

## County Agent's Corner

By Ray Minkley

Motley County producers and gardeners that are planning to fertilize crops and gardens this year should be getting their soil testing done now. To make the most efficient use of fertilizer the fertility level of the soil needs to be known. Too much fertilizer can be costly and unneeded. Too little of even a micronutrient can be a limiting factor even though your NPK levels are fine.

Laboratory tests used methods that have given good correlations with crop responses. Texas Agricultural Extension Service Soil Testing Laboratories at College Station and Lubbock can test your soil samples and provide you with information for more efficient use of fertilizer. More information about collecting and mailing samples can be obtained from the County

Extension Office.

Collecting samples and getting them tested now will help avoid the spring rush and allow you time to plan needs and shop for good fertilizer deals.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Farmers Tax Guides should be on their way to our office. When they become available we will notify you.

Cotton Incorporated Meeting and Lunch, January 20 in Lubbock, 10:00 a.m. in Civic Center.

Pecan Grafting and Budding meeting for anyone interested. It will be held in the Summit Savings Building, Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. We will also discuss plans for additional meetings later this winter and spring on gardening and landscape.

## Mrs. Dickson Tells Garden Heritage At Club Meeting

An interesting program on "Our Garden Heritage," was given Monday by Mrs. Robert Dickson at regular meeting of Matador Garden Club. Mrs. W. N. Pipkin was hostess for the meeting, held at the Summit Savings Community Room.

Mrs. Alvin Stearns, president, opened the meeting and conducted a short business session. Mrs. Edgar Lee introduced the program.

"The early gardens of America were, of course, those of the Indians," Mrs. Dickson told the group, quoting from a short history of horticulture on the northeastern seaboard, by Mary Deputy Catell.

Mrs. Dickson traced the progress of home-grown vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs from the 16th through the 19th century, naming those that were brought her by the early colonists and missionaries and the French Huguenots who were fleeing to the new country to escape persecution.

"Apples and peaches were brought to this country by the early missionaries. The peach was a great favorite and was grown in quantity by many of the tribes, where climate allowed. There are still parts of the country where small wild red-skinned peaches are called Indian peaches."

The Indians grew corn, beans, squashes, pumpkins, Jerusalem artichokes, leeks, gourds and tobacco. "Most of these plants had come from the South American continent, where horticulture was in a much more advanced state several centuries earlier. In addition to herbs, all

of these plants were used by the Indians in their diet, or for medicines or other tribal use," Mrs. Dickson said.

The Huguenots brought bulbs and other plants from Amsterdam, having fled to Holland before migrating to this country, and it was in the 17th century that the first flower shows began in England, especially in Huguenot settlements. These were held mainly by humble people with only back gardens or window sills for flower growing, according to Mrs. Dickson's interesting paper.

Garden Hints (It was in the paper, was a report on Whooping Cranes found in Texas on the Aransas Wildlife Refuge near Rockport, which also was interesting.

Horticulture display of dried plant material was provided by Mrs. Lee in an arrangement of wheat, broomweed, corn tassels, trumpet vine and field flowers, and by Mrs. Pipkin who displayed Indian corn, okra pods, wheat stalks and cinnamon sticks on the refreshment table, where she served coffee, hot spiced tea, cranberry bread and strawberry bread. The table was covered with a crocheted cloth underlaid with green, and centered with six green toppers in candleholders fashioned from textile bobbins.

In addition to those mentioned, others present included Mesdames W. B. Watson, Dowell Garrison, Ted Elliott, and Douglas Meador; Miss Rachel Patton, and two visitors, Mrs. Roy Bradford and Mrs. Robert Darsey.

## Post Scripts



Mrs. Scott Robbins spent the recent holidays in Corpus Christi, with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Alexander and Scott. They were joined by her other daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary BAugh of Denver, Colo. Mrs. Alexander is the former Sue Robbins and Mrs. Baugh, the former Scottie Robbins. Mrs. Robbins visited in Arlington with Mrs. Clarence Groves, before continuing to Corpus Christi, and returned home on the 31st of December.

Mrs. Marvin Vaughn visited in El Paso with her daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. George Tsagaris, during the holidays.

