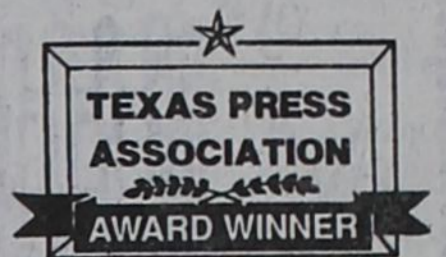




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Museum receives book donation recalling memories of The Last Matador Wagon

by Marisue Potts

The Last Matador Wagon, a pictorial history of the employees who worked for the Red Lake Corporation of the Matador Ranch fame, was presented to the Motley County Museum recently by Johnny Davenport of Post.

One of seven books created by Davenport from photographs taken within the window of September, 1958, to February, 1959, the volume details the last season the hoodlum

and chuckwagons were used before retirement and final breakup of what was once the gigantic Matador Land & Cattle Co., Ltd. The young cowboy was hired on as part of that last crew by Johnny Stevens, former superintendent of the Scottish-based syndicate.

As Davenport explains, when the ranch sold in 1951 to Lazard Freres and Associates, about 170 sections were then re-sold to Fred Koch of the Rock Island Oil Co., and that became known as the Rock Island Ranch. The remaining land was eventually sold to a group of businessmen from New York City who formed the Red Lake Corporation.

The Red Lake Corporation hired Stevens, retained the wagon crew and the Matador wagon. Because the Red Lake Corporation kept the same management and continued to run the wagon, most people continued to call this "The Matador Ranch." When the corporation decided to sell, the wagon crew was sent out the last time to gather and scour the pastures clean of the rankest and rangiest breed.

With wit and insight, Davenport

has documented a nostalgic period in the county's history, while shedding light on this little understood era of the ranch's history.

While the break-up presented new opportunities for locals, it also meant the passing of a way of life.

Wild cow traps, trailing to Russellville, breaking and cutting bronses, living at the wagon, riding the range, roping mavericks and tying them to trees, catching horses from a rope corral, eating chuck from the wagon or the power wagon, and loading out the long line of trucks — and cowboys, lots of cowboys. Davenport has taken stills and breathed life into them. He has captured the freezing cold, the blistering coffee, the soothing smoke, and the comradie of men living together under harsh conditions.

Just 21 when he hired on with Red Lake Corporation, the North Carolina native has worked at many ranches all over the country. "It

would take a page or two, just to name the ranches I've rode for," he writes.

When he quit punching cattle in 1984, he started shoeing horses. Now semi-retired, Davenport, with the help and encouragement of his wife Jean, a Matador native, took the time to organize his box of old photographs into a lively and interesting account. Their research took them to the Southwest Collection where they found volumes about the Matador Ranch, but more importantly for their purposes, a diary written by Johnny Stevens. The ranch manager, true to his training under the Scots as ranch superintendent, had kept a diary, filling in details of that historic year in time when the Matador wagon was pulled in for the last time.

Davenport's account, *The Last Matador Wagon*, may be enjoyed at the Motley County Museum on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00.



Book Donation

Marisue Potts, Motley County Museum board member, accepts the donation of a pictorial book of the Matador Ranch, from Johnny and Jean Davenport of Post. The book, entitled *The Last Matador Wagon*, is available for viewing at the Museum.



Vickie Pierce, owner and operator of Matador Floral ~ Designs by Vickie, is pictured here next to one of her unique gift displays. Mrs. Pierce offers flower, friendliness and much more at her business in downtown Matador.

Matador Floral ~ Designs by Vickie offers flowers and friendliness

When Vickie Pierce started making stuffed animals at her home in Roaring Springs, she had no idea that her business would grow into what it is today, a busy flower and gift shop. "I was looking for something to do," she said. "I had been a stay-at-home mom and homemaker for 19 years, and got tired of housework."

