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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1974

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this year by Melvin Wimberley. James Heffernan is teaching the "road work" portion of the annual program.

cott, James Covill, Ruben Peterson, Marvin Whatley, Paul Tharp and Leon Feuge.

Sponsored by the Texas State Department of Health, the 24-hour course teaches drivers not only how to operate the vehicle, but also the equipment and such things as First Aid and up through heart massage.

In commenting on the completion of the course by the six, Board President Dell Cooledge (Continued to Back Page) Case to be Heard in 112th District Court on June 24th--

Campbell Contests Election

Attorney S. A. Middlebrock of San Angelo, acting on behalf of his client, Walter Campbell, last Friday filed a law suit in the 112th District Court of Upton County in which the results of the June I Run-Off election for County Judge have been challenged. Stating numerous instances in which the suit charges voting irregularities, a stack of papers almost two inches thick are on file at the office of County and District Clerk Buena Coffee, relating to the suit.

Date for trial has been set at 10 a.m., Monday, June 24. On the bench will be District Judge Charles Sherrill of Fort Stockton. It is reported that either side in the case could request and be granted a five-day extension: however, as of Wednesday, there was no indication that such a request would be made.

So next Monday should see considerable activity and attention focused on the courthouse in Rankin.

In the suit, the contestor sets out some three reasons why he feels "persons not legal voters in said county and were not entitled to vote in said election" did cast ballots, and that as a result of this, the outcome of

the election could be changed. The suit "asks that, in the ends of justice, would require the opening of the ballot and stub boxes to determine controverted issues and to determine the true result of said election."

Specifically, it is charged that two voters cast ballots in Mc-Camey who had not lived in the county 6 months, as required by law. These two now show an Odessa mailing address.

Twenty-five persons, all with Spanish surnames, have been served with suppense requiring them to appear Monday and to bring the necessary papers to prove their citizenship in the United States. Fourteen, with

Spanish and Angelo surnames, have been issued supoenas to appear and testify in the case. It is charged that they did not sign their respective ballots, as required by law.

For the contestee, Mrs. Peggy Garner, two persons have been served with supoenas to appear and give testimony. In all, approximately forty-three persons are listed in the suit; all of these having cast ballots in the McCamey box with the exception of one, who voted in the Rankin box.

Neither of the two parties involved in the contest charge any irregularities on the part of the (Continued to Page 7)

Thought Given to Possible 1% City Sales Tax - (Yetch)

Minutes Tell of Actions Taken At Meeting of City Council

Rankin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10 with Mayor J. B. Pettit, Jr. and Aldermen T. R. Latham, D. J. Rose and Ruben Peterson present. Among proceeding had at that time were the following:

• Minutes of May 14 meeting were approved and May financial statement was reviewed. A net gain for May in Water/Sewer, Gas System and General Fund totaled \$103.74.

Tommy Workman, Fire Chief of the Rankin Volunteer Fire Department, met with the council to discuss the County's intent to purchase a Fire Truck at an approximate cost of \$41 thousand dollars with a portion of the County's Revenue Sharing Funds, which have been set aside for this purpose. Also considered and discussed was the need for the enlargement of the Fire Station to house the new fire truck. No action taken.

• Mr. Workman also pointed out the fact that there was presently some descension in the Commissioners Court pretaining to the City's water account. One member of the court felt that the county was subsidizing the city due to an expense between \$6.000 and \$10,000 above what the city paid the county for water during the past fiscal year.

Mr. Workman suggested that the City use Raymond Ramirez and Theresa Plagens, both presently employed by the county Summer Youth Program, if extra help is needed during the summer months. There was no objection voiced pertaining to the use of either of these students during the summer months

however, no definite action was taken.

