





## Texans' Pensions Will Be Increased

AUSTIN (AP)—President Eisenhower's signature on the social security bill will mean almost 10 million dollars more in federal money for Texas.

It will mean every old age check and every monthly grant to the blind will be increased three dollars and aid to dependent children will go up two dollars, effective Oct. 1.

These facts were given by John Winters, director of the State Welfare Department.

If the bill, passed last week by Congress, is vetoed, all grants will be cut \$5, Winters said.

In Texas, there are 224,181 persons drawing old age assistance; 6,597 blind on relief; and 67,275 dependent children.

Two new features of the bill will provide payments to the disabled at age 50 and retirement checks to women at 62.

Jim Marley, district social security director, estimated about 27,600 women in Texas and about 11,700 disabled would fall into the new groups.

Widows at 62 would get the full rate of retirement payment to which they now are entitled at 65. However, working women would get at 62 only 80 per cent of their age 65 rate and wives of retired husbands 75 per cent.

Marley pointed out that if the women decide to go on the rolls before 65, their lower rate of pay-

ment will continue for their lifetime.

Assistance grants in Texas range from \$5 to \$55 under the old age assistance and aid-to-the-blind program. Maximum grants would be increased from \$15 to \$55 a month.

A caretaker with two dependent children now receives \$63 a month. If the bill is signed, the guardian would get another four dollars.

At present, the federal government shells out four-fifths of the first \$25. The state and the federal government pay \$15 each to make the maximum total \$35.

Under the new law, Uncle Sam would pay four-fifths of the first \$30. Texas and the federal government would pay \$14 each to arrive at the \$58 total. By Texas constitutional limitation, the state can pay no more than \$20 a month a head.

Winters said the present "four-fifths of \$25" formula is only an extension of the old program and expires Oct. 1. If Eisenhower vetoes the bill the program would revert back to the old method by which the U.S. government pays only three-fourths of the first \$20.

"We would lose \$13,440,000 in federal money and would have to chop all grants \$5 each the first of October if the bill is not signed," he said.

In March, Texas gave its qualified old age citizens an average of \$41.63 a month compared with a nationwide average of \$54.07.

## Slaying Suspect Is Nabbed In Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Lawrence Neumann, 28, wanted in the shotgun slaying of three persons, was captured today in an alley on Chicago's near West Side.

Neumann was taken without a struggle, police said. Two hundred police surrounded a three-mile-square area searching for the fugitive gunman after two detectives earlier reported exchanging shots with a man they believed was Neumann.

The unsuspected ex-convict eluded police squads for about two hours before a woman resident of the area discovered him crouching on her back porch.

Mrs. Pat Ward, 40, told police she opened the door to let her dog out and saw Neumann. She said he rushed at her, motioning for

her to remain quiet. However, she screamed "Who are you, who are you?" and then collapsed, police said.

Neumann attempted to flee but was captured by police who heard Mrs. Ward's cries.

Police said Neumann was wanted for the slaying June 8 of Max Epstein, 50, part owner of a North Side tavern; Mrs. Lois Gates, 27, a dice girl, and John Keller, 49, a news vendor.

Mrs. Gates and Epstein were shot in Epstein's tavern and Keller was shot down when he inadvertently blocked the killer's escape route.

Police said Neumann had been arrested in the tavern May 9 for creating a disturbance and apparently returned to settle a grudge.

## Immigrant Total For '56 Is Highest In 25 Years

WASHINGTON (AP)—More immigrants were admitted to the United States in the first six months of 1956 than in any other similar period since 1929, the immigration service said today.

Commissioner Joseph M. Swing of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said the number admitted in each of the six

months averaged about 26,500. In a report to Atty. Gen. Brownell, Swing said about 38,000 of those admitted came in under the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act.

The report said a total of 100,000 persons—out of the 209,000 authorized by the act—had been admitted by June 30.

In other aspects, Swing said "every phase" of inspection work increased during the six-month period. Nonimmigrants (alien tourists, students, foreign government officials) totaled about 315,000 over the comparable period in 1955; admission of Mexican agricultural laborers was facilitated and 74,000 persons were naturalized.

Swing also reported a decline in illegal crossings of the Mexican border. He said the service apprehended 28,700 persons in the January-June period compared with a total of 64,390 in the same period in 1955.

## Stanton Needs Three Teachers

STANTON (SC)—L. M. Hays, superintendent of schools, reported progress today toward completing the faculty for the 1956-57 school term.

Six new teachers have been employed, but one other resignation was received, leaving three vacancies still to be filled, he said. R. E. Windham, junior high coach, submitted his resignation, Hays reported.

Those who have been engaged are Wayne Grable, assistant coach, and Mrs. Grable, elementary teacher, both from O'Brien; Mrs. Buddy Johnson, Middle and commercial teacher; Mrs. Anna Lee Locke, homemaking; Mrs. Gladene Cox and Mrs. Joe Knox, Stanton, elementary teachers.

Still needed are a junior high coach, a band teacher and an elementary teacher. School will open Sept. 4, said Hays. Meanwhile, the finishing touches are being put on a general renovation program for the plant during the summer months.

## Russia To Reduce Consumer Prices

LONDON (AP)—The Moscow radio quoted the deputy trade minister today as saying prices will be reduced immediately on a variety of Soviet consumer goods.

Items such as cigarettes, toys, vacuum cleaners, cameras, television sets, fabrics and pleasure boats were mentioned.

The broadcast said prices of certain staple fabrics will be cut by up to 20 per cent and those of higher grade cigarettes by up to 30 per cent. Television sets will be reduced and other goods will be "considerably cheaper," it was announced.

Present prices were not given.

## Killed In Mishap

KILLEEN, Tex. (AP)—Averell Sapp of Cameron was killed when a jack handle struck him in the head yesterday. He was a member of a house moving crew.

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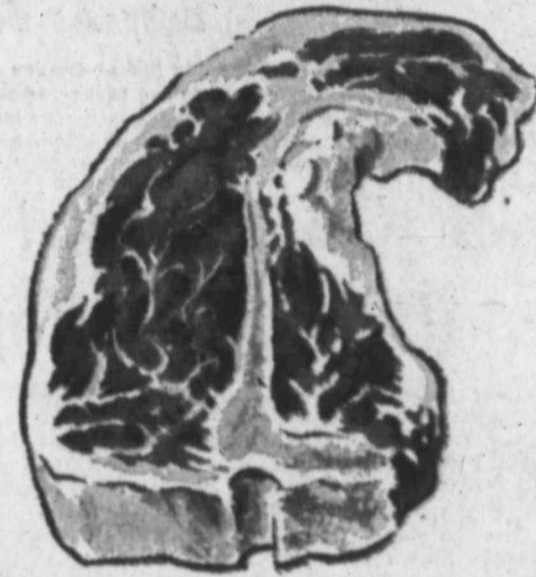
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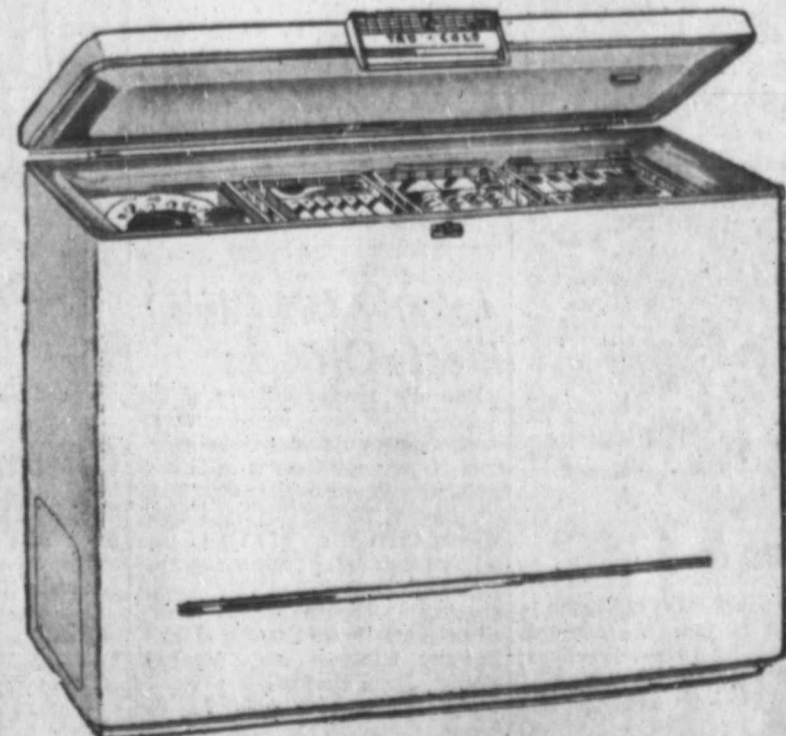
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Busy As Bees Around Flowers

That's the description of members of the Big Spring Garden Club, working on their float, which they entered in the rodeo parade this afternoon. Several sessions were held by members to fashion the paper roses used in the decorations—and some of the husbands

were drafted into making the flowers. THAT would have been a most fetching picture! Putting on the final touches are, left to right, Mrs. John Coffee, Mrs. Loyd Branon, Mrs. J. E. Hogan, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

## District GS Council Maps Plans Monday

LAMESA — The Lamesa Girl Scout District Council Monday afternoon laid plans for the annual swimming program here.

Definite dates of the program have not been set, pending the securing of a qualified Red Cross waterfront director, according to Council Chairman J. D. McPhaul. Simultaneously with the announcement, he made a plea for a waterfront director. This is either for the entire program or for just the Junior and Senior Life-saving Program.

Swimming classes will be held sometime during August at the Lamesa Evening Lions Pool here. A senior lifesaver, Stephanie Stephens, has volunteered to assist with the beginning program.

The GSA District Council also laid final plans for the entertaining of Audrey Bayliss, English Girl Guide, who will be in Lamesa Aug. 2-14.

On Aug. 9, senior scouts will entertain her with a campout and cookout breakfast on Thursday morning. On Thursday afternoon the older intermediates will entertain the Girl Guide at a dinner. The younger intermediates will stage a party for her at the Lamesa Country Club on Friday morning.

Lamesa Troop 15 and Miss Bayliss will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McPhaul at a swimming party at their home on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon Miss Bayliss and the Lamesa Girl Scout leaders will be entertained

at a swimming party at the Art Johnson home.

Miss Bayliss will visit Carlsbad Caverns with the Vernon Adcock family on Aug. 12. The following Monday afternoon, the Lamesa Brownies will honor her with a watermelon party.

The Lamesa District Council will host a farewell party on Monday night, with Scouts, Brownies, leaders, parents and other interested persons attending.

In charge of the program for the finale are McPhaul, Hal Fees, council vice president, Mrs. Robert Koger and Mrs. B. B. Lee, council members.

Here they met Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of near Sterling City, Mrs. Meador's grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Grimland of Grand Prairie. Another daughter, Mrs. Warren P. Faust of Tacoma, Wash., was unable to be present. Fishing, boating and swimming were the chief diversions of the group.

## Big Spring Group Has Family Reunion

A reunion of the Meador family was held recently on the Colorado River near Bend, Texas. Mrs. J. P. Meador, with her children, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Meador and Sammy, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Smith, all of Big Spring, went to the cottage of the Smith family.

Here they met Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of near Sterling City, Mrs. Meador's grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Grimland of Grand Prairie. Another daughter, Mrs. Warren P. Faust of Tacoma, Wash., was unable to be present. Fishing, boating and swimming were the chief diversions of the group.

## Two Honored In Coahoma Bridal Teas

COAHOMA — Mrs. Smith Cochran's home was the scene of a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Jimmy Spears Monday evening. Mrs. Spears is the former Joyce Francis.

Cohostesses were Mrs. Clovis Phinney, Mrs. W. R. Morrison, Mrs. Joe Hill, Mrs. Bennett Hoover, Mrs. Womer Robinson, Mrs. H. L. Miller, Mrs. Darrell Robinson, Mrs. Boone Cramer and Mrs. Forest Apptien.

In the receiving line with Mrs. Cochran was the honoree dressed in black and white polka dot full-skirted dress with black patent pumps. Her mother, Mrs. M. J. Francis, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. J. D. Spears, Mrs. Johnny Hall was at the register.

The serving table was laid with lace over pink and centered with a pink fan-shaped arrangement of gladoli in a silver container. Patty and Peggy Francis, twin sisters of the bride, were assisted with the serving by Joyce Hill. Twenty-six called.

Mrs. Leland Keith Wood, the former Carylon Harrington, was honored Saturday evening with a bridal tea in the home of Mrs. N. B. Hoover. Other hostesses were Mrs. Jolette Rogers, Mrs. S. S. Randolph, Mrs. J. S. Cochran, Mrs. Melvin Tindol, Mrs. P. F. Sheedy, Mrs. Jimmy Brooks, Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mrs. Burrell Cramer, Mrs. J. J. Meador and Mrs. R. D. Cramer.

Mrs. Hoover and the honoree greeted guests, and Mrs. S. S. Randolph was at the bride's book. The serving table was laid with lace over green and centered with peach gladoli in a crystal holder.

Refreshments were served by Mary Massey and Mrs. J. S. Cochran. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. R. D. Cramer displayed the gifts. About 25 attended.

## Mrs. Duke Honored With Party Monday

FORAN — Mrs. Vernon Duke was honored Monday afternoon with a pink and blue party in the home of Mrs. Delmer Klahr.

Assisting Mrs. Klahr as hostess were Mrs. Roy Klahr, Mrs. Dee Anderson, Mrs. Burl Griffith and Mrs. Betty Anderson.

The refreshment table was centered with an "Old Woman in The Shoe" in colors of pink and blue.

The honoree's corsage was made from rattles, teething rings, safety pins and a large blue ribbon. The corsage was made by Mrs. J. N. Seward.

Attending were Mrs. Harley Grant, Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Earl Beeson, Mrs. B. R. Wilson, Mrs. John Jubeka, Mrs. Roy A. Rogers, Mrs. Seward and the hostesses. Mrs. Griffith presided at the guest register.

## Daughter Is Born

Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Elizado are parents of a daughter, born Saturday at Webb Air Force Base Hospital. The baby was named Safirina Irene. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stephens, 1008 Howell; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Elizado of New Jersey.



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## Local Rebekah Lodge To Initiate Lamesans

The Lamesa Rebekah Lodge will send a class of candidates for initiation to the John A. Kee Rebekah Lodge Aug. 7. This was the announcement made at the Tuesday night meeting of the local group at Carpenters Hall.

Jones Lamar, new team captain announced the appointments to the

## Local Pair Attend Texas University

FORAN — Visiting here for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ferguson. The Fergusons are attending summer school at the University of Texas and are working on their theses for their master's degrees.

Fishing the past two weeks at Possum Kingdom Dam in Graham were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moreland and Sammy and Judy.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fairchild and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Parker and family were Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Armstrong of Jal, N.M., John R. Hart and Jay Salt Flat and O. C. Hart of Stanton.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mary Ann Green were Miss Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Green of Seminole.

Sammy Barnett has been visiting in Snyder with Billy Frank Andrews.

Charles Wash, Debbie and Charla, with their grandmother, Mrs. O. D. Young of Big Spring, were in Galveston last week to visit Mrs. Wash who was a patient in St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Wash is expected to return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stark visited in Spur Tuesday.

Leaving Tuesday morning on a vacation were the Rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis, Elizabeth and Curtis. They plan to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marr in Siloam Springs, Ark., and also visit in Lamesa.

Mrs. M. H. Cox and girls of Sweetwater are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moore and children.

Visiting in Pecos recently were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley and Bobby. They were guests of the Jimmy Hagars.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Park of Wichita Falls were here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Park and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Wilson and Beverly Sue of Berger accompanied her father, S. J. Huestis, home Sunday. Huestis has been ill and will recuperate at home.

Mrs. Eddie Ray King and girls are in Snyder this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wingett are home after a visit in Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyd and family were in San Angelo the past week with his mother.

## Jeffcoats Have Outdoor Supper

KNOTT — Entertaining friends at a recent outdoor supper were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jeffcoat. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickson, Margaret Kathryn and Vivian Ann, Mrs. E. E. Earned, Mrs. Resley and George of Fort Stockton, Mrs. Beulah Hiferman of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffcoat.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGregor were Winton McGregor of Arizona. Also visiting were Mrs. J. J. McGregor and Lilly, Edna McGregor of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. John McGregor and Pat.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Ellsberry and family of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Peterson. They are also visiting Mrs. W. S. Shaw and Mrs. Leslie Bohl. They plan to spend three weeks here.

Mrs. Grady Castle and Mrs. S. C. Gist of Abilene are vacationing at the Gist farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hilliard of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Christian of Big Spring were recent guests in the L. G. Harrell home.

Friends from Big Spring honored Mr. and Mrs. Gene Long with a surprise housewarming party recently. Twenty-six guests attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roman are at the bedside of her father, R. T. Reid of Cross Plains. Cross is seriously ill.

## Mrs. Jimmy Spears Feted With Shower

Mrs. Bobby Asbury and Mrs. Jimmy Dismuke honored Mrs. Jimmy Spears with a bridal shower Tuesday night at the Cosden Country Club.

The serving table was laid with a white linen cloth. A floral arrangement of roses and greenery was used as the centerpiece. Green candles were used and the cake was decorated with green roses.

Mrs. Spears wore a black and white faille dress featuring a low neckline and bouffant skirt. Her accessories were black.

Approximately 25 guests called.

## Missionary Society Elects New Officers

GARDEN CITY — Members of the Federate Missionary Society met at the Methodist Church recently to elect officers.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Bill Cook. Election of officers followed. They include president, Mrs. Clyde Reynolds; vice president, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, and secretary, Mrs. Loyd Hardy.

The Rev. Bill Cook showed a film on home and foreign missions. Refreshments were served the 16 attending.

Next meeting will be Oct. 29 with the Presbyterian group as hostess.

## Mojie Henson Head Of Baptist YWA

Mojie Henson was elected president of the Young Women's Auxiliary of the East Fourth Baptist Church Tuesday evening in a meeting at the church.

Other officers are Jane Robeson, vice president; Rita Kay Rogers, secretary-treasurer; Pat R. Udell, song leader; Rachel Hammock, reporter; Janice Bellinger, corresponding secretary, and Avanel Greenwood, pianist.

Social chairmen are Patsy Reaves and Shirley Thomas; anniversary chairman is Dorothy Mabe, and Connie Kamm in publicity chairman. Ten were present for the meeting; Barry Clayton gave a chalk talk while Virginia Cain played the organ.



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## Ackerly 4-H Club Elects Officers

Recently elected officers of the Ackerly 4-H Club include, president, Sandra Adams; vice president, Gordine Froman; secretary-treasurer, Bessie Smith; drill leader, Rhea Bodine; song leader, Wanda Carroll; assistant secretary-treasurer, Peggy Ingram; reporter, Janice Bearden; social chairman, Jeannine Couble; council delegate, Joyce Franks; pianist, Dorothy Williams and assistant pianist, Dana Horton.

The election was held in the home of Mrs. R. E. Adams. Refreshments were served since the business meeting.

## Visitors, Trips In News Of Coahoma

COAHOMA — Mrs. Lou Turlo and daughter Nancy Jane and JoDell Shelbourne of Odessa visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tinner and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams attended a family reunion held in Fort Worth in the home of his sister, Mrs. Neal Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shive visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr and family of Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller spent the weekend in Goldsmith in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truett DeVaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tinner visited his sister, Mrs. Ethel Biggs, in Lubbock over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spears will leave Wednesday for Yellowstone Park for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stamps of Plains were here Tuesday visiting friends and relatives and telling folks of their new grandson, born Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Prather of Center Point. Mrs. Prather is their daughter.

## Mississippi Guest Visiting Sisters

Annie Antley of Forest, Miss., is a guest of her sisters, Mrs. F. H. Hinkley and Mrs. Walter Douglas. This is their first time to be together in over a year.

Miss Antley will go to Los Angeles from here for a visit with her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Antley, and a niece, Margaret Antley.

## New Class Formed By Lamesa Methodists

LAMESA — The Rev. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Mayhew entertained a group of young couples in their backyard Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a new couples class in the church school of the First Methodist Church.

Horace Burger, church school superintendent, told of the need for another class. Hal Fees, teacher of the new class, discussed the study materials.

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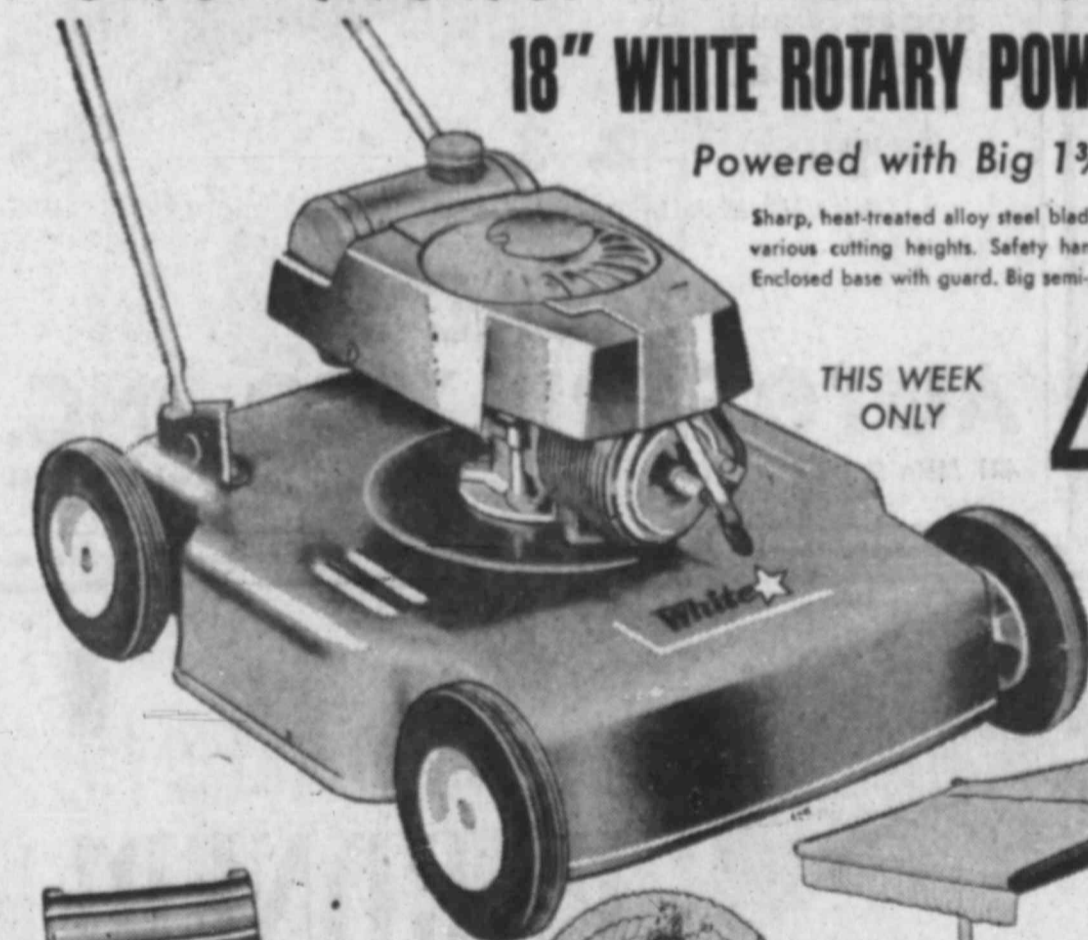
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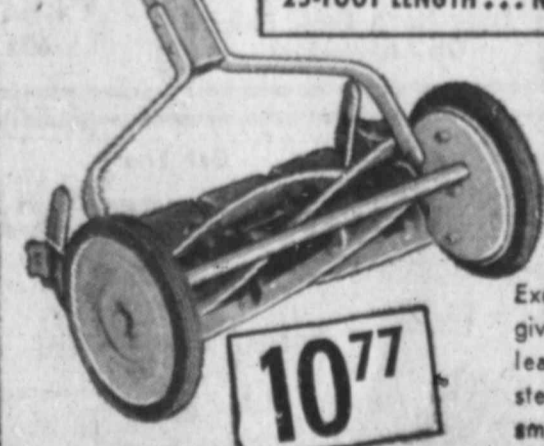


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The body of one of the 12 persons trapped in the Reagan Nursing Home in Paxico, Mo., when it was swept by fire is removed from the charred building. Only one of the 13 residents of the home was rescued. Nine of those who perished were 72 to 91 years of age. (AP Wirephoto).

