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OLD SETTLERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

— Thursday, August 26:

10:00 a.m. - Parade in downtown Roaring Springs. Individuals, organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. are urged to participate. The parade route will continue to the Old Settlers grounds where plaques will be awarded for the best entries.

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service at the historical Tabernacle.

1:00 p.m. - Business meeting at the Tabernacle.

4:00 p.m. - Free Dance featuring Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band.

4:30 p.m. - Motley and Dickens county arena events.

8:30 p.m. - Old Folks Dance for young and old in the Tabernacle.

Admission on the grounds is free on Thursday.

— Friday, August 27:

9:00 a.m. - Books open for Ranch Cutting Horse. Competition will begin at 10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Cowboy Church Band featuring Ron and Marianne Brunson, Rodeo Arena.

6:30 p.m. - Jr. Flag Race for kids 11 years and under.

7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo featuring Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting and Double Mugging.

Open Bull Riding.

8:30 p.m. - Dance to Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band at the Tabernacle.

— Saturday, August 28:

9:00 a.m. - Books open for Team Roping. Books will close at 9:45 a.m. - no late entries.

10:00 a.m. - Team Roping begins.

2:00 p.m. - Washer Pitch Contest

3:00 p.m. - Kids' Turtle Race. Three age divisions, 0-4, 5-9, and 10-14. \$50 will be awarded to the winner in each division.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Pokey the Clown WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo.

Waltz Contest at Tabernacle.

7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo

8:30 p.m. - Dance at Tabernacle, Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band.

Young Folks Dance, concrete slab, featuring The Texas Highway 114 Band.

Concessions will be available on the grounds, by Charlie Carter Food Concessions.

Admission on grounds, Friday and Saturday, \$5.00 per person, free to children 12 & under.

Matador will receive funds for Hackberry Creek Care Center

MATADOR, TEXAS - USDA Rural Development, State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced today that the Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc., received a \$4,550,000 community facilities loan and grant. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

The funds will be used to construct a 50-bed health care facility with 26,000 square feet.

The Fiscal Year 2003, a total of \$15.2 million in direct and guaranteed loans were obligated. Community Facilities loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services.

These loans and grants are made to public entities and non-profit organizations. Ex-

amples of eligible projects include rural healthcare clinics, town halls, fire trucks, county safety equipment, jaws of life, early warning systems, community centers, libraries, day care centers, and schools.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Lubbock Loan Office at 806-785-5644, Ext. 4.

Motley County's oldest resident has a century of memories

Motley County's oldest resident has a century of memories. Vera Mitchell, of Roaring Springs, celebrated her 100th birthday last November.

Mrs. Mitchell has been honored with four plaques at the Old Settlers Memorial Service as Motley County's Oldest Woman and the Woman Living the Longest in Motley County over the years.

"Sometimes there were older people than me, but they weren't there," she explained.

If Mrs. Mitchell had been able to attend the service the past few years, she would, most certainly, have more plaques to

add to her collection. She plans to attend this year.

She was born in Montague County, November 8, 1903, to Lee and Cora Webb, the third of seven children.

The Webb family moved to Motley County in the Fall of 1921. Vera was 17.

"I remember moving," she said. "We came to Roaring Springs by train and arrived at the same Depot that is still here today."

When the Webb family moved to this area, Roaring Springs was in its prime. "The town was fairly new," Mrs.

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MOTLEY COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT — Mrs. Vera Mitchell is Motley County's oldest resident. She will celebrate her 101st birthday in November.

Local teen seeks title of 2004 Rodeo Queen

Kayla Hollinsworth, the 13-year-old daughter of Larry and Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs, is Motley County's Old Settlers Rodeo Queen Candidate.

Kayla was born November 12, 1990 in Lubbock and moved to Roaring Springs with her parents in 1996.

She is an eighth grade student at Motley County Jr. High School, where she is a Jr. High Cheerleader and a member of the Lady Maverick's basketball team.

Kayla is a Jr. Counselor for a Brownie Troop and helps at Kids' Camp and Vacation Bible School.

She also enjoys art and has won many awards with her paintings. Her hobbies include horseback riding, swimming and gymnastics. She plans to be a Veterinarian some day.



Kayla Hollinsworth

Kayla is selling tickets for a set of Jim Bo Humphreys handmade spurs.

The 2004 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen will be crowned during Saturday night's Rodeo performance.

Matador Cowboys will meet for 11th Annual Reunion

Matador Cowboys, past and present, and their families will meet for the 11th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion, Saturday, August 28, at 11:00 a.m. in the Roaring Springs Community Center, located directly across the street from the Old Settlers grounds.

The annual reunion is a get-together of old timers who worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company and/or any of its successors, plus those currently on the Matador Ranch payroll. Spouses and guests of eligible participants are welcome.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish and beverages. Ice and cups will be available for tea and soft drinks. And coffee will be plentiful.

For more information contact Judge Ed D. Smith at 347-2334 or 348-7272.

Flomot Baptist Church to celebrate 90th birthday

The members of the First Baptist Church in Flomot invite all past, present and future members to the 90th birthday celebration on August 28-29, 2004.

At 6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 28th there will be a fish fry supper and time of tribute to all former pastors and members. Sunday, August 29th church ser-

vices will be at 10:00 a.m. with a tribute to all who made and make this church a lighthouse to the gospel of Jesus Christ. A covered dish luncheon will follow the services in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend. God bless each of you.

Pokey the Clown will host Roaring Springs' second WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo



Pokey the Clown will host the 2nd Jr. Ranch Rodeo at Roaring Springs during Old Settlers.

Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo will take place again this year in the Roaring Springs arena, Saturday, August 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. 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 of the working ranch hand.

"Along the way, everyone who gets 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 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 Relay requires the youngest member to milk a wooden cow that Pokey designed to accommodate a Plains Dairy milk bottle.

Calf Branding will also be included in the events and 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 each team.

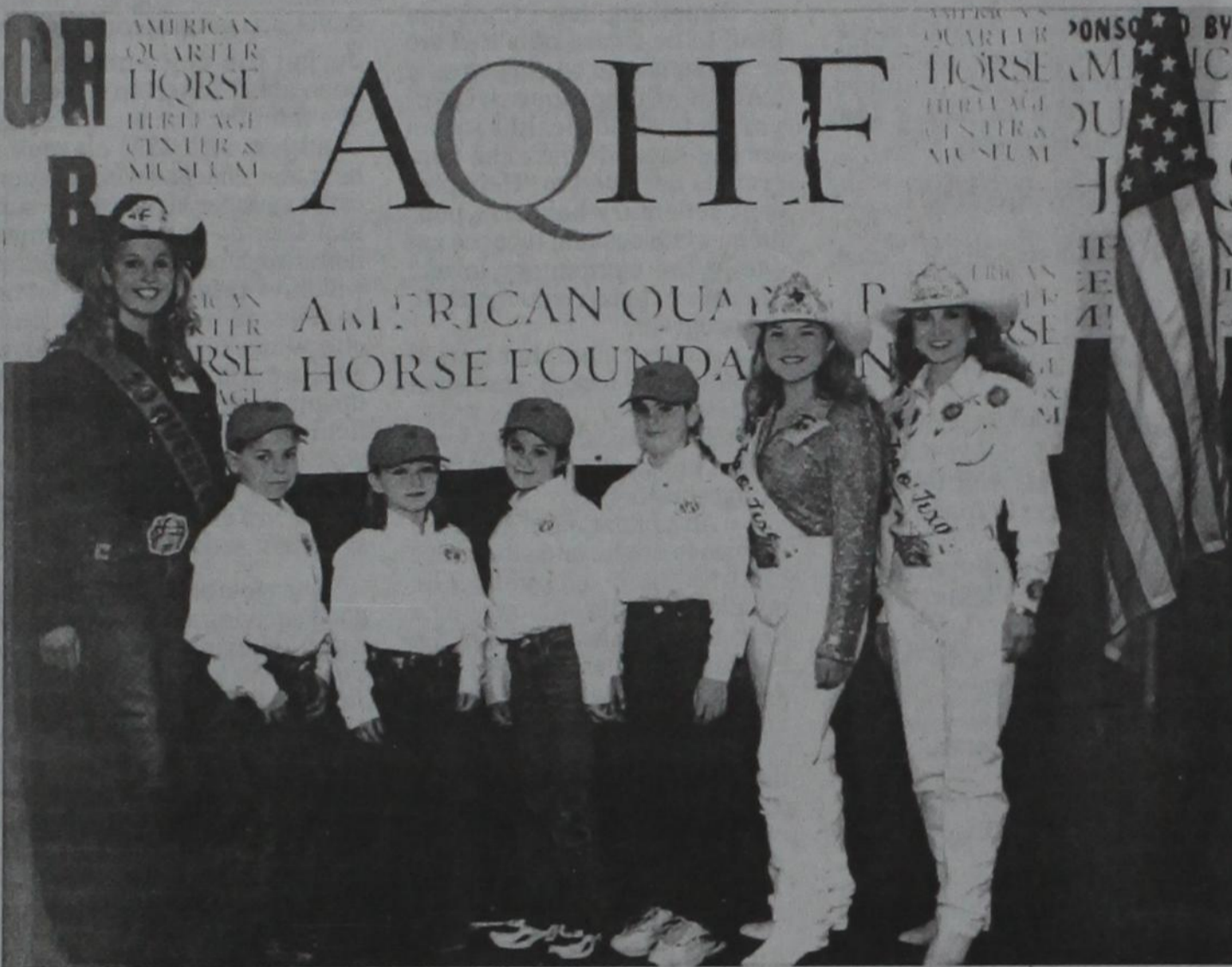
Age divisions are 3-7, 8-11, and 12-16. Each team should have a variety of ages with older ones providing horse power and leadership.

Pre-registration and practice for the Jr. Ranch Rodeo will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Rodeo grounds. The entry fee is \$20 per team. Entries will be accepted until the event starts.

