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MATADOR, MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1963

PRICE TEN CENTS



A PLACE TO BUILD A CITY—These workmen are clearing the land to build Roaring Springs in 1913. The names of seven are known. Reading from left to right, No. 1 is Crawford Snow, No. 2 is Jim Cloyd, No. 3 is Walter Carpenter, No. 4 is Jim Swearingen, No. 7 is Nelson Pender and No. 12 is Oscar Calloway. This photo courtesy of C. E. (Tib) Harris. Another print of this picture, belonging to Brooks Calloway, was used last year.

Boy Scout "Good Turn" Led Mayor 'Settlers' to Open 40th Reunion

A LONELY LITTLE BOY who had always been "The Stranger" in towns along the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway where his father, S. J. Braselton Sr. was bridge foreman, made a resolution in 1927, and kept it. S. J. Braselton Jr. usually attended school about six weeks in the various towns along the railroad and was always "The Stranger." In the summer of 1927 he met some Boy Scouts in Roaring Springs about his own age and they invited him to go camping with them.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," Braselton says, "and I resolved that when I was grown I was going to live in Roaring Springs where the people were so friendly." He was elected Mayor of the town he loved, last April.

"If I had a million dollars I would not want to live any other place," the Mayor has said many times. "I believe the small town offers the greatest opportunities to the young man who does not have any money," Braselton declares. "Recently I thought of each businessman in Roaring Springs and every one of them, including Melton Thacker, was broke when they started, with possibly one exception."

Finances Competition
S. J. Braselton worked for Melton Thacker for six years, then borrowed \$335 from him to open a competitive business. He secured the Ford tractor agency with the money which was competitive to Thacker's IHC implements.

"He knew I was going to get the Ford agency but he didn't care as long as it would help Roaring Springs. He never got anything back but the \$335, since he did not charge me any interest." The year was 1943.

Things were changing in the world and S. J. Braselton left the tractor agency with his father-in-law, J. V. Shirley, and entered the Navy.

After 22 months in the service the now mayor of Roaring Springs returned home and began selling tractors. His was the smallest agency in the state but for two consecutive years (1949-50) Braselton Implement Company sold more Ford tractors than any other agency in the state.

S. J. Braselton began branching out in other businesses. He pioneered irrigation in Motley and Dickens Counties, sold the first sprinkler system in the two counties, and bought and sold the first car load of fertilizer ever to come into Motley County.

About 1951 he entered the long haul trucking business and has two big trucks range from coast to coast, hauling everything from cotton to pig iron.

Oil came to Roaring Springs in 1956 and Braselton rode the crest, offering welder, trucks, drilling mud, and complete service to drilling companies. He operates two big crawler tractors and now has a drag-line shovel which serves the entire area.

S. J. Braselton organized the Roaring Springs Lions Club in 1946 and was the club's first president. He served 12 years on the city council before being elected mayor.

He married Dorothy Shirley, a



Mayor S. J. Braselton

STARTING at 10 o'clock this morning, the 40th reunion of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association will be the parade through the streets of Roaring Springs.

Ribbon awards will be presented at Pioneer Park and the Memorial Service will follow at the pavilion at 11 a.m. Joe E. Meador of Vernon will make the address, following invocation by Rev. W. B. Vaughn.

The rodeo will start at 8 p.m. each of the three evenings, as will the two dances.

Emergency Allows Soil Bank Acres Graze Privilege

A telegram last week from Congressman Walter Rogers informed the Tribune that Motley County had been included in the drought emergency area allowing grazing of soil bank acres.

Congressman Rogers said the privileges were offered on conservation reserve land on feed grain and wheat diverted acres. Payment is required for grazing the land and clearance must be obtained through the ASC office.

Tommy Moore, County ASC office manager said Motley County has approximately 24,000 acres in soil bank and about 11,000 acres in wheat and feed grain. Yesterday applications totalled approximately 1,000 acres requesting permission to graze.

Whiteflat Church To Hold Revival

A revival meeting will begin Sunday, August 25 at the Whiteflat Baptist Church, to continue through September 1, it was announced last week by the pastor, Rev. Terry Morris of Plainview.

Rev. Jack Jeter of Vigo Park will do the preaching, and singing will be directed by Rollin Spencer of Plainview.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend services. Morning services will be at 10:00 o'clock, and evening services at 7:30.



FATHER AND SONS—Left to right: Melton S. Thacker, Joe M. (Buzz) Thacker and Max Thacker. Photo was made this week at the Matador store.

Firm Started 43 Years Ago

Accounts are Paid After Records Burn
CUSTOMER HONESTY is a great asset to any business, especially after a fire has destroyed an entire business, the building and all records. In 1926 Melton Thacker was in Dallas when his wife called him with the tragic news that fire had destroyed Western Hardware Co. He returned home to find that the old safe had fallen apart and that all records were lost.

"All accounts and notes were lost," he said, "but my customers remembered and paid."

Melton Thacker had come to Roaring Springs in 1915, two years after the town was organized. During the falls of 1915-16 he kept books at a gin operated by J. A. Goodwin. Late in the season of both years he taught school in the capacity of principal at McAdoo.

He went to the army in 1918 and was soon overseas. Returning from service in 1919 he again worked at the gin. In 1920 he and Mr. Goodwin formed a partnership and started Western Hardware Co. They were partners until the fire when Thacker purchased Goodwin's interest and rebuilt the building in about its present location.

"We had some good years in 1927-28-29, which made it possible to weather the depression fairly well. I think 1934 was the only year we failed to make any profit."

Son Is Partner
In 1933 the name of the firm was changed to Thacker Supply Company under which it operates today. After World War II the business continued to expand and the oldest son of the owner, Joe M. (Buzz) Thacker purchased an interest.

In 1960 the father-son partnership purchased the Matador Hardware & Furniture Company, pioneer Matador firm, changing the name to Thacker Supply Company. A second son, Max Thacker is employed in the Matador store.

Mrs. Thacker (the former Lillian Hoyle) has assisted in the Roaring Springs store through the years, and the couple's daughter, Joyce, (Mrs. Colwell Smith) assisted in the store during World War II when her husband and brother were both in service.

Of modest and retiring nature, Melton Thacker has built an outstanding business on the simple principle of faith. He has trusted customers and customers have trusted him. Fair prices, high quality merchandise and astute, straight-forward business policies have created a merchant-customer understanding that has passed to second and third generations.

The big stores in both Roaring Springs and Matador are a credit to their equal store communities. They equal stores in towns many times larger.

Melton S. Thacker was born on a farm near San Augustine, Texas and graduated from Center High School in Center, Texas. He attended college two years in Denton before coming to West Texas.



THE TRIBUNE was spawned in this building still standing in Roaring Springs, but soon to be removed.

Dedicated to Roaring Springs

This issue of the Tribune is respectfully dedicated to Roaring Springs. It was in this community that what is now the Matador Tribune was started as a small hand-set newspaper in October 1920.

I was operating a filling station here for Joe Murrell (wage \$1 per day) when two men drove into the station. One of them was Geo. Gabriel now of Spur, whom I knew. He introduced his companion as Melton Thacker. In a few moments Mr. Thacker told me he owned the small newspaper in Roaring Springs and wanted someone to operate it.

I could hardly believe what I was hearing. It was what I wanted more than anything else but I had no money. I told Mr. Thacker and he explained that he had made investigations and that he would finance me enough to get started. I had \$1.60 in my pocket that day and I owed it to many places. But it was an eventful day because a man I had just met had offered to start me in business.

The situation was not bright. It was near the depths of the depression and crops were poor. I never told Mr. Thacker, but several customers told me they did not want a newspaper. It did not matter. I knew in my heart they were going to get one.

The sheetiron building still stands where the shop was located. Things got worse the next spring and banks all over the country closed. In December 1933 I persuaded Mr. Thacker to allow me to move the plant to Matador. I did not have any equity in it. In January 1934 Howard Hamilton became my partner and in March we purchased the Motley County News. We soon purchased a typesetting machine and in a short while we had a debt of over \$7,000. I purchased my partner's interest in the indebtedness the following spring. We had not been able to pay a single penny of interest.

So this issue of the Tribune is dedicated to Roaring Springs, its readers and its friends, because it was the spawning ground of this weekly 31 years ago.

Douglas Meador



Postmaster Leslie Smith

RS Postmaster Is Native Son

Motley County was young when Roaring Springs postmaster Leslie Smith was born at the Ranch headquarters July 18, 1895. His father, John Smith, came to the area that is now Motley County on Christmas Day, 1878. He worked for Henry H. Campbell before the Matador Ranch was organized. John Smith was a famous wagon boss for the Matador Ranch during pioneer days.

The late Mrs. Smith, the postmaster's mother, was prominent in public life during her active years and was a former county treasurer of Motley County. She was a charter member and the first secretary-treasurer of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association.

Leslie Smith attended school one year at old Dutchman school and graduated from Roaring Springs High School with the Class of 1914, one year after the town was organized. Three years later he was in the army of WW I and spent a year overseas.

He was cowboy, grocery clerk and farmer until he was appointed postmaster at Roaring Springs 20 years ago (Aug. 5, 1943).

Miss Catherine Coldwell of Tennessee came to the Roaring Springs area to visit relatives some 40 odd years ago. She and Leslie Smith met and began

(Continued on back page)

Methodist Revival To Begin Sunday

First service of the revival at First Methodist Church will be held Sunday, August 25, with the pastor, Rev. Roy Patterson preaching at the morning worship hour. The visiting evangelist and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Moore, of Clarendon will be here for the evening service. Closing date is August 31.

CONDITION CRITICAL

Condition of Mrs. A. C. Traweck Sr. remains critical. She has been a patient in Quanah Memorial Hospital for several weeks following a stroke at her home here. Two of her daughters, Mrs. Orville Wells of Dallas and Mrs. Vincent Potter of Houston are staying at the Traweck home here and driving to Quanah to attend their mother along with the two sons, Dr. Albert Traweck and Howard Traweck.

NEW PAINT JOB

Vaughn Drug re-opened Monday after being closed 5 days for a new paint job. Interior of the store was painted a light green with the ceiling white, which greatly improved the appearance. Store front was painted white also. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vaughn operate the store.

