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A Time To Come Home



EARLY DAY HOMESTEAD — 2 1/2 miles east of Flomot, the home of Bill & Susie (Meador) Long, 1890. Notice Dugout to the left.

(Photo courtesy of Cora Hall)

Welcome
To the 71st Annual Old Settlers Reunion

The Pitchfork Kid



Pitchfork Kid

by Marisue Potts

A homeless waif of a boy, Billy Parkes, he called himself, wandered the seedy streets of Kansas City looking for work as a bootblack. Born in Ohio, the orphan had lived with his grandfather, until one day the old man sent him to a nearby uncle's to borrow a monkey wrench. As Billy told the story with a laugh in later years, "I never did find that monkey wrench, but just kept on going."

Some say two of Billy's uncles were killed for cattle rustling and the kid was afraid of being implicated. Wanting to put plenty of daylight behind him, he longed to become a cowboy, see the West.

Billy met up with Ridge Greathouse, a man whose past was greater than his future. The past bespoke of a young man educated in the classics who struck it rich in the California gold fields. Investing his poke in a ship and supplies, he became a blockade runner for the Confederacy. Although captured by the Federal navy and sent to a Union prison camp, the story went, Greathouse escaped. In the intervening years he made many tracks in the sand, leaving no trace.

So Greathouse brought the kid to range of the Pitchfork ranch around 1884. At first the boy dogie kept the "Old Skunk Skinner" company, setting traps for varmints and poisoning wolves with strychnine. They camped out on the prairie, bathed in icy streams, for Greathouse was a stickler for cleanliness, and read Shakespeare or Homer by the firelight.

But Dan B. Gardner, the manager of the vast Pitchfork ranch, took an interest in stray and decided he needed some real schooling, something better than an old wolfman could provide. Billy begged to ride with the cowboys, but Gardner refused. For a year or so the reluctant student lived on the ranch of J. T. George. Mrs. George, a school teacher, encouraged Billy to read and write and the couple offered to adopt him. But Billy

Parkes came West to be a cowboy so he returned to the Forks.

At seventeen he got his chance to ride the range. After a few years of riding the Croton Breaks, he transferred to the Matador outfit where he was dubbed, "The Pitchfork Kid," a name that soon replaced his own. The wolfman too had changed ranges, going it alone in the winter time, but often camping with the Matador wagon during their working season.

The Kid was given odd jobs around the outfit, probably driving the hoodlum wagon and gathering firewood for the cook. Then he became the horse wrangler, a job usually reserved for the young or "stove-up" older hands.

Douglas Meador wrote in 1958, "Pitchfork Kid was a cowboy and drew a cowboy's wage. For that he worked from daylight until dark seven days a week as did other cowboys. It was hard work that required strength and endurance. Jobs were scarce and a man had to work to keep his name on the payroll. There were intervals, when the range wagon was in, that he stayed in line camps or at headquarters, and performed whatever tasks assigned him."

"The Fork Kid had many good traits other than being a good cow-hand. Thoughtful, quiet, polite, and courteous, and a man who liked onions, lots of onions in everything on the table.

With experience in the school of hard knocks, Parkes gained skill in roping and busting broncs. In 1892 while working with the Matador wagon in Pitchfork country, George Martin saddled a horse and asked the young hand to "top 'er off," or ride the buck out of a green horse. The 24 year old cowboy mounted. The bronc pitched and bucked. The Kid was caught off balance, and he and the bronc had a "wreck". Broken-up and unconscious, the Kid appeared dead. Cowboys gathered around him and took him in the hoodlum wagon to the ranch headquarters over thirty miles away. When he remained unconscious but still breathing, the Kid was loaded up for another bumpy ride. At the railhead about seventy-five miles away, the train took him to a hospital in Trinidad, Colorado, the corporate headquarters of the Matador ranch, where he was given the best care the Matadors could afford.

For nineteen days Billy Parkes remained unconscious. According to his friend Fred Hale, he regained consciousness only after the doctors operated on his brain. When the kid awoke in the Catholic hospital and saw the black and white-robed nurses, he asked, "Is this heaven?"

The cowboy slowly recovered. Doc Burleson of Wichita Falls, who "batched" with the kid for two or three winters at a Matador Ranch linecamp, recalled that thereafter The Kid "suffered an impediment of speech."

If the Kid was only a shell of his former self, as some claim, then his roping prowess didn't seem to be affected, winning

first prize at Seymour. He received his saddle with a big smile.

The newspaper said, "Billy Parkes, the one who roped his steer in the quickest time, came loping up the stand, waving his hat. People rushed out to shake hands with him. The band played 'Dixie' and the contest was over."

In the 1900 Census, Billy E. Parkes told the enumerator at the Matador Ranch headquarters that he was 31 years old and was born in July of 1868, his and his parents' birthplace was Ohio, his occupation was a laborer, and he was single.

Photographs capture a handsome dark-haired gentleman with a mustache, wearing a black round-brimmed hat. His city suit was adorned with a bow tie and his vest with the colorful horsehair strings he plaited for his watch fob. He usually carried a meerschaum pipe.

"I first knew him as Billy Parks," recalled C.C. Garrison. "In the early turn of the century, Kid and I went to Kansas City with a trainload of Matador cattle. It was on this trip while in Kansas City that the kid met some men who had known his people.

"They told him his people were dead. I felt very sorry for him as big tears rolled down his bronzy cheeks. It was then that he told me his real name was William E. Partlow (so the friends in Kansas City had informed him) and that when he got back to the ranch he would have the records changed to his right name and he did."

Around 1907 the Kid quit the Matadors to go into business for himself. When the scheme didn't work out, the foreman wouldn't take him back, obviously put-out because the hand had quit. Corporate manager for the ranch, Murdo Mackenzie, happened to be in town on an inspection tour of ranch properties. He asked the dejected cowboy what had happened. When Mackenzie learned of The Kid's plight he wrote a letter beginning with "To whom it may concern." With that recommendation the Kid began his second stretch of service with the Matadors.

"A plaiter of whips and quirts that few equalled," wrote Duff Green about the quiet cowboy. "A studious, diligent

worker with such things, and when the Kid untied that whip from his saddle and swung it out into space, he could come nearer making it pop in all directions than any man I ever saw use one. A bull-whip is a splendid cow persuader when a man knows how to use it. That Fork-Kid was a regular go-getter. A fine calf roper (of) bulls, steers, or what not. Many old outlaw steers lost their horns to him, perchance by cutting a ring around the root of their horns and knocking them off with a convenient club."

With such skills, it is no wonder the Kid was a trusted "outside man," one who rode alone into the ranges of other ranches to bring back strays.

Around 1915, Billy E. Partlow was transferred to the upper Matadors, the Alamositas division at Channing, where Frank Mitchell was his boss. The Kid was sent with cattle to pasture in New Mexico near Glen Rio and Nara Viva.

In 1919 while hauling hay in a wagon alone, the Kid either fell beneath the wheels and was run over, or he fell out and hit his head against a rock. Since there were no witnesses, some even suspected foul play. Whether by accident or design, the legendary Pitchfork Kid, at age fifty-one by his own count, was dead.

Mitchell bought the Kid's last suit of clothing and paid for his casket and funeral services from the cowboy's own bank account, then laid him to rest in the Llano Cemetery at Amarillo. A marker, believed to have been erected at the time, was stolen or vandalized. The Kid's grave remained unmarked until 1958 when old friends joined Fred Hale and the *Matador Tribune* in purchasing a simple bronze marker, as unpretentious as the man beneath.

The Pitchfork Kid was a cowboy legendary with his roping skill, polite and considerate, helpful to youngsters and hospitable to strangers, who drank but little and rarely, if ever, carried a gun. As *Tribune* editor Meador eulogized, "Top hands are scarce in eternity."

Simon Hall Falls Off The Water Wagon

by Colquitt Warren (c) 1994

I have had lots of cowboy friends and a few old-time chuck wagon cooks for friends. I have never been a cowboy. I was a ranch hand and worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company from 1941 to 1944, building and repairing earth tanks with teams of big horses.

I met Simon Hall, an old-time chuck wagon cook, and in my opinion, one of the best of his kind, before I went to work for the Matadors.

Simon told me that he and his wife ran the Matador Line Camp at the Payne Place on the east side of the Matador East Pasture when they were first married. Simon liked to tell about roping and leading out the old outlaw steers that ranged in the rough country of the east pasture. I saw some of these old steers in 1943 when I worked on Cow Hollow Tank on the dividing line between the Turtle Hole Pasture and the Matador East Pasture. These old steers, 14 or 15 years old, stood about a foot taller than the cows which watered with them at Cow Hollow Tank.

Simon said that these old steers habitually blew the drives. If you got one of them started, he would run into the first oak mott or brush thicket that he came to, and lie down with his head laid flat on the ground, trying to hide. If you flushed him out, he would take off in the opposite direction to the drive and you couldn't turn him.

Simon and Mrs. Hall were divorced and left the Payne Place. Simon started cooking for the Matador chuck wagon. M.J. Reilly, the superintendent of the division at Matador (1923-1946) told me to eat at the Matador chuck wagon when it was time to move to another campsite.

John Warren (our son who worked for the Matador from 1942 until 1948 when he graduated from high school in Matador) would go out with the Matador chuck wagon each summer. John said: "At the wagon we killed a fat heifer yearling every other day. We wrapped the hind quarter up in a tarp to keep the flies off

and hung it up on the side of the wagon. Before Red Payne, the wagon boss (who went into headquarters every evening) started bringing out ice, we wasted more meat than we ate. Simon always kept a lot of bread in the bread box. When it began to get a little old, Simon would feed it to the chuck wagon mules. They really liked sour dough biscuits. Simon would make a vinegar pie occasionally. Some of them were pretty strong."

Simon had an art of making sour dough biscuits. He would pour some sour dough starter out on the lid to the chuck box, and add flour, salt and water until he had the dough to suit him. He would work the dough until it was a stiff mass. He then pinched off the biscuits and squeezed them in a round pan and placed the pan in the oven of the stove. He had already built up a good fire in the stove, and he left the door to the oven open and turned the pan around with a wire hook until the biscuits were brown on all sides. When done, they stood high in the pan. They were delicious.

When Simon went to town he usually got drunk, and might not show up for work the next day. When he sobered up, the Matadors would always put him back to work.

Simon wanted to quit drinking. He told Warren Clements, Simon's barber and good friend, and a non-drinker, that he (Simon) believed he could quit if he didn't have any money on his person. He told Warren that he wanted to turn his checks over to him. Warren was agreeable.

Simon's idea worked for several months. Warren was holding \$400.00 for Simon who came in Warren's barber shop and asked for \$25.00. Warren gave him the money and didn't say anything. Simon drank that up and came back for \$25.00 more. Warren went to a little safe in the back of his shop and brought all the rest of Simon's \$400.00, handed it to Simon and said: "You son-of-a-bitch, if you ever come in my shop again, I'll kill you."



The Horse Remuda at Russellville, about 1930.

