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74TH ANNUAL MOTLEY - DICKENS OLD SETTLERS REUNION



OLD SETTLERS meeting in 1935 for reunion of Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers, held in the Roaring Springs school gym for 2 years, moving the location from the Roaring Springs Falls and Picnic grounds, when the group first organized.

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Attending Early Day Old Settlers Reunion, held at the Roaring Springs Falls. Little girl is Clotelle Wylie Horn; (l-r) Pernie Lou Guthrie Middleton, Alton Wylie and Hazel Donovan.

Hazel Donovan photo
Tribune files



Heading the Parade of the Old Settlers Reunion, Thursday afternoon, September 2, 1954, were left to right, Sheriff John Stotts and Curtis Graham, both of Matador. Third rider is "Fish" Wilson of Quitaque.

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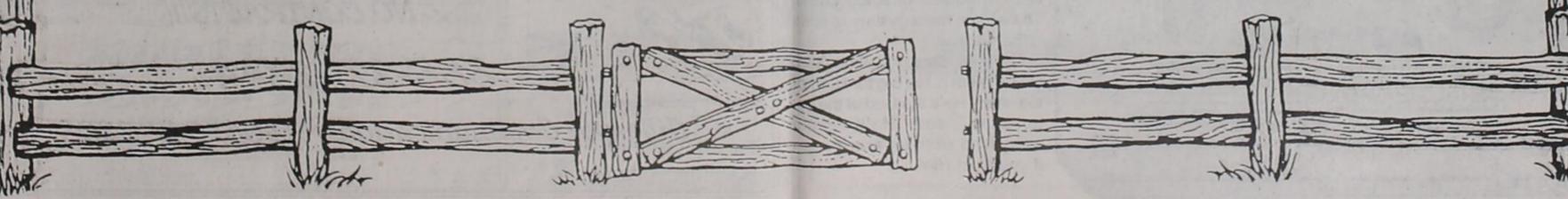
Old Settlers Parade in Roaring Springs, August 1939.

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Pioneers gathered for the First Annual Old Settlers Reunion in 1923.

WELCOME HOME



One Motley County Girl And One Dickens County Girl Will Vie For 1997 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen



Miranda Palmer

Miranda Palmer, the 15-year-old daughter of Trip and Susan Chastain daughter of Johnny and Tammy Palmer of Matador, and Allison Chastain, the 1997 Rodeo Queen.

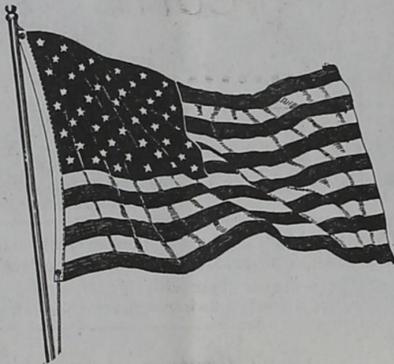


Allison Chastain

Miranda is a Sophomore at Motley Elementary School. She is active in 4-County High School. She enjoys sports, babysitting and 4-H. She is a member of First Baptist Church, the Youth Group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Motley County Pep club, and Future Homemakers of America.

Allison is a fifth grader at Spur Elementary School. She is active in 4-H and loves to play basketball and ride horses in her spare time. The girls are selling tickets on a chance to win a handmade Alvin Durham saddle. The saddle will be given away, after the crowning of the Queen, during Saturday night's performance of the Rodeo.

Allison is a fifth grader at Spur



Donations Sought For City Beautification Project

Donations are being sought and plans are being made for a steel wall to be constructed between the American Legion building and K&L Detail (formerly Don's Tire) as a City Beautification project. Local men will donate their labor, but donations are needed to buy materials. To make a donation please contact Shane Jones or Rodney Williams.

NET NEWS

It's a Bull Market in Cyberspace

The Internet is placing sophisticated research, news wires and trading tools into the hands of investors. Online investors now share the same cutting edge information that they once had to seek from investment brokers. Managing stock portfolios and trading on personal home computers are becoming commonplace.

On Prodigy Internet, investors access company news and stock quotes about the companies they are interested in. A personal stock portfolio keeps all investments in a chart that shows the highs and lows for the stock and recent stock purchases. Finally, investors sell and buy stock and securities online with links to traders like PC Financial Network and Accutrade. Because the fees of an Internet transaction are a fraction of what they would be with a broker transaction, many investors are managing their own portfolios online.

In addition to saving broker fees, many people enjoy doing their own research before investing their money. By charting a company's growth through reports like the one-year EPS and revenue growth, shares held by institutions and insiders, and shares sold short, investors gain confidence in their own abilities to predict the market.

"Investors on the Internet are demanding more and more information," said Seth Radwell, Prodigy's Vice President of Electronic Commerce. "They're finding that the 'do-it-yourself' approach is much easier than it seems."

To learn more about investing online, call 1-800-PRODIGY or visit www.prodigy.com.

Downtown Parade Will Kick-off 74th Annual Old Settlers Reunion

The 74th Annual Motley - Dickens Old Settlers Reunion will officially kick off Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the traditional parade in downtown Roaring Springs. At 11:00 a.m. the Memorial Service will be held at the Tabernacle with the business meeting scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Motley-Dickens County events will begin the rodeo activities at 5:00 p.m. Events will begin with a Cutting. A flag Race for kids 6 and under and 7-12 is also planned. An Open Age Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping and the Motley - Dickens County Team Roping will also be held. A handmade Ranger Buckle set will be given to winners of the events.

There will be no charge to enter the gate on Thursday night, but a \$5.00 admission fee will be charged on Friday and Saturday nights. Kids 12 and under, and adults 60 and older will be admitted free of charge.

Rev. Ron Brunson, pastor of the New Covenant Church of Plainview will hold cowboy church services before the Friday and Saturday night Rodeo events, beginning at about 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Rodeo events will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Events will include Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Calf Roping, Barrell Race, Steer Wrestling, Women's Breakaway, Team Roping, and Bull Riding. These events are open and TCRA approved.

There will also be a Jr. Breakaway event for kids 15 and under and a Jr. Flag Race for kids 11 and under. A handmade buckle set will be awarded to the winner of the Junior Events.

There will be a Kid's Calf Scramble nightly for kids 8 years and under. Stock Producer will be the Terry Walls Rodeo Company from Stephenville, Texas.

On Friday, August 29, a Senior's Team Roping will begin at 9:00 a.m. Books will open at 8:00 a.m. A saddle will be given to high money winner. Entrants must be 45 and older to rope in these ropings. For more information call Ned Ward (817) 989-2604.

Saturday, August 30th, will begin with an Open Working Cow Horse Competition at 10:00 a.m. There will be two classes - Junior Horse, 5 years and under; Senior horse, 5 years and older. A buckle set will be given to the winner of each division. There will be a work-off for Champion Horse Saturday night during the Rodeo. For more information call Bill Smith, 806-294-5480.

The 1997 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen will be crowned during Saturday night's Rodeo performance, and a drawing for a handmade Alvin Durham Saddle, for which queen contestants are selling tickets.

There will be a Carnival all three nights, with the Concession stand being sponsored this year by Virginia and Warner Salsbury of Roaring Springs. Virginia is a great cook, so we know the food will be delicious! There will be a free dance each afternoon from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. An old folks dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. each night featuring Weldon Turpin and The Midnight Cowboys. A young folks dance will be held at 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights featuring Terry Sneed and Up The Creek.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Arts & Crafts Show and Sale at their Community Center across the street from the Old Settlers grounds. There will be items such as silver jewelry, clothing, wood crafts, and many other handcrafted pieces for sale. There will also be food booths.

These 3 days will be full of fun and festivity. If you haven't made plans to attend the 74th Annual Old Settlers Reunion, do so now, you are sure to have a great time!

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

OLD SETTLERS DAYS

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

An artist in Mexico lost his right hand while working on a statue. But he didn't give up. He learned to carve with his left hand and finished it beautifully. They call it "In Spite Of."

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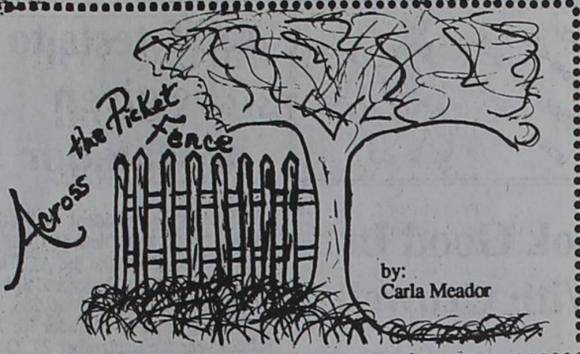
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by:
Carla Meador

Well Old Settlers is here again! This year has really flown by. Next week, September 3, I will celebrate my first anniversary as owner of the Motley County Tribune! Time truly does fly, when you're having fun!

Old Settlers brings back a lot of memories. I'm sure it does for everyone, young and old, after all, the celebration has been taking place for 74 years!

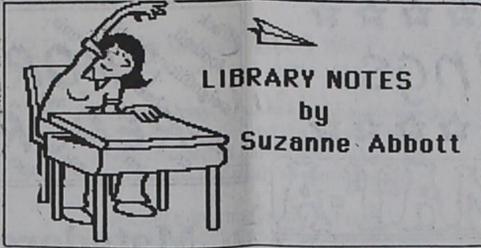
I can remember when I was a child, there were so many people there. Nothing like it is today. Although there are still a lot of people, I can remember the cars being lined up way down the dirt streets adjoining the paved road in front of the Old Settlers grounds. I can even remember when that street wasn't paved, and there was an old rickety bridge where the dip is now. I bet that thing really took a toll with all those cars parked on each side.

I can remember being so excited for weeks before Old Settlers. And espe-

cially when the Carnival started moving in. Back then, it was a big carnival, with lots of rides, games, and food booths. It was the biggest excitement of the year for us. We usually went every night, although we didn't get to ride every night, we would sit on a long trailer with our parents, and listen to the music playing at the dances for hours. We would watch the people dancing. I can remember women dancing together all the time. Now days, well, we all know what people would think if two women danced together.

And I can remember when I was teenager and my parents would finally let me go to the dance. We were so excited, although most of the time we were all lined up against the fence, watching the boys, and trying to look older than we were.

Well, I know we all have a lot of memories of Old Settlers gone by. I hope everyone has a good time, and makes some new memories this year.



LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donation to the library by Winifred Lee in memory of Frank Pohl. Also, thank you to Frank and Ned Morris for their donation in memory of Frank Pohl.

Thank you to the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers for the donation for the Roaring Springs Cookbook. This book makes a nice addition to our Texas collection because it has not only Texas recipes but also historical notes about the area.

Three new adult novels in the Li-

brary are Spencerville by Nelson DeMille, Cimarron Rose, by James Lee Burke, and Seeing a Large Cat by Elizabeth Peters. Cimarron Rose is on the National Best Sellers list in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Seeing a Large Cat features turn-of-the-century archaeologist Amelia Peabody in another mystery set in Egypt. Many of you are fans of Amelia Peabody as featured in other Elizabeth Peters novels.



READ ALL ABOUT IT! Mary Webb, Sue Maxey of Post, Bruce Stevens (standing) of California, Ed D. Smith, and Jerry Green, (pictured left to right) reading the 1996 edition of the Motley County Tribune in Mr. Green's backyard, Wednesday night before Old Settlers last year.

Look
Who's New



Alexandria Elaine and
Megan Marie Adams

Dan and Jan (Hart) Adams of Denton would like to announce the arrival of their twin girls, Alexandria Elaine and Megan Marie.

The girls were born August 8, 1997 in Columbia Medical Center in Denton. Alexandria was born at 11:24 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Megan was born at 11:25 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Boyce and Elaine Hart of Matador and the late Rose Marie Adams of The Colony.

Cooking Corner



Stir Fry Sauce

- 1 1/4 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup Argo corn starch
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup dry sherry
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

Combine all ingredients in jar with tight fitting lid. Shake well. May be stored up to three weeks in refrigerator. Shake well before using. Makes about 2 cups.

Oriental Vegetarian Stir Fry

- 3 medium carrots, thinly sliced
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 medium onion, cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1 tablespoon corn oil
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 medium green pepper, cut into 1/2-inch strips
- 1/2 cup canned sliced bamboo shoots, well drained
- 1 cup Stir Fry Sauce

In 3-quart microwavable dish combine carrots, cauliflower, onion and corn oil. Cover; microwave on HIGH (100%) 3 minutes. Stir in mushrooms, green pepper, bamboo shoots and sauce. Microwave uncovered, stirring twice, 10 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens. Makes 4 servings.

Tip: Corn starch-thickened recipes cooked in the microwave require less stirring than those cooked on the stove and are also less likely to "lump."

Southwestern Chili With Dumplings

- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 package (1 3/4 ounces) chili seasoning mix
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) kidney beans, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) whole kernel corn, undrained
- Dumplings (below)
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 ounces)

Mix chicken, water, tomato sauce and seasoning mix in 4-quart Dutch oven. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in remaining ingredients except Dumplings and cheese.

Prepare Dumplings. Heat chili to boiling; reduce heat to low. Drop dough by 12 spoonfuls onto hot chili. Cook uncovered 10 minutes. Cover and cook 10 minutes longer. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and cook about 3 minutes or until cheese is melted. 6 servings.

Dumpling Dough: Mix 1 1/2 cups Bisquick baking mix, 1/2 cup cornmeal and 2/3 cup milk until soft dough forms.

High Altitude Directions (3500 to 6500 feet): No adjustments are necessary.