ROARING SPRINGS FIRM IN BUSINESS 42 YEARS

Successor to the pioneers is Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company in Roaring Springs which has been in business 42 years. The firm purchased the McAdams Lumber Company there in 1921.

John Meason, manager, has been in charge since 1933, and he has been employed by the company for 36 years.

LIMITED PRINTING

Only 100 extra copies are being printed of this week's Pioneer issue of the Tribune. They are offered on a first come, first served basis, and may be obtained on the stand in front of the Tribune if the office is closed. Price this issue is 10c copy.

This 12-page issue was started last week after the August 15 issue was mailed. Many stories and pictures which could not be included in the issue, will be published in subsequent issues.



STREET SCENE about 1917 at the First State Bank in Roaring Springs. This old engraving was first printed in Tribune issue of August 31, 1939. The source of the photo is not known. Those known in the picture are: H. L. White, Mr. Guthrie, D. A. Davis, Sid Young, J. A. Swaringen, A. K. Hall, J. D. Byrum, Lem Guthrie, J. R. Harris, Oscar Williams (boy unknown), "Dad" Huffstutler, A. J. Cooper, E. L. Gardanier, Booker T. Graves, Charley King, Jim Douglas, (at window is Dennis White), at curb, first man unknown, W. C. Bagley and J. S. Pyron.

Thirty Years Ago

Many Expected to Old Settlers' Reunion at Springs for 10th Meet

ROARING SPRINGS, June 8, 1933 — Directors of the Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers Association, in a meeting here Friday, appointed committees and outlined plans for the tenth annual reunion of the organization, which will be held at the springs on Thursday, August 24.

C. C. Haile, president of the association, declared that plans to accommodate an even larger crowd than the twenty-five hundred that visited last year, would be made. Plenty of music and amusement is assured visitors this year.

Each family will be asked to deliver their lunch basket over to a central provision committee on arrival so that distribution may be facilitated.

Directors of the association are: C. C. Haile, president; Frank Speer, vice president and

W. D. Starcher, secretary and treasurer.

Committees named Friday: Memorial Committee, Mrs. John Smith, Matador and Mrs. Nannie Cobb, Dickens.

Program Committee, T. B. Edmondson, Matador, Fred C. Hale, Dickens, Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Roaring Springs, Mrs. Pleas Card, Afton, and Fred Crabtree, Dickens.

Committee of Entertainment: E. E. Moss, and O. O. Love, Roaring Springs, and J. D. Morris, Whiteflat.

Publicity Committee: W. D. Starcher, Spur, G. C. Mitchell, Matador, and Douglas Meador, Roaring Springs.

Beverly Bridge visited from Tuesday until Friday of last week in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mills, Pat and Sharry.

Patton Springs NEWS

Mrs. Vella Rape attended the funeral for her sister, Mrs. Carrie Rutledge in Waco, Friday, July 19. Mrs. Rutledge was a former Spur resident.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomason and children attended funeral services for his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Isabell Thomason, 83, at the Church of Christ in Spur, Thursday of last week. She had been a resident of Dickens County since 1917, until moving to Hereford last January.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alexander of Blythe, Calif. visited his mother, Mrs. Flora Alexander and sister, Mrs. J. L. Brown and others, the past week.

Mrs. Hugo Heinen and Teddie of San Antonio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ted McInroe. Visitors last week in the McInroe home were a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Swain of Tucson, Arizona.

Gene Legg is suffering from an injured finger received while at work at Moss Lint Co. in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims and Mary are visiting in Columbus, Miss., with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and baby.

Mrs. Prentiss Fred and Robin, of Levelland visited the Sam Porters, Sunday and attended Afton Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. G. H. Harfst and daughters of El Campo are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kelly.

Rosemarf and Patti Fullingim of Matador visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fullingim.

Mrs. Joe Bailey Hickman is in the Crosbyton Hospital following surgery after sustaining injuries in a car accident.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rainbolt are parents of a son, born August 6, in the Crosbyton Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Foard of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rainbolt of Roaring Springs.

Sisters Killed In Recent Car Wreck

The Afton community was shocked and saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Don Atkinson and Miss Nancy Thatcher, sisters of Mrs. Alfred Rainbolt, formerly of Afton, now of Merkel.

They were killed in a car wreck near Slaton on August 9. Many from Afton attended the funeral services at Spur First Baptist Church, Monday, August 12.

ADDRESSES REQUESTED BY EX-STUDENT ASSN.

Addresses of former students of Patton Springs School, including those which were consolidated, it was announced following a recent meeting of the Ex-Students Association.

Many ex-students have changed addresses since the Homecoming held two years ago, and officials of the association wish to bring their records up to date before sending out letters this year.

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Source of Names for Tongue River And Roaring Springs Explained

Tongue River was a favorite place for Indians to pass through on the way to and from Indian Territory when they made raids in Old Mexico. I (Frank Collinson) was told by the old scouts and Indians that at one time the buffalo all died at Tongue River from a disease called black tongue. I have always understood that was the reason it was named Tongue River.

Roaring Springs Named

In the summer of 1876, we were pulling through that country on the way south and camped one night on Tongue River. When everything got still and quiet we heard water falling about a mile below our camp. The next morning I got up early,

got on a horse and rode down. When I got to it I saw water coming out of the ground. I got off my horse and tied him. There was a big willow thicket running from the springs along Tongue River. When I was within 15 steps I saw something lying in front of me. It was a dead buffalo, and on that buffalo were two panthers. They jumped up on the bluff, on the north side and I killed them both. I am sure they were the first shots they ever heard.

I then examined the water and found it to be good. I looked around and saw this was a favorite camping place for Indians. By then some of the boys had come down. We skinned the two panthers and named the spring,

Roaring Springs. You could hear the roaring a mile or two up and down the creek. We decided since it was good water many buffalo should be there. We stayed and killed many buffalo, then headed south to Duck Creek.

Later, when the Jingle Bob cattle moved in, we built a rather large branding pen, about a mile below Roaring Springs, near where Dutchman Creek runs into Tongue River. We called it Roaring Springs Corral, later known as The Jingle Bob Corral (an excerpt from THE EARLY HISTORY OF MOTLEY COUNTY by Harry H. Campbell.)

AUSTIN, Texas — Two hundred twenty University of Texas students are candidates for Bachelor of Administration degrees at the close of the summer session, August 24. The list, according to Dean John Arch White, includes Troy Max Legg of Afton, and Roy L. Taylor, Matador.

Our Sincere Best Wishes
to the
TRAIL BLAZERS



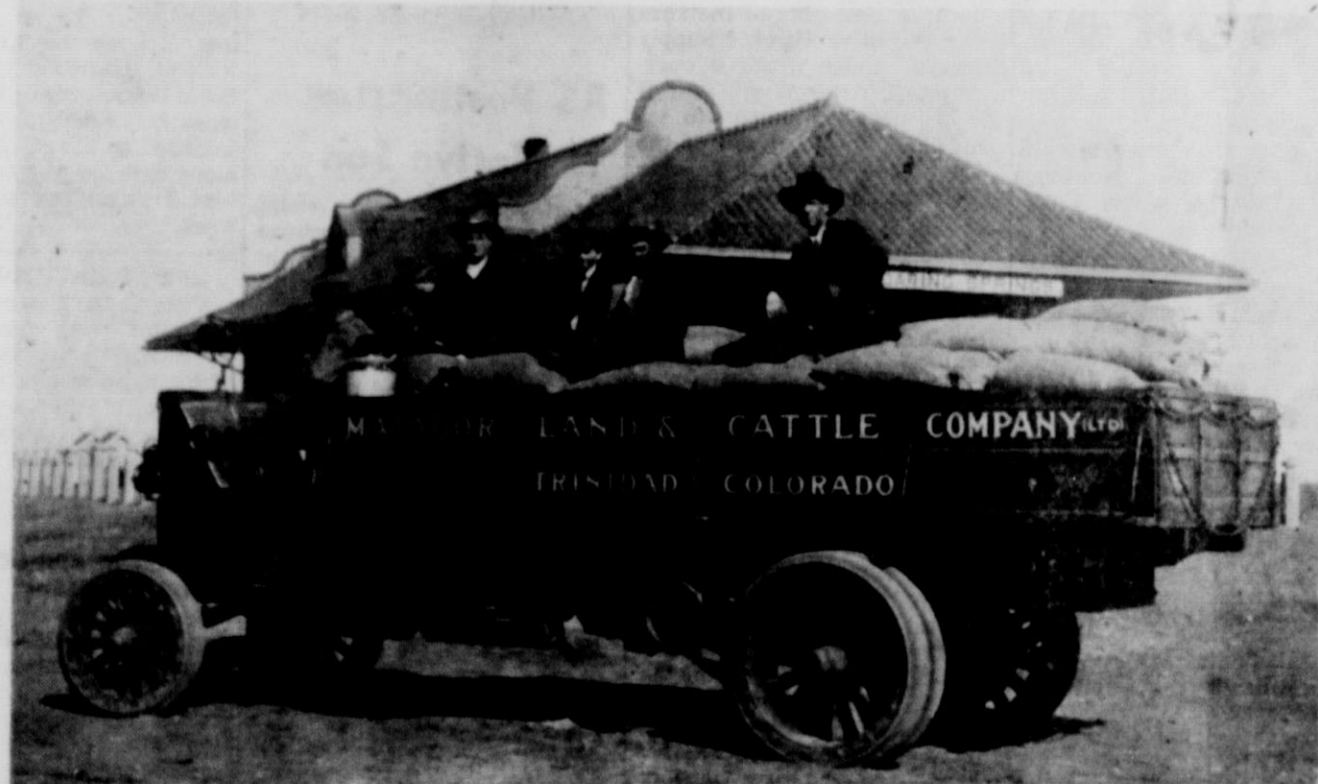
WE ARE GRATEFUL for the friendships of Old Settlers, and for the rich heritage of the country they pioneered. We pay our deepest respects to all the pioneers who have had a part in the winning of a frontier country and establishing a new way of life!