Pokey urges parents and grandparents to bring their cameras to capture the hilarious antics of their cowboys and cowgirls.



JO-BARB-DEE GIFT SHOP held its Grand Opening July 17. JoAnn and Bill Durham, pictured above, recently opened the gift shop in the front of their beauty shop, JoAnn's Country Coiffure, where the Barber Shop was previously located. The Durham's offer many gift items including birdhouses, jewelry, western framed prints, crosses and other items. They are located on Dundee St. in Matador, next door to the Motley County Tribune.



RALPH'S LITTLE RASCALS — Dusty White, Carli Maxwell, Kara Hurt and Kay Lee Adams, all of Guthrie, (pictured left to right), were the 2003 winners of the Roaring Springs Pokey the Clown NRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo. They were runners-up in their division at the Amarillo finals, November 2003. The team was sponsored by Ralph Powell of Matador.



Congratulations to Motley & Dickens Counties on the 81st Annual Old Settlers Reunion!



Farmers with their first bales of cotton ginned for the year. New Spur National Bank building in background. (photo from Dickens County, Its Land and People)

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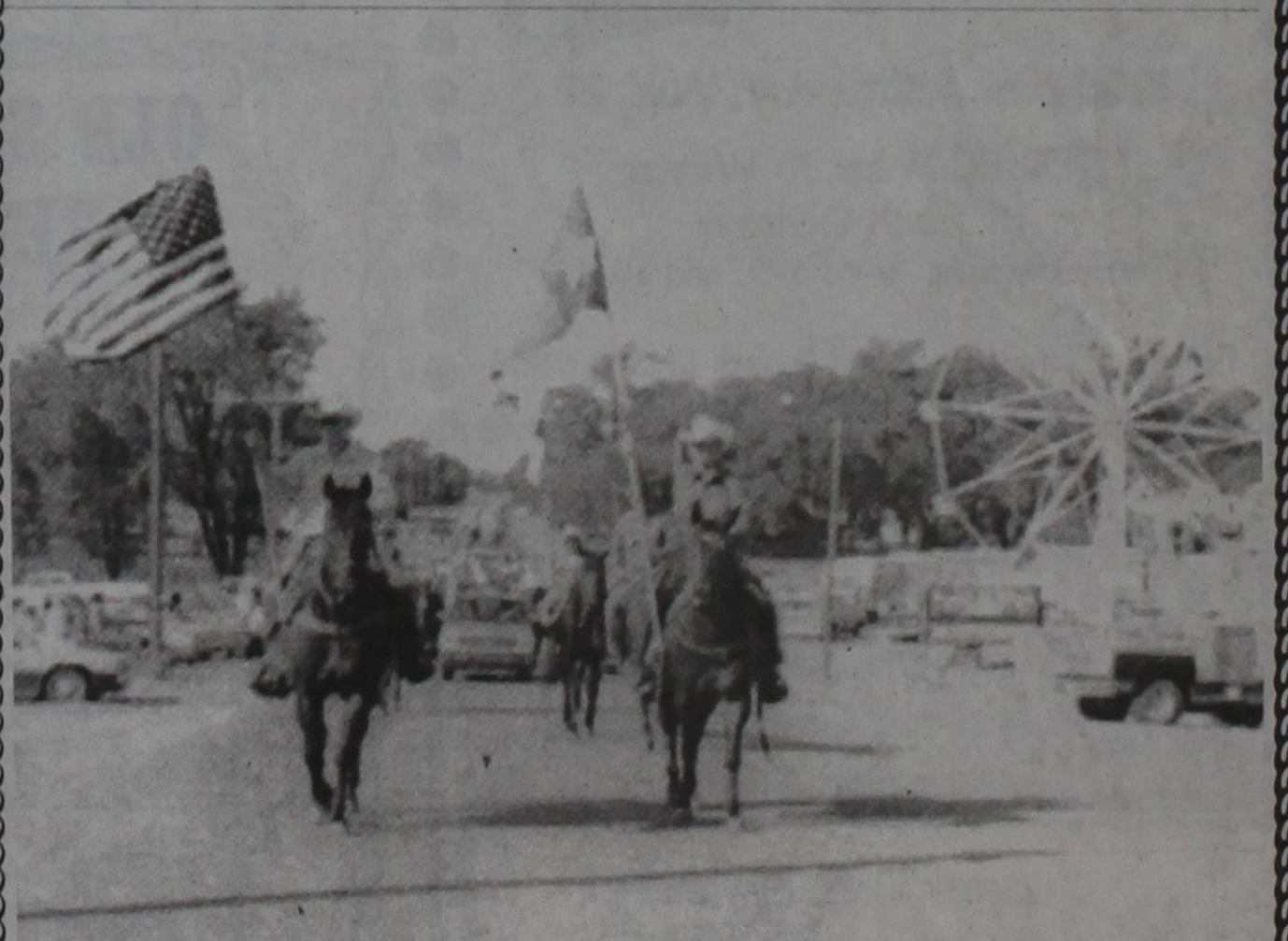
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Welcome to Motley County and the Old Settlers Reunion



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.

Tribune file photo

We offer a tribute to our Pioneers!

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Never missed an Old Settlers' Reunion



Mrs. Sue Green Maxey at last year's Old Settlers' Reunion. Mrs. Maxey has never missed an Old Settlers celebration.

Sue Green Maxey, of Post, has never missed an Old Settlers Reunion. Mrs. Maxey, 90 years young, lives in Post with her husband, Quanah Maxey.

She was born near the Springs in 1910, to Duff and Myra Green. She attended her first Old Settlers, which was the first celebration held, in 1923.

"My parents helped to establish the Old Settlers reunion. I remember my mother would cook for days to take to Old Settlers," Mrs. Maxey recalled. "We would load the wagon and go to the Springs for Old Settlers. At that time there was no swimming pool."

Duff and Myra Green were parents to two boys, Mervin and John, and five girls, Mary (Webb), Ruth (Kirksey), now both deceased, Sue, Nell (Stevens) of Nevada, and Nina (Sinclair) of Lubbock.

"We were all born and raised near Roaring Springs and we all attended school at Roaring Springs," Mrs. Maxey said.

Sue graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1932 and moved to Post soon after graduation. "I moved in with my cousin to baby-sit for her," she explained.

Mrs. Maxey recalled attending a birthday party across the street from where she lived with her cousin. The party was for a nice young man by the name of Quanah Maxey. "My husband was named after Quanah Parker, the Indian Chief," Mrs. Maxey explained.

"Our first date we went to a Harley Saddler Tent Show in Post," she fondly remembered.

The young Miss. Green and Mr. Maxey were married in 1936. They have three daughters, Corabeth (White), Jane (Mason), and Diane (Graves). All three live in Post with their families.

The Maxeys have now been married 68 years.

"My oldest daughter was born July 31, 1939, and when she was only 3 weeks old, we took her to Old Settlers," Mrs. Maxey remembered.

Roaring Springs Reporter
May 24, 1934

Brand 186 Calves on Baker Ranch

J.M. Jackson, manager of the Baker Children Ranch, accompanied by F.C. King, made a trip to the ranch recently to oversee the branding of 186 calves — "T" on left hip. Mr. Jackson employed 10 men for the day to use in helping brand the calves, and keeps one man employed regularly.

The Baker Children Ranch, located near Dobbs City, consists of 14 sections and is stocked with 700 Hereford cattle. The ranch is watered by 7 windmills and several tanks.

Mr. Jackson stated that this ranch produces an annual average of 250 calves, and that the remainder of this year's calf crop will be branded in the fall.

"For years we came for all three days of the celebration and would stay with my parents or family. After her father's death, she would take her mother to the celebration. "I usually only come for Thursday,

now," she said.

Mrs. Maxey said she has had a lot of fun times at the annual celebration and plans to attend the reunion as long as she can.

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THE GREEN HOUSE — A very early photo of Duff and Myra Green's house in Roaring Springs. The house stayed in the Green family until a few ago when Mr. and Mrs. D.A McGuire purchased the home.

