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A Look Back Call

76th Annual Old Settlers reunion celebrated

SEPTEMBER 1, 1949
Crowds Estimated At 5,000 Despite Wind, Rainstorm

ROARING SPRINGS—The annual reunion of the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers association attracted more than 3,000 persons for the opening of the two-day event Thursday.

Many attending the reunions since the association was formed said the Thursday and Friday crowds were the largest and the meeting the most successful in the organization's history. A wind and rainstorm late Friday evening closed the "outside" young people's dance but increased the crowd on the Pioneer pavilion floor, which continued until the final note of dance music had been silenced.

Rodeo association division president Ward Rattan, in reporting Saturday at a directors meeting declared the rodeo had ended without accident and with a cash balance despite the free gate.

The last Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion for this century was celebrated last weekend with a large crowd attending from near and far. The celebrated kicked off with a parade in downtown Roaring Springs. This year's parade was one of the biggest in recent years, with antique and classic cars, floats, bicycles, tractors, fire trucks, and of course lots of cowboys and cowgirls on horseback. The parade continued through downtown and on to the Old Settlers grounds, where winners were awarded plaques. Mott Creek Ranch received the plaque for the Best Horse Draw Carriage; Steve Byrd, Best Bicycle; Dickens County Courthouse, Best Float; Leroy Louder, Best Antique Car; Sherry Chaney, Best Old Time Cowgirl; Elmer Maben, Best Old Time Cowboy; Donna Whitaker, Best Modern Day Cowgirl; Bruce McFall, Best Modern Day Cowboy; Kelsi Stokes, Best Jr. Cowgirl; and Colton Russell, Best Jr. Cowboy.

Allison Chastain, Misty Young, and Billy Hale.

Winning horses in the Cutting Horse competition were First, "Sly", owned by Beggs T/Cattle, ridden by Kelly Garrison; Second, "Biscuit", owned and ridden by Tommy Cooper; Third, "Smart Peppy Lynx", owned by Tongue River Ranch and ridden by Riley Abbott. Others entered in the event were "Charlena", owned by Tongue River Ranch, ridden by Monty Jones; "Quiote Dash", owned by Tongue River Ranch, rider was Monty Jones; "Rolaid", owned by Tongue River Ranch, rider was Larry Abbott; "Corky", owned by Tongue River Ranch, and ridden by Roy Winters; "Captain Odie", owned by Chig Gwinn, ridden by Scott Jones; "Mego", owned by Mott Creek Ranch, ridden by Ralph Powell; and "Mr. Model Doc", owned by Chig Gwinn, ridden by Dennis Gwinn.

Jr. Team Roping winners were Todd Thomas and Kyle Rainbolt. Others entered were Andy Paul Jones, Shandra Jones, and Bradley Baxter. Tanner Arnold won the Jr. Flag Race for kids 6 years and younger, and Kelsi Gardner won the Sr. Flag Race event for kids 7-12.

In the Working Cow Horse competition, winners in the Jr. division (5 years and under) were Rod Smith, first; and Clay Johnson, second. In the Sr. division (6 years and older), Mike Seago received first; and Wayne Smith, second.

RODEO RESULTS

The 1999 Old Settlers Rodeo got underway on Friday night, with two nights of exciting events. Results are as follows:

Bareback: First, Travis Howe, Crossroads, N.M.; second, Doug Finnell, Valiant, OK.

Saddle Bronc: First, Matt McClay, Shamrock; second, T.J. Anderson.

Bull Riding: First, Cameron McCandless, Decatur; second, Doug Finnell, Valiant, OK; third, Greg Fuller, Lubbock; fourth, Mace Cook, Amarillo.

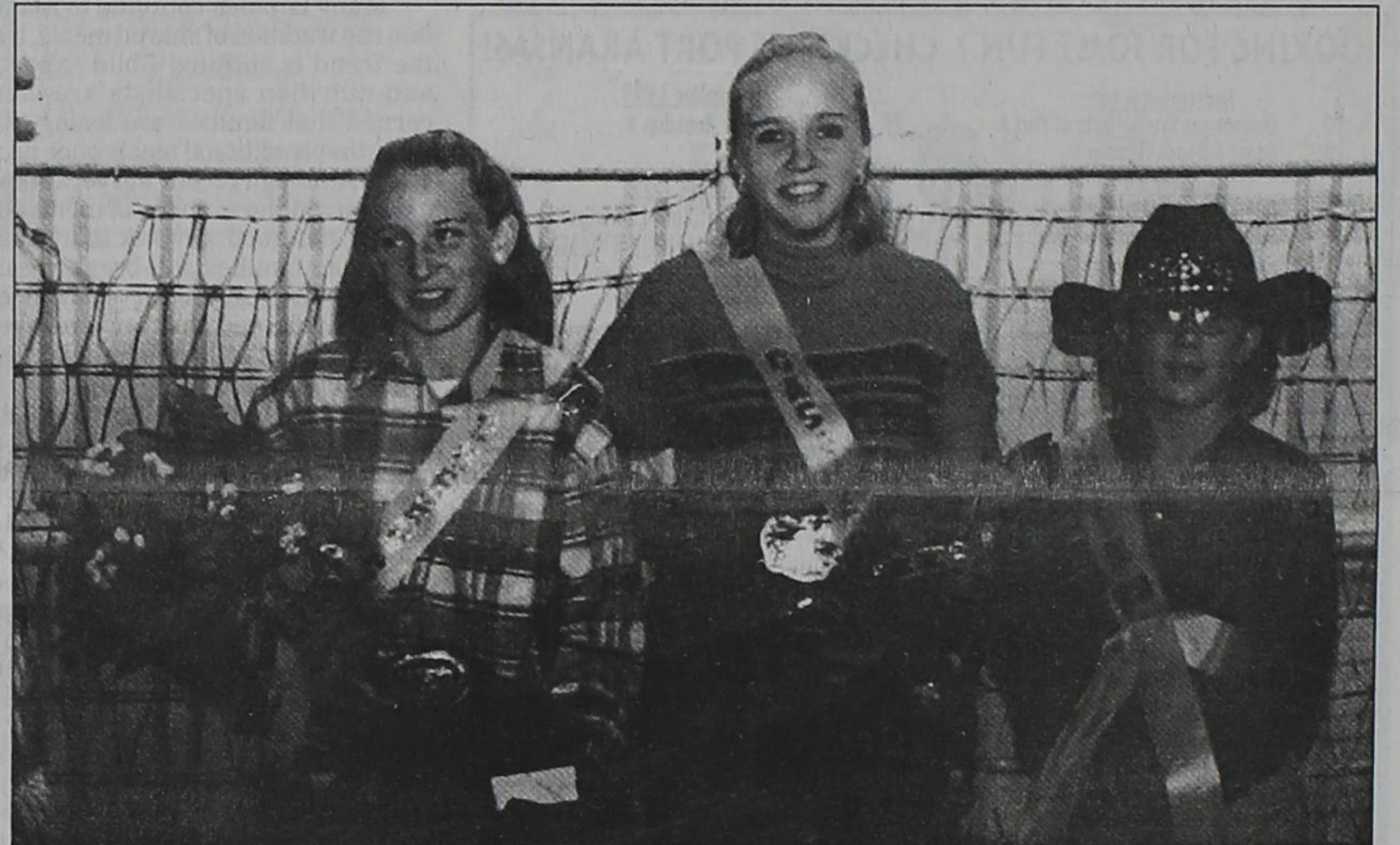
Calf Roping: First, Sylvester Mayfield, Clovis, N.M.; second, Jeremy Hennigh, Sayre, OK; third, Shank Edwards, San Angelo; fourth, Raymond Hollabaugh, Stamford; fifth, Monty Lewis, Hereford; sixth, Matt Harris, Amarillo.

Steer Wrestling: First, Jeff Babek, Granite, OK; second, Matt Eakin, Hereford; third, Josh Peek, Borger; fourth, Brady Brock, Springtown.

Team Roping: First, Cody Bob Everett and Steve Ross; second, Adrian Maez and Jody Pinkent; third, Lyndon Morrow and Larry Trimble; fourth, Billy Stephens and Walter Donnell; fifth, Shannon Lee and Rick Branch; sixth, Bobby Simmons and
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RECOGNIZED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE — Anjanette LaRosa, left, of Portland, Oregon, received the plaque for traveling the greatest distance, having traveled over 2000 miles to attend Old Settlers; Mrs. Flora Rich received the plaque for the oldest woman of Dickens County; Mrs. Cora Mitchell, for the oldest woman of Motley County; and Charlie Keith for the oldest man and having lived the longest in Motley County. Not pictured is Mr. Robert Collier, Dickens County oldest man.



1999 RODEO QUEEN — Kelsi Gardner, left, was crowned 1999 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen during Saturday night's Rodeo performance. Cassie Campbell, center, received runner-up. At right is Kara Cash, 1998 Rodeo Queen.

Around Town News Briefs of Area Events

Representative from US Senator Phil Graham's office to be in Matador

Sondra Zeigler, a representative from US Senator Phil Graham's office will be in Matador, Thursday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Courthouse in the Commissioners Courtroom.

The public is invited to attend this meeting, where Ms. Zeigler will inform the public of new items before Congress and listen to concerns anyone may have.

Meeting to be held regarding keeping County Trapper

A meeting will be held Tuesday night, September 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Motley County Court room to discuss keeping the County Trapper, helicopter service, etc. in Motley County.