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Welcome To Roaring Springs
OLD SETTLERS
As We Observe Our 50th Anniversary



HORSELESS WAGON loaded with cottonseed cake at Roaring Springs in 1913, the year the first train arrived. Note chain drive on truck, the solid tires and carbide lights. A. T. Swebston (now of Floydada) is at the wheel. Other men are Earl Harkey, Billy Cook, Henry Cook and Ed D. Smith, now of Matador. Photo is courtesy of A. T. Swebston.

AS SUCCESSORS TO THE PIONEERS, WE HAVE BEEN SERVING THIS AREA FOR OVER 40 YEARS

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John Meason ROARING SPRINGS



PASTORAL INTERLUDE— Lake at Matador Ranch headquarters photographed Oct. 11, 1904 by the late Parker Randolph, brother of Mrs. Ada (A. W.) Ford, at left. Girl at right is the former Maud Rattan (Mrs. Nath Shands of Mineral Wells). Man in center is identified as Edd Kelly. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Vance Gilbreath, daughter of Mrs. Ford).

Pallmeyers Show Slides At Family Night Program

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pallmeyer showed slides of historic and scenic places in Texas at the Methodist Family Night covered with supper held Thursday night, August 15 in the church basement.

After the supper was served the slides were shown. They were taken this summer by the Pallmeyers on a recent trip.

W. D. Lipscomb, program chairman for Methodist Men, introduced the program. J. Tom Hamilton, president, presided. Approximately sixty persons attended.

COFFEE CLUB ENJOYS BOWLING AT FLOYDADA

Several members of the Coffee Club formed a group for an evening of bowling in Floydada recently. After bowling, the women enjoyed refreshments at the Floydada City Park.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Richard Carson and Mrs. James Meador. Others included in the party were Mesdames James Price, Bob Fullington, Tommie Reynolds, Doyle Rose and Ronnie Christian.

Couple Marry in Home Ceremony

Mona Ruth Sonnier and Marvin Ray Johnson, both of Roaring Springs were married Wednesday evening, July 31, at 7:30, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn, with Rev. Vaughn performing the single ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elton Engle of Roaring Springs, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Herman Kreis, of Matador.

Attending the ceremony were Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Kreis and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johnson and son, Richard; John Perry Johnson; and Claudia Ruth Sonnier.

The couple will make their home in Roaring Springs.

SEVERAL TEACHERS AT READING CONFERENCE

Attending a Reading Conference held at West Texas State University, Canyon, Tuesday of last week were Mrs. Alvin Stearns, Matador and Mrs. Lem Miller, Roaring Springs, both teachers at Roaring Springs. Mrs. George Springer, who teaches in Floydada, and Mrs. Sam Weatherall, Plainview teacher.

Methodist Church Holds Conference

First Methodist Church held their 1st quarterly conference for the church year Sunday evening, August 18. Following a sermon by Dr. J. E. Shewbert of Plainview, district superintendent of the Plainview district, the conference was held.

Reports were given, by the pastor, Rev. Roy Patterson and other church officials, of the work done during the three months since Annual Conference.

MISSIONARY IS VISITOR

Miss Leora Shanks, a missionary on furlough from Costa Rica, spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting in the home of her cousin and family, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shanks of Clinton, Okla., Mrs. Vaughn's brother and wife. Miss Shanks was formerly a missionary in Cuba for twenty years.

COFFEE IS COURTESY FOR MRS. EDDIE SIMMS

Mrs. Eddie Simms was honored with a surprise coffee Monday morning in the home of Mrs. Jerry Noles. The affair was

a farewell courtesy for Mrs. Simms, who will leave soon with her family, for Eastland, Texas. Mr. Simms will assume new duties with the Soil Conservation Service.

Mrs. James Price and Mrs. Richard Carson were co-hostesses for the event. Approximately twenty friends called during the morning to wish Mrs. Simms well in her new location.

ATTEND OES TEA IN FLOYDADA

Mrs. J. B. Cooper, Mrs. G. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Duke Lipscomb, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gilbreath attended a tea at the home of Mrs. Flora McNeal in Floydada, Sunday afternoon. The tea was in honor of Thelma McReynolds, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas O. E. S.



IN THE ROUGH by hazel

Play Day was named as all irons for Pros (?) and woods and irons for the newer players. Vivian Cambell won the ball. Others playing were Louise Barton, Finnie Seale, Rita Groves, Erna Edwards, Lucretia Grundy, Becky Graham, Lillian Thacker, Faye Clements, Jane Thacker, Marion Woodruff, Laverna Price, Nell Clem, Tommie Newman and Mary Meason.

There is no play day scheduled for this week, on account of Old Settlers.

The Annual Invitational Tournament was held at Floydada Country Club from Thursday through Sunday.

The following from Matador were entered: Bill Seale, Claud Harp, John Barnhill, R. E. Campbell Jr., Dr. J. S. Stanley, Robert (better known as Robin) Darsey, and Gerald Pipkin; also Tom Yeates and Clyde Williams from Roaring Springs.

Gerald Pipkin was flight winner and received a set of irons. Dr. Stanley and Robert Darsey were runners-up in their respective flights, and each received a set of woods.

RECENT VISITORS

Recent week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stanfield were her sister and children, Mrs. J. E. Cole, Jimmie, Wayne, Elaine, Denice, Rod-

ger and Bruce. Also visiting in the Stanfield home recently were Rev. and Mrs. James Dunn of Canyon. Rev. Dunn, Mrs. Stanfield's nephew, is Bible instructor at the Bible Student Union on the campus of West Texas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Neblett of Denton visited several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitaker, and accompanied home their daughters, Nancy and Martha, who have been visiting their grandparents.

WELCOME to Roaring Springs Old Settlers
And Share With Us observance of our **50th Anniversary**



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FIRST BRIDGE across North Pease River, in north part of the county provided background for several early-day residents. At left is the late J. A. Tipton, postmaster at Northfield for many years; his brother-in-law, the late Leonard Crowell and small son, Leonard Jr., of Fomot, and Tommy Fulgham now of Childress, formerly of Northfield. Picture was made in 1924, and was contributed for the Pioneer issue by Mr. Fulgham.

Roaring Springs NEWS

Mrs. L. E. Cooper
Correspondent
Phone 981, Roaring Springs

Tommy Cooper and Larry Pierce attended to business in Levelland, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erasa Overstreet of Lubbock, visited here recent-

ly with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Freeman have returned from Meeker, Colo., where they spent the summer and he was employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cooper went to Eagle Pass, Wednesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Cooper.

Cory McSpadden and Jan Kirksey of Lubbock visited here last Monday with Mrs. Duff Green and Miss Ann Maxey.

ICE CREAM SUPPER IS HELD BY GUILD

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild held its annual ice cream supper Wednesday night, Aug. 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton. The fellowship hour was attended by the following:

Mrs. Joe Collier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Read and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams and family, Messdames J. N. Fletcher, Ruby Burt and Esther Clifton, Misses Lala Swim and Linda Parks, Rev. Edward Barkowsky and Max Winegar of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. John Aycock and sons of Fresno, Calif.

TO AUSTIN

Mrs. Lem Miller and Mrs. Carl Tardy accompanied the latter's son, Don Carl, to Austin last week, where he attended Attorney General Waggoner Carr's Youth Conference on Saturday.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Ben Dillard returned home Saturday, August 10, from Quannah where he had surgery on July 26. His wife, Rev. Mrs. Dillard was with him during his stay there, and was joined by other members of the family.

ATTEND YOUTH RALLY

Attending a District Giant Youth Rally at Plains Baptist Assembly near Floydada, Thursday night, Aug. 8, were Pat Day, Marsha Seale, Becky Simms, Frances Martin, Don Seigler, Larry Keltz, Charles Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boland and Billie Don, and Rev. and Mrs. Miller Robinson and John Lloyd.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. F. M. Conover of Moore, Tex., is visiting in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanley. James Stanley visited there last week and accompanied his grand-

mother here. Spending the week end in the Stanley home were their other son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanley, Steve and Shari, of Midland, and Sunday guests were a cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harris of Lubbock.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Joe Meador, with his daughters, Mrs. G. N. Wilson, and Mrs. C. E. Woolery of Abilene, returned here Monday after a visit with another daughter and sister, Mrs. Marlin Pounds and Mr. Pounds of Donie. Mr. Meador and Mrs. Wilson moved to Abilene recently, but will remain here this week to attend Old Settlers. Also here this week are his son and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe B. Meador and children, Joe Douglas and Stacy of Vernon.

ARRIVE FOR VISIT

SM Sgt. and Mrs. Carl King and sons, Tom and Bill of Glasgow AFB, Montana, arrived Saturday for a visit with relatives here, including his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, and a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis King.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears have returned home from a recent fishing trip in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Persons and son, Andy of Farmington, N. M. left Sunday to return home after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Long,

and with relatives in Roaring Springs and Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Emmons of Midland, former Matador residents were recent visitors here.

Mrs. Emma Peak and daughter, Marian Jo returned recently from a visit in Meeker, Okla. with another daughter and family of Mrs. Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ward. They also spent seven weeks visiting another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Dudley of Lorenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Russel and daughter, Elaine visited here Friday as they were en route to Austin, and were accompanied from here by their son, Howie, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Russell.