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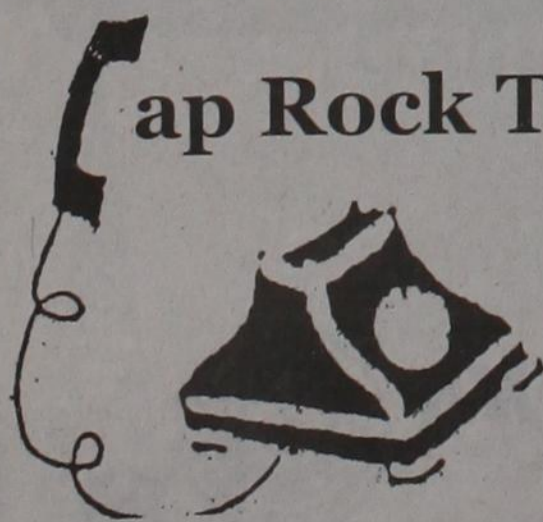
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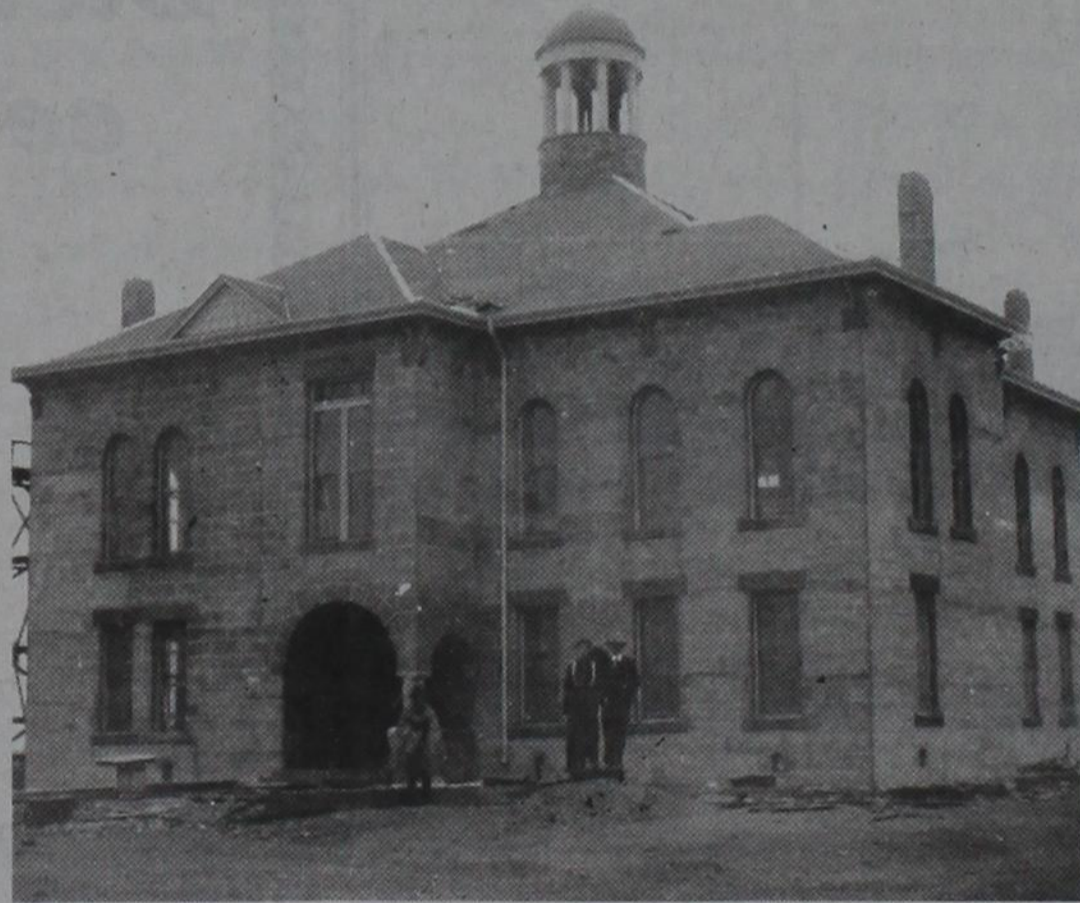


Roaring Springs picnic, about 1920, Orlena (Murphy) Hotchco at right. (Tribune file photo)

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A Salute to the Pioneers of Motley & Dickens Counties



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

MOTLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE STAFF

Motley County Judge: Ed D. Smith
County Commissioners: Precinct 1, Ronnie Davis; Precinct 2, Donnie Turner; Precinct 3, Franklin Jameson; Precinct 4, Russell Alexander

Sheriff: James B. "Jim" Meador Deputy: Rickey Lawrence
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

DPS Troopers: Chad Overton and Jason McMillan
Game Warden: Ted Davey

Courthouse Maintenance: Larry Markham

Road Maintenance: David Taylor, Prec. 1 Tommy Beck, Prec. 2
Richard Thomas, Prec. 3, Dean Osborn, Prec. 4

Billie Dean's Restaurant, Motel celebrates 40 years in business

by Amanda Hurt

Many towns have that one thing that stands as a symbol of the town. In Matador the symbol would have to be Billie Dean's Restaurant. For four decades Billie Dean's has served fresh home cooked meals to Motley County residents and passersby for years. In fact they are celebrating their 40th anniversary this month.

Joe and Billie Dean Smith moved their family to Matador in 1964 after purchasing the restaurant and motel from Ken Bozman in Lubbock. Prior to moving to Matador the Smith's owned a truck stop in Benjamin a restaurant called the Triple N in Borger and a coffee shop in Munday. "We've been in the restaurant business for years" Billie Dean said.

Even though their roots aren't in Motley County they're still as much a part of Matador as anyone. Billie Dean was born and raised in Oklahoma and Joe was raised in Rochester, Texas.

The Smith's sold the restaurant in 1966 to Ed Smith and two years later opened Billie Dean's Drive-In in 1968, which was located where Joe P's is now located. In 1974 they bought back the restaurant, but didn't open until 1978.

Joe and Billie Dean raised

three children, Chip, who is now deceased, Seven (Alexander) and Pat. They also have seven grandchildren: David, Daniel, Jeremy, Scott, Rachel, Christy and Alyx and two great-grandchildren: Regan and Madison and one on the way.

Billie Dean's offers a full menu and specialize in home cooked chicken fried steak and their famous onion rings. They have been serving onion rings since the beginning in 1964 and even ran a onion ring factory for a year. Texas Tech, Reese Air Force Base and other various establishments purchased their delicious onion rings. "But after a year the price of onion rings went up and we couldn't keep enough help to run it" Billie Dean commented.

Billie Dean's, just like anything else, has seen its share of the hard times. The restaurant burned to the ground in 1987 from a grease fire.

"I was in the back in the kitchen and ran up front and told everyone to get out because there was a fire that I couldn't put out. There was a lady here drinking a cup of coffee and took the time to pay me for the coffee and I took the time to take the money and put it in the register and then finally got out of the fire. But I didn't take the time to take the register" Pat remembered with a laugh.

After the devastating fire they re-opened the restaurant in 1988.

Billie Dean's Restaurant is really a true example of a "family affair." Over the years every kid and grandkid has had a part in the restaurant. Mr. Smith passed away in August of 2000 and since then the kids and Billie Dean have kept the restaurant and motel running strong.

Billie Dean's has always helped high school kids and anyone needing a job. "Almost everyone in town has worked here" Billie Dean said with a smile.

Current employs are Nelda Thomas who has worked at Billie Dean's since 1996, Brandi Baker, Tony Gonzales, Paula Horton, Linda Ruhl, and Linda Gonzales who has worked off and on since she was a freshman in high school.

Billie Dean's Restaurant is widely known and has even been featured in *Texas Monthly* magazine.

After 40 years of service we'll most likely see Billie Dean's around for another forty. "We love serving the community and that's what its all about."

Billie Dean's hours are Monday, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 6:00 - 2:00.



Pat Smith and his mother Billie Dean Smith are pictured above behind the counter at Billie Dean's Restaurant. The establishment is celebrating its 40 anniversary this month.

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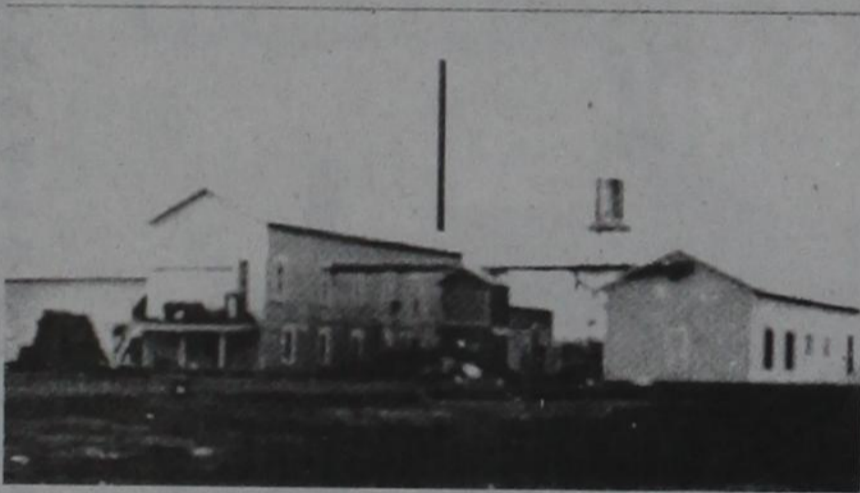
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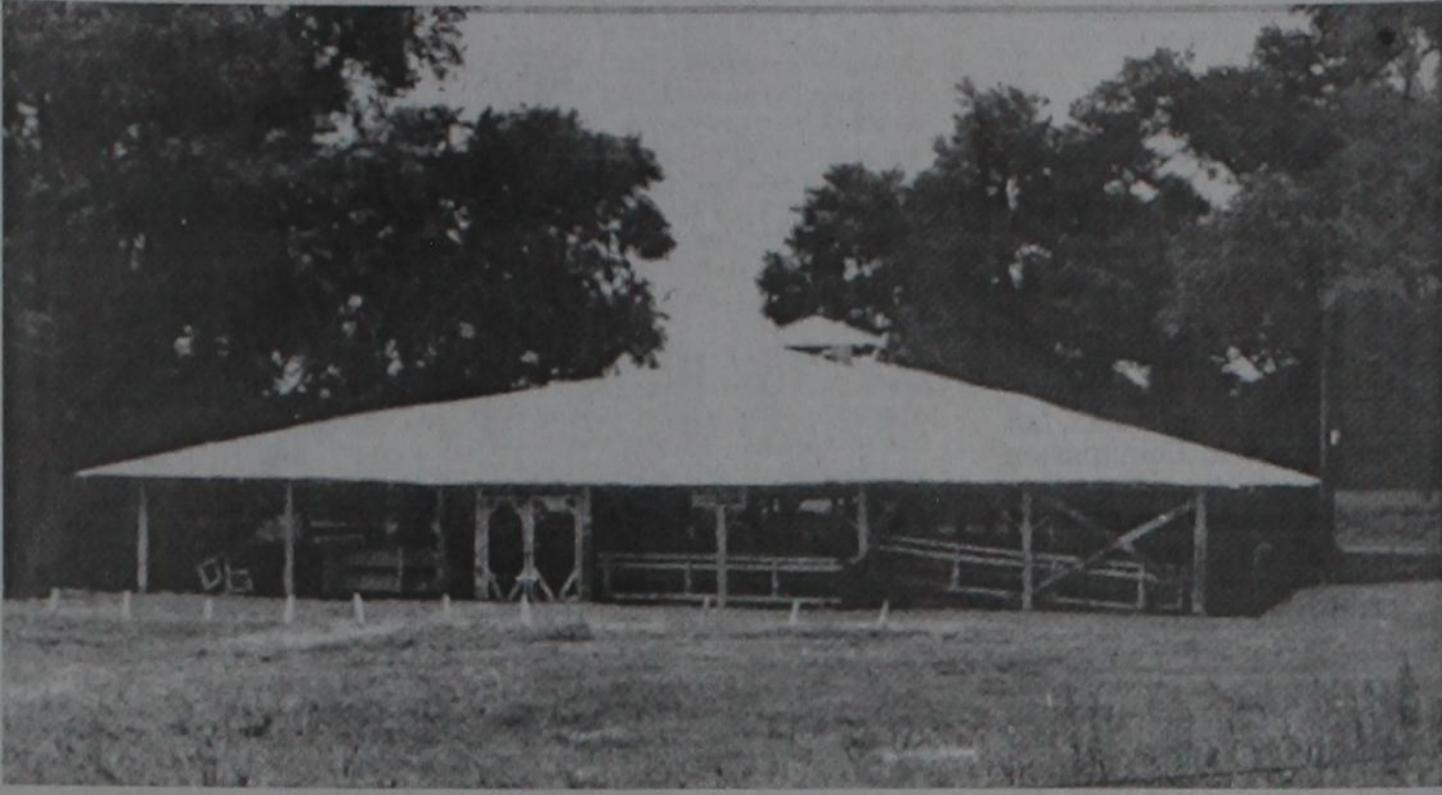
Men at work building roads south of Roaring Springs, 1933-34.



