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## 80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion



Motley and Dickens County residents gathered for an early day Old Settlers Reunion. This picture is believed to have been taken in the early '20's.

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### 80th Annual Celebration kicks off Thursday

The 80th Annual Motley - Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and celebration will kick-off Thursday morning, August 28, at 10:00 a.m. with the Parade in downtown Roaring Springs. Events will continue to the Old Settlers grounds where a Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 a.m., and a business meeting at 1:00 p.m. Thursday's activities will continue with county arena events which will get underway at 5:00 p.m. Admission on the grounds will be free all day Thursday.

The fun will continue on Friday and Saturday, with the new Ranch Rodeo both nights, a Kid's Turtle Race on Saturday, the Matador Ranch 50th Anniversary Celebration and Cowboy Reunion, Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo, the crowning of the Rodeo Queen and two dances featuring Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band at the Tabernacle and Texas Highway 114, a popular band from the Lubbock area, featured on stage at the concrete slab. A general admission of \$5.00 will be charged Friday and Saturday.

## Matador Cattle Company celebrates 50 years of ownership

Matador Cattle Company, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., will welcome former cowboys to Matador Ranch on Saturday as part of its 50th anniversary celebration of company ownership.

The public and media are invited to attend the day's festivities:

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Open house and walk historical tour.

11:30 to 1 p.m. - Chuck wagon lunch featuring Matador beef and State Rep. Rick Hardcastle.

1 to 2 p.m. - Matador Cowboys Reunion and business meeting.

"Matador Ranch is truly a 21st century ranch. Matador Cattle Company and Koch Industries combine a rich heritage together with a strong commit-

ment to natural resource stewardship and outstanding safety performance," says Bob Kilmer, ranch manager. "We are honored to welcome current and former Matador cowboys and the community to celebrate a half-century of ownership and to learn more about today's ranch."

The 128,000-acre Matador Ranch is owned and operated by Matador Cattle Company, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Fred C. Koch, a native of Quanah, purchased three sections of the old Matador Land and Cattle Company in January 1953. Mr. Koch was an engineer

and co-founder of what is now Koch Industries, a privately held, Kansas-based firm that owns a diverse group of companies engaged in trading, investment and operations worldwide. Matador Cattle Company operates ranches in Texas, Montana and Kansas that cover about 400,000 acres. Two of Mr. Koch's sons are involved in the company today.

The ranch was previously owned by a group of Scottish investors who operated the ranch for about 70 years prior to the sale to Mr. Koch.

Today's ranch supports more than 2,000 head of Angus, Here-

ford and Brangus cattle, as well as Quarter and diverse wildlife. It employs five full-time cowboys, and various day-workers.

The Matador Cattle Company Reunion is held annually in conjunction with the Dickens-Motley County Old Settlers Reunion and Ranch Rodeo in Roaring Springs. As part of the 50th anniversary of Koch company ownership, present and former cowboys are meeting at the Matador headquarters, one mile south of Matador on Highway 70. About 200 former and current cowboys and their families are expected to attend the day's festivities.

### Pokey the Clown will offer fun for kids of all ages at Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo

Pokey The Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo will take place for the first time in Roaring Springs arena on Saturday, August 30 at 4:30. Doug Smith of Panhandle has designed this stick horse rodeo for the younger set. His goals are to entertain the kids (and their cheering section) while teaching them about the ways the working ranch hand

"Along the way, everyone get involved in these activities or merely watches will have a really fun time," Smith said. As Pokey, the Clown, he works hard at having fun, often running the relays with the kids, being their coach, cheerleader, and clown.

The four events include a Pony Express Race, a stick horse relay around barrels with a saddle bag hand-off. Steer Doctoring in a contest that requires 3 team members pulling a wooden steer on skids while the fourth rides on the finish line, then dabs it with a grease marker. Wild Cow Milking is a

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### Early deadline for September 11th edition

The Motley County Tribune will be closed September 8-12. All news and ad copy for that edition must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4 to be included in the September 11th edition.

### State Rep. Rick Hardcastle will speak at Matador Ranch celebration

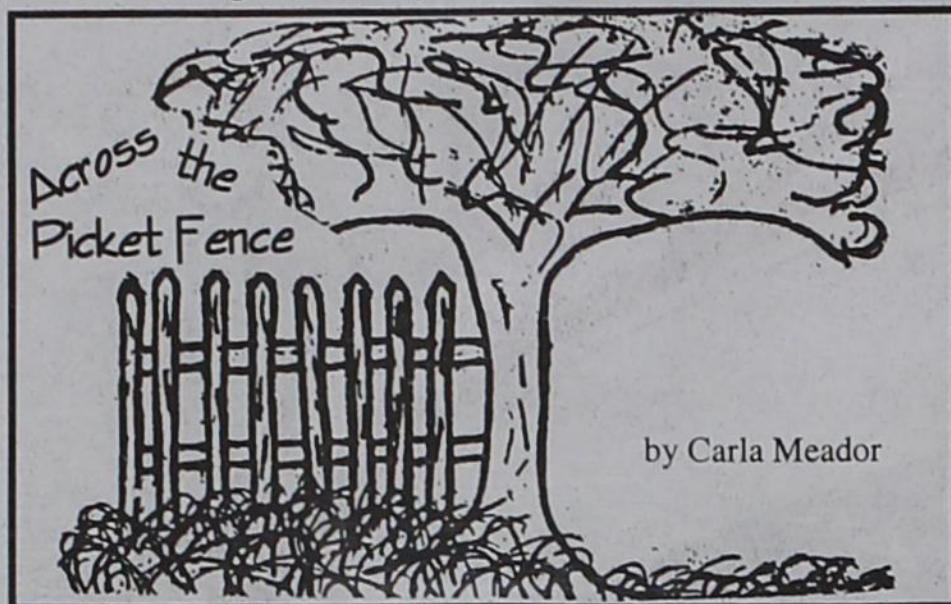
State Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon, will be a special guest at Saturday's Matador Ranch celebration.

Hardcastle, a rancher and businessman, will speak during the chuck wagon lunch, which begins, at 11:30 a.m. at the ranch headquarters, one mile south of Matador on Highway 70.

Hardcastle, who is serving his third term, as chairman of the House of Agriculture and Livestock Committee, and also serves on the House Natural Resources Committee. He represents Motley, Cottle, Foard, Dickens, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Baylor, Knox, King, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Montague, Clay and Cooke counties.



MATADOR COWBOYS — Keeping a tradition alive are these working cowboys of the Matador Ranch. They are pictured left to right, Gilbert Guerrero, Camp Manager; John Douglas Russell, Assistant Ranch Manager; Jerry Smith, Camp Manager; Tim Washington, Camp Manager; and Bob Kilmer, Ranch Manager.



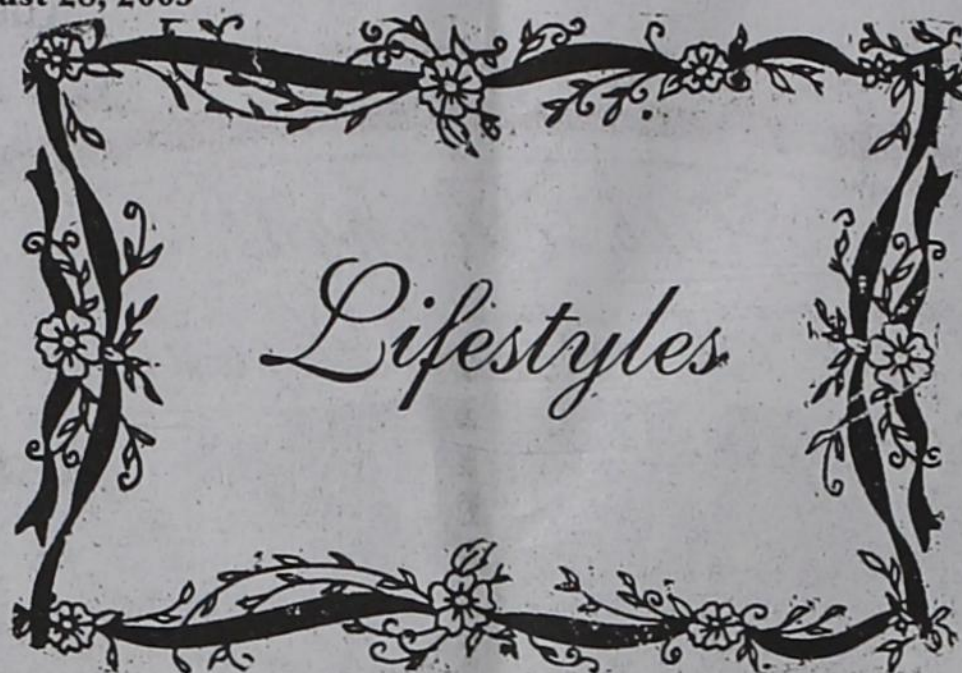
Can you believe it's already time for Old Settlers again? Seems like it was just yesterday! I'll say it again - time goes by so fast!! I remember, as a child and teenager, that it always seemed to rain during Old Settlers. We would complain and moan and groan - "Why does it always have to rain during Old Settlers?" Well, I'm sure any of us would love to see some of that good old "Old Settlers Rain" now!

I hope you all enjoy this edition of the paper. It takes a lot of extra hours to put this one together. In fact, I just couldn't get it to go to bed Tuesday night, and it was 4:30 a.m. when I finally quit trying for the night (or I should say morning), and left the office for a few hours sleep

before finishing up this morning. Oh, I'm not complaining, I love doing this edition. I love history and research. And I enjoy putting it all together. Anyway, I truly do hope you enjoy it.

Speaking of history, there's a lot of it going around this weekend. With the 80th celebration of Old Settlers and the 50th anniversary of the Matador Ranch as Matador Cattle Co., a division of Koch Industries. There's history flying around everywhere. I'm a history nut. I have always loved hearing and reading about things from the past.

Time is short this morning as I type this column and space is limited, so I will call this one good. Have a good time this weekend, and be safe.



## Arts & Crafts Club enjoys treasure hunt

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met August 4 for its regular meeting at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Treasure Hunt was a huge success with each member bringing a treasure to find. The treasure was some item from a previous meeting that the member had not finished. They were varied and fun to finish at last.

President Loys Campbell presided over a lengthy business meeting. There were many projects voted on. The Dutch Doll Quilt is on display at the Center. Tickets are on sale. The quilt will be given away December 19. Tickets may be purchased for one dollar each or six for five dollars. It's a beautiful quilt and beautifully constructed.

Plans are still being made for the Fall Bazaar on November 15. The club members are busily at work on articles to be sold, old favorites and new surprises.

The club dined with the Seniors. The food was great and

the fun "greater"!

Joy Archer presented the new books for the year 2004. They are very attractive with each page a masterpiece of art. The club appreciates this work by Joy does for the membership.

The new year for Arts and Crafts begins with the September meeting. The past year ended a very enjoyable one, with good programs, projects, talented teachers and good food. Many useful things were made for home and family.

The members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Grace Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Kathryn Russell, Betty Simpson, Joyce Meredith, Betty Simpson, Jo Trammel, and Winifred Darsey.

The club welcomed a new member, Mrs. Judy Hemm.

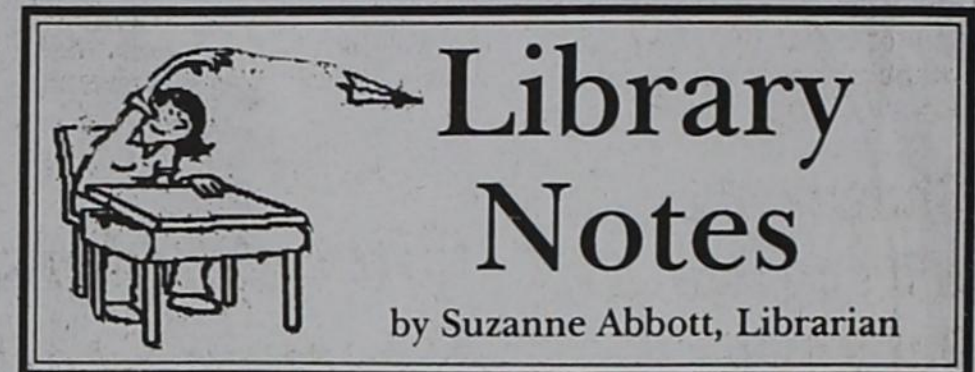
The September meeting will be September 8, painting on small bottles or baby food jars. They make, when completed, a beautiful decoration for candles, flowers, too.

## MC Chamber members offered opportunity to participate in Seminar

Members of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce have a rare opportunity to participate in a business/workforce development seminar, offered by the Floydada Economic Development Corporation on the evening of September 15. Mr. Steve Gilliland, founder and CEO of Performance Plus Professional Development, Inc. of Pittsburgh, PA has been invited to conduct the seminar, focusing on "customer service."

The program will begin at 5:00 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner and Mr. Gilliland's presentation at 6:00 p.m. The cost is only \$10.00.

Transportation will be provided by the Chamber. Members are asked to call Penny Pipkin at 347-2747 immediately for reservations. Remember, this is an outstanding opportunity to improve our customer relationships as well as our personal ones.



We hope to see everyone Friday for the Friends of the Library's third Annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon. It's all-you-can-eat for a donation to the Friends of the Library, which of course, benefits the library. Plus, you will be served by Motley County Celebrities. Come anytime between 11:30 and 1:30 for some of the best beans you'll ever eat - Ruby McGuire style.

New books in the library include Francine Rivers' *And the Shofar Blew*, and Janet Dailey's *Shifting Calder Wind*. This latter book is a continuation of the Calder series, but you do not need to read the first ones to enjoy this book. A new Christian Fiction by Lori Wick, *The Proposal*, is now ready to check out

and enjoy.

Also new to the library is the third in the West Texas Sunrise series by Paul Bagdon, *The Stranger from Medina*. I enjoyed this book even though I had not read the first two books of the series. *Beach Comber* by Karen Robards and *Bare Bones* by Kathy Reichs are books by popular authors and they are ready to check out the library.

The long-awaited bloodhound is here. *The Bloodhound to Die For*, by Virginia Lanier is a thriller with a surprise ending. The library also has the newest by J.A. Jance, *Exit Wounds*, featuring the lady sheriff from Arizona, Joanna Brady. Catherine Coulter's newest book, *Blindside*, also here and ready to enjoy.

## Beth Moore Bible Study to begin at Matador First Baptist Church

A new 6-week Beth Moore Bible Study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," will begin Tuesday, September 9.

There will be two sessions. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon

session will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The study will be held in the Church Basement. Workbooks are \$13.00 each. Everyone is invited to take part in this study. For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

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— Proverbs 16:3

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## Contentment is a Process



When one studies the life of the Apostle Paul there are many things learned. We learn of the many and varied hardships suffered by Paul because of his work in the Gospel. This man was shipwrecked, exiled, without a home much of the time and was often without food. He also experienced frustrating times with his brethren that on several occasions long delayed his missionary efforts.

And yet, it is while in the middle of these difficulties that Paul proclaims in the Philippian letter, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." How is that possible? The answer is found in Paul's life after his conversion to Jesus. His life was a process. We mean by this that he was a man who spent the remainder of his life learning to do one thing. That thing was to be content with God's will for his life. No, Paul did not learn contentment is one day. Nor was the process an easy one for him either. It was after he had gone through some of these trials and hardships, Paul found that he could be content regardless of circumstances.

Are we content with the circumstances that we find ourselves in? Can we learn as did Paul what it means to be content in every situation? What's the key to this? Trust. Trust in Almighty God. Our God is good. He does care for us. And this same god will provide all that we need. Notice, we used the word "need" and not the word "want." Let's learn to be content.

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Spirit Rally, Booster Club Membership Roundup set for September 4th

The Annual Spirit Rally will officially kick-off the Fall sports season at Motley County ISD, Thursday, September 4, immediately following the high school JV football game.

All Jr. High and High School football and cross country team members, cheerleaders, pep club, and coaches, as well as new teachers will be introduced.

Ice cream and brownies will be served after the Rally. Everyone is invited to attend. If anyone would like to volunteer to bring homemade ice cream or brownies, they may contact Brenda Osborn at 347-2401 after 5:00 a.m.

A Membership Roundup will also be held that night, with a sign-up table set up for anyone who would like to become a member of the MC Booster Club. Those who join will get their name in a drawing, and all members who work at Booster Club events will get their name put in the drawing for a chance to win groceries. Two drawings will be held at Christmas for a \$25 gift certificate at Lowe's Pay & Save Grocery. Two drawings will also be held at the end of the year for two \$25 gift certificates at Lowe's.

Motley County Matador t-shirts will be available for \$10 each at the Rally.