(ZonaCammack photo)

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

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Motley County School News

Lindsey's Lines

by Lindsey Williams

The 1994-95 school year was kicked off with an assembly in the school gym last Wednesday morning. We got acquainted with Mr. Copp, the new principal, who welcomed students and teachers and expressed his hope that everyone would have a great year.

Some beginning of the year business was taken care of. A Pep Club meeting was held to welcome new members and to elect officers.

Summer was short, but we were all glad to see each other and we're all working toward having a good year.

Fire Safety Tips For Back-To-School Season

School days, school days, good ol' fire safety rule days.

As children head back to school, it's a good time for parents and teachers to review fire safety rules. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection offers these tips as the season changes to fall:

Be sure that children are supervised after school. Fire departments report that the number of false alarms and fires caused by children increase in the afternoon, after school is dismissed. Remind older children who stay alone after school that most 9-1-1 and other emergency number phone calls can be traced to the phone where the call was made.

Encourage your local school to conduct its first fire drill during the first two weeks of school. Teachers should review exit procedures on the first class day.

Begin testing your smoke alarm each month. Check the type of batteries used by our smoke alarm, and buy a supply of that type. Replace the batteries if you have not changed the batteries in the past year or if you cannot remember when the batteries were changed last.

Prepare now for cooler weather. Have a qualified technician check your heating equipment before you need to turn it on. Have your chimney cleaned now.

Take care of "fall cleaning" before cold weather closes in. Clearing dried plants, dead limbs and other rubbish from outside will improve the fire safety of your home. Clean old rags, unused paint and cleaners and other flammable materials from the garage and workshop; take these hazardous materials to an approved disposal facility.

Help high school students plan now for a safe homecoming bonfire. Encourage students to meet with the local fire department before planning the bonfire. Some cities have specific regulations on outdoor fires, so students should plan early to avoid disappointment. Local fire fighters can also help students plan a safe location and supervise the event.

Write to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection for more information on preventing fires. Teachers can have students write to Fire Prevention Education, Texas Commission on Fire Protection, P.O. Box 2286, Austin, Texas 78768-2286.

PEP CLUB NEWS

by Tanya Barkley

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The Motley County Pep Club is ready to kick-off the season and really yell!!!!!! for the Matadors!

Officers for the 1994-95 year are President, Laurie Hoyle; Vice-President, Gwen Sims; Secretary-Treasurer, Monica Clifton; Reporter, Tanya Barkley; Parliamentarian, Lanie Barton; Songleaders, Gwen Sims, Rebecca Long, and Lou Ann Taylor.



MONDAY, AUGUST 29

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Apple Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Macho Nachos, Fresh Salad, Whole Kernal Corn, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chef Salad (ham, egg, cheese), Baked Potato, Crackers, Dessert, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Fish, Tarter Sauce, AuGratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Watermelon, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Polish Sausage, Creamed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Breakfast: Sausage and Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, and Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, and Onions, French Fries, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

We have a nice selection of Christian Books & Bibles
Texas Country Reporter Cookbook
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Roaring Springs Recipes & Memories
Trail Dust
Early History of Motley County
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Motley County Roundup and others

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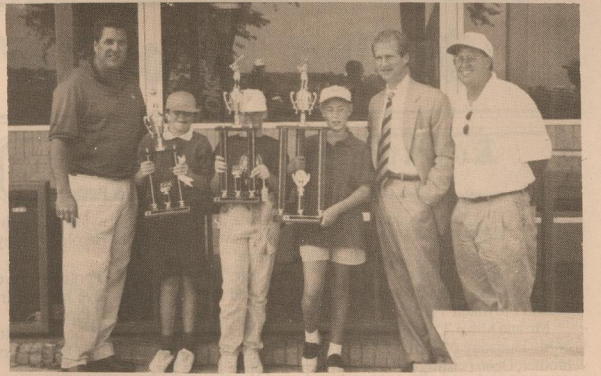
SENIOR PICTURES
Senior pictures will be taken Saturday, August 27. See Mr. Cooper or Coach Prather if you have any questions.

SCHOOL PICTURES
School pictures will be taken September 7th. More details later.

Thursday, August 25: School is dismissed for Old Settlers Day. School will resume at its regular time on Friday.

Friday, August 26: Motley County Matadors scrimmage with Seymour, here, 6:00 p.m.

Justice is the great interest of man on earth. It is the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together.
—Daniel Webster



GOLF CHAMPS — Pictured above from left are Sherwin Cox, North Texas PGA Junior Golf Chairman; Rachael Smith, Matador, 3rd place; Lindsey Trojack, San Angelo, 2nd place; Meredith Easley, Amarillo, 1st place; Representative from Haverty's Furniture of Amarillo; George Riolo, West Texas Area Junior Chairman, NTPGA. These three girls qualified for the Tournament of Champions, August 9-10, Dallas Hyatt Bear Creek. The Tournament of Champions is invitational only to the three top finishers in the three areas, West Texas, Metro, and East Texas. An invitation is also issued to anyone who wins five tournaments in their age group. Rachael plays in the girls age 10-11. On August 9-10 Rachael competed at the Tournament of Champions, sponsored by Haverty's - Pepsi, at Dallas Hyatt Bear Creek. She played well against other top players placing seventh. She is the daughter of Chip and Ellen Smith, Matador. She is the granddaughter of Mary Ellen Short of Dallas, Bob and Margaret Short of Dallas, and Joe and Billie Dean Smith of Matador. She is the great-granddaughter of Vera Ryan of San Francisco, CA.

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News Around Motley County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Rev. Chris Riley, student at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, was speaker in the pulpit at First Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Brown Hinson attended to business in Floydada Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim went to Clovis, N.M. Thursday of last week to visit her brother, Dean Hastings who is in a hospital there for further treatment following surgery for cancer some time ago. They returned Friday.

Mrs. Benny Goss and son, Brian, of Littlefield visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden has moved into the former Methodist parsonage which she bought recently and renovated.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Taylor of Dougherty have moved into the Harold Brantley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Ferguson have moved into the Minnie Dye home. Mr. Ferguson works for Quail Pipe.

Mrs. Roxie Lewis will be happy to have former pupils here for Old Settlers drop in to see her.

Weekend guests of Odessa Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, Brandy, Michael and Christopher of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Mullins, Amanda, Stormy and Marshall of Midland.

Lona Gaylor of Lubbock is visiting her son and grandson, Joe and Thomas Rice.

Odessa Mullins attended a workshop for Church Clerks at the Baptist Association office in Plainview, Teusday afternoon.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Billie R. Slover spent the weekend in Nocona, Texas in the home of her sister, Betty Smith. Other guests there were John and Evelyn McPherson and Kenneth and Joyce Ellis, Mrs. Slover's sisters and their husbands. Their mother, Mrs. Florine Angell is in the Nocona Nursing Home and is gravely ill at this time. The Slovers stopped in Paducah on their way home to visit with Mr. Slover's dad, Bill Slover. This was on Sunday and they stayed and participated in the worship service of singing and prayer with him at the Paducah Nursing Center. Bill is doing better at this time.

Visiting Bill and Nora Belle Dunning on Friday from Irving was grandson, Ken David Murphy and wife, Kim. They also visited in the Care Center in Lubbock

with Mrs. Addie Murphy, their grandmother. Ken is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Murphy of Conroe, Area Missionary Director of the Tyron Mission Assoc.

Evelyn and C.D. Garrison celebrated her birthday, Thursday night in Canyon and attended the performance of TEXAS at Palo Duro Canyon. Visiting in their home and with Mr. and Mrs. France Barton, Saturday was their brother, Alvin Garrison of Kermit. He returned home Sunday morning.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shelton from Monday until Wednesday of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Doc Chester of Carlsbad, N.M. and Mrs. Hazel Parks of Salem, N.M.

Charlene and Doyle Parks of Iowa Park visited Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison, Monday.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A Senior Citizen said it: "You know you're getting older when Medicare will pick up 80 percent of the cost of the honeymoon."

Recent visitors of John Barton and Mrs. Jane Cartwright were Mrs. Jill Taylor of Fort Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scaff of Sanger. They also visited in Matador with Mrs. Louvaine Scaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Burnett in Plainview, Wednesday. They visited overnight Wednesday in Tulia with Mrs. Nola Anderson. They continued to Amarillo, Thursday for Mr. Stephens a medical check-up following recent pace maker heart surgery.

Mrs. Arrie Aulick entered the Lockney Care Center, Wednesday morning following arrangements made by her nephews, Norman Spray of Bedford and Billy Jack Spray of Las Cruces, N.M. Her niece, Mrs. Wilma Hare of Clovis, N.M.

visited with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon have visited Rhea and E.D. Lawrence of Matador, during their hospitalization in Crosbyton Hospital. Mr. Lawrence was transferred from Crosbyton to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, Thursday. Also, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence is their son, Ronnie Lawrence of Dallas.

Mrs. Deirda Clifton of Matador, Mrs. Brenda Cruse of Flomot and Mrs. Darla Gwinn and Danielle attended the wedding of Miss Amy Payne, Saturday night held at the Church of Christ in Turkey.

Mrs. Shonda Martin and Shanon of Clarendon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens, Saturday.

Mrs. Aurene Bevers of Amarillo accompanied her mother, Mrs. Malcolm Jameson and sister, Melba Jameson to Amarillo, Tuesday. Mrs. Jameson entered hospital, Wednesday, Aug. 24 for medical tests and treatment with a throat specialist.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Keri and Christi Shorter visited from Thursday until Sunday at Southlake with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes, Russell and Rickey.

Cindy Shorter of Lubbock visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF JANE JONES NALL

Those from Flomot attending the funeral services of Jane Jones Nall in Wellington, Friday morning, August 19 were M.C. Jones, Mary Ellen Barton, Viola Stinson, Wilburn and Herb Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Donnie and Johnney Turner, Tim Washington, Matt and Lacey, Donnie Rogers, Darrell Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, Cary and Cory, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Bly Shannon and daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay and daughter, Mrs. Debbie Arrington of Canadian.

Others were Mrs. Mollie Burleson, Mrs. Marisue Potts, Mr. and Mrs. S.C. "Teen" Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hambright of Floydada; Mrs. Judy Reno, Richard Turner and Mr. and Mrs. France Barton of Matador.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLEAN-UP DAY

This is to remind everyone to be at the Community Center building in Flomot at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 31 for Clean-Up Day. Your help will be appreciated with this community project. We will be looking for you.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Joe Edd Helms suffered serious burns to his right side, Wednesday night when a radiator hose blew off an irrigation well. He received emergency treatment at Lockney Hospital and hospitalized until late Thursday afternoon.

Orville Lee suffered injury to both of his hands, Thursday night when becoming entangled in a wire fence causing him to fall. The accident happened in his sheep pasture. He received medical care at the Lockney Hospital for cuts that required stitches in his hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Pampa, Wednesday and Thursday with their daughter, Marilee Pilcher of Borger, who had corrective eye surgery.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. A.D. Moseley announces the birth of her first great-grandchild, Katy Kay Holladay who arrived Friday, August 12, 1994 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds and 3/4 ounces.

