



OLD SETTLERS PARADE, 1998 - Leading the parade, Truitt Read, Texas Flag; J. Don Finch, U.S. Flag; Andy Paul Jones, Texas Flag; Scott Jones, U.S. Flag.

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Old Settlers Reunion schedule of events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24:

10:00 A.M. - Parade - Downtown Roaring Springs
11:00 A.M. - Memorial Service - Tabernacle
12:00 P.M. - Fried Chicken Lunch Buffet - The Hitchin' Post
1:00 P.M. - Business Meeting - Tabernacle
4:00 - 6:00 P.M. - Free Dance featuring the Cadillac Jack Band
Waltz Contest
4:30 P.M. - Books open for Motley - Dickens County Arena Events
5:00 P.M. - Motley-Dickens Arena Events begin
8:30 P.M. - Old Settlers Pavilion Dance featuring The Cadillac Jack Band.

Admission is free all day Thursday!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25:

10:00 A.M. - Cutting Competition, Books open at 9:00 a.m.
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Beans & Cornbread meal at the Library, Matador
2:00 P.M. - Friends of the Depot meeting, Community Center
6:00 P.M. - Ron and Marianne Brunson's Cowboy Church Band
7:00 P.M. - Ranch Rodeo - Events include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting and Double Mugging.
8:30 P.M. - Old Settlers Pavilion Dance featuring The Cadillac Jack Band

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26:

9:00 A.M. - RHAA Ranch Horse Competition; books open at 8:00 a.m.
9:30 A.M. - Pokey the Clown WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo Practice
MID-MORNING - Matador Cowboy Reunion, Community Center
1:00 P.M. - Washer Pitch
3:00 P.M. - Snapping Turtle Race
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. - Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo
7:00 P.M. - Ranch Rodeo
8:30 P.M. - Old Settlers Pavilion Dance
9:00 P.M. - Young Folks Dance featuring Jake Hooker and The Outsiders

Admission, Friday and Saturday, \$5.00 (free for those 12 & Under) Charlie Carter food concessions available.

Former Matador Tribune employee remembers early days of printing

by Mary Tipton

I started working at the Matador Tribune in 1939 after school doing Commercial Printing. My sister and brother-in-law, Lila and Ben Douglas Meador were Editors and Publishers of the paper.

When I graduated from Matador High School in 1940 I started working full time hand setting type for envelopes and letterheads and printing them on the job press, working the Circulation Dept. including changes of addresses and making of stencils for the addressing machine every Wednesday afternoon. The Tribune went to over 300 Motley County men serving in the Armed Services free of charge. Contributions were later given to help the cost of printing and mailing.

When Joe Berry Meador, a

cousin of Ben's and my brother, Burrell Tipton, who had worked at the Tribune for 8 years, joined the Services in 1942, I took on more work at the Tribune. I learned to operate the Babcock newspaper press and set some type on the linotype keyboard. I did not write news stories.

We all pitched in when the Tribune was printed, folded and addressed every night. I remember Hazel Donovan coming to the shop and helping out. She and I attended Press Conventions with the Meadors several times.

In addition to my duties at the Tribune and when the paper was "put to bed" regardless of the time whether it be midnight or 2 in the morning, it was my job to cook hamburgers for the Wednesday night crew.

Lila and Ben Douglas

Meador always had the time to train local students interested in learning the Newspaper trade. Several have pursued their chosen careers in the Newspaper field. I chose not to.

After working at the Tribune for five years, I left in 1944. I married in August, 1945, to Jack Crider. In 1954 we moved to Odessa where we still live.

While our children were young and teenagers, I would return to Matador often to visit and they would help their "Aunt Lila" and "Uncle Ben" get the paper out. Several times Lila and Ben took the girls to press conventions.

In 1963, I joined the Permian Basin Genealogical Society (Odessa). For the past 30 years I have edited our publication, "The Treeshaker" that the Society publishes in April and October, containing early day

county records of the Permian Basin. I also publish a monthly newsletter for the Society.

My early training at the Tribune helped me in editing this magazine.

In 1969, I started working at the Ector County Library in the processing department getting books ready to be shelved. I retired in 1988 after 19 years of service.

I am serving on the Ector County Historical Commission board and hold the office of Secretary. I also belong to several Lineage Societies.

Our children are Donna Crider Kirkland, Dale Crider Nance and David Crider. Jack and I have been married for 61 years. We now have five grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, who are second and third great nieces and nephews to the late Lila and Ben Douglas Meador.

Matador cowboys will meet for 13th annual reunion

The 13th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 26 at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer Center, located across from the Old Settlers grounds

Director, Ed D. Smith said, "All Matador Ranch employees, current and ex-employees and

friends are invited to the reunion."

The get-together will get started about mid-morning and close "when no one can think of another pitchin' horse story."

Tea and coffee will be provided, but no dinner or program is planned. Bring old pictures and prepare for a good day of

visiting in the air conditioned building or open air, covered pavilion.

For more information contact Mr. Smith at 806-347-2172 or 347-2334.

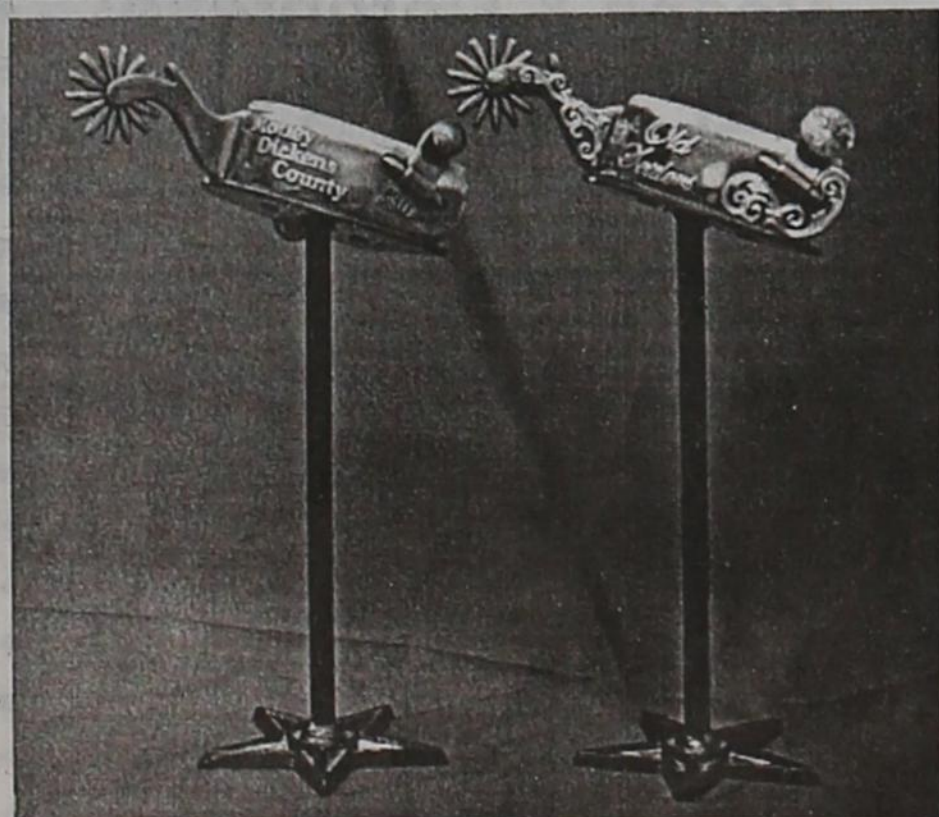
Pokey the Clown will host 4th Roaring Springs WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo

Pokey the Clown's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo will take place again this year in Roaring Springs, for its fourth year, Saturday, August 26, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Doug Smith of Panhandle has designed this stick horse rodeo for the younger set. His goals are to entertain the kids (and their cheering section) while teaching them about the ways of the working ranch hand.

"Along the way, everyone who gets involved in these activities or merely watches will have a really fun time," Smith said. As Pokey the Clown, he works hard at having fun, often running the relays with the kids, being their coach, cheerleader and clown. The events include a Pony Express Race; a Stick Horse Relay around barrels with a saddle bag hand-off; Steer Doctoring in a contest that requires 3 team members pulling a wooden steer on skids while the fourth rides on the finish line, then dabs it with a grease marker; Wild Cow Milking Relay requires the youngest member to milk a wooden cow that Pokey designed to accommodate a Plains Dairy Milk bottle.

Calf Branding will also be included in the events and is a team activity that requires the older ones to select and bringing calves for the youngest one to brand. There will be four on each team.

Age divisions are 3-7; 8-11; and 12-16. Pre-registration and practice will begin at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team.



This pair of custom spurs, made by Dickens County native Matt Humphreys, will go to the lucky winner of the drawing to be held Saturday night, August 26 during the Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo.

Friends of the Library to sponsor Annual Rootin'-Tootin' Lunch

The Friends of the Library will host its sixth annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread lunch on Friday of Old Settlers from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Library.

Featured at this fund-raising event will be famous Motley County celebrities who will be glad to dish you up a plate of beans and cornbread. Celebrities include the Motley County Commissioners, the Sheriff, the

County Judge, the Mayors and others.

The menu will consist of beans, plain or jalapeno cornbread, tea or water, relish, onions, and dessert. It's all you can eat for a donation. All proceeds will go toward completing the Library Annex.

Join the fun for this 'rootin', tootin' event and check out the progress on the annex.



OLD SETTLERS TIME! I know I say this everytime an event rolls around, but I can't believe Old Settlers is here again, already!

The excitement of my childhood days of Old Settlers is no longer anywhere to be found, but I guess there's still a little anticipation to the event for me.

When I was a kid, it was a big affair. Cars were lined up and down, both sides of the street in front of the Old Settlers grounds and all the side streets anywhere near the grounds. There was a big carnival, which of course grew smaller with each passing year. People everywhere! Three nights of two dances. I guess all the Old Settlers have gotten too old.

But, it's still fun to see folks you don't see everyday; watch the parade and see the rodeo thrills and spills.



LANCE JAMESON

This photo was incorrectly identified as Shannon Jameson in last week's paper. We apologize for the mistake.

These three days are very busy ones for Jim and I. Well actually the entire week or two before are pretty busy for me, with getting the special Old Settlers paper done. I do hope you enjoy it. And I hope everyone has a pleasant, fun, and safe weekend!

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE August 15

First, with a score of 31, (play off on card) were T.C., Moose, Ken Marshall, James Ball, and Stan Levell.

Second, with a score of 31, were Wes Mason, David Taylor, Terry Simpson, Conway Clary and Tommy Keith.

Others playing were Bert Darsey, Leigh Ann Darsey, Justin, Brandon, Stan Hanesworth, Jack Marshall, Tammy Marhsall, Alan Bingham, Pat Warren, Buzz Thacker, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Kay Bingham, Keith H., and Garland Cartwright.

Garland got closest to pin, 8' 6".

LADIES PLAYDAY August 17

18 hole players were Louise Barton and Liv Barton. Liv won the ball, most pars on odd holes.

9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Judy Renfro, Marihelen Wason and Pat Warren. No ball given.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider. I have always been driven to buck the system, to innovate, to take things beyond where they've been.

- Sam Walton, Founder of Wal-Mart Stores

Anyone who was not in Anadarko, OK during the second week of August missed the 75th Annual Indian Fair.

The Fair featured all the usual events - Indian dance contests to wonderful music, bull riding, carnival rides, booths offering all manner of food, and a crafts hall where the prize winning items were on display and a great variety of beaded and silversmith goods were offered for sale.

