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**Thursday
September 11, 1997
8:00 p.m.**

Pep Rally & Bonfire

Motley County Matadors



**Friday
September 12, 1997
1:30 - 3:00**

Registration & Coffee
at the School

1:00 - 5:00

Visit the
Motley County Library & Mural
and the
Historic Motley County Museum

3:05

Pep Rally in the Gym

5:30

Hamburgers at the
Football Field sponsored by
Motley County Student Council

7:30

Pre-Game Activities

8:00

Football
Motley County vs. Anton

Special Class Reunions

1937, 1947, 1957, 1967,
1967, 1977, 1982, 1987,
1992

**Saturday
September 13, 1997**

9:30 - 12 noon

Registration
Coffee & Pastries at the School
Special Class Reunions

9:00 - 5:00

Visit the Historic
Motley County Museum

2:30

Program & Business Meeting
in the Gym
Richard Campbell, '65, Master of Ceremonies

5:30 - 7:30

Supper at the
School Cafeteria, \$6 a plate.
Catered by Virginia Sallsbury
Please arrange your class activities so
you can participate in this function.

9:00 - 1:00

Dance at the Fire Hall

1997 President, Dana Dillard Graham, '77

Bonfire, Pep Rally Will Usher In 1997 Homecoming

by Ex-Students Association
President Dana Graham

Everyone is encouraged to come out to the Bonfire tonight, (Thursday), to kick-off the Homecoming festivities, and to get the Matadors and the whole community spirited for the Friday night football game. Please come early Friday night for the Hamburger supper and the pre-game activities, including crowning the Homecoming Queen.

The Saturday morning ex-students coffee will be at the school, along with the business meeting that afternoon.

Ed D. Smith has graciously agreed to step in as Master of Ceremonies since Richard Campbell had to cancel due to a last minute scheduling conflict.

Also, we will be honoring Hazel Donovan for her many years of dedication to Homecoming and the Ex-Students, so please come to the business meeting for their special recognition.

As a great ending to Homecoming, don't forget the evening dinner at the school prepared by Virginia Sallsbury, and the dance at the fire hall. See you there!

Commissioners Approve 1997-98 Budget

Motley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 8, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. Invocation was by Don Hughes. The minutes were read and approved. Bills were reviewed and approved. Reports approved were: Treasurer report, Tax Collector report, County Agent's reports, Justice of the Peace report, and the Library report.

Jimmy Freeman and Lori Davidson from the Childress office of the Texas Department of Transportation and Douglas Campbell from the Motley County office, met with the Court and discussed the Tongue River bridge that was recently severely damaged by fire. A letter has been sent to TxDOT requesting an inspection of the bridge by engineers of TxDOT. Local citizens, Truitt and Vic Reed were present for this discussion.

Arla Felts, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, met with the Court. She discussed projects that were offered to citizens in Motley County.

Members of the Court designated the second Monday of each month for regular sessions of Commissioners' Court for 97-98 FY.

Western Construction, Spur, Texas will be providing the labor and equipment to spray the asphalt product on the roof of the courthouse. Cost for applying the sealer will be \$875.00. Court adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**Public Hearing On
97-98 FY Budget**

Motley County Commissioners Court convened at 10:30 a.m. for action on the 97-98 FY proposed budget. The budget was approved. Votes were 4 for and 0 opposed.

The ad valorem tax rate was set at \$0.79. Votes were 4 for and 0 opposed. One taxpayer was present at the Budget hearing.

Reserved Football Seats Still Available

The Pep Club still has a few reserved seats at the football stadium for sale. The proceeds from the sale of these seats help pay for the All-Sports Banquet. If you are interested please contact any Pep Club member, Tina Brooks, or Kathy Gillespie. Your support is greatly appreciated.

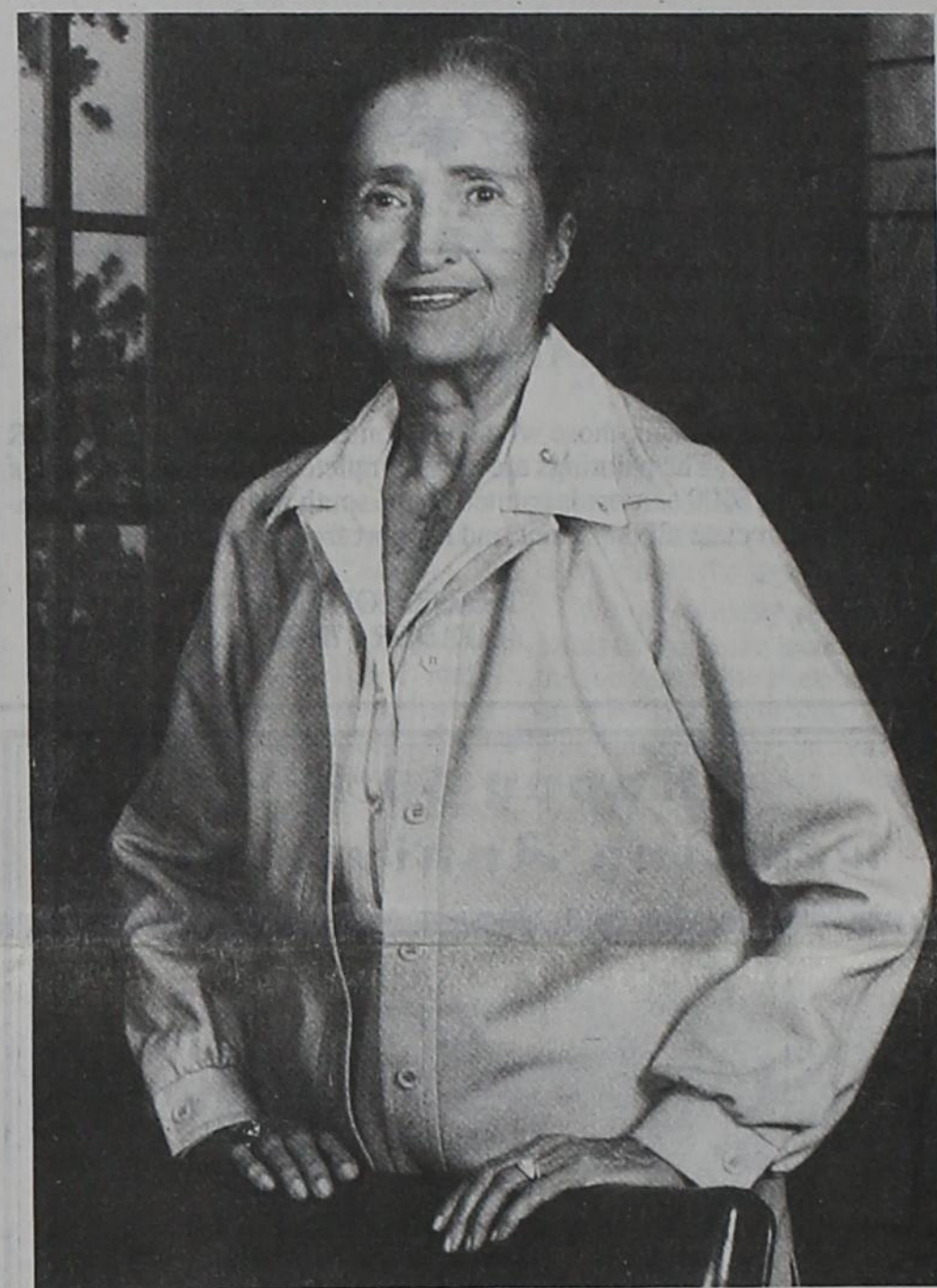
1997 Spirit Rally Kicks off Season

The 1997 Spirit Rally, held last Thursday night at the Football field, kicked-off the season and got everyone ready for the big season ahead for Football and Cross Country.

The Jr. High Pep Club, their manager, Cheerleaders, Cross Country, and Football team were introduced, followed by the High School Pep Club, Cheerleaders, managers, Cross Country and the 1997 Motley County MATADORS Football team.

After everyone was introduced the entire school, every student, teacher, coach, etc. were invited down on the football field to join hands and sing the School Song.

The evening ended with homemade ice cream and brownies.



Hazel Donovan

Hazel Donovan to be Honored at Homecoming

by Mary Meason

Longtime Homecoming Association Secretary, Hazel Donovan, will be honored at this year's Homecoming business meeting Saturday afternoon.

The Matador School Homecoming was organized November 13, 1953. Directors elected were Hazel Donovan, Mary Meason, Helen Patton, William (Bill) McCaghren, Alvin Stearns, and Curtis Graham.

The first Homecoming was held on October 29, 1954 with Howard Traweck as President, Jake Edwards, Vice President, and Opal Pipkin, Secretary.

The directors in 1954 were Helen Patton, Mary Meason, Virginia Hoyle, Opal Pipkin, Curtis Graham, Howard Traweck, Furman Finson, and Edgar Lee.

Hazel became the Secretary of the organization in 1954 and continued to hold that office until poor health forced her to give up her duties in 1995, serving in that capacity forty-one years.

She will be honored this year for her support and her service to the organization.

Hazel was a very civic minded person. She took a great interest, not only in Homecoming, but also in the Women's Golf Association. She compiled the most wonderful, "Memory Book" of all the association's tournaments, play days, tournaments away from home, and special dinners. Nothing was left out! She has been encouraged to put that book in the Motley County Museum. But was hesitant, because she felt people would not be interested. There are many, many golfers in this county who would love to see it!

Everyone will miss seeing Hazel at all the Homecoming activities, the voting polls, and at Church.

Hazel, we all want to express our appreciation for you and all the interest you have shown in everything you have been involved in for Matador, the schools, and the County. We all thank you and love you!

Class Photo Project Still Needs Help

As we approach Homecoming weekend, the Class Photo Project Committee still needs help to complete its project. The committee has been successful in collecting eighteen (18) class photos since the last homecoming, however we are still missing photos for the following classes: 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942,

1944, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1970, and 1971.