Her parents are Julie and Shawn Holladay of Lamesa and grandparents are Wanda and James Davis of Lamesa. Mrs. Moseley visited the families last weekend.

Paula and Bobby Phillips and daughter, Autumn of Brownfield visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers from Wednesday until Saturday were her cousins, Mrs. Alma Carter of Fayette, Mrs. Erle Fotte of Machovec and Mrs. Stella Sugan of Qanah and sister, Mrs. Merl Nall of Amarillo. Visiting from Friday until

Tuesday was her brother, Dale Davidson of Carthage, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse visited in Ennis from Thursday until Sunday with his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pierce. They attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Ita Pierce Williams held in Dallas, Saturday.

Tom Ross was in Willow and Mangrum, Okla. from Friday until Tuesday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited from Friday until Sunday in Southlake with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes, Russell and Rickey and in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter, Jennifer and Megan.

Dr. Jerry Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert. They met him at the Lubbock Airport, Tuesday. Visiting with them during the weekend and enjoying Rails To Trails Drive, Saturday were Mrs. Judy Heiskell of Dalhart, Lance Heiskell, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock and Mrs. Kathy Blanton of Graham. Dr. Gilbert is also visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson and her mother, Mrs. James May of Quitaque from Friday until Sunday were their daughters and granddaughters, Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and Brittany of Vernon and Kayla Johnson of Floydada.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey from Thursday until Sunday of last week were Mrs. Thelma Moon, Cindy and Sarah Moon of Fritch. Visiting them last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina of Amarillo and Rusty Matthews of Turkey.

Mrs. Mollie Burleson of Floydada, Mary Ellen Barton and Mrs. Wadie Clay attended the Jerry Blakemore funeral services in Shamrock, Thursday morning.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Olton, Wednesday to celebrate the 88th birthday of her brother and uncle respectively, Walter Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bush of Lubbock visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Viola Calvert. Mrs. Mary Ann Browning of Rising Star visited during the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Calvert and with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning, Whitney and Jason. They attended the funeral services of Bill Mullins in Turkey, Monday morning.

H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the Cowboy Camp Meeting at Johnny Burson ranch near Silverton, Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter visited in Floydada, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis of Fritch visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and accompanied home their sons, Michael and Warren who visited here the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Floydada Sunday with Mrs. Bessie Martin.

Mrs. Lucille Monk and weekend houseguest, Mrs. Lewis Cannon of Tulia visited Art Green, Sunday.

Aleda Elaine Ross visited last week in Lubbock with her aunt and uncle, Elissa and Stan Wigley. Among the entertainment enjoyed was the Omnimax Theater, movies and boating at Buffalo Springs Lake.

Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls visited his grandmother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Thursday.

Obituaries

Jane Nall

WELLINGTON—Jane Nall, 62, died Friday, Aug. 12, 1994.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 19 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, and Danny Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia, officiating. Burial was in North Fairview Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nall was born in Motley County. She graduated from Flomot High School and attended Tarleton State. She married Richard Nall in 1950 at Clovis, N.M. They lived in Flomot until moving to

Wellington in 1960.

Mrs. Nall served as an executive officer and cashier at Community Bank. She was an active supporter of the 4-H program in Collingsworth County and was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Leigh Blakemore of Shamrock; two sons, Ricky Nall of Nacogdoches and Jim Bob Nall of Shamrock; a brother, M.C. "Salty" Jones of Flomot; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be a favorite charity.

Jerry W. Blakemore

Shamrock — Jerry W. Blakemore, 46, died Friday, Aug. 12, 1994.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, and the Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Blakemore was born in Shamrock. He graduated from Shamrock High School and attended North Texas State University at Denton, where he received a bachelor of science degree in psychology. He also earned a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mr. Blakemore began his business career in Dallas in the trucking industry, where he became terminal manager at

TransCon Freight Lines. In the late 1970s, he accepted a position at Hub Hill Inc., an oil and gas firm in Dallas. He resigned as president of the company in January and started his own oil and gas business with his son, Rodney.

At the time of his death, Blakemore Inc., Blakemore Oil and Gas and Hub Energy Co. operated oil and gas properties throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. Blakemore married Leigh Vaughan, a niece to M.C. "Salty" Jones of Flomot, in January, and they made their home in Shamrock.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Rodney Blakemore of Dallas; his mother, Naomi Blakemore of Shamrock; a sister, Linda Coker of Austin; and a stepson, Pike Vaughan of Mount Pleasant.

Senior Citizens Report

by Cora Hall

The Matador Senior Citizens met Tuesday, August 8, with 31 present for the good lunch and visiting.

Cora Hall gave the blessing. Happy Birthday was sung to Grant Carlson. Jean Cooper read the minutes of the last

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August 17 is the Senior Citizens Festival in Lubbock. J.B. Cooper and Elga Evans are the Matador Senior Citizens of the Year.

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Joshua directed by the Lord not only to be strong but also to be careful to heed the Law that God had given through His servant Moses. If Joshua would follow that Law "neither turning left or right" then God said he would have success. Our God still teaches us the same principle. We must adhere to the Word of God in order to be successful before Him.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Hunter Education Course Being Planned For Motley County

The Motley County Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are working together to get a Hunter Education Course scheduled in Matador. The course is a ten (10) hour workshop on hunter education, safety, and ethics.

All hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, are required to successfully complete a hunter education course before they can obtain a hunting license. Hunters hunting out-of-state are required to take the course if they were born on or after January 1, 1949.

In order for the course to be held in Matador, we need at least ten (10) participants. Anyone interested in attending the hunter education course should contact Michael Clawson at the Motley County Extension Service, (806) 347-2733 before Monday, August 29th.

The course is open to all residents. Children under the age of 12 are welcome to attend the course, but they cannot be certified. Current plans are to hold the course sometime in September. The date and time will depend upon the amount of interest in the course.



ASCS News

by Billy Wayne Denison
County Executive Director

TIMELY REPORT FAILED ACREAGE

Report failed acreage of any crop to this office (and insurance agent - if insured) prior to plowing, grazing, haying, shredding or otherwise destroying evidence of the crop. We must inspect (and appraise - if desired at your expense) prior to you making other use of the land. Producers are losing their eligibility for

deficiency and possible disaster payments by not reporting failed crops timely.

EXAMPLE: Sweet Sorghum planted for hay - drought stressed and fails. Producer turns cattle in and grazes the acreage. Does not report this until sorghum is about grazed out. (Producer not eligible for hay disaster payment - if disaster program authorized.)

Boys Ranch Rodeo Set For September 4 - 5

It's Rodeo time! The Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and the boys and girls are preparing to show the Panhandle what they can do.

The annual event will be held during the Labor Day weekend on Sunday, September 4, and Monday, September 5 at the Ranch, 36 miles northwest of Amarillo.

In hopes of winning trophy belt buckles, children of all ages from Boys Ranch, Girlstown, U.S.A., and Cal Farley's Family Program will compete. The boys will be riding calves, bulls, broncs and steers, and the girls will be competing for top honors in barrel racing and pole bending events. Riding clubs from the

Tri-State area will join the youths during grand entries on both days. It is a rodeo for all of our boys and girls, and those who do not compete as contestants will be selling barbecue plates, soft drinks and popcorn, or working at the many jobs required for a successful rodeo.

Several popular specialty acts will entertain the crowd, including a calf scramble, an FFA project parade, and barrel races with five and six-year-old children riding stick horses. Among the spectators will be many of the Ranch graduates who return with their families for an annual reunion. Since 1939, over 4000 boys have called the Ranch "home", and some travel long distances to attend the rodeo, as well as the many Boys Ranch

Alumni Association festivities.

Up to 10,000 people are expected to fill the rodeo grandstands. Tickets for Reserved Bleacher Seats are \$4.00, General Admission Adults \$3.00, General Admission Children (6-12) \$1.00. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., barbecue beef plate

lunches will be sold for \$4.00, with rodeo action beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The Boys Ranch Rodeo is the only one of its kind in the nation. Further information and reservations are available by calling (806) 372-2341, or by writing P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

In the Rough

by Hazel



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

August 16
Chet Dye was closest to the pin on #6, 17' 1 3/4".

First place (29) - Charlie Long, Butch Renfro, Mark Wason, Howard Edmondson.

Second (29) - Ken Marshall, Alfred and Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson.

There was a tie in first and second place. Play-off on card to determine first and second.

Third (31) - Kenny and Olivia Barton, Laverna Price, Billy Wayne Denison, Chip Smith.

Others playing were Darrell Cruse, E.A. and Dorothy Day, Gene Brannon, Alan and Kay Bingham, Homer and Cleo Martin, Warner Sailsbury, Chet Dye, Cody Dye, Vida Elkins, Wade and Nell Berryman, Rob Francis, and Ronnie Davis.

THURSDAY LADIES PLAYDAY

August 18

Playing were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Dorothy Day, Louise and Geneva tied for most bogeys on 2-4-5. Both

received balls.

FOOTHILLS PLAY AT SPUR

Monday, August 22

Spur players were Jean Hoover, Billie Bass, Gladys Hinson, Minnie Ola Stewart, Johnnie Carlisle.

Roaring Springs Ranch Club players were Louise Barton, LaVoe Thacker, Olivia Barton, Mary Lou Williams, Dorothy Day, and Geneva Wilson.

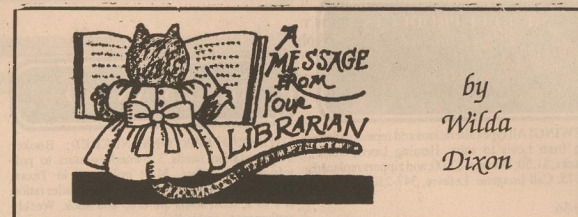
Paducah players were Doris Staggs, Jean Hassell, Barbara Hickman, and Jackie Newman.

Low Gross of field, Johnnie Carlisle, 83.

Low Net of field, Jean Hoover, 70. Championship flight: Low Gross, LaVoe Thacker, 86; Low Net, Jean Hassell, 80.

First flight: Low Gross, Gladys Hinson, 87; Low Net, Billie Bass, 78; Low Putts, Geneva Wilson, 31.

Second flight: Low Gross, Doris Staggs, 91; Low Net, Mary Lou Williams, 72; Low Putts, Jean Hoover and Barbara Hickman tied with 30 putts each.



by
Wilda
Dixon

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Thursday & Friday, 9-12 and 1-5
Saturday, 1:30 - 4:30 (open by volunteers)

1994 Dues for the Friends of the Library are now due and may be paid at the Library or given to Mary Meason, treasurer.

USED BOOK SALE at the Library! Hardbacks, 25¢ to \$1.00; Paperbacks, 25¢.

The Friends of the Library will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each and there will be two prizes. One prize is a picture of bluebonnets that was painted by Mrs. Winifred Lee and the other prize is a Moore Makers, Inc. knife. Both of the prizes were donated to the Friends for the raffle and the Friends of the Library would like to thank Mrs. Lee and Moore Makers, Inc.