Vickie, who lived in Post and graduated from high school there, and husband, Larry, a Roaring Springs native, celebrated their 27th anniversary this year. "We have lived in Roaring Springs all of our married life," Mrs. Pierce said. "Moving to this area was an adjustment for me," she said. "I had always wanted to do something creative."

Her love for sewing got her started making the stuffed animals in 1993. She also made dolls and sold her handmade items at Christmas bazaars. With a daughter in high school, and the expense of homecoming mums, she decided she could make one of the must-have items for her daughter, herself. After making one for her daughter, she began making mums for friends and before she knew it had started accumulating so many supplies she was growing out of house and home. "Larry said it was time to get the stuff out of the house," she said. So, in 1995 she remodeled the former home of her late in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Pierce, and officially opened for business.

Vickie's Floral & Country Crafts opened as a full flower shop, with

handmade animals and dolls for sale, and eventually Mrs. Pierce added gift items. Not long after opening for business, her first funeral job came in. "Christy did our first funeral, with the help of a friend," Mrs. Pierce said. "I was in the hospital with pneumonia, but made bows for the sprays from my hospital bed." That was a real learning experience for daughter Christy, who works side by side with her mother.

"I had wanted a building in Matador, but there were none available, she said. There wasn't a building available in Roaring Springs, either, so the house was great for awhile."

In 1996, Mrs. Pierce purchased a building in downtown Roaring Springs, which was originally owned by the Masonic Lodge. The lodge had donated the building to the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, who in turn sold it to Mrs. Pierce. "We did a lot of remodeling to the building, and had a very successful business in Roaring Springs," she said, "but we still wanted to move the business to Matador when a building became available."

In January of 2000 the business was moved to Matador, in the former Veterans building downtown. "The location was perfect and we felt the time was right," Mrs. Pierce said. "We have done extensive remodeling to this building, and continue to do so."

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Matador City Council discusses stray dog problem

Matador City Council members discussed the stray dog problem in Matador when they met in regular session, Tuesday, July 9. Matador resident, Cynthia Stafford, met with the council regarding the problem. The city of Floydada will be willing to send their dog catcher to Matador at a rate of .60¢ per mile traveled, \$3.00 a day holding (up to 3 days), and \$5.00 for euthanasia performed by a veterinarian. The Council asked Mayor Williams to contact Floydada City Superintendent, Gary Brown, about this matter. No further action was taken at this time.

Elena Quintanilla, director of South Plains Association of Govern-

ments (SPAG) regional services, presented the council with a proposal for SPAG to write and administer future water and sewer grant applications. A representative from ODJ Engineering was also present. After discussion, the Council approved SPAG and ODJ Engineering to oversee future projects.

Council discussed and decided, upon council from the city attorney, not to pay Ronnie Wagner Construction for recent seal coating work until a release can be obtained from James Gillespie for damages to his property.

A new cell phone plan for City employees was discussed and tabled.

Council reviewed present hourly rates for city equipment available for hire to city residents. Upon recommendation from Steve Barton, City Superintendent, the rates were increased as follows:

Backhoe: \$50 hour
Grader: \$50 hour
Trencher: \$75 hour
Sewer Jetter: \$45 flat rate

Council discussed purchasing a small crack sealing machine for city streets. Mr. Bartor will check prices and report back. The council also discussed solicitors of energy in Matador. This issue will be addressed as more information about energy deregulation is made available. The matter of payments to Matador Wa-

ter District was discussed and tabled. The possible purchase of a new riding lawn mower was brought to the table. Steve Barton informed the council that the Matador Housing Authority might be willing to share 1/3 of the cost. Lawn mower purchase was tabled.

Superintendent Barton informed the council that in the past week the landfill and waste water treatment plant had been inspected and passed with flying colors. Irrigation has been increased at the sewer plant and he has also installed 3 new fire hydrants.

All council members were present for this meeting, with the exception of Bert Darsey.

School Board hires new teacher, coach

The Motley County School Board met July 15 for their regular meeting. All board members were present. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, and Bettye Stevens.