Also, in order to complete the project, we need at least \$500 more in donations. Please contact Charles Keith, Box 610, Matador, phone 806-347-2283 for more information on this project.

PTO To Sponsor Book Fair

Motley County PTO is sponsoring a Book Fair. The Fair begins Monday, September 15 and runs until Friday, September 19th from 8:00 a.m. until

4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. This Book Fair is open to the public. Proceeds go toward the All-Night Party.

Who Will Be Queen?



The 1997 Homecoming Football Queen Contestants and their escorts are pictured above left to right, Kandi Keltz, Junior, and escort Joe Mangram; Rebecca Morris, Freshman, and escort Aaron Green; Blair Thacker, Junior, and escort Ryan Martin; Samantha Osborn, Junior, and escort Benji Rodriguez. The Queen will be crowned before the football game Friday night.



SPIRIT RALLY — Motley County Students and Teachers join hands to form a big circle on the football field to join in the singing of the School Song, at last Thursday night's Spirit Rally.



by:
Carla Meador

Well I must admit I am so tired this week, my mind is completely blank to anything to write. Homecoming and Old Settlers are just too close this year, for me.

I am really glad that Hazel Donovan is being honored this year. Hazel has worked thousands of hours over the years for Homecoming, as Secretary of the Ex-Students Association. If anyone deserves to be honored, it is certainly Hazel. Congratulations, Hazel!

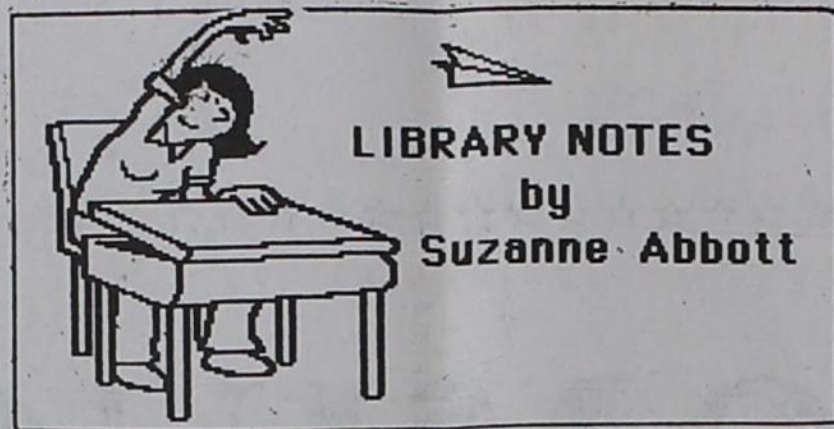
Remember the excitement of Homecoming when you were in school? The week before Homecoming was always very busy and hurried. Preparing for the bonfire, painting signs, putting the Homecoming paper together, what-ifs, remember when, song dedications, etc. - everything that goes along with Homecoming, always a festive feeling in the air. I guess they still do the same things, you can

see kids hurrying all over town. I hope you enjoy this week's paper. It's full of old pictures. I just love these old pictures. But, have you ever noticed how few of the kids smiled? Someone said they were so poor they didn't have much to smile about. But they're so cute. I love some of the clothes they wore.

I wonder if in 50 years or so, pictures of our generation will be in the paper, and the comments that might be made. Can you imagine?

Well, in 50 years, who knows what people will be wearing, maybe throw-away clothing, or may--be the styles will go back to what they're wearing in the old pictures we're printing now. Wouldn't that be weird, talk about the Twilight Zone.

I hope everyone has a really remarkable time with your Homecoming celebration. And again, may I say, Congratulations, Hazel!



This coming Tuesday, September 16, 1997, there will be a meeting of the Motley County Genealogical Society at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Everyone who is interested in genealogy and family history is invited to attend. We have several important items to discuss, such as the upcoming State Genealogical Society's meeting in Lubbock in November. For more information about this state meeting come to the Motley County Genealogical Society meeting next week.

We want to remind everyone that Internet access is available at the Motley County Library. If you have never used the Internet before, come in and I or Georgia, will be glad to show you how to "connect". It is easy and fun. There is a wealth of information on the World Wide Web, and if you have a school project or paper to do, you

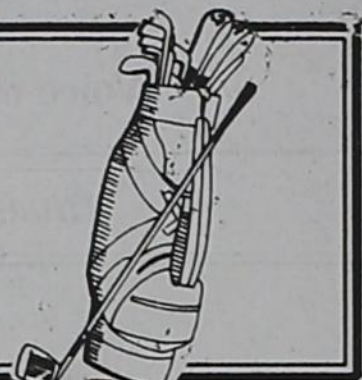
might find some interesting sources about your subject on the Internet. We have to charge for time on the Internet, but if you know your subject, usually thirty minutes will yield articles that you want -- and thirty minutes costs only \$1.50.

If you want to just "browse," you can get lots of browsing done within an hour. An hour on the Internet will cost you \$2.75. Since our printer is a color printer, we charge .25¢ per page if you find something on the Internet that you want a copy of. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to explore the World Wide Web.

Motley County Library is one of two libraries in the West Texas Library System that offers public access to the Internet. We are fortunate to have this resource here in our county.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

August 26

Winners, first, with a score of 30, (play-off on card), Mark Brannon, Gene Brannon, and Dustin Brannon.

Second, with a score of 30, were Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Chip Smith and Dee Littekin.

Third, with a score of 31, were Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, Salty Jones, and Roy Stephens.

LaVoe got closest to pin on #3, 22' 8".

Others playing were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, G.H. Yeagan, Roy Grundy, Alan Bingham, Homer Martin, Cleo Martin, Kay Bingham, Mike Hancock and Ronnie Vandiver.

LADIES PLAYDAY

August 28

Those playing 18 holes were Olivia Barton, Louise Barton, and Mary Lou Williams. Olivia won the ball, low net, 66.

Nine hole players were Dorothy Day, Loys Campbell, Judy Renfro, Frances Hobbs, and Lucretia Campbell. Lucretia won the ball, low net, 32.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

September 2

Winners, first, with a score of 29, were Dortha Grundy, Roy Grundy, Roy Stephens, Dee Littekin, and Frank Tow.

Second, with a score of 30, were Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Chip Smith, Laverna Price, and Gene Brannon.

Third, with a score of 31, (play-off on card), were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Cody Dodson, and Geneva Wilson.

Alan Bingham got closest to pin on #6, 29' 2".

Others playing were Homer Martin, Cleo Martin, Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, Mary Lou Williams, Bud McKay and Mike Hancock.

LADIES PLAYDAY

September 4

18 hole players were Louise Barton, LaVoe Thacker, Mary Lou Williams, Olivia Barton, and Geneva Wilson. Lavoe won the ball, low gross, handicap, below 23, score 87.

Geneva won the ball, low gross, above 23, score 94.

9 hole players were Lucretia Campbell, Vida Elkins, Mary Jones, Frances Hobbs and Dorothy Grundy.

Lucretia Campbell and Dot Grundy tied for low gross below 23 handicap, score 42.

Vida won the ball above 23 handicap, score 47.

Hazel, the golfers give you a big salute, and congratulate you on your Homecoming honor!

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank those who have contributed to the MATADOR MURAL PROJECT. The paintings are now completed and a list of names of those contributing \$100 or more is painted on the south wall of Higginbotham-Bartlett. We appreciate all donations and support from everyone.

THANK YOU AGAIN!
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FEARING GOD



The word "fear" is used numerous times in the Bible with reference to God. What He seeks from us in fearing Him is not a harmful, negative, unhealthy condition. Nor does He want the kind of fear that merely serves as an "alarm system" to arouse and alert us to impending danger. For the most part, when the Bible speaks to us about "fearing God," it is speaking of the reverential or awesome side of the fear spectrum. This fear is a friend.

The majesty and holiness of God naturally incites fear in humans. "God is clothed with terrible majesty. The Almighty -- we cannot find Him; He is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness He will not violate. Therefore men fear Him" (Job 37: 22-24). God's holiness transcends our character and when we realize that it produces the proper effects. Two favorite phrases in the Old Testament present Deity as awesome by speaking of "the fear of the Lord," and "the fear of God".

The "fear of God", for His people, is not required by cowering before Him in abject terror. Rather, it's found in keeping His commandments, serving Him, listening to His voice, and especially in worshipping Him. For those who fear Him, there are numerous, abundant blessings. "O how abundant is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You." (Psalm 31:19/)

God does expect you to fear Him, and in the healthy way of doing that, you will find joy and show it in your daily life, as well as showing proper respect for Him.

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MC School Happenings



What's to Eat?