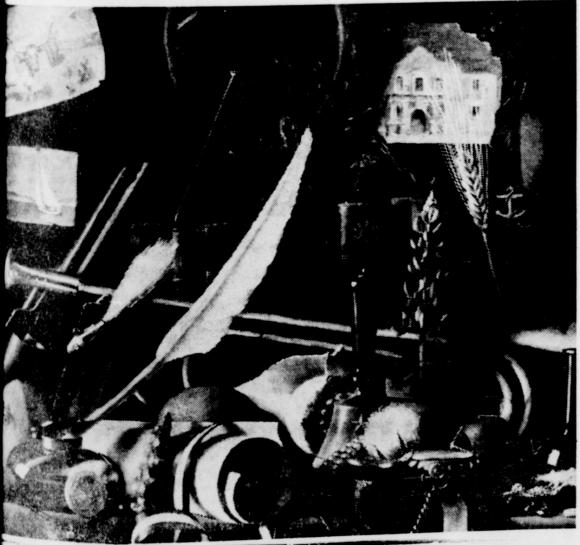
● The \$1.90 minimum wage requirement put into effect on May 1 was discussed and generally agreed upon to leave it at \$1.90 even though the city was advised by the Texas Municipal League on May 20 that no one could waive the requirement that employees receive \$1.90 as of May 1 due to some cities being unable to amend their budget by May 1.

● El Paso Natural Gas Company's purchased gas adjustment schedule to go into effect on July 10 will increase the city's cost of gas 5.75 cents per MCF. Another increase effective November, 1974 through April, 1975 will amount to a 5.77 cent per MCF. The later being a surcharge created for the purpose of protection of high priority service requirements during the 1974-75 winter heating season. No action taken, topic will be further discussed in July meeting.

• No action was taken regarding the public utility services which would be available to The Western Company should they purchase the property presently owned by Elsie Turner and Billy Rankin. The matter was tabled until definite action is taken by The Western Company pretaining to the purchase of the land.

• In compliance with the request of the council to get all meters in good working condition, Mr. Bud Cummings reported that eight new meters were installed during the month (Continued to Page 7)

Work of Art to Adorn New Rankin Telephone Book



(See Related Story on Page 5)

The Scoop

BY SCOOP . . . J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

SAME THING-

I know it's said that there's no rest for the wicked and that is probably only fair, still, one finds it hard to see himself as being quite that wicked. Anyway, after a hard week last week in our first round with our new printing set-up, I think they left out a couple of days between Wednesday and Monday.

Start-over time sure got here in a hurry and I didn't seem to be quite prepared to face another week of "learning" so soon. But so far it hasn't been too bad and there's even a small chance that it could be the beginning of a nice friendship between me and the new stuff.

Let me say that I appreciate the commer's of readers upon last week's partial "new look," it wasn't what we had hoped for but that may yet come with a The Rankin (Texas) News — Thursday, June 20, 1974

bit more time. At least, those are our plans around here.

THE TIMER-

Back a few years ago when I was a kid and Ed Guy Branch was about 50, there was a thing you always saw at the picture (Continued to Next Page)





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ies these days or that whack on the bottom that Doc Gossett starts them off with makes them grow awfully fast. In any case, you have to marvle at the way the "kids" grow up and become adults in what seems like such a short time.

Another way that you can tell that time marches on-and it took me a few years to find this out-is when you can't tell all that much difference between the days when you think you're feeling good and those when you feel punk. It gets harder and harder to tell them apart-but then I guess ole Ed Guy has known that for, lo, these many years.

CONTEST-

Well, it would appear that we are off and running with a fullscale election contest, which is not much of a surprise to anyone because when an election is as close as this year's judge's race has been, you more of less expect the drama to run the full course, from the recount to the contest.

And that's probably as it should be. The supporters of the losing candidate, in these close races, more or less expect him to take these steps - not necessarily with any charge against his opponent - and that's especially true in this case if the Midland Reporter - Telegram correctly quoted Walter Campbell in their Monday edition but simply to take every step available to make sure that he

did, indeed, lose the election.

