

Motley County School News



WHAT'S HAPPENING???



BEST BICYCLE — Shonda and Shelby Elliott received the trophy for having the best bicycle in the Old Settlers Parade.

Sophomores elect class officers, favorites

by Brenda Gillespie

The Sophomore Class has elected class officers and class favorites for the school year, 2000-01. The class officers are Chantry Meyer, President; Clint Cooper, Vice-President; Chasity Holman, Secretary-Treasurer; and Brenda Gillespie, Reporter. The Student Council Representatives are Chantry Meyer and Clint Cooper. The class favorites are Chasity Holman and Chantry Meyer. The sophomores will be conducting the annual **MAGAZINE SALES** and renewals beginning on August

31. Please contact any sophomore student to either buy or renew a magazine subscription. Some merchandise, such as CDs, will also be available. You may contact either of the sophomore sponsors, Jim Cooper or Kathy Gillespie, who will be glad to send a sophomore student to you. The class also decided to sell rooster ribbons as well as antenna balls beginning about September 15. The cost of each of these items will be \$2.00. The Sophomore Class appreciates your support of its activities. Thank you!

What's to Eat?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day Holiday!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dog, Chili, Cheese, Tater Tots, Pickles, Juice Bar, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Black-eyed peas, Fried Okra, Cantaloupe, Cornbread, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Spanish Sauce, Green Beans, New Whole Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peaches, Cowboy Cookies, Milk.

Monday, Sept. 4: Labor Day Holiday!
Tuesday, Sept. 5: District FFA meeting, here, 4:40 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8: Motley County football vs. Meadow, 7:30.
Saturday, Sept. 9: Cross Country at Guthrie.
Monday, Sept. 11: Board Meeting at 7:30.
Thursday, Sept. 14: Jr. High Football vs. Smyer, 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15: Football at Smyer, 7:30.
Thursday, Sept. 21: Jr. High Football at Lorenzo, 5:00.
Friday, Sept. 22: MC vs. Lorenzo, 7:30. **HOMEcomings GAME!** End of first six weeks.
Saturday, Sept. 23: Cross Country at Quanah.
ACT Test at MCHS.
Tuesday, Sept. 26: College Day at MCHS.
Thursday, Sept. 28: Jr. High Football vs. Anton, 5:00.
Friday, Sept. 29: MC vs. Anton, there, 7:30.

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Monday is school holiday

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2000, is a school holiday for Motley County students and staff. Classes will resume at their regular time on Tuesday, September 5.

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

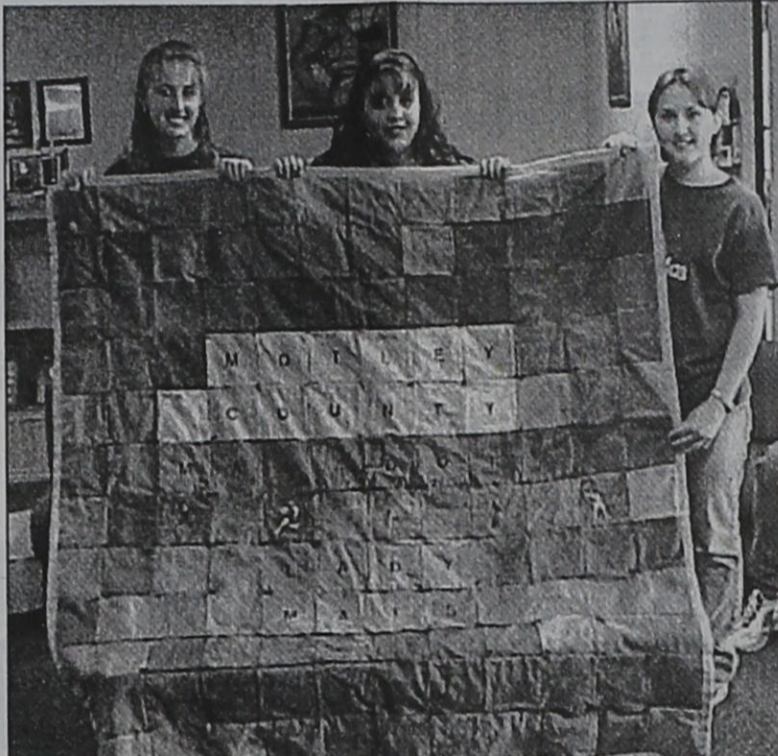
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The Senior Class of Motley County High School is sponsoring a drawing for a personalized homemade 5' x 5' quilt. The quilt is made of denim squares and red bordering and backing. Designs of football, basketball, golf, cheerleading and tennis are embroidered into the quilt. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any senior class member or their sponsors, Jan Jones or Amy Bowles. The lucky winner will be announced at Homecoming, September 22, during half-time of the football game at Motley County football stadium. Proceeds will be used for Senior Class 2001 activities.