## Steel Settlement Expected This Week

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Most top officials of the steel industry here said today they are not alarmed by the delay in a final settlement of the month-old strike that appeared ended last Friday when a master agreement was worked out.

## Panel Opposes Restrictions On Hospital Site

LAMESA — The Dawson County Hospital Advisory Committee was told Monday that the owner of the proposed hospital site had asked for, instead of the \$16,000 offered by commissioners court, a deed denoting payment of \$22,000 for the land, one-half of which would be the regular payment, and the other half listed as a donation; the reservation of all mineral rights, an option to buy the site back at the original purchase price if the property is ever sold, and a reversionary clause if the site is ever used for anything but a hospital.

The chairman of the committee, Henry Norris, said he had been informed of the owner's desires by a member of the Commissioners Court. The committee went on record, in a resolution which passed unanimously, against any reservations or restrictions in the contract to purchase any site from any owner for the hospital.

The committee was also informed that the proposed site of the hospital had been moved about 255 feet north of the line they understood would be the southern boundary. The site now surveyed would lie north of the middle of North 15th street.

In other action, the advisory group recommended that all the Lamesa physicians and a committee of nurses be given a full opportunity to inspect architectural plans and make recommendations prior to the acceptance of the plans. The group also called for a foundation adequate to support two stories in a portion of the building.

Committee members attending in addition to Norris included Clyde Branon, W. J. Beckham, Doyle Hankins, L. D. Echols, Dr. S. Z. Frazier, Dr. Noble H. Price, D. L. Adcock, Karl Cayton, and Matt McCall. Others in attendance were Fred Barbee, Hal Fees and County Commissioner, J. E. Aihart.

**Youth Activities Week Under Way**  
LAMESA — Almost 80 youth from four Lamesa churches took part Monday in the youth activities week program. In addition to the Lamesa group, several from Big Spring visited for the activities.

Linda Hamilton, general chairman of Youth Activities Week, this morning made a plea for toys and other goods that can be used by pre-school children in the Latin-American Kindergarten program which the youth groups are sponsoring.

**Lower Tax Rate**  
DENISON, Tex. (AP)—The City Council of this North Texas town yesterday voted to lower tax rates from \$1.17 to \$1.16 per \$100 valuation.

**Japs Repatriated**  
MAIZURU, Japan (AP)—The repatriation ship Koan Maru arrived today with 611 Japanese from Red China. They included 222 war criminals.

## Texans Prison Guards Put Quick Stop To Escape Try

ANGLETON, Tex. (AP)—Armed guards acted quickly yesterday to thwart the escape attempt of a 17-year-old murderer and two convict companions from Darrington Prison Farm, the "bad boy" unit of the Texas Prison System.

Farm Warden B. B. Bullard and several armed guards stopped the brief bid for freedom after the three men disarmed two guards and held a farm cook captive.

Bullard and the guards rushed and seized William Rollins, Houston, James Mitchell, Houston, and George Clowers, Newton County, in a small garden house. The three had threatened to kill Roy Foster, 27, a cook who happened to be in the garden house, which is used for storing vegetables, Bullard said. Foster was not harmed.

A Houston high school student, Rollins received a life sentence for the Jan. 17 murder of William Elledge, 67, during a Houston street robbery.

This is the way Bullard related events in the attempted escape: Rollins, approached guard Tom Windson, 63, and asked for a pocket knife in order to remove a splinter from his finger.

The guard, who was on horseback, tossed a knife to Rollins. Windsor said Rollins then rushed at him, pulled him from his horse, and was joined by the other two convicts in taking from him a shotgun and a six-shooter.

The three then forced guard John McDaniel, 46, to dismount. They secured another shotgun and pistol from McDaniel.

The desperadoes forced the two guards into a trailer, then attempted to barricade themselves in the garden house, Bullard said. At this point the building was hurriedly surrounded by Bullard and other armed guards.

An unidentified guard fired two shots as the guards and the warrio rushed the building, but no one was injured. The three convicts maintained their grips on their weapons until guards wrested the guns from them, Bullard said.

## Long's Candidates Take A Whipping In Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Two Louisiana congressmen threw the state's politics into a spin today after humiliating Gov. Earl Long with smashing victories in their bids for renomination in the Democratic primary election.

Rep. T. A. Thompson defeated three Long-backed candidates in the 7th Congressional Dist. race and Rep. Otto Passman won over two Long-supported candidates in the 5th.

Victory in yesterday's balloting amounted to election in this state. Long was not available for comment on the outcome.

Four other representatives won renomination in two-way races. Two representatives and Sen. Russell Long were unopposed.

Interest was centered on the Thompson and Passman races, in which Long took a personal hand. There was little state interest in the other races.

Long's political prestige also took a beating in New Orleans and in the 8th Dist. Long's home district.

Four Long-backed candidates for judgeships were roundly defeated in New Orleans and Long's sister Mrs. Clara Long Knot of Many trailed Alexandria Atty. Harold McSween in the 8th Dist. Board of Education race.

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## Restrictions Removed From Polio Vaccine

AUSTIN (AP)—The State Health Department reports there is plenty of Salk polio vaccine available to begin shots for Texans above 19.

All age restrictions on the use of commercial polio vaccine were removed yesterday by Dr. Henry Holle, state health commissioner.

For the past month, health authorities have had to release vaccine earmarked for Texas to other states where demands within the priority age were greater.

Previously only persons under 20 and pregnant women have been eligible to receive shots of the protective vaccine.

However, a spokesman said a "negligible number of doctors" in isolated areas in Texas have given shots to persons over 19 but "the vast, vast majority adhered to the voluntary age restrictions."

The spokesman said "There had never been any legal restrictions on the matter. It was a moral obligation."

Holle reported that 16 per cent of all cases of paralytic polio and 29 per cent of polio deaths in Texas as this year have occurred among persons above 19.

## Orange Youth Is Drowning Victim

ORANGE, Tex. (AP)—Johnny Hodge, 18, an employe of the Orange Times circulation department, was drowned in a boating accident yesterday. Hodge was working on an outboard motor on a boat when the engine started suddenly and threw him into the water. The boat struck him and he never came up.

## Britain Keeps Draft

LONDON (AP)—A proposal to end the drafting of young Britons for two years of military service has been rejected by the House of Commons 308-240.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was reported to have denied that Britain plans to make large-scale troop cuts as an economy move.

## Rotarians Hear Talk On Area Development

Development of Big Spring and Howard County from a raw land once occupied by the Apaches and Comanches was discussed by J. B. Frazier at the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday.

Role of the T&P Railway Company in "opening up" the area was outlined, along with other factors in the development of West Texas. The program was arranged by Jack Watkins. Guests were A. B. Youngblood of Abilene, R. A. Schooling of Snyder and Jack Arrington of Stanton.

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## Dawson-Borden Road Proposed

LAMESA — The highway committee of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning discussed the possibility of an all-weather road from the vicinity of the Cotton Center gin east into the Borden County oil field.

The committee had previously met with the Borden County commissioners court in regard to the proposition and will meet soon with Dawson County commissioners.

The road as proposed by the Chamber Highway Committee would follow existing roads from U. S. 87 east, as far as the roads continue. The main problem, the panel said, will be getting down off the caprock.

The road, if approved and completed, will be about 19 miles long in Dawson County and four or five miles in Borden County. J. E. Airhart, commissioner of precinct one, told the group he felt sure the commissioners court would look with favor on the project.

The committee also went on record as favoring the re-opening of several streets in the Blackshear Addition. One member of the group pointed out that by closing those streets, a traffic hazard had been created at the Blackshear School, since all the traffic must now go north at least to that point.

The committee reaffirmed its stand on the widening of U. S. 87 from North 14th Street to the railroad, where it would tie in with the project to get under way in the near future.

## Midland Man Bids High For Horse

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Fred Turner Jr. of Midland was the biggest bidder in the Keeneland sales of thoroughbred yearlings.

The Texan paid \$40,000 for a chestnut colt by Khaled-Lucks yesterday that was top price to date in the sales.

## Start Vacation

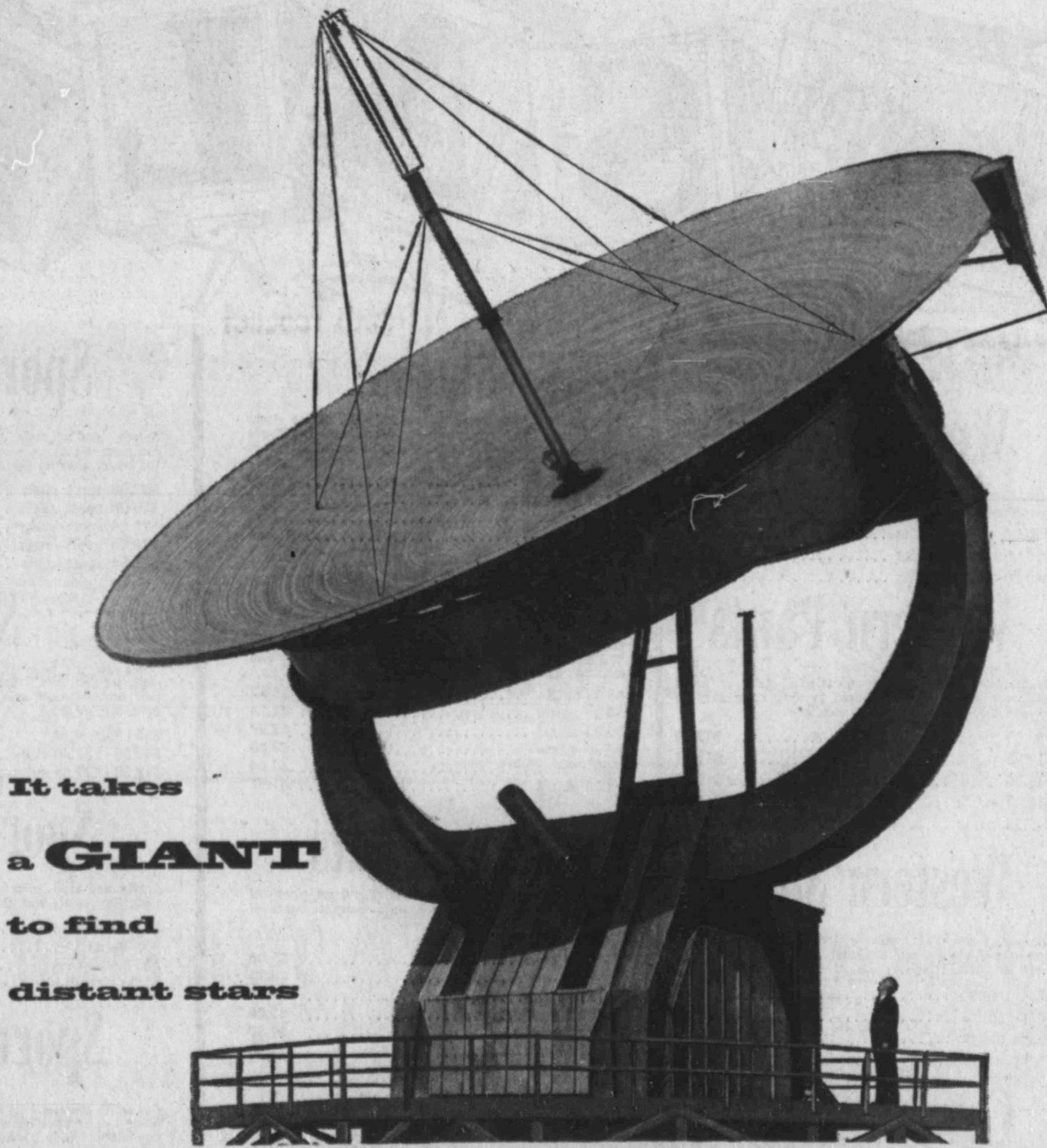
LAMESA — Rev. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Mayhew and son, J. L., left Tuesday for a 10-day vacation at Possum Kingdom. Rev. Mayhew is pastor of the First Methodist Church.

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**Fatally Injured**

AMARILLO (AP)—Don Zello, 25, of Berger was fatally injured yesterday while working on an oil rig east of Berger. He died of head injuries in a hospital here.

**Baptists Organize Public Relations**

DALLAS (AP)—A new organization, the Texas Chapter of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Assn., was formed yesterday at a meeting attended by 14 Baptist representatives. Chosen as president of the new group was C. E. Bryant, public relations man for Baylor University. Alton Pearson, public relations director for Hillcrest Memorial Hospital in Waco, was elected secretary.

**Teachers In Manila**

MANILA (AP)—More than 120 teachers from 30 non-Communist countries and territories today opened the first international conference in Asia of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession.

**Teachers In Manila**

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**Arrests Made In Vice Indictments**

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Grand jury indictment in a vice investigation led to the arrests last night of the Multnomah County (Portland) district attorney, a Teamsters Union official and a man whose tape recordings helped set off the probe. Crosby also was accused of illegal possession of firearms. A third man taken into custody last night — for the second time in 24 hours — was James B. Elkins. Free on bail on a misdemeanor charge, Elkins was arrested again on a charge of conspiring with a member of the Exposition-Recreation Commission "with intent to influence . . . selection of a site for the location of the E-R center."

Dist. Atty. William M. Langley was arrested by Sheriff Terry D. Schunk on a charge of "incompetence, corruption, malfeasance and delinquency in office" for "conspiring . . . with . . . Thomas E. Maloney and Joseph McLaughlin" to permit the operation of illegal gambling. Maloney and McLaughlin are Seattle men.

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Clyde C. Crosby, international representative for the Teamsters Union in Oregon, was charged with conspiring to commit a felony in connection with selection of a site for a proposed eight-million-

**Texas Counties Put In Federal Feed Program**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department's emergency feed grain program was extended to 61 Texas counties yesterday.

Under the program, eligible farmers may obtain feed grain at a reduction in price of \$1 a hundred pounds to help them maintain basic livestock herds.

The counties: Archer, Baylor, Bell, Bosque, Brown, Callahan, Childress, Clay, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dickens, Eastland, Erath, Foard, Hamilton, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hood, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lampasas, Lipscomb, McCulloch, McLennan, Mason, Milam, Mills, Montague, Moore, Motley, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Potter, San Saba, Scurry, Sherman, Stephens, Stonewall, Tarrant, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Wise and Young.

The counties also were granted permission to graze cropland retired from production under the new soil bank program.

**28 To Compete For 'Miss Texas' Title**

LUFKIN (AP)—Twenty-eight girls compete here starting tomorrow in the annual "Miss Texas Pageant." The winner will represent Texas in the Miss America contest at Atlantic City. The three-day contest will end Saturday night when the panel of seven judges will select one of the beauties for the title.

**Two Webb Officers Get Assignments To Japan**

Two Webb officers have received assignments to Air Force posts in Japan.

They are Maj. Leo G. Bradford, who has been wing operations officer at Webb, and Maj. George Adams, pilot training group operations and training officer at the base. Maj. Bradford, who has been at Webb since September of 1951, has been ordered to the 41st Air Division, Irumigawa, Japan. Maj. Adams has received orders to report to Fifth Air Force headquarters at Nagoya, Japan.

Lt. Col. Clyde L. Johnson, recent graduate of the command and staff school, has assumed duties of wing

operations and training officer, relieving Bradford. No successor to Adams has been named.

Col. Johnson has been in the Air Force since December, 1941. He and Mrs. Johnson have two children and the family lives at 420 Ryon.

Maj. Bradford, who also was stationed at the local air field during World War II, has been assigned here since 1951. He and Mrs. Bradford and their four children reside at 306 Birdwell. He is to report to the post in Japan Sept. 23.

Maj. and Mrs. Adams and their two children live at 605 Circle Drive. He has been assigned here since Nov. 3, 1952.

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by Betty Barclay



**Brownsville Gets Radar Storm Unit**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Brownsville, Tex., will be the site of a new radar unit to be used in detecting hurricanes, tornadoes and other dangerous storms.

The units are effective at distances of up to 250 miles and are expected to provide weather observers with means of sounding storm warnings that may reduce the toll of lives and damage.

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Remains Of Famous Are Kept In Abbey

By RAMON COFFMAN

LONDON—Among the treasures of this city is a church, or abbey, known as Westminster Abbey. I have paid another visit to this famous place.

Westminster Abbey dates back to the Middle Ages. King Edward the Confessor built a church in what is now the heart of London. Two centuries later, King Henry III ordered the building of what is now the main part of Westminster Abbey.

Other monarchs have added to the Abbey. Chief of these was Henry VII, whose architects and builders produced a chapel of rare beauty. The walls of this chapel were made of columns set close together.

In Westminster Abbey I saw the Coronation Chair with the Stone of Scone below it. This stone came originally from Scotland, and certain Scots took it away some years ago. It was traced, however, by Scotland Yard, and was brought back.

Among the objects placed in the building during recent times are two ornamental chairs. These were presented by the Canada Club for the use of King George VI and his queen, and for later rulers,

during services in the Abbey. For hundreds of years Westminster Abbey was employed as a burial place for kings and queens. Most of the monarchs who reigned during a period of 600 years were buried there, but the custom was ended after the burial of King George II.

The famed Poets' Corner has the remains of several important writers. It also has memorials of some poets who were buried elsewhere, including busts of Shakespeare and of Longfellow, the American poet.

Over many of the tombs of kings and queens are effigies. These are rough images, some made of wood, others of stone.

Space for burial at Westminster has been hard to find. I felt annoyed when the guide said that the poet, Ben Johnson, was buried in an upright position, with his coffin squeezed between two others. It seems to me that Ben deserved better treatment than that!

For TRAVEL section of your scrapbook.

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## Rodeo Has Been Big Summer Event In Big Spring Since '33



**Mr. Rodeo, In Big Spring**

First president of the Big Spring Rodeo Association back in 1933 and still head of the organization which annually stages the world's championship rodeo and cowboy reunion here is Tom Good. He has been one of the leading rodeo promoters in the

city and on occasion has even furnished stock from his Borden County ranch for various events. He is shown here aboard one of his favorite mounts. (Keith McMilla Photo).

A big event of each summer in Big Spring since 1933 has been the annual presentation of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. This year's show is a replica of those which have preceded it insofar as public interest is concerned.

Only one year since 1943 has the rodeo failed to be a red letter event in the yearly history of the community. That was in 1942, the second year after World War II broke out.

Many changes in the format and character of the annual rodeo have come about in the 33 years that it has been in existence but it continues as always to be a feature which has wide appeal to young and old.

Over the years the show has moved all over the summer calendar, finally settling little more than a decade ago on August. Since 1945 it has been held traditionally the first week in August.

The show flourished after it set up its first permanent plant in 1934, but rain, believe it or not, began to give trouble on the Labor Day holiday dates. So in 1938 it was pegged around the July 4 season.

Competition, however, was keen with the now firmly established Stamford event and the traditional Pecos rodeos. So the show was set up to June in 1929, but this was too early and caught performers out of the country on previously established legs of the rodeo circuits.

In 1940 the association made its first try for August, this time with a group of local business men underwriting the show because of a gradually weakened position from trying the different dates. The following year the show was held in August also showing some signs of financial rejuvenation. No effort was made to hold a

show in 1942, for restrictions were having their effect. Too, the Chamber of Commerce, which had been working with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Association, was up to its neck in trying to work out housing and other auxiliary facilities connected with the Big Spring Bombardier School, which was going into operation soon.

However, by 1943, national authorities had decided that the ultra-austerity program was hardly wise and encouraged community entertainments on a strictly local level. Almost on an impromptu basis, the Chamber of Commerce got some of the association officials together and produced a bobtailed version of rodeo. This was primarily for the servicemen stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School, but it also proved highly popular with the civilians, too. Thus, the show was enlarged on the same basis in 1944.

The year 1945 brought a new sort of arrangement into play. To make sure that it was regarded as purely a community undertaking, the association joined once again with the Chamber and J. H. Greene was named general chairman for the show. More specialty acts were pumped into the production, including a local quadrille. A professional announcer, Ray Lackland of Del Rio, was employed.

The following year Earl and Jack Sellers took over, marking the first time that the show had a professional producer handling all operational details. This arrangement continued for three years when Buck and Tommy Steiner took over as producers. Tommy produced the next show on his own and then the Beutler Brothers handled the next three pro-

ductions. In 1954, Everett Colborn, an outstanding figure in the rodeo world was secured as the producer and agreed to return to handle the 1955 production.

The first rodeo was held in an open pasture in what is now a flourishing residential area at Birdwell Lane and Eleventh Place. A temporary wire fence was thrown up for a makeshift arena, and cars simply parked around the area.

But as the promoters, including Tom Good, Marion Edwards, Jess Slaughter, Harry Lees, Ira Driver, Jess Hudson and Noble Read moved about the crowd taking up admission fees, the response was phenomenal. Good had a sack full of money which he carefully carried with him.

"When Mr. Good got his hands on that sack of money, I think that's when we decided that we'd try another show," recalled Marion Edwards. At any rate, by the next year \$10,000 in stock had been issued. Half of the block was subscribed readily and then by pushing the total was driven down to \$2,500.

The late W. P. Edwards called in Tom Good and they cooked it up that they, together with the late L. S. McDowell Sr. and the late Bill Currie would slice up the remainder. McDowell was only lukewarm to the idea and the other three took most of what was left.

Land was purchased, chutes constructed and a grandstand, capable of seating 3,500, was erected for the remarkable price of \$3,000. The show was held in this plant until 1949. After that year, the ground was sold and with the proceeds, the new site west of town was bought. Some more capital was pumped into the outlay and a new concrete bowl was constructed. The first show was held there in 1950.

