

# Rodeo star lucky 'til now, says wife

NEW YORK (AP)—It started in Memphis last September with five broken ribs and a punctured lung. It was followed by fractured facial bones in Oklahoma in December and torn knee cartilage in March.

Dickey Cox is a rodeo cowboy specializing in bull riding and these are the scars of his trade during the past year.

"In the nine years he's ridden professionally, he's been lucky," said his friendly brunette wife, Judy. "He'd never had anything worse than a pulled muscle. Now, all of a sudden he's getting hurt. Maybe it's time for him to stop."

For Judy, who grew up with Dickey in McKinney, Tex., and married him 14 years ago when she was 17, rodeo is as much a part of life as her dishwasher. It's beans one day, steak the next. It's dust in her beehive hairdo and pungent animal odors, and home is a motel in Mangrum, Okla., or Cody, Wyo., or Livingston, Mont.

She insists that she thrives on this life, although she admits Dickey's eight-second rides seem to last a long time. Cox is required to remain aboard his 1,600 pound Brahma bull for eight seconds in order to win a check.

Most of the time he does — he won \$14,000 last year—but recently he has been having his problems. Judy Cox was watching at the national finals in Oklahoma City when Cox's bull, known around the circuit as the infamous number V-16, jerked him down and butted him in the face, destroying the facial bones on his left side.

"I don't sit around and make myself sick like some of the other wives," she said. "I actually worry more when he's driving long distances or flying around in those small planes. But I know I'll worry more when he starts riding again, now that he's hurt."

Cox will be grounded until the first of the year because of the knee injury, but he hasn't exactly been deprived of a livelihood. He has been judging rodeos for \$100 a performance, including a recent run at Madison Square Garden here.

"I don't like to judge at all," the husky, leathery cowboy, said over dinner at a fancy steakhouse, his 10-gallon hat resting on the seat beside him. "But you've gotta do something when you're crippled."

When she's home, Judy helps tend their 200-acre rented ranch in Walnut Creek, Tex., an outpost of 490 persons midway between Waco and Fort Worth, and chauffeurs the oldest of their two children, Kenneth, 12, to junior rodeos.

## Lucas to head commissioning

Capt. William E. Lucas has been named the new Marine Corps officer responsible for explaining and administering Marine commissioning programs for students at A&M.

Lucas, a native of Fort Worth and 1967 graduate of Texas Christian University, succeeds Capt. Ronald E. Crane who has been selected to attend artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Captain Lucas, accompanied by Captain Crane, will make his first official visit to A&M Sept. 13-17. The officers will operate an information booth in the Memorial Student Center and be available to explain the Marine Corps' two basic means for earning a commission, the Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) and Officer Candidate Course (OCC) programs.

### Pawn Merchandise For Sale

Tape Recorders  
Mech. Drawing Sets  
Guitars & Amps.  
Cameras, Radios

#### TAPES

Buy - Sell - Trade

#### PAWN LOANS

On Anything of Value

TEXAS STATE CREDIT CO.

1014 Texas Ave.—Bryan 822-5633

# Best time for smog, noise is predictable

(AP)—The Royal Australian Air Force has an instrument which it claims will show when the time is ripe for a city to have bad smog or damaging supersonic booms.

RAAF research physicists, directed by Prof. V. D. Hopper, developed the equipment which can probe through the earth's atmosphere and detect different layers of air.

They claim the system is the only quick, cheap and practical way of doing the job. The orthodox method has been to send up

balloons laden with expensive instruments and radio equipment.

The new system uses an acoustic sounder with very high frequency sound waves. These are projected into the atmosphere like the headlights of a car.

When the "beam" hits layers of air which have differing temperatures or humidity, some of the sound waves are bounced back and recorded.

The system was developed as part of a broad atmospheric research program, but authorities charged with combating smog and

alleviating supersonic booms already are showing interest.

The acoustic sounder is likely to be marketed commercially for around \$11,200.

The physicists say the worst city smogs are caused by what is known as an inversion layer—a layer of cold air which lies above and traps warm air near the ground. The cold air forms a barrier so that smoke and other gases are trapped in the warm air near the ground, and build up.

The worst supersonic booms

are caused by the same situation—the shock waves penetrate downwards and are then trapped in a huge "reverberation box" near to the ground.