Tickets may be purchased at the Library where the items are both on display. Thursday morning (today) tickets may also be purchased at the Arts and Crafts sale in Roaring Springs. Raffle will be held in December.



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1994 Motley County Homecoming September 9 & 10

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71st Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion To Kick-Off Thursday

Four Beauties Will Vie For Rodeo Queen's Crown

The 71st Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion will kick-off activities at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 25 with a parade in downtown Roaring Springs. A Memorial Service will be held in the tabernacle at 11 a.m. with the business meeting following at 1 p.m.

Motley-Dickens County roping events will begin at 2:00 p.m. with books opening at 1:30 p.m. Events will include a Flag Race for children 6 and under and 7-12, Junior Team Roping, 18 and under; and Motley-Dickens county Team Roping. Handmade bits will be given to winners of each event.

The Caprock Cutting Horse contest, which is NCHA approved will begin at 6 p.m.

On Friday, August 26, events will begin with a Team Penning at 1 p.m. There will be a Rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 8 p.m.

A Fiddler's Contest will begin the day on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Tabernacle. Entries will begin at 9 a.m. for ages 20 and under; 20-49; and 50 and over. Prizes will be \$100 for first place; \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for third in each age group. The top 2 of each age group will come back for Champion Fiddler, with \$100 being awarded to first and \$50 to second.

A Cowboy Team Sorting will begin at 12 noon.

There will be a free dance each afternoon, 4-6 p.m. The Old Folks Dance will begin at 8:30 each night featuring Weldon Turpin and The Midnight Cowboys. The Young Folks Dance will begin at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday night featuring

Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys.

There will be a carnival all three nights. A concession stand will be on the grounds.

There will be free admission in the gate on Thursday, and general admission on Friday and Saturday will be \$5.00; 12 and under and 60 and older will be admitted free.

The crowning of the Rodeo Queen and drawing for a handmade Alvin Durham saddle will be held during Saturday night's rodeo performance.

Queen contestants are Lisa Taylor, the 10-year-old daughter of Leslie and Terry Taylor of Matador. Lisa is a fifth grader at Motley County ISD. She enjoys riding horses, playing basketball and spending time with her family and friends.

Rebecca Long is the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long of Roaring Springs. She is a Freshman at Motley County High School. Her grandparents are the late Charles and Irene Long, the late Thurston Winegar of Roaring Springs, and R.C. and Callie Giesecke of Matador.

Rebecca is very active in Motley County 4-H.

LouAnn Salazar is the 12-year-old daughter of Alex and Aurelia Salazar of Matador. She is in the 7th grade at Motley County I.S.D. She enjoys track, baseball and basketball.

Drew Baker is the daughter of Bobby and Cindy Baker of Spur. Drew is in the fourth grade, and is active in 4-H and likes to ride horses.



LISA TAYLOR



LOUANN MARIE SALAZAR



REBECCA LONG



DREW BAKER

School Board Hires New Personnel

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. The roll was called and the forum was opened. Items on the agenda included:

- * Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- * A list of expenditures and a review of the financial statement was approved.
- * Bids were opened for Property and General Liability Insurance; Fleet Insurance; L.P.G.; Gas and Diesel; Milk and

Bread.

- * The Students' Handbook was approved.
- * Gary Lancaster CPA was selected as school auditor.
- * A sexual harassment act and drug testing for bus drivers for the 95-96 school year were added to Local Update 46.
- * Luncheon prices were set.
- * August 24 was set for the date for reviewing, holding budget hearing and adopting the 1994-95 school budget.

September 21 was set for the next board meeting. Board went into Executive Session at this time. Brenda Hudson of Roaring Springs was hired as maintenance personnel and Dorothy Russell was hired for the cafeteria. The State School Board meeting will be held in Dallas, September 30-October 1. Meeting adjourned.

Pictures Needed For Homecoming Edition

EARLY DEADLINE
The Motley County Homecoming will be held this year September 9 and 10. The special Homecoming edition of the Motley County Tribune will be out on Thursday, September 8. We are asking, once again, for pictures, stories, etc. to use in that special edition. If you are having a class reunion, we would like to know about it and run your class picture. We will very much appreciate pictures from all schools in Motley County, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flo-mot, Whiteflat, and Northfield, or any of the old time schools, that were closed before we were thought of. We assure you that we will take very good care of your prized pictures and will return them to you as soon as possible after the edition is printed. Please have all pictures and/or news items for that week's paper, the September 8 issue, no later than 11 a.m. Friday, September 2. The deadline for this paper will be early, due to the fact that our printer will need the copy early. Thank you.

Museum To Be Open For Old Settlers' Guest

The Motley County Museum, located in the old Traweek Hospital in Matador, will be open for Old Settlers' guests or anyone who might like to tour the Museum, on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25 and 26, 1-4 p.m., or call Glenn Woodruff, 347-2431.

Roaring Springs Ex-Students To Meet

There will be a meeting of Ex-Students of Roaring Springs, Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. All interested people are invited. Plans will be made for a reunion to be held in June of 1995.

Historical Saddle Given To Cowboy Hall of Fame

NOTE: The following article is from *The Eagle Press*, August 19 issue.

If saddles could talk, Dick "Booger/Red" Stegall's saddle could write a book about its rider and his years as a cowboy for the legendary Matador Ranch and as the last wagon boss for the Red Lake Cattle Corp. when the Matador sold. Instead, the saddle will be on display at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and the memories will have to be told by some other means.

Dick Stegall lived in Fritch near his daughter, Cheryl Gipson, the last several years of his life. He died in May of 1993. His beloved saddle was supposed to be passed to his oldest grandson, Shane Klinnert, of Amarillo, but after the Cowboy Hall of Fame was anxious to have the saddle to go with the chuckwagon from the Matador, Shane was happy to donate the saddle for the Stegall, Gipson and Klinnert families.

The saddle was made by Houston Schweitzer about 1949. Schweitzer, too, worked on the Matador in the late 1920s but quit and started making saddles in the '30s. They were so good everyone wanted a Schweitzer saddle. It took over a year to get the saddle after it was ordered.

Dick's wife, Billie, remembers that Dick got the saddle sometime in 1949 soon after they were married, because she laughs "He had forgotten he had ordered it and wasn't sure we'd have the money to pay for it since we had just married."

The saddle has been ridden almost daily until last year when Dick's son went into another line of business, Ken Gipson

says. "The original saddle is in excellent condition, except for the latigos, of course."

Ken wanted to ride it one last time in the Howdy Neighbor Day Parade before it is taken to Oklahoma City and the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Ken and Cheryl researched her dad's part in the Matador Ranch history. The daily log and payroll records of the Matador are in the Texas Tech museum archives. They show that Dick went to

work in 1927 as an outrider-- Dick would have been 11 years old at the time. But since his parents died early and he was on his own, that made sense.

He went to war in 1937 and came back to work for the Matadors in '42. Although he tried a stint of farming and ranching on his own, Dick went back to work for the Matadors in 1949 until the large Scottish conglomerate began to sell portions of what was once the biggest ranch in the United States.

Dick was the last wagon boss for the Red Lake Cattle Corp. (part of the old Matador) and the daily log shows that when that company sold out, Dick and crew pulled in the wagon on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1959 (27 degrees) with the notation, "Very sad day to think a way of life is changing." That wagon now belongs to the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Dick's saddle will be placed in the Matador Ranch display with proper notations of who it belonged to.

Other people, too, will probably wonder what stories the saddle could tell if only it could talk.



Heather Turner

The 4-H organization sponsors many camps, seminars, and work shops each year. One of the most popular and outstanding among these is the State 4-H Congress. This event is held every other year in Austin, Texas, the state capitol. 4-Hers from all across the state journey to Austin for four days of fun, as well as educational experiences. The main goal of 4-H Congress is to inform and educate

the youth of Texas on how our government operates and what takes place in the sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives. All who are in attendance learn how a bill is presented for consideration and the process it goes through to become a law. In order to enable the 4-H members to have a hands on experience, a mock Congress is held. The 4-Hers are divided into the House of Representatives, the Senate, lobbyists and press corps. In addition, members of the State 4-H Council serve the high ranking positions, such as Governor, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Lieutenant Governor and other officials of the legislature.

Two years ago I had my first experience with Congress as a member of the House. This year I was very fortunate and was able to be a member of the Press Corps. The corps was made up of 23 members, some worked as photographers and others were journalists. Each day we put out a paper that reported on the day's events. I was a reporter for the paper and had the opportunity to write three articles while I was there. As members of the Press Corps we were able to sit in on any session of the legislature and interview anyone we wanted. I can't believe how much I learned about our government and what it takes to be involved with the press over those four days.

There were approximately four hundred 4-Hers in attendance, as well as people directly involved with the Texas Government. One of the week's highlights was getting to hear Texas Agricultural Commissioner, Rick Perry speak. Perry, a former 4-H member, talked on politics and what it takes to be a part of the government, in addition to agriculture.

In my opinion I would have to say that this is by far the best program that 4-H hosts. I would encourage anyone who is given the chance to attend to take advantage of it and go! You will be surprised how much you can learn about the government and how much fun it can be.

Local Student Attends 4-H Congress In Austin

Matador Assembly of God To Host Gospel Singing Concert

The Matador Assembly of God Church will host a Gospel Singing Concert, * Monday, August 29 at 7 p.m.

The John Moody Family from San Antonio will be performing. John has sang with such groups as "The Singing

Americans, "The Nelons", "The Trasher Brothers", "The Sound" and "Jerry Wayne Benard."

The pastor, Rev. Royce Combs and congregation invites everyone to come and enjoy a time of uplifting ministry in song.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 25: Booster Club Bake Sale, 10 a.m., in front of Pure Country in Roaring Springs.
- August 26: Motley County scrimmage with Seymour, here.
- August 25: Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Arts & Crafts Bazaar.
- August 27: PTO Bake Sale inside City Grocery in downtown Roaring Springs.
- August 29: Booster Club paint party, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Frank and Anna Ortiz, on Main street in Matador.
- August 31: Mother's Helper Pre-School, 10 a.m.
- September 1: SPIRIT RALLY, 7:30 p.m., Burleson Field.
- HOMECOMING - September 9 & 10.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"When you aim for perfection, you discover it's a moving target."
— George Fisher

Tribune To Be Closed Thursday and Friday

The Motley County Tribune will be closed this Thursday and Friday, so that we will be available for pictures and reporting for Old Settlers events. Thank you.



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Anna Cooper when she was about 17 or 18 years old. She came to America through Ellis Island from Sweden and made her way to Denver, where she and her husband, Mr. A.B. Cooper, met. Her sister, Nelle, came with her. (Photo courtesy of J.B. Cooper)

by Mary Meason

This Old Settlers story is written in honor of the wives of the men who came to Motley County in the early days. The men have told and related the stories of their hardships in times of drought, grasshopper plagues, of coyotes killing baby calves, of stampedes, and cattle thieves. If the men were single and worked on some of the big ranches they talked about the bad weather, the hard winters, drought, going to town on Saturday nights, country dances and incidents of an ordinary days work and the next big party to be given at the ranch headquarters.