If you are interested in the trapper program and its importance to Motley County, please attend this meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. in the historical Tabernacle to honor those who had passed away since last year's Old Settlers celebration. Names are listed on page 2.

A business meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. with officers elected as follows:

President, Truitt Read; Vice President, Bill Smith; Secretary, Billy Hale; Directors, Russell Alexander, Mike Jones, Bob Forbis, Don Karr; Advisors, Jeff Thacker, Elmer Parks, and Johnney Turner.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers sponsored their annual Arts & Crafts Fair, with vendors from all areas of the state. Shoppers enjoyed a variety of food and drinks, as well as booths displaying beautiful clothing, jewelry, gift items, and wood items.

COUNTY EVENTS

Motley - Dickens County events kicked off the activity in the Rodeo arena, with winners listed below:

Team Roping: First Go Around - First, Tye Maben and Ryan Rankin; Second, Ross Graham and Andy Jones; Third, Tye Maben and Skip Wyatt.

Average - First, Tye Maben and Ryan Rankin; Second, Casey Jones and Ryan Rankin; Third, Tom Stokes and Ryan Rankin; Fourth, Billy Hale and Ryan Rankin; Fifth, Harold Parks and Ryan Rankin.

Winners in the Open Barrel Race event were: Bristi Gardner, first; Shandra Jones, second; and Diane Price, third. Others entered in the event were Kelsi Gardner, Janna Smith, Erin Baker, Drew Baker,

New Laws mean many changes in store in Texas

by Cora Smallwood
Motley County JP

New state laws, effective September 1, will mean many changes for Texas drivers. Some are outlined here.

Lawmakers approved uniform speed limits on state and federal highways outside urban district.

Large trucks, trailer-pulling vehicles can be driven at 70 mph during the day and 65 mph at night on those roadways.

Law broadens Seat Belt requirements, to require all children younger than 15 to be properly restrained in a vehicle, no matter where they are seated, meaning whether they are in the front seat or back seat. They law also requires children to wear seat belts when riding in the front seat of a pickup truck, closing a loophole that exempted one-tone pickups from the seat belt law. Younger children, in-

fants to be restrained in safety systems, which has been a law for several years.

The law cracks down on drinking and driving. The legal threshold for blood-alcohol concentration has been lowered from 0.10 to 0.08.

A first DWI offense is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by 180 days in jail and up to a \$2,000 fine. A second DWI offense is a Class A misdemeanor and third and subsequent charges are third-degree felonies.

DWI convictions become part of people's criminal histories and a matter of public record.

Local man injured in one-vehicle accident

A local man was injured in a one-vehicle accident east of Roaring Springs on FM 1045 early Sunday morning. Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, stated that he received a call at approximately 9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 29, reporting an accident. When he arrived at the scene the vehicle was not occupied. Jason Jameson of Dougherty had been transferred by passerbys to the home of his father, Clay Jameson, in Mata-

dor. Motley County EMS was notified and Mr. Jameson was conveyed south by ambulance, where he was met by Aerocare at the McAadoo cut-off and conveyed to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Mr. Jameson received extensive damage to both legs. He underwent surgery on his left leg and treatment on his right leg, and remains a patient at Covenant Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

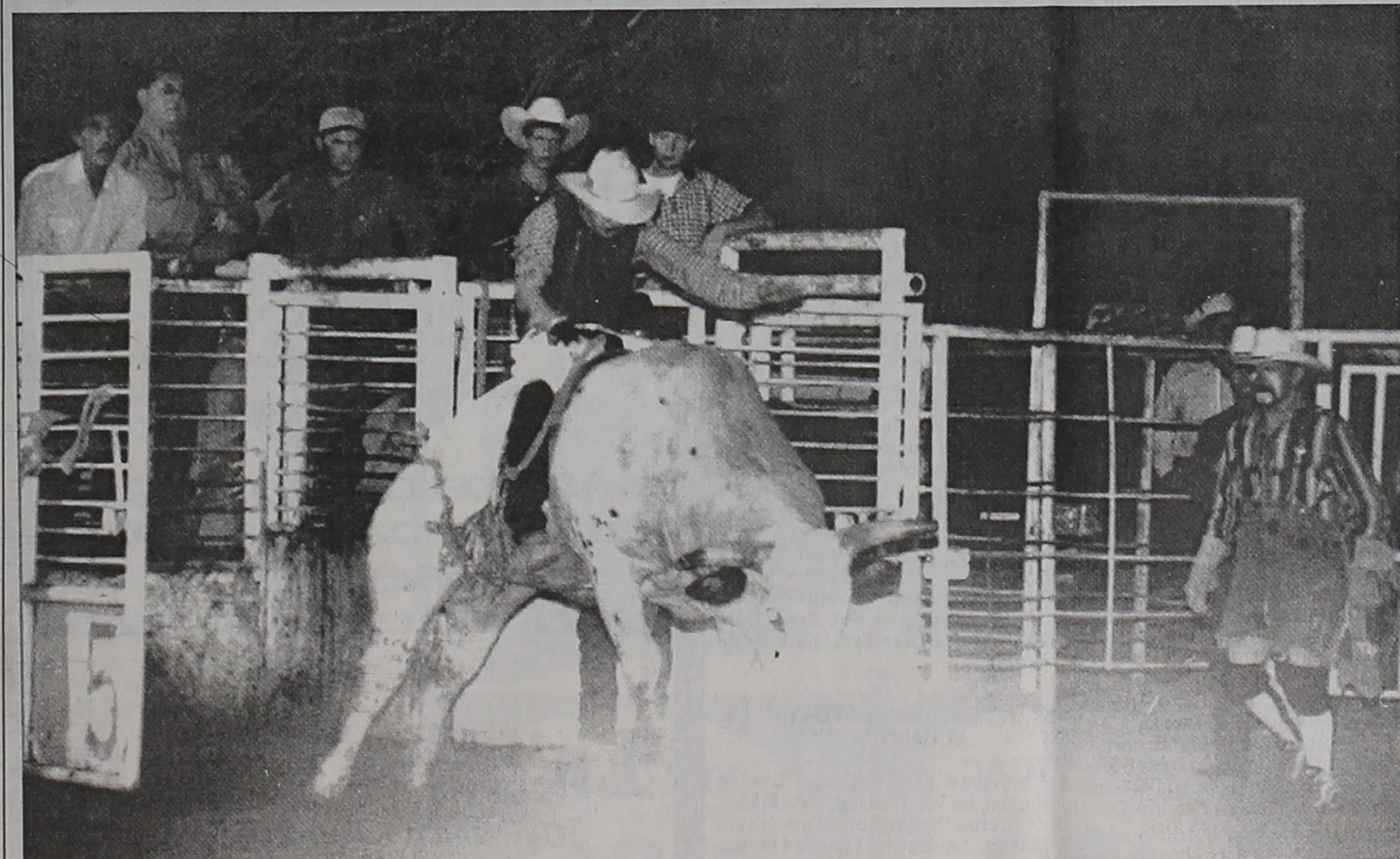
Texas Farmers Union to hold "Rural Unity Day"

SWEETWATER - Texas Farmers Union will hold a "Rural Unity Day" event on Friday, September 3, 1999 to help heighten awareness of the farm crisis and its impact on all segments of the community.

The gathering will bring together lawmakers, business owners, religious groups, farm leaders and others to call attention to the severity of the farm crisis and the need for immediate relief action by Congress.

Local, state, and federal legislators including Senator Paul Wellstone, a well known rural and producer advocate will be on hand to discuss the farm crisis with constituents.

Texas Farmers Union is urging constituents from across the region to attend. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to show support for the state's farmers
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BULL RIDING EXCITEMENT — Justin Burkes, 19, of Schulenberg, goes for the ride on a wild bucking bull at Saturday night's Old Settlers Rodeo. Justin is the son of David and Brenda Burkes of Matador and Diane Burkes of Schulenberg.



Well, Old Settlers has come and gone again. I must say that this year's Parade was one of the best I remember seeing. There were floats from many businesses, clubs, landowners, individuals, horses, bicycles, antique cars. It was really good. And even though we printed stories in the paper encouraging everyone to participate in the Parade this year, I didn't even have time to get anything together for the Tribune. Maybe next year! I hope the big parade will begin a new tradition and everyone will stay involved every year.

I didn't take in much of Old Settlers, only to take pictures and gather information for the paper, but while I was there I saw several people I hadn't seen in a while, one being my old friend, Buddy Allen. I promised him I would mention that I had seen him, so Buddy, here you are, in print! It was good to see you.

My friend, Janie, recently gave me a copy of an anecdote she received from the Internet. I thought it was neat. Hope you enjoy it, also.

FUNNY, BUT NOT SO FUNNY!
Funny how a \$100 "looks" so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the Mall.
Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.
Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.

