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# Welcome Old Settlers

## 63rd. Annual Celebration



Pioneer Families gathered at Roaring Springs Falls.

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### 63 Years of Memories To Celebrate

by Carla Jones

Almost everyone in Roaring Springs enjoys the three R's - Rodeos, Roundups, and Ropings. When a crowd gathers, one thing is certain; country and western music will be played. A large crowd is expected to gather today, for the 63rd Annual Old Settlers Reunion.

The following is a brief history of how the town of Roaring Springs and the Motley-Dickens Old settlers Reunion began:

The Roaring Springs Townsite Company was organized as a subsidiary of the Q.A. & P. Railroad. Previously a winding road down through mesquites; a half mile east of the present town, called "The Lane." With a few stores and a hotel, this was the forerunner of Roaring Springs.

Temporary living quarters were set up when workers began to come in to construct the railroad line. The streets were laid out in Roaring Springs to line up with the railroad. The settlement then became known as "Rag Town". When the track

was completed, a celebration was held and lots were auctioned off; Roaring Springs was officially opened.

In 1924, four couples met at the falls of Roaring Springs and formed an organization that is now the annual affair of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers' Reunion. Those four couples were Mr. and Mrs. Duff Green, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Bird. Judge G.E. Hamilton gave them advice on the organization. John Smith was elected the first president; Mrs. Duff Green, the first treasurer; and Mrs. John Smith, first secretary.

Later the reunion was held in the town of Roaring Springs and has continued to meet at the Pioneer Pavillion for the last 63 years.

With the parades, dances, rodeo doings and visiting sessions scheduled, siesta time is a minimal thing. For three days and nights, beginning the fourth

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### Old Settlers Schedule

The 63rd. Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion activities will begin August 28 and run through August 30th.

A parade which will include four wagons of the Lone Star Wagon Train will start at 10 a.m. Thursday (today) the 28th., and ending at the Pioneer Pavilion.

The three day celebration will include a free afternoon dance starting at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Tabernacle. The Old Folks Dance will start at 8:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle.

Young Folks can kick up their heels with a dance on the Pavilion starting at 9:30 p.m. each night. The Midnight Cowboys will be playing for the Old Folks and Mike Porter and the Boogiemans Band will play

for the Young Folks.

Rodeo performances start each night beginning at 8:00 p.m.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. following the parade with Ned Hicks of the First Christian Church of Spur as speaker. The service is a memorial to the deceased of the two counties. An added feature this year will be Rodeo Cowboy minister, Glenn Smith, who will hold services each evening at 7 p.m. before the rodeo at the arena.

A Business meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday for election of officers and directors.

The Yellowhouse Ranch Barbecue Catering will be serving food on the Old Settlers grounds.

### QUEEN CONTESTANTS

Old Settlers Queen's Contestants are Tammy Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor of Matador; Pam Perryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Perryman of Roaring

Spring; Rhonda Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long of Roaring Springs; and Krista

Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Parsons of Spur.

### Dedication To Roaring Springs

by Carla Jones

The August 22, 1963 Matador Tribune was dedicated to the town of Roaring Springs. The Matador Tribune was started in Roaring Springs in October of 1932 as a small hand-set newspaper.

Douglas Meador was operating a filling station, when he met Melton Thacker. Mr. Thacker explained that he owned the small newspaper in Roaring Springs and wanted someone to operate it.

This is what Mr. Meador had wanted more than anything else, but had no money. He had \$1.60 in his pocket at that time and owed it to many places. But this was an eventful day, because a man that Mr. Meador had just met, had offered to start him in business.

It was near the depths of the depression and crops were poor, and several customers had told Mr. Meador that they did not want a newspaper. This didn't make any difference to Mr. Meador. His heart told him they were going to get one.

The next spring, things got

worse, and banks closed all over the country. In December 1933, Mr. Meador persuaded Mr. Thacker to allow him to move the plant to Matador. In January 1934, Howard Hamilton became Mr. Meador's partner and in March they purchased the Motley County News. They soon purchased a typesetting machine and in a short while that had accumulated quite a debt.

Mr. Meador purchased Mr. Hamilton's interest the following spring.

The dedication of that issue to Roaring Springs, its friends, was because it was the spawning ground of the weekly paper 31 years before.

Now, 23 years after that dedication and 54 years since the newspaper began, we the staff of the Motley County Tribune continue with that feeling of dedication to Roaring Springs and all of Motley County; we hope to provide you with the same quality newspaper as Mr. Meador began those 54 years ago.

(Source: Matador Tribune, 1963)



Roaring Springs Boosters Train Trip - 1914 - From the Herbert Love Picture Collection

# Motley Co. Tribune



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## Jo Ann's Jots & Jingles

### Met Any 'Tate' Members Lately??

How many members of the "Tate Family" are in your church or your club or your organization?

Dic Tate really wants to run everything in the church or club or organization. Uncle Ro Tate has this bad habit of wanting to change EVERYTHING. And poor old Aunt Agi Tate stirs up trouble wherever she goes. She has a good ally in her brother Irri Tate, too. Any time a new suggestion is made, you can be sure that Hesi Tate and Vege Tate are there to squelch any and all propositions.

Sister Imiti Tate wants you to do everything like all the other organizations in town do it. When a really good suggestion for a fund raiser is made, there is ole Brother Devas Tate knocking

it down. And every church, club or organization has Brother Poten Tate who thinks he is the bigwig.

Thank goodness, all the Tates aren't bad. Mr. Facili Tate is indispensable to any group. And we all can keep smiling because Miss Felici Tate is cheerful and ready to greet you warmly. Any group that has the twin brothers, Cogi Tate and Medi Tate are fortunate indeed.

Next time you go to church or club or any organization meeting, look around for the Tate Family. They will all be there. But you will also meet Miss Prestidiga Tate. She's the magic that makes it possible for the Tate family to hold together. Her sleight of hand ad her juggling produces the magic glue that holds the whole group together. Guess we just can't do without the Tates!!!



The O. Henry home in Austin is the former residence of William Sydney Porter, eminent short story writer who signed his work "O. Henry." Porter lived in Austin 1885-1895. The home features his desk, writing materials and other furnishings of the period. Texas Tourist Agency photo.



## "Son Beams"

By June Keltz

Isaiah in Chapter 61, Verses 2 and 3 prophesied concerning the time when Jesus would come in the flesh and bring hope and deliverance to the afflicted. We today need what the Son of Man has to offer. The good news is that He will:

- (1.) Bind up the broken-hearted.
- (2.) Give liberty to captives.
- (3.) Freedom to prisoners.
- (4.) Proclaim God's favor and vengeance.
- (5.) Bring comfort to all who mourn.
- (6.) Give beauty instead of ashes.
- (7.) Give the oil of gladness instead of mourning.
- (8.) Give a garment of praise instead of a spirit of heaviness.

We all agree that these are difficult times but we are overcomers through Him who loves us. Our Father, when we were yet in our mother's womb,

knew us and was aware of the circumstances of our present existence. He saw in us, a people in whom He could pour His spirit and power; who would then be shining lights in darkness, who would repossess the land stolen by the enemy.

Only this week, I was encouraged by a report on T.V. that current statistics show, without a doubt, that the moral pendulum is slowly swinging in a positive direction. The divorce rate is dropping, abortion is now being labeled as murder, college students are no longer up-holding free sex and promiscuous living, drug and alcohol users are being set free from crutches that were never designed to hold them up, and more people are turning to God.

Prayer is changing our world, so don't stop praying. He has not forsaken us but He has delayed His coming thus far, not willing that any should perish but that all should have everlasting life.

## In The Rough

By Hazei



### THURSDAY PLAY

Six golfers enjoyed playing on a delightful morning. Louise won the ball (on named holes.) Others playing were Geneva, Loys, Olivia, Polly and Dorothy D. They enjoyed lunch at the club house. Judy Barber had prepared chef salads with a variety of fresh, crisp vegetables, gourmet style.

Dudley Barber is manager of the golf course and clubs. He has been busy cleaning the grounds and fairways. Several new sprinklers have been installed. With his wife, Judy, helping, the club house has been thoroughly cleaned. Everything is taking on a new look.

With the course getting in good shape, several tournaments have been planned for September and October.

with players from Spur, Springs Ranch and Paducah who met at the Country Club early. The morning was cloudy and a few sprinkles fell while players enjoyed doughnuts and coffee.

They decided to start playing at 9 o'clock in spite of the sprinkles. After 1 and 2 holes of play, they had to stop, due to rain.

Back at the club house about 10:30, they decided to eat lunch and wait out the weather. About 11:30, decided rain was over (?) and started play again. At a little past one o'clock, it really rained.

So, the play was stopped for the day after being rained out twice and thoroughly dampened both times.

On September 4 the players will return to Paducah to play the tournament over.

There were six players from each club. Locals were Loys, Dorothy D., LaVoe, Louise, Geneva and Oliva.

### FOOTHILL TOURNAMENT

Paducah CC was host to this tournament Monday morning,

Spring Ranch will host the Foothills Tournament on September 8.

## Cowboy for Christ At Old Settlers

Each night just before 7:00 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena, Old Settlers participants will hear a different sound this year. Gospel music will be presented on Thursday night with Pennie Keltz singing and her husband, Kelly Keltz and Kenneth Marvel accompanying; Friday night Richard Campbell will provide the special music; Saturday night, Ron and Marianne

Brunson will have a special music ministry.

Glenn Smith of Rodeo Cowboy Ministries will bring a short message each night. Glenn and his wife, Ann, will stay near the arena grounds all three days for their distinctive ministry.

Glenn Smith will be preaching at the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs on Sunday morning at 11 a.m.



Home Economically Speaking By Carolyn Halsell

Where can a person over 55 "get-away" for:

- three days and nights of fun-filled activities
- learning opportunities
- fantastic food and special events in
- natural lakeside surroundings with all the modern conveniences?

"There may be other places in Texas that offer such fare, but not many can match Octoberfest," an Extension Camp for People 55 and Over, says Carolyn Halsell, Extension Agent-Home Economics, for Motley County. Five sessions are scheduled for this fall: Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Oct. 7-10, Oct. 14-17, Oct. 21-24, Oct. 28-31.

Some of the featured educational presentations will include: insurance options,

cooking demonstrations, family life, gardening, health, wardrobe coordination, food and nutrition, and plant survival tips.

Although each camp is different, they all offer a variety of learning centers to give "hands-on" experience in areas such as oil painting, wood chime making, archery, needlecrafts and chair caning.

Participants will also have opportunities to go for boat rides, nature hikes, or fish on the waters of Lake Brownwood. Card and table games, tennis, horseshoes, billiards, and volleyball will be available at all times.

Evenings will be filled with such special social events as dances, a special theme party and games.

Each camp is limited to the first 100 participants and cost is only \$85 per person for 3 days of activity, so contact your county Extension Agent, Carolyn Halsell, for details now!

Getaway to "Octoberfest"--- stretch your dollars and your mind.

## Library Notes

by Sara Hurt



The library would like to give another special thanks to Cecil C. Cammack of Tyler, Tx for the donation of his genealogy book about the paternal ancestors of T.N. Cammack.

We thank Nell Gilbert and Beth Turner for their book donations, also we thank again Beth Turner for her generous cash donation.

Volunteers in the library this week was Mariann Zarate, which we really appreciate her

time spent in the library.

### REMINDERS

The library will be closed the 28 (Thursday) and the 30th (Saturday) but will be opened Friday the 29th.

Remember the library is having a GRACE PERIOD for a overdue books the last week of this month, August 25 to August 31. So take advantage of this and return your Over Overdue books.

## Task Force On Alcohol And Drug Abuse To Hold Hearing

The South Plains Association of Governments Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Authority will host a public hearing for the Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Abuse on Thursday, September 4, 1986 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Garden and arts Center, Auditorium, 4215 University Avenue, Lubbock, Texas.