WEEK-END SPECIALS

COFFEE FOLGERS pound **65c**

Mellorine FOREMOST 1/2 gallon **39c**

Bacon WRIGHT'S Country Style 2 pound package **\$1.17**

Tomatoes Mountain Pass, peeled 303 can **13c**

Picnic Shoulders WILSON'S 3 lb. Can **\$1.98**

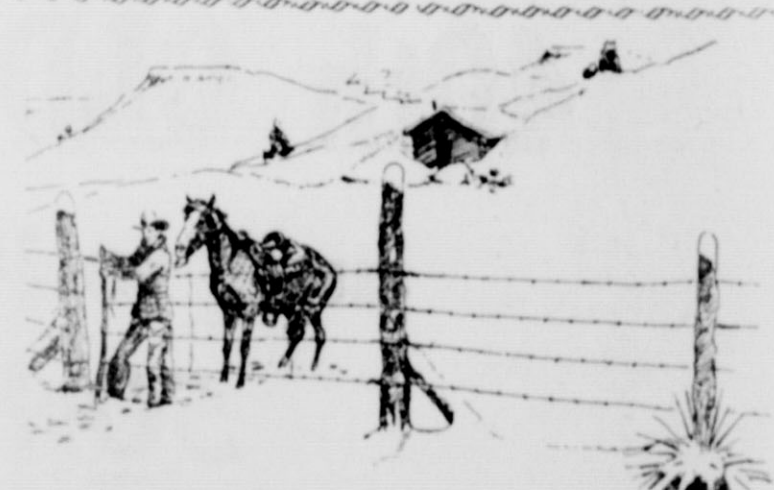
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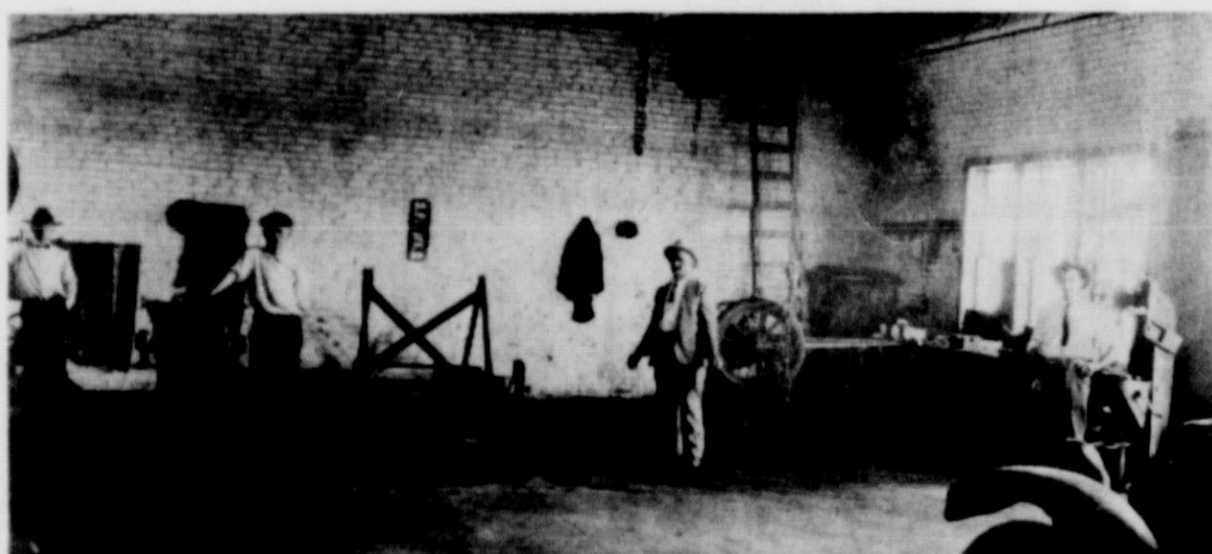
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SHOP SCENE in Matador Auto Company about 1917, during T-Model days. Left to right: Charlie Keith, D. P. Keith, the late D. C. Keith and Frank Smith.

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MERCURY

AFTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED UNDER BRUSH ARBOR OVER 75 YEARS AGO

By Mrs. Jack Sims

Dickens County, Texas, on August 18, 1888, a few families and a few cowboys camped their horses close to the springs near Patton Springs where there was water for both people and cattle.

Under a brush arbor they held a meeting and organized the Patton Springs Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, the first Baptist Church of Dickens County, Texas. W. J. Gates, the father of Mrs. Marion Burts, was moderator and organizer and was the pastor for many years.

The church met the second Sunday and Sunday in each week. Few meetings were held in the winter, "due to inclement weather." Some of the meetings in cold weather were held in Bro. Gates' house. A revival was held every summer "laying-by time."

There was not much reading here in those days and Bro. W. J. Gates put much Bible teaching and teaching into his sermons. He preached on such subjects as these, recorded in the minutes: "Duty of Pastor and Church Members," "The Children of God Do Enter the Kingdom of Heaven," "Who Are Proper Subjects for Baptism?" and "The Final Perseverance of the Saints." Bro. Gates, in his messages, "insisted on a life of piety and Christian love and fellowship."

Name Is Changed
The church's name through the years gradually became simple but less self-explanatory. It was called the Patton Springs Baptist Church after a few years and later before the turn of the century the post office was put here and called Afton.

Frank Forbis recalls that there was a post office on the Afton Ranch that was called Afton and closed out in 1896. A new post office was put in the place that Barney Bridge bought from Oscar Stokes in a lot under the old house. The name "Cottonwood" was set in by Mrs. "Cottonwood" Stokes, but since there was another post office by that name,

the name Afton was selected. The church and school was called Afton and later First Baptist Church of Afton, Texas, the school being named Patton Springs after it was consolidated in 1935.

In the early days the community was referred to as the Cottonwood settlement. The school was known as Cottonwood west of the Ferris McCarty place. The minutes refer to lower Cottonwood, a small building somewhere east of the cemetery somewhere near the Johnson place.

After it was no longer used, a new school was built called Prairie Chapel, which is also referred to in the minutes. Afton school was located just south of the present school across the pavement, and it was in these school buildings that the church met for many years.

Vote To Build Church
In 1900, it was voted to build a building "30 x 40" with an arched roof and ante-room. A committee was appointed to solicit funds. However not enough was collected and in May, 1903, the record reads: "The church having on hand some money to build a church building, but not enough it was decided to let the Dickens Church have it as a loan until such time as it would be needed here." No record is made of a building ever being built before 1910.

Frank Forbis recalls that when he was a boy, his father and his father's partner met Mr. Columbus Haile in the road in a wagon and told them that they were trying to get enough money together to build a church building. Mr. Forbis told him he would give them a check and his partner told him that when he made out the check to make it a partnership check.

According to this and the word of some oldtimers, the old building known as the Tabernacle, was probably built sometime between 1909 and 1913, there being no written record of a building before 1910. The present building was built in 1938 and early part of 1939. In 1897, the meeting time of

a revival was set at "Early Lamp-lighting Time." In January 1912, one man was excluded for un-Christian conduct while in the Indian nation.

Many members of the church were excluded from fellowship for dancing, drunkenness, swearing, ill will toward a neighbor, also absenteeism, but were restored as soon as they made apologies to the church.

Feb. 21, 1897, the church called Bro. S. A. Cobb, father of Judon and John Cobb, an uncle of Mrs. Lillie Hext Rose. N. F. Drury was called after S. A. Cobb as pastor in January of 1901.

Sunday School Organized
On Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in March, 1901, Bro. Drury made a short talk on Sunday School and its organization and the church organized a Sunday School, with the following officers:

Bro. R. C. Loyd, S. S. Supt.
Sister Willie Allen, Secretary.
Brother George Loyd, Teacher of Bible Class.
Sister M. A. Allen, Int. Class.
Bro. Lucius Haile, Primary.
Sister Pearl Haile, Card Class.
The literature was the "S. S. Baptist Conventional Series." A collection of \$2.40 was taken to buy the literature.

July, 1901 a collection of \$17.25 was taken for help in the meeting. March, 1901, a collection was taken amounting to \$2.60 and pledges of \$4.65 for "Home and Foreign Missions." In 1904 a collection was taken, to help pay for a "Colporter's Wagon." In 1936, at Easter, 82 dozen eggs were sent to Buckners Orphans Home. October 17, 1936 it was voted for each family in the church to give \$13.00 a year for all expenses.

Sunday evening, September 29, 1936 members of the Afton Baptist Church organized a B. T. U. under the direction of Rev. J. C. Bristow.

Stokes Is Early Pastor
In 1913 Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes and family came as pastor to our church. Mrs. Stokes once said they liked it so well they just stayed on even after the pastorate was over. They were known and loved as Pa and Ma Stokes, and were members

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at the time of their respective deaths. Bro. Stokes served as pastor at two different times, a total of about 9 years.

Bro. Victor Crabtree served as pastor in 1928, 29, 30 and 31 at which time he entered "Simmons University."

The W. M. U. of this church was organized under the leadership of Bro. Vernon Shaw, while Ray Stephens was pastor here. Rev. H. T. Harris is one of the older pastors still living who served this church.

C. C. Haile and Mrs. Bessie Loyd Lanier are two persons whose membership in the church dates back further than anyone else, that we know of who is still living. Mrs. Lillie Hext Rose was baptized in 1907 and her membership dates back further than any resident member.

On August 28, 1937, the church voted to go full time and have preaching every Sunday rather than half time as they had been having.

In October of 1938 the Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated with a Homecoming November 6, 1938 the church

voted to build the present building. This was under the leadership of Ray Stephens who served as pastor of this church and also served his country as a chaplain during World War II. While here he was in the reserves and was called back into active duty and gave his life above and beyond the call of duty while stationed in Florida.

On the second Sunday in December, 1943, the church debt was all paid, the notes burned and the church dedicated under the leadership of Bro. R. C. Malone.

LOCAL ITEMS

(Delayed)
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edmondson and son, Thomas Lee, accompanied by Harold Meason have returned from a trip to Ruidoso, N. M.

Lawrence Rattan of Amarillo and Mrs. Kenneth Meek and daughter, Kathy of near Plainview visited here last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Rattan. Kathy remained until Sunday when Mrs. Meek and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Kell of Tulsa, came for her.



Lt. L. N. Dove

Named Member Of Outstanding Crew

DYESS AFB, Tex. — First Lieutenant L. N. Dove of Afton, Tex., has been selected as a member of the Outstanding Crew of the quarter here.

Lieutenant Dove, a United States Air Force navigator, was selected for the honor in recog-

nition of his exemplary conduct and performance of duty.

The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Dove of Afton, attended Patton Springs High School.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zirkle of 2501 S. 28th St., Abilene, Tex.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT

Joe Bert Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Green is among undergraduate students at Texas A&M College listed on the latest Distinguished Student list. Names released by the office of Registrar H. L. Heaton show 643 students or about 10 percent of the undergraduate enrollment for the Spring Semester. Green is a junior in Plant Soil and Sciences.

To earn the honor a student must be registered for 15 credit hours or more, must establish a grade point ratio of 2.5 points with an "A" equalling 3 points, and have no grade below a "C."