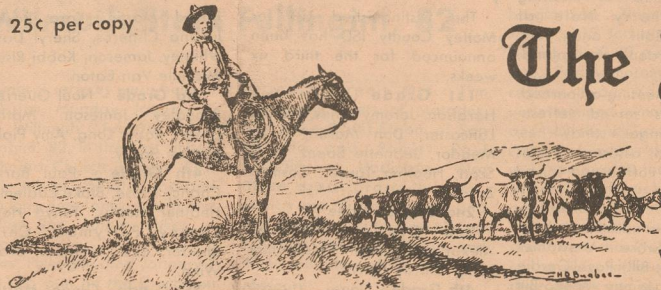
Mrs. Jean Cooper accompanied Cora Hall Sunday to Lubbock to visit her mother and sister, Mrs. B. H. Hughes and in the J. C. Pierce home.

Cecil Shelton returned home Wednesday of last week from St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock where he had surgery.

Roy Simpson is a patient in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock where he was conveyed Saturday night by Motley County Ambulance.

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## Pattons Came To Motley County In Caravan Of Covered Wagons

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by Rachel Patton

A caravan of nine covered wagons left Stephenville in Erath County, Texas, December 1, 1900, bringing the M. L. Patton Sr. family to settle in Motley County. The group included four married sons and their families, in addition to other relatives.

During the summer, Mr. Patton and John Robinson had made a trip to this area to see if they wanted to locate here. Upon deciding to make the move, Mr. Patton purchased a small house just south of the present Harry Carter house in South Matador, for himself and a section of land east of Matador, about 10 miles for his sons, M. L. Patton Jr., and D. J. Patton. This section is now a part of the A. W. Ford Estate.

They returned to Erath County and on Nov. 27, started a cattle drive to Motley County. Jasper Roberts, Press Wideman and Jim Jarrett, and some men they hired to help, drove the cattle. Jim Jarrett had purchased land around Lubbock, and joined the drive to Motley County. Both parties had about 200 cattle. Mr. Jarrett went on to Lubbock after they got to Motley County.

### Meet at Old Ranier

The caravan of wagons met the cattle drive at Old Ranier in Rannels County. The wagons came on to Matador, arriving Dec. 15, and the cattle reached here two days later. Judge Jarrett took his cattle on to Lubbock.

The wagons camped on the T. N. Cammack place, near the creek about where the James Renfro house is now located.

Mr. Cammack had just been elected Sheriff and Tax Collector that year.

The wagon train was composed of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton Sr., in one wagon; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton Jr., and six children - Ed, Tom, Rosie, Maurice, Johnnie and Lillie, in two wagons (M. L. drove one and Tom and Ed the other); Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton and four children, Math, Bessie, Marvin and Edna, in two wagons, one driven by W. T. and the other by Tom Doran, cousin of Mrs. W. T. Patton; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patton and one child, Elizabeth, one wagon; Mrs. Sarah Bryan and daughters, Miss Maggie Bryan and May (later Mrs. T. E. Cammack), one wagon, driven by Miss Maggie Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Patton and four children, Essie, Math, Mary and Jerome, one wagon; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Roberts and three children, Billy, Ben and Boyd, and C. E. Wideman, father of Mrs. M. L. Patton Jr., and Mrs. Jasper Roberts, one wagon, driven by Mr. Wideman, as Roberts helped drive the cattle.

Miss Maggie Bryan purchased a house just north of the bridge about where the L. A. Carlisle house is now located, and later purchased the home where Mrs. Cammack now lives. Miss Maggie, her mother and sister, May (Mrs. T. E. Cammack) lived there several years before moving to the house just north of the jail.

### Live In Two Rooms

M. L. Patton Jr. purchased a 2-room house from George Russell, just east of the present Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., and with his wife and six children, shared it with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton and their four children, Press Wideman and Tom Doran, for six weeks. They had a tent at the back of



**FAMILY OF** Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton Sr., who came from Erath County in 1900. They are, standing: R. L. (Bob), Jack, Fannie (Mrs. J. H. Sheridan, who joined the family here in 1901), M. L. (Math), and W. T. (Truss). Seated: Mrs. Patton, Mr. Patton and Jerome, who joined the family at a later date.

the house, where Wideman and Doran slept. They cooked on a camp fire outside and often while the women were in the house preparing food, the wind would blow the fire out.

M. L. Patton later purchased the old home place just at the north edge of town, still owned by Mrs. Patton and occupied by a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craven.

W. T. Patton also purchased a home on the same road, east of his brother, in which a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Patton live.

### Daughter Joins Family

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheridan and three children

Annie, Beulah and Pat came to Matador to join Mrs. Sheridan's parents and other relatives. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton Sr.

