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Early day Matador Cowboys at rest after a long day's work.

(Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum)

Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion



NEW BUSINESS — Motley County Chamber of Commerce President, Jeff Thacker presents Billy Green with a potted plant to congratulate him on the opening of a new business in Matador, Country Spice. Joining Mr. Thacker were Chamber of Commerce Board members, (l-r) Larry Hoyle, Roy Hobbs, Charles Keith, Brian Marshall, Michael Clawson, and Brent Marshall. Billy and his wife, Cindy, will sell crafts, antiques, and gifts at their unique store located on Main Street, next door to the MC Cafe in Matador.

72nd Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo Will Kick-off Thursday

The 72nd Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo will kick off this Thursday, August 24, at 10 a.m. with a Parade in downtown Roaring Springs. The Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., and the business meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle on the Old Settlers grounds.

There will be a Carnival each night and a Concession Stand on the grounds, catered by Damon's Cafe of Dickens.

The Motley-Dickens County Roping events will open on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Books will open at 4:30 p.m. Events will include a Flag Race for kids 6 years and under and 7 years to 12 years; an Open Age Barrel Race; Junior Team Roping; and the Motley-Dickens County Team Roping. Handmade bits will be given to the winners of each event.

On Friday, August 25, Team Roping will begin at 1:00 p.m. with books opening at 12:00 noon.

The Rodeo will get underway on Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. There will be a Kid's Calf Scramble nightly.

Rodeo events will include Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc, Calf Roping, Barrell Race, Steer Wrestling, Women's Breakaway, Team Roping, Bull Riding, Jr. Breakaway, and Jr. Flag Race. Stock producer will be Terry Walls Rodeo Company out of Stephenville, Texas.

Handmade bits will be given to winners of Junior Events.

On Saturday, August 26, at 8:30 a.m. the Old Men's Tie Down will begin for men 50 years and older. A

handmade saddle will be given to the average winner. Money left over after saddle is paid for will be jackpotted. There will also be an Old Men's Breakaway. Handmade bits will be given to the average winner.

Rodeo fun will also include a Cowboy Team Sorting on Saturday beginning at 12:00 noon, with books opening at 11:00 a.m. The top 5 teams will come back for 2nd go Saturday night during the Rodeo. Handmade bits will be given to first place.

The 1995 Rodeo Queen will be crowned on Saturday night during the Rodeo with a drawing for a handmade Alvin Durham saddle.

Fiddlers rosin up your bows and get ready for the big Fiddler's Contest at 10:00 a.m. at the Tabernacle on Saturday. There is no entry fee and plaques will be given to the winners and accompanist in each age group. A participant ribbon will be given to each fiddler.

There will be an Old Folks Dance at 8:30 p.m. each night with music by Weldon Turpin and The Midnight Cowboys. A Young Folks Dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights with music by JODY NIX and The Texas Cowboys.

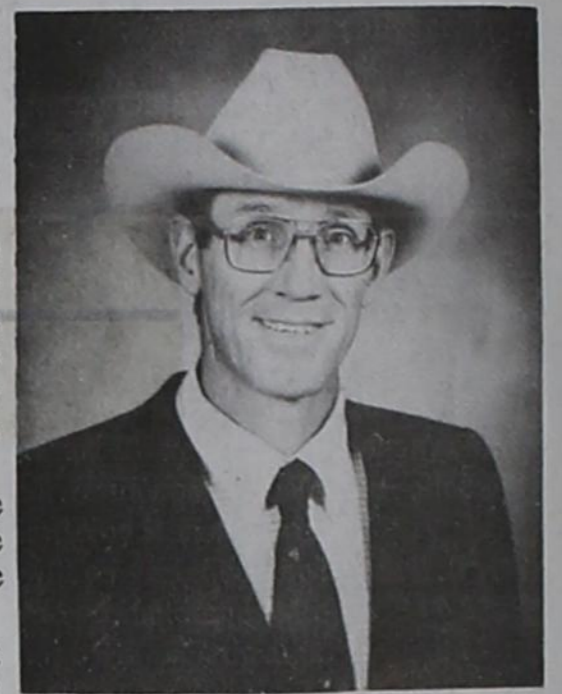
Don't miss out on this big celebration. Make plans now to come to Roaring Springs and have fun!!

COWBOY SERVICES

Cowboy services will be held each night in the Old Settlers Rodeo Arena.

Ron and Mary Ann Brunson of Plainview will lead the services each night from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Ron is a member of Pro Rodeo



Ron Brunson

Cowboy Association. He was raised on ranches and has trained horses and been a calf roper. Before becoming a minister, he participated in rodeos, including the Old Settler Rodeo. He pastors the New Covenant Church in Plainview.

Mary Ann is a World Champion Cowgirl in Barrel Racing, Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping. She was National Intercollegiate Rodeo Queen and has the honor of winning in Goat Tying at the Cheyenne, Wyoming Rodeo.

The Brunsons have three children, Blain, 22; Delynn, 19; and John, 15. John participates in team roping and other rodeo events.

The Brunsons will sing and give brief testimonies along with others who have dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. There will be local talent as well as others.

Plan to attend these special services and let God meet needs, whatever they may be.

Four Beauties Will Vie For 1995 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen



Lisa Taylor



Lou Ann Salazar



Haley Hamilton



Jennifer Martin

Four young women will vie for the 1995 Old Settler Rodeo Queen, which will be crowned at Saturday night's performance of the Rodeo.

Lisa Taylor is the 11 year old daughter of Leslie and Terry Taylor of Matador. Lisa is a 6th grader at Motley County ISD. She enjoys riding horses,

playing basketball and spending time with her family and friends. She has a twin sister, Leslie.

Lou Ann Salazar is the 13 year old daughter of Alex and Aurelia Salazar of Matador. She is an 8th grader at Motley County ISD and enjoys track, baseball, and basketball.

Haley Hamilton is the 16 year old daughter of Diane Nelms of Dickens and granddaughter of Donnie and Mickey Shaw of Dickens. She is a Senior and an honor student at Patton Springs High School. She enjoys participating in all sports, reading, driving her car, and helping her friends.

Jennifer Dawn Martin is the 12 year old daughter of Hoss and Sharon Martin

of Spur. She is the granddaughter of Doc and Bonnie Edwards and Everett and Frances Martin, all of Spur.

She enjoys sewing, cooking, reading, riding horses, 4-H, and church activities. She has one brother, Scott, and one sister, Misty.

Each girl has been busy selling tickets on a handmade Alvin Durham saddle. The winning ticket will be drawn after the queen is crowned.

RS Community Volunteers Arts & Crafts Show August 24-25-26

A new attraction available during the 3 day Old Settlers Reunion, August 24, 25, and 26 at Roaring Springs is a juried Arts and Crafts Show sponsored and held by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, Inc. Vendors signed up for the show include jewelry crafts, wood crafts, clothing crafts and various artists. Food and drink vendors are also included in the show for the convenience of the vendors and patrons of the show.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the completion of a community center for Roaring Springs and its neighboring communities. There is no cover charge for the Arts & Crafts Show which will hopefully grow to become an annual added attraction during Old Settlers to allow area artists and craftsmen to show their goods.

MATADOR LODGE 824 TO COLLECT CANS FOR SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL

The Matador Lodge 824 has adopted an aluminum can drive for burnt and crippled children of the Scottish Rite Hospital. It's free of charge for any child. Larry Hoyle has given permission to put a trailer on his lot for the collection of cans. The trailer has been donated for use by Roncho Grundy.

All money from the aluminum cans will go straight to the hospital. If you have cans and are not able to bring them down, call James Meador, 347-2258 or Joe Smith or any known Mason and they will pick them up for you. Thanks for your help!

ARTS - CRAFTS - CONCESSIONS

August 24 - 25 - 26



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"KNIT TOGETHER"



In writing to the Church in Colossae, the Apostle Paul describes the relationship hearts that are "knit together in love." Their hearts were united in purpose and concern as they gave themselves to the work of God.