## National Honor Society officers elected

by Cody Cooper

The Motley County ISD chapter of the National Honor Society met August 20. Officers were elected for the new year as follows: President, Susana Mendoza; Vice President, Kittie Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Veronica Mendoza; Reporter,

Cody Cooper; and Parliamentarian, Clay Cooper

The Chapter Adviser, Mrs. Gillespie, reviewed the Chapter By-Laws and reminded members of the four criteria involved in membership — scholarship, leadership, service and character.

NHS will continue to sponsor blood drives, will participate in the canned food drive, and will make the morning announcements at school. They will strive to maintain a positive attitude about school and will serve as peer tutors as needed. They are looking forward to a wonderful year.

## Cheerleaders will sponsor Bake Sale

Motley County cheerleaders will sponsor a Bake Sale Thursday, August 28, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in front of Graham Supply in Roaring Springs. There will be a variety of cookies, cakes, brownies and pies to choose from at the sale.

If you would like to make a special request for a certain item contact one of the cheerleaders or their sponsor, Cathey Turner.

## Motley County School Holiday

Motley County Schools will dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, for the Old Settlers and Labor Day Holidays.

Classes will resume at the regular time, Tuesday, September 2, 2003.

— Through mistakes one gets wise.

## Cheerleaders are selling Reserve Stadium Seats

The Motley County Cheerleaders are now selling reserved seats at the football stadium. The seats will sell for \$10 each. To reserve or renew your seats and for more information,

call Cathey Turner at 347-2676. The cheerleaders will be available at the Spirit Rally, to be held September 4, at 7:30 p.m., if you would like to purchase your seat at that time.

## Pokey the Clown

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relay that requires the youngest member to milk a wooden cow that Pokey designed to accommodate a Plains Dairy milk bottle. Calf Branding is a team activity that requires the older ones to select and bring in calves for the youngest one to brand. There will be four on a team. Age divisions are 3-7, 8-11, and 12-16. Each team should have a variety of ages with older ones providing horse power and leadership.

Pre-registration and practice for the Jr. Ranch Rodeo will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday on the Old Settlers grounds. The entry fee is \$20 per team. Entries will be accepted until the event starts at 4:30 in the arena.

Pokey urges parents and grandparents to bring their cameras to capture the hilarious antics of their cowboys and cowgirls. The best photo he receives including a Plains Dairy milk bottle will earn four tickets to the Working Ranch Cowboys finals at Amarillo in November, a meal for four, and lodging.

As a means to help the Old Settlers organization finance this event, Smith created eight special stick horses to be auctioned off for the WRCA scholarship fund. Ranches who have provided funding for these stick horses with their names or brands airbrushed on them include: Turner & Turner, Matador; Steve & Linda Hess, Rafter H, Roaring Springs; Francis Ranch, Matador; Sonny and Dorothy Russell, O Cross, Matador; Dude Barton, Cross 6, Flomot; Mott Creek Ranch, Matador; Matador Cattle Co., Matador.

## MENU



MONDAY, SEPT. 1

NO SCHOOL!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Pigs/Blanket, Baked Beans, Veggie Sticks, Jello/Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

**Breakfast:** Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Beef Tip on Rice, Gravy, Carrots. Biscuit/Honey, Fruit, Milk.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

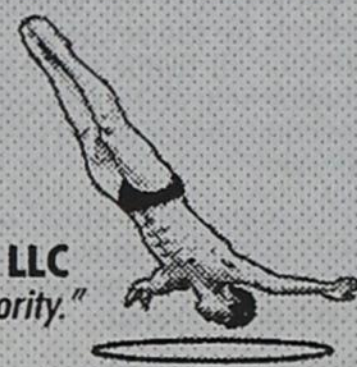
John 3:16

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## Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo Roaring Springs Ranch Rodeo Teams

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 7:00 P.M.

O Cross, Matador  
Bateman Ranch, Dickens  
Foster's Ranch, Aspermont  
Parramore Ranch, Aspermont  
Bridle Bit, Turkey  
NT Ranch, Stanton  
High Card, Clarendon  
Hart Ranch, Mundy



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 7:00 P.M.

Wagon Hammer, Matador  
La Mejor, Seymour  
Masterson's Ranch, Guthrie  
Guitar Ranch, Dickens  
Spade Ranch, Lubbock  
Four Sixes, Guthrie  
Tongue River Ranch, Dumont  
Rafter 5, Clarendon



## 80TH MOTLEY-DICKENS OLD SETTLERS REUNION & RODEO

AUGUST 28, 29 & 30, 2003  
ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS

### THURSDAY - FREE ADMISSION

10:00 a.m. - Parade  
11:00 a.m. - Memorial  
1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting  
4:00-6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
4:30 p.m. - Books open, Counties Events  
5:00 p.m. - Cutting, Flag Race, Open Age Barrel Race, Jr. Team Roping, Team Roping  
8:30 p.m. - Weldon Turpin's Texas Fiddle Band

### FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - Books Open, Ranch Cutting  
10:00 a.m. - Ranch Cutting Horse Assn.  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
6:00 p.m. - Cowboy Church  
6:30 p.m. - Jr. Flag Race  
7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo sponsored by Matador Cattle Co., 8 teams compete  
8:30 p.m. - Weldon Turpin's Texas Fiddle Band

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - Books Open, Team Roping  
10:00 a.m. - Team Roping  
11:30 a.m. - Matador Cowboy Reunion Open House & Reception at Matador Ranch  
2:00 p.m. - Pre-entry & Practice for Pokey's (Stick Horse) Jr. Ranch Rodeo  
2:30 p.m. - Books close, Washer Pitch  
3:00 p.m. - Washer Pitch Tournament  
3:00 p.m. - Kid's Turtle Race  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - DANCE FREE  
4:30 p.m. - Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo, ages 3-16  
6:30 p.m. - Jr. Flag Race  
7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo sponsored by Matador Cattle Co., 8 teams compete  
8:30 p.m. - Weldon Turpin's Texas Fiddle Band  
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### Longtime Chevy Dealer ranked at Nation's Top for Customer Satisfaction

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The award was made after a survey conducted by General Motors to determine how each dealership takes care of their customers. The CSI survey involved customers of each dealership.

Arvis and JoAnne have operated the new and used car dealership in Paducah for more than 41 years, and new Chevrolet cars and pickups all over the country bear the Arvis Davis Chevrolet insignia. In addition, they have operated a used car dealership in Childress for the past 19 years, and also have a used car dealership in Crowell.

## Update report on Bob's Oil Well project

The second phase of Bob's Oil Well renovation is underway. Shane Jones, Marisue Potts, and Rodney Williams met recently with owner Princess Skaggs of Archer City to discuss the ways and means of achieving this objective. The group agreed to start necessary repairs while pursuing funding possibilities.

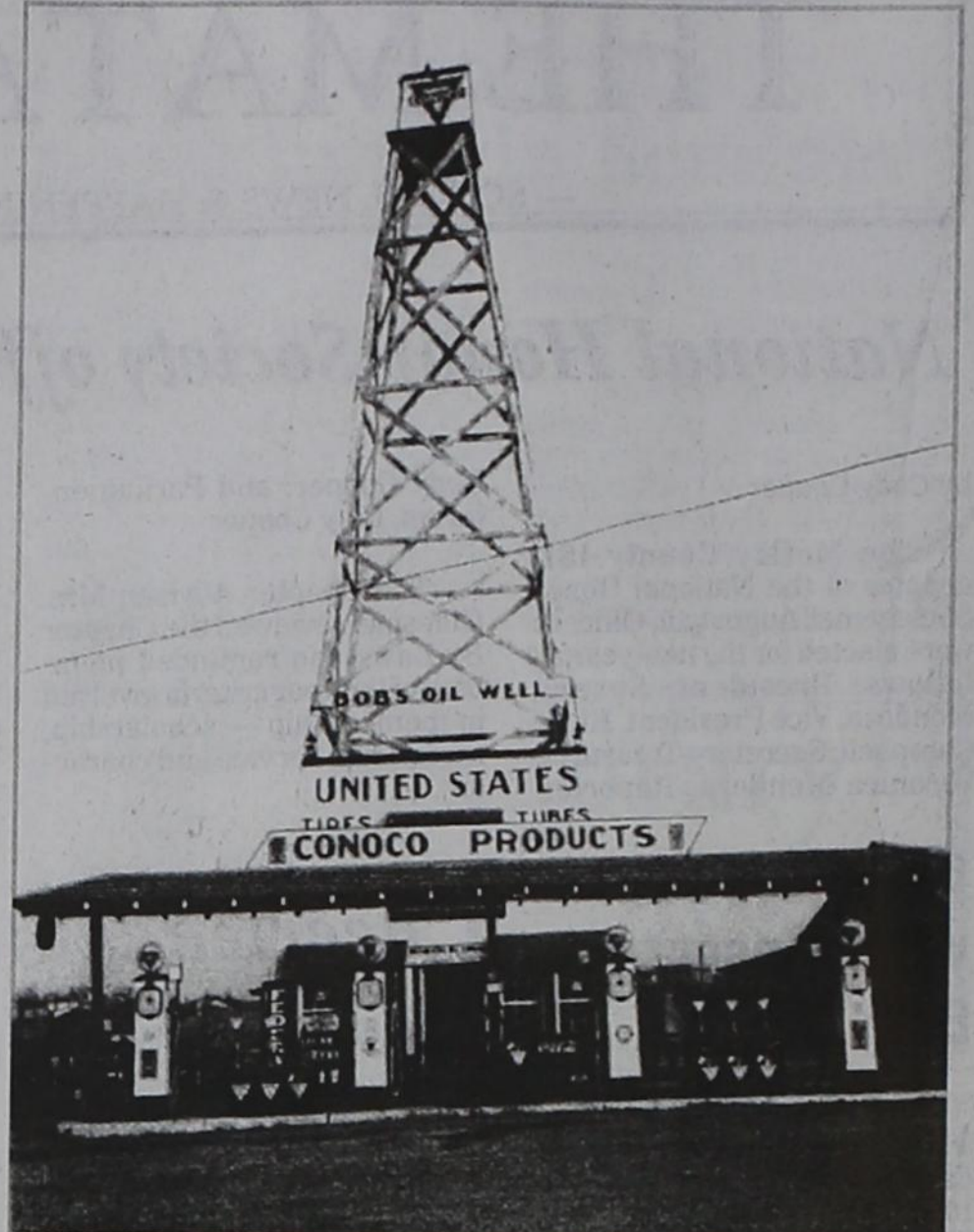
The friends of Bob's Oil Well will be given the opportunity to donate to the historical preservation project, in care of Market Matador, and may receive recognition in two special ways. Donors of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more may have their name engraved (appropriately for the donation) on a large wooden plaque, decorated western style, which can be viewed through the front window of the filling station.

Another way to support the project, since this is ranching country, is to donate \$100 for a ranch or personal brand, also to be displayed prominently through the front glass. Volunteers will provide free

labor, as before. However, the funds raised will be used for paint, wood for repairs, stucco, window glass, restoration of signs and pumps, and wiring and supplies to light the monument that once beckoned travelers to stop in Matador and pause a while before journeying on.

Such a traveler paused recently, perhaps suffering from a bad case of nostalgia. He took out his camera and panned the whole landscape. The eye of the camera measured the efforts expended and gauged the heights yet to be scaled. Perhaps the next time he drives down Highway 70 he will once again take out his camera, but it will be to record how a community had pride in its history and legends, as well as its present, every day life.

For more information on how you can participate in restoring a little grandeur of the past, call Shane Jones 806 347-2820 or Marisue Potts 806 787-0592.



BOB'S OIL WELL — the Matador landmark was once well-known throughout the country.

## JP explains new traffic laws

A new Court Cost will be increasing by \$30.00 across the board for all traffic violations, including seat belts, an expired inspection sticker or not having a sticker.

The legislature killed proposed restriction on cell-phone behind the wheel; however it did set up a point system.

Two points are assessed for each moving violation whether they occur in Texas or another State. An accumulation of six or more points within a 36 month period costs the driver a \$100.00 surcharge, and \$25.00 for each additional point.

The entire system will be

handled by the state, and non-payment targets the party's license will be suspended. This new point system goes into effect September 1, 2003, and does not apply to convictions prior to that date.

No points are assessed for driving while intoxicated, but a first offense misdemeanor conviction will generate a \$1,000.00 surcharge a year for a period of three years in addition to the sanctions currently in place for drinking and driving.

An invalid license or lack of insurance triggers a \$250.00 surcharge per year for three years running. It's \$100.00 for not having a license in the first place.

Also on Sept. 1, holders of commercial licenses will no longer be eligible for defensive driving courses or deferred disposition, even in their personal vehicle-may be disqualified from driving a commercial vehicle for up to one year. Serious violations include speeding in excess of 15 mph, reckless driving, improper or erratic lane changes, tailgating and conviction in a fatal accident.

Laying out a fine court cost in jail now knocks \$100.00 a day off the penalty. It will drop to \$50.00 a day under the new legislation. Community service time also will drop to \$50.00 per eight hours from the \$100.00 level.

### Bob Robertson A man with a vision for Matador

Bob Robertson, who came to Matador in the early 1920's, was always a one man Chamber of Commerce for the little West Texas town. He first worked in the Spot Cash Grocery for Jim Sample, and after the Mission Service Station was built, managed that establishment. He later built a service station called Bob's Oil Well, which was well-known from coast to coast and as far south as Mexico City. He was always a faithful member of American Legion and Matador Lions Club and was responsible for the collection of a county wide fund amounting to \$16,000 which was used for the benefit of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Motley County.

Bob was married to the former Olga Cunningham. They became the parents of a daughter, Reatha Rayne. The late Reatha Rayne and husband Billy Paul Skaggs, were the parents of a daughter, Olga Reatha Rayne "Princess" Skaggs.

**Historic Ranches of the Old West**  
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The historic Old Settlers Tabernacle is in dire need of major repairs.

## Will the Old Settlers Tabernacle survive another year?

by Marisue Potts

The ravages of time continue to assault the open-air structure often referred to as The Tabernacle at the Old Settlers grounds in Roaring Springs. Long before air conditioning was thought of, the covered pavilion offered visitors respite from the summer sun. Cool breezes, paper fans, and shady elms kept old timers comfortable while reliving some distant memory. Some found it the perfect place for revivals and old time camp meetings.

Today it is mainly used for a few family gatherings, a memorial service, an annual business meeting, and a dance for the old folks. The waltz contest, held on Saturday at 4 p.m., always draws a crowd, with some that like to dance and others who prefer to watch from the comfort of ancient pews and benches.

The very elms that have shaded it, protected it, and supported it may be the same element that is slowly pushing it apart.

Gaps between timbers continue to grow until some no longer provide support. One nearly-old timer has theorized that when the trees die, the building will collapse.

The Tabernacle, originally used in Spur as an agriculture pavilion, was moved to the grounds around 1929. A bit of controversy arose. There were

some church members in Roaring Springs who did not want to see the newly installed wooden floor to be used for dances. During the night, one story goes, a hatchet-wielding crew attacked the soon-to-be dance floor, reducing it to splinters.

Not to be intimidated by such fervor, the proponents for the dance hall worked feverishly to restore the floor. It was ready on time. They did dance, and have been dancing ever since.

No doubt other churches and denominations have found fault with the reunion and rodeo, knowing that it attracted what they might consider unsavory characters and encouraged normally sober and caste parishioners to backslide into sin. No

doubt, for some, it will always be a giant tailgate party.

For others, it will be a time to see old friends, renew acquaintances, remember those who carved the way for us, a time to honor those who survived harder times than we can ever imagine and still found something funny to recall. For me, Old Settlers is stories. The skies abound with the stories. And, this year with the kid's stick horse rodeo and the ranch rode, the washer pitch, the turtle race, and all the activities, new memories are being made for future stories. The eighty-year-old tradition continues, but in the future, will The Tabernacle be there? Will we care?

## Trail Dust by Douglas Meador

### THE WISDOM OF SILENCE

While possessing a comparatively active imagination, I have never been able to make the story of my wild oat crop sound very convincing or interesting. Anyway I have observed that the more worldly a man is, the less he says about himself and I have about decided to bury my past in silence. A man may be stupid but as long as he remains silent he does not have to share the secret with anyone.