Effective September 30

OUR CHANGES MEAN MORE CHOICES FOR YOU.

How Will Our Changes Affect You?
We will no longer take bill payments or offer merchandise at our local offices, effective September 30. However, we will be using most of our offices for operational purposes so that we can continue to provide exceptional customer service and outage response. We have made many changes during the past year that will provide more choices for our customers in how they pay their bills and conduct business with WTU.

Will This Change Affect Your Service?
Absolutely not. During this past year, we have added to the services available – like 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week, toll-free access to our customer service center, 1-888-216-3523. We've added payment options, including the Internet. And, even though we're shifting around some of our resources, critical areas, such as responding to outages and other emergencies will continue to receive the same high priority they get today.

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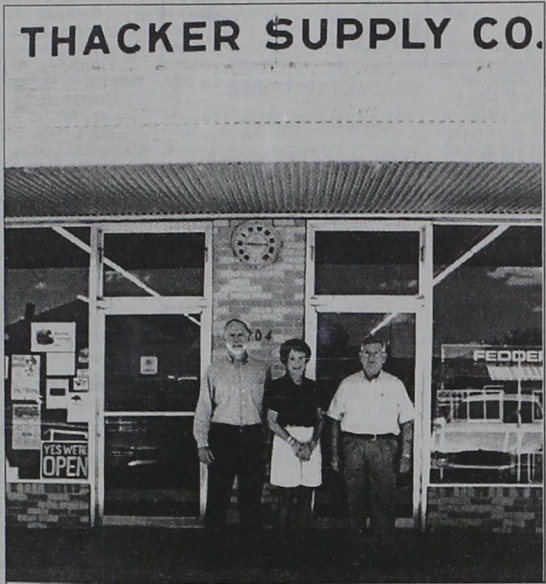
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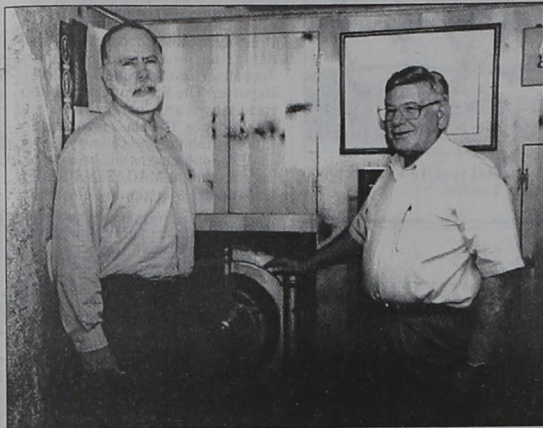
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Jeff and Buzz Thacker standing next to the safe in the store, which was the original safe in the Roaring Springs bank.



Joyce and Caldwell Smith, Lillian and Melton Thacker, and LaVoe and Buzz Thacker, pictured in Thacker Supply when they celebrated the store's 50th Anniversary in 1970.

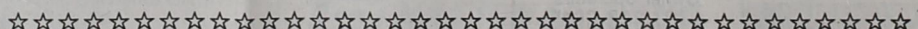


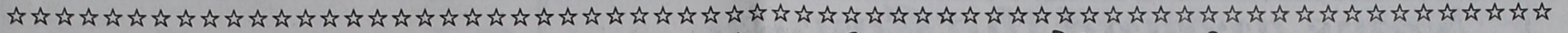
Buzz and LaVoe Thacker look at television sets at market in the early 60's.

