Johnson's papers open to public

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AUSTIN — Lyndon B. Johnson's personal papers concerning his 1948 election to the U.S. Senate will be opened

for public inspection for the first time today, the director of the LBJ Library said yesterday.

A South Texas election official has contended in a series of recent interviews Johnson stole the 1948 Democratic nomination from former Gov. Coke Stevenson. Luis Salas of Jim Wells County said he certified 202 fictitious votes for ohnson at the instruction of George B. Parr. Johnson eventually won the race by 87 votes, and the race became a ignificant milestone in his rise to the presidency.

Harry Middleton, director of the LBJ Library, said the news media will be permitted to inspect approximately 5,000 pages of Johnson's personal papers beginning at 10

He said the documents relate to the 1948 election.

"What we have are seven manuscript boxes that are identifiable as documents relating to the 1948 election, and the estimate I have been given is that they total something around 5,000 pages "Middleton said. "I don't know what they are. The archivists are going through them now. I would guess they would range from memoranda to news-

Middleton said materials relating to Johnson's early political years have not been made public before because they were on a lower priority than papers from his tenure as senator and president.

"But because of the publicity we decided to go ahead and make these public," he said. "They're being made available just the way all our papers are."
Salas said Johnson attended a meeting with Parr in San

Diego, Tex., on the Tuesday following the Saturday Demo-

cratic primary runoff in August, 1948, and told Parr he needed 200 more votes.

Salas said Parr promised Johnson the votes, and had the votes registered from lists of persons who had not voted in

Three former Johnson aides said Monday Johnson did not leave Austin for the week following the election, and could not have attended such a meeting with Parr.

'It would have been absolutely impossible for Mr. Johnson to have been outside Austin for the length of time it would have taken for him to go to Alice," said Walter Jen-

kins, Johnson's administrative assistant in 1948.
Salas said he is sure Johnson participated in the meeting, however. "I don't recollect the day or the date, but I know he was there," Salas said. "It was a nighttime meeting in San Diego. The election was on the 24th. It was after the

Tax lists contradict Salas' story

AUSTIN — Poll tax records un-overed by Comptroller Bob Bul-ock contradict the story of a former

enchman of George Parr who laims Lyndon Johnson stole his 948 Senate election

Luis Salas made headlines Sun-lay claiming Johnson personally asked Parr to find him 200 more otes three days after the poll closed nd that the South Texas political coss and his backers complied by stuffing 202 ballots into Box 13 in

ents he said voted fraudulently -Ars. Miguel Acero, Miguel Acero and Hector Cerda.

Records maintained in the com-paroller's office, however, include complete poll tax lists for Jim Wells ounty for 1947 and 1948, and none the three Salas named are on the

"I really question what that manid," Bullock said.

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The only exceptions were for people who were 60 years old at the time and people who had paid their poll tax in another county and fore an election.

Salas, however, told interviewers the names signed to fradulent ballots were taken directly from the

nent, lost a court challenge over the change in vote totals from Box 13.

Unknown to Salas, copies of the county records on poll tax receipts poll tax in another county and moved to a new area six months betroller along with a portion of the

A check of names entered during each of the four months for Box 13 in Alice shows none of the three indi-

body that didn't even pay their poll

Bullock said close associates of Parr have told him the "Duke of

"They said he just did it voluntar-ily," Bullock said. "He thought it would make him a kingmaker with

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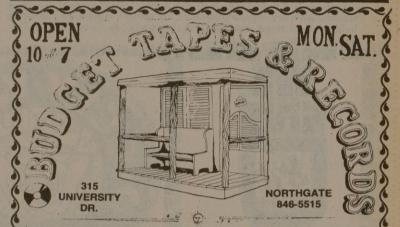
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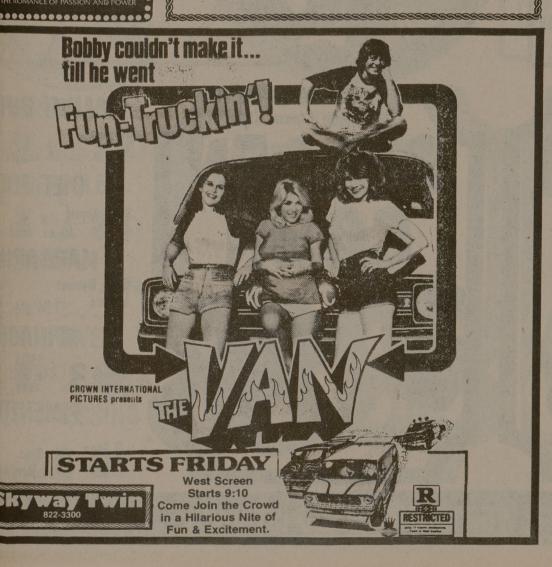
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