The result of a common work and love is shown in the continuation of Colossians 2:2. Such involvement together leads Christians to the full assurance of faith and a better understanding into the mystery of God.

The scripture goes on to assert that the mystery of God is revealed in Christ. That is, all of the blessings which God desires to bestow upon us including eternal life, are found only in Christ Jesus. Those who are a part of the body Christ, are given the full assurance of God's grace and power in their lives.

Our bond is our common salvation which has been given to us through Christ. Our common work together is the living and sharing of His message. Such living and working together will bring us closer together, our hearts being "knit together." We are part of God's eternal family.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Home

72nd Annual Old Settlers Reunion

MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Matador, Texas 347-2400

Roaring Springs Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bearden

A 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held for Junior and Betty Bearden, Saturday, August 26, at the home of C.C. (Preacher) and LaRue Brooks, east of Roaring Springs, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Family and Friends are invited to attend.

Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly A. Logsdon
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics

NUTRITION AND CANCER PREVENTION

The fact that absence of certain essential nutrients creates a predisposition to illness that has been known for a long time. However, less understood has been the components of diet which are important in preventing chronic disease such as cancer.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is studying if certain "designer" foods high in ingredients naturally high in cancer-preventing substances can actually affect the relationship between cancer and diet. Diets high in fat appear to be connected to cancers of breast, pancreas and colon/rectum.

Heavy alcohol consumption has been linked to higher incidence of cancers of the upper digestive tract and liver. These studies have also shown that fiber, vitamins A, C, and E as well as many other substances also seem to have cancer-preventing properties.

Over the past decade more than 40 foods -- mainly vegetables, grains, and fruits containing biologically-active phytochemicals -- have been identified as having cancer preventive properties. Phytochemicals can interfere with and potentially block the biochemical pathways that lead to malignancy in animals. Phytochemicals can affect metabolic pathways associated with development of cancer by affecting the initiation and tumor-promotion phases.

The six foods at the top of this pyramid are at the center of the National Cancer Institute's Experimental

Foods Program. On the top level of this triangle are garlic, cabbage, licorice, soybeans, ginger, carrots, celery and parsnips. On the middle levels of the triangle are onions, tea, tumeric, citrus such as orange, lemon, grapefruit, whole wheat, flax, brown rice, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts). On the base level of the triangle are oats, mints, oregano, cucumber, rosemary, sage, potato, thyme, chives, cantaloupe, basil tarragon, barley and berries.

Dietary supplements such as garlic pills do not offer the same benefits as the food counterparts.

So what can you do as a consumer to utilize the results of this research? Start following the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Guide Pyramid and the American Cancer Association recommendations to increase servings to at least "5 A Day" of vegetables and fruits. Then you will be sure to eat many of the top 40 foods, which have been shown to display those cancer-prevention properties.

In the next few years, consumers will see more and more designer foods that contain even more of these phytochemicals.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: One can no more be mean and happy at the same time than an orange can be both sour and sweet.

les, Apple Crisp, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Breakfast: Buttered Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Milk.

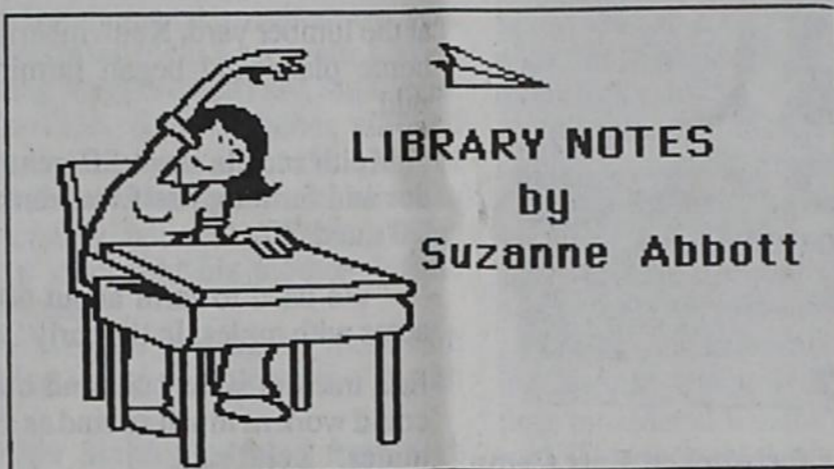
Lunch: Sliced Turkey, Broccoli, Rice Casserole, Fresh Veggie Sticks, Hot Rolls, Fruit Salad, Milk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chef Salad (ham, egg, cheese), Baked Potato, Crackers, Cake, Milk.

Friday, Sept. 1: Menu not available for September at newstime.



LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

August is Local History Month at the Library, and we are featuring our collection of materials about Motley and surrounding counties. Thanks go to Carla Meador of the Motley County Tribune, Betty Moore, and Keith Patton, for helping me find materials and books that deal with our local history.

The library is fortunate to be the home of a magnificent mural showing

the people, events, and places of Motley County. If you haven't seen this mural in a while drop by and refresh your memory. Marisue Potts, one of the people who worked to establish this library, has written *The Motley County Library Mural History Book* that not only explains the mural but also presents the history of this county. We have a few of these books for sale at the library.

When you come in to look at the mural, you can also enjoy the "Faces of Cowboys" as seen in Tanner Lane's *Cattle Call*. Many of these "faces" are from our area. You can enjoy these bits of local history during regular library hours, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Monday and 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday.

We want to welcome all the Old Settlers, those who live here or those who have come back to renew acquaintances. In the introduction to his poem, "Old Settlers," cowboy poet Dennis Gaines says, "Can we ever truly repay the pioneers?" Certainly we can honor them and their legacy... which is what the celebration of these three days is about all.



MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Texas Twirls (meat - pasta), Green Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Dessert, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

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

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Potato Chips, Pick-

Labor Day — Monday, Sept. 4

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Jo Ann Dickson To Receive Poetry Award

The Famous Poets Society of Hollywood, California has notified Jo Ann Dickson of a presentation on Labor Day weekend at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. The letter reads in part, "The Executive Committee of our distinguished Board of Directors has chosen your poem, *Matador, Texas At Dusk* for a presentation at our Annual Poetry Convention. You will be honored as a Famous Poet and receive the beautiful Diamond Homer Trophy."

This poem first appeared in the Motley County Tribune on June 4, 1984 when Patsy Tippin owned the newspaper. Dickson wrote a weekly column, JoAnn's Jots and Jingles.

Several years ago this poem also won an award in the poetry writing contest of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs.

At the present time Dickson has not yet decided whether she will attend the presentation in September.

Matador At Dusk

I walk through town at twilight,
Through dusk, before the fall of night
And sounds of the past haunt me.

I hear the clip-clop of the horses feet.
The spurs jingle-jangle in a rhythmic beat
And my mind imagines how it used to be
As I see horses and buggies tied to iron rings on the street.

If the old hotel could only talk
It would tell how cowpokes and drummers would stalk
Its halls finding a good soft bed
After a sooty train ride or a night in a shed.
It stands as a reminder of the past
And the tales it could tell would last and last.

There's the old bank - with a modern door.
You don't hear the coins on the marble counters any more.
The building is vacant. At dusk the bats begin to soar.
The gargoyles are crumbling from decay.
Somehow I wish I had seen it in more glorious days.

I peer into the empty drug store.
The freckled-face boys and pig-tailed girls are no more
Sitting on the stools at the ice cream bar.
There's an emptiness - as empty as the old apothecary jars.

I cup my hands beside my eyes
So I can more clearly look inside.
It is the old grocery store, now deserted,
Where children begged until mothers were disconcerted.
"A licorice twist, a peppermint stick,
Please, Mother, a lollipop to lick."

There's a deadly quietness at the old picture show.
The seats are tattered and dusty - row after row.
But the names of Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and John Wayne
Stir a nostalgic excitement as I travel memory lane.

The newspaper office doesn't seem so old.
But we know from it many events were told.
The printing press in Matador no longer makes noise
But the news it printed always had poise.