I don't think, if I was the out-in-front candidate, in this case, in the shoes of Mrs. Garner-that I'd be too crazy about going through all this business. I'd be willing to let things stand just as they are. However, I suppose there's a measure of fairness in all this for the winner, too; namely, to erase any doubt that they did, indeed, win.

I doubt that anyone believes there was any intent on the part of anyone to juggle this election in any way. If it does come out that some votes were cast that should have not been cast-for either candidate - I would say, as I've said several times before in this column, that it's nobody's fault but those who wrote our present voter registration laws. There's not a way in the world under the present set-up whereby anyone can come up with a accurate voter registra-

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUOLIZATION MEETING: CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at the City Hall, City of Rankin, Upton County, Texas at 5:00 O'Clock P. M. June 25, 1974 for the purpose of fixing and equalizing the values of any and all taxable property situated in the City of Rankin, Texas, until such values have finally been determined for taxable purposes for the year 1974, and any and all persons having business with said Board, are hereby notified to be present.

DONE BY THE ORDER OF THE EQUALIZATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF RANKIN, TEXAS, this the 13th day of June, 1974.

(s) Patricia Wrinkle Secretary to the Board of Equalization City of Rankin, Texas

tion list.

But instead of putting the load for this mess on the Texas Legislature-where the present law was hatched-surely, it wasn't a work of man-the real blame ought to be laid at the feet of the men on the Supreme Court who outlawed the Poll Tax. The Poll Tax was no more illegal than a tax on what you ownknown as the property tax; nor a tax on your earnings-called the income tax.

When those supposedly wise men on the Supreme Court removed the Poll Tax, for whatever reason-and I think it was political-then they set the stage for just such a thing as we may have right here in Upton County-an election in which just about anyone who wanted to was able to cast a vote-citizen or no-and that, Sports Fans, just ain't right.

REDDY'S VACATION



Clip and save this vacation checklist.

REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER: Change thermostat control to slightly warmer (or "Vacation") setting according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

DISHWASHER: Make sure it's empty. Shut the door, but do not latch.

DISPOSER: Run and flush with cold water.

ELECTRIC RANGE: Make sure all switches are in the 'On' position.

WASHERS: Turn off water supply at faucets.

WATER HEATER (ELECTRIC): Turn off at circuit breaker panel. When you return, run a small amount of water from a hot water faucet to make sure there is water in the tank before you turn the circuit on.

TRASH COMPACTOR: Remove any accumulated trash. TELEVISION SETS: Unplug from electric outlet and disconnect the antenna lead-in cable.

CLOCK RADIOS, ETC.: Check these and all other items with automatic "On-Off" controls. Disconnect the ones

that won't be needed.

LIGHTING: Be sure that all lights are off except those needed for security, such as: 1) yard light and/or other exterior lighting with automatic controls - on at dusk, off at dawn; 2) portable lamp in living area with automatic control; 3) hall or bathroom light.

AIR CONDITIONING: Normally, air conditioning should be turned off completely while on summer vacation. However, if there is anything in your home that might suffer heat damage, the thermostat setting could be raised 5 to 10 degrees above normal operation and the unit left on. For comfort, you might have a friend or neighbor turn on the unit the day of your return.



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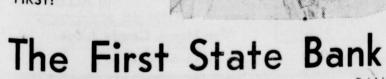
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RANKIN, TEXAS

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AUSTIN REPORT

BY TOM CRADDICK State Representative

Constitutional Convention delegates produced perhaps their greatest volume in any given week since the Convention started. The delegates completed the General Provisions Article, approved the non - controversial sections on third reading.

Included in the General Provisions Article was a provision giving every citizen the right to adequate health care. Also included was a provision giving the Legislature the power to fix

Box McDonald is Buried Sunday

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday. June 16 in the Rankin United Methodist Church for W. C. "Box" McDonald. a long-time Rankin resident who was widly known in this area. He died Friday in Odessa Medical Center. He was hospitalized in Rankin Hospital on May 30 following a heart attact at his home while mowing the lawn. It was his second such attact.