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Breakfast: Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Burritos (Beef & Cheese), Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Jelly, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chef Salad (Ham, Egg, Cheese), Baked Potato, Crackers, Watergate Salad, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Crispy Fish, Coleslaw or Salad, Tarter Sauce, Oven Fries, Combread, Fruit Bar, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

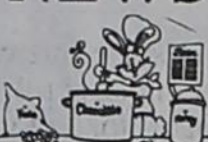
Lunch: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Breakfast: Hot Pockets, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FHA NEWS

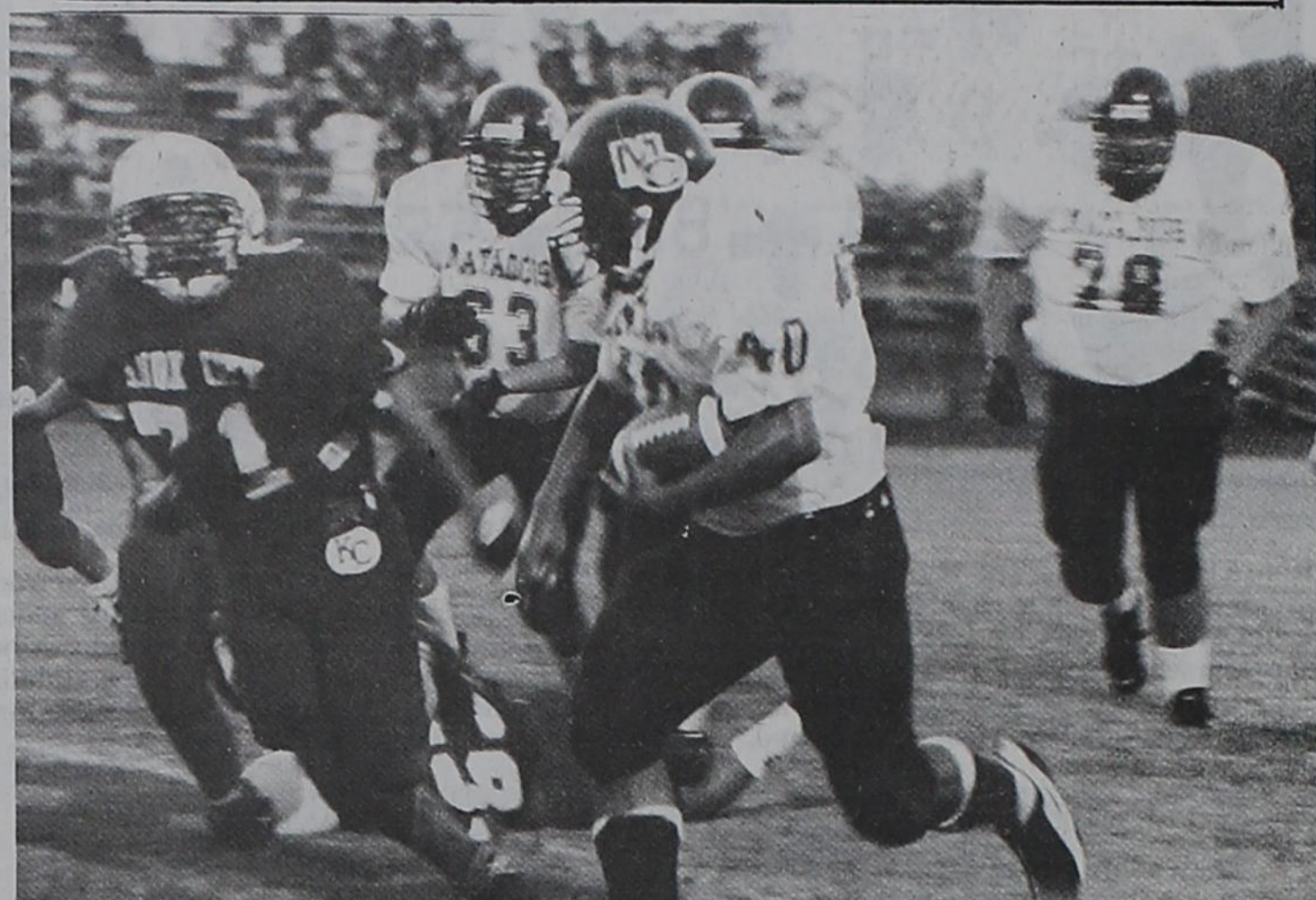
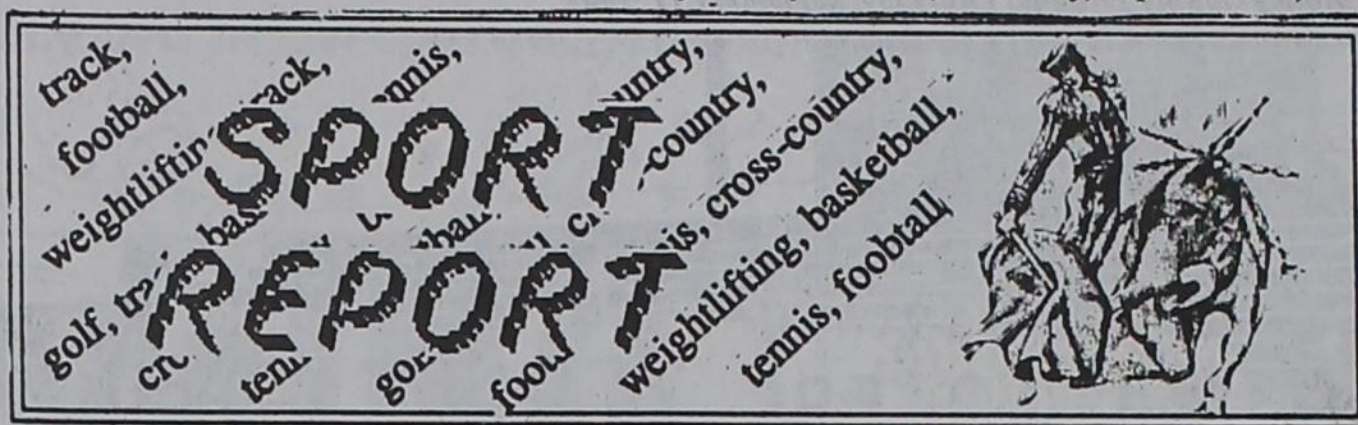


by Llan Barkley

An upcoming event for the Motley County Chapter is a Leadership workshop for local chapters. The workshop will be held in Motley County High School, September 9, 1997, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The workshop will provide many interesting things to do. This is a great opportunity for FHA members. Members from Valley, Paducah, Spur, Patton Springs, Guthrie, and Motley County are planning to attend.

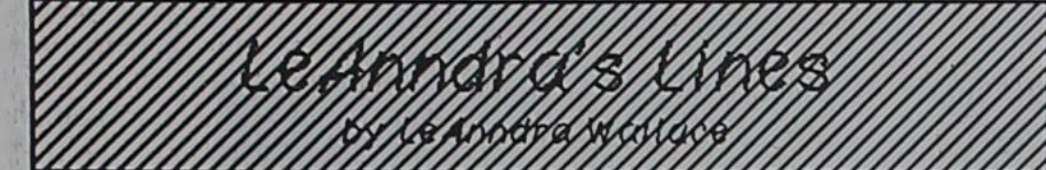
This year the Regional meeting is to be held in Odessa, March 6-7 1998, and the State meeting will be held in Houston, April 16-18, 1998.

This year our FHA program is headed by a new advisor, Mrs. Jan Jones. In the past years, our Chapter has won many awards and hopes to continue as in the past.



Benji Rodriguez breaks wide left for a good gain against the Knox City Greyhounds. The Matadors defeated the hounds 21-12 at Knox City. They will face the Anton Bulldogs Friday night for the 1997 Homecoming game.

(Photo by James Gillespie)



For all who's interested, the Motley County 4-H Food Show is coming up. The county show is in October 12. For all contestants who win at the County Show, will get to go on to District. The winners at the District Show, who are

Seniors, will get to go on to State at the Annual State Round-up.

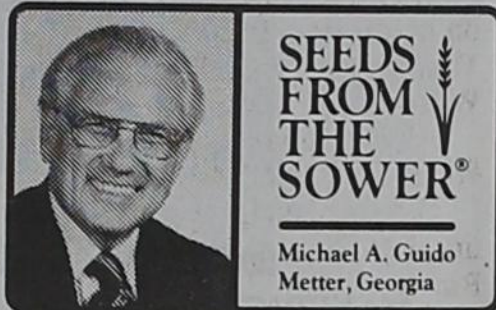
Other things going on in the community is Homecoming. Let's all go support the Mighty Matadors on a victory against Anton Friday night!

There is nothing good in this world which time does not improve.

—Alexander Smith

Sophomore Class Fundraiser

The Sophomore Class is selling magazines, C.D.'s, and Videos. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Jr-Sr. Prom. Your support is greatly appreciated!



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

Teasingly, a man said to a little girl, "I don't love you." "But," she protested, "you gotta' love me. The Bible says, 'love your enemies, do good to them that hate you,' and I hate you."

Good for good, evil for evil - that's natural. Evil for good - that's devilish. But good for evil - that's supernatural.

There's a natural love and a supernatural love. It's not natural to love your enemies. That takes a supernatural love. Where does that love come from? The Lord.

Let the Lord come into your life and He'll fill it to overflowing with His love.

by Coach Ronnie Cox

The Motley County Matadors won their season opener in Knox City beating the Greyhounds, 21-12. It was a great team effort with the offense, defense and kicking game rising to the occasion when they were really needed. The Matadors ended the first quarter with a 14-0 lead and never trailed during the game. Knox City scored touchdowns in the second and third quarters making the score 14-12 going into the fourth quarter. The final score of the game came on a 67 yard run by Joe Mangram, making the score 21-12.

Joe, Benji Rodriguez and Keane Cruse each ran the ball very well. Keane had 75 yards on 7 carries. Joe rushed for 147 yards on 15 carries and Benji carried the ball 16 times for 133 yards. Keane completed 5 of 12 passes for 49 yards, no interceptions and one touchdown to Jason Clauser. The leading receiver was Aaron Green with 3 catches for 36 yards. The Matadors

ended the game with 404 yards total offense.

Defensively the entire team played well making a number of big hits. The leading tacklers were Dayton Grundy with 10, Benji 9, Blake Barton 7 and Keane 7. Blake also had a fumble recovery and Chase Carson had two timely interceptions. The big hit leader was Benji with 4. Ryan Martin got the effort award for saving a sure touch-

down by running the ball carrier down from well behind. He also caused a fumble that we recovered stopping a drive late in the game. We were really pleased with the effort of the entire team and are looking forward to the Homecoming game here Friday night with Anton. The game starts at 8:00 p.m. and we would like to invite everyone to come see an exciting football game.