I come near to the creek and there I behold
The brownstone jail - bleak and old.
Night is beginning to fall
And it seems I hear a voice call,
"I don't want to die. Don't hang me!"
The trap door drops. There is a scream.
I hear the rope scraping on a beam.

My dreams of the past are interrupted by the present.
A cattle truck roars by.
A jet overhead breaks the sound barrier as it flies.
From the waves of nostalgia I must disembark.
Hurry home. Night comes. It is dark!

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Charlie Keith, Longtime Motley County Resident

by Emily Roy

NOTE: This article is made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.

Charlie Keith, who has spent his life farming in Motley County, has strong ties to this community. His family has lived in the area since the late 1800's and his parents, D.C. and Ella Keith, were the first couple to be married in Motley County.

In 1888, Keith's father helped to bring a cattle herd from Oklahoma to Matador, and then began working for the Matador Ranch. Keith's mother moved to Matador with her family in 1891, Keith said.

"A friend told my father about a girl he could write who lived in Granbury so that he wouldn't be lonely during the winter months. They wrote for five years until he visited her and her family in December of 1890," Keith said.

After Keith's father and grandfather filed on land south of Matador and about a mile west of the McDonald camp and each acquired a section that are next to each other, he said.

Keith's family farmed and shipped cattle for the Matadors. Keith was born in 1904 and was the youngest of the six

Keith children. He attended the old school and finished high school in 1924, the last year that classes were held in that school, he said.

Keith worked in the cotton gins and at the drugstore, and managed a lumber yard in the 1940's. After working at the lumber yard, Keith inherited the home place and began farming, he said.

Keith recalls how different Matador and farming itself was during the '20's and '30's.

"We used to farm about 60 to 80 acres with mules. In the early '30's the first tractors were built and one man could work as much as land as a dozen mules," Keith said.

"In the '20's and '30's, you could



Charlie Keith is pictured here at the Motley County Museum standing near the wedding dress of his mother, which is on display at the Museum.

hardly walk down the sidewalk in town, and the stores stayed open until midnight on Saturday," Keith said.

Keith married Viola Knight, who was originally from Alabama. Mrs. Keith began teaching in 1928, and taught for 37 years in Matador.

The Keiths still live on the original Keith homestead, about two miles south of Matador. Keith has been retired from farming for about 20 years, he said.

"I wore out and my tractor wore out and so I thought it would be a good time to quit," Keith said.

The Keiths have two sons, Charles

and David. Charles Keith was in the marines and worked for Hughes Aircraft before moving back to Matador last year. David Keith attended Sul Ross and West Texas College, worked for the Soil Conservation Service, and ranched in Dickens County before he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith are the only ones left of their immediate families. Mr. Keith is 91 and Mrs. Keith is 87 years young. Keith said he used to hunt and fish, although he finds the latter somewhat difficult in this part of the country, and still enjoys gardening and working in the yard.



Winter Horses no 2 Wild Horse on Poncho
Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum



Ellis Key, Wishy Dirickson and Walker Williams, early day Matador cowboys ready for work at East Camp.
(Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum)

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Charlie & Viola Keith celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 23, 1995.

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Saturday, August 26, 1995
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

at the home of
Charles & Joan Keith
1101 Walton Road



A Pioneer Wedding, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Keith, the first marriage performed in Motley County.

The time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, the way to be happy is to make others so.
—Robert Green Ingersoll

Old Settlers Days

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Hazel Donovan Has Lifetime of Memories



Hazel Walton (Donovan) as a little girl.

by Emily Roy

Hazel Donovan has witnessed the years pass through Matador. She has lived on Main Street all of her life; her father was one of the first elected officials in Motley County; and she is currently helping to preserve some of the history and memories of the community at the museum.

"For 88 years I lived on Main Street, except for the years that I was in college," Donovan said.

Her father was here in 1891 when the county was organized and was the first County Clerk, she said.

"I am the only survivor of the original elected officials of the county," she said.

Donovan's father, Walter A. Walton, originally from Charlotte, Vir., attended Harvard and traveled west from St. Louis with a cattle herd, she said.

He was offered a position in President Cleveland's cabinet but said he wanted to make one trip to the West before he settled down, she said.

"He came out to Texas and he never went back. His sister wouldn't send his clothes to him for over a year, thinking he would come back to Virginia," she said.

She was born in what is now the R.C. Giesecke house. The house used to be in the middle of Main Street, but part of it was moved to its present location as the town grew. Walton,

who died in office in 1911, provided the land on which the Baptist Church is located, Donovan said.

Donovan's mother, from Alabama, came to Texas with her family. In 1927, she built a house at the end of Main Street where Donovan lived until she was married in 1929.

Donovan graduated from high school in 1924, and attended college in Denton at what was then called the college of Industrial Arts, she said.

"I was amazed when I went down there and saw all the beautiful trees. I didn't now there were trees like that in Texas," she said.

Donovan married Don Donovan in 1929, and they built the house on Main Street where she currently resides. He worked in the bank and with cotton buyers. They also had a ranch down on Teepee Creek which Donovan still owns and is currently managed by Johnny Palmer.

In fact, Donovan proudly displays a grand prize plaque one of her Herefords won at the recent county show.

Donovan taught school for one year and then substituted for many years after that. She had one daughter, Rose, and helped to organize a girl scout troop when her daughter was young. Donovan's daughter died five years ago, and her husband, Carl Pierce, who is retired, resides with and takes care of Donovan.

"I couldn't make it without him," she said.

Donovan has a room at the museum where she does her part to keep the history of the area alive by preserving some things from her family.

Donovan says she likes to college things and do all kinds of sewing such as needlepoint, crochet, knitting, and embroidery.

"I've always wanted to do everything everyone else was doing. I can do anything with a needle."

An example of Donovan's talent and what will eventually be an addition to her room at the museum is a patchwork quilt. Each piece has been embroidered by her and many bear memories, such as the carefully stitched likeness of her home and the former home of her daughter, she said.

Donovan says she also enjoys decorating for holidays and has decorations for each one. And judging by the decorations present for the Easter holidays, she is as skillful at this as she is at the rest of her hobbies.

Ed D. Smith Has Close Ties To Motley County

NOTE: This article was written by Texas Tech student, Emily Roy, and was made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.

Emily is the granddaughter of Matador residents, Sonny and Dorothy Russell.

Even though Ed Smith lives in Lubbock he still has close ties in Motley County. In addition to many childhood memories, Smith and his wife have a house in Roaring Springs, where they spend many of their weekends.

Smith is a tax assessor in Lubbock, but he also enjoys opportunities to help his friends with their ranch work, Dutch Oven cooking, and telling stories, both tall and true, he said.

"I still have the horse and cow in my blood. You just don't get that out of your blood, I'd go back (to ranching) tomorrow if I could," Smith said.

About three years ago, Smith participated in story telling at the Lubbock Cowboy Symposium. He also has a collection of old pots and pans and built a chuck box in the back of a trailer, which he cooks out of. He cooks mainly for friends, and has cooked some at the Old Settlers' Reunion.

Smith grew up in Matador at the McDonald Camp of the Matador Ranch where his father worked. He recalls helping his father out on the ranch and roughing it out in the country.

"We didn't have a bathroom or running water until 1952 when we got electricity out at McDonald camp," Smith said.

Not long after we got electricity, Koch Industries bought the Matador and closed McDonald camp and moved us to Dutchman camp where we were further from town and again had no running water or electricity, Smith said.

In 1958, Smith's father suffered from a heart attack, and in the spring of 1959 they moved to town and lived in the county jail where Smith's father was a jailer and his mother fed the prisoners.

"It was the first time I lived with running water and electricity," Smith said.

After Smith graduated from high school he went back to the ranching lifestyle he had grown up with. Smith said he worked for the Swenson, Four Sixes, and Matador Ranches.

In 1962 Smith started school at

Texas Tech. By 1963 he was again doing ranch work and worked again for the Matador, Reynolds, and Pitchfork ranches.