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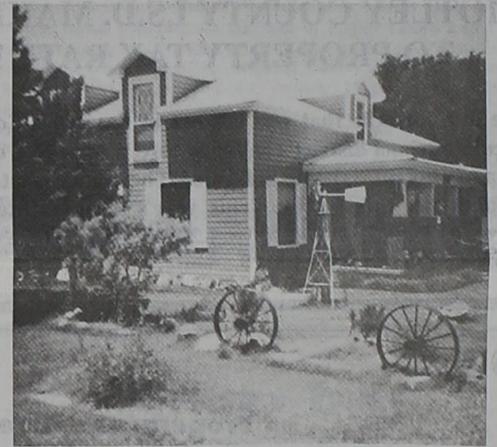
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Admission:
Adults: \$4.50 Children: \$3.50
Sr. Citizens - \$3.50 (65 & up)
Tuesday Bargain Night: \$3.00
Monday Ladies Night - \$3.00 for ladies

COEC PRODUCTION



NEW LOOK for a Motley County historical house. Roger Evans has remodeled this house in Matador, located on the corner of Dundee and Campbell. The house was built in 1926 by Mr. A.B. Simpson as a Boarding House. The Calk family purchased the house many years ago and it was rented out until 1978 when Mr. and Mrs. Everett Calk moved in. They lived in the house until Mr. Calk's death, and Mr. Evans purchased the house in 1996 and has been busy ever since with his remodeling projects. The updating gave the house a completely new look.



SHOP AT HOME!

NEW SHIPMENT OF BOOKS!

Cookbooks

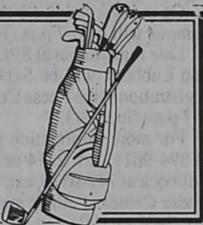
- Calf Fries to Caviar
- More Calf Fries to Caviar
- Texas Sampler
- A Taste of Texas Ranching
- Texas Country Reporter Cookbook
- Roaring Springs Cookbook
- License to Cook Texas Style
- New Mary Engelbreit books
- Mary Engelbreit - The Art and the Artist
- Mary Engelbreit Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter
- Craft Idea Books

New shipment of Hank The Cowdog Books and many, many more!

MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



Tuesday Scramble
August 19

Winners - 1st with a score of 27 were Cody Dodson, Dortha Grundy, Roy Grundy and Rob Francis.

2nd with a score of 30 (play off on card) were Chip Smith, Jeremy Smith, Kay Bingham, Dee Littekin, and Gene Brannon.

3rd with a score of 30 were Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Vann Francis and Salty Jones.

Buzz Thacker was closest to pin on #6, 9' 5 1/2"

Others playing were Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, Randy Martin, Roy Stephens, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Garland Cartwright, Charles

Hyatt, Mike Hancock, Homer Martin, Cleo Martin, Darrell Cruse, Kevin Keltz, Alan Bingham, Vince Taylor, Warner Sailsbury and Geneva Wilson.

Ladies Playday
August 21

18 hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Mary Lou Williams, Olivia Barton, and LaVoe Thacker.

Mary Lou won the ball, ten - fives. 9 hole players were Dortha Grundy, Vida Elkins, Lucretia Campbell, Judy Renfro, Francis Hobbs, Mary Jones, and Marihelen Wason.

Frances Hobbs won the ball.

Virginia and Warner Sailsbury

invite you to visit our
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I was very nervous when I arrived in Birobidzahn, the capital city of the Jewish Autonomous Region in Russia. I did not know what to expect or how we would be received by the Russia people. My worries and nervousness were all for nothing.

The Russian people I met were for the most part wonderful and much like ourselves. I found them to be gracious hosts and a very interesting people that insured my stay there would be as enjoyable as they could make it. This has reminded me that we are not alone and that where there are people interested in learning of Jesus, we need not be afraid.

John 13:34-35 speaks about how we can be know as followers of Jesus. That if we learn to love others and demonstrate that, it will make an impression on the hearts and minds of people. That is what the Russian people where I was were putting this passage of Scripture into practice. They did not know us yet they loved and cared for us in a wonderful way.

I have relearned a lesson: That wherever Jesus has been preached, you will find someone who shares your faith in Him and they will love and care for you. We have an incredible family that is more numerous than we have hoped that lives in the immensity of Russia. Thank God for the wonderful family he has given us through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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MC School Happenings



8TH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS — Lisa Taylor, President (seated) Tony Salazar, Vice President, (standing left), and Misty Young, Secretary/Treasurer. Not pictured is Kayla Copp, Reporter.



BOOSTER CLUB NEWS
by Glenda Williams

Motley County Booster Club met Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Plans were finalized for decorating floats for the Old Settlers Parade. Booster Club will have two floats participating in the Parade, one will include the football team and cheerleaders, and the other will have Pep Club members and the Cross Country team.

Allen Mason with Pay-N-Save Grocery has donated candy that will be thrown from the floats. Decorating committee will be Laura Taylor, Terri Donaldson, Kelli Martin, and Bucky and Debra Marvel.

Olivia and Kenny Barton have allowed Boosters to have a sign painted on their fence at the south end of the football field. The sign will have a large Matador and Motley County Matadors painted in 3 foot letters. Members voted to have the sign painted by the artist who is in town painting murals. He should have this completed by Saturday.

Each year Booster Club sells T-shirts. Members decided to have special shirts that will say, "Motley County Booster" for the club. Any person who has paid their dues, will be eligible to purchase a shirt. Dues are \$5 for families and \$1.00 for individuals. They also discussed colors and types

TAAS Test to be given in October

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary section(s) October 28-30, 1997.

All individuals who wish to take the TAAS must register in advance. Registration packets are available at MC schools and must be returned to Mrs. Keith no later than Sept. 19. Get your registration packet early.

God Bless You!

MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. MAKES CORRECTIONS TO PROPERTY TAX RATE PUBLICATION

Due to a formula that was left out of the Texas Education Agency's worksheet to calculate school district's rollback rate, a corrected copy of Motley County's I.S.D.'s property tax rate is being published. The changes that occurred are found in this year's rollback tax rate section. This year's local maintenance and operation rate was increased from 1.18984/\$100 to 1.20313/\$100 and the rollback rate was increased from 1.26984/\$100 to 1.28313/\$100.



Matadors Look Good In Scrimmage With Crowell

by Coach Ron Cox

The Motley County Matadors traveled to Crowell Friday night for the first scrimmage of the year. I was really proud of the effort shown by the entire team. Our new defense is progressing well. Although, we are still making many mistakes we expect to eliminate them with time and work. We moved the ball well both rushing

and passing ending with over a seven yard average per play. The upcoming season is going to be a fun challenge as we strive to improve daily.

The Matadors would like to invite everyone to come see the new Matadors here, Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. as we scrimmage Lorenzo. This is an exciting bunch of young men to watch and we would appreciate your support.

SPC Fall Registration Thursday

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's fall 1997 registration on the Levelland campus will be Thursday (Aug. 28).

Enrollment times are 8:30 - 11:30

of t-shirts that will be on sale soon. These shirts can be purchased by everyone.

Everyone is urged to attend the Spirit Rally Thursday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the football field. Homemade ice cream and brownies will be served. You will also have an opportunity to take pictures of the athletes so don't forget your camera.

Due to the Labor Day holiday the next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the cafeteria so please plan to be there and bring a friend.

a.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. for regular registration and 4-6:30 p.m. for evening registration. A registration permit is not required for evening sign-up.

SPCLubbock's registration for new students is 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 28) with registration times assigned by last name.

Open registration on the Lubbock campus will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

Late registration at SPC Levelland and Lubbock will be Sept. 2-8. Late registration at the Reese Center will be 5-7 p.m. Sept. 2-3.

For more information phone SPC at 894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4660 or the Reese Center at either main number, ext. 2901 or 2902.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
—William Butler Yeats

BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOU!

The Motley County Booster Club needs you!

Booster Club meets Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings! Support the Matadors!

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE !!

ACT tests to be given in Matador

Students and resident in Motley, Floyd, Cottle and Dickens Counties are encouraged to take the ACT test, required by most colleges and universities, close to home in Matador.

Testing dates in Matador for this school year are September 27, October 25, February 7 and June 13. Registration forms and sample practice test booklets are available at every high school, and must be mailed in by certain dates.

The last date for regular registration for the September 27 test is August 29, with September 5 the deadline for late registration. There is an additional late fee of \$35 for those not meeting the August 29 deadline.

For further information, please call Joan Keith at 347-2676.

Have a good week!

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1997 **Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY CO. I.S.D.**

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for MOTLEY CO. I.S.D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 632,712.47
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 632,712.47
Last year's tax base	\$ 57,904,645.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.09268 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 587,517.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 57,452,396.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.02261 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.05328 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment	\$ 691,231.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 57,452,396.00
= This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR 1996 maintenance and operation rate	\$ 1.20313 /\$100
- This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 1.09268
+ \$0.08	\$ 1.20313 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 1.28313 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$.00 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.28313 /\$100

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at MOTLEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, MATADOR, TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice ELAINE HART
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Date prepared AUGUST 21, 1997

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"THE SPRINGS" at it originally looked many, many years ago. The second lady on the left is thought to be the Jones daughter, Euna Lee Boonies. Someone is up high on the right. The legs can be seen easily. The other ladies in the pictures are unknown.

Landmarks of Motley County

by Mary Meason

NOTE: This information compiled from Motley County Roundup by Marisue Potts.

This year we will be exploring Motley County for landmarks, history and post offices that existed in Motley County in its early history.

Antelope Hill - a promontory near Whiteflat where antelopes roamed. Used by surveyors who, according to tradition, lit signal fires at night to get a reading from Childress, as Buzzard Peak in Haskell County.

Ballard Springs - a group of springs on Ballard Creek where a buffalo hunter named Ballard camped in 1876. Henry Hamburg, a Jew, kept a small store in a dugout and bought buffalo hides. The headquarters of Matador Cattle Co. established its headquarters there.

Boone's Mountain - A promontory in the middle Pease Valley where Jeff Boone and his bride Ollie Drace lived in a dugout.

Connelee Peak - A flat topped butte named for an early day surveyor, U.L. Connelee.

Dugout Creek - A tributary in upper Middle Pease where Frank Collinson and Jim Harrison made a line camp in a dugout for the Jingle Bob interests; later a linecamp for the Matador Land and Cattle Company.

Dutchman Creek - a tributary on the headwaters of the Tongue or South Pease River where a Dutchman and his wife cooked for buffalo hunters around 1877 and set up a trading post for Goldstein and Company.

Flomot - Originally a post office established near the County line of Floyd and Motley Counties in the dugout of Nelson R. Welch.

The post office was moved east to the settlement that was called South Quitaque but then became Flomot.

Hidebug Junction - a buffalo hunter's terminal where the hides, stockpiled until hauled away to market at Ft. Worth. A school near the site used the name briefly, but later was called White Star when it moved slightly south.

Los Lingos - originally Rio de Las Lenguas, Spanish for River of the Tongue, which served as a Comanche Comanchero rendezvous point - so called because so many languages or dialects were spoken.

Matador - A Spanish name meaning Bull Fighter, selected by Scottswood Lomax, one of the five original investors in the Matador Cattle Company in 1879.

Mott Creek - a headwater tributary of Middle Pease named for the thick mott or stand of cottonwoods which grew along its banks. Mott line camp of the Jingle Bobbs and later the Matador and the Cattle Company was located on the south side of the creek.

Northfield - a Settlement in a community originally called Bitter Creek. When D. Cook opened a general store and established the post office in 1892, he named it for his hometown in Minnesota.

Lyman or Old Lyman - located in the extreme western edge of the county at the base of the Caprock. The ruins of a two story dugout marks the site of a stage or mail hack station, post office and blacksmith shop which served those on their way to Floydada. Lyman R. Brewer was the first postmaster in 1882.

Pease River - a river of three main arteries, North, Middle, and South Pease or Tongue river. It feeds into Red River near Vernon. It was named for Elisah M. Pease, governor of Texas from 1853-87.

Quitaque - the large territory explored by Juan Mendoza in 1683 who was guided by the Quitacas, an Indian tribe of Western Texas or eastern New Mexico, another derivation according to Frank Collinson attributed the name to the "Antelope Apaches" who fooled McKenzie's 4th Calvary by strewing horse manure or "Quitaque" over a trail in the opposite direction of their escape route.

Tongue River - the southern tributary of the Pease River so called, according to buffalo hunter Frank Collinson as Lengua negra, for the swollen and black tongues of dead buffalo found along the waterways course. Victims of black tongue disease.

Turtlehole Creek - a tributary of the Middle Pease located in the northeastern portion of the county named for the soft-shelled turtles found there. Turtle Hole was the name of a dugout linecamp of the Matador Land and Cattle Company where the Preston Drace family first lived.

Whiteflat - a very early settlement (1890) named for a level prairie covered with tall waving needle grass that appeared white.

Roaring Springs - A series of seep springs that feeds into Tongue River or South Pease; named in 1876 by Frank Collinson. The buffalo hunters could hear the waterfalls from their camp upstream. Upon investigation Collinson shot two panthers feeding on a buffalo at the site.

TeePee City - a buffalo hunters supply post, site of a former Comanche Campground littered with numerous tipi poles which early settlers used for firewood.

Quitaque Peaks - Three highly visible landmark promontories - the largest pointed one is Quitaque Peak; the smallest, Eagle Point; and the mesa is Old Flat Top.

Cowboy's Dream

By the late David Blair
(uncle to James "Tootie" Meador)

The Cowboy stayed late in his mountain camp, the wind was chilly and the weather damp, he had branded all calves with paddle ears and now, he was ready to ship the steers.

He had a dream as he lay in the dark, and the frost was thick on the cowboy's tarp. He went to Heaven from that mountain side where they only have wings and no horses to ride.

St. Peter said "Enter we'll give you a chance. Still you come from the Range where they drink and dance." He saw the Angels all flying around, And the Cowboy felt lonely up off the ground.

He wondered if the angels were able to talk But at last one alighted and started to walk. She says "You must fly 'cause you sure can't ride", And she fastened some wings to his toughened hide.

She learned the Cowboy had never taken a wife, but upon questioning her found she'd married twice. So after the cowboy had viewed her charms, he taken the angel into his arms.

St. Peter says "Cowboy, I'll have to state, you've broken the rules inside the Pearly Gates. The Cowboy says, "St. Peter, now old pard, this is what I call heaven so there's nothing to guard."

"If you take this angel off my lap, I'll grab your beard and I'll change your map." St. Peter says "Cowboy, you're quite a sport, but, you'll stand trial in our Golden Court."