The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony regarding Senate Bill 601 to study necessary changes in counselor certification, facility licensure, and court commitment for substance abusers, including

alcoholics, drug dependent persons, and polydrug abusers. Members of the Task Force will be present to accept citizen input.

hearings to be held in the state of Texas. It is the only hearing to be held in West Texas.

Persons wishing to present written or oral testimony are welcome to attend. Additional information and copies of Senate Bill 601 may be obtained from Karen King, Director of Regional Services, SPAG, 1223 58th Street, Lubbock, (806) 762-8721.

### CORRECTION

New member of Lions Club and new manager of Pay-N-Save was printed in the paper as Billy Hoyle. His correct name is Billy Dawson. Sorry.

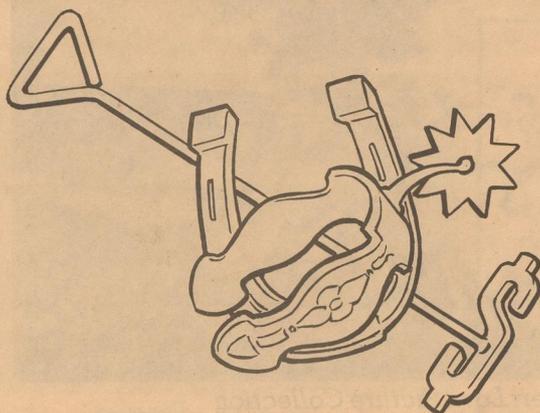
### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Jay Lang Tomison had his 5th Birthday party, Saturday 23 at his home.

Snoopy cake made by Renee Meyers, was served to Devin Perryman, Jason Barton, Dusty Jackson, Llan Barkley, Ashley Stevens, Kelsey and Leandra Wallace and Melba Jameson and M.G. Brotherton and family, Nelda and Arnie Tomison and grandma, Geneva Wilson.



Happy 25th. Anniversary



# Welcome Old Settlers

Billie Dean's Restaurant & Motel Matador, Tx

Old Settlers Days



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Matador, Tx

# 'Round Motley County



## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome two families to our rural community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Minkley of Matador moved into the Ralph Stapleton home, located northwest of Whiteflat. They have three daughters, Leslie, Stacie and Kala. Mr. Minkley is the Motley County Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz, the former Josie Gwinn, and children, Clinton and Kathy moved from the Cogdill Ranch on the Caprock to the S.C. Burleson ranch home. Mr. Raetz is employed by Travis Kendall who does construction work.

### WHITEFIELD FAMILY HAS FIRST FAMILY REUNION

Family reunions have been a long time annual tradition in Motley County, but the Whitefield family is an exception as they observed their first reunion, Sunday, Aug. 24 at Caprock Canyon State Park.

Four of the seven children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Whitefield, early day residents of Motley County, attended the reunion. They were Mrs. Janice Whitefield Dixon of Whiteflat, recognized as oldest family member attending; Alden "Whitey" Whitefield of Matador, Mrs. Johnnie Whitefield Ellis of Amarillo and Stanley Whitefield of Spearman, Jim Whitefield of Spur and Chloe Whitefield Garrett, address unknown.

Other family members enjoying the day of festivities were Mrs. Stanley Whitefield, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Halliday and 3 month old baby son, Lyle Austin, recognized as youngest family member to attend, of Idalou,

Mrs. Donna Wirr of Cool Ridge, West Virginia; Mrs. Alden Whitefield of Matador and grandchildren Ragina and Christopher Paul of Spearman; Mrs. Harvey Whitefield of Spearman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dalwayne Whitefield, Edward D. and Gale, Ted Whitefield and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitefield and Nekisha, all of Canadian, Donlane Whitefield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayfield, Edward D. and Gale, Ted Whitefield and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitefield and Nekisha, all of Spearman; Mrs. Evan Vines of Dumas and daughter, Morzetta Vines of Durango, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon of Whiteflat, David Dale Dixon and friend John Kirtsey of Lubbock. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Deloras Hopkins of Enterprise, Alabama visited the past week with her sister and husband, Judge and Mrs. Bill Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gilbreth, Susan and Kathy of Sundown visited from Wednesday until Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Henry L. Martin. They and Art Green of Flomot enjoyed fishing and other water amusements at Caprock State Park, Friday. The Gilbreth family continued to Fritch, Saturday to visit the weekend with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis and Kristy.

Mrs. Bert Whitaker attended an Educational Work Shop held in Brownfield, Thursday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Jameson, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Jameson and Mrs. Beulah Jameson of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski of Roaring Springs visited Mrs. W.R. Tilson, Monday

Noama Grasmick, sister of Eleanor Traweck, remains in intensive care at Seton Hospital in Austin after major emergency surgery early Sunday morning. Her condition is listed as critical.

Visiting Mrs. Vance Gilbreath, last week, were Mr. and Mrs. Max Bennett of Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Lawrence of Wichita Falls visited last week with brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Givens Lawrence and sister, Mrs. Luther Lancaster.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shelton were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lancaster and daughters of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Garrison, Dowell and Dane of Smithville.

Heather Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hobbs, visited the past week in Bryan with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lee. They enjoyed the tourist attractions on Texas coast. Mr. and Mrs. Lee accompanied Heather home and visited here and in Plainview with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lee.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cloyd were in Lubbock Wednesday and Thursday of last week for doctor appointments.

Visiting the Leon Cloyds was their son Dickie of Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert and their daughters and families, Mrs. Leland Heiskell, Christi and Lance of Dalhart and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Blanton, Loren and Christopher of Wichita Falls met their son, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilbert and Jeremy of Jacksonville, Alabama in Florida and enjoyed a family vacation, Aug. 14-20. Among the tourist attractions they enjoyed were the Walt Disney World and Sea World. They made the trip by plane from Dallas Airport.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lane and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and children of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris of Breckenridge, Troy Burl Bynam of Kress, Mrs. Hattie Snow, Mrs. Doris Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and daughters, local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert visited in Childress, Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. W.E. Lyles.

Mrs. Kay Harper and daughters of Derby, Kansas visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and children. Visiting them Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lohman of Wichita Falls visited Viola Stinson and Mary Ellen Barton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Washington attended the Country Square Dinner Theater in Amarillo, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Chip (Tonda) Hollenback of Matador and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rebecca were in Arlington, Saturday for Mrs. Hollenback's chiropractic treatment for a back injury she suffered in a recent accident. Mrs. Morris and daughters visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Edwards and enjoyed amusements at Six Flags.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Hereford, Thursday with nephew, David Painter of Edmondson, a patient in ICU in

Deaf Smith Hospital. David fell 34 feet when working on an air conditioner unit on top of Frito Lay building. He suffered facial as well as extensive body injury. His family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Painter and Tracy of Edmondson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Painter of Dallas are with him.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee, Jason, Robert and Ernie of Clarendon, Mrs. Kerry Roberts and Kellan of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon, local residents. Jason broke his right arm when playing outside and received medical treatment at Hall County Hospital in Memphis.

Mrs. Gwen Scott, Dustin and Shae Lynn of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Elisa, Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith of Olton.

Visiting during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were grandsons, Greg and Ross Hunter of Midland, Randy Hunter of Pasadena and Anita Hunter of Corvallis, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay visited in Canadian, Thursday with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington and sons. The families continued to Angel Fire, N.M. for a weekend vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Elisa visited in Olton, Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Hoyte Paschal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin accompanied his mother, Mrs. Opal Martin to Plainview, Thursday for medical treatment and to attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers attended the wedding ceremony of Laura Roberts and Danny Speck held at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Roosevelt. Their daughter and children, Mrs. Stanley Degan, Shawna, Shay and Dane of Calgary were wedding attendants. Their son, Donnie Rogers accompanied Elmo Nall and Crystal Franklin of Amarillo to the wedding. Laura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock.

## Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Joe Rice Sr. returned home Saturday from two weeks visiting in Brownwood.

Elsie Mason was in town Saturday seeing about her home and visiting relatives and friends.

Visiting Thursday night with Vincente and David Saenz, was two of their brothers, Raymond Saenz and daughter Christy of Denison and Staff-Sgt. Steve Saenz of Fort Dix, N.J.

They were spending several days in the home of their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Polacios of Crosbyton while visiting their dad, Andrew Saenz, who is a patient in Crosbyton hospital.

Bess Ferguson attended to business in Plainview Tuesday and visited with Elsie Meason.

Mrs. Edna Dillard was a Lubbock overnight visitor in the home of her son, J.W. Maritt and wife Thursday. She attended to business in that city before returning home Friday.

Mrs. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim went to Aspermont Saturday and met Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim, Edward and Emily of Abilene, bringing Edward and Emily home with them to visit this week.

Mrs. Clara Youngblood was hospitalized at Caprock Hospital in Floydada, last Thursday suffering a light stroke; she is still hospitalized at news time for tests. Her daughters, Mrs. Gary Caffey and Mrs. Leo Garcia are attending her; her son J.C.

Vaughan of Houston flew in Saturday afternoon for an overnight visit.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell received news Sunday of the death of her brother, Eldon Webb, in California. He was injured early in June in a traffic accident near his home and had been in a coma since that time. Mr. Webb had been a resident of this area before moving to California. He is also the brother of Ray Webb of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCallum of Buena Vista, Arkansas, are houseguests of their cousin, Miss Lula Swim this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Webb of Floydada were Sunday afternoon guests of his sister Mrs. Vera Mitchell. Their cousin, Mrs. Hattie Marshall, local resident, was also a visitor in Mrs. Mitchell's home.

Mrs. Gary Caffey left Thursday night for San Angelo to be with his father who is critically ill.

Mr. Lorine Osborn, accompanied by her granddaughter, Tonya Brown of Matador, drove to Lubbock Tuesday to bring her granddaughter, Kay Osborn, who has been visiting relatives there and at Brownfield home.

Mrs. Ann Futrell of Dallas was a Sunday visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Marshall.

The Futrell girls, Tara, Tammy, and Traci, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Marshall for a few days.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross of Flomot, aunt Mrs. Ruth Williams of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Macip and daughter Desirae of Denton, and Mr. Bryan Esterman of Colleyville. Elisa is the granddaughter of Mrs. Hoyte Paschal of Olton.

Lisa has accepted a reference position at a Public Library in Lubbock.

## Elisa Ross Receives Degree

Elisa Ann Ross has received a Master of Science degree in Library Science from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. Those attending the graduation ceremonies held on Saturday, August 16 were her

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

## News Of Local Interest

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer and Jayson in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Payne of Lubbock visited recently with his mother Mrs. Ethel Payne.

Mrs. Ceaman Scott and son Michael from Lubbock spent the weekend with her mother and brother Mrs. Elga Evans and Roger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Russell of Hale Center spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Willie Russell. He is Administrator of High Plains Hospital and Nursing Home in Hale Center.

Jim and LaDonna Wallingsford and son James of San Angelo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wallingsford and her sister Sonja Bowman, the past weekend.

Jerome and Martha, Jay, John and Joe and his brother Tracy all went to see Carlsbad Caverns recently. They very much enjoyed it.

### IN HOSPITAL

Marvin Patton is a patient in Caprock Hospital, Floydada.

# RODEO TIME!



Welcome To Roaring Springs

Red Hen Market

Roaring Springs

Welcome To The Old Settlers



Williams Tire & Battery

Pete Williams  
Matador, Tx

1 LB. OWENS  
Country Sausage \$1.89

½ GAL. BORDEN'S ASSORTED FLAVORS  
Ice Cream \$1.89

1 LB. KRAFT ½ MOON  
Cheese \$2.19

12 OZ. CANS 6 PK.  
Coca-Cola Classic \$1.89

Come In And Take Advantage Of Many Other Weekend Specials

Prices Good Thurs., Fri., & Sat.  
We Give S&H Green Stamps  
Double On Wednesday



# Obituaries

## Harold Lee "Buck" Hughes

Graveside services with Military rites were held for Harold "Buck" Hughes at 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 1986 at Afton Baptist Church in Afton, Texas, under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home with Rev. Norris Taylor of Stinnett officiating.