"I was really happy at the Pitchfork, but in January of 1964 my parents drove up on Sunday with a draft notice. That was one of the saddest things. I ever had to do was roll up my bed and leave there. I told everyone that two years from now they could look down the road and I would be walking back," Smith said.

It was longer than that before Smith made it back to Texas. After basic training in Fort Polk, La., Smith attended military police school in Fort Gordon, Ga. He was then assigned to Camp Hunter Liggett in Jolon, California.

After being discharged from the Army, he had \$500 in his pocket and decided to stay in Monterey, California, until winter was over and then go home, Smith said.

However, Smith stayed in California and was married to Pat Smith whom he met while in Military Police School. Soon after, Smith decided to go into law enforcement, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle, and grandfather.

In the next few years he worked as a sheriff deputy, detective, and police officer. In 1979, Smith quit working in law enforcement and began selling real estate. During this time, Smith also attended a tax appraisal course and developed an interest in that career as well.

For ten years he visited Texas, but his wife did not like it here, so they didn't move back until ten years later, Smith said. In 1982, she visited home with him and decided she wanted to move to Texas.

In September 1983, they moved to Lubbock, and Mrs. Smith began working at Reese Airforce Base. In January, 1984, he began working at the tax appraisal office, where he continues to work today, he said.

The house the Smiths own in Roaring Springs was moved from an old farm into Matador in the 1950's, Smith said. They bought the house in 1984, moved it to Roaring Springs, and began fixing it up, he said. Smith said there is not a television at the place and they enjoy many weekends in the quiet of Roaring Springs.



Ed Jr., Ed Sr., and Kat Smith at the Motley County Jail, 1962.

(Edd D. Smith photo)



Ed D. and Pat Smith at the Cowboy Symposium in 1991.

Songbird Cafe

welcomes everyone to the

Old Settlers Reunion

Thursday — Fiesta Buffett
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Catfish Buffett starts at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Open 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Breakfast Buffett starts at 8 a.m.

Sunday, Open 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday Dinner Buffett
Fried Chicken, Brisket and all the trimmings, starts at 11 a.m.

Tenderness is the greater proof of love than the most passionate of vows.
—Marlene Dietrich

Old Settlers Days



MC Cafe

Matador, Texas

Open House

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2nd Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion Set For Saturday

by Ed D. Smith

Early last fall I recorded the significant events leading up to our first Matador Cowboy Reunion held on Old Settlers Saturday, 1994. Some of my friends asked me to share the chronology with you. So here it is -- in a slightly edited form.

In August 1989, I ran an ad in the paper about a proposed meeting of Matador cowboys in the Old Settlers Tabernacle. Nineteen people showed up and all seemed to be interested. At that point I had no earthly idea what my next step should be. Willard

Copeland said, "I'll get you started" and threw a \$20 bill on the bench. Soon everyone was reaching for their billfolds and we collected \$302. We left that day without a real plan, but decided we would meet again the next year. In the meantime, my job was to come up with some ideas and open a bank account in the name of MATADOR COWBOY REUNION at First State Bank in Matador.

We met again the following year, 1990. I neglected to update my list of names, but we had about the same number of people and they very graciously contributed another \$150.

This resulted in a total of \$452 in the bank and still no ideas.

I didn't take donations during our 1991 meeting since we still had no plan. It appeared that a real reunion might never materialize and someone suggested that we donate the money to Boy's Ranch. We decided to hang on one more year. I had plenty of people who offered to help, but it was up to me to initiate some type of function. We did not meet in 1992 or 1993. I was beginning to experience a lot of guilt about taking those folks' money and not providing any return. I was like the guy who bought himself a mule and

couldn't ride it!

By 1993 it was the custom of several of us who are close friends to start our Old Settlers celebration at the beginning of the week. We usually have a cookout or something planned for each night of the week right up to beginning day. On Wednesday, I set up my chuck trailer and cook a meal for our little group and anyone else who cares to stop by. We always have lots of company and it is a great way to kick off Old Settlers. While I was still in one of my "We ought to do this..." moods after such an event in 1993, I asked Jerry Green if he would be interested in allowing us the use of his property to do a cookout for the Matador cowboys. He immediately said "YES". That meant location was no longer a problem.

By this time in 1993 Robert Thornton, a old Matador wagon cook, had retired and moved back to his boyhood home at Dickens Camp. He stumbled onto our little annual cookout and remarked that had he known about it, he would have made sourdough biscuits. He had thrown out his starter just that morning. We asked Robert if he would be interested in helping with a Matador cowboy reunion and he enthusiastically said that he would. In his retirement, Robert has not given up his cooking. He has been cooking with Jimbo Humphreys and has expanded his knowledge to include dutch ovens. When he cooked for the Matadors, Red Payne had already introduced the wood cook stove, which was moved from camp to camp in a trailer pulled behind the chuckwagon.

It was decided that Robert would make sourdough biscuits and cobbler and the rest would be up to me. His enthusiasm was all I needed to get off the stump and get going.

In the Spring and early Summer of 1994, our group began to meet periodically and plan for the event. Our planning sessions became frequent and generated a lot of cooking smoke. We ate very well that summer and had a lot of fun. Judging from our original meetings in the tabernacle in 1989, 1990, and 1991, I estimated that we might have between 25 and 50 people. I soon realized that I had probably grossly underestimated the likely head count. We decided to advertise most of the month of August in local newspapers and on Childress radio.

Word began to filter back to us that people were excited about the reunion. Green contacted some fellows that we had not seen in 40 years to extend a personal invitation. It looked like our function was going to work out. In a meeting at Dickens Camp a couple weeks before Old Settlers week, Robert very diplomatically informed me that a menu of chicken fried steak might be a task that I would not want to tackle. I was beginning to suspect the same and deferred to his cooking wisdom. When he suggested stew, I readily agreed. We modified our menu to stew, beans, sourdough biscuits and cobbler, then borrowed extra equipment from Jimbo to handle the estimated volume.

Dinner was a huge success. I was a little apprehensive about cooking that much chuck, but Robert talked me through and it worked fine. I believe the Matador cowboy count was 55 and we fed about 90 to 100 including families. People were coming and going and we never got a really accurate tally.

We wanted to give some sort of awards and decided that Moore Maker pocket knives were perfect. We eventually decided on the earliest employed cowboy, the cowboy traveling the farthest, and a random drawing for the third knife. Most of our group were past the age of having much interest in ropes and spurs, bits, and big belt buckles. A new pocket knife is always a treat. Wayland and Glynard Moore were kind enough to donate the knife

awarded to the earliest employed cowboy.

Many people contributed their time, effort and/or funds to the 1994 function and, no doubt, I have forgotten some, but here are the names of those I can think of now: Tom Smauley, Judy Smauley, Tommy Cooper, Craig Forbis, Dan Brandon, Ros Bearden, Michelle Green, Marlene Padilla, Jodi Rickel, Johnny Stevens, P.K. Green, and Pat Smith. I am especially indebted to Mike Jones of the Old Settlers for logistic support and Barb of the Tribune for her splendid press coverage of the event.

And finally, the Matador hands along with their spouses and guests donated over \$1,000 for the 1995 reunion. I cannot find words to express adequately my appreciation for their generosity.

Now, let me say a few words about our 1995 reunion. It will get underway at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26 at Green's place in Roaring Springs.

Everyone is reminded that it is a get-together of those who worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company and/or any of its successors, plus hands currently on the Matador Ranch payroll. Spouses and guests of eligible participants are welcome.

This year Robert and Jerry Slaton are throwing in with Jimbo to fix din-

ner. Chuck will be served at high noon. Jimbo's award-winning wagon will be easy to spot southwest of the Dutchman Creek bridge.

We are gearing up for a bigger crowd this year because word about the reunion has gotten out clear to eastern Oklahoma and western New Mexico. The world class cowboy food to be served and the engraved Moore Maker, Inc. pocket knives to be awarded shouldn't hurt our attendance either.

