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THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1973

Will Ballot Saturday School, Hospital Races

Election day. Polls 8 a.m. for voting in school and hospital districts and remain open until 5 p.m. for only qualified voters in Rankin Independent District. Rankin County District — which has the city limits of Rankin — will have two ballots.

Residents to vote at 8 a.m. for three Aldermen. Shaw is election judge assisted by Mrs. Helen Leon Houchins, and Wheeler. On the ballot year terms will be Bo Rose, Tommy James Covill, Jr., and

Nurses here through 13

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Darrel Northcott, Rose and Latham are incumbents. David Binkley, the third man previously on the council, is not seeking re-election.

Voting for School Trustees with two to be elected for three year terms will be held in the lobby at the high school. Mrs. Sam Holmes is election judge and will be assisted by Mrs. Sam Bean, Mrs. Patsy Templeton and Mrs. Bill Sanders.

On the ballot will be Phillip West, James O. (Jimmie) Lee, J. A. Weatherbee, C. E. Winn, Donald E. Bailey, Leslie McFadden and Jim Neal. Lee and McFadden are incumbents. Lee won a one-year unexpired term last April while McFadden is serving April while McFadden has served on the board since 1966.

For Rankin Hospital Board election, voting will be at the conference room on the east side of the building with E. B. Bloodworth as judge, assisted by Mrs. K. H. Whiteside and Mrs. R. L. Bell. The ballot will contain the names of three incumbents, C. G. Taylor, Dell Coolegge and Tommy Owens. They will be elected for two year terms.

Now See Here . . .

Nowadays, if your not worrying about something, it may be only because you don't know what's going on.

In Connection with Saturday Board Election

Board to Take Straw Vote on Gym

Meeting in a special session last Tuesday night, the members of the Rankin School Board voted unanimously to submit three propositions to the voters in a referendum or straw vote on the proposed new gym in Saturday's Trustee election. This is not an official nor binding vote, but is an attempt to get the reactions of patrons of the district to the gym proposals.

Bids on the gym construction were opened March 29 and ran considerably over the amount of

Persons who have already cast their school ballot by absentee may go to the regular polling place Saturday and vote in the referendum on the gym if they so desire. Voters may or may not participate in the "straw vote"; and they may vote on any one or all three of the propositions.

Referendum ballots need not be signed unless the voter wishes to do so.

money available for the work. Submitted with four options attached, the lowest bid was by the J. D. Burke Construction Co. at \$333,747 — \$304,380 being their base bid. Glyn L. Day Construction Co. bid \$333,387 including only two of the four options—and a base bid of \$311,887. The R. B. Snead Co. had a total bid of \$343,603 with all options, and a base bid of \$320,650. Harco, Inc. bidding only two options, had a figure of \$343,603 and a base bid of \$329,140.

Total funds available for the work are \$240,000; however, it had been planned by the school board to use some of this money for other improvements.

Present at the meeting Tuesday night were board members Dr. J. D. Gossett, Ray Barrett, Leslie McFadden, Joe Loftin and Jimmie Lee, business manager W. O. Adams, and Mr. Dale Mount, tax representative for Mobil Oil Co., the largest tax payer in the district, and the News editor.

Board President Dr. Gossett explained the bidding situation and the fact that Mr. Mount was present at the request of the board. Gossett pointed out that the plans to build the gym was not a matter of the "board going ape to spend some money"; but that about a year had gone into looking into the matter and that a thorough study of the usage of the new gym had been made and plans detailed as to how it could

best serve the school system had been drawn up.

He then asked for comment by Mr. Mount, who said that his company did not object to the boards' spending of the money; however, he did not think they should spend more than they had available and was adamantly a-

gainst issuing time warrants for more money. He summed up his opinions on the matter by saying that he felt a suitable gym could be built with funds available and suggested to the board that they call their architect back in and resubmit the plans for bidding.