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To the registered voters of the County of Motley, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 13, 2003, for voting in a special election to Adopt or Reject 22 Constitutional Amendments

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 13 de Septiembre de 2003 para votar en la Elección Especial para Adoptar o Rechazar 22 Enmiendas Constitucionales)

#### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- Precinct 1, 5, & 6 --- Motley County Courthouse
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- Precinct 3 --- Northfield Church
- Precinct 4 --- Roaring Springs Community Center

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: The County/District Clerk's Office in the Motley County Courthouse.  
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

(location) (sitio)  
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between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on August 29, 2003 (date)

(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 29 de Agosto de 2003 (fecha)

and ending on September 9, 2003 (date) y terminando el 9 de Septiembre de 2003 (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
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Box 660  
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Matador, TX 79244  
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September 5, 2003  
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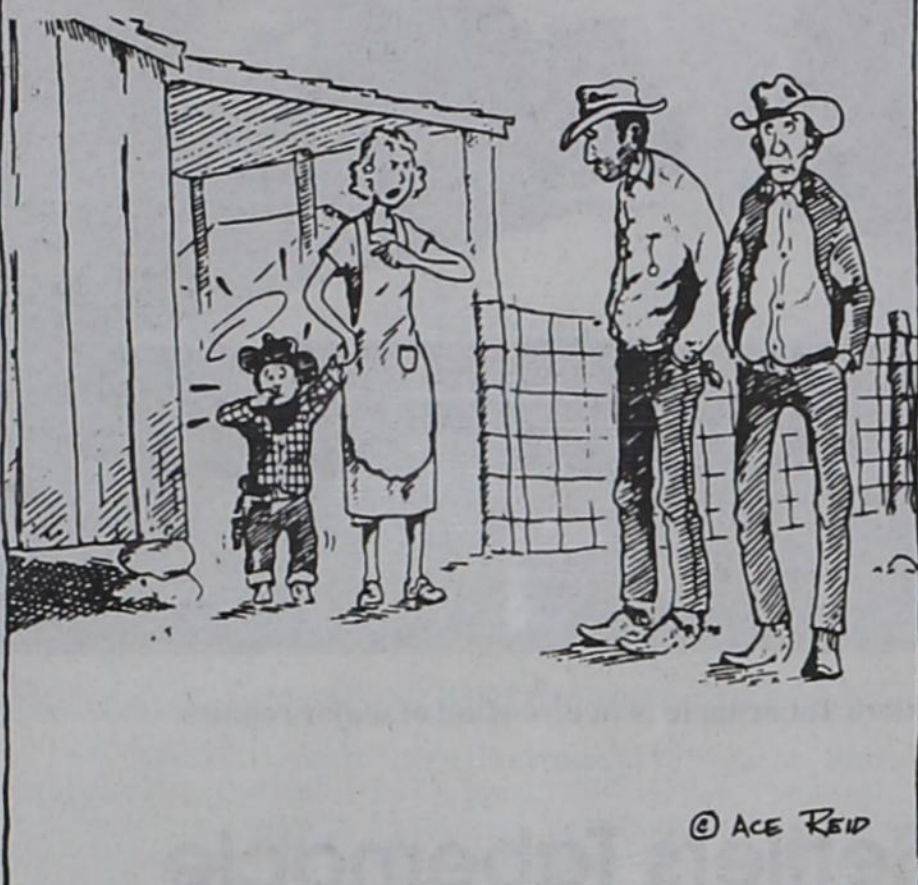
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**FARM & RANCH NEWS**

**Motley County FSA approved for LAP**

Motley County has been approved for 2001 LAP (Livestock Assistance Program) due to the drought affecting the forage crops in the country. The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 authorized \$250 million to provide assistance to producers who have suffered grazing losses due to weather-related disasters or other emergency conditions. This program is referred to as LAP III.

For the year 2002 the county request was disapproved as the weather related conditions did not meet minimum eligibility requirements to qualify.

A producer's LAP III payment will be reduced by the amount the producer received under the Livestock Compensation Program I and Livestock Compensation II. Because the funding for LAP III is limited, a national factor

will likely be applied. The factor will be announced after the sign-up period ends. At this time we are unaware of the deadline for this sign-up.

Anyone interested in this program should call Motley County FSA Office and schedule an appointment at (806) 347-2263 ext. 2.

**Assessment notices to arrive soon**

(ABILENE) - Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Southern High Plains eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information in their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

A 2% discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 10. To aid SHP growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10% down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1% per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who did not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene (866) 672-2800. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.



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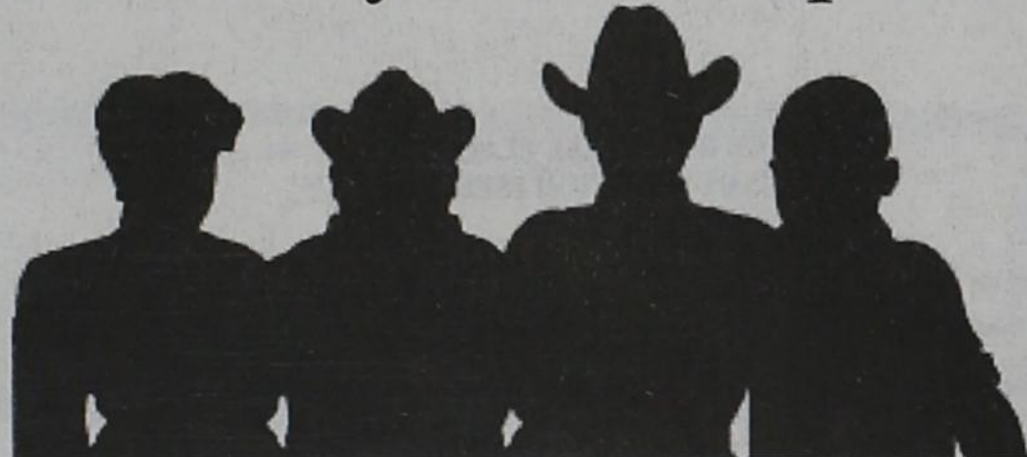
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The County FSA Committee election will be held this year on December 08, 2003. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Blank Forms FSA-669 may be obtained at the County FSA Office. Each FSA-669A submitted must be:

- limited to 1 nominee
- signed by the preparer, if completed by someone other than the nominee
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than 09/05/03

Person nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the farmer lives in the LAA and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president/vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee member include:

- informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Lea Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock, Mr. Mike Peacock and wife of Richmond, VA and daughter, Mrs. Aaron Adamick of Charlotte, NC, and Mike's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Peacock and girls, Brittney, Ashley and Paige of Decatur were at the bedside of Bill Peacock the past two weeks. Bill suffered a stroke and was rushed to Crosbyton and then on by ambulance to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock on Sunday morning, August 10. He has continued to improve daily, and was released Friday, August 22. He will continue to do follow up therapy and treatment in Crosbyton for the next several months.

Those visiting Miss Lula Swim in the hospital have been Rev. Paul Stearns, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Mr. Jack Samford, Mrs. Sammie Phillips, Mrs. David Stafford and Cameron of Matador; Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Howell of Littlefield; Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent, Dr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. Edward Swim, Mrs. Hughes Fish of Lubbock; Mr. Corky Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott of Roaring Springs; Mrs. Delbert Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Monte Wike. She has also received numerous phone calls and cards and lovely flowers. She underwent hip surgery on Tuesday at Covenant Hospital.

## Matador News

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock Thursday and Friday where they met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. Spencer had a medical appointment, Thursday and Mrs. Hester had out patient surgery, Friday. They visited Mrs. Adina Bush when in Lubbock.

Those enjoying vacation trips to Ruidoso, N.M. during the month of August were Mrs. Marihelen Wason, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Jeanette Case, Mrs. Marion Woodruff, Mrs. Winfred Darsey, Glenda and Rodney Williams and Mrs. Lucretia (Bundy) Campbell.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
Age is in the mind, But here is my point: Age, my friends, Is also in my joint!

**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
Guest speakers at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday morning were Tommy and Beth Larner. They gave enlightening and spiritual talks about their missionary service in Ecuador. Their new missionary assignment is in Juarez, Mexico. A covered dish luncheon was held following the services.

Dusty and Julie Whitaker celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary Thursday, August 21 in Lubbock. They have been working in Brownwood under contract with the State Highway Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley in Lubbock last Wednesday and celebrated Elisa's birthday that was Thursday, August 14. Other guests were Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad and Mrs. Ruth Williams of Lubbock.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and Danielle and friends, Mrs. Ruth Scrivner and Khaki and Mrs. Rachelle Carnes and Courtney of Turkey enjoyed the Toby Keith concert held Thursday night at the Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Dimmitt Thursday for her a medical check up following recent surgery. She received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter enjoyed the musical presentation of the Nostalgia 2003 concert at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Friday

night. They stayed overnight in Lubbock and Saturday their daughter and family, Keri, Kevin, and Brain Sehon of Ropesville met them there to visit.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco visited during the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Amanda, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger; Cory, Amy and Madison Franks of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Canyon.

Nita and Ervin Merritt of Granbury, Mary Ellen Barton and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Tuesday.

Mrs. Connie Franks accompanied her parents, Bill D. and Erma Washington to Lubbock, Friday for Bill D. laser eye surgery.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the past week in Houston with Jere Banewski.

Many Flomot residents attended the funeral services of Mrs. Lawana Cruse held Sunday in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee in Amarillo, and had a family cook out. Other guests were Mrs. Margie Rowe, Joey, Brenda and Ernie Lee of Clarendon and Jason Lee of Amarillo.

## Turkey resident killed in vehicle accident

QUITAQUE- A 66 - year - old Turkey woman was killed Thursday night when her car ran into the back of a truck near Quitaque.

Lawana Gragson Cruse died from injuries sustained in the wreck, which happened just before 9 p.m. on Texas 86, two miles east of Quitaque, according to the Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle.

Cruse was driving eastbound when her 1991 Lincoln Mark 8 collided with the back of a 1979 GMC truck driven by Dennis Gibson of Amarillo.

Gibson, who was not seriously injured, had stopped in the roadway to make a right turn. Cruse was taken to Covenant Hospital in Plainview, where she was pronounced dead at 10:43 p.m.

## OBITUARIES

### Lawana Cruse

Turkey -- Funeral services for Lawana Cruse, 65, were held Sunday, August 24, 2003, at the Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. with Stuart Smith and J.D. Nance officiating. Burial was at Dreamland Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Lawana was born February 7, 1938, in Bridle Bit, Texas, to Fletcher and Erma Wynn. She passed away August 21, 2003, in Plainview at Covenant Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Smith of Silverton, and Melody Hysinger of Clarendon; 3 sons, Robert Gragson of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Lee Cruse of Happy, and Brett Cruse of Round Rock; four sisters, Edna Huffines of Canyon, Inez Payne of The Keys, Florida, Joy Martin of Clarendon, and Glenda Perry of Lubbock; two brothers,

Doyle Wynn of Estelline, and Jim Wynn of Carlsbad, NM.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Oran Wynn, Burl Wynn, Karl Cruse and Everett Cruse; one sister, Norene Clark; and two husbands, Robert Gragson and Tommy Van Cruse.

She was involved in several organizations including Founder of Turkey Heritage Foundation, president of Hall County Heritage Foundation, on the board of Turkey Roost Museum, Turkey Jamboree Coordinator, Founder of Turkey Gem Theatre, member of Lions Club.

Mrs. Cruse was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a Life Gift Donor.

The family asks any donations be made to Turkey Heritage Foundation. If donating please send to the City of Turkey.

## Note of Thanks

The family of Bill Peacock would like to thank J.N. and Darleen Fletcher who came to our aid and helped us convey Bill to the hospital. They are a fine example of good friends and neighbors in our community. Also, we would like to express our thanks to each and everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers during this trying time. May God Bless you all.

Bill & Lea Peacock and family

The family of James Meador cannot express our love and appreciation for all your love and support during the months James was in and out of the hospital. Your prayers and support during our bereavement at the death of our deeply loved James Meador.

Thank you for those of you who sent the beautiful flowers, cards and food. The ladies of the church who always do such a wonderful job for their service.

A special thank you to Sandra Angel from Andrews, who provided music and singing. And to Stan Martin for his singing, also. It was so uplifting.

Thank you to Bro. Mike Crowley and Pastor Jack Boggs who officiated the service and spoke words of comfort from God's word to us.

And to Kenny Barton and Guy Campbell who spoke words of love, friendship and admiration for years of friendship with James.

To Nathan and Pat for making the arrangements. You always do a wonderful job.

God bless you all.

The family of James Meador  
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Jimmy Ross

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If so, we saw it.  
Perhaps you brought food to our home  
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Perhaps you were not there at all,  
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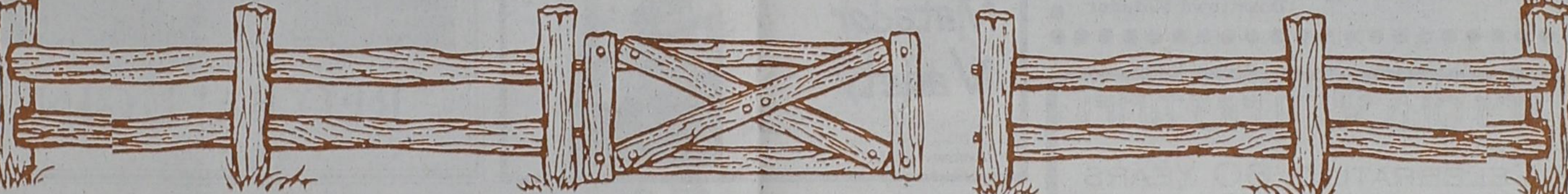
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## Arthur Benjamin Nichols family

From *Of Such As These* by Eleanor Traweek.

by Rita Groves

It was January 1, 1924, when Arthur Benjamin and Eunice Virginia Morton Nichols and six of their children came over Rigsby Hill at the county line from Spur in Dickens County to Roaring Springs in Motley County. "A.B.," as he was known by friend, family, and foe, was born March 24, 1884, at Glen Cove, Coleman County, Texas. Eunice was born February 7, 1887, at Jones Prairie in Milam County, and they were married December 9, 1908, at Ballinger, Texas. Of two wagons loaded with household goods and farming equipment, the lead was drawn by "Old Ned" and "Tony," a span of enormous dappled gray horses that A.B. refused to sell to Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus when it came to Roaring Springs several years later. Since the journey required only

one day with a picnic lunch beside the road at the Buckanan Place, the wagons were not covered. It was pleasant knowing that after years of moving, we would settle just a mile out of town, a little beyond the cemetery, in the thirty-year-old north "twin house."

Two wonders of the new home included its proximity to the school and the cemetery. One could attend funerals as well as church! And surely Santa Claus would enter a two-story house with greater ease. The sand dunes piled around the outhouses and the barren yard proved disconcerting, but dampened spirits revived at the welcome extended by the Jake Murphy family with whom we lived for a month, and all of whom we remember with great affection.

A.B. allowed that work was a prime virtue and a cure-all for most maladies. The sand was tamed, orchards and Bermuda grass pastures planted, hand-woven hog wire fences



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benjamin Nichols.

stretched, barns built, cockle-burs fought, water hauled from the community well on the creek, and crops cultivated to be gathered in the fall, after which the kids started to school and were expected to catch up with their classes. Frequently, A.B. carpentered in town and the surrounding country to supplement the farm income. Eunice waged a relentless battle with coyotes and hawks to keep chickens and turkeys. Summer moonlight nights found the kids sliding barefoot through the sand across the fields to the Jim Freemans, Brit or Jim Goodwins, Hensarlings, or Hunters. We claimed Grandpa and Grandma Freeman as our own, and visited her even after she lived with her Formby daughter in McAdoo and was almost a hundred years old. She asserted that "all the Freemans married Formbys, and all the Formbys married Freemans," and made the most scrumptious breakfasts of hot, buttered biscuits and jelly for kids who insisted on staying the night with her.

The Nichols kids were Ralph (married Ruby Roller), Mrs. T. Algie Groves (Rita), Claudis "Nub" (m. Eva Robbins of Eldorado, OK), Mrs. Harold Renfro (Madge), Mrs. John L. Green (Birdie Nell), Jack W. (m. Patricia Bottoms of Quanah), and Buryl "Red" the only one born in Motley County, married Bonibel Williams of Lubbock. All seven graduated from Roaring Springs High School, a distinction claimed by only one other family, the Duff Greens.

A.B. and Eunice moved reluctantly to town after thirty-five years at the farm, but longer than the law allowed, or his feet would carry him, or he could hitch a ride. A.B. and his heart returned to the country. He died in the Aspermont Hospital July 14, 1966. It was the first death in the family in fifty-five years. When Ralph died six weeks later on August 25, Eunice was stunned beyond belief. Rather than live with her children, she sought refuge two years later in a nursing home near Nub in Quanah after a series of minor strokes.

## The Walter Alexander Walton family

Note: From *Of Such As These* by Eleanor Traweek.

People who remember Walter Alexander Walton relate that he was "a handsome and courtly gentleman;" that he always wore an immaculate white shirt and vest -- but seldom a coat, and that he had a beautiful penmanship. He was born in Culpepper, Virginia just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. to a distinguished First Family of Virginia. His father was killed in the Civil War before Walter was born, and when the boy was six, his mother married Dr. Grayson, a prominent physician in Washington, D.C. Walter had two half brothers. The younger was Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, personal physician and friend to Woodrow Wilson, then President of the United States.