Very little has been said or written about the women and wives of those men and the hardships they endured in those early days.

This story is written with some help from "Of Such As These" written by Eleanor Traweck, and with help from relatives written about in this story.

Have you ever been in an antique shop and noticed some of the items that the shoppers purchased? People of this generation almost fight to get possession of a much used and worn rub board. While browsing around in an antique shop in Lubbock, there was a woman buying an old rub board, a big one, and she was explaining to the clerk what she was going to do with it. She was going to have some artist paint a scene on the space above the rigid, metal service of the scrubbing area and then hang it in the hall or kitchen of her home! That woman had never seen her mother scrubbing clothes with lye soap on a very hot day. In the winter time her hands would be red and cold after hanging clothes on the clothes line, and sometimes the clothes would freeze very soon after they were on the line.

My mother had hayfever worse than anyone I have ever seen. On wash day I remember her washing on that old rub board with lye soap she had made and that soap triggered an acute attack of hayfever. Her nose ran, her eyes watered and she sneezed with every breath. I always felt so sorry for her and I'm sure that is the reason that rub boards hold no charm for me!

And wash pots! Some people think that wash pots are one of the greatest inventions!

If members of this generation had been required in their childhood to "punch down" the white clothes that were boiling in the pot, those pots would not be so appealing! The fire under those pots was hot! And in punching down the clothes, angrily, invariably there would be boiling water splashed on bare legs.

At hog killing time there was always lard to be rendered, and since my brothers were helping in the processing of the

hogs, and mom was in the kitchen making sausage and sneezing from the effects of the spices she was using, it fell my lot to stir the lard being rendered in that wash pot! Another reason a wash pot is not appealing to me.

Wash tubs were another item that had many uses in the early days. I'm sure their original use was for washing clothes but they served many purposes.

It was always used at hog killing time for the cut-up meat, clothes were washed in them, and they were used as a bathtub.

If a family had a well they might be fortunate to have two baths a week. If water had to be hauled or carried from some distance a person was lucky to get one bath a week, and if the water had to be hauled from a distance a person was lucky to get a bath on Saturday night. If there was a large family, for lack of water, the entire family bathed in the same water!

For awhile it seemed that women were wild about kerosene lamps, everyone was trying to find kerosene lamps! There are no fond memories for kerosene lamps in my mind! We had four bedrooms at home, kitchen, dining room, and living room, and a lamp in each room, and I was responsible for polishing those lamp chimneys and filling the lamps with kerosene, and I always got kerosene on my hands. It was next to impossible to get the smell of kerosene off my hands. There was a lamp in each room - 7 lamps to be cleaned and filled with kerosene!

It was a great day for me when we got our own Delco light plant and that was the last of kerosene lamps for us! I have one kerosene lamp now, but not by choice, but a dear elderly friend wanted to give me the lamp and a kitten. I didn't want either of those items, but I accepted both gifts graciously. The cat lived nearly 13 years and I've used the lamp twice when the electricity went off in an electrical storm.

This all sounds very primitive in this day and time, but remember these were luxury items to the pioneer women.

The pioneer woman suffered many hardships that few people now ever think about. They were lonely, scared, always fighting the elements, snow, cold, sandstorms, and the eternal wind and heat. In this county, after the Matadors allowed their hands to marry, women lived very isolated lives on the different line camps, many miles from the closest neighbor.

My husband and I were hunting quail one year on Grapevine Creek several miles southwest of Roaring Springs and came upon the sight of the former home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. All that was left was an abandoned well and there was a three foot wide path leading from the house to the well. That path was bordered on both sides by rocks carefully spaced

and placed by Mrs. John Smith. I was telling her daughter about finding the place and she told me that her mother and father built their first home on Wolf Creek, 7 miles west of Roaring Springs, when they were first married. She had a three room house instead of a dugout for her home. The lumber for the house was hauled from Childress for the new house and cost Mr. Smith \$100.

Mrs. Smith, as a young woman, moved to Dickens, Texas in October, 1891. In 1892 she and Mr. Smith were married. When Mrs. Smith lived on Grapevine she was pregnant with her first child and Mr. Smith was on a cattle drive to Montana with over 2050 cattle. The Matador cowboys came by regularly to check on her.

Mrs. Minnie Smith served as the first Secretary-Treasurer of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion and was Motley County Treasurer for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had four children, Leslie, Sidney, Winnie, and Alta.

Mrs. Charlie Bird (Dadie) was another pioneer woman who lived through the hardships of early days. She married C.D. Bird December 8, 1891 in Daffau, Texas and went to a half section of land two miles south of Roaring Springs. Their home was a dugout on that little "ranch". They later moved to Red Lake Camp of the Matadors in Dickens County.

In 1898 they moved again to the Tongue River ranch in Motley County and established the beginnings of the large Bird Ranch. Again, Mrs. Bird lived in a dugout until their house was built. Mrs. Bird will be remembered for her friendliness and good humor.

Mrs. Bird seldom came to town except on Saturdays. But when she came to town she was just about the best dressed and neatest lady in town. She always had on a hat and a veil if it was the time of day for a veil. She always had on her pearl ear screws pearl necklace and gloves. She was truly a lady in every respect.

One time while visiting her at her ranch home we were extolling the worthiness of cast iron skillets. I asked her how she got the burned on grease off the outside of the skillet. She said, "When I was making lye soap I always tossed the skillets in the wash pot of lye soap and they came out looking like new. Of course, I have to temper them again." So many pioneer women knew how to do so many things that we know nothing about.

Her children were Free, Cliff, Lila, Carl, Glenn, and Gus.

Albina Dionicie Pope was born in Alabama in 1852, and became the bride of John L. Burleson there in 1874. They moved to Comanche County, Texas in 1884 and in August came to Motley County. Their first home was a dugout at Ballard Creek.

Mrs. Burleson always made herself available to anyone who needed help. She was known by almost everyone, and people knew her best as Mother Burleson.

Many times she made wagon trips in any kind of weather to deliver babies when no doctor was available.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burleson were dedicated Christians and together with other early pioneers organized the Baptist Church in 1893.

When the First Baptist Church building was to be built in 1938, it was Mrs. Burleson who turned the first shovel of dirt. There was a Baptist Church cookbook that was printed and dedicated to Mrs. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleson had six children, Velma, Margaret, Molly, Doc, and Roy. Mrs. Burleson died in 1945 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Henry H. Campbell was another early day pioneer who was well known in the entire county.

She was born in Navarro County, Texas October 24, 1851. She married Mr. Campbell in 1871 and came to West Texas and joined her husband in establishing a large ranching venture. When she first came to the ranch her closest woman neighbor was almost seventy miles away.

Mrs. Campbell was always ready to

help the sick and wounded on the ranch. My first memory of Mrs. Campbell was when I was about five years old. I went to Eastern Star with my mother and Mrs. Campbell was the Worthy Matron. Something about Mrs. Campbell made a great impression on me that night that I have never forgotten.

Later, Mrs. Campbell lost her eyesight almost completely and my mother would go and read to her and I always went with her. Mrs. Campbell always had cookies and of course, that helped me remember her this long. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had two children, H.H. Jr. and Erin. Erin died in 1878. Mrs. Campbell died in 1931.

Mrs. A.B. Cooper, it seems to me, had the most difficult, the loneliest life, of any pioneer lady in Motley County.

Anna Benson Nelson's parents died when Anna was just a child and according to Swedish custom she became an indentured servant to an Aunt. Anna had heard of America, and saw no future in being an indentured servant. When she was seventeen she had saved enough money to leave Christened, Sweden.

She worked for a merchant family in Chicago as a maid. Then when the family opened another store farther west she went with them to Keokuk, Iowa, then on to Denver with an acquaintance where she met and married A.B. Cooper. In February 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Cooper arrived at Teepee City. Mr. Cooper established a dugout store and established himself as postmaster of Teepee City.

On April 5, 1881, their first child, James Motley Cooper was born, and a few days later he died. On September 5, 1882 a daughter, Nora arrived. She was the first white girl born in Motley County. Two years later in a dugout at the mouth of Turtle Hole Creek another boy, James Juryn was born. He was well known in Motley County as Jim.

In 1896 another daughter was born, Nellie Elizabeth. She died in infancy. She and the little boy are buried at Teepee City.

It was a lonely life for Mrs. Cooper, as she and Mrs. Henry H. Campbell were the only white women in Motley County and they lived many miles apart from each other.

In 1898 Mr. Cooper went to Alaska during the gold rush, and was there until his death eighteen years later in Cordova, Alaska. He is buried at Sitka, Alaska. Mrs. Cooper planted a vineyard on her place and sold grapes to Matador people.

Mrs. Cooper built a house on her land after having lived in a dugout for 35 years. She died in 1932 at the age of 84.

Etta Bryant married Walter Reeves in 1891 and in 1893 they moved to Motley County. Their trip was full of trials. They had to swim their mules across the swollen Brazos River, then were caught in a snowstorm which lasted so long that their supplies were almost gone.

When they first arrived in Motley County they stayed with John Vaughn in his dugout and later stayed for awhile with Arlie Carpenter's half sister, Mrs. Reeves was later blessed with a 2 room house which consisted of two rooms, 14 x 14 each, and a long shed room. A new room was added with the birth of each child.

When her husband was away with a herd of cattle all the chores were left to Etta. There was wood to be chopped, clothes to be washed on a rub board, water to be drawn and carried to the house for use there, cows to be milked, chickens to be fed, and it took the whole family to rescue the milk pen calf that had fallen in the well.

During a protracted meeting, Mrs. Reeves had penned frying chickens to feed the preacher. She had just done a big washing on the rub board and had just laid down for a well earned nap. After a while she was awakened by chickens flying by the window and strange noises in the backyard. She went outside to investigate and the children were baptizing the chickens in the tub of wash water that had been left in the backyard.

Mrs. Reeves was very ambitious for her children and was determined that each child would have a college education. One baby died; one son, Lee, drowned in Tule Canyon while he was a student at Wayland College; Robert became a doctor; Elbert was a teacher, a Texas State Representative and County Judge of Motley County; Roy became a business man in Dallas; Maisy was a retired school teacher of the Dallas School System; and Verlin retired after teaching for 41 years.

In 1897 the George Phipps family came to Motley County with a herd of horses, leased some land from the Matadors to pasture them, then returned to Fisher County to get his wife, Sara, and their children.

When they returned they found that Teepee Creek had flooded the dugout where Mr. Phipps had stored a part of their household furnishings and most were ruined. Mrs. Phipps found her sewing machine had floated around in the water

until it was almost ruined. Mr. Phipps obtained land adjoining the Stearns land and later traded it for 603 acres in Darden Canyon. In 1903 while serving in court in Dickens, Mr. Phipps contracted pneumonia and died in a short time at age 40, leaving his wife with seven children, one who was only a few months old. But with great determination, Mrs. Phipps provided for her family.

Even though the country was wild, Mrs. Phipps rode side saddle to hunt her horses and cattle and to check on her land. She saw to it that her children went to school at Darden Canyon and often she boarded the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps had nine children and only 3 of them lived past the age of thirty.

