicycle in a line facing moving automobiles. Keeping close to the right gives the driver of an approaching vehicle a chance to swerve out of the way in case the cyclist has a mishap. When riding on a highway in rural areas, it is safer to ride on the shoulder on the right side off the pavement.
5. Ride with both hands on the handlebar.
6. Keep your head up and watch for the car pulling out of a parking position.

7. Have a warning device—a horn or bell—and keep it in working condition.
8. Dismount and walk across dangerous street intersections.
9. Always observe red and green lights, stop signs and one-way streets.
10. Do not have a siren on a bicycle.
11. Remember that fire department vehicles, police cars and ambulances have the right of way.
12. Never carry parcels in the hands or on handlebars. When parcels are to be carried, use a regulation carrier mounted either on back or front of bicycle.

13. Do not try to overtake or pass the moving vehicle ahead at intersections. Wait until you pass the intersection.
14. When passing a slower moving vehicle ahead going in the same direction (between intersections) pass to the left carefully, after seeing the way is clear. The cyclist passing a vehicle ahead on the right hand side (wrong) is likely to be struck by the vehicle about to park or turn into a driveway.
15. Don't try fancy or trick riding on the street.
16. Show courtesy to all pedestrians. They have the right-of-way. Give the right-of-way to automobiles also.
17. DO NOT CUT CORNERS, turn in the middle of the block or cut the left side of the street.
18. Do not ride alongside other vehicles. Ride in single file and keep a safe distance behind the vehicle or bicycle ahead.
19. Display a burning white head lamp and a burning red tail light when riding between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.
20. Do not coast without feet on pedals.
21. Never "hook on" or hang on to a moving vehicle. The sudden vehicle turn, pavement condition, or loss of balance may throw the cyclist, or the rider may be squeezed by other vehicles.
22. Keep your bicycle in good condition at all times and have it properly adjusted to fit the rider.
23. Always indicate with the hand before drawing away from a curb, edge of highway, before stopping or slackening speed and before turning or changing directions. Give your signal and then put your hand back on the handlebar before making the move or turn.
24. Be sure to watch out for driveways and cars coming out of parking places.
25. Keep yourself and your bicycle in the best of condition. Do not ride when you are tired, faint or ill. Always be wide awake and alert when riding your bicycle.
26. Be alert for traffic from all directions.
27. Do not ride on streets where there is considerable traffic.
28. Do not play riding games in the streets or highways.
29. Before leaving a driveway or crossing a street or highway, look both ways and wait for approaching traffic.
30. When drivers of cars coming from the rear sound horns to pass, pull over to the right and let them pass.
31. Ride at a safe speed always. Slow down in all dangerous places, stop before crossing an intersection. Don't apply your brakes suddenly or too hard.
32. At signalized intersections, stop behind automobiles. Trying to crowd ahead between other vehicles to be in front when the light changes may mean that the cyclist will be hit by an automobile with a quick get-away.
33. Do not ride out of alleys and driveways or from behind parked cars without STOPPING to see that sidewalks or streets are clear.
34. Park your bicycle in a safe and proper place, standing upright.
35. Always ride with caution and courtesy.

Rowden Rufus Hoover, 66, was fatally wounded in his Iraan home Thursday afternoon about five o'clock when two rifle bullets struck him in the chest and in the lower part of his body.

He was rushed to a McCamey hospital following the episode, and died shortly after arrival.

His wife, Ruth, was lodged in the Iraan jail following the arrival of officers, and was taken to Ft. Stockton Friday morning for the examining hearing by Deputy Sheriff Wayne Cummins. Charges will probably be filed following the hearing.

Details as to the cause of the shooting could not be learned.

Reports from Iraan said that Hoover was shot while sitting in a chair and had not been moved at the time of the arrival of authorities.

He had been a Crockett County rancher all his life.

His wife is the former Ruth Goode of Del Rio.

Survivors beside the widow include one son, Jake, of Hobbs, New Mexico; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Babb of Alpine and Miss Jimmy Kate Hoover of Iraan; three brothers, Arthur, Armand and Bill, all of Ozona; and Mrs. Myrtle Mitchell, also of Ozona.

Services will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. at the Baptist Church in Sheffield with Rev. Dick Scott officiating.

Burial will be made in the Sheffield cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under direction of the Jacobson Funeral Home of McCamey.