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The historic tabernacle in Roaring Springs is in need of much repair. Will the Old Settlers pavilion survive another year? This landmark is part of Motley and Dickens County history. Anyone with an interest in saving the landmark should attend the Business Meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the tabernacle on Thursday.

Will the Old Settlers pavilion survive?

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 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 rodeo, the washer pitch, the turtle race, and all the activities, new memories are being made for future stories. The eighty-plus year-old tradition continues, but in the future, will The Tabernacle be there? Will we care?

Eighteen Ranches sign up for Old Settlers Rodeo

Eighteen ranches have signed up to compete in the 2004 Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday night in Roaring Springs.

Ranches and team members include the following:

Triangle Ranch, Paducah - Mike Meek, Frank Wright, Brent Brownlee, Bruce Slover, and Kelly Butler, Bronc Rider.

Masterson Ranch, Guthrie - Edward Estrada, Robert Estrada, Kenny Chambers, Tom Butler, and Robert Masterson.

LaMejor Livestock, Seymour - Don McCauley, Eddie Daniel, Chance Shaffer, Aaron Stanfield, and Zack Wadsworth.

High Card Ranches, Amarillo - Josh Halsell, Elwyn McCleskey, Willie McCleskey, and Wyman McCleskey.

Quien Sabe Ranch, Vega - Tom Stout, Saturday.

Rafter S, Clarendon - Joe Shadle, Brad Shadle, Josie Shadle, Randy Crump and Wes Mason.

Baugh Family Ranches, Rotan - Baugh Family Ranches is owned by the family of legendary Washington Redskins quarterback "sling in Sammy

Baugh," member of the Football Hall of Fame. Baugh still holds punting records that he set during his professional football career that spanned from 1937-1953. Sam is 90 years old and resides at the ranch. His son David Baugh is the ranch manager. The Baugh Ranch was purchased in 1948 and consists of 35 sections in Stonewall, Kent and Fisher counties. The cow-calf operation runs Beefmaster, Brangus, and Angus cross cows.

Rodeo team members will be Eddie Roby, Capt., Terry Fowler, Cody Newton, Ronnie Hale, Shad Bradford.

North Spade Ranch, Lubbock - John Bland, Tanner Johnson.

Wagon Hammer Team, Matador - Gilbert Guerrero, Todd Thomas, Tim Washington, Matt Washington, Tommy Cooper.

Bradley Ranch, Est. 1877, Wichita Co. Saturday - J.B. Miller, Cobey Turner, Nathan Carter and Kye Brandon.

Foster Ranch, Aspermont - Will Foster, Leland Foster, Rick Ferguson, Scooter McCaleb,

Kerry Adams, Doug Harney, Rafter F, Peaster - Wes Farley, Skeeter Smith, Eric Smith, Johnny Hall, Buddy Thomas.

Cowan Ranch, Seymour.

Tongue River, DeRidder, La., Dumont and Paducah - Bubba Smith, Justin Johnson, Tye Smith, Pate Meinzer, Ray Bradley

RO Ranch, Clarendon. Rafter L, Groom - Lonny Brown, Russell Baldwin, Burk Adcock, Ty Bougaman, Todd Beedy.

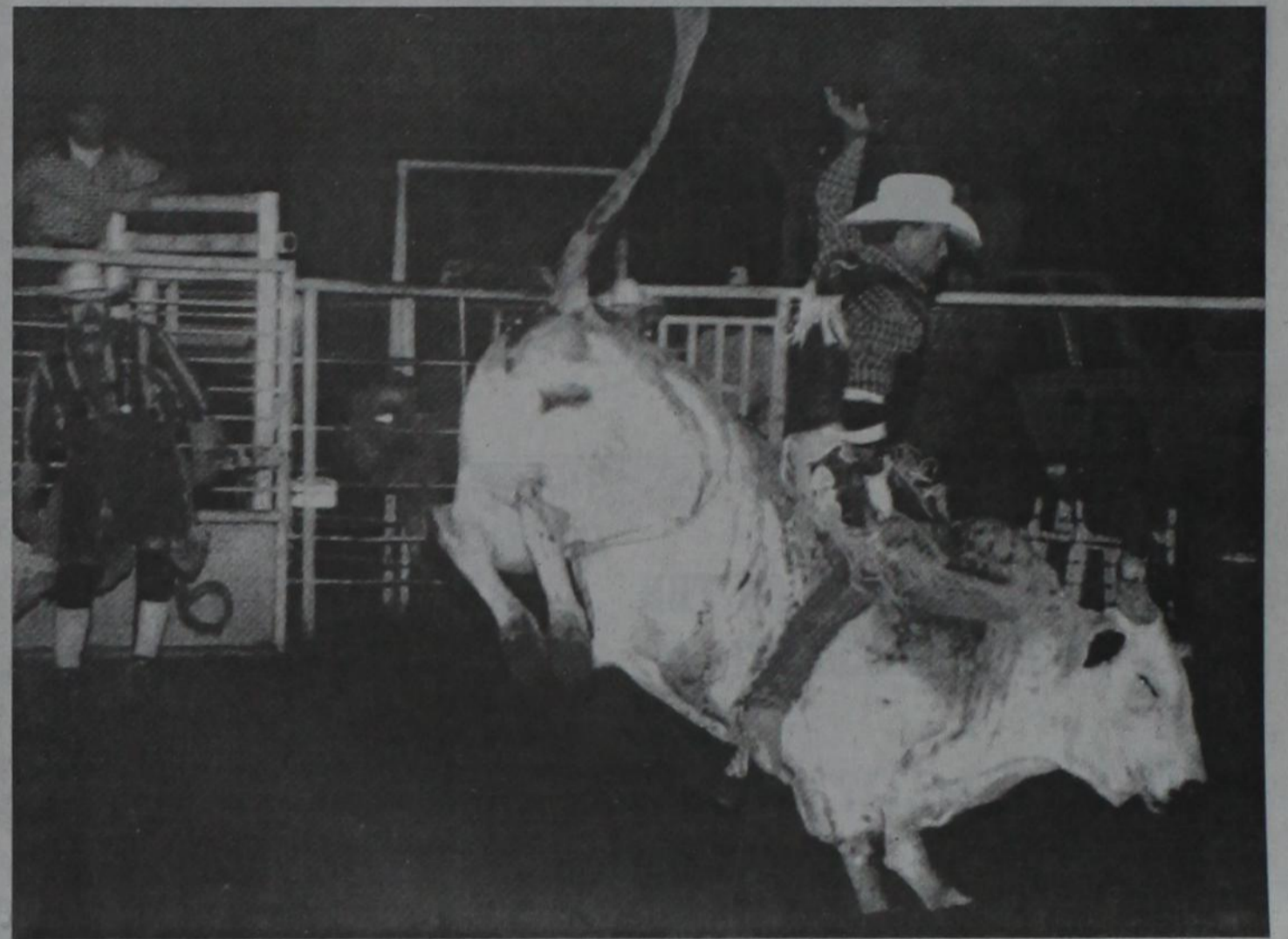
Barnes Cattle Co., Blane Barnes, Quint Lewis, Paul Rousseau, Brent Burrow, Frank Westfall.

McNeill Ranch, Crosbyton.

Needmore Ranch - tentatively scheduled.

The Rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights.

Motley County events will be held Thursday night beginning at 4:30 p.m.