W.A. Walton probably would have spent his life in the East but for a chance meeting with a Texan. When he was a student at Harvard University he was an invited guest to the Inaugural Ball of President Grover Cleveland. Next day, March 5, 1885, he and a group of friends left for an excursion trip to St. Louis. There they met the owner of The Flying Eight Ranch -- who invited the boy to come to Texas to inspect his ranch properties. The young tenderfoot liked Texas, took a job on the ranch and never returned East. And his daughters said he "never regretted his decision to make this new and untamed region his home." Several years later he went to the Matador Ranch to work.

On November 29, 1892, W.A. Walton married Carolyn Virginia (Carrie) Cribbs. They had met at a dance the cowboys gave at the old hotel in honor of the Cribbs girls who had just moved to the county. The pretty brunette had caught Walter's eye -- and in turn she had told her sisters, "Hands off -- the county clerk is mine!" They became the parents of four children: Virginia, Hazel and a son and daughter who died in infancy.

When Motley County was organized, he was elected its first District and County Clerk. He ran for the office eleven consecutive times with one to nine opponents and was never defeated. He held the office continuously until his death June 17, 1911.

W.A. Walton started his ranching career by filing on four sections of land in 1892. He also ran several hundred head of horses on free range land. Once a year the horses were rounded up; the colts were branded "Bar W," and the two year olds were cut out for sale. He first used the "Bar W" brand on his cattle also, but later adopted the percent brand. These cattle became well known for quality.

When Virginia was five, her father gave her a herd of cattle

and a brand of her own, "V". She had the descendants of those same cows until her death. And it was her hope always to keep the Walton ranching tradition alive.

Hazel was a small child when her father died, but she says one memory of him is particularly vivid. At noon each day she watched for her daddy to leave the court house to walk several blocks distance to the house. Then with her mother's help, she popped a biscuit into the oven. Brown and steamy, it was always ready to give to him when she ran to meet him. In mock seriousness he would ask if Mama and Virginia had been good to her that morning. If they had not, he, with tongue in cheek, soundly "scolded" them much to Hazel's satisfaction.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Walton was married to Dr. Ernest W. McKenzie, a well

known dentist in this section. They were married July 8, 1914. Carrie Walton McKenzie died May 6, 1934. Her obituary speaks for her attributes: She was "personally attractive, queenly in her bearing, kind in her disposition, patient and painstaking in her endeavors. These qualities she inherited from those who found their delight in pioneering."

In 1911 Virginia was married to L.B. Hubbard who for several years ran a motor car line between Matador and Paducah. Her second marriage in 1916 was to Uell Livy Wilie, a rancher in this vicinity. Their daughter is Clotelle Wilie Horn.

Hazel was married to R.E. Donovan, June 15, 1929. Mr. Donovan died April 6, 1953. Rose Carolyn, their daughter, was married to Carl Pierce, formerly of Roaring Springs.



Attending early day Old Settlers Reunion, held at the Roaring Springs Falls, were Clotelle Wylie (little girl); and left to right, Pernie Lou Guthrie Middleton, Alton Wylie and Hazel Donovan.

(Tribune file photo)



Nichols kids -- Pictured left to right, (back) Ralph, Claudis, Jack, Buryl; (front) Madge (Renfro), Rita (Groves), and Birdie Nell (Green).

(Photo from *Of Such As These*)

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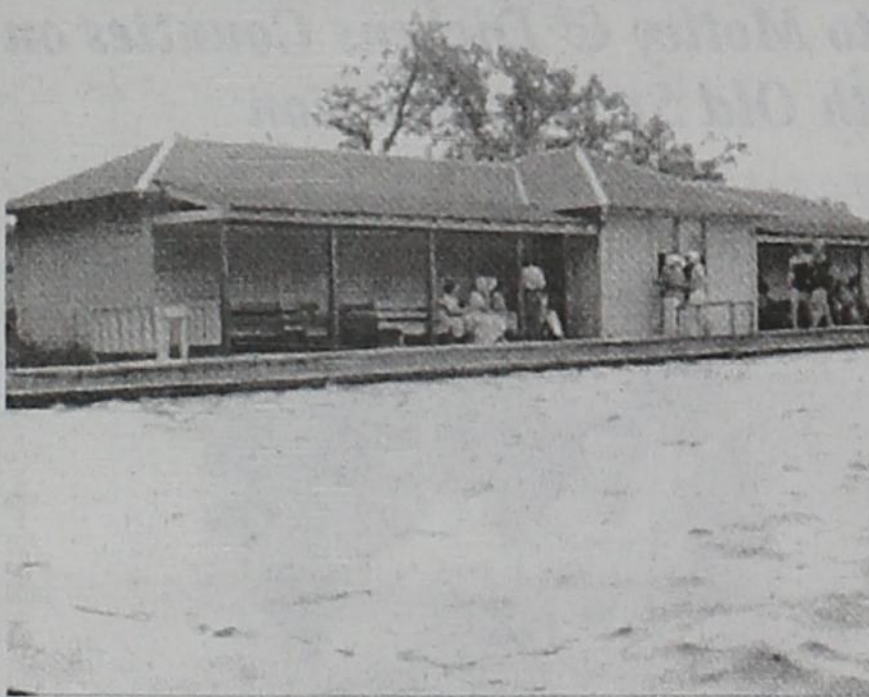
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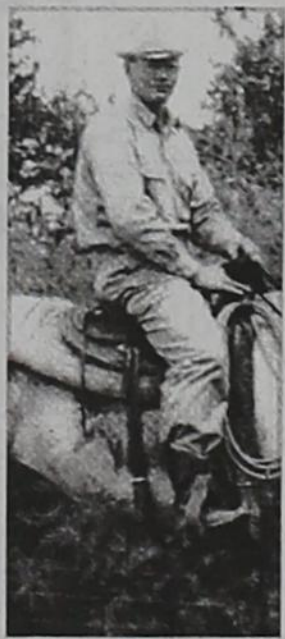
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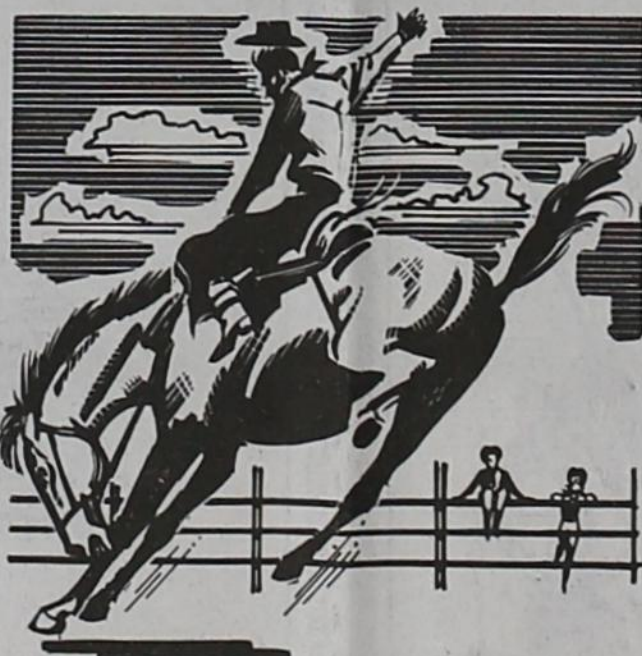
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# Mollie Bailey's Circus came to Motley County

Note: This story is from *Of Such As These A History of Motley County* by Eleanor Traweek.

From the early days of Motley County, "Mollie Bailey's Circus" was a household phrase, readily identified with the trapeze, the clown, and nasal-voiced venders calling "peanuts - popcorn - cotton candy and ice cold pink lemonade - crack-erjacks - a prize in every box." Her show, a family enterprise, was a Texas institution, and its clean and wholesome entertainment was anticipated from the time advance notices were pasted on the sides of barns each year.

Mollie believed that laughter was a universal tonic. Hardly a town was too small to be passed up by her troupe. D.P. Keith recalls that on their earliest trips to the county, the circus wagons were pulled by horses, and that the tents were set up near the old plank school in east Matador. Sometime after 1913, the circus traveled to Matador by rail.

Audrey (Adickes) Barnard, a resident of Floyd County

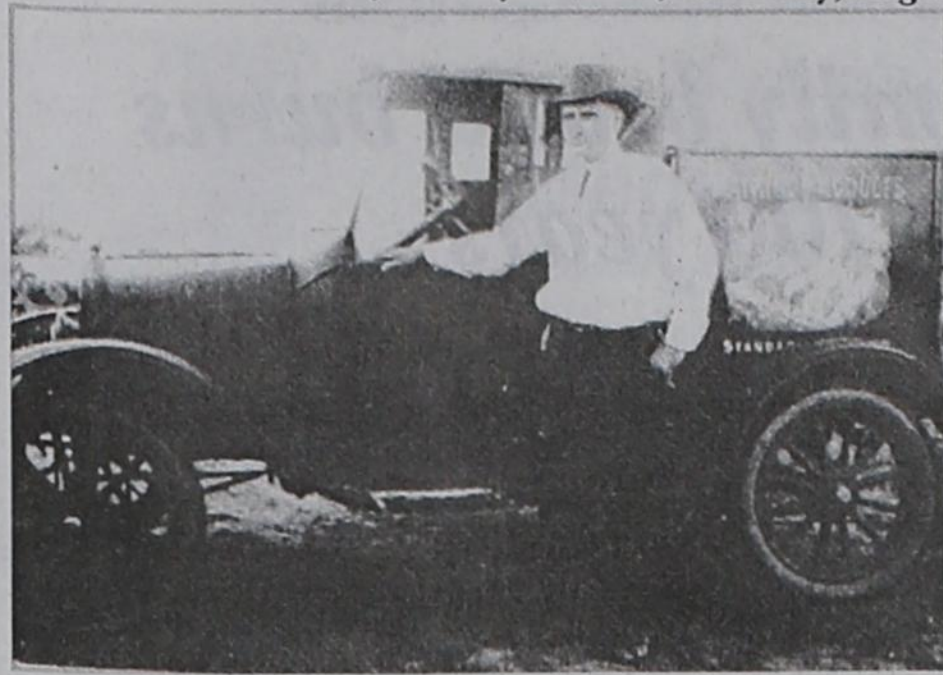
Motley's neighbor to the west, remembers her exciting trips to the circus when she was a child in Wichita County. "The Circus Queen," she said, "seemingly remembered people from season to season. Each year she made a dignified appearance in a long sweeping dress of black taffeta, her figure cinched at the waist. She was a fine and friendly woman."

Audrey remembers that Mollie always welcomed the people at the circus entrance near the ticket office. It logically might be concluded that she stood there also to keep an eye on the box office receipts, for she was a person of business acumen, a rare quality in a woman of her day. The bulk of her wealth she carried on her person: jewels on her hands, money in her reticule - and in all probability, in that cache used frequently by many Victorian women, the bosom.

No one was immune to the fascination of her circus. People traveled for a radius of many miles to watch performances. Occasionally an adult might feign indifference, but sooner or

later the truth came out. About 1902, Mollie began adding Indian elephants to her act, walking them from one town to the other. One year T.N. Edmondson learned that the elephant from Mollie Bailey's Circus would pass his farm on the road from Paducah to Matador. He made the emphatic statement that he wouldn't walk 30 steps to see one of the things but when the big animal was spotted in the distance, he was the first one down to the road.

To impressionable children and to grown-ups who always went along "to take the kids," the circus atmosphere was one of exotic charm and mystery. There were wonderful circus smells. There was the sound of the band and the unmistakable whistle of the old steam calliope playing tunes like The Billboard March. And there was Mollie at the flap of the Big Top, greeting her old friends with a nod and the wave of her diamond weighted hands. It was enough to give you goose bumps. Just remembering it today will do the same thing.



Pete Knight, the Watkins Man and his pick-up.

(photo from *Of Such As These*)

## The Texas Chief

Note: The following is from *Of Such As These A History of Motley County* by Eleanor Traweek. Mrs. Traweek noted that her information was from *The Matador Tribune*.

The spring of 1919 was an exciting time for Motley County. Early that year eleven men of the county leased 160 acres of land in the Burkburnett Oil Field and signed a note for \$22,000 for interest in an oil well called *The Texas Chief*. On May 25 of the same year when the well came in a gusher, they sold their investment for 80 to 1.

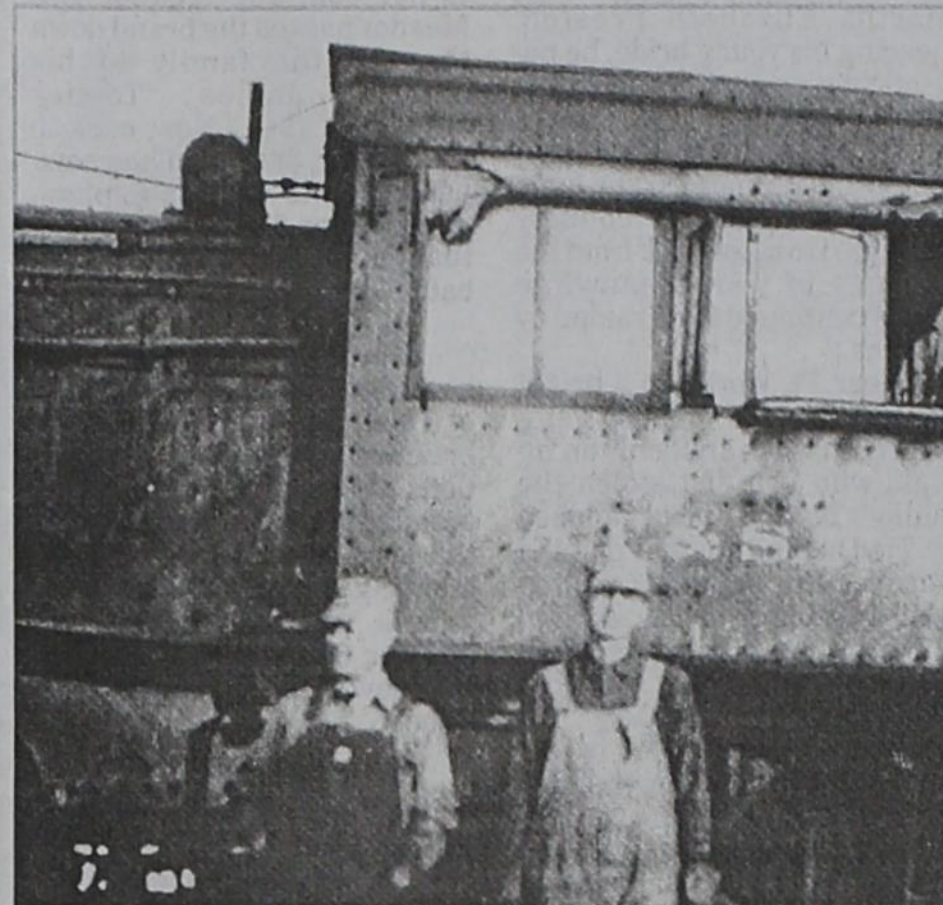
The *Texas Chief* brought more than a million dollars into Motley County in a single day. Every dollar invested brought 80 to 160,000 dollars to each investor with the exception of two. Fred C. Bourland and I.F. Fish sold their interests when they were offered a profit of \$40,000 each.

The combined deposits of the two Matador banks in the spring of that year totaled about \$85,000. After the sale of *The Texas Chief* the deposits were over \$500,000.

It is also of interest to note the future effects of the bonanza. During the dark days of 1933 when banks were closing all over the country and people were losing their savings, Motley County stood solid and no depositor lost a dime.