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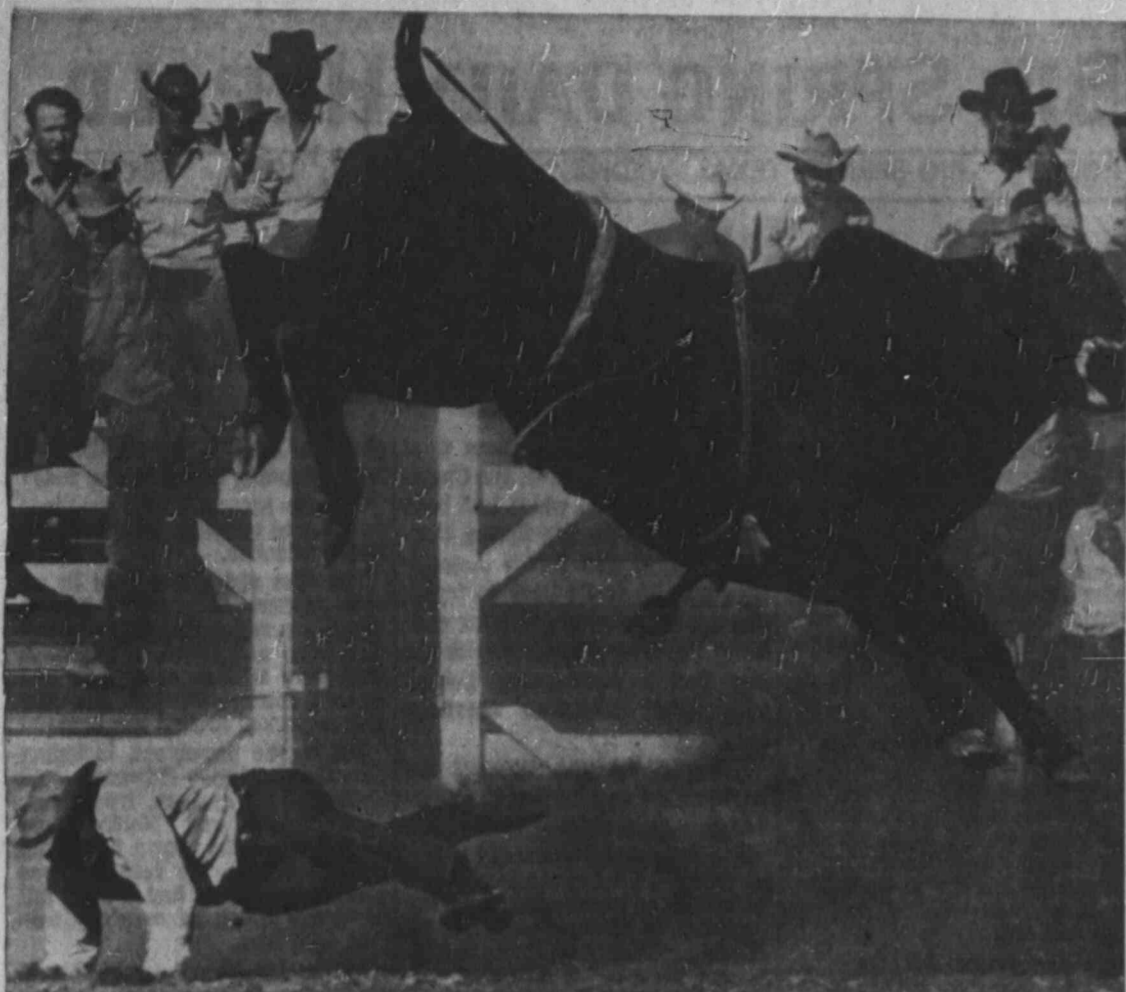
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## Big Spring Rodeo Association



End Of The Line

Hitting the hard, hard ground, a bull rider gets dusted by a high kicking Brahma. The rider must hang on for eight seconds, has only a loose rope without knots or hitches to help him keep his precarious seat. To make the mean-tempered bull even madder, the bull rope has a bell underneath the animal's belly and a flank strap that is pulled up tight as the bull leaves the chute.

## Takes An Artist To Ride Brahma

Brahma cattle are the wildest and most vicious of any ever assembled for a rodeo, and that is the reason Brahma bulls are used in the riding contest at the annual Big Spring rodeo.

The Brahma bull has no equal in the art of dislodging a rider; and unlike the horse, the Brahma is not content with merely unseating the rider. The animal likes to add insult to injury and if the rider is not agile enough to make his getaway, he is likely to be gored or trampled by the enraged animal.

The rider is on his own from the second he sails into the arena on the bull, but there are the clowns to lend a helping hand when he gets into trouble. If a bull turns on an unseated rider, the clowns attract the attention of the bull while the fallen cowboy hustles to his feet and races to the arena wall.

If the clown gets into trouble while saving the life of the rider, it is just too bad. But the clown

usually manages to take care of himself as he practices the art of deception on the beast with his red cape.

The cowboys crouched around the arena wall, keep a close watch on the action along with clowns. If a rider falls from a bull and fails to arise, they know he is injured. They rush to the rescue, carrying the injured man to safety.

The bull riders are proficient in their work because their lives depend upon knowing the habits and temperaments of the wild cattle. They know that the danger comes after they are thrown and they try to time their impending fall so that the bull will be racing in a straight line, leaving the fallen man far behind.

The riders also know when they get in a tough spot, unable to outdistance a charging bull, they must fall flat on their face. Often the charging animal will pass over their bodies without getting horns low enough to gore the man.

### TO DENOTE SKILLS

## Hall Of Fame For Cowboys Boosted

The cowboys you will see riding or being thrown from the backs of the wildly bucking bulls and pitching broncs at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo this week may some day be honored in a national hall of fame.

A movement is under way to establish a National Rodeo Hall of Fame foundation.

C. A. Reynolds of Kansas City who is sponsoring the project thinks it is high time that due respect is paid to the skills of the men who built the West as they are demonstrated by today's rodeo riders.

Reynolds, chairman of the board of the H. D. Lee Company, has been enlisting the support of senators and governors of seventeen western states. His company has pledged \$5,000 to the Foundation and a permanent Hall of Fame building.

A bill providing for the incorporation of the non-profit foundation has been prepared and is expected to be sponsored in Congress by senators from the cattle states. It prescribes the methods of operation of the foundation and authorizes the establishment of permanent headquarters.

So far no site for the building has been selected, Reynolds said. He hopes the final decision to be made by the trustees appointed to the foundation after it is incorporated will come soon and construction started in the near future.

Present plans call for two trustees each from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington. Other trustees from the East and Midwest will fill out the board.

The bill provides that the governors of each of the western states be invited to serve as trustees. Most of them have already indicated they would be happy to serve.

After marking a careful study of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y., Reynolds thinks the Rodeo Hall of Fame should be organized along similar

lines. He feels that it will honor more than a great American sport, however.

"In paying homage to the brave and skillful men who perform their dangerous jobs in the rodeo arena, the Rodeo Hall of Fame will acknowledge in a permanent memorial the indomitable courage and resourcefulness of the men who built the great West," he said.

He doesn't think it necessary to wait several years after a man's death to evaluate his ability, but favors election of living cowboys to the Hall of Fame. "Some of the best cowboys of them all are still alive and riding," he said.

Tribute will be paid not only to outstanding rodeo performers but also to stock raisers and others who contribute to the sport including famous rodeo stock. Selection of those to be honored will be made by the Board of Trustees from among candidates proposed by the public, historians and rodeo fans.

Part of the Hall of Fame building will be a museum housing relics of the development of the West. Equipment and personal effects of pioneers and western heroes will be enshrined with mementoes of famed rodeo personalities.

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There are 27 acres of parking space available adjacent to the big rodeo bowl in western Big Spring. Guests will be permitted to park anywhere in the area immediately south and west of the bowl.

Charlie Creighton, vice president of the rodeo association will be on hand to direct parking. Bill McIlvain will be in charge of the special parking force, which will consist of 10 horsemen.

Guards also will be on duty throughout the four performances of the rodeo to protect automobiles and their contents against thieves and vandals, Creighton said.

Other steps are to be taken to protect the comfort and safety of rodeo patrons. Creighton said roads and the area around the rodeo arena are to be sprinkled in an effort to keep down dust.

There will be two routes by which guests may reach the rodeo grounds parking area.

Patrons may approach by way of West Highway 80 and the Air Base Road, turning off the base road to the east two blocks south of its intersection with the highway. Or they may go by way of Edwards Heights (West 17th Street) and reach the parking area from Farm Road 700 on the south of the grounds.

There will be three exits from the parking area. In addition to the two approach routes, patrons may leave out the north gate to the rodeo grounds. The north gate, on the old highway, will not be opened until after each night's performance.

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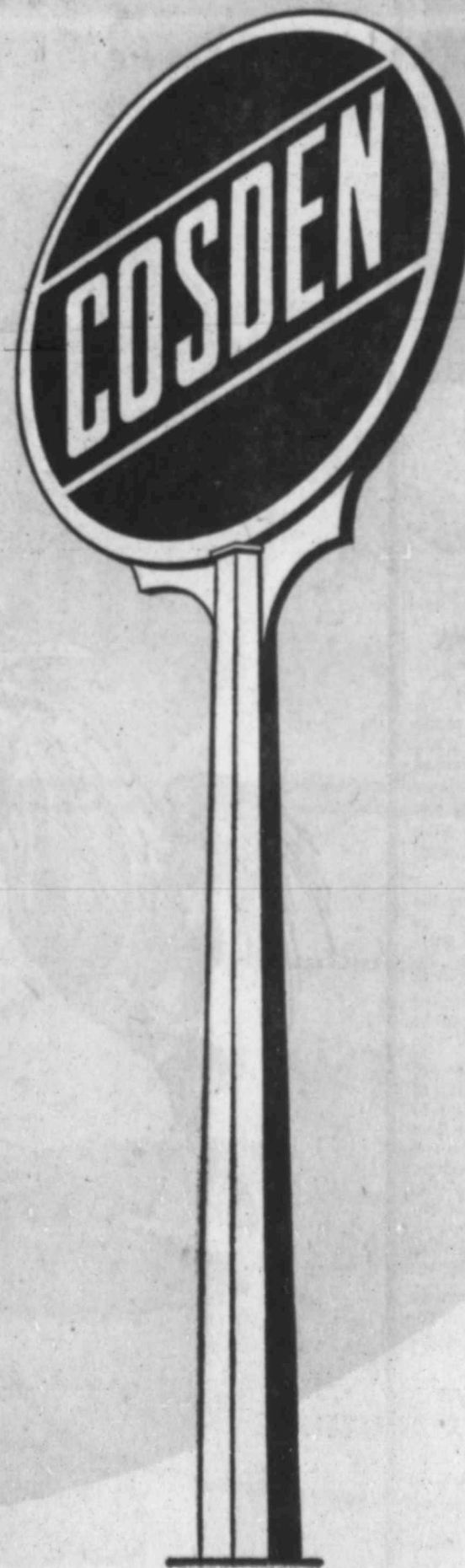
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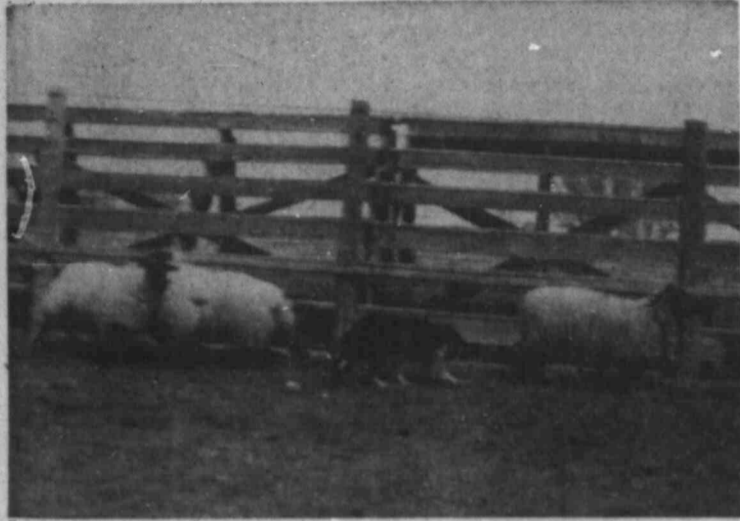
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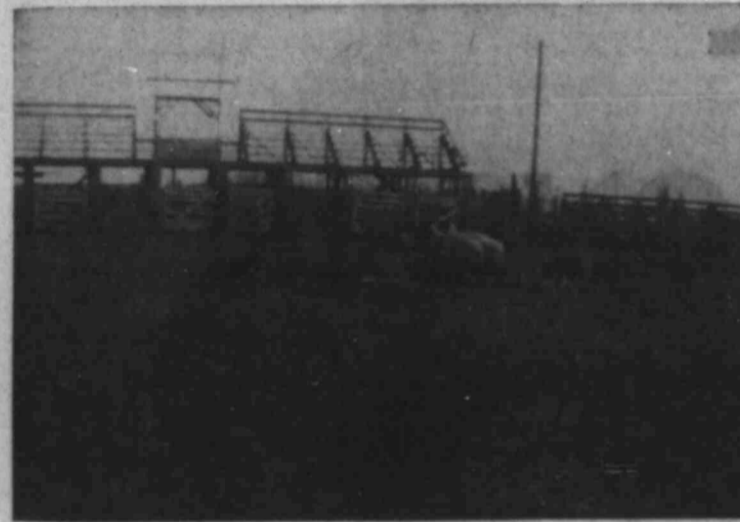
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... Tweed picked the mount.

**ALSO MADISON SQUARE  
Sheep Dog Stars  
In Disney Film**

The star of a Walt Disney show and Madison Square Garden performances will be appearing as a part of the Big Spring Rodeo and Reunion.

The star is a dog, Tweed, who will be presented by his owner, Millage Becker of Rupert, Idaho, directing a herd of sheep. Tweed was the leading animal in "The Sheep Dog," a production by Walt Disney.

The animal has also appeared in acts at many rodeos and animal shows, in addition to performing at Madison Square Garden. The owner, Becker, also claims that the dog is to be used soon in another movie.

The act here will start with two dogs cautiously gathering a small group of sheep from the far end of the arena. Then they slowly bring

them to the center of the arena and place them on an X of white boards. The dogs can be worked singly or together.

Becker urges that sheep be furnished locally lest people think that the sheep and dogs are trained together.

While other dogs are holding the sheep on the X, Tweed will go to a small pen and open the gate, return and help pen the sheep. He then will close the gate and bow in all directions to the crowd. Becker stands to the side of the pen to give signals to the animals.

In another act, colored ropes are placed around necks of a group of sheep and the group is taken to the end of the arena. Tweed then will select the sheep with the red rope, separate it from the others and bring it to the center of the arena where he holds it until another of the dogs, Whiskers, leaps on the sheep's back and rides it until bucked off or until a horn is blown.

Becker stated that an article about the dogs is supposed to appear in the near future in Reader's Digest.

**Calves Will Run  
Toward Feed Pens**

Two years ago the first time at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo the roping calves were released to the ropers at the south end of the arena.

The plan was so successful that it will be used again this year.

Rodeo cattle, like other cattle, are notorious for running for the pens in which they have been fed. Calves released from the north end of the arena (where the feed pens are) have had the habit of cutting back toward the hay racks. By releasing them at the other end they make a long run down the arena giving the roper a better chance to get his loop on them and giving the spectators a better show.

**Spanish Name For  
Sport Of Cowboys**

Today's rodeo has its antecedents even beyond the cattle industry on the western range. The word dates back to the Spanish conquistadores and the roundups of the cattle they brought into Mexico.

So today the debate continues. Is it a Spanish word and pronounced "ro-DAY-o" or an American word and pronounced "ROH-dee-o"?

The best way to settle that discussion is to ask the cowboys who test their mettle in these arenas. Their verdict:  
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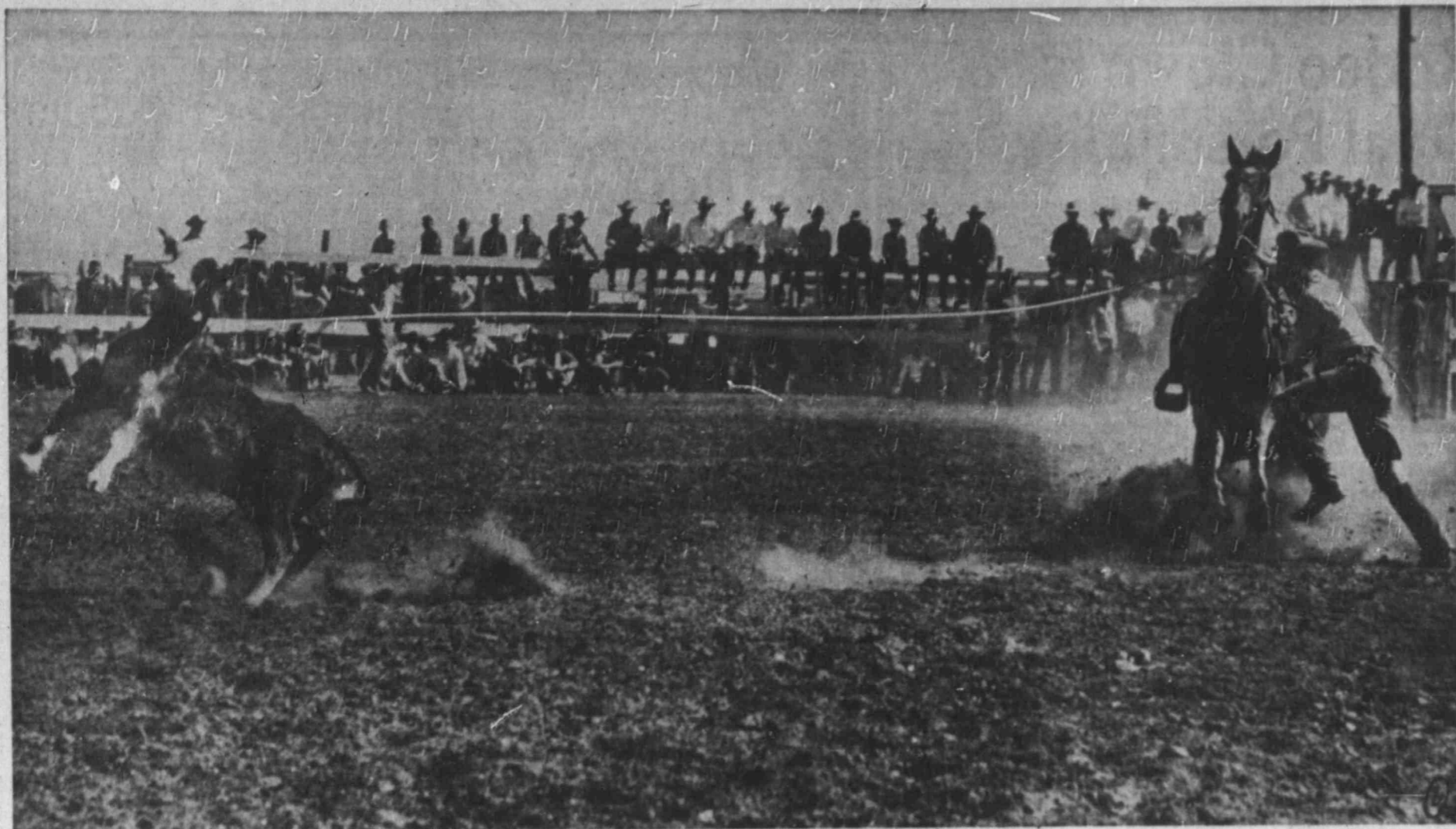
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At Opposite Ends Of The Rope

The calf can't win, but if he's contrary enough he can keep the cowboy from winning, too. The rodeo scene, above, was recorded at a critical moment for the cowboy—Earl Teague—just as he and the calf found themselves on opposite ends of a rope. It was a fast catch. Now, if Teague can get the calf down and the pigg' string around

three legs while the animal twists and kicks, he may win himself some day money. The calf roping event is the most competitive in rodeo—both from the standpoint of the roper and the calf and roper versus roper.

## Born On Open Range, Rodeo Covers Nation

Rodeo, born on the open range as a sport of lonely cowhands in the days after the Civil War, has spread across the nation as a truly indigenous American sport which today has a draw at the gate comparable to college football. A news service (United Press) has compiled figures showing that 585 college football games last year drew 13,600,000 spectators. In the same year the nearly 600 rodeos approved by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association, drew an estimated 14 million spectators. If one adds in the spectators who viewed high school, college and amateur rodeos during the year, the total may well reach 25 million.

There is no record of the first rodeo. Undoubtedly it began as an outlet for lonely, hardbitten cowhands when they assembled to work together on trail drives and roundups. There was betting on horse races, roping and bucking contests when the hands of different outfits got together.

In those early days the only spectators were the crews of the various ranches involved and the arena was the open plain. The only prize money was that which was bet on the contests.

From Texas, rodeo moved north and west with the trail herds. In the late 1880's the cowboys began to stage their contests of skill and stamina at the towns where they ended their drives. The "Cowboy Tournaments" as they were called, began to draw crowds of townspeople.

About the time of the first World War an old Spanish word for roundup, rodeo, first was applied to these contests and by 1920 this purely western competition had established some beachheads in big eastern cities after spreading the length and breadth of the western half of the nation.

As rodeo grew like Topsy, it experienced typical growing pains. There were great variations in the rules from one contest to the next and the purses were not large. The cowboy who tried to earn his living in this rough sport had a difficult time of it.

Each paid his own entry fee—but those fees were not always added to the prize money. In 1936, when the rodeo at the Boston Garden offered a purse so small the winners couldn't even cover their expenses, the cowboys went on strike.

The purse was increased and they went back to rodeoing. But these rugged individualists had learned a lesson: cooperative effort obviously was the way to overcome some of their problems. They formed the Cowboys' Turtle Association, the first organization

of rodeo contestants. The name "Turtles" and the reason for its choice are forgotten now, although there is one legend that the founding cowboys decided they'd move slowly, like the proverbial turtle, toward collective operations for the good of the sport.

The name came to mean unity among rodeo performers. Today, when a man says "I was a Turtle," he immediately wins the respect of his generation of rodeo cowboys for his part in making rodeo what it is today.

The "Turtles" became the Rodeo Cowboys' Association in 1945 and two years ago the association was incorporated under the Colorado not-for-profit act. Today the R.C.A. is the backbone of professional rodeo.

It has striven to protect not only the rights of its members but of the communities in which rodeos are put on. It has helped eliminate unscrupulous promoters who preyed on unwary city leaders in the old days and it polices its 3,000-member organization to rid the sport of the rodeo bum.

It has established a fair and accurate way to determine the national champions. It has sponsored a group life and accident insurance program for the rodeo cowboy who until a few years ago had been considered an uninsurable risk.

The R. C. A. approves all professional rodeos and no more than three R.C.A. rodeos a year. Members cannot even work one amateur or unapproved contest.

This distinction assures the producers of R.C.A.-approved rodeos of the best professional contestants. It also prevents the experienced pros from winning the purses from beginners at local, amateur rodeos.

The R.C.A. has lifted rodeo to its present stature as an outstanding spectator sport of America. And it has lifted the individual performer to the point where he can make a living—perhaps a very good one, depending on his skill—in the arenas.

Many of the pros average from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year, depending on how many rodeos they work. Last year's All-Around champion, Casey Tibbs, won more than \$42,000 and Bill Linderman, R.C.A. president and All-Around winner in 1950 and 1953, has won more than \$140,000 in the last five years.

Only about half of that is profit even before taxes. Cowboys pay their own expenses and entry fees. They are on the road a great deal of the year. Often the big-timers shooting at the All-Around crown spend up to \$3,000 on airline tickets alone as they "commute" from rodeo to rodeo during the busy part of the long season.