Those surviving three are Mrs. Cora Mitchell, Claude E., and Forrest. Forrest died at age 38.

Mrs. Phipps later sold and traded her holdings for a farm near Roaring Springs, and built a house on Circle Street. She died of pneumonia when she was almost ninety years old. Mrs. Phipps was the grandmother of Mrs. LaVoe Mitchell Thacker of Roaring Springs.

John W. Hamilton and his family came to Whiteflat in 1899. Bessie Hamilton, their daughter, was a young lady at the time and taught school in Ballard and Whiteflat Communities, while waiting for her sweetheart, Walter McWilliams to finish his education at Texas University. They were married December 4, 1905 at the home of their parents. Quail was served at the wedding supper.

Bessie was a great storyteller and often entertained her family and guests with tales of early incidents. She never tired of telling about the time the young people made plans for an ice cream supper and the boys ordered the ice cream from Childress which was to be brought back by mail hawk.

That day it was most unfortunate that someone had arranged to have a big boar to be carried on the same shipment with the ice cream. It was a very hot day and the boar was very hot so he nestled against the ice and ice cream. He stood the trip fine, but the driver had nothing but a pool of water and a carton of milk to hand over to the boys. But the kids had their party with cake and fruit.

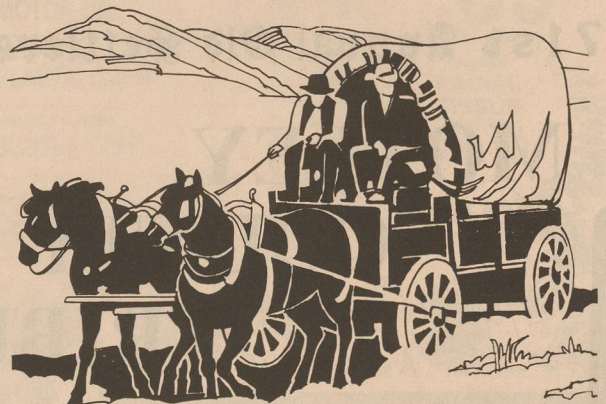
One day, Mrs. McWilliams was returning from town in her wagon when she became aware of an approaching storm. A loud clap of thunder scared the horses and the wagon was pulled well off the

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Old Settlers Days

Welcome Home

We offer a salute to our Motley and Dickens Counties Pioneers and say welcome as the 71st Annual Old Settlers Reunion is celebrated.



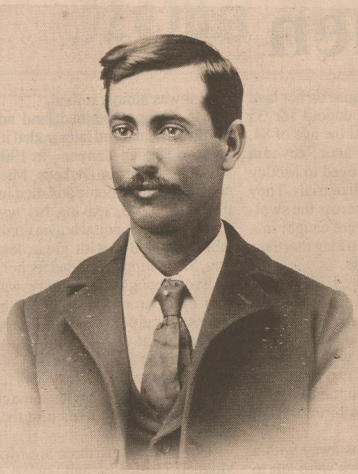
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G.W. Ratcliff and Lydia (Meador) Ratcliff were married February 22, 1907. Mr. Ratcliff was born June 6, 1969 in Greenup, Kentucky. He worked on the Railroad when it was built from Roaring Springs and also helped build the Twin Bridges between Matador and Whiteflat. Mrs. Ratcliff was born in Tarrant County May 1, 1875. She cooked for the builders of the Matador Jail, which stands today. Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff's daughter, Cora Hall, still resides in Matador.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long on their wedding day. The couple came to Motley County in 1890.

(Cora Hall photo)



Mrs. M.E. (Grandma) Meador, early 1800's.

(Cora Hall photo)



Ella (Ratcliff) Steffey and her dog Shep. Ella was born June 24, 1908. She worked for the public in Matador for 16 1/2 years.

(Cora Hall photo)



Jim Ratcliff was born October 11, 1909. He worked for the public in Matador 1930-1966, except while serving in World War II.

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Mrs. M.E. Meador and Susie and Bill Long at their home east of Flomot in the early 1900's.

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TEXAN CAFE in downtown Matador, 1930. Pictured behind counter are owners Tom and Jimmie King, and employee Clifton McBride. Seated at counter is a salesman, Andy Anderson. (Myra Spears photo)



Tom King (left) and Roy Carter, 1915 (Myra Spears photo)

A Letter of Remembrance

NOTE: The following is a letter written by Grace Tilson Zabielski to her niece.

Dear Carole and Children,

Today is August 7. Today is the day Warren was born and every year on this day I think about that day. He is the only brother or sister I have that I was old enough to remember his birth. Thought I would write about it.

As it was in those days, babies were born at home. I remember this black car driving up close to the house. This man getting out - Dr. Traweek, and yes he had a little black bag.

Then mother and dad told us to go down to the river and play and don't come home until they called us. Now the "river" is a river when the rain comes really hard. In the meantime, it is sand and sandhills. There was a large, long bridge, with high sides, big cement pillars holding the bridge up, and made of boards that rumbled when a car drove over it.

We often went down there to play and ride horses back over in the sand hills. One time my brother, Dan and I came upon a rattlesnake den. We shot two snakes that day, we only had 22 rifles to shoot.

Anyway we went down to the river which was about 1/2 mile away, and we played, but the day was getting short, the sun was going down and we heard nothing. I did not know what was happening but I did know we were told to wait for Daddy's call, so I knew that's what we had to do.

Well, right at dusk we heard Daddy calling. We walked home, and going in the front door, there in the living room, in a basinet, was this little, tiny baby boy, so cute and pretty. His name was Warren Earl Tilson.

Warren Earl was in the Los Angeles Fire Department. He was killed while fighting fires during the Watts riots.

His first child, a son, Warren Earl, was born six weeks after his death.

This past Spring Warren Earl Jr. gave him a granddaughter, Natasha Cheyenne Tilson.

Love,
Grace



Fountain at Carter Hotel in Matador, 1910 or 1911. (Myra Spears photo)



Tom King looking over the Matador Ranch, 1906. (Myra Spears photo)

Pioneer Women

from page 3

road and her two children were crying. She had several gates to open before she reached her home and she realized she couldn't make it home so she started unhitching the team. Another loud clap of thunder and the horses broke away, the rain poured and Bessie was left on the prairie, half drowned and with two crying babies.

She walked down the road to the Golightly home. When the rain stopped Bessie and her two little ones started home in the Golightly wagon.

Mrs. John Jackson was a most remarkable woman. I have often wondered if she ever raised her voice in anger to anyone. She was such a good cook and I know she made the best rolls ever made!

She came to Dickens County in early 1880 with her parents. They traveled in a covered wagon drawn by Oxen. They settled on Croton Flat and like most other pioneer women she lived in a dugout.

Annie Whitaker married John Jackson, a Matador cowboy who was living at Croton line camp. There was no honeymoon for the couple. There was a prairie fire raging and just as soon as the vows were said, Mrs. Jackson went back to help fight the fire and he didn't see his bride again for two days!

Mrs. Jackson had more than her share of grief. Her oldest son, Albert, died of influenza in France during World War I and is buried there. Mrs. Jackson visited

her sons grave at government expense as that was a gift to the gold star mothers of World War I.

In World War II Mrs. Jackson's son, Bebe, her youngest son, went down over the Pacific area of Operations in his fighter plane.

Mrs. Jackson had ten children and only two of them are alive at the present time.

Mrs. Jackson died in 1963. B.F. Simpson and his wife, Melinda Isabelle filed on a homestead in northeast Motley County in 1896.

They left Parker County in a covered wagon. While Mr. Simpson drove his cattle, Mrs. Simpson had charge of the wagon, a little girl, Ruth, and a six-week old baby, Baker, six hens and one rooster. When they arrived at their homestead where they had made their dugout, Mrs. Simpson wanted her chickens to be safe so she could increase her flock and would always have chicken eggs to eat. She immediately started work on a "chicken dugout". She got it made and covered the

opening with brush. The next morning she went to feed her chickens and some animal had gotten in the chicken dugout and killed the rooster.

Mrs. Simpson had eleven children and she delivered her eighth child herself.

Disease took its toll in the early days and Diphtheria was a common disease then and no medication to treat it. Many lives were lost to Diphtheria.

Heart attacks were often times diagnosed as acute indigestion. Many early settlers died from "acute indigestion"!

Every family had a zinc water bucket and a dipper that everyone - family members, friends and strangers drank from, and if we followed that practice today we would have every virus, germ and disease known to man!

There are many other pioneer women who have lived in Motley County but time and space doesn't allow us to mention all of them.

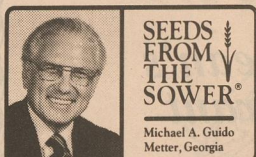
Could we handle all the difficulties that the pioneer women withstood? I certainly wouldn't want to try it!

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.

1 John 4:7



Tom and Jimmie King and baby Curtis. Made at the Matador Ranch in 1909. (Myra Spears photo)



A boy was asked, "What's wrong with your face?"

"Jeanne scratched me," he cried. "We had a fight. She's bad!"

"Don't talk like that," begged his sister. "I asked you to forgive me. When I ask God to forgive me He doesn't mention it any more. The matter's closed."

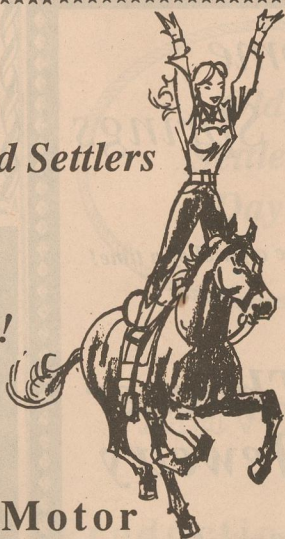
How true! Concerning those who have asked for His forgiveness, He says, "Their sins will I remember no more."

When God forgives, He forgets; and He helps you to forgive and forget. Then He enables you to think positively, walk fearlessly, live victoriously and sing happily.

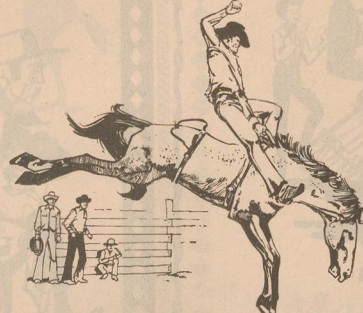
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Memories of Booger



Branding at Russelville Camp. Hoggie Simms and Booger Stegall (in front), 1938. (Zona Cammack photo)

by Cheryl Gipson

As the days pass from the crisp cold of winters chill to the warmth of early spring I find myself often wandering down the road that leads back to my childhood. A childhood filled with the simple things in life, yet a time of struggles and of growing up amid cowboys and chuckwagons and the smell of a branding iron. It was something I did not know how to appreciate at the time because it was just the way it was. I was barely four when Richard Stegall married my mother, Billie Kinnert. They met in Hico, Texas and she decided she wanted to marry the town's bachelor. Marry him she did and thus began a life that today is almost gone forever. Dick (Booger Red) Stegall moved his new family to Matador, Texas where he went to work for the Matador Ranch. There are many memories of no electricity, chamber pots, and occasional Saturday night trips into town.