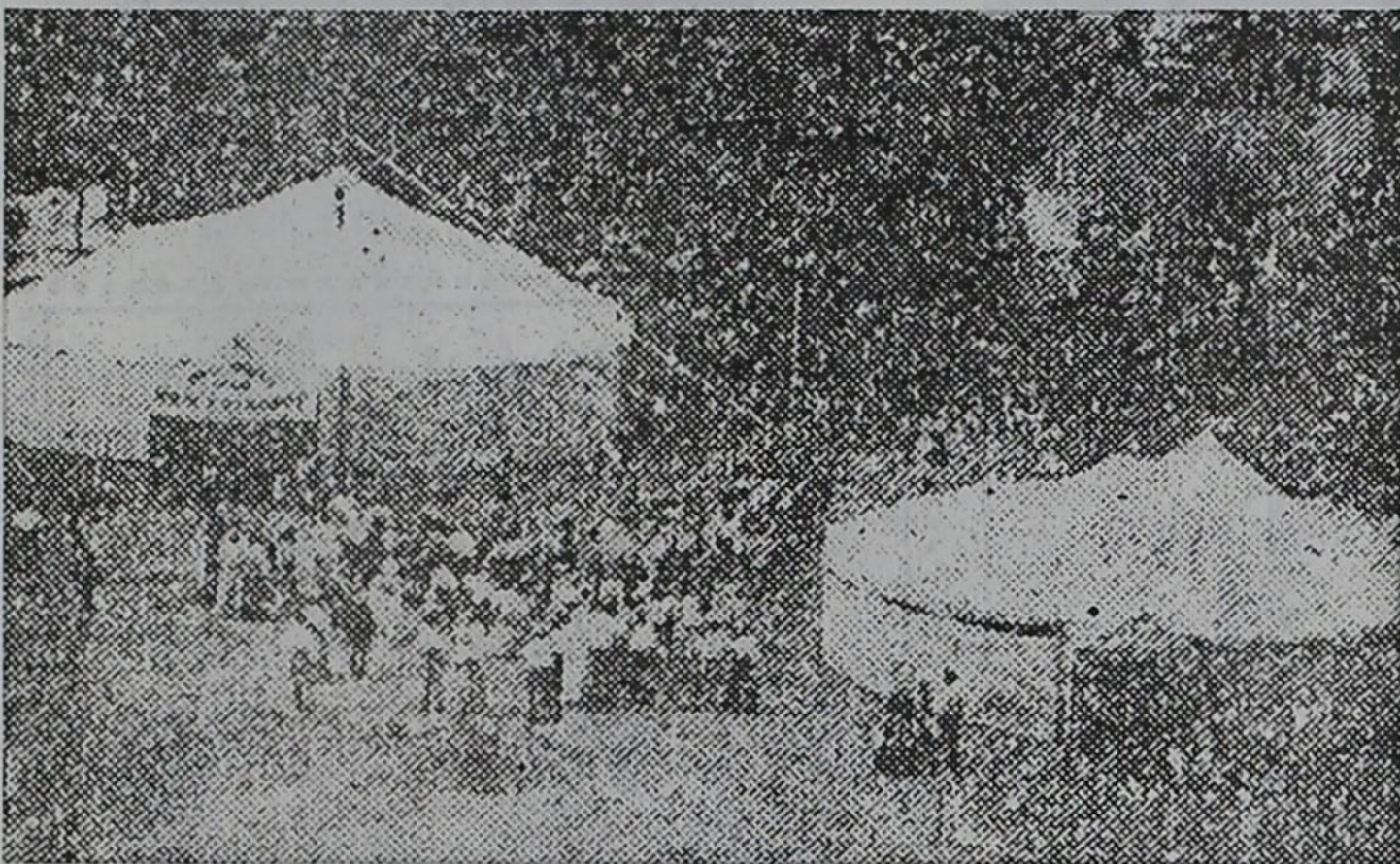
The men who bought an interest in *The Texas Chief* were A.B. Echols; A.D. Beauchamp; W.R. Dirickson; Jack Luckett; T.G. Duncan; W.A. (Raldo) Newman; Oscar Williams; J.R. Moore; I.F. Fish; Fred Bourland; and Mr. Hobbs.

Motley County will long remember *The Texas Chief*.



Bert Estes, Engineer of the Motley County Railroad and Clifton McBride, fireman, in front of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe engine.

(photo from *Of Such As These*)

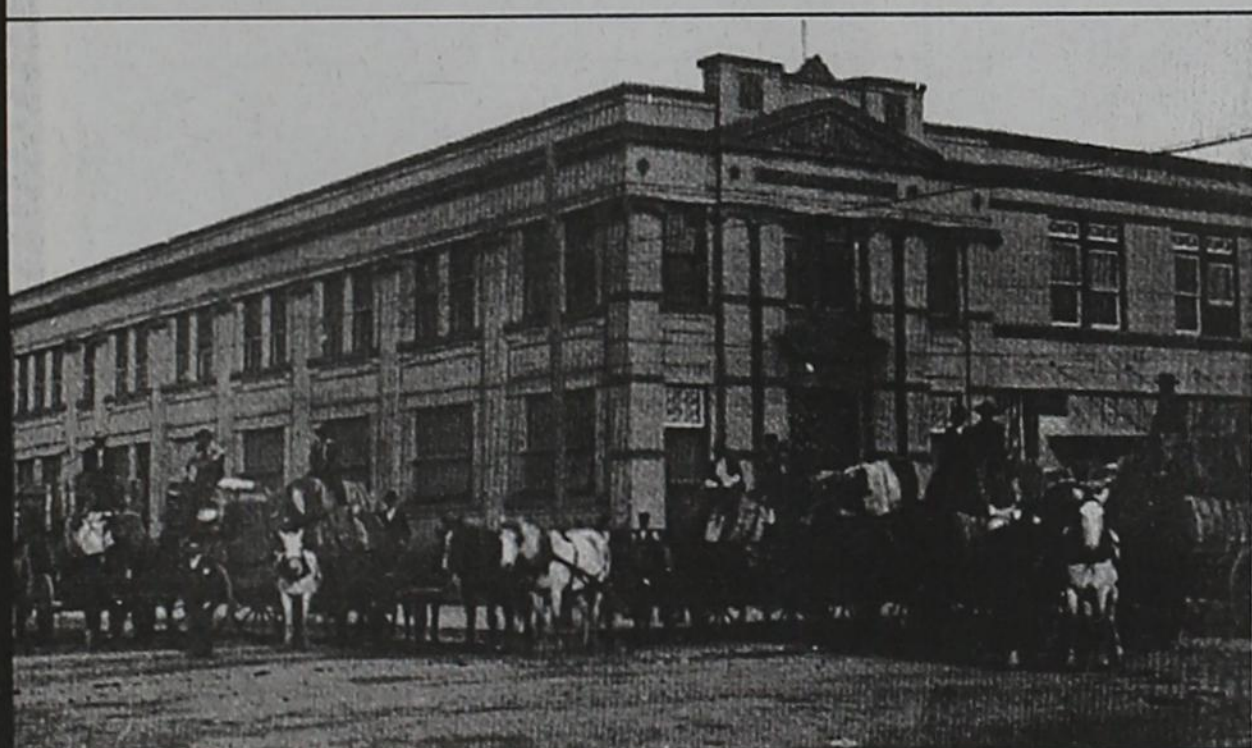


Mollie Bailey's Circus tents are about the only thing visible in this old picture taken from Eleanor Traweek's book *Of Such As These*.

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Farmers with their first bales of cotton ginned for the year. New Spur National Bank building in background.

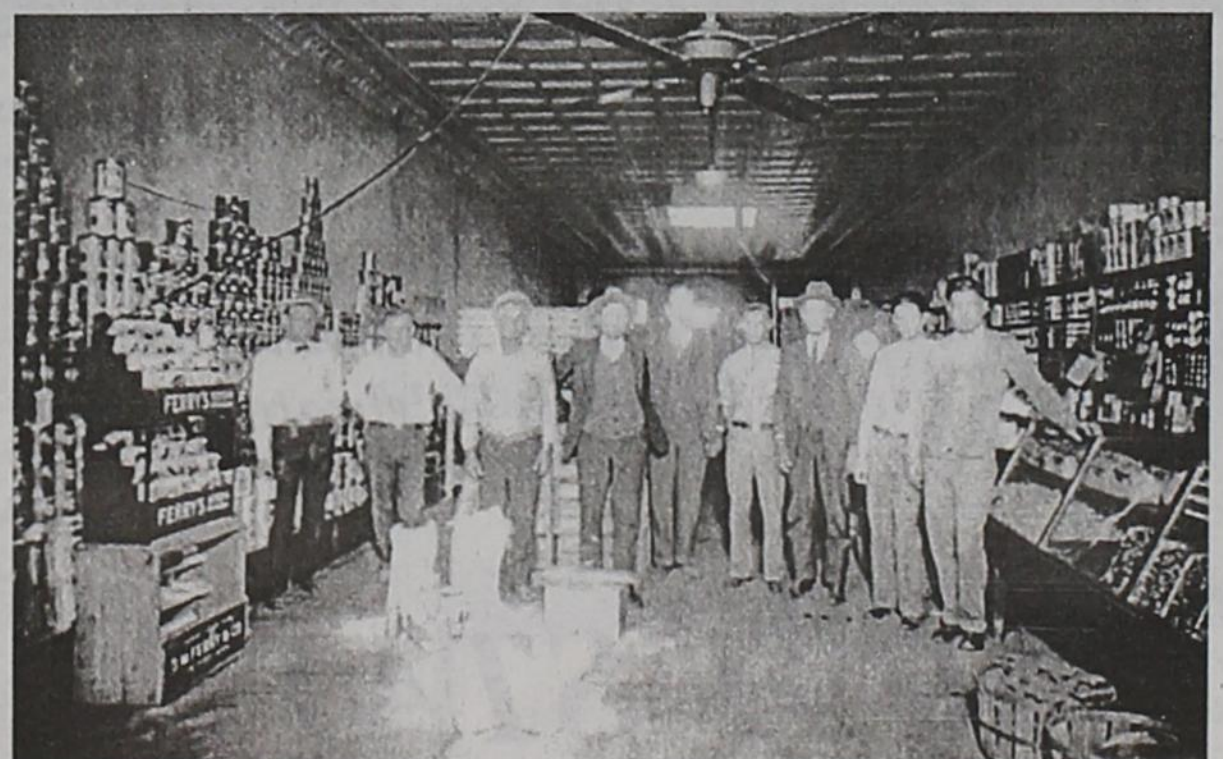
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**Spur Security Bank**  
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Roaring Springs Post Office, 1924. Left to right are Ala Kelly Hill, Pearl L. Crites, Aciah Goodwin, John Green, Hazel Green Gordanier.

WELCOME TO OLD SETTLERS



Spot Cash Grocery in Matador, about 1930.

**Lowe's Pay & Save Grocery**

Downtown Matador

# Meador family brand burns again after 100 years

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is reprinted from the April 16, 1998 issue of the Motley County Tribune, as a tribute to James "Tootie" Meador, who recently passed away.

The brand Bar CV has remained cold for over 100 years in Motley County. That is until Saturday, April 11, when Motley County Sheriff Jim Meador burned the brand into his cattle. The family brand was given to Mr. Meador by his uncle, James "Tootie" Meador a few months back in 1997. Jim Meador and his uncle registered the brand in his name at that time.

The Bar CV brand was first recorded in Stephens County in the 1860s by Jim's great-grandfather, William Ellsberry Meador. Great Grandpa Meador had quiet a story to be told. He was captured by Yankees at Ft. Donelson, Tennessee. Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River was an important Confederate position in the early Civil War years. As Kentucky defenses deteriorated under the Federal forces, additional Southern troops were ordered into the area. Mounted troops included William Ellsberry Meador. General Grant's Union troops continued to march on toward a confrontation at Fort Donelson.

On February 13, 1862, the awaited attack began. Confederate shore batteries bombarded four Union iron clad and several wooden vessels, causing damage to St. Luis and Louisville, and resulting in a temporary withdrawal of the river gunfire.

General Grant's 40,000 Union soldiers tightened the noose on 18,000 Confederates at the stronghold. However, the Johnny Rebs forced a break in enemy lines surrounding the Fort, allowing some Southern troops to escape. Grant demanded and received an unconditional surrender from General Buckner. Tallies on the dead included 1500 for the South, 500 for the North. 12,000 Rebel troops, including Meador surrendered to General Grant in the biggest Union victory at that time in the war.

Meador's group of prisoners was sent down river. Tradition says that from Galveston the prisoners were shipped to Rich-

mond, Virginia.

From the prison camp, Meador and a companion escaped and headed for Texas. Once home Meador found the country over-run by marauding Indians, so he joined Colonel Quail's Texas Rangers where he served as captain.

The travel-wise soldier no doubt stole home to see his young bride before returning to his Confederate cavalry company. It was on the day the Battle of Bull Run was fought that Meador had married Martha Elizabeth Preston. Leaving his young bride, he patriotically answered the call of the Confederacy.

After the South was defeated and its maimed and lame returned home, the country struggled to raise itself from the ravages of war. Meanwhile Texas continued to be raided by Indians.

Near Ft. Worth on a bright fall day in 1867, Meador gathered corn when suddenly an Indian, who had just stolen the family's black stallion, galloped by Tied behind another painted warrior of the band was a young white boy. In a panic Meador ran home to find his terrified wife clutching their young son, both miraculously unharmed.

When farming failed to suit the returned soldier, Meador turned to buying and selling cattle, and later freighting. With three ox teams he hauled buffalo hides to Ft. Worth, and supplies to Ft. Griffin. Meador branded his oxen with his brand Bar CV.

While pursuing a thief who had stolen a pair of oxen, Meador was overcome with pneumonia and died at Veal Station on May 2, 1877.

In 1890, his widow Martha Elizabeth, and children came to Motley County to be near her family, Susie and Bill Long, who had come to Motley County early that same year and had settled on the Tom Hammel creek.

Martha Elizabeth and her children, three daughters and four sons, settled on the Tom Ball Creek.

Mrs. Meador first registered Bar CV brand in Motley County in 1891. She later gave the brand to her son, Joe Meador. Mr. Meador passed the brand down through the family to his nephew, James "Tootie" Meador in 1947. Now, over 50 years later, the brand has been passed on to Tootie's nephew, Jim Meador. The brand had actually not been used to brand cattle since 1891.

A piece of history was renewed on that Saturday, in April of 1998, when the Meador's branded cattle. Four generations of Grandma and Grandpa Meador's descendants worked that day with the family brand. Working cattle that day were James "Tootie" Meador, Jim Meador, John Meador and son Matthew, Dean Osborn and Billy Osborn.

James "Tootie" Meador is the son of Doug Meador, who was the son of William and Martha. Jim and John are the sons of Charlie Meador, a brother to Tootie. Billy and Dean are the sons of Betty June Meador (Osborn) Bearden, Tootie's and Charlie's sister. And of course, young Matthew Meador, John's son, the great-grandson of William and Martha Meador.



MEADOR FAMILY BRANDING — John Meador, Jim Meador, James "Tootie" Meador and Matthew Meador, Dean Osborn, Billy Osborn, and Tootie's dog, Spot.



Bob, Bill and Jim Meador in the 1940's.



## TRAIL DUST

BY DOUGLAS MEADOR

**A SMILE IS A LAMP**  
A genuine smile is a lamp in the hands of courage that knows no darkness too great that allows the pathway of ambition. Its fuel is faith and the temple gates of tomorrow are stripped of their secret fastenings by hands that do not wait for the light of a new day. Storms lash their fury against the flame in the rock-walled canyons struggle, but it does not fail the restless feet of purpose. The vanquished, after the standard of victory has fallen into new possession, do not despise the man who smiles while he fights.



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Matador First State Bank, 1911

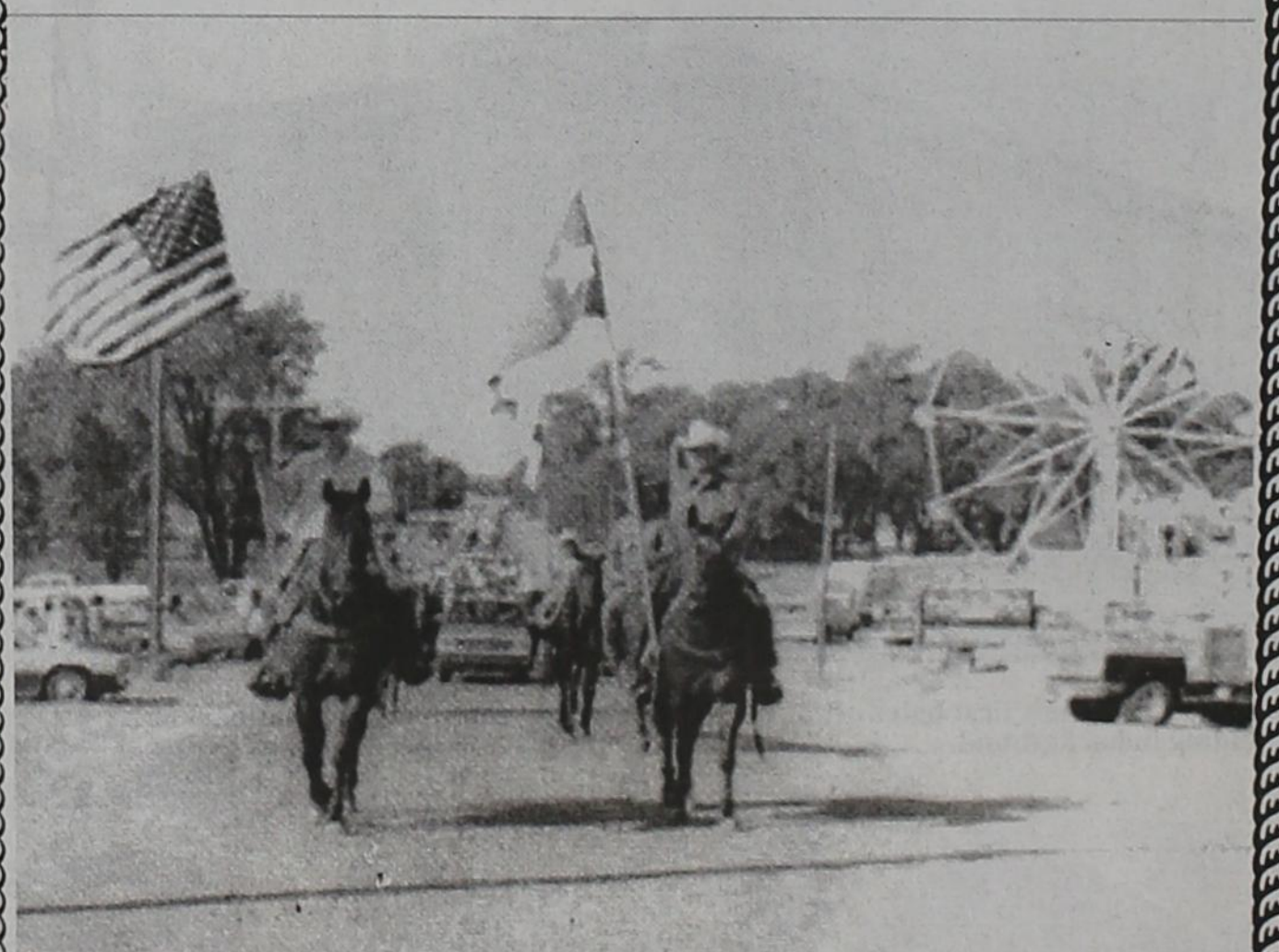
We offer a salute to Motley & Dickens County Pioneers and say Welcome as the 80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion is Celebrated!