Best wishes as you begin a new phase

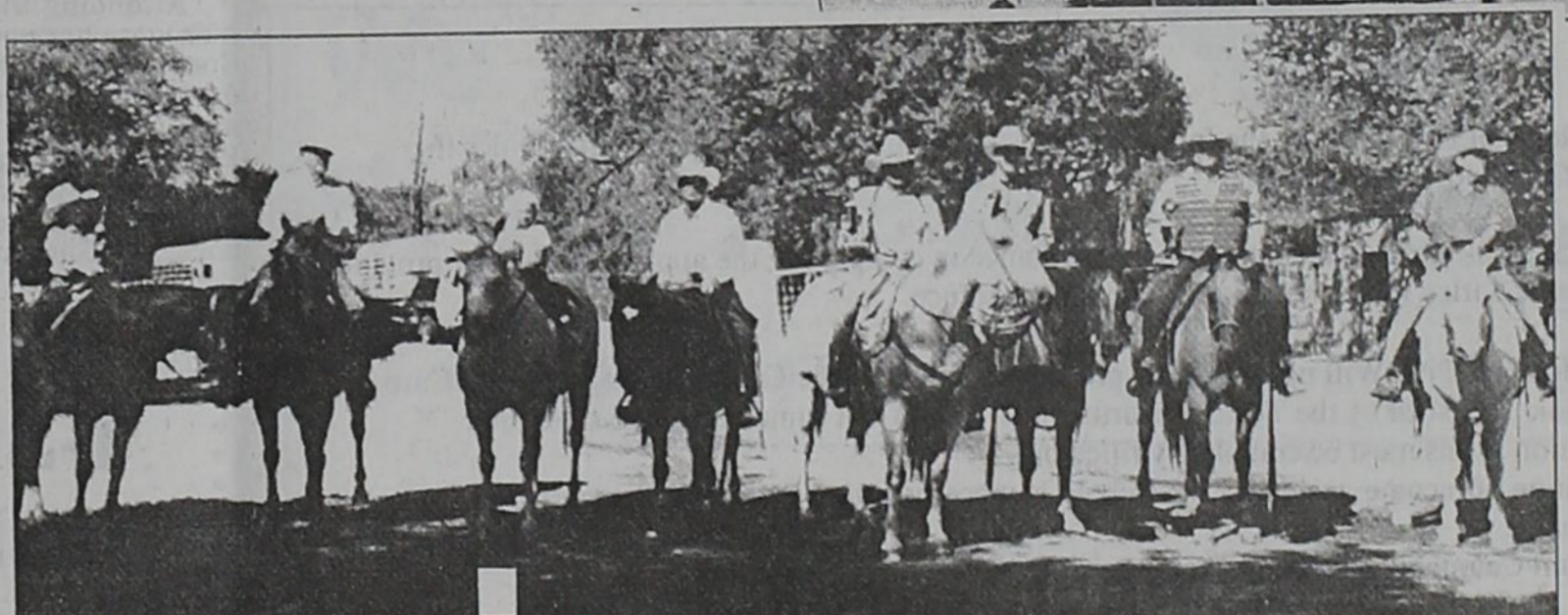
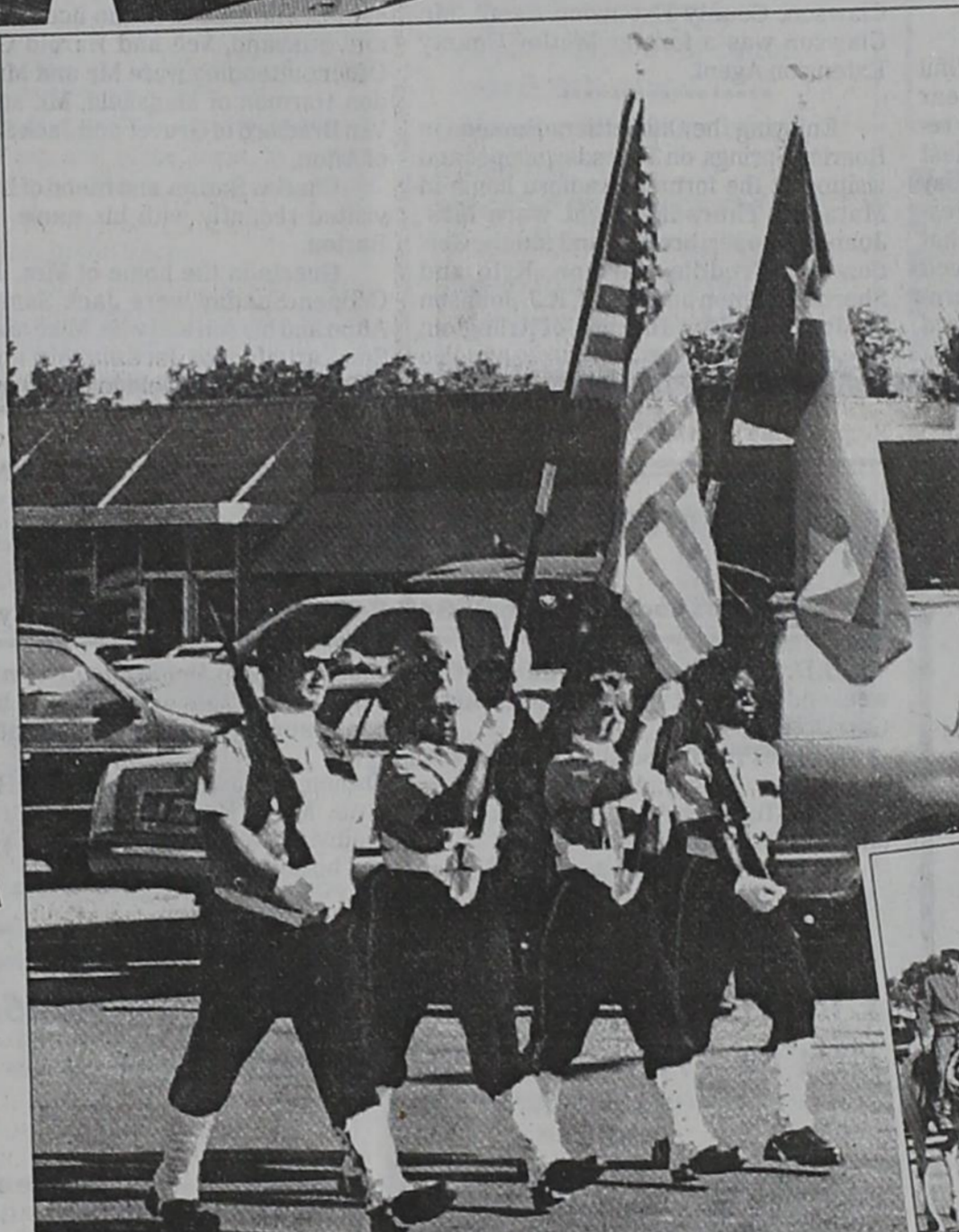
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The 2000 Old Settlers Parade

