

Dancing and snakes

Citizens ban 'vices'

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HENRYETTA, Okla. — Public dancing is about as popular as poisonous snakes among the townspeople of Henryetta, who voted to ban both in a referendum election Tuesday.

The final vote in the rural eastern Oklahoma town of 6,500 was 851 to 504 in favor of keeping a 20-year ban on public dancing. The tally on an ordinance forbidding snakes within city limits was 886 for and 418 against.

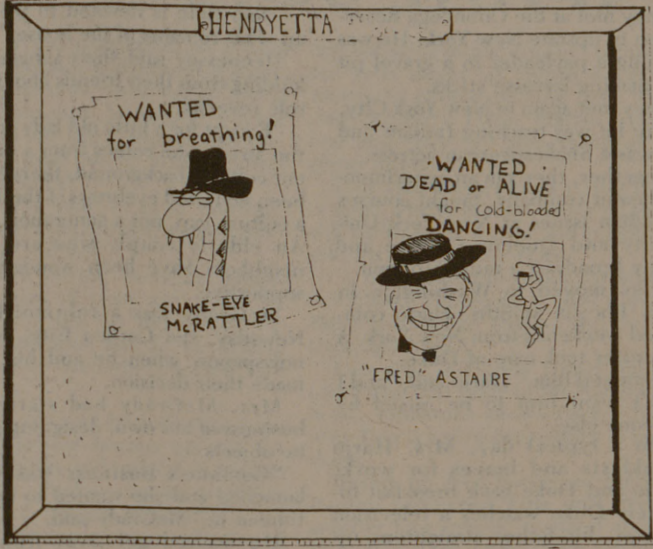
The 1,350 voter-turnout was much higher than in last week's statewide primary election.

The vote angered Tom Stringer, an attorney for a businessman who wants to open up a discotheque in Henryetta. "It's an insult to the intelligence of everyone here," Stringer said.

"It appears there is more concern about stopping your neighbor from dancing than who will run the government," he said.

"I'm amazed there are 850 people in this town willing to say 'I'll walk all over you' because of a moral issue."

Stringer said his client, Gary Moores, will take the issue to court. The attorney said if Moores gives up, the attorney



will not.

Snakes came under fire in February when firemen responding to a blaze above a fur shop encountered cages of live rattlers. It was the company's practice to keep the snakes alive until time to skin them.

The vote means Neville Edgar will most likely have to find

another place to tan his rattlesnake skins. His wife Wanda said she tried to convince people she and her husband weren't in the business of handling live snakes.

"We didn't win strictly because there's been too much publicity and because of the ignorance of the people," Mrs. Edgar said.

Women helped with programs

Two programs, to aid displaced homemakers and to locate women in jobs traditionally done by men, have been established by the Texas Engineering Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

Structured to help women in Brazos County, the programs will operate in the special programs training division of the Extension Service, said director James R. Bradley.

Patricia R. Turner directs the special programs division and is acting head of the new programs. She is also director of the South Central Regional Training Center in San Antonio.

Bradley noted that the new programs are related and complementary to 14 other training divisions in the Extension Service.

Pamela S. Horne and Susan R. Yoselow have been added to the special programs staff to work with people in the new programs.

"These programs are unique to the university, to the extension service and the communities," Mrs. Turner said.

Through counseling, job training and placement and auxiliary services, the displaced homemaker program—for women or men—assists an individual's health and welfare and enables him to be independent and enjoy economic security, Mrs. Horne said.

"This is self-help program," she emphasized. "We promote client initiative and motivation to become employed."

The displaced homemaker, as defined by Texas law, is middle-aged or older, has worked previously without pay as a homemaker, is currently unemployed and has de-

pendent on a family member's income that is now lost.

Also, the nontraditional job preparation program headed by Miss Yoselow will assist women in overcoming difficulties encountered in enrolling in and participating in the nontraditional job market.

"Skilled nontraditional jobs offer better pay and upward mobility to the woman who suffers from a dead-end, low-paying career," Miss Yoselow said.

Women can also be trained in the extension service's other divisions, which enrolled 2,100 females last year.

Each participant goes through four program areas: counseling, testing, job development and job follow-up. Time in each will depend on individual need.

In its second phase, the program will seek to locate and train women looking for non-traditional jobs.

The nontraditional jobs program is expected to eventually serve other parts of Texas through extension service regional centers in San Antonio, Houston, Floydada, Westlaco and Arlington.

Both new programs will have intercommunication with already existing placement services on campus and with Texas Employment Commission. Program participants will be referred from a variety of other sources also, including attorneys, the Brazos Valley Development Council, Texas Employment Commission and adult basic education programs.

Inquiries should be directed to the Special Programs Division at Henderson Hall on the Texas A&M campus.

Dallas Cowboys letting this fan attend games for only a song

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DALLAS — Tommy Loy figures he has played his trumpet before five million persons in the past 12 years, and if you count national TV audiences, raise that total a couple hundred million more.

Despite his exposure, he only draws \$600 a year for his performances.

"But I get into all the games free," he added.

The games he refers to are the Dallas football home games and in a city where Cowboy tickets are often hard to obtain, the deal seems more than worthwhile for a man who has played music all his life.

Loy, as most Cowboys fans know, has played the national anthem before almost every Dallas Cowboys game since 1966.

Loy, a diminutive and balding man, is an accomplished musician who has worked in many of the nation's major recording studios and plays in his own Dixieland band when he's not on the football field with his trumpet. He plays the national anthem without fanfare or accompaniment.

"Somehow, I think maybe that's the way it was meant to be played," he says. "People can relate to it and get involved with it when there's just a trumpet player out there. It's a very simple approach, but there's beauty in simplicity."

Loy got his job because a Dallas radio station executive knew only one trumpet player — a man who had been stationed with him in 1951 at San Antonio's Lackland Air Force Base.

The radio station official was called by a Cowboy aide one day before Thanksgiving in 1966 and was begged to somehow, somewhere, find him a trumpet player im-

mediately.

The radio station executive knew of only one trumpet player, his Air Force friend, and tracked him less than 24 hours before the game.

Loy and a high school band both auditioned and rehearsed the morning before the game. Loy remem-

bers the tension well.

"There were 81,000 people there," said Loy, "but I didn't have time to get nervous. I just marched out to the 50-yard line and played it."

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