St. Peter was at Court and did testify, that the cowboy belonged below and not on high. He says he has only been here a day, and almost lead an angel astray.

The jury voted guilty one and all, so they threw him out over Jordan's wall. When the east turned grey and it wasn't so dark, the cowboy threw back his frosty tarp.

He pulled his boots on his stiffened feet, he boiled his coffee and fried some meat. He thought that in Heaven life must be fine, and it beats cow punching any old time.

And as he rode the range all that day, he always wished that they'd let him stay.

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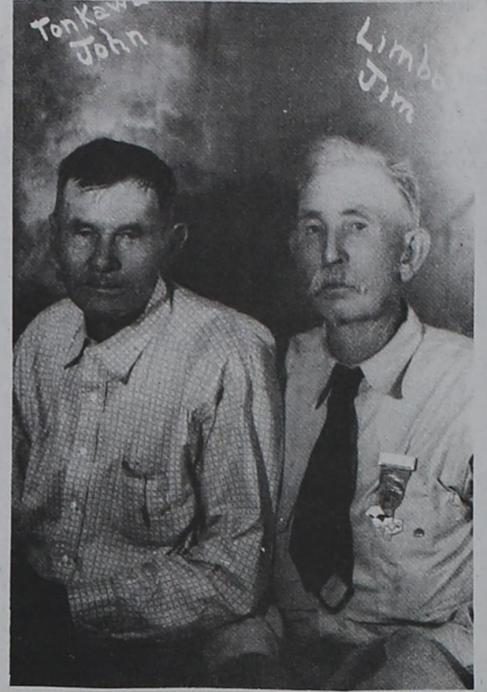
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Old Matador Cowhands Jim (Limbo) Meador, right, and Tonkawa John, a full-blood Indian. This picture was taken at an Old Settlers Reunion in the 1930's.
James (Tootie) Meador photo

Last Vestiges Of First Settlement

August 25, 1938



Even the ruins of the school, above, have been carried away since the picture was taken, removing the last sign of Motley County's first town, Teepee City, which was founded in 1876. One of the first settlements in this section of Texas, the village provided western headquarters for buffalo hunters, Texas Rangers and early settlers. In 1880 it was established as the first post office in the county.

Some of the earliest pioneers associated with Teepee City, and the year in which they came to what is now Motley County, are: S. N. Armstrong, 1876; Tom Bird, 1878; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, 1879; Mrs. Joe Browning, 1879; Joe Browning, 1879; Texas Rangers G. W. Arrington, captain, Ned Springer, and Witt Springer, 1879; J. D. Starks, 1880; Nora Cooper, 1882; Lal Lewis, 1883; J. J. Cooper, 1884; W. R. Tilson, 1884; A. L. Barton, 1888; W. W. Moore, 1889; J. S. Orr, 1890; J. J. Russell, 1891; J. E. Meador, 1891; Pat Cornett, 1891; J. E. Russell, 1891; Ella Cornett, 1891; R. P. Echols, 1892; Tom Edmondson, 1894; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Echols, 1892; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lisenby, 1897; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Newman, 1892; Mrs. W. R. Tilson, 1893.

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Motley County Tribune

"Voice of the Foothill Country"

G.E. Hamilton - Pioneer Attorney



G.E. Hamilton, early day Motley County Attorney

(Mary Meason photo)

by Mary Meason

NOTE: Part of this story has been taken from an interview by the late Mrs. L.B. Turner of Flomot for the *Amarillo Daily News*. Mary Hamilton Meason is Mr. Hamilton's daughter.

George Elbert Hamilton was born near Subigna, Georgia in 1871, the third of 11 children. He attended school at Subigna, Sugar Valley and Calhoun, Georgia. His schooling ended with the 7th grade. His parents were John Washington and Ellen Echols Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton loved books, read everything he could find to read, and always said he wanted to be a Lawyer. In 1894 he came to Texas several

months ahead of his family and settled at McGregor in McClendon County, Texas. He worked as a section hand on the railroad and picked cotton for his livelihood.

After his mother and father and other members became established in McGregor after their move to Texas Mr. Hamilton located in Abilene in 1897. There he read law with the Kirby and Kirby Law Firm. His chief gain from this connection being the experience he gained through his association and the use of the firm's extensive law library.

His lifelong dream came true when he passed the Texas Bar examination in Waco, Texas in 1897. A month later he was in Abilene to begin practice of law.

In 1899 Mr. Hamilton and his brother, Dr. R.L. Hamilton traveled from McGregor to Motley County. The trip had required three weeks of hard travel.

Somewhere near the present town of Guthrie the brothers drove up to a plank gate, and on the gate was a sign printed with axle grease. It read, "1,000 miles to water but hell ain't a half mile from here."

Mr. Hamilton had \$1.50 in his pocket when he arrived in Matador. The Hamilton brothers came to Motley County because an Uncle, A.B. Echols and their Grandfather, R.P. Echols had come to Motley County several years earlier and gave a very glowing account of Motley County.

Mr. Hamilton met Miss Edna Earl Cooper soon after arriving in Matador. Miss Cooper moved to Motley County with her family, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Cooper, from Indian Territory Oklahoma where she had lived since early childhood.

On October 14, 1903 Miss Cooper and Mr. Hamilton were married in the old frame Methodist Episcopal Church south of Matador. Their first child, Howard was born the next year on August 9th.

In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton moved to Childress where Mr. Hamilton was appointed as County Attorney to fill a vacancy.

While living in Childress two daughters were born, Helen Rebecca, who died in infancy and Mary Frances, who now lives in Matador, was born in 1911.

Mr. Hamilton was elected to serve in the 31st State Legislature representing 10 counties, Hall, Motley, Dickens, King, Cottle, Childress, Foard, Wilbarger, and Wichita in 1908.

A second son, John, was born in Austin in 1909.

Mary became a school teacher and taught school in Matador for 13 years. John, after attending school at Tech, SMU and after graduating from the Texas University School of Law, joined his father in the practice of law in Matador. Howard was a newspaper man and worked on newspapers in Texas, Arkansas and the State of Washington. Mr. Hamilton and his family moved back to Matador in 1912.

He became local and later General Attorney for the Q.A.&P. Railroad and was on retainer for the Matador Land and Cattle Company. One time when I was quite young I heard my dad telling my mother that the Matador Ranch was suing the railroad because the railroad had failed to water cattle which were being shipped to St. Louis. Several cattle had died and the railroad was being sued for damages.

I was aware of the fact that my father was attorney for both companies. I was really worried about what would happen to my Dad! Would he lose his job with one or both companies? I asked him about what would take place and which company was he going to represent. He told me he would represent the railroad because he was hired by the railroad company first.



James Joe Meador and baby Doug Meador in 1926.
James "Tootie" Meador photo

The Last Lead Mine

by Mary Meason

NOTE: This information was obtained from *Cow Country* by Tanner Laine.

There's a last lead mine in the Caprock foothills - or so the legend goes. The general terrain there, is broken with creeks, draws and gullies.

It is where four large ranches - Pitchfork, Swenson, Matador, and Four Sixes, meet farm lands of smaller acreage.

A rich vein of ore has been trapped and "lost" several times since the days of the Spaniards across West Texas in the 1700's. Indians were said to have massacred Spaniards at the mine, and the red men lost it to the white men in the form of settlers and soldiers - Gen. McKenzie's Raiders. The calvarymen of McKenzie got their lead from it in wagon loads.

An oldtimer of Dicken, Grandpa Craptree told of seeing the military wagons go out at dawn from Soldiers Mound north of Spur and return at dusk loaded with lead ore. After melting and molding the Raiders used the balls in Indian fights.

After the redskins had been routed, the ranchers were getting lead from the mine in the late 1800's.

Then the mine disappeared.

In 1886 another tale of the mine appeared. Thomas Longest, a New Yorker, traveling southwestward in 1886 in search of horses for dealing. Longest caught in a storm, took refuge in a break of very rough and desolate country. Here under the bank of a ledge, he found a piece of iron - an old pick. Digging more he found a shovel and then the ledge of ore.

He broke off a peice weighing 4 1/2 pounds, thinking it was silver ore. He rushed back East, and found it was lead - pronounced 70 per cent pure. Longest interested a mining company with his story but contracted tuberculosis and died. The mine was lost again.

A young cowboy told of being laid up with a broken hip one winter and he melted lead from the old mine and formed figurines of horses and other objects for past time.

The most recent search was reportedly by airplane, flying over the Croton Breaks with metal finding equipment on board. Sure enough, the instruments started clicking but they really went wild only a short distance from the searchers own farm. So, he jumped the search. To this day he hasn't gotten around to telling his neighbor that he (the neighbor) is sitting on a rich, rich old mine - which has been lost for years.

Welcome Old Settlers



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Dickens, Texas

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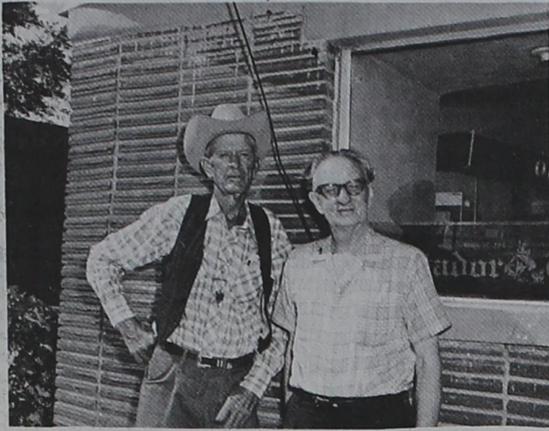
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History of the Motley County Tribune



Douglas "Ben" Meador on right, longtime Matador Tribune Publisher and Editor, and friend Slim Felts.

(Tribune file photo)

by Mary Meason

NOTE: Material gathered from Motley County Roundup by Marisue Potts.

Early day newspapers are almost as entertaining as a novel as past interest are compared to our present day needs and wishes.

December 9, 1891: Motley County News - Luther Taylor, Editor.

May 12, 1892: Clarence Nugent, Editor and Proprietor.

Personal ad: "Go to the Dew Drop Saloon for anything in the way of good drinks."

March 10, 1894: The name of the paper was changed to the Matador Maverick. Lee Smith, Editor and owner.

1894: R.P. Moore (Rance) at age 21 bought the newspaper, building and equipment including a hand press with handset type for \$400. The name was changed to Motley County Journal.

June 4, 1897: A reward of \$500 for about one dozen marriagable young men delivered in Motley County. The young ladies say none but the marriagable ones are wanted.

March 10, 1900: The paper became the Matador Maverick. Will C. Perry, Editor.

May 10, 1902: The paper became the Texas Maverick. Clyde Kendall, Publisher.

March 1907: The paper again became the Matador Maverick. H.A. Mullinnix, Editor and Publisher.

October 1, 1908: The paper became the Matador Messenger.

May 26, 1911: The Messenger recorded the May 23rd death of H.H. Campbell. Konner Knowles, Editor.

June 23, 1911: The Messenger recorded the death of Walter A. Walton, first District and County Clerk.

April 14, 1918: The paper again became the Matador Gusher, C.A. Lamb, Editor, and George Ellis, business manager.

August 20, 1920: The paper be-

came the Motley County News, Fred Simpson, Manager.

September 8, 1921: H.O. Ward, owner.

March, 1925: Grover C. Mitchell purchased the paper from Mr. Ward and became the Editor and Publisher.

March 14, 1934: Douglas Meador, Editor and Publisher, purchased the paper from Grover Mitchell.

March 14, 1934: Douglas Meador, Editor of Roaring Springs News bought the Motley County News and merged the two into Matador Tribune. Howard Hamilton bought an interest in the paper. He was the printer. The paper became Matador News Tribune.

October 11, 1934: The Trail Dust column received first place cup as best weekly newspaper column at Press Day Texas State Fair, Dallas. Meador bought out Hamilton's interest.

March 16, 1944: Tribune's 10th birthday.

July 1951: Tribune awarded first place in general excellence by West Texas Press.

October 1952: Douglas (Ben) Meador named Texas Newspaper Man of the Year by Dallas Chapter of National Journalism Sigma Delta Chi.

September 27, 1967: Tribune celebrated 75th year of newspapers in the county.

September 27, 1974: Douglas Meador died. His wife, Lila, became Editor and Publisher of the paper.

September 1, 1977: Mrs. Meador sold the paper to Diane and Ray Freeman of Earth. Leon Watson was Editor and later assumed ownership. His employee, Patsy Tippin assumed ownership in 1985 to become Editor and Publisher.

February 2, 1986: Paper became Motley County Tribune and was bought by Barbara Jameson, Editor and Publisher and Carla M. Jones, Associate Editor and Advertising.

September 3, 1996: Carla Jones Meador purchased the paper, still under the name of Motley County Tribune.

Hawley Plemons - Pioneer Cowboy

by Mary Meason

NOTE: This information was obtained the Matador Tribune, 1958.

A story to the Amarillo News from the Matador Tribune in 1958 began:

"A cowboy who once owned the townsite of Amarillo and lived to see skyscrapers on his old homestead, died today in his home in Matador.

Hawley Plemons was 17 and a cowboy on the Frying Pan Ranch when he rode out of Palo Duro Canyon one hot summer day in 1886 and stopped at homesteader's wagon camped by a dry lake north of the Canyon. He asked for a drink of water and was asked to have dinner.

The homesteaders had staked out a section of land while awaiting the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad to build up over the Cap Rock. Other homesteaders had staked claims in the area because there was speculation that a town would be located somewhere in the area.

The homesteader offered to sell Hawley Plemons a quit claim title to the land for \$500. The young cowboy did not have \$500 but he borrowed it from H.B. Sanborn, owner of the Frying Pan Ranch.

Being a minor, the youth wrote his father, W.B. Plemons, a former member of the State Legislature, and turned the transaction over to him. They said the section of land the following year for \$15,000 after the giving ground for schools, parks, and churches.