Mr. Hughes died at 2:40 a.m. August 19 at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton, Texas after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hughes was born July 20, 1922 in Roaring Springs, Texas. He had lived in the Roaring Springs area all of his life.

## Ina Warren

Former Motley and Dickens County resident, died July 4 in Dell City, at age 83. She was buried at Dell City.

Survivors are her husband Colquet, two sons John of Dickens and Jerry of Ranger, 3 daughters, Jean Lyles of Hereford, Jane Lattimer of Lubbock, Joan Edwards of

Mr. Hughes served in WWII as a private in the Parachute Infantry 101st Division. His outfit was one of the first of the troops to parachute behind enemy lines. He was awarded the Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, and The Presidential Citation for his efforts in the conflict. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by three brothers; Homer Hughes of Roaring Springs, David Hughes of Lubbock and Sinclair Hughes of Houston; three sisters; Mamie Yeates of Roaring Springs, Hazel Cummings of Lubbock and Clarice Crabtree of Spur.

Pallbearers were Tom Wallace Yeates, Gerald Yeates, Jim Cummings, Sam Cummings, Jerry Hahn, Mickey Yeates Hughes, David Yeates Hughes.

Artesia, N.M.; 4 sisters and 1 brother; 19 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

While they lived in Matador, in the 40's, she taught school, was a member of First Baptist Church, was secretary to Judge Elbert Reeves. While living in Dell City, she wrote for the Dell City News under the byline of Crowflat News.

## Remember When

by Annie B. Cloyd

Hello Neighbors, it's me again, here in Flomot, still thinking about Old Times, but have not been able to do much writing about them this week. This is something a little different. I was thinking of "Some things kids say," and how funny the sayings can be. These are all true sayings and I hope you enjoy them as I have over the years.

Our doctor told me one time to write down the funny things our son said but I didn't do it and now I wish I had. I think I can remember most of them but the older you get you tend to forget--so you young parents make a note of what your kids say so you won't forget like I did. Anyway some others have told me some of what their kids have said and I'll put down a few of them for you to enjoy.

A little girl was asked about her new baby brother--she said he cried a lot and was a lot of trouble and the reason God sent him to their house was because He found out He couldn't do anything with him either.

At the end of the first day of school, the teacher said to her first grade class, "I'll see you tomorrow." One little boy said,

"I don't know if my Mama will let me come two days in a row."

Don't you know that Mrs. Pope could write a book about what our kids have said to her over the years. We might not want to know what they told her about us.

A little boy was correcting a little girl in her pronouncing of some words. She said, "My Daddy went to the womber word"-----the little boy said, "Don't say womber ward--say--lumber lard."

When our son was about four years old, he and his dad would start playing and the longer they played the rougher they got and the play would stop when the son got mad. Then I would say to Leon, "The Bible says, don't provoke your child to wrath." Well about a month later, we were in East Texas visiting my folks and the menfolks were washing up for dinner, when a racket came from the bathroom, and our son came running to the kitchen and with his hands on his hips, he said "Mama, he is doing it again." I asked, "What?" He answered, "He's voken his child."

They do remember what we say so be sure and say the right thing.

I will try to get back to the old things around Flomot next time so will see you and "Remember When" real soon.

## William & Nancy Barrow Wed In Romantic Outdoor Ceremony

Nancy Eleanor Barrow, M.D. and William George Barrow were united in Marriage on August 23 at 10 a.m. Dr. Tilden B. Armstrong, uncle of the bride, performed the double ring ceremony, which took place in the couple's recently constructed Victorian Gazebo, overlooking a spectacular view of the hills of Wimberley. Matron of Honor and Best Man were Fran and Ned Morris of Houston, cousins of the Bride. Miss Laura Barrow, 10, daughter of the bride, attended her mother as flower girl and junior bridesmaid. Master Brian Barrow, 4 son of the bride, was ringbearer and junior groomsman.

The bride wore a light blue floor length summer gown detailed with flowers. An arrangement of wildflowers adorned her hair, and she carried a bouquet of blue wildflowers atop a white mother of pearl Bible which was brought from the Holy Lands. The traditional "something old, new, borrowed and blue" included a sixpence in her shoe, a handkerchief which belonged to her maternal grandmother, and an aquamarine necklace which belonged to her great grandmother.

Wedding music included the Pachelbel Canon and Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary. In addition, a professional recording of the bride singing "The Wedding Song" with guitar and piano accompaniment, highlighted the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Traweck of Matador, received her Doctor of Medicine degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She is currently a member of the medical staff at the Healthcare Rehabilitation Center in Austin, a hospital specializing in treatment of coma, and major neurological trauma and disease. She is an outpatient child and adolescent psychiatrist for the Austin State Hospital Outreach Programs in San Marcos, Bastrop, and Luling. She is a peer reviewer for the Texas Medical Foundation in Austin, and recently assumed the position of Psychiatric Coordinator for Private Review. She has a private psychiatric practice in San Marcos. In addition, she is a professional singer and guitarist and is the former Mrs. Texas. The groom is

a graduate of Michigan State University, was in the Army's Eleventh Airborne Division, and is a retired artist and naturalist. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Barrow of Lehigh Acres, Florida.

Following the ceremony, a champagne reception was held in Country Estates, San Marcos, at the home where the bride and groom will live.

Food tables covered with white linen cloths and displaying arrangements of fresh fruit, vegetables, desserts, a variety of meats, and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres were placed at several vantage points both inside the home and on the deck outside. The bride's multilayered cake was decorated with flowers. The top layer was highlighted by a replica of the Victorian gazebo in which the couple was married. Inside the little gazebo, detailed replicas of the bride and groom, painted and personalized by the groom, danced to a music box tune. The groom's chocolate cake was a replica of the log home and surrounding acreage of "Heartwood Home," where the couple will live. Later that same evening, a special dinner was held for members of the wedding party and out of town guests. Charcoal broiled steaks, lemonade and homemade ice cream were served at this festive gathering, which brought to mind a turn of the century summer picnic.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Traweck of Matador, Mrs. Sam M. Barrow of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. George Grasmick of Claremore, Oklahoma, Mr. Bruce Barrow and Zachary of La Mesa, California, Dr. and Mrs. Tilden B. Armstrong of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Ned B. Morris of Houston, Mrs. Mozelle McInnis of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McInnis and Tina of Denison, Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Lonnee, Bruce and Claire of Greenville, Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Smith, Jr. of Paducah, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, Robny, Kristin and Lacey of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fortado, Angela and Shannon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cornell of Lake Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granberry, Jr, Matt and Edward of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henriksen of Galveston, and numerous friends from the Austin, Bastrop, Luling and San Marcos areas.

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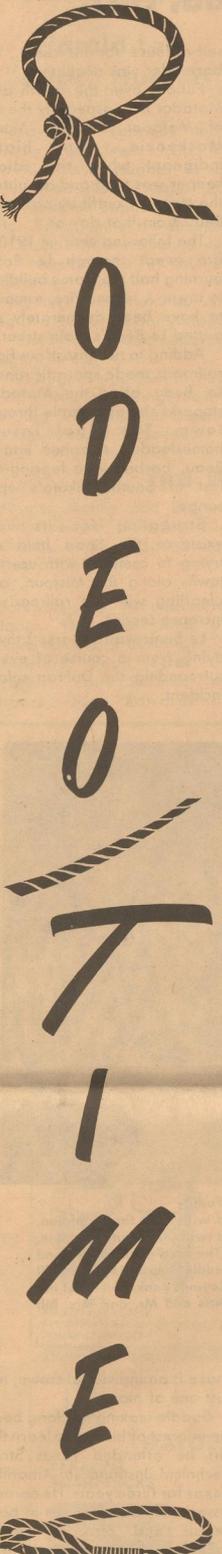
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## "Bob" Wire Fenced in Cattle, Fenced Out Nesters

by Marisue Potts

The vicious sharp points of barbed or "bob" wire, as it's commonly called, was used by ranchers not only to control the movement of cattle, but to fence out the steady stream of settlers seeking free grass and water. Fearing their range would be over run, cattle barons began to fence their perimeters, often blocking access to water and roads.

The feisty nester was not to be intimidated and just cut the wire in his way. Feeling ran high, often erupting into open warfare. In 1884 Governor Ireland called a special session of the Texas Legislature. A law passed making it a penitentiary offense to cut fences or even carry wire cutters. However, ranches were required to put a gate in the fence every three miles and to keep public roads open. The law was slow to take effect and harder to enforce.

Ranchmen resorted to friendly or quasi-legal exchanges of land, trading interior portions for land on the outer rim of the ranch. If that didn't work, they might stampede the stock, bring in hired guns, or throw the nester's cows into starve-outs where water was provided as the law dictated, but with or no

grass available.

By 1898 a "small army of nesters," sometimes as many as 10 per section, invaded the Matador range causing problems for the management. Cowboys were ordered to shoot any intruders or wood gatherers, but since many nesters were poor or discouraged cowboys, the sympathetic hands often looked the other way or reported the violation at headquarters a little late.

Meanwhile over on the Quitaque River, a full scale range war broke out on the "F" Ranch. According to one old timer, unfriendly settlers were giving "fits" to Lysander Moore, then sole owner of the Goodnight High Grade Cattle Company. One September night intruders doused windmills with kerosene and torched them. The blazes dotted the countryside. In a month Moore capitulated and sold to Cresswell Cattle Company.

Barbed wire only stemmed the tide; it could not be stopped. Soon the nester was fighting back with the same weapon once used against him. His planted fields of grain and hay waved enticingly at the cattle, now fenced out.

## Press Freedom Once Schackled In Matador

Copied from Matador Tribune, October 6, 1949

A FREE American press is a powerful factor in democracy and the press in these United States is freer today than ever before. It is true that a democracy muddles, but our meddling is aired every day. During National Newspaper Week, with its slogan, "Freedom Goes where the Newspaper Goes," October 1-8, it is befitting the occasion that the Tribune publish a classic story from the yellowed pages of history when press freedom was less free in Matador.

Authority is Ed E. Denny, 77½ years old, of Childress, who was a Matador resident in 1891. Mr. Denny Monday visited the Tribune, accompanied by pioneer friend G.E. Hamilton. Here is the story:

Freedom of the press was shackled and sent to jail near the turn of the century when District Judge William McGill of Seymour, resented an article written (set into type and printed) by Lee Smith and published on the front page of his "Matador Maverick". It was during the crucial growing-

pains-days of the cattle country when sheriff Joe Beckham had been removed from office by Motley county officials and another sheriff installed. Joe Beckham did not accept his removal. The county faced the uncomfortable position of having two sheriffs, both armed and belonging to different factions of public opinion. Editor Smith was anti-Beckham and also anti-McGill. On the eve of arrival of Judge McGill, who was to decide which sheriff was to remain, the editor tossed a lighted match with his editorial into the powder keg of a tense situation. He accused McGill of being a monarch to whom subjects must bend the knee. He made other aspersions on the characters of the judge and partially impeached sheriff. After sending his small, hand-set newspaper to its readers, he awaited results.

Judge McGill had arrived and in the silence of the tense court room, he said, "Mr. Sheriff call court." Two sheriffs started to the window of the court room to answer his command. He stopped the appointed sheriff, told him to disarm immediately before the court ordered his arrest for carrying firearms. The sheriff impeached by county officials called court. The judge then instructed the sheriff to bring "the body of editor Lee Smith" to his presence. Mr. Denny was a deputy and Beckham instructed him to bring the editor out of his print shop.