But there was something new this year. A need was perceived, namely that young people spent hours upon hours at the fair, but often did not have the money to purchase the sodas or water necessary in the 100 degree heat, nor the funds for something to eat during the long hours. They needed a place to gather, to relax, to be themselves, and a place that could offer them what they needed.

The Caddo Tribe has just found a young woman to work in association with the C.A.S.A. (Consortium against Substance Abuse) with local youngsters who need things to do outside of school to keep them busy (and out of trouble).

And this innovative young woman saw what the youngsters needed, and so she set up a stand where youngsters could gather, sit down and relax, and where they were given food, Gatorade and water for free (generously provided by the Caddos). On the 6 evenings of the Indian Fair, over 500 youngsters came by, signed in, and enjoyed relaxed companionship with each other and with the woman.

The Indian Fair has long been a tradition, but it took a young woman, new to the job, to see things in a new way and innovate, to take things beyond where they had been.

And was the innovation accepted? One youngster, talking on her cell phone to another youngster, said, "I'm at the stand." She didn't have to describe more fully which stand she meant - it was the only stand at the fairgrounds that was devoted to her and the other youngsters. In just a short time, the stand became a tradition that will hopefully be carried on in all the years to come.

So even though events have a long history, there may be innovations that can make them even more valuable to participants. Finding what is needed only requires keeping one's eyes open to opportunities and acting on them. Rest assured, they will be appreciated when they address a need. Look around you. What do you see that might lead you to innovate?

Matador/MC Homecoming

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September 22-23

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott Librarian



You are invited to come to the Library and to take part in the sixth annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans fundraiser, Friday, August 25. Fun and good food from 11:30 to 1:30 with proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. All you can eat for a donation.

We appreciate the memorials that the library has received. We thank Bill Palmeyer for his donations in memory of Ruby Ellithorp, Ted Green, and Ossie Lee "Shine" Brown.

New books in the library include a biography of Queen Isabella of England, by Alison Weir. Also the library offers *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This is a story of a young boy growing up in Afghanistan, before and after the Russians invaded.

Also new in the library is *An Opening for Murder* by Nageeba Davis, *Unnatural Instinct* by Robert W. Walker and *Suture Self* by Mary Daheim. All three of these are mysteries. New romances include *The Heartbreaker* by Carly Phillips, *The Sweetest Taboo* by Carole Matthews and *The Girlfriend Curse* by Valerie Frankel. These new books and others are ready to check out now at the Motley County Library.

Class of 1942 to celebrate 64th reunion

by Dorothy Schweitzer

Matador High School Class of 1942 will celebrated its 64th year reunion when exes. assemble September 23, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at Motley County School. The class graduated 35 members May 28, 1942.

Several boys had joined the military service following the December 7, 1941, assault on Pearl Harbor and did not graduate at this time.

Of the 35 graduates, 12 are still living. They are Norris Fulfer, Janelle Jackson Shirley, James Horace (Jim) Jameson, Gray Kimbell, Bennie Marshall English, Wanda Nelson Vaughn, Mavinee Russell Cullison, Bert Schweitzer, McElton Skaggs,

Helen Stanfield Duke, Dorothy Wason Schweitzer, and Johnnie Belle Willis McCarty.

Others who were members of this class at various times, planning to attend are Johnnie Griffin Bray, Mary Brian Pitts, Juanita Cartwright Wood and Vance Campbell.

The class met in September, 2002, for the 60th reunion with 11 members attending.

Visitors are welcome. Mary Hamilton Meason is the only known surviving teacher of this class. She is in Crosbyton Nursing and Rehab Center and would love having visitors. This reunion is in honor of Mary who has remained our beloved ex-teacher and friend for over 70 years.

Red Hatters plan trips

by Joan Patton

The Red Hatters were at it again at the Library with Suzanne. A lot of subjects were discussed. Members were reminded to call Evelyn Garrison on her birthday.

On September 7, at Goodlet, there will be a performance of "Her Eyes Are Blue" and a chuckwagon dinner on the grounds. Everything starts at 7:00 p.m. What about visiting Turkey on Sept. 18, to have lunch at the Turkey Hotel. Have to have ten people.

Pumpkin Days in Floydada is the second weekend in October.

"Carolyn's" in Muleshoe in October. Get ready to shop til you drop.

And on December 3, there's a matinee at the Garza Theatre in post of "Miracle on 34th Street."

A card was signed to Greta.

Present at the meeting were Joyce, Suzanne, Dan, Betty, Norma, Marihelen, Dorothy, Joan and a new member, Winifred.

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MC Homecoming Committee asking for school memorabilia

Motley County Homecoming is set for September 22 and 23. The Homecoming Committee is planning to have display tables set up in the gym on the Saturday of Homecoming. These tables will hold mementos from each school that is now known as Motley County ISD.

"We have already found a Matador High School 1936 cheerleader skirt and sweater belonging to Cretia Campbell," said Carolyn Pohl Limmer, committee member. "We are hoping each school will have pictures, annuals, football uniforms, school programs, pins, sweaters, and other old treasures and keepsakes representing Flomot, Roaring Springs, Northfield and Matador. It would be great if we could group the mementos, not only by schools, but also by decades."

If you have any kind of school memorabilia, such as listed above, please contact Kay Bailey, 806-347-2399, Tom and Deanie Edwards, 347-2396, or Barbara Armstrong, 347-2424. The committee hopes to get all the items together the week before Homecoming so they will know how many tables to set up. They would also like to have a card on the items with the name, what year graduated and the school.

"We think those attending will really enjoy reminiscing as they see some of the old keepsakes from their school. By having these items of interest on display, maybe we will have more interest and better attendance," Mrs. Limmer said.

"Remembering Grandma"



Grandma used to get up on a Sunday morning, cook a big breakfast for her large family, milk two or three cows, churn the cream for fresh butter, clean the house, kill and dress a chicken for dinner, dress the younger children, then get into a horse drawn buggy or wagon for a four or five mile trip to church and get there early!

Today, our breakfast comes in a box, the milk man delivers the milk, butter and eggs, the fast food Deli delivers the chicken and the distance to the church building is normally just a few blocks and that to be covered in a modern automobile. Yet, there are some who just can't make it in time for Bible study.

"It is a wretched waste to be gratified with mediocrity when the excellent lies before us."

Isaac D'Israeli - 1834

Life is decisions. So, what does decision making have to do with Grandma? Simply this. Grandma was aware of our Lord's wonderful promise in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." She knew the meaning of this promise. That Jesus is actually the divine center when Christians gather together. She made a decision to be there. Grandma understood "the excellent that lies before us."

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Roaring Springs Depot

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Motley County Celebrities

When: Friday of Old Settlers August 25, 2006

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Motley County Library

Donations gratefully accepted

Menu: Rootin' Tootin' Beans Yaller Cornbread Tea



Motley County Matadors work hard during daily football practices. The Matadors will scrimmage with Southland, here, Friday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. (photo by Walter Taylor)



A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE

BY MARILYNN HICKS
MOTLEY COUNTY ISD PRINCIPAL



I wish you could have seen the smiling faces of the secondary students at the dance on Friday afternoon. Brendan Wiltshire is our official "Sound Man" for the school and did a great job of being the DJ. You will get to see his work throughout the year. Chicagra Brown, Savannah Rose, and Mrs. Cox had arranged music, refreshments, and some decorations. Most of the dances were group numbers, and it was wonderful to see the older students helping the junior high students learn. It was a rousing success.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Crowley for making the Church of Christ available for use during our disaster drills. We practiced for all

kinds of emergencies last Friday morning. This reminds me of walking... we will not begin our Thursday walks until September. Parents: begin to make plans to come walk with your child when he/she has PE starting on September 7th.

We start our Positive Behavior rewards this week. Golden tickets are ready for distribution for outstanding behavior and blue slips are available for infractions. All junior high students will begin their Friday computer studies this week with Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Taylor. High School students can earn this Friday as a release afternoon.

Big Event: This Thursday we

will transport students to view the Old Settlers parade. We will have an area in front of HP Feeds for students if you would like to join us. After the parade, we will come back to the school for grilled hotdogs and a 12:30 program by Dr. Jim Gamble who will be bringing his wagon and mules. You will know the Motley County students by the red bandanas on their necks or arms. This will help us keep track of them.

We will have a scrimmage here this Friday with Southland. It will start at 6:00. I am excited about the enthusiasm that Coach Bigham is bringing to our athletic program. The students are working and expecting to be successful.

School Menu



MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Cake, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, California Blend, Hush Puppy, Juice Bar, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Salad, Jello, Milk.

Mighty Matadors pull for the Library

The Motley County football team showed up at the Library Annex last Friday and pulled a lengthy, large electrical cable through a conduit, running from the back to nearby the front of the building. Kenneth Abbott, project manager, said that it took the team members about 20 minutes to do a job that would

take four grown men at least an hour to accomplish. Superintendent Randy Brown and Coach Mike Bigham accompanied the team to the Library.

We thank the team, Superintendent Brown and Coach Bigham for their willingness to help the library.

MC students, athletes to be honored at Spirit, Recognition rallies

The Motley County Parents Club will sponsor a Spirit Rally Monday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the football field. Junior High students

Friday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. a Recognition Celebration will be held at the Matador Courthouse. Ice cream will be served to all students and faculty. Come and join the celebration for Motley County School's "Recognized" status.

are asked to bring brownies and High School students are asked to bring homemade ice cream.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

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Motley County High School MC MATADORS 2006 Football Schedule

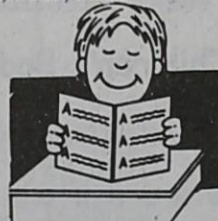
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 19 (S)	Crowell & Harold	Crowell	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 25 (S)	Southland	Matador	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Kress	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Spur	Spur	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Open		
Sept. 22 **	Guthrie	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Cotton Center	Cotton Center	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Patton Springs	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 *	Lazbuddie	Lazbuddie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 *	Samnorwood	Matador	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 *	McLean	McLean	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Lorenzo	Lorenzo	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 *	Groom	Matador	7:30 p.m.

(S) Scrimmage
* District
** Homecoming

Motley County will host scrimmage

Motley County will host a scrimmage between two Six-Man Division I state ranked teams. #5 Rule will scrimmage #6 Happy on Thursday, August 31, at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free, and a concession stand will be available.

Have a Fun & Safe weekend!



Turtle Races



3:00 p.m., SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
\$50 prize to Winner of Each Division
(Three Divisions: 0-4; 5-9; and 10-12)

For more information call Russell at 348-7958

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2006

Double Elimination Tournament starts at 1:00 p.m. ROARING SPRINGS

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Entry Fee - \$30 per team

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Douglas Meador types a story for the paper.

Back Shop force goes to war so Texas girl dons apron, sets linotype, runs presses

The following article was printed in The Publishers Auxiliary, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25, 1943:

Matador, Texas — Two service stars are in the Matador Tribune masthead. They are for Marine Corp. Burrell Tipton, now somewhere in the South Pacific, and T-5 Joe Meador, in either Africa or Italy. They comprised the entire back shop force of the small west Texas weekly and commercial printing plant before the war.

When they went into uniform Miss Mary Tipton left the front office, and donned a printer's apron. She rapidly became an efficient printer and

now does most of the work. In addition, she learned to operate the Babcock newspaper press and also can set some type at the linotype keyboard where her brother had worked for eight years before entering the marine corps.

Recently the Tribune installed a new automatic job press and Miss Tipton has mastered it. She has continued to keep the front office, including circulation, which embraces the making of stencils for the addressing machine.

The Tribune goes to over 300 men in the armed service and Miss Tipton keeps the addresses up to date with changes in stencils being made each Wednesday afternoon.