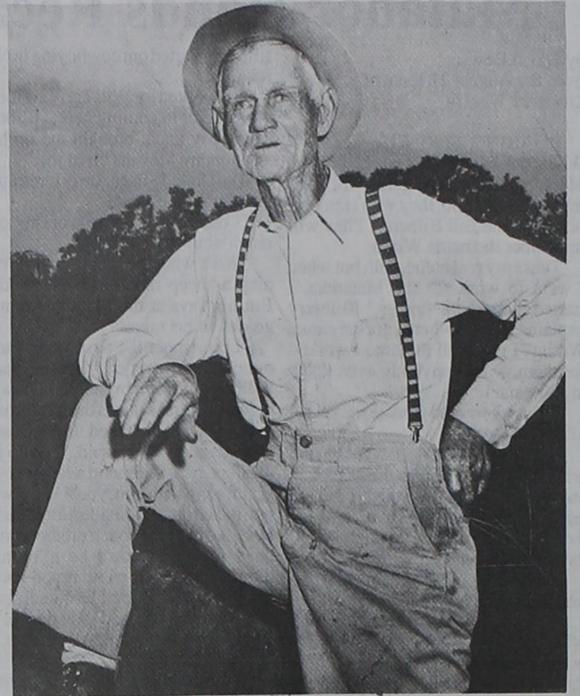
W.B. Plemons later became the first county judge of Potter County. He is buried in Amarillo.

Hawley Plemons later owned a ranch near the present town of Borger and a community there now bears the family name.

Hawley Plemons began working for the Matador Land and Cattle Company in 1907 and worked for the firm for 40 years. He worked here, at Channing in Montana and elsewhere, later returning here to manage the thoroughbred herd. He was retired in 1949.

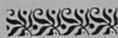
He and Mrs. Plemons lived in Brownwood for a time, then returned to Matador. Mr. Plemons had been in failing health for several years. Mr. Plemons died Tuesday, December 31, 1957.

Besides his wife, he was survived by a daughter, two sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. The children had attended the Matador School.



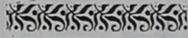
Hwaley Plemons, early Matador cow hand.

(Tribune file photo)



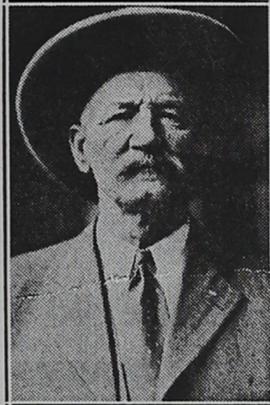
MATADOR MASONIC LODGE in the early 50's. Pictured are (back row left to right) Alvin Stearns, Forrest Campbell, R.E. Campbell, Ben Edwards, Ralph Stapleton, D.E. Pitts; (front left to right) Henry Ford, Vance Gilbreath and J.R. (Randall) Whitworth. The only man still living is Forrest Campbell, who still resides in Matador.

(Opal Pipkin photo)



ED RUSSELL SERVED LONGEST AS SHERIFF

August 25, 1938



First cook with John Smith's wagon on the Matador Ranch, Ed Russell came here from Hill County with his parents. After his cowboy days with the Matadors, he lived at Croton Canyon for several years, then came to Matador, where he served as deputy and sheriff for a longer time than any sheriff before or after.

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As Annual Reunion Approaches Matador Hands Recall The Past

by David Bowser
from the August 21 issue of
Livestock Weekly

ROARING SPRINGS, Texas — When the hands who worked at the Matador Ranch here gather for their reunion August 30, they won't remember the name Bill Bilberry. They will remember the name Wrang.

That's my real name, Bill, but when I went to work for the Matadors, I started wrangling horses," Bilberry explains. "That's where I got the name, Wrang'. I guess all the time I worked for them, wasn't anybody even knew my first name."

Bilberry went to work in the spring of 1949.

"Later part of '51, I went in the army," he says. "I'd quit the Matadors and within 30 days they had me in the army. Old Rosie Deaton, he told me they'd have me. Sure enough, in 30 days I got my call."

Bilberry left the Matadors at the time they were about to sell out.

"They were in the process of selling when I left the wagon," he says. "I was with the wagon the whole time, about three years, I guess. I wrangled horses three or four months, then went to cowboying. Of course, they went through horse wranglers and hoodlums pretty regular. Same way with hands for the wagon. It was always a joke that they worked three crews - one a 'coming, one there and one a 'leaving'."

Of the men who were at the wagon when he was there, Bilberry figures he was the youngest.

"I went to work for them when I was 17," he says. "It was a lot of hard work, a lot of long hours. Seven days a week. We left before daylight or right at daylight. We'd ride anywhere from there to five miles to the splitting up ground. When I went to work for them, Red Payne was running the wagon. He was a breed of his own."

"Got to bed at night just as quick as you could. Sometimes you'd ride so hard you wouldn't even feel like eating supper. You'd just go on and go to bed."

"Course, it was a lot of fun."

The hours were long and hard, but there was a camaraderie that bound the men together.

"It's kind of hard to explain," he says. "It's just meeting all those guys and so many different guys was coming and going. That was the good thing about it, that and the experience. You can't get that experience now anywhere in the United States."

Although he was raised at Spur,

Bilberry started out cowboying in New Mexico.

"I'd worked for Will Terry at Hobbs, N.M., prior to coming here," Bilberry says. "My uncle brought me up here and Johnny Stevens hired me."

The United States Army interrupted his tour on the range.

"I didn't get back to working on a ranch until '76," he says.

That's when he went to work running a sheep ranch in New Mexico. But his days at the Matadors remain golden in his memory.

"I remember the first bronc I took out of the bronc pen," Bilberry says.

"Ellis Key and George Fulghum were breaking horses. It was the first bronc I took out, and I asked Rosie Deaton what should I do. He said, 'You do just whatever you think, and whenever you get through with him, you'll know what you did wrong.' He made a lot of sense. I used to turn him back on those mesquite trees and you'd be a 'running through there and without you knowing it, all of a sudden he'd duck back with you. It was good experience."

He says he learned a lot from his mistakes.

"I named that first bronc Maganoose," Bilberry says. "He had a cut shoulder, a scar on that shoulder. Little old skinny dun horse."

Some things a man just doesn't forget.

Another oldtime Matador cowboy is Slim Durham. Now living in Eastern Oklahoma, Durham spent much of his life around the Matadors.

"I was raised down there below the Croton Pasture in Dickens County," he says. "That's real rough country down there. There's a lot of wild cattle in that part of the country."

He lives in Wister, Okla., now, but he says he's planning on being back in the Texas Panhandle at Roaring Springs for the Matador reunion.

His brother Alvin, a saddle maker, worked on the ranch, too.

"In the summertime, we rode grass horses," Durham says. "We didn't feed 'em. The pastures had 135 to 140 sections in them. It'd take a month to work through them."

The last few years before the ranch was sold off and split up, Durham says, the wagon stayed out through the winter and the summer.

"It was interesting life," he recalls.

"I wouldn't take nothing in the world for it. I'm glad I got to live it. Some of it, I'd hate to live through again."

Especially on the princely sum of

\$30 a month that most cowboys made in those days.

The food at the chuckwagon was good and there was plenty of it, but it got monotonous.

"It was mostly beef and gravy," he says. "A little bit of milk in it once in a while. I remember when they brought out the first peanut butter. It was a gallon bucket of peanut butter. I think we ate the whole thing for dinner. I was afraid then they wouldn't buy any more."

Along with the chuckwagon was the hoodlum wagon.

They had two hoodlum mules with it, Durham says.

In the later years they didn't keep but one, but the Matador used to have two hoodlum wagons.

"One of them had all your bridles," he remembers. "You had different bridles on different horses. They used to keep them all tied on front of one of the hoodlum wagons. They had a barrel of water in it and all the branding equipment."

"That hoodlum wagon would be to where ever we was going to work cattle," Durham says. "It'd leave from where we were and go to wherever we were going to be."

The other hoodlum wagon would follow the chuckwagon, hauling food and water.

"We just got after them mules and run 'em up to that hoodlum wagon and the hoodlum'd tie a rope around their necks," Durham says. "They were trained to come out of those horses when we went to a rope corral. We'd run 'em up to the hoodlum wagon and he'd tie 'em up, 'cause they were going to move the wagon early the next morning. They'd leave them tied up all night and feed them there."

The hoodlums had a pretty good job, he says. They would help the cook and put up the rope corral for the horses.

"It was kind of hard if you had a new one," he says. "A ranch the size of the Matadors, they'd get lost if they didn't know where to go. You'd have to have somebody to escort them one place to the next."

When Durham came to the wagon, there were 23 mounts.

"They had 11 head of horses to a mount," he says. "When I first came there the first winter they fed two horses. The second winter they fed three. Then they got up to feeding four. I stayed with the wagon the first winter. We stayed out all winter."

That was 1940.

"They used to pull it in in the fall and pull it back out in the spring," he says. "They'd keep the horses, and they had what they called the floating crew. They'd stay and keep their horses over at one of these camps. The camp man would feed them. They'd work through and pick up the cattle they they'd missed, then they'd work over to another part of the ranch. Circle around and catch some of those old big steers and stuff."

Durham was born in 1922. He came to the Matadors in 1939.

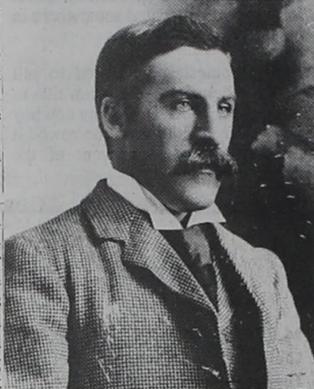
"All told, I got about 12 years out of the wagon," he says. "Great soft bed. My bedroll is down there in the museum now. I paid \$18 for that tarp."

When World II broke out, Durham went off to the Pacific.

"When I came back, I paid \$55 for a new saddle," he says. "I still got it."



COWBOY REUNION — These former Matador Ranch hands met for the third annual Matador Cowboy Reunion on Saturday, August 24, 1996, at the home of Jerry and Patricia Green in Roaring Springs. This is only part of the men and women in attendance. The Green's will host the 4th Annual Reunion, this Saturday, August 30.



R.S. Watson, a Scotsman and bookkeeper on the Matador Ranch in 1891.

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He ended up running the Montana operation for the ranch.

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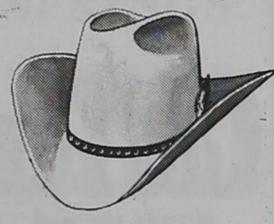
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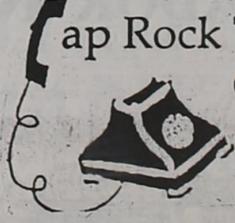
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Neighborly Spirit of Pioneers Is Lauded in Letter to Paper

NOTE: The following story is reprinted from the August 25, 1938 issue of the *Matador Tribune*.

Expressive of the feelings of most of the pioneers in this section is a letter printed in the *Trubune* in 1936, which was received from Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Moore at Guthrie. We reprint the letter because of the fine sentiment expressed:

always enjoyed and were glad to have company. The word "Welcome" did not have to be written on the doormats.

"The spirit of those West Texas pioneers was all that was good, true and noble, and this spirit will ring down the avenues of time when many major events of history have been lost in oblivion. The Pioneer Spirit is the spirit that makes for hardy people - the spirit that builds nations - the spirit

over which the humble Nazarene of Galilee would pass His hand and pronounced a benediction of approval. That was the day of no envying, no backbiting, no gossiping; there were no bad debtors, no mortgages, no lacks - just honest, upright, hardy, loveable people - the Pioneers of the Nineties!

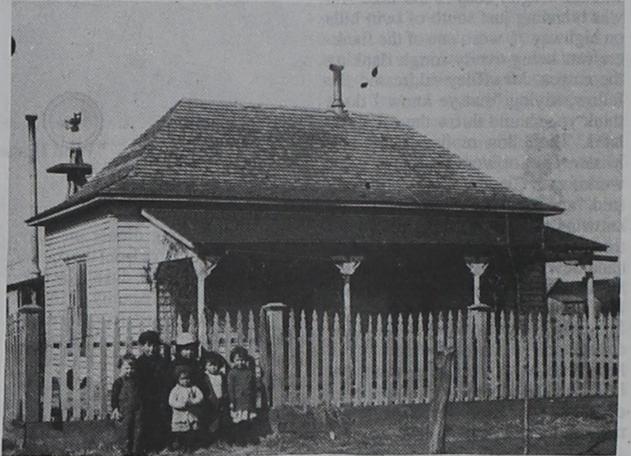
Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Moore

TO THE PIONEERS OF MOTLEY COUNTY:

"There is and always will be tender feeling of respect and love that cannot be described in words for our neighbors of the nineties. They were neighbors in the true meaning of the word and each and every neighbor could be depended on for help at the darkest midnight. Zero weather and in the most trying times they gladly shared anything they might possess, and they were always happy to come to the aid of their neighbors.

"We didn't have much of this world's goods in those days, but those pioneers had a bright, clear eye to look forward and do, a steady nerve to tackle the most difficult task, a firm determination to accomplish, and an honest heart to go forward. Always looking straight ahead for better days they had the will to stay through the sandstorms, the droughts, and the loneliness of being far away from their own kin and home folks.

"We all lived in dugouts, with poles across the top and straw on top of the poles with dirt thrown on for a roof. Hard days, perhaps, but happy days because we loved each other in the true meaning of the word "love". We were always glad to see each other and



The A.J. Cooper home in Matador with the Cooper grandchildren and a friend. (back row l-r) Marion Warren, John Hamilton, Jetty Cooper (Moss); (front l-r) Bob Cooper, Lawrence Cooper and Mary Hamilton (Meason).

Mary Meason photo



Roaring Springs Hotel—Mr. and Mrs. K. Jones were the first proprietors of the Hotel. They came from the hotel in Paducah. Their daughter, Eura Lee is the lady on the far left. Her mother, Mrs. K. Jones, is next. The colored man on the far right was their cook, Shep. The Joneses were longtime druggists in Roaring Springs. Casey moved the store in 1958.



