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The 86th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo set for August 27-29



"Gilbert on the Whoa"

Photo by Ken Young

The 86th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settler Reunion and Rodeo will kick off Thursday, August 27, 2009, in Roaring Springs at 10:00 a.m. with the annual parade in downtown Roaring Springs. All businesses and individuals are encouraged to decorate a float and join the parade route.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle on the rodeo grounds. A business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. On Thursday, August 28, there is free admission all day, including a dance from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Motley-Dickens Counties Arena Events will open books at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. Events begin at 5:00 p.m. Events include Cutting, a Flag Race for six years and under; and seven years to 12-years; and Open Barrel Race, Junior Team

Roping (18 years and under); and Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping.

The Old Folks Dance starring Mike Porter and Friends will begin at 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. All dances are free.

On Friday and Saturday, general admission to the grounds is \$5.00, with free admission for ages 12 and under.

Books open for the Friday events at 8:00 a.m. and competition begins at 9:00 a.m. The RHAA Ranch Horse Competition will consist of Cowboy Class, Ranch Hand Class, Junior Class Senior Class, and Youth Class.

Friday and Saturday events also include a Junior Flag Race that commences during the rodeo. This race is for 12 years and younger.

The WRCA Sanctioned Invitational Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Sat-

urday will begin at 7:00 p.m. Events include bronc riding, wild cow milking, team doctoring, calf branding, and team sorting. Teams consist of 4- to 6-members.

The Friday night dance beginning at 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. will feature Kevin Rainwater and the Blue Denim Band. The Cowboy Church Band will perform on the Slab Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Team Knot Tying begins, with 3-member team's competition. A Washer Pitch Contest will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Porky the Clown's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo will be featured on Saturday with Stick Horse Relays for kids from 3- to 5:00 p.m.; the Pony Express Ranch, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking, and Calf Branding. Age divisions

include 3- to 7-years; 8- to 11-years; and 12- to 16-years. Pre-entry and practice begins at 9:30 a.m.

Kid's Snapping Turtle Races will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Age divisions include 0- to 4-years; 5- to 9-years; and 10- to 14-years.

During Saturday night's ranch rodeo, the Crowning of the Queen and a drawing for spurs, handmade by Matt Humphreys, will be conducted.

The Saturday Night Dance begins at 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., featuring Cadillac Jack.

Other community events include the 9th Annual Beans and Cornbread Fundraiser Luncheon on Friday, August 28, at the Motley County Library in Matador from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. County and City elected officials will be serving.

Chamber Saturday Night Celebration beats the heat

By Carol Campbell

With temperatures soaring at 98 degrees in the shade, the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Foothills Saturday Night Summer Celebration in downtown Matador last Saturday beat the heat with music, food, booths, dancing in the streets, and door prizes.

Entrepreneurs and merchants set up 17 booths, which lined the sidewalk on Main Street from the Matador Variety Store north to Dundee Street, selling goods from burritos to birdhouses. More than 250 guests attended the function, enjoying \$5.00 hamburgers with all the trimmings, courtesy of the Chamber, with Seab Washington and Bobbie Brown on the grill. Other food venues included brisket wraps, baked goods, and cold drinks.

Entertainment included local talent Aaron Woodruff with a cowboy comedy routine: ("You know you are a redneck when ...); and singers Chloe and Dode Gleghorn,

and Sage Guerrero didn't miss a beat with "Our Song," by country-western teen idol Taylor Swift. The multi-talented school superintendent, Dr. Andrew Seigrist, brought it home with an old Jim Croce song from the late '60s, "Don't Mess with Jim." Backup for the local singers were a talented quartet from Fort Worth, including native son Max Barton.

A stage was set in front of the flower shop, facing west toward Hotel Matador. Resident's unfolded lawn chairs on the asphalt, braved the heat, and waited in long lines for burgers. At 7:00 p.m. when the street was in full shade from U.S. 70 to Dundee, the audience was invited to Reminiscence with Flashback, a quartet from the Fort Worth area that performed with perfect four-part harmony for three and one-half hours. Singers were Tracey Howard, Glen Uguharat, Jay Hubbard, and Max Barton. CDs featuring the group were for sale.

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Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

The Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo that takes place this weekend is a good opportunity to reflect on the history that is all around us. The people who settled the plains areas in the early 20th century had to be tough and resourceful individuals.

First of all, they had to survive childhood. There were illnesses like hooping cough and diphtheria which hardly anyone knows about these days. If a person survived to age 18 without contracting small pox or sometimes deadly flu viruses, they then had to face hard times, hard work, and hard weather. A simple sickness could put you in a situation where even if a doctor was available to treat you, the medicines that we now take for granted were not available to alleviate your symptoms or save your life.

Then there was the hard

work and the possibility of injury. All homesteading activities had an element of danger and any task had a risk of injured fingers or broken bones. I once knew a man who grew up in the early 1900's and said he "plumb hated horses" when I told him I wanted to learn about draft horses. In 1966 he told me stories about being stepped on and the "runaway" lanes on the roads between towns in California.

The pictures you have in your family collections of serene or stern folks in 1910 don't show the hard times and work loads that those people in those posed photographs endured. All the stories of the hard work and hard weather are told in casual conversations that become our family histories. The oral history that we translate and transcribe can be our connection to the past and give us hope for the future.

By Laverne Zabielski

There is no doubt that everyone had a great time in Matador last Saturday night. Just like the old days when we came to visit grandmother and granddady Tilson in Whiteflat and came to Matador on Saturday night.

Deanie Edwards writes, "Laverne, isn't it wonderful that Motley County has such musically talented people. We are very blessed that they

share their talents with all of us. The Chamber Fiesta was a big success and I think all of us really enjoyed the Music of the evening. Brought back lots of memories of days gone by. It reminded me of going to town on Saturday nights when I was in school and all the people met on the square for visiting. Saturday nights were a big deal then."

Let's do it again next year, Chamber!

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Rural America

By Monta Marshall

Like tiny gems set into the Rolling Plains of West Texas, little towns and communities give stirring glimpses of the past. There is something special about rural America where ties run so deep and beckon so many back to their roots!

Occasionally we need to step off the fast track -- to just be joyous, forgetting deadlines, stressful work places, long "to-do" lists, or measuring up to whatever goals we have set and allowed ourselves to strive for so urgently. This is the true essence of rural America.

The first time I ever saw Roaring Springs, I was about 23-years-old. We came with friends who had been transplanted to Plainview from McAdoo. As we drove off the Cap Rock from Dougherty on a hot summer day, it was a different world for this Plains-dwelling girl. It seemed I had stepped back into yesteryear -- little houses with flowers blooming in the yards, and a small white church, complete with a steeple. I do remember thinking I would like to live in this peaceful and restful place someday. But there wasn't much time for wishing. We were on our way to the swimming pool! At the pool my thoughts were of getting up the nerve to jump into water that must have been at least 35 degrees colder than the sunshine on our backs.

Since then, I have become a citizen of Motley County and Roaring Springs. While it may be dull to some, I love the quietness. In Roaring Springs you belong. You have a set of friends; freedom to be and let be. It may seem like nothing ever happens in Motley County, but to me it is abuzz with the good things of life. Knowing your neighbors, good or bad; good churches; a good school, knowing the kind of people here would be there for you in an instant if you needed them. Knowing that folks will celebrate the good times and mourn with you over the bad times, which is one of the bonuses of knowing everyone.

Sometimes we think it would be fun to do what we like without anyone knowing us well enough to criticize our actions; to be anonymous. But all of us need to be accountable to someone; preferably someone who knows and likes us or fancy even loving us.

Living away from the city you can see the stars; hear the birds

happily building their nests, or the mockingbirds imitating anything they choose. You can hear the coyotes mournfully putting fear into the smaller creatures, and advertising their loneliness on the prairie 'broad band'; or

valuable!

Not the least interesting facet of rural America is the people. Perhaps they aren't that much different from other folks, but in rural America you know your neighbors. Some make sure

also excited about sharing their fascinating and unusual experiences with me.

One of the meeting places is the filling station in Roaring Springs. Russell Alexander told me these anecdotes. He said "some well meaning advisors" told him he would never "fit in" in Roaring Springs since he was a newcomer and not a hometown boy when he bought Jack Davis' station. He said he was told that folks here just didn't accept new people very well. Russell has run Alexander Fuel and Service successfully for about 20 years now.

The first few years in business there were about five old-timers he could "set his clock by," he said. They would be at his station at 3:00 p.m. sharp to sit around on the old bus station seats that were furnished just for that purpose. The most regular of the "old fellers" were Polk Cooper; Brown Henson; Bob Cooper, Elmer Hipp and Buck Marshall. Russell became very fond of the senior guys. He said they told the same stories over and over and

foxes making their half bark and half laugh sound. The wild tur-

you know them very quickly and with others you glean little

he pretty well memorized a few of them. Russell said it was kind of like an old-time movie; that is, if you missed part of it they would be back the next day and he would catch what he missed as he was in and out waiting on customers, changing oil or fixing flats.

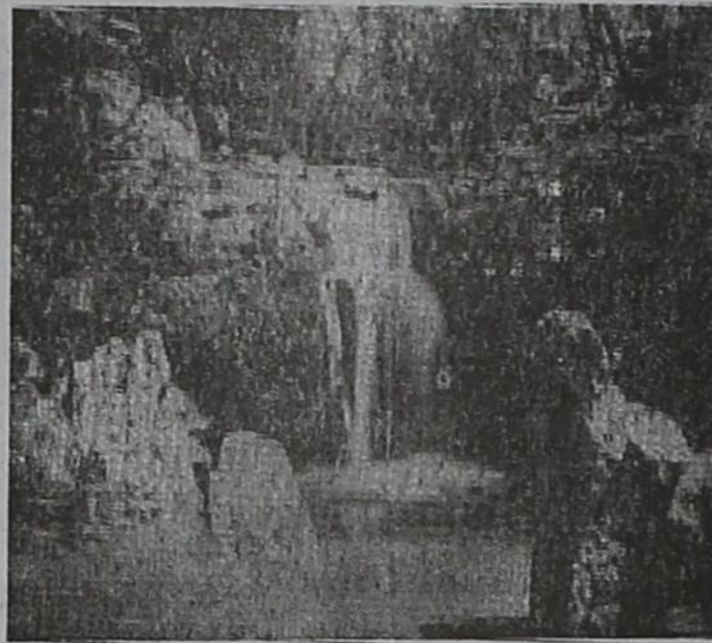
Elmer Hipp became an exceptionally close friend of Russell's. He loved to tell early-day stories of how he and Ruby (Mrs. Hipp) came to Roaring Springs working on the new railway,

the Acme, Quanah and Pacific or QA&P. In 1912-13 the QA&P was laying tracks across Motley County from Cottle to Floyd Counties. Elmer had great respect of his wife and "he pretty well tried not to do anything to get her dander up," Russell said. Elmer loved wrestling and watched on TV when Ruby allowed it. Russell asked him if he thought it would be okay with Ruby for him to take him to a wrestling match. The Fabulous Free Birds were going to wrestle Meaner-than-a-Junk-Yard-Dog. Well, Elmer came in all

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Roaring Springs Agricultural Land

MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS



ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS

60,000 Acres of the Matador Ranch Land on the Market to Actual Settlers.



Townsite sale

keys enjoy bragging to each other over the largest grasshopper and then chortling over the events of the day as they settle on the largest mesquite branch available to roost. The busybody squirrels chatter and scold the blue jays and barn cats makes you wonder what all the fuss is about. Did you ever hear a screech owl? Maybe it was a cougar, deep into the night raising the hackles on my neck. There are definitely tracks seen from time to time. A person may go out and sit on a stump and contemplate the past or even the future without being disturbed. To me that is

bits at a time, really discovering remarkable character traits and talents you never suspected. Small town America is where you hear really funny stories about real people. There are several gathering places in Roaring Springs to hear such tales ... some true and others that were true to start out with but have been embroidered here and there along the years. Here are a few about old timers. They aren't slanderous for they told them on themselves to entertain the other old guys sitting around whittling and passing the time of day. A few younger people were

are many, many people that cannot buy health insurance at any price. (13) There are no changes being considered for Medicare. Medicare includes people age 65 or older, others under 65 with certain disabilities, and those at any age with End-Stage Renal Disease. (14) The cost of health insurance premiums has doubled in the last ten years and has escalated at a much higher rate than income has. (15) The United States is ranked 32nd in the world in the quality of health care rendered. However there are pockets of medicine such as cardiovascular surgery, cardiac care and ophthalmology where we lead the world. If you notice, the people who come from overseas to get these services are Sheiks and others of considerable wealth. (16) Currently, there is no health reform bill which so much misinformation

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Opinion Editorial

I believe, health care is one of the biggest problems facing America today. There are a lot of entities using scare tactics, misinformation and hyperbole about reforming health care which has led to a lot of irrational fears and rage. These emotions interfere with meaningful dialogue. Businesses with a pecuniary interest are using these tactics as a diversion so that the true issues won't be discussed. I certainly do not expect you to take my word for the statistics that I have listed below. My sources include Harvard University, U.S. government archives and documents, The Center for Public Policy Priorities, The Urban Institute of Research, and many others.

Some of the information I have found in my research is: (1) There are 45 million uninsured Americans and the number is growing daily. (2) 25 million

Americans spend more than 10% of their income on out of pocket medical costs. (3) There are over 100,000 bankruptcies every year because of overwhelming medical expenses. In 2007 over 60% of all bankruptcies were for medical reasons. (4) Most medical bankruptcies are of middle class homeowners who have been to college and have responsible jobs. (5) State law requires counties to provide care only to those deemed indigent, defined as people who earn less than 21% of the Federal poverty line, or \$2,274 a year for a single adult and \$4,630 for a family of four. (6) One in four Texans are uninsured giving us the highest uninsured rate in the country. (7) Some health insurance policies are written for only a six month period. If you acquire a medical condition during that period, such as a need for dialysis, this will then be con-

sidered a pre-existing condition when you reapply for insurance for the next six months and your dialysis will not be covered under the new policy. (This is one of the primary concerns in Health Care Reform which seems to have bipartisan support.) (8) While it is true that medical care is generally not denied at an emergency room, it is certainly an inappropriate use for non-emergencies. It is also the absolute most expensive way to treat conditions that could or should be treated in a doctor's office or clinic. (9) There is a shortage of 16,000 primary care physicians in the U.S. Doctors going into the specialties earn more than primary care docs. (10) 25 million Americans are under insured. (11) Administrative costs of the insurance companies are extremely high and many of their CEOs make as much as \$30,000,000 a year. (12) There

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Roaring Springs, Texas
AUGUST 27, 28, & 29, 2009

THURSDAY

FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY
PARADE - 10:00 A.M.
MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.
BUSINESS MEETING - 1:00 P.M.
FREE DANCE - 4:00-6:00 P.M.

MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS

Books Open at 4:30 P.M.
Events Begin at 5:00 P.M.

CUTTING

Entry Fee \$70 (Stock Charge \$30)
RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER

FLAG RACE

6 Years & Under - Free
7 Years to 12 Years - Free
(As of That Day)

RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNERS

OPEN AGE BARREL RACE

Entry Fee \$15 (Office Charge \$5)
RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER

JUNIOR TEAM ROPING

18 Years & Under
Entry Fee \$10 per Team
RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER

MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES TEAM ROPING

Entry Fee \$60 (Stock Charge \$25)
Draw Pot - Draw 4 Partners
3 Hd - Progressive After 1
Top 12 Back for Short Go
RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNERS

OLD FOLK'S DANCE

MIKE PORTER & FRIENDS
Thursday - 4:00-6:00 P.M. / 8:00-11:00 P.M.
Friday & Saturday - 5:00 - 8:30 P.M.
ALL DANCES ARE FREE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

General Admission \$5
Free Admission 12 & Under

FRIDAY

RHAA RANCH HORSE COMPETITION

Books Open at 8:00 A.M.
Competition Starts at 9:00 A.M.

COWBOY CLASS \$100 Entry Fee
\$40 Stock Charge

RANCH HAND CLASS \$100 Entry Fee
\$40 Stock Charge

JUNIOR CLASS \$100 Entry Fee
\$40 Stock Charge

SENIOR CLASS \$100 Entry Fee
\$40 Stock Charge

YOUTH CLASS \$40 Entry Fee
\$20 Stock Charge

18 Years and Under (As of Day of Competition)

RANGER BUCKLE SETS TO CLASS WINNERS

JR. FLAG RACE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - DURING RODEO
12 Years Old & Under (As of That Day)

Entry Fee \$10 (Stock Charge \$10)

RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER

WRCA SANCTIONED INVITATIONAL RANCH RODEO

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
7:00 P.M.