The approved rodeos largely are sponsored by groups of citizens, civic or fraternal organizations. More than half of the R.C.A. rodeos are sponsored by committees of local citizens serving with no pay. Another 20 per cent are under the aegis of civic or fraternal groups.

Rodeo contestants are professional athletes, so expert in handling horse and rope that the veterans of the open range two generations ago would look like rank amateurs beside them. While many of the top hands are ranch-born, several skilled pros hail from city streets and college campuses.

The sport remains the only great American competition which has not been adopted abroad, except for the natural spillover into the range country of western Canada. Its steady growth in popularity attests primarily to the fact that Americans are proud of their heritage a part of which lives on even in big city arenas when the rodeo is put on.

Shows In 35 States

Last year there were rodeos in 35 states and Canada.

## One Of Top Steer Ropers Was Woman

An exciting rodeo even that isn't seen in Texas shows any more is steer roping which has been outlawed in this state for about 50 years.

The law against steer roping was passed not at the insistence of a humane society but at the request of the women themselves. In those days Texas steers mainly had long horns even if they weren't of the Longhorn breed, and the cattlemen complained that the cowboys injured too many of the cattle with which they worked while practicing for the roping events. Some states, notably Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming and others have never outlawed the sport.

This brings to mind the fact that back in the days when roping steers had wider horn spreads than are seen on most bulldogging steers today and the roping steers weighed from 1,200 or 1,500 pounds and up, one of the world's greatest rodeo steer ropers was a cowgirl, the late Lucille Mulhall.

One of the country's outstanding horsewomen, she was the world's champion woman steer roper, occupying a position in that field comparable to that of pretty Pat McCormick, Big Spring's honey-blond matadora, in the realm of bullfighting.

Lucille Mulhall's skill with a rope brought her fame in Europe as well as in America. She was the daughter of Col. Zach Mulhall and years ago she worked with such up and coming stars as Will Rogers and Tom Mix.

Her other feats with a rope marked her as the world's champion woman loop tesser. She could catch six and eight running horses with one throw. In 1920 she entered a steer roping contest at Ardmore, Oklahoma, against some of the country's best men ropers, and won it. She was also a rodeo promoter and put the Fort Worth show at the top of the stack.

In later years she retired from active participation and lived on the Mulhall Ranch at Mulhall, Oklahoma. She died in 1949.



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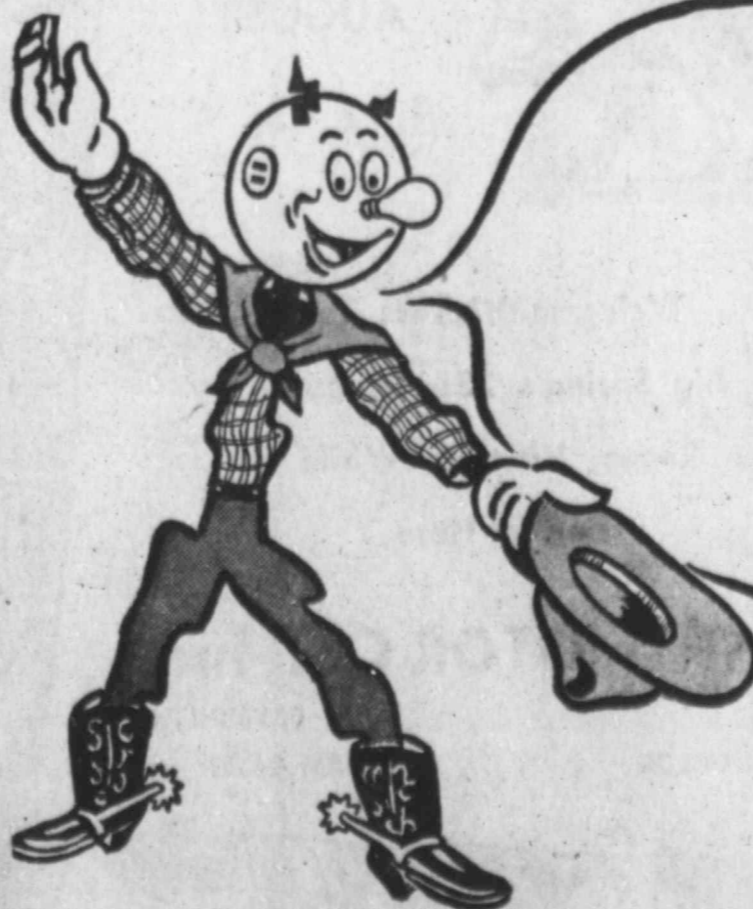
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**A Serious Moment**

To the rescue of a fallen rider, the rodeo clown moves in to take this furious bull off his intended victim. Brahmas will even attack horses; therefore, the fleet-footed clowns must be used in this event rather than mounted pickup men to save the contestants. This life-saving function makes the work of this funnyman deadly serious and the most dangerous job in rodeo.

## Rodeo Clown Is Dual Personality

The Rodeo clown, when he steps into the arena in his striped shirt and baggy trousers, becomes a dual personality.

Like the clown in the circus, he is there to entertain.

Unlike the clown of the big top, he is there as a foil. Life-saving is his mission in the Brahma bull riding events.

Throughout the long performance, the rodeo clown goes through his work. Like his kindred soul of the big canvas top, he works on new acts and new antics to add sparkle to his performance.

But it's the Brahma bull riding that brings out the real daring of these Pagliaccos of the rodeo arena. That's the time to watch the clowns if you would appreciate their courage and importance.

The Brahmas hold an everlasting grudge against people. Left alone, they'll turn on a fallen rider and do their best to gore or trample him.

Pickup men, such as those who help the rider down in bronc riding, are of little value in bull riding. The Brahmas won't let the horses in close enough.

So the clowns do the life-saving stunts.

You'll see them move in on foot, to distract the bull and give the cowboy a chance to dismount and reach safety. A rider often takes an awesome breath-jarring slam when thrown and the clowns must get the bull away from him and keep the furious animal busy elsewhere until the cowboy is rescued.

They taunt and tease — and with the funnyman's natural flare they add thrills to their deadly serious performance. The crowd enjoys it, so often without realizing just how important the act is to the man who just left the animal's back.

There is a business that requires much study. Bulls are individualists. No two react alike. Like a great pitcher who knows the strength and weakness of the batters he'll face from day to day, the rodeo clown must know the

peculiarities of hundreds of rodeo bulls.

One miscue, a moment of forgetfulness as a clown lets a bull draw tantalizingly close, and the clown may go to the hospital.

The taunting and teasing has a long range purpose, too.

Bulls have good memories. They keep thinking of the clown in his ridiculous shirt and baggy pants. And the clown becomes the No. 1 target just the moment the bull is free of the man on his back.

It's no wonder a top rodeo clown knows the most important part of his audience is made up of the participating cowboys. To pass muster, the clown must be a great foil in a serious act — while being funny!

## \$100 In Parade Prizes Posted

Parade arrangements for the rodeo opening Wednesday are under the direction of Malcolm Patterson. The review is scheduled to start at 4 p.m., and a total of \$100 in prizes will be awarded to the best floats entered in the activities.

The floats will be judged on the basis of originality, artistry, and portrayal. First prize will be \$50, second prize, \$30; and the third prize, \$20. Only the rolling entries will be eligible for the prizes.

A trophy will be given to the outstanding sheriff's posse or other mounted group.

Various units of the local law enforcement agencies will lead the various elements in the parade. A color guard and city, county, and rodeo officials will also participate.

Immediately after the parade, a barbecue dinner will be given to the visiting Sheriff's posse at the city park. Rodeo officials will host the visitors.

## RUNNER-UP THREE TIMES

# Saddle Bronc Champ Faced A Tough Competitor For Title

To Deb Copenhaver, one of the toughest bronc tamers ever to fork an outlaw, the world's saddle bronc riding championship was a long time in coming — and he is not at all sure he'll be able to hang onto it.

In another generation the stocky Idaho cowboy should have been a champion many times over. Runner-up three out of the last four years, and third place winner in 1952, he has faced, in his fight for the title, the most formidable competition in the history of rodeo: the consistent winning record of eight-time champion Casey Tibbs.

Like Tibbs, Copenhaver began breaking horses at an early age and was competing in rodeos by the time he was 15. But, unlike the present all-around champion, he interrupted his rodeo career to serve a hitch in service during the war, spent two years as a Seabee in North Africa.

The only man to beat Tibbs for the championship since 1950, Copenhaver wears the mantle of the world's championship like an ill-fitting, store-bought suit. Modest and unassuming, the five-foot seven bronc riding specialist seems a little surprised at the attention the title has brought him.

When the sportswriters of the Inland Empire voted him the outstanding athlete of the year for Washington, Northeastern Oregon, Northern Idaho and Western Montana, he accepted the award not so much as a personal triumph but more as an important recognition of rodeo as a sport.

Copenhaver's bid for the championship in the latter half of the season was as full of suspense as a Pearl White cliff-hanger. He nudged Tibbs out of first place in the national standings Aug. 15, lost the lead to him Sept. 1, recaptured it two weeks later, lost it again on

Oct. 1, moved ahead for the last time Oct. 15, and finally squeaked at the season's end by a bare margin of 174 points.

Although he plans to continue in rodeo for "two or three more years," Copenhaver will make no predictions about how his title will fare in the future.

"There's the finest set of new bronc riders coming on than there has ever been," he said. "Most of them are under 24 and tougher than whalebone. Any one of them could win \$20,000 this year if they get the breaks."

To take the championship in 1955, Copenhaver won a record total of \$24,121 on the saddle broncs. With Tibbs, he is the only man to top \$20,000 a year in the event. Both cowboys have done it for the past three years.

He thinks the most important thing for the younger bronc riders to learn is "how to manage their rodeos." In today's tooth-and-nail competition, the bronc rider that winds up on top has to travel light and fast, entering as many rodeos as he can squeeze into the long season from January through November.

During 1955, he travelled some 90,000 miles, to both seaboard and back, deep into the Canadian Rockies and as far south as San Antonio. With third ranking bronc rider J. D. McKenna, he chartered planes over one weekend to enter seven rodeos in five states. Four of the rodeos ran concurrently.

The high point in his career, Copenhaver believes, came this summer at the Pendleton Roundup. On his last horse, "Baldy Down," he made what he thinks is his best ride of the year. It was good enough to win the bronc riding there and fulfill one of his long time ambitions of winning the bronc riding

at the four major outdoor rodeos at Cheyenne, Calgary, Pendleton and Salinas, Calif. He had taken top money at Calgary earlier in the season and at the other two contests the year before.

At home near Post Falls, Idaho, Copenhaver lives on a 1,500 acre ranch with his wife Leslie, a petite brown-eyed brunette, a daughter and a son. With his rodeo winnings he's building up a herd of cattle against the day when he hangs up his bucking saddle.

But, despite his modesty, any ambitious young twister with his eye on the saddle bronc championship can expect a lot of tough competition from Deb Copenhaver, at 30 a champion still in his prime.

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# All-Around Cowboy Wanted To Grow Up To Become Boxer

Casey Tibbs, a slim young bronc rider from Ft. Pierre, S. D., was named by a fond father after a baseball player and had a boyhood ambition to become a professional boxer. But he became one of the greatest — and richest — athletes in the world by doing what came naturally.

For Tibbs, world's champion all-around cowboy for 1955 — the highest honor the sport can bestow — nothing could have been more natural than a career in rodeo.

Casey reminisces about his boyhood on his family's ranch in the open range country northwest of Ft. Pierre where his father, John Tibbs, raised about a thousand head of horses. "I started busting broncs at 10," he recalls, "when my dad put me to work taming some of our two-year-old colts."

"There was a lot of it to be done so I used to ride broncs to the one-room schoolhouse five and

one-half miles away. I'd start off every morning with a wild horse and since I never knew what direction they'd take off in, I'd have to start out two or three hours early."

Casey's early training has paid him off well. In a short, but hard, 10-year career as a professional rodeo contestant he won eight world's championships — more than any other man in the sport. And at twenty-six, an age when most men are just getting started on careers they hope will earn them as much in twenty or thirty years, he is retiring from one career that grossed him several hundred thousand dollars and starting another as a movie and television star.

After a couple of tries at amateur rodeos and wild west shows, Tibbs started rodeoing — cowboys use the word as a verb, too — in earnest at 15. Just three years later he finished the season in fifth

place among the top saddle bronc riders of the world — at a time when he was just beginning to shave regularly.

He took his first world's title the following season, as the best man on the saddle broncs in the business. But in 1950 he was reminded how tough is the competition at the top. That year his long time friend and present R.C.A. President Bill Linderman edged him out for the saddle bronc title by a scant 177 points (12,485 to 12,308) to become the first man in rodeo to win a triple crown, as all-around cowboy, saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling champions.

But next year, in 1951, Casey bounced back. And such is his skill on the broncs and his passion for practical jokes that he may well have won the next triple championship, the all-around, bare back and saddle bronc titles, as a good natured way of proving to the



CASEY TIBBS

"king," as the cowboys affectionately call Linderman, that he wasn't so hot after all.

Since his near miss in 1950, Casey has never finished a season without at least one championship. He repeated his saddle bronc victories in 1952, 1953 and 1954 and last season won his second all-around title. With Linderman, he is the only man ever to win it twice.

In the past three years Tibbs' winnings have totalled nearly \$110,000.

A good portion of his winnings Casey has invested in a ranch he operates with his brother Thad at Mission Ridge, just a few miles from the old homeplace in a remote area of South Dakota "where the mail comes twice a week." Although he spurned the hard rancher's life for what he considered the easier money of rodeo, he has since developed a man's nostalgia for what he despised and looks forward to stealing a few weeks whenever he can to work around the ranch.

In his home town of Ft. Pierre, he has organized annual matched ridings for the benefit of 4-H youngsters in the area. He contributes his own and enlists the free services of his friends among the sport's top champions to put on the event, posts the purse out of his own pocket. In three years the match raised \$22,000 toward building a 4-H Club building to serve four counties.

In 10 years of hell-for-leather competition, Tibbs has reaped what is less than his share of broken bones in the world's roughest sport. He has broken his ankle three times, his ribs twice and in one fall injured a shoulder and his spine. But with the resiliency of a steel spring he has dismayed the doctors by going back into competition long before they hoped he could.

Three years ago at Lewiston, Idaho, a bareback horse dumped him and kicked in a couple of ribs. Taped up, he came back to ride the next day.

His latest brush with the medicals came last January at the first big rodeo of the current season at Denver. Trying out a stiff new saddle on a treacherous buckler, Casey caught a look in a stirrup as he went off, was dragged and kicked severely in the chest. Carried unconscious to the hospital he was told he had three broken ribs and a slightly punctured lung.

He left the hospital in three days and a week later entered the rodeo at Fort Worth where he took first in the saddle bronc riding.

In rodeo, where nicknames abound and Shorties, Slims and Reds are nearly as common as Bills and Johns, Casey is something of an exception by going by his full given name. How did he get it? "Well, I was the last of 10 children," he explains, "and when I came along they had pretty well used up all the family names."

"My dad was a ball fan who used to quote 'Casey at the Bat.' Sometimes, at home, when I'd make a good ride dad would call me 'Mighty Casey.'"

Casey's retirement from the arena comes from no conviction that his championship days are over; he simply feels it's time he started making his future in another line of work. And he started on his movie career with no stars in his eyes. If he didn't make it in a year or two, he knew he could go back to rodeo.

"I figure most bronc riders don't really hit their peak until they're 30," he said last year, "and if I take care of myself I think I can last another 10 years. But rodeo has been good enough to me already. If I could do as well at something else I don't want to press my luck that far."

From the commitments he already has for film and television work, it doesn't look like Tibbs will ever have to push his luck. If you see him riding broncs this season it won't be from necessity. But after a man rides bucking horses for 16 years, "it sort of gets in your blood. You like to do it now and then just for fun."

# Bronc Buster Champion Also Is Good At Western Singing

The record listing on a jukebox may seem a strange place to find the name of a world's champion bronc rider, but that's exactly where you might encounter the name of the man who has been the world's best bareback rider for the past three years.

For Eddy Akridge is not only one of the toughest men on the unsaddled outlaws of rodeo but also a budding western singing star whose recent records are being received with rising popularity.

Eddy's latter day emergence as a singer may hold some surprise but his success in rodeo shouldn't. You might even say he was born to be a top rider, 26 years ago in Pampa, Texas, as the son of Jim R. Akridge, a rancher and long time rodeo contestant.

Eddy got started early. At 16 he was riding broncs, roping and collecting bruises in the wild cow milking at amateur rodeos. When he plunked down his entry fee at that first small contest in Meade, Kan., in 1946, there was no question that he wanted to be a top rider. The only point left to be answered was whether he had the skill and determination to make himself one.

The years have proven that he has. Akridge is the only man in rodeo to win the bareback championship more than once. A conscientious rider who carefully scouts the broncs he may draw, Eddy broke his own records by winning the title three years running.

The toughest threat to his title came in 1954, when he squeaked through at season's end a scant seven points ahead of his close friend Buck Rutherford, who won the all-around cowboy championship that year.

Eddy's troubles that season started four years earlier when he pulled a knee cartilage as he was pitched off a bull at Roseburg, Ore. Such an injury is next to nothing to a rodeo cowboy and didn't even

slow him down at the time. But the knee grew worse and worse until the doctors put him in the hospital for an operation that kept him out of action for two months in 1954.

That put him far enough behind that he found himself 104 points behind Rutherford as they both went to the last rodeo of the season at Kingman, Ariz., where Akridge won \$111 more. The rodeo Cowboys' Association figures standings on the basis of one point for every dollar won in approved rodeos.

Like most of the sport's top hands, Akridge, in recent years, has concentrated on the events at which he is best. Although he works both saddle broncs and bareback horses he wins most of his money on the barebacks — and figures them tougher to ride.

"You see a lot of older fellas riding the saddle broncs," he ex-

plains, "a long time after they've quit the bareback horses."

Akridge entered about 70 rodeos last year and shared the winner's prize money at 48. His total take for the season was \$23,058, enough to rank him third in the standings for the all-around cowboy championship. He is a fast finisher in the point-races for the championship and mid-season frequently finds him languishing in fourth or fifth place.

By Aug. 15 last year he was 1,400 points behind front runner Jack Buschbon, 1949 bareback champion from Cassville, Wis. But when the year's winnings were tabulated in December, Eddy had picked up nearly 10,000 to finish comfortably 3,000 points ahead.

With singing, his favorite hobby, now becoming a parttime profession, Eddy lists golf and swimming among his recreational activities. At home in Hesperia,



EDDY AKRIDGE

Calif., his wife Barbara looks after young Eddy, 6, and a daughter, Danna, 7, traveling with Eddy only occasionally during the long rodeo season.

Akridge hopes to put his rodeo profits into ranching after he's contented "as long as there's money in it for me." He reserves his future as a cowboy singing artist as something of an ace in the hole.

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The rodeo here had been functioning for several years when cowboys, who regularly followed the rodeo trail, began to band together to bargain for their interest. At first they came together as the CTA — the Cowboys' Turtle Association.

This organization had its flaws and weaknesses and presently was succeeded by the more responsible and endurable Rodeo Cowboys Association. On the West Coast and west of the Rockies, the counterpart of this is the International Rodeo Association.

When the associations approve a given rodeo, then contestants may not only pocket their winnings but along with it receive credit for the earnings in the annual championship chase. In unapproved shows, earnings (or points) do not count toward the championship.

The RCA maintains headquarters and publishes a monthly magazine, the Buckboard, which reports latest standings along with news about producers, performers and specialty acts in the trade.

Many Have Part In Annual Rodeo

Plenty of work goes into handling a show as big as the Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Rodeo, and cooperating fully in making it a success are most of the civic organizations here.

For instance, the Chamber of Commerce always serves as a sort of clearing house on box seats. Reservations are accepted at the rate of \$25 for the four nights (except for the boxes in the horseshoe bend at the south of the arena, which go at \$15 for the four nights). Each box has six chairs. Individual admission tickets are bought in addition to the customary rate of \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The Lions Club this year has been handling the advance ticket sales on a percentage basis, applying its proceeds to the Salvation Army playground project.

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**YOUNGSTER**

**Roping Champion Bested Mansfield**

At the opening of the 1955 season, most rodeo fans would have scoffed at a prediction that tall, young Dean Oliver would be the next calf roping champion of the world.

In the first place there was Don McLaughlin, the man who had won the championship the last four years running, and had wound up the season just finished with more than twice as many points as his closest rival.

Then, there was Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, the three-time calf roping champion who was returning to full-time rodeo competition for the first time since 1950. Against these veterans, Oliver's chances didn't look too bright. He was a relative newcomer, who had roped in professional rodeos for only two seasons. Although he wound up third ranking roper in 1954, his season winnings of \$11, 156 were nearly \$12,000 less than McLaughlin's.

But the odds didn't bother Dean Oliver. He went to the rodeos and roped the calves as they came. Mansfield, obviously no less skillful with the loop for his layoff, took an early lead Feb. 15. But by March 15, Oliver was catching up.

When he moved ahead of Mansfield in June and continued to widen his margin over the next two months, many fans "poo-pooed" what they called a "hot streak." But the streak held for the rest of the season. Oliver never lost the lead and continued to pull ahead of the field to wind up the year 6,733 points out in front.

Oliver, a specialist with the loop that works only calf roping and team roping, is a contradiction of one of rodeo's oldest traditions. Since the sport became national



DEAN OLIVER

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Jim Shoulders, the champion bull rider of the world for 1955, is something of a paradox among top rodeo hands.

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Secondly, unlike most top hands, he has no vague ambition to continue in rodeo as long as he's able. He rodeos as hard as he can to make as much money as he can so he can quit that much sooner.

Shoulders is a cool-headed specialist who works only two events — bareback broncs and Brahma bulls — but earns enough in both to be a consistent contender for championships in each as well as for the all-around. All-around champion in 1949, bareback champ in 1950, he was champion bull rider in 1951, 1954 and again last season.

In both events as well as for the big title he has placed fifth or better in the national standings every year since 1949 with the exception of 1953 — a disastrous year for the lean, blue-eyed cowboy from Henryetta, Okla.

That year a bull fell on him at

**Steer Roping Too Dangerous**

When the Big Spring Rodeo is presented this week, one of the toughest events — steer roping — will not be included.

Big Spring is not the only rodeo operating without the competition however; it is not included on any rodeo program now.

Steer roping has been banned for many years as too dangerous. The event gave the steer about as much chance of stomping his would-be roper as it gave the cowboy of throwing the animal and tying him up.

The secret of steer roping, when it was widely practiced, was to loop the big animal, trip him with the rope and then get his legs tied before he could scramble to his feet. Once the steer got to his feet, the cowboy had little chance to throw him as he does a calf.

If the cowboy failed to tie his steer, he simply threw up his hands as a "give up" signal. He would be given the elapsed time, plus a minute penalty.

If the steer was tied, the judges were required to whack him across the head and horns until he made at least one attempt to get up. They also had to see that three feet of the animal were crossed and tied properly, secure for at least five minutes.

In the championship matches of old, each roper was given three steers and the 15 men with the best averages were given an additional two steers each. The five-steer average decided the championship.

Midland, broke his collarbone and put him on the sidelines in the busiest part of the season for two months — long enough in the furious pace of championship rodeo competition to keep him out of the standings.