## Leo Richardson Named President Of National Rambouillet Association

Leo Richardson of Iraan, a prominent Pecos County rancher and sheep breeder, was named president of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Assn. Monday night, Aug. 23, in Salt Lake City.

Richardson, who has been vice president, was elevated to the presidency at the 61st annual membership meeting held Monday night in Salt Lake City. He succeeds W. C. (Bill) Olsen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

A former director of the Association, Richardson has been one of the foremost Rambouillet breeders of America. Until recently, he held the distinction of having received the highest price ever received for a registered Rambouillet. He maintains his registered breeding flock at his ranch near Iraan, and has ranching interests near Bakersfield and Rocksprings. His sons, Leonard

and Rod, are also breeders of Rambouillets.

Mr. Richardson was judge over the Rambouillet division of the International Show in Chicago last fall, and has participated in that capacity in numerous Texas sheep shows.

## L. Porter Johnson Buys Harris-Luckett Interests

L. Porter Johnson announced this week that he had purchased the interest of Harris-Luckett Co. in both Rankin and McMullen counties in a transaction that was effective Aug. 15.

He said that the transaction included both real estate and personal properties, including all customer accounts.

Consideration in the transaction was not made known.

Mr. Johnson expressed his gratitude to the customers in the area who have traded with him during his 27 years in Rankin, and said that he was looking forward to rendering them the same friendly service in the future.

## Pat Yocham Loses Eye In Operation

Pat Monroe Yocham, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Yocham of Rankin, had the misfortune to lose an eye this past week as the result of a tumor. Mr. and Mrs. Yocham took Pat to Dallas where the operation was performed the middle of the week and he is reported as convalescing very satisfactorily. Pat is a Rankin High School student and did not know until very recently that there was anything wrong with his eye.

## SCHOOLS TO OPEN HERE SEPT. 6

Supt. Hamilton Still announced this week that all plans and preparations for the opening of the 1949-50 school year had been completed, inasmuch as the facilities were concerned, on September 6.

In making the announcement of plans for the school year, he pointed out that an early registration would be held on Sept. 1 for all high school students. Each student will have an individual conference concerning his year of scheduled work.

All transfer high school students should bring a transcript of credits, book cards and immunization records.

On Sept. 6, all students will report to the school auditorium at 8:45, and registration for other grades will follow. First year students should bring a written certificate of their date of birth.

There will be no afternoon sessions on Sept. 6.

Supt. Still stated that indications point to a sharp increase in the enrollment in the Rankin Schools this year.

Much of the new enrollment will come from the Benedum Field area where workers have two camps under construction at the present time.

We sometimes win our greatest victories just by giving in.

## Jukebox Jamboree To Be Held For Youths Each Thursday Night

A group of Rankin young people have organized a "Teen-Agers Juke Box Club," with Joyce Franklin as president, Elbert Eckols, vice president, and Joveta Yocham, secretary and treasurer. Club dues are 10c a week; to help feed the juke box.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Myers are sponsors of the club and are setting aside Thursday night of each week for the youngsters to dance at their drive-in. They have announced that no beer will be sold on teen-agers night at their place of business and that parents are cordially invited to be present.

A small orchestra is scheduled to play for teen-agers night next Thursday the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Barfield and children, Johnny and Barbara, spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. J. O. Barfield.

## Harral Girls Enter Sheep Show For State Competition

Entries in the Junior Sheep Show Oct. 17-22 have been received from W. M. Day, Jr., County Agent of Rankin, Texas, for Ann Harral and Barbara Harral, HH Club girls, Rankin, Texas, in the State Fair of Texas, which begins a 16-day run on Oct. 8.

The Junior Sheep Show will be held on Oct. 19.

Greater interest is being shown in all the State Fair livestock shows this year, and the 1949 livestock program should be much more valuable to everyone who attends," Ray W. Wilson, manager of the Fair Livestock Department announced.

## ANDERSONS ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Anderson and daughter, Mary, are spending the week with relatives in Wichita Falls while Anderson is on vacation from The First State Bank.

## Adams Extended Leave Granted Monday By Upton Commissioners

Members of the Upton County Commissioners Court gave unanimous consent to an extended six-months leave-of-absence for W. O. Adams, Upton County Agent.