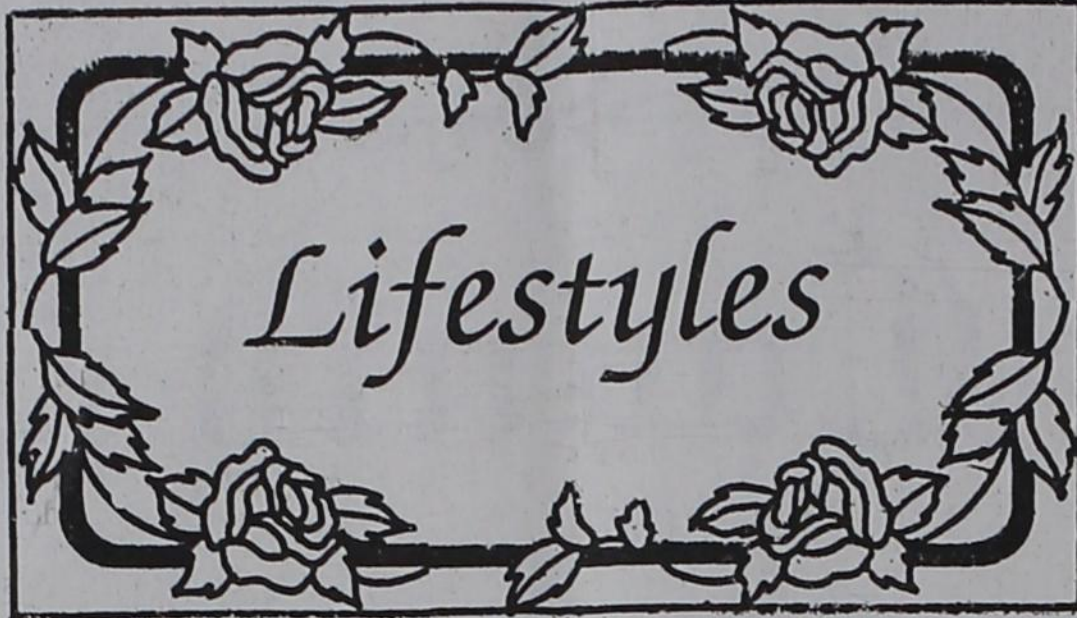
Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the news reports say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to Heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything.

Funny how you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?



Family & Consumer

News

by Mozelle Montano
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FAMILY MEALTIMES

"Please pass the love, unity and spaghetti." An unlikely request? Perhaps. But in truth, that's what you give your child when you set down together at the family table.

Mealtime means more than refueling your child with nutrients - he/she is also getting a hefty dose of emotional, intellectual, and spiritual nourishment. As you serve the peas and butter the bread, you convey your values and establish traditions.

Yet many experts worry that the family meal is headed for extinction. During the past 10-30 years, a degeneration of the family structure has taken place and families now eat fewer meals together. We all know how difficult getting everyone's schedule to coordinate enough to allow that time together. In our rural situations, we may not have the traffic congestion problems that hold us up, but we certainly have distances that take time to travel, and outside chores that have to be accomplished. All of these factors combine to make serving and eating a family meal a stress-filled endeavor.

Many families continue to maintain the tradition of shared meals, but the trend is shifting. Child experts and nutrition specialists are concerned that families are losing the unity that traditional meals once provided. Although recent surveys show a decline in the number of meals together, the good news is that most American families still break bread together often. A 1996 survey by Rice-A-Roni indicated that, on average, Americans eat with their families five nights each week, and 40 percent spend every night dining together. But other more recent polls show a more alarming trend. Out of 1,000 people interviewed in the Los Angeles area, one in three households did not eat regularly as a family.

It is believed that eating with the family helps foster a child's development, spurred by a positive mealtime atmosphere, traditions shaped through shared meals that offer young children a sense of security. Children learn to communicate effectively in a nonthreatening environment by sharing the day's events, expressing feelings and listening to one another. Parents should try to make it a point to talk to kids at mealtime, keeping conversations pleasant and saving problems and discipline for another time. Ask children about school, their activities and things they enjoy doing. Family meals can also promote cooperation, especially when mealtime chores are divided up. Even children as young as 2 can have a job associated with mealtime, such as carrying napkins to the table.

Most parents know, manners don't just happen. The dinner table is one area that offers plenty of opportunities for parents to model subtle etiquette lessons. Besides, it is difficult to get through a meal without a few rounds of "please," "thank you," "excuse me," and "may I?" Mealtime is also a time to express and acknowledge love, seek renewal, and develop in a spiritual sense. Families may choose to speak to God together, count blessings and express concerns at the family table.

Family meals can influence better health and good nutrition habits too. Sixty percent of the children in a recent Gallup survey who rated their eating habits as excellent or good and said they eat with their families daily. Of those who rated their diets as fair or poor, only 44 percent said they eat with family members daily. Children (and adult) are much more likely to eat a balanced, nutritious meal when sitting down together with the family at the dinner table. Most parents make a very conscious effort to serve a nutritious meal when they know the family will be gathering to eat.

Dining alone can promote problem eating for youngsters. Studies have shown that school-aged children who eat alone in front of the TV tend to overeat. Actually, the number of hours of TV watched is associated with both higher body fat and elevated blood cholesterol levels in children.

The opposite is true of younger children. Those who eat alone tend to eat less. In a study of Nebraska preschoolers, those who shared meals with parents or siblings ate more servings from the basic food groups. Mealtime gatherings also were associated with a more positive home atmosphere and better food-related parenting skills. While American dietary guidelines address the nuts and bolts of nutrition-advising us to eat a variety of foods, keep our weight in check, and watch our intake of sugar, salt, fat, cholesterol and alcohol - Japan urges its people to "make all activities pertaining to

food and eating pleasurable ones." Eating in a pleasant atmosphere helps people feel relaxed and happy.

Those who eat together must plan and organize to make it happen. For families urged to grab food and taking off, freeway dining, or diners in front of the television, a return to the family table requires renewed priorities and commitment by all members.

These suggestions can help families plan meals together.

One really neat suggestion that I learned just this week has great possibilities for not only time saving in planning, but gives everyone in the family the opportunity to feel an integral part of the process.

— Have each family member choose a meal that includes their favorites. On the back of your recipe cards write out the ingredients that you will need to make that meal. Then, each week on your grocery shopping trip, you just take the cards along to be assured you get all ingredients. Saves you time and makes some family member feel really special on their day. (If you can laminate the cards, would surely make them last longer).

— Start with one meal each week. Make it top priority whether it is brunch on Sunday or a traditional Sunday dinner. Make sure it is a planned event. Once the family becomes accustomed to one shared meal each week, gradually add a second or third mealtime together.

— Hold a family meeting each week, deciding on the days and times that will work around children and parents activities and meetings. Write down meals on the family calendar like any other scheduled event.

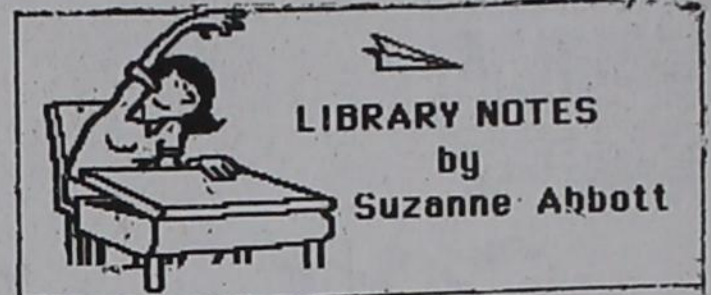
— Build creativity and flexibility into your mealtime plans. At times you may have to replace the "6 p.m. dinner" with dessert around the table at 8 p.m. Or eat cold sandwiches on the grass at the ballpark.

— Establish rules about proper topics and appropriate conversation to keep mealtime positive. Negative discussions will inevitably lead to conflict.

— Focus on each other, not the food. Allow children to eat until they are full without forcing "one more bite" or a clean plate. Most experts agree that children develop healthy eating attitudes when they can choose from a variety of nutritious offerings - and not by force or coercion. The bottom line is that children need encouragement from their family and friends to enjoy a wide variety of foods in moderate amounts and participate regularly in social interaction of eating together, when learned at an early age, these habits are more likely to continue into adulthood.

— Make mealtime fun. Laugh together, share funny stories, or start your own silly or serious traditions.

Aside from the joy that mealtime sharing brings today, parents also will fill their child's memory with the special thoughts that only family togetherness can bring. Eating alone also affects the elderly in the same negative ways that it does children, so a tradition to start could be asking a neighbor, relative or acquaintance to join you for an occasional meal. It is a good learning experience for children, and a wonderful social occasion for someone who is alone.



LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

The Library will be closed this coming Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. This gives our faithful volunteers who labor at the library each Monday a day off. We thank Jo Scott, Betty Moore, and Earline Vaughn for keeping the library open on Mondays. Have a nice holiday, ladies.

Your child's photograph is on the Internet if he or she attended the Summer Reading Program at the library in June. You can see it on the Motley County Library page on the Chamber of Commerce Web Site. You may need your child to look at it with you to tell you which one he or she is. This photograph shows Reading Program Participants holding a lion mask over their faces. Log on to the "On-line Community" at www.caprock-spur.com and click on the Motley County Chamber of Commerce and then "Attractions" and then the Motley County Library page. You will enjoy browsing through all of this great Chamber of Commerce Web site.

The section of the library that

holds the Texas Collection has a new look. The Friends of the library had our furniture redone in upholstery with a Texas motif. The new look is very pretty and quite fitting for the Texas Section of the library. Thanks to Shane Jones of Matador Variety and Jerry and Patricia Green for completing their work in this project. A special thanks to friends of the Library for paying the bills.

New books in the library include a biography of the Russian composer, Tchaikovsky, by Anthony Holden and an expose' the business of country music, *Music City Babylon*, by Scott Faragher. For the younger readers we have *Mother Goose Math* which features counting rhymes based on the Mother Goose rhymes.

We have several new books about Angels: *Where Angels Walk*, by Joan Wester Anderson, *A Rustle of Angels* by William D Webber, and *Brush of an Angel's Wing* by Charlie W. Sheild. These and many other of the library's books will make good reading during these hot days.

1999 Old Settlers Celebration

Jeff Medlin.

