

# Yoakum's Leather Tom Tom Rodeo Set

## Emphasis On Plant Fires At School

Area rodeo goes and performers are in for a two day treat at Yoakum's Leather Tom Tom Rodeo. The rodeo is set for June 1 and 2, as Yoakum Rodeo officials prepare for the event that features stock contractors Royce Rogers and Don Harndon from Abilene. Both men are former collegiate All Around Cowboys. The new Leather Tom Tom Rodeo is under the

auspices of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce with the rodeo being just one of the many events being scheduled for this town that boasts as the "Leather Capital of the Southwest." Rogers and Harndon promise top stock with a fast, smooth-running show that will feature bareback bronc riding, calf roping, businessman's calf tying, steer wrestling, girl's barrel racing, team roping, bull riding,

clown acts and a special event for the kids called the kids' chicken scramble. The kids' chicken scramble event will provide hilarious entertainment for the adults and a lot of genuine fun for the kids. The young'uns are lined up on two sides of the rodeo arena and chickens are released in the center of the arena. Pandemonium reigns as the contestants try to catch the cackling and fleeing

feathered birds. It should be fun for all. The rodeo will start at 8:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, with the Rodeo Queen contest to be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The rodeo queen will be judged in three categories: horsemanship, clothing and personality. The girls must be single and in the age group between 14 and 21. Entrants may be from any part of the state. No entry fee is re-

quired and entry blanks may be obtained at Pish's Saddlery of Yoakum or at the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, Box 591, at the Yoakum Municipal Building. A signature is required by the parents for girls under 18. Trophies will be given for the top three contestants. There will be plenty of entertainment following the rodeo with a Leather Tom Tom Dance scheduled for Friday night from

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Sweet Home Firemen's Hall. The country and western sounds of the Modernaires will provide the music. Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. there will be a street dance in the downtown section of Yoakum with Johnny Bush and his Bandoleros.

Come to Yoakum June 1 and 2 for the 45th annual Leather Tom Tom Festival and Rodeo.

Emphasis will be placed on industrial fire prevention at the 11th annual Industrial Fire Protection School conducted by the Texas Firemen's Training School. The emphasis on industrial problems is reflected in the rapid growth of attendance at the industrial school. Total attendance at the first session was 69, and school officials are predicting 1,000-plus for this year's session.

Set for July 29, the six-day school will be divided into three basic sections. One course is primarily for the industrial representative attending the training school for the first time. This section is also designed for firefighters, men assigned to fire brigades and operational personnel.

A second course is designed for trainees who have attended previous fire schools at TAMU. Also included in prospective students are fire brigade chiefs, supervisors, safety directors and personnel in technical and management positions.

The remaining course is designed for senior safety inspectors, safety directors and personnel in technical and management positions.

Practical field evaluations will be included in the training program. The field classes will be on a rotation basis. An effort will be made, according to school directors, to regulate the number of students in each group, to provide more individual instruction and to allow each student the opportunity to participate in the operation.

The conference will be highlighted by the annual Industrial Banquet, set for August 2 at the Ramada Inn in College Station.

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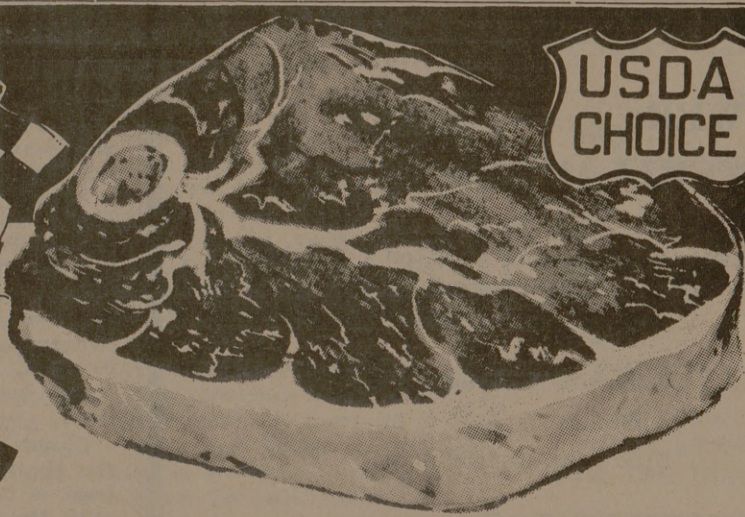
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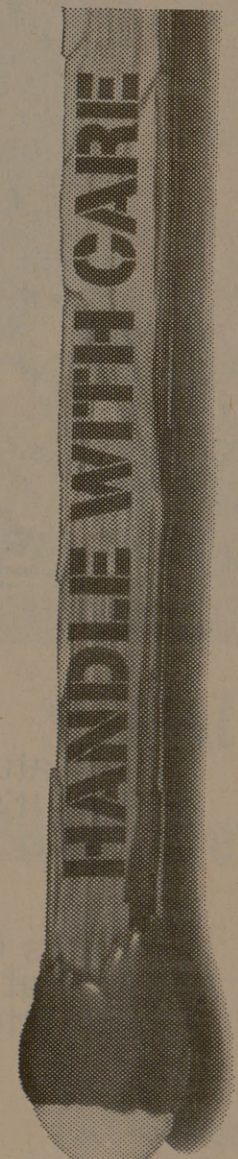
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