The judge waved the newspaper before the editor and asked him if he had written and published the article. Editor Smith admitted he had. The judge roared, "I am going to have you locked in jail for contempt of court." The editor declared he was not criticizing the court but the judge, and within his rights. "I am the court," the judge returned as he ordered the publisher lodged in jail. Sometime during the following day he had Smith again brought to the court room and after lecturing him, turned him loose.

The grand jury indicted Beckham for misappropriation of funds and Judge McGill dismissed him from office, appointing another man instead of the one selected by county officials.

## COOKING CORNER

### Hot Water Cornbread

Mix: 1 cup cornmeal  
1/2 tsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Bring to a boil:  
1 1/8 cup water

Pour over cornmeal mixture and mix well. Spoon out and drop in hot fat. Cook til good and grown.

### Gus Bird's Hot Corn Fritters

Recipe above with 1 tsp. ground hot pepper (dried), 1/4 cup chopped onion, and 1/2 cup hog cracklings (beat up in baggie with a hammer).

### Gus Bird's Fried Marrow Gut & Sweetbreads

Take marrow gut and sweetbreads and cut up about 1" square sizes. Cover in flour with salt and pepper. Deep fry until golden brown.

### Gus' Fried Liver

Have beef liver cut 1" thick and about 4" x 4" square pieces. Roll in cornmeal and fry in hot oil. Or to suit Gus, take beef fat and cook in iron skillet until it is mostly all dissolved, then fry liver in this.

### Gus' Wilted Salad

Have large bowl and tear up half and half each of lettuce and fresh mustard greens (we prefer curly leaf). Cut up 1/2 to whole bunch green onions in large pieces so won't go to bottom.

In iron skillet, heat 1/2 cut bacon drippin's and 1/2 cup vinegar. (Don't let boil - it will explode.) Pour over salad and cover quickly with lid (it will not wilt if you don't cover).

### Mountain Oysters Gus Bird

The best part of a branding is keeping all of the "Mountain Oysters" or "Calf Fries". Clean down to last skin, cut in half and scrape out meat in half flour and half cornmeal and deep fry until golden brown. M—M—M Good!

Follow the above recipe if any are left over from branding. Gus likes to lay oyster whole on fire and eat on the spot.

### Gus Bird's Chili

12 lbs. chili meat (1/2 deer)  
4 lbs. beef fat  
2 pks. cumino seeds  
1 box paprika

1 sack Morton Chili Blend  
1 Tbsp. garlic powder  
2 Tbsp. black pepper  
1 Tbsp. red pepper  
Salt to taste (1/4 cup for Gus)  
Cook all day. Don't skim off fat, cause fat holds the flavor.

### Gus' Wild Plum Jelly

Go to the river plum patch and gather the ripe and nearly ripe plums (and weevils, worms and chiggers you can stand, and one rattle snake!)

Wash plums, pick out bad ones, and put on to cook. Go by directions on Sure-Jel Box.

Always have a hot pepper or two in your pocket to go with any meal.



## Stevens Honored With Matador Spurs

by Marisue Potts

Roy Stevens of Levelland was honored at the annual Matador Cowboy Reunion and Roping in Channing, Texas, on August 16 with memorial spurs. Stevens, formerly of Post, was named earliest hand from the lower division of the Matador Ranch.

In 1918 when he was 17 years old, Stevens hired on to work for the Matadors, living at Turtle Hole Camp. Because of manpower shortage due to World War I, Manager J.M. Jackson found himself employing mostly youngsters like Stevens or older men. Higher prices for cattle were offset by the effects of an extended drought and a high loss rate. Influenza hit the cowboys right at delivery time and a severe



Roy Stevens with memorial spurs.

Stevens worked for Frank Sparks and with Wagon Boss Rain Thornton, Claude Jeffries, Charlie Fullingim, Ed D. Smith and P. Blevins.

His grandson and wife, Steve and Carla (Burlson) Jones of Levelland, accompanied Stevens to Channing for the festivities honoring former employees of the Matador Ranch.

Also attending was Johnny Stevens of Matador, former manager of the Alamositas division who was transferred to the lower division as superintendent in 1941 where he remained until the break-up of the Scottish-held syndicate in 1951.

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# Shannon Davidson Achieved Acclaim

## By Winning Pony Express

### Flomot Youth Was Leader In Dramatic Race To California

The national spotlight was focused on Shannon Davidson, Flomot youth, and the old Pony Express days were revived in March, 1939, when Motley County's entry capped first place in the famed Nocona-San Francisco pony ride.

It'll be a long time before folks around here forget the 22-year-old cowboy who completed the 2,000-mile route with only two horses in 23 days—the lad who rode up to the Golden Gate Exposition to collect the \$750 in prize money for winning the unique feat.

Davidson, son of Mrs. J. M. Davidson of Flomot, was backed by Willie Meyer, also of Flomot, in the famous marathon in which 17 other riders left Nocona March 1.

The stunt was sponsored by the little West Texas town of Nocona and was headed by Miss Enid Justin, chairman of the publicity committee.

The race was termed as the greatest cross-country publicity spectacle since C. C. Pyle sent his "bumion derby" walkers hobbling across the nation some ten years ago.

Amon G. Carter, well-known Fort Worth publisher, fired the starting pistol for the pony express jaunt across the western plains to Treasure Island, site of the San Francisco Exposition.

Davidson Pulls Ahead Alternately riding "Rocket" and "Ranger," Davidson pulled ahead of the leading man, T. J. Sykes, of Devol, Okla., before reaching El Paso. Traveling with tail lights on their saddles, the riders began the long trek across the southern New Mexico desert.

Sykes' smaller horse became disabled in Deming, N. M., March 11, and he withdrew from the race.

The Motley County pace-setter crossed the Arizona border the same day and pulled into Phoenix riding bareback and still leading, on March 15. He was escorted into the city by police motorcycles with sirens screaming. The rider immediately changed mounts, put a saddle on the fresh horse and rode to the capitol for a welcome by Gov. Bob Jones.

The sunburned youth was first to push his mount across the muddy Colorado River, stopping in the southern California town of Indio to treat his blistered lips and ask, "How much farther is the ocean?"

On March 21 he reached the old

Spanish mission hamlet of San Miguel. The following day he rode into King City for an overnight rest, with his goal approximately 24 hours away. The final day he left San Jose with a state humane officer hot on his trail. His pursuer, Al Girola, said he had received reports that horses used in the race were subjected to "cruel treatment."

Davidson laughed when told of the investigation. "It's all nonsense," he said in his slow, Texas drawl. "Why, I worry more about my horses than myself."

The SPCA saw the animals, lay off, and Davidson continued the last lap of the journey.

Arrives In Oakland An Associated Press story from Oakland, Calif., March 24, reports Davidson's arrival as follows:

"The Texas-to-Oakland pony express race ended today for Shannon Davidson, who collected 750 shiny new dollars as first prize winner, for riding nearly 2,000 weary miles.

Davidson, tanned cowboy from Motley County, whooped away from Nocona, Texas, March 1, with 17 other contestants.

He alternated in riding his cow ponies, "Rocket" and "Ranger," and arrived at the trail's end in Oakland at 11:50 a. m. today.

"Yipping men and women riders in cowboy costumes greeted the rider and after impromptu receptions he loaded his horses onto a truck and was driven across the bay bridge to the International Exposition entrance.

"Here he swung into the saddle for the last time and rode 200 yards down "Rainbow Ramp" onto the fairgrounds proper. Davidson and about 15 automobile loads of relatives and Texas officials were passed thru the exposition gates.

"Davidson's horse pranced with photographs were taken and the rider smiled. A cowboy band played a lively tune.

"Miss Enid Justin of Nocona had 750 newly-minted dollars awaiting Davidson as first prize money. The cash was presented to the cowboy in a ceremony at the Alameda-Center Co's building.

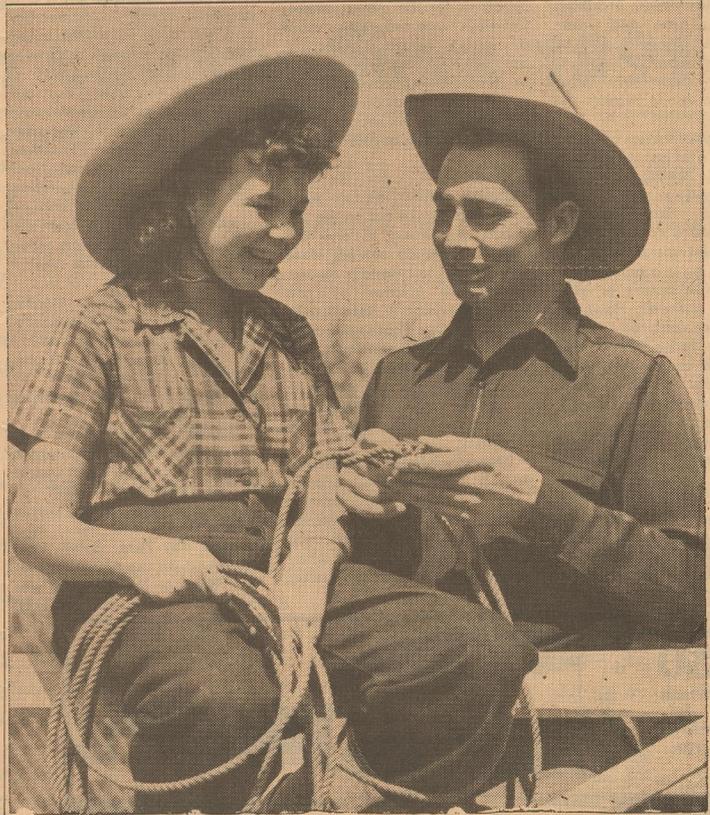
"King Kerley of Quanah, Texas, the only other rider to give Davidson any kind of competition, still lagged nearly 100 miles behind. The others dropped out along the wayside."

Accompanied By Friends Accompanying Davidson in an auto and trailer were two friends, Bill Meyer and Wood Bird. The trailer carried a second horse, with Davidson exchanging mounts every 25 miles. He rode from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, averaging

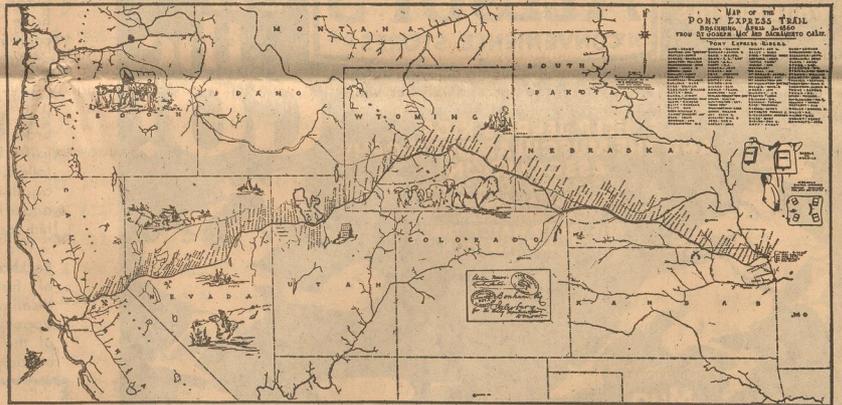
### Screen Celebrity And Flomot Boy Are Pals In Hollywood

Since his epic ride, Shannon Davidson has remained in Hollywood, playing bits and parts in various western motion pictures. He has served his apprenticeship and obtained rating in the Screen Actors' Guide, allowing him full qualifications in extra work. Due to loss of exports of foreign films and general retrenchment in the motion picture industry, young Davidson is contemplating a return to Texas until the film capital resumes its normal pace, intimate friends declared recently.

The photo at right of Jane Withers and the pony express winner was made immediately after his first arrival in Hollywood on the Fox lot, where he was a guest of the celebrated juvenile actress.