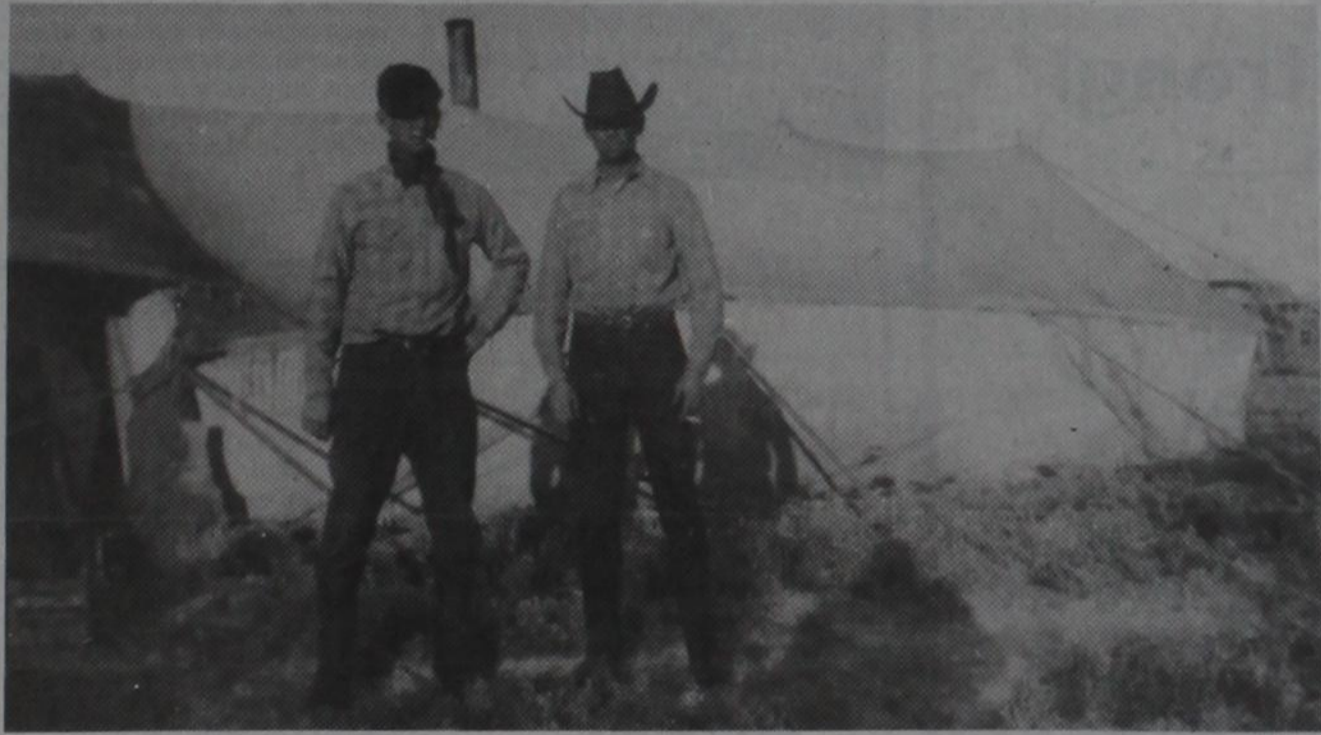
RIDE 'EM COWBOY — This unidentified cowboy was hanging on during a past Old Settlers Rodeo.

(photo by Carla Meador)



"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

81st Annual Old Settlers Reunion!



Rosie Deaton and Wisly Dirickson at Dickens Camp just after Christmas, 1952.

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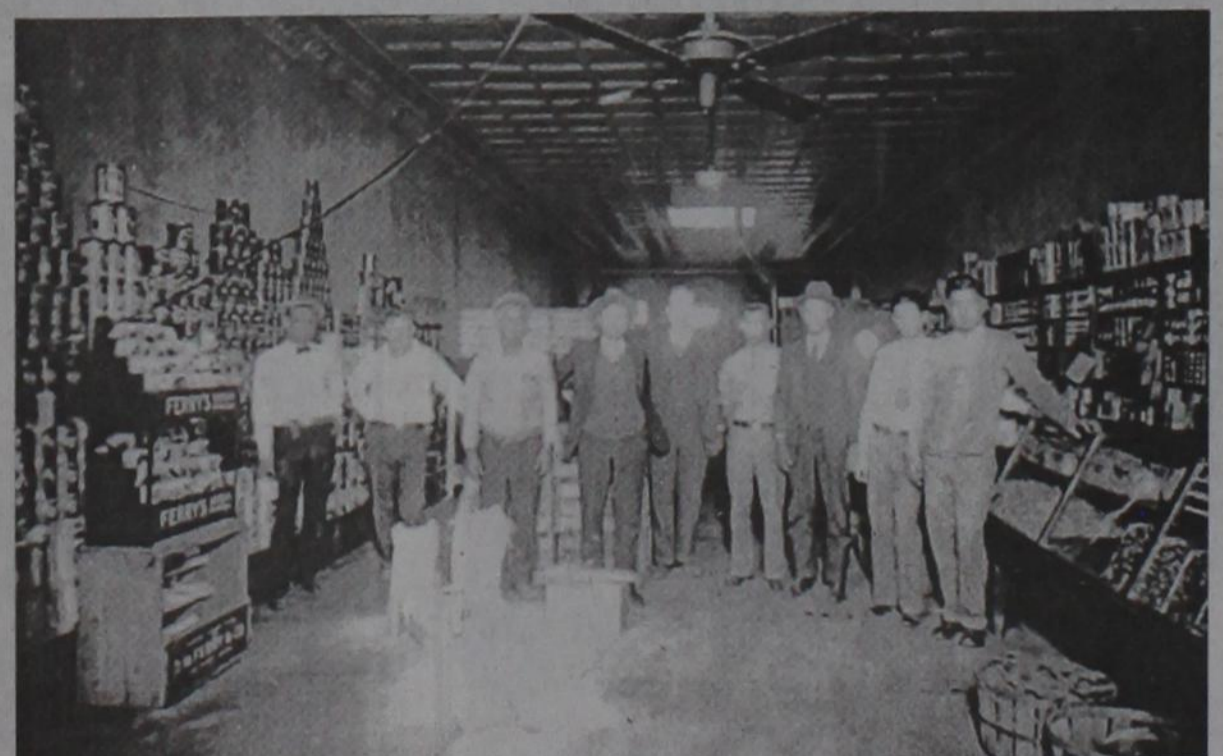
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Spot Cash Grocery in Matador, about 1930.

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Bricks for Bob's Oil Well inspire romance

by Marisue Potts

Johnny and Jean Davenport of Post celebrated their 44th anniversary by stopping in Matador and buying a brick to support Bob's Oil Well renovation. This was a brick of memories for the couple because Bob Robertson's establishment was important part of their courtship. Jean was a waitress and Johnny was working for the Matador Ranch, and the romance blossomed and bloomed into a marriage of forty-four years. So, they've elected to engrave the brick with the words, "Johnny and Jean Davenport, 44 yrs. in '04" This was the first

brick in the sixty that have been designated to inspire romance, but the second one to honor an anniversary. Jackie and Shirley Smith were honored on their anniversary with a gift brick from their children. Jackie pumped gas at the station and Shirley also worked as a waitress.

Other bricks honor individuals, families, school classes, a cafe, and even a judge. Judge Laverna Price's children, Kay Bailey and David Rattan, found the perfect gift to a lady who has everything, a brick engraved with her name. William

Waybourn of Linden, Virginia, reminded us of another cafe down the street, Waybourn's Cafe, that was a great hang-out, replete with table-top juke boxes, great bacon and tomato sandwiches, juicy burgers, strong coffee and lots of cowboy talk. So far, no one has honored a horse or a dog, but who's to say that can't happen on the brick patio of Bob's Oil Well.

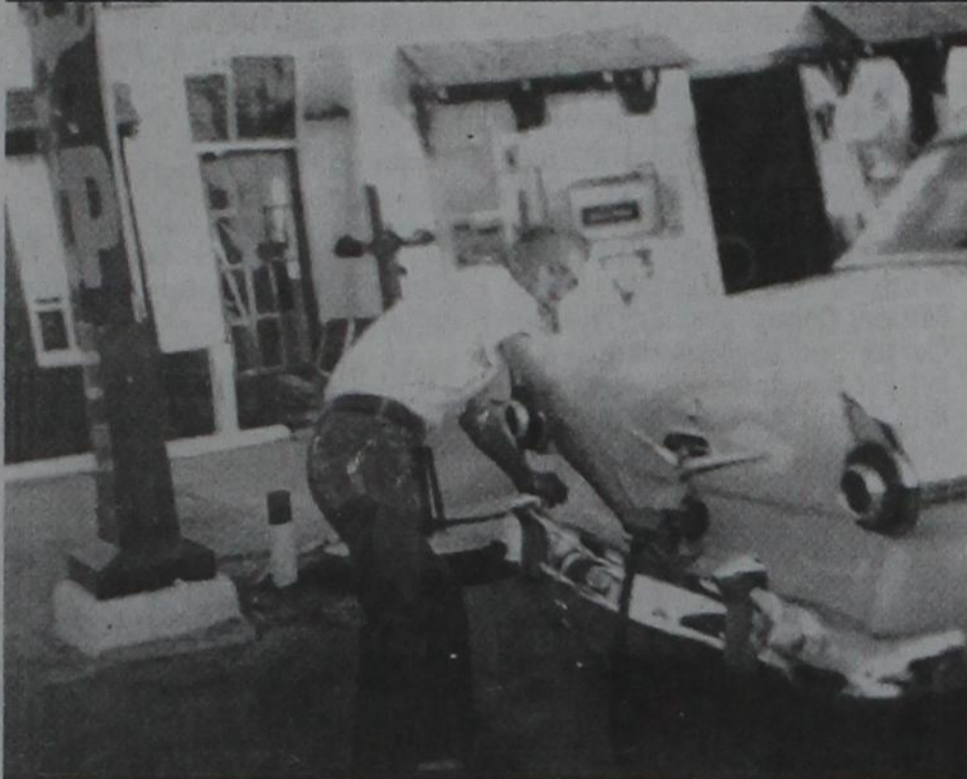
Volunteer work has slowed in the busy summer months, but organizer Shane Jones says the work will commence right after the Old Settlers' festivities. Cement-breaking equipment was needed to proceed with bracing and plumbing work. That problem may have been solved this week, and if so, the workers will

be at it once again. Plans for completion of the current renovation phase have been tentatively set for October. A historical marker is in the works, but Texas Historical Commission will not guarantee a date that the marker can be shipped from the foundry. So the date for completion depends on the timely arrival of the marker, the laying of bricks around it to create a memory patio, and the work that remains inside and outside the landmark.

For more information on how you can buy a brick for memories to support the renovation of Bob's Oil Well, contact Roy Hobbs at First State Bank or Marisue Potts at 806-787-0592.