No one was present for open forum.

Mr. Copp presented the Superintendent's report. He informed the board that the house in Roaring Springs has had repairs made and that three school houses have had wind or hail damages to the roofs. All have been submitted to the insurance and are awaiting the adjuster. It was suggested that the house in Roaring Springs be rented to a couple that have been asking about it, since the school does not need the housing at this time.

A copy of the faculty handbook was given to the members to review

before the August meeting.

An aide position has opened due to the fact that Mrs. Ferguson will be going to nursing school in Childress next year. The position will be filled by the August meeting.

Motley County ISD has been awarded the Community Networking Grant along with the community members involved. Work will begin on the planning stages and equipment will be ordered soon.

Ms. Herrell explained the increases in the TAAS scores from 2001 to 2002. The hard work and time that the teachers and staff have put into the test have had a very positive outcome. All tests scores for all students have increased.

Board members were reminded that training will take place via the ITV system at Motley County ISD on Thursday at 6:30.

Mr. Copp informed the board that he has begun working on the budget and proposed tax rate for the 2002-03 school year and that a proposed rate will be ready by the August meeting.

Items for board action included approving the minutes of the previous meeting. The expenditure report was approved and the financial statements were reviewed.

Lunch room prices for the 2002-03 school year were approved as fol-

lows:
Breakfast:
Reduced, .30¢, all grades.
Full Price, \$1.00, all grades
Faculty, \$1.50
Guests, \$1.50

Lunch:
Reduced, .40¢, all grades
Full Price, \$1.50, PK-6
Faculty, \$2.00, 7-12
Faculty, \$2.25
Guests, \$4.00

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28th annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo held last weekend

The 28th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo went off without a bang, in spite of Friday nights' rain storm. Youth from all over Texas and areas of New Mexico and Oklahoma entered various events.

Best All-Around Boy and Girl in the Pre-Kid Division were Coley Flowers of Aspermont and Samantha Billington of Lubbock.

Other Pre-Kids results are as follows:

Pre-Kids Barrels
First, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 2nd, Riley Payne, Idalou; 3rd, Aaron Macy, Post; 4th, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 5th, Kory Bateman, Dickens; 6th, Tanner Arnold, Spur.

Pre-Kids Flags
First, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou;

4th, Aaron Macy, Post; 5th, Tanner Arnold, Spur; 6th, Barrett Bland, Northfield.

Pre-Kids Poles
First, Aaron Macy, Post; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Riley Payne, Idalou; 4th, Kory Bateman, Dickens; 5th, Jessie Price, Turkey; 6th, Samantha Billington, Lubbock.

Pre-Kids Goat Ribbon Pull
First, Riley Payne, Idalou; 2nd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 3rd, Aaron Macy, Post; 4th, Barrett Bland, Northfield; 5th, Jessie Price, Turkey; 6th, Kory Bateman, Dickens.

Calf Riding
First, Braden Pyle, Stephenville; 2nd, Stetson Kirkpatrick, Lovington, NM; 3rd, Coley Flowers, Aspermont; 4th, Kolby Williams, Floydada; 5th, Gatlin Taylor, Pampa; 6th, Kyla

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To continue with last week's subject of birthdays, the following list goes right along with getting a little older. Although I'm a few years over 40, I don't agree with a lot of things on this list. I think this must be a list for those a little older than those of us who belong to the young 40 something crowd.

THE PERKS OF BEING OVER 40

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
3. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
4. People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn

7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.
9. You can't live without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
13. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
14. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
18. You can't remember where you got this list.



El Progreso club members meet Governor Perry

by Winifred Darsey

The El Progreso Club joined the clubs of Santa Rosa District of Federated Clubs of Texas at Crowell, July 11, for a day of instruction given by the Traveling Club of Texas. The Traveling Club instructed the clubs on rules of order, yearbooks, future programs, traditions of the club, requirements for scholarships, departments, etc. The highlight of the day was an impromptu appearance of Texas Governor, Rick Perry, and his entourage.