ROARING SPRINGS FIRST STATE BANK, about 1917. Pictured are H.L. White, Mr. Guthrie, D.A. Davis, Sid Young, J.A. Swaringen, A.K. Hall, J.D. Byrum, Lem Guthrie, J.R. Harris, Oscar Williams (boy unknown) Dad Huffstutler, A.J. Cooper, E.L. Gardanier, Booker T. Graves, Charley King, Jim Douglas (at window, Dennis White), at curb, first man unknown, W.C. Bagley and J.S. Pyron.

(from Tribune files)

The Will Franklin Allen Family

by Mary Meason

NOTE: Information obtained from *Of Such As These* by Eleanor Traweck.

In 1916, the Will Franklin Allen family traveled to Motley County from Stephenville, Texas with four mules, two covered wagons and one milk cow.

Being a good mother, Mrs. Allen realized that the trip would be a long one for their four little girls, so several

days before leaving for the trip farther west, she began baking. By the time the wagons were loaded, she had filled a 50 pound flour sack with tea cakes for the journey west. When they got to Motley County the flour sack was empty.

The six weeks of travel must have seemed an unending time for Florence and Will Allen, but the children enjoyed every minute of that trip.

The family made camp each day at

sunset, but one particular time always stood out in their memories. One evening they had permission to spend the night in a schoolhouse which had an old pump organ in it. After supper, Mr. Allen played it by the light of kerosene lamps and they sang songs until eleven o'clock. They remember singing the "Old Rugged Cross" and "All He Had Was Fifty Seven Cents" a funny song which made the children laugh.

The singing came to a sudden stop when they heard a blood-chilling scream. Mr. Allen said it was a panther, and he locked his family safe and secure in the old schoolhouse for the night. Every other event on the long drive west seemed full of adventure too. Besides, they had tea cakes to eat all the way.

Mr. Allen farmed in the Whiteflat community and will be remembered as the mail carrier from Matador to Flomot during the year 1922-1930. He was also owner of a drug store in Flomot and Mrs. Allen ran their 14 room two story Flomot Hotel which was always full.

The Allen daughters were Pearl, who married Willie Greshman; Judison, who married Joe Stephens; Thelma, married Harmon Moseley; and Hazel married Thurman Walls. Mrs. Allen, the former Florence

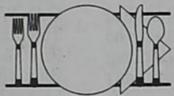
Robison was born in Wood County Texas in 1886. She died May 4, 1936 at Flomot.

Mr. Allen was born in Erath County in 1880 and died in 1937.



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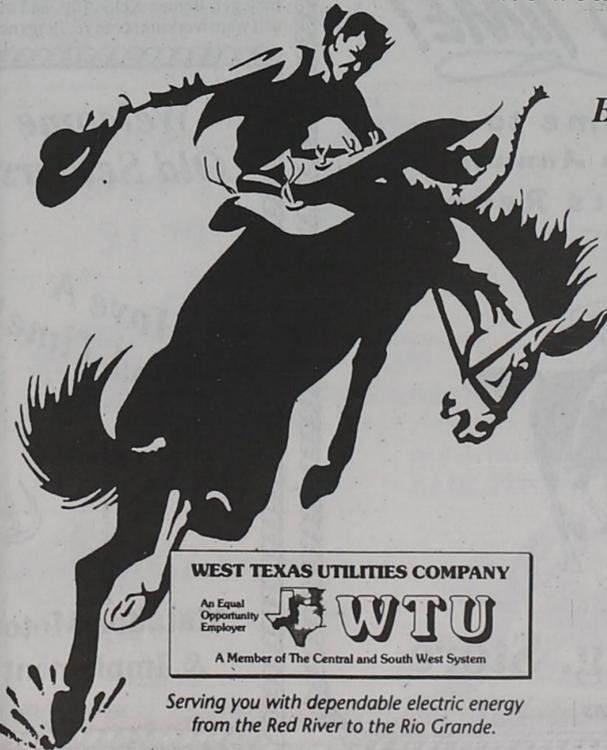
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REMINISCENCE OF MY EARLY RANCH DAYS

by Harold Campbell

After Jerry Green asked me to reminisce about the Matadors, I began to recall my experiences at the wagon. I was a kid, probably about eight or ten years, when I first began going to the wagon with my Dad, when it would be west of Matador. I will attempt to mimic some of the people who worked on the ranch as some had strange ways of expressing themselves. I will start with Mr. M.J. Riley, a fine fellow, who was easy to work for. Claud Jeffers was the wagon boss at the time and was branding just south of twin hills on highway 70 west, one of the flankers was being overly rough flanking the calves. Mr. Riley addressed the fellow, saying "aun ye know I don't think you should throw the calves so hard." The fellow replied "Go to hell Mister, I'm not working for you, I'm working for Claud Jeffers." Mr. Riley said, "aun in hell in" and walked away knowing he could fire the fellow on the spot. Mr. Riley told about a camp hand down in the Red Lake Country. He was worried about the man's horses being poor like they were over used. So - Mr. Riley decided to do some checking. He parked his car for an hour or so, when he finally saw what he took to be "an eagle soaring" as he called it, which turned out to be the man riding in a dead run.

Ed D. Smith was living on McDonald Camp. One winter it was very cold and a blizzard blew in, Mr. Riley was uneasy whether Ed D. was taking care of the cattle, so he called Ed D. on the phone. He said, "Aun ye know Eddie, how are we getting along feeding today." Ed D. replied, "Morris, it's too cold too feed today." Mr. Riley said, "Aun Eddie if Lige can feed the fat ones surely you can feed the poor ones. It might be a little "biting" but maybe you can make it tho." The fat cattle referred to would be the purebreds near headquarters that Lige Hicks fed. Ed D. was probably the only man on the ranch who called Mr. Riley "Morris" and McDonald Camp may have been the only camp with a phone at that time.

While living on McDonald Camp, Ed D. turned up with a stray billy goat that butted him everytime he went out of the house so Ed D. called the Sheriff to come and get this "blankety, blankety" goat. The Sheriff asked "where is the goat now?" Ed D. said "he's on the front porch looking through the window at me." Away back Ed D.'s daddy wanted a job with the Matadors. They led out the meanest, hardest to ride horse they had. A fellow asked Mr. Smith if he could ride the horse and he said "if I can't you better stay off of him."

I rode with six wagon bosses and maybe more not knowing who was in charge. Claud Jeffers, Walker Williams, Red Payne, Virgil Leonard, Bill Hemphill, Red Siegall, and I thought Virgil and Bill had the most "savvy" about handling cattle. Red Payne was probably wagon boss at the most difficult time as he was short handed because of World War II and the brush was getting bad. Being short handed they were forced to pen the cattle to work them in turn, probably made them harder to round.

Claud Jeffers turned out a lot of good cowboys. He did a lot of "chewing" on them. At one time he had five of his own sons at the wagon, R.C., Kenneth, Jim Ward, Coon, and Joe. It is strange the way this family died, the youngest died first in the order as I named them. Beginning with the youngest, R.C., and Joe being the oldest. R.C. and Joe did not take to "cowboying" much. Joe was a very



"Wild Horse" Warren

(Harold Campbell photo)

fast cook and a great entertainer.

We were having dinner one day, when a family of three from the state of Georgia pulled up. Joe did all the talking. The parents had a pretty girl about 20 years old, who was "Georgia Peach" if I ever saw one. They talked with a slow southern drawl, which made it most entertaining. They asked if this was a "cow outfit". Joe told them it was a "sheep outfit." They said the men looked like cowboys but Joe said they were sheep herders. They asked where the sheep were. Joe said over the hill. Every little bit Joe would say "say you all are from Alabama?" And the girl would reply. "No. We are from Georgia. You talk about drag it out slow. Claud and the rest were lying down behind the bedrolls, rolling with laughter. Would you believe Joe and the girl rode a horse double about 2 miles to what is now the roadside park on the Plains where they met the parents.

Pelau Vivian was an odd fellow with a strange name. In his younger days when a horse started bucking, he would step down on the ground, hopping along with the horse, holding his hat over the horses head hollering "Woo-ha! Woo-ha!" When making a drive he was like a coyote, you would never see him until you were having trouble with cattle turning back and needing help, then he would turn up from nowhere to help. He wore 2 or 3 coats the year round. I asked him why he wore a coat in hot weather. He said "what will keep out the cold will keep out the heat." I guess that makes a little sense, maybe. I have always wondered if he was hiding a pistol. He and Jim Ward Jeffers drug many a Matador calf to the fire. After Pelau retired from the Matadors, he worked with me on the Campbell ranch. When he would dress for breakfast, the first thing that went on was his hat, then he would put his clothes on. He and I would be jogging along horseback and he would say "Chug-water" horse - "killye! killye! betcha life killye!" This was a favorite expression that he used a lot. It took me a while to catch on, he did not like to ride a rough trotting horse. About all you would ever hear him say was "woo-ha! woo-ha! betcha life woo-ha!"

Another odd crippled fellow who hung around the wagon, named Uncle Jack Karr, would take a cup and drink blood from a freshly slaughtered beef. I thought this was a bit strange.

Sodie Latham struck me as being a little difficult than the average cowboy. When he went out to work for the wagon, he ordered the widest brim on a hat they made. He soon cut 4 inches off the brim and it was still a big hat. He had to use a throatlatch to keep from losing it. When a horse bucked him off, he blamed it on the hat dropping

the railroad track, the train came by and blew its whistle, stampeded the cattle, my horse bucked a quarter of a mile. Bennie and Rip had a head-on collision with their horses because they could not see each other for a wind break made of sheet iron. The train stopped and watched the entertainment.

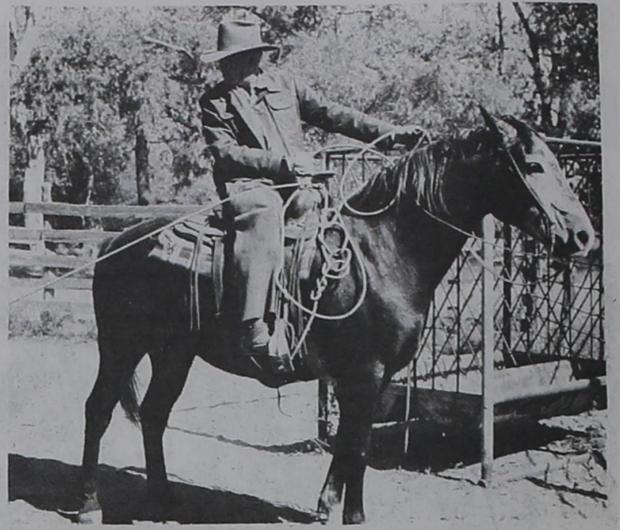
Rip Griffin, Wild Horse Warren and Rang Thornton were among the wilder drive leaders. I saw Rang Thornton ride off a 15 foot bluff while nearby there was a good trail within 50 feet. Rang and Tom Thornton were brothers to Opal, Roy Bradford's wife. Tom worked for the Matadors when they ran cattle in Canada, big pasture fenced in with water, mighty pretty country. Tom would swim his horse a quarter of a mile in cold weather and come out on the other side dressed in a solid sheet of ice. I asked Tom "How far can a horse swim?" His answer "I don't know." Tom told me when about to swim a horse, loosen the flank cinch as a horse fills his belly with air making him float better. Tom also told me if you want a cheap horse you can find one real easy. He may cast an "arm and a leg" and still be a cheap horse. I agree with Coon Jeffries, there is nothing any sorer than a sorry horse. When I was growing up, the going price for a horse was \$30. I traded a \$25 horse for a pair of shop made boots. A person can pay \$1500 to \$2000 or more for a horse and still end up with a \$30 horse. Of course if you are competing in a rodeo you have to pay top dollar for a good horse. During the period I have been writing about, the Matadors had some good horses but the drive horses were not very desirable. Most were high headed, head slinging, star-gazing horses that knew nothing except to run. I believe their breeding was a cross between steel stud and morgan. The pastures were large. Turtle hole pasture, 150 sections, East pasture, 200 sections. After rounding a pasture, the cowboys would change to a better horse. I was most impressed with their mules. They were by far the very best. They could walk as fast as a horse could trot. The Matadors had the prettiest purebred Herefords I ever saw. You could not find a single undesirable one in the whole herd. These cattle ran in the Edwards pasture on the head of Willow Creek.

While sitting around the chuck wagon, I used to get amused at some cowboys who seemed to try to stir-up trouble. I call them agitators or trouble-makers. I recall "Blow" Burkes was giving some fellow a "bad time", another fellow cut in, and Blow said, "I'll tell you very confidentially I wasn't talking to you, but if the shoes fit, don't try to kick them off."

In later years, Seth Sager was in charge of operating the Matador Ranch. It seemd to me his mind was more on horses than cattle.

Buck Waybourn had a "bird in the nest" keeping the Matador supplied with horses. The crew was having dinner one day, north of Wolf Creek point, one of the cowboys saw a loose horse going through the brush. He said "Hey! so & so, you are a foot". The fellow replied "I have been a foot ever since I've been working for this outfit." Buck Waybourn took a big swallow of coffee, strangled and coughed on purpose, hoping the boss heard that crack and hoped the fellow would be fired.

At one time I felt sorry for "Boo" McDonald. He was getting up in years and carrying a lot of "extra baggage." His belly would pound the saddle horn while riding in a lope. The expression on his face showed he was pleading with the drive leader to drop him off. He was the last to be dropped off. The boss finally let up on him and let him travel in a pickup. This did not last long as it got to bothering some of the other help. So the boss told the straw boss to get word to Boo. In doing so he told Boo to bring his saddle the next morning. Boo replied "And my blan-



Harold Campbell

ket and my bridle too!" wanting to be sure he was getting the message. The Matadors finally retired Boo to a more enjoyable job, looking after the Roaring Springs swimming pool which belonged to the Matador Ranch at that time. I was told that Boo found a small hole in the wall between the men and women's dressing room. He entertained himself by watching the ladies change to their bathing suits.

R.C. Jeffers and Harry Hamilton dived into the swimming pool when it had no water in it. It did not seem to hurt either one as they both hit on their heads. I thought the prettiest diver was Gus Bird. He got a lot of spring out of the diving board.