In conclusion, I would have to say that this project has been the joy of my life. We have had so much fun that failure has never been considered a serious possibility. A suggestion was made during the 1994 reunion that we meet once a year at Old Settlers time. The majority commanded that it be so. More people care about preserving their heritage than we might imagine sometimes.

I have received numerous communications indicating that we are on the right track with this thing. I am deeply touched by the sentiments expressed in those communications and earnestly hope that what we have started can continue as long as there is any memory of the Matador Ranch. Several of our bunch have gone on to a better place since the first meeting in 1989. Hopefully they will look down upon our celebration and nod with approval.



Robert T. + Hugh the cook 1946 or 47 Mo 2

Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum

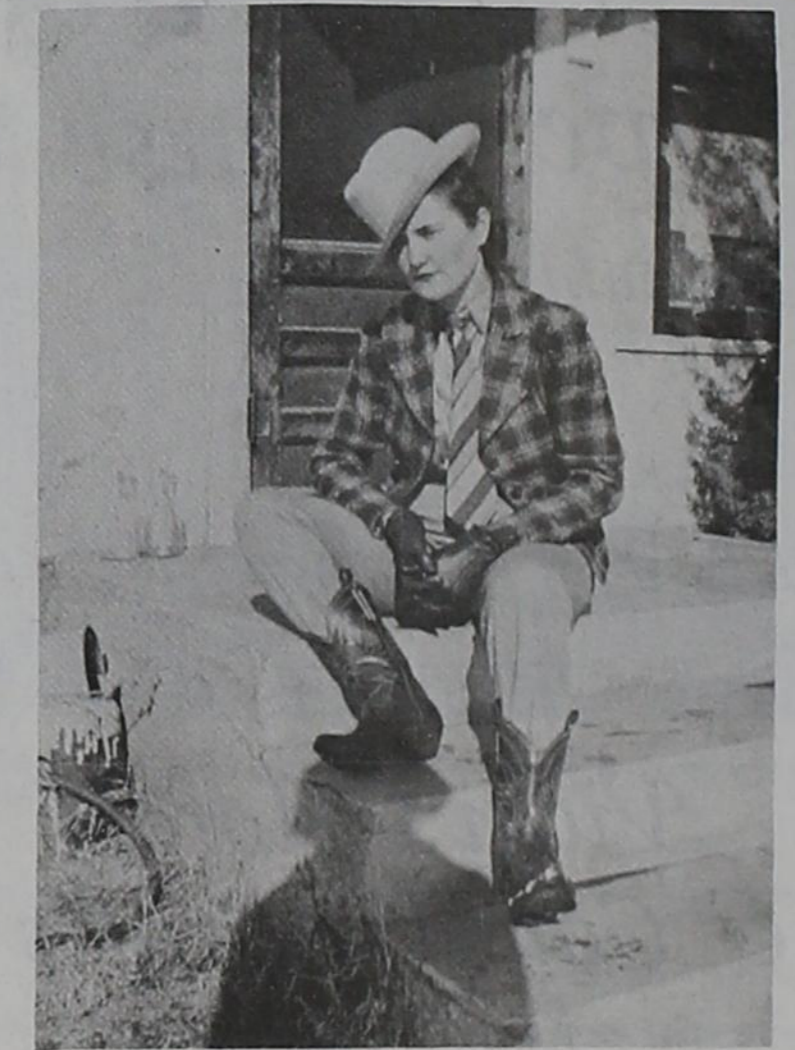


Hallie Plemons, Melvin Dirickson, and Walker "Peal" Leonard, early day Matador cowboys. Exact date and year of photo not known. (Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum)



Red Payne at Matador Ranch Headquarters, early 1940's.

(Carroll W. Cooper photo)



Irene Groves, 1940 Old Settlers.

(Carroll W. Cooper photo)

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A Letter From Grandmother

NOTE: This actual letter was written to Verlin Reeves in the 1950's from Gertrude Morris after she had moved back to her family home in Hico, Texas. Audry Morris Price is the mother of Charles Price, James (Pup) Price, and Carolyn Price Jones.

I boarded the train in Hico, Texas with my brother-in-law, C.D. Bird in March, 1893. We spent the night in Ft. Worth. Next morning we took the Ft. Worth and Denver and spent the night in Childress. It was a small town, only one hotel, just a plank building. There were very few houses there. I was awakened some time in the night with the howling of coyotes. I had never heard their howl before. I didn't feel very comfortable with them so close by.

Next morning we took the mail hack for Matador. We traveled all day and reached Matador in late afternoon. The driver of the mail hack was Jon Cammack, brother of Ed Cammack of Matador. The roads were very rough, just trails. I made several trips on that line. I remember one in particular. They drove little Spanish mules on that trip.

At Northfield they changed teams. There was a big tank of water close by. Got hitched up and off we started, the mules running and pitching and ran through that tank. That hack was bobbing around like a cork. Nothing fell out but we got wet feet and a good scare.

I reached Red Lake, my sister, Mrs. C.D. bird's home on the fourth day. The home consisted of one room and a dugout for kitchen and bedroom. We had no living room. No water piped in the house or bathroom as we know it today. It was sparsely settled.

Some six miles from Red Lake there was a settlement called Cotton Wood Afton. They had a one room school house where we had church and Sunday School. Not much of a crowd, but they were all friendly. There were the Whitakers, Clifton Harvey, Gates Braddock, Staffords, Alsforths, Joe Jackson. All would take dinner and go to church and most of the time spend

the day.

The young people had parties and dances. All of the girls rode horseback. I had never ridden horseback so I was rather awkward and never became a good rider. We would go to the round ups and have dinner at the chuck wagons.

We spent one Christmas at the Matador Ranch and had dinner at the Bob Gaileys. Three couples of us decided to go to Dickens City to a Christmas dance and supper. It was bitter cold and we were late getting started. We got within ten miles of Dickens and the horses shied at something. The driver dropped one of his lines and in the scramble for the line the horses got out of the road and into a ditch. Broke an axle and there we were, not a house in sight. One couple, Clara Currie and Walter Jackson, were in a buggy. They took me and miss Lou Darden in the buggy with them and the boys, Jon Jackson and Jim Thompson, rode the horses bareback into Dickens. So we danced and had supper, and the next day faced that bitter cold back to Matador and on to Red Lake.

In the spring Charlie Bird built more on to his house. We had two rooms then a long porch across the two rooms and a little bedroom on the end of the porch. We felt like we were in a mansion. Mrs. Bird and I decided we would plant us a turnip patch. We didn't have a horse that would work single. So we each took turns at pulling the plow. Some job! But we got it done and planted our turnips.

Our postoffice was six miles away so we didn't get mail very often. It was at Becton, later moved to Afton. The Colliers kept the postoffice and a small stock of groceries and a few other items. It was handy for the settlers.

Most of the settlers make two trips to the railroad at Quannah, spring and fall for their supplies. It would take about eight days to make the trip. On one of the trips I went along with Joe Jackson and his daughter, Annie, and Sallie Whitaker and Mrs. Dovic and his son, Luke. Next morning we were eating breakfast and Luke got up

and got his gun. He shot a big rattler right at my back, coiled in a prairie dog hole. I had several close calls with the rattlesnakes.

Mrs. Whitaker taught school in a dugout. She was Mrs. J.M. Jackson's mother of Matador, my good friend there. Mrs. Jon Smith also taught school there before her marriage to John Smith. He was trail boss on the Matador Ranch and Bob Gailey was wagon boss of the branding outfit. Each wagon had from 25 to 30 men each. They would drive herds to the railroad and ship to Montana. Their cooks were Jim Meador, Jim Cloyd, Ed Russell, Lum Moore, brother to Ruff Moore.

At that time the cowherds were a lot of long horned cattle. I recall one big white steer. One horn turned up and the other turned down and scraped the ground as walked. He could not hold his head up. As the years went by they got rid of all the longhorns and had the Beef Durham and Herefords.

A.G. Ligertwood was manager at the ranch and Murdo McKinney was herd manager. His home was at Trinidad, Colorado. They later moved to Denver. Mr. Watson was bookkeeper at the ranch.