Shoulders was born and raised on a small acreage on the edge of Tulsa 28 years ago. His father, who owned an auto body repair shop, ran nothing tougher around the home place than a few chickens. So Jim had to leave home to learn rodeo — at first on short week-end tagging after his big brother, Marvin.

When he was 14 he was earning \$2.50 for a 10-hour day shocking wheat for a neighbor. On the Fourth of July he entered a small rodeo at Oilton, Okla., where the riding tricks brother Marvin had taught him helped him win \$18 in prize money. It looked like a good way to make a living. Jim made a few small rodeos that year and, as a high school junior, joined the Rodeo Cowboys' Association as a full fledged professional the next summer. After graduation in 1946 he started to compete full time and earned \$7,000 his first full year. He has been one of rodeo's top earners ever since.

Jim holds the dubious distinction of having been runnerup for the all-around championship more times than any other contestant. According to the point award system of the R.C.A. the champion all-around cowboy is the man who wins the biggest total of prize money in any two or more events for the season.

He placed second in the AA standings four out of the last six years and figures he's won a total of \$217,000 since he turned pro nine seasons ago.

Making enough rodeos to win that much money is a pretty expensive business. Jim will compete in some 80 cowboy contests from January through the middle of November and will travel the length and breadth of the land



JIM SHOULDERS

several times over in automobiles and airplanes.

"I figure a fellow like me, who rodeos for a living and goes after the championship, can keep about half of what he earns," he says. Most of what he has kept Jim has put into his 5,000-acre ranch near Henryetta. He still holds to his long standing ambition to retire at 30 (in two-years) but hedges: "If

a man can make any money raising cattle then."

His attractive wife, Sharron, a high school sweetheart Jim married his second full year of competition, spends most of her time in Henryetta looking forward to his retirement, although occasionally during the summer months she and the two children will travel with him.

Jim is firm that his five-year-old son Marvin will not follow in his footsteps as a rodeo cowboy. "There must be better ways of making a living," he insists. But Marvin may well have his own ideas. Already he is an accomplished rider and an informed and avid rodeo fan.

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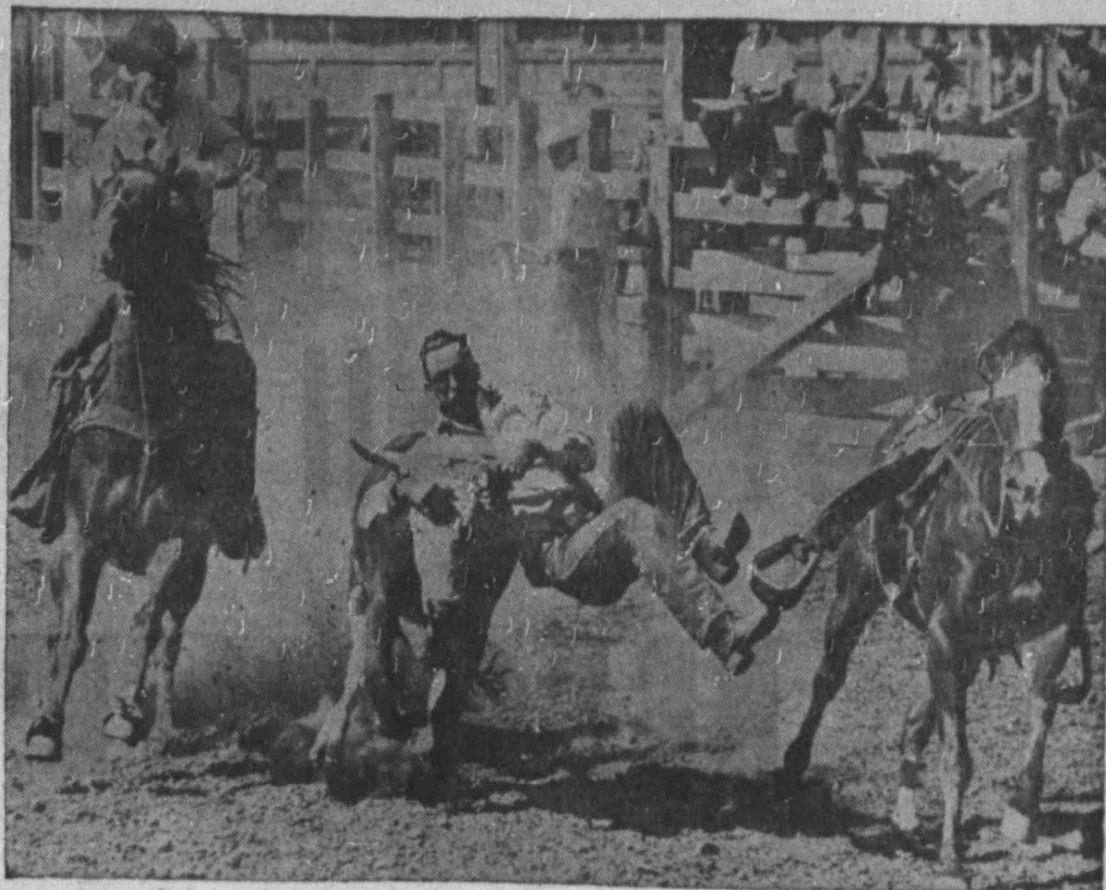
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### Team Roper Champ 'Hates' Bulldogging - But Wins

"I hate steer wrestling." This is how Vern Castro, 1955 team roping champion, sums up his feelings for an event at which he won several hundred dollars last year.

Castro won't elaborate on his attitude. Perhaps it stems partly from disgust at not doing as well throwing cattle by hand as he does with a rope.

At any rate he has two good reasons for being down on bulldogging: in his 20 years of rodeo competition the only injuries that have laid him up came when he jumped at steers on the run.

At Walla Walla, Wash., in 1951, he broke an arm when he missed one altogether. Two years later, at Klamath Falls, Ore., he came down too hard after his catch, broke both ankles and was out of competition the rest of the year. But he still tries it. In 1955 he won the event at two rodeos, placed in the money at several more. This dogged determination is a significant part of Castro's character and an essential part of the attitude of any champion.

Although his team roping title is the first national championship to come his way, Castro is no newcomer to the winner's circle. Since his first rodeo near Richmond, Calif., in 1935, the stocky Californian has won at least one event, even steer wrestling, at every major rodeo in the west except Cheyenne. He beat the field bulldogging at Tucson three years in a row.



VERN CASTRO

### Bulldogging Not A Range Skill - Rope Works Best

Steer wrestling, or bulldogging as the cowboys call it, is one of the most exciting contests in rodeo today—and one of the few events which doesn't have its beginning out on the open range of the Old West.

Steer wrestling isn't a ranch or range skill for if a working cowboy wants a critter downed he spins his lariat and does it in a way much more prosaic—and kinder—than wrestling it down.

Bulldogging got its start because a Texas cowhand and a balky steer got together 50 years ago. The steer wouldn't head for the corral and Bill Pickett finally lost his temper.

Pickett jumped from his saddle to the steer's horns and twisted its neck until it flopped on its side.

That's the first known case of bulldogging—and it got that name because there were some who, in telling of Pickett's charge, said he hit the tender lower lip of the steer while subduing it, much as a bulldog grabs the lip of an attacking bull.

That's why it became known as bulldogging. As it developed into a rodeo contest event—with none of the cowboys biting the steers—the name was changed to steer wrestling.

### Some Big Rodeos

In 1955, 10 per cent of the rodeos accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the money. All of the 10 per cent had purses larger than \$5,000 and the biggest purse of the year, \$74,400, was put up by the Madison Square Garden Rodeo in New York City.

### Veteran Rodeo Leaders Still On Their Jobs

Practically the same group of men who worked for and helped start the annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo back in 1933 are still taking a leading part in its planning.

On the first board were Tom Good, Marion Edwards, Jess Slaughter, R. V. Middleton, Harry Lees, Ira Driver, the late Jess Hudson, and H. Noble Read. Good was the president, Edwards (and later Slaughter), vice president; and Hudson, secretary-treasurer. Slaughter became the arena director and Edwards worked the chutes to see that the show kept moving.

Superintendent of livestock, until his death, was Rowan Settles. When Read retired from the board, he was succeeded by Charlie Creighton, who, over the years, has been one of the chief workers. Driver became secretary and Bob Middleton the treasurer. Subsequently, when Hudson moved from the city, E. T. (Gene) O'Daniel, came on the board. Toots Mansfield in the meantime had settled in Big Spring and he came on the board taking the place vacated by Slaughter. H. W. Wright served on the board for one or two years.

There has never been a show in which Marion Edwards has not taken an active and leading role. In 1949, the death of his father, W. P. Edwards, removed him from part of the actual production, but he had worked long in preparing for the event. Moving quietly and unostentatiously is Harry Lees, who has over the years more or less looked after the physical properties. R. V. Middleton and Ira Driver worked like trojans, too, in handling the paperwork and financial affairs. Good, of course, has been taking part in all of them. When Driver retired from business, he also decided to lay aside his duties in the association. In 1953 the association made his youngest son, E. P. Driver, secretary of the organization, maintaining a family tie. Another son, Curtis, had been actively engaged in the production for years, and he and E. P. formed a wild cow milking team that drew the sobriquet of "Gold Dust Twins."

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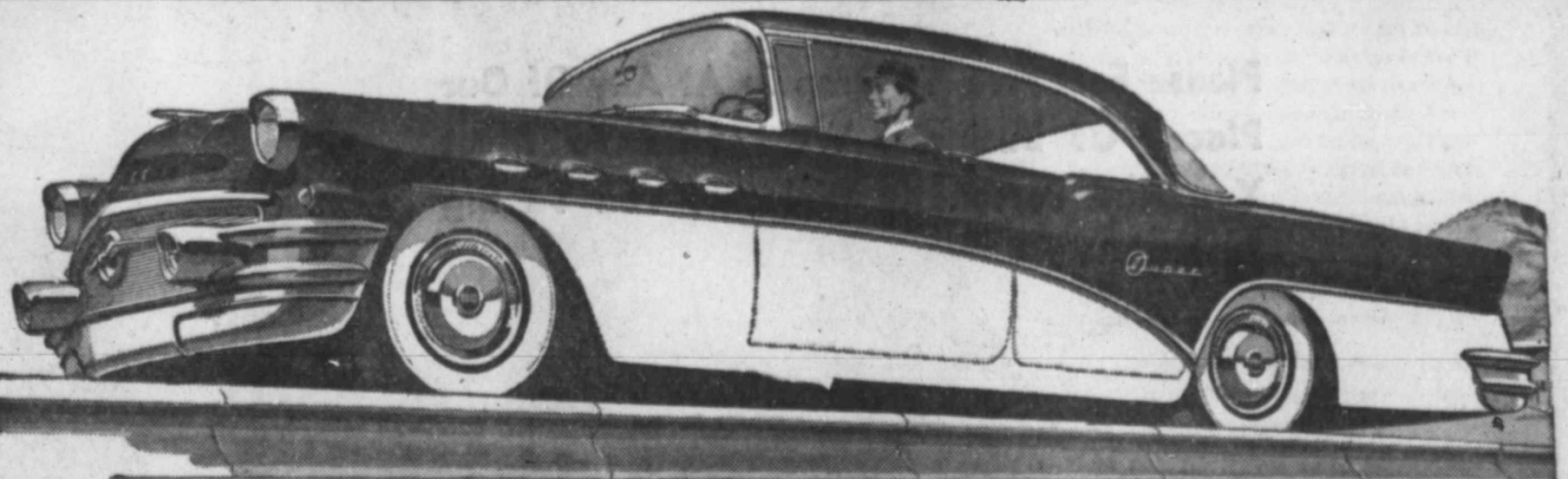
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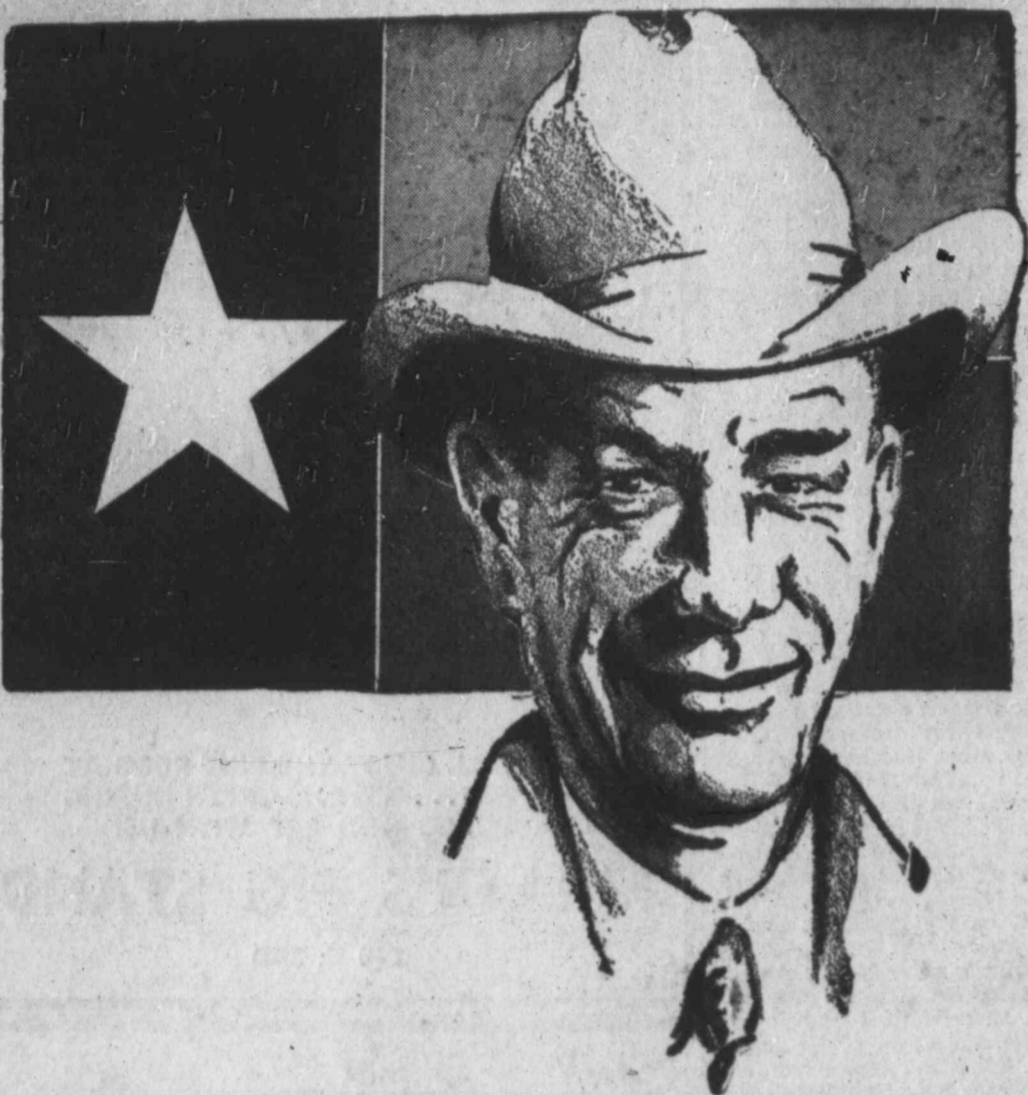


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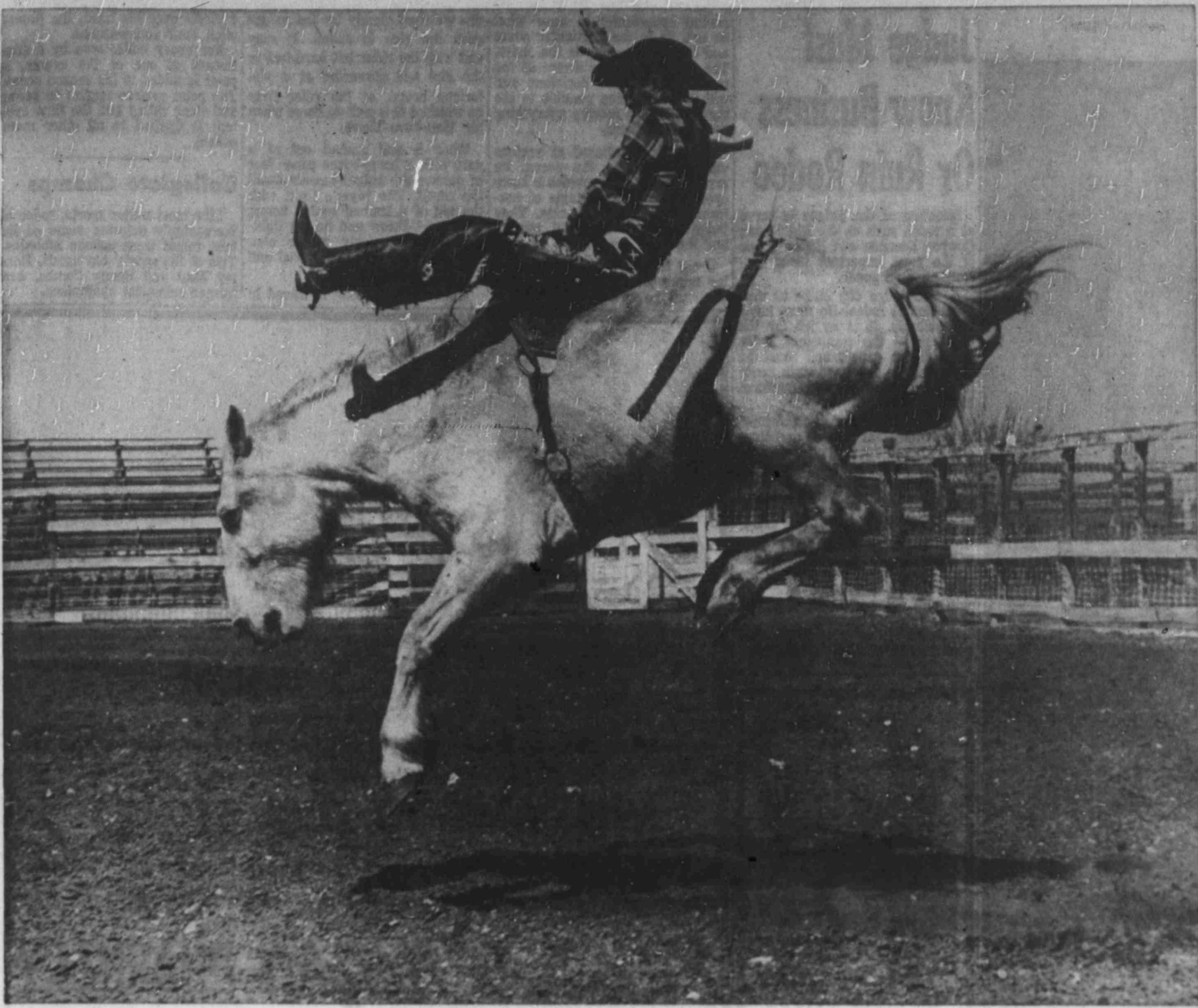
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## Colorful Rodeo Language Goes Back To Open Range

Professional rodeo has a language of its own. Some of the descriptive terms date to the earliest tests of cowpokes and range critters many years ago when there was no barb wire cutting the vast western acreages. And some of it has come into the dictionary of rodeo as the sport developed into one of the largest spectator draws on the North American continent.

With rodeo coming to town, this glossary of rodeo terms will help you understand the sport through the idioms it has developed:

**AVERAGE** — Contestants in rodeos with more than one go-round are paid off in prize money for the best ride or time in each go-round and for the best average of all the go-rounds. The winner of the average is the winner of that event at that rodeo.

**BARRIER** — A rope stretched across the front end of the box from which comes the roper's or steer wrestler's horse. In most large, outdoor arenas the stock is given a predetermined head start, or score, marked by a scoreline. After the stock is far enough out of the chute to pass the scoreline, the barrier flagman lowers his flag signalling the start of time and pulls a rope that releases the barrier.

**BREAKING THE BARRIER** — If the contestant rides through or breaks the barrier before it is released, a penalty of ten seconds is added to his time.

**BUSTING** — A contestant busts a steer by turning his horse and riding off at an angle after roping the head or horns. As soon as the slack is taken out of the rope, the steer is pulled to the ground.

**CATCH AS CATCH CAN** — A phrase describing self roping in which the roper is entitled to catch a calf in any way he can as long as he turns loose of the loop before throwing it at the calf and the rope holds the calf until the roper gets his hands on it.

**DAY MONEY** — The amount of prize money paid to the winners of each go-round.

**EARING DOWN** — A method of subduing wild horses by twisting its ears.

**ENTRY FEE** — The money paid by a contestant to the rodeo secretary before he can enter an event or rodeo. The size of the fee varies with the amount of the rodeo purse, ranging from \$10 at the smallest rodeos to a maximum of \$100. Contestants must pay a separate entry fee for every event they compete in.

**FISHING** — Flipping a rope after the thrown loop has missed, trying to catch the animal by chance.

**FLAGMAN** — The rodeo judges, usually cowboys, who signal the start and end of time in roping and steer wrestling. One flagman stands at the barrier, another is mounted in the arena.

**FLANK (OR FLANK STRAP)** — A strap, passed around the flank of a bronc or brahma bull that is pulled tight as the animal leaves the chute. In an effort to get rid of the flank strap, the stock bucks higher and harder.

**GROUND MONEY** — When all contestants entered in an event fail to qualify so that no one wins, the purse and entry fees for the event are split equally among all entrants in that event.

**HAZER** — A cowboy who rides along beside the steer on the opposite side from the steer wrestler to keep the steer from running away from the steer wrestler's horse.

**HOBBLED** — A method of tying the hind feet of a roped steer just below the hocks with a short piece of rope.

**HONDA** — The eye in one end

of a rope through which is passed the other end of the rope to form a loop.

**HOOEY** — A single wrap around any three feet and a half-hitch used in calf roping. As a rule, ropers tie calves two wraps and a half-hitch.

**HOOLIHANING** — A now-outlawed method of downing a steer in steer wrestling by leaping on the steer in such a way as to drive the horns into the ground and flip the steer on its back.

**JACK POT** — An event with no purse. Winners split all or part of the entry fees.

**JUDGE** — An official at a rodeo,

usually a cowboy, who scores the riding events and flags roping events.

**LAP AND TAP** — A lap and tap start occurs when the steer or calf is released from the chute without a head start on the roper or steer wrestler. Lap and tap starts most frequently are seen in indoor arenas where there is not room to give the stock a long score.

**MOUNT MONEY** — Paid to someone who is riding, roping, or bulldogging as an exhibition and not for competition.

**PEGGING** — A method by which a steer wrestler throws a steer by driving one of the horns into the ground.

**PICKUP MAN** — A mounted cowboy who helps the rider off a bronc when the ride is completed. The pickup man then removes the flank strap from the bronc and leads it out of the arena.

**PIGGING STRING** — A short piece of soft rope by which a roper ties together the feet of a roped calf or steer.

**PRIZE MONEY** — Money paid to the winners of the various events in a rodeo. It is comprised of the purse put up by the rodeo committee and the entry fees paid by all the contestants.

**PULLING LEATHER** — When a bronc rider holds on to the horn or any part of the saddle, he is said to be pulling leather. Pulling leather disqualifies a saddle bronc rider if it is done before the ride is completed.