He spoke briefly on the importance of a college education.

The members were pleased that he took time from his whirlwind campaign to speak to them.

District President Jo Ann Dickson spoke to the clubs on her aims and plans for the ensuing year.

Members attending from El Progreso Club were Jeanne Adams, JoEtta Bumgardner, Lana Copp, Loys Campbell, Freida Burns, Sharon Allen, Ruby McBride, JoAnn Dickson and Winifred Darsey.



Nathan & Carol Gilbreth

Couple celebrates 25th wedding anniversary

Nathan and Carol Gilbreth of Sundown celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday, July 2. A small reception hosted by their two daughters was held on June 30 in the Sundown Community Center. Their daughters are Kathryn Gilbreth and Susan Gilbreth both of Sundown.

Nathan Gilbreth and the former Carol Ann Martin were married July 2, 1977, in the home of the bride in Matador, Texas.

Nathan Gilbreth is an employ of Wilson Supply and Carol Gilbreth teaches middle school science at Sundown.

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2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. We never have to repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened?
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

By Thomas Jefferson

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Do Gooders club members learn chicken scratch embroidery

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, July 2 at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Waydetta Clay, president led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recited the poem "The Colored" in an entertaining way.

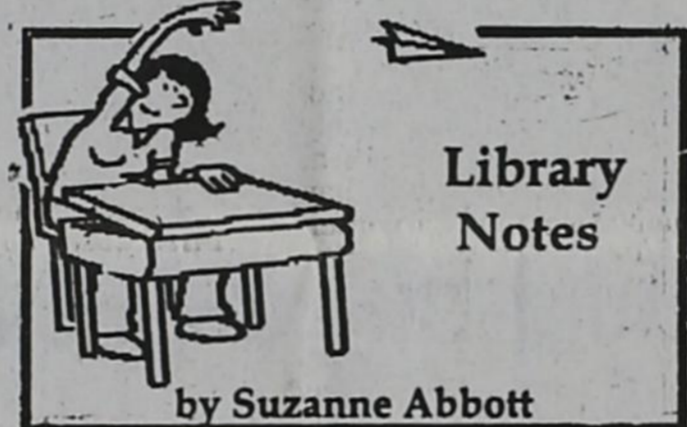
Mrs. B. Rogers conducted a class on the art of Chicken Scratch embroidery. She had on display some of the beautiful completed work.

Mesdames Connie Franks and Tommie Jo Cruse presided at a refreshment table featuring patriotic decor and served iced tea and cookies. The cascading ivy plant with an American Flag was won by Mrs. Cruse in the raffle ticket drawing.

It was reported following Flomot Homecoming that the club had made a net profit of \$771.00 for the Ragtime quilt on which chances were sold. Wade Arrington of Canadian was the lucky winner.

Members attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Geneva Martin, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydetta Clay, Alma Shorter, B. Rogers, Kathy Shorter, Connie Franks, Tommie Jo Cruse, Trula Martin, Nada Starkey

and Barbara Payne. Visitors were Mrs. Irene "Sis" Stephens of Turkey, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale.



We appreciate the memorial donations received by the library this past week. We thank Joan and Keith Patton for their donations in memory of Dan Keith and in memory of Irene Welling. We also thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donation in memory of Bob Burns. All such donations are put to good use in keeping our collection up-to-date.

Here are the Top Ten Reasons that the Motley County Library is a great summer getaway:

10. No entrance fees!
9. Romance, adventure, mystery and that's just the fiction section!
8. Avoid housework or home improvement chores and still feel virtuous!

7. Complimentary valet shelving!
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5. Read in or take out!
4. It's cool!
3. No reservations necessary, ample seating!
2. Visit the world over with books, then go home and dream in your own bed!
1. Those hot babes behind the front desk!

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LEARNING TO DRAW — Kids learning to draw at last week's drawing lesson at the Motley County Library.