With burial in Rankin Cemetery. McDonald will be remembered as one of the more colorful men of the area. He was an avid fisherman and always had a good fish story to tell. In his younger years, he was active in local programs for boys and helped in establishing the present Little League as well as contributing time and effort to the improvement of the baseball parks and the program for the older boys. He worked for many years for the county, retiring as Water Superintendent about four years ago. Since that time, he had done still more fishing, worked in his yard and garden and was a frequent visitor in

Born June 8, 1902, in Scott County Miss., he married Martha Zenson in 1939. He was 71 years old at the time of his passing.

Survivors include his widow, Martha of Rankin; two sons, William C. (Micky) McDonald of Rankin, and Jerry Wayne McDonald of Artesia, N. M., one brother, Archie McDonald of Rankin; and two sisters, Mattie McDonald of Rankin, and Thelma Mason of Evant.

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would complain.

Classes were started some two weeks ago and a good participation has been reported. Instructors are Joann Sullivan and Denisa Day. Classes are given to non-swimmers without charge.

interest rates. The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture was elevated to constitutional Status. The Railroad Commission was also given constitutional status. Railroad Commissioners would

The Convention sent two articles to the Submission and Transition Committee. These included a ban on pari-mutual betting and a right-to-work proposal. These would be placed on the ballot for separate approval by the voters. If they pass and the new constitution fails, they will go into the present constitution.

be elected for six year terms.

After two attempts to pass a Judicial Article, the Convention finally worked out a compromise and adopted it by a large margin. There were three main areas of dispute. The compromise settled these by:

- Allowing the Supreme Court to set in sections of at least five judges,
- Giving the state a limited right to appeal in criminal cases,
- Continuing county courts as they now exist until the Legislature acts to change them. The new circuit courts would be created only when and if the Legislature acts.

The final phase of the Convention's work is the passage of all the articles on third reading by a 2/3 vote. This is the last chance to amend the document. Conflicts will be ironed out by (Continued to Page 7)

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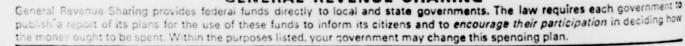
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14 OTHER (Specify)	\$ 41 000	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	
12 HOUSING & COM- MUNITY DEVELOPMENT	S	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	s	
10 EDUCATION	\$	
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	S	
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	S	s
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	S	s
LIBRARIES	s	s
RECREATION	S	s
HEALTH	\$	s
TRANSPORTATION	\$	s 64,000.00
PROTECTION	S	s
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$.	s
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THE GOVERNMENT OF UPTON COUNTY

ANTICIPATING A GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PAY-

MENT OF: \$106,111

FOR THE FIFTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD, JULY 1, 1974

THROUGH JUNE 30, 1975, PLANS TO SPEND THESE

FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN.

ACCOUNT NO. 44 | 231 231

UPTON COUNTY COUNTY JUDGE RANKIN TEXAS

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(D) The news media have been advised that a copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this

report and they are open for public scrutiny at
Upton County Judge's Office

(E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E)

! assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be compiled with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon.

[5] ALLEN MOORE

Signature of Chief Executive Officer
Allen Moore, County Judge

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NOTICE

la accordance with the provisions of Section 51:11 "Report On Planned of Funds" and Section 51:13 "Publication and Publicity of Reports; Pub-Inspection," the following report is for our Revenue Sharing Budget from 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

The 1973-1974 Revenue Sharing Budget was amended to delete the appriated expenditures as follows - library construction \$61,000.00, Social seres for the poor and aged \$10,710.87, and public safety \$1,135.00. This money be incorporated into our 1974-1975 Revenue Sharing Budget.

lance in Bank June 1, 1974	\$ 74,298.10
h Quarter Payment Due 7-1-1974	27,030.00
lay Interest on Account Due in June	212.25
stimated Revenue Sharing Balance 7-1-1974	101,540.35
stimated Receipts for 1974-1975 Budget	106,111.00
LESS:	
Fire equipment Advertised and Ordered	-3,786.15
Underground Water Line for Ball Parks	-6,000.00
otal Estimated Receipts for 1974-1975 Budget	197,865.20

974-1975 REVENUE SHARING EXPENDITURES

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Firetruck	41,000.00
Pickup	4,200.00
Seal Coat Materials and Labor for Parks	13,665.20
Water Truck & Pump	

PRECINCT 3.