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SAMPLE OF REFERENDUM VOTE

1. Do you favor construction of a new Gym facility?
 Yes No
2. Would you support a bond election if necessary to complete construction of a Gym facility?
 Yes No
3. Comments or suggestions:

Copeland is Superintendent

A. C. Copeland, principal at Rankin High School for the past 10 years was moved up to Superintendent by action of the Board of Trustees, meeting last Tuesday night. Their decision, with board members Helms and Taylor absent, was unanimous. Helms was sick and Taylor had to be in Sonora on business.

Copeland came to Rankin in '57 as a high school science and soc-

ial studies teacher and coached girls basketball. He succeeded Bill J. Hood as high school principal in 1963 when Hood was moved to Superintendent of the Rankin system.

His new duties will become effective July 1. At this time the board has taken no action on a replacement for Copeland as high school principal.

More Vehicles Registered in Upton County Than Voters

Long known as the county that registers more vehicles than voters, and where two cars to the family is only average, Upton County vehicle owners made their usual showing at the Tax Assessor's office in April as they paid out \$135,592.03 for "tags".

Figures released April 3 by the office of S. O. "Sid" Langford showed a total of 3,542 vehicles of all kinds registered for '73—so far in the county. In past years, the early April figures have gained all through the year. Last year some 2,500 voters were registered in the county.

Gains were marked up in the number of trailers, trailer houses (many campers) and motorcycles. In fact, the demand for cycle tags has been so brisk that the office ran out of plates three dif-

ferent times and this resulted in State tag men scurrying about the area to try to find extras for Upton County use.

Despite all this, money-wise, the county is something short of last year's figure for cash spent. This came about when truck registrations in the county dropped by about 25 vehicles. Registration of just one truck can run as high as \$700.

Still, the county hasn't done too badly in the finance department. Of the total amount sold, Upton County will get \$92,796.01 while \$42,796.02 will go to the state. By vehicles — with final tabulations yet to be made, the count shows 1,800 passenger cars, 1,009 trucks, 96 farm trucks, 474 trailers, 63 house trailers and 100 motorcycles—sometimes sounding like ten times that many.

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

to what some folk may Scoop does work more one day — Wednesday. As a result, there will be of the few times, two columns this week. The written Monday, this day, following actions by the school board.

their decision to put question to a straw vote ay's election, they shot the saddle on my Monday by doing the very advocated — which, prob- goes to prove what has said about Rankin folk: not always agree with er, especially around e- me, but we're never so that we can't get toget-

ely commend the school ch one individually, for

their decision to take this vote. I have never made any bones about the fact that I, personally, do not approve of the gym in any form; but I've been wrong in my thinking before and may be again. At least, with this vote, we should all know the community sentiments.

Should this vote indicate that a majority of the patrons of the district want the new gym, this newspaper will support the effort 100 percent, to whatever extent it takes to get it built. And I will freely admit my error in questioning the boards actions in the first place.

I do not ask anyone to join me in opposing the gym, only that all of you go to the polls and cast your vote as you feel. Then we can get on with the business at hand—whichever way it goes.

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VOTE DAY—

Saturday is voting day and all of us should take the few minutes needed to go to the polls and put in our two-bits worth—either that or never make any comment one way or another on how things are run at the city, school or hospital.

If you don't vote, you just plain don't have any say coming.

As most know, it is the policy of The News to seldom, if ever, take sides in one of these elections. In the first place, I can get along with whoever is elected by the voters to the boards and councils and, I at least hope, that I will never do anything that will start a row or cause ill feeling toward any of these public bodies for I do not believe that a squabble on any of the three could do anything but hurt Rankin.

I think we can all take a lesson in this respect from our neighbors in McCamey where they have had it up one side and down the other over their hospital—with the result that it's not serving the community as well as it should. I point no fingers at anyone in McCamey nor in any way wish to poke into their business. The reference thereto is made only to illustrate that perils are ahead for those who go too far. I wish them the very best of luck in reaching a good, workable solution, satisfactory to everyone.

At the same time, there is no reason that we as individuals or as a community must—like so many robots—approve of each and every action taken by these governing boards. But let's let our disagreements be with dignity toward those holding the offices; given in a spirit of trying to be constructive and in voicing honest opinion.

When done in this manner, I think you can have disagreement on almost any subject and—unless a board member is mighty thick-skinned, he should not feel offended nor that any reflection on his good intentions or ability is intended.