Jimmie Devine was cook at the chuck house and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zurick cooked at the White House. Mrs. McDonnell did the laundry for the cowboys and sometimes cooked at the White House.

Line riders were Charlie Bird at Red Lake, D. Keith and Rustler Camp, Ross at Turtle Hole, Pat Murphy at Paine Place, later Henry Cook, Cook Harris at Harniky, Sid Dimwoody at Croton, Frank Leonard at Mott Camp.

I married Charlie Morris in December of 1897. We lived at Red Lake. We had a daughter Audrey, now Mrs. Grover Price of San Leandro, California. We lived at Red Lake for nine years and then moved to Mott and from there to the Larkey Place, three miles west of Matador. In 1915 we moved to our place east of Matador.

In 1951 I moved to Hico, Texas. My husband passed away in 1942 but I still love the West and all of its good people.



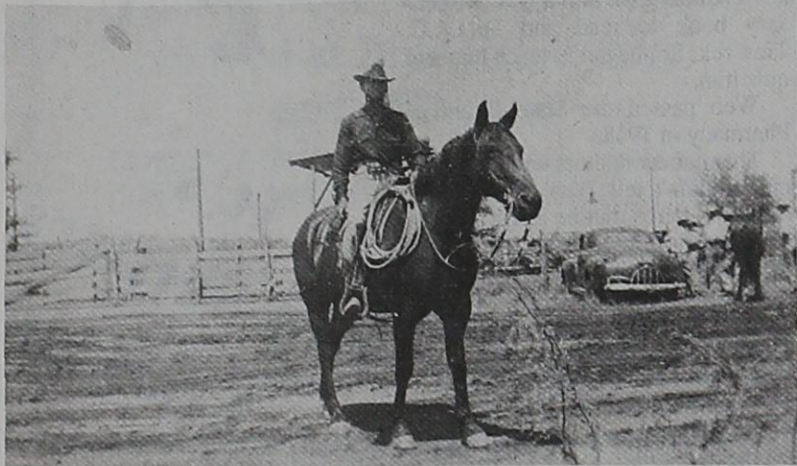
Lois Blevins, Carroll Wayne Cooper, Vernell and Carl Cooper, and horse Towy, at the Old Settlers in the early 1940's.

(Carl W. Cooper photo)

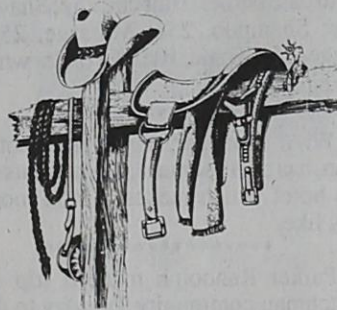


Carl Cooper tying calf and John Russell, flag man, 1940 Rodeo.

(Carroll Wayne Cooper photo)



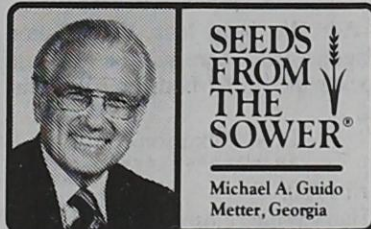
Jinks Wilson on a D.J.W. Birnie horse. (Carroll W. Cooper photo)



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Metter, Georgia

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Do You Remember?

by Mary Meason

While trying to think of something interesting and different to write for the Old Settlers Tribune, I opened Eleanor Traweck's book, *Of Such As These*, and found some things and some people that I have failed to write about in other stories for the Old Settlers edition of the paper.

One page of that book really made me realize just how old I am! That page is entitled, "Do You Remember". It crossed my mind that I'd surely remember some of those things, but imagine my surprise when I discovered that I could remember most of those things mentioned.

How well I remember the tabernacle on the Courthouse square. The seats were boards laid across nail kegs, the "floor" was covered with straw that helped keep the dust from being stirred up, but I think now the dust would have been better than the blister bugs that inhabited the straw. Many of us always suffered from huge blisters from those bugs.

The lights were coal oil lamps with reflectors that were mounted on the posts that supported the frame of the tabernacle. The roof of the tabernacle was brush and tree limbs as protection from sun and an occasional rain. That tabernacle was often called a "brush arbor".

The meetings were held by an Evangelist in those days and their sermons were pure hell fire and damnation, and they went on forever! These meetings went on for two weeks and no parties, no shows or anything entertaining was allowed (in my family) during that meeting.

The worst part of it was that the Methodist and Baptist Churches took turn about with their meetings. One year the Baptist would have their revival first and the next year the Methodist would have their meeting first, and we had to go to all services. No parties, no swimming, no shows for four weeks!

The most interesting part of those meetings to teens and late pre-teenage

boys and girls was herding those blister bugs and trying to keep them off of us.

The Motley County Fair was always a big thing years ago. A queen would be elected and she would ride through town in a touring car with the top down and she would sit on the back of the backseat so everyone could see her. She was always dressed in a beautiful dress and had on a crown made of pasteboard and covered with tin foil.

Matador had a booster band made up of business men in Matador and they would travel to surrounding counties advertising the Motley county fair and handed out hat bands, balloons and whistles to the spectators.

Learning to swim without a pool in the whole county can prove a problem, but there were two places we could swim. One was Cribbs Tank and the other one was in Willow Creek west of Matador. Cribbs tank was always second choice because the bottom of that tank was muddy and that mud came up to our knees! But if we couldn't get to Willow Creek, Cribbs tank was a good place to swim. Willow is where I learned to swim. My mother took my brother and me to Willow one day to swim. We always parked along the highway and walked through the pasture to the pool. We were walking down the path and suddenly we saw a mother skunk with several kittens walking down the path in front of us. We stopped immediately and let the skunks have the right of way.

One of the questions that was asked on the page, "Do you remember", was "Do you remember the red brick schoolhouse in East Matador?" That is where I started to school and I had a very back seat right next to the big stove. The second day of school I went home sick and had a rash all over me! The doctor said I had Roseola! Just after two days of school. I went to school in that building through my Sophomore year. I could write a book about things that happened in that old school building!

Some of the girls had long curls but most of us had Buster Brown bobs, and I wore my hair that way until I was a Junior in high school.

During my Junior year in Lubbock High School after much begging and insistence, and assuring my mother that I was the only girl in high school who didn't have a permanent, she finally gave in! I made an appointment and they told me to bring my lunch and my appointment was for 8 a.m.

That was the old permanents that were rolled on metal rods and then hooked up to an electric machine. I was all day getting that permanent and when I got home I was in tears! My hair was singed and burned and I looked like a Figi Islander. It took a year with frequent cuttings to get rid of that horrible permanent.

How well I remember the old school colors. Purple and gold. Those colors were ugly. I was on the committee to change those colors after I was teaching school here. Whoever heard of a bullfighter wearing purple and gold? Red and black is so much prettier.

The following articles are from old newspapers. Besides being entertaining it really shows how inflation has taken over our economy.

Matador Maverick, March 1, 1907
Classified ad: W.R. Cammack, the up to date barber: Hair cut, 25¢; Shave, 15¢; Shampoo, 25¢; Massage, 25¢; Singe, 25¢; Tonic, 10¢. (I wonder what the singe was).

W.A. Standifer, our popular hotel man, has put in some nice new lights in the hotel which makes it look more city like.

Parker Randolph made a trip to Dutchman community Tuesday to do some photograph work for people there.

Ad: We have leased the Patton Wagon yard. There will be no loose stock in the yard to bother our customers.

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April 1920:
Harry Willett closed a deal last week which makes him owner of Hill's, Street, and Alexander Dry Goods Company here. Harry is one of Matador's leading merchants and we wish him much success in his new undertaking.

August 20:
This paper which has been published under the name of the *Matador Gusher* will be known as the *Motley County News*. Our subscribers will receive the news in lieu of the *Gusher*. We want to make the *News* a paper for the people of Motley County and give the news of the County.