PONY EXPRESS TRAIL LED "OUT TO WHERE WEST ENDS"



about seven miles an hour.

The horses received the best of care during the journey. Each animal lost between 150 and 200 pounds but both were in good condition upon their arrival in San Francisco. Davidson never rode one beyond a trot and most of the time at a walk.

The nine-year-old animals were the property of Ray George, who bred and raised them in the Polley community. They were shod about 20 times during the ride. In fact, they were shod so many times that "holes had to be bored in their hoofs and their shoes screwed on," declared Sheriff H. H. Courtney.

During the race Davidson trained on a weird diet of raw eggs, fruit juice, and sandwiches. Hundreds of letters bearing special "pony express stamps" were carried to California in leather mail pouches and mailed back to all parts of the nation.

Willie Meyers, his son, Billy Meyers, Jr., accompanied by Elwood Bird, the cook, and the two famous horses returned home soon after the end of the journey, and Davidson remained in Hollywood to make screen tests. The youthful rider has since appeared in several western movies.

Is Honored Here On May 8 of the same year Matador celebrated Shannon Davidson Day, with a huge celebration in tribute to the pony express winner.

A mile-long pioneer parade led by the Motley County hero and Miss Enid Justin, donor of the prize money, opened the colorful pageant.

Matador slipped back four decades or longer in atmosphere, and everyone was garbed in attire of the Old West, as some 6,000 persons joined in the event.

The world's most colorful mail service was the old pony express of the latter half of the 19th century.

It actually began April 3, 1860, when a rider from St. Joseph, Mo., and another from Sacramento, Calif., set forth on swift ponies with their packets.

The above route became established, and covered 2,000 miles, most of it thru hostile Indian territory. Weight of the rider was limited to 135 pounds, and the two mail pouches to 20 pounds each. Mailing charge of each letter was \$5.00.

In 1860 the pony express routes

were broken into units of 10 miles each, at which point a new rider freshly mounted, took up the packets. Managed by Alexander Majors of Kentucky, the service included 180 riders, none of whom ever violated his trust.

Occasionally a rider was killed by Indians, but only one mail

pouch was ever lost. After the cross-country employment of the telegraph, first started in 1861, followed by the first transcontinental railroad built in 1869, the pony express was gradually abolished. (Photo courtesy The Cattleman).



**OLD SETTLERS DAY**

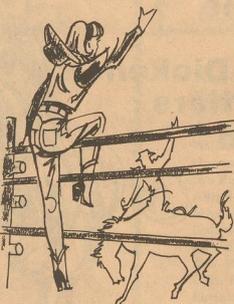
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**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Barbara:  
Your doing a great job on the weekly paper.  
Ed and I grew up in Roaring Springs and we do so enjoy getting our paper and reading all the local news.  
Keep up the good work and many God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Ed & Fay Hall  
Big Spring, Tx

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Thursday of each August, everyone seems to adjust to very little sleeping time.

Again this year, a record turnout is expected. There is always a big turnout for the parade, memorial service and the carnival. In 1971, on the 47th reunion, 914 tickets to the dance were sold, on Saturday night alone, and at that time, there was no charge for the ladies, and that doesn't include afternoon dances. With crowds like these every year, it's easy to see why there are two dance floors and two different dance bands.

It's easy to see old friends in this part of Texas, and you don't have to drive all over the wide-open spaces to do it. Just load up your pony, and drive to our yearly affair; they'll all be in Roaring Springs for the Old Settlers Reunion.

(Sources: Western Horseman, 1971; Of Such As These, by Eleanor Troweck; Matador Tribune)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23



Whether you ski, ice-skate or play football, you probably not only enjoy the sport itself, but the rewards that come with it. One such reward many may not always think about is relaxing after you've been out and keeping fit. After heading for the showers, rest those tired limbs and muscles. Settle down in your most comfortable chair, with your favorite book or magazine and treat yourself to a refreshing glass of iced tea. It may feel good to know that all those calories you burned are not being replaced by this delicious low calorie beverage.



The highest city in the U.S. is Leadville, Colorado. It's nearly two miles above sea level in the Rocky Mountains.

**D.P.S. News Release**

With Labor Day coming on Monday this allows most people to have a three day weekend. Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock said, "This will be an extremely dangerous time for motorist since we do have a three day weekend. This is the last weekend of the summertime vacations and activities."

Major Cawthon also stated, "Most people will be out to have a good time just before school starts and some of these people will get carried away and have too much to drink. The drinking driver can be seen around recreational areas such as lakes and camp grounds."

Cawthon urges all drivers to be alert for the drunk driver and to report all infractions of the law to your area law enforcement agency.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will have all available troopers working around the clock to make operation motorcade a safer time for all who will be using the

highways. These troopers will be especially on the lookout for the drinking driver, the speeding driver and the reckless driver, since these are the three main causes of fatal accidents.

Major Cawthon said, "Remember to protect yourself and your family by buckling up everytime, all the time. Observe the speed limit, and if you drink don't drive and if you drive don't drink."

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of July, our troopers investigated 8 fatal accidents, 92 personal injury accidents, and 106 property damage accidents. There were 9 persons killed and 188 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Brad Parker of Tulia stated, "In Motley County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, 1 personal injury accident, and 2 property damage accidents in the month of July. No persons were killed and 3 persons were injured in these accidents."

**Motley County Farmers Invited To Run For County Committee**

Matador, August 25, 1986, Eligible Farmers in Motley County are invited to become nominees for the Farmers Home Administration county committee, FmHA County Supervisor, Larry J. Clements, announced today.

As a result of the 1985 farm bill, two of the three members of FmHA county committees must be elected. The third member is appointed by FmHA. The Motley County committee assists the FmHA county office in reviewing applications for FmHA farm loans and on other farm credit loans and on other farm credit matters.

Generally, farmers who are residents of the county but not FmHA borrowers are eligible to become nominees for the FmHA county committee.

"Farmers in this county,

can play an important role by assisting in the process of loan applications and reviews," said Larry J. Clements.

For this first election only, two members will be elected at the same time. One will serve a one year term of office and the other will serve two years.

In the future, all terms of service will be for three years each on a staggered basis.

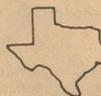
Nominating petitions must be returned to the FmHA Dickens County office by Tuesday, September 2, 1986.

Additional information and application forms for those who are interested in becoming nominees for the county committee are available at the FmHA county office, 401 N. Burlington, or by calling (806) 271-4562.

**Card Of Thanks**

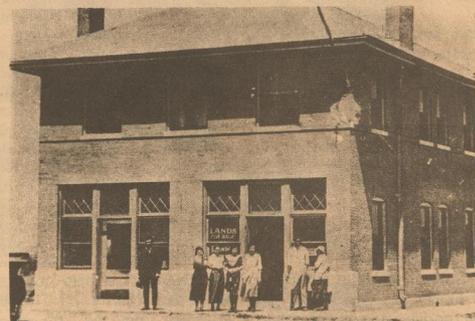
Our Thanks to the Gordy Washington family for the donation of the heifer to the Burleson Memorial Fund.  
Teen & Lou

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by Garry A. Martin

There's a reason for the SUNSHINE,  
and how it came to be.  
There's a reason for the RAINBOW,  
that glows inside of me.  
There's a reason for the MOONBEAMS,  
that shine from up above.  
There's a reason for the BLESSINGS,  
that God gave us with Love.

God gave us the SUNSHINE,  
to grow the things we need.  
It turns the darkness into light,  
and makes flowers from the seed.

He gave to us a RAINBOW,  
with colors rich and pure.  
To remind us of his power,  
and his word we can be sure.

His MOONBEAMS shine upon us,  
in a very special way.  
They're reflections of God's mercy,  
as we kneel down to pray.

All these things are BLESSINGS,  
because he loves us so.  
We only need believe in him,  
and be sure we let him know.



The word "posse" comes from Latin meaning "to be able."



The marathon race was originally 26 miles. It was increased 385 yards in the 1908 Olympic Games so King Edward VII could see the finish from the royal box.

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**Motley County Tribune**

Matador, Tx

# School Begins

The Board of Trustees voted on Monday night, August 25, 1986, to postpone the occupancy of the new school facility, and to start school in the buildings and classrooms we occupied last year at the close of school, except for the cafeteria. The cafeteria will be able to serve the noon meal within two days of the start of school, and parents are requested to send a sack lunch for their students on September 2 and September 3. Breakfast will not be served until the entire building is ready for occupancy. This decision was reached because of unforeseen delays in the final phases of construction which would cause students to be around hazardous work areas. It was felt that the students would be safer if the move into the building was postponed.

Parents are requested to caution their children about

going around the construction site at any time. Pickups are moving material, scaffolding might be accessible, materials could fall, power cords could be frayed, etc.

When the lunchroom is used at noon, the students will be closely supervised so that their safety can be assured.

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In the School Board meeting, it was decided to give Jim Cooper, the Vocational Agriculture teacher, the authority to dispose of the salvage materials from the construction of the new building. The insulation and sheet metal, as well as other materials will be sold. Inquiries about the purchase of these materials should be made to Mr. Cooper at the Vocational Ag. Building, 347-2852, anytime during the week.

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

The Motley County Independent School District offers vocational programs in agriculture and home economics.

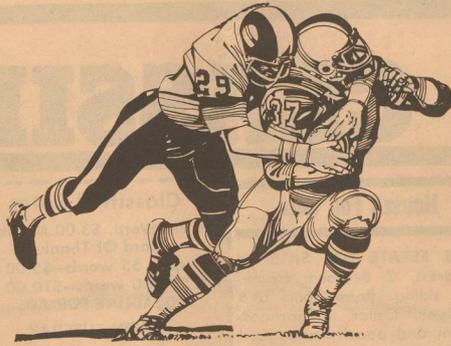
It is the policy of the Motley County Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race, color, and national origin in its educational and vocational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX, Section 503 and Title VI.

The Motley County Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Section 504 Coordinator. Ron Cummings, at 1315 Scotch Street, Matador, Texas 79244. Phone Number 806-347-2677.

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"Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in."  
Robert Frost



## Football News

The Motley County Matadors scored a 7-0 victory over the Claude Mustangs in their first scrimmage of the season. The Matador defense did an excellent job in shutting down the Mustang attack.

Offensively, the Matadors moved the football with good consistency on the ground and displayed the potential for an explosive passing attack.

The coaching staff was very pleased with the overall performance of the team in their first scrimmage, but also realize there is still much room for improvement. Obviously, we are very happy for the players. They have been working hard to improve and now they have something to show for it. "We saw a lot of good things in the scrimmage, but as coaches, we need to be very critical in our analysis of our performance, so that we can continue to improve. We cannot be satisfied with one victory in a scrimmage. We have the potential to become a very good football team, but we still have a great deal of hard work to do before we can come close

to reaching our goals."

The Matadors will face a big test this Friday, when they travel to Crosbyton to take on last year's district 1AA champions at 5:30 p.m. This will provide the Matadors with an opportunity to play against an excellent pass/option offense, which will help prepare them for the upcoming season.

Defensively, Crosbyton plays a split 6 defense, which the Matadors will not see again until later in the season. Because of this, the Matadors will spend most of the week practicing against the defense they will see in their early games. Most of the week will be spent working to improve the fundamentals of the offense, defense, and kicking game.

Motley County is working hard to be ready for their opening game against Whiteface in September 5, at 8:00 p.m. at Whiteface. All Motley County fans are urged to make plans to attend the game and support the team in their efforts to start the season with a big victory.

## Free and Reduced Price Meals

The Motley County Independent School District this week announced its policy for free and reduced meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Each school and the office of the Superintendent has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: Names of all household members; Social Security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; Total household income or the household's food stamp case number if they currently receive food stamps; Signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Ron Cummings, Superintendent,

will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Mr. Ron Cummings, Drawer 310, Matador, Texas 79244, for a hearing on the decision.