Adams has recently received his masters degree from the University of Wyoming, and has been having trouble with his back since his graduation.

District Supervisor, S. S. Barnes made the recommendation to the group, and also asked that W. M. Day, Jr., be retained as substitute.

## Upton Voters Give 2-1 Approval To Road Tax' Reallocation Saturday

A small turnout of Upton County voters gave a 2-1 approval on the proposed Road Tax levy and the Reallocation of funds in the election last Saturday. A total of 133 voters turned out in the county. The tax issue carried 84-49, while the reallocation proposal was approved by a 89-44 vote.

In McCamey the voters approved the issue by a four to one majority, while in the two Rankin boxes, the voters turned down the special road tax levy by a 31-28 vote, and narrowly approved the reallocation 32-27.

The McElroy Ranch vote at Box No. 3 approved both issues by a 4-3 vote.

The special road tax levy calls for an additional tax of 15c on

each \$100 valuation in the county and will raise an estimated \$29,000 for the heavily burdened road and bridge fund. Much of the additional revenue will be earmarked for improvements of roads, and additional roads in the growing Pegasus Field in north Upton County.

Also, new equipment will probably be purchased for the County, and possibly additional machinery will be bought to bring the needed road work in the county. Additional oil expansion programs in various parts of the county have called for new and additional work during the past 18 months, and conditions point to more roads as the oil expansion seems to be growing in all parts of Upton.

The reallocation proposal will merely divert 12c of the jury fund appropriation of 15c into the general fund. A growing surplus in this fund, and the need for more revenue in the general fund to meet the new demands on the county was the cause of the issue.

Results of the election of boxes was as follows:

For Road Tax—Box 6, 25; box 5, 6; box 4, 21; box 3, 4; box 2, 15; box 1, 13.

Against Road Tax—Box 6, 8; box 5, 1; box 4, 6; box 3, 3; box 2, 12; box 1, 19.

For Re-Allocation—Box 6, 26; box 5, 7; box 4, 20; box 3, 4; box 2, 17; box 1, 15.

Against Re-Allocation—Box 6, 7; box 5, 0; box 4, 7; box 3, 3; box 2, 10; box 1, 17.



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OIL IN 1910

Forty years ago the oil industry was an important factor in American life. It was producing and selling products that millions of people wanted. A glance backward at some of the advertisements published at that time provides amusement—and it also gives an insight into how an industry and a nation develop.

In 1910, kerosene was the most important oil product, and the various companies advertised reasons why their brands were better than others. Oil for the old-time cook-stove was also given heavy promotion. The horse and wagon constituted a leading means of transportation so the oil people offered various brands of coach oil and carriage grease. Old Dobbin wasn't forgotten—there was a hoof ointment, derived from petroleum, to make him happy. A special lamp oil was made for railroads—it could be burned for two weeks before wicks had to be trimmed.

Competitive advertising of gasoline was just starting. That was also true of motor oil—one leading maker urged the buyer to order a half-barrel of his line, as it came cheaper that way than in smaller quantities. In those days, the country didn't have anything resembling the service stations of the present, and the motorist often had to fuel and oil and cares for his car himself.

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HELPFUL HINTS

By Myrna Holman  
Co. Home Dem. Agent

Upton and Reagan county 4-H Club girls spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in a camp at the Rankin Park Building. The girls assisted the agent in planning and preparing their meals consisting of such foods as meat patties, meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, cake made from master mix, bacon and eggs for breakfast, jelly roll, and fruits and vegetables. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Walton Poage of Rankin the girls enjoyed ice cream and cake for dessert at their last meal.

The days were spent in recreational and handicraft activities. Each girl made and tied a table cloth during the handicraft periods. Games of various kinds were played led by the various girls and the agent. The girls prepared, rehearsed, and put on an impromptu play as a feature of Tuesday evening's entertainment. The girls also enjoyed a swim on Tuesday morning.

Big Lake and Texon girls traveled to and from camp on the train. This to some of them at least was almost as big a thrill as camp itself. All declared they had a wonderful time in spite of the scare caused by the wind and rain storm Tuesday night. That was soon over and the girls at play again.