Mrs. Sheridan and children made the trip to Childress by train and Mr. Sheridan came through in a wagon with the household furniture and also brought several horses. Tom King accompanied him and helped with driving the extra horses.

**Saddle and Harness Shop**  
The Patton brothers, M. L. Jr., and W. T. purchased a building where Spot Cash grocery is now located, and opened a saddle and harness shop. Mrs.

W. T. Patton's father, Dudley Stone was an expert leather man,

and made saddles, horse collars and harnesses, which they sold in the shop. They later built a brick building on the same location, and which the grocery firm now occupies.

M. L. Patton Sr., was appointed Justice of the Peace of Precinct one, in an election July 1, 1901, and in November 1902, was elected J. P. of the precinct and also Commissioner of Precinct one. He served both offices until his death August 5, 1905. His name was on the cornerstone of the first courthouse built in 1904 which burned in 1944.

W. T. Patton was an early County Judge of Motley County. See Family Page 3



**TRASH DUMP TRUCK** -- This 1980 International trash truck arrived Tuesday in Matador and was put to work emptying dumpsters which were placed last week. The truck was purchased by the city from EMCO in Plainview. Residents are again reminded NOT to burn the trash placed in the new dumpsters.

# Do Gooders Club Begins New Season

The Do Gooders Club of Flomat began the new season, Tuesday, January 10 in the Flomat Community Center with Mesdames Darrell Cruse, Art Green and Coy Franks serving as hostesses.

Mrs. Howard Rogers took the helm as president of the Do Gooders Club when officers for the 1984 year were elected. Other officers elected were Mrs. Darrell Cruse, vice president; Mrs. Clayton Bond, secretary/treasurer; and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, reporter.

Mrs. Rogers presided at the business session with members discussing various plans and projects for 1984. She introduced new member, Mrs. June Hale and guests, Mrs.

Roaring Mullins of Odessa Springs, Sherry Hale of Anaheim, Calif. and Mrs. Marilyn Gordon of Upland, Calif.

After the meeting adjourned, the hostesses served refreshments of finger sandwiches, chips and dip, assorted cookies and candies, coffee and spiced tea.

Attending, in addition to those mentioned were Mesdames George Pope, Billy Roys, Gordie Washington, James Monk, Bill Washington, D. M. Gilbert, Robert Gregson, Jack Starkey, Tommy Beck, C. W. Starkey, L. E. Shorter, Marvin Starkey, Viola Calvert, Wayne Hunter and Seab Washington.

## Lunchroom Menu

**Monday, January 23**  
BREAKFAST - Apple Juice, Cereal, Toast, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
LUNCH - Burrito, Spinach, Seasoned Corn, Peaches, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
**Tuesday, January 24**  
BREAKFAST - Orange Juice, Cereal, Toast, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
LUNCH - Fish Krispies with Tarter Sauce, Hash Brown Potatoes, Green Peas, Roll, Jelly, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
**Wednesday, January 25**  
BREAKFAST - Grape Juice, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
LUNCH - Meat Balls, Parsley

Potatoes, Greens, Roll, Sliced Apples, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
**Thursday, January 26**  
BREAKFAST - Orange Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
LUNCH - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Ranch Style Beans, Fruit with Topping, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
**Friday, January 27**  
BREAKFAST - Fruit Punch, Sausage, Biscuit, Jelly, 1/2 pt. Milk.  
LUNCH - Turkey Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Butter, Syrup, Roll, 1/2 pt. Milk.

## Distinguished List, Honor Roll Announced By Motley School

The Distinguished List for Motley County ISD has been announced for the third six weeks.

- 1st Grade - Jennifer Haralson, Jeremy Jones, Wendy Lancaster, Don Martin, Doug Meador, Jeanette Saenz, Jody Scott, Heather Turner, Carmen Zarate.
- 2nd Grade - None
- 3rd Grade - Daniel Alexander, Roegan Cruse, Thiry Long, Christy Potts.
- 4th Grade - None.
- 5th Grade - Bonnie Richards.
- 6th Grade - Jarrett Jameson.
- 7th Grade - Regina Cruse.
- 8th Grade - Shannon Campbell, Shanna Lancaster.
- 9th Grade - Shannon Vinson, Dena Renfro, Loretta Cross, Shawna Campbell, Janet Block, Penny Bearden.
- 10th Grade - Paul Block, Cody Christian, Kim Hand.
- 11th Grade - None.
- 12th Grade - Wade Vandiver, Carla Christian, Renee Renfro, Melea Taylor.