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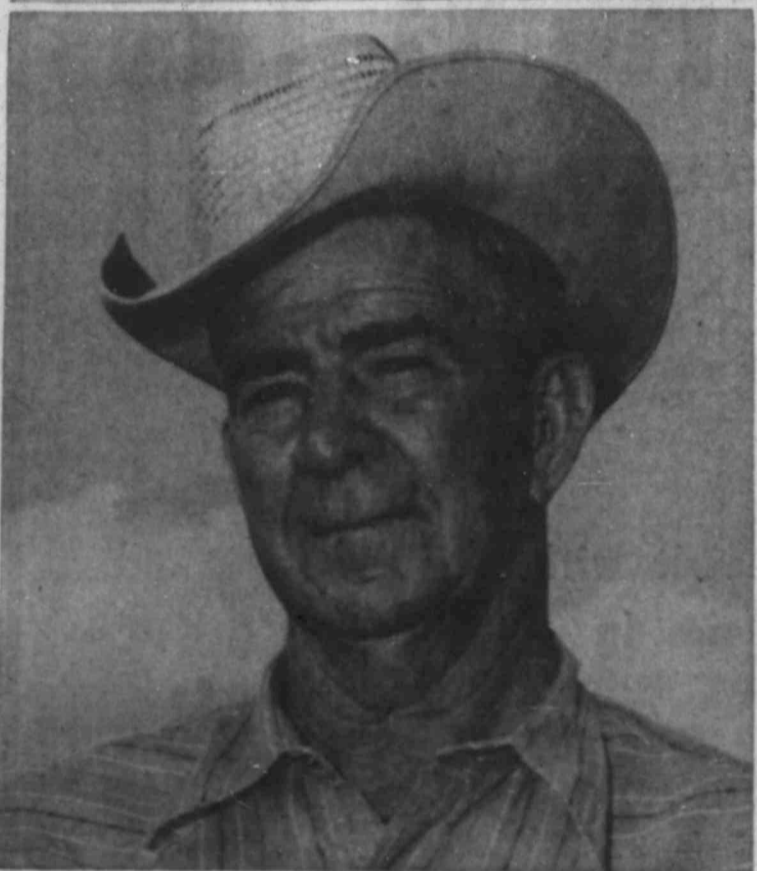
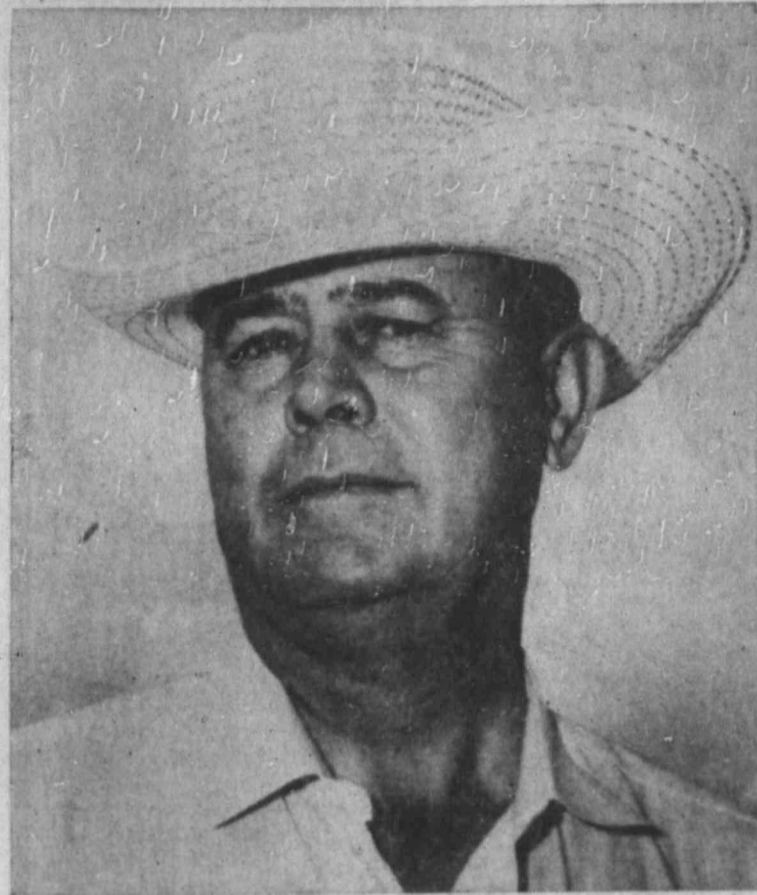


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### Judge Must Know Business Or Ruin Rodeo

Selection of the judges to serve at a rodeo such as the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is one of the most important tasks confronting a producer.

A good judge can make or mar a successful rodeo. He must know his business. It is no job for the amateur — the competent rodeo judge is an expert and must be possessed of a sort of sixth sense to enable him to properly perform his duties.

The judge is usually a former rodeo contestant himself and thoroughly familiar with all the action occurring in the arena. Because of his familiarity with the ring action, he rates the contestants severely.

Although the contestant sometimes disagrees with the judges, he will rarely question their decisions. Each contestant knows that the judge knows the rodeo trade inside and out and is an expert in the business of judging.

It is up to the judge to see that each contestant gets a fair and im-

partial opportunity to show what he can do in the particular event and the prize money is the stake. The judges are also aware of the importance of his decisions and will do every thing possible to see that the riders receive everything that is due them.

Judges are stationed at various vantage points in the arena, an arrangement that provides a keen-eyed view of every angle of performing by the contestants. They judge by both the point system and the time system.

From the time the wildly bucking bronc jet-propels itself out of a chute the rider and his bronc

are watched closely by the judges until the ride is ended. It may end with the rider left hard-fast to the dirt and glowering at a victorious bronc, or the rider may be whisked to a pick-up horse when the time-horn blows.

When a calf rushed out of a gate with a horse-borne roper fast in pursuit the judges tensely await the result. The roper's task, with the aid of a trained roping horse, is to rope, throw and tie the fighting calf as quickly as he can. Three legs have to be secured and every split-second counts.

When a judge's flag is waved in

a circle over his head, the timers click their stop-watches. For every dollar won by a contestant at one of the events, a point is added to his season score. The point system applies to bronc and steer riding and the time system is applied to all other main events.

### Collegiate Champs

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### They Work To Perpetuate The Rodeo

Here are four men, who with their colleagues on the board of directors, work to perpetuate the Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion. One of the most active in the year-around preparations is Charlie Crelghton, left above, vice president. The very nature of his office as secretary keeps E. P. (Pep) Driver, upper right, in close touch with the association at all times. Pep, incidentally, was a kid contestant back in 1932 when the show was first staged. Lower left is Marion Edwards, vice president, one of the founders of the association and always one of its most avid workers and boosters. Through the years, too, E. T. (Gene) O'Daniel, lower right, who has spent a lifetime of ranching in Howard County, has been one of the most active supporters of the show. Not shown here but equally active are Tom Good, president, R. V. Middleton, treasurer, Harry Lee, director and superintendent of the grounds, and Tools Mansfield, director. Mansfield, who is due to participate in the show as he has for the past 20 years, was seven times the world champion calf roper.

### Colborn Is Key To Success Of Reunion Rodeo

Everett J. Colborn, who is manager of the famous Lightning C. Ranch at Dublin, is the key man behind production of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo.

Hard work, a keen sense of showmanship and a thorough knowledge of rodeo and its problems has been responsible for the success that Colborn has enjoyed as an impresario in this unusual field of entertainment.

Colborn spent his early years on his father's cattle ranches and later became a partner with his father. When ranching was unprofitable, the Idaho-born Colborn turned to rodeo.

He produced his first small rodeos in the Northwest during summers and returned to ranching in winter.

In the mid-30's he and his partners bought the largest rodeo outfit in the country from the late Col. W. T. Johnson of San Antonio.

Since then, Colborn has devoted his efforts to improving his rodeo livestock and the quality of his shows. With productions from coast to coast, his rodeos have played in New York City, Boston, Great Falls, Mont., San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Midland and Selma, Ala., among other places.

Colborn makes his home just outside Dublin on his own ranch from which he directs the vast Lightning C. spread of 14,000 acres, 13 miles southeast of Dublin. On his homeplace he keeps his favorite horses, which include fine cutting horses, a number of Quarter Horse colts and a herd of Brahma cattle.

The Lightning C consists of rolling grassland and is said to be the largest ranch in the world devoted exclusively to the maintenance of rodeo stock. It is owned and operated by World's Championship Rodeo, Gene Autry & Associates, Ltd. The livestock is rested and fed at the Lightning C between engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Colborn have two attractive daughters who play a part in each rodeo. They are Carolyn and Rosemary, the latter being married to Harry Tompkins, Dublin, who currently holds the all-around champion rodeo title. Rosemary and Carolyn take part in the colorful parades and in the grand entries. They also ride in the mounted quadrills.



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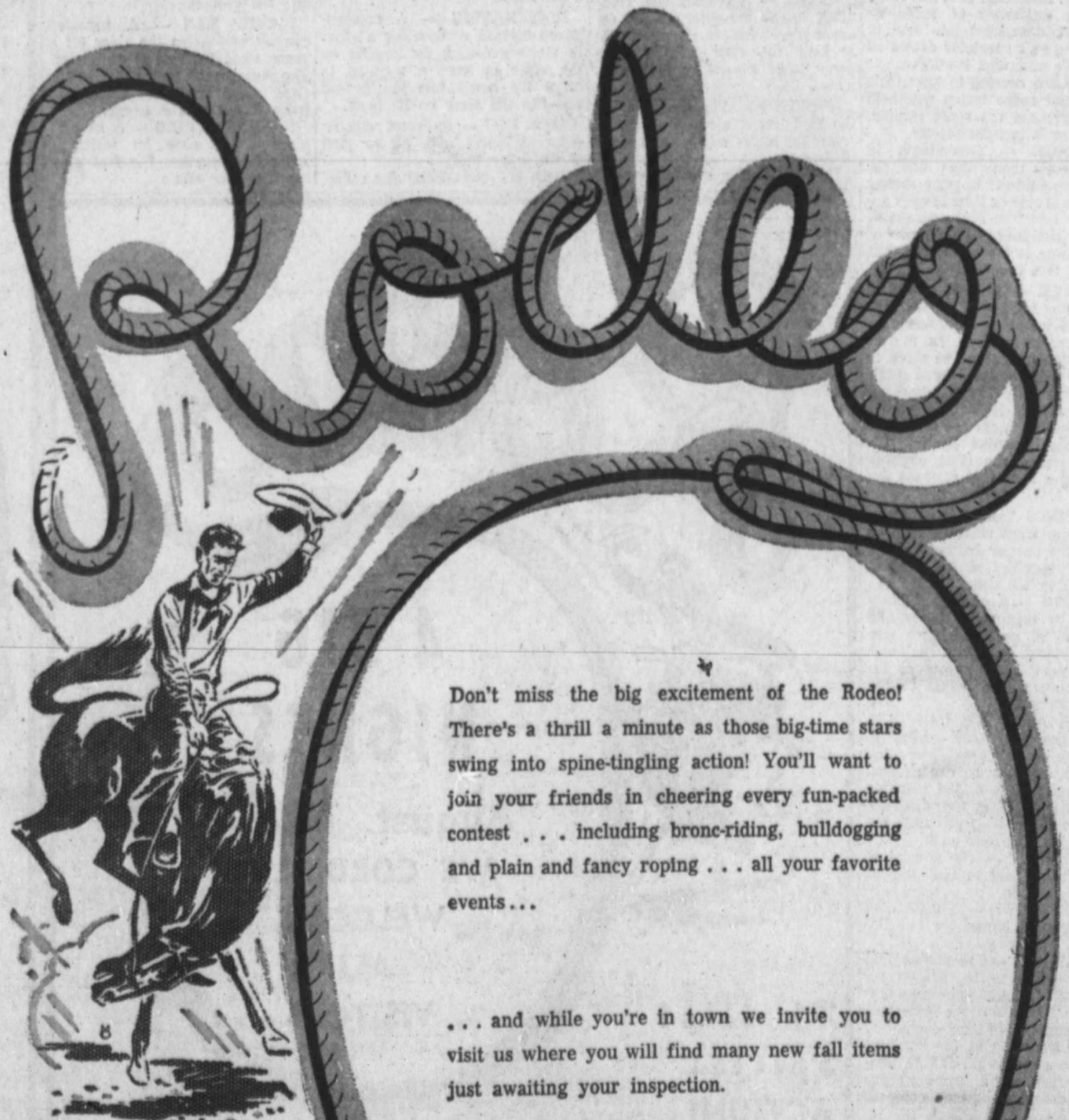
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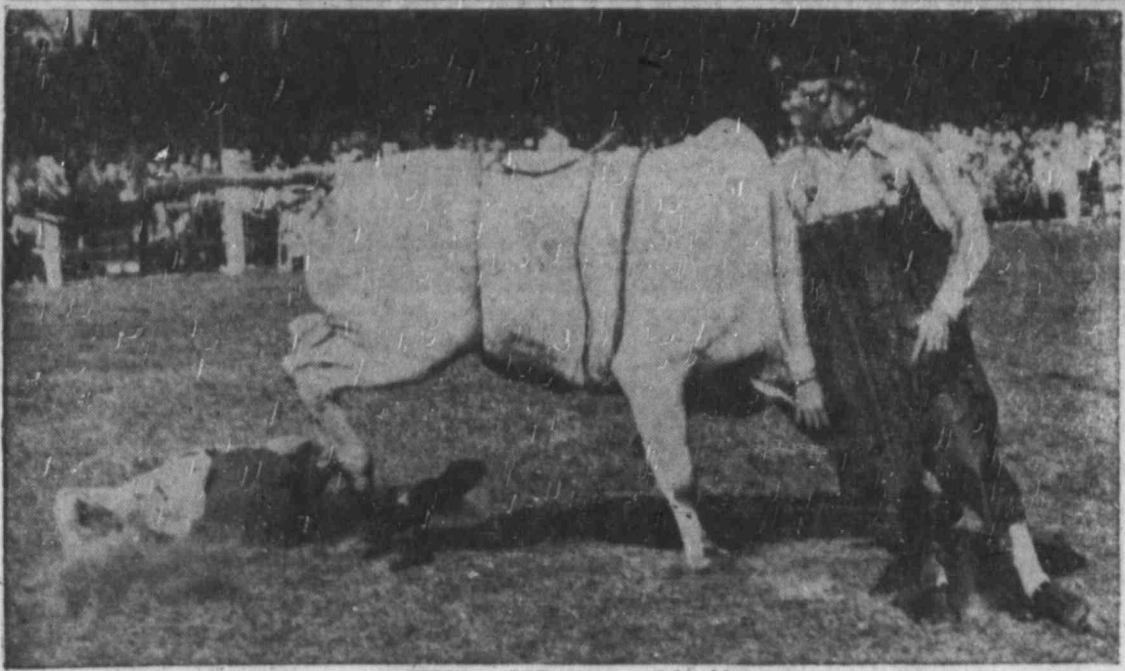
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The 'Kajun Kid'

Clown for this year's Big Spring rodeo will be the "Kajun Kid," a widely-known teaser of crowds and Brahma bulls. The "Kid" is D. J. Gaudin of Teague, Texas. He also has won renown as a bull-fighter. You may think Gaudin is out there to keep the crowd happy between events, but his primary role is to protect bull riders from their mounts after they're dislodged.



Treasurer

R. V. Middleton, Big Spring banker, is one of the directors of the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion. He also serves as treasurer for the non-profit organization. Middleton has been one of the leaders in presentation of the local rodeo for more than 20 years.

## Few Killed At Rodeos

Few rodeo contestants are ever killed in spite of the dangerous sport in which they engage.

Many, however, do wind up with broken bones, concussions and the inevitable crop of sprains and bruises.

It is rare, though, for a rodeo performer to be sufficiently "shook up" to require hospitalization. Occasionally, a cowboy does get sufficiently battered to be forced out of the arena for a time but as a general rule, most professional rodeo experts go on season after season, never losing an appearance.

The few instances where serious injury occurs is explained largely because of two important things—the performers know their business and protect themselves; they keep themselves in top physical condition.

Across the board, there are probably fewer rodeo performers injured than in other fields where the obvious hazards may appear even less than in the arena.

## 2 Organizations Have Assisted In Developing Rodeo

Two cowboy organizations have had a tremendous influence in the growth of the rodeo business.

They are the Rodeo Association of America and the Rodeo Cowboys Association. The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is affiliated with the latter.

RAA, the first organized, was developed to create a standard of conduct within a rodeo. RCA was established with a similar objective, to promote the standards of organized rodeos.

From the RAA have sprung several other organizations to aid in spreading the ideals of the parent agency. Among them are the Cowboys' Amateur Association of America and the Rodeo Fans of America.

Rules which have become standard as a result of the work of the various organizations are observed in the arenas of all legitimate rodeos.

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# No Poor Seats In Rodeo Bowl

Whether you are situated on the highest row at the extreme south end of the rodeo arena or just a few yards from the chutes at the north end — either side — of the bowl, you will be able to see everything that transpires at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The truth of the matter is: there are just no poor seats in the stadium.

The plant is a bowl type in the strictest sense, and even light standards are back of the bowl to prevent blocking of the view. There are simply no posts, standards, columns, etc., to interfere with a sweeping view of all that takes place.

Some seats may be preferred to others because of proximity to the chutes, but there is no such thing as a bad seat anywhere in the entire plant.

Because of its concrete and stone construction very little maintenance work is required to keep it in perfect order but for several days now, and right up until the time of the opening performance tonight crews will be going over the "bowl" and the grounds putting them in tiptop shape for the big show which opens at 8 p.m.

The plant was constructed in 1949. That spring the rodeo association had sold its ground in east-ern Big Spring when residential construction threatened to engulf it. As summer wore on, there was talk of skipping the annual rodeo

because of lack of facilities or the improbability that any could be provided.

However, contracts were let for the construction of a concrete bowl in a ravine area east of the Ellis Homes project. There the association had purchased some 30 acres of ground. Since then 10 acres have been sold to the school and a couple leased permanently to the Howard County Fair Association. This still leaves a parking area easily ample to accommodate the big crowds which annually flock to the show.

The huge horseshoe, which has its ramps pitched on such a grade as to prevent any person in front from blocking the view of those behind, seats 7,500. In addition, it has 98 boxes, all of which will mean that a jammed packed session will take care of 8,000 to 8,500 spectators.

The boxes are arranged right along the simple railing which swings around the concrete wall that encloses the entire arena. They offer a perfect view of surroundings without lessening the desirability of the seats immediately behind.

Line-of-sight is direct to the arena from any point in the plant so that everything may be seen. Only when something happened jam against the arena wall would it be obscured to patrons on that side. Since animals give the retainer a respectable berth, action is seldom

if ever pitched in this imaginary corridor. The arena is arranged so that stock pens and the judges stand block the open end of the horseshoe. This puts the various chutes in easy view of all fans. Calf rovers and other riders and specialty performers have center of stage feature when they emerge into the arena.

A cattle trap is located at the south end of the bowl so that animals may be held and returned to the main pens without disrupting the show. A band stand is provided on top of this enclosure. Light standards are allocated back and above the last seats in the bowl. This gives perfect illumination not only to performers, but to spectators as well. Concession stands are nearby but removed

from the plant itself. Ample rest room facilities are available. Rodeo officials have at their disposal, too, the facilities of the Howard County Fair Association, which has two large permanent, fire-proof buildings adjacent to the rodeo bowl. These may answer a lot of problems about horse quarters, storage, other activities, etc.

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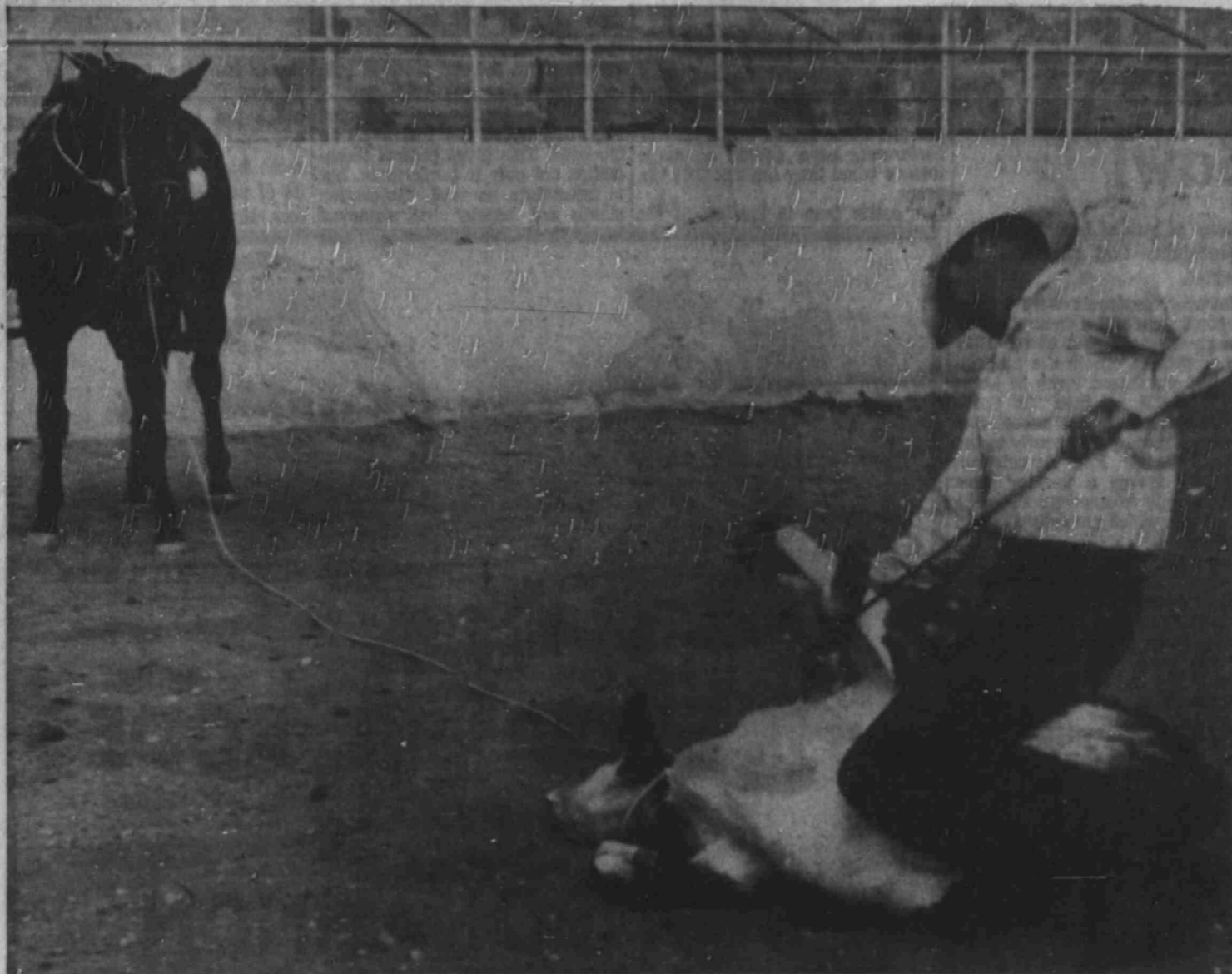
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Close-Up On Crucial Moment

Among the most crucial moments of calf roping are those in "wrapping up" the calf. Actually, calf roping is two contests in one, the first skill is that of roping a fleet-footed animal moving down the arena at break-neck speeds. The second is throwing the brawny calf to the ground, getting the loop of the tie rope over a forefoot, and pulling up the two hind legs for a lightning-like wrap-around

the rope, topped by a firm, quick hitch. If it is slow or insecure, chances of finishing in the money go fleeting or out the window. Here, C. L. O'Brien starts the wrap. His horse, also, is giving a little too much slack, which could afford the calf a chance to twist and kick loose.