I always enjoyed riding with Henry Merrell as he had a lot of humor. In the latter '50's Wild Horse Warren was looking after cattle on Larkey Camp. When Seth Sager was in charge of the Matador Ranch. He was bragging on Wild Horse to the other help hoping it might inspire them to make as good a hand as Wild Horse. To begin with, Wild Horse was feeding the cattle with a wagon and team of mules. He found a doggie calf about to starve to death. Not having a "pigging string", he removed one of his bridle reins to tie the calf and haul him to camp and fed him on a bottle.

Henry Merrell, like John Stotts had a high pitched voice and this is what he had to say about this story. Looking into outer space he said, "hmm! don't you know that was western."

Sorry folks, I must stop this. Everytime I think of another name, I think of another story. Nearly every cowboy received a nickname of some kind during this period.

Matter of fact, some of them had two and three nicknames. Here's a few that I recall.

- "Wildhorse" Melvin Warren
- "Pony" Clyde Warren
- "Wet Rope" Melvin Dirickson
- "Wish" Noble Dirickson
- "Hollywood" Dick or Hazel Dirickson
- "Peal" Walker Leonard
- "Bush" Ward Rattan
- "Tightwad" Jewel Leslie
- "Filthy" John Stotts
- "Bull" Alvin Durham
- "Slim" G.B. Durham
- "Rip" and "Snakes" Luther Griffin
- "Granny" or "Paducah" Granville Martin
- "Hoggy" Ray Sims
- "Banty" Fred Brandon
- "Booger" Dick Stegall
- "Pelau" Lon Vivian
- "Bobby" Duffy Johnson
- "Shorty" William Hammock
- "Pockets" Marvin Crawford
- "Buzzard" G.T. Bird
- "Virgil" R.C. Jeffers
- "Coon" George Jeffers
- "Blanket" Virgil Leonard
- "Pick" C.W. Cox
- "Puss" T.F. Cox
- "Buster" G.T. Smallwood
- "Charlie McCarthy" Raymond Smallwood
- "Rosie" Wilburn Deaton
- "Shorty", "Tick", "Sister", George Fullgin
- "Woo hi" Don Dobie
- "Stogie" Martin Bumpas
- "Hemp" Bill Hemphill
- "Bigun" Luther Thornton (Florine Hemphill's dad who worked for the Matadors in Croten Breaks in Dickens County)
- "Shorty", C.C. Smauley
- "Buttermilk" Clary
- "Milt" A.M. McGowan
- Anyone who ran the "dope" bucket was "For Baby"
- These were some of the cowboys I remember who did not have a nickname.
- W.O. Cox and his father, Luther Cox
- Jerry Green and his father Mervyn Green
- John Warren
- Q.D. Williams
- Tutt Garnett
- Roy Shepard
- Ellis Key
- Luther Lancaster
- John and Richard Bumpas
- Tom Vivian
- Simon and Joe Hall
- Walker Edwards
- Dick and Johnnie Thelbert Caveat
- Brooks Callaway, pick up and trailer
- Luther Green
- Alfred Ervin
- Blasingame
- Massingale
- Joe Gordon
- Bill McKelvey
- Slim Felts and son Harold and William
- Pete Duard Knight
- Britt McDanile
- Henry Merrell
- These names worked in the late '50's and early '60's.
- Jimmy Jack Fields
- Bundy Hal Campbell
- Guy Campbell
- Charles Payne
- "Little" Ed D. Smith
- Slim Sam Whatley
- Maybe I shouldn't have started calling names as this is only a drop in "the bucket" that worked for the Matadors through the years 20-30-40-50's.

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NOTE: Walker Williams and Tom Sanders wrote a chapter in their book,

called Trail Driving, which mentioned Mr. Sanders' grandpa's experiences, and uncle Bill began it with a poem he wrote:

THE LONELY CROW

The haunting call of a lonely crow flying at tree top height to and fro, speaks volumes to those far and near, to all creatures who have ears to hear. My horse listens with his ears upright, as we hear the crunch of sand so white. That it and the moon are partners now, with the white star on my horse's brow. Squeaking saddle leather mixes in, to make a very strange sounding blend with a nearby old coyote's howl, as he makes his nightly lonely prow. The rough country keeps us in the creek, while the trees get thick and all looks bleak. The crow is silent, but an owl hoots, as we ride by making our salutes. The ranch house and rest is far away, because our work took us far that day. The farthest windmill on the ranch. The steady pace puts me in a trance, and I dream of cowboys long ago and see their chuckwagon's fire aglow, with the boys in bedrolls all asleep. I ride back into time far and deep, and for the first time I feel I'm free. Of all sadness, fear and personal needs. I will accept life wherever it leads. And always remember this night's ride, The night the lonely crow flew and cried.

this beef the government appointed men to contract cattle from managers and ranch owners in Texas. The greater part of these cattle went to Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas as there were many Indians on reservations there, although some of the herd went to the different reservations in the Oklahoma Territory.

"The number of cattle in these herds were usually from two to three thousand head because a herd of more than three thousand is difficult to handle and it is almost impossible to get them all watered. Dry cattle in a herd cause a lot of trouble at night walking through the herd trying to get away. They disturb the other cattle and sometimes cause a stampede. A herd should be watered about noon and given a chance to fill up on grass so they would not give any trouble at night, as long as the weather was fair.

"A trail outfit usually consisted of twelve men: the boss, a cook who also drove the chuckwagon, a horse wrangler whose job was to take care of the horses, and nine cowboys who were assigned to various jobs. Some outfits hobbled their horses at night and other had a man to herd them who was known as the night hawk. In the day time he sometimes went with the horse wrangler, but usually, in order to get more sleep, he rode on the chuckwagon. He could get some sleep at night in warm weather by living on the ground with his bridle reins wrapped around his hand so his horse would wake him by pulling on the reins when the remuda started grazing further away.

"The horses and the chuckwagon always went in front of the cattle. About fifteen miles per day, often less, was the average distance for a trail herd to move. A herd with calves cannot make even 12 miles per day. A herd composed of various ages and both sexes is the easiest to control; a herd of four-year-olds only is the most difficult. At times they moved only in the mornings and at other times they would lay up for a few days if they found plenty of water and good grass. They had to take good care of their cattle and horses as they moved along for it was a long drive from Texas to Montana and the water holes were far apart on the Plains.

"The boss did not spend much time with the herd because he had to ride ahead to find campgrounds, good grass and water. The nine cowboys were enough to handle the herd.

"A trail herd would give some trouble the first few days after starting from the home range, but after five or six days on the trail they would stay together and you could not have lost one if you had wanted to. During those first five or six days the night guards were made up of three men per shift and there were three different changes of the guards during the night so all of the cowboys could get some sleep. After the herd was broken to the trail the guards were cut to two men for each shift which made four shifts instead of three and thus gave the men an hour more sleep. The extra man usually stood last guard. The boss did not usually stand night guard if he had a full crew except on storm nights when the herd was restless and likely to stampede or wander away.

"Sometimes the herd would be moving for several days through a country where there were no range cattle to distract them and with plenty of water and grass, and because of this they should be put on the bed-ground near the wagon. They would begin lying down at sundown and before dark they would all be bedded down. All the men, except for the night guards, would then go to the wagon, stake their night horses, and bed themselves down for the night.

"When a herd is lying down at night they will sometimes start getting up around midnight, turn around a few times, and lie down again. If the men on guard were together in conversation on one side of the herd and the cattle decided to leave the bed ground



BRANDING AT THE MATADORS — Don Dobie on horseback; William Felts, Rosie Deaton, and Dick Stegall (pictured left to right) on calf. Picture was taken in 1940 for a LIFE Magazine article.

Rosie Deaton photo

the guards knew about it immediately as the cattle would always bawl when they started walking off. The only exception to this I know of was one time in New Mexico when I worked for the Bell Ranch. At the site now occupied by the Conchas Dam north of Tucumcari we had a herd of 2500 two-year-old steers. A thunder storm came up at ten o'clock that night while I was on first guard. The boss, Walter Hart, who came to the Bells in 1892 from the MK Ranch of Southwest Texas, came out with the other men to help. It rained some about midnight and got so dark I could not see my hand when held up in front of my face. I was afraid to move for fear of stampeding the cattle who were all lying down the last time I saw them. About midnight I decided to ride around and locate the cattle. While doing so I met a Mexican cowboy, Masimo Chavez, who was riding a white horse, and our horses crossed necks, but neither of us saw the other and sensed each other's presence only by sound. A short while later

I saw the light from the lantern at the wagon and all the men and the boss got to the wagon about the same time I did. The boss said that was the first time he had ever known of a herd of cattle getting away from twelve men and nobody knew when they left or which way they went. When they got up they did not bawl and walked out quietly between us in the dark.

"A lot of things will cause a stampede: a horse shaking with a saddle on, a keen clap of thunder, or a steer that runs out of the herd and has to be turned back on the run. A wolf or a skunk is likely to cause a stampede if one of them starts snooping around a herd. In the early days Indians caused a lot of stampedes in order to steal the cattle. Then in the 1880's after they were on the reservations they caused them so they could be paid for helping round up the herd again.

"John Smith of the Matador Ranch was rated one of the best men who ever drove a herd up the trail. I asked Smith

if he ever had any trouble holding his herd when a storm came up. He said he never doubled his guard and he would go to the herd and tell the two or three men who were on guard that if the cattle stampeded to let them go so they would all be together the next morning. When several men are around a herd at night during a storm when the cattle stampede they will split up and go different directions and be hard to round up the next morning.

"On a trail drive there were rivers to cross at flood stage, violent sandstorms, tornadoes, dry camps with no water even for the cowboys, hot summers with temperatures one hundred and ten degrees or more, prairie rattlesnakes, blue-northern that blew up suddenly in the middle of a warm day, and horses to ride that were not broken properly. In fact, it was a trip beset with dangers and difficulties for a stretch of about 1500 miles.

As a rule the trail outfits from the lower Panhandle and further southeast in Texas would start about April 20th in order to reach their destination so their cattle would have a chance to get fat before the cold winter set in. The first frost up north coated everything with a shining coat of white just about the time the trail drivers were ready to return to Texas and the cattle buyers to the East. The gamblers, pimps, and prostitutes also left to spend the winter in the big cities.

The cattle trails leading out of Texas had several unmarked graves. In the late sixties Charles Goodnight and his partner Oliver Loving were taking a herd of beef steers, which they had sold to the government, to be delivered at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. In order to avoid the hostile Indians on the Texas Plains they traveled west from Palo Pinto County, Texas to the Pecos River below Roswell, New Mexico. While crossing the South Plains of Texas they failed to find water for their cattle, so Loving and another man went ahead to look for water. They were attacked by Indians and succeeded in reaching the Pecos River where they found a sink hole in the river bottom which gave them some protection. Loving was wounded, but they killed two Indians and wounded one or two more. It started raining during the night and the other man got out of the river undected and managed to get back to the herd for help. They took Loving to the army doctor at Fort Sumner where he died in a few days. The Indians were left where they fell.

Goodnight followed this same route with other herds which he drove to Colorado, but always was able to avoid Indians. This route became known as the Loving and Goodnight Trail.

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Throughout the late seventies and up into the early nineties the greater part of the steers raised in Texas were sent to the northern rangers. Most of them were two or three years old when they were sent north because at that age they could live through the cold northern winters with less loss of life than as yearlings. As a general rule they were held on the northern rangers through two winters and shipped to market in the fall when they were four

years old.

"Some of these herds driven out of Texas were contracted to northern buyers who received them at Dodge City, Kansas and then drove them from there to their ranches in the north.

"After the Indians were rounded up and placed on reservations and the hide hunters had almost exterminated the buffalo Uncle Sam had to have beef to feed the Indians. They were strictly meat eaters. In order to obtain

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MOTLEY COUNTY LAWMAN — Clyde Clifton was born September 17, 1919 and lived all his life in Motley County, except for 3 1/2 years that he spent in the Army from May 1942 until December 1945. In 1970 Clyde went into law enforcement, first as night watchman in Roaring Springs, also being deputized. After Sheriff Jinks Wilson was killed he became a full time Deputy in which he served until cancer invaded his life in 1990. Clyde enjoyed his job and really enjoyed the youth. A lot of his nights were spent just visiting with the youth. He always said Motley County had a lot of good young people.

Whiteflat Has Interesting Background

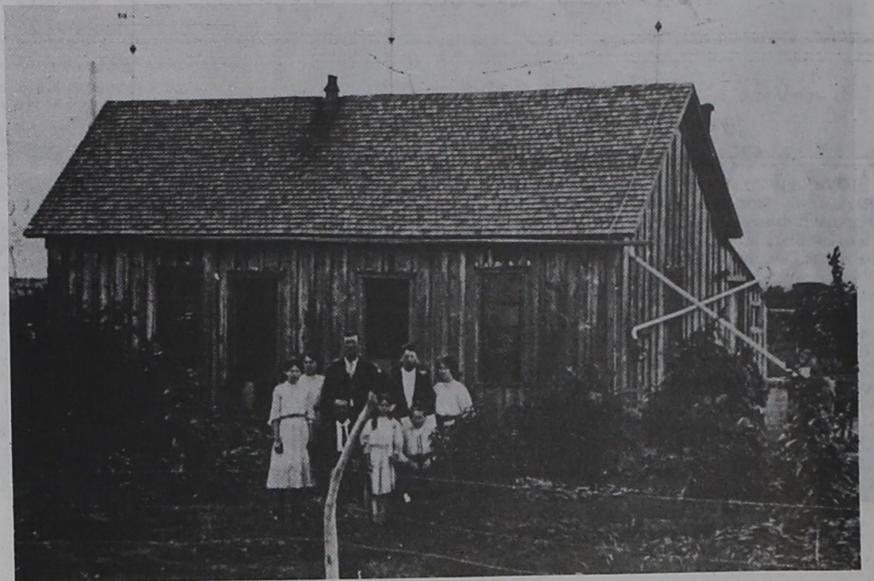
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Whiteflat, so-called because of the tall white needle grass which once covered the prairie; owes its origin to W.R. Tilson, who in 1886, filed on the section of land where it is located. Will Drace was about the next settler, and in 1890 the E.B. Kimbell family settled there. Then herds of deer and antelope abounded on the level terrain, and the hillside west of the Kimbell home was called Antelope Hill.