# FIRST STATE BANK



Matador, Texas

## Welcome to Motley County and the Old Settlers Reunion



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

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We offer a tribute to our Pioneers!

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## Frank Mitchell Medal of Honor winner

by Ronald G. Bailey

Lt. Frank N. Mitchell, USMC, of Roaring Springs, Texas, lost his life in the Korean War on November 26, 1950, and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A book by Bill Harris says, "the formal requirement is that the Medal of Honor be earned for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty." In other words, it is awarded for the highest level of bravery. It is senior to any other military decoration.

Important people have lobbied to receive it themselves but have failed. Theodore Roosevelt lobbied for the medal after his charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War of 1898. He was not successful. However, his son Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., earned the medal of Honor himself 46 years later during the D-Day invasion of the Normandy beaches during World War II.

I believe it was President Harry Truman, an old artillery sergeant during World War I, who said, "I would rather be a recipient of the Medal of Honor than be President of the United States."

Indian fighter, George Armstrong Custer, never received one but his lesser known brother, Tom Custer, earned two which is extremely rare.

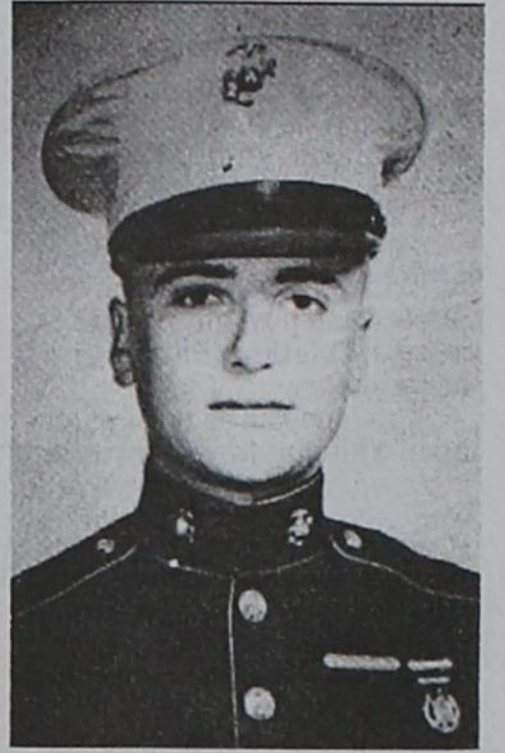
Joe Kennedy, father of future President John F. Kennedy, did everything in his power, financially and otherwise, to get one for his son for the PT-109 incident during World War II. He failed.

A Medal of Honor was earned by Lt. Frank Baldwin when he attacked an Indian village on November 8, 1874, to rescue two white girls who had been kidnapped. This location was approximately 100 miles north of Motley County in present day Gray County.

Probably the best known recipient of the Medal of Honor was Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II.

Frank Mitchell grew up in Roaring Springs. He was a First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps, Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. His official citation for the Medal of Honor reads as follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as leader of a rifle platoon



Marine First Lieutenant  
Frank Nicias Mitchell  
USMC  
1921-1950

of Company A, in action against enemy aggressor forces. Leading his platoon in point position during a patrol by his company through a thickly wooded and snow-covered area in the vicinity of Hansan-ni, 1st Lt. Mitchell acted immediately when the enemy suddenly opened fire at point-blank range, pinning down his forward elements and inflicting numerous casualties in his ranks. Boldly dashing to the front under blistering fire from automatic weapons and small arms, he seized an automatic rifle from one of the wounded men and effectively trained it against the attackers and, when his ammunition was expended, picked up and hurled grenades with deadly accuracy, at the same time directing and encouraging his men in driving the outnumbering enemy from their position. Maneuvering to set up a defense when the enemy furiously counterattacked to the front and left flank, 1st Lt. Mitchell, despite wounds sustained early in the action, reorganized his platoon under devastating fire, and spearheaded a fierce hand-to-hand struggle to repulse the onslaught. Asking for volunteers to assist in searching for and evacuating the wounded, he personally led a party of litter bearers through the hostile lines in growing darkness and, although suffering intense pain from multiple wounds, stormed ahead and waged a single-handed battle against the enemy, successfully covering the withdrawal of his men before he was fatally struck down by a burst of small arms fire. Stouthearted and indomitable in the face of tremendous odds, 1st Lt. Mitchell, by his fortitude, great personal valor and extraordinary heroism, saved the lives of several marines and inflicted heavy casualties among the aggressors. His unyielding courage throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

I have heard there is a movement underway to name a highway loop that goes through Roaring Springs for Frank Mitchell. I hope this happens. Lt. Mitchell never lived to be congratulated for his valor, therefore, it would be good if his name stays alive with a highway named after him.

What is left to be said? Frank Mitchell gave his life for his country. No man can do more.



Roaring Springs teens on an outing to the Springs, 1913.



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and the 80th celebration of  
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Mrs. Charles (C.J.) Long and friends at Springs in 1923

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Ready to gather cattle — Left to right are Don Forbis, Robert Forbis, Bert Green, Mervin Green, Jerry Green, Robert McAteer, Clark Forbis, Duff Green, and unknown cowboy. 1951.

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Men working horses on the Matadors.

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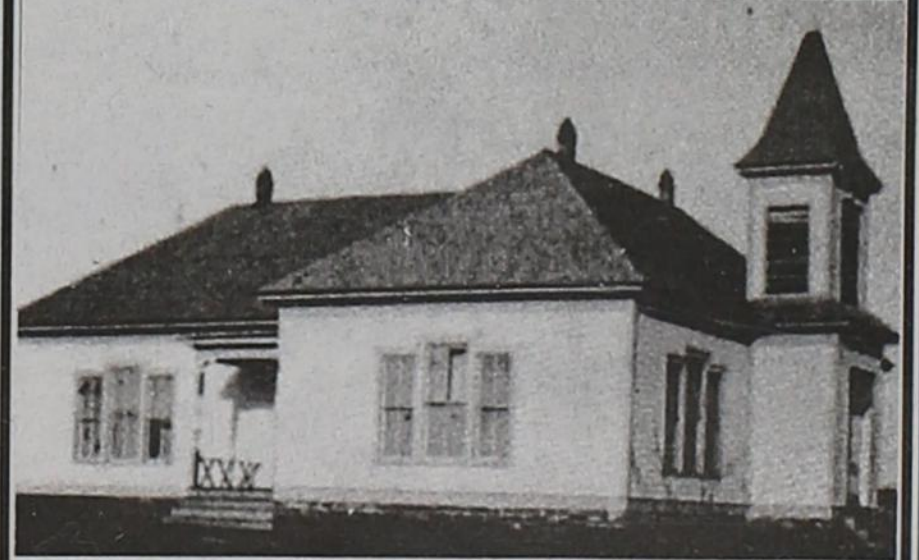
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DICKENS SCHOOL, 1903-1913  
(photo from Dickens County, It's Land and People)

### Tip's Package Store

Dickens, Texas

# Motley County Landmarks

by Mary Meason

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

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

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

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

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

**Connelee Peak** - a flat topped butte name an early day surveyor, U.L. Connelee.

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

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

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

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

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

**Los Lingos** - originally Rio de Las Lenguas, Spanish for River of the Tongue, which served the Comanche.

**Comanchero rendezvous point** - so called because so many languages or dialects were spoken.

**Matador** - a Spanish name meaning bull fighter, selected by Scottswood Lomax, one of the five original investors in the Matador Cattle Company in 1879.

**Mott Creek** - a headwater tributary of Middle Pease named for the thick mott or stand of cottonwoods which grew along its banks. Mott line camp of the Jingle Bobbs and

later the Matador and the Cattle Company was located south side of the creek.

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

**Lyman or Old Lyman** - located in the extreme western edge of the county at the base of the Caprock.

The ruins of a two story dugout marks the site of a stage or mail hack station, post office and blacksmith shop which served those on their way to Floydada, Lyman R. Brewer was the first postmaster in 1882.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Probably the most famous of Motley County Landmarks is the Roaring Springs Waterfalls, pictured here about 1913.

## Old Settlers Days

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— Proverbs 16:3

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Men at work building roads south of Roaring Springs, 1933-34.

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## Matador Ranch and Koch Industries, Inc. proud to be a part of Motley County for 50 years

by Bob Kilmer,  
Ranch Manager

**Editor's Note:** This year marks the 50th year that Matador Cattle Company, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., has owned and operated Matador Ranch. To celebrate that event, Matador Ranch is inviting current and former "Matadors," their families, neighbors and the local community to the ranch on Saturday, August 30 for an open house and chuck wagon lunch (see schedule elsewhere in this edition). We asked Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager, to write an article that talks about the ranch and the company that owns it.

Growing up in Quanah, Fred C. Koch was sure to have heard about the famous Matador Land and Cattle Company ranch that at one time covered more than 800,000 acres. With his interest in ranching and natural resources, it fit his business vision to buy three of the "corporations" the investment bank Lazard Freres had formed when it split up the ranch previously owned by Scottish investors.

His son David says, "I think it was like homecoming for Father to be able to buy this famous West Texas ranch that he had known about as a child."

Although the deed is dated Jan. 3, 1953, we know that on Oct. 3, 1952, Mr. Koch incorporated the name Matador Cattle Company, in anticipation of his purchase of the Texas ranch. From that day forward, Mr. Koch's ranching interests were operated as Matador Cattle Company, a nod to the esteem he felt for the ranch. Mr. Koch also bought the Flying V cattle brand and the "50" horse brand, both of which were used by the Scots during their 70-year ownership.

Mr. Koch was the son of a newspaperman in Quanah. He went to college at Rice University for two years, and ultimately finished his education at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology. As a young man, Fred developed an improved method of thermal cracking, which converted heavy oil to gasoline. He later participated in building and operating a refinery east of St. Louis and expanding into the crude oil gathering business. In fact, he bought the ranch in the name of Rock Island Oil and Refining Company — some of the older cowboys remember when they worked for the Rock Islands, as they called it.

Rock Island, co-founded by Mr. Koch, is now known as Koch Industries. Today, this privately owned company headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, owns a diverse group of companies engaged in trading, investments and operations in more than 30 countries. Charles Koch, Fred's son, continues as chairman and chief executive officer of Koch Industries. Charles joined the company in 1961, and became president in 1966. Upon his father's death in 1967, Charles was named chairman and chief executive officer and, not long after, was joined by his younger brother, David Koch.

Matador Cattle Company, one of Koch Industries' subsidiaries, operates ranches in Kansas and Montana, as well as Matador, which collectively comprise more than 410,000 acres. The company's Kansas ranch, Spring Creek Ranch, is located in the Flint Hills and Beverhead Ranch in Montana west of Yellowstone National Park.

Other Koch companies annually produce and sell enough asphalt to pave 125,000 lane-miles of roads, supply the propane that heats thousands of barbecue grills, and produce the resins that become water and soda bottles, automobile tires and upholstery. Another Koch company is one of the largest crude oil traders, by volume, in the world. Flint Hills Resources, a wholly owned Koch subsidiary, supplies, from its Corpus Christi refinery, most of the jet fuel used at Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport. Koch-Otto York

— another Koch company with a Texas presence — produces mesh that zoos use in their aviaries to keep birds from escaping.

Each Koch company strives to replicate free-market dynamics inside its business to maximize productivity and adaptability, as we do here at the ranch. Koch companies concentrate on developing an ability to predict customer needs and to mobilize their employees' knowledge and talents to meet them. This business philosophy, called Market Based Management™, has been profiled in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes* magazine, among others. And having the flexibility to meet our customers' needs is an important part of this ranch's operations, and that's why we've increased the opportunities to market our outstanding wildlife.

Matador Ranch covers about 128,500 acres. The ranch headquarters, just south of Matador, is a stone house that lies east of a spring-fed lake, overlooking the corrals and barns. The house is 7,000 square-feet, under roof. The 24-inch thick exterior walls are built from rock quarried on the ranch. The house was designed with two separate uses: the west end for the ranch manager and the east end for visiting Scottish investors. Today, my family and I live in the west end, and the ranch's business operations are conducted from the east end.

Matador Ranch is managed to produce beef, through a Hereford-Angus-Brangus rotational system. The ranch raises replacement heifers, and conditions 100 percent of its marketable calves prior to placing them in the feedlot. Matador Cattle Company retains ownership of a majority of the calves it produces. In addition, the ranch has a foundation mare herd, producing horses for ranch work and a limited number for private-treaty sale.

As mentioned earlier, the market for quail, whitetail and mule deer hunting has expanded on the ranch. To manage these populations, we measure all our operational decisions to determine if they offer wildlife habitat enhancements.

The ranch's management goal is to improve the long-term health and productivity of its

renewable natural resources to profitably sustain domestic livestock and wildlife. In an effort to achieve this goal, the ranch has implemented innovative water and grazing management practices. The ranch has worked to improve existing earthen tanks,

build new tanks, extend water pipelines and manage existing springs to improve the water quality and quantity. As well, through the use of rest-rotational grazing systems, the ranch has carefully worked to manage the soil and grasses, to ultimately increase the quality and quantity of forage produced.

We've invited the community to an Open House and chuckwagon lunch on Saturday, Aug. 30. We'll have several stops

on an historical walking tour of the headquarters grounds — including the newly refurbished cookhouse that served meals to ranch workers until the late 1960s, and that has also served as housing for ranch workers since then. And visitors will be able to learn more about the ranch's history and the way it is operated today.

Four stops include information about the following:

- 1) Fred C. Koch
- 2) Koch Industries, Inc.
- 3) Matador Ranch
- 4) Ranch house
- 5) Matador Ranch Cemetery
- 6) Cookhouse
- 7) Horse program
- 8) Grazing program
- 9) Water management system
- 10) Cattle-breeding program
- 11) Hunting program
- 12) Chuckwagon
- 13) Camp men
- 14) The commissary
- 15) Ranch building at Rancing Heritage Center
- 16) Tack room

Matador Ranch team today:  
Bob Kilmer, Ranch Manager

- John D. Russell, assistant ranch manager
- Tim Washington, camp manager
- Jerry Smith, camp manager
- Gilbert Guerrero, camp manager
- Janie Campbell, office manager



At Matador in 1958, Sterling Varner, left, president of Matador Cattle Company, Fred C. Koch, center, owner of Matador Cattle Company, and Seth Sager, right, manager of Matador Ranch.

## TRAIL DUST by Douglas Meador

### DRIFT-FENCE ACROSS THE SKY

Silver embroidery to adorn the gown of memory is traced on the grass by moonlight sifting through mesquite leaves, until a finessing breeze changes the enchanting design. But the night is a jewel box into which time has emptied all the opulence garnered through the ages and the fine metal of beauty from the mines of eons in the mountains of darkness before the mines of eons in the mountains of darkness before the first breath of momentous life came to the infant world. Scattering clouds become coral islands in the warm current of an infinite sea and the rich glitter of stars as the prayer beads on man's rosary of dreams, worn small on the beach of space. Taciturnity, except for the hushed flutes of the night wind, is like a wax poured over creation that it may remain immutable until the covering is melted away by the flame of dawn. An assiduous spiritual relationship between life and the earth becomes co-operant in quixotic planning for more magnificent tabernacles to shelter the beneficiaries of ages yet to pass beneath the white dust of crumbling stars.