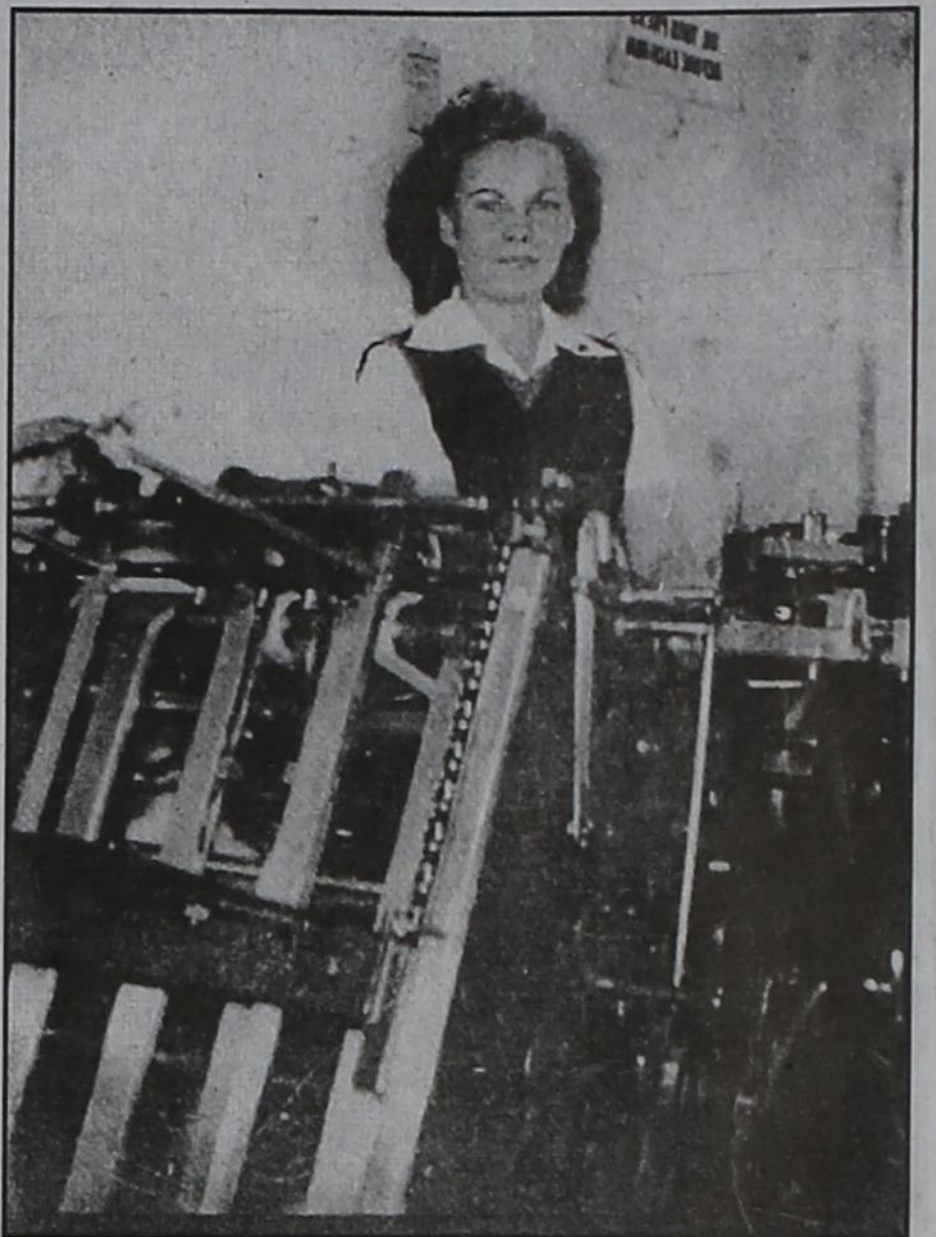
After war was declared, the Tribune advanced its subscription price to \$2 per year. Circulation has more than doubled, although the population of the ranch-country county is reduced. The Tribune, of which Douglas Meador is publisher, has over 1,300 paid subscribers, 300 of whom are men in the armed service, paid for by unsolicited contributions.

Each week names of contributors and the amounts given to the boys in-service paper fund is published. One week the Tribune received over \$40 in contributions, many from readers without sons in the service. The Tribune has on file hundreds of letters of gratitude from home boys stationed all over the world. All letters are published in a "Boys in Service" feature.

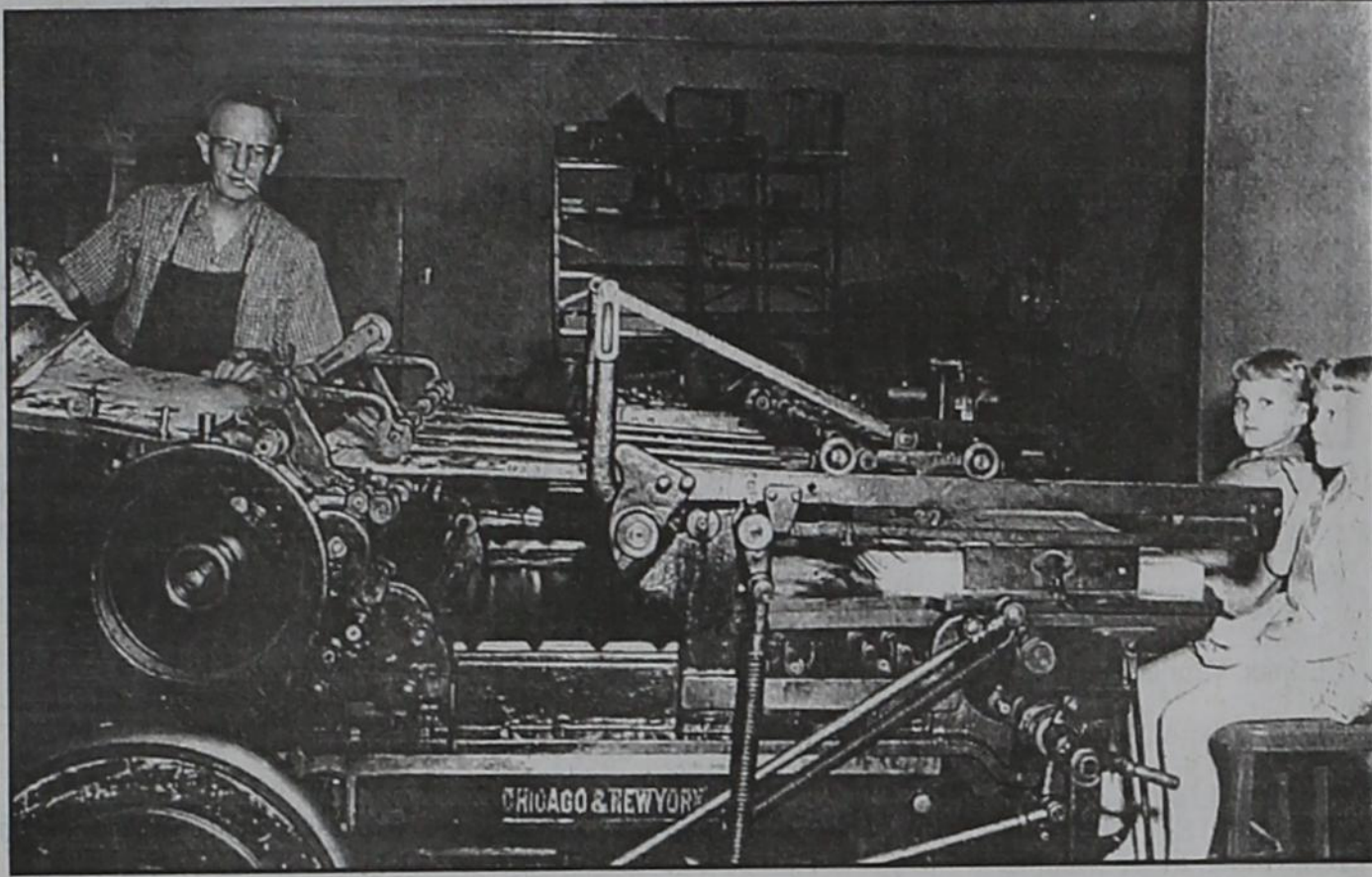
When compulsory training went into effect the Tribune announced that it would send the weekly home paper to all men in uniform without charge as long as they were in service. When war was declared, a decision had to be made, since it was obvious that the plan would become an expensive burden. However, the Tribune met the issue with the statement that it would continue its policy "as long as it could buy paper and ink." A short time later the father of a boy in service started the contribution idea with a \$5 donation. It was given a small front page story.

Only publication in a county of less than 4,000 population, the Tribune enjoys 100 percent good-will of the people it serves, including the 300 boys in uniform who call it "the weekly-letter-from-home." Many boys overseas say they read the paper over and over, including every word of advertising, until it is worn out.

"I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us..."
Isaiah 63:7



Mary Tipton (Crider), 21 years old and an employee at the Matador Tribune.



Picture made in 1955 at the Matador Tribune. Dale, 6, and Donna, 7, daughters of Jack and Mary Crider, and nieces to Douglas and Lila Meador. The girls watch their Uncle Ben as he prepares to print the paper.




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Ten teams will demonstrate ranch skills during Friday and Saturday night Rodeo competitions

Ten ranches will compete Friday and Saturday nights at the Ranch Rodeo during the 83rd Annual Old Settlers Reunion to be held in Roaring Springs this weekend.

Real cowboys will demonstrate their skills with a few thrills beginning at 7:00 p.m. Events will include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting and Double Mugging.

Ranches competing Friday night will include the following: Guitar and N.T. Ranches of Abilene with Casey Armstrong as captain.

Tongue River Ranch of Paducah, with Bubba Smith as captain.

Masterson Ranch, Guthrie, Robert Masterson captain.

H&M Cattle Co., Roaring Springs, James McCleskey captain.

Thompson Ranch, Munday, Larry Thompson captain. Foster Ranch, Guthrie,

Leland Foster captain. Chico Ranch, Big Lake, Colby Schneiman captain.

Bar to Bar Cattle Co., Clarendon, Chad Smith captain.

Crow Bar Cattle Co., Knox City, Riley Carver captain.

6666 Ranch, Guthrie, Bubba Withers captain.

Ranches competing Saturday night:

Mill Iron - Clark Ranch, Haskell, Hagen Lamb captain.

Heck Ranch, Perryton, Cody Heck captain.

North Spade Ranch, Turkey, John Bland captain.

Rafter S Ranch, Clarendon, Randy Crump captain.

Lazy 4 Ranch, Clarendon, Joshua Halsell captain. Y Ranch, Paducah, Zack Peters captain.