Bob's Oil Well in the early days of business. Volunteers are working to restore the historic building, which is a Motley County landmark.



Jackie Smith pumping gas at Bob's Oil Well, September, 1955. photo courtesy of Jackie Smith

Century of memories

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Mitchell said. "I remember when the railroad was booming and when it closed."

The family settled in TeePee Flat, where her father farmed on rented land until 1922. They later moved to Croton, east of Dickens, then to Midway and to Afton in 1923.

In July of 1926, at the age of 22, Vera married Elbert Mitchell and the couple moved to Russellville. Mr. Mitchell was a traveling salesman and sold Ideal Goods, which offered medicine, spices and other household items.

The young Mitchells began their lives together during the Depression and times were hard. "We had to move around a lot," she explained. "To keep a job, we had to move."

The couple finally settled on a farm east of Roaring Springs where they lived for over twenty years. They were blessed with six children, Gerald, Gusita, Wayborn, Wanda, Gaynell and Doyme. "All my children were born at home, except Doyme, who was born at the Stanley Hospital in Matador. Two of the Mitchell children are now deceased, Gerald and Gusita.

The Mitchell family moved into the town of Roaring Springs in 1942. All the Mitchell kids attended Roaring Springs schools and graduated from Roaring Springs High School.

Mr. Mitchell died in 1970. The couple were married over 54 years.

Mrs. Mitchell has lived through WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Middle East War and the war now taking place in Iraq. She has seen numerous changes in her life. She lived before television and has seen technology develop into the amazing part of the world it is today.

Her family and friends stay in touch by telephone and frequent visits. Mrs. Mitchell maintains her home and takes care of herself, with a little help cleaning. She has lunch delivered from Meals on Wheels, but still does most of her own cooking.

"I never thought I would live to be 100," she said. "I'm thankful I'm here and healthy." Mrs. Mitchell concluded, "With the grace of God I'll keep going."

Mrs. Mitchell will celebrate her 101st birthday November 8.



Johnny Davenport as a young Matador cowboy.

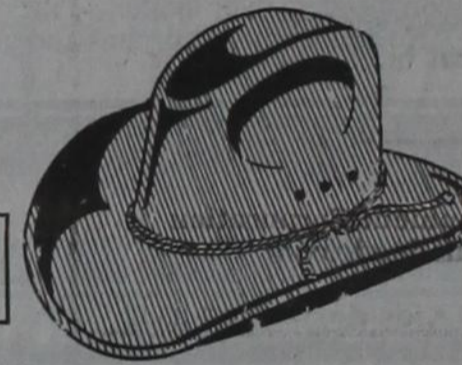


It was many years later when a mutual friend told me that a girl I had thought very beautiful, had declared that she thought me about the ugliest boy she had ever seen. I was looking at her not long ago and there has been a change. She looks a little like a rose someone has stepped upon.

So much is sham in this world of make-believe, that much of an average life must be used as apprenticeship in order to determine the real from the false. Some of life's greatest lessons are concealed in thin, deftly shaped masks. Many of the world's greatest facts are so obvious that they are never found.

Those who seek to harvest most from the field of life learn early to sow the seeds of love for labor. There is not drouth or bitter failure that will not succumb to the courage of a new day driven by the power of joy in the heart.

Time flicks off the days as ashes from a burning cigarette and there is no reconstruction of the past. The opportunity to speak an encouraging word or lighten the load of another rests with the transient minute. Shining as the eyes of a cat in the dark, are the human, thoughtful things we might have done yesterday.



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bowl of space, warm channels of silver empty swiftly into the shadows. Now the running swells seem to break and spray the gleaming splendor against the sky and brush the remote palisades of silence. A screech-owl floundering through the night is a gull strayed from companions and lost over a bewildering ocean.

SAGEBRUSH, A SYMBOL

There is no shore to the shallow sea of lavender sage brush being driven into a mauve horizon by the wind. Grizzly waves are sweeping the breakers of red cliffs against the skyline to a melting taper that was the sun but the few reefs are lost in a vastness which must extend beyond the province of purple dust sifting from a drowsy sky at twilight.

A chafed creation pauses beside the island of night to breathe the fragrance of sage as sachet hanging in the wardrobe of the soul. A bandoline to perfume the temple of dreams and placed near the strange garments of memory. After the yellow moon-lantern is fastened to the balcony of stars, so that its wick reaches the

When cowboys build lonely fires beside their unrolled blankets, there is the frankincense of burning sage to enchant the altars of solitude and the soft clean branches gathered for a mattress prepare a couch worthy of none less than a prince. It is an opiate that soothes the inflamed heart, bringing peace to the fretful soul. It seeps into the blood of men who ride over the dwarf forests through a lifetime and grows over their graves when they are done with spurs, stakerope and latigos.

Sagebrush is symbolic of the country of far horizons and men who homestead adversity because their restless spirits cannot become acclimated in a territory where the water-holes never run dry. Scorched by the flame swept over white coals of rainless days through the ages and beaten by the wind's relentless fury, strength, courage and gentleness evolve from a plant in the experimental garden of fate.

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RANCHING IN TEXAS

Other states were carved or born, Texas grew from hide and horn.

Texas, the Cowboy Capital of the Panhandle, was site of: eborrivo Cowboy Sense of 1893.

Fort Sumner - Where Oliver Loving died following amputation.

By 1900 an estimated 800,000,000 prairie dogs destroyed enough grass to feed over 3,000,000 cattle, which triggered eradication efforts.

During the 1850s Texas longhorns were driven to the California gold fields.

By the end of the Civil War 5,000,000 longhorns roamed South and West Texas.

Although Texas was penetrated by railroads during the 1870s, trail drives continued — it was more economical than shipping by rail, and cattle could gain weight on a slow drive with good grass.

During the 1700s one Spanish rancho along the Rio Grande maintained 750 people and 9,000 cattle and horses.

1970 - Toll bridge opened across Brazos River to accommodate trail herds. Built by Roebly brothers (who later built the Brooklyn Bridge), the 425' span was world's longest suspension bridge.

Before the Civil War Texas longhorns were driven to New Orleans.

During the 1760s Mission La Bahia housed 15,000 cattle and Mission Rosario 10,000.

Rancho Grande - La Bahia, Rosario.

The Nueces River, Rio Grande and Gulf of Mexico formed natural corral in an unpopulated area that proved to be a fertile breeding ground for longhorns.

Map from **Historic Ranches of the Old West** by Bill O'Neal

Congratulations to Motley & Dickens Counties on the
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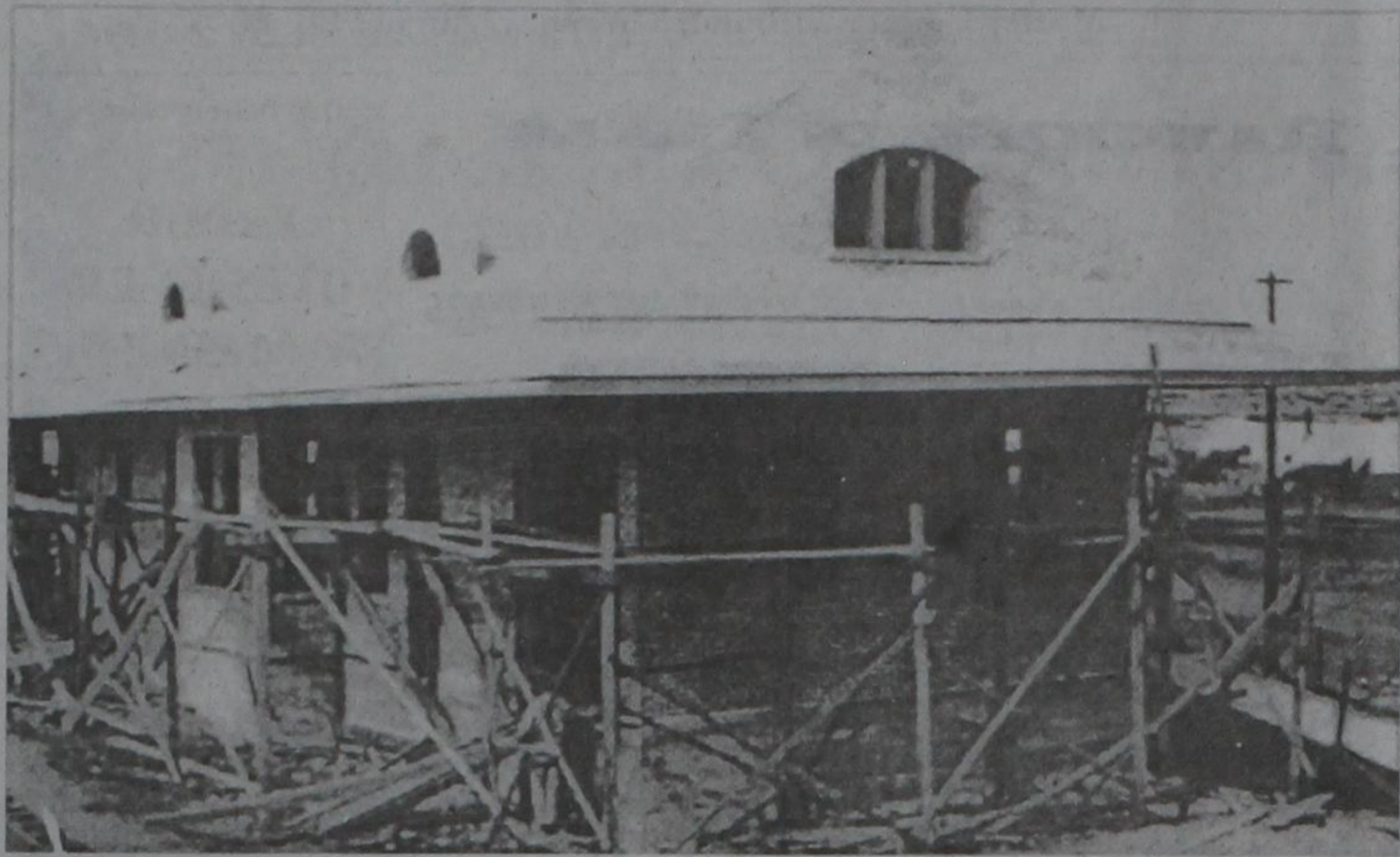
We salute the Pioneers of
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and honor the residents of today as the
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Motley County Fair