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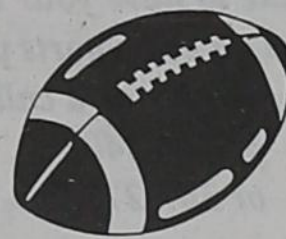
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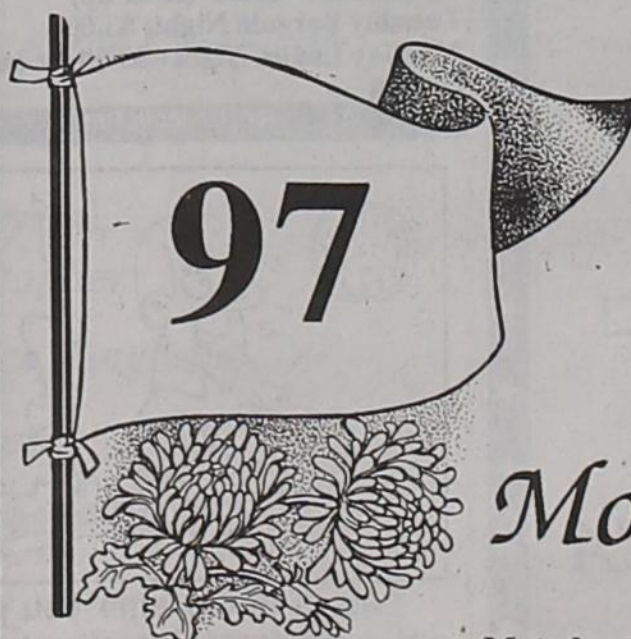
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Carla Meredith Meador - Class of '76
Misty Easter - Class of '97
Brooke Barton - Class of '97
Leandra Wallace - Class of 2001

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Matador, Texas

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MC MAVERICKS — The 1997 Motley County Mavericks Jr. High Football Team are pictured from top row to bottom left to right, Brandon Moore, Joel Reiger, Justin Jameson, Landin Baxter, Brandon Martin, Skyler Clifton; Coach Ridgley, Brett Wallace, Clint Cooper, Deke Baxter, Ysef Alvarado, David Nipp, Marselino Ramirez, Coach Cox; Coach O'Pry, Luke Taylor, Lorenzo Salazar, Bo Long, Quintin Rose, Brady Timmins, Derrick Cruse, Erik Gutierrez, Shawn Marvel, Chantry Meyer, Tony Salazar; Manager Ricardo Luna, William Ho-Gland, T.J. Christopher, and Fernando Martinez.



MAVERICK CHEERLEADERS — The 1997-98 Jr. High Cheerleaders are Lisa Taylor, Courtney Hays, Shandra Jones (in back l-r); Brenda Gillespie and Lacy Carson, are pictured in front.



JR. HIGH CROSS COUNTRY — Pictured left to right are Kayla Copp, Brittany Donaldson, Shandra Jones, Coach Kim Alexander, Rachael Smith, Sherri Thomas, Cassidy Campbell; (in front l-r) Brittany Moore and Brenda Gillespie.



MAVERICK PEP CLUB — Cheering for the Motley County Jr. High Maverick Football team this year in the Pep Club are pictured beginning at top row left to right, Delia Gonzalez, Sammy Gutierrez, Sandra Torres, Amanda Sands, Cassie Campbell; second row, Brittany Perryman, Leslie Taylor, Rachael Smith, Kelsie Wallace, Elida Rodriguez, Jessica Gutierrez; third row, Sherri Thomas, Mylinda Gilmore, Kayla Kopp, Misty Young, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Moore; in front, Susana Mendoza, Angela Marvel, Aleda Ross, Amanda Hurt, and Shea Rose.



HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY — Pictured at back left to right are Lou Ann Salazar, Kim Ashley, Paul Gonzalez, Coach Kim Alexander, Rhonda Ashley, Miranda Palmer, Charity Bartlett, Sam Osborn; middle row l-r, LeAndra Wallace, Ashley Stevens, Margaret Mangram, Tonie Bowden, Joe Gonzalez, Jill Stanley, Rebecca Morris; front, Scott Smith, Scott Jones.

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SEPTEMBER 12 - 18

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96 Olds Ciera Loaded, Factory Warranty.....	91 Chevy Astro Van \$4,950
\$9,750	90 Mazda Pickup \$2,000
95 Cadillac Sedan Deville Factory Warranty 2 to choose from Your Choice Reduced to.....	92 Buick Park Avenue .. \$10,500
\$19,500	95 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup Reg. cab, 350, Auto, 39,000 miles \$11,500
96 Chevy Cavalier 4 Door, Factory Warranty 2 to choose from, Your Choice.....	93 Chevy S-10 Pickup with camper, V/6, Auto, 61,000 miles \$7,500
\$9,450	95 Ext. Cab Z71 4x4 350, 5-speed, 57,000 miles \$16,000
95 Buick Park Avenue 2 to choose from, Your Choice....	94 Mercury Cougar 55,000 miles \$10,500
\$14,500	91 Jeep Wrangler 4x4 \$7,250
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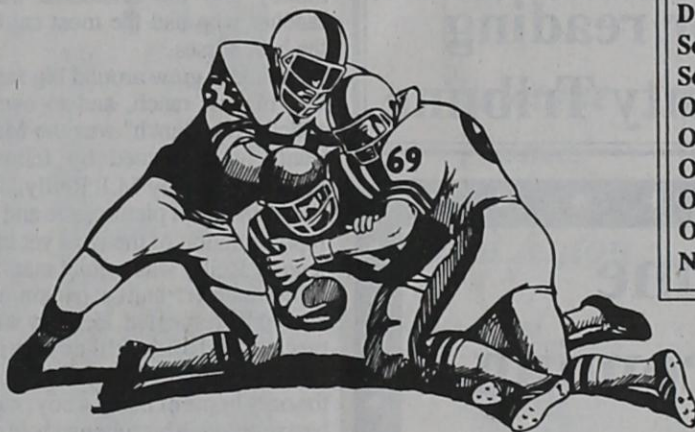
Beat Anton!



1997 MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured on top row, left to right are Matt Easter, #63; Aaron Binder, #36; Jason Barton, #61; Benji Rodriguez, #40; Aaron Green, #30; Jerod Rieger, #70; (next row l-r), Coach Shannon O'Pry, Dayton Grundy, #55; Keane Cruse, #1; Chris Guerrero, #78; Joe Mangram, #34; Kendell McDonald, #11, Sean Rose, #20; Coach Ron Cox; (next row) Ryan Martin, #28; Robert Gillespie, #69; Brandon Lee, #81; Dusty Jackson, #50; Jason Clauser, #2; Casey Lawrence, #3; next row, Coach Bob Ridgley, Blake Barton, #73; Benjamin Ridgley, #12; Ty Barclay, #82; Brad Marvel, #66; Chooch Meyer, #56; Brant Donaldson, #88; Andrew Rodriguez, #60; in front, Managers Rabekah Jameson and Tanya Barkley; Chase Carson, #9; Jermaine Hendrix, #10; Managers Monica Cifton, Brooke Decker, and Rachele Renfro.



MC CHERLEADERS — Crystal Christopher, Mascot (center, seated); Blair Thacker, head cheerleader; Kristi Williams, Ashley Stevens, (middle l-r), Samantha Osborn, Kandi Keltz, and Rebecca Morris.



Game Schedule

DATE	TEAM	SITE	TIME
September 19	Aspermont	there	8:00 p.m.
September 26	Farwell	here	8:00 p.m.
October 3	Valley	there	7:30 p.m.
October 10	Kress	here	7:30 p.m.
October 17	Sudan	there	7:30 p.m.
October 24	Nazareth	here	7:30 p.m.
October 31	Springlake-Earth	here	7:30 p.m.
November 7	Happy	there	7:30 p.m.

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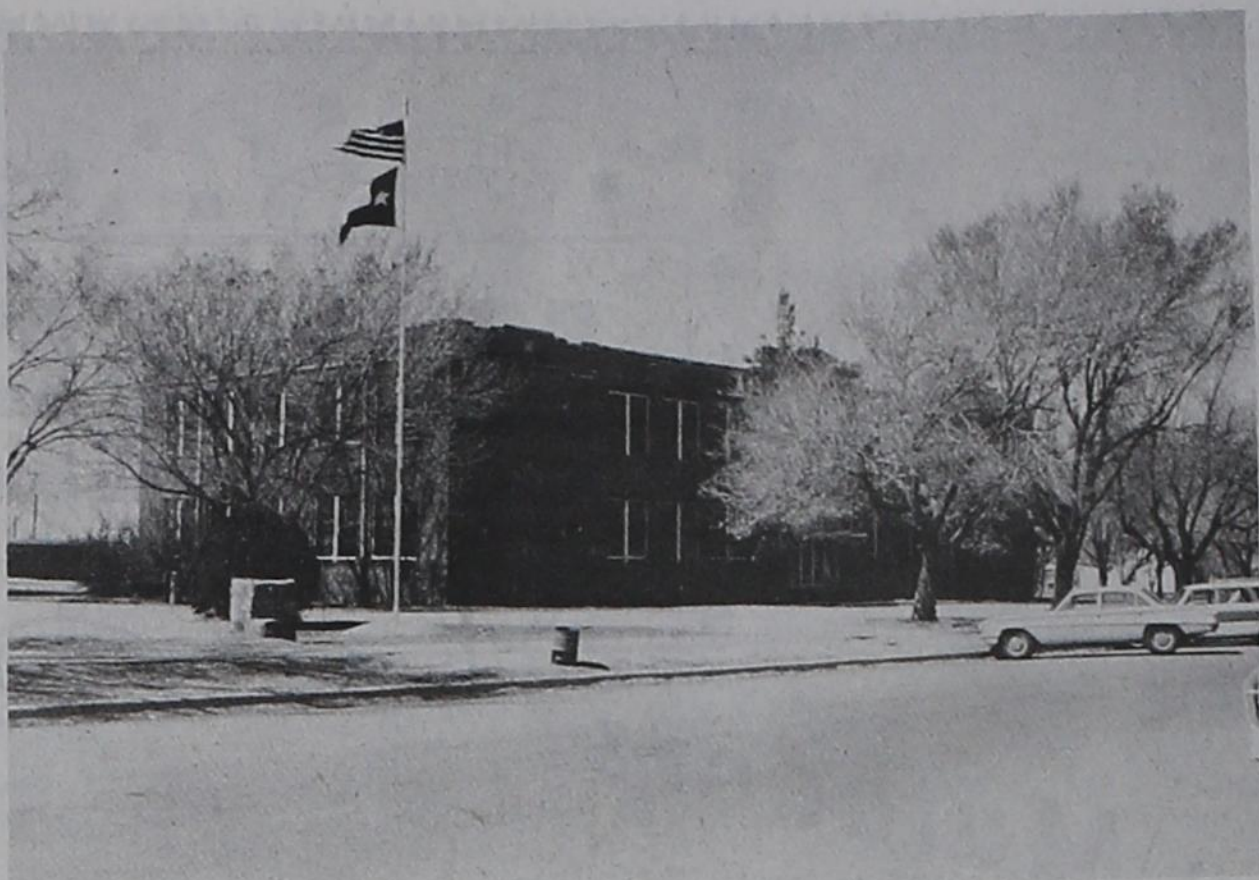
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MATADOR SENIORS

CLASS OF 1947



Old, two story, red brick, Matador High School.