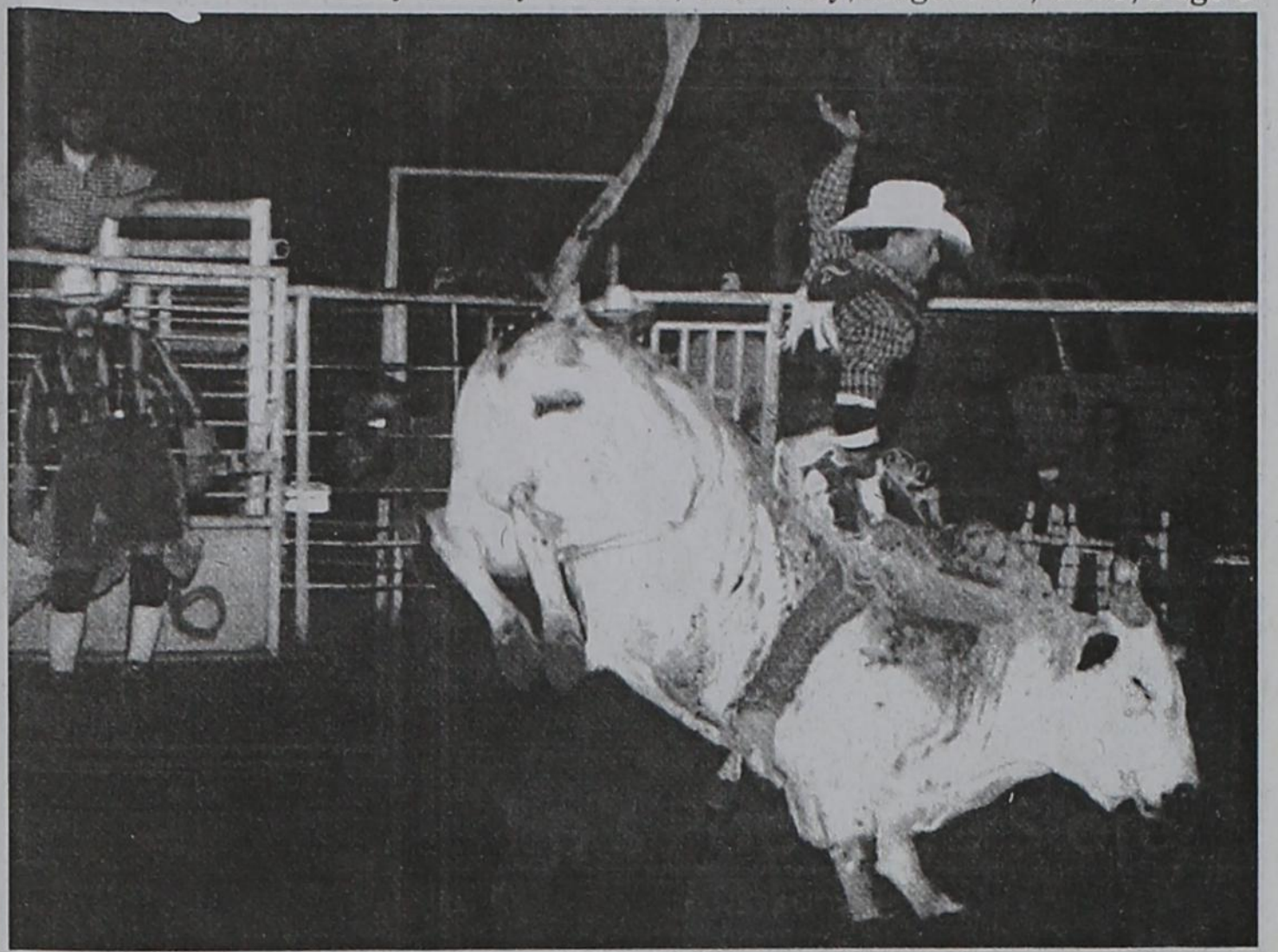
Wagon Hammers, Matador, Tim Washington captain.

Thomas Ranch, Plainview, Buddy Thomas captain.

Triangle Ranch, Paducah, Frank Wright captain.

Lyles Ranch, Benjamin, Mike Lyles captain.

During the Saturday night Rodeo performance, the 2006 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen will be crowned. Contestants are Shane'a Russell, 15-year-old daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador; Ashley Brackeen, 12-year-old daughter of James and Myra McCleskey of Roaring Springs and Brian and Corrie Brackeen; and Jaci Little, 10-year-old daughter of L.G. and Dana Little of McAdoo. Kyla Simpson, the 2005 Rodeo Queen, will be on hand to crown the new royalty. Contestants are selling changes on a beautiful pair of custom handmade spurs by Matt Humphreys of Dickens County. Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from any of the above listed queen contestants. The winner's name will be drawn during the queen presentation.



RIDE 'EM COWBOY — This unidentified cowboy was hanging on during a past Old Settlers Rodeo.

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Shane'a Russell



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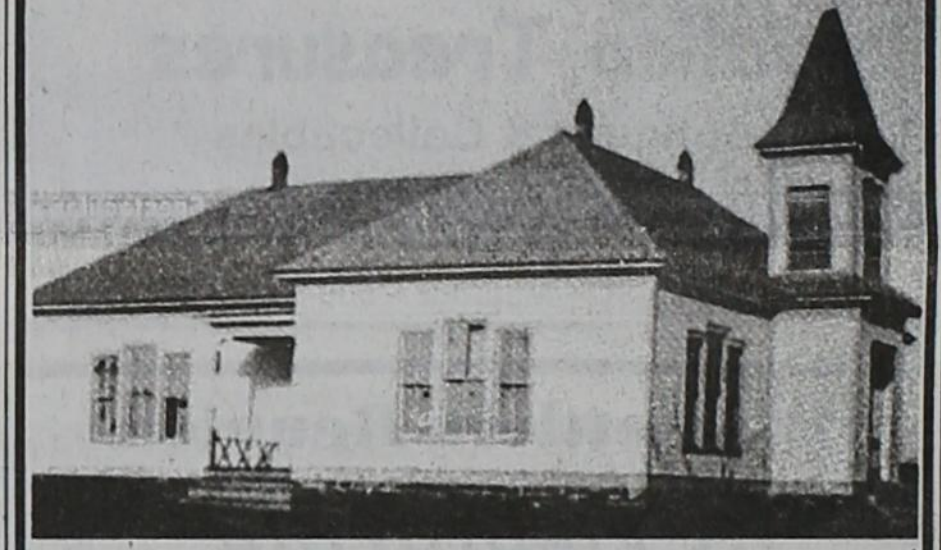
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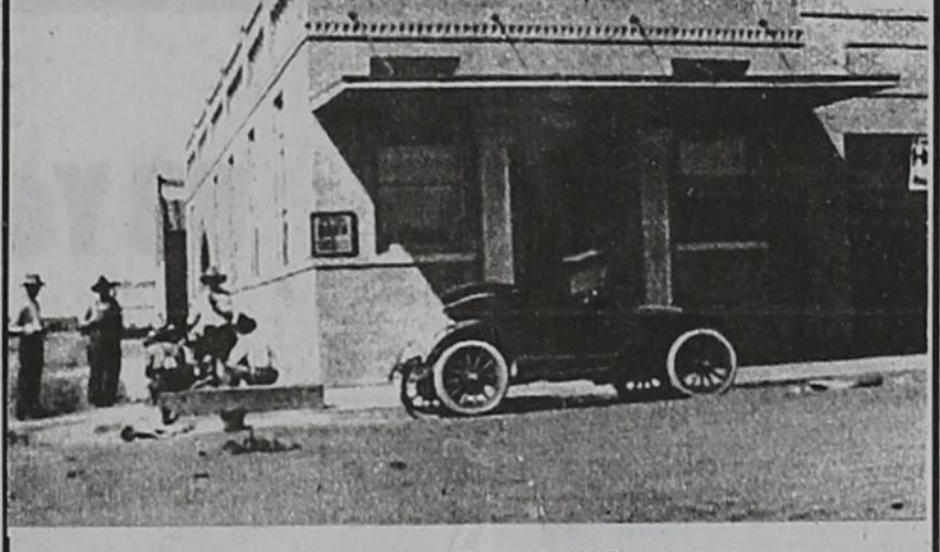
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- Thompson Ranch - Munday, Texas
- Foster Ranch - Guthrie, Texas
- Chico Ranch - Big Lake, Texas
- Bar to Bar Cattle Co. - Clarendon, Texas
- Crow Bar Cattle Co. - Knox City, Texas
- 6666 Ranch - Guthrie, Texas

SATURDAY NIGHT

- Mill Iron - Clark Ranch - Haskell, Texas
- Heck Ranch - Perryton, Texas
- North Spade Ranch - Turkey, Texas
- Rafter S Ranch - Clarendon, Texas
- Lazy 4 Ranch - Clarendon, Texas
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BOB'S OIL WELL, a well-known landmark, in the early days. Volunteers are still taking donations and working to refurbish the historical site.



Tom Hamilton and Dick Hamilton with African Lion Cubs at Bob's Oil Well Zoo, 1940.

Attend Education Meeting at Paducah

Supt. W. A. Lewis, Dr. J. F. Hughes and Miss Bessie Medlen attended an Educational meeting at Paducah Saturday. A number of other teachers were there from Motley County. A lecture was given by A. A. Bullock, director for State Aid. The meeting had to do with the general educational interests of West Texas.

Seniors of '31-32 To Have Reunion

The Senior class of '31-32 of the Roaring Springs High School will hold a reunion at the High School Auditorium Tuesday, June 5. All students graduating in that class are urged to be present, and enjoy the memories recalled by their classmates of high school days, and to discuss progress made since graduating. Of this class of sixteen, there were ten boys and six girls. Only one has married, and there has been one death.

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Large Crowd Attends First Trades Day

There was a noticeable increase in the number of people to come to Roaring Springs to do their trading last Saturday-the first Trade Day. A number of premiums were given away and special price were offered by the merchants. Premiums will again be awarded Saturday, May 26. Everyone is and share in these special Trade Day at Matador.

Shears Sheep

The wool was sheared from 440 sheep on the J. P. Moss ranch north of Matador last Friday and Saturday, netting a total of 3500 pounds. A crew of 12 men was used, 9 men doing the shearing with hand shears. The wool will be sent to San Angelo in a few days where it will be marketed. Mr. Moss stated that the market price on wool now ranges from twenty to twenty-five cents per pound.

Picnic at Springs

Members of the New Deal Dramatic Club, enjoyed a picnic at the Springs Saturday evening. Before going to the Springs, the Club visited Percy Godfrey, a member, who is a patient in the hospital at Matador. A delicious supper was enjoyed by about sixteen members of the Club. Everyone reported a good time.

Applying For Rural Route

A petition was circulated at Glenn and through Duncan Flat, recently requesting the establishing of a rural route to run through Duncan Flat and possibly Chandler Flat.

Local Market

Cream	No. 1	17 1/2c
Eggs		10c
Hens, light		6c
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Granddaughter of British-born cowboy follows memoirs to Texas ranches

by David Bowser
Livestock Weekly
April 3, 2003

Claude, Texas — Christine Ligertwood Asker reads J. Evetts Haley's biography of Charles Goodnight as she and her husband drive their rented red Olds across the southern Texas Panhandle where Mrs. Asker's grandfather once worked as a cowboy and her great uncle managed the Matador Ranch.

"That's required reading around here," says Ninia Ritchie of the book as she welcomes the Askers to the JA Ranch headquarters just south of Claude.

A native of Yorkshire, England, Mrs. Asker now lives in Sweden with her husband, Claes Asker, but the exploits of her grandfather, Alec Ligertwood, have always fascinated her.

"I've dreamt about coming here," Asker says. "I've always dreamt about the life of a cowboy."

Asker and her husband Claes are on their way to California to meet her second cousin, the granddaughter of her great uncle, Arthur Ligertwood.

Alec Ligertwood left England in September 1892, to join his elder brother Arthur in Texas. Arthur was superintendent at the Matador Ranch in the southern Panhandle.

After being fired by his brother in a show of impartiality, Alec Ligertwood went on to work as a cowboy at the JA Ranch, one of the first ranches established in this part of the country.

What perhaps made Mrs. Asker's trip unique is that as she retraces her grandfather's steps of more than a century ago, she has written memoirs.

Arthur Ligertwood came to Texas in 1891, and went to work for the Matadors as superintendent. His brother, Asker's grandfather, arrived a year later.

"The reason that it was decided to send me to Texas," Alec Ligertwood wrote, "only wild parsley and mesquite beans."

This was during the drouth of 1892 and 1893, when cattle died by the thousands.

Ligertwood reported that the Matadors lost 75 percent of their herd in that drouth.