Households are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced price meals or for free meals.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for school meal benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

ATTACHMENT A  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
1986-87

Family Size	Annual		Monthly		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced-Price	Free	Reduced-Price	Free	Reduced-Price
1	\$ 6,968	\$ 9,916	\$ 581	\$ 827	\$ 134	\$ 191
2	9,412	13,394	785	1,117	181	258
3	11,856	16,872	938	1,406	228	325
4	14,300	20,350	1,192	1,696	275	392
5	16,744	23,828	1,396	1,998	322	459
6	19,188	27,306	1,599	2,276	369	526
7	21,632	30,784	1,803	2,556	416	592
8	24,076	34,262	2,007	2,856	463	659
Each Additional Family Member	\$ 2,444	\$ 3,478	\$ 204	\$ 290	\$ 47	\$ 67

# A Pioneer Family In The West

by Rose V. Turner  
(Submitted by Marisue Potts)

March 9, 1962  
Flomot, Texas

I wandered, today to a rocky ledge, just two miles west of my home. I soon found what I was looking for, almost at the foot of the hills. In a terraced field, with rocks all around, is a rock enclosure. As I drew near, I knew these rocks had been placed here, a long time ago. They reached two feet high and a solid concrete slab covered the entire space within. Facing the west and in the center, is one rock taller than the others and bears the inscription:

"Alice E. Keeter - born October 21, 1870, Canton, Georgia - Date of death - February 15, 1899 - Texas."

Just below was another inscription, "Malinda Elizabeth Keeter - Oct. 16, 1898 - date of death - March 9, 1899."

I knew I had found the grave of the first mother and her child that had been buried in these flats. I visited two members of the Keeter family at Lockney, Texas, recently and from them I bring you, this story.

In Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia, lived William A. Keeter with his parents, Rev. & Mrs. J.J. Keeter. Near by lived a neighbor, the Lowerys and their attractive daughter, Miss Alice E. Lowery. The children and young people grew up together and on April 19, 1891, William married his childhood sweetheart, Alice. Near Canton, they made their home but there was always the dream and plans for "a home in the west." Children came to bless this home: first Claud, a healthy son, then a daughter, Lois. Walter was next in line, then a frail little girl, that bore the name of Malinda Elizabeth.

The call of the west, ever clamored in the heart of the young husband and the home that he would build for his beloved, somewhere in the west. When three of the Keeter

brothers decided to go to Texas, it was not hard to get William to go along. Leaving his devoted wife and children, William came also. With each mile traveled and each task accomplished, went the thought of the home for the loved ones.

The Keeter brothers made their way to Texas to the home of an uncle, J.D.R. Bass, just four miles west of the present town of Flomot. Uncle Bass lived at the foot of the plains, in a rock house, where the Floyd and Motley County lines intersect. The Georgia relatives were welcomed in western hospitality style. They were assured.

A few miles to the west of the Bass home, the George R. Tibbets family lived. There neighbors were: the Frank Hawkins, the J.R. Welch family and Mrs. Welch's brother, Uncle Mack McCathren, Tom and Henry Kell, Elick Merrell and the John Smiths.

Williams worked diligently and then all was ready for the loved ones to occupy their new home. Arrangements were made and the mother and 4 children boarded a train and came to Childress, Tx. Here, they were met by the proud and ambitious husband and father. They drove home in a covered wagon, drawn by a pair of little Spanish mules.

The little family had been exposed to the measles on the train from Georgia and in a few days, both Mother and children, one by one, came down the measles. The strain of the long trip, soon told on the young mother's frail body and when the dreaded pneumonia set in, after only two weeks, Mother Alice slipped away to her reward and her eternal home.

Neighbors and cowboys came from miles around to assist this family in distress and to help lay the loved one to rest. George

Tibbets took the lumber from his new barn to make the casket. A suitable place on a knoll in Mesquite, it was selected and here in a new made grave Alice A. Keeter was laid. Days of love and labor went into the erection of a rock fence around the loved one's grave. Only a short time later Malinda Elizabeth followed her mother in death and she was placed by the side of her mother.

When Claud, Lois and Walter had recovered enough to travel, William took his family back to Georgia. Friends and relatives cared for the little family and one year later William married Mrs. Ella Boggs, a widow with three children. In a few years the Keeter family again came to Texas. This time they made their home, west of Tulia and later moved to Turkey.

The children attended school at the Bagley school, west of Kress and the Fuston school, south of Turkey. Memories of the Fuston school are: Blact shoot-iron walls with openings for windows, that were never installed and cotton bagging carpeted the sandy floor.

This was about all the education in a school room that the boys received, but their education was just begun. Soon, they were taking jobs to assist in the family income and all too soon they were riding herd, making a ranch hand for the Mill Iron Ranch, the F Ranch, the Shoe Bar and driving freight wagons to Electra, Childress, Memphis Canyon and Amarillo.

As the years went by, Claud chose farming and ranching and later became a butcher as his life's occupations. Walter chose to be a stockman, buying, selling and trading in livestock.

On Dec. 27, 1910, Claud married Miss Fannie Wolf of Turkey. They have a family of five daughters and four sons, 26

grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The children are scattered and have homes of their own, while Mr. and Mrs. Claud Keeter make their home in Lockney.

Lois is happily married and lives at Cuero, Texas. Her name is Mrs. Lois Martin and she and her husband have no children.

Walter went back to Georgia to find his life's companion. On Feb. 5, 1923, he married Miss Leecie J. Putman, making their home in Ga. until 1944, they moved to Lockney. Their family consists of five children and nine grandchildren. Although Walter has reached the age of retirement, he is still a stockman at heart, for I first met him at an Auction sale.

W.A. Keeter and wife, Ella had a family of 9 children and made their home in Ga. until 1952, when they bought a home in Lockney. Soon after coming back here, Mr. Keeter was in a car accident that resulted in his death, March 23, 1953. He was buried in Georgia, near his childhood home.

In November 1936, W.A. Keeter, other members of his family and several neighbors visited the grave of Mrs. Alice Keeter and did some improvement; adding the concrete slab as a protection for the grave.

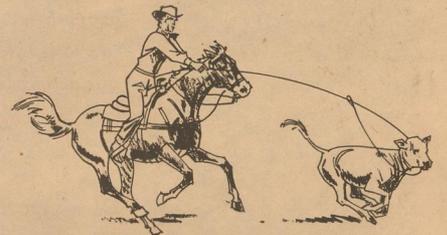
With tenderness and precious memories, the Keeters speak of their mother, sister and loved ones. The years of time have left their mark on the faces of these of the Pioneer family, but deeper than time, is the life and memory of those gone on. A life well spent will make its mark on those that follow. So we leave the family and again pass by the place where Alice E. Keeter rests beneath the sod; but leaves a memory that points those who follow to the footsteps that lead on to God.

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# Ella Bird Dumont

by Michelle Bearden



Ella Bird Dumont. (From Carmen Taylor Bennett, Our Roots Grow Deep, by permission)

Nestled into the red clay bluffs scattered along the Tongue River, a pair of newlyweds settled on the task of establishing a home from a wholly wild, unspoiled region of the Texas rolling plains. With few building materials available, they used what was at hand; a side of a hill carved to form a sturdy foundation, back wall and sloping sides rafters of poles with buffalo hides tiered along the sides and across the top.

The sixteen year old bride, with less than a year of marriage behind her, had the vital, adventuresome spirit that made such rough living seem to be a lark rather than the hardship often portrayed by other pioneer recollections Ella Bird and her husband, Tom, felt like they had the world by the tail with their cozy dugout completed and a settling that rivaled Eden's beauty. The tall whispering cottonwoods along the usually dry river bed lulled them to sleep each night. Plentiful game was at their doorstep with wild turkey, antelope and deer abounding. Also, they were close to the large herds of buffalo that they had come to hunt.

Tom Bird had left the Texas Rangers several months before, as his company viewed their endeavors too risky for a married man. But, at age 29, Bird was certain the dark-haired Ella was well worth leaving the Rangers for. With few possessions, the young couple happily entered a nomadic life that brought them both a livelihood and number of exciting adventures.

Ella had the unusual desire and ability to sculpt which had been readily apparent as a child who fashioned toys of clay or mud for herself and her young cousins. During the early days of her marriage, this gift brought the isolated child-bride many happy hours expressing a compelling creativity in the

sculpting of gyp-rock, her only available medium, Tom Bird was entranced with his youthful wife's talents, readily encouraging her with his open admiration of her work.

The young wife also found a talent for leather work which became a valued source of added income for the young family. Her beautiful gloves, vests, gauntlets and buckskin suits were enhanced by intricate bead-work and highly prized by cowboys and ranchers alike. Her customers came from a wide area around here and barter was often the base of trade. The family's beginning cattle herd was from the yearlings traded for Ella's work. She made items for George Walker of the Matador Ranch, Claude Jefferies from the "8", Hugh Luckett and many others.

Through necessity, Ella put her hand to any and all tasks to be done, frequently enjoying above average success with her wide range of activities. Later on, her skill in carpentry baffled her

husband and the cowboys he worked with, as she had never had any instruction of such. Tom did teach Ella to shoot, however and made her a gift of his treasured Winchester that the Texas Legislature had awarded Texas Rangers with for their successful battle against the Indians, Ella practiced until she became a crack shot which later helped her to feed her fatherless children.

As Ella's life flowed on, the intensity of her character was barraged with numerous tragedies which would have hardened another woman. Ella's resilient nature continually bounced back to being grateful for what she did have rather than focusing on her losses. The truly romantic union produced three children that the proud parents felt were the most beautiful children in the world. The ultimate death of a daughter proved a crushing blow to Ella, however the death of Tom due to an unknown

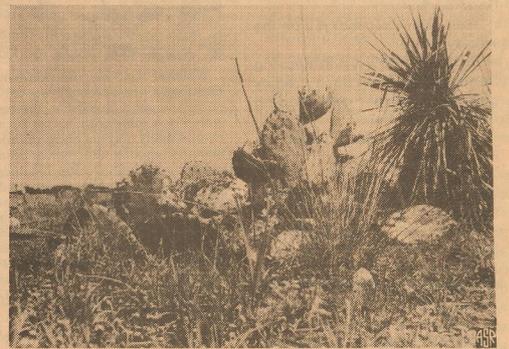
malady in 1888 was nearly too much for the devoted wife.

Ella remained a widow for nine years—firmly believing no man could take the place of Tom Bird. When the Matador Ranch held a party at the Payne place adjoining Ella's land, two youthful Matador cowboys rode over to issue a special invitation to the attractive widow to attend. One was Charlie Bird and the other was Mr. Brisco. Ella made the decision that it was time to either quit going to the parties or go and join in the fun. Her usual action since Tom's death was to sit as the wall-flower. Charlie Bird, however, after the second request, got the reticent Ella to dance with him. The other cowboys later pled Charlie to share his secret of success. Charlie replied, "I don't know unless it was my name that carried me through." Although Charlie and Tom had discussed their shared name, they had been unable to determine any family connection.

Through the years, Ella had no fewer than 17 proposals of marriage, one from Matador of whom she would only identify by the initials of J.B. By deciding to marry a friend of 20 years, August Dumont, the French-Canadian postmaster. She had the whole-hearted approval of her children, Capp and Bessie. The pioneer family soon moved into the growing town of Paducah where she spent the remainder of her life. Her basically untapped gift of sculpting gradually gave way to tasks that met the needs of a busy family. Her creativity was funneled into domestic pursuits until her last years when she found an outlet in documenting a full life **The True Life Story of Ella Bird Dumont**, which Tommy J. Boley did his Master Thesis on at the University of Texas. The Tribune gratefully acknowledges the Bicentennial City-County Public Library of Paducah, Texas for their generosity in sharing this manuscript with us.