STATE 4-H CAMP

Myrna Holman, County Home Demonstration Agent, left Monday with the 4-H club girls from district 6 who had been selected to attend the State 4-H club girls Conservation Camp at Trinidad this week. The girls attending are Florence O'Callaghan of McCamey, Yvonne Weisenkamp of Odessa, and Billie Jean Watkins of Big Spring. Only three girls and one agent from each of the 14 districts in the state are selected for this honor. The group will return today.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hudman, Jr. and daughter, Micki, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Churchill will leave this weekend on a ten-days vacation trip to Colorado. They plan to visit Mrs. Hudman's uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jennison, while in Colorado.

ABOUT ATHLETE'S FOOT

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Plans Go Forward On Big Bend Trail Train To Chihuahua

SAN ANGELO, August 12—A special train to publicize the Big Bend Trail and international highway connections to the national park has been planned here for September 23, Gordon Kenley, president of the Big Bend Trail Association, Inc., has announced.

Consisting of eight air-conditioned reclining cars, "The Big Bend Special" will visit West Texas towns en route to the park. Scheduled stops have been made at Big Lake, McCamey, Ft. Stockton and Alpine.

The delegation will spend the night in Alpine with accommodations in Marfa, Fort Davis and Alpine. The annual meeting of the association will be held at Sul Ross College, Alpine at 8 p. m. September 23.

The following morning the train departs for Mexico. It arrives at 10:30 a. m. in Presidio where special arrangements have been made for customs inspection at the border. Scheduled arrival time in Chihuahua is 6:30 a. m. on September 24. Departure time is 6:30 a. m. September 27 with arrival in San Angelo at approximately midnight the same day.

Kenley explained that the cost of the excursion will depend on the number of persons making the trip. Round trip tickets from San Angelo will cost \$34.12 if 175 persons go. Cost will be reduced to \$23.95 if 300 tickets are sold.

A baggage car operated as a concession stand will serve food and drink during the trip. Application blanks have been mailed to some 200 persons along highway 67.

Principal numbers to be elaborately staged include Ballet Bleu, Mother Goose Omelet, Curtime, Rodeo Daze, Beginners' Class, Johnny Walker, Hi Stuff, Waltz Me Around Agin Willie, Dutch Treat, Skating Prom, He's Over a Barrel, The Show-Off, Hoot Mon, Rhapsodie Royale, Gym-Nice-Trix and Peanuts.

Headlining the cast this year are such ice stars as Patricia Matthews, Margaret Field, Jane Zeiser, Marie McClenahan, Yvonne Broder, Phil Taylor, Willie Kall, Calvin Cook, Bob Harris, Gary Johnson, Fred Thompson, Kurt Trostorf, Leo Loed, Howard Sullivan, Alex Jackson, Arthur Nelles, Jack Nelson and Buddy LaLonde.

The show will play nightly during the 16 days of the Fair and will offer matinees each Saturday and Sunday, except opening Saturday Oct. 8. There will also be a special matinee Dallas Day Oct. 12.

Ice Cycles of 1949 Add To Calendar Of Texas State Fair

Ice Cycles of 1949, all-new edition of the internationally-famous musical skating extravaganza, has been added to a long list of stellar entertainment features for the 1949 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 8-23. Fair officials have announced.

The Fair's glittering revue will present an unforgettable ice ballet garnished with matchless individual performances of skill in the execution of dance steps and eccentric comedy routines.

Coming to the State Fair direct from a smashing four-month success in London, Ice Cycles will present to Fair visitors a top-flight group of old skating favorites and some of the most famous newcomers to the rink.

Adding England to the itinerary for the first time this year, the spectacular ice follies has broken all box office records for similar events in London in an engagement extended through Sept. 17.

The brilliant Ice-Cyclettes, said to be the most beautiful girls on ice, will be seen this year as Royal Canadian Moun-

State Health Head Tells Importance Of Correct Posture

AUSTIN—Correct posture in school children, and adults as well, is necessary to proper physical and mental development, says a warning from the Texas State Department of Health. "Good posture is a sign of self respect and plays an important part in winning the respect of others," said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Many of the ills of childhood and the deformities of adult life have their beginning in poor posture acquired during childhood," he said "and it is particularly important that the child's posture conform to nature's dictates. Most children are born in good physical condition and yet examination of large groups of school children show a high per cent to be suffering from poor posture. Malnutrition and fatigue are productive of poor posture. These lessen the size of the chest and decrease the lung capacity. Abdominal organs may also be pushed out of natural position, which may seriously interfere with their action. These conditions must be corrected before the body is able to attain normal weight and nutritional standards."