(Delayed)

Mrs. D. E. Rattan visited last week in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Byers and children, and also with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rattan.

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ZIP MAIL SERVICE IN 1910— Charlie Hampton stands beside his daily mail hack between Paducah and Matador. Standing by the door is Mrs. Henry Campbell, who was postmistress here for a quarter of a century. Next to her is a granddaughter, Erin Campbell. The above building was on Main Street in the approximate location of Spot Cash Grocery. Matador post office was first located at the Matador Ranch headquarters and in Mrs. Campbell's name, but operated by Mack Campbell, brother to Henry Campbell. In 1891, when Matador was organized, the office was moved here, and Mrs. Campbell began operating it herself, continuing until 1912. Photograph and information courtesy of Harry H. Campbell for Tribune issue of Aug. 22, 1940.

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Mrs. Newbury . . .

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to Jimmy L. Newbury, also a teacher, on May 24, 1950 in the Early Baptist Church near Brownwood. Later they taught in the Blanket School, and two years ago they moved to the Flower Grove School on the Tahoka-Lamesa highway.

Born April 29, 1923 at Matador, Alla Mae Fulfer Newbury died August 15, 1963 at the age of 40 years, 3 months, 16 days.

Besides her husband she is survived by two small sons, Nicky, 3½, and Malcolm, 2½; her mother, Mrs. Velma Fulfer, Matador; three brothers, Lt. Commander G. W. Fulfer of Great Lakes, Ill., Rev. Norris Fulfer, Norco, California, and Elwyn Fulfer, Lubbock, and one sister, Mrs. Gerald Leslie, Lubbock.

Accounts . . .

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He has great civic pride in his home community, and in addition to his personal interests, he has supported every movement to promote Roaring Springs into a modern, progressive community. Thacker Supply Company is Roaring Springs' oldest continuously operated business firm.

Postmaster . . .

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"keeping company." They were married in Spur June 5, 1920. They have two sons, Coldwell Smith, manager of the Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs, and J. B. Smith who has been employed many years by General Electric in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Leslie E. Smith has spent his entire life in Motley County with the exception of time he was in the armed service.

TO OUR FRIENDS

We cannot possibly tell you in words the extent of our gratitude for your many acts of kindness and love through our months of anxiety during the illness of our loved one as well as your expressions of consolation following Alla's death. These were a solace to us at all times. We shall always remember you with love in our hearts and a prayer that God will bless you always.

Jimmy Newbury and sons
Mrs. Velma Fulfer and Family

IN APPRECIATION

Friends and Loved Ones: You will never know how very much we appreciate your concern during the illness and anxiety since our walk of life became one in June. We received your cards, visits and felt your prayers. Now you have made our pathway eas-

ier by your generous love gift. We don't know you cared like this. Thank you and may God's richest blessings be yours. May we live to be able to lend a helping hand to others as you have us.

Rodney and Aleta Hammons

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to take this means of saying thank you to all my many friends who remembered me when in the hospital at Quanah, with cards, and phone calls, and for your prayers May God bless each of you is my prayer.

Ben Dillard (p)

WITH GRATITUDE

I wish to take this means of expressing my profound gratitude to all my friends in Matador, who remembered me in any way during my recent illness and hospitalization. My family and myself request God's blessings shall abide with you always. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Martin and daughters, 7009 Saint John's Circle, Austin, Texas

In The Want Ads

FOR RENT: 3-room stucco house in Roaring Springs. \$27.50 per month. A. B. Nichols 24 p1t

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FOR SALE: REXAIR vacuum cleaner with attachments, reasonably priced. Mrs. Bessie Patton 21 c1fn

FOR SALE: Red potatoes. \$1.50 in field, per 100 lb., \$2.00 gathered. L. R. Rainbolt, Floydada, Texas. YU3-2957, Lakeview community. 23 c2t

TRASH BARRELS FOR SALE: Stella Tilson. 23 c2t

FOR SALE: 1956 Ford, Good condition. Call 347-2245. 23 p2t

FOR SALE: Beef and hogs for your locker or home freezer. We have all sizes available. Half or whole. Wholesale price. Blackshear Locker Co., Ph. CR2-4371, Spur. 29 c1fn

FOR SALE: 1950 ½-ton Ford pickup, 4 wheel-drive, low mileage, good tires, good shape. See or contact Douglas Degge, Supervisor, Floyd County Noxious Weed Control District, Room 113 County Courthouse, Floydada, Texas. 21 c4t

SAVE MONEY: S.T.P. only 90c. Overload Springs \$32.50 installed. Peg's Tractor and Implement Co. 20 c1fn

B. F. GOODRICH TIRES, 670x15 for \$10.50 plus tax exchange. Other sizes at comparable prices. Campbell Chevrolet Co. 48 c1fn

FOR RENT OR LEASE: 5-room house; hot water. A. L. Curry. 24 p3t

CIGARETTES: ALL REGULAR brands, \$2.69 per carton. King size and filter cigarettes \$2.75 per carton. Bob Stanley Pharmacy. 2 c1fn

LET US slaughter your beef or hog. Modern, clean, sanitary facilities. Experienced staff. Blackshear Locker Co., Spur. 29 c1fn

B. F. GOODRICH TIRES, 600x16 for \$10.50 plus tax exchange. Other sizes at comparable prices. Campbell Chevrolet Co. 48 c1fn

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT: Unfurnished \$35. Furnished \$50. Hot water included. We pay water and sewer. Call 2756, Mrs. L. C. Harp 43 c1fn

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PIONEERS OF BOTH Dickens and Motley counties, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. (Sam) Elliott, who came to this area with other members of their families, in 1891. Mrs. Elliott was the former Dora Crabtree, whose family settled in Dickens County. Mr. Elliott's father, the late D. E. (Dock) Elliott settled on Dutchman Creek east of the present town of Roaring Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elliott left Motley County in 1893, and the picture above was made while he was sheriff in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. (Picture courtesy R. C. Elliott)

Big Crickets are Table Delicacy in Vietnam

Ever eat a roasted cricket? They are a great delicacy in Vietnam and this is the season when young people of all ages eat the insects.

Chief Warrant Officer Myron (Bud) Bethard is the Tribune's special correspondent in Vietnam, a non-paying position he holds in addition to his duties for the United States Government.

In a letter dated July 6, Correspondent Bethard says he receives his Tribune 12,000 miles away usually on Tuesday following publication, via air mail.

Some readers in the states do not receive as prompt delivery by regular mail.

Bethard says the crickets are giant size, some as much as 3½ inches long. He says it is the rainy season in Vietnam when the farmers hitch their water buffaloes to plows and start turning sod in the flooded rice paddies.

In conclusion he says: "Yes, the rainy season in Vietnam brings the delicious roasted cricket to the dinner table. A delicacy enjoyed by all in Vietnam. Every vacant lot, roadside and fence line is working with young people of all ages. Each one carries a can or bucket in one hand and some type of digging instrument in the other hand. Most of the time you will see them with a finger or their whole arm in a hole in the ground or under a rock. Suddenly one will jump up holding his prize between his fingers."

COUNTY AGENT PALLMEYER SAYS:

WATCH FOR PRUSSIC ACID POISONING

Stockmen who are grazing drought stunted plants of the sorghum family (including sudan, sorghum alnum & Johnson grass) should be on the alert for poisoning. Prussic acid is the breakdown product of a glucoside normally present in some young, actively growing plants. It does not occur in a plant unless the growth is stopped by moisture stress or frost. Moisture stress may result from inadequate soil moisture or from excess moisture loss due to high temperatures and low humidity. The more luxuriant the plant growth, the more likely it will be dangerous when wilted.

If moisture stress is from depleted soil moisture, the plants may remain toxic for long periods, but if hot dry winds cause the stress, the plants may be toxic only during periods when evaporative losses exceed the

plants ability to pick up moisture from the soil. By this, hungry animals turned into a field during the hot afternoon might be poisoned, but if turned in early in the morning, might fill up and quit grazing during the period of the day when the forage would be toxic.

Younger plants have a higher

glucoside content than plants nearing maturity, therefore if wilted, would be more toxic. Graze a few animals in a field of question early in the morning, and watch closely for an hour. If no trouble occurs, it should be safe to turn in the herd. If any animals show a tendency to become restless and

breathe fast, get them out in a hurry. Death or recovery usually happens within an hour or two. Drench with a syrup of sugar solution, and call a veterinarian immediately.

with a cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pipkin.

Mrs. Louis Poteet visited relatives in Quanah, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drace of Smyer visited here Saturday in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Russell.

(Delayed) Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Jenkins visited in Lubbock, Sunday

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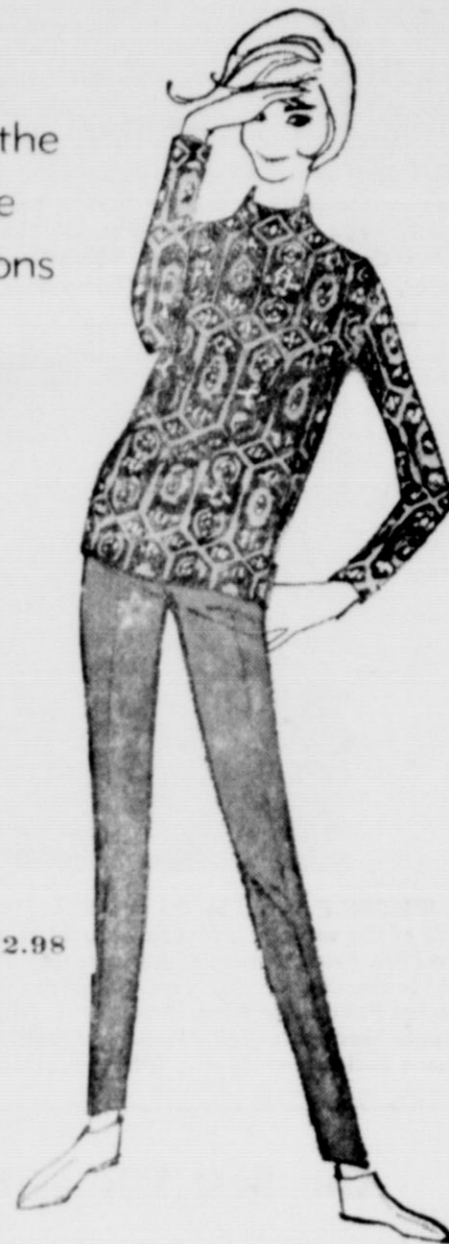
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EARLY SHERIFF of Motley County, Frank Harper poses in above picture with members of his family and friends at Matador Ranch headquarters in 1893. From left to right the group includes Henry Cook, his mother, Mrs. George Cook, (Harper's sister) Mamie Harper, Sheriff Harper, Oda Haley, Jim Cloyd, Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mrs. Bob Haley (Picture courtesy Miss Mary Keith)