Barrell Race: First, Lisa Ogden, Gail; second, Jody Urban, Wichita Falls; third, Leslie Murphy, Snyder; fourth, Jamie Standifer, Colbert, OK; fifth, Phyllis Newton, Clovis, N.M.; sixth, Randus London, Freedom, OK.

Breakaway: First and second, Jennifer Smith, Sawto; first and second, Shawn Wise, Vernon; third, Shasta Brooks, Sweetwater, fourth, Lacy Jones, Stephenville;

Jr. Flag Race: Aron Baker Jr. Breakaway, Little Miss Hallabaugh.

DONORS LIST

Those donating to the 1999 Rodeo are as follows:

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The 1999 Old Settlers Reunion came to an end on Saturday night. Next year's Millennium Old Settlers celebration will be held the last weekend in August, 2000!

Memorial List

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LOOKING FOR SOME FUN? CHECK OUT PORT ARANSAS!

September 1999		November 1999	
10	Champagne Cruise/Taste of Port A	27	Shallow Water Roundup & Seafood Bash
18	Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup		
October 1999		December 1999	
9	Duathlon, CC Roadrunners	11	Carolers-a-Float Boat Lighting Parade
16	Sand & Surf Beach Run	26-31	NEW YEAR'S MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION
22-24	Harvest Moon Regatta	31	Kiwanis New Year's Eve Dance
24	Run with the Wind -10 mi./20 mi.		
30-31	Fallback Festival		



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"Needed...Bible Study"



Someone has appropriately said, "The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy; its precepts binding; its histories are true; and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy."

There are many surveys that have been made, but one of the most striking that was ever made was in the City of Chicago some years ago. In that survey it was learned that 99 percent of the criminals were from non-church-going homes that has wholly neglected any kind and any level of study of the Word of God.

May the Father of Mercy open our eyes and allow us to see the need for parents to read the Bible with their children and bring them to Bible class. How tragic the future if there is not an awakening among those who are indifferent to the study of God's Holy Word.

ROARING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE
AUGUST 17, 1999

Winners:
First with a score of 29, were Darrell Cruse, Keane Cruse, Alfred Barton, and Louise Barton.

Second with a score of 31, were Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Buzz Thacker, and La Voe Thacker. Buzz got closest to the pin on #3, 6'2".

Others playing were Larry McClenny, Reagan McClenny, Tempie Hutton, Robin Darsey, James Stephens, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, and Gene Brannon.

LADIES PLAYDAY
AUGUST 19, 1999

18 hole players were Louise Barton, La Voe Thacker, Vida Elkins, Francine Braselton, and Olivia Barton. Louise and Vida tied for the ball.

Nine hole players were Lucretia Campbell, Judy Renfro, and Nell Berryman. Nell won the ball.

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MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



The Motley County Booster Club met Monday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. There were nine members present. Final plans were outlined for the Spirit Rally that will be held September 2 (today) at 7:30 p.m. at the football field. The theme this year will be "All Stars".

We would like to give a very special "thank you" to Brent and Brian Marshall for the use of their utility trailer for the float in the Old Settlers Parade, also to Johnny Palmer for the use of his hay and to Frances Taylor, manager of Lowe's Pay-N-Save for donating candy.

We would like to ask if anyone has seen or knows the whereabouts of the 4x8 red spirit sign that was carried to basketball games last year? The last time it was used for the play-off game at Plainview. If you know where this could be, please contact Kelli Jackson or any Booster Club member.

Make plans to travel to Knox City Friday. Our team starts its regular season play. Game time is 8:00 p.m. Good luck, guys!

BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

REMEMBER TO DISPLAY YOUR MOTLEY COUNTY FLAG EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY!

Monday is School holiday

Monday, September 6, 1999 will be a School holiday for Motley County students and staff. Classes will resume at the regular time, Tuesday, September 7.

Roaring Springs City Council

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bills. Council also discussed the 1999-2000 budget, and the decision was made to table the budget until the next meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Joey Thacker, Council members Venita Sedgwick, Kelly Keltz, Gary Smith, City Secretary Zella Palmer, City Water Manager Robert Osborn. Council members James Adams and Lisa Simpson were not present for the meeting.

Rural Unity Day

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and ranchers. The event will be held at Danny's Hens and Fins at 50th and Q Street in Lubbock on Friday, September 3, 1999. It will begin with a twenty-five cent (.25¢) farmers share, lunch at 12:00 noon.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for a cross-section of the community to gather and voice its common concerns about the farm crisis. The impact of the crisis is not limited to the farm-rural main street feels the effects, as well," said Wes Sims, Texas Farmers Union President. "Action needs to be taken immediately to help end the steep hurdles facing so many in agriculture. This is a chance to send a message to Congress that it must act now."

Sims, a Sweetwater farmer and rancher, said a \$7.4 billion package passed by the U.S. Senate before the August recess is a first step. Farmers Union's proposed short-term financial assistance package is \$16.725 billion, while other agriculture organizations are also calling for higher figures than the Senate Version. After the U.S. House of Representatives considers its own package after Labor Day, differences will be worked out between both houses.

"Producers are being liquidated because bankers are becoming concerned with lack of return as a result of record-low commodity prices," Sims continued. "Banks are foreclosing, and farmers are being put out of business. Farmers who have worked a lifetime have now reached the point where they must sell everything they own to hopefully break even and owe no debt to creditors or the government. We need leaders to care that rural citizens are being displaced and rural America is virtually dying."

Farmers Union's across the country are devoting the entire month of August to help rural America have a voice. Throughout the month the organization will be issuing a series of news releases to highlight different aspects of the crisis and how it effects rural America.

What's to eat?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza (Pepperoni & Cheese), Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Grape Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Green Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, Juice Bar, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pears, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onions, Potato Chips, Watermelon, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pop Corn Chicken, Three Bean Salad, Creamed Potatoes, Biscuits, Dessert, Milk.

What's Happening?

Friday, September 3: Motley County vs. Knox City, 8:00 p.m., there.

Monday, September 6: Labor Day Holiday.

Tuesday, September 7: District FFA meeting in Motley County gym at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9: Jr. High Football at Anton, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 10: School & Athletic Pictures.

Motley County vs. Anton, 8:00 p.m., here.

Saturday, September 11: Cross Country at Plainview, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 16: Jr. High Football vs. Ropes, here, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17: Motley County vs. Ropes, there, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18: Cross Country at Abernathy, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 23: Jr. High Football vs. O'Donnell, here, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 24: Motley County vs. O'Donnell, here, 7:30 p.m. Homecoming!

Wednesday, September 29: Parent Visitation, pickup student report cards, 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, September 30: Jr. High vs. Paducah, here, 5:00 p.m.

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The Little Tot and Little Miss competitions and crownings will be held at 3:30 P.M. and Jr. Miss and Miss will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Each candidate will come on stage with an escort of her choice and be judged on appearance, poise, and personality. There will be a panel of out of town judges.

Queens will be crowned in each division and will be awarded a savings bond, gift of jewelry, and a bouquet of roses. First and second runners up will also be recognized.

Entry fee of \$10.00 may be mailed to: Miss M.C. South Plains Pageant Motley County School Drawer 310 Matador, TX 79244 Attn: Kelli Jackson/Carol Hays

Please make checks payable to Motley Co. Theater Arts. Entry fee

is non-refundable.

Entry deadline is September 19, 1999.

Please include address and phone number so a complete entry

form can be mailed to you.

Also, please feel free to contact Kelli or Carol at (806) 347-2676 during school hours or Kelli at (806) 347-2889 after 4:30 P.M.

A note of thanks

We wish to thank everyone who had us in their thoughts and prayers during my recent surgeries. It is very touching to know just how many people care about me and my family.