"School children who have poor posture are said often to average lower in attendance and in school mental and physical activities than those who have good posture. A child may be forced to hold his body in an unnatural position by a desk that is too high or too low. Desks and work tables should be just high enough to allow the feet to rest on the floor and forearms and hands to rest upon the tops without the shoulders being hunched up.

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We wish to take this opportunity of thanking each of you for the fine support and patronage you have given us during the twenty-two years we have been associated with the Rankin store and during the nine years operation of the Midland store; We appreciate your patronage and friendliness more than we will ever be able to express.

It is our expectation to keep up these stores' very high standards of quality and service and at the same time be even more competitive.

We earnestly solicit a continuation of your patronage and assure you that we shall at all times strive to merit your confidence.

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View taken from the west side of the building housing the Crane Feed Store and the A. and A. Radio Shop that was destroyed by fire on Friday night.—Photo by Darrell Tomlinson

## Crane Feed Store Gutted By Blaze

CRANE, Texas, August 24.—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the building occupied by the Crane Feed Store and the Anderson Radio Shop on Friday night. The businesses were housed in a large steel iron building on East 6th Street, owned by Herman Plate. Starting at about 10 p. m., the blaze spread quickly and for a time threatened to spread to the P. Service Station adjoining on the east. This business is also owned and operated by Herman Plate.

The Crane Feed Store, owned by C. C. (Smoky) Swift, had received two truck loads of alfalfa hay and had it stored in the rear of the building. He also owned a line of leather goods, including saddles, harness, chaps, and well as a complete line of chicken and dairy feed and medicines.

A brooder of 300 chickens was taken from the building but only one chicken remained alive. The Radio Shop, owned by Andy Anderson and C. L. Asberry, was stocked with a number of new radios as well as a set of 30 that were in the shop for repairs. They also had a large amount of repair equipment and supplies.

All of the loss was partially covered by insurance. This was the first major fire since 1930 when the block where the Blue Bonnet Beauty Shop of the Crane Motor Co. was burned out by a blaze that threatened the entire city.

The Crane Volunteer Fire Department had some difficulty in getting their hose ready and then a shortage of water until the Phillips could supply the tank, used a delay that was unavoidable. The fire department of Crane and the volunteer fire departments of McCamey and Falls answered the call for help and the citizenry of Crane was most appreciative of this act of neighborliness.

The Crane Feed Store is now open for business in the building on the corner next to the Masonic Lodge on Main St. Mr. Swift states that he is endeavoring to have feeds that are needed shipped in at once. Citizens of Crane assisted the fire department in every way. There were only a few minutes in getting out the supplies of the P. Service Station and the furniture from the residence in the rear occupied by Bud Palmer who was away from home.

### Mr. Bennie Rockett Released From Polio Ward Last Week

Mr. Bennie Rockett has returned to her home in McCamey following two weeks spent in the Cannon Hospital in San Antonio where she was undergoing treatment for polio. Mrs. Rockett is reported to be improving and will return to San Antonio where she will continue treatments at the hospital.

### Spike Jones Musical Depreciation Revue Is Booked As Feature For Texas State Fair

The Spike Jones Musical Depreciation Revue of 1950 has been booked for the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 8-23, after breaking box office records in 90 per cent of the huge civic auditoriums and theatres in which it has appeared this year, Julius Schepps, chairman of the Fair attractions committee, has announced.

The assault of Spike and his city slickers on Fair Park Auditorium in Dallas will be one of the most popular entertainment features ever presented by the exposition, Fair officials believe.

The crazy antics of Spike and his company of 44 assorted madmen—and pretty girls—are said to appeal to music lovers, music haters, farmers, city folk, socialites, anti-social people, financiers, people without any money in the bank, and just the plain guy-in-the street.

First catapulted to fame in 1942 when they did it in "Der Fuehrer's Face" with a tuba, the Jones City Slickers have since contributed such bits of satirical music as their breakdowns on the old favorites, "Cocktails for Two," "That Old Black Magic," "Chloe" and "My Old Flame." And "All I Want for Christmas Is my Two Front Teeth" is, of course, an American classic by this time.