HE'S CHAMP

Veteran Cowboy Still Ropes Steers

Shoat Webster, a soft spoken cowboy from Lenapah, Okla., may well be the world's greatest master of what is almost a lost skill: steer roping. Rougher and more dangerous to both horse and rider than its more popular modern counterpart, calf roping, steer roping was once one of rodeo's greatest events. It was a necessary cowboy skill in the open range days when cattle were leaner, tougher and faster and steers sometimes grew to full size before they were caught and branded. As the cowboy contests of the late 19th century moved off the prairies into the cities, steer roping grew in popularity. About the turn of the century it had become so popular in Texas, in fact, that the hands were neglecting their work to practice "fairgrounding" steers. Since they weren't always particular whose stock they practiced on, the cattlemen, in desperation,

pushed a bill through the Legislature making it illegal to throw cattle with a rope in contests. (In calf roping, the calf must be thrown by hand.) This was the first of several states to outlaw the event and today steer roping is legal only in Oklahoma and Wyoming. Most of the legislation was sponsored by cattlemen, who now patner their beef on the hoof as they never did in the old days, and urged by public opinion. But Webster, who should know what he's talking about, is quick to defend steer roping. "Sometimes the steer is hurt, but not very often," he points out. "A man or a horse stand just as much chance of getting hurt in any rodeo event." Steer roping is similar to calf roping except that the stock is full sized, too big for the contestant to throw by hand. Therefore, the roper, after settling the loop on the head, throws his slack along the right side of the steer and turns his horse away to the left. When the slack is taken out of the rope, the steer is flipped end for end and hits the ground with a thud that takes the fight out of him, allowing the roper to dismount and make the tie. At least that's how it's supposed to happen. But sometimes the rope breaks, the saddle comes off or both horse and rider are pulled to the ground. Steer roping takes a strong, intelligent horse, a stout roper and a roper with iron nerve. For the past seven seasons Webster has proven he has all three in abundance. He won the championship in 1949 and 1950, took second in 1951, third in 1952, second again in 1953 and the championship again in 1954 and 1955. Although varying arena conditions preclude the possibility of a record in the event, Webster once flipped and tied a steer in



SHOAT WEBSTER

14 seconds flat -- a feat they're still talking about around the chutes.

Since his specialty is offered by only a dozen rodeos a year, Webster stretches his total winnings by calf roping and steer wrestling. This diversification helped him become the first permanent winner of one of Rodeo's most coveted awards, the Sam Jackson trophy offered by the Pendleton roundup.

The \$5,000 sterling silver trophy, first offered in 1930, goes to the big money winner at Pendleton and must be won three times for permanent possession. Webster retired it 21 years after it was established.

Among his other trophies the Oklahoman counts 16 saddles, 20 belt buckles, three cups and, of all things, a typewriter. He also won a lampshade once, but was too embarrassed to pick it up. Raised on a farm, he has been roping since he was 18, entered his first rodeo in Nowata, Okla., in 1943 as a calf roper. Since then he's tried just about every rodeo event, from wild cow milking to steer roping.

But he's at his best in the big arena at Cheyenne, or on the slick grass at Pendleton, busting steers with the finesse of an old pro enjoying himself. **Cowboys' Wives Are Rodeo Fans** Some of the most avid fans at any rodeo are the wives of the contestants. And some of the "rodeo wives" may be contestants also, in the various events for women. Among this group are writers, dancers, teachers, clerks and former industrial workers -- as well as former ranch girls. Rodeo work causes these women and their husbands to move rapidly from town to town, and as a result most of their friends are other rodeo followers. As they follow the circuit during the summer, they live in trailers, tourist courts, hotels, motels and even tents.



7-Time Champ

Toots Mansfield, above, one of the directors of the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion, is a nationally-known rodeo contestant. He was champion calf roper of the world for seven years and was runner-up on several other occasions. He will be participating in the 23rd annual Big Spring Rodeo this week.

Local Record Still Standing

When Bill Agee, Amarillo, plunged from his horse onto the horns of a steer and spun it to the earth in 2.7 seconds, he not only beat a record for the local show, but he shaded the existing world's record by .1 of a per cent. This occurred in the 1954 edition of the Big Spring Rodeo. The record stands unbroken as the fastest time the event was ever performed. Prior to that no one thought that the bulldogging record of Dub Phillips of San Angelo would ever be broken here. Dub had brought down his steer in three seconds flat. The same night that Agee set his record, Paul Laming of Killeen made a 2.4 record and the highest of four times for the night was 5.6 seconds.

Bronc Riding Has Trunkful Of Traditions

"There never was a horse that couldn't be rode and there never was a cowboy that couldn't be thrown."

Thus, in the hallowed idiom of the sport, the cowboy sums up the challenge of saddle bronc riding, the contest of man versus beast that has become the accepted trademark of both rodeo and the American West.

Eighty-odd years ago, when bronc riding was considered more business than a sport, knowing how to hang onto a saddled outlaw was a necessary cowboy skill. Breaking wild or untamed horses to the saddle was something just about every hand had to be able to do.

But in these days of mechanization and jeeps, when horses are kept mostly for show or racing, bronc riding is a full fledged sport, complete with a bookful of rules and a trunkful of traditions. Somehow both seem to favor the horse.

Whenever bronc riders reminisce about the greats of a past era, you hear them talk about Steamboat, Five Minutes to Midnight, and of a more recent time, Miss Klamath, a mean mare that dusted every champion who tried her before she died last year.

But the greatest of them all was a little black bronc named Midnight who started out as the saddle horse of a Canadian School marm. One day, the story goes, the then gentle horse shied at a tumble weed and pitched his mistress in the ditch, becoming an outlaw from that moment on.

In better than a dozen years of bucking off the best riders in the business, Midnight's record was unmarred: nobody ever made a qualified ride on her.

When you know the rules that restrict the saddle bronc rider in a modern rodeo, you begin to wonder why more horses haven't equaled the record of Miss Klamath and Midnight. The deck seems stacked against the rider.

He can either bring his own or borrow a saddle but it must conform to definite specifications set

by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association that rule out high pommels or cantles or any "freak" rigging that make it easier to ride.

For eight to 10 seconds (according to local rules; he must not only hold his seat on the hurricane deck but do his best to spur the bronc from shoulder to flank. He has a coarse, braided rope rein to hang on to, which he can't wrap around

his rein hand or even touch with his free hand.

Unless he spurs the bronc over the point of the shoulders on his first jump out of the chute, he's disqualified. He earns a gooseegg in the judges' books, too, if he touches any part of the saddle, the rein or the horse with his free hand, or if he loses stirrup during the ride. His ride is judged by two experi-

enced cowboys who watch every move from opposite sides of the horse, marking the rider from one to twenty points and the horse from 65 to 85 points.

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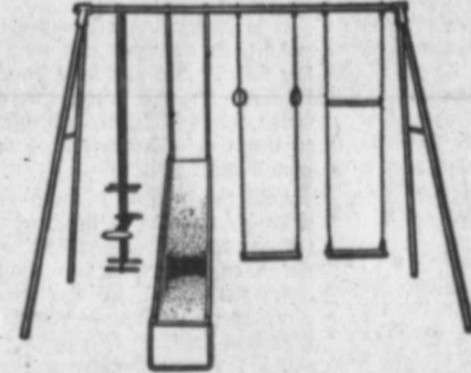
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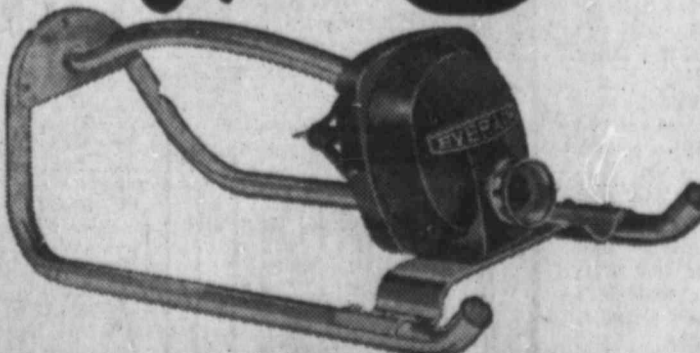


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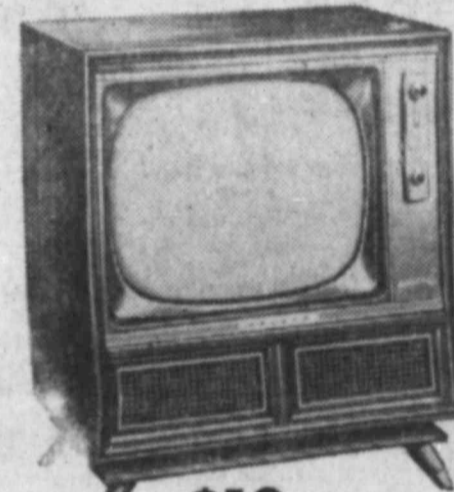
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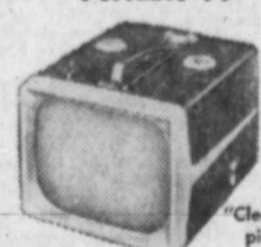
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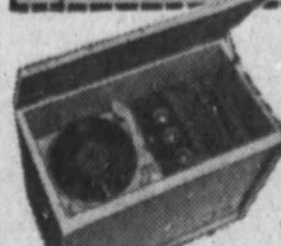
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## Editorial Entertainment And Color

You'll hear a lot of talk about preserving the flavor of the Old West as our annual rodeo rolls around May 15, but for our money, the reason that people will want to flock to this show is that they have for a score or more of years, is that the rodeo offers colorful entertainment.

After all, most people like action in their entertainment. We are reminded that the undiminished popularity of the western motion picture is not that it preserves the "Old West" but rather that it preserves the shooting, fighting, and riding represents action packed into every foot of film.

You can say the same thing about roping and riding as components of the rodeo. There's something happening every minute, and frequently the element of danger

is as prevalent as the element of competition.

There's something exciting, too, about men and horses. The sight of scores and scores of horses prancing about the arena during the grand entry is tingling. You can't help but be interested when a calf darts out of the chute, tall flying high and with a man pressing the sides of his horse in hot pursuit. Nor can you yawn in boredom when a Brahma bull bellows and bounces out, spinning, twisting, bucking and jerking his head in an effort to rid himself of a human cargo.

All these are part of the cavalcade of action that goes into a rodeo. That's why you will enjoy the rodeo during one or all of its four performances starting tonight.

## No Nix On Nixon

It shapes up that the ditch Nixon movement brought out into the open recently by Harold Stassen had been simmering behind the scenes for months and that it was sponsored by Republican liberals who felt that should Eisenhower be re-elected and die or be incapacitated and the administration fall into Nixon's hands, the party would revert to its old-time status of arch conservatism and all the gains made under the more liberal Eisenhower would be lost.

If so, all the liberals who saw eye to eye with Stassen on this thesis, and aided or encouraged him in his demand for a substitute for Nixon, ran like turkeys when the party leaders put the blast on Stassen's proposal.

The bulk of Republican strength is what it always has been except when a Teddy Roosevelt or an Ike Eisenhower comes

along and exerts his will on the party — that is, firmly conservative.

So the net effect of the Stassen movement and its counterblast was to silence the liberals and solidify and unite the conservative elements more firmly behind Nixon. Not without a sound basis regarding Nixon as well to the right of Eisenhower — his record as a representative and senator bears out this belief — the party leaders have rallied around the vice president with real fervor as a result of the Stassen de marche.

So much so that some of them are now said to be enthusiastic about Nixon for the presidential nomination if Ike should decide to step aside.

That could be partly from choice and partly from the lack of anybody in sight to challenge Nixon when the chips go down.

## David Lawrence The Great Give-Away Congress

WASHINGTON — How can the American people get the whole story of what really happened in the 84th Congress, which has just ended? How can they protect themselves in the future against wanton betrayal of the public interest by an extravagant Congress?

For despite all the boasts about the "fine record" and the speed with which many laws were passed, the truth is this was a "give-away" Congress unprecedented in history. There was a supreme indifference to the fact that there are limits to what the taxpayer can afford. No attention was paid to the prospect that the burdens imposed in these times will prove unbearable in a period of economic recession.

Most notorious in this session were the brazen examples of "log-rolling" — the deals by which many members of Congress support each other's projects on a plain basis of "you vote for my project and I'll vote for yours."

More than \$60 billion were appropriated for this fiscal year but commitments were authorized that will mean billions more annually later on. It involved the widest variety of legislative items, but self-serving materialism was the note that ran through most all of them.

Congress was so reckless in its spending mood that it actually appropriated \$900,000,000 more for airplane production than the executive asked for and now the Air Force is scrambling around trying to find ways to spend the money. This benefits, of course, the senators and representatives who come from states where these military appropriations are spent but it does seem fantastic that \$900,000,000 can be appropriated when there isn't even a planned military project in existence on which to spend it.

All this is happening at a time when the American people are paying the highest income taxes in peace-time history. While the Treasury surplus was small and was wisely applied to cutting down the public debt, there could have been a sizable tax reduction this year if the Congress had decided to refrain from so much spending. It could have avoided at least \$5 billion to \$7 billion of extra spending.

Actually non-defense spending has increased by about \$5 billion a year since the ending of the Korean war. As soon as armament expenditures are cut down,

Congress thinks of many ways to spend what is saved.

The spending for farm groups was obviously political. The farmers now get about \$5 billion a year from the U. S. Treasury and the "soil bank" may add another \$1.2 billion.

If it hadn't been for the "segregation" issue there would have been a \$1.6 billion appropriation for school construction. As it was \$368,000,000 was voted for schools in areas where military installations have increased school populations. The excuses for invoking federal aid are growing each year.

Then there were the "welfare" appropriations with a start toward medical insurance and more of the "cradle-to-grave" paternalism. The administration fought some of these proposals as unsound and as likely to undermine the whole system of "social security" but was up against a political threat by those who on the stump describe any opposition to extravagant spending as "inhumane" or "hard-hearted." Yet if self-reliance and family savings are discouraged at a time of record-breaking prosperity, when is personal thrift to become logical?

Looking at the record of the 84th Congress the wonder is that so little was revealed in the press about the obvious raids on the federal treasury. One reason is that the people who know most about the projects don't like to line up against the sponsors or those who stand to benefit financially from the proposals. The local chambers of commerce either remain silent or plug for the appropriations that benefit their localities directly.

Also in Congress whoever votes for a project in his own district or state is reluctant to criticize the other fellow's favorite scheme.

Congress spends loosely when the people are indifferent. And they are indifferent because they are uninformed. This is a domain in which the "right to know" crusaders could do a great deal of good.

Taxpayers' revolts seem to be the logical answer, but they cannot be effective without the facts. Maybe some day a public spirited foundation not so much interested in protecting the "civil liberties" of Communists as their dupes will put up a million dollars a year to analyze federal spending and turn a search-light on the darkness that surrounds the waste of taxpayers' money.

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## Charcoal Expansion

SAN FRANCISCO — The increasing interest in outdoor cooking, barbecuing and camping is expanding the charcoal industry in western states. The U. S. Forest Service reports a growing number of inquiries as to types of kilns to be used, processing and related problems.

In California, most of the charcoal production is in the Paso Robles and Healdsburg areas. The wood used is chiefly live oak, with some associated hardwoods.

E. W. Morris, a tree farmer living near Cave Junction, Ore., operates two kilns turning out about 10 tons of charcoal monthly. He uses such hardwoods as madrone, manzanita and oak.

## Stolen Tags

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — John Shipley, of Jonesboro, Tenn., stopped on a rural road to give a stalled motorist a push.

As he pushed he noticed the other car bore his license plates, reported stolen three weeks earlier. The car started, Shipley gave chase, forced the other driver to stop, had him arrested and recovered his tags.



Cool, Man, Cool!

## James Marlow Both Parties Pull Switches

WASHINGTON — What a switch in men and parties!

Ten days ago, so far as is known, Harold E. Stassen and Sen. Estes Kefauver still yearned to move their furniture into the White House. Now Stassen says he has given up the presidency permanently. Kefauver has given up on it this year, at least.

Nine days ago this month's political conventions looked like a picnic for the Republicans, a cat-and-dog fight for the Democrats. Now the opposite may be true, thanks to Stassen and Kefauver.

When the sun came up July 23 this was the picture:  
1. Stassen, a presidential candidate in every election since 1944, wasn't running this year. He didn't have a chance anyway. President Eisenhower was running. There was no reason to think Stassen still didn't have the bug for 1960.

Meanwhile, he seemed content with his job as Eisenhower's special assistant on disarmament.  
2. The Republicans' professional politicians seemed to have everything so neatly arranged that the delegates to the convention, opening Aug. 20, would have trouble finding something to do until the time came to rubber-stamp the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket again.

Before sundown July 23 Stassen began talking so loudly and long that the Republican convention may turn into a contest over the vice presidency.

Stassen said private polls showed Vice President Nixon would be a "burden" on the ticket — he says now Nixon would lose millions of votes — and should step aside in favor of Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts as Eisenhower's running mate.

Republican pros jumped him in a hurry, even suggested he resign.

## Canada Uses Ice Rinks To Store Wheat

REGINA, Sask. — The world surplus of wheat is bringing ice rink buildings to about 50 towns on the Canadian prairies—largely at taxpayer's expense.

Nearly all the rinks, designed for skating and the game of curling, are now filled to the rafters with wheat. Eventually skaters and curlers will take over. Without the wheat congestion, the rinks probably would never have been built. The communities involved simply couldn't afford them.

Southey is a town of 450 persons about 35 miles north of Regina. The rink venture there was explained by Fred McMinn, secretary of the Southey Community Grain Storage Cooperative.

The co-op was formed last fall, following a meeting of about 12 farmers and town merchants. It borrowed \$46,000.

"We sold shares for \$20 cash or \$1 and \$19 worth of labor and our main object was to get the labor donated," McMinn said.

The Saskatchewan wheat pool has guaranteed the co-op 18 months' storage at \$1,000 a month and likely will continue the contract beyond that time. The rink shareholders are hoping the pool can keep the wheat in storage long enough to pay for the project. Meanwhile, the youngsters will be skating on frozen sloughs.

## Hot-Headed Bird

MEMPHIS — Don Fuller used psychology on the hot-headed sparrow who would strut up to the bedroom window each dawn and start a lively fight with his reflection.

Fuller put a magnifying mirror against the window. The little sparrow took one look at his horridly fo. He hasn't been back.

Instead, he talked more. Now Eisenhower has permitted him a month's leave to go out and stir up Republican delegates against Nixon.

Then on Sunday Stassen said he is not only a candidate to be Eisenhower's running mate this year but has forever taken himself out of consideration for the presidency and vice presidency.

Yesterday, before the sun came up, this was the Democratic picture:

A hot convention, opening Aug. 13, with Adlai Stevenson and Kefauver the front-running contenders for the presidential nomination and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman and others scrambling for it too.

Stevenson had a good edge in indicated strength but Kefauver, who practically exhausted himself in 1952 and again this year in pursuit of the Democratic nomination, still hoped, or so it seemed, he'd be tapped.

Yesterday Kefauver, suddenly and unexpectedly, announced he was quitting the race in favor of Stevenson and would give him his support. He said he realized he didn't have a chance.

Could a front porch campaign win today? The growth of mass communications would seem to make it simpler than ever for a candidate to sit at home, sip lemonade and roll up a tidal wave of ballots.

He could, under the eyes of the TV cameras, add such folksy touches—such as strolling out to the barbecue grill in his yard and showing the nation's housewives his skill at broiling hamburgers. Even in prosperity a candidate might not want his picture taken in an election year while cooking a juicy steak.

The front porch technique offers one big advantage to the Democrats. It would save them the expense of renting a campaign train. Its disadvantage is this: The best known front porch in the Democratic party is that on Harry Truman's big, old, roomy home in Independence, Mo. — but Harry says he isn't available himself. Do any of the announced Democratic candidates really have a suitable front porch? That could be a problem.

The most famous porch in the nation is the controversial one on the White House, built on orders of ex-President Truman himself after a bitter controversy.

It would be an odd political irony if President Eisenhower, switching to the tradition of McKinley and Harding, should use that porch as a platform for a successful second term.

Actually, the porch is on the rear of the White House, but who'd care about that?

## Mr. Breger



No, no — marriage licenses are three windows down...

## Around The Rim City Air-Minded Since 1911

In August of 1911, eight years after the Wright brothers had successfully flown a powered aircraft, Robert G. Fowler landed an airplane here.

Almost since that time, an airport has been a matter of concern to the community. Although Fowler, who was engaged in a transcontinental race at the time, was induced to land as a means of satisfying the curiosity of the townspeople, the import of this new contrivance seemed to make itself felt in the minds of leading citizens.

Later, when a Lt. Plum showed up with some Army planes and began hiding that the government was looking for port rights for possible airmail service, there was a flurry of interest. Actually, he was doing a little unauthorized promoting, for several male service did not come for several years after that.

At that time, the city's favorite airport (most any good cow pasture served the purpose) was in the southeastern part of the city on what was known as the Fair Grounds. This was the comparatively level plateau east of State and south of Bluebonnet. At the longest point, there was possibly half a mile of straightaway. For most planes of that day, the airport was ample.

However, the promoting lieutenant correctly appraised the situation — he warned that the Fair Grounds section would not be adequate for a "modern" airport. Indeed, when the Chamber of Commerce went looking in 1927 for an airport site as a means of getting commercial airmail service for the community, they picked the location west of town that Lt. Plum had suggested.

Under the leadership of the late Ray Wilcox, citizens raised enough to buy 247½ acres from H. F. Taylor, and then enlarged it by 29½ acres. On this they erected a small terminal building and a metal hangar. In consequence, the Texas Air Transport (one of the earlier elements of American Airlines) did begin service here on March 1, 1929. Airmail service began Sept. 13, 1930.

Later, as demands for longer and paved runways began to be felt, the airport owners made a deal whereby they turned the property to the city. Through WPA projects, the runways and taxiways were paved. The lighting system was improved.

Then came World War II and an opportunity to secure a bombardier school. The city acquired more land and turned the airport over to the federal government. It was during this period that Hamilton Field came into being to satisfy a demand for private flying. After the war, the city regained the port and it became literally the hub of West Texas aviation. With reactivation of the field as Webb AFB to train jet pilots, the city again was left without a port, except Hamilton Field, which was unpaved and inadequate except for smaller planes. But the age of aviation was going right on. Thus, the old search for a better airport was renewed, and that is why, on Aug. 11, voters will be asked to provide funds for one. Back in 1911 our people quickly made up \$400 to induce Bob Fowler to land here; will they now provide half a million dollars so that hundreds upon hundreds of planes can put down here safely and conveniently?