ROARING SPRINGS DEPOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 1913 — The City of Roaring Springs was notified in 2001 they had been awarded a grant to restore the historic Depot. The TxDOT Grant is for \$1.2 million dollars. The city must match funds of \$200,000 to \$300,000. Approximately \$100,000 of the funds can be done with in-kind work. The Friends of the Depot Organization has been awaiting an official Letter of Authority since July of 2001, and must have the letter before any funds will be released. According to Alex Crowder, City council member of Roaring Springs, who made the trip to Austin and presented the grant proposal, said the city of Slaton had received this grant to restore their Depot and the process took five years. Mr. Crowder says the City hopes the process will not take that long before work can begin on the Roaring Springs Depot, but in the meantime the Friends of the Depot organization is actively seeking donations to the project. All donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to be a part of restoring this historic Motley County landmark by making a donation can mail their contributions to Friends of the Depot, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, or contact Alex Crowder at 806-348-7336, Buz Thacker at 348-7919, Ken Abbott at 348-7959 or Mayor Corky Marshall at 348-7000.

"It's the best fair we have ever had," was the expression heard on every side during the two days of the Motley County Fair held in Matador last Friday and Saturday. The exhibits were more numerous in most of the departments and the quality was fully up to standard, if not better and the attendance was greater than any previous fair. Every one present seemed to take a greater interest and come with a greater enthusiasm and those who did come are more fully convinced than ever that Motley County is the best place in which to live.

There was only regret heard expressed throughout the two days of the fair and that was that some of the communities were missing in both of the community exhibits and in the general departments. The feeling of most of the people is that this is a county fair and that for it to be the fullest success possible that all the people and all the communities should participate and it is hoped that next year every community in the county will have a community exhibit and that every individual in the county will be represented by at least one exhibit of some kind.

The main feature of the fair was the community booths which were located in the Masonic Building. Four communities were represented with booths decorated in truly artistic ways and the quality of products shown were of the best. That they were of higher quality both in decoration and in quality of exhibits was shown by the highest scores made in any previous fairs. The rands of the booths and general community activity, scores are given in the general premium list elsewhere. The fair officers are hoping that next year there will be at least eight or ten communities participate in the community contest. Those who have been participating will assure any one that they are well repaid in both pleasure and profit for the effort they have put into the working up of these booths, and the more that enter the greater will the pleasure and good be obtained.

The parade was larger and better this year than ever before, yet it is not what it should

be. The decorated cars and wagons were worthy of any parade any where but the numbers were lacking. Roaring Springs and Whiteflat each were represented by a community car and the prizes were awarded in that order named. Homer Sheats and the Western Dry Goods Company were also represented and the premiums given as above. Probably the most interesting float of all was the decorated farm wagon representing Fairview and driven by F.M. Jenkins. We are hoping that next year every community and many individual farmers will be represented in the parade.

Friday afternoon following the parade a meeting was held in the Court House to make plans for the fair next year Af-

ter some discussion it was decided that a representative from each community should be placed on the executive fair board and a permanent fair organization gone into. During the winter, meetings will be held throughout the country and the matter gone into in detail and a permanent fair organization perfected early next year.

No attempt is made to comment on the various exhibits in the different departments but the results of the judging may be seen in the list of premiums awarded. The judging was done by Mr. W.O. Logan, County Agent in Knox County, and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworthe, Home Demonstration Agent in Dickens County, and Mrs. Hinson of Roaring Springs.

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Roaring Springs Reporter
May 24, 1934

Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker Killed Wednesday

Clyde Barrow and his partner in crime, Bonnie Parker, who have terrorized several states for the last two years, leaving a trail of crime and murder in their wake, were ambushed and killed, near Gibsland, La., Wednesday, May 23. Capt. Frank Hammer, former Texas ranger, with other Texas and Louisiana peace officers surprised and killed Barrow and Bonnie Parker as they were driving along a highway at a speed of 85 miles per hour. The officers marksmanship was so effective that Barrow nor Bonnie had a chance to fire a shot. They were riddled by bullets when their car crashed into an embankment and came to a stop.

The killing of Barrow writes a finish to the Southwest's public enemy No. 1.

Billie Dean's Restaurant & Motel Celebrating 40 Years!

The Staff and Employees at Billie Dean's would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Motley County and the surrounding communities for your continued support. This month marks our 40th Anniversary of service to this great community! We would also like to thank our special employees who help tremendously to keep things going: Nelda Tomison, Brandi Baker, Paula Horton, Linda Gonzales, Linda Ruhl, Tony Gonzales, and our entire family.



Come try our delicious B-B-Q Brisket Dinner served on Wednesday with Red Beans, Pan Fried Potatoes, and Coleslaw. We also have two new Appetizers - Pasture Pickles (they look like a Steak Finger and have Monterey Jack Cheese, Beef & Jalapenos inside) Also new are Seasoned Buffalo Wings, (can be served as an appetizer with ranch dressing or with our Daily Lunch Special)



THE YOUNG OPTIMIST

By A. B. Chapin



This amusing cartoon was copied from a 1925 issue of the Motley County News. In 79 years times really haven't changed that much.

Motley County News
May 21, 1925

Looks Good For Matador

The town of Matador apparently has better prospects ahead of it at the present than it has had for several years. There is quite a bit of building going in the town, both resident and business houses, and lots of improvements to the already beautiful properties of the town is being made. Nearly everybody who owns property in Matador is doing something to help its appearance. The city of Matador is also a trade center of a vast expanse of trade territory, comprising in its wide scope some of the most fertile and productive lands in West Texas, which have year after year yielded bountiful crops. The present outlook for the advance of property is also greater than it has ever been before, and just now the future is looking pretty bright for the extension for the Motley County Railroad, which will no doubt connect with one of the new branch lines now being surveyed by the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, rumblings have been in this section for the past several years, but until just recently has any definite action been taken. The connection of the Motley County road at some point north on the proposed Lubbock-Silverton branch, will give Matador a direct marketing outlet to Fort Worth and other eastern points.

Matador Tribune
March 8, 1934

Legal Beer Voted In Roaring Springs

City Votes Full Strength As Wets Receive Eighteen Majority

SALE BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Three Retail and One Local Distributor File License Applications

A petition with over forty names were filed with the Commissioner's Court this week asking that a beer election be held for the City of Matador. The election will probably be held next month.

Legal beer may be sold in Roaring Springs, Wednesday, March 14, provided license which are on file are granted, as a result of the city election held last Saturday.

Roaring Springs used almost its entire voting strength Saturday when the beer issue was offered to the ballot with intense interest developed on both sides. The Commissioner's Court today approved the votes with 65 for and 47 against the sale of beer.

Three applications for retail license and one application for local distributor have been filed with County Judge W.R. Cammack, and upon being approved at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, after taxes have been paid, may immediately begin.

Motley County News
March 20, 1934

MATADOR VOTES BEER BY MARGIN OF 21 IN SATURDAY'S ELECTION

Bad Weather Disregarded by Voters Interested in Issue Shown by 285 Ballot

Without regard for the cold drizzling rain, voters of the incorporate limits of Matador made their way to the polls last Saturday to legalize the sale of 3.2 beer here by a margin of 31 votes. The count of votes announced a short time after the polls closed Saturday evening showed a 158 for and 127 against the sale of beer.

It is doubtful if any issue in the history of the city has ever created more interest than did the beer issue. Speculation as to the out-come of the election was great with enthusiasts on both sides of the question predicting victory.

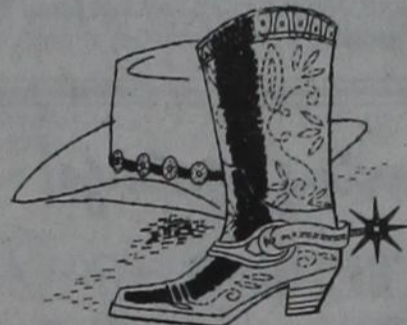
Altho many rumors of contesting the election were circulated no complaints have been filed.

Sale of beer here will likely start as soon as it becomes legalized by time limits which will be next week.

Applications for license have been made with County Judge Cammack.