A Story of Matador

NOTE: The following article was written by the late Barbara Springer Zimmerman, class of 1944, when she was in college.

Matador in my youth was once a distinct way of life, a daily story of a town which rose from rough ranchland, fertile farm country. It was one of the friendliest towns in West Texas. We thought it was the only town in West Texas.

Its characters were colorful, its people had fun, its history was that of a Wild West town which had to grow there, but never completely did so. There were still its rodeos and western square dances in the Luckett building.

Perhaps the most historic building that stood there was the old courthouse, fifty years old. I remember looking at it one winter day, with a large dome in the top, rickety, rocky steps led up to it and it spoke of the old West. On one side was an old well, probably put down before the course itself was built. Behind it was the old stock watering place, and at one time stood old tying rails. Standing and looking at the old building, I wondered how many gunfights it had seen, and I dreamed of the beautiful old days when Texas was young and life was a struggle and on sacrifice, when Indians were still hiding, ready to kill, and when deer and antelope and wild buffalo and turkeys roamed the countryside and came up to your doorstep. When a wire fence was never seen and where law did not reign.

Matador in my youth somehow was a reflection of this old life. It was a democratic town. There was not a person living there worth two cents in money and the aristocrat was the rancher who had the most cattle and the best horses.

Matador grew around big ranches. The biggest ranch, and to everyone called "The Ranch" was the Matador Ranch, now owned by fellows in Scotland. Run by M.J. Reilly, it was one of the most picturesque and a true representation of the west yet in existence. Reilly was a quiet man with a quiet manner, and a person whom everyone respected. He grew with the ranch, lived for it, and died with it. The ranch had its chuckwagon, which was the only home of many a boy, with the best sourdough biscuits and beef steaks in the country. The guys didn't come to town but once a month. That was the ranch with the wildest cattle in the country, with such men as Wildhorse and Red Payne and all the others, with all its big trucks chugging along the highway toward Channing, Texas, full of winter fed calves.

It had the big remudas of horses, and the large loading stockpens at Russellville and other camps around Motley County. There was the truest picture of what the west used to be.

The Matadors alone is enough to make a town a distinct and separate place, but there were other people—the Pattons, the Russells, the Bartons, the Jamesons, the Echols, the Hamiltons, the Measons, the Lucketts, the Campbells, the Trawecks.

Who can forget Bob Robertson, a red faced Irishman, friendly to all, ready to fight or to give you all he owned, just depending. He believed in hard work, the only by-word of anyone able to survive early years of Matador. The Oil Well is one of the best remembered landmarks. Everynight I lay in bed in such a position that it was the last thing I could see just before sleep. It lighted the darkness of many a night for me. No one but Bob would have built a cafe like he built, modeled after an old fashioned high classed saloon. The best place for miles to buy a good steak.

Another character marking Matador life is Randall Whitworth, who had a friendly word for everybody. He was the foundation of the Methodist Church, cashier at the Bank, my Sunday School teacher, and his father an oldtimer around Matador. He had time to write everyone that left Matador, wrote to most of the boys in the service during the War. The letters were a few short sentences, quick, and to the point, but covered a lot of ground and full of humor.

Another beautiful person to me is Doug Meador, whose column "Trail Dust" is another tradition of the town. He even published a book, which

makes us know a real and honest author. We all consider it a privilege. The man himself is as western in thought as all the rest, which "Trail Dust" reveals, only he is able to write what everyone else feels about the beautiful country. Only to a homesick Matador resident, and Motley County, the only real ranch country anywhere to be found, where the west begins and ends.

Such men as Motley County has—Harry Campbell. First white boy born in Motley County. Campbell has today some of the most beautiful ranch country in the country.

There is D.I.W. Burnie, a Scotsman who came over to work for the Matadors, ended up married and in the ranch business for himself.

And there is Henry Ford. I'll stop a minute with him because he was one of the best leaders in Masonic life of Matador, knew the work about as well as anyone, a few words I heard him once say, "From dust they comest and to dust thou returnest." What words are more true?

Who can really know how it feels to live in that little western town just below the Caprock, where rivers are wild and dry. Where mesquites and wild plum bushes grow and wildflowers bloom in Summer, the big sunflowers and red negro toes and all the others. Where dry bramble bushes and tumbleweeds blow across the dry sandhills during the Spring. Sandstorms and the deep snows make it impossible to leave town in the Winter, because of high drifts and where the cotton and feed and the grass burn up in August. And there is no water for the cattle in the tanks. Have you ever been on a horse alone in a pasture, the sun beats down on your head, you're so thirsty you are willing to drink even the hot gyp water out of the well along with your horse or out of a small stream running along somewhere in the wide river bed. Then you can't hear a sound, once in a while a Bob White, then a cricket, then the

squeak of the old windmill as a little gust of air manages to turn the wheel and the splash of a stream of water comes out and runs into the tank. Now and then a calf bawls a mile off and maybe your horse neighs. But you love it, the loneliness of it all, the peace, the views that stretch on and on as far as you can see, no breaks, no steep hills to work your eyes over. It is wonderfully restful. What can make one more aware of the inevitability of time to cover all wounds, you may have watched a building built in the midst of all this country, gradually bit by bit, board by board fall away, and somehow disappears, until by no effort of anyone the spot returns to look as it did in the beginning and no one can ever know that someone lived on that spot and was happy there. The sun keeps shining, the winds keep blowing, and life is always the same, time heals all wounds. All life returneth to dust.

But this is not all of the life—there comes those times of fun, and laughter and gaiety. Parties are given, everyone dances and drinks and fights. Old names are repeated and tall tales are told. Jokes are exchanged and boy finds girl. The rodeos and the old Settlers Reunion and the carnivals always return each year, and there is the dance floor for the old, and one for the young. Picnics are taken to Roaring Springs and many a family reunion I shall remember there. It was the only really pretty spot in the country and people from all over came there in the summers. Boo, who ran the Matador Camp, was usually there ready to visit and perhaps to share your lunch. Such cold water on Saturday morning! It felt wonderful to your body, made you tingle all over, gave you life and renewed your energy.

Today life has changed somehow, at least to me, all of the old spirit has disappeared, a few old timers reveal it now and then, but the old days are gone forever.

Memories of the Class of 1947

by Mary Meason

The class of 1947 will celebrate their 50th Reunion this year. This class was really fun to teach! There were 13 transfer students that I didn't teach, so I have no stories to tell about them. I'm sure there was plenty to tell, but I have no events, unruly actions, or broken rules to tell about those transfers.

But the other members of this class make a rather interesting story.

Charleen Ketchersid was a pretty girl and also a chatter box! She was always interested in anything and everything that might make going to school a little more interesting.

Gene Webb was a steady, easy going boy, but never stood back and watched while all the others had all the fun and he did his part in mischief making.

Hal Courtney was something else! There wasn't any kind of mischief making that he ever missed and always added a little more to the questionable happenings. No power on earth could force Hal to sing when the other children wanted to sing in order to dodge a little of the next class time.

Nell Webb was always so quiet and well behaved that it was difficult to remember she was even in the room.

John Irwin was an excellent student, quiet and studious, but that never kept him from entering into and in-

venting some type of mischief! Mickey Roberts was a life wire! She was always ready for anything and everything, and was a very lively girl. Years later I played a lot of golf with her and she was so much fun.

James "Pup" Price was a pleasure to have for a student and he was so full of mischief and ideas for mischief that he was a lot of fun. I was to keep a watchful eye on him.

Bob Rushing was such a fun kid. He had a smile that would melt a stone statue, and that smile, his good grades and good manners endeared him to this teacher.

Charles Ray Cox was really the good humor boy in this class. Nothing ever seemed to rile him in any way. I'll never forget the pink, real pink, car he had after he graduated from high school.

Herbert "Colonel" Garth was quiet, studious, a lot of fun and also a very handsome boy.

Albert Marshall was such a good looking boy! All the little girls thought he was, too. He never caused any trouble, just attended to his own business and took part in all the mischief that someone else instigated.

Thomas Sanders was a very smart boy and has contributed many interesting stories to the Tribune. He was quiet, strictly business and an excellent student.

Billy Joe Stephens was a quiet, serious and well behaved boy. He is another one of my pupils who died much too young. Six members of this class which I taught have now died.

The transfers who graduated with this class or attended high school with them are Ernestino McWilliams, Yvonna Simpson, Wayne Spray, June Meador, R.C. Giesecke, Dorothy Morris, Virginia Moore, Donis Dewbre, Wanda Slover, Jerry Hays, Wayne Timmons, and Mary Murphy.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming this year!