The Chautauqua begins Saturday. Be there.
Motley County News, August 18, 1932.

H.A.C. Brummett of Dickens spoke here Saturday in behalf of Mrs. Ferguson's (Ma) campaign for governor.

He was answered by G.E. Hamil-

ton of this City speaking in behalf of Ross Sterling. I would love to have heard these two speeches. Mr. Brummett and my dad could really get into it in the courtroom, and I can just imagine the verbiage used in those talks. My dad could be almost rabid when anyone even mentioned Ma or Pa Ferguson to him. Dad used to call Mr. Brummett "Alphabet Brummett" because of the three letters in his given-name.

From the *Matador Tribune*, December 12, 1935:

The sale of 3.2 beer will end in Matador tonight according to notice delivered to dealers by County Attorney John Hamilton Monday. The sale of beer in dry counties became unlawful because of a decision of the Supreme Court of Texas on November 27. Tom King, manager of the Texas Cafe, declared he would discontinue the sale of beer "at closing time tonight."

This is an interesting item in a 1953 *Matador Tribune*.

Gary Campbell, 7, was being propelled about town one day last week by his dad, Forrest, to return some \$6.00 to folks who had succumbed to Gary's sales ability. Gary had been selling tickets at 10¢ on twenty jars of jelly his mother Jerry, had put up and stored in the garage.

After these excerpts from the various named newspapers of our town, it is time to remember some of our early settlers.

In 1907 a young man named Cammack started working in Leckie's Matador Drug Store. He rode his horse to town one day and as he passed the drug store Antone (Tony) Freeman called to Web Cammack and told him to come by the store before he went home, he wanted to talk to him. Mr. Freeman was the pharmacist at the drug store and had a proposition for Web.

Web stopped at the store before he returned home and Mr. Freeman told him he wanted him to work for him. Web told Mr. Freeman that he had never worked in a drug store.

Mr. Freeman said, "That's what I'm going to teach you." Web said "I'll talk to Dad and think about it." He talked to his father about Mr. Freeman's proposition, and Mr. Cammack's reply was "I would like for you to be a pharmacist and I'd like for Bragg to become a doctor."

The father's wishes were granted, and he must have been very proud when Bragg became a doctor and Web became a Pharmacist.

When Web went to work for Mr. Freeman he was sent out to collect unpaid bills, and Web said he had never done anything like that but he'd try. Mr. Freeman told him if he couldn't get money, to get something - chicks, a pig or a cow, but bring back something, and later Web said he "brought back a right smart little dab of stuff."

After he had several paydays, Web bought himself some new clothes. Then two doctors became interested in him. Dr. Thomas gave him a U.S. Dispensary book to read and Dr. A.C. Traweck, Sr., began to teach him and quiz him.

Web passed the State Board of Pharmacy in 1918.

The pioneer doctors and the Pharmacist didn't tell Web about seeds, roots and herbs, but he learned about them and the dosage for each just a few days before he took the pharmacy exam.

Web had only good things to say about Mr. Freeman. He said, "No matter what I did in front of people, I was right, but when I did something wrong and no one was around he would tell me about it!"

Web later bought an interest in the store, then moved to Lubbock in 1923 where he opened the Cammack Drug Store on Broadway where he was in business for many years.

He married Mary Louise Thomas in 1910. They had five children, two of whom became Pharmacists.

Mrs. Cammack was a close friend of my mothers and we lived about a half a block from the Cammacks when I was four years old. She was the happiest, jolliest and merriest person I have ever known. Just to hear her laugh made a person feel good all over!

I am always amazed at the early settlers, especially knowing how far apart the settlements were. I have often wondered if people just set out with their household goods, their livestock and their families and just traveled until they got to a place that looked just right.

William Horace Denny was a Sergeant in the Confederate Army at a time when rations were very low. He was out with a detail foraging for food, and when he was returning to the post he saw the stars and stripes flying over the compound. He sized up the situation and went down country and joined up with another Confederate group.

After the war was over Mr Denny moved west, first settling in San Saba County. In 1887 the family settled in Northfield.

In two of the land surveys made in the Northfield area in the early days some surveyors made a mistake. The survey lines didn't meet, so the town of Northfield was built on homestead land which was wedged in between land belonging to the Mill Iron Ranch and the Matador Land and Cattle Company. This turned out to be fortunate mistake for the people who settled there in a time of drought.

Old timers say: "If you woke up some morning and found a quarter of a beef hanging on your gate post you accepted it with gratitude and kept your mouth shut."

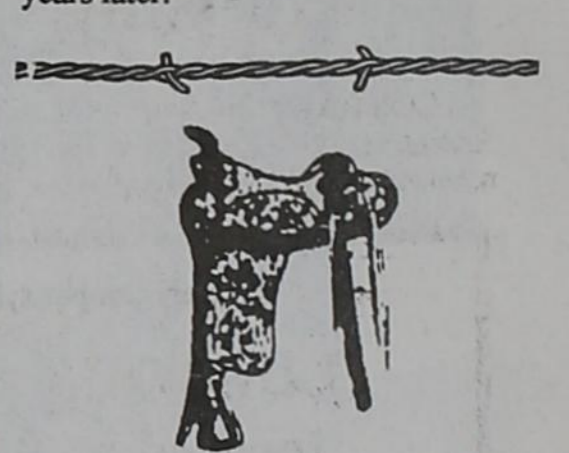
Mr. Denny established the post office between these two ranch holdings as a convenience for the people in that area. The post office remained in the Denny family until 1930.

Mr. Denny was also instrumental in establishing the Community Church in Northfield.

The Denny's had six children and thirteen grandchildren.

We know little about the hardships and dangers these early day settlers had to contend with, and their determination to establish homes in this area.

But we who came along in later years are forever grateful for their bravery and for opening up this area for those of us who came along many years later.



*It's
Old Settlers
Time!*



Melvin "Wild Horse" Warren worked for the Matadors when they would drive 11,000 head of yearling steers across the range, when there were no fences to contend with. Wild Horse worked under four wagon bosses, Claude Jeffers, Walker Williams, Sheryl Payne, and Virgil Leonard. He was wagon boss on the Matadors and 6666's. He is now 82 years old and still works cattle near Calvert, Texas. He usually attends Old Settlers and the Matador Cowboy Reunion every year.

(Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum)

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Lizzie and Jerry Birchfield on their wedding day in 1913. Lizzie spent her entire life in Motley County. She is the daughter of the late Bob Meador, the oldest of the Meador family. Lizzie has one son living in Motley County, Rusty Birchfield. They lived and farmed in the Tepee Flat community for years. They say that Lizzie and Jerry were one of the finest neighbors in that community.

(James J. Meador photo)



Douglas (Ben) Meador. Date of picture is unknown.

(James Meador photo)



All these men worked for the Matadors at one time. They are pictured left to right, Jr. R. (Rufe) Moore, Charlie Bird, Jim Meador, Doug Meador, Joe Meador, Edd Russell, former Motley County Sheriff.

(Rusty Birchfield photo)



Buck Waybourn when he was emcee at Roaring Springs.

(Carroll W. Cooper photo)

First National Bank of Floydada Announces Housing Loan Program For Renters

FLOYDADA -- Monte Williams, Executive Vice President has announced the First National Bank of

Floydada is offering Rural Economic and Community Development loans to first time home buyers.

"The First National Bank of Floydada hopes to use this program to convert renters into homeowners," said Williams.

This program allows 100% loans to value ratios. Low monthly payments are for 30 years and the rate is fixed. Guaranteed rural housing loans may be made available to applicants with moderate incomes that do not exceed 100 percent of the areas median income level.

For more information contact Montie Williams at the First National Bank of Floydada.