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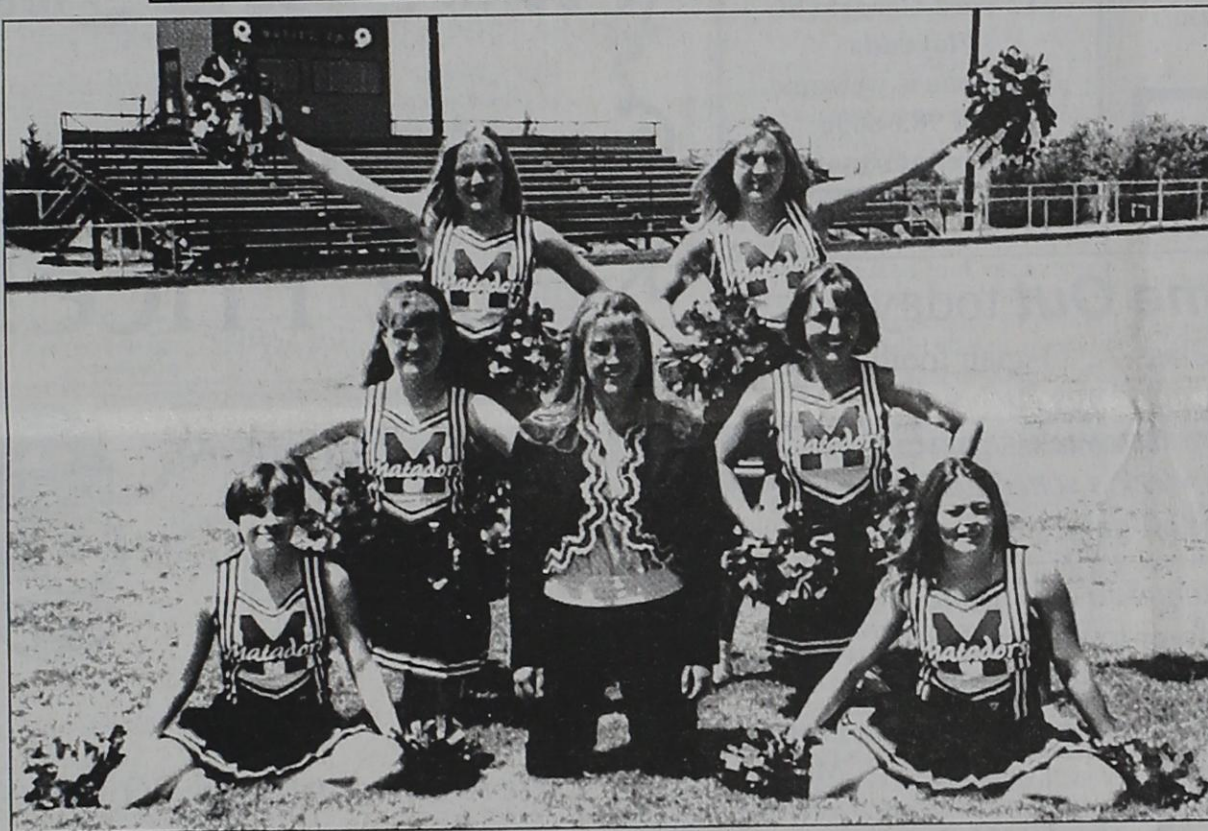
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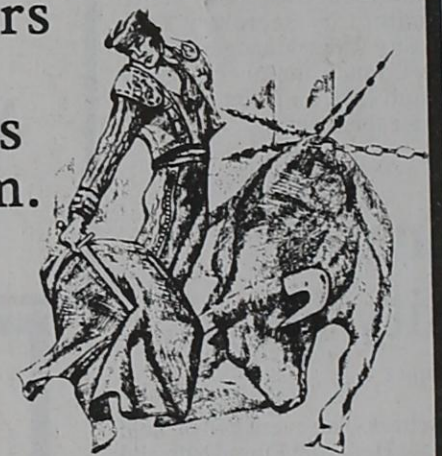
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1999 Schedule