Kids draw dinosaurs at the Library

Ten young artists learned about drawing cones, circles and squares at the library last Thursday. When they were finished they had drawn the T-Rex dinosaur. After class each artist checked out one of the new how-to-draw books so they could practice what they had learned.

The next drawing lesson will be at the library at 2:00 p.m. Thursday and every Thursday until school starts.

The lessons are brought to you free compliments of the Motley County Library and Betty Henry. Kids taking part in this drawing session were Jordan Moore, Alexis Moore, Lashwanda Theriac, Annie Hurt, Christina Moehring, Taelor

Norrell, Tanner Norrell, Lexi Osborn, Shelton Zarate and Carissa Zarate.

Curious Cassie

by Cassie Campbell



I would like to let you know about this column that I will be submitting every week. It will contain a question, in which, I will find out what various people's responses are. This week's question is simply going to be: **What have you done this Summer?**

Beatrice Skaggs: Work at the Grocery Store.

Brittany Moore: Baby-sitting kids all summer long.

Shane Jones: I painted my house, worked at the Variety Store and attended various meetings.

Greta Smallwood: I painted the inside of my house, worked at the Extension office and have gone to Allen to see my oldest daughter, Debbie and her family.

Brittany Donaldson: I attended the Farm Bureau Leadership Camp, I helped with Vacation Bible School and I also went to a Track Camp that was held at McMurray University in Abilene.

Rhonda Miller: Work for Marshall Brothers Propane and go shopping at Lubbock and Plainview.

Brenda Osborn: Work at the Courthouse and help with the Vacation Bible School.

Naomi Lawrence: Work at the Post Office, go to church and I attended the National Association of Postmasters of the United States Conference in Mesquite Texas for training and some fun. While there she got to see an Elvis Impersonator.

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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

Texas sees first case of West Nile Virus

Preliminary tests on a sick horse that was euthanized Saturday, June 29, near Katy in far west Harris County, indicate that the animal was infected with West Nile Virus (WNV), a form of "sleeping sickness" first detected in Texas in two dead Blue Jays, June 18, on the northwest side of Houston. According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), another 29 infected birds have since been found.

"We were notified today (July 3) that tests run on samples of the horse's blood and spinal fluid were positive for WNV. The tests were run both at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station and at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"The NVSL is running additional confirmation tests on the blood samples, but more than likely we are seeing Texas' first case of West Nile Virus in a horse. Diagnosing WNV must be based on laboratory confirmation as the signs of the disease including staggering or the inability to rise can mimic other diseases, including rabies or other encephalitic diseases such as Western Equine Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis."

WNV was unheard of in North America until 1999, when it was detected in birds in New York. The virus which can cause brain swelling and severe illness in horses, previously had been confined to Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. WNV has spread to 20 US states, following the migratory flight patterns of birds along the Eastern Seaboard and west as far as Texas. In 2001, 738 horses, donkeys or other members of the equine family were diagnosed with the disease in the U.S. and about 20 percent of the animals had to be euthanized due to the severity of their illness.

"Blue jays, crows and more than

70 other species of birds can carry the virus but it is the mosquito that puts the disease cycle in motion." Dogs and cats appear to be resistant to the disease.

"We continue to work with other agencies to urge horse owners to have their animals vaccinated against WNV and with the diagnosis of this disease in the Houston area, all possible preventive efforts are important to stop the spread of this disease," said Dr. Richard Ferris.

"If your horse becomes ill and goes off feed, sways, develops head tremors, muscle twitches or cannot rise, contact your veterinarian, so he or she can collect and send in samples to us for diagnostic testing." Laboratory confirmation of cases movement of WNV within the state.

Dr. Garrett said the TDH is continuing its WNV disease surveillance statewide which includes testing mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, hawks and sampling zoo birds. Dead crows, blue jays or hawks can be submitted for laboratory examination, by calling the nearest regional Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255.