I recall when we lived on Ballard Camp, eighteen or so miles from town, and my younger brother got a tick in his ear. Today we would go immediately to the doctor, but Dick just took a little oil and the tweezers and when the time was right out came the pesky critter. One of the most treasured things I hold in my memories of those early years is the chuckwagon and the wonderful meals we often enjoyed there. Dick was the wagon boss on the Red Lake Spread before it sold and many cowboys called the wagon with its wood cookstove and large tarp spread overhead their home. I remember crawling around on those bedrolls and kicking my feet in the dirt while those wonderful sourdough biscuits browned in the oven. Sam Cates, the cook, and I were buddies. There was a young cowboy by the name of Ron that I had a terrible crush on about the time I was 7 or 8 years old. Matador, Texas holds some of the warmest memories I have and the cowboy life is a precious treasure in my heart that I will always be thankful to have been a part of.

On May 13, 1993, we said goodbye to Dick (Booger) Stegall. Dick slipped away from this life in the early morning hours and left a void that only time will heal for those of us who knew him and loved him. The Matador cowboy had softened as he grew older with the appearance of grandchildren. He slowly began to turn his heart and thoughts toward God and many times he ask us to pray for him. Dick was a man who in his last years was surrounded by those who loved him. It was so hard for him to realize he could not get on a horse or rope a calf anymore.

In June of 1992, around 6:30 p.m. several tornados ripped through the community of Fritch, Texas and Dick and Billie Stegall lost everything they owned. Though surrounded by support, love, and their home and belongings replaced, it soon became apparent that something was very wrong. Dick began to go downhill very fast and all the love and care we could give him could not heal the devastation he had suffered and after several bouts of pneumonia and lots of prayer he went away to be with Jesus. Honoring his last wishes he was carried to his final resting place in the back of a wagon with several of the cowboys he had worked with beside him. As the words of Amazing Grace rang out over the cemetery that day at Clarendon, Texas I knew that Dick was home safe. Thank you daddy, for the memories, and it is for you Booger Stegall, for that day we laid you to rest that I wrote this poem just for your memory. I love you, Cheryl.

RIDE COWBOY RIDE

Ride cowboy ride, the life you chose was hard
From the early morning til the night announced the stars
The great wide open spaces was the only life you loved
Ropin' ridin' brandin' was the passion in your blood.

Ride cowboy ride, each day was all the same
Cattle still need feedin' in the sunshine or the rain
Windmills that ain't pumpin' don't know one day from the rest
But you know you must keep goin' cause the man deserves your best.

Ride cowboy ride, the years have come and gone
It seems your steps are slower and your hands are not as strong.
It takes a little longer to saddle up that old bay mare
And your eyes are growing dimmer and there's silver in your hair.

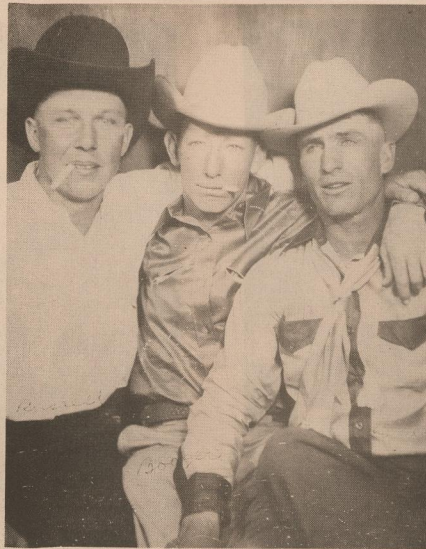
Slowing down for you cowboy is not an easy choice
For the thing you really loved was your saddle and your horse.
But your days of brandin' cattle have slowly passed away
And you spent your hours in memories of those precious bygone days.

So saddle up now cowboy and ride that one last ride
The Lord is calling you to your mansion in the sky.
Ride cowboy ride, we'll be seeing you again.
Our love to your forever, Husband, Daddy, Papaw, Friend.

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Matador Cowboys, Slim Durham, Booger Stegall and Tighwad Leslie (left to right), 1940 or 41. (Zona Cammack photo)



Booger Stegall and Banty Brandon at Matador Chuckwagon, 1941. (Zona Cammack photo)



Matador Cowboy, Don Dobie, 1941. (Zona Cammack photo)

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Submitted by Mrs. Lila Meador
Written by Mary M. Ruthart

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to build their homes, the schools and towns
What really made them go?

They tell of raging sandstorms
blizzards, rainstorms and the drought
of prairie fires and loneliness
what misfortune's all about

These facts we know from stories
and the many years they strayed
despite the hardship, grief and toil
and the endless windblown days

It was a dream of something more
before their lives were through
and courage, hard work, honesty
they passed along to you

I wonder if these people thought
that we would ever stand
to talk of how they conquered
a dry, flat prairie land?

I wish they knew some still remain
though time's not quite the same
we know they made a way for us
we're proud to know their name

Now do we have the toughness
to do it all again
as did those old time settlers
who came to stay back then?



Chloe Elizabeth Blair Briscoe Meador (October 14, 1888 - June 13, 1961). (James Meador photo)



Ruf Moore, Ed Whitaker, and Jerry Birchfield, 1950 (James Meador photo)

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Memories of Early Day Cowboy Life

by Rev. Dr. Tom Sanders
as told to him by Walker Williams, a Matador cowboy.

I always killed every rattlesnake I saw, but could never see that it cut down on their population very much. I have also used other methods. Once in 1949 when I was employed by the Pitchforks in Dickens County I was staying in their Croton Camp where rattlesnakes were very thing. I went to the Dickens Camp of the Matador Ranch and picked up a cat and her four kittens. They soon caught most of the mice, wood rats, and other small animals that rattlesnakes feed on and kept birds away from the house. The rattlesnakes were thus deprived of food and pushed on to greener pastures.

He broke two thousand or more horses for the Matadors. Sometimes he could mount a wild one the first time without it bucking at all. W.A. (Raldo) Newman was an expert roper, rider and the smooth-est cowhand I ever worked with. Douglas Meador was also an expert roper who never wasted a loop. Other outstanding bronc riders I have worked with were Charlie Morris, John Jackson, and Earl Tucker. Some outstanding ropers I have worked with were Virgil Leonard, Tom Harrison, Bill Stafford, Rush Gilpin, Matt Walker, Will Drape and Earl Tucker.

West Texas cowboys had another rifle and death problem to face that could not be solved with a cat and four kittens. This problem has not been solved even today although human life is valued more now. There were many instances where men were killed over trivial things and sometimes without warning. In 1894 a Matador Ranch employee was sleeping on a cot near the blacksmith shop at ranch headquarters. About daylight a man tied his horse seventy five yards away, walked to the cot, woke up the sleeping man to see who he was and then shot him to death as calmly as I would shoot a rattlesnake. He then ran to his horse, cut the reins loose to speed his departure, and was not caught until he had traveled through several counties. He got a good attorney and was never convicted.

Henry Cook was an extra good cowhand and an expert pistol shot. Once when we were branding I saw him become angry with some crows that were trying to eat the ear crops we had placed near the fence after cutting the cattle's ears for identification. Cook jerked his pistol and fired backwards at an angle at a crow about seventy-five feet away and hit it in the head. He carried a silver-mounted forty-five Colt six-shooter which had his father's name inscribed on the handle - "Presented to G.W. Cook by the citizens of Raton, N.M. in 1880". Cook's father had cleaned up the tough hombres on Raton.

The ceiling in the room north of the kitchen at the Matador Ranch headquarters where some of the cowboys slept and where they waited for their chuck, was peppered with bullet holes. Sometimes they fired into the ceiling for fun and sometimes they became impatient with a slow cook and in this manner let him know they were in a hurry to eat. This building burned down in 1908.

J.F. (Frank) Leonard, who came to the Matador country in 1882, was another expert pistol shot, but Jack Morris was the best roper and the best pistol shot of them all. Morris had a reloading outfit and reloaded his own cartridges. Morris told me that he averaged shooting up two hundred pounds of lead each winter. He said that there were only two things that he wanted to an expert at and that was handling a rope and a six-shooter.

One interesting incident that shows the transportation problem facing cowboys in a country without roads occurred in 1890. In that year Joe Meador started working for the Matadors as a cook under the wagon boss, John Smith. He told me about how the two of them tried to cross Hackberry Creek, east of the town of Matador one time and the chuckwagon got stuck in the mud and sand of the creek. Meador tried every way he could think of to get them out and then said, "I guess we'll have to hitch them to the rear end to get them out." Smith replied, "Let me try. Old Jack and Jennie can pull all hell." Smith then dismounted from his horse and tried to drive the wagon out. Jack would lunge forward and then Jennie while Smith applied the whip, but the wagon would not budge. Finally Smith gave up and climbed down, jerked off his hat and stomped it to the tune of some of his favorite words. Then he had to lie down in the shade of a mesquite bush to recuperate while Meador hitched the mules up to the other end of the wagon and drove it out.

G.W. Cook had such a reputation for handling a six-shooter that he met his death as did any others who had a similar reputation. In 1892 Joe Beckam, the first sheriff of Motley County, had carried off illegally the state and county funds somewhere in the Oklahoma Territory. He was arrested and was to be tried at Seymour, Texas. Cook had been appointed sheriff of Motley County on a temporary basis, as had J.L. Moore at a different time, and had been summoned to appear with other citizens from the county at the trial. Cook decided to make the trip unarmed although his wife pleaded with him to carry his pistol, but he insisted that he would not need it and refused to take it. Beckam was at Seymour and out on bail when the Motley County party arrived and shot Cook when he stepped off the train. Beckam then mounted a horse and left. Someone handed Cook a Winchester rifle, but he was too weak to stand and died in a short while. Beckam joined some Oklahoma outlaws and was killed by law officers a little later.

Another problem that all cowboys in West Texas had to face everyday was actually a problem of life and death. This problem was that of rattlesnakes, which were found everywhere. Everyone always looked around on the ground before getting out of bed in the morning and remained on guard throughout the day. If we stepped out of a house we looked down before doing so. If we were inside a house we were observant also because there were many instances of rattlesnakes coming indoors.

In looking back I sometimes think of days that were just average. I remember once late in the fall of 1912 when the Matador outfit was camped on the divide south of South Pease River due south of the present town of Roaring Springs. We had finished supper and had staked out night horses when the sun was about an hour high. It was a beautiful evening. The weather was ideal and there was not a cloud in sight. We had four or five tee pees, but not one of them was up. I had rolled my bed out with the head to the north. My coat and slicker were at the head of my bed. I raised the foot of my bed and flipped the tarp under each side. Thus making the bed like the sleeping bag.

There were men on the Matador range who were experts in other lines also. Claud Jeffers was an expert horse breaker.