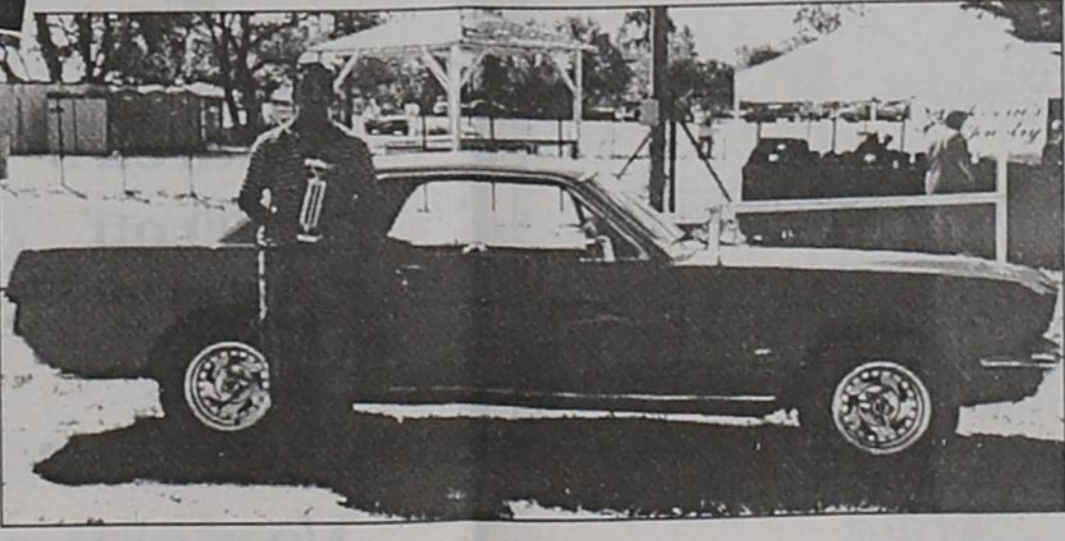


BEST JR. COWBOY, Clay Ragland, (pictured left to right); man unidentified; Best Jr. Cowgirl, Leeanne Jameson, and her great-granddad, Banty Brandon; Best Old Time Cowboy, J. Don Finch; Best Modern Day Cowboy, Andy Jones; Best Modern Cowgirl, D'Anna Russell; and Best Old Time Cowgirl, Karen Chaney.

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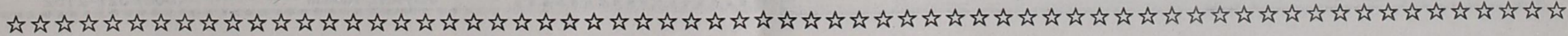
BEST HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE — Spur Bed & Breakfast



BEST ANTIQUE CAR — 1966 Red Ford Mustang (driver unknown)



BEST FLOAT — Dickens County Courthouse





Farm and Ranch News



High Plains farmers brace for second wave of armyworms

As West Texas cotton growers battle the region's worst outbreak of beet armyworms since 1980, they now must brace for a second wave of insects targeting their fields. Extension personnel are reporting high counts of cotton bollworm moths and egg masses, and expect bollworm counts to increase over the next two weeks.

Moreover, they stress that careful insecticide selection is vital to avoid the flaring of a third wave of pests — aphids.

A phenomenal level of bollworm egg laying has been reported in Hockley and Cochran counties. And, in Lamb County, egg laying has ranged from 1,446 to 10,649 eggs per acre. Even though high temperatures, low humidity and natural predators are accounting for some egg and small larvae mortality, many fields likely will see threshold numbers and require treatment.

To compound the problem, beet armyworm populations remain at high levels throughout the High

Plains. In a newsletter from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Jim Laser reminded growers that square, bloom and boll feeding will exceed leaf feeding as August progresses. Growers should treat armyworm and bollworm infestations using a threshold of 10,000 worms per acre, counting only the smaller worms. Leser noted that Tracer Naturalyte insect control works well in situations where bollworms and armyworms are the target pests.

Leser advised growers to be cautious in choosing products to control excessive worm populations because cotton aphids are currently being found in many fields. With some county reports showing aphids in 90 percent of fields, making the proper insect control decision is key to keeping the aphid population at a manageable level.

"If aphids are present but not at economic threshold levels, it is important growers select a product that will leave beneficial insects in the

field," said Bill Hendrix, customer agronomist with Dow AgroSciences. "These natural predators play a vital role in keeping aphids below threshold."

Extension personnel stress that two applications of pyrethroid 10 to 14 days apart have been shown to promote a rapid increase in aphid numbers. Hendrix said a better alternative is Tracer.