Once at the ranch, Ligertwood's brother put him to work. Ligertwood helped drive 7500 head of cattle south to the Double Mountains.

"It was called drifting," Ligertwood wrote, "as the cattle were so weak, you could only keep them moving."

In describing his first Christmas in Texas, Ligertwood told of a fence rider in the Croton Breaks, which he called the wildest country he'd ever seen. The fence rider was Jim Nolan, also known as Loco Bill.

"He got me very tight on egg-nog," Ligertwood wrote, "my very first experience of any rabbit-fight-a-bear liquor."

Nolan was later shot riding up to a settler's dugout, Ligertwood reported.

"Murder, I call it," he said, "but not so then. No conviction."

In the spring, there was a herd of cattle going north.

"I went to my brother's house," Ligertwood wrote, "and said to him, 'Arthur, am I going up the trail?' He said, 'No, I walked out of the room and slammed the door! He came out and said, 'If you want to go up the trail, you can.' So slamming the door was in my opinion the best thing that could have happened to me, and I still think so."

The trail drive headed north the first of April and ran straight into a sandstorm along the Red River.

"A puncher's hat blew off, and being a stiff brim Stetson, it rolled," Ligertwood reported. "He never caught up with that hat on horseback."

With a chuckwagon and cook, trail boss, horse wrangler, eight punchers and 100 head of horses, they drove about 2100 head of two year-old steers north in the last trail drive from Texas to Wyoming and the Dakotas.

Ligertwood described taking the cattle across the Canadian, a river known for quicksand, without mishap, and how the steers muddied the water of the Cimarron River in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"Catfish came to the surface in shoals, and we got dozens," he wrote. "It was the greatest and about the only fishing we ever did."

Ligertwood wrote about the trail boss riding ahead into Lamar, Colorado, to get supplies. By the time he got back, the crew was down to one sourdough biscuit per man and the cowboys were threatening to quit.

The boss was late getting back because he had gotten arrested for letting the cattle cross irrigation ditches and tearing them up.

Ligertwood said they made about 10 miles a day trailing up the plains of Eastern Colorado.

He noted that the grass north of the South Platte was better than it had been to the South in Texas and Oklahoma.

Ligertwood was even more impressed with the North Platte.

"Now, that was a river," he wrote. "I don't know how wide, but to my young eyes it looked as wide as the English Channel."

The cowpunchers stripped to their underclothes and swam the cattle across.

"This river came straight from the Rocky Mountains," Ligertwood said. "When it got to your seat, it certainly was cold!"

North of the North Platte, he said, was green grass and there was plenty of water, which made their jobs easier until they hit Wyoming.

There, he said, the streams were lined with pine trees.

"Our steers had never seen a tree," Ligertwood wrote, "as they were very scarce in the Texas Panhandle."

The steers would rub against the trees, he said, and it took a lot of work to get them to move on.

After reaching the Belle Fourche River, Ligertwood said it was beautiful country.

"We were in clover, a beautiful stream, and in a lovely country," he said. "On each side of the stream was a wide sweep of grass and then a slope of pine trees, and deer and antelope were thick."

In South Dakota, the crew turned the steers over to the 3V Ranch, which would run them for another two years, he said, before shipping them to Chicago for slaughter.

"Texas is the nursery of the Western cattle business," Ligertwood said. "You can rear them there, but the grass won't fatten them like the grass in the Dakotas, Montana or Wyoming."

Ligertwood described the trail they followed as having been worn into the ground by previous drives and being about 100 feet wide.

As they moved the cattle north, two men would take the point on either side of the herd just behind the leaders, two more would ride swing behind the point men, then came the flankers further back on either side of the herd, and the remaining two would ride drag behind the herd.

"The herd, when strung out on the trail," he wrote, "would be from a quarter to a half mile long."

Before night they would graze the herd over the bed to scare off any jackrabbits or skunks that might stampede the herd during the night.

After the herd settled down, the first guard was set, two punchers for what was supposed to be a two-hour watch.

"The boss was the only man with a watch," Ligertwood said, "and he lost it, so we stood by guess, but I bet the last guard got the longest two hours."

The 1000-mile trail drive took some two and half months. Ligertwood said they lost only 35 head on the trip. The cattle that made it had gained weight.

A cowpuncher's wages at the time were \$40 a month, out of which he provided his own bedding, saddle, bridle and saddle blankets. He said the saddles were



Alec Ligertwood, a young man, who came to America from England to be a cowboy, began his career on the Matador Ranch and later worked for JA Ranch.

heavy, weighing 35 to 40 pounds.

One of the proudest days of Ligertwood's life was in Belle Fourche.

He said that the trail boss, John Smith, paid everybody off except him.

"I didn't know I was getting a cent," Ligertwood said, "until Mr. Murdo McKenzie, the Matador manager, told me that John Smith had said I had been a real good hand and gave me a cheque for \$160 less \$5 that I had spent. As a kid and very green, I had been paid the old hand's wage of \$40 a month. I sure was proud."

Ligertwood and Smith loaded their remuda into two railroad cars and road back to Childress.

"In all my years out West," Ligertwood said, "I have never come across a Britisher who had been up the whole trail. I must admit, it was a grand experience for a lad of 17."

Ligertwood continued to work for the Matadors until 1896 when his brother, in an effort to show there was no favoritism among the hands, let him go. Arthur Ligertwood, Alec's older brother and superintendent at the Matadors, did get Alec a job at the JA.

"Dick Walsh was the manager for Mrs. Cornelia Adair, an American widow, who had been married to a rich Irishman, John Adair,"

Ligertwood wrote.

Cornelia Adair was Ninia Ritchie's great-grandmother.

Ligertwood said his first job at the JA was digging a grave.

"There was a small graveyard in what was known as the cow pasture," Ligertwood said.

A settler named Lowe had died the day before.

Ligertwood said the digging was hard, but he and another puncher got the grave dug before the coffin arrived.

"There was no service," Ligertwood said, "and the coffin was put in. I had a prayer book in my pocket, but being a newcomer was too shy to read the burial service."

Ligertwood said that among the cattle at the JA, Mrs. Adair had a herd of registered Herefords, cattle for which Ligertwood seems to have little regard compared to the range cows he'd become used to.

A few days later, the roundup began and the wagon pulled out.

"The wagon boss was Mitch Bell, a grand little man whom everyone liked," Ligertwood noted.

"There's a pasture named after him," Ritchie said.

Although Ligertwood's remembrances were written in 1951, almost 60 years after he had lived them, they are vivid recollections

of the day to day operations of ranches that still operate in the same region a century later.

The memoirs end abruptly at the point when Asker's grandfather is working as a cowpuncher for the JA.

Ligertwood apparently returned to England, met and married Asker's grandmother and brought her back to Texas. His bride, however, didn't like the Texas plains.

"She couldn't take the climate, I think," Asker says.

The couple returned to England, though Ligertwood made

several more trips over the years to Texas.

"I don't know how long he stayed," Asker says. "There's no record of it anywhere."

In fact, she didn't know much about her grandfather's adventures until after her mother's death when she found her grandfather's memoirs.

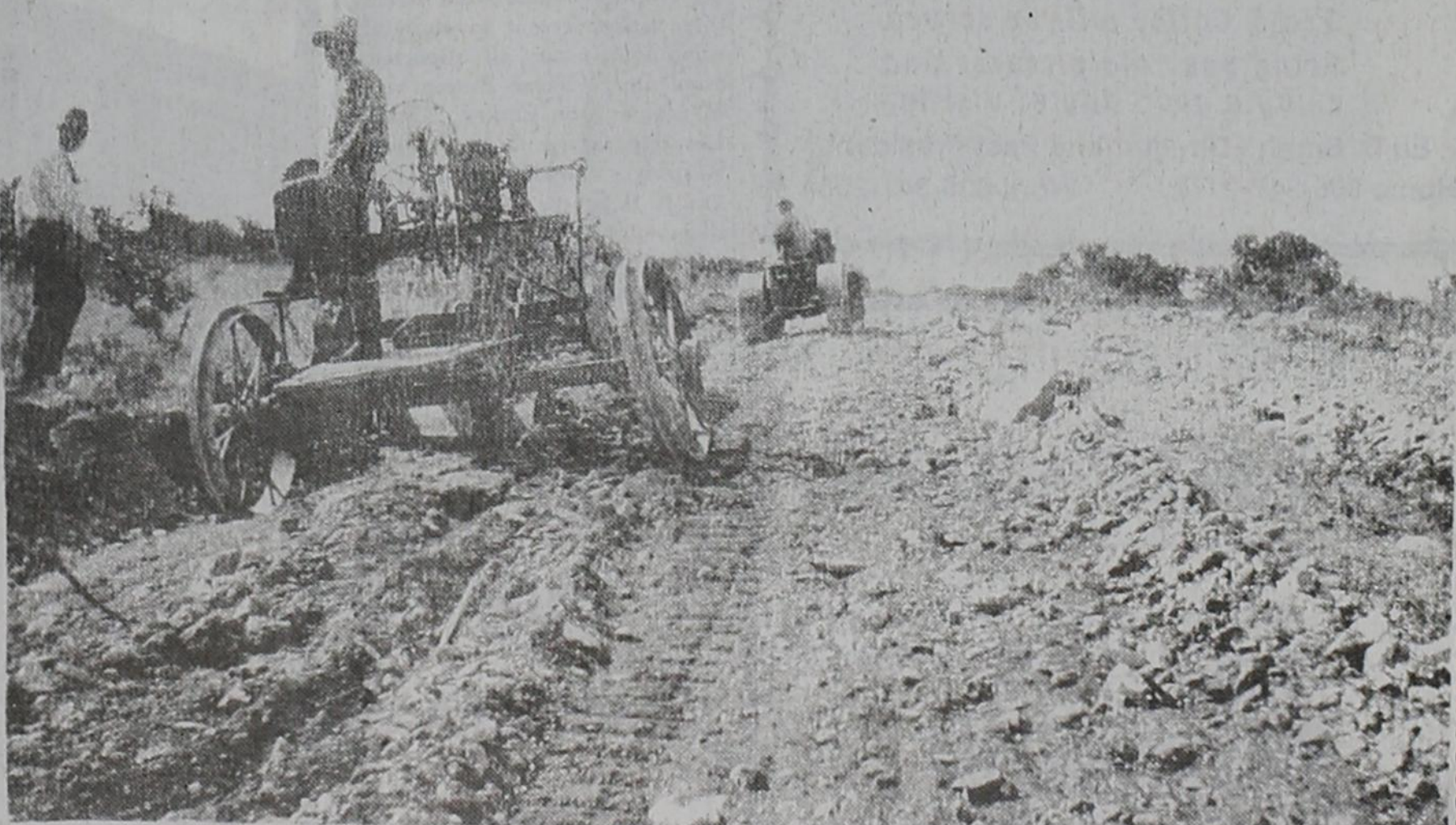
"My mother died two years ago," Asker says. "When we were clearing out the house, I found all this information."

She wrote to her cousin San Francisco, and they decided to make the trip.



Cherry Ligertwood Asker and granddaughters by the lake on the Asker estate near Stockholm, Sweden, in their Shannon Davidson Day shirts that Cherry purchased on a trip to Motley County this year to re-trace her grandfather, Alec Ligertwood's trail as a Matador cowboy.

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Men at work building roads south of Roaring Springs, 1933-34.