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<p>THURSDAY AUGUST 26th</p> <p><i>Free Admission All Day</i></p> <p>PARADE - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>BUSINESS MEETING - 1:00 P.M.</p> <p>FREE DANCE - 4:00-6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>FRIDAY AUGUST 27th</p> <p>RANCH CUTTING HORSE ASSN. Books Open at 9:00 A.M. Competition at 10:00 A.M. JR. & SR. SANCTIONED CLASSES Entry Fee \$100 (Stock Charge \$45) <i>Handmade RANGER BUCKLE Set To Winner of Each Class</i></p> <p>JR. FLAG RACE Friday & Saturday - 6:30 P.M. 11 Years & Under Entry Fee \$5 (Stock Charge \$5) <i>Trophy Buckle Set to Winner</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 28th</p> <p>TEAM ROPING Books Open at 9:00 A.M. - CLOSE 9:45 A.M. NO Late Entries Rope at 10:00 A.M. SHARP U.S. #'s Will Be Used</p> <p>Open #11 Combine - 4 for \$50 #8 & #7 Combine - 4 for \$40 #5 & #6 Combine - 4 for \$40</p> <p><i>Handmade BITS To High Point Roper of the Day</i></p> <p>MARTIN ROPING PRODUCTIONS For More Information: Call Joey Martin, Slaton 806-781-6713</p>
<p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS Books Open at 4:30 P.M. Events Begin at 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p>RANCH RODEO Friday & Saturday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>BRONC RIDING WILD COW MILKING TEAM DOCTORING CALF BRANDING TEAM SORTING DOUBLE MUGGING</p> <p>Team of 4-6 members 20 Teams @ \$500 Each Prizes to Event Winners Four Monies Paid in Average <i>Bits to Top Hand & Top Horse Winners</i></p> <p>Enter July 29, 7-10 P.M. Call 806-348-7987 First Call, First to Register</p>	<p>WASHER PITCH CONTEST 2:00 P.M. - Saturday <i>Belt Buckles to Winners</i></p>
<p>CUTTING Entry Fee \$40 (Stock Charge \$20) <i>Ranger Buckle Set to Winner</i></p>	<p>OPEN BULL RIDING EVENT Friday & Saturday Nights \$75 Entry Fee To enter - Call Fred Pitts 806-668-4458</p>	<p>KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES 3:00 P.M. - Saturday <i>\$50 to Winners of Each Division</i> 0-4 yrs. 5-9 yrs. 10-14 yrs. Call Russell Alexander @ 806-348-7958</p>
<p>FLAG RACE 6 Years & Under - Free 7 Years to 12 Years - Free <i>Trophy Buckle Set to Winners</i></p>	<p>During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo:</p> <p>CROWNING OF QUEEN and DRAWING FOR SPURS <i>Handmade by JIM BO HUMPHREYS</i></p>	<p>POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO Stick Horse Relays for Kids Saturday Only 4:00-6:00 P.M.</p>
<p>OPEN AGE BARREL RACE Entry Fee \$15 (Office Charge \$5) <i>Ranger Buckle Set to Winner</i></p>	<p>COWBOY CHURCH BAND Friday - 6:00 P.M. Rodeo Arena Ron & Marianne Brunson</p>	<p>PONY EXPRESS RACE STEER DOCTORING WILD COW MILKING CALF BRANDING</p> <p>3 Age Divisions: 3-7 yrs. 8-11 yrs. 12-16 yrs. Entry fee per team: \$20</p>
<p>JUNIOR TEAM ROPING 18 Years & Under Entry Fee \$10 per Team <i>Trophy Buckle Set to Winner</i></p>	<p>OLD SETTLERS' PAVILION DANCE Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8:30 P.M. DANCE FREE - 4:00-6:00 P.M. <i>Waltz Contest Saturday</i> WELDON TURPIN & TEXAS FIDDLE BAND</p>	<p>2 DANCES SATURDAY NIGHT Live Country Music - 8:30 P.M. TEXAS HIGHWAY 114 BAND</p>
<p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES TEAM ROPING Entry Fee \$60 (Stock Charge \$25) Draw Pot - Draw 4 Partners 3 Hd - Progressive After 1 Top 12 Back for Short Go <i>Ranger Buckle Set to Winners</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY AND SATURDAY General Admission \$5 Free Admission 12 & Under</p>	

News Around the County

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS
by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mrs. June Keltz brought Mrs. Stanley Don Levell of Ft. Worth to visit Mrs. Rita Groves last week. Mr. Levell grew up in Matador and was a neighbor of the Groves family.

Mrs. Jan Jones and Mrs. Kay Jones were in Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock Sunday. They attended church services at the Methodist Church.

Miss Sherry Harris was in church at the Methodist Church Sunday with her nephew from Sweetwater. She also pushed Mrs. Cleo Watson in her wheel chair to services.

Mrs. Jo Ann Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque visited her mother, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zabielski and family of Rochester, New York, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski last week. Megan Shorter and a friend of Mansfield, also visited the Zabielskis for the weekend. They were enroute to Lubbock where they will attend Texas Tech University.

There were 19 children and two dogs in attendance at the House of

Faith meeting at the Park, Wednesday afternoon, August 18. Mrs. Jo Trammell gave the Bible story. Mrs. Joyce Meredith was in charge of the refreshments. Other adults helping were Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder and Mr. Ken Abbott.

The Bible group met in the home of Mrs. Betty Williams of Turkey on Monday morning, Aug. 23. There were 15 ladies present. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. P.K. Green. The 14th chapter of Acts was led by Mrs. Fredia Burns. Mrs. Dan Barton opened the meeting with prayer. Barbara Armstrong also offered prayer. Lula Swim closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Lula Swim.

Randy and Holly Meredith drove Angelica and Jonah Meredith to Gallop, NM last Friday where they met their parents, Cody and Leah Meredith, to return to their home in Las Vegas, NV after visiting their summer vacation here with their grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meredith and other family members.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
The house the pioneers built is gone, But the lilac bush here still has its blossoms on.

Generations of the pioneers have loved this land Where the earth was first turned by their hands.

The old pioneers picked the right place To plant their branch of the human race.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED
Brenda and Darrell Cruse honored their daughter, Leah Cruse of Lubbock and family friend, Natalie Wheeler of Turkey on their birthdays with a picnic and all the trimmings at the Roaring Springs Ranch Saturday night, August 21. Adding to the celebration were decorated birthday cakes, ice cream, gifts and best wishes.

Those attending the fun filled occasion were Barry and Rebecca Wheeler and son, Grant, Keane and Lacy Cruse of Turkey; Mark and Kathleen Wason and son, Dalton of Washington, Utah; Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat; Tally and Teah Patton of Silverton and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Derrick Cruse of Flomot.

HAS SURGERY
Donnie Turner visited in Lubbock, Friday with his brother, Dean Turner of Matador, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center following surgery Friday, August 20. With Dean during surgery and hospitalization was his wife, Nova Dell and son and wife, Craig and Cathay Turner of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree in Abernathy Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton had a pleasant day in Plainview, Friday.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were son and family Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock Visiting them Saturday were Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Of interest to local residents, Craig Turner of Matador lost a horse struck by lightning during the August 12 storm east of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle attended the football scrimmage Thursday night at Valley Schools vs. Chillicothe in which their son and brother, Fannin competed.

Members of the Do Gooders' Club met at the Community Center in Flomot Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to work on their Bazaar quilt.

Visiting overnight Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and children were her mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and houseguests, granddaughters, Teah and Tally Patton of Silverton.

Derrick Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, returned this week to West Texas A&M University in Canyon to continue his studies after spending his summer vacation at home.

Flomot and Whiteflat communities had close to three inches of rain during the weekend. Wilburn Martin, Jack Starkey, Kenneth Helms and Joe Ike Clay had light hail and blowing winds Saturday night.

Consider: There is a rumor going around that Fed-Ex and UPS are going to merge. The rumor goes on to include the fact that the new company is to be called "Fed-Up".

—Brad Goode

The Chamber will announce the awards for Woman of the Year, Man of the Year and Business of the Year, and the winners will receive plaques commemorating their achievements.

Are you ready for the Picnic in the Park? All you need to bring are your BLT's, and the Chamber is providing the rest.

BLT's? For dinner? Nope, BLT's, for a West Texas picnic, can only mean Bug Spray, Lawn Chairs, and Tickets.....

The Chamber is providing lots at the Picnic in the Park on September 11. Starting at 6 pm, there will be the delicious dinner. The Chamber has organized the musical accompaniment, which features The Highway 70 Group starting at 6 pm.

The Chamber is bringing in the clown, Simple Simon, who will make all kinds of figures out of balloons for those who are so inclined, particularly the children, to start at about 7 pm.

The Chamber has collected the door prizes, generously donated by the businesses in the county, and they will be given to the winners.

So really, all you have to do is bring you BLTs. While the Chamber can't help you with the Bug Spray and the Lawn Chairs, the Tickets are available, so don't forget that they should be purchased beforehand, so the caterers are sure to have enough to feed us all. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children aged 6 to 11. The little ones 5 and under come for free.

And then all you have to do, on the evening of the 11th, is to pack in the BLTs and the kids and head for the park.

Matador News

Barbara Armstrong, or Mamo as known to her grandchildren, enjoyed trips in July and August with granddaughter Leanne and grandson Jamie Jameson. In July, Leanne and friend Lexie Osborn joined Barbara for a trip to Paris, Texas to visit

Aunt Francis Ellis. The girls enjoyed driving around and seeing big old houses. In August Jamie and Barbara drove to Paris to see Aunt Francis and take a picture of Jamie with the now popular Texas Eiffel Tower, which is featured on TV ads.

Have a safe Old Settlers weekend!

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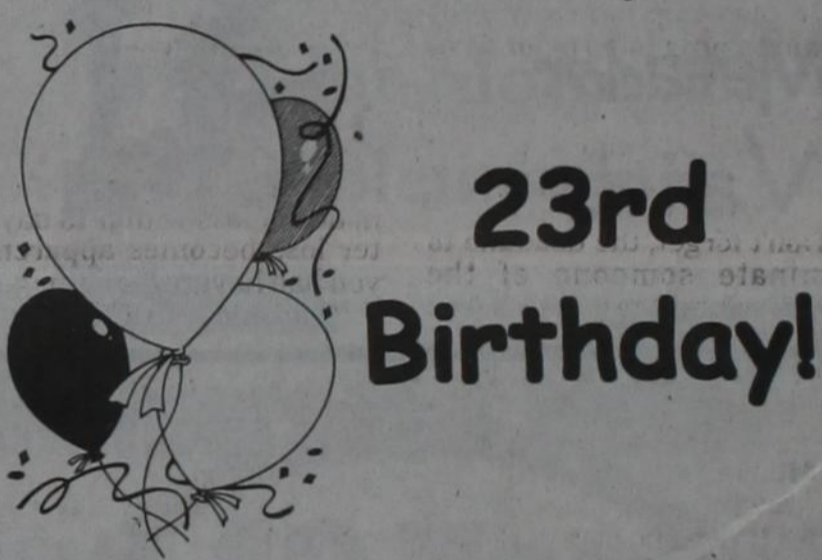
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