The show starts out with 44 people on the stage, each trying to be nuttier than the other, and bit by bit new instruments appear on which the Slickers and Spike create bedlamic music (you should pardon the expression.)

There are pistols, gongs, washboards, tin cans of all sizes and battered water buckets. There's a "piano thirty" for student musicians not expert enough to play the pianoforte, and the "juke-tele" which plays Hawaiian music when Spike drops a nickel into it. (Ideal for musicians with broken hands.)

And the genuine slot machine on the stage gives out with the sweetest music of all during each performance, when a jackpot of \$24.35 rolls out.

Members of the cast include an eight-foot giant, a midget, four pigs, five pigeons—and Feetlebaum, the most sway-backed race horse in show business.

The Musical Depreciation Revue will play in Fair Park Auditorium every evening during the Fair with matinees Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### TRANSFERRED

Joe McCommic, Jr., who has been stationed in Rankin for some time with the Atlantic Oil Co. geophysical crews, was transferred to Morton, Texas, the first of this week.

Three U. S. presidents died on July 4—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

### W. O. Adams Receives Degree At Wyoming University August 19

LARAMIE.—A resident of Rankin, Texas, was among the 236 students receiving certificates and degrees at summer commencement exercises of the University of Wyoming, Friday night, Aug. 19, 1949.

William Olen Adams, Rankin, Texas, received the degree of master of science in wool from the graduate school.

Pres. G. D. Humphrey presided as the largest summer graduating class in the history of the University received degrees. Five doctorates were presented and 4 master's degrees during the evening ceremony.

Dr. Samuel Flagg Bemis, professor of diplomatic history, Yale University, gave the commencement address on "The Teacher And The Cold War."

### Mrs. Lavinia Price Gets B. A. Degree At N.T.S.C. Graduation

DENTON, Texas.—Mrs. Lavinia Mae Garner Price of Rankin was among a record group of 742 who received bachelor's and master's degrees at North Texas State College here Thursday night, Aug. 25.

The 208 master's and 534 bachelor's degrees were awarded without a commencement speaker in accordance with candidates' wishes to take this time to cross the stage individually to receive degrees from Dr. W. J. McConnell, NTSC president.

The record graduate class was composed mostly of teachers seeking degrees because of provisions of the Gilmer-Aiken bills for Texas public schools.

Mrs. Price received her bachelor's degree from the School of Education.

### Girvin Rodeo To Be Held Sun. Afternoon

Plans were completed this week for the Girvin Rodeo to be held Sunday at the neighboring community about ten miles west of McCamey.

A large crowd is expected to turn out for the afternoon of calf and goat roping, bronc riding, barrel races, and junior goat and calf roping. A free barbecue will be served to those attending the rodeo later in the evening. A dance will be held in the evening with "The Men Of The West," former orchestra of Cecil Brower, furnishing the music.

The rodeo activities are to start promptly at 2 o'clock.

The greatness of the great is but their picture of themselves.





FRESH FRUIT SHORTCAKE

Save time — keep biscuit blend on hand to use when needed, for biscuits, muffins, or shortcake.



**EVER-READY BLEND**

- 12 cups (3 quarts) sifted flour
- 4 tablespoons double-acting baking powder
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 cups (1 pound) shortening

Sift flour once. Measure 3 cups at a time into sifter, adding 1 tablespoon (3 teaspoons) baking powder, and 1½ teaspoons salt for each 3-cup amount; sift into large bowl. Repeat until full amount of dry ingredients has been sifted. Cut in shortening with pastry blender or two knives until finely divided and mixture resembles coarse meal. Makes about 14 cups Ever-Ready Blend.

Place in glass jars or crockery bowl and cover lightly with cloth or plate to allow circulation of air. Store in refrigerator or other very cool, dry place. Keeps well for 3 or 4 weeks.

**FRUIT SHORTCAKES**

- 2 cups Ever-Ready Blend
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup milk
- 1 egg, unbeaten
- Butter
- 4 or 5 cups raspberries, or any fresh fruit in season

Measure Ever-Ready Blend in bowl. Add sugar and mix. Combine milk and egg; add to flour mixture and stir until soft dough is formed. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 20 seconds. Pat or roll dough ¼ inch thick and cut with floured 2½-inch biscuit cutter. Place half of biscuits on ungreased baking sheet, brush with melted butter, and top with remaining biscuits. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 15 minutes. Split hot shortcakes and spread generously with soft butter. Put together with fruit between halves and over top. Garnish with whipped cream. Makes 9 shortcakes.