BRONC RIDING

WILD COW MILKING

TEAM DOCTORING

CALF BRANDING

TEAM SORTING

Team of 4-6 members

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BITS TO TOP HAND & TOP HORSE WINNERS

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9:00 TIL 1:00

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COWBOY CHURCH BAND

Friday & Saturday - 6:00 P.M.

On Slab

Ron & Marianne Brunson

SATURDAY

8:00 P.M.
TEAM KNOT TYING
(3 MEMBER TEAM) -- 3 HEAD AVERAGE
May Enter 2 Times (Cannot be
Entered With Same Partners Twice)

3 LOOPS ALLOWED
2 Full Rounds & Short Round

\$75 per Team Entry Fee
\$25 Stock Charge

RANGER BELT BUCKLE SET TO AVERAGE WINNERS

WASHER PITCH CONTEST

1:00 P.M. - SATURDAY

BELT BUCKLES TO WINNERS

POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO

STICK HORSE RELAYS FOR KIDS
Saturday Only -- 3:00-5:00 P.M.

PONY EXPRESS RACE -- STEER DOCTORING
WILD COW MILKING -- CALF BRANDING

3 AGE DIVISIONS:

3-7 yrs. 8-11 yrs. 12-16 yrs.

Entry Fee per Team: \$20

Pre-entry & Practice 9:30 A.M.

THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS
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KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES

3:00 P.M. - SATURDAY

\$50 TO WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION

0-4 yrs. 5-9 yrs. 10-14 yrs.

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During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo:

CROWNING OF QUEEN

and

DRAWING FOR SPURS

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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

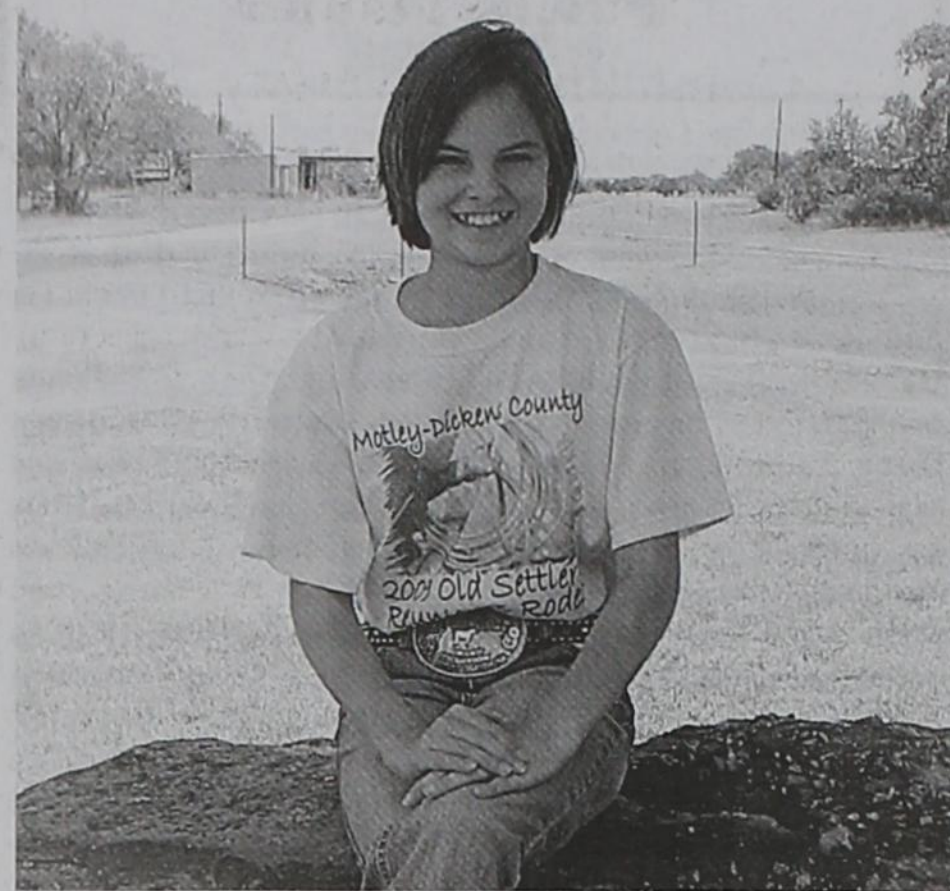
9:00 TIL 1:00

CADILLAC JACK

CHARLIE CARTER FOOD

CONCESSIONS ON GROUNDS

2009 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen Candidate



Chloe Gleghorn is 10 years old and lives in Matador, TX. She is the daughter of Tommy and Kim Gleghorn. Chloe is an active member of 4-H in which she participates in Clothing and Textile, Food and Nutrition, and shows steers. She enjoys singing and is a member of the First Baptist Church Choir in Roaring Springs. She also plays the piano and enjoys riding horses.



Jacy Cabler is the 12 year old daughter of Jeremy and Jody Cabler of Spur. She is the granddaughter of Darl and Ann Walker of Crosbyton, John and Sally Barber of Purcell, OK, and Earl and Debbie Cabler of Memphis, TX. She has one brother, Jett Cabler. Jacy is a 7th grader at Spur Middle School where she participates in 4-H, cheerleading, cross country, basketball, and track. Jacy also participates in the Dickens County 4-H and Cottle County 4-H Horse Clubs. This fall Jacy is going to begin TWJHD-Region 1 rodeos. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Spur. Her future plans include going to college on academic and rodeo scholarships.

THANK YOU!

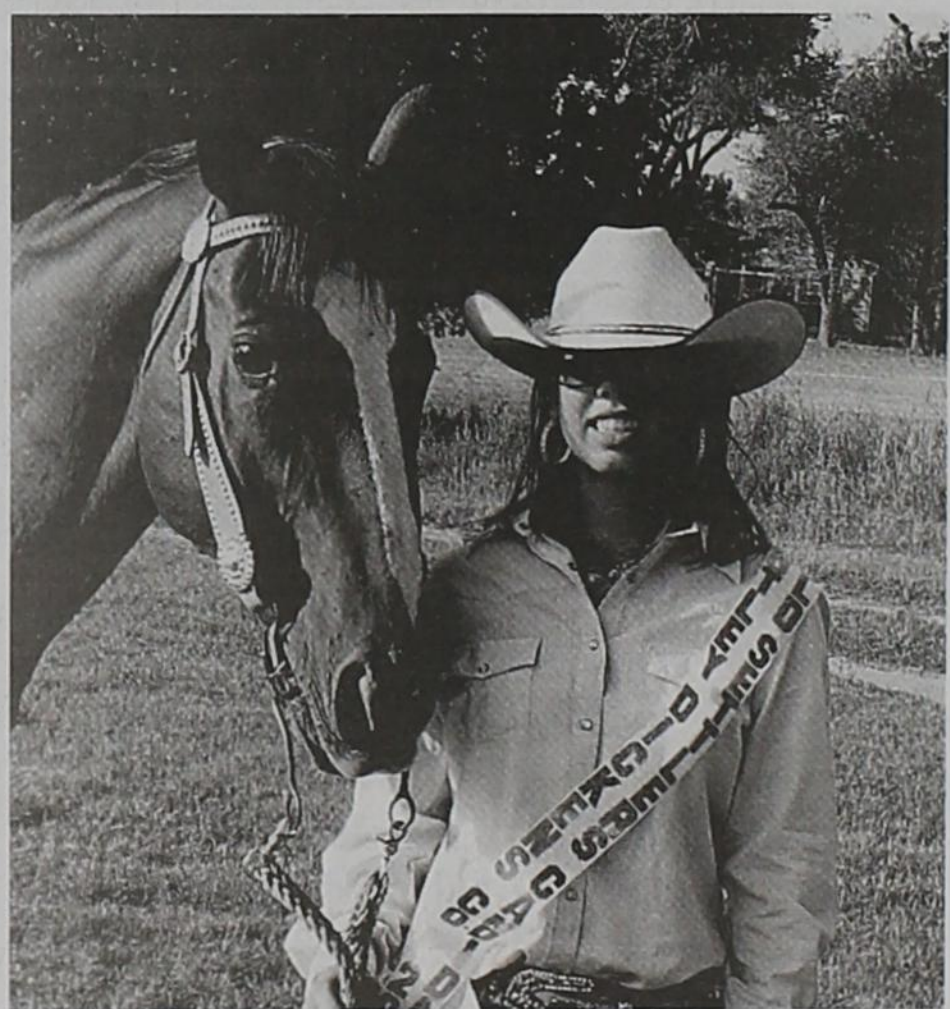
The Motley County ISD, School Board, Administration, Teachers, Staff and Students would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the City of Matador, the city employees, and the employees of the Texas Department of Transportation for the wonderful work you did for our parking lot at the school.

It looks fantastic!

We are so grateful and wanted to say "thank you" to everyone who participated and helped with this project.

We appreciate you so very much!

2008-09 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen



Crowned 2008-09 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen Jordan Garvin is the 15 year old daughter of Ray and Karen Fabus of Spur, and the granddaughter of Betty Heatley of Lubbock, Bill and Kay Heatley of Paducah, and Phillip and Marrian Garvin of Paducah. Jordan is involved in BPA, FFA, 4-H, Texas High School Rodeo, Varsity Cheerleading, and church activities. In her free time she like to hang out with friends, spend time with family, ride horses and riding around town. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK to receive her degree in Veterinary Science while minoring in Agricultural Business and competing on their rodeo team. When Jordan graduates she wants to live on a ranch and start her own practice.

Motley Mill & Cube

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86TH OLD SETTLERS WELCOME HOME



MATADOR VARIETY
DOWNTOWN MATADOR

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

We were in Lubbock last Thursday and happened to meet Vernon and Jolene Higginbotham, formerly of Matador. They were interested in all the happenings of Motley County and said that they especially enjoyed the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE. To them it is like a letter from home. So many people we see comment on the paper and the weekly columns being so newsy! That seems to make all the hard work and trying to find something interesting to write about worthwhile. I think it will take a while to digest all of the special edition of the TRIBUNE this week. I learned so much about my community searching for information on the Depot, the Travelers Inn and the community in general. Not being a native of this area there were lots of stories I hadn't heard and it was a fun time visiting with people. Thanks to all of you who helped me again and I hope you enjoy reading about your hometown.

Barbara Alexandra was released from the hospital on Saturday. She is very happy to be home again and feeling much better. She wants to thank everyone for the calls, visits and their prayers for her and John.

Allen and Susie Venaria and Susie's daughter, Stephanie Sponzo of Granby, CN are visiting with Susie's parents the Alex Crowders this week. They flew to Midland, TX where they visited Susie's niece, Amber and Robert Hale, Shandy and their new baby, Noble Shepherd. They made a side trip over to Carlsbad to take in the Carlsbad Caverns; from there they have visited in Lubbock with Susie's childhood friend and on to Roaring Springs to spend time

with her parents.

Kim and Abby Watson of Lubbock and Trudy Hand of Amarillo visited with their father Bill Hand and Mozelle on Sunday.

Jerry and Karen Wienke and their daughter Cheryl visited with Ken and Dinah Young and attended church with them on Sunday. Karen is Dinah's sister.

Don Stuckey took Billie to Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo on Friday. We spoke with Don this morning. Billie is a lot better. Hopefully she will be able to come home on Tuesday.

A lovely baby shower was held for Kassie Beshirs on Sunday after the morning service at First Baptist Church.

The Women on Mission Group will meet September 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church.

Get your boots all polished up for the Old Settler's Ranchers Rodeo and all the other activities. It is fun to see all the former residents who come home to Motley and Dickens Counties for this annual event. We meet new people every year who have come to see what it is all about.

The Lions club is working on getting flag holders and flags for the Roaring Springs Memorial Park. They will be put along Broadway on the northeast side of the park.

J. T. Swim remains in the re-habilitation unit at Carillon House in Lubbock. Imogene is still staying with their son, Sam and his wife Reba. They hope to be able to come home soon.

Six couples from Vernon and Childress and one couple from Lubbock were staying in the Travelers Inn for the "Two Jacks and a Jill" golf tournament.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

We all know that recollecting the pleasures of the past is no foreign land to any of us. Have a fun filled time at the Motley County Old Settlers Reunion!

Billy Hughes, Brennan and Baylee of Lubbock visited from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. They attended the Fairmont Baptist Church services with them Sunday morning.

Mrs. Erma Washington had recent pace maker heart surgery at the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. She is reported to be having a good recovery.

Cary Franks of Idalou and Mary Morse of Lubbock were honored with a Couples shower at 5:30 p.m. August 15 by friends and family held at the Stonegate Golf Club in Lubbock. They are to be married Friday, October 9th. Cary is the son of Connie and Coy Franks.

Todd Hill of Broomfield, Colorado visited Wednesday and Thursday with Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jacob and Jere and Linda and Travis Kendall.

Recent guests of Shonda and

Roger Lee were sister and children, Mrs. Candice Whitehead, Hayden and Harrison of South Lake and her mother, Mrs. Wanda Davey of Plainview.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Motley County Foothills held Saturday night in Matador. She visited with Fred Stinson of Paducah.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle last Friday night to attend the annual Panhandle School Kick-Off with the introduction of the Panthers football team members that included their grandson, Tanner Clay. They also had morning band music and music and closed the evening with refreshments of watermelon. They visited Tanner's family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Sarah and Kelsey.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Wolforth visited Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Quitaque, Thursday with Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Sherri McKay.

Dual Credit Summer Classes

Three Motley County ISD students completed a Sociology college course this summer through South Plains College. The students were Leanne Jameson, Adam Seigrist and Kyla Simpson. This was their first college class to take and they all passed. They were excited and a little overwhelmed at times, but they are anxious to begin courses this fall at school.

Dual credit courses are classes that are taken through South Plains College and a student receives college credit as well as

high school credit for the class. They are offered online or ITV and taught by the college professor. A certified teacher is assigned to the classes to monitor the students and offer assistance with technical issues when needed.

This fall semester there are seven students currently enrolled in dual credit classes. We hope to continue to increase this number. Motley County ISD is very proud of our students for working hard and helping build their future.

Matador News

Mrs. Marihelen Wason, Mrs. Pat Warren, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Lindy Stafford enjoyed the tourist attractions from Thursday until Sunday

of last week in Ruidosa, N.M. Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis of Dalhart were guest of Tom and Deanie Edwards over the weekend.

The Motley County community and everyone is invited to a Prayer Walk at Motley County School on Wednesday night, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the school. We will divide up in small groups or you may go to individual places alone. We will walk through the school and over all the grounds, praying for the school year, the staff, students, employees and all the activities.

Pastors please bring your congregations to join us. Friends, if your church does not meet on Wednesday nights, just come on up and join us. See you there.

MCISD receives recognition from TEA

The Motley County ISD has been rated "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency for the 2008-2009 school year.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for our students, parents, staff and administration and everyone should be very proud," said Dr. Andrew Seigrist, superintendent.

"Accomplishing this "Recognized" rating was only possible by the combined efforts of everyone involved," he said, adding, "we want to capitalize on this award and use it to start off the 2009-2010 school

year."

The students and staff worked together in class and tutorials all year long to accomplish this end result, he said. "The credit belongs to everyone, students, parents, staff and administration alike.

"One area that we want to pursue would be to increase the number of students who not only pass the state TAKS tests but score "Commended". We want to lift all

of our students even higher. We are very proud of this award and want to use this momentum to reach even further for our kids."

Kids' Praise to open new season of FBCM's

Wednesday evening family schedule

It's Kid's Praise time again! On Wednesday, September 2, this monthly kids' activity will kick off the new season of weekly Wednesday evening family activities at First Baptist Church, Matador (FBCM). All children in the community, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to attend Kids' Praise at 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

At 7:00 - 8:15 pm, the entire family is invited to attend FBCM's weekly Wednesday evening worship service, which includes a time of praise and worship music, followed by Bible study for adults and breakout sessions for children and youth.

Everyone who attends the worship service is invited to partake of the evening meal at 6:00 pm.

Reminder to parents: Kids' Praise children will enter through the fellowship hall (downstairs) to sign in and eat. After Bible story and crafts, the

kids will move to the auditorium upstairs for singing, to be dismissed from the front of the church (upstairs). Parents are responsible for their own children after 6:00 pm.

The community is also invited to be a part of "Fire It Up!" Sunday on August 30, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. "Come for the party. Stay for the year!" is the theme of this event, which kicks off with Bible study for all ages, followed by worship, and culminating with a family picnic fun time. Casual attire is welcome.