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Mrs. Charles (C.J.) Long and friends at Springs in 1923

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Matador cowboys, Mervyn Green, Wisly Dirickson and H.A. Stephens (left to right) lead cattle to a railroad for the trip to green grass and water in South Dakota due to drought in northwestern Texas.
(year of photo unknown; courtesy of Banty Brandon)

Matador Ranch Cemeteries

HEADQUARTERS SITE
Location: About 1/2 mile south of Matador on Texas 70 and then west to headquarters. Ask permission. It's about 1/2 mile south in the pasture. The cemetery is well cared for and fenced with metal pipe.

Listed as buried in the cemetery are:
Ligertwood, James Stewart, July 10, 1904 - May 10, 1906.
Walker, George, 1889 - Oct. 5, 1953.
Walker, Infant, No dates.

TEEPEE CITY
Teepee City was an early Buffalo hunter's camp. The only settlement west of Henrietta, north of Fort Griffin and south of Fort Elliott (now Mobeetie), 1875-1880. Headquarters of Texas Rangers under Captain G. Arrington. The first white child born in Motley County was Nora Cooper.

S.N. Armstrong, Pioneer merchant who ran a trading post, hotel and saloon was buried near this site.

Location: From Matador east about 10 miles on Tx. 62, US 70 turn north on Co. Rd. 247 for 6 miles. This road has been closed by local ranchers and the Historical marker moved to the roadside park on highway 70.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cooper are buried in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Listed as buried in TeePee City Cemetery are:
Armstrong, Issac O., S.N. initials on monument;
Cooper, James Motley, May 4, 1881-June 1, 1991, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cooper;
Cooper, Nellie Elizabeth, 1886-1887, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cooper;
Johnson, Mrs. A.S., 1807-1887, born in Sweden, Aunt of Mrs. A.B. Cooper.

Little 5

By Dave Keith

I ain't no Baxter Black or Clay Lindley.
But I can tell you a story about an old boy,
named Joel Finney!

Well he was about 6'6" and weighed nearly 225,
so it took a good pair of Levi's.

Well one Fall I believe it was '56,
we all went to Wheeler
to this little Pumpkin Roller Kicker.
To enter the Bucking Events.

Well to Ole Joel's surprise,
he drew a little Angus Bull No. 5.

After looking him over pretty close you know!
He said, Dave I'd like to keep my toes.
So he said not me, you can take little 5
And whatever you win we can go to the Dive.

I climbed aboard and they opened the gate
Little 5 came out kicking like a dead snake.

Well as I said not too long ago,
we were at a half ass Rodeo
So with not much surprise
Little Five -- Didn't get us to the Dive.

MATADOR COWBOY REUNION



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Cecil Godfrey Now Employed By Hdwe.

Cecil Godfrey, who has been employed as Coach and teacher in the Roaring Springs public schools for the past two years, has accepted a permanent position with the Thackes Supply Co. Cecil assumed the duties of his new position Monday, May 21.

Convinced

Supt. W. A. Lewis was convinced Monday morning that the old saying of "raining fish" is well founded. While visiting at the A. Freeman home Monday morning after the rain he noticed some small fish swimming in the puddles left in the yard. He was easily convinced that the fish descended with the rain, finding out later that Harold Freeman seined them out of a tank.

ROARING SPRINGS
REPORTER
May 24, 1934

Work Cemetery Last Week-end

Several people met at the cemetery Friday and Saturday of last week to help in the clean-up and beautifying of that place.

Due to the shortage of help, the work was not completed, work will be resumed at a later date to finish this much-needed clean-up campaign.

Quilting

Mrs. Edna Springer of the Afton community, gave an old time quilting Tuesday 21. It was sponsored by Mrs. Myrtle Cornett. Each lady was requested to bring a covered dish, furnishing a great variety of food. There were twenty-three ladies present to enjoy the sumptuous feast, all reported a good time. Those present were: Mesdames Joe Cornett, Chance, Lee, Hensarling, Scott, Williams, Raspberry, Floyd, Jackson, H. W. and R. B. Scott, Ussery, Middleton, Blasington, Murphy, Cagle, Hooker, Lovington, Chambers and Smith, and Misses Hazel Benham, Rosa Lee and Janell Cornett.
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I Remember ...

by Dave Keith

- I was helping hold round-up when Luther Lancaster got his finger pinched off by horn loop at Salt Creek
- Jinks Wilson said, "You can't beat youth," when some of us twenty-something year olds, were flanking calves.
- "Wet Rope" Dirickson (Melvin by birth) good hand
- Red Payne some called him General
- Wishey catching Big Bull to stretch my new true blue manila as we went into dinner at Rock Island, west of the swimming pool.
- Wishey telling me, "I'd like to get you up Wolf Creek with me to teach you how to rope." I never got to go.
- Uncle Gilbert telling me when he run wagon Coon got bucked off, swallowed his tobacco. Put him ride on Hoodlum wagon as he got sick
- Gilbert used to work with Claude Jefferies
- Dad said when Big John Southworth hollered you could hear him a long ways off.
- Wishey notching Ed D.'s had brim with ear notchers at Dutchman
- Going swimming in Spring water hold at Wason Canyon
- Going to see Rusty at Rufe Moore's, horseback
- Dad said the true Rocky Point is just East of Rufe Moore headquarters, Matadors & Rufe traded sections there.
- Red Heart Horse Ranch. Can anybody guess where it was?
- When horse balked going out gate at headquarter's pen, going drive horses to Larky. Stotts says, "Dave you want me to get the hotshot?" I said, "Go ahead." you know the rest of the story - Storm
- Helen and Joe Gordon like to dance!

Congratulations to Motley and Dickens Counties on the 83rd Celebration of the Old Settlers Reunion!



Farmers with their first bales of cotton ginned for the year. New Spur National Bank building in background.
(photo from Dickens County, Its Land and People)

OLD SETTLERS REUNION

83 Years of Tradition!



1919 FLOMOT COTTON FIELD: Those on wagon are Tede and Ora Blackshear, Earnest and Rul Everhart; on the ground are Mary B. and Viola Blackshear, Bessie and Stella and Mr. Everhart.

Flomot Gin

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Matador Ranch Valentine Dance

Story from Dance Across Texas by Betty Casey Austin University of Texas Press, 1985

On the high plains of Texas during the winter months of the "gay nineties," regular dances were held every other Saturday night, with an occasional, extra one, at big ranches -- the Matador, OX, Pitchfork, Moon, and McAdams.

One of the most memorable of the big ranch dances was held February 14, 1895, at the Matador Ranch in West Texas. The setting was the headquarters ranch of the 100,000 acre Matador Land and Cattle Company, established in 1879 in Motley County, a mile from the town of Matador. The dance was one of those given occasionally by ranch manager, A.J. Ligertwood to keep the cowboys happy and to promote friendly relations with neighboring ranchers and settlers. Dances were usually held between fall and spring roundups, after branding season, when the men were settled in for the winter. The guest of honor at the dance was Mrs. Hicks, the ranch manager's sister, recently arrived from Scotland.

"The grub for the midnight feed is in the commissary," Ligertwood told the cowboys, "but how you get it cooked is up to you." The cowboys rushed to Mrs. Jack Zurick, who worked there, for assistance. She agreed to get help from the other women living in headquarters' residences, and the mess hall cook said he'd help. They began baking and cooking at once, in preparation for the feast. The cowboys galloped to neighboring ranches with the invitations, which soon included everyone within a radius of fifty miles. In eager anticipation the men would drop everything to saddle up and ride several miles to a neighbor's for a pound of butter or a few dozen eggs.

Furniture was removed from the mess hall, where the dance was to be held, and the hall was scrubbed until it shone. A large bunkhouse was cleared out and long tables were put up and "laid with white linens and silver." Then, just as they thought all was in order for the party, a heavy snow blanketed

everything on the thirteenth. The cowboys got out the shovels and spent the day clearing paths between the buildings.

Among those excited about attending was Minnie Timms from Matador. "On the night before," she reported in Old Ranches, "we girls rolled our hair in curling papers, pressed our best worsted dress and sauteen petticoat; polished our shoes to a silken sheen, then waited impatiently for time to pass. And for once I was ready on time, dressed in my new brown cashmere, with a velvet bolero."

In an old stagecoach, she and three others quickly made the trip from Matador. From the top of the hill they could see the headquarters layout, which against its snowy background resembled a small village. Lights gleamed from the white house and mess hall, glistening across the snow-packed roadway. The nearby lake was shot across by a strip of light and faint glimmers came from several surrounding buildings. "Vehicles were so thick we had difficulty in approaching the house. A pack of dogs rushed out, barking excitedly; from under the machinery shed a horse neighed shrilly. One of our bays called back a friendly answer. But the sounds that thrilled us most were the clear high notes of fiddles, coming from the mess hall, mingling with the thump, thump, of cowboy boots and the tapping of lighter steps."

The mess hall was dimly lighted with kerosene lamps in wall brackets with tin reflectors, and pungent cedar logs crackled and burned in a corner fireplace. The moon was crowded and the dance was in full swing, although it was only eight o'clock. Trades people, school teachers, ranchers, punchers, and their ladies called out friendly greetings. W.P. Gilpin, county judge, was the dancing official. Frank Wilson of Childress and Jeff Morris of Matador played in the orchestra, which was located at one end of the long room. It had been imported from Childress, sixty-five miles distant. The dancers swung into a waltz to the popular tune, "Pride of the Ball." During the evening, the excited young Minnie Timms met her future husband, Benjamin F. Harper.

After a waltz, a big, handsome fellow with a broad smile swaggered into the center of the room. He was Roy McClain, one of the callers. He called out the fiddler, "All set?" With the fiddler's affirmative nod, Roy's stentorian voice boomed out, "Get yo' pardners for a quadrille." The floor was quickly filled by eager dancers. "Slute yo' pardner an' let 'er go./Balance all and do si do."

"The music was quick and devilish," Minnie Timms Harper recalled later, "Buffalo Girls and Billy in the Low-ground for the quadrille; Over the Waves and After the Ball for the waltzes." The voice of the caller was melodious and irresistible. "Then such dancing! None of your stately minutes, solemn lancers, or even the giddy waltz could equal it," Minnie declared. Dust rose from the floor about the stomping, prancing feet.

Benches around the room were filled with spectators, neighbors, and friends telling jokes and catching up on the news. Some of the men were apparently just off the range. They wore "battered old Stetsons, rough flannel shirts, chaps, spurs and heavy boots." Most, however, "were slicked up in their Sunday best, shaved, shined, smart looking in their new neckties and handkerchiefs."

Two young men with white buckskin vests encrusted with Indian beadwork in many colors caught the admiring attention of the young women. Others proudly wore watch chains woven of hair from sweethearts or young wives and decorated with gold. Shirt pockets bulged with sacks of "makings" for hand-rolled cigarettes and, "for this occasion, a package of gum." The women were turned out in their best dresses, and the guest of honor "wore a wine colored dress, with steel trimmings ... Entering into the spirit of the evening, she was as jolly as anyone there."

During a lull in the square dance movements, a country official's exuberance led him to "show off." He "cut the pigeon wing" and "did the double shuffle, his long coattails cutting queer antics to the merriment of the crowd." Weave 'em up an' weave 'em down/weave 'em pretty girls 'round and round,"

shouted the caller, now a trifle hoarse from his endeavors to make himself heard above the commotion. A happy cowboy let out a whoop, and "Pat Vaughn knocked the back step, to the delight of the cheering crowd. An over joyous puncher was nabbed by the sheriff and hurried off to sober up."

The long banquet tables were loaded for the midnight supper. The cooks had done their job well. There was a roast turkey, ham, chicken with trim-

mings, and "an endless supply of sweets." Coffee was kept hot in huge pots and boilers.

After supper the old fiddler patted his foot, wagged his head, and played so "fast and frisky" that "only the young bucks could keep step. The floor shook, the lamps trembled, their reflectors threatening to tumble off."