## Membership Drive Opens For Upton Sheriff Posse

Harry Howard was named chairman of the Membership Committee at the meeting held Tuesday night at the McCamey Park Building by a group of Upton County citizens who were interested in organizing an Upton County Sheriff's Posse.

Others serving on the committee are Cahal Clinton, J. W. C. Hayes, Max Schneeman, Jim Gooden, Jess Russell, "Red" Jones, J. Lane, Walton Poage, Hamp Carter, Herman Carlton, Sid Hoffman and Matt Black.

These men will solicit members until Wednesday of next week, August 31, when a meeting of all members will be held at the McCamey Park Building and permanent officers will be elected for the organization.

Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckels was unable to attend the meeting due to other matters Tuesday night, but those present indicated that all details of organization had been worked out during the past week, and that the Upton County Sheriff's Department was willing to sponsor the organization.

Seventeen persons attended the meeting Tuesday evening, and ten members were signed up at the meeting. It has been indicated that all members of the Upton County Roping Club will be members in the Posse. They have 26 members at the present time.

Elephants, alligators, turtles and poll parrots have an average life span of 100 years.

## Ropers Split With Ozona In Contest

Members of the Upton County Roping Club maintained their perfect softball record last Friday as they out-paced the Ozona Ropers 38-26 in an eight-inning overtime game. The game was tied 26-26 at the end of the regular seven-innings of play.

A whole host of cowboys saw action on both teams as both teams found plenty of hitting power, but could find no one to stop the opposing club.

In the roping, it was a different story. The rugged calves owned by the Crockett County boys caught the locals a little lax in their practice and walked away with the laurels with a 103.2 seconds margin. Both teams used 13 ropers with each roping two calves each. Total times were the deciding factors.

Those roping for Upton County were: Walton Poage, J. D. Poage, J. Lane, Herman Carlton, Cahal Clinton, Mutt Black, Gene Holmes, Alfred Helmers, Hamp Carter, Harry Howard, Joe Robbins, Max Schneeman and Ed Guy Branch.

For Ozona it was Bob Bailey, Tom Powers, Joe T. Davidson, Spot Friend, Kay Black, James Chattman, Auther Pridemore, P. C. Perner, Sam Perner, the Sparks Brothers and Ray Cox.

Onions contain an oil similar to that used in tear gas bombs.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

If They're Wild, They Belong To Tik!

Saw Tik Anderson last week and was reminded of the first time I ever spoke to him. The missus had sent me out one Saturday afternoon to hunt for some blackberries.

I took a long hike and couldn't find any. Finally, I came to Tik's house along that low stretch east of the fork on River Road. "Hi there," I says, "any blackberries around here?"

Tik says, "There used to be—but I don't know much about things that grow wild." Later, I found how Tik supports his family by picking berries. Ever since, I've

been like the rest of folks in town—respectful of his right not to tell where "his" berries grow.

From where I sit, respecting other folks' rights comes natural in our town... in America for that matter! Whether it's a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer or ale, or whether it's Tik Anderson's right to keep secret where his berries are, it's all a big part of a real democracy!

Joe Marsh

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## Shell and TP Enter Finals In Softball Eliminations

Shell blanked TP 6-0 Wednesday night in the double elimination playoffs of the Upton County Softball League and extended the final play in the meet to Thursday night when the champion will be named. Both teams have now lost one game each. The Shell team chased across four runs in the opening inning, sparked by the two run homer of Warren Hill, and added two more in the second as they kept in the race.

Goodwin pitched for Shell and Godwin was on the mound for the losers.

In other games played in the eliminations during the past week, Rio Pecos and Recreation was dropped from the chase.

In the opening game of the playoffs, the TP breezed past the Shell team 1-0 as Red Den-

ham whiffed 21 batters out of 22 men to face him. Jackson slapped out a double in the third inning and was the only Shell man to get on base. In the fourth inning, Fleming was hit by a pitched ball, Alford sacrificed him to second and Denham slapped out a double to chase across what was to be the winning run and the only run of the game.