September 3	Knox City	there	8:00 pm
September 10	Anton	home	8:00 pm
September 17	Ropesville	there	8:00 pm
September 24 *	O'Donnell	home	7:30 pm
October 1	Paducah	there	8:00 pm
October 8	Valley	there	7:30 pm
October 15	Spur	home	7:30 pm
October 22	Petersburg	there	7:30 pm
October 29	Crosbyton	there	7:30 pm
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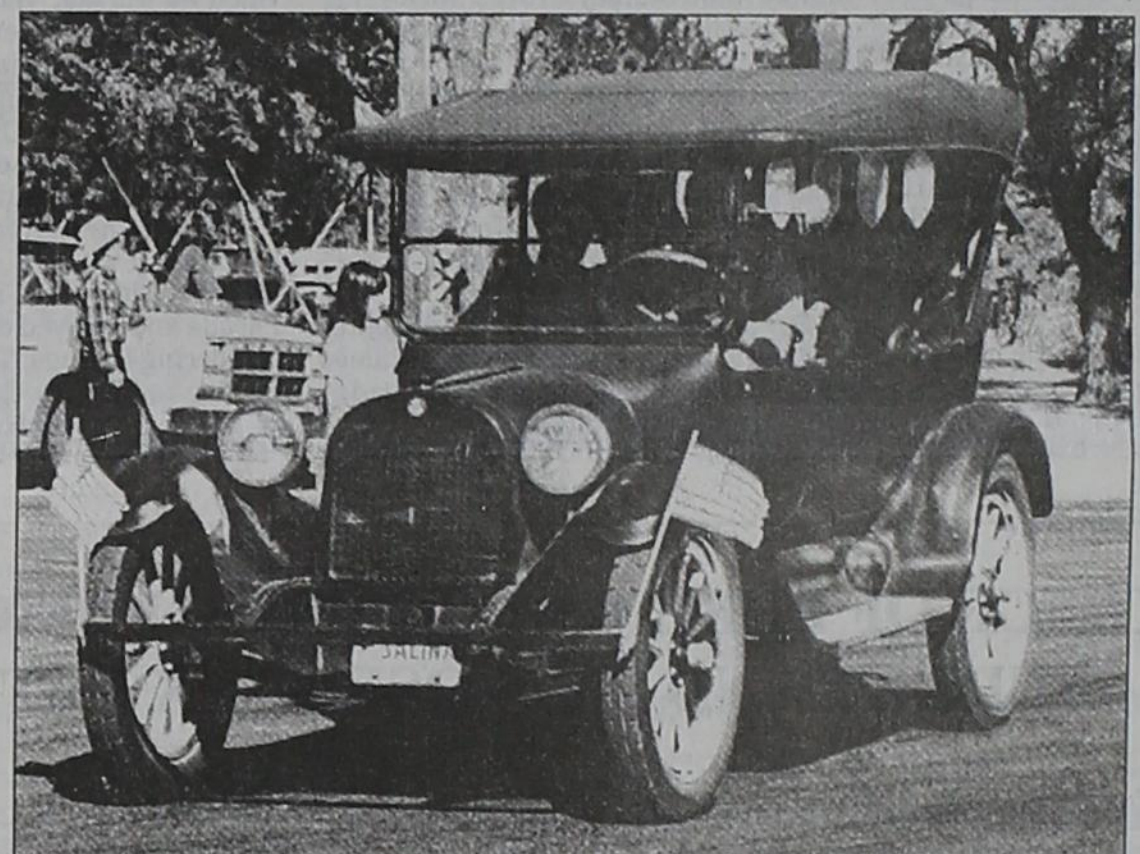
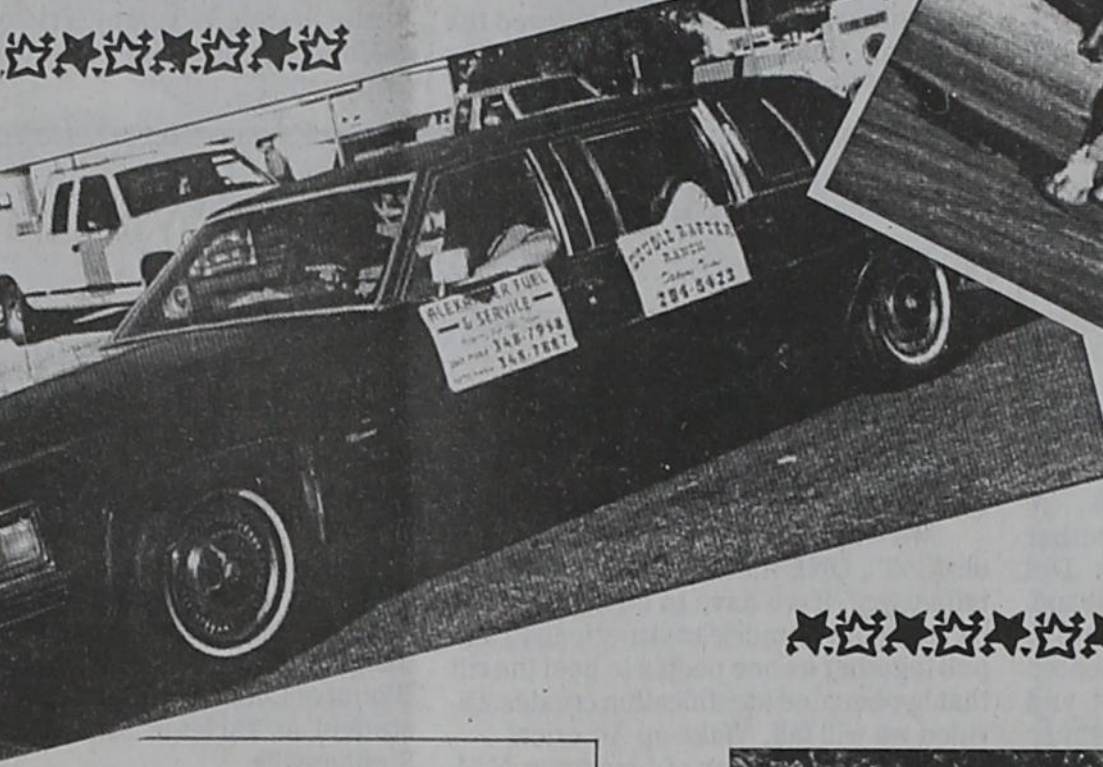
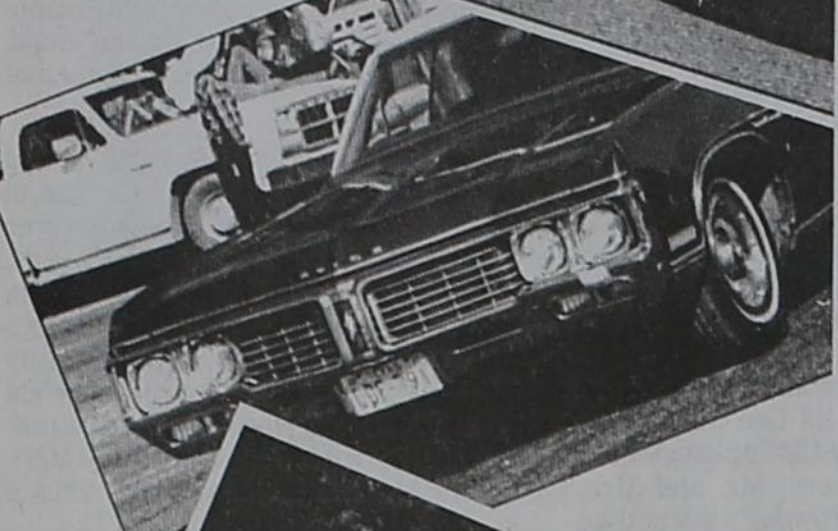
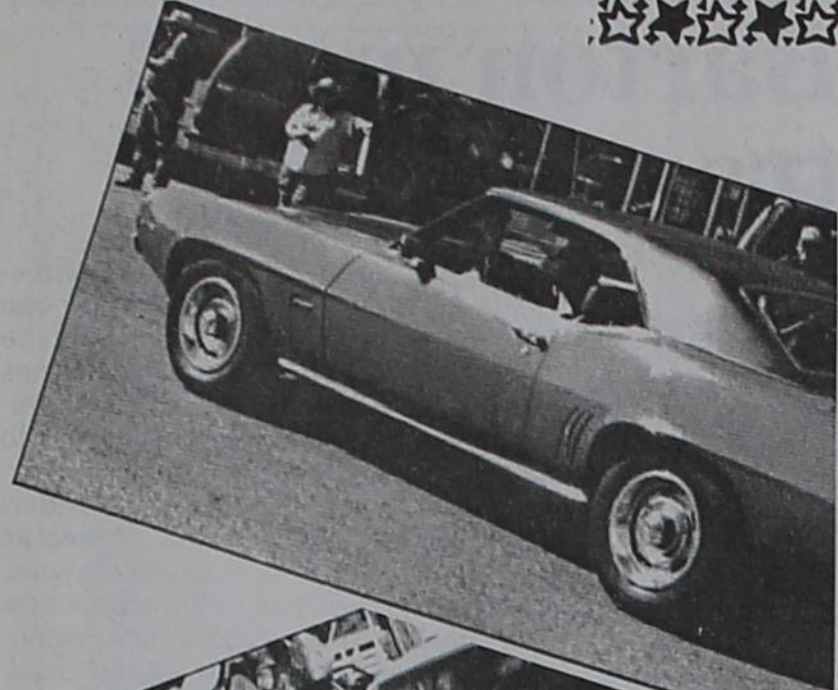
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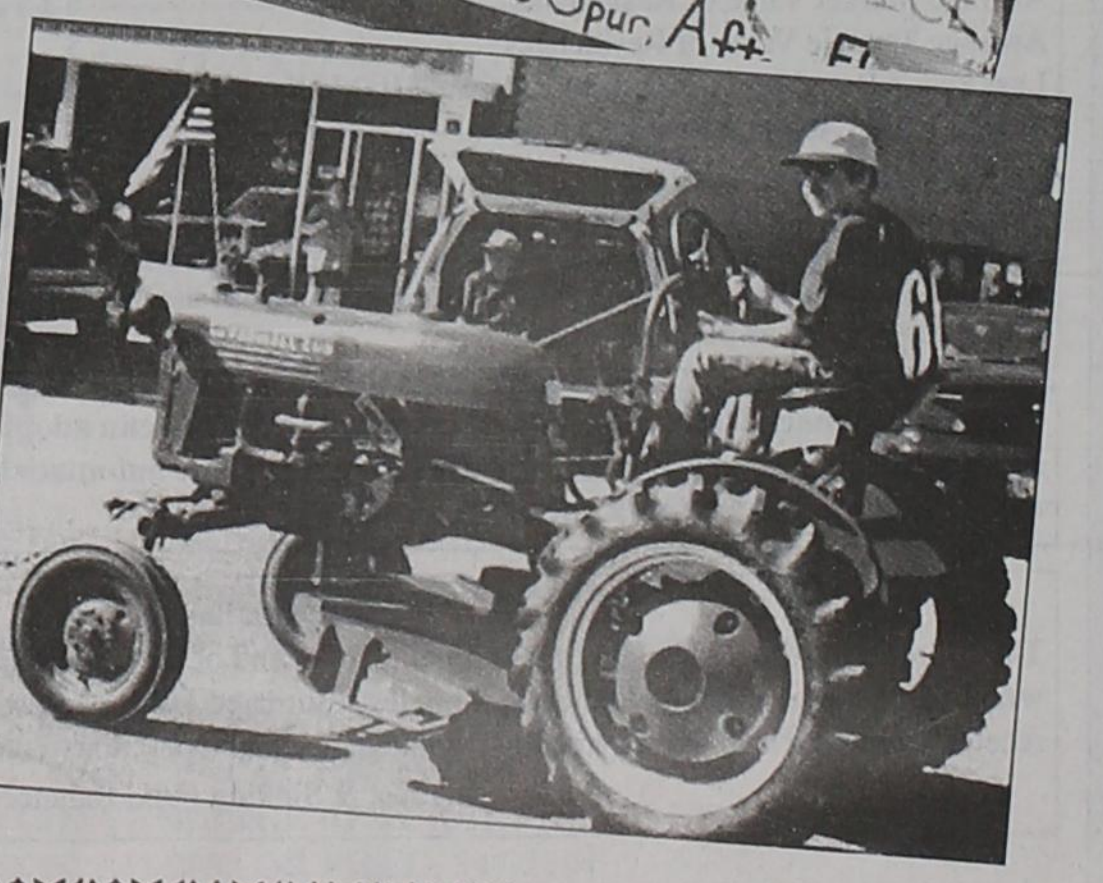
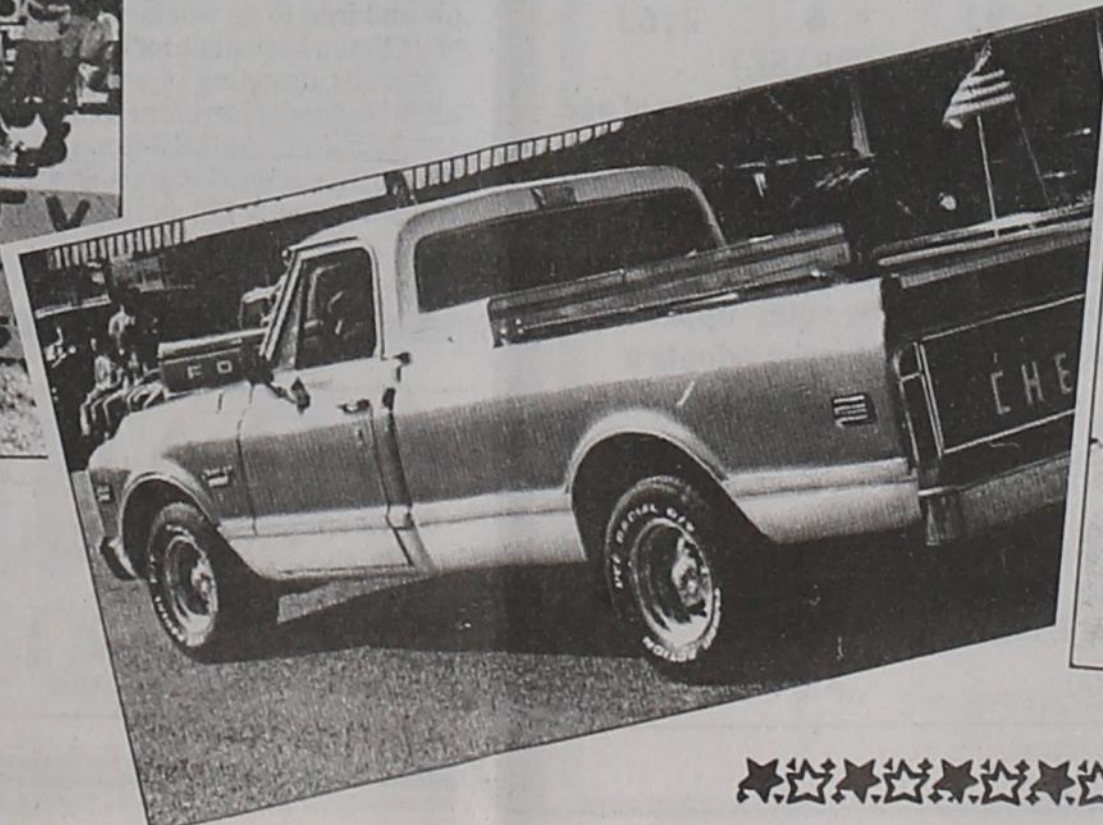
BEST COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS — Pictured left to right, Bruce McFall, Modern Day Cowboy; Donna Whitaker, Modern Day Cowgirl; Elmer Maben, Best Old Time Cowboy; Colton Russell, Best Jr. Cowboy; and Kelsi Stokes, Best Jr. Cowgirl. Not pictured is Sherry Chaney, Best Old Time Cowgirl.

BEST ANTIQUE CAR — Leroy Louder of Kansas won the plaque for Best Antique Car.

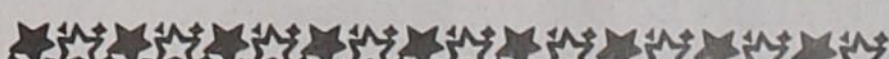


BEST HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE — Mott Creek Ranch

BEST BICYCLE — Steve Byrd of Roaring Springs won the plaque for the Best Bicycle in the Parade.



BEST FLOAT — Dickens County Courthouse



News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lefevre and attending Old Settlers was their son, Billy Lefevre of Amarillo. Also visiting was Mrs. Lefevre's cousin, Sherry Owens and daughter, Clarisa of Paducah.