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The Rankin (Tex.) News —
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With three separate boards up for voting Saturday, I want to make a few comments. I wish I had had time sooner to have done this so that those who might not be in agreement could have their say before the election. For this, I apologize, and any comments a reader might want to make, even after the election, will be printed—with the possible exception of a few chosen words that may be directed toward The Scoop and could get me kicked out of using the mails.

For the hospital board, there is no comment. All candidates are assured of re-election and there would be no purpose served unless a write-in was staged. The News has had only one complaint about the hospital and that has to do with admission policy—that only a doctor can get anyone into the hospital regardless of how seriously ill or injured they may be.

The reason for this policy is that it's a state law and a hospital will lose their license if they do it any other way.

For the City, the ole boys there
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RHS Students Shine In Smart Department

When asked by his father just when he planned to attend school rather than participating in so much extracurricular activities, a Rankin High student said, "I can't help it. We just ought not be so good in everything."

There's a little food for thought in that statement in view of the fact that Rankin students do put in a good bit of time at athletics, drama, band, etc. — and they

Candidates Make Statements on Races

WINN

C. E. Winn, Terminal Superintendent for Phillips Pipe Line Company and a candidate for a seat on the Rankin School Board in Saturday's trustee election has given the following statement to The News for publication:

"If elected, I will make every effort to do a good job and continue to promote the highest quality of education for Rankin school students.

"I have lived in the Rankin School District since 1965. My wife, Jane, and I have four children, with one son, Brad, currently enrolled in Rankin High School.

"I will appreciate your vote on Saturday."

LEE

Jimmie Lee, an incumbent who is seeking his first full elective term to the Board of Trustees of Rankin Schools, today gave the following statement to The News:

"I would like to say that I am proud to be a part of the Rankin School Board and our community.

"If re-elected, I will try to help maintain our high standards of education.

"As a property owner and tax payer I will try to see that the tax dollar is wisely spent.

"Your vote appreciated April 7th.

(s) Jimmie Lee

WEST

Phillip West, a candidate for a seat on the School Board in Saturday's election, today made the following statement for publication:

"I have tried to take an active interest in our school system. In my opinion we have a lot to be thankful for. We have an excellent school and a superior bunch of children.

"The following ideas are some of the principles that I base my program on.

"I am proud of our sports program and believe we should hire a girls physical education teacher, who has been trained to coach girls for our girls' athletic program. Our girls want their program to be the best also.

"When a vacancy occurs in the school, I believe the opening should be filled from the school

win more than they lose; however, Rankin students have once again proven that they have considerable ability in the "smart" department and not just on the athletic fields. They walked off with the district literary crown last week, adding it to district wins in football and basketball.

And they also won another track meet, this one in Monahans and, in so doing, made one of their stronger showings of the season.

In the literary events, held in Wink, Rankin posted 161, points to 125 for Wink, 95 for Sanderson, 70 for Iraan, 54 for Clint and 5 for Balmorhea.

Winning 1st for Rankin were the one-act play, Bonnie Stewart in girls persuasive speaking, Mark Wheeler in Boys persuasive, Audrey Braden in girls poetry, Steve Brazil in boys prose, and Audrey McFadden in girls prose.

Rankin also had several 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, etc.

This week the golf team is in Marfa for district, the Tracksters go to Iraan for district, the Girls go to Iraan Monday for this district track meet, and the tennis teams finished their district play with 10 points to finish 5th behind Iraan, Clint, Marfa & Wink.

And the News just ran out of space for more this week. "We shouldn't be so good in so many things."

staff. That is, if they are qualified and want the job.

"I am for keeping our tax rate as low as we can without cutting the quality of education for our children. If we cut the quality of education for our children, then I believe we not only hurt our children, but ourselves as well.

"I would appreciate your vote, but if you feel you can't vote for me, at least take the time to go vote for the man of your choice.

(s) Phillip West"

Hospital Notes

Emery Hyde, Rankin, admitted 3-22, dismissed 4-2.

Mrs. R. V. Meinzer, McCamey, admitted 3-23.