With his saddle for a pillow, the cowboy traces the tallest grass by the water holes in the Milky Way and runs a wandering dogie back from the drift-fence strung along the breaks of the moon before the swishing of his hobbled night-horse's tail is silenced by weariness. Spurs, still clinging to his boots by the low couch, continue to chime in his heart as the trickle of clear water over rocks and brush scrapes the worn chaps by his side, with a fresh horse to sweep him through the spirited drive on the range of dreams.

It is in these encampments so close to the mysteries of life, the wind in his face as he rides and the crimson and purple horizons at twilight that his soul becomes washed and strong as flax on a distaff in the resolute hands of destiny. When the plain fabric is woven on the loom of labor and secured with the warp twisted from laughter and heartaches, it is placed as a rug at the affable portal of age.

Welcome to Motley County  
and the 80th celebration of the  
OLD SETTLERS REUNION



1919 FLOMOT COTTON FIELD: Those on wagon are Tede and Ora Blackshear, Earnest and Rul Everhart; on the ground are Mary B. and Viola Blackshear, Bessie and Stella and Mr. Everhart.

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1939 at W.E. Burlison place. Schweitzer Saddles

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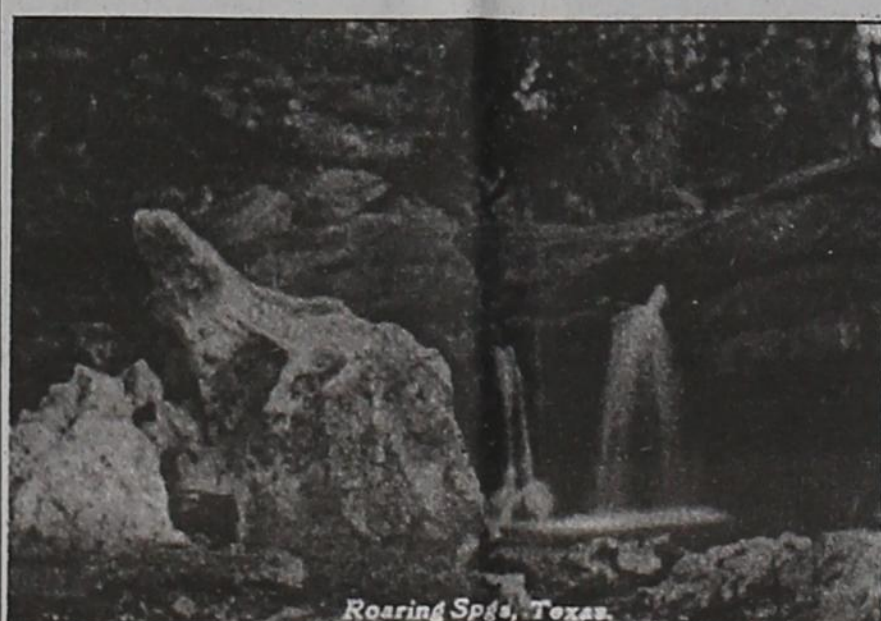
Matador



TeePee City, Monday, December 29, 1958. Matador cowboys made ditch drive that morning and it started snowing after they spit-up and they couldn't see anything. They had 67 cows and 56 calves.

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# Last Roundup at Matador Ranch ends Western Saga

NOTE: This article was published in the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, April 5, 1959, by Jerry Hall, a staff writer at that time.

Matador, Texas (1959) -- One day a few weeks ago a dusty, tired cowboy slapped his rope against his chaps, whistled shrilly through his teeth and spurred his pony to chase a straggling whiteface cow into a corral near here.

The gate swung shut, and for the first time in 80 years there were no cattle left to graze the once vast, far-flung pastures of the Matador Ranch.

The history of the American early west, be it factual or the lurid product of some movie and television writer's pen, knew few such tales as that of the Matador.

There's no need adding false coloring to the Matador story. It's the true story of the West as it really was and as episodes and events unfolded through the years, they wrote a record that speaks for itself.

It's a tale that reaches from the crowded, teaming mills and narrow, winding streets of a proud old Scottish city to the wide open spaces of West Texas' caprock foothills.

Smaller ranches and farms will be carved from Matador pastures, and naturally, the citizens of this town are looking forward to an economic boost. But just the same, there's still a strong nostalgic twinge.

As one man said, "it's sort of like the passing of a government. Sure, you might not have agreed with all the government policies, but when it goes an era goes too."

It was in the fall of 1878 that a thrice-wounded Confederate veteran with a shrewd eye for the future, H.H. (Hank) Campbell, whose son still lives here, and A.M. Britton entered into a partnership which began the Matador.

Campbell had purchased from Joe Browning a small herd of rough Texas range stock and range rights on a piece of ground near Ballard Springs. It was named after an old buffalo

hunter whose caved-in dugout was still there.

The Ballard Springs site was destined to become main headquarters of the ranch with its famous White House.

Hank Campbell moved rapidly. Within a few months he bought 8,000 head of "jinglebob" cattle which a cowboy named Frank Collison helped trail onto the Matador range.

It was the first real herd of Matador stock, and just a few weeks ago one of the buyers of the last herd was Ralph Collison of Amarillo, son of the man who brought the first big herd here.

The jinglebobs, named because of the method of notching a cow's ear for identification purposes — unheard of until then — fattened rapidly.

Sometime in 1880 Britton and Campbell were joined by a third partner, S.W. Lomax. It was Lomax who gave the outfit its name, Matador.

Apparently there was no reason for his choice other than he "just liked Spanish names." He also is credited with labeling the Espuela (Spur) Ranch when

he was associated with it some time later.

The three men began with \$50,000. The figure and the first letter of the ranch's name became the first Matador brand — the 50M. It was used only one year, however, and the famed "Panhandle V" was adopted, destined to adorn the flanks of countless thousands of cattle.

In 1881 the first trail herd of Matador cows wound its bawling, dusty way to the Texas & Pacific railhead at Colorado City. With money from the first sale the three partners decided to send Britton abroad where it was rumored there was capital available for investment.

In Dundee, Scotland, a seaport city about the size of Lubbock and noted for jute imports and the manufacture of canvass, rope and fine linen, Britton found what he was after.

A group of Scotsmen, probably none of whom had ever seen a range cow, much less the rolling rangeland of West Texas, formed the Matador Land and Cattle Co.

Complete records on file at the West Texas Museum in Lubbock indicate \$1,250,000 was paid for 40,000 head of cattle and 10,000 acres of land.

In addition the company got range rights on a million and a half acres. In those days, public domain range in the watershed of titled property was thrown into most land deals.

It was then that the unique corporation was formed. The company issued 300,000 shares of stock at 10 pound sterling per share.

Dr. William Pearce, Texas Tech history professor who has examined the records closely, believes the "little goys" of Dundee made up a majority of investors.

"Maybe it was a mill worker putting up his life savings, or perhaps a retired sailor, or a weaver or an accountant or a clerk," Pearce says.

Probably many shareholders never met. But they had one thing in common — besides a rolling "R" and a burr in their speech — they owned a piece of a wild new country which offered a chance for wealth, and daydreams of cowboys and Indians they would never see.

Britton was named American manager of the ranch, a job he held two years. William

That wasn't accurate. The Scotch bosses ordered a head count in 1891 and 1892 and it turned out there were only 58,016 head.

The company more or less "wrote off" the incident to experience and promptly instituted a policy of yearly visits by one or more members of the board.

It was about this time — 1891 — that Campbell pulled away from the Matador. He helped organize Motley County, became its first judge and started the town of Matador.

It seems state law at that time required that a certain number of businesses be operating before a city charter could be granted. Campbell loaded a wagon with some equipment and cowboys, drove to the town-site and marked out a street.

At one place a cowboy tossed out a couple of sacks of feed, stuck up a sign that said "Feed Store" and drew his wages that day for lounging around on the feed sacks.

Another had a few boards and a "lumber yard." Still another case of beans and some flour. That's right. He was the grocer!

The letter of the law was fulfilled, Matador was born.

No story of the Matador Ranch would be complete without mention of Tee Pee City, a longsince forgotten ghost town on the banks of Tee Pee Creek — on ranch property, of course.

Actually, there were two Tee Pee Cities, the old and the new, both gone since before the turn of the century.

Old Tee Pee City was on a ranch wagon trail and it had a hotel, saloon and "sporting house."

Old-timers recalled every time a Matador cowboy started somewhere he had to make a stop by the saloon. It finally got so bad Campbell himself bought the business and tore it down.

Tee Pee City probably was as close to a pulp fiction writer's conception of the Old West as the Matador Ranch ever came.

When the Fort Worth man, Sommerville, decided to step out (he was killed in a fall from a windmill before he actually resigned) there came upon the scene a man whose name was to become synonymous with the Matadors.

Murdo McKenzie came to the U.S. in 1885. He became ranch manager in 1891, two years before the last cattle drive to the railroad.

McKenzie was a man intensely devoted to his employers and they trusted him. He lived in Trinidad, Colo., and actually spent little time at the ranch. But his word was law to scores of cowboys and he was worthy of the highest respect wherever cattlemen gathered.

He shunned publicity, loved hard work and never lost sight of his goal to make the Matador the best and most productive spread in the land.

Under McKenzie the company began operation of four widely separated ranches. Matador cattle grazed in Texas, South Dakota and Wyoming. Prize stock captured top honors all over the country and the panic of 1907 didn't faze the Matador.

In 1911 McKenzie departed for Brazil to head up one of the cattle empires down there.

John McBain took over and in 1912 the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railway built a spur line to the area. Cattle were shipped to northern pastures. The giant ranch was beginning to hit its peak stride.

Some land was sold off but this ceased in 1919 when the firm took notice of oil play and

hired a geologist and oil specialist to make sure no potential minerals were lost.

About this time the irrigation project of the Alamoci task branch in the Panhandle was pushed and agricultural experiments started.

McBain, who was McKenzie's nephew, died in 1922 and Murdo took over again. He was manager until his death in 1939 at the age of 89.

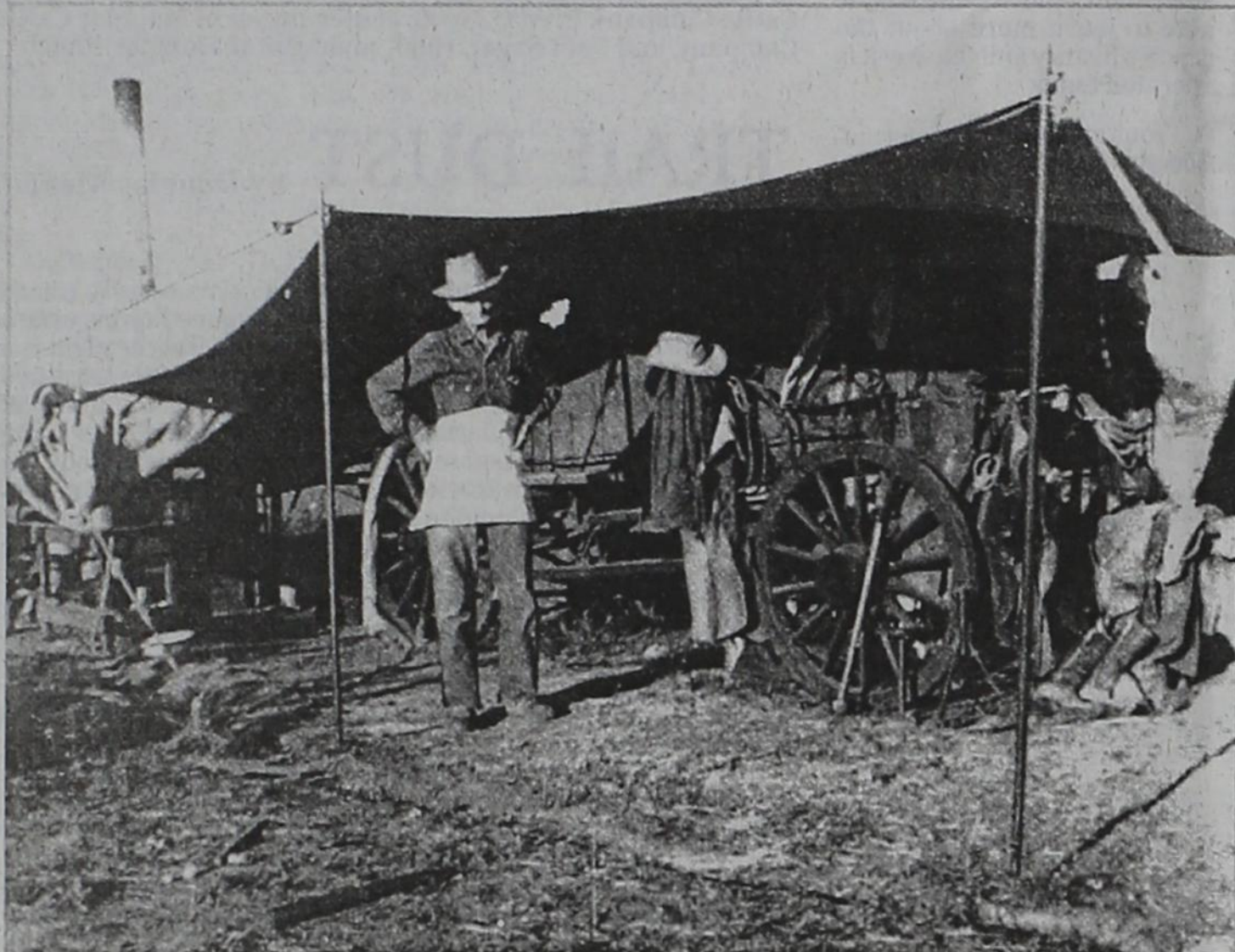
During the 1920s McKenzie kept the Matador rolling. Little known is the fact that during this period the company was running sheep on one of its Montana ranges.

In 1926 more than 300,000 acres of Matador land were leased to oil companies.

Its far-reaching pastures dwindled rapidly in the 1930s and 1940s and in 1951 came the beginning of the end. A French firm got control of what was left.

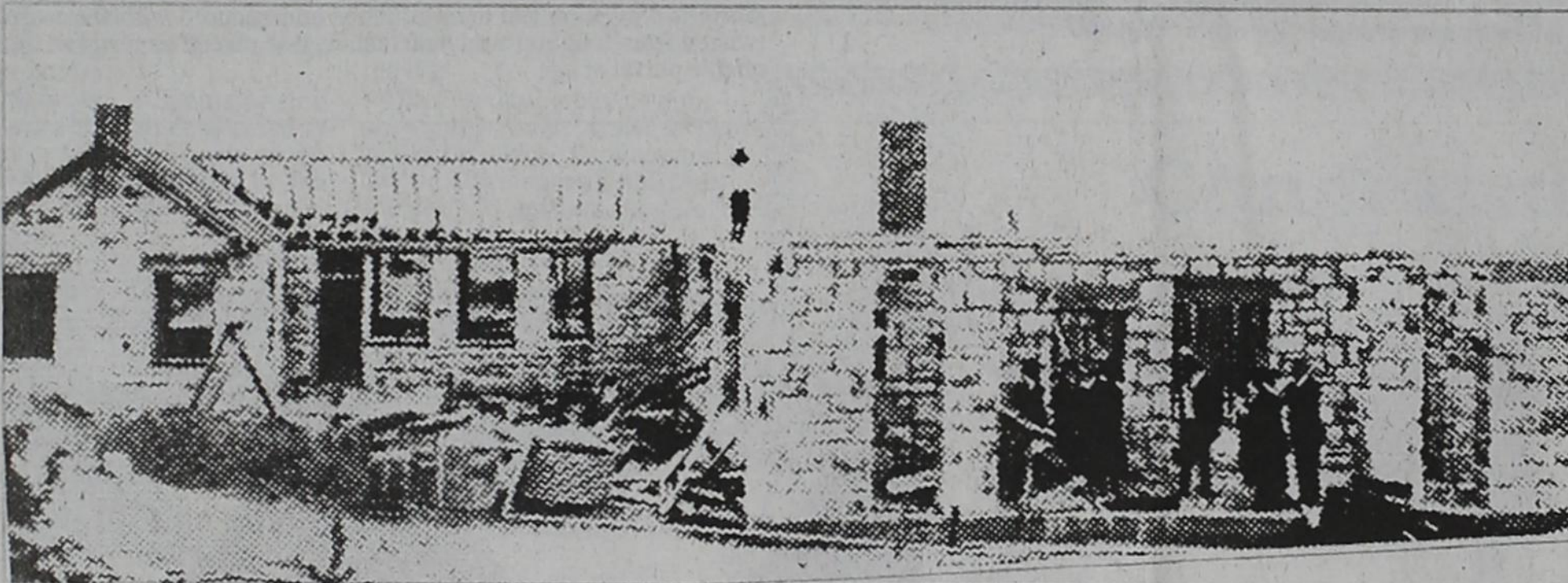
Nobody seems to know exactly why the ranch was sold. England and Scotland were austere places after World War II. Maybe stockholders wanted some cash.