## Right Now Is Best Time

### To Treat Pricklypear



Right now is the best time of the year to apply a herbicide to control prickly pear, a spiny range pest that infests 25.5 million acres in Texas.

Activity within the plant itself makes the period between August and November ideal for application of Grazon PC herbicide (picloram active ingredient), the only chemical recommended for pricklypear control, says Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range scientist and professor at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in San Angelo.

He has consistently achieved better than 90 percent control applying a half pound a/i of picloram in late summer and the fall of the year, Dr. Ueckert reports.

Pricklypear plants usually lose a lot of water during the hot dry summer and look dehydrated and wrinkled. Increased effectiveness of picloram applied in late August through October is associated with replenishment of carbohydrates in the pricklypear crowns and mature pads during this period. Picloram is highly water soluble and it becomes readily available for uptake by thirsty pricklypear roots if applied in late summer, prior to early autumn rains.

While fall application is best for control of pear with application of picloram alone, Dr. Ueckert has found that the best — and fastest — control program of all is to burn a pear-infested pasture when grass and weeds are dry in winter and then follow with application of as little as

one-eighth pound of Grazon PC per acre in April.

"The combination of fire plus picloram gave us roughly 95 percent control within a year after we treated and at the lowest rate of picloram — one eighth of a pound," Dr. Ueckert says.

Slower kill should be expected when the herbicide is applied without a prior burn. "When you apply picloram by air at rates of a quarter or a half pound per acre, it often is three or four years before the herbicide quits working and complete evaluation can be made," Dr. Ueckert says.

However they accomplish it, most ranchers would like to rid their

land of pear. Though spines can be burned off to permit use of prickly-pear pads for poor quality forage in emergencies, most ranchers consider the plant a nuisance that crowds out desirable grasses, complicates operations, and is a threat to livestock.

Sheep and goats sometimes eat both the cactus pads and prickly-pear apples, particularly if other forage is short. Cactus spines stick in the tongue, lips, gums, palate, esophagus, the rumen and lower intestinal tract. Flesh in the mouth festers and becomes so painful the animals quit eating and sometimes even starve. Seeds from the apples cause digestive problems, moreover.

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By Ace Reid



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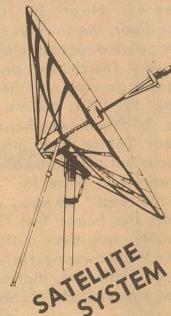
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# Motley County History In Review



Claude Blair, sister of Daisy Bird, later wife of Will Jackson, Circa 1890's.



Doug Meador and Virgil Lennard. Old-timers said they had seen them throw 150 calves and never miss a loop.



Joe and Doug Meador--early day Matador cowboys-- approximately 1895.



Gus and Lila Bird at Roaring Springs Falls, 1913.



Chowing down at the Matador Chuck Wagon.



Alvin "Turk" Plumlee, Arthur "Whack" Williams.



Doug Meador running the Prairie Dog Wagon in the 1930's. Man in the back is Lucian Lancaster--others unknown.



Mr. Hyatt, Freeman Thacker and Melton Thacker, around 1920. Grocery store; owned by Mr. Hyatt, was on the left of where Thacker Supply is today. M.S. Thacker bought out Hyatt.



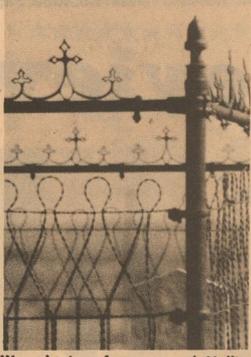
Darden Canyon School about 1916, (Gus Bird Collection).



Idyllic spot for Sunday afternoon picnics and making photos of your favorite gal. Pond at Matador Ranch Headquarters in 1920's.



Jerry Cooper (father of Tommy Cooper of Roaring Springs) at Old Settlers in 1930's.



Wrought iron fence around Mollie Barton plot at Grey Mule Cemetery, Floyd County.



Tombstone of Sue Keith Alley in East Mound Cemetery, Matador, Tx.

by Marisue Potts

## Tombstones Tell The Tale

Scattered throughout the foothills and valleys, often on a remote wind swept hill, are the tombstones of our people, reflecting their struggles, their customs, and their beliefs.

Life, death, and the afterlife merge in the folk culture of the burying ground. Traditions and time-tested techniques for laying the dead and calming the spirits of the living have evolved from European, African, Hispanica, and American Indian customs.

Though far from established German settlements, certain German influences are found in our area. Wrought iron fences encircle plots at Grey Mule, Matador's East Mound, and Flomat Cemeteries. Porcelain pictures at East Mound of a young W.W. I soldier, a pioneer horsewoman, a stately cowboy, and a sweet baby, trigger emotions and arouse curiosity.

Reflecting the strength of family and clan ties of southern Anglos are family plots and groupings, fostered frontier isolation.

Archways, called lichgates or corpse gates, over the cemetery entrances at Roaring Springs, East Mound, and Flomat symbolize the departure from the world of living and are a British tradition. In the deep South, certain ethnic groups stop at the gate and request permission from the other world before entering the graveyard.

Probably of American Indian origin, gravehouses came about when the Indian wished to protect the dead he had laid out in order that he might collect the sacred bones. A raised platform, then a platform with a fence around it, and later a gravehouse evolved in the Choctaw culture, for instance. Motorists view a modern version made of red brick and wrought iron in the Lorenzo cemetery, and an older version of cement in the Ralls cemetery.

Scraping the top soil and mounding (Grey Mule), decorating with shells, marbles, glass (East Mound), adorning the tombstone with alibates flint (Goodnight cemetery), as well as family plots, have African roots.

The Hispanic influence is most noticeable in the use of bright colors, decorative ceramic tiles, and niches in the tombstone for a saint's image, a toy, a photo, or a crucifix (Floydada Cemetery). Latin crosses or simple markers have replaced the early practice of using wooden markers which often deteriorated so badly that it was unusual to find Hispanic graves older than 100 years.

Placement and alignment of graves has roots in the Christian religion. Extraordinary sinners or suicides were buried north-south so that when the hapless soul arose on Judgement Day, he would be facing the wrong direction. Burials are traditionally made with feet to the east, the direction of Jerusalem, of the second coming, and of archangel Gabriel's horn sounding.

A woman is buried on the left side of her husband, symbolizing that Eve was created from the left side of Adam and duplicating her position at the wedding and her traditional place in the nuptial bed.

Environment and a reflection of the times is found in a simple sandstone slab, the oldest marker at East Mound. Scratched in the rock, fading a little every year, is J.E. Varner, Died 1891. Varner was gunned down at the Matador ranch wagon by J.B. McLeod, and that murder became the catalyst for establishing a jail and a cemetery.

Texans are not typically epitaph writers, perhaps stemming from their lack of roots

in frontier times or distaste of established formalized ceremony. Often a tombstone has only the names and dates and perhaps a brief phrase: Cowboy's Daughter, Cowboy's Wife; Farewell Darling; Gone But Not Forgotten; Asleep in Jesus.

A favorite line is "Weep not, for as I am today, so shall you be tomorrow," or its variation from the 12th century tomb of Edward at Canterbury Cathedral:

*Stop and read as you pass by  
As you are now so once was I  
As I am now, so will you be.  
Prepare for death and follow me.*

Many interesting examples of art exist in local cemeteries. In East Mound a beautiful petite angel watches over a child's grave, a Grecian urn over a young mother's, a neat stack of logs over a fraternity brother's. At Lockney, Floydada, and Matador cemeteries, scenes etched in granite tombstones depict an area of interest or a way of life: a farmer plowing a field, a cowboy riding a bronc, and an oil well. Gates of heaven, dove of peace, lamb of innocence, rose of motherhood, tree of life, and clasped hands of heaven's welcome are frequent symbols carved artistically in stone for generations to enjoy.

One can be drawn to cemeteries for many reasons, to mourn or to rejoice, to trace family roots, to enjoy peace and tranquility, or study the culture or to appreciate art. Graveyards are not just for the dead; they are for the living.

(Source: TEXAS GRAVEYARDS by Terry Jordan, University of Texas Press, Austin, 1982. Available at Motley County Library.)



Soda Fountain at Stanley Pharmacy approximately 1952.

## Nostalgic Soda Fountain Has Sweet Memories

by Michelle Bearden

Few and far between, these days, are the old-fashioned soda fountains such as the one at Stanley Pharmacy in Matador, Texas. Its history has been long and has suffered few of the head-spinning changes so prevalent in modern society.

In the mid-1920's, an early day druggist, Doc Craven established his City Drug Store in a downtown building between the Rance-Moore Grocery and the Willett Dry Goods (now the south side of Guys and Gals Dept. Store).

Within a few months, Craven recognized that a soda fountain would conceivably bring in more business. The splendid soda fountain he added to the store had a back bar that is 15 ft. long providing an imposing fixture to the budding business' interior. Stained glass doors originally graced each side of the back bar framing a mammoth mirror offset by beige marble top and the counter front is covered with white milk glass.

One of the business' first employees, Clinton Hobbs, began working at the City Drug Store in 1926. "The Dust Bowl Days were really pretty good days" Hobbs chuckles ironically. There were three doctors in Matador then and they kept us busy. Customers would honk

outside and we'd run out, get their orders and then carry their drinks to them." Their fountain drinks were exotic concoctions such as Coca-Cola for 5c--malts for 20c--milkshakes were 15c--or you could splurge on a luscious Banana Split for 35c. All flavors of ice cream with two scoops cost all of a nickel.

While people drank coffee at home they seldom wanted it when they came to town; consequently coffee was not on the menu.

In 1936 the City Drug was moved into the old National Bank Building and, naturally the Soda Fountain was moved, too. The booming business kept 4-5 employees hopping, all who were young and energetic. They worked long hours for an average wage of \$15 per week. Ethel Payne of Matador remembers working every other Sunday afternoon and every night until 10 p.m. and sometimes 'till 1 a.m.

One of Mrs. Payne's most poignant memories centers around the severe scarcity of perfume or cologne during WWII. The drug store had only one bottle of cologne left and one day, to Ethel's horror, it slipped from her hands and shattered on the floor. The loss was grieved over by several

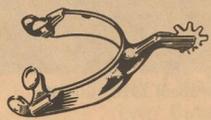
ladies. Every Saturday night, everyone in the area who was able made a beeline to town. They sat in their cars or strolled up and down the street visiting friends--often sampling the wares of the City Drug Soda Fountain. The cowboys would come in off the ranch, head for the public baths to clean up and then trooped into the drug store on Saturday nights to order cokes and shakes.

Bob Stanley purchased the City Drug in 1945 and moved it to its present location in 1952. Stanley too, felt the old soda fountain was worth moving. He later added new stools and a formica top to the counter. Stanley Pharmacy, now owned by James Stanely, continues to serve rich, creamy shakes and frothy coke floats reminiscent of another era. Banana splits can still be had if the customer has a little time to wait for delivery of fresh bananas from a nearby grocery store. In addition, Stanley's also serves tasty BBQ sandwiches and Pimento cheese sandwiches.

In the fast-paced computer age we live in, there is a little comfort to be found in knowing that not everything has completely changed.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.  
If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.  
John 8:32, 36

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## A Biffie Called By Any Other Name Is Still An Outhouse

by Marisue Potts



Outhouse built by Wade Martin on Alamosa Creek.

Whether it's called a biffie, donnicker, a jake, or a dooley...Mrs. Jones or Willie...a library, a back house, a privy, or a dry closet...that little building hiding in the weeds of neglected farms is still an outhouse.

Privies, no matter how crude or drafty, were a real improvement over visits to the barn or bushes. Often it was considered such a nicety that it was reserved for use by the ladies and children. A real fancy one might furnish corn cobs as well as the Sears Roebuck catalog, black and white pages preferred. For added comfort a hat brim might cover the seats which ranged from one to a four-holer. Lid covers were hinged with leather straps tacked to the lid and seat board.