"If you are picking up a dead bird, wear gloves and wash your hands afterward," explained Dr. Garrett. "The bird could have had parasites of other illnesses and it's always advisable to keep a barrier - like gloves - between you and the dead bird."

Dr. Logan reminded livestock owners that, as always, the TAHC operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 for taking reports of unusual signs in livestock, including:

1. staggering, falling or inability to rise
2. illness affecting a large percentage of animals
3. sudden death loss
4. blistering around an animal's lips, teats or hooves
5. unusual ticks or maggots

For more information about WNV, access the internet at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/arb/official/westnile/westnile.asp>

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USDA MAKING PROGRESS IN FARM BILL DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Newly announced decisions by the United States Department of Agriculture continue to bring details of the new Farm Bill into clearer focus. The process involved in implementing the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 have been in higher gear since the legislation was signed May 13, 2002.

One announcement that has not yet been made, however, is the date when growers will begin signing up for the new program. Most speculation puts that date in the mid-August to early September time frame, although that will largely be determined by USDA's ability to finalize and issue interim final rules and to get State and County Farm Service Agency staff brought up to date on those new rules and procedures.

Recent FSA announcements have also expanded several windows of opportunity for producers who want to adjust their operations to designate both a husband and wife as separate "person" for program participation purposes and extension of Loan Deficiency Payments to growers who either did not file for benefits that they were eligible for in 2001 by the final application date or who grew program crops on non-program acreage in 2001.

Among the most important announcements was the decision to allow a husband and wife be considered separate "persons" for purposes of program participation beginning with the 2002 crop.

To designate a spouse as a separate "person" for purposes of farm program participation they must meet the requirements for recognition as a separate person under current FSA rules.

Also, should a spouse be designated as a separate "person" and become eligible for payments in 2002 any payments already issued to the "person" designated as the program participant prior to the change would have to be refunded before revised payments could be calculated and re-issued to the joint operation or members according to the designated shares if all other program and payment eligibility requirements were met, including the August 1, 2002, deadline for PFC signatures.

It appears that in order to make this type of change a grower will have to show their spouse meets the minimum criteria established by USDA to be classified as an equal participant in the operation and show that the situation existed prior to the normal April cut-off date for making such determinations.

Also announced was the extension of the time that growers can apply for 2001 crop Loan Deficiency Payments. This late filing window allows growers to receive LDP's for their 2001 crop even if the commodity was grown on a nonparticipating farm in 2001. The late-filing window also applies to growers who did not apply for LDP payments on crops prior to their losing beneficial interest in the crop or prior to the May 31, 2002, deadline for filing 2001 crop LDP requests.

PCG BOARD APPROVES FY2002-03 BUDGET

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors met Wednesday, July 10 and approved the organization's FY2002-03 operating budget.

Topping the agenda for the PCG Directors was approval of an operating budget for the organization's new fiscal year that began July 1.

The PCG Board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$610,736.13 to see the organization through the next budget cycle.

Citing the continued importance of securing 2001 Crop Loss Assistance as one of the top priorities of the organization the PCG Board allocated additional funds that can be used to engage in legislative activity that would bolster the passage of a Crop Loss Assistance program.

The Board also identified PCG's active involvement in the areas of farm bill implementation, fending off continued legislative attempts to impose stricter payment limitations and crop insurance as areas of emphasis in the future.