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But as the days of No'e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:35-39

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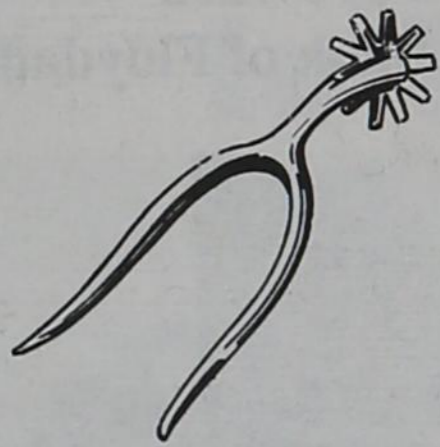
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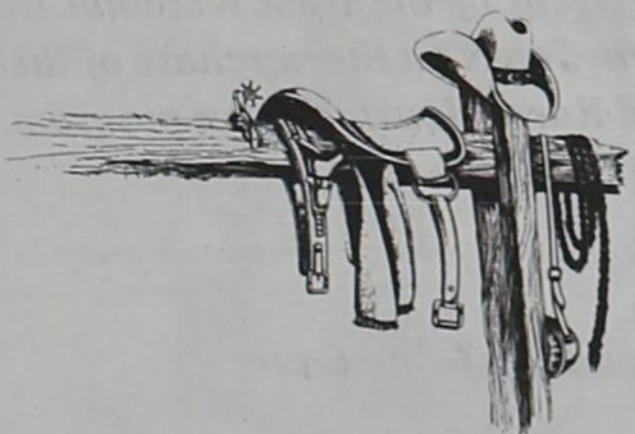
Downtown Matador



Hugh Vinson and Olen Watley, early day Matador cowboys, in 1946.

(Slim Durham photo, courtesy of Motley County Museum)

OLD
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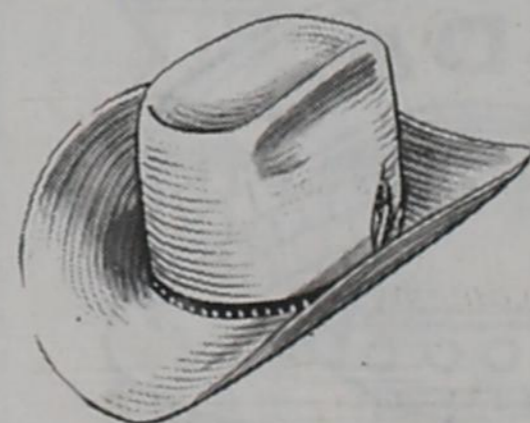
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News Around Motley County

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
People who have reached 65 are veterans of the battle of life. They have seen victories and defeats and laughter and tears.

ATTEND ARMY REUNION
H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter enplaned from the Lubbock Airport, Thursday, August 10th to San Anotnio to attend the reunion of the 389th AAA Battalion in which Wayne served in World War II. It was held at the Ramada Inn Hotel.

On Friday, they were given a bus tour of the Alamo, Fort Sam Houston, King Williams District and the Sunken Gardens. Saturday night they attended a banquet with a music performance by Judy St. Marie.

Susan and Steve Smith, Emily and Allison of Austin met them there Saturday to visit. They and her grandfather, H.G. toured the River Walk and had lunch.

The Hunters returned to Lubbock, Monday. Mrs. Anita Hunter Carter met them at the airport and they had lunch with her and her daughters, Virginia and Rebekah. Virginia returned home with them to visit. En route, they visited in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. John Speer.

WEATHER REPORT
Whiteflat residents reported 0.35 to 0.55 inch of rain Monday night, August 14th. Only a trace of rain was reported in Flomot.

Mrs. Lucille Monk visited the week in Tulia with her daughters and families, Ava Nell and Jean Pope and Rosalee and Lewis Cannon.

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Mrs. Bill Easter (Cory) shopped in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mrs. Brown Hinson made a business trip to Floydada Wednesday morning.

Close friends whom they usually visit during "Old Settlers" have received regrets from Mr. and Mrs. Algic Groves of Quanah. They will be keeping appointments with Scott and White of Temple.

Ceara Lewis, great granddaughter of Mrs. Roxie Lewis, of Runge, Texas has been assigned as roommate of Heather Turner for next year at Texas Tech. Ceara will be a freshman in

electrical engineering. Her grandfather, the late Willard Lewis, graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1941.

To continue a friendship of longer than 30 years, Mrs. Roxie Lewis and Mrs. Doris Neff have been semi-monthly hosting each other to Mexican Buffet lunches on Thursdays from the Songbird Cafe for the past year. They enjoyed such a lunch Thursday of last week.

There was little activity here this pre Old Settlers week but things will be humming by newstime!

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SURRENDERS SIGNATURES—This is the signature page of the instrument of surrender, as signed by Japanese and Allied officials aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. The surrender papers were presented Sept. 7 to President Truman, and will be placed in the national archives for public examination. (AP Photo).

The above signature page was submitted by Una Simpson of Northfield. It was copied from a clipping from a 1945 newspaper.

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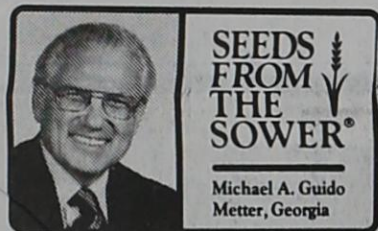
Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.

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Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

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 Bids must be received at City Hall, P.O.B. 367, 706 Dundee, Matador, TX 79244, by 8:00 a.m. on September 14, 1995.

BID NOTICE
 The Matador Water District will be accepting sealed bids for the lease of a 61.5 acre tract of land for farming and ranching purposes only.
 Bids must be received at City Hall, Box 367, 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas 79244 on or before 8:00 a.m. September 14, 1995. The Matador Water District Board reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. For further information contact City Hall at 347-2255.

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METER READING CONTRACT
 DICKENS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc. is taking bids on a Meter Reading Route. All persons interested are invited to a meeting at the Dickens Electric Cooperative headquarters building, Farm Market Road 836, Spur, Texas, Wednesday, August 30th, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.
 The successful bidder will be required to furnish their own vehicle. Other information terms and conditions of the contract will be made available at the meeting Wednesday, August 30, 1995.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
 Notice is given that on March 4, 1995, Helms Irrigation whose principal address is Route 1, Box 69, Quitaque, Motley County Texas, 79255, became incorporated with the corporate name of Helms Irrigation, Inc. Dated the 7th day of August, 1995.

Kenneth J. Helms
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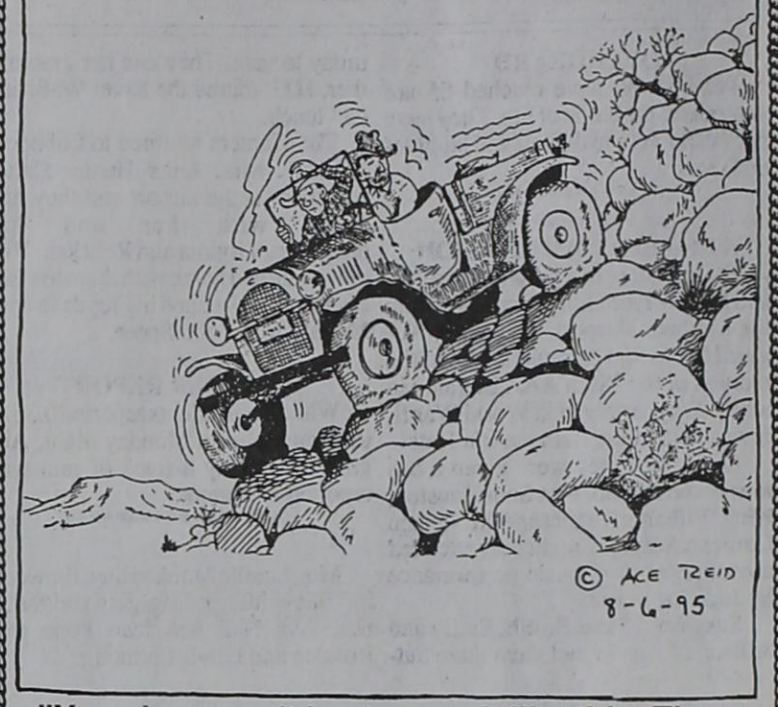
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