20,000.00 Remodel Park Recreational Building 32,000.00 Seal Coat Materials and Labor for Roads

PRECINCT 4

48,000.00 Motorgrader 32,000.00 Seal Coat Materials and Labor for Roads

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1974-1975 BUDGET \$197,865.00

Your comments to members of the Commissioner's Court on these proposed expenditures will be appreciated as well as your proposals concerning projects needed to be done that is not included in this list.

> Respectfully, (s) ALLEN MOORE County Judge

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Phone Book to be Here This Week

A painting featuring elements representative of the history of Texas will highlight the cover of the new Rankin telephone directory which will be delivered beginning June 18.

The painting, "Our Texas" by Edward Herbes, represents Texans of all faiths, races and cultural backgrounds and their historical achievenments, said Mike Sewell, manager for South western Bell.

Sewell pointed out that due to the nationwide paper shortage, the number of directories deliv-

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ered to residences will be re-

The directories will be malied to customers.

The basic concept of the unique "Our Texas" painting is a scroll representing the documents of Texas liberty, entwined by a red, white and blue ribbon to symbolize the historic patriotism of Texans.

Other significant articles in the painting include a military bugle depecting the impact of military forces on the state, a Colt revolver for the Texas lawman's edge over the bandit, a quill for the communications media and a school bell for the educational system.

"This painting," said Herbes, "has been in my mind for years and is a culmination of much research and travel throughout the state." Herbes pointed out that choosing which articles to include in the painting was difficult because there is so much to the state's history.

Southwestern Bell commissioned Herbs, a retired Air Force colonel, to do the painting especially for the directory cover.

Ronald Green is Honored at A&M

College Station - Ronald W. Green of Rankin has been named a Distinguished Student in veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University, announced the Dean, George C. Shelton.

Green is a third year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine professional program leading to a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

Distinguished Student status is awarded to students who earn a 3.25 or better grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 during the spring trimester period.

Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Green.



County Re-Hires Pickett Company

Upton County Commissioners met in a special session Monday, June 13 at which time they acted as a Board of Equalization at hearings on next year's tax values in the county. All members of the Court were present for the session, along with the tax men from the major oil companies.

Total value of all taxable property situated in Upton County for next year was put at almost \$60 million. This represents an increase of almost \$10 million dollars over the values for the current year. Most of the increase is due to oil production and the increased prices realized from oil products by the major tax payers— the oil companies.

At the same session, the Court approved a contract for another year with the Thomas Y. Pickett Company of San Angelo to act as valuation engineers for the county. A fee of \$25,000 for these services was agreed upon.

Know Your Plants or Pay the Price

Those long, slender shoots from the oleander plant sure are tempting when you're looking for a skewer for your weiner roast, but using them could be a fatal mistake.

The oleander is a deadly poisonous plant. There have been several instances of death to persons who contaminated their food with oleander skewers.

It is one of several poisonous plants in Texas which can kill you, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

Here are a few plants to watch for:

- The horsetail, a primitive, rush-like plant found in swamps and stream beds which is also known as the scouring rush, pipes, joint grass or foxtail. Although this plant is not likely to be eaten by humans, the young shoots have been mistaken for wild asparagus.
- Fly poison, a plant which is sometimes mistaken for wild onion because of its multi-layered bulb. Found in deep East Texas in sandy bogs and open

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woods, this extremely toxic plant lacks an onion-like smell. Hands should be washed thoroughly after handling this plant because of the possibility of poisoning yourself by touching your hands to your mouth.