The dance eventually began to wind down with yawns half-hidden, the orchestra taking more time between dances and

playing round dances more often. "Finally the mess cook called out: 'It's daylight, let's all

have a cup of coffee.' Heavy-eyed cowboys helped visitors with their wraps, while others

hooked up the teams." Soon, all the guests were outside in the frosty morning air, shouting

farewells. There was one last call from a distant cowboy -- and the dance was just a happy memory, never to be forgotten.



Matador cowboy crew, 1893

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~ The History of Motley County ~

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Motley County (E-10), in the Rolling Plains region of Northwest Texas, is bounded on the east by Cottle County, on the south by Dickens County, on the west by Floyd County, and on the north by Briscoe and Hall counties. Its center is at 34° 03' north latitude and 100° 45' west longitude, about eighty miles northeast of Lubbock. The county is named for Junius William Mottley, who died in the battle of San Jacinto (a spelling error was made when the county was named). This sparsely settled county comprises 959 square miles of rough and broken terrain drained by the North Pease, Middle Pease, and South Pease rivers and their tributaries. Elevations range between 1,928 and 3,034 feet above sea level. The county lies just below the Caprock. Its soils are sand and black and red clay, mixed or not mixed with sand. The average rainfall is 20.35 inches. The average minimum temperature is 26° F in January, and the average maximum is 96° in July. The growing season lasts 218 days. The county produces about \$14 million average annual income from agriculture, half of which derives from beef cattle and horses and half primarily from cotton, peanuts, wheat, guar, and other grains. In the mid-1980s about 95 percent of the land in the county was in ranches and farms; 13 percent of the county was cultivated, and 9 percent was irrigated. In 1990 the county produced almost 304,500 barrels of crude oil. U.S. Highway 62/70 runs east to west; State Highway 70 is the major route north to south.

Comanches of the Wanderers, Liver-Eaters, and Downstream bands hunted buffalo and other game in the area before white settlement, but were displaced by the army's Indian campaigns of the 1870s. In 1876 the Texas legislature formed Motley County from lands formerly assigned to the Bexar District and attached the area to Crosby County for judicial purposes. Sometime in the 1870s a buffalo hunter named Ballard established a supply station at the springs that now

bear his name. In the mid-1870s Frank Collinson was commissioned by Samuel R. Coggin to bring 8,000 of John S. Chisum's cattle to establish the first ranch in the area. Collinson had known the country as a buffalo hunter in 1874, but had left because of problems with the Indians in the area. In 1878, Henry H. Campbell began buying cattle from Collinson and others for his Matador Land and Cattle Company. Campbell was the first owner of the famed Matador Ranch, which came to control much of the land in the area. In 1879 Arthur B. Cooper moved into the county and established a store at TeePee City, which, according to one source, was a "thriving" settlement at the time. In 1880 the census counted twenty-four residents in the county.

In 1890 the county had thirteen ranches, encompassing 30,225 acres, and the local economy was almost entirely devoted to cattle ranching. The agricultural census conducted that year reported 42,781 cattle, but only twenty-nine acres planted in corn and forty in wheat, the county's most important crops at that time. The first school was established near Whiteflat in 1890 with W.B. Clark as teacher. Settlers began to move to the county in greater numbers in the early 1890s; an incomplete 1891 tax roll listed 317 taxpayers. That same year the county was organized, with Matador as county seat. Since the General Land Office required a county seat to have twenty businesses, Matador Ranch employees had opened temporary stores stocked with ranch supplies. During the 1890s the county was disturbed by friction between settlers and the managers of the Matador Ranch, who attempted to control the county government. In elections held in 1894 the Matador candidates won their usual offices, but in 1896 the settlers were numerous enough to elect their own favorites. The struggle went on until 1900, when the settlers' majority became substantial. By that year there were 209 ranches and farms in the county, and though the area continued to be dominated by ranching, crop farming

was becoming established. The agricultural census reported 85,497 cattle that year, while corn culture occupied 944 acres and cotton was grown on ninety-five acres. The census counted a population of 1,257 that year.

Farming expanded significantly between 1900 and 1930. By 1910 there were 373 farms and ranches in Motley County, and crop raising was becoming an important part of the economy. The agricultural census counted 65,773 cattle that year; corn was grown on 4,100 acres, sorghum on 4,500 and cotton on almost 12,000. Farming in the county particularly expanded after 1914, when the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad completed laying tracks through the county. As part of the project, a 60,000 acre parcel of the Matador Ranch was set up for sale to prospective farmers and other settlers. Five years later, money contributed by the Matador and by various county citizens financed the Motley County Railroad, which ran for eight miles between Matador and Matador Junction. The number of farms and ranches in the county grew to 537 by 1920 and 910 by 1930. The population rose to 2,396 in 1910, 4,107 in 1920, and 6,812 in 1930. Many of the newcomers moved into the area to grow cotton. Cotton culture took more than 21,500 acres in the county by 1920, and by 1930 almost 87,000 acres in the county was devoted to the fibre. Some farmers continued to grow limited amounts of other crops; in 1930, 2,742 acres was planted with corn, for example, and another 3,450 acres with wheat. Poultry production was also becoming significant in the county by 1930, when farmers reported almost 29,000 chickens and sold more than 77,000 dozen eggs.

These growth trends were reversed during the 1930s, as the county suffered through the effects of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. Cotton production plunged; by 1940 only about 35,000 acres in the county was planted in cotton, and overall, cropland harvested in the county dropped from more than 107,000 acres in 1930 to only about 86,000 acres in 1940. The drought also hurt the Matador Ranch, which was able to stay afloat only by borrowing \$500,000 from the Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Hundreds of farmers in the county were obliged to leave their lands, and tenant farmers were particularly vulnerable; the number of tenants in the area dropped from 587 in 1930 to 326 in 1935 and 282 by 1940. By 1940 only 590 farms and ranches remained in the county, and the population had declined to 4,994. Partly because of the mechanization of agriculture, the population of the county continued to decline from the 1940s into the 1990s, dropping to 3,963 by 1950, 2,870 by 1960, 2,178 by 1970, 1,950 by 1980, and 1,532 by 1990. The Matador Ranch survived until broken up in 1951. Oil was discovered in the county in 1957, and subsequent production was significant though not large enough to place Motley County among the leading petroleum counties in the state. County wells produced 309,549 barrels of crude in 1960, 310,400 barrels in 1965, 405,039 barrels in 1974, 185,296 barrels in 1978, 122,025 barrels in 1982, and 304,465 barrels in 1990. By January 1, 1991, more than 9,439,000 barrels of oil had been produced in Motley County since discovery in 1957.

The voters of Motley County supported Democratic candidates in virtually every presidential election between 1892 and 1948; the only exception occurred in 1928, when they supported Republican Herbert

Hoover over Catholic Democrat Al Smith. In elections between 1952 and 1992, however, the county usually supported Republican presidential candidates. The only exceptions occurred in 1956, when a majority of county voters supported Adlai Stevenson; in 1964, when they supported Lyndon B. Johnson, and in 1976, when they supported James E. Carter. In he

mid-1980s Motley County was one of sixty-two Texas Counties still legally dry. A weekly newspaper has been published in

Matador since 1891, variously named the Maverick, Gusher, News, Tribune, and Messenger; since 1985 it has been known as the Motley County Tribune. Communities in the county include the county seat, Matador

(1990 population, 790), Roaring Springs (264), Northfield, Whiteflat, and Flomot. Local attractions include an April stock show at Matador; an annual Old Settlers' Reunion at Roaring Springs, and a game preserve for antelope and deer. Hunters also travel to the area in search of quail, doves, deer, pheasants, aoudad sheep, and antelope.



Headquarters, Ballard Springs, 1884. (photo from The Matador Land and Cattle Company by W.M. Pearce).



Roaring Springs Swimming pool, Matador division, 1929. (photo from The Matador Land and Cattle Company by W.M. Pearce).

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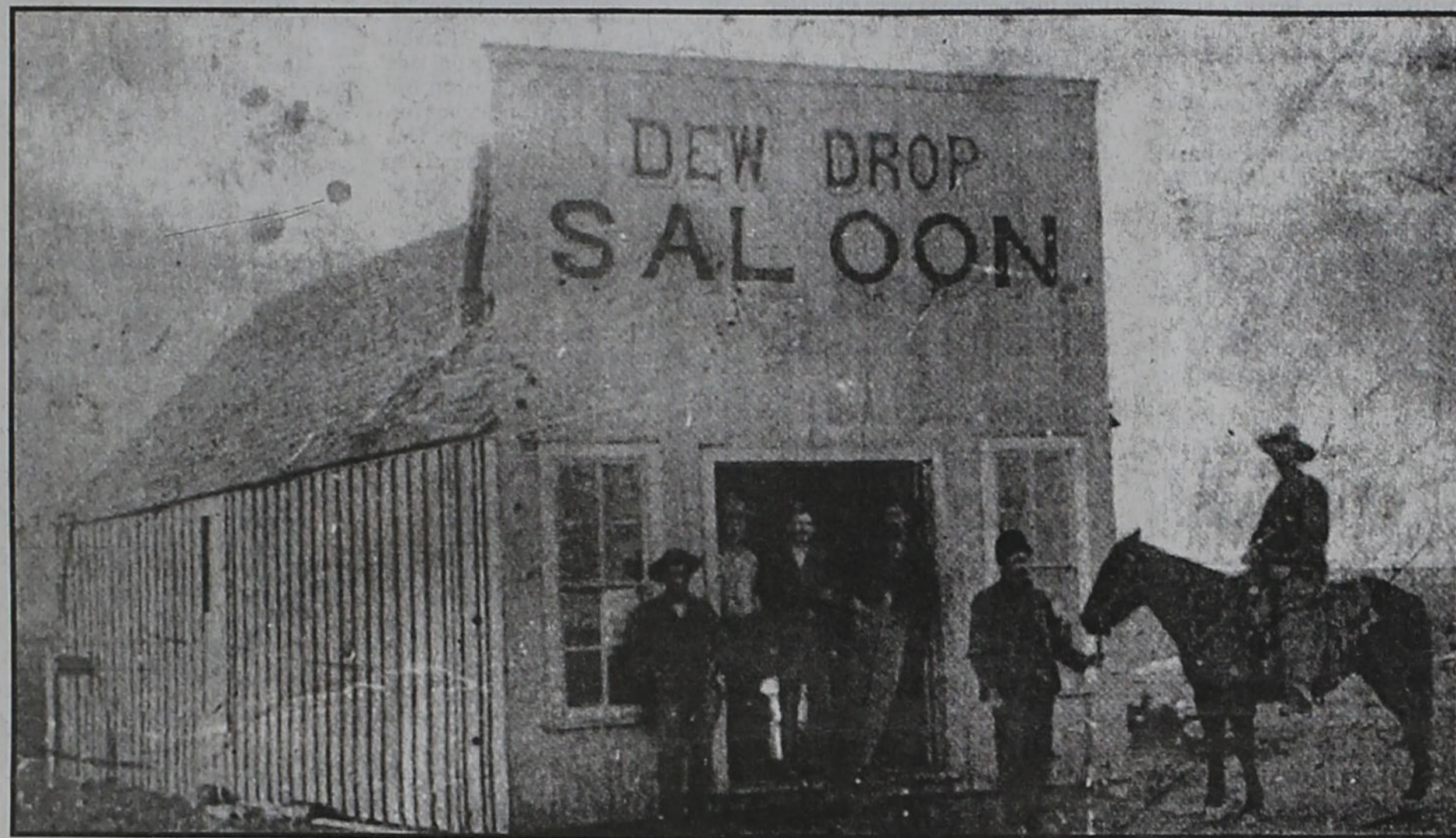
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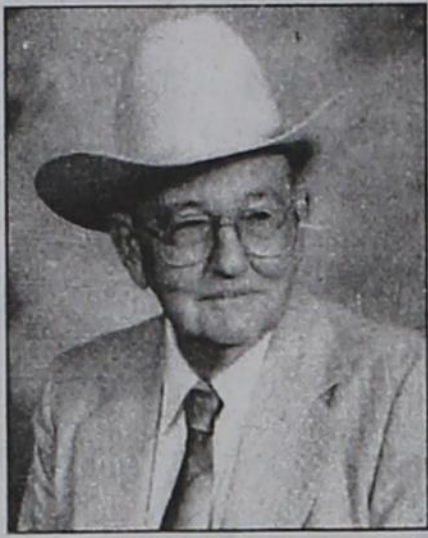
OBITUARIES

Billie Ray Slover

Billie Ray Slover, 77, of Matador went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 18, 2006, after a brave battle with cancer. He was born January 13, 1929, in the White Star community near Matador to William Franklin 'Bill' Slover and Lena Ethel 'Heckel' Titus Slover. He spent most of his life as a stock farmer and lived with his family in Matador. He also spent time working at Northern Natural Gas in Denver City, Texas.