I went to bed about nine o'clock, placed my slicker at the head of my bed with my clothes inside of it, and pulled the tarp over the slicker. About ten thirty that night a strong wind came out of the north and I tucked the tarp closer under the slicker and my clothes. Sometimes later it started snowing. I woke soon after four o'clock that morning after the cook had gotten his fire going. I put on my pants, sweater and boots while still under the tarp. Then I threw the tarp back, put on my hat and coat, untucked my tarp, flipped the snow off, rolled my bed and then went to the fire. The other boys soon started getting up. They had failed to take their coats to their beds and each one would

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SPRING ROUND-UP - Matador Cowboys camping on the Matador Ranch in the 1890's. Notice the huge coffee pot being passed and the clothes hanging out to dry on the bushes at left of picture.

Pages From A Cowboy's Life

by Walker Williams
with Tom Sanders

"Raise up cowboys!
Come alive, every man!
Now, if you cowboys
Can't get up
There's men in town that can."

Oh, off I've roamed
(When I should have stayed at home)
Down on the Pecos stream
Where the big lobos and the wild coyotes
Disturb my peaceful dreams.

At half past four
The cook begins to roar,
"Raise up cowboys, it's abreaking day!"
So the boys arise
With their dull sleepy eyes
And their midnight dreams
Have passed away.



Matador Cowboy, Cotton Stephens, 1940 or 1941.

(Zona Cammack photo)



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THE MATADOR QUADRILL SQUARE DANCE TEAM, was formed in the early 1950's and started at the Roaring Springs roping arena, with practice runs once or twice a week, when everyone could get together. There were sixteen riders in the drill, which included running the figure eight. Lead off couples were Slim Durham and Mary Norman, Lewis Blevins and sister Lois Blevins, Claud Flippin and daughter Glenda Jean Flippin, O.R. Rigby and Jean Ragland, John Stotts and Dorothy Traweck, Jinks Wilson and Toots Bearden, Peck Thompson and Sue Bird, Jess Smallwood and Marlene (Bailey) Ham, and Mann Bird substituted. The Quadrill performed at several surrounding rodeos at Spur, Post, Paducah, Roaring Springs, and was invited to perform at the Fort Worth Stock Show, but plans didn't mature for lack of participation. One of the most adventurous performances was in Palo Duro Canyon, on one of those plateaus, looking a thousand feet below. This was, by the way, close to where TEXAS is performed today. In August 1952, Slim Durham decided to change Mary Norman's name to Durham, and yes they did get married on horseback, with Rev. Marvin Brotherton performing the ceremony while horseback (Bible and all). John Stotts was Best Man and Dorothy Traweck was Maid of Honor, while the rest of the Quadrill Team was in attendance on their mounts. This was during the Old Settlers Rodeo, at Roaring Springs.

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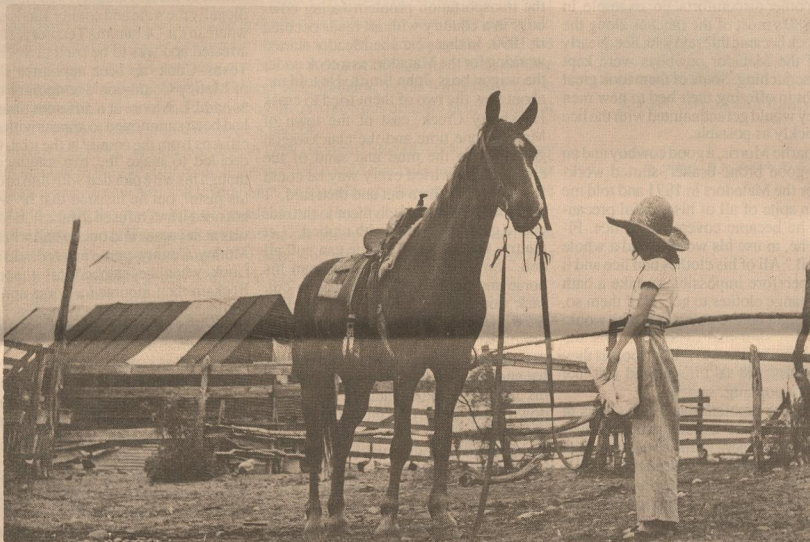


Matador Cowboys (left to right) J.D. Payne, Stanley Dan Levell, Cotton Stephens, Henry L. Martin, Charlie McCarthy Smallwood, 1940-41.

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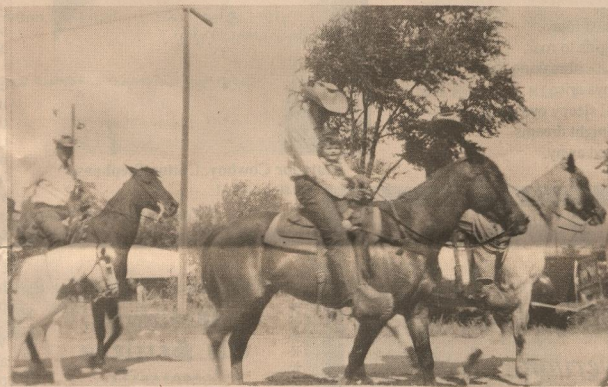


Family gathering at the Springs about 1939. The Welby and Walter Carpenter families and the Charlie Scaff family. (Zona Cammack photo)

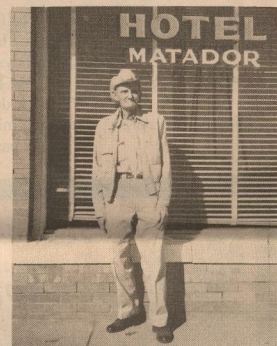


Geraldine (Wayborn) Key and Molly at Dugout Camp. This picture was taken by LIFE Magazine and appeared in that magazine in 1940.

(photo courtesy of Motley County Museum)



Old Settlers Parade, 1953. Billy Hand and son Kelly are on horses in back. Sam Whitley and daughter, Cindy, front; and Rusty Birchfield behind them. (James Meador photo)



Bert Johnson, oldtime Matador cowboy. This picture was taken in 1964.

(Photo courtesy of Zona Cammack)



Commercial Grocery Store, owned by Rance Moore. Pictured (left to right) man's legs unknown; Charlie Parks, Walter Montgomery, Mack Marshall, and Rance Moore. Picture was taken January 3, 1942 by the late Jesse W. Couch. He noted on the back of the picture that the old desk at right transacted millions of dollars worth of business since early pioneer days.

(Photo courtesy of Motley County Museum)



Howard Traweck, County Attorney for many years. Old Courthouse is in background. Photo taken by the late Jesse Couch January 27, 1942.

(Motley County Museum Photo)

Cowboy Life

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ask the cook if he knew where their coats were.

By the time we had finished breakfast the sky had begun to get light, but it was still snowing. We then started after our horses and soon found them south of camp behind some shin oak and mesquite thickets where they had gotten some protection from the storm. We unhobbled them and took them back to camp where we saddled the drive horses and turned the others over to the wrangler. We then rode west towards the foot of the Plains where we planned to start the drive. When we reached the Caprock the snow was falling harder. We split up and started pushing the cattle east toward the roundup ground which was near the wagon.

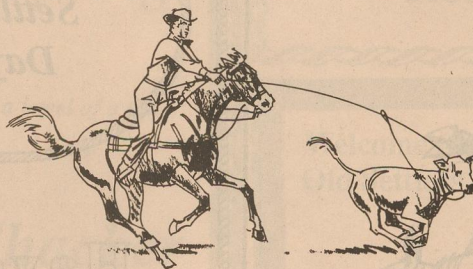
We succeeded in getting the cattle on the roundup ground about ten thirty with all hands present. We branded about fifty calves, cut out about forty head of cattle for the shipping herd, and finished the job by twelve thirty. A part of the men held the cattle that we had cut out while the others went to the chuckwagon for dinner. By that time it had quit snowing and the clouds were breaking up and drifting away.

That afternoon we moved about five miles north and camped on Tongue River near some corrals where we held the shipping herd. During a cold spell it is always colder in the low places than on high country and especially in the creek and river bottoms where the ground is damp. That evening all of the teepees were put up, but all of us that were sleeping one man to the bed soon froze out.

The next evening we doubled up two men to a bed and by sleeping the teepees we fared fairly well. Instead of moderating the weather seemed to get colder and continued for eight days.

This was only one of what might be called a disagreeable spell that I experienced in the forty-four years I served as a cowpuncher. I have spent almost three-fourths of my life around these cow camps eating out of Dutch ovens, sleeping out in the open and would like to do it all over again. We were on duty all of the time - subject to call day or night. It was ninety per cent or more hard work and is the only occupation I know of that is not worth anything to a man after he gets too old to work. This cowpunching was rough and tough, but somehow we liked it.

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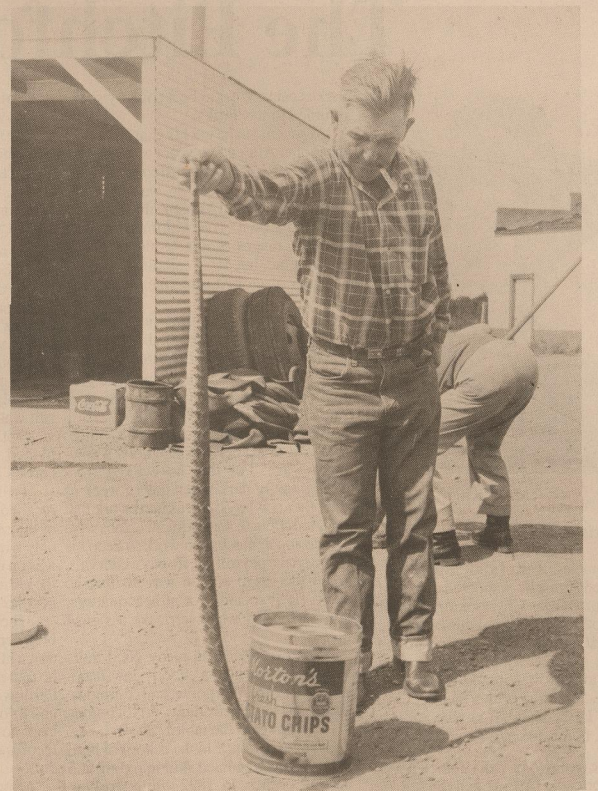
TAKE THE KEYS. CALL A CAR. TAKE A STAND.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK



BOB'S OIL WELL — A booming Matador business in the 1950's and 60's. In the top photo, the business employees are pictured with owner Bob Robertson, (second from left), and his daughter, Bobbie, (far left). The bottom photo was taken before the restaurant was built on.

(Photo courtesy of Bobbie Robertson Skaggs)



RATTLESNAKE BILL — Bill Slover lecturing and demonstrating about rattlesnakes at Bob's Oil Well, May 31, 1964. Photo was taken by the late Jesse W. Couch.

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That man is truly free who desires what he is able to perform, and does what he desires.

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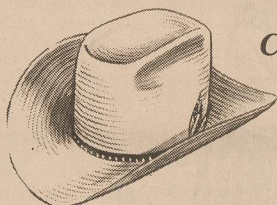
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