R. R. Calcote, Midkiff, admitted 3-26, dismissed 3-30.

Mrs. James Teague, Rankin, admitted 3-26, dismissed 3-29.

K. C. Wallender, Crane, admitted 3-27.

Mrs. Brijido Esparaza, Rankin, admitted March 28.

A. K. Tarpley, Crane, admitted March 28.

Jacqueline Hunt, McCamey, admitted March 29.

Mrs. R. L. Spargas, Big Lake, admitted 3-29, dismissed 3-30.

Mrs. Billy Hale, Rankin, admitted 3-30, dismissed 4-1.

Baby Girl Hale, born March 30, dismissed April 1.

W. D. Stephenson, Midland, admitted April 2.

Louise Kole, Rankin, admitted April 2.

Mrs. L. D. Reeves, Crane, admitted April 2.

Baby Girl Reeves, born April 3.

C. T. Kelly, Crane, admitted on

Bennett Serv

Held Here Sa

Funeral services for don Bennett, 53, are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Baptist Church in Rankin to follow in Rankin.

Mr. Bennett, a son of Mrs. S. E. Scott of Rankin, died March 31 in Dhabran, Texas, of a heart attack. He was employed by Loffland for the past 13 years in the East operations for the time of his death.

Born December 1913 in Mertz, he married Mrs. S. E. Scott December 6, 1938. He has a son, Angelo, Mrs. Bennett, and a daughter, Mrs. Ray Boggs, all of Rankin.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Beverly of Colorado Springs, son, Scotty Bennett of Colorado; three sisters, Mae McCullam of Balmorhea, Artie Todd of Port Neches, and Mrs. Edith Harbison of Rankin, Mich.; and five children.

Pallbearers are to be Huffman, Eddie Erwin, Hall, of Odessa, and L. worth, Johnny Hurst, Wheeler of Rankin. Honor bearers are Porter Johnson, Yocham, Dunn Lowery, Wheeler, all of Rankin.

The family will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

County Approve

Exemption for 65

Persons 65 years of age or over may now make application at the Upton County Tax Assessor's office for exemption of their homestead property in accordance with a constitutional amendment passed November in Texas.

As approved, the board gives each taxing body in the county, city, school and hospital district the authority to decide whether or not an exemption is to be granted for Upton County came before a meeting of the County Court on March 26 with a resolution by Commissioner Workman and approved unanimously.

Both the City and the County have the question on the agenda. Rankin School Board had one discussion on the matter but did not take any action at that time.

April 2, dismissed April 4.

J. E. Bullard, Crane, admitted April 2.

Alma Webb, Santa Anna, admitted 4-3, dismissed 4-4.

Linda Viasano, Rankin, admitted April 3.

Scoop --

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... a few lumps over the ... work. Frankly, there ... one or two items that ... been hadled different- ... on; but as a whole, ... at a hard time ... going up and had ... do much other than ... As a whole, the ... not gone out look- ... to raise rates—the ... economic life have ... up—namely, that it ... the time to run an ... of any sort.

... us to the School ... off let it be under- ... this is not an endorse- ... condemnation of any ... serving nor seeking ... I firmly believe that all ... in good faith, trying to ... feel is best for the ... Schools — and, after all, ... why they are elected.

... however, that some ... have been unpopu- ... quarters in the past, ... time, while some may ... favored their actions, ... and I do not envy ... them in their position ... figure out what action ... would satisfy the most ... are lots of instan- ... anyone serving on any ... uncil is going to get

nit-picked on almost every decision he makes. In the case of the school board, there are three areas which, I know from having talked with persons on the subject, that there is more than the usual disagreement.

Board members say they have had little or no reaction to steps they have taken and I don't know why people will talk to me and not to the Board other than perhaps they know I'm dumb enough to stick my neck out and make comments in the paper. I'm not complaining— just setting the record straight. So far, I've been able to disagree — not only with the School Board, but just about all public office holders at one time or another, and still remain friends. For that, I'm most thankful—one reason being I can't run as fast as I once could.