Old Settlers visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Danford from Abernathy, Leroy Louder of Kansas and friend, Pat, of Lubbock. Mr. Louder drove his antique car in the Parade. After visiting a while with the Jordans, they drove back to Lubbock.

Enjoying coffee and visiting in Matador Monday morning with Mrs. Callie Giesecke, were Lula Swim, Grace Zabielski, Mary Lumsden, Billie Clifton, and Pearl Patten. Mary, Billie and Pearl ate lunch at Main Street Cafe while there.

Charlie and Nancy Long visited Friday until Sunday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl (PeeWee) Long and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Long and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Long, and celebrated Steve's birthday.

Old Settlers guests of Odessa Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodnight of Floydada, Linda Haney Evans of Levelland, Debra Scott, and a friend, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin visited his mother, Modean Brooks and attended Old Settlers.

OLD SETTLERS VISITORS

Visiting during Old Settlers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker were her mother, Mrs. Cora Mitchell, sister, Johnnie Lowrance, and niece, Lori Kenard.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

This I haven't read before, but if it was original with the man whose name signed to it, he must be a rare person:

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek; by the manner in which you speak; by the way you employ your leisure time; by the use you make of dollar and dime.

You tell on yourself by the things you wear; by the spirit in which your burdens bear; by the kind of things at which you laugh; by the records you play on the phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk; by the things of which you delight to talk; by the manner in which you bear defeat; by so simple a thing as how you eat; by the books you choose from the well-filled shelf.

So there's really no particle of sense, in an effort to keep up false pretense.

(C.L. Anderson A.F. & A.M. 867, Lockney, TX 79241, on the back of his calling card).

What a wonderful heritage to leave.

OLD SETTLERS VISITORS

When the Groves family finds another cousin, it's like Old Home Week. Del Juanice Groves Bradley and her husband, Newt Bradley, had a booth at the Arts & Crafts Show at the Community Center. "Del" is the daughter of Delbert and Minnie Anon Stanley Groves. We lost her address following the death of her parents in Pampa. Delbert Groves was born in Motley County in 1915. Delbert's brothers were Noble, Claude, and L.C.

Newt and Del took early retirement in New Mexico, and came back from the Land of Enchantment to God's Country, some of which is on the Plains, to 6115 Lynnhaven, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Pat and Kathy Groves, and daughter Cortney with her classmate at Castillejo, Margaret Kenneley, came Wednesday and departed Saturday in order to attend the wedding of a friend in Los Altos Hills.

continued below

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

PRESENTED FOR HOLY SACRAMENT

Micah Luke Benton Willey, baby son of Teresa and Lewis Willey of Amarillo was presented for Holy Sacrament of Christian Baptism, Sunday morning August 29, 1999 at the Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

Attending the dedication beside his parents were maternal grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee of Flomot; paternal grandparents, Mary Beth and Jeff Willey of Littlefield and sister Kacee of Amarillo.

RECENT TRIP

Mrs. C.W. Starkey returned home Wednesday, Aug. 25 from a two week trip that included visiting Warner, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna and Family and in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George and family.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and attending graveside services of Bill Starkey, 95, held in Olton, Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long of Winewood, Oklahoma; Mrs. Royce Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma; Mrs. Phyllis Gladson of Austin; Mrs. Ersie Van Cleeve and Mrs. Shelly Martinez and children of Dougherty.

Kathy and Clois Shorter enjoyed the Nostalgia Celebration Concert featuring music of the 1950's-60's and 70's held at

the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Friday night.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Sunday were Donna and Stanley Degan of Calgary and Erma and Bill D. Washington, local residents.

Mary Ellen Barton attended the enjoyable Matador Cowboy Reunion, Saturday held at the Jerry and Pat Green home in Roaring Springs. They had a good turnout.

Dodie Morris of Lubbock visited with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rebecca.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for an optical appointment. They visited Mrs. Bessie Reid and Christina and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey before returning home.

Visiting Mrs. Edith Washington, Sunday were son and wife, Max and Gayle Washington and Laura and Matt Hathaway of Lubbock. Max and Gayle are leaving on a vacation tour this week in their mobile home.

Stanley and Donna Degan of Calgary visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Tom Ross attended the funeral of Buster Hanna in Turkey, Friday. He was in Childress, Monday for a medical appointment.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEAD

We are becoming a hyphenated nation, "Latin-American," "Chinese-American," "Korean-American," "African-Americans" and etc.

We were founded as "One nation under God". ONE nation, not a mess of split infinitives! If we have to be hyphenated, let us adopt "American-Americans" and pull together as one people to heal the rift that hyphenated identification creates. Divided we will fall. Wake up America!

Mrs. Jane Nester of Lovington N.M. visited from Wednesday until Tuesday, Aug. 25-31, with daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon.

Gordon Harmon and son, Kyle Harmon of Mansfield and daughter, Kim Harmon of Arlington visited overnight Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper. They were in the Old Settler's Parade and enjoyed other entertainment in Roaring Springs, Thursday, before returning home. Mrs. Cooper, Jack Samford of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador attended the Old Settler's radio, Friday night.

Hal Martin of Matador accompanied his mother, Mrs. Katheryn Martin to Lubbock, for cardiac tests. Mrs. Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin and in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and enjoying Old Settler's reunion in Roaring Springs were daughter and husband Heather and Scott Bloat of Lubbock and son, Cobey Turner, student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Local News

Keiths Keep Ga Movin'

Out of town guests in the home of Charles and Joan were daughters Judi Levin of Northridge, California, and Elizabeth and John Schmalsteig and their children - Jack, Ben and Tori - all of Georgetown, Texas. Staying with Viola and Charlie was a dear friend, Barbara Shepley of Houston. All of them converged to join in on Charlie's 95th birthday bash.

Charles and Joan visited in Georgetown the weekend following Charlie's birthday, and had a most enjoyable visit with Ruby Myles of Roaring Springs, who is now living with her daughter Rebecca Nichols in Austin. Ruby has gained a little weight and was in great spirits, and they all had a wonderful visit catching up on each others news. Ruby would really enjoy hearing from her many friends in Motley County, and you can drop her a note or card at 5814 Gateshead Drive, Austin, TX 78745.

Old Settlers was special this year since cousin Mary Helen Knox of Lubbock (daughter of Gilbert Keith) introduced her new fiance' to the family while enjoying the activities of the weekend.

Visiting Netta J. Landrum recently were her brother, James A. Jackson of Amarillo and Mrs. J.W. (Jack) Jackson of Wichita Falls. Accompanying Mrs. Jackson was her husband, Netta J's youngest brother, Jack Jackson. Also visiting the group was S.J. Landrum, local resident.

Neighborhood News

continued from above

They make it a habit to get to Old Settlers and enjoy it more every year. Margaret drove the Kawasaki Mule in the Parade which was one of the best we have had in years.

Other special guests were the three daughters of Ruby and the late Ralph Nichols; Vada Watt from Bryan, and Virginia Martin and Rita Little of Lubbock. Vada and husband, Carson have their two sons, Jim Bonner and Jason, and daughter Krista through A&M and the grandkids are being raised by their parents, so Vada is in her second childhood now and free to go whenever it fits husband Carson's schedule for her to be away.

Friends dropping in were Betti and Milton Rudder of Hereford; Chas. Robert and Joan Keith; also Joan and Keith Patton of Matador. Phone visits with Mike Groves frequently. Pat and Kathy enjoyed golfing at Springs Ranch Club.

GOALS

"Be true to your own goals."

L. Ron Hubbard

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Carl Barton meets with tragedy

by Rita Groves

Years ago Carl Barton wanted to retire to Roaring Springs, perhaps from West Texas Utilities. Have I told you this before? He approached Melton Thacker to see about buying a few acres on Highway 70 surrounding the house just north of the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Melton hesitated. He may not have liked selling his land any more than the rest of us - they aren't making any more of it. One needs a smidgen of land.

But Melton thought it over. He always considered the welfare of his friends, his home, his family, and Roaring Springs in general. In a short time, he came back to Carl and said he had reconsidered. "We need you, Carl," he said. So Carl took the few acres and made a home, and has worked ever since for Roaring Springs. You name it, he can help you with it.

So he had shredded tall weeds at the Nichols place next door one day, and came the next morning to till Lee Cook's garden patch at the Roxie Lewis place, where three retired teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Crowder, and Mrs. Crowder's sister, Lee Cook, have settled. He finished the garden spot, then it was decided he should get some weeds around the edge, and that's when his tractor hung a wire - the kind used for electric fences, but it wasn't a hot wire - that wrapped around Carl's ankle, yanked him from the tractor, and dragged him until Lee, who knew nothing about tractors caught the machine and tried cutting the motor, but couldn't move the key either way, so she 'hit every pedal and pulled every lever' until she got

it stopped. Joe Martinez shut off the motor when he arrived. Lee didn't know who cut the wire from Carl's ankle - the Sheriff's Department, Roaring Springs and Matador Fire Departments and Ambulance came. Someone who stopped to assist had yelled from the road, "Call 911," so help arrived. She only knew that Carl didn't scream, just said a few 'ouches' as the wire was cut away, nearly to the bone, and that his foot dangled when he was lifted to the gurney. The woman ambulance driver drove as fast as she could, sometimes 85 mph, and the helicopter met her in McAdoo.

