Boomtowns can be profitable

By MARCUS MILES Reporter

Small communities can profit om the "boomtown" experience if new ideas, and along with youth they are flexible and involve youth create a great demand for services." and newcomers, Dr. James H. Copp, a Texas A&M rural sociologist says. Copp said leaders in towns hit by ooms caused by the oil and gas inustry should involve newcomers in eadership roles in order to prevent turnover in leadership.

change, leadership tends to turn don't yield the highest rate of inter-over," he said. "Newcomers bring est, but they may be in the best inter-

Financial leaders, especially bankers, play an important role in the success of a community during a boomtown experience, he said.

"Bankers must be willing to put their money where their mouth is," Copp said. "They must be willing to "When leaders try to keep their invest in areas that will help the com-

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est of the community.' Planning ahead is another benefit,

"For example, Caldwell was a progressive community," Copp said. "It was slightly ahead in areas such as water and sewer services and hospi-

"Communities that didn't prosper during their boomtown experience totally unprepared," Copp said. "They lacked forward planning

in areas such as water, sewer, tele-phone, fire, and police service." People in the successful communities have different attitudes, he

They tend to see things differ-This is a plus for any community ently, they are upbeat and open to that has a boomtown experience, he outsiders," he said.

Past senator talks to book collectors

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Reporter

Ralph Yarborough, a former U.S. enator from Texas, told some book ollectors at Texas A&M that they hould write down their family histoes because those stories will beme important through the course f time and may soon become his-

Yarborough, a book collector imself, spoke to a group of about at the 12th annual Student Book ector's award ceremony Friday. s lecture was entitled "Books in y Baggage: From Oral history to

odern Presses.' "The first few years of history I

War from the tales of veteran soldiers who had returned from the

He said he learned more from his uncle's oral description of Indian raids, cattle drives and observing the migrating buffalo than he could have learned from any textbook.

"Truth was the hallmark of their narrations," Yarborough said.

Before the winners of the collection contest were announced, Yarborough displayed some of his rare books to the audience.

The first of these books was "The

learned was oral history," Yarbo-rough said.
He said he learned about the Civil

Commonplace Book." Each page was separately printed and illus-trated. The book has 50 limited edi-

Another book, "The Printing Arts in Texas," is a limited edition of 10 copies. These books were given away by the author, and the recipients of the books had to pledge never to sell-

The winners' names and the names of their book collections are: Richard D. Spence, "The Rise of the Common Man: The Ages of Jefferson and Jackson"; Patrick R. Ryan, "English Renaissance and Reformation"; Micheal Smolen, "From Em-

Colonialism"; John Adams, "The Best of the West: Two Dozen and One Books on the Range Cattle Industry"; Timothy W. Houseal, "A Natural History of Michigan and the Western Great Lakes Region"; William J. Treat, "U.S. Postal History: The Classic Years of 1848 to 1861"; Steven Kirk Bane, "A Collection of Books on the Third Reich"; David Ragsdale, "Early Female Prose Writers (Before 1875)"; and Jimmy Drozd, "History of the Colorado Rockies.

The winning book collections will be on display for two weeks in the first and second floor display cases at

Several injured on rural Halloween hayride

United Press International

WALLER - At least 12 people atnding a community Halloween arty were injured when a car sidewiped their hayride wagon in rural Waller County, officials said Sunday. Two of the most seriously injured -year-old Russell Burns and 14ar-old Michael Williamson, of

Waller County, were taken by LifeFlight helicopter to Houston's Hermann Hospital. Burns was listed in stable condition and Williamson was in guarded and stable condition Sunday, a hospital spokesman said.

Waller County Sheriff Ronnie Sitton said the accident, which occurred at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday

"We've got some people that are going to have permanent injuries, and I mean permanent," he said. "I think one of the people is probably going to lose a leg.

Sitton said up to 30 people, ranging in age from a 16-month-old baby

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night, was one of the worst ever in a to adults, attended the Halloween party sponsored by a community grocery store.

The party goers were riding in a hay-covered flatbed truck being pulled by a pickup truck.

Sitton said a car driven by 29-year-old Marilyn S. Langdon of Waller collided with the trailer.

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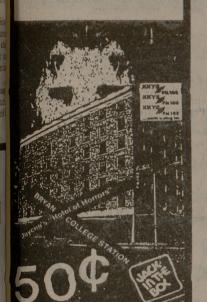
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