HUPMOBILE owned by the late M. L. Patton about 1910. At the wheel (located on right hand side of the vehicle) is Maurice (Buck) Patton. Others in the front seat are his cousins, Bess Patton (Mrs. Price Hennan of Albuquerque, N. M.) and Marvin Patton. Lillie Patton (Mrs. L. J. Barkley) is standing on the running board, and in the back seat are Helen Keith (Mrs. Marvin Patton) Rachel Patton and Edna Patton (Mrs. Oscar Nally). Note container of gas on running board to supply headlights (lighted with matches). Present Tribune Building is located on site of old telephone building at right. (Photo courtesy of Opal Patton (Mrs. J. D. Craven)

Witness Unpaid After 60 Years

Over 60 years ago two boys were sleeping under the shade of a cottonwood tree southeast of the present town of Roaring Springs, when one of them R. C. (Bob) Elliot, 80, now of Childress, heard a commotion. He awoke and saw a man he knew on horseback chasing a Matador Ranch cow and unbranded calf.

The man had a rope in the air and was trying to rope the calf. Bob Elliott shut his eyes. The man with the rope did not see the two boys. Later Elliott told his companion what he had seen and the companion talked.

A grand jury heard about what the boy had seen, but the boy and his family had moved to the Fairview community west of Paducah in Cottle County.

Bill Cloyd was sheriff of the new county and he sent a deputy with a subpoena to Elliott's father. Bob Elliott, then 13 rode horseback 30 miles to Matador and reported to Sheriff Cloyd. The sheriff did not have a place for the boy so he placed him in jail with a trusty prisoner for the night.

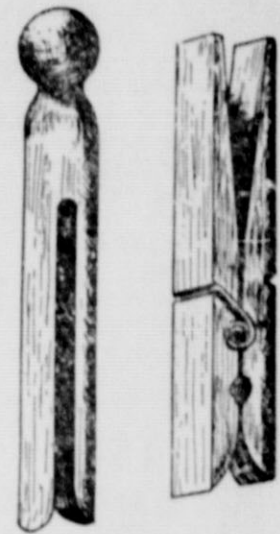
The boy could not swear that the man he saw with his rope swinging was going to brand the maverick calf. If he did, however, seem a strange place and time to be practicing with his lariat, but the boy had only seen the man on horseback, the cow and calf pass his vision.

The boy was not paid for his services and rode again the 30 lonely horseback miles back home.

Stamford visited Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Casey and her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon and Elaine. The boys remained for a week's visit. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Acker and sons Gary and Stanley of MacKenzie Park, Lubbock, visited Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Levi Wilkinson during the week end were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Taylor of Plainview.

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We're on our way to the zoo.

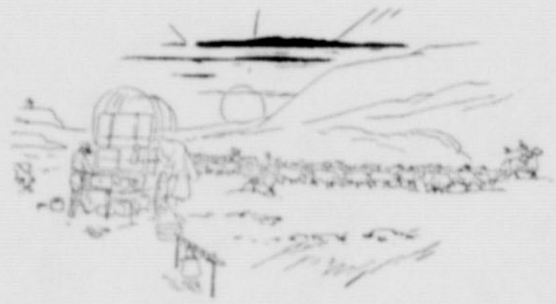
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Early Newspaper Reflects History Of Roaring Springs 40 Years Ago

Roaring Springs had been established eight years when the Vol. 1, No. 6 issue of the Roaring Springs Review was printed October 13, 1921. The late W. D. Starcher was editor but the Oct. 13 issue was published by Mrs. Starcher (now of Spur) and Bill Starcher (now deceased). Mr. Starcher was attending the funeral of his father.

The four page, handset Review, was five columns wide. More than 25 advertisements were published in the issue, three of which appeared on the front page.

G. M. Yowell was president and M. D. Ivey was cashier of the First State Bank of Roaring Springs. Other front page advertisers were Western Hardware Co. and D. M. Wilson, collector for the Echols Cannady Lumber Co.

W. J. Smith advertised a home for sale. F. T. Whitaker was manager of the Roaring Springs Telephone Company.

Gaddis & Meacham operated the Corner Barber Shop and sold suits of clothes. The price was \$27.50 for a suit with extra trousers.

R. C. Ireton was manager of The City Garage and had plenty of cold patch in stock. E. J. Foster sold Singer sewing machines. Dr. C. E. McGuire, optometrist, was going to be in Roaring Springs, Oct. 17 and 18 (1921).

Love Dry Goods Company offered clothing for all the family. Kelsay Lumber Company announced that the price of lumber was down but that it was likely to increase. R. H. Welsh was manager of the Bon-Ton Hotel and cafe. D. A. Davis sold Magnolia gasoline and Goodyear tires. Jones Pharmacy solicited business on the basis of superior service. James H. Neblett sold insurance and offered farm and ranch loans. G. F. Stephens was agent for the Roaring Springs Townsite Company, offering business and residential lots and farm lands for sale.

Motley County Lumber Company (Roaring Springs) advertised lumber for a barn, implement shed or garage. F. C. King was agent for Pennant Oils.

Miss Stella Stephens was Notary Public and sold insurance and bonds. Roaring Springs Produce Company offered best grade flour at \$4.25 per 100 pounds. Doss & Doss, doctors of chiropractic had offices in the Clyde Hindman residence. J. B. Yantes was manager of the Variety Store. White Swan Cafe offered chicken dinners and was close to the depot. M. E. Keahey offered groceries at the right prices.

In the professional cards, was the name of the late Dr. J. F. Hughes. John C. Browder was an attorney and Dr. E. G. Lyons, M. D. had an office at Afton.

In the news items: "We are sorry to state that Mr. M. L. Patton, of Matador, and a special friend of ours, lost his fine Haynes automobile by fire one night last week. The car was in a garage in Lockney for repairs. The entire garage was a total loss. Mr. Patton had no insurance."

"J. F. Ferguson shipped a car of cattle to Ft. Worth and received top price, 8.25."

WHITEFLAT NEWS

(Delayed)

Mrs. Scott Robbins and daughter, and Mrs. Wilson Barton visited in Maple recently and at-

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PIONEER TOM DODSON FAMILY who bought east half of the D. E. Elliott place east of present Roaring Springs. The family came to this county about 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson were the parents of Mrs. Bascom Rape of Roaring Springs. She and Mrs. Fox Bennett alone survive. Reading from left to right: Annie, Cleve, George, Lydia, and John. Lower row: Ethel (Mrs. Rape), Mrs. Dodson, Mary (Mrs. Bennett) and Mr. Dodson. —Photo courtesy of Mrs. Dollie Tate, 1107 E. N.W. Childress.

Echo at Roaring Springs Was First Newspaper

The Roaring Springs Echo, owned by the partnership of the late T. D. Dodson and a Mr. Douglas, was the town's first newspaper, according to the following item in the Nov. 24, 1932 issue of the Roaring Springs News, published by Douglas Meador:

ink became dry, a copy of the Roaring Springs Echo, Vol. 13, dated March 3, 1916, Roaring Springs' first newspaper is owned by Mrs. Sibie Dodson.

On page one of the sixteen-year-old newspaper inside a black border, is a short sketch of the life and character of T. D. Dodson, who owned the paper jointly with a Mr. Douglas.

In the week preceding this issue of the Echo, Mr. Dodson had crossed line 30, or in the world beyond the fourth estate, had passed forever out of reach of copy and proof.

The Roaring Springs Echo carried many news items in its issue of March 3, 1916, that bring back memories of personalities long forgotten, also many whom we know today. Chronicled in its musty pages are deaths and births, tragedy and mirth.

In one news story a horse thief is apprehended by the local deputy who summoned Sheriff Russell to take his prisoner to the county bastille. In an editorial Editor Douglass suggests that the highways be improved before the country buys more battleships.

The Roaring Springs Echo was

To Our Readers

(Oct. 20, 1932, Vol. 6 No. 34, issue of Roaring Springs News published by Douglas Meador.)

Many excuses are at hand that I might make for the appearance of the News this week and a great number of them would be justifiable, but it is not necessary. I am, regardless of my critics' opinion, more or less human and deserve the kindred right of humans which is to make mistakes. The News this week under its new management, is far from perfect. It is not as I would like to have it, but it is the best of every effort I was able to put into it. I will try to make it better next issue and each issue following this one.

I have no just claims as an expert in the world of journalism, far from it. However, I do claim for my own, a desire to publish a newspaper of which you as members of this community, will be proud. My greatest reward will be your pride in your news medium which you have found to be dependable. Humble as it may appear, this issue of the News represents to a degree the realization of an ambition which I have long cherished. The publication of my own newspaper from my own plant.

A newspaper that supports a community in every possible way can be of great beneficial influence, and that is the first duty of any newspaper that enjoys the support of the people.

The News believes in Roaring Springs and Motley County, and it shall always offer every support to anything that will make this a better country.

I want you to feel that this is your newspaper and I need your help in making it the kind of newspaper you want. I want you to feel free to offer any suggestions that you think will make it a better paper. I will always appreciate any news that you can give because that is the life blood of a newspaper's popularity. Of course the one thing that makes any newspaper possible is advertising and circulation.

If you like the news we will appreciate your telling others and also appreciate your subscription being renewed.

We need your help and our success rests entirely in your hands. We will be grateful for your consideration.

FROM SAME ISSUE

As if awakening from an extended siesta, Roaring Springs displayed last Saturday a return

of the much talked-about prosperity. In the afternoon the streets began to fill with automobiles, cotton wagons and a noticeable number of old-fashioned farm wagons.