—JOE PICKLE

## Inez Robb

### The Toothpick Is Back — But Why?

Canapes, as I keep saying, are the curse of the drinking classes and the 20th Century. My offer still stands to vote the straight ticket of the first major political party that includes in its platform a plank to abolish hors d'oeuvres.

Fuel to power this campaign has fallen into my hands from an unexpected source — a Hollywood gossip column, which reports that Johnnie Ray, the Weeping Willow of Croonland, may undergo surgery to correct a painful foot injury sustained when "he stepped on a toothpick at a swimming party in Las Vegas several years ago."

The connection between canapes and Ray's injured extremity may not be as remote as it seems at first sight. One doesn't need to be a reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes to reduce that the singer probably stepped on a toothpick which had been abandoned after the canape at one end of it had been eaten at a poolside cocktail party.

It is the sort of thing that could happen to any of us who run around barefoot at poolside cocktail-and-canape parties. On the other hand, Ray could have been spared by a gold toothpick belonging to some great Hollywood tycoon such as Darryl Zanuck or David Selznick or even Howard Hughes. However, this is unlikely, as the crooner is not the kind of young man to step in the face of another guest.

So the canape theory holds. It is doubly interesting when one realizes that some 20 years ago, Emily Post and her cohorts had all but driven the toothpick into exile

and the industry to the wall. Then Repul and the cocktail party sprang full-fledged into the national life, and the toothpick underwent a renaissance.

Overnight the industry zoomed when it was discovered that the toothpick is indispensable as a handle for such canapes as miniature hamburgers, shrimp, mushroom caps, artichoke hearts, chunks of cheese and smoked oysters.

The comeback of the toothpick is one of the great, romantic sagas of American industry still to be written. Without the toothpick acting as a spoke or bonding agent, how could hostesses ever achieve, for example, those nasty little cornucopias of bologna stuffed with God-knows-what!

Today the toothpick business is bigger than ever, and the odds against a man being harpooned by one have slumped steadily until it is an even Stephen proposition in this year of grace. There is even an up-dated leader whose refrain is, "If the cocktails don't get you, the toothpicks will."

There are two schools of thought about the best treatment for an overdose of toothpicks. Some recommend cold tomato juice, and others hair of the dog.

However, it may take surgery to rectify Ray's old toothpick injury. It could even make a new crooner of him. It is just possible that he has been crying all these years, not because he is super-charged emotionally but because his feet hurt.

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## Marquis Childs Congress Ignored People's Well-Being

By THOMAS L. STOKES

(Writing for Marquis Childs, who is on vacation.)

WASHINGTON — Any Congress reflects the economic condition of our country and the prevailing mood of our people, or at least what members think is the mood of our people. That seems to be true for the 84th Congress which was controlled by Democrats in a divided government with a Republican President — an arrangement that worked out much better than was forecast, which is good, for we may be in for a long period of such divided government.

Congress also is a mirror of the internal situation of our two major parties and revealing incidents occurred in the closing days and hours.

We saw, in the wind-up of Congress, how the Democratic party still is two parties, with the sharp rift between North and South over civil rights that will carry over into the party's national convention opening in Chicago in two weeks. We saw also in disagreements over foreign aid and foreign trade policies that the Republican party likewise is also two parties and that will carry over into its national convention opening in three weeks in San Francisco.

As for mood, the generally prosperous condition of the country, with some notable exceptions such as farmers and coal miners and textile workers and small businessmen, is reflected in an apparent lack of concern about politics or about material well-being.

So Congress, supposedly reflecting that mood, busied itself with appropriations \$31 billion for new highways, but not one cent for badly needed school houses. Business and industry will fetch up a bonanza out of the highway program, the biggest public works program in our history, with the expectation this will ramify into the general economy with stabilizing effect.

The general public apathy gave free rein to powerful business, industrial and financial interests that are so influential with this Administration, as they were also with Congress, to make hay and begin a reversal of established policies with particular emphasis in the field of conservation of natural resources.

Pressure brought by the electric utilities and the White House simultaneously were able, for example, to defeat in the Senate the Merce-Pfost bill for public development of the nation's last biggest undeveloped waterpower site at Hell's Canyon on the Snake River in the Northwest.

The worst spot economically and politically in the country as reflected in the 84th Congress is in the farm country

due to lowered agricultural income—That got the most intense and concentrated attention of both Congress and the Eisenhower Administration. Reversing its earlier opposition to a soil bank, the Administration not only pushed its inclusion in a second farm bill — after the President had vetoed the original Democratic measure because of rigid 90 per cent of parity — but also provided for immediate payments to farmers in this election year for taking land out of cultivation. That indicated the political dynamite in the farm issue.

The anxiety about farmers was not matched so far as low and middle income city dwellers are concerned. The latter watched living costs continue their steady rise and saw their desire for income tax relief unfulfilled by the 84th Democratic Congress, despite a showing that these groups had been overlooked entirely when tax favors were granted to big individual and corporate taxpayers in the previous 83rd Republican Congress.

Here Congress may have failed to catch the mood of a segment of our people. Something that happened coincidentally with the approach of the end of the 84th Congress dramatized this situation which may eventually create an unlooked-for issue. That was release by the Labor Department of its latest index showing that the cost of living had reached an all-time high.

That could be the cloud no bigger than a man's hand.

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## Sales Ability

OMAHA — An Omaha appliance dealer demonstrated his sales ability by selling an air conditioning unit to a heat-ridden family at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The dealer had worked late completing an air-conditioning installation and was driving his truck back with one window cooler aboard. He noticed lights on at one house and could observe the occupants obviously suffering from the heat.

It was 2 a.m. when he knocked at the door and made the sale. He proceeded with the installation, completing it a few hours before dawn.

## More Leeway

VANCOUVER — An old law forbidding policemen to hold part time jobs outside the department has been lifted. "So long as the jobs are in keeping with police force traditions." Also scrapped was a ruling forbidding policemen's wives to hold jobs.

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**BUZ SAWYER**

I DIDN'T KNOW IT RAINED IN CALIFORNIA IN THE SUMMER.

WELL, IT IS.

ANYWAY, HERE IN THE HIGH SIERRAS.

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S A CLOUDBURST!

I CAN'T SEE THE ROAD.

BETTER TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS... OR PULL OFF THE HIGHWAY.

JAS. JONES GROCERIES

THERE, CHUCK! LET'S STOP! IT'S SOME KIND OF BUILDING.

**DIXIE DUGAN**

I'M SO GLAD YOU CALLED, MILLY—I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU—

I KNOW I'VE BEHAVED LIKE A BILLY GOOSE FORWHEE— BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT NORMAN.

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WHAT ABOUT NORMAN? HE'S LIKE FLYING— I CAN'T GET RID OF HIM— IT'S THIS GAG TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS?

BELIEVE ME, MILLY! ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS BETWEEN US.

YIPES! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

**NANCY**

WHAT CONCEIT

WHAT VANITY

WHAT A BALL GAME

**LIL' ABNER**

A 2-MINUTE PHONE CALL WILL MAKE ME 2 MILLION!!— A MILLION A MINUTE. THAT'S WHAT MY TIME'S WORTH!!

WOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE A NICKEL TO THE HOSPITAL FUND?

NO!!— MY PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE IN A SENSIBLE WAY— BY THE BULLMOOSE FOUNDATION—

—WHICH MAKES SURE THAT EVERY NICKEL I GIVE GETS ME A DIME BACK IN TAX DEDUCTIONS!!

SIR— THAT SPEECH TOOK A MINUTE.

—AND COST ME A MILLION THAT'S NOT DEDUCTIBLE! SMART— MEN LIKE ME WOULDN'T BE BOTHERED BY PEOPLE LIKE THAT IF WE HAD A REAL PRESIDENT—

LIKE YOU, SIR?

**BLONDIE**

BUT DEAR, YOU'RE SO JUMPY AND CROSS TONIGHT.

WELL, I DON'T CARE.

I'M DIETING FOR MY FIGURE AND THAT ALWAYS MAKES ME NERVOUS AND CROSS.

YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF A FAT JOLLY WIFE OR A THIN NERVOUS, IRRITABLE WIFE.

SOME CHOICE.

**ANNIE ROONEY**

I KNOW IT'S A PRETTY LONG WALK DOWN THE HIGHWAY, AM' THE SUN IS HOT, ZERO, BUT I JUST GOTTA SEE SANDY'S OLD SEASHELL SHIP ONCE AGAIN!

SEE, IT WAS WONDERFUL LIVIN' HERE WITH HER BEFORE SHE MARRIED MR. BIG FAT AN' WENT AWAY! NO KID COULDA HAD A BETTER MOTHER THAN SANDY WAS BEIN' TO ME!

SANDY SELLS SEASHELLS

FOR SALE

BUT SHE AIN'T HERE NOW, AN' I WISH I HADN'T COME BACK TO LOOK. IT ONLY MAKES IT HARDER TO TAKE. I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER SEE HER AGAIN...

**SNUFFY SMITH**

MY FATHER IS STILL IN TEXAS, MR. SMITH.

WAAL, GOODY!! WHAT ELSE DID YORE PAW HAVE TO SAY, NANNY?

OH— HE DIDN'T WRITE, MR. SMITH.

THEN HOW TH' DING DONG DO YE KNOW HE'S STILL OUT YONDER IN TEXIZ?

HE SENT MRS. SMITH A SALT SHAKER.

**GRANDMA**

YEP, IT'S A HOME-MADE FLY-SWATTER, KING SIZE!!

BUT, GRANDMA, IF YOU START SWINGIN' THAT IN TH' HOUSE, YOU'LL WRECK TH' PLACE!

I DON'T HAVE T' SWING IT!! JUST BY PUTTIN' IT OVER MY SHOULDER AN' WALKIN' THROUGH TH' ROOMS...

...I SCARE 'EM TO DEATH!!

**DONALD DUCK**

HI, BOYS! WHERE'RE YOU HEADING IN SUCH A HURRY?

TO THE CIRCUS!

NOW, JUST A MINUTE! DID YOU ROB YOUR PIGGY BANK?

SEE, NO! WE'VE GOT FREE TICKETS!

WELL, WELL, BET THE POOR LITTLE GUY'S SPENT ALL MORNIN' WATERING THE ELEPHANTS!

THRILLEM & CHILLEM CIRCUS

THRILLS & LAUGHS! ALL THIS WEEK!

**JOE PALOOKA**

I WISH ELROY COULD ONLY JITTERBUG LIKE MR. LEBBY!

IF HE CAN PITCH LIKE HE DANCES... NOW-EE?

GRAMPS SAYS MR. LEBBY WILL SURPRISE EVERYONE TODAY!

IT'S SICKENING TO SEE OUR DATES MOONING OVER THAT GUY.

WE'RE TAKIN' THE GIRLS TO THE BALL GAME... BUT WE'LL BE PRACTICALLY ALONE OUT THERE.

SEE, PEECH... THANKS FER GITTIN' ME TH' PMISSION 'TWEAK HE DOOPER SHOT? IT'S ME GOOD LUCK!

FULL EYES ARE ON JERRY AS HE WARMS UP...

WHAT'S UP, LEBBY? YA HAVEN'T PUT ONE SINGLE PITCH OVER TH' PLATE YET?

UH... ER... I'M GITTIN' A 9-5-EEZ HEADACHE!!

**SCORCHY SMITH**

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO TWINK, SANDRO?

—A STUPID ACCIDENT!

TOO BAD BUT HE WAS ALWAYS A CLUMSY KID— WELL, I'M GLAD TODAY'S WORK IS OVER!

IT'S OVER, ALL RIGHT!— TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR TARGET PLANE— NOT A SINGLE HIT!

WHAT?!

**OAKY DOAKS**

AFTER YOU'RE NOMINATED YOU'LL HAVE TO RUN AGAINST THE CANDIDATE OF THE OTHER PARTY.

THE OTHER PARTY?

THE OTHER PARTY IS THE ONE THAT NOMINATES A CANDIDATE TO RUN AGAINST YOU! BUT...

—ROCKY, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE DUKE OF DEATHAM! I LIKE BEING A KNIGHT!

DON'T WORRY, UNCLE OAKY! YOU'VE GOT THE SUPPORT OF KING CORNY!

—BUT WE OUGHTA GO FASTER! YOU MAY HAVE TO MEND A FEW FENCES.

I HAVEN'T MENDED A FENCE SINCE I WAS BACK HOME ON THE FARM!

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ANY, MY OLD STRANGER MENS— IS ANY OF YOU SEED POGO OR HIS MAIBELLE HEPBIBAN OR OY PORKY PINE— THEY IS RUNNIN' OFF AN' IS VANISHED, DEAD OR LOST— ALL US MY CHILLEN TYPE CRITTERS IS BROKE HEARTED.

ALL NIGHT WE WALKS AN' HOOTS SOMETHIN' WONDERFUL— GRIEVIN' OUR LIL' CHILE HEARTS OUT.

NOBODY TO GIVE US SPECIAL COOKIES— NOBODY TO TAKE OUR LIL' SWIBET BELFS TO SANDY SCHOOL— NOBODY TO SHOW US HOW TO CATCH FISH.

OH, I IS GLAD PAW LEARNED AN' THE BERRY OF ONE OF HIS BIG HANKERS.

PASS IT OVER SOON'S YOU'S THRIL.

ANY NEXT.

SNEEF!

**DICKIE DARE**

READY WITH THAT LIL' STARTIN' CANNON, DICK T FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE, ZERO.

YOWPS! CLARA'S FLYIN' CLARA IS FIRST OVER THE LINE!

I'M CATCHING YOU, CLARA, I'LL WIPE THAT MADE-UP SMIRK OFF YOUR FACE!

NONSENSE, BETTY! YOU HAVEN'T GAINED BY ONE OF YOUR ARTIFICIAL EYELASHES.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

ACROSS

1. Fish
3. Tardiness
13. Cavity
14. Proof
15. Indigo plant
16. English poet
17. Adores
19. Turnerite
20. Numbers: abbr.
21. Rather than
22. Osculists
24. Roman statesman
25. Location
26. Kitchen implement
27. Posts
30. Table linen
31. Tapestry

DOWN

1. Loose rock
2. Card above the nine
32. Writing instruments
33. Presently
34. Lost blood
35. Spring substance
38. Resinous
39. Bleat
40. Long for
42. Self-centered persons
45. Very black
46. Apart
47. Be defeated
48. Pedaler
49. Underworld river

3. Living

4. Cancel

5. Allow

6. Unwilling

7. Prongs

8. Feminine name

9. French marshal

10. Entrap

11. Child's vehicle

12. Conveying nerve impulses

18. Heavens

23. Possessive adjective

24. Policemen

25. Hide

26. Confection

27. Least fresh

28. Scarlet bird

29. Dropping last letter of a word

30. By birth

32. River in Missouri

34. Funda-mental

35. Wooden shoe

36. Dull

37. Add

38. Winged animal

41. Fish

43. Jap. pagoda

44. Oriental weight

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Roper's Assistant

Stepping on a dime, the calf-roper's horse aids his rider in a race against the stop watch by braking to a halt as soon as the loop is settled on the calf's head. By the time the horse is stopped the rider will be dismounted and started for the calf. He must then throw the calf by hand and tie any three legs together with the short pigging string in his teeth.

IN RODEO

Roping Is Most Competitive Event

Rodeo experts and the neophyte seeing his first arena performance are usually agreed on one thing—of all the contests presented, calf roping is the most competitive. No other event requires so much fitness and skill.

One of the most popular events also, good calf roping is a perfect illustration of coordination between man and horse. And there is real money at stake as the cowboys and their mounts team up to see which can rope and tie a bawling calf in the shortest period of time.

Man and horse are rivals in the bronc riding events, but they are teamed together against the calf in the roping contest. Here you witness a contest that has its practical use on the ranches. The roping of cattle on the ranges is almost an every day chore for the cowboys, and the rider and roping horse must work together.

The contest begins as the calf crosses the starting line in front of the chute. Then the rider and horse rush in a zig-zag course.

A lariat comes to life as the roper twirls it several times overhead and then lets it fly toward the racing calf. A loose noose falls over the neck of the animal and the roper begins to dismount.

even before his horse comes to a stop. The rope tightens and the good roping horse keeps it tight as the roper races to the calf.

The next problem of the roper is to throw the animal to the ground and tie three legs securely in a fashion accepted by the judges, who make examination to see that a good job of tying has been done.

Should the calf be down when the roper gets to it, he must let the animal up and then throw it by sheer strength.

Each roper is allowed to use two loops, and if he should fail to catch his calf on the second try he must retire from the arena with "no time." In the opinion of the judges, any roper failing to make an honest effort with loops will be disqualified in all events for the remainder of the show.

Most calf ropers do not enter other phases of rodeo. They consider calf roping fun. Years of practice and athletic ability are necessary if the man is to be "good."

The horses used by the calf roping contestants are usually Quarter Horses, bred especially for the fast and furious pace of the rodeo arena.

Toots Mansfield of Big Spring is considered one of the best calf ropers the world has ever seen. In his late twenties Mansfield was the R. A. A. Calf Roping Champion for three consecutive years, 1939, 1940 and 1941. He has won the title several times since then.

No points are listed for such related rodeo events as wild horse racing, wild cow milking and the like.

Rodeos across the country, from sun-washed arenas of the outdoor West to big city auditoriums in the East, bill themselves as "World Championships."

That's a true billing, if the rodeo has the approval of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association. Every dollar of prize money won at such approved rodeos counts in the races for the world's championships.

Cowboy Boast Resulted In Steer Riding

In old Cheyenne on July 4, 1872, some cowboys staged an impromptu steer riding contest and the first instance of what was to become one of the five standard events of rodeo was recorded.

Nobody knows what prompted these old time twisters to try the rank longhorns unless it was the cowboy love of betting and the common cowboy boast that "I can ride anything with hair."

The event caught on at the "cowboy tournaments" of the old west but it remained for the development of the cross-bred Brahmas for this to become the rodeo thriller it is today. Until the bad tempered Brahmas were first run out of the chutes back in 1920, there was a time when the cattle industry had settled down behind barbed wire and the tamed critters of those years lacked the murderous spark of the wild longhorns.

But the Brahmas brought the wildness back—and then some. India, whence they came, the Brahma, is called a zebu and is considered divine. But its cross-bred American cousin has a well-earned reputation of being more devil than divine. Murderous beasts always ready to attack when separated from the herd, they are hulking in size but lightning fast on their feet.

After they have tossed their rider they will try to trample or gore him. And on the back of villains of the arena, weighing as much as a ton apiece, the most skilled rider sometimes seems no more than an irritation.

As buckers, they are fast, powerful and crafty, spinning, ducking away, hooking up at the rider with their horns, twisting and mixing up their tricks with seemingly endless variety.

The bull rider has a simple loose rope to help him keep his seat. It must have knots or hitches so that it falls away when the ride is completed. He must hang on for an eternity of eight seconds and must not touch the bull or his rope with his free hand. To irritate the bull even further, a bell must hang below its belly on the bull rope and a flank strap is pulled tight

around its hindquarters as it leaves the chute.

The rider is not required to spur, although he may do so to encourage the bull to buck. He is marked from one to twenty points on the overall skill of his ride. As in the other riding events, the bull is marked from 68 to 85 points on how well he bucks. The two judges, sometimes mounted for safety in this event, are on either side of the chute as the bull comes out. But the bull rider has no pickup

man to help him alight after the ride, since the bulls won't let horses in close enough. Therefore he has to depend on a fast pair of legs—or the close-working rodeo clowns—to save his life when the ride is over.

At the rodeo you'll see the bulls clear the rail birds as they range around the arena after the ride, sending the onlooking cowboys scrambling for a higher position

above the powerful horns. They are willing enough to tangle with the bulls for a share of the purse, but taking needless chances is something else again.

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The simplest system so often is the most difficult to develop.

That's the way it was with the years-long discussion among rodeo contestants and committeemen as they sought a way to determine the true national champions in the world's toughest, most individualistic sport.

Rodeo is about 80 years old. But the point award system by which the champions in seven events and the All-Around winner are determined is only a decade old.

In the early years of rodeo, the winners of Cheyenne Frontier Days were acclaimed the national champions. Later they had to win also at Pendleton, taking the "grand double," in order to win the title. But rodeo kept on growing until it is spread through 38 states and Canada. Obviously, the old system was no longer reliable. Complicated formulas were discussed—and discarded. They sought to tie the grand titles to a sum of the times in timed events and a sum of the points in judged events.

Then the simplest formula popped up. Why not, the Rodeo Cowboy's Association, Inc., directors decided, just give a point for every dollar won in prize money at recognized rodeos?

That proved to be the only practical method to determine champions in a sport with no leagues, teams or playoffs. In rodeo, every performer is on his own, paying his own transportation and his own entry fees wherever he decides he wants to try his skill.

The Rodeo Association of America had its own point award system dating back to 1929. It's similar to the one adopted by the Cowboy's Association in 1945, except it was based on the limited tabulation of points from Rodeo Association rodeos—and that was only a minority of the contests worked each year by most of the top cowboys.

The International Rodeo Association, successor to the R.A.A., still names its champions but it now recognizes that the R.C.A. system represents the sum total of all professional rodeos and no longer tags its own champions with the "world's" titles.

The point-per-dollar-won system is as foolproof as any that can be devised. The best man at any rodeo naturally is the man who wins the most money there. Logically, it then follows that the best rodeo contestants for the entire year are those who win the most money in each event.

Thus many of the imponderables are evened up. Among such factors are these: 1) The stock usually is fresher and harder to ride at the early rodeos of the year; 2) Some horses won't buck as well under strange lights as they will in the daytime—and vice versa; 3) Weather conditions and the size of arenas can be responsible for varying results.

But over a year's time, under all conditions, these factors work themselves out and the point-per-dollar-won system has proved to be the proper equalizer by which the cowboy champions should be named.

It also compensates for loss of competition time. If a man is good enough in his specialty to pile up points before an injury to himself or his horse, he still can come out on top when the final standings are reckoned.

It worked that way two years ago for Don McLaughlin. He piled up enough points early in the 1954 season to win the calfroping championship, although his prized roping horse was killed in the spring in a highway accident.

But the final rodeo of the year's circuit can make or break contestants if the race is close. Eddie Akridge came from behind at Kingman, Ariz., rodeo two years ago when he won \$111 more than Buck Rutherford in the bareback riding test. Akridge was 104 points behind as they went to Kingman.

Keeping the point totals is one of the big jobs of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association headquarters in Denver. There is a point award card in the files there for every member. As results are received from be-

tween 500 and 600 rodeos each year, the amounts are posted. It is estimated more than a quarter of a million entries are made on those cards each year to keep the records accurate and up to the minute.

Points are booked for saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and steer roping. The "all-around" title goes to the cowboy who has won the most points in two or more of these events during the year.

No points are listed for such related rodeo events as wild horse racing, wild cow milking and the like.

Rodeos across the country, from sun-washed arenas of the outdoor West to big city auditoriums in the East, bill themselves as "World Championships."

That's a true billing, if the rodeo has the approval of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association. Every dollar of prize money won at such approved rodeos counts in the races for the world's championships.

Rodeo No Longer Confined To West

Rodeo is no longer a strictly western sport. Last year there were 66 R.C.A.-approved rodeos east of the Mississippi and more rodeos in New York than in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah or Wyoming.

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