SPRING CROP CERTIFICATION DEADLINE JULY 15

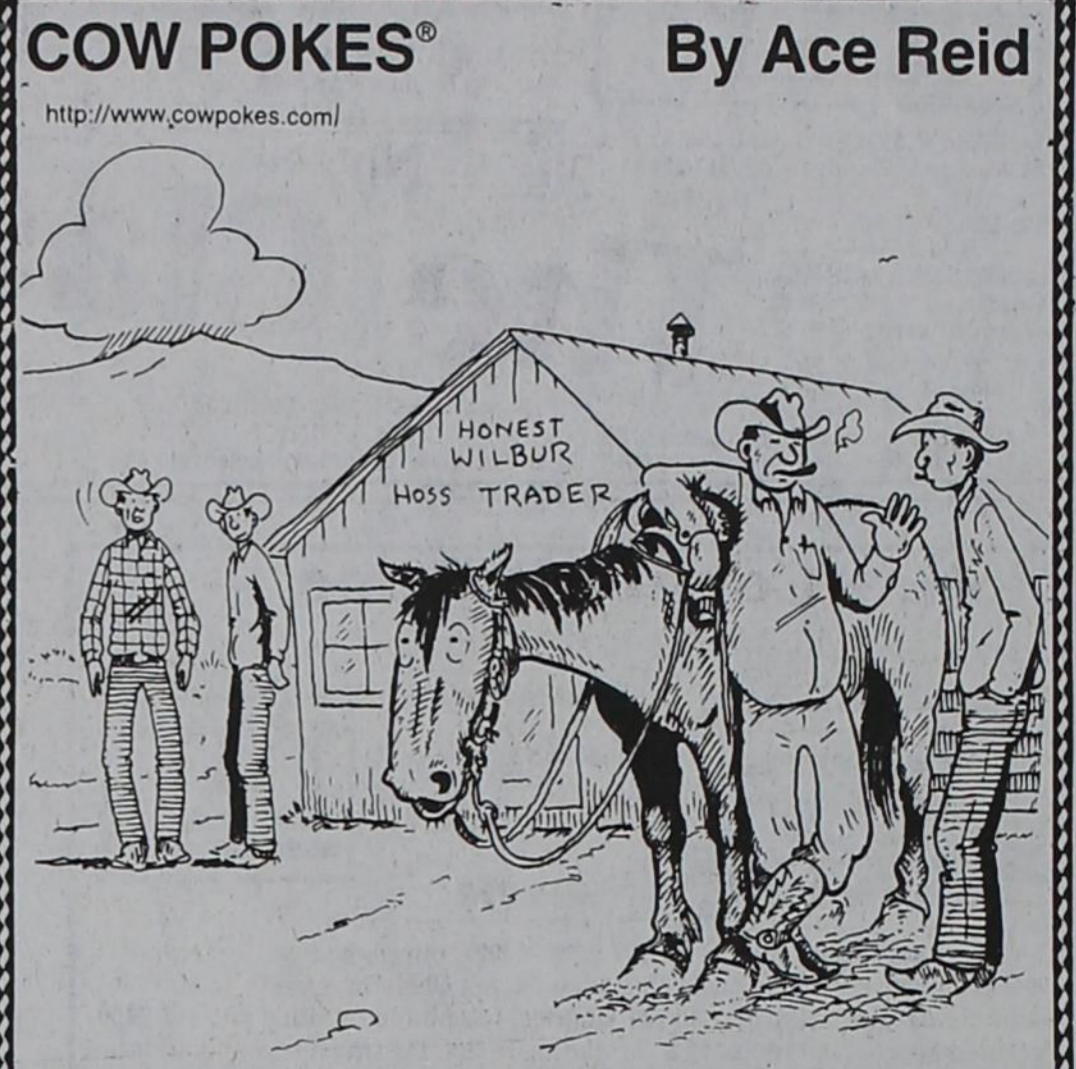
Producers of corn, cotton, grain, sorghum, soybeans, fruits and vegetables, peanuts, hay crops, CRP and other spring seeded crops have until July 16 to certify their acreage with the USDA Farm Service Agency.

FSA strongly encourages all producers to certify their acreage in order to track cropping history and to provide information for future participation in USDA Programs.

Certification is not mandatory for all producers, although, some USDA programs do require certification in order to participate.

Growers who want to do any of the following must certify their crop acreage by the July 16 deadline.

Growers are encouraged to contact their County Farm Service Agency office to schedule an appointment for certification before the deadline if they have not done so already.



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