Friday night, the Recreation pulled a minor upset as they edged past the Rio Pecos 5-1. No scores were made until the 4th inning when Johnson hit a fly to right field with the bases loaded and Bradford dropped the ball and allowed three runs to come across to sew up the ball game. Brooks worked himself out of holes in four innings as errors afield got potential scores on the bases.

**GAME POSTPONED**

Saturday night, the game between Shell and Rio Pecos was called off because of a late evening rain and was set for Monday night as the second game of twin bill.

In the opening game Monday, TP scored two runs in the opening frame when Fleming slapped out an inside-the-park home run that twisted into the right field territory with Bradford on base to take a lead over the Recreation that was never headed. Another run was added in the fourth. In the fifth inning, the schoolboys came to life and scored one run on two hits and a walk, and threatened again in the bottom half of the seventh, but Denham had little trouble in keeping the game "ice away."

In the second game, the Rio Pecos fell apart, and the Shell team played one of their best games of the year as they clouted a 9-3 win. Goodwin went all the way for the winners allowing only five hits, while Graves worked for the losers for the first six innings and Davis pitched

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ed the final frame. Errors afield, and timely hits, kept the Shell team in the running as they eliminated the Rio Pecos entry from the elimination play.

Tuesday night, the Shell team capitalized on walks and errors to make two runs in the opening inning to tally what proved to be the winning runs of the game, as they edged the Recreation 2-1. White scored on an outfield fly from third, while Cooke stole home on a throwdown to second base. Recreation scored in the fourth when Brandon was sacrificed home from third. Brooks pitched a beautiful no hit game for the losers in his best outing of the year. The loss dropped the Recreation from the running and placed the Shell team against TP on Wednesday in the double elimination playoffs.

Neva Rae Taylor of the Elliott-Waldron Abstract plant in Fort Worth, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, and other relatives here.

## Building Continues In Rankin Growth

The erection of dwellings and business houses continues at a steady pace in Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bennett are building a modern home in West-lawn and E. C. Higday is starting construction on another dwelling in the same addition. Walter C. McSpadden has a filling station under construction and E. C. Higday has started remodeling a building on Highway 67 between Upton and Francis Streets which will be occupied by a grocery and market. The Hogan building on Main Street, which will house an auto sales and service garage, is progressing rapidly.

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	Reg. Price	Sale Price		Reg. Price	Sale Price
1 Elgin Steel Kitchen	\$229.50	\$179.50	2 Regina Electric Sweepers	44.50	22.50
1 Mahogany Secretary	98.50	69.50	1 Rheem Gas Heater, 20 gal. Auto.	79.50	59.50
1 7-Piece Oak Dinette Suite	218.50	179.50	1 Ace Gas Heater, 20 gal. automai.	59.50	39.50
1 Steel Cabinet with Sink Swing Spout Faucets	98.50	59.50	1 Brown All Steel Storage Cabinet	21.75	13.75
1 Officers Lounge Chair	49.50	34.50	1 Walnut Cocktail Table	39.50	19.50
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1 1948 Westinghouse Laundromat	299.95	259.95	1 2,500 Dearborn Air Cooler	119.50	99.50
1 Superior Sleeprite Studio Divan			Garbage Containers with Cover	Only	2.75
Beige Tapestry	112.50	89.50	(SAME AS SOLD BY CITY)		
1 Kroehler Studio Divan, Light Floral Tapestry Cover	117.50	89.50	1 Dozen Bread Boxes	2.95	1.59
1 Round Blond Cocktail Table	39.50	19.95	ODD Occasional Chairs, values \$24.50 to \$59.50	now only	12.50 to \$29.50

## Used Furniture

	SALE PRICE		SALE PRICE
1 '47 Westinghouse Laundromat, val.	\$299.95, \$169.50	1 5-Piece Dinette Set	\$15.00
1 5 ft. Coldspot Refrigerator	\$60.00	1 5-Piece Dinette Set	\$29.50
1 5 ft. Norge Refrigerator	\$100.00	1 Electric Apartment Range	\$12.50
1 8 ft. Electrolux Refrigerator	\$100.00	1 Gas Range	\$12.50
1 Large Walnut Buffet	\$12.50	1 Victrola Player	\$5.00
3 Studio Divans, each	10.00	1 Ice Box	\$2.50
1 Kitchen Cabinet Base	\$39.50		

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