Mr. Slover was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Stephenson.

Billie is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda Faye Angell Slover. He is also survived by his daughter Barbara Sharon Luster and her husband, Jerry of Cisco, Texas; two sisters, Betty Reed of Denver City, Texas and Bobbie Starkey of Amarillo, Texas; two granddaughters, Lisha Ruda and her husband Stan of Wichita Falls, and Amanda Schaefer and her husband, David of Lubbock.



Funeral services were held Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with the Rev. Winfield Davenport and Hospice of Lubbock Chaplin, Brice Cotton officiating. Pallbearers were John Bird, Zane Colston, Butch Reed, Jimmy Don Starkey, Billy Frank Reed, and Michael Pendleton. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock at P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490.

Inez Moss

Anson - Inez Moss, 80, died Saturday, August 19, 2006, at a Lubbock hospital. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Brown officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Born October 13, 1925, in Flomot, Inez was a daughter of the late Marlin Thomas and Mattie (Watson) Gilbert. She graduated from Flomot High School and later attended Wayland Baptist College. Inez taught school for two years. She married J.C. Moss May 24, 1947, in Quitaque. They moved to Anson in 1947. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Loyal Workers Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ocie Main, and three brothers, D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert, Losey Gilbert and John Gilbert.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Moss; a nephew, Keith Gilbert and wife, Tammi; sister-in-law, LaRay Gilbert, all of Anson; great niece, Lauren Johnson and husband, Eric of Pineville, LA; great-nephew, Zachary Gilbert of Lubbock; other family, Nona Anglin of Anson and Danny Anglin of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were Max Jones, Tony Jones, Wilburn Martin, B.C. Spraberry, Bill Debusk, Frank Hudson, Terry White, and Ronnie Richmond.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richey, Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 6839, Abilene, TX 79608.

Margie Marshall Scott

Margie Marshall Scott, 79, of Cleburne passed away July 12, 2006, in Arlington. She was born October 29, 1926, in Matador to the late Perry Lee and Florence Bourland Marshall. She attended Matador Schools and graduated in the class of 1944.

She married William A. Scott June 1, 1951, in Lubbock. He pre-

ceded her in death. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Truly of Cleburne; two sisters, Mrs. Bennie English of Lubbock and Mrs. Wanda Lou Moore of Grand Saline. She left a legacy of one grandchild and two great grandchildren.

Ray Zabielski

Services are pending at Seigler Funeral Home for Ray Zabielski, who died early

Wednesday morning, August 23. For details on service times call Seigler Funeral Home, 347-2626.

News Around the County

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
The Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion is the granddaddy of all reunions!

Wilburn Martin visited last Sunday in Borger with daughter and husband, Marlee and Fred Cooper and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper.

Linda and Travis Kendall, Melissa and Tim Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited from Friday until Sunday in Midland with Cory and Janet Kendall, Chancey and Connor. They celebrated the 8th birthday of Jere with an ice skating party, decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Waydette and Ronald Clay attended the First National Bank Open House Anniversary in Quitaque, Thursday. Marisue visited Dude Sunday afternoon.

Susie and Patsy House of Turkey and Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock Friday and Saturday at the bedside of Mrs. J.C. (Inez) Moss of Anson, a patient at the United Medical Center. She passed away around 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Tylee Barclay of Matador visited overnight Saturday with her grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay. Her father, Ty Barclay visited Sunday and accompanied her home.

The Flomot Church of Christ closed out their week of Gospel Meeting with a covered dish luncheon at the Flomot Community Center, Sunday. They reported a

good spiritual revival. Bengie Hughes of Royce City visited the weekend with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mrs. Jan Whitener of Washington, D.C. is here visiting her father, Tom Ross, a patient in the Lockney Nursing Center and his wife, Aleda Ross. Tom is under medical treatment for kidney complications and cellulitis. Also visiting him and Aleda during the week in Lockney was their daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey Sunday were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Z.D. Starkey and son, Jimmy Don Starkey of Amarillo and daughter, Mrs. Vickie Bull of Fort Worth. Visiting them Monday were daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Blayne, Savannah, Gage and Cash visited in Quitaque, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sperry.

Mrs. Alma Shorter, a patient for two weeks at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney was accompanied to Lubbock, Friday for a MRI scan by her husband, Everett and son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. She has returned home, but is still having back pain.

Mrs. Tina Carson and children of Turkey, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and Mrs. Julie Edwards and children visited Sunday at the Lockney Nursing Center with Mrs. Margaret Lane.

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Vera Mitchell's funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs last Thursday morning. Approximately 90 family members attended. The family was served lunch at the community center. If you brought a dish that you need to pick up, we took them to the church. Call me at 348-7000; Corky or I will unlock the building so you may pick up your dishes.

An interesting note on Vera is that the family counted 98 descendants and one more on the way!

Jeanie Adams was able to come to church on Sunday. She has gone today to get the reports of her scans that were made last week.

Old Settlers week is here. Corky is busy selling Cow Patty Bingo chances; Kenneth Abbott is busy getting ready for the Friends of the Depot meeting at the RSCV Center on Friday at 2:00 p.m.; Russell Alexander is trying to help the kids find turtles for the turtle races. Because of the drought turtles and terrapins have been pretty scarce. This is one of the busiest weeks in our whole year. Oh yes, don't forget to vote for a rodeo queen.

There will be a Matador Cowboy Reunion Saturday at the RSCV pavilion on Friday beginning around noon.

Bill Peacock was taken to Crosbyton last Wednesday by am-

ulance. He stayed overnight for observation and was released. He was out and about on Sunday.

Billie Stuckey has been with her daughter, Leandra Whittenberg and family in Corinth, Texas this past week helping them get settled back in Texas after their stay in Switzerland.

Dinah Young's son, Aubrey Elliott came in from Montreal and then the family went to Colorado for a reunion on the Eagle River at Edwards for a family reunion. Her son Joshua and his friend Victoria came and visited here for a week.

Remember the Rootin' Tootin' Bean Lunch at the Library Annex at 11:30 to 12:30. The proceeds will go to the new annex for the Library. Suzanne Abbott and others have been working hard to make this as super as last year.

Have you noticed the lovely flowers planted around the front and side of the Full Gospel Church? They are a joy to see, I didn't know you could even raise some of the varieties they have except in a green house. This endeavor was started by Susan Ghar and then the whole church got involved in the planting. James Sanders does the weekly upkeep. It makes a bright spot in our Roaring Springs landscape as do all the well kept yards here in town.

Matador News

RECENT TRIPS

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited in Lovington, N.M. Saturday, July 20 with her mother, Mrs. Jane Hester and her houseguest, brother, Joe Baker of Vinalia, California. They attended the Baker family reunion, Sunday, July 30, held at the Community Center in Denver City.

Tuesday, August 1, Spencer and Wilda were in El Paso until Wednesday to leave copies and information requested by Fort Bliss of the 62nd AFA Bn. of which Wilda is secretary. Her father, Ted Hester served in this

Battalion in World War II. They were there during the flooding rains in El Paso!

They returned to Lovington and Wilda, her mother, Mrs. Hester and uncle, Joe Baker attended the Prairie View School Reunion Saturday, August 5, held at the Lea County Electric Coop. Community Room in Lovington. Saturday afternoon, the families attended the funeral of Wilda's uncle, Lloyd D. Steele, 84, held at the First Baptist Church in Denver City. Wilda and Spencer returned home, Monday, Aug. 7.

A Note of Thanks

Friends and family of Motley County,

We want to thank each and everyone of you for the cards, phone calls, food, visits, and expressions of love you bestowed upon us during Daddy's illness and death. We will never forget how wonderful everyone was to us at our time of losing our loved one.

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NOTICE

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2006, at City Hall Council Room, Roaring Springs, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the year 2006. The proposed tax rate is .45242 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Roaring Springs by 7.99 percent.

NOTICE

The Motley County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2006, at the Motley County Clinic Boardroom, Matador, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2006.

The proposed tax rate is .1104 per \$100 of value.

Assessment notices to arrive soon

(Ablene) -- Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due September 29, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 14.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

To aid SHP growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and ar-

ranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Motley County is included in the Northern Rolling Plains in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

BY JOHN BIRD, CED



DEADLINE FOR WHEAT COVERAGE

September 1, 2006, is the final date to purchase NAP coverage on 2007 small grains. The fee for the coverage is \$100 per crop. There are no late provisions for NAP deadlines, so come on in.

NOT EXTENDING ALL OF YOUR CRP?

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this soon. The deadline is approaching, and once it passes we will extend the entire contract if you applied for an extension. Once that happens, it will be too late to take any out for the remainder of the contract period.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The FSA and NRCS Office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day and Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus day.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

IS THE SOLAR SYSTEM BILLIONS OF YEARS OLD?

Clearly not. On January 14, 2005, the Huygens probe parachuted to the surface of Saturn's moon, Titan. Scientists, believing the Solar System to be 4.5-5 billion years old, expected the probe to reveal oceans of ethane on Titan's surface. Not. It was a dry freezing desert, strongly implying a relatively young rather than an old age.

We've already discussed how the dust on recession of our Moon and our shrinking Sun preclude their being 4.5 billion years old, but the Sun provides another very strong line of evidence that the Solar System can't be over 10 thousand years old, and this strips the gears of evolutionists!

The gravitational fields of our Sun and other stars pull cosmic dust toward them. The Sun has been called a "solar janitor." Our Sun is estimated to suck in about 100,000 tons of cosmic dust each day. This is called the Poynting-Robertson Effect.

There is no known source of replenishment of the cosmic

dust in our Solar System. At the current rate the Sun is sucking in the dust, it would all be gone in 10 thousand years! Yet, our Solar System is full of these particles. Young Solar System or old?

P.S. Have some of these articles been confusing and hard to understand? Well, me too, but we've tried to rattle everybody's cage, including the scientific types. Last week's article, and the next one, were by far the hardest to write, because theoretical physics and atomic decay gets kind of deep. If you want to blow and/or expand your mind, read and try to understand Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time." Thankfully, there are only two articles to go on this subject. Speaking to you scientific types out there. Here's a question for you: "If I'm travelling in my automobile at the speed of light, will my headlights work?" Yes? No? Justify. How about "if I'm going faster than the speed of light?" Or a little slower? Any takers? Also, if extreme gravity slows or stops time, what would anti-gravity do? Food for thought. Finally, is light a wave? Particle? Or both? Welcome to Quantum problems.

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