- Death Camass, another one of the plants which can be mistaken for wild onion but which also lacks the characteristic of smell of onions. This plant can be found all over Texas in sandy pinewoods and bogs, limestone gravels, meadows and prairies. It has a potent alkaloid which causes vomiting, diarrhea and death in many cases.
- Blue flag, a wild iris found in meadows, swamps, bottomlands and forest borders. It is sometimes confused with sweet flag, calamus or young cat-tail by wild food collectors. The plant can cause digestive upsets.

- Bouncing bet, found in waste areas, roadsides and ditches. Its mucilaginous juice, which can be used as a soap substitute because it lathers, causes severe digstive irritation.
- Poison hemlock, a potent killer imported from Europe. It is found in waste areas, fields, and roadsides. It bears a superficial resemblance to the parsley family, particularly the wild carrot.
- Water hemlock, found in the swamps, stream beds and wet, low ground. A single bite of its roots can kill a man, Unfortunately, this plant resembles many members of the parsley family to which it belongs.
- Dogbane, found in open ground, stream banks and borders of woods. This plant looks something like a milkweed and contains a milky juice. It is related to the oleander.

— Horse chestnut, found in woods, stream banks and bottom lands. The starchy meat of the nut has a toxic substance which works on the nervous system.

There are many wild plants which can serve as a nutritious supplement to the outdoorsmans diet, and there are several books which can tell which ones are safe.

Attention Fishermen!

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Upton County Commissioners met in a special session Monday, June 13 at which time they acted as a Board of Equalization at hearings on next year's tax values in the county. All members of the Court were present for the session, along with the tax men from the major oil companies.

Total value of all taxable property situated in Upton County for next year was put at almost \$60 million. This represents an increase of almost \$10 million dollars over the values for the current year. Most of the increase is due to oil production and the increased prices realized from oil products by the major tax payers— the oil companies.

At the same session, the Court approved a contract for another year with the Thomas Y. Pickett Company of San Angelo to act as valuation engineers for the county. A fee of \$25,000 for these services was agreed upon.

Know Your Plants or Pay the Price

Those long, slender shoots from the oleander plant sure are tempting when you're looking for a skewer for your weiner roast, but using them could be a fatal mistake.

The oleander is a deadly poisonous plant. There have been several instances of death to persons who contaminated their food with oleander skewers.

It is one of several poisonous plants in Texas which can kill you, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

Here are a few plants to watch for:

- The horsetail, a primitive, rush-like plant found in swamps and stream beds which is also known as the scouring rush, pipes, joint grass or foxtail. Although this plant is not likely to be eaten by humans, the young shoots have been mistaken for
- Fly poison, a plant which is sometimes mistaken for wild onion because of its multi-layered bulb. Found in deep East Texas in sandy bogs and open

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- Death Camass, another one of the plants which can be mistaken for wild onion but which also lacks the characteristic of smell of onions. This plant can be found all over Texas in sandy pinewoods and bogs, limestone gravels, meadows and prairies. It has a potent alkaloid which causes vomiting, diarrhea and death in many cases.
- Blue flag, a wild iris found in meadows, swamps, bottomlands and forest borders. It is sometimes confused with sweet flag, calamus or young cat-tail by wild food collectors. The plant can cause digestive upsets.

- Bouncing bet, found in waste areas, roadsides and ditches. Its mucilaginous juice, which can be used as a soap substitute because it lathers, causes severe digstive irritation.
- Poison hemlock, a potent killer imported from Europe. It is found in waste areas, fields, and roadsides. It bears a superficial resemblance to the parsley family, particularly the wild carrot.
- Water hemlock, found in the swamps, stream beds and wet, low ground. A single bite of its roots can kill a man, Unfortunately, this plant resembles many members of the parsley family to which it belongs.
- Dogbane, found in open ground, stream banks and borders of woods. This plant looks something like a milkweed and contains a milky juice. It is related to the oleander.

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