The year 1892 saw many advancements for the little community. In that year a postoffice was secured, the Baptist Church was organized, and the first school building was erected. Charter members of the church included the A.B. Newmans, A.B. Echols, Mr. and Mrs. William Powers, Hardin Powers, a Mrs. Cole, and others.

First Pupils

W.R. Clark taught the first school, and for several years afterwards. He now lives at Floydada. Some of the



HOME OF THE J.H. Hines family, Whiteflat, early 1900's. A family picture. Seated are J.H. Hines and Mrs. Hines. Standing between the two is Nan, the youngest member. Nan, known as "Hon" to all who knew her. Others from left to right are: Euphema, Clyda, Uncle Bob Davis, Leonard and Letha. An older son Henry is not in the picture. The family moved to Whiteflat from Hill County in the early 1900's. The trip was by covered wagon. Mr. Hines brought with him a small herd of cattle and the family spent the first winter in Motley County living in the "breaks" some place northeast of Whiteflat where they lived in a dugout and wintered their cattle. He then purchased land just to the south of the community of Whiteflat. The home was one of the first family homes in the area and was just across the road from the "town". The home was occupied by the Hines family until the death of J.H. Hines, about 1914. It remained standing in the community until the 1930's. Henry married Minne Martin, Letha and Clyde married Robert and Earl Amick, Euphema married Miller Seals, and Nan "Hon" married Richard Gate.

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Crosbyton Clinic Hospital

CROSBYTON CLINIC HOSPITAL STATISTICS

141 Employees
\$3,000,000 annual payroll (jobs)
\$3,800,000 annual payroll with benefits

99% of employees live, pay taxes and support schools and businesses east of Lubbock. Local schools receive significant dollars to teach employee's children which in turn supports additional local jobs and generates additional city and county tax revenue. Additional jobs create more business and more community support.

Since 1993, over \$2,500,000 of private dollars have been invested into updating hospital medical equipment, facilities, and patient focused services. The hospital plans to expense an additional \$1,200,000 in 1998 to construct and develop an assisted living/senior housing retirement community.

CROSBYTON CLINIC HOSPITAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- * Hospital
- * Clinics (Dr.'s offices in Crosbyton, Spur, Paducah)
- * Possible expansion of Crosbyton hospital clinic network
- * Medical support to Crosbyton, Rails, Spur, Paducah nursing homes
- * E.R. (24 hour a day emergency care)
- * EMS (24 hour a day emergency care)
- * Skilled Nursing Facility (swing bed unit)
- * Regional Home Health Services (seven counties)
- * Regional Home Oxygen/DME (medical equipment)
- * Home I.V. therapy services
- * Regional Pharmacy Services
- * Regional Laboratory Services (pathology)
- * Xray (medical imaging) EEG, EKG, CT, Xray, Holter, etc.
- * R.T. (respiratory therapy)
- * P.T. (physical therapy, rehabilitation)
- * M.S.W. (medical social services)
- * S.T. (speech therapist)
- * O.T. (occupational therapy)
- * Fitness /Wellness Center
- * Provider Services (operational by 11/1/97)
- * Assisted Living Center, Independent senior housing (1/1998)
- * Specialty testing (mammography, doppler studies, CT. Scan)
- * On-site indigent dental services (provided by St. Mary)
- * Specialty Dr. clinics (neurology, ophthalmology, orthopedic) oncology, etc..)
- * Contracted hospice services
- * Phase 11 & 111 cardiac rehabilitation (under consideration)
- * Adult and child day care services (under consideration)
- * On-site gastroenterology services (effective August 1997)
- * Medical oversight of Crosby/Dickens county health dept.
- * Support local TDHS, WIC, SPCA services and numerous federal and state grants which bring dollars into regional communities
- * Medical & ancillary services support of the Dickens County Correction Center

NOTES

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital operates hospital and EMS service at no cost to local tax payers. Most communities subsidize hospital and EMS operations. Crosbyton Clinic Hospital does not receive any local tax dollars.

In response to rapid and potentially adverse changes in the healthcare environment, the hospital has rapidly expanded and diversified its services over the past several years to ensure its ability to meet the diverse health needs of the regional community. The hospital is currently performing well financially and operationally. We are well positioned for the future.

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital will continue to focus on providing high quality, service directed, cost conscious, geriatric oriented primary health care services on a continuum to citizens residing in seven counties East of Lubbock.

Due to our fine doctors, progressive Board of Trustees, excellent employees, dedicated EMS volunteers, supportive communities, and St. Mary hospital support, Crosbyton Clinic Hospital has and will continue to thrive and prosper. We have served the communities for the last 50 years. We will serve the communities for the next 50 years.

However, it is important that the communities continue to support local doctors and the many services provided by the hospital. By supporting local services and the hospital's efforts to expand its services, you help provide local jobs, increase local tax revenue, support local businesses and local schools and help ensure quality medical care for your family and neighbors.

Thank you.

pupils of the first school, who remained in Whiteflat, were J.G. Kimbell, Mrs. Charles Harris, Mrs. M.A. Merrill, Mrs. Wilburn Barton, Mrs. Cal George of Flomot, and John Lizenby of Montgomery.

The first child born at Whiteflat was Lona Kimbell, and the first couple to marry there were Cook Harris and Miss Lizzie Newman.

Dear to the hearts of all old timers is the Motley County Singing Convention, which was organized at Whiteflat in that same year, 1892. Uncle Wood Martin was the first president.

Gaiety and Romance of Ranch Dance Described Mrs. Minnie Harper Recalls Early Party at Matador Ranch

NOTE: This article is from the Aug. 25, 1938 edition of the *Matador Tribune*.

"Swing 'em once an' let 'em go.

All hands round and do si do."

Those rhythmic lines set the beat for many memories of old ranch dances in Motley County. In 1936 Minnie Timms Harper contributed, to the Fort Worth Star Telegram, her reminiscences of a Valentine dance at the Matador Ranch headquarters. She recalled that the dance was given in honor of a Mrs. Hicks, sister of Arthur Ligetwood, manager of the ranch.

W.P. Gilpin, county judge, was the dancing official, and fiddlers included Frank Wilson of Childress and Jeff Morriss of Matador; Roy McClain was one of the dance callers.

Ladies who assisted in preparations, according to Mrs. Harper, were Mrs. Jack Zurick, housekeeper at the White House; Mrs. R.A. Haley, wife of the range boss; Mrs. George Cook, Miss Clara Curry, and Miss Velma Burleson, who later married Rufus Moore.

Mrs. Harper went to the party in a stage coach with Maggie Burleson, Billie McKie and Roy McClain. Some of the people present were Benjamin Harper, her future husband; Mrs. R.A. Bridges, the school teacher, and the Morris twins, Eula and Beulah.

County News In 1900 Has Familiar Ring

NOTE: This article is from the August 25, 1938 issue of the *Matador Tribune*.

Thirty-eight years ago there were still enough people at TeePee Creek to justify a news column. The following is dated March 8th, 1900:

"Dud Beauchamp has purchased a fine stallion."

"Misses Ora and Lena Criswell and Nellie Harris visited Misses Emma Wyatt and Dollie Ford Friday."

"Messrs. Ford, Beauchamp and Turner joined the wagons to Childress this week to haul timber for the new church."

"Bob Turner left for Garza County Thursday."

"J.C. Turner sold his Jack to Mr. Carpenter."

(Signed) "A Wondering Jew" And from Whiteflat came this epistle:

March 8, 1900 — Editor, Maverick:

— As I have seen nothing in your valuable paper for some time from this neck of the woods I thought I would give you a few dots.

"Mr. Jacob Field of Mott Creek was seen on the flat one day this week."

"Mr. Allen Bridges is turning the mother earth on his farm this week preparatory for a big crop."

"W.R. Tilson is on the sick list this week."

"Quite a fire in Van Martin's pasture one day this week."

"Mr. R.A. Haley, one of Motley's most prosperous farmers and stock raisers, is trying his hand building fences this week."

"Mr. John Lisenby is on the sick list this week."

"With best wishes to the Maverick and its Ed.,

Uncle Snort."



Motley County Courthouse, built after the County was organized in 1891 and destroyed by fire in 1893.

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Early Sheriffs Came, Went In Short Order

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It was no cinch being sheriff in the 90's. If a man wasn't thrown out of office, a jealous former sheriff might kill him, or he might resign for one reason or another. In its 47 years the office has had fourteen sheriffs, an average of little over three years for each man. However, Ed Russell held the office the longest, serving from 1910 until 1922.

Joe Becham was elected as first sheriff in 1891. In 1892 he was elected, only to be removed from office in 1893. J.L. Moore was then appointed by the Commissioners Court to fill out the term but later the District Judge declared the appointment illegal, and selected Billy Moses, a dry goods merchant, to finish the term.

The same year, G.W. Cook was elected sheriff, and was later killed by Becham, Frank Harper filled the dead man's shoes, and was succeeded by Bill Cloyd, elected in 1896. Cloyd served two terms, followed in 1900 by T.N. Cammack, who served one term.

Tom Hodges was elected in 1902 and re-elected for a second term later, but resigned in 1905. H.R. Black finished the term out, and was elected to the office in 1906, serving two terms. Then came Ed Russell, with his long

record of service. He was succeeded by Claud Warren, who served from 1922 until 1928, three terms; he was followed by Ed Skinner, who served from 1932 until 1936, when L.A. Carlisle won the office and still has it, having been unopposed in this summer's primary.

Motley County Comings & Goings

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Roxie Lewis is at home after being hospitalized 10 days at Methodist Hospital in Plainview. She is being taken care of by Home Health Care givers.

Visiting Mrs. Lewis in the hospital Sunday were her sister, Mabel Stephenson, her son and wife, Lynn and Sue Stephenson of Amarillo.

Visiting her Saturday were Rev. Gene and Mary Louder of Kress.

Visiting her Monday was Mrs. Leoda Thornton of Plainview. Mrs. Thornton was a pupil of Mrs. Lewis in 1938 at McAdoo.

The B.N. Smallwoods have been at Mrs. Lewis' bedside and are still here visiting Mrs. Lewis.

Linda Evans of Chickasha, OK spent Friday night with her aunt, Odessa Mullins.

Lula Swim visited Roxie Lewis in Methodist Hospital, Plainview, Thursday.

Odessa Mullins spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins in Plainview. Bobby drove his mother to Amarillo Monday morning to Northwest Texas Hospital where Lester Mullins was having shunts put in each side of his kidneys to open blockage. Everything went well and they returned home Monday night and he left the hospital at 10 p.m. to return to his home in Hereford. His wife, Irene accompanied him.

Sybol Brandon returned home from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after being a patient there for heart problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marvel accompanied Jo Scott to Lubbock Tuesday on business.

Matador News

Mrs. L.V. Damron returned home, Thursday from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following pace maker heart surgery. Her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Marie Hirt of Council Grove, Kansas is visiting her during her recuperation.

Mrs. Una Simpson of Northfield suffered a heart attack, Friday and is a patient in the hospital in Childress.

Whiteflat news

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The man who has everything is in some ways a poor man. He will never know what it feels like to yearn, to hope, to dream. He will never know the experience of getting something he has always wanted and never had.

Nickoli is an Agricultural Engineer in Russia. He will be getting data and info on agricultural interests and operations in the area to take back home with him.

Jack Samford of Afton, his sister, Mrs. Myra Weister of Abilene and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Friday until Sunday in Broken Arrow, Okla. in the home of niece, Mrs. Pat Clawson. Joining them to visit was Mrs. Clawson's mother and their sister, Mrs. Nina Barton of Coalinga, Calif.

Visitors from Russia
Guests at a supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn following the Sunday evening Church of Christ services in Matador were Bro. Mike Crowley, pastor, and his houseguests, Nickoli Romanod and Dr. Pavel Shuisky of Birobidzan, Russia.

Mrs. E.D. (Rhea) Lawrence of Matador had cardiovascular surgery Friday, Aug. 22 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. With her during her surgery and hospital was her husband, E.D. and Mrs. Frances Dixon.

Bro. Crowley and Ted Kingery, pastor of Church of Christ in Silverton, returned home recently from Russia where they conducted a month-long ministry.

Nickoli, who will visit here until October 17, came as an interpreter for Dr. Shuisky, who has observed surgical procedures in Seattle, Washington, and the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin met her daughter, Mrs. Nathan (Carol) Gilbreth of Sundown in Lubbock, Tuesday to visit. Mrs. Martin had a medical check-up.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

THUNDERSTORMS DOWN POWER LINES

A late afternoon thunderstorm, Monday, Aug. 18 blew down power lines and poles and Flomot residents suffered an electrical outage for over 12 hours. Mrs. Tommie Cruse officially registered 1.80 of rain. Lights flickered briefly in Whiteflat and 0.20 to 1.00 inch of moisture was reported. On this date, Wilson Barton, NE of Whiteflat, reported for month of August, he has had 10.30 inches of rain!

Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin returned home Monday from a nine day visit in Lubbock with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin. Mr. Martin is the contractor of a railroad job and he and Mrs. Martin have moved from Quitaque to Lubbock until the work is completed. Sylvia Lee also visited grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Martin and Seth. When attending church services in Levelland, she visited former Flomot residents, Mrs. Raymond Gunn and Mrs. Beatrice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and son, Glen Calvert attended a farewell party for their grandson, Keith Cook of Lubbock held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and family. Keith is moving to New Orleans, Louisiana to continue his college education.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Sunday were Mrs. Jan Whittier of Arlington, Virginia, Mrs. Dorothy Carson of Olton and Mrs. Gloria Mendoza of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss. Mr. Gilbert is in Dallas this week for medical tests and is scheduled for brain surgery, Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador was a guest, Sunday in the home of daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick. They celebrated Leah's birthday.

Tommy Merritt of Lamesa visited overnight Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay. He visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson before returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Lubbock, Thursday and had lunch at the Carillon with H.G. Hunter. They also visited Mrs. Anita Carter.