Spray coverage during late-season applications also is critical to achieving optimum control because the plant canopy becomes more dense. Increasing the spray pressure and using a methylated seed oil and organosilicon surfactant will increase coverage and improve the consistency of performance. Timing is also essential for efficacy.

Short supplies of some armyworm insecticides have caused concern for producers the last few weeks. Dow Agro-Sciences already is diverting supplies of Tracer and Lorsban-4E insecticide from other

parts of the country to address local needs and increased the number of customer representatives, technical staff and support staff in the area to help meet grower needs. Additionally, both Tracer and Lorsban 4-E are being shipped to the area by the truckloads to help combat the large-scale outbreak and pest mix.



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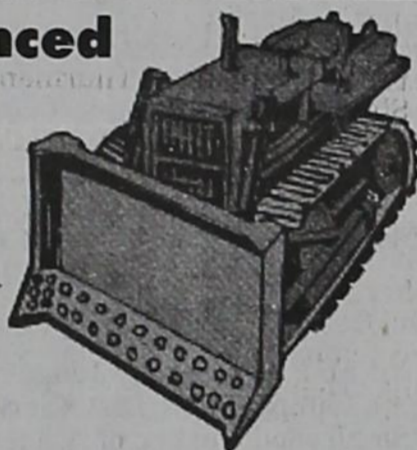
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4. Put this in a refrigerator to soak overnight (this part is often neglected but according to the Merc fishing pros it assures good taste later)
5. The next day rinse the fish under a water tap and place them in plastic bags or containers filled with fresh water
6. Put these in the freezer
7. When you're hungry for fresh fish, remove the container from the freezer, a day ahead of time and allow it to thaw in a refrigerator
8. Dry the fish with a cloth before frying or broiling them

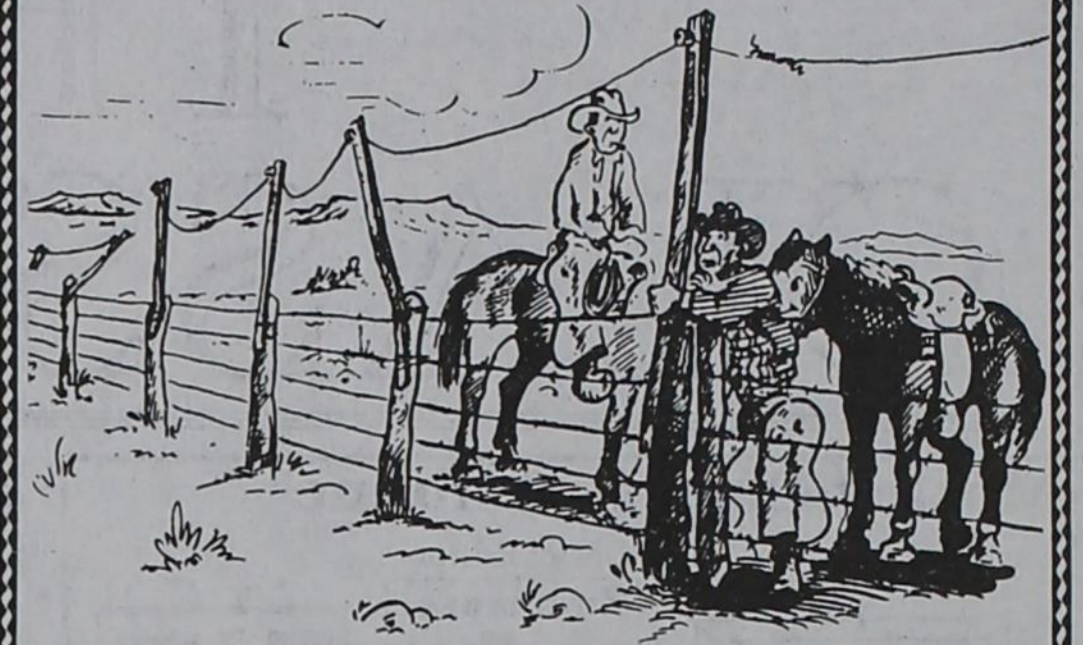
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