People filled the sidewalks and business places were filled with customers whose arms were loaded with bundles that indicated that the trip to town had not been made for pleasure alone.

The general attitude was one of relaxed tension, a letting-up of restraint that has been too common for almost three years. Merchants displayed smiles of satisfaction at seeing again their places of business filled with customers.

The customers were equally satisfied at being able to make their purchases. (from Roaring Springs News Issue of Oct. 20, 1932, Douglas Meador, publisher).

Thirty Years Ago

Roaring Springs Holds Trades Day

Saturday, October 29, 1932 was Trades Day in Roaring Springs and merchants and businessmen invited residents of the area to "Meet your Friends and Neighbors in Roaring Springs, and bring your tickets for the Cash Prize Drawing. . . . Make your purchases. . . . Pay your bills early. . . . Get your free tickets and be on hand for the Drawing."

Sponsors for the event were the following: Roaring Springs Gin Co., Freeman Drug Store, First State Bank, City Drug Store, E. E. Jackson, The Tailor, Ieter Cafe, Thacker Service Station, Lourina Ferguson Insurance, Campbell's Variety Store, G. Gabriel Dry Goods, Western Hardware Co., Sinclair Service Station & Gro., Texaco Service Station, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., J. F. Hughes M. D., York Service Station, G. G. Miller & Son Gro., People's Cafe (H. D. Johnson Prop.), Super Service Station (Poteet & Davis Mgrs.), Spot Cash Grocery and Red Ball Gin Co.

"The above signers are believers in Roaring Springs," was the closing line of a page advertisement, listing twenty-one business and professional enterprises.

Thirty Years Ago

Matador Cowboys To Vie for Prize Money at Stamford

Cowboys from the Matador ranch, headed by Claude Jeffers, veteran employee, will at the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, July 3, 4, and 5, to participate in the cowboy contests held in connection with the Reunion.

Of the Matador's wagon force, Jeffers sons go to make up a large part of the crew, four of them being employed on the

Tribune, Matador, Motley County, Texas, Thursday, August 22, 1963



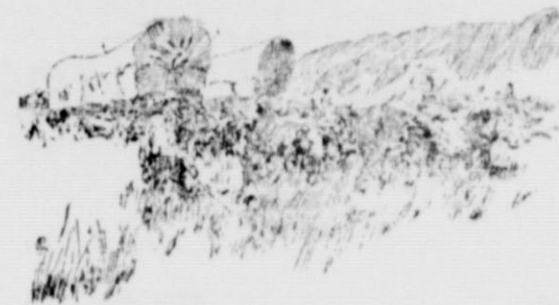
TOWN'S FIRST BABY is Helen Chalk, right in picture, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chalk of Roaring Springs, July 20, 1913, one month and one day after the town was organized. A Dr. Green attended. She is now Mrs. Helen Sandoz of Dallas. At the right is her older sister, now Mrs. Mary Mertens of Memphis, Tenn. —Photo courtesy Mrs. Victor Chalk.

ranch. Jeffers and the Matador cowboys visit the Reunion each year and usually come away with a fair portion of the prize money. (Roaring Springs News, June 8, 1933).

DOWN TO MATADOR

It is common to hear the expression: "up to Matador" and

"down to Roaring Springs" because of the illusion of topography in traveling between the two communities. Roaring Springs is 123 feet higher than Matador. The Texas Almanac says the elevation of Roaring Springs is 2,570 feet and that the elevation of Matador is 2,347 feet.



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*** FLOMOT NEWS ***
by Mrs. Arnold Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rice and Kirk of Hale Center, visited from Monday through Friday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Green and children. Mrs. Rice is the former Alta Mae Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scott and David of Lockney visited recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Johnson.

Mrs. Allene Welch returned to her home last Sunday night after a trip to Denver, Colo., where she took a course in Flower Arranging. En route home she visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Martin in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Ray Turner and Rejeania Dawn of Amarillo visited Friday night and Saturday with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Malcolm Turner and sons. Mrs. Jerry Don Gilbert visited Mrs. Dean Turner Friday in Matador.

Recent visitors in the Harmon Moseley home were Mrs. Moseley's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moon and children of Borger, and Mrs. Bill Stafford and boys of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jackson of Irving visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hammons of Borger visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Moseley, Monday night of last week. They were accompanied by his sister, Barbara who had spent a week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Canon and Monte of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. James Monk visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Yeary of Cedar Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Barney



SCENE IN OLD MATADOR in 1908, from a point about the present site of City Barber Shop, looking north toward old courthouse. Men in picture, left to right, are Arthur Haley, Roy Burleson and Walter Russell. From an old picture post card owned by Miss Mary Keith.

Martin of Plainview visited Mrs. Lois Martin Sunday evening.

Sam Ross and son, Jimmy Ross returned from Possum Kingdom last week after spending a few days boating and skiing.

Miss Patsy Gilbert was in Lubbock Sunday where she saw the "64" trend of hair styling.

Mrs. Lois Martin visited from Wednesday through Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Martin in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Stanley Nolen of Lubbock visited friends in Flomot and attended church services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Lucretia Diane Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson spent Saturday in Quitaque with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James May.

sons, Cameron and Christopher came home with them for a week's visit.

Sgt. and Mrs. Scott Morris and children, Janet and Richard of Abilene visited the W. R. Tilsons recently.

:: LOCAL ITEMS ::

Mrs. Mae Wagley of Moran spent the week end here visiting her mother, Mrs. W.M. Wagley, and a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neighbors. Also visiting in the Neighbors home were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Myers and children, Cody and Jeffrey, of Arton.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Thacker visited in Lubbock, Friday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jernigan.

Mrs. J. W. Lee and Miss Lola Lipscomb of Amarillo spent Friday night in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lipscomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin and daughter Nancy, of Hereford visited in the home of her mother and brother, Mrs. Fred Simpson and Fred G. during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fulkerson of Odessa visited here Thursday and Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fulkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl Hamilton made a business trip to Waco and visited during the week end.

Mrs. James Bearden of Canyon spent the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bird. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pitts Jr. and daughters, Judy and Mary Louise were vacationing in Colorado last week.

Mrs. Inez Bailey of Brownfield visited here Friday with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Thacker visited in Breckenridge last week with his twin brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Colton Thacker.

*** WHITEFLAT NEWS ***

Mrs. W. R. Tilson left Thursday for Sun Valley, Calif., where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Nettie Hamm and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Todd.

Mrs. Myron Bethard and children were in Lubbock Tuesday and Thursday where they received medical check-ups at Reece Air Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morriss spent the week end in Lubbock with their son and family, the Albert Morrisses. Two grand-

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Thirty Years Ago

**Turtle Hole Camp
Branding Progresses**

Manager M. J. Reilly of the Matador Land and Cattle Company says that the work of branding the 1933 crop of calves is well underway and that the wagon, in charge of Walker Williams is working this week in the Turtle Hole country and will work until July 4, slowing up then to permit Matador cowboys to visit and participate in the activities of the Stamford Reunion.

Mr. Reilly, a director in the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association will also attend.

Recent good rains in the Matador section have made planting possible and ranges excellent. (Roaring Springs News, June 8, 1933).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by order of the Commissioners' Court of Motley County, Texas, that a public hearing on the County Budget of Motley County, Texas, will be held on the 30th day of August, 1963, at 10:00 A. M., at the regular meeting place of the County Commissioners' Court in the Court-house in Matador, Texas.

ALL TAXPAYERS are invited to be present and participate in the hearing.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, this 12th day of August, 1963.
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County Judge, Motley County, Texas

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DUTCHMAN CREEK pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams with six of the thirteen children born to them. Mrs. Williams (Sarah Elliott before her marriage) is holding Hattie (Mrs. E. F. Springer, now of Boerne, Tex.) Standing are Mamie (Mrs. Mary E. Martin of San Antonio) and Walker (now deceased). Others are Ethel (Mrs. F. A. Bird of Midland), and at front, left, Oscar, and Arthur (Whack) both deceased. At the time of their respective deaths, Mr. Williams, December 26, 1939 and Mrs. Williams, June 13, 1953, nine of their children were surviving, including six daughters and three sons. The three sons then living were Arthur, Walker and Elliott. The daughters are Mesdames Martin, Bird and Springer; Mrs. Edith Sanders, Lubbock, Mrs. Ed Bishop, Dalhart, and Mrs. Tom Harris, San Antonio. (Photo courtesy R. C. Elliott Sr.)

Early Pictures Were Made By Maud V. Cook

Mrs. Maud V. Cook, (who lived in Amarillo in 1940) is believed to be the first commercial photographer in Roaring Springs. She moved there with her husband and daughter in 1912. The camera, one that "unfolded" together with developing and printing apparatus, was considered excess baggage, in the move from Wheeler County, Texas, but it made the trip with as much dignity as the kitchen stove and began to record likenesses as soon as Mrs. Cook

could find the time. The news soon spread that the new woman "took pictures," and her business grew rapidly. Although no books were kept, Mrs. Cook feels sure that she operated without profit, in fact, she says that often her income did not pay for the needed supplies to finish the films, but she enjoyed doing it. She made a "dark room" out of her kitchen, demanding a member of her family to stand guard and see that no one opened the door while she was busy with her developing procedure. **Varied Experiences** Mrs. Cook's experiences were varied. There were times when she drove miles in the buggy to take pictures of family reunions.

Each fourth of July she was busy the entire day with picnic groups at the Springs. Especially vivid in her mind is the memory of a little Mexican woman who came to her home early one summer morning clattering rapidly and making all kinds of signs. Nobody could understand her but she did not give up until she got the valued camera in her hands. She started walking away and naturally Mrs. Cook followed, as she did not feel inclined to allow her prize bit of equipment to be carried off in this manner. They walked until they reached the tiny but clean one-room habitation of the Mexican family. There in the tray of an old trunk dressed in bright pink silk

addresses and with wild flowers arranged neatly around them, were twin babies belonging to the little woman. They had died during the night and she wanted their pictures before the funeral. Besides the individual work, Mrs. Cook sold a number of copies of local scenes printed on Post Cards. The outstanding ones in this group were the fire of 1915 (February 18) which destroyed most of the business section; the small train which made its daily trip from Quanah after the railroad was completed; and a view of the famous Springs from which the town was named (an article by Aleen Salmon in the August 22, 1940 issue of the Tribune).