Mrs. Kevin (Keri) Sehon of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and attended the wedding of Heather Turner in Matador Saturday evening. Mrs. Dwain (Christi) Milam of Petersburg visited the family, Saturday and attending the wedding and the baby shower of Mrs. Tonya Price in Matador.

Joe Edd Helms was elected president at the recent Gasoline Homecoming. They voted to hold the next reunion the first Sunday in August, 2000. Over 70 registered at the festivities.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink and Kyler of Lubbock. The Kleibrink family is moving to Clifton this week and Mr. and Mrs. Clay are helping them with the transition.

Mrs. Dianne Washington visited in Roaring Springs Monday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Jo Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her a medical check-up. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Zelma Dean Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid. En route home, they visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and their granddaughter, Robin Starling, who was recently hospitalized.

Mrs. Kenneth (Anita) Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. and sister, Mrs. Edwina Martin of Missouri were in Flomot, Thursday attending to business and visited Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Their mother, Mrs. Eva Tooley of Plainview, who is 101 years old, decided she shouldn't drive her car anymore, after driving up on the curb recently. She has moved to Missouri to live with Edwina and family.

Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Turkey, Friday morning with Mrs. Bernice Bond. Mr. Hunter visited Harold Ham. Mrs. Melba Jo Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were in Floydada Friday afternoon for medical appointments and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Speer before returning home.

Tom Ross attended the Margaret Community Reunion held in Crowell, Saturday. He was in Lubbock during the week for medical appointments and visited daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley.

Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Athens, Georgia were accompanied to Lubbock, Monday by their father, Donnie Rogers and they explained home after visiting their summer holiday here.

Reception to Honor Dr. Dale Rhoades

Dr. Dale Rhoades, medical director of the Crosbyton Hospital, will be honored by the hospital staff, members of the community and the area, friends, colleagues and associates for 50 years of service to the community.

The reception will be held September 14 from 2 until 5 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Auditorium in Crosbyton. Area residents are invited to join the hospital in saluting Doctor Rhoades for his long and outstanding contributions to the health and welfare of families throughout this area and across the South Plains.

pushing them slowly northward about 12 to 15 miles per day as they grazed. Smith never pushed his herds fast and always had cattle at the end of the trail that were fatter than average. Finally, for supper one night there were only 18 beans for each man. Buck Beckam, one of the cowboys, looked at a plate being saved for Walter Gates, the horse wrangler, and said, 'Hell, that's too much for any man,' and then ate half of the 18 beans.

"After five days had elapsed Smith returned and checked on the herd before seeing the men. Gates saw him and drove his remuda of horses behind the herd. Smith rode over to bawl him out and order him to take the horses in front of the herd where they belonged. Gates had taken the precaution of getting his old six-shooter, which was held together with about half of a spool of thread and loaded with only one cartridge that he had been able to find at the chuckwagon. When Smith started in chewing him out Gates waved his six-shooter in Smith's face and told him what he thought of him and the hardships he had caused the men. Then he holstered his pistol and drove the horse in front of the herd.

"On August 6 the steers arrived at Middle Creek, South Dakota; in 73 days they had traveled over 800 miles. This was the last long trail drive by the Matadors.

Trail Drive

from page 11

In 1880 George Walker drove the first trail herd north for the Matadors. They had originally started for Arizona, but drove into a drouth area and changed their route to the northeast. Walker later became the first person to die on the Matador Ranch. He died late in 1880 at the funeral Henry H. Campbell, ranch manager, read from the Bible and Mrs. Campbell led the singing. He was buried at the ranch headquarters.

My uncle Tom Elliott, Walter Gates, and John Smith told me about an incident on a trail drive the Matadors made in 1893. Smith was in charge of a herd of 2,068 steers that were being taken from the White Deer pasture to South Dakota. While passing through Colorado they were met by a farmer at his irrigation ditch and told they could not cross it. Smith, a big man weighing nearly 200 pounds, said, "you just watch me," and proceeded to drive the cattle across. The next day Smith went into a nearby town for provisions because they were getting very low and was promptly arrested by the sheriff and kept in jail four days. Meanwhile, the men with the herd kept

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Farm & Ranch News

TRI-COUNTY PEANUT FIELD DAY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

The annual Tri-County Peanut Field Day will be held on Tuesday, September 9. The Field Day is sponsored by the Agriculture Committees in Motley, Hall and Briscoe Counties, in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. There will be three (3) hours of CEU's offered to anyone needing recertification hours for private, noncommercial or commercial applicators license.

The Field Day will start at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9th at the Valley Peanut Growers in Turkey. After registration and introduction of sponsors and special guests, the group will visit the weather station and then

travel to various peanut result demonstrations being conducted in the area. Throughout the tour, Extension and Research Specialists will discuss various topics related to peanut production.

Guest speakers for this years Field Day include Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist - Stephenville; Dr. Robert Lemon, Extension Peanut Specialist Statewide - College Station; Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist - Vernon; Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist - Vernon; and Dr. Mike Shubert, Peanut Research Agronomist - Lubbock.

Lunch will be served at the Qui-

taque Community Center and catered by Roy's Sportsman Club. The Rolling Plains Production Credit will sponsor the meal for the Field Day.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 5th if you plan to attend. For further information or to R.S.V.P., contact Michael Lee - Motley County Extension Agent at 347-2733, Brad Schnitker - Hall County Extension Agent at 259-3015, or Pammy Milligan - Briscoe County Extension Agent at 823-2131.

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FSA NEWS

by Billy Wayne Denison
County Executive Director

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The County FSA Committee election will be held on Dec. 5, 1997. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice by petition. Blank petitions (FSA-669A-s) may be obtained at the County FSA Office. Each petition submitted must be:

- limited to 1 nominee
- signed by at least 3 eligible voters within the candidates Local Administrative Area (LAA)
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than October 27, 1997.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch, including landowners only, and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer/rancher is eligible to be a County FSA Committee

member if the farmer/rancher resides in the county, has farming/ranching interest in the LAA, and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Also, office holders in partisan elections are not eligible to serve as Committee persons while holding office. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of conditions in the county
- recommending needed changes in farm programs

- participating in county meetings as necessary
- selecting, replacing, and as necessary, removing the County Executive Director.
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

This program or activity will be conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability.



Dove Season Opens September 1

efficient aphid control. TDA estimates that without the use of Furadan to control aphids, Texan cotton producers face potential losses of 40 million dollars.

"TDA and the Texas cotton industry have addressed every concern EPA has had regarding the use of Furadan," Perry said. "EPA still fails to recognize that by denying its use, Texas cotton producers would be forced to use more applications of less effective pesticides for aphid control."

To meet concerns expressed by EPA in its original Section 18 denial, TDA and the Texas cotton industry have taken additional steps to ensure the safe use of Furadan.

These steps include: separating cotton gin trash at the gin; prohibiting the feeding of gin trash from Furadan-treated fields to livestock; allowing the use of carbofuran only in areas where the EPA threshold of 0 or more aphids per leaf occurs; and requesting the manufacturer of Furadan to address mixing, training and field re-entry intervals on its label requirement.

Perry reminds applicators or anyone applying Furadan that they must have a copy of approved 24 (c) label in their possession.

At press time, EPA had not yet responded to TDA's statement. However, TDA anticipate a reply at any time.



Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry issued a Section 24 (c) Special Local Need label for Furadan 4F control of cotton aphids.

The 24 (c) label, effective for 90 days under provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), may be limited to a 10 day application window if revoked by the Environmental Protection Agency. The 10 day window would allow producers who purchased Furadan 4F time to apply the product they have on hand.

Several restrictions are included with the 24 (c) label including the prohibition of feeding gin trash from Furadan treated fields to livestock. Gin trash from Furadan treated fields should be separated at the gin.

Growers applying Furadan are required to possess a copy of the Section 24 (c) label. Copies of the label can be obtained from chemical dealers, the Texas Department of Agriculture of Plains Cotton Growers.

Projections of supply and off-take for the 1997-98 marketing year indicate a total supply of 21.9 million bales. The supply figure is based on estimated 1997-98 production of 17.78 million bales being added to 4.1 mil-

lion bales carried over from 1996.

USDA projections call for negligible raw cotton imports in 1997. Recent clarifications of Step 3 provisions by the USDA have alleviated some industry concerns about the transition from old crop to new crop prices under the competitiveness provisions of the last Farm Bill.

Projected offtake for the 1997-98 marketing year is 18.1 million bales, 11 million bales going to domestic consumption and 6.8 million bales entering export markets.

The August crop estimate released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates that 13.655 million acres of Upland cotton were planted in 1997. Texas plantings for 1997 were estimated at 5.6 million acres. Yield expectations have declined slightly over the past month and US production is estimated at 17.229 million bales. Texas is pegged to produce 5 million bales in 1997.

If the August estimates hold up, the Texas High Plains is on pace to produce 60 percent of the Texas crop or close to 3 million bales.

The table below shows the U.S. Supply/Offtake figures for 1995-96, estimated figures for 1996-97, and the 1997-98 supply/offtake projection.

U.S. Cotton Supply/Offtake
(Thousand 480-Pound Bales)

	1995-96	1996-97†	1997-98††
Beginning Stocks	2,650	2,610	4,100
Production	17,900	18,940	17,780
Imports	410	410	30
Supply	20,960	21,960	21,910
Domestic Mill Use	10,650	10,850	11,000
Exports	7,680	7,000	7,100
Offtake	18,320	17,850	18,100
Unaccounted for	30	10	10
Ending Stocks	2,610	4,100	3,800
Stocks-to-Use Ratio	14.2%	23.0%	21.0%

Source: USDA and National Cotton Council
† = USDA August estimate
†† = USDA August projection

The table below shows preliminary figures for marketings and prices received by farmers for upland cotton during the first half of the 1997 calendar year.

Preliminary Marketings and Prices Received Through June 1997

	Marketings (1000) bales	
	Monthly	Cumul.
January	2,713	2,713
February	1,551	4,264
March	891	5,155
April	448	5,603
May	531	6,134
June	519	6,653

Source: NASS, USDA

Weighted Ave. Prices (cents/lb.)

Monthly	Weighted
67.80	67.80
68.20	67.95
69.40	68.20
67.30	68.13
68.10	68.12
66.80	68.02

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Top 10 sun-safety tips

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- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays and has a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or greater, even on cloudy days.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, especially if you're swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing. Dark colors give more protection.
- Wear a 4-inch-wide broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses with UV protective lenses even when walking short distances.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- Avoid reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.
- Protect children by keeping them out of the sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Apply sunscreens, beginning at six months of age.
- Avoid sunlamps, tanning beds and tanning parlors.
- Listen to the UV Index reports. Take special care when exposure levels are 5 - 10+.

THE CORNERPOST

An Update Sponsored by Motley County Farm Bureau

TDA Allows Use of Furdan for Cotton Producers to Control Aphid Population

Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry has issued a Section 24 (c) to allow Texas producers immediate use of flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F) on cotton to control all aphids. The decision comes after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency denied a request from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to grant an emergency Section 18 exemption.

Section 24(c), under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, allows states to register an additional use of a federally registered

product. In this case the 24(c) allows Texas cotton producers to use Furadan as a foliar application in addition to an "at planting" application as labeled.

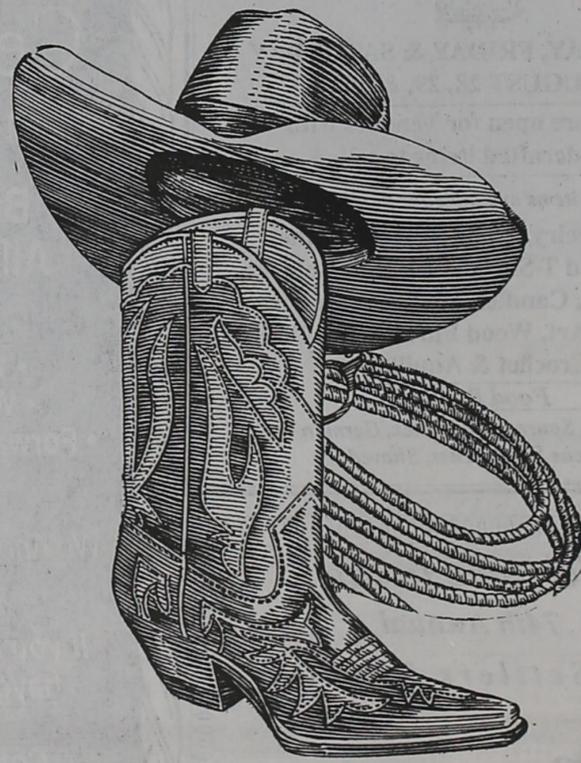
"Texas cotton producers need help now," Perry said. "The hardworking men and women in our cotton industry can no longer afford to wait for Washington to decide what's best for Texas. True to form, EPA is more concerned with bureaucratic process than cotton production."

TDA has been working with EPA since May, stressing the importance of

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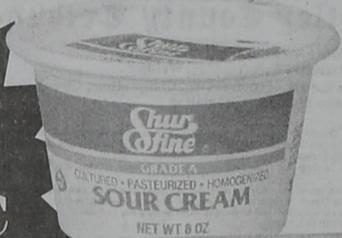
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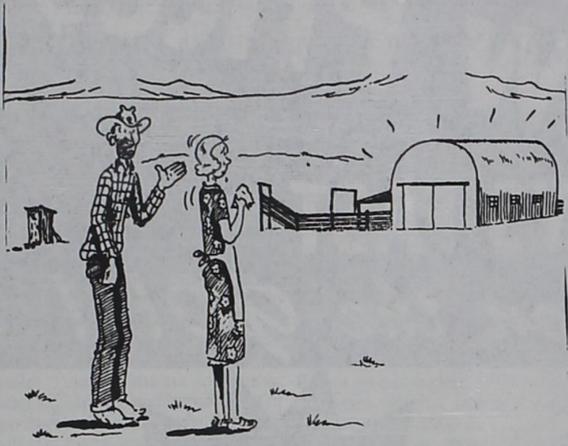
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