I talked with Carl's stepson Bill Young when he arrived at the Barton house in the country, but he went back wherever he goes before I could get a late report. Ray Zabielski delivered mail to Bill. He wanted Carl's story in the column. Today, Sunday, with information furnished by Lee Cook, I called Carl's room (#669 South at Methodist Hospital - phone number (806) 792-1011), and talked to Carl's daughter Marquitta Montgomery who is a retired nurse. Today there's a glimmer of hope. The foot was reattached, and the broken ankle bone pinned, but at first there was no circulation. A little circulation shows now, but it isn't known whether it is going to be enough. His care givers are doing what can be done to encourage it. I talked with Lee Cook this morning to verify this story, and she said they were keeping in close touch. Melton was right. We need Carl. He needs our prayers. Miracles still occur.

Bereavement group finds strength through meetings



STILL GOING STRONG — Despite concluding the eight-week program in December, the initial bereavement group sponsored by Lockney's Hospice Hands of West Texas continues to meet monthly for food and fellowship. Members of the group are (from left) Henry Ford, Jr., Nina Teuton, Joyce Owens, Joyce Campbell, Kathleen Thornton, Donnie Meriwether Bowman, and John Bowman. Not pictured is Helen Guthrie.

Lockney--Grief and loneliness manifests itself in strange ways. For some, like Henry Ford, Jr., the worst comes on lonely weekends. For others, like Kathleen Thornton, the hardest time is sitting down to a meal alone.

Struggling with the profound weakness that follows the death of a spouse, eight Floyd and Motley County residents have found strength through a bereavement group sponsored by Lockney's Hospice Hands of West Texas.

The bereavement group, facilitated by Laurie Hall, met each Thursday for eight consecutive weeks. The experience resulted in new friendships, new sources of strength and encouragement, and, for two members, a new spouse.

Joyce Owens, the group's youngest member and daughter-in-law of fellow member Helen Guthrie, was instrumental in starting the group.

"I was so lost after my husband died so suddenly," said Mrs. Owens. "I heard a support group might help and I knew nothing about them. I was hoping this group would help me get through the pain and help me find a way to get on with my life. I thought being with others who were going through the same thing would help."

"Not even your family can help," echoed Nina Teuton. "You don't need someone to feel sorry for you... you need someone to understand."

With ages ranging from 79 to 44, and all having lost spouses in the past year, the group embarked on an eight-week journey, which officially concluded in December, but has continued on a regular basis since.

"The goal of a bereavement group is not to get them over their grief, but to help them work through it," explained Mrs. Hall, who will start a new group in September. "The new members almost have to find a new identity, because they are not entirely the same person as before."

"When people who have experienced such a loss can come together and learn that what they are feeling is normal, and interact with others having similar feelings, it is very beneficial."

The weekly meetings, which included a meal and were rotated among the homes of group members, addressed a particular stage or issue of grief.

"We focused on developing relationships and support," said Mrs. Hall. "For instance, each member was required to call or visit at least one other group member each week. After a few weeks, they were making these contacts because they wanted to, not because they were made to."

For some participants, finding

the courage to attend the initial meeting was difficult. "I didn't make the first meeting, and several members of the group encouraged me to attend," recalled Donnie Meriwether Bowman.

"I really wasn't too excited about it, but I thought, oh, well, I'll just go ahead and go. I had had feedback (from persons participating in other bereavement groups) that it would be sad, and that everyone would be crying, and there was some of that. But overall it has been a wonderful experience."

Wonderful enough, in fact, that she met her future husband, fellow group member John Bowman. "Getting married was the absolute farthest thing from my mind when I began attending the bereavement group, but John and I made a lifelong commitment on May 29," said Mrs. Bowman.

Other members, like Mrs. Thornton, were less hesitant to participate. "I expected to have a good counselor, which I had, and someone who really cared about my hurting," she explained. "Being married 60 years and suddenly you are alone... I would come home excited about something and have nobody to share it with."

"I have found communication with other people, who would never have been together otherwise and are in the same situation, as well as fellowship, love, and someone who cares about me."

The group remains as close today as when they ended the program and not only shares meals, games, and sentiments on a monthly basis, but also travels to special events across West Texas. In October, they will attend the Ray Price concert in Turkey.

Their advice to those considering attending a bereavement group is as strong as the bonds they have formed in the past year.

"Join a group like ours," said Mrs. Owens. "We all started out crying and sad, but now we can laugh again. Grief is tough, but with the help of friends you can make it. It helps to talk with someone who has been there or is there. They understand what you are going through."

"I would encourage persons who have lost their loved one to participate," said Mr. Bowman. "Getting together is the key. All these people now seem part of my family."

Mr. Ford put it most succinctly. "Participate. It can't do anything except be good for you."

For additional information or to enroll in the next bereavement group, contact Hospice Hands of West Texas at 652-3000 or Mrs. Hall at 652-1127.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., SEPT. 13, 1999 in MOTLEY CO. I.S.D. BOARDROOM MATADOR, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates				
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.23900	\$ 0.000*	\$ 1.23900	\$ 2,931	\$ 3,739
Less State-Funded	\$ (0.022)	\$ 0.000	\$ (0.022)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Tax Relief					
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$ 1.21697	\$ 0.000	\$ 1.21697	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$ 1.19100	\$ 0.000*	\$ 1.19100	\$ 2,753	\$ 669
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.24697	\$ 0.000*	\$ 1.24697	\$ 2,883	\$ 0

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$81,300.

	Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence	
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 15,156.00	\$ 15,211.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 156.00	\$ 211.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23900	\$ 1.24697
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.63
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$.70	(INCREASE)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.24697. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.24697.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



EARLY DAY COWBOYS — This group of cowboys worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company, 1951 and earlier.



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RECOGNIZED AT COWBOY REUNION

Ted Alls of New Braunfels, Texas was recognized for traveling the greatest distance at the 6th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion held at Green's place in Roaring Springs on Saturday; George "Sis" Fulgham of Clovis, N.M., second earliest employee; Boots O'Neal, won the drawing for a Moore Maker knife; Robert Collier, Idalou, earliest employee, pictured left to right. Not pictured is Jordan Rogers, of Dumont, third earliest employee.

WORD of GOD

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Cowboy Reunion sets attendance record

by Jerry Green

Well over 200 folks participated in the 6th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion held at Roaring Springs on Old Settlers Saturday.

In attendance were 62 current and former Matador Ranch employees, including 38 senior hands who worked at one time or the other for the original Matador Land and Cattle Company, headquartered in Scotland.

Jerry Slaton of Afton fixed dinner and the Bobby Thompson Band of Childress entertained with old-time Ranch Dance fiddle music.

Vic Read of Whiteflat gave a couple of inspiring recitations and Ed D. Smith of Lubbock told about the Adolph Bayers bits and spurs books written by J. Martin Basinger.

Rip Griffin of Lubbock made it possible to have this year's Reunion broadcast live and remote by K-96

Country Radio of Childress. This enabled a dozen or so old-timers to share stories of the Matador cow outfit with a vast audience.

Robert Collier of Idalou was the earliest employed hand in attendance not previously recognized. He received one of two Adolph Bayers books, donated by J. Martin Basinger.

George "Sis" Fulgham of Clovis, N.M., and Jordan Rogers of Dumont were the second and third earliest

employed hands. Sis was awarded a pocket knife donated by Moore Maker, Inc. and Jordan got the other Basinger book.

Two additional Moore Maker knives were awarded. One went to Ted Alls of New Braunfels, Texas for traveling the greatest distance to the Reunion. The other was given to Boots O'Neal of Guthrie for winning the drawing.

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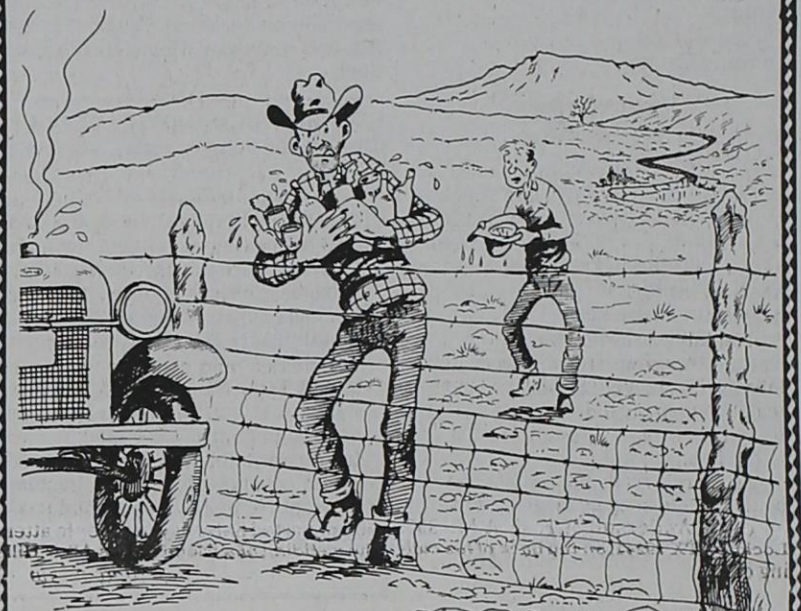
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By Ace Reid



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Bid Notice

BID NOTICE
The City of Matador is now accepting bids for a depository for City Funds. For further information contact Seven Alexander at City Hall, 706 Dundee, P.O. Box 367, Matador, TX 79244 or call (806) 347-2255.

Bids must be received at City Hall by 7:30 a.m. on September 9, 1999. Bids will be opened at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, 1999.

The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

NOTICE

BARTON FAMILY REUNION: Saturday, September 4, 10:00 a.m. - ? Matador Senior Citizens Building.

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