These are the decisions made in regard to the superintendent, the girls basketball coach, and the new gym. In two of these decisions, despite the fact that had I personally been on the board I would have opposed. I now support simply because it was their decisions to make and they made them. That would be the ones on personnel

On they gym, this was an entirely different matter and should have been hadled differently. At least a "straw vote" should have been taken. As a result of their actions, some \$50 thousand annually may have to be added to the school budget. Again, from talk-

ing to people. I know many are opposed and I do not believe that it would have carried on a vote. I also know that many favor it—in at least some cases, by people who pay little if any taxes at all in the district.

As in the case of the decisions on personnel, what is done is done and it may well be that the bid on the gym will have been awarded by the time this gets in print. Therefore, the point will not be belabored. However, in an effort to inform the voters as to who voted how and for what—and again without any recommendation one way or another, I spent some time last Monday in the Business Manager's office going over the minutes to determine the voting records of board members. I believe that that is the only true way a voter can—unless he's out-right biased against a member of the board—tell what he's doing at the polls. Some of the search of the minutes had to go back into 1972 and involve people not now on the board. This comes about because some of the actions go back that far to their beginning.

In the case of personnel changes, the minutes of the board indicate general agreement. At least, no "nay" voters are recorded.

In the matter of bond sales and the gym:

Feb. 8, 1972. —

Motion by Absher, seconded by Weatherbee, to employ R. K. Dunbar & Co. to handle sale of \$335, thousand in bonds. Mr. Monte was recognized by the chair and took the opportunity to express emphatic opposition of Mobil Oil Co. to the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Feb. 15, 1972—

Motion by Barrett, seconded by Taylor that only \$170,000 of authorized bonds be delivered and be come outstanding at this time. The motion carried. (This money was primarily for new air conditioning—a most popular item with all concerned.)

Sept. 12, 1972—

Motion by Loftin, seconded by Helms that district proceed to construct a gymnasium facility. Motion carried 4-1. McFadden casting a "nay" vote. (Barrett was absent at this meeting.)

November 14, 1972—

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Helms to construct gym. Motion carried 4-2. (Although the record does not so reflect, McFadden and

Barrett cast the two "no" votes).

And so it stands with the bids already having been opened. What further action will be taken is not known at this time—Monday. However, the record does show that so far, only McFadden and Barrett have opposed the gym, while all other members have — according to the record— favored its construction.



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AUSTIN REPORT

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The Texas House spent the greater part of last week biding its time waiting for the Appropriations Committee to finalize their work on the spending bill for the next two years. House members took advantage of the extra time to pass a number of local, house-keeping and general consent bills. Remaining hours were devoted to committee meetings, often lasting until the midnight hour to allow full discussion in public hearing on bills pending.

By far the most controversial action taken by the House during the week was a bill which calls for a day of commemoration in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. each January 15 beginning in 1974. Passing by a slim 64-54 margin, the bill sent many members scurrying from the House Chamber to avoid the record vote. I did not support this bill. Originally the bill would have made the day a state holiday also, but it was amended before reaching the House floor.

Less controversial was a general legislative bill which passed the House unanimously. If the Senate concurs and the governor signs it into law, no toy or article other than clothing intended for use by children presenting an electrical, mechanical or thermal hazard can be sold in Texas. I

supported this bill to do away with dangerous toys, games and other things for children.

On Friday, I introduced a resolution with Rep. James Nowlin of San Antonio requesting that Congress stop the unethical practice of strikers seeking and obtaining public support in the form of welfare assistance payments, unemployment compensation, food stamps and medical benefits programs. These funds should properly be reserved for persons who are needy, not those who voluntarily choose to exercise their right to strike by leaving their jobs.

In a recently published study, the Industrial Research Unit of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce estimated the total cost to American taxpayers for public financial benefits to strikers to be approximately \$330 million per year. It is my belief that this constitutes a violation of the sound governmental principals of our country. In effect, we are subsidizing one side in a dispute in which the government should have no part.

As always, I will appreciate your comments on any legislative matter.

Former RISD Student Wins Honors in AAU

A former Rankin school student, now a resident of Douglas, Wyo., has taken high honors while competing in the state AAU gymnastic meet in Casper. She is Vicki Owens, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Burns of Douglas, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell of Rankin.