The RAAF academy's new

acoustic sounder can monitor the sky above cities and airports, and give warnings when conditions favorable to the build-up of smogs—or damaging supersonic booms—develop.

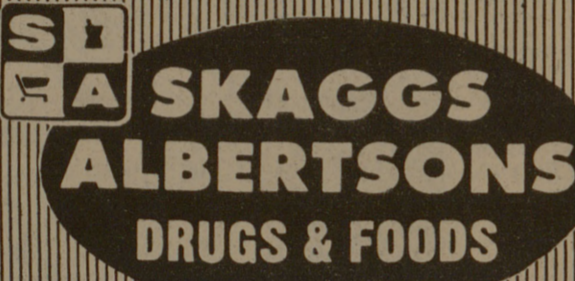
## Bulletin Board

Thursday


Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Club will meet in Room 3B of the Memorial Student Center. The 7:30 meeting is open to all interested in science fiction.

Rugby Club of A&M will hold a seminar and film showing at in the Assembly room of the MSC. The public is invited at no charge.


# SALE WASH DAYS!




**SKAGGS ALBERTSONS**  
DRUGS & FOODS




APPLIANCE  
**Dollies**  
\$2 19  
HOLDS 3000 LB.




CERAMIC  
**Hot Pot**  
\$1 29  
WITH ELECT. CORD



DEL CERRO  
**Pecans**  
\$1 29  
10 OZ.



**GOLD NUGGET VALUES**




HEAD & SHOULDERS SHAMPOO

Choice of Family  
Size Lotion, Jar  
or Tube

99c


<b>Pressure Cookers</b> 4 Qt. Aluminum Presto Cookers \$ 8 99	<b>Steel Shelving</b> Sturdy Steel Storage Shelves \$ 4 99
<b>Cornbread Skillet</b> Cast Iron Divided \$ 1 39	<b>Trouser Hangers</b> Wooden Montrose 25c



Stereo Tapes

\$ 4 88

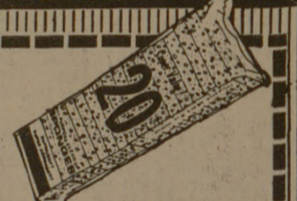
8-TRACK OR CASSETTE CHOICE OF ANY 6.98 TAPE



Havoline Oil

\$ 1 00


FOR TEXACO QUALITY MOTOR OIL 20W OR 30W QT.



20 Sponges

39c

PACKAGE OF 20 ASSORTED COLORS




BED PILLOWS


LARGE 18"x25" foam filled ASST. FLORAL DESIGNS & COLORS

99c

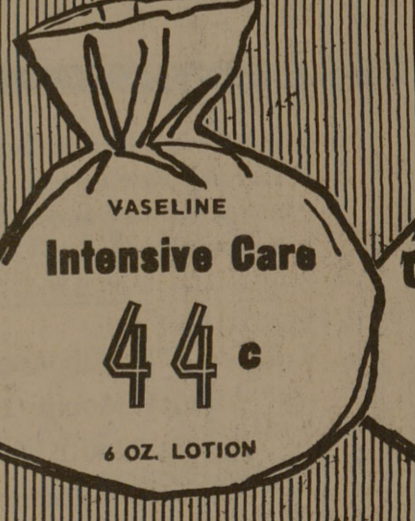
<b>AM FM Clock Radio</b> GENERAL ELECTRIC SOLID STATE AFC-LIGHTED DIAL MODEL C-4505 \$ 18 88	<b>16 PC. Melmac Set</b> 4 PLACE SETTINGS STAIN RESISTANT DISHWASHER PROOF \$ 3 99
<b>30 CUP Percolator</b> CHILTON AUTOMATIC DECORATOR COLORS \$ 8 44	<b>KNITTING YARN</b> COATS AND CLARK ASSORTED COLORS 88c




PLASTIC  
**Shoe Boxes**  
\$ 3 99 EACH



MATTEL  
**Hot Wheels**  
3 FOR \$ 1



VASELINE  
**Intensive Care**  
44c  
6 OZ. LOTION



ELECTRIC  
**Charcoal Lighter**  
\$ 1 59

NOBODY BUYS FOR LESS NOBODY SELLS FOR LESS