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Mable Brembry Barrett - Motley County Teacher



Mrs. Mable Barrett

by Mary Meason

NOTE: Information for this article is from *Of Such As These* by Eleanor Traweck, and the *Matador Tribune*.

Mrs. R.C. Barrett (Mable) was in charge of the Head Start Program in Matador for pre-school children and was a dedicated teacher. She taught school in the first "colored" school in Matador. She followed the teaching

profession for most of the years since she came here as a girl in 1921 to join her father, Don Brembry, five sisters, and five brothers.

The former Mable Brembry attended Bishop College at Marshall before coming to Matador. She took the country school examination and received a teaching certificate. In January, 1923, she began her teaching career with twenty-five or thirty pupils. The school was for a five month period.

In October, 1923, Mable entered Prairie View College as a freshman, and attended until she received a four year teaching certificate.

After she returned home, she was employed at Roaring Springs, where she taught from January 1925 through May 28.

She returned to teaching in 1944 when she was again employed by the Roaring Springs School system until 1952.

During the summer of 1944 Mrs.

Barrett returned to Prairie View.

In 1950, Mrs. Barrett received a B.S. Degree from Bishop College and did graduate work there for six weeks. She also did graduate work for six weeks at North Texas State University in Denton in 1959. From 1953 until 1964 she taught in the Turkey, Texas school and for a half-term in Haskell, Texas.

Mable married Rev. Ray C. Barrett, December 15, 1933, and maintained their home here until after Rev. Barrett died. They had no children of their own but reared a great nephew, Eddie Barrett.

Mrs. Barrett also was head of the Community Action Program, which included night classes for adults and school activities on Saturday night. Tribute was paid her when she received the "Leader of the Year Award" at one of the Motley County Awards Banquets for her outstanding work among the young people of the community.

Mrs. Barrett now lives in Ft. Worth.



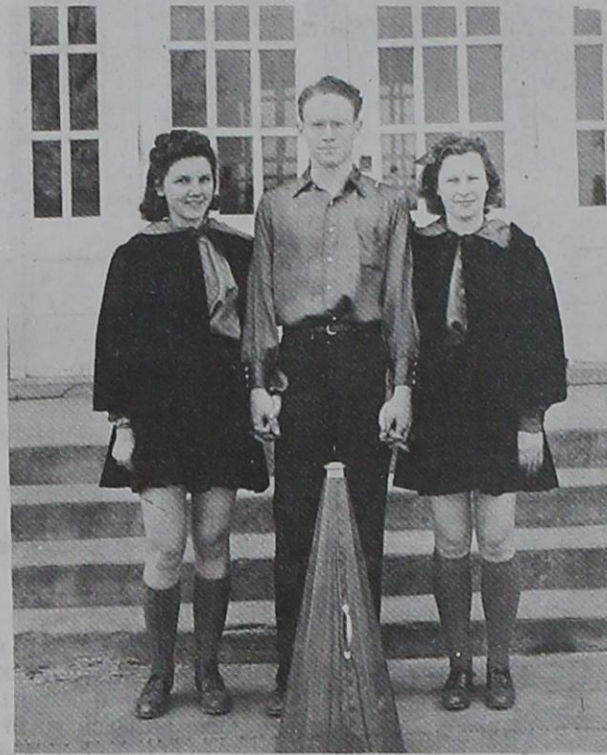
CLASS OF 1967 — The Class of 1967 will celebrate their 30th Reunion this year. They are pictured above beginning with back row, left to right, Coy Franks, Charles Meador, Dickie Garrison, Larry Bynam, Dickie Shead, Larry Elliott, Luis Moore, Dick Moss, Max Tarton, Gary Markham, John Thomas; middle, Olivia Campbell, Sharlene Berryman, Ann Marshall, Alice Lynch, Elaine Thompson, Frances Martin, Linda Vinson, Marsha Seale, Karol King, Judy Kay Gwinn; front, Glenda Sanderfer, Marva Dake, Teresa Marshall, Jana Jones, Leadell Luckett, Patsy Green, Shelly Stevens, Louise Terry, Judy Pitts, Rosanne Terry.

Olivia Campbell Barton photo



MATADOR FOURTH GRADE IN 1921 — Pictured on front row left to right, Marion Warren and her little sister, Louise; Correne Russell (May Queen); Catherine Barton, Clara Cammack; (2nd row l-r) Jim Ward Jeffers, Mary Higgins, Essie _____, unknown, Mary Hamilton, Allie Traweck, Ethel Jameson; (3rd row l-r) Miss Lila Glover, Teacher; Hazel McCaghren, Jack Bradshaw, unknown, Donald Davis, Roscoe Lee, Dick Sanford, unknown; (back l-r) Cora _____, Hazel Dirickson, Creed Jameson, unknown, unknown, Pauline Lee, Pearl Renfro.

Mary Hamilton Meason photo



Dorothy Wason, Tom Ed Jameson, and Wanda Nelson, Cheerleaders, 1941-42.

Dorothy Campbell photo



BATHING BEAUTIES — Dorothy Wason, Retha Raine Robertson, and Juanita Cartwright, 1942.

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Worship the Lord!

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: in fear before him, all the earth.

Psalms 96:9

Welcome Home!

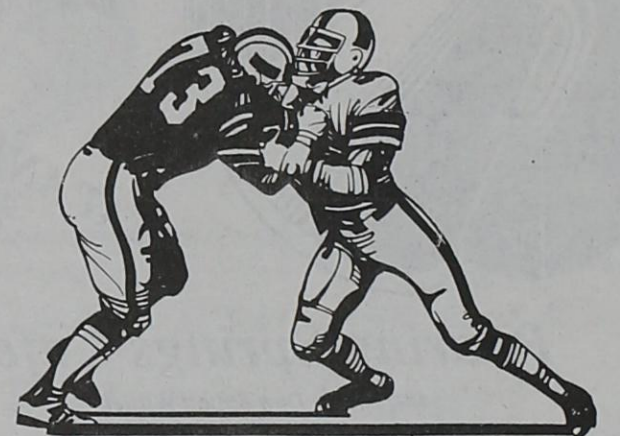
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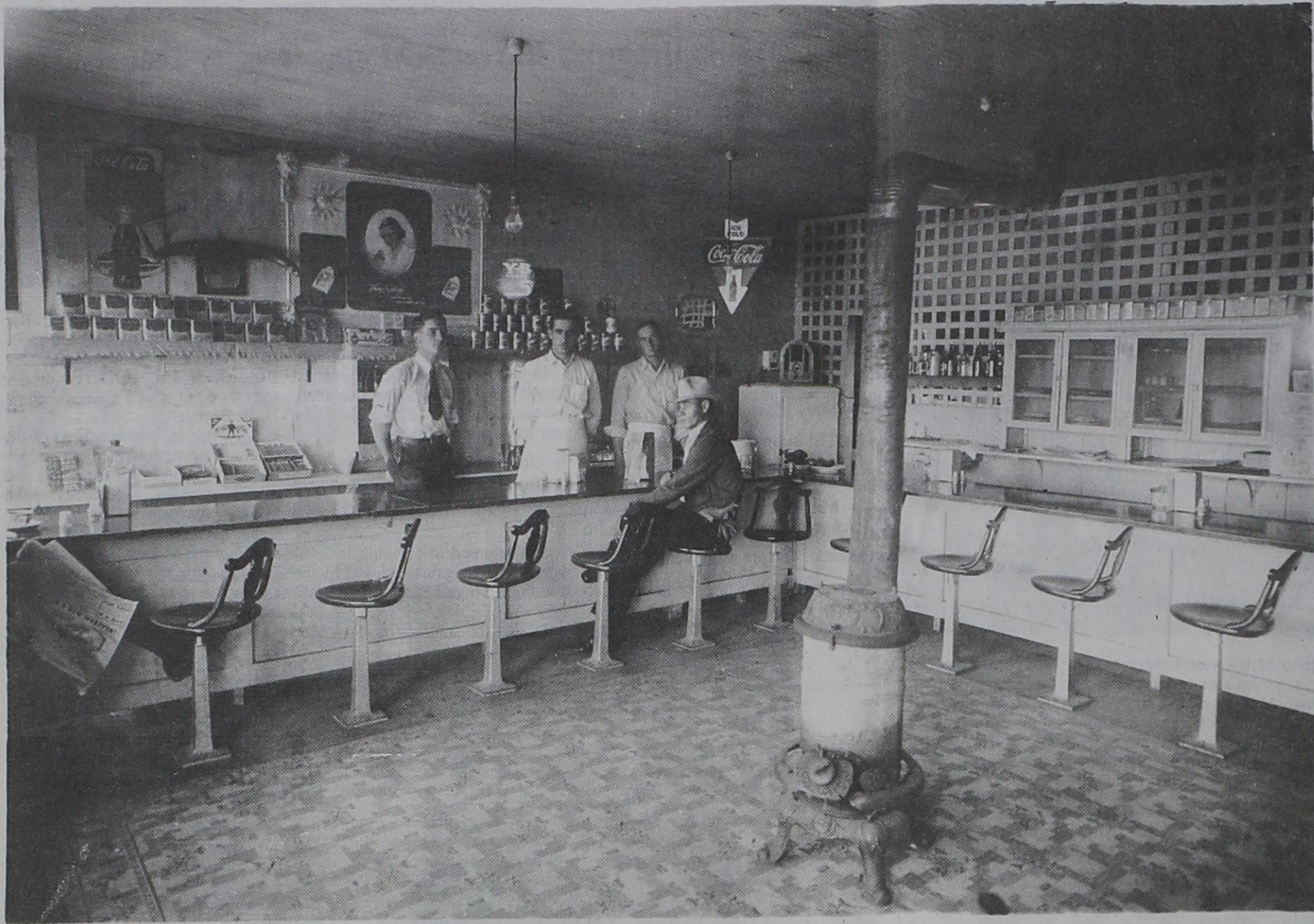


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OLD MATADOR CAFE, located in wooden building which stood between the Stanley Pharmacy building and the Post Office, on Dundee Street. Standing left to right behind counter are Billy Wason, Joe Jeffers, and Pete Knight. Seated on stool is J.C. Cross.