Timmons Family Early Residents

Among the earliest settlers in the Northfield area were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Timmons, who moved there in 1903 from near-by Estelline. They had also formerly lived at Goodnight. Their seven sons still live in the Northfield-Tell-Cee Vee area. All are ranchers and farmers. They are: Lawrence, Newell, Pete, Grady, Walter, Leonard and Weldon. The daughters are: Pearl, (Mrs. Alvoid Monk, Melrose, N. M.), Alta, (Mrs. R. C. Elliott Sr., Childress), Lema (Mrs. Lema Ware, Melrose, N. M.), and Ethel, (Mrs. Henry Pope, Mill Iron Ranch, Turkey).

BEST WISHES, OLD SETTLERS!



HENRY H. CAMPBELL, founder of the Matador Ranch, in his Hayns buggy at Matt Camp, probably one of the first houses built in what is now Motley County. It was at this line camp, on the night of January 1, 1880, that Jim Barbee and Jim Harkey killed each other in a pistol duel. The incident of pioneer history is told in Harry H. Campbell's book, "The Early History of Motley County."

D. E. Elliotts were among first To File in Roaring Springs Area

Among the early settlers to file on land in Motley County were D. E. (Dock) Elliott and his son-in-law, Harrison Williams. Coming from Wilbarger County to this area in 1891, they filed on a section of land on Dutchman Creek, east of the present town of Roaring Springs. The Elliott family consisted of the parents, four sons, Sam, Will and Tom, all now deceased, and R. C. (Bob) Elliott, now living in Childress; and four daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Williams, now deceased), Mollie (deceased), Lydia, (Mrs. Lydia Street now living in Childress), and Martha, (Mrs. Martha Edwards of Sacramento, Calif.) Several other families made the trek with the Elliotts, who left Mills County in 1887. Before reaching Motley County they lived for a short while in Wichita Falls, Vernon, and Seymour. Several hundred head of cattle were driven to the new location. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott eventually left Motley County and lived for a time in Cottle County in the Fairview Community west of Paducah. Later, they lived in Amarillo, and for a time in New Mexico, and finally settled in Childress. Their son, Sam and his family moved to Oklahoma. R. C. Elliott met Miss Alta Timmons of Northfield, and they were later married at Northfield and lived there for a number of years before moving to Childress. They have twin sons, J. D. and R. C. Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. James Shippey of Corpus Christi.

K. Jones Managed First Hotel in Roaring Springs

Manager of the first hostelry in Roaring Springs, K. Jones moved with his family to that city when it was founded in 1913. The Travelers' Hotel was built the following year by Sam Lazarus and was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jones for several years. In 1920, Mr. Jones opened a drug store, which was later operated by his son, Harold (Casey) Jones (now of Earth). Other children are Mrs. Paul Barrier of Lubbock and Fred Jones, deceased. Mr. Jones passed away in 1922, and his wife died in 1957 at her home in Roaring Springs. The family moved to Roaring Springs from Paducah, (part of this article taken from the August 28, 1941 issue of Tribune.) Mrs. Tom Tilson and daughter, Mrs. Myron Bethard were shopping in Plainview, Thursday.

☆ WE ARE OLD SETTLERS in this country, too, having been here for more than half a century, sharing problems of the cattleman, farmer, businessman and homeowner, through the good years, and the bad ☆ we know the trials that have come to the Old Settlers, and to each of you we pay tribute, to your courage and your faith. ☆ We are proud to have had a part in the development of the empire which has justified the Old Settlers' faith: the land which has fulfilled their visions and far exceeded the splendor of their most sanguine dreams.

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THE MAVERICK

Page from Fading Past Comes to Life

By Tanner Laine
Avalanche-Journal Staff Writer

This is the story of "The Maverick," a winsome little girl of about 3 found in an abandoned covered wagon by two Spur Ranch cowboys a long time ago during "the big drought."

It had been told and re-told around many a campfire and has been passed on to modern history by the late W. J. (Scott Bill) Elliott.

Sun in Cloudless Sky

The sun shone in a cloudless sky. Not a breath of air was stirring. There were no leaves on the mesquite trees — within reach of a cow.

There was no green grass. Here and there were small clumps of bear-grass, partly chewed.

Creeks were dry. For many months not a drop of rain had fallen. The cattle left on the

range were mostly walking skeletons.

Cowboys Ride Together
Such was the condition from Colorado City to the Spur Ranch county in July, 1890.

Two out-riding cowpunchers of the Spurs, Sam and Jess, rode along silently. They were not given much to talking. Now and then the silence was broken with:

"It's d— hot!"
The flanks of their cow ponies of the strong Spanish stock were flecked with long white streaks where sweat had dried.

The pines started down the trail into a fairly deep creek bed known locally as Innes Creek. At the bank of the cut where they could see the creek bed, the horses stopped. Or both riders had unconsciously pulled their reins to stop them.

There in the dry bed of the creek, was a broken down covered wagon. The right hind

PIONEER street scene in Matador about 1908. The location is north and east of the Tribune building, as the jail is shown at the left above horse. Two men are Arthur Williams and Guy Russell. The engraving was made from a faded photograph, courtesy R. C. Elliott of Childress. Old livery barn at right was about present location of former Mission Station.

wheel had crumpled. Two hitched horses were still at the tongue — too weak to pull.

Tiny Girl Found
At first, there was no sign of life, except the horses. Slowly, the cowboys jogged up Jess dismounted and looked closely at a wagon seat.

There, curled up as best she could, was a little girl about 3 years old, fast asleep. From her stains on her cheeks, it was obvious she had cried herself to sleep.

Jess motioned Sam to come look. While both cowboys stared, the child awakened. "Nita wants a drink," she said. There was no water in the wagon or anywhere around. The cowboys had none. The closest water they knew was at "The Hearts," ranch, about 10 miles from where they were.

Girl Put On Horse
What were these boys going to do? They couldn't just ride away. Especially after the little girl stretched up arms to Jess and hugged him. He took her onto his horse. Sam unhitched the horses from the wagon.

Both cowboys rode a fairly large circle trying to see if they could locate the child's parents or whomever she was traveling with.

They found no one. After talking it over, it was decided that Jess would take "The Maverick" to "The Hearts" ranch. Sam would circle awhile trying to find someone or a trail of a walking person. Jess pulled out with the little girl. Sam swung his pony on a wide arc and then crossed.

Leaves Note
Unsuccessful and his horse tiring and thirsty, Sam rode back and left a note (burnt matches used to write on a piece of paper weighted by a rock) giving directions to the ranch where Jess and the little girl had gone. Then Sam pulled out.

"Nearly to 'The Hearts,' he met a wagon and riders from the ranch bringing him a lunch. But it was decided to stay the night and hunt next day. A lighted lantern hung all night on "The Hearts Ranch" house porch.

No one came.
Mrs. Jim Roberts, wife of the "The Hearts" ranch owner and the mother of six children, took the little girl to her heart. So Nita from that day on became Nita Roberts.

Finds No One
The cowboys searched from sun to sun next day and for several days afterwards, following the buzzards closely. They found no one.

In the abandoned wagon, they found some bedding, two boxes without lids, a frying pan, a sack of flour, bit of coffee, some bacon wrapped in a piece of paper, powder horn, bullet mold, \$200 in Confederate money in an old pocketbook, an old Springfield rifle, piece of paper with some strange marks on it (sort of a map), a rope, some clothes of Nita's.

No water jug or barrel was found — a strange outfit of gear for such dry times out here in this country, the cowboys thought.

Brands Traced
Brands on the horses were traced to the original owner. But the horses were old and had often changed hands. No one in Snyder remembered seeing a little girl and party among travelers west.

The Roberts children learned to ride, Nita among them. The Spur cowboys got her a nice filly all her own. They packed in enough candy from the Spur Ranch commissary to feed a dozen kids.

along with Ann Roberts, her foster sister.
The years 1902, 1903 and 1904 were hard and Jim Roberts, like other ranchers, had rough sledding. So Nita and Ann came home. Later, they got jobs at Fort Worth in a bank. After awhile, Nita became secretary to the resident of the bank. And he knew about "The Maverick" found during the long drought.

Relates Story
One day an old fellow came in to see the bank president. He had to wait. Nita was nice to him. He asked her what her name was. She said, "Nita, Nita Roberts." The old man looked at her closely but said nothing. He had lots of money. He told the bank president this story.

He and Roy Davis (his brother) had been working a mine near Silver City, N. M. Word reached them Roy's boy, Brooks, had died and left a wife and baby girl. The wife was near death. Roy pulled out for Lampasas, their old home. After a

letter from Roy telling of the death of the daughter-in-law and that he was starting back with the child, this was the last the brother ever heard of Roy.

The old man said he had continued to work the mine himself but kept Roy's share separate and sold the mine.

Rifle Identified
And then, this girl in the outer office looked so much like Roy, he had to know. The old man went to "The Hearts" ranch. He identified the old rifle and the powder horn and mold. The funny piece of paper with marks was a map of his brothers mine.

The old man was very rich. He helped Jim Roberts get back some land he had to let go in bad times. He tried to give the two cowboys money, which they refused.

But the cowboys sported big diamond rings, it was related.

The old man bought a house in Fort Worth and Nita and Ann stayed there and looked after

him. He died about two years after finding Nita. He left her rich. He also left Jim Roberts a ranch in New Mexico.

Looks After Cowboys
Jess and Sam moved to Weatherford. Ann married. But Nita went to Weatherford to look after the two old cowboys who had found her.

The story could end happily here. But in 1920, Innes Creek was level full. A Spur cowboy found an old well, where the creek bed sloughed off. Scotch Bill himself and Pete, another cowboy, rode over to see the well. They first found an old iron bucket, and then a human bone and later, a skeleton.

It flashed into the cowboys' mind — here is what happened to Nita's kin who was taking her

to New Mexico after her parents died.
But all of what really happened probably will never be known.
Roy Davis had probably gone for water that day but never made it back to the wagon where the two Spur cowboys found "The Maverick."

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