But the Matador Ranch story does not lie in figures and facts alone.



Sam Cates, Matador wagon, last time to be camped at 'Dugout.' Photo by Johnny Davenport, January, 1959.

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Matador Ranch headquarters under construction in 1918.



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

The real story is of the working cowboy who poured his sweat, cuss words and sometimes his blood into a lifetime of riding for "the Matadors."

There were men like A.G. Ligertwood (his friends called him "one Scotchman."); M.J. Reilly, one time ranch boss; D.I.W. Birnie, who for years was a bookkeeper and now is one of the men who will be selling the land for smaller ranches and farms; Ed Russell, C.D. Bird, now a Matador banker; Skee Burkes, Red Payne, Wildhorse Melvin Warren, Shorty Hammack, Jake Edwards, Pockets Crawford, Slim Felts and his favorite pony, Joboy; Claud Jefferies, great wagon boss; Rufe Moore, J.B. Stotts....the names go on and on and on. It would be impossible to call the complete roll.

These men wore no fancy clothes. No silver-barreled pistols adorned their belts. Their hat bands were rimmed with honest sweat and their horses didn't have flowing white manes.

Their boots were scuffed (except maybe the Sunday pair) and their faces burned deep red by the sun in summer and just as red by stinging winter winds.

In short, they knew no gun-fights or glamour ... No range wars or a posse to 'head 'em off at the pass.'

These men were cowboys. And these cowboys were men.

The branding fires have gone out and the big range is empty, but the Matador will never die so long as these men and others can remember.

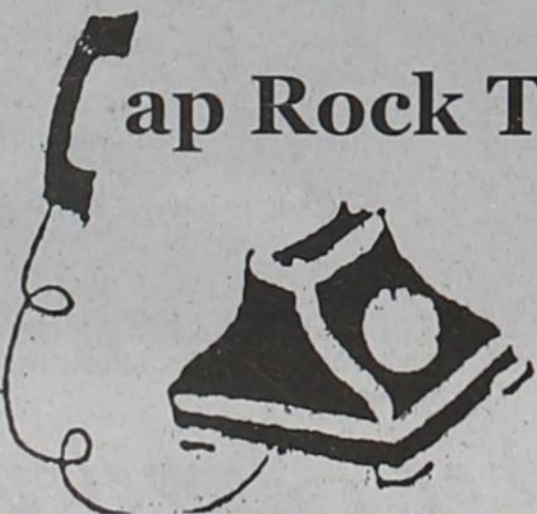
**We salute the Pioneers of Motley & Dickens Counties and honor the residents of today as the 80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion is celebrated**



Roaring Springs picnic, about 1920, Oriena (Murphy) Hotchco at right.

(Tribune file photo)

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Sommerville, who stayed in Fort Worth, then took over.

Campbell was ranch superintendent, actually the ranch boss — the Matador never called them foremen — for eight years during this time.

The ranch continued to grow. In 1885 fencing was started and moves made to consolidate the holdings. By 1890, the herd was estimated to be almost 100,000 head and the size of the ranch under title, 435,722 acres.

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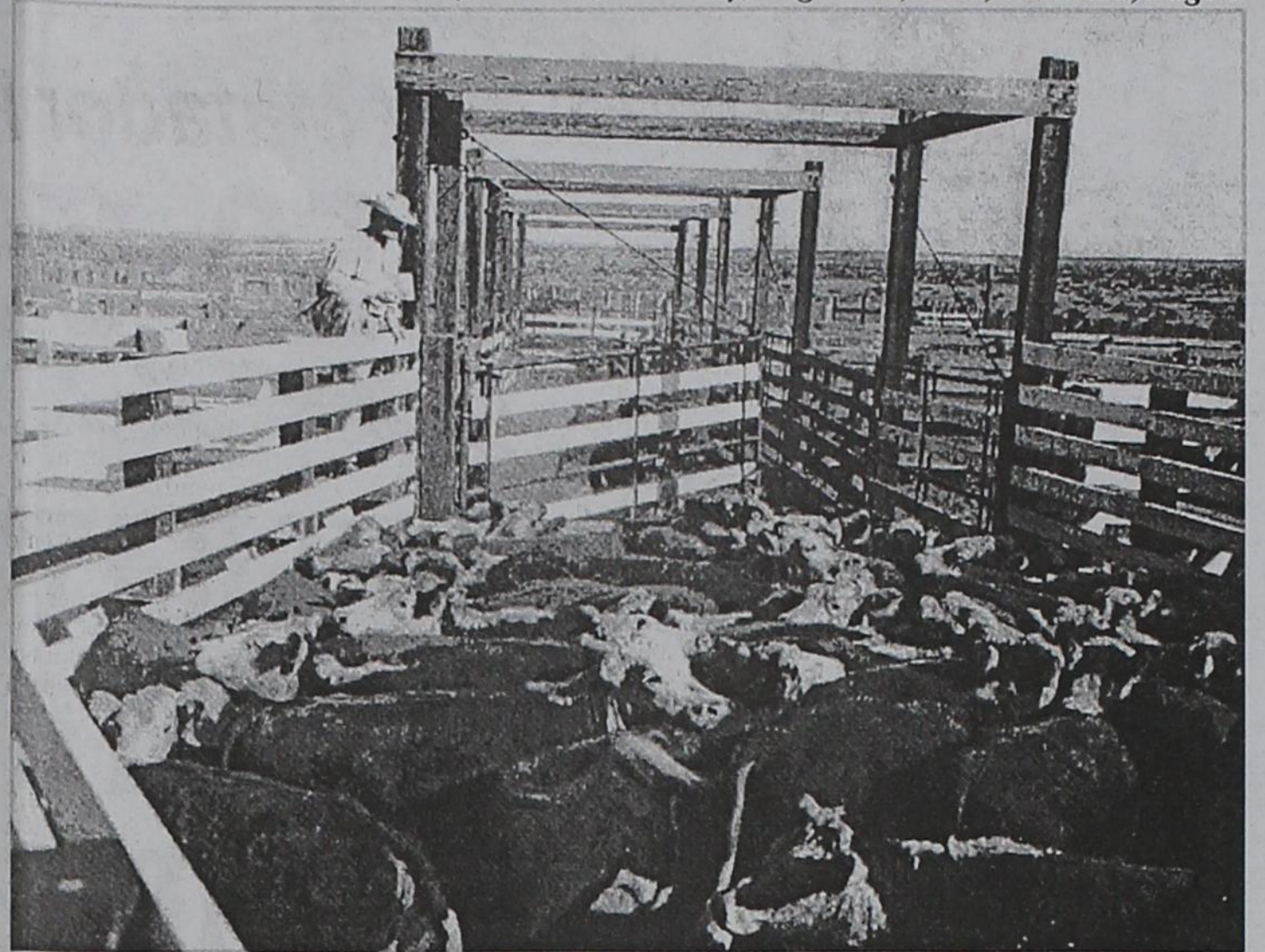
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Red Lake, Saturday, November 1, 1958. Cowboys take a break from cutting studs. Pictured left to right are Booger Stegall, Stogie Bumpus, Frank Bumpus, Carlos Clower, Lee Robbins, Dagger Roehr, Roddy Klinnert, John Bumpus and Jimmy Jack Fields. Ranch Manager, Johnny Stevens' diary showed the temperature to be 28 degrees, the first big frost of the year.

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Shipping time at the Russellville Pens on Matador Ranch in 1953. Photo taken by Fred C. Koch.



December 18, 1959. Moving the Matador Wagon from Red Hills to Tee Pee City. There were three or four cowboys inside the tent to keep it off the stove, as the stove was still hot. Richard Bumpus on top, Cam Cates, right rear in white shirt, Ft. Worth next to wagon wheel and Bob Walters in foreground.

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After their first year, the Matadors used the '50' as a horse brand only. Left to right are Slim Felts, Bob Goff and Jay Nails. Note the 50 brand on the left hip of Slim's horse. This photo was taken at TeePee City, Friday, December 12, 1958, by Bob Walters.

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Motley County Courthouse, built in 1904, and destroyed by fire in 1944.

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- ★ **County Commissioners:**
  - ★ Precinct I - Ronnie Davis
  - ★ Precinct II - Donnie L. Turner
  - ★ Precinct III - Franklin Jameson
  - ★ Precinct IV - Russell Alexander
- ★ **Motley County Sheriff's Department:**
  - ★ James B. "Jim" Meador, Sheriff
  - ★ Rickey Lawrence, Deputy
  - ★ Tax Assessor/Collector, Elaine Hart
  - ★ Tax Assessor Deputy, Sharon Allen
- ★ County & District Clerk, Kate Hurt
- ★ Deputy County Clerk, D'Anna Russell
- ★ Justice of the Peace - Cora Smallwood
- ★ Treasurer - Eva Barkley
- ★ County Attorney - Tempie Francis
- ★ County Appraiser - Brenda Osborn
- ★ County Agent - Lonnie Jenschke
- ★ Agent/Judge Secretary - Greta Smallwood
- ★ DPS Troopers: Mark Gumaer and Greg Hendry
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- ★ Courthouse Maintenance - Larry Markham
- ★ Road Maintenance:
  - ★ David Taylor, Prec. I; Tommy Beck, Prec. II;
  - ★ Richard Thomas, Prec. III; Dean Osborn, Prec. IV



Leaving Spur for service in Army WWI. (photo from Dickens County, It's Land and People)



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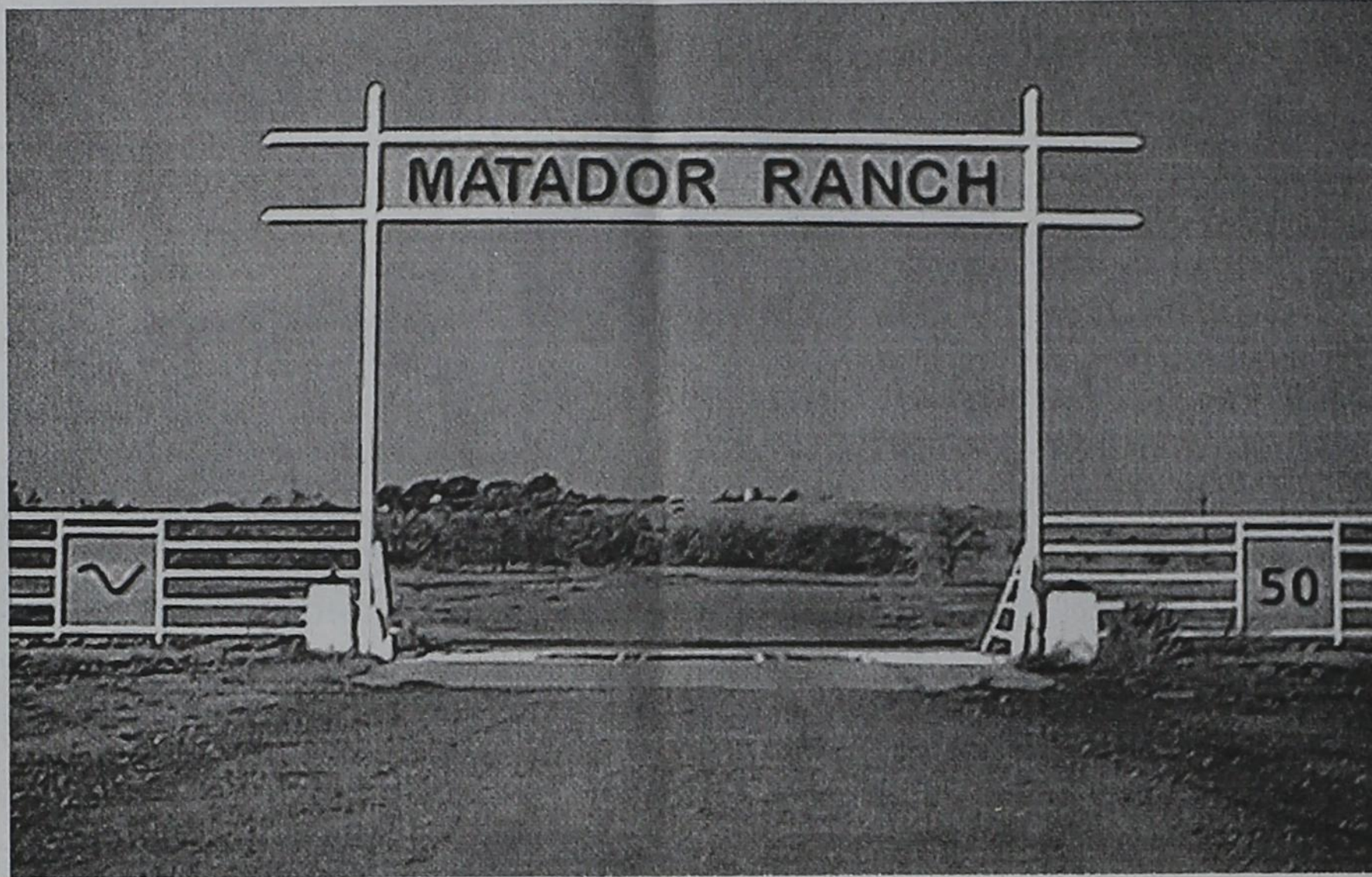
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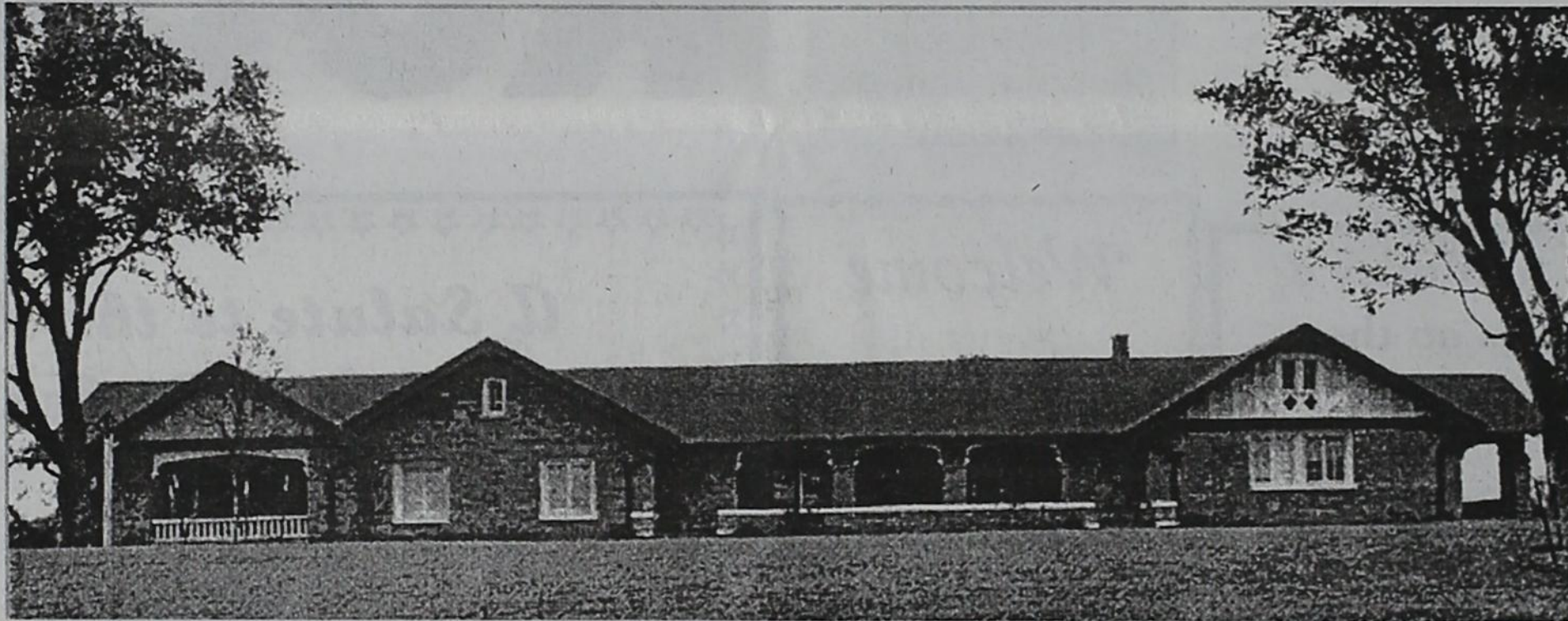
# 50 YEARS

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Entrance gate at the Matador Ranch.



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