The donnicker could be plain and spartan, or fancy and Victorian. Morning glory vines splashed color on the weathered boards. Cutouts of a moon or a star let in light and air for ventilation. A lantern lit the well worn path for nocturnal visits. In the summer a well placed tree provided shade and in winter "fire in a bucket" provided warmth.

No matter what it was called, the John was also perfect for hiding from chores or punishment, sneaking a smoke, telling a secret, thinking, or hiding from unwelcome visitors or persistent drummers. Dirt daubers, snakes, spiders, and setting hens thought it was nice too.

Boys found outhouses were perfect for playing tricks on people, like rockig it back and forth, turning it over, or barring

the door when in use. Many a Halloween found an outhouse in a very unlikely place. Placing a stolen outhouse on top of a pep rally bonfire was a Texas A&M tradition.

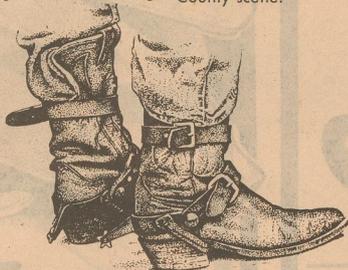
Tidying and cleaning the back house was a routine chore. A sprinkle of lime and a sprinkle of ashes helped keep the smell down. For obvious reasons, cleaning underneath was often reserved as punishment for wayward boys. For those living in town the Honey Dippers made regular early morning visits in their Honey Wagons to clean out the accumulation of waste. A special hinged door underneath the seats provided convenient access.

During the Great Depression WPA workers built many pit privies throughout the country. For improved sanitation, a pipe or concrete receptacle was buried in the ground and chemicals were added.

Port-o-potties such as those seen in farmer's fields or at public gatherings are the modern version of an old idea. Pulled by John Deere tractors, two trailer loads of port-o-poties accompanied the Wagon Train on its 3,000 mile trek across Texas this year.

At least two outhouse builders are still active in Motley County. Luther Green built a fancy old fashioned two-holer for Mott Camp's History Day. Ted Green and Sons constructed a pair of sheet metal/sunken pipe johns for the Burlison Arena.

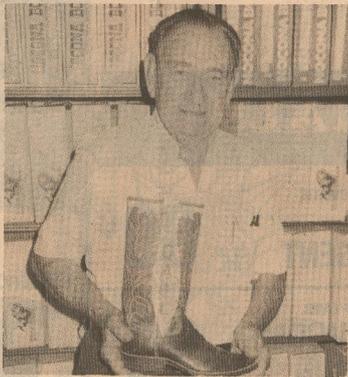
Though a remnant of the past, a bit of rare Texana, outhouses remain a part of the Motley County scene.



## Welcome Old Settlers



Mynatt Funeral Home



Herbert Love holding one of about 55 pair that he made in 1954, when members of the senior class wanted boots made alike. The boots were in school colors with the name of the wearer on a tab on the side. The boot he holds belonged to his late daughter, Gail.

*Editors Note: This article was sent to the Tribune by Mrs. Odis Killingsworth, former residents of Matador. Taken from Lea County, N.M Newspaper)*

Herbert Love has traveled around a bit in his lifetime, as he has taken his trade to the people. But he and his wife settled in one spot when they moved to Lovington in 1953. That was a bit of a fluke too, because they were actually headed for Hobbs.

Herbert had rented a building in Hobbs and planned to put down roots, but some furniture was stored in the building and when the Love family arrived, there was no place to put their belongings. He had already paid a month's rent too, Herbert recalls.

He needed to do something immediately, so came to Lovington to visit with Ernie McNutt, a longtime friend who had formerly resided in the Spur area where Love had grown up. Ernie told the loves that he thought he knew a man who had a building for rent, the two got together and the Loves became residents of Lovington. This has been home ever since.

Dr. Thomas B. Love, Herbert's grandfather, moved to Dickens, Texas, in the late 1880s, after having served in the Civil War with the Confederacy. One of his

sons, Odie Othello (O.O. "Double Nuthin'") bought property in Dickens and married Florence Medlin, the daughter of a Baptist minister. They were partners of S.E. Gunn in a dry goods store prior to moving to Roaring Springs, they established the Love Dry Goods.

Herbert grew up there and met his wife, Donnie Lee Garrison, when she came to visit her brother who had a barber shop.

Herbert was learning the boot trade when the couple got married in 1931. During that era, boot makers would set up shop in town and stay there until boots were made for everyone who needed a pair. Then they moved on. "You got laid off when you ran out of orders," he says.

Herbert worked with his brother-in-law, Charlie McDonel and with an older craftsman and bootmaker, Charlie Blatherwick.

"We lived all over the country in those days," Herbert says, and explained that the family lived in Roaring Springs, Paducah, Brownwood and Albany, just to name a few places.

In 1939, with three children, Neil, Janet and Gail, the couple moved to Spur, Texas, and opened Love Boot Shop. Two more children, Melba and Jerry, were born in Spur. The family interests leaned toward the

## Love Recalls Travels During Early Day Boot Making

western life. They enjoyed horseback riding and rodeo. And Herbert and Donnie made handmade boots for the cowboys -- for men from the Matador, 6666, Swenson and Pitchfork Ranches, as well as for men from other surrounding ranches who wanted custom fit and style in thier boots.

Donnie worked at Herbert's side until her death in 1975. She fancy-stitched the tops of the boots in a variety of intricate designs.

During those itinerant years, Herbert had the opportunity to work with the well-known boot

the celebration may be because I left there," he laughs. It is evident that he enjoys returning to visit with old friends and acquaintances.

After Herbet decided to move to Lovington, he rented a building which is now a part of the operation of Marshall Furniture. The late Leo Jones had the furniture store in the other side of the building. The Loves stayed there until the furniture operation needed more room, then moved to 200 North Main for a time. In 1961, Love Boot Shop was moved to the present location. Last year, the space was doubled by taking in the space in the building next door after that business moved to another location.

Asked how many boots he has made through the years, Herbert can't give a count, but he has a hand drawn picture of each foot of every customer he has ever served. The drawings are kept in ledger books with all the information on size included on the page. About 150 orders are in each book and there are 20 or more full books in his collection.

After Mrs. Love passed away, Herbert put away his equipment and no longer makes the handmade designs. His daughter Janet received one of the last pairs of handmade boots designed by Herbert and the late Bobby Fields got the last pair.

making family, the Leddy's of the San Angelo area. He says there were 14 Leddy boys and all were in the bootmaking trade.

That was a time of learning, and perfecting of skills in boot making. He also recalls Eddie Logan, a Swede whom he lauds for his skill. "I really learned the finished product of a boot," he says.

He says no one else in his family had been in the boot making trade. His people had been merchants.

Herbert still attends the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs, and has been honored as the first baby born in that city after the town was incorporated. The celebration corresponds with his birthday. "Sometimes I think

The Lord is the strength of my life. Ps. 27:10

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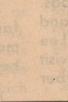
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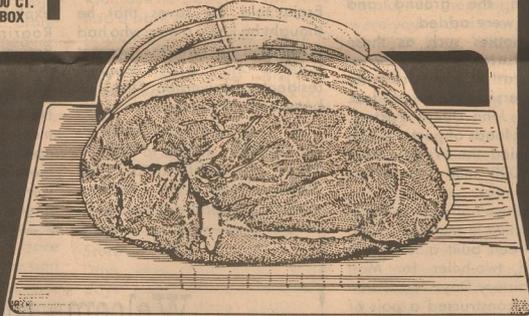
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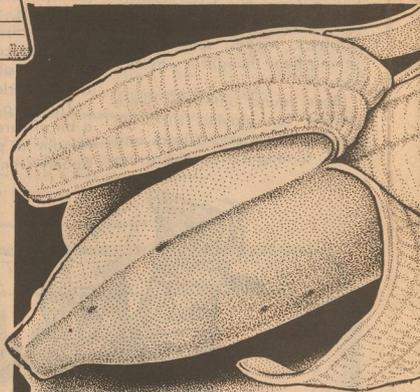


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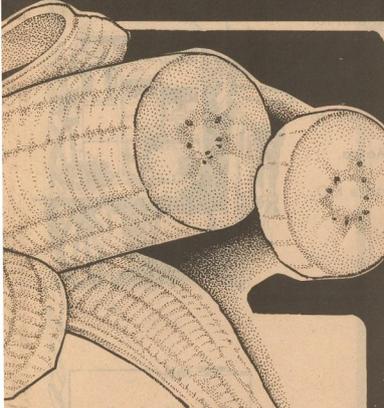


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## Wasons Turn Wagon West In 1891

by Marisue Potts

"As we topped the highest point just east of Matador," Mrs. Mollie Wason recalled in a 1939 **TRIBUNE** interview, "we counted fourteen covered wagons, all headed west. We learned later that they had all filed on land in and around Matador, and were bringing their families to establish homes."

It was snowing heavily as the Wasons made their way to a half section of land they had filed on next to the McDonald's claim, southeast of Matador. For more than ten days, William, Mollie, Oberry, and three months old Joe had been on the road from Milan County. Their first night in freshly organized Motley County was spent sharing a tent of a fellow traveler.

Thirty-eight year old William Wason sought good grassland and a market for the horses he raised. In Motley County and the Matador Ranch he had both, but he had the misfortune of arriving at the beginning of the Great Drought and during a time of lawlessness.

Born in Ireland of Scottish parents, Wason came to American with his recently widowed mother and family through the port of entry at Washington, D.C., in 1873. The family settled in Illinois, then drifted to Texas where William met Mollie Gilliam. Orphaned at seven, she was living with an uncle in Van Zandt County. Mollie and William married in 1889. They lived near Rockdale, Milan County, for two years and then turned their wagon toward their new home.

The next summer after their arrival, in a revival underneath a cottonwood tree on Ballard Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Wason were among the ten charter members of the Methodist Church.

But things were pretty wild in Motley County. Sheriff J.P.

Beckham shot Jeff Boone, perhaps unintentionally, but it resulted in Boone's death from blood poisoning. During the 1892 term that Wason served as Justice of Peace for Precinct 4, Beckham was indicted for embezzlement and murder. Beckham was dismissed from office but found innocent of murder by a Floydada jury. His trial for embezzlement at Seymour never took place because Beckham gunned down his successor Sheriff Goerge Cook, and fled.

The Wasons' first little girl, May, was born in the dugout on the claim in 1893. After about two years, Wason traded his land and moved to Larquey Camp where Ollie Ann was born. In 1894 he served Precinct 1 as County Commissioner.

By this time horse thieves had made off with most of his horses. To make a living Wason freighted groceries from Childress for the Matador Ranch. The family moved to the Dalziel place less than a mile from headquarters and there Dora and Bill were born. He was re-elected as County Commissioner for the 1896 term of Precinct 1. But tragedy struck in 1900, and suddenly Mrs. Wason found herself a widow with six young children. Mrs. Wason often assisted Dr. A.C. Traweek, Sr. in delivering babies. For the next 48 years until her death she met the challenges of living with dignity and courage.

The Wasons' children were Oberry, Joe (m. Lucy Lewis), May (m. Fred Simpson, Ollie Ann (m. Douglas Pitts), Dora (m. Albert Daffern), and Bill (m. Artie Hickson).

**Sources: OF SUCH AS THESE, A HISTORY OF MOTLEY COUNTY by Eleanor Traweek; 1900 Census of Motley County; MATADOR TRIBUNE, August 31, 1939.**



Mrs. Bernice Knight

Tribute to Mrs. Bernice Knight Shared by Many Matador Friends

Submitted by Lila Meador

A letter written September 18, 1969 by Mrs. Letrice Dickinson to her mother, Mrs. Bernice Knight, formerly of Matador, now living near Alpine, Alabama