2009 Skeela Reunion meets for the 42nd Year

Six Matador High School friends, Carolyn Pohl Limmer of Snyder, Cherri Barton Karr of Whitney, Melanie Brown Camp of Jacksboro, Donna Williams Nelson of McMinnville, Oregon, Carol Campbell and Kay Rattan Bailey, both of Matador, met August 20-23 in Lubbock for their 42nd Annual Skeela Reunion. The seventh member of the group, Janie Waybourn Brooks, was unable to attend due to a fall while loading her car to go to Lubbock, which resulted in a broken wrist. The friends stayed in the Lubbock home of Kay's mom, the late Laverne Price Johnston.

The Skeelas attended the "Memory Lane 50's & 60's Show" at the Cactus Theater on Friday evening, follow-

ing dinner at the Triple JJJ Chop House. On Saturday the group traveled to Matador to attend the Chamber of Commerce "Foothill's Saturday Night" celebration. An additional highlight of the evening was enjoying wonderful hospitality in the home of Roy and Frances Hobbs.

The group congregated at Carol and Lucretia Campbell's home on Sunday morning for brunch and were awed by Carol's delicious Pecan Waffles with Maple Pear Syrup, which have become a Skeela tradition over the years, as has Carolyn's Breakfast Casserole, Cherri's Chocolate Cake, Melanie's Lasagna, Kay's Tuna Fish, Bean Dip and Fritos, and Beetle's Melt-in-Your Mouth Pecan Pie.



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Beat Kress!

This Week's Local Forecast



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Weather Trivia

What units are used to measure wind speed?



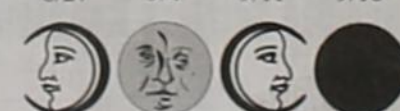
Answers: Usually, wind speed is measured in miles per hour.

Weather History

Aug. 27, 1964 - Hurricane Cleo battered Miami and the south Florida area. It was the first direct hit for Miami in 14 years. Winds gusted to 135 mph and the hurricane caused 125 million dollars in damage.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I hope you all have your calendars marked to attend our 9th annual Beans & Cornbread on Friday. We'll be serving from 11:30am to 1:30pm. It's a great way to kick off the Old Settlers weekend, and I do hope you'll join us!

New books in this week: "Undone" by Karen Slaughter, "Defector" by Daniel Silva,

"Storm Cycle" by Iris Johansen. We're also trying a new author named Sandi Ault. Her book is called "Wild Indigo", and it's the first in a series of novels which feature an agent for the Bureau of Land Management as the main character. Give it a read and let me know what you think. Some of the best books I've ever read have been by new authors.

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

A New Wildcat Drilling Permit Application has been Filed for Motley County.

Pay-Dirt Petroleum has filed a Application to Drill the (Waybourn) Key-West Lease Well #1 to be located 656 feet from the South Line and 479 feet from the West Line of Section 68, Abstract-1364, Block JB, GB&CNG Railroad Company / A. P. Turner Survey. The (Waybourn) Key-West Well #1 is to be located 6 miles Northeast of Matador approximately 1 mile West of the Crossing of Highway 94 and the Middle Pease River. This is to be a Shallow Hole with a planned Completion

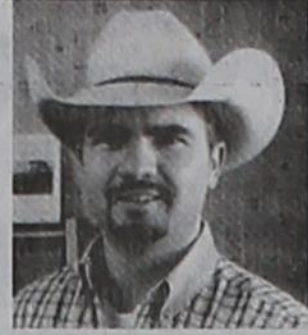
Depth of 2,000 feet.

Pay-Dirt Petroleum is Owned by Mr. Nathan Cullen Cleveland of Paradise, Wise County, Texas.

The closest Well previously drilled to the (Waybourn) Key-West Well #1 location is the 1950 Ace Gutowsky Inc. Mattie Waybourn Well #1 drilled in the Southwest Corner of Section 10, Block T, Beaty Seale & Forwood Survey. This Plugged and Abandoned Dry hole is located approximately 2 1/2 miles Northwest of the Pay-Dirt Petroleum (Waybourn) Key-West Well #1 location.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb and Goat Validation

There is still time left to order Lamb and Goat State Validation Tags. If you are planning on showing a lamb or goat in a major stock show in Texas, your animal must be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb and Goat Validation program. Tags will cost \$7 each. To place your order, call the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733. Once tag orders have been received from the state office, a validation date will be setup.

Agricultural waste pesticide collections scheduled around Panhandle

AMARILLO - The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service have scheduled three waste pesticide collections in September around the Panhandle.

"This collection is not only for agricultural producers," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith. "Homeowners are welcome to bring old paints or old pesticides or any chemicals, batteries, anything they have, they are more than welcome to bring them."

The last time a collection was held in Deaf Smith County, Auckerman said, about 20,000 pounds of pesticide were gathered. And people came from as far as Amarillo and Lubbock.

"We know there are still chemicals related to sugar beets, so bring them in," he advised area producers.

The collections are open to all Texas residents. Among the items accepted will be crop-related chemicals, oil/oil filters

and other automobile fluids, lead-acid batteries, paint, fluorescent bulbs and pesticides used on livestock. Properly rinsed, empty plastic pesticide containers also will be taken.

Do not bring tires, radioactive or explosive materials, fertilizers, propane or butane cylinders larger than 20 gallons, biomedical wastes or ammunition, the AgriLife Extension agents advised.

All collections will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The collections are scheduled as follows:

-- Sept. 14 in the Moore County Gin, 11800 U.S. Hwy. 287, six miles north of Dumas on 287. For more information contact Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agent for Moore County, 806-935-2594 or mhfishbacher@ag.tamu.edu.

-- Sept. 16 in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, 108 Dairy Road, Hereford. For more information, contact Auckerman, 806-364-3573, r-auckerman@tamu.edu.

-- Sept. 18 in the Hall County Farm Supply, 305 South 2nd Street, Memphis. For more information, contact Joshua Brooks, AgriLife Extension agent for Hall County, 806-259-1621, j-brooks@tamu.edu

The environmental commission organizes these free, regional collections of unwanted or unused pesticides throughout the state as part of the Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collection program.

Complete information about safely rinsing and recycling agricultural chemical containers can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/Ag-Waste/rinsed-containers.html>

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By Ace Reid



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Hackberry Happenings

Residents traveled to Caprock Canyons State Park for a picnic and fishing at Theo Lake on Thursday, August 20. Six residents enjoyed a picnic of sandwiches and chips.

Staff and the community attended a Meet and Greet in honor of the new administra-

tor John Vunk at a brisket and all the trimmings dinner on Tuesday, August 25.

On August 27, residents will enter a float at the Old Settlers Parade. "The theme of the float is 'This is How We Roll,'" Activity Director Brooke Barton said.

June Star Achiever



Nora is originally from Petersburg and now lives in Floydada with her husband Gabriel and their two children, Jessie, 5 and Adrianna, 2. She enjoys spending time with her family and playing softball. Nora has been with Hospice Hands for over four years.

"Working for Hopice Hands of West Texas has been a rewarding job and a great experience."

Way to go Nora and Thanks for all your hard work!

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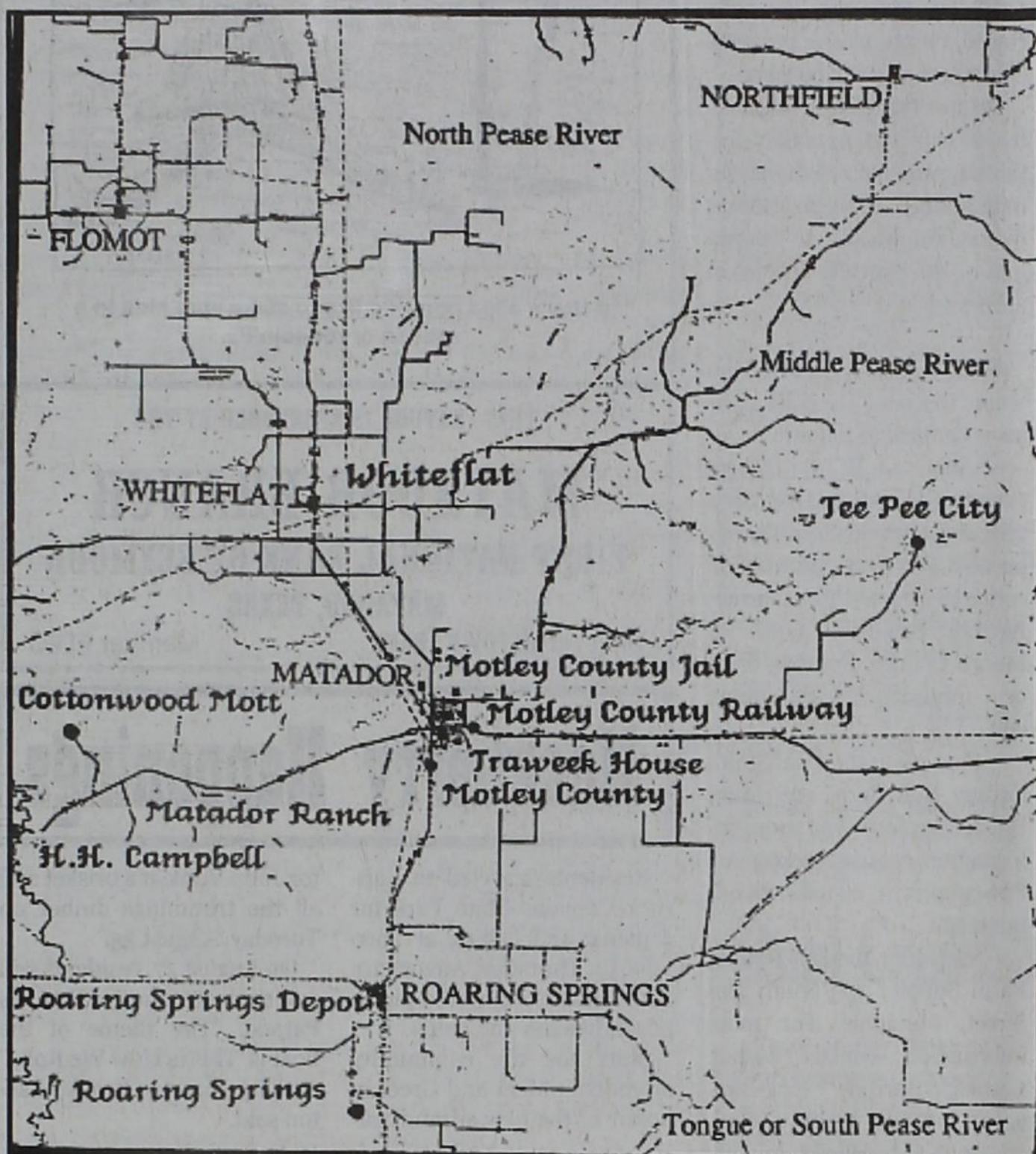
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Texas Historical Commission Marker Inscriptions of Motley County, Texas



HENRY H. CAMPBELL (1840-1911)

A native of North Carolina, Henry Harrison Campbell arrived in Texas with his family in 1854. Following his service in the Confederate Army, he worked as a cattle drover. In 1879, with four other investors, he founded the Matador Ranch at Ballard Springs (ten miles southeast).

Campbell's wife, Elizabeth Bundy, joined him at the ranch in 1880. Refusing to live underground in a dugout, she insisted on camping in a tent until lumber could be hauled in for a two-room house. She served as hostess and nurse at the ranch and later was postmistress at Matador.

In its first three years, the Matador Ranch holdings grew to include 40,000 head of cattle on 100,000 acres of land, with an additional 1.5 million acres of free-range rights. In 1882 a Scottish Syndicate, the Matador Land, bought the ranch and Cattle Co., Ltd. Campbell continued his association with the ranch, serving as ranch superintendent until 1890.

Henry H. Campbell led efforts to create Motley County in 1891. After serving two terms as County Judge, he retired to concentrate on his ranch interests on Dutchman Creek. He died in Matador on May 23, 1911.

Location: 13 miles west of

Matador on U.S. Highway 70.

COTTONWOOD MOTT LINE CAMP

The Cottonwood Mott, named for the stand, or motte, of trees which surrounded a natural spring here, was the site of a line camp as early as 1878. Cowboys used the camp as a base from which to work, herding cattle and mending fences on the range. A log cabin was built here by employees of the Jingle Bob Ranch, and was the site of at least two gunfights. The ranchland was sold in 1882 to the Matador Land & Cattle Company, Ltd., a Scotland based syndicate. The Company sold out in 1951 and the land divided into smaller ranches. Texas Sesquicentennial, 1836-1986.

Location: 12 miles West of Matador on U.S. Highway 70, then three miles on private ranch road.

Permission from Ralph and Marisue Potts-Powell.

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MOTLEY COUNTY

Formed from Young and Bexar Territories. Created August 21, 1876. Organized February 5, 1891. Named in honor of Dr. Junius William Motley, 1812-1836. Signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Aide to General Rusk at the Battle of San Jacinto where he was mortally wounded.

Matador, the county seat.
Location: 1 mile South of Matador on U.S. 70, in Virginia Walton Park.

MOTLEY COUNTY JAIL

This 2-story jail was erected in 1891, the year Motley County was organized, after County Judge H.H. Campbell and Commissioners Dan Browning, A.B. Cooper, J.J. John, and W.E. Power awarded a construction contract to local builders J.F. Aiken and J.T. Cornett. Cells were on the top floor of the structure and jailers living quarters on the lower level. The first Courthouse, also built in 1891, later burned, but this jail remains as a symbol of Motley County's frontier heritage. Recorded Texas Historical Landmark, 1976.

Location: In Matador on U.S. Highway 70, turn north on Main to Stewart. North side of Courthouse square.

THE MOTLEY COUNTY RAILROAD

Pioneer carrier for cattle and farm goods. Chartered June 20, 1913, by 92 people of Motley and nearby counties. One man is said to have invested \$50,000. Matador Land & Cattle Company also provided bonus funds. Original directors were J.C. Burleson, A.B. Echols, J.N. Gaines, T.E. Leckie, I.E.

Martin, R.P. Moore, J.D. Morris, J.E. Russell, and A.C. Traweck.

Trains used cattle sweepers, as 8-mile track ran through unfenced ranches. Line joined Quanah, Acme, & Pacific tracks near Roaring Springs. The M.C.R.R. ceased to operate in 1936.

Location: East city limits of Matador, on U.S. Highway 70.

ROARING SPRINGS

From prehistoric days a favorite Indian campground. The main camp of the Comanche Indians in December, 1860 when Cynthia Ann Parker was recaptured from their near Medicine Mound in Foard County. Famed for the purity of its water. Tradition tells of corn ground in the holes in the sand stones north of this site.

Location: 12 miles South of Matador on State Highway 70, West at Riverside Station on FM 684, then 3 miles.

ROARING SPRINGS DE- POT

Under the leadership of Samuel Lazarus (1855-1926), the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad contributed much to Motley County's economic development. One of the townsites along the line, Roaring Springs was platted in 1912, one year before the tracks reached the point. The brick mission revival style depot was completed within a year, and handled passenger and freight traffic until 1971. Roaring Springs' oldest structure, it was purchased by the city in 1972. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1977.

Location: End of Broadway Street, Roaring Springs.

TEEPEE CITY

Camp of early buffalo hunters. Only settlement west of Henrietta, north of Fort Griffin and south of Fort Elliott (now Mobeetie), 1875-1880. Headquarters of Texas Rangers under Captain G.W. Arrington at intervals, 1879-1881. Abandoned about 1886. First white child* born in Motley County was Nora Cooper, born here in 1882. S.M.** Armstrong, pioneer merchant, buried near this site, 1936.

(*first female white child; ** Armstrong aka Ludlim, Lendman, Isaac)

Location: 10 miles East of Matador on U.S. Highway 70, North at Adams Ranch, 10 miles South on local road, part of which is private ranch road of Matador Ranch. Permission from Matador Cattle Co.

TRAWEEK HOUSE

Medallion Home, 1964. Texas State Historical Marker, 1990. National Register of Historic Places, 1991. Dr. Albert Carroll Traweck, Sr. (1875-1959) and his wife Allie (Rainey) (1881-1963) came to Matador from Fort Worth soon after their marriage in 1897. Dr. Traweck began his medical practice, and the couple bought a small frame house. They eventually were the parents of six children.

A prominent and respected physician, Dr. Traweck first travelled on horseback or by horse and buggy to visit his patients. He was known as the "Pneumonia Doctor" because of his success in treating people with that illness. He established a hospital and was the county's first public health officer.

In 1915 after a previous dwelling on this site was destroyed by fire, construction began on

this house. Designed by Dr. Traweck's uncle, noted West Texas builder Charles Stephens Oates, the house was completed in 1916 at a cost of \$14,000. The two-story stuccoed masonry structure reflects a combination of architectural styles, exhibiting Italian Renaissance, Prairie, and Classical Revival detailing.

Among those who visited the Traweck Home were Baldwin Parker (son of Quanah Parker, last chief of the Comanche Indians) and many state and national officials. The home, which was remained in the Traweck family, received an official Historical Medallion in 1964 and is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1990.

Incised on the back of the marker: Traweck Children: A.C., Jr., M.D.; Mary, D.D.S.; Lucile; John; Allie; Howard L.L.B., J.D., youngest son, Howard Traweck, County Attorney of Motley County for fifty (50) years, and his wife Eleanor (Mitchell) Traweck were the last of the immediate family to live in Traweck House.

Location: In Matador, from U.S. Highway 70 turn at Scotch, south for one block to 927 Lariat Street.

WHITEFLAT

This area of Motley County was first called "White Flat" due to the tall white needlegrass which covered the flat prairie land. A Post Office, named Whiteflat, was established for the rural settlement in 1890 at the request of W.R. Tilson.

At its height, the community boasted four grocery stores, three service stations, three garages, two cafes, a hardware store, two gins, and three churches. A school, first housed in a one-room schoolhouse built by volunteers, opened in 1890. It was replaced by a four-room school in 1908, and in 1922 a new two-story brick structure was erected. It also served as a community gathering place.

Dependent on an economy based on agriculture and small family farms, the community began to decline as a result of the Depression and Dust Bowl years of the 1930's. The Whiteflat School closed in 1946, when it was consolidated with Matador Schools. The local churches disbanded in the 1960's; the Post Office closed in 1966 following the death of the last postmaster, Ida Morris; and the last remaining retail business, a grocery store and service station, closed in 1968.

Location: 11 miles north of Matador on State Highway 70.

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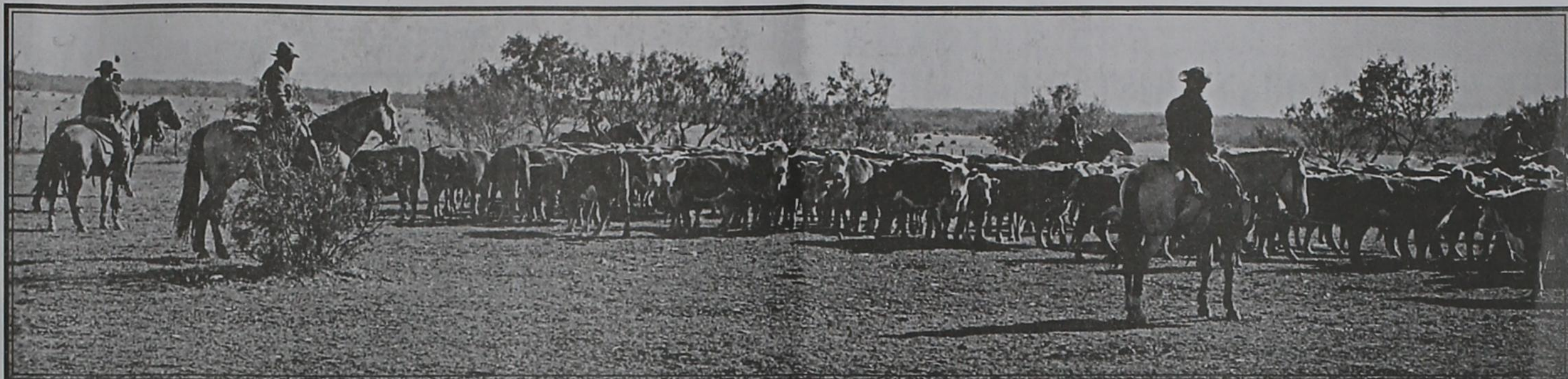
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HOTEL MATADOR



The historic Hotel Matador was built in 1914, and was in continuous operation as a destination until the early 1980s. The hotel was an early-day gathering place, known far and wide with porters and wait-staff, lodging, meals, tub baths, and a shave and haircut for weary travelers and Matador Ranch cowboys, who congregated for live entertainment and Saturday night dances. In 2006, a pioneer ranching family bought the old hotel and renovated it as a bed and breakfast, opening for business in February, 2008. Many of the original features were retained, including the white tin ceilings, a skylight, oak floors, walnut staircase, floor to ceiling windows, and an old barbershop/ice cream parlor mirror. The hotel serves a cowboy gourmet breakfast, and is a centerpiece for community events, including birthdays, family reunions, bridge parties, graduation parties, and a host of other events.

HISTORIC 1891 MOTLEY COUNTY JAIL



Built in 1891 from stone quarried in Motley County, the historic jail on Hackberry Creek was occupied by law enforcement until the early

1980s. It is the oldest governmental structure still standing in the county. The 2-story, brown sandstone structure had liv-

ing quarters for the jailer on the first floor; and two, 4-men cells and hanging gallows on the second floor. Phase I renovation to repair the roof, clean the stone, and re-point the historic mortar, was completed in October, 2008. Phase II renovation will restore the windows and doors, expose the hanging gallows, and make other structural repairs. Upon completion, the jail will be opened as a museum, encouraging tourism to this turn-of-the-century landmark. It is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark by the Texas Historical Commission.

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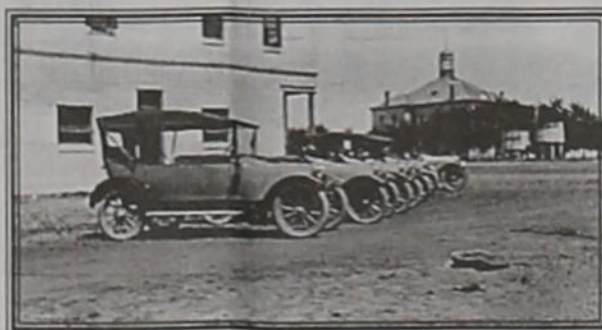
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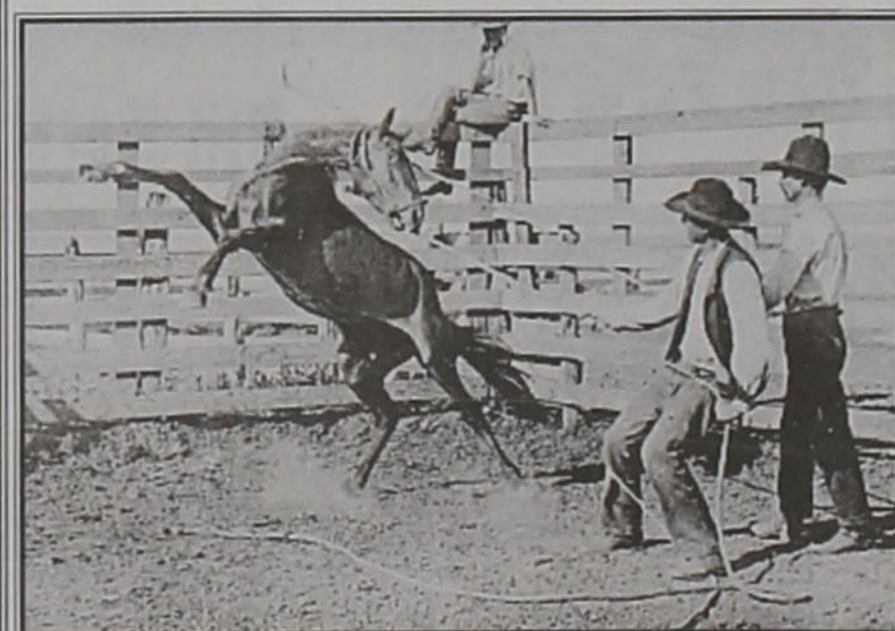


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Motley County Now and Then

THE MOTLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



The Motley County Historical Museum was opened in 1990, funded by private donations, and a Sesquicentennial

project. The large collection of historical artifacts, photos, and memorabilia covers Motley County's rich history in Na-

tive Americans, pioneers and ranching, military history, and medical care.

The collection is housed in the Albert Traweek Hospital building, in operation from 1927 to 1976. Seventeen former hospital rooms feature a different category of history, including a miniature, three-dimensional replica of Matador, ca. 1914, created from old photographs by a local artist. Other rooms house Indian artifacts, a saddle shop, a paleontology exhibit of a phytosaurus skull, an old-fashioned kitchen, wedding and vintage clothing, school collections, toys, cameras, music, as well as Dr. Traweek's office, a surgical treatment room, and a patient room.



NOW: The ranch headquarters built on Ballard Creek, south of Matador, overlooks a manicured lawn, corrals and barns.

MATADOR LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY

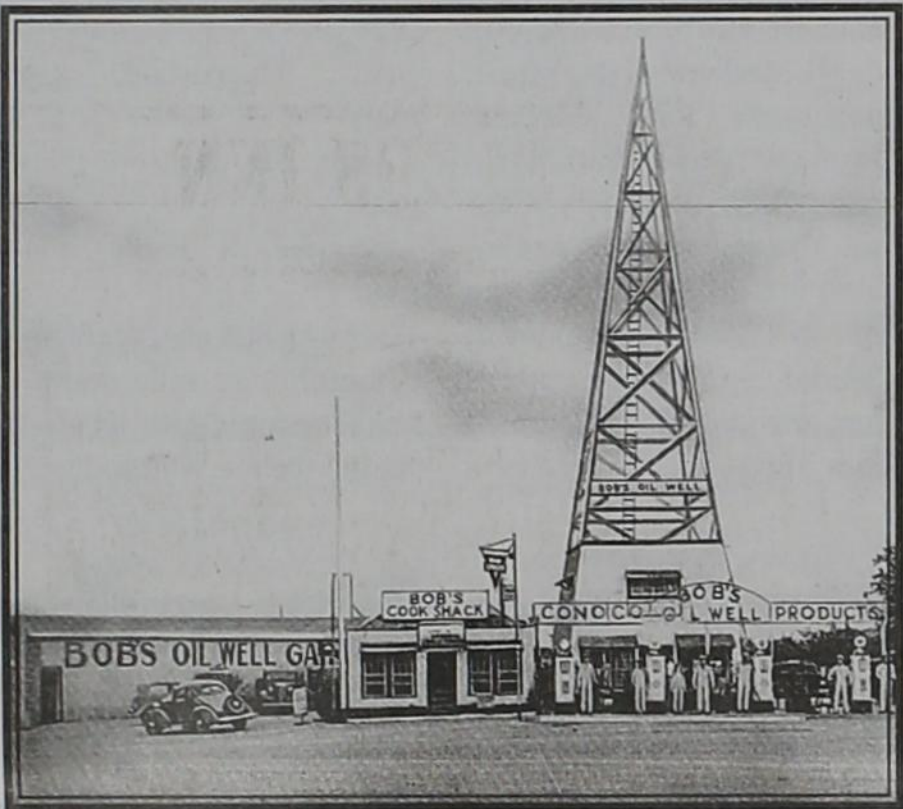
Organized in 1879, Matador Cattle Company with 160 acres located southwest of the present town of Matador, was equally owned by A.A. Britton, S.W. Lomax, H.H. Campbell, John Nichols, and Mr. Cata. The ranch was stocked with 50,000 head of cattle. In 1882, the ranch was absorbed by a Scottish syndicate and became known as the Matador Land and Cattle Company. The ranch had more than a million acres in four counties at one time. The ranch sold to Koch Industries

in 1953. Headquarters for the Matador Cattle Company is still located on the famous Ballard Creek, south of Matador. It is a stone house that lies east of a spring-fed lake, overlooking the corrals and barns. The house is 7,000-square-feet, under roof. The 24-inch-thick exterior walls are built from rock quarried on the ranch. The house was designed with two separate uses: the west end for the ranch manager and the east end for visiting Scottish investors. Today, the

ranch manager lives in the west end, and the ranch's business operations are conducted from the east end.

The company recently built a first-class lodge, El Matador, located north and west of the historic ranch headquarters. The indoor décor features Western furnishings in keeping with the striking beauty of the ranch, which lies on and off the Caprock of Texas. The building features West Texas limestone, reminiscent of the historic headquarters' stone.

BOB'S OIL WELL



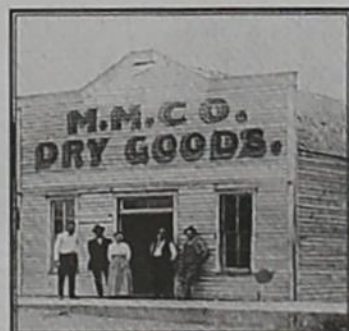
THEN: An artist's rendition of Bob's Oil Well in the 1930s reveals its former glory. This destination had a cook shack, roadside zoo, and restaurant.



NOW: Renovated through citizen volunteerism and private donations in 2004, the historic site has completed Phase I of its intended repair.

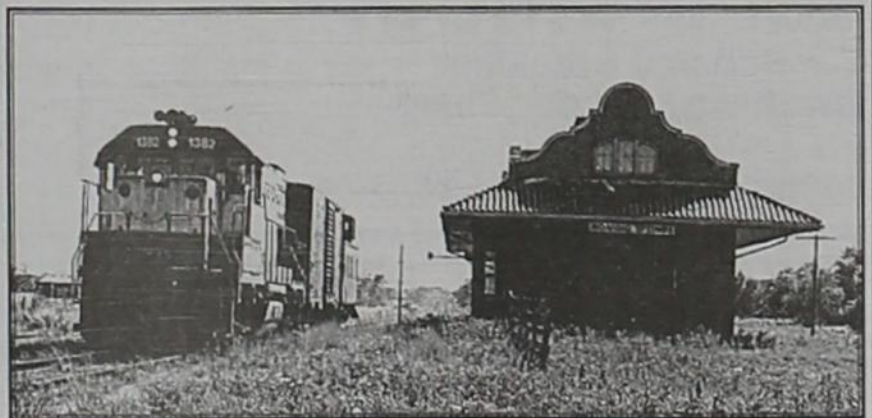
Bob's Oil Well, an oil derrick sitting on the top of a cook shack, was built in 1934 by Bob Robertson. In addition to the cook shack, and a roadside zoo, Robertson also built a restaurant, now closed. The oil well could be seen for miles and was well-known to travelers until it closed in 1964. This historic site was renovated through citizen volunteerism and private donations in 2004, having been named as one of the Most Endangered Historic Places in Texas by Preservation Texas. The project is ongoing, and logged more than 900 volunteer hours in the first phase of repair.

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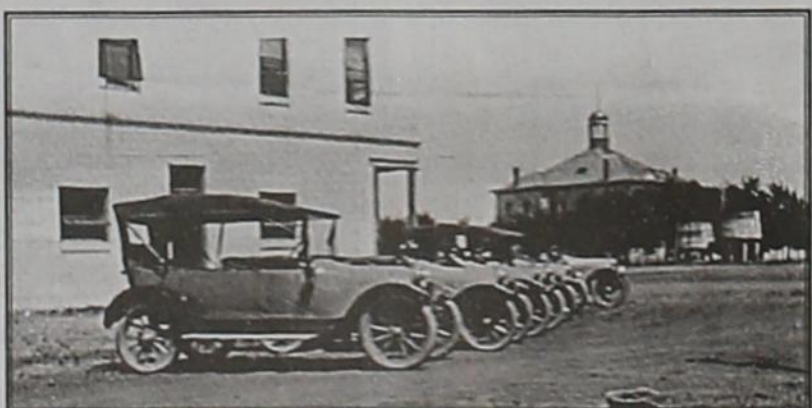
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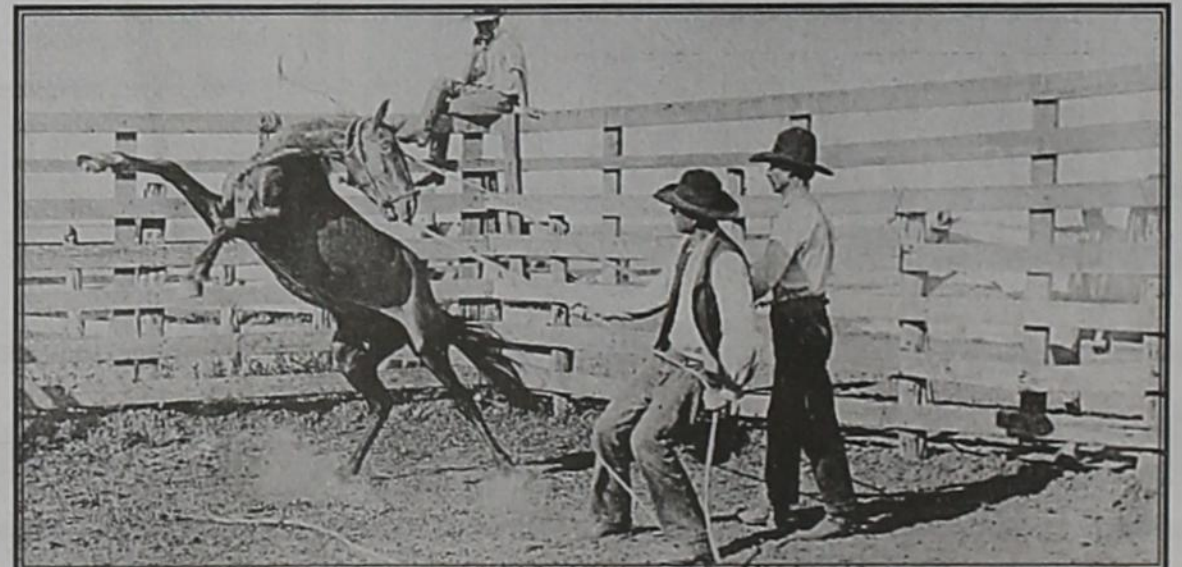
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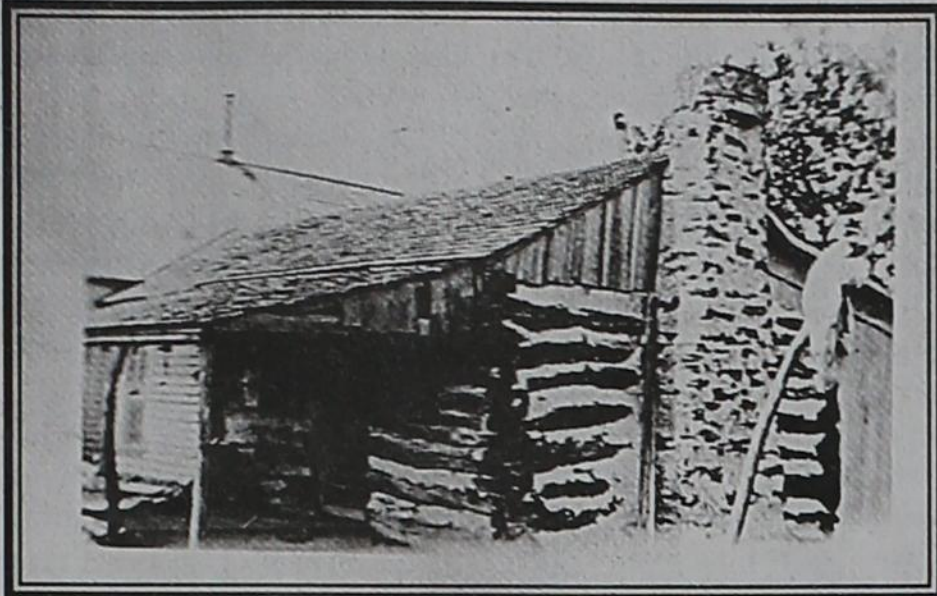
**86th Annual Old Settlers Reunion In honor of the Pioneers who
have gone on before us, we offer a welcome to Motley and
Dickens Counties as you help celebrate a tradition**



**TIP'S
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DICKENS,
TEXAS**

What Makes Motley County Unique

COTTONWOOD MOTT LINE CAMP



THEN: Cottonwood Mott Line Camp was the site of a line camp as early as 1878.



NOW: A log cabin replaced the old dugout at the site. The Matador Ranch operated at this site for 69 years, before selling in 1951 to the families of J.C. and W.E. Burleson.

Cottonwood Mott Line Camp named for the stand or motte of trees which surrounded a natural spring here, was the site of a line camp as early as 1878. Cowboys used the camp as a base from which to work, herding cattle and mending fences on the range. A log cabin, built by hands of the free-ranging Jingle Bobs and shared with the Spur outfit, headquartered on Hall Creek, was the site of two deadly gunfights, one over the singing of Yankee Doodle, and the other, a love triangle between a camp man's wife and a young cowboy. The Matador Cattle Company purchased range rights of the Middle

Pease watershed in 1879, but a few years later sold out to the foreign-held Matador Land and Cattle Co., Ltd. of Scotland. The Scottish syndicate successfully operated the ranch for 69 years, but sold out in 1951 when a rumor of oil pushed up the price of ranch stock. The break-up of the huge ranch allowed the families of J.C. and W. E. Burleson to purchase a portion of the vast Mott Pasture which included Mott Line Camp.

Location: 12 miles West of Matador on U.S. Highway 70, then three miles on private ranch road.

Permission from Ralph and Marisue Potts-Powell.

Thank You

I would like to thank the people of Motley County for all their prayers, cards, letters, visits, equipment, and afternoon rides around town; and for all the wonderful food that was brought to us. It is great to live in such a caring community. I especially want to thank my husband for taking over my yard duties and grocery shopping duties. You did good.

Thanks, Deanie Edwards

"Unchristian Speech...III."



When we become aware of the power of our words an amazing thing happens. Our relationships will show great improvement. Those whom we come into contact with will enjoy our company. No longer will we look back and say, "I wish with all my heart I could take those words back."

The problem lies in the fact that we are prone to speak before we think or to be aware of the power of our words. For the Christian, there is the constant struggle of working on both the manner and quality of our conversations. The apostle Paul exhorts us to "let no unwholesome word proceed out of our mouths." He also encourages us to speak, "only such a word as is good for edification."

Therefore, those things that come from our mouths should be only that conversation that will be a source of betterment for all concerned. It is the Lord that has told us that it is from our hearts that we speak. That being true, then the kind of conversations in Christians are engaged should be kind and decent.

We can and should know as a people of grace and mercy in both our actions and our speech. We can be a people who understand the power of our words. Power used to build up and not to destroy.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

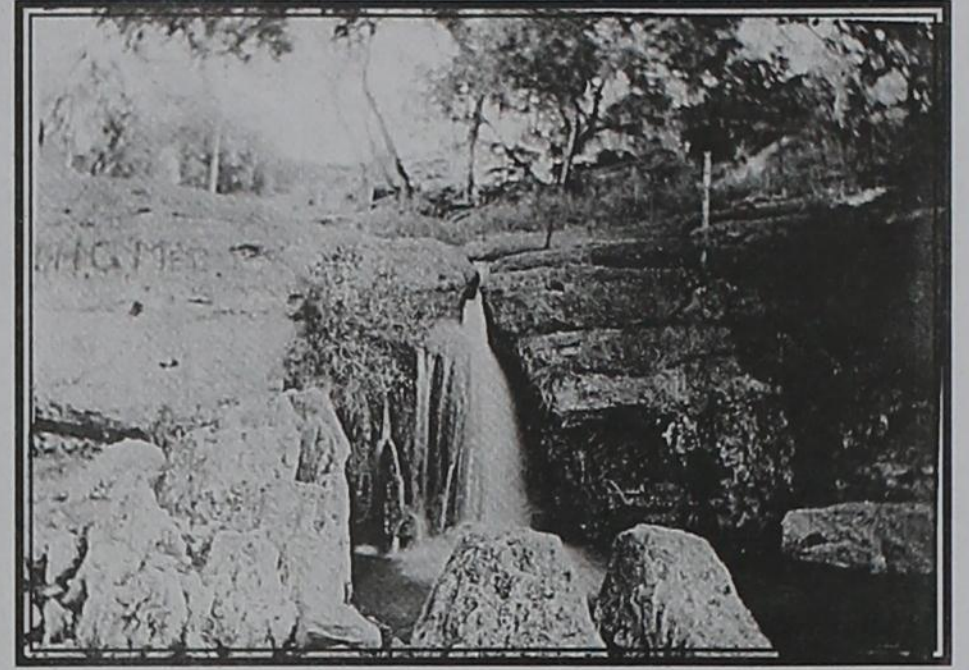
ROARING SPRINGS

Roaring Springs Ranch, Golf, and Swimming Pool

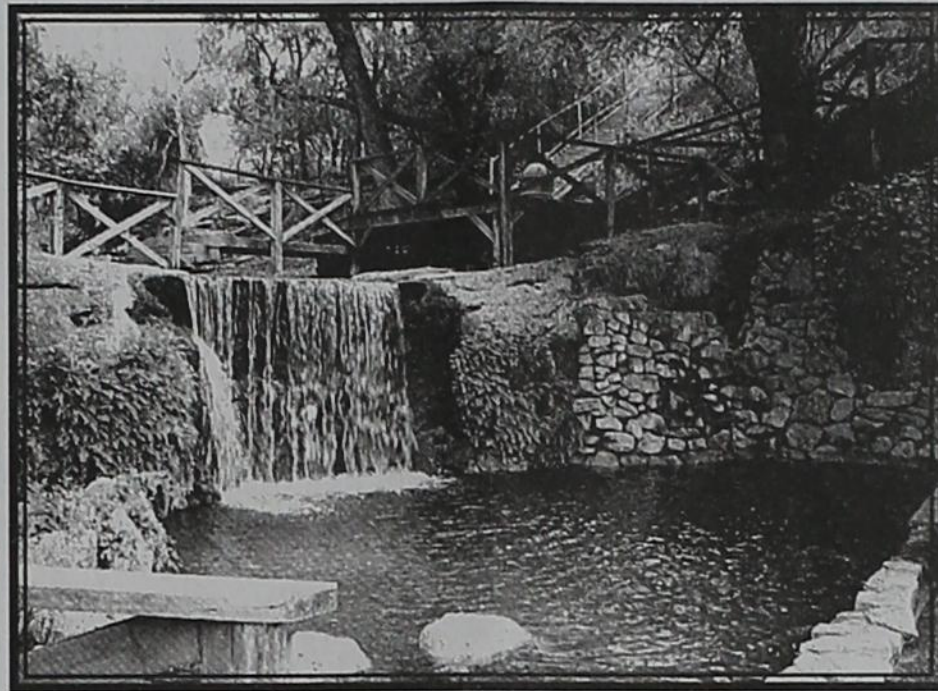
In the 1800s, Roaring Springs was a favorite Comanche Indian campground, often visited by the Quanah Parker, the son of a captured white girl, Cynthia Ann Parker. Later, the land was owned by the Matador Cattle Company and was open to the public for camping and swimming. In 1984, the historic site was purchased by private investors and developed into a "membership-only" golf, camping,

and swimming resort area.

An historic monument at Roaring Springs was erected by the state in 1936, and it reads: From prehistoric days a favorite Indian camp ground - The main camp of the Comanche Indians in December 1860 when Cynthia Ann Parker was recaptured from them near Medicine Mound in Foard County - Famed for the purity of its water - Tradition tells of the corn ground in the holes in the sandstones north of this site.



THEN, pictured above: Roaring Springs from the historical photo files of Hazel Donovan Collection, courtesy of Motley County Museum.



NOW pictured left: The falls hasn't changed that much over time, the cold springs, famed for the purity of its water, spills over the pitted limestone rocks, and fills the Olympic-sized swimming pool.

TRAVELERS INN



Welcome home Old Settlers

CONGRATULATIONS MOTLEY & DICKENS COUNTIES ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 86TH ANNUAL OLD SETTLERS REUNION



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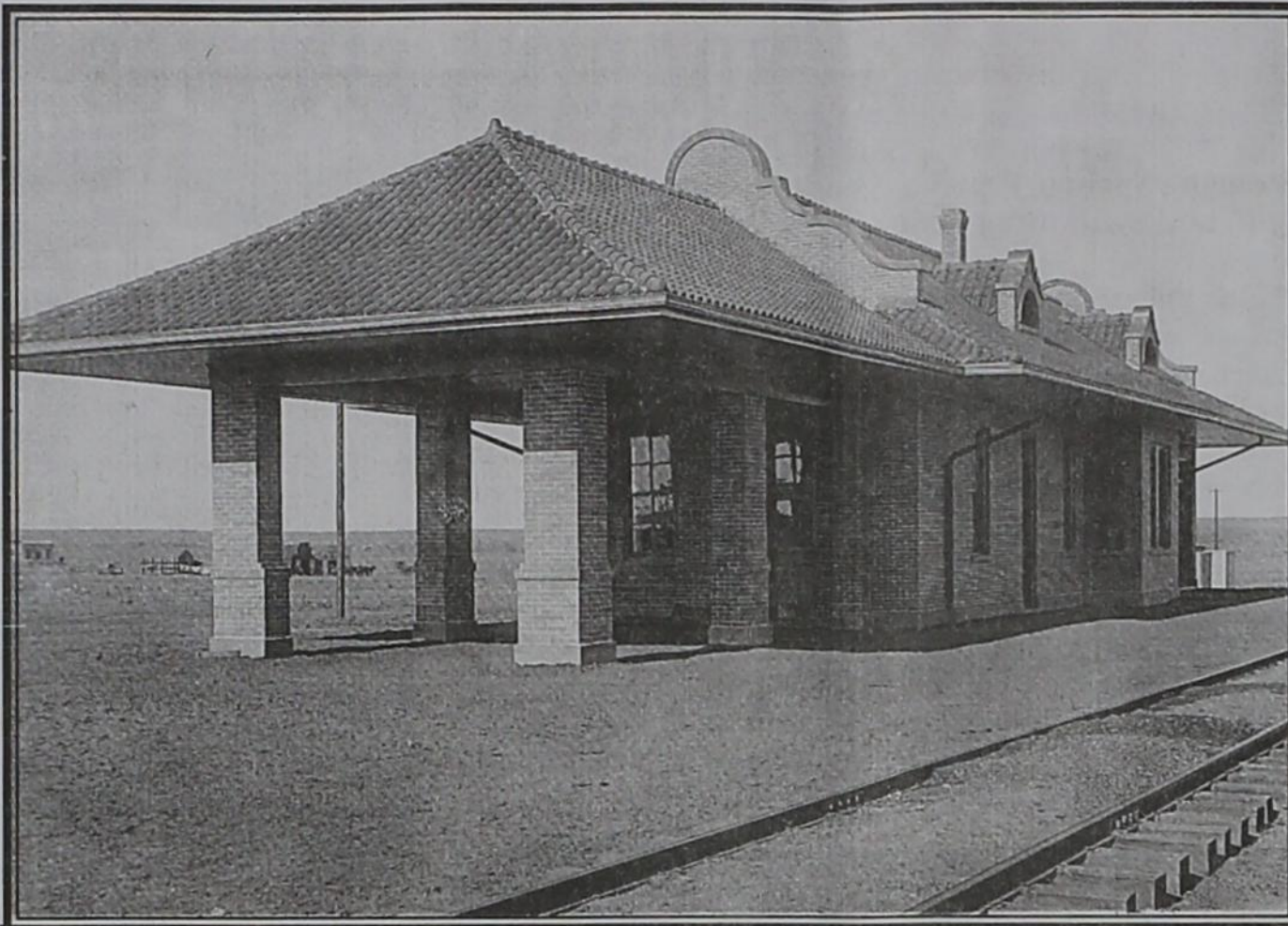
The QA&P Railroad Depot at Roaring Springs By Monta Marshall

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Ranchers, visionary investors and land developers were instrumental in bringing a railroad into Motley County and erecting a depot in Roaring Springs. A Motley County cattle enterprise, the Matador Ranch, was in need of a closer railhead to ship cattle; other enterprises in the area needed a way to transport goods to emerging markets.

The Fort Worth and Denver City railway had already reached Quanah, 80 miles to the northeast. In September 1911, after much wrangling, the Matador Ranch and the newly established Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railway agreed to finally lay the groundwork to extend the QA&P into Motley County. The main players in this project were the Matador Ranch and Samuel L. Lazarus, a 'wheeler dealer' who was well versed in manipulative schemes to get the most for the least.

The Matador Ranch, urged by Lazarus, said that the line through Roaring Springs could be completed at a lower cost on its way to the Plains than the proposed route through Matador which might involve a tunnel and much more grading. The Matador Ranch agreed to give three town sites, right-of-way through their ranch, including a significant distance of 40 some-odd miles to Roaring Springs



At almost 100 years, the Roaring Springs Depot stands today in need of matching funds to proceed with the restoration project grant received from the Texas Department of Transportation. The greatest need is to re-roof the building. Roofing entails numbering the tiles, removing them and replacing the decking and finding matching tiles for those that have been broken. The leaking roof has caused extensive damage to the walls and floors of the interior. Some funds have been raised and an architect hired to detail the needed restoration required by the Texas Historical Commission. The QA&P Depot has been declared a Texas Historical Landmark. Funds to restore the depot would be \$350,000; the TxDOT grant is \$1.2 million. At this time the project is at a standstill for lack of matching funds to continue.

and make a hefty donation for each mile of track through the ranch. The other town sites were Russellville and McBain. The ranch also agreed to provide water privileges. The deal was finally signed and sealed; excitement grew.

A town site plat was drawn up by the newly established Roaring Springs Townsite Company. Advertising was distributed via newspapers, hand bills and by mouth. Easy

financing was arranged and the company sold \$24,000 worth of Roaring Spring commercial properties and home sites within five weeks. One hundred ninety work teams began moving 359,000 cubic feet of dirt. On December 26, 1912, track laying began; bridgework and surfacing commenced in early 1913. Service on the first ten miles began on May 15, 1913, (a ploy to qualify for bond reg-

istration) and continued on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday basis. In June they reached McBain Switch, 3.8 miles west of Roaring Springs. July 13, 1913, the foundations of the Roaring Springs Depot were laid.

The Roaring Springs Quanah Acme and Pacific Depot was built in the mission style on a much smaller scale than the QA&P Depot in Quanah boasting brick construction

with a red tile roof.

Some who came to Roaring Springs working on the railroad stayed and made permanent homes here. One couple was Elmer and Ruby Hipp. Elmer worked on the 'extra gang' building bridges; Ruby cooked for the 'extra gang'. They came all the way from Arkansas, working on various railroads a few miles at a time as the track was laid. They lived in a railroad car. Billy Newberry's dad was the gang boss for the 'extra gang.' Buzz Thacker said the steam engines were filled from a water tank tower located close to where Zella Palmer now lives.

A railroad into a new town was an exhilarating factor in the lives of many. Young couples liked to stroll along the tracks as entertainment and would often put pennies on the track and later pick up their flattened coins. One young lady, Liza Dye, received a marriage proposal by her beau Elmore Kingery as they walked along the track to the water tower to meet the train.

Grady (Bud) Glenn said he took his first train ride in the early 1940's leaving the QA&P Depot in a passenger coach and riding all the way to the water tower -- about two blocks! He was ten years old.

So great was the interest and excitement of seeing the railway come to life that a crowd, complete with two uniformed bands, came out from Roaring Springs and Floydada to see and celebrate an early dozer cutting its way through the caliche rock to gain access to the Caprock Escarpment. Locals dubbed the railway, the

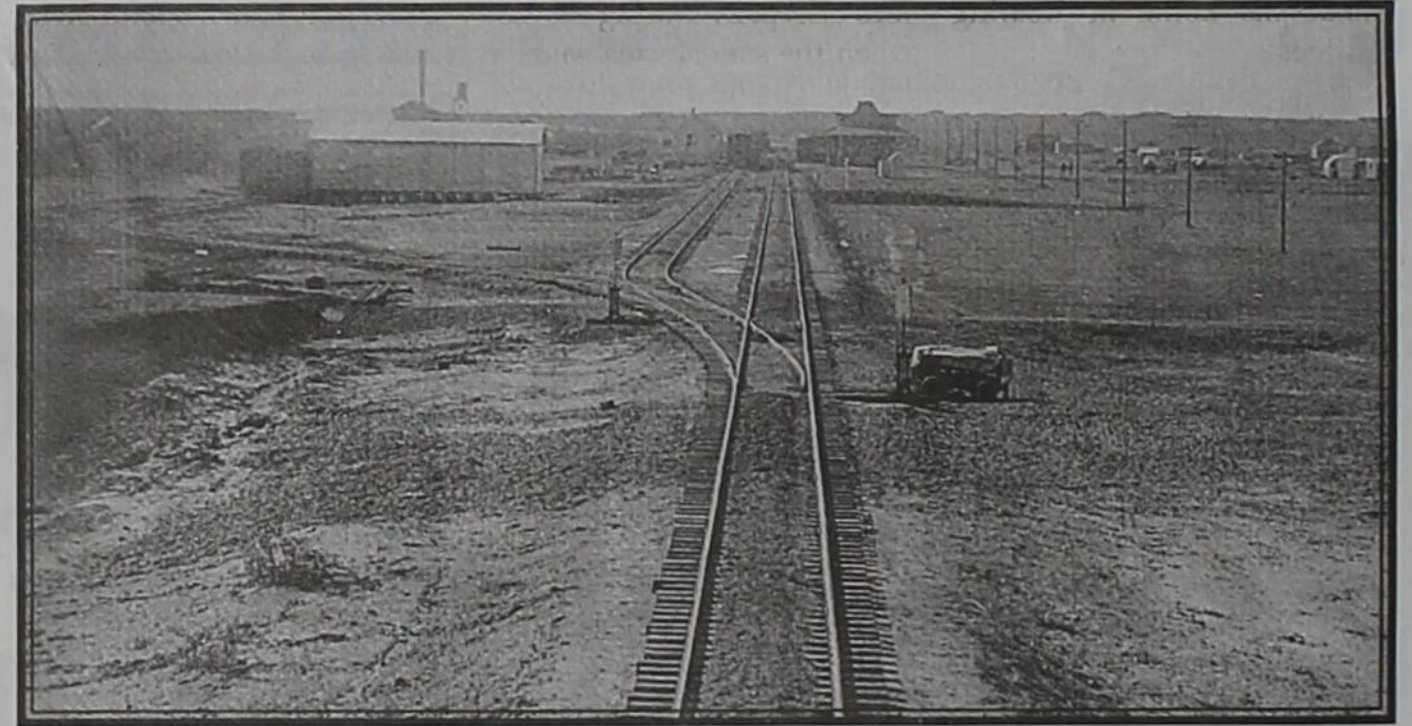
Quit Aching and Push. Some called it the Quit Arguing and Push in its formative stage!

Railway agents employed by the QA&P were: R.L. Medlin; J. R. Meacham, C. M. Nichols, Francis Gunter, with Dick Carpenter serving as the last agent. The depot closed in 1981.

There was always something interesting to see at the depot when the train came into Roaring Springs. Cowboys receiving and shipping cattle were a common site; the stock pen was located about a fourth of a mile past the water tower. The passengers might be eagerly awaited or the shipments might be something long needed: merchandise for resale, building materials or even more exotic shipments. When Bob Robinson ran his Bob's Oil Well service station in Matador, he had several wild animals and snakes displayed in a small zoo he had built adjacent to his business. His most daring idea was to have two lions shipped by rail for his zoo. It is reported that Francis Gunter was the QA&P railway agent at the time. Their arrival caused quite a commotion. They came in on the mail train and the mail carrier was to carry them on to Bob's at Matador. The mail carrier was Buster Harmon. Several entertaining stories exist about the difficulty in getting them unloaded, loaded and then unloaded at the destination.

The Roaring Springs Depot stands today -- a lasting legacy of determination and vision in the foothills of Plains.

SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOP CONGRATULATIONS MOTLEY & DICKENS COUNTIES



An early view of the Roaring Springs Depot

Thank you

Fighting wild fires is a hot, dirty, dangerous job and Sunday evening the volunteers of the Motley County, Dickens County and Floyd County Fire Departments worked to save our land and our home. "Thank You" is woefully inadequate to express how we feel about these men. We also thank the Motley County Sheriff's Department and Precinct 4 for the help and concern expressed by these entities. We appreciate our friends for their offers of beds, acceptance of which was not necessary thanks to the work of the above-mentioned men, and PK for feeding her "refugees."

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott

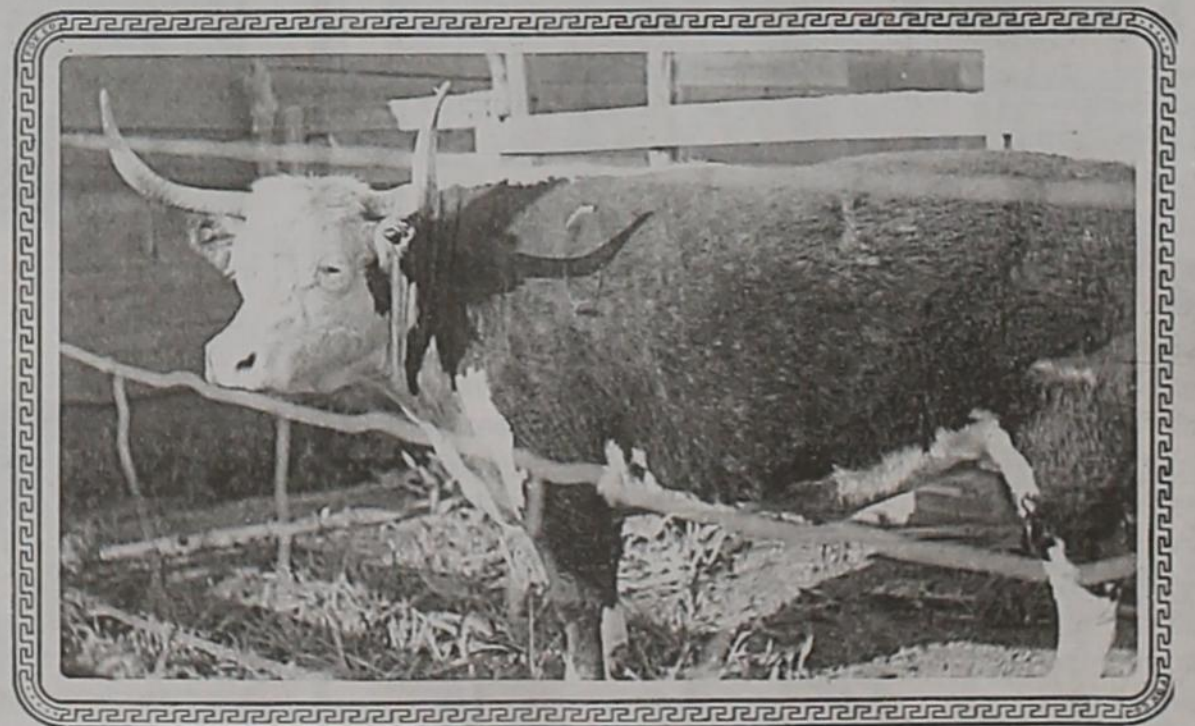
MATADOR COWBOY REUNION

All Matador Ranch employees (ex and current) and friends are invited to a reunion on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Center across from the Old Settlers grounds. The reunion will open mid-morning and close when no one can think of another pitchin' horse story.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but no dinner or program is planned. Bring your old pictures and prepare for a good day of visiting in the open air, covered pavilion, or in the air conditioned building if it is too hot.

Ed D. Smith - Director and Past president
Home - 806-347-2172
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Welcome 86th Annual Old Settlers Reunion



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Roaring Springs Hotel By Monta Marshall

After 96 years, Travelers Inn Bed and breakfast is still the scene of tall tales and history lessons as the three o'clock coffee drinkers gather. The history of the hotel is the history of the community of Roaring Springs.

In 1913, coinciding with the completion of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific railroad into Roaring Springs, business-minded QA&P land developers with an eye on the needs of a new frontier town built a landmark hotel.

The development was headed up by Samuel L. Lazarus, a New Yorker by birth, Louisianan by education and a Texan by accident. QA&P also built a warehouse, store building and even a waterworks system.

The land for the Roaring Springs town site was donated to the QA&P by the Matador Ranch. By warranty deed, the land was conveyed to the Roaring Springs Townsite Company, signed by Mr. David Wilkie, president of the Matador Land and Cattle Company Ltd. and recorded both in Motley County and Dundee, Scotland, in January 1913.

The Globe Hotel contained ten rooms, two closets with commodes and one bathtub and small lavatory for all the patrons on the second floor. A lobby, kitchen, two dining rooms, living quarters and a small bath tucked under the stairs took up the first floor.

In the beginning a well known hotel manager, a Mr. Kay Jones from Quanah, was hired by the railroad developers to run the hotel. This husband and wife team managed the hotel; and their son Casey made his home in Roaring Springs.

In 1917, Wes Green was the innkeeper and also helped lay the water lines and was in charge of the water system for the new townsite. In 1923, the Globe Hotel was bought by J. M. and Annie Jackson from the Roaring Springs Townsite Company and renamed the Travelers Hotel. In 1925, the

hotel was sold to C. J. Bell.

By 1930, the hotel had been renamed the Roaring Springs Hotel; a Mrs. Sherwood was the innkeeper. She married Mac McLean who ran the caterpillar for the county road crew for Precinct 4. He and her sons, Charles and Butch, lived in the hotel. At that time the large dining room was a dance hall and children would peer in the windows from outside to watch the Saturday night action.

During World War II, Ed and Lois Smith ran the hotel. They had two daughters, Juanita and Mina (Doodle) and a son Clyde (Buddy). Buddy became a pilot during World War II and locals remember he would buzz the hotel if he was in the area. During those years, several young families lived in the hotel at different times. Jess and Fleety Bell Hardin were one of the couples that made their home in the hotel. During the war, three families lived in the hotel.

After Ed Smith died, Polk Cooper married Lois Smith and they ran the hotel prior to Joe and Loraine Gipson, who leased the hotel in the 1950's. At this time, Joe Bridges was the owner of the hotel.

Paul and Sybol Nichol followed her aunt and uncle, the Gipsons, as innkeepers. They had booths in the southwest corner of the dining room and a juke box. Chig Gwinn said as a teen he enjoyed coming in with friends to have a soda pop and listen to the music. During their management most of their boarders were oil field workers. Sybol said by this time, the old hotel had fallen into disrepair. During the '50s when the sandstorms were so numerous, it was very difficult to keep it clean, she said. The dirt would blow all night, filtering through the cracks, silhouetting where your body lay on the bed. The plumbing was a nightmare to maintain. Their sons, Pat and Pepper, were partially raised there. The family worked frantically to



The Hotel was only a short walk from the Depot. The freshly planted trees would soon grow to shade the way.

keep the water out of the hotel during the flood in 1957, sand bagging the foundations as best they could.

From time-to-time other businesses were located in the hotel. Some of them were a boot shop in the back room run by Charlie McDonald; at one time Warren Clements had a barber shop in the hotel; and Lolla Bell Fletcher, J. N. Fletcher's aunt, worked in a beauty shop located in the hotel.

By 1960, the hotel was pretty much used up with worn out upstairs plumbing. Not many people stayed in Roaring Springs anymore. However, Cafés were still in operation for a while on the lower floor. Earl and Lavina Osborn leased the café for a time as did Marion and Linda Ozborn, the wives of Albert 'Suckerrod' and Curtis Ozborn, respectively. (The Osborns and the Ozborns were not related). There was a café located in the building until the early '70s. Joey Thacker began his jewelry manufactur-

ing in the front room where the Travelers Inn office is now. Later he was able to buy the bank building across the street where Thacker's Jewelry is today.

For a time the hotel was abandoned. Then Marian Alice Jones bought the building to keep it from being destroyed. In 1998, Glennard Daniell was ready to come back to his hometown; he and his wife Edith leased the building from Mrs. Jones for the Daniell Wood Floors, a floor installation and restoration business. In 2000, they purchased the building and began a major overhaul to make it into the Travelers Inn Bed and Breakfast. A kitchen cabinet, a claw foot tub and one tiny corner sink are the fixtures that were still there from the original hotel and are still used. There are seven bedrooms upstairs and two bedrooms downstairs. Bathrooms have been added to some of

the rooms. The original bathrooms still exist and they are most interesting. In one of the small closets with a commode, the graffiti was preserved. On one wall this little verse was penned by some guest: Burglar Bill went up the hill/ to rob a train. Burglar Bill came down the hill/ with his pants shot in twain. The verse is illustrated in a drawing of a cowboy on a horse with guns smoking! Another cryptic message was that hotels charge too much. A few autographed the wall and wrote the date. There are several curious sketches of an arrow with various numbers of fleche on them. They are straight arrows drawn horizontally through a number. One has the number 333, dated 5/18/1915; one has the number 218, dated 2/25/1915. Perhaps the numbers corresponded with the engine number of the train they arrived on? However, numerous pictures of early QA&P trains pictured in

Don Hofsommer's book, *The Quanah Route*, no matching numbers were located. CCJ B. Wells left his notation dated July 4, 1918, along with a name of a company that looked like Southerland Life Insurance Co. of Lafayette, LA. Fortunately, Edith stopped Glennard from sanding all of the trivia from the wall and preserved it.

Small town folks have a lot of stories to tell about the old hotel. J. N. Fletcher said the Roaring Springs night watchman used to come in and nap in the hotel lobby during his nightly beat around the town on his old horse 'Choc'. He had to punch a clock located at certain places around town at designated times. While he slept the rascally boys around town might un-strap his wooden leg so when he woke he would know he had been caught napping. (Incidentally, another interesting anecdote: 'Peg' had a brother called 'Quit'!)

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refers to, but merely proposed legislation. The House and the Senate are each working on their own versions of bills. (17) Contrary to popular misinformation, there are no "death panels" in the currently proposed health reform legislation.

Another aspect of health reform that I hope will be looked into is frivolous malpractice law suits. When I lived in Florida I learned that there had not been one new neurosurgical practice opened for a ten year period in Florida because of the outrageously high malpractice rates

for neurosurgeons. In my conversations with physicians I have learned that many medical malpractice lawsuits have absolutely no merit, or evidence of wrongful behavior on the doctor's part. These cases are often settled out of court because the insurance companies don't want to take a chance on a huge payout that a jury may render. This raises malpractice insurance rates and consequently causes higher cost medical care. Additionally, many medical students are opting not to go into OB/GYN and surgeons are be-

coming very fearful of trauma cases because of lawsuits. We're running out of people to deliver babies and God forbid you get a subdural hematoma. In many parts of the country people have to be airlifted to trauma centers to get medical care because local doctors will not take a chance on being sued.

It seems that every American has an innate fear of the government. However, if there is a deadly e-coli scare in the meat industry, do you want Oscar Mayer to investigate or the USDA? There are a couple of

major examples that come to mind of how government help has greatly benefitted Americans. Truman started the GI bill which has educated millions of military personnel returning from war. We call them "The Greatest Generation." Ike returned from Europe and after seeing the German Autobahns, proposed the Interstate highway system. These cost the American people money but to me they were a very fine investment and beneficial to our country.

It probably would be more beneficial in this current situa-

tion to put our emotions and political, philosophical posturing aside and engage in meaningful dialogue. Maybe we should all do a little more listening and a little less talking (or ranting).

Is it acceptable to let millions of Americans lose everything they've worked for all their lives to medical expenses? I hear the phrase "the dignity of life" frequently used, but where is the dignity in this? Is it right to allow insurance companies to "pull the plug" on people when they have met their "catastrophic limit?" Where do they go for help after your insurance benefits are used up? Presently there is no place for a person to go. You can't pay for medical expenses individually; it's too expensive for the vast major-

ity of us. Insurance companies make billions in profits every year. In the 1960s in Amarillo there was a billboard that stated "Insurance, the First Billion Dollar Industry in Texas". It caused such an outrage it was taken down within a few days. Insurance companies are in the catbird seat and are not going to go quietly into the night. They are incredibly rich and powerful. I invite you to investigate who the insurance and health industry supports in Congress as evidenced by their donations to election funds. Then look at the voting record of the benefitted Congressman. Maybe we are becoming a nation "of the lobbyist, for the lobbyist and by the lobbyist."

C.W. Moore

**Welcome to Motley County
and the 86th Annual
Old Settlers Reunion!**



MATADOR MOTOR & IMPLEMENT

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THURSDAY
THE DAY OF THE PARADE
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Rural America

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Folklore of buried and lost treasures

'spizzarded' up (as the cowboys say) in a nice pair of pants, shirt, vest and a handsome little fedora hat and handed Russell \$15 dollars for their tickets. Elmer really got excited at the match and would exclaim, "Who!" and cheer them on. "I used to think that wrestling was fake," he said, "but now that I know that it isn't. Next time we come let's sit on the front row 'sos' I can spit on 'em'!"

Another of Elmer's stories was about the time five or six men were riding the handcar reworking some of the rails out near where Bob Stafford's ranch house is now. They were trying to work quickly and finish before the train came. They had been watching the time because they knew when to expect the train to be there. It was getting closer and closer but they had put in a hard day and sure wanted to be finished with the job. They worked too long and had to bail off the handcar. The train, of course, completely flattened the work car. Russell asked if he was the last off the car, Elmer said, "NO, I was the first one off!"

When Elmer retired, he put in the first pecan orchard in Motley County where Ken and Dinah Young now live. Elmer died a tragic death while working on his little Ford tractor. None of the five old cronies are still living.

Buck Marshall asked Russell if he had ever done a lube job on a 1926 Gleaner combine. After being told that he didn't think he ever had, Buck would begin to explain 'how' and stress that there were 176 grease 'zerts' on each of 'em' and to be sure not to miss one. Buck was always ready with a story wanting to know if he had ever told you such-and-such story. It never mattered if you had or had not — he was going to tell it again!

Bill Hand told me he wasn't a real old-timer having only lived here for 50 some-odd years. He told me he was born over close to Dumont. He remembers his dad helped move the Old Settlers Tabernacle here from Dickens. He recounted how the first Old Settlers Reunions were held down at the Springs. Then, the Springs were still a part of the Matador Ranch. Cars were placed bumper to bumper to 'fence' in an arena for the rodeo and the car's lights would be turned on for lighting, he said. He told me his dad would have liked to ride bulls but you rode whatever you owned. His dad rode his old Jersey milk cow and after she quit bucking the elder Mr. Hand fell off and broke his arm!

Bill had stories about how abundant the antelope, jack rabbits and the prairie chickens were. Jackrabbit drives were not uncommon. A group of men and boys would ban together and walk across the pastures and drive them into an enclosure and kill them to save their crops and grass for the livestock.

A good mess of fried chicken could be had by hiding behind a shock of 'high gear' bundles and shooting prairie chickens. He said the flocks would be so large it would seem to make the sky black when they flew. Jumbo grasshoppers were also very plentiful. Bill told how they could devour a row of cotton quickly and eat up the pasture grass. There weren't insecticides in those days. The kids would go out into the fields with paddles and shoo them to the end of the rows where others would kill them.

got a real kick out of using that strategy.

A couple of years ago a road runner or chaparral began to come into the Graham's hardware store on a regular basis. When he got a chance, he would come in the front door looking for water and stay two or three hours. He would carefully inspect what he was interested in and then sit on some of the 'trinkets' Dana had hanging in her store, content to watch the comings and goings of the customers. He loved the chimes and he could make them tinkle. He wasn't afraid but he never made any attempt to get too chummy with people. Dana and Casey kept a fresh supply of water ready for him. Often when it was closing time they would have to encourage him to go out. Sometimes he seemed to enjoy being mischievous and would fly up onto the balcony so they would have to climb up and shoo him out. He came for several months and then they didn't see him anymore.

Roaring Springs doesn't end with the stories of yesteryear. We have dreams for a future. Our city councils and mayors have been diligent over the years to promote new business and keep up the appearance of the town which greatly adds to the appeal. Our city superintendent works hard to maintain the park and keep the vacant lots mowed and trash free. Civic organizations dream up fundraisers, interesting events such as the all-day Fourth of July celebration. Memorial Day events and Late Night Shopping at Christmas-time enhance the community and keep it vibrant.

My husband, Corky Marshall, was raised in this community and returned in 2000 to again be involved in the community he loves. I am proud of the contributions he and the City Council have been able to make in the last nine years. As mayor, Corky was instrumental in securing a grant of \$250,000 for improving our sewer system and that work has been completed. Roaring Springs has been awarded another \$250,000 in grants to improve our water system and several sewer manholes. Our town was chosen to be designated a 2004 "Preserve America Community," a national award signed by former First Lady, Laura Bush.

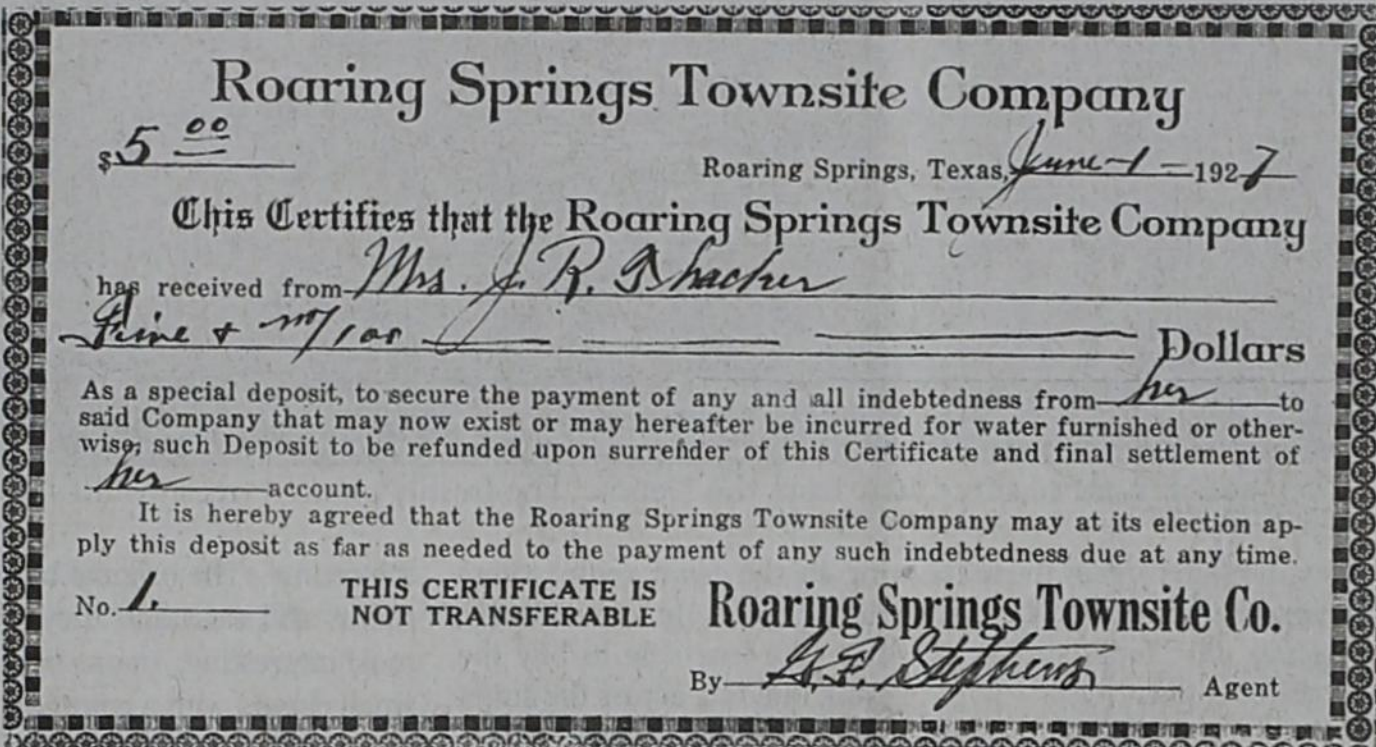
Newcomers move into our community bringing friendship, fresh ideas, and extra hands to work toward keeping Roaring Springs in fine fettle. There are a number of 'movers and shakers' in our community. Some are the newly retired folks who have moved here. We have faith they will 'take up the mantle' to keep Roaring

QUANAH, TX. — Texas history expert David Singleton will present a program on the folklore of buried and lost treasures in Texas on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., at Copper Breaks State Park. Singleton will explore the famous legends of the lost Bowie silver mine, the seven cities of gold, the lost treasures of Santa Ana and of Emperor Maximilian, among other exciting stories.

"These legends have been part of Texas folklore since the beginning of written history in the state. Unfortunately these stories have often been taken as fact and this has resulted in tremendous damage to our archaeological sites and heritage in Texas," said Singleton. "I remind park visitors that no unauthorized searches for artifacts are allowed, including the use of metal detectors in Texas State Parks."

Singleton, a native Texan, has been studying Western and Texas history all his life. He has worked to preserve this history and as part of his efforts, has given very well received presentations at Copper Breaks on Cowboy Guns and Texas Cattle Trails.

For more information on the folklore program, or other Copper Breaks events or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



Bill enjoyed coaching Little League. Their main competitors were Matador's Little League teams. Bill said he learned real soon that there was a difference in the kids he could use to his advantage. The Matador kids weren't used to the trains coming through town and most of the time a passing train would break their concentration on the game so that his team would beat them. The baseball diamond was where the post office is now, right along the tracks near the depot. The game would be going along good and Bill would hear the train whistle out at a crossing before it got into town. He knew about how many minutes it would be before the train would be even with the baseball diamond and near the next crossing. He would try to get some kids on all the bases and call time out; just before the train whistle would blow, he would yell, "play ball"! If he had a good hitter up they would knock a homer and the kids would run in free because their opponents would be watching the train! He

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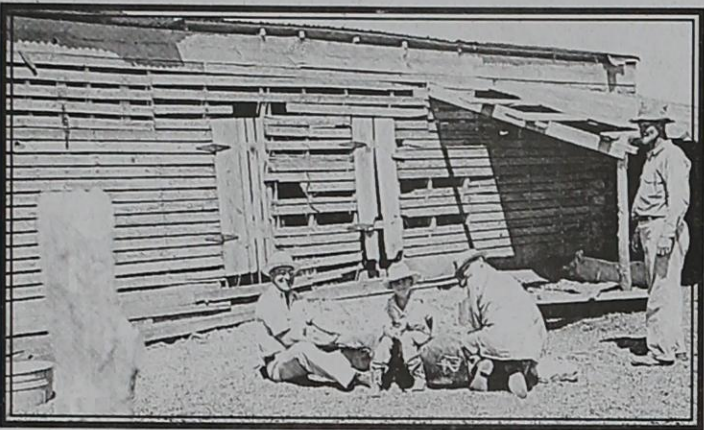
Retro Whiteflat News

By Stella Tilson

A Post Office, named Whiteflat, was established for the rural settlement in 1890 at the request of W.R. Tilson. Descendant's participate in a branding in the 1950's. Stella Tilson is elated to finally have irrigation.



W.R. Tilson, Bill Tilson, Warren Earl Tilson, and Tom Tilson get ready for a branding.



Tommy Tilson, Bill Tilson, and Warren Earl Tilson brand a calve as Tom Tilson supervises.



"Happy smile!" is how Linda Tilson describes her grandmother, Stella Tilson. "This is a very unusual photo," she said, "because normally when Grandmother went outside she would cover up head to finger tip in protection from the sun. I always remember her sun bonnets. I always got that lecture, and, of course, she was right."

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21 teams accepted challenge of 2009 Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo

Twenty teams from as near as Dumont and as far away as Artesia, New Mexico, have accepted the challenge of the 2009 Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo on Friday, August 28, and Saturday, August 29. Qualifying teams will compete for the title of World Ranch Rodeo champions in Amarillo on Nov. 10-11.

The teams providing tough competition in the bronc riding, team sorting, branding, and wild cow milking contests are Bradley J3 Ranch of Electra, Capt. Johnny Miller; Mill Iron Land & Cattle Co. of Haskel, Capt. Billy Lamb, combined with Flowers Ranch of Aspermont, Capt. Jeff Flowers; R. A. Brown Ranch of Throckmorton; Thompson Ranch of Munday, Capt. Tyler Thompson; Brown & Brumley Cattle Co. of Hereford, Capt. Brandon Brown;

Crutch Ranch of Borger, Capt. Hagen Lamb; NT Ranch of Knox City, Capt. Tony Hunter; Tongue River Ranch of Dumont, Capt. Tom Moorhouse; Masterson Ranch of Guthrie, Capt. Robert Masterson; Triangle Ranch of Paducah, Capt. Brent Brownley, combined with 7B Ranch, Capt. John Brothers; Swenson Land & Cattle Co. of Stamford, Capt. Randall Gates; Nail Ranch and EZ Land & Cattle Co., Capt. Clint Brown; Circle

Bar Ranch of Truscott, Capt. Jerry Bob Daniel; Wilson T4 Cattle Co. of Canyon, Capt. Rodey Wilson; Pitchfork Ranch of Guthrie, Capt. Ron Lane; W.T. Waggoner of Electra, Capt. Weldon Hawley; Sand Hill Cattle Co. of Earth, Capt. Trip Townsend; Turkey Track Ranch combined with Bullock Cattle Co. of Artesia, NM, Capt. Jimmy Herring; Schneemann Land & Cattle Co. of Big Lake, Capt. Colby Schneemann; LeMejor Cattle Co. of Seymour, Capt. Bo Bourland.

Pitchfork Ranch Guthrie, Texas

The Pitchfork Ranch, established by Eugene Williams, a sales

manager for a St. Louis-based shoe company, and his childhood friend, D.B. Gardner, a Texas surveyor, was named for the Pitchfork brand already worn by the first herd they purchased. In 1883, the ranch was incorporated, with the principal stockholders being the Williams family.

Gardner managed the ranch in Guthrie for 47 productive years. From then until the present, only seven managers have held that position, including O. A. Lambert, Virgil V. Parr, Rudolph Swenson, Dee Burns, Jim Humphreys, Bob Moorhouse, and Ron Lane since 2007. The Williams family descendants continue to operate the 126-year old ranch in the same conservative manner as their founders with an emphasis on friendship and hospitality.

The home ranch in Dickens and King counties encompasses some 165,000 acres, divided into 80 pastures requiring 300 miles of fence and 113 windmills. The cowboys work the range in a manner consistent with their forebears who first rode for the brand in the 1880s and eat at the same table. Today, however, helicopters and computers are now as essential as the traditional ropes and saddles. Known for its natural beauty, the ranch is featured in a photographic book Pitchfork Country by its past manager Bob Moorhouse.

In addition to the Angus and Hereford cattle and the resulting crossbred offspring known as the "black baldy," the ranch raises championship quarter horses, having won the 1993 American Quarter Horse Association Remuda, the 1997 AQHA "Legacy Award," and the 1997 Texas Ranch Roundup.

Tongue River Ranch Dumont, Texas

In 1898 Eric and Albin Swensen, sons of S.M. Swensen of the SMS Ranches, purchased the 79,000 acre Scab 8 Ranch located on the South Pease River, commonly known as the Tongue River. The brothers renamed it Tongue River

Ranch. Present day owner, Milard Morris of DeRidder, LA, purchased the ranch at its current size of 89,000 acres in 1997, and added the New Mexico division in 2005 with further additions in 2007. Over the past decade, Mr. Morris has focused on preserving the heritage of the ranch while making many improvements. This includes a revitalization of headquarters and a state-of-the-art horse facility.

Dedicated to restoring the traditions of ranching, The Tongue River Ranch sends out the chuck wagon, pulled by a team of mules, twice a year for roundup. Cowboys take their meals and stay out at the wagon during the gatherings while performing most of their day-to-day activities on horseback. Continuing tradition and preserving history is a way of life, not a job at Tongue River Ranch.

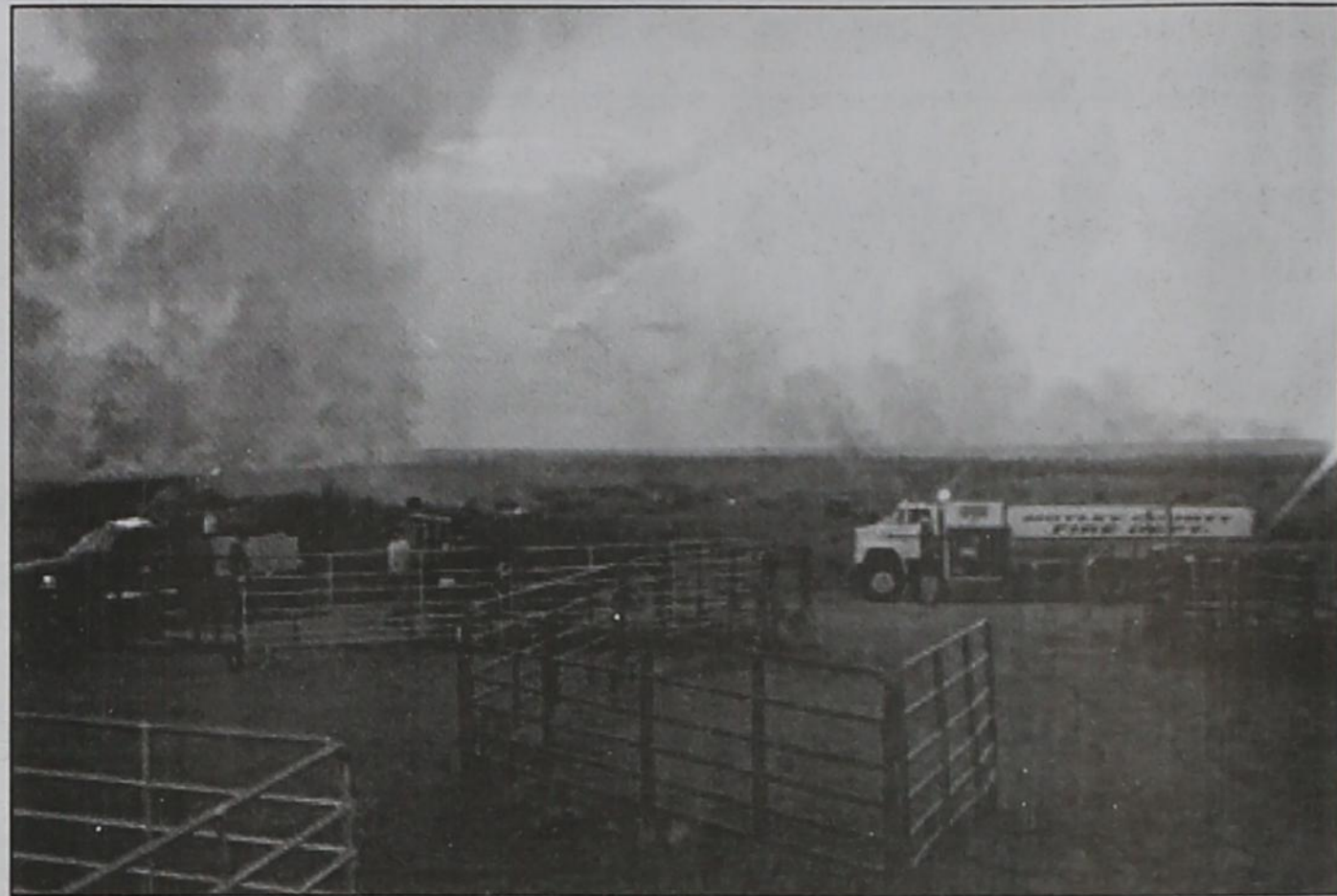
The Tongue River Ranch, host of the 2009 Return to the Remuda horse sale on Sept. 25-26, has concentrated on raising outstanding horses and has received numerous top horse honors and ranch rodeo wins. Most recently the Ranch Rodeo team composed of manager Tom Moorhouse, cowboys Stoney Jones, Charles Neskorik, Ty Smith and Ryan Rankin placed second overall at the Waurika Chamber of Commerce Ranch Rodeo to qualify the team for the World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

Thoughts and prayers go out to absent team member Rick Kieschnick who was injured in a horse accident earlier in the summer.

Masterson JY Ranch Guthrie, Texas

The Masterson Ranch, located in King and Childress counties, is a commercial cow/calf operation, raising Angus and Brangus crossbred cattle. They keep a broodmare band and two stallions of quarter-horses for ranch-bred "horses with a heart." The ranch is owned by the Bill Masterson Family and managed by Robert Masterson.

Biggest fire of the year, so far



By Matt Crawford

After more than a few days with a chance of widely scattered thunderstorms, or grassfires as we like to say, luck smiled, or is it frowned, upon MCVFD. We were fortunate that our 36 hour trio of fires were small, easily handled grassfires. Sunday August 16th, MVFD had our first all night fire of the 2009 season.

Lightning from early evening thunderstorms on the Motley-Dickens county line ignited two grassfires on Wes Campbell's property that tested the skills of seven area Volunteer Fire Departments.

Two separate lightning strikes ignited fires about a quarter of a mile apart. The west fire had much more fuel and spread quickly. The east fire had much less fuel but

wind-driven flames advanced northward. Southwinds spread the flames quickly and with two fires racing north the decision was made to evacuate the Springs Ranch and the Country Lake Estates. Maintainers arrived and began cutting a fire guard which was quickly jumped by the west fire. A fire guard was bladed around the east fire farther ahead of the flames.

The east fire fell off into some draws and breaks and without the wind rapidly died out.

All attention was turned to the west fire which was still advancing north. The country south of the river made it difficult to move machinery and manpower around quickly.

About sunset, the Lord provided a wind switch out of the northeast that eased the threat on the homes and campers,

but pushed it west into new fuel. Late into the night the fire burned westward away from population but consuming vital vegetation in its path.

In the course of the night two more changes in wind direction causes the fire crews to turn our efforts back to the north-west front. A fire guard was cut and back fires were set to help hold the flames. Monday morning around daybreak, a good fire guard was in place and the fire was well contained. 1067 acres were destroyed or damaged in the blaze. Matador, Roaring Springs, Daugherty, Macadoo, Spur, Dickens, and Flomot Volunteer Fire Departments teamed up to extinguish the blaze. As always our fire fighting efforts were enhanced by the Motley and Dickens County maintainers.

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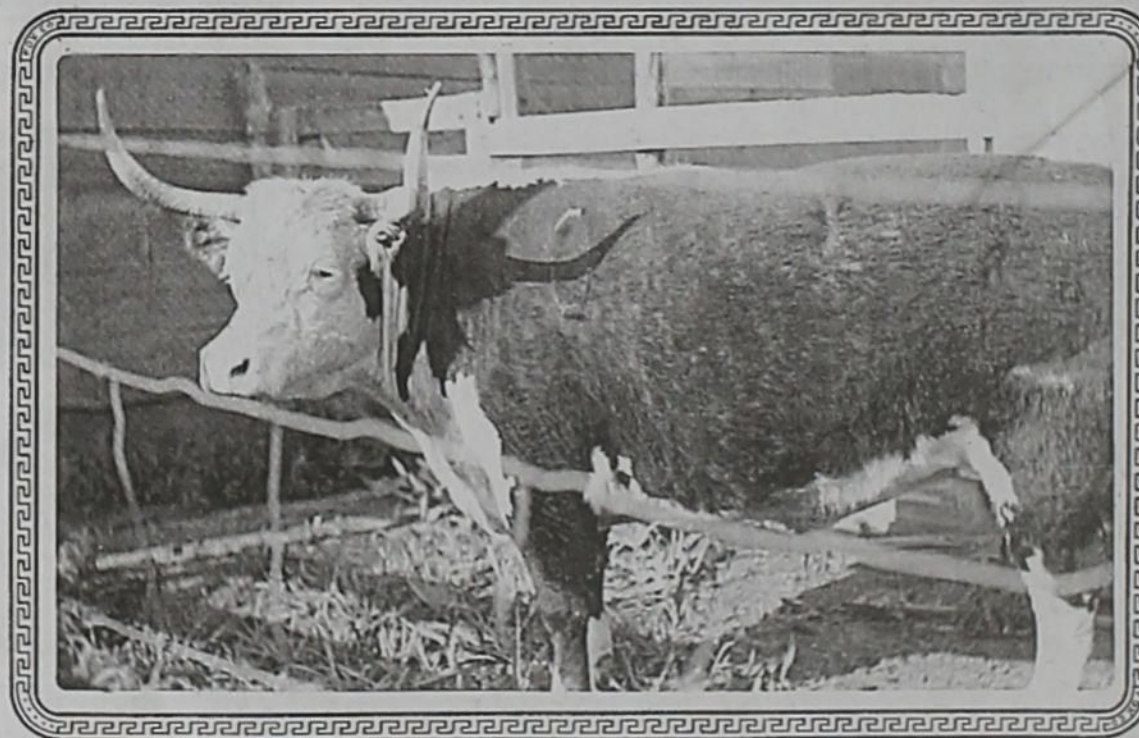
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Chamber Saturday Night Celebration beats the heat continued from page one

They started their performance with Sentimental Journey, and indeed, the evening unveiled a journey through the decades with a few old favorites from the '40s, music from the '50s and '60s; with a more contemporary venue from the '70s. There was something for everyone. And the sound couldn't have been better.

Merchants donated a wide variety of goods and services consisting of 31 door prizes. The drawings were interspaced throughout the evening, and included gift bags, a mini-DVD player, breakfast for two and a night in Ho-

tel Matador; and a night at Travelers Inn. Motley County Bucks were given away, coffee mugs, a Moore Maker knife, gift certificates, paintings, jewelry, games, books, photography prints, live plants, and a \$25 Series E Bond, courtesy of FNB, Matador Branch.

A special booth was manned by the Hotel Matador sisters, Caron Perkins, Marilyn Hicks, and Linda Roy, who distributed information regarding the need for the community to seek designation as a federally supported Rural Health Clinic. They urged citizens

to indicate their support for opening the Clinic by sending letters to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington D.C. For more information on this important issue, please contact Linda Roy at Hotel Matador.

The August heat in Texas didn't hold back the enthusiasm of this summer crowd, bent on experiencing an old-fashioned family venue reminiscent of the '50s. The Motley County Chamber of Commerce staged a perfect evening under the stars in downtown Matador.



R.E. Hunter, Roaring Springs, is a retired carpenter who builds cedar constructed bird houses. He has 2- and single-story houses with your favorite symbol for a door.



Frank and Anna Ortiz set up a booth at the Foothills Celebration to sell brisket wraps and drinks.



The busy streets of Matador brought families to town on Saturday night for music, food, and fellowship.

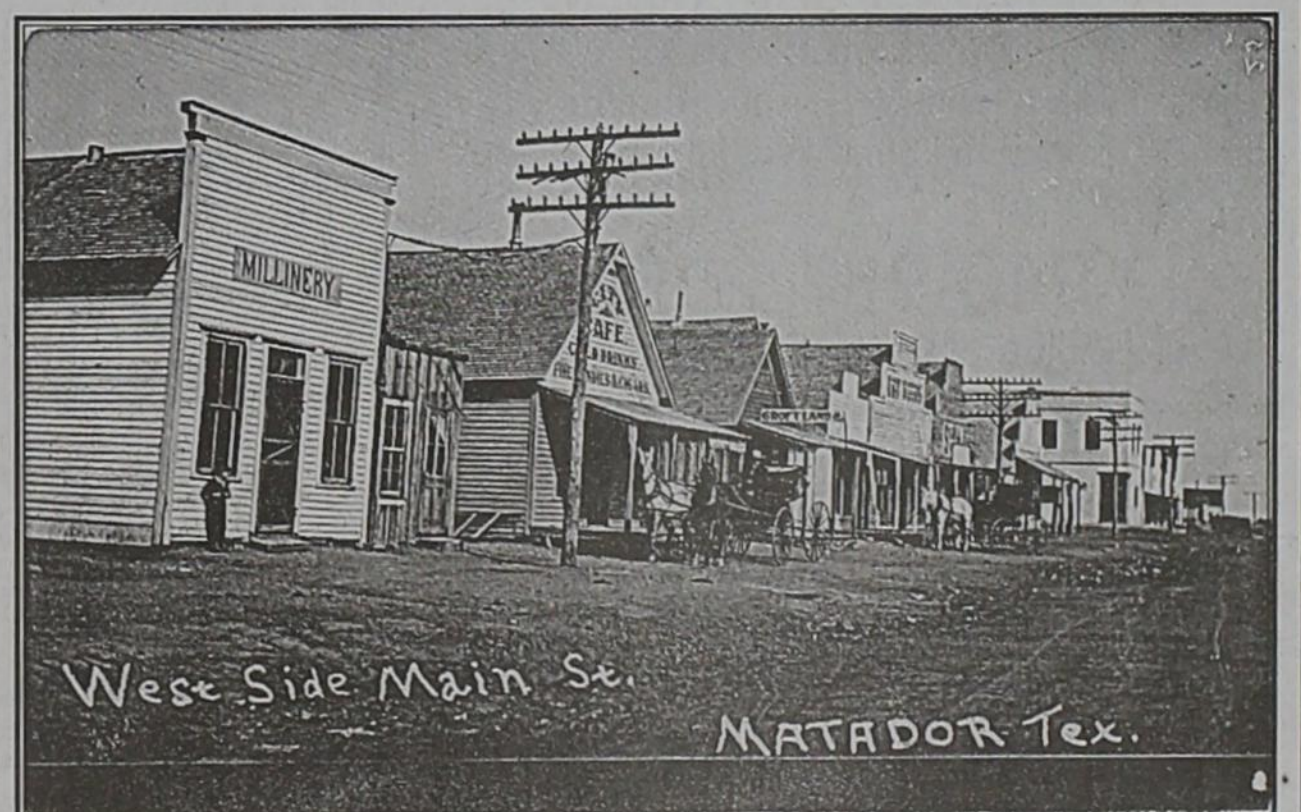


Residents wait in line for their grilled hamburgers. The Chamber sponsored this venue which included a burger, chips, drink, and dessert for \$5.00.



Sofia and Elijah Crawford, children of FBC Pastor Matt and Jalie Crawford, hitch a ride to town for the Foothills Saturday Night celebration.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 27 HCCC Pot Luck Lunch at noon
- 27 Eastern Star, 6:30
- 27-29 Old Settlers Reunion, RS
- 28, Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread, 11:30-1:30, Library Annex.
- 28 MCISD Football at Kress, 7:30 pm
- 30 Fire It Up! Sunday, FBC, Matador, 10 am - 2 pm; casual attire; includes cookout

September

- 1 Matador Lions
- 3 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo AT HCCC
- 3 RS Lions meeting at Windmill Cafe
- 4 MCISD Football, Spur at Matador, 7:30 pm
- 5 7:00 A.M. Men's breakfast will be at the Methodist Church.
- 8 RSCV
- 9 Hospital Board, 7:30am
- 11 MCISD Football at Whitharral, 7:30pm
- 14 Commissioners' Court 9am
- 14 Matador City Council
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 17 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Spr
- 18 MCISD Football at Wilson at 7:30pm
- 19 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 24 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 25 MCISD Football and Homecoming, Southland at Matador, 7:30pm

October

- 1 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo AT HCCC
- 2 MCISD Football at McLean, 7:30pm
- 9 MCISD Football at Silverton, 7:30pm
- 10 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 16 MCISD Football at Cotton Center at Matador, 7:30pm

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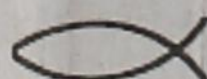
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