The Motley County ISD has announced the Honor Roll for the third six weeks.

- 1st Grade - Jarod Ashley, Bryan Buckelew, Wendy Dempsey, Juan Gonzalez, Coy Laing, Thomas Lee, Codi Williams.
- 2nd Grade - Jay Brumbalow, Jason Colston, Dustin Davis,

Jarrod Martin, Kara Boykin, Juliana Cisneros, Sheryl Davis, Whitney Jameson, Kobbi Risser, Michelle Van Eaton.

- 3rd Grade - Noel Guerrero, Brandley Jameson, Matthew Linson, Robin Long, Amy Pipkin, Lyndee Spray.
- 4th Grade - Paul Barton, Chancy Cruse, Blake Eddleman, Heather Hobbs, Tonya Hoyle, Cathy Perryman, Christi Shorter, Kirsti Timmons, Brandi Winn.
- 5th Grade - Ginger Martin.
- 6th Grade - Jennifer Block, Yulanda Campbell, Brand Cruse, Prissy Roys, Cindy Shorter, Paige Williams.
- 7th Grade - Will Richards, David Stafford, Tim Terrell, Paka Barton.
- 8th Grade - Les Woolsey.
- 9th Grade - Darryl Perryman, Richard Potts.
- 11th Grade - Janice Brown, Christine Guerrero, Dedra Roys, Donna Kay Warren.
- 12th Grade - Max Bearden, Thomas Garst, Cris Gwinn, Holly Hobbs.

## Roaring Springs News

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell spent the holidays with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Les Kingery and Janetta of Tolbert, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kingery of Grand Prairie. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gossett of Polivera, N.M. came by and accompanied the Mitchells to Granbury.

Dan Mitchell was a guest in the J. D. Mitchell home Saturday. Rev. V. J. Lowrance of Bedford, Texas visited in the J. D. Mitchell home Friday afternoon and also in the homes of Mrs. Liza Kingery and Carl Barton. Mrs. Beth Hinson and Mrs. Eva Mitchell shopped and looked after business in Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sprabery of Big Spring spent the week end with his mother, Alma Sprabery. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Faulkner of Lubbock visited with them on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brooks visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smallwood in Plainview Sunday. Mrs. Smallwood had just returned home from a week's stay in the Hale Center Hospital. She is Mr. Brooks sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Raydell Mullins in Afton Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Frazier Watson entered St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Monday afternoon for medical tests. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hinson spent from Wednesday until Friday visiting in San Angelo with her brother and wife, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Einkauf. Bud Bethard and Banty Brandon were patients in Lubbock Hospitals and Robert Miller spent several days last week in a Plainview hospital. All are recuperating at home. Dan Brandon and twin sons and two daughters of Matador visited his grandmother, Mrs. Polk Cooper and Mr. Cooper Sunday afternoon. Harold Brantley, local water superintendent went to the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo for a check up last week. He returned home over the week end, but went back to the hospital Tuesday for his test results. Mrs. Bobby Williams and daughter, Paige of Matador were recent visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Watson.

## El Progreso Club Views Film

The El Progreso Club met January 12 at the Motley County Library where a film "The Fiddler" was shown to the club by Mrs. Robin Darsey, librarian. The film was very interesting in the art of making a violin (fiddle) and was enjoyed very much. Mrs. Gus Bird was leader and hostess for the day. Mrs. Robert Dixon, State Poet Laurette, read her poem for children that took first prize in the state in 1983, titled "A. B. C.", and also a poem on club activities she dedicated to Mrs. Margaret Soell, State-President of Federated Clubs, called "New Club Year". It had a captivating

theme and was enjoyed very much. Mrs. John Hamilton presided at a short business meeting. Mrs. Gus Bird served spice tea, cake, candies and nuts from a beautifully decorated table, laid with red cloth and decorated with a Valentine motif. Mrs. Bird also gave the Inspirational Thought. Those present besides those mentioned above were Misses Rachel Patton and Mary Keith and Mesdames Joe Campbell, Robert Darsey, E. A. Day, W. D. Lipscomb, W. F. McCaghren, R. W. Overstreet, W. N. Pipkin, C. D. Garrison, Bate Simpson, Furman Vinson and Frank Pohl.



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