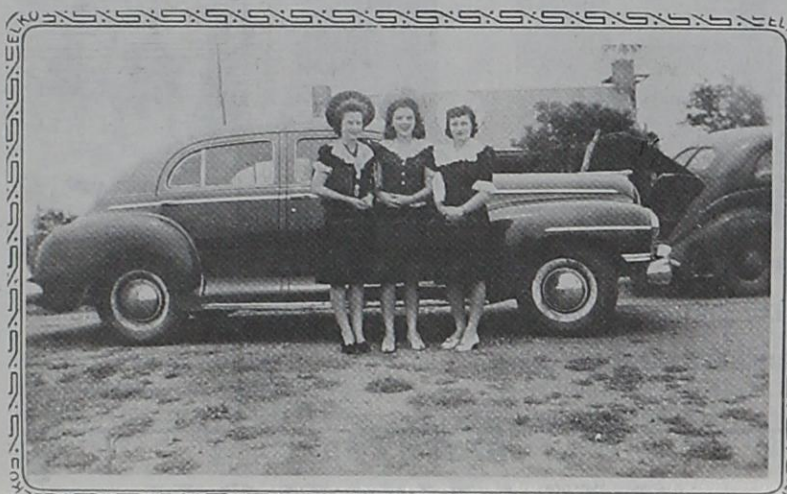
Jackie Bloodworth, L.M. Cox, and James Horace Jameson, 1942.

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Johnnie Griffin, Janelle Jackson, Dorothy Wason, and Wanda Nelson (Hillbilly Quartet, 1942)

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Wanda Nelson, Dorothy Wason and Janelle Jackson in their "graduation finery", May 1942.

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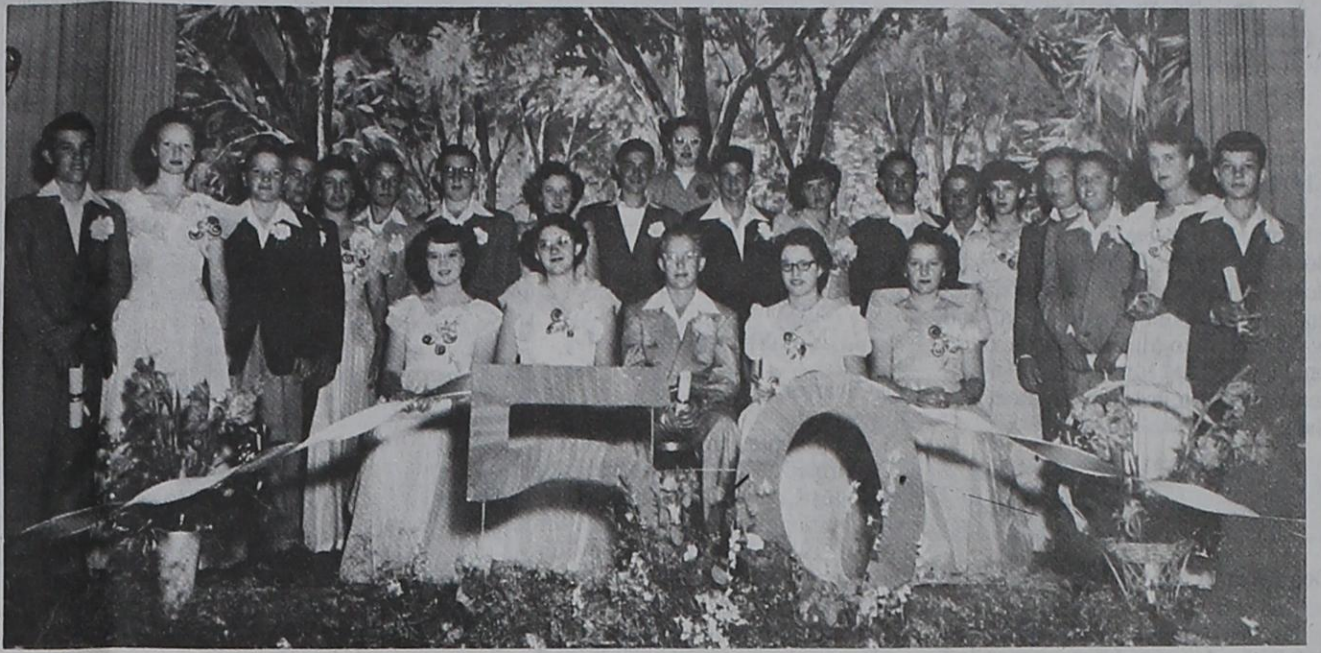
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CLASS OF 1942— Pictured on first row left to right, Patsy Sheridan, Bennie Wayne Marshall, Melvin Morton, James Turner, Janelle Jackson, Wanda Nelson, Johnnie Griffin, Maurine Russell; second row, Billy Pharis, Billie Tunnill, Bert Schweitzer, W.A. Rattan, Dorothy Kingery, Dorothy Wason, Jimmie Lee Guthrie, Annie B. Chambliss; back, Jimmie Joe Latimer, Glenn Allen, unknown, James Lee Day, Sammy Catlin, _____ Eggleston, Frank Price, Douglas Pitts, Jr., and Mary Meason, Teacher.

Mary Meason photo

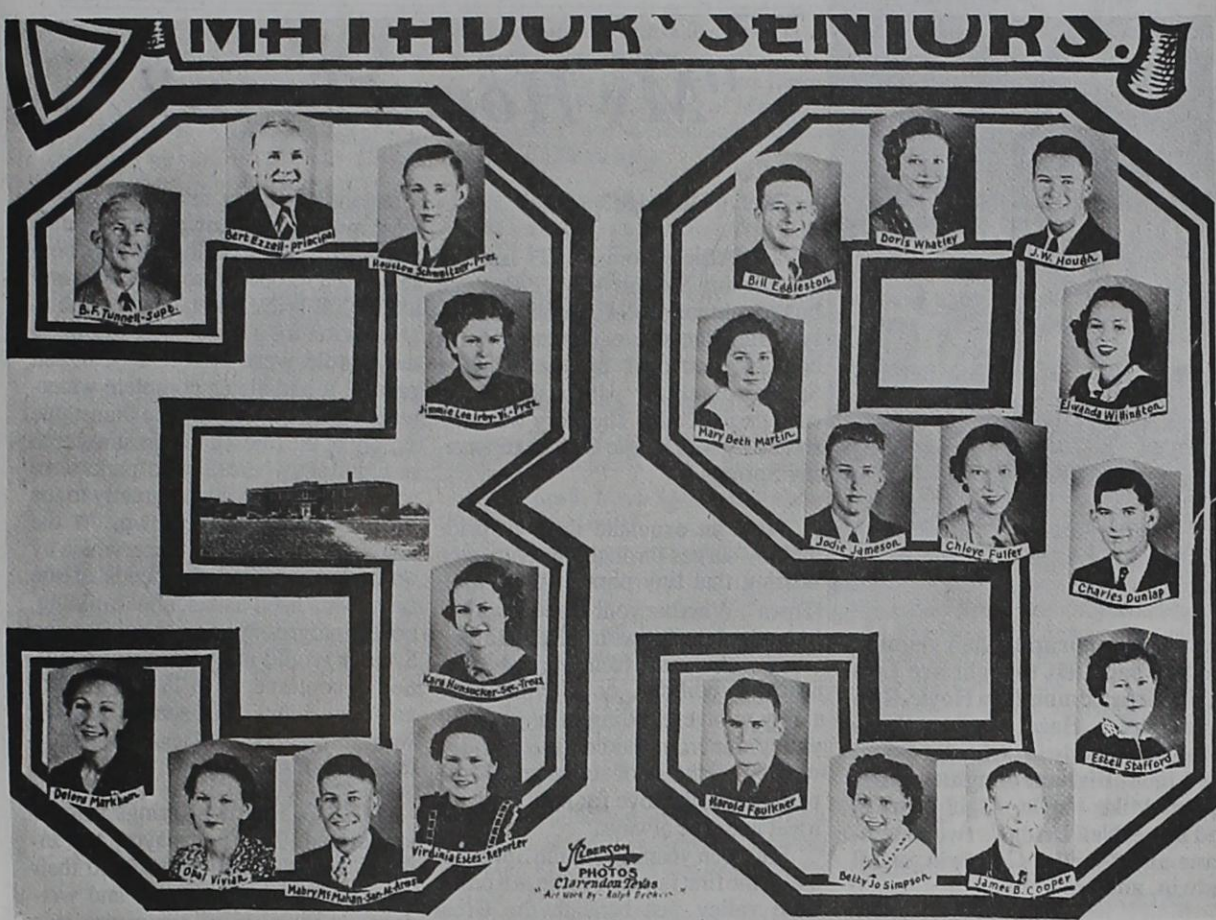


8TH GRADE GRADUATION of the Class of 1954, in May of 1950. Bette Fran Montgomery is pictured at right in front row.

Frank Montgomery photo

"Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God."

1 Peter 3:4



CLASS OF 1939

J.B. Cooper photo



Remains of the old Teepee City School. First settlement in Motley County for early day Buffalo hunters.

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Neal Lipkin Back

from 1954 Matador yearbook courtesy of Frank Montgomery

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Letters from Exes

Charles,

Sorry I didn't get this to you sooner but misplaced it (under stuff on my desk). I am flying to Dallas next month and Justine Rattan is meeting me and we will drive to Matador for the reunion. I am looking forward to it. I don't remember you, but hope to meet you then.

are doing in Motley County to keep everything going. Keep up the good work.
See you on the 13th!

Sincerely,
Marjorie Moore Harper

Dear Charles,

I really appreciate being included and informed about the happenings of the Motley County Exes Association. I went through high school with the class of 1939, but received my diploma a year ahead of that class because I had dropped out of school earlier and because of my age, I wanted to hurry and get started to college. I carried an extra course each year and finished in summer school of 1938. I went to Wayland Junior College that fall. I graduated from HSU in 1947, Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1950. I retired from the pastorate after pastoring Southern Baptist Churches from 1946-1983 the last 30 years of that in Washington State.

Sincerely,
Margie (Ballard)
Martin

Dear Charles,

Enclosed is my \$1.00 for 1997 and \$19.00 for donation. I have responded to Mary Murphy Jones (1947). If possible, I shall be there on Saturday. However, we are leaving the next week to Europe and schedules could be tight. It would be wonderful to see you, Viola, Charlie and all family. Also, wonderful to see Hazel. If I miss it, regards and fond memories to all.

Sincerely,
Charleen Ketchersid Gatlin

I regret that I will not be able to attend any of the Homecoming again this year.

Sincerely,
Vernon L. Chambliss

Dear Charles,

In addition to sending my dues, I just want to thank you for all that you


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ROARING SPRINGS Students and Teachers, 1926. At far left stands Mrs. W.A. (Roxie) Lewis, the pretty young lady with the headband. Among the grade school children in front are Claudis Nichols, a Lige Cooper boy, Edison Green, and Maurice Goodwin. Among the girls in the second row from the front are Myrtle Overstreet (Craig, Henry), Nida Basham or a Love girl, Velda Beth Gullede (Fonville), Rita Nichols (Groves). Among the students standing are Orland Mitchell, Freda Keahey, Mary or Annie Mae Jackson, Florence Cooley, Ina Mae Long, Maurine Havis and her twin Melvin Havis, and R.J. Harmon. Others standing are Annie Goodwin, Mary Belle Havis, Bessie Mae Smiley (Marshall), Rena Ina Mae Franklin, Brian Love, D.A. (Brown) Hinson, Hoyt Keahey, Thelma Meason, Hollis Godfrey, Ralph Penny, Ralph Nichols, Croft Bigham, Percy Godfrey, Charles Long, Robert D. Meason, Harvey Jackson, Gaddy Freeman, and Orville Freeman, standing far right wearing overalls. Can you help to identify others?

Rita Groves photo




CLASS REUNION — A Roaring Springs class celebrating their reunion at the Springs many years ago. Pictured at back left to right are Lois Goodwin Forkner, Florence Cooley, (?), Virginia Edmondson Hoyle, Rita Nichols Groves, Bessie L. Medlin, Cummings ?, Hazel Hughes Cummings, Nell Phygensia, Croft Bigham, Maurice Goodwin, Charles Long, (in black) Elaine Goodwin Lewis, Lane Ligon, Bigham daughter, Mrs. Croft Bigham, Nell's husband; (sitting l-r) Mike Hoyle, Algie Groves, Hazel Hughes twins, Medlin nephew and niece, Nell Bridge's two daughters, Rodney and Boyd Long, Billy, Jane and Martha Goodwin, small Bigham daughter standing, Leota Goodwin, and Irene Long.

Rita Groves photo

Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.
—Dorothy Parker

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"My Home Town"

by Evelyn Gullede

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What an exquisite thrill of pride and joy surges through our beings on hearing that tiny phrase, "My Home Town". Whether your home town be a huge city, hustling with noise and hurry, filled with great factories and magnificent edifices, or whether it be a tiny village nestling in a pleasant valley, far from the confusion of the world's centers of commerce and population, the love for it will remain loyal and true always.

Fourteen years ago in the Spring of 1913, the first families came to a pretty little valley just beneath the Great Plains, where was later to flourish as the City of Roaring Springs, Texas. As no one was permitted to live on the town site until the formal opening, a miniature town, consisting wholly of tents, with the exception of the few small stores and one hut built of lumber, was set up in the lane which is about one half mile east of the present location of the town. The population of "Ragtown" as the settlement was called, probably numbered one hundred fifty people.

For practically six months these hardy and courageous pioneers struggled and worked in "Ragtown", until on a memorable day, June 19, 1913, Mr. Sam Lazarus, president and part-owner of the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad Company, formally opened the town of Roaring Springs, so named because of the beautiful springs near the town. On this day, everyone from miles around came to be present at the sale of the first lots and at the arrival of the first train. This occasion will always be vivid in the remembrance of the Roaring Springs townspeople.

Immediately afterward the little business houses in the Lane, which now included two grocery stores, one dry goods store, one drug store, two hardware stores, a hotel, a barber shop,

and a telephone office, were moved to the town site. Within a year thereafter, Roaring Springs possessed a \$10,000 brick hotel, the best hotel and station for a town of its size in all the middle west. Before a year had passed, it had also a complete water-works system, with an inexhaustible supply of the finest and purest water to be found anywhere. Several parks were soon made which added greatly to the natural beauty of the town. At the beginning, a tiny rock house, which by no means fulfilled the needs of the town, was used as a school building, but the progressive citizens of Roaring Springs would not permit this condition to continue, so in 1915 a modern and convenient brick school building was built. This school was, and still is, the pride of the people.

In 1923, Roaring Springs was incorporated. The first mayor, and indeed, all other officers, served their community with such zeal and wisdom. A chamber of commerce was organized and with several clubs boosting the community, Roaring Springs rapidly became known as one of the biggest little towns in its section of the country. Even though several large fires have retarded the progress of the town to some extent, each loss has always been repaired by better and more modern constructions at the earliest date possible.

Today, Roaring Springs, Texas is a prosperous town of about one thousand population. It has the best school comparatively, of any school in Motley County, and has also the only gymnasium in the county. The high school will be fully affiliated with the state at the end of this year. The Quanah, Acme & Pacific railroad where heretofore only reached a few miles south of the town, is being extended to the Great Central Plains, and this, of course, is ushering in many improvements. The fertile farmlands lying about this picturesque little valley town are little short of marvelous in their capacity to produce a wide variety of crops. Anything can be grown here. Considering its age, Roaring Springs has wonderfully advanced, and has numerous possibilities to be utilized in continuing its advancement. We, the citizens, are proud of it.

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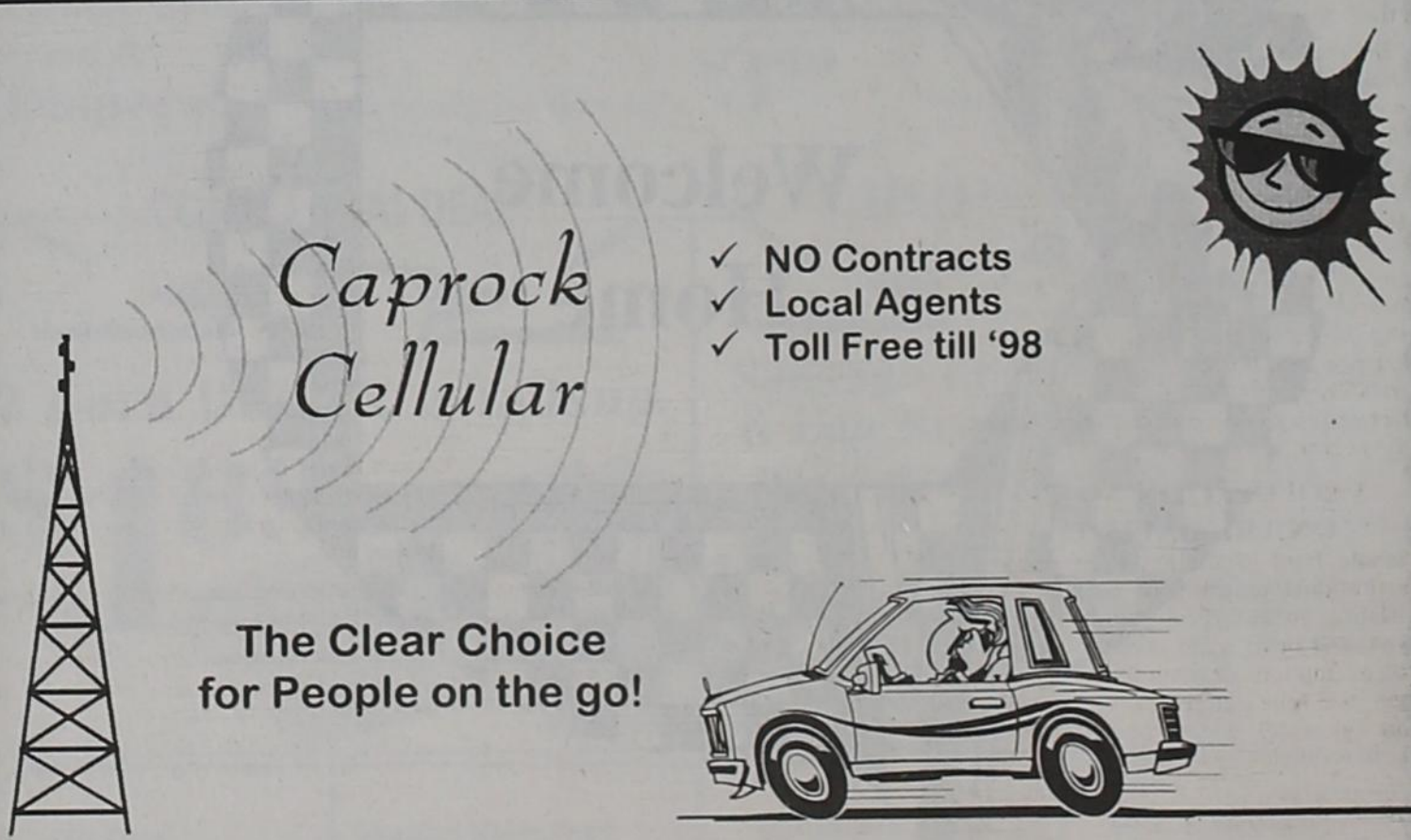
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