Miss Owens, a freshman in the Douglas High School, took a 1st on uneven bars, a 1st on the balance beam, 2nd in vaulting, 3rd

in floor exercises and 1st All-Around. She is also a cheer leader at the school.

RHS Graduate in City Commissioner Race

A former Rankin native and graduate of RHS is seeking election as a Commissioner to the Hereford City Commission. He is Paul Abalos, 36 year old son of Lasaro Abalos of Rankin.

Abalos, who holds a BS degree from Sul Ross and a Masters from West Texas State, has lived in Hereford since 1962 and is presently director of the school system's Parental Involvement Plan. He is also connected with a radio station in that city.

Junior Haynes gets TIAA Secretary Post

H. L. Haynes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haynes of Monahans and former Rankin High student, was recently elected secretary of Texas College Industrial Arts Association at the annual TIAA convention held at Texas A & M. He is also presently holding the office of President of the Tarleton Industrial Arts Club at TSC in Stephenville.

Haynes is married to the former Sharon Helms.

School Menu

APRIL 9-13

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Hot Donuts, Oatmeal or Rice, Orange Juice

TUESDAY

Buttered Toast, Cold Cereal or Cream of Wheat, Jelly, Grape Juice

WEDNESDAY

Hot Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Apple Sauce

THURSDAY

Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Half Apple

FRIDAY

Buttered Toast, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Jelly, Orange Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY

Celery Sticks, Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Buttered Corn, Turnips & Greens, Hot Light Bread, Rice Crispie Cookies

TUESDAY

Tossed Salad, Pizza, French Fries, Apples

WEDNESDAY

Pickles, Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY

Chicken Salad & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Peanut Butter Crunch

FRIDAY

Gelatine Salad with Topping, Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Oat meal Cookies.

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

Welch-Holder Wedding to be in Midkiff First Baptist Church on Saturday, May 11



● Holder

● Welch

First Baptist Church in Midkiff will be the scene of the marriage of Donnal Welch to Larry Holder at 7 p.m., May 26. The future bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Welch of Midkiff and the future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holder of Rankin.

The Rev. Gordon Burks of the church, will officiate ceremony.

Miss Welch will be a graduate of Rankin High school, she is active in a number of school affairs. Holder, a 1971 graduate where he was a member of the Red Devil team, is employed by Hall Services in Rankin.

Sue Jackson gets

Tarleton Scholarship

Sue Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Son Jackson, Midkiff, was awarded the W. J. Wisdom Scholarship at Tarleton State College ceremonies in Stephenville. The presentation was made on April 1, Parents Day.

Miss Jackson is a 1971 graduate of Rankin High School and is a sophomore at TSC.

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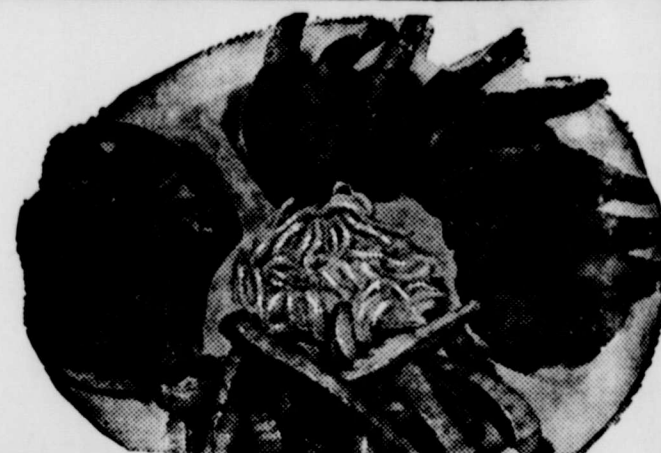
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Odessa Chamber of Commerce today released the rules and entry blanks for the "First Annual Odessa State Championship Cow Chip Throwing Contest", to be held on April 7. Excerpts from the release follows: (If you know what a cow chip is, you have not been long enough to quali-

II. Qualification of Competitors —
There will be two Amateur Divisions and one Professional Division hereinafter referred to as the VIP or Politicians Division.

A. All contestants must have reached their sixteenth anniversary of their birth prior to the date of their entry acceptance.

B. The Professional Division will include all elected county, city, or state officials and all former elected county, city, or state officials. Also all newspaper columnists . . .

C. The Amateur Division will be separated by the:

1. Mens Division — All male specimens of the Homo Sapiens species — except those noted above.

2. Women's Division — All female specimens of the Homo Sapines species — except those noted above.

3. On 48 hours advance written request, the Official Physician or one of his delegated staff, will examine, in the presence of a nurse any contestant to determine the sex of any contestant and the ruling of the Official Physician will be final.

III. Course Layout —
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Exemplars Hold Monday Session

The Xi Epsilon Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday in the home of Sybil Browning with Vickie Ratliff as co-hostess. Faye Copeland presided over the business meeting during which time the "Girl of the Year" was elected and plans were made for the Founders Day Banquet, at which time she will be presented.

Presently the banquet is planned for Monday, April 30 with further details to be announced at a later date. Final plans were also made for the Cancer Drive.

A report, given by the Social Committee, indicated that all the members who attended the Midland Theatre's presentation of the play, "The Women", enjoyed the show.

It was announced that an election of officers would be held at the next meeting, and that voting on the recipient of the senior scholarship would be held at the

quite lengthy but says in part):

Chips will be thrown from the line offering the strongest following wind . . .

D. No throw will be considered for State or National Record if the wind be more than eighty miles per hour.

IV. Techniques of Competition —

A. The only propulsion of the chip will be in the accepted connotation of the term "throw". Kicking will not be allowed . . .

1. The baseball throw
2. the discus throw
3. The shot put
4. The frisbee throw

B. No mechanical aids such as a sling shot or cross bow will be allowed.

C. No gloves will be worn by contestants. However, clothespins may be worn on the nose and goggles will be allowed.

D. Boots will be optional.

V. Basic Rules —

B. A contestant may be disqualified by the Chief Justice of the Grievance Forum . . . for any conduct unbecoming or failure to comply with the highest traditions of Cow Chip Throwing.

C. . . appropriate chromosome tests will be conducted by the Official Physician to determine that no contestant has been drugged or artificially stimulated.

This is an unofficial project of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. This event is not — repeat — not to be regarded as one of the 57 cultural activities included in the Fifth Annual Odessa Arts and Humanities Festival.

first meeting in May.

A program on "Friendship" was presented by Peggy Collis, after which the hostesses served refreshments to 14 members. The door prize was won by Dorothy Sullivan.

Hospital Auxiliary in Annual Meeting

Rankin Hospital Auxiliary held their yearly meeting on Thursday, March 22 in the conference room of the Rankin Hospital with eight members present. Nell Bley, president, presided.

Committee reports were given and it was reported that 104 hrs. were worked by adult volunteers and 159 hours by Candy Stripers. Four girls participated in the summer program of the Candy Stripers.

Donations to be used for nursing scholarships were made during the year in the amount of \$251. Forty-three separate donations were made.

Officers for the coming year as elected are Mrs. Bley as president; Mrs. Tommy Owens, vice-president; Mrs. Tommy Workman secretary - reporter; Mrs. O. R. Adams, treasurer.

Committee assignments were made by the president as follows:

Membership, Mrs. Owens, chair

man; memorials, Mrs. Workman, chairman; policy, Odessa Edwards; senior volunteers, Barbara Stephens; junior volunteers, Janice Hyatt, chairman. Mrs. Owens, co-chairman;

Emergency sitting, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, chairman, Martha Taylor, co-chairman; tray cards, Dorothy Brandt, chairman, Velma Lane, co-chairman.

Nancy Daugherty will chair the scholarship committee with Leon Feuge, Mrs. Hyatt, Edith James and Mrs. Stephens as members.

Memorial gifts may be mailed to Mrs. Tommy Workman in Rankin.

"We wish to convey our appreciation for the fine support the community has given us with our auxiliary program," the president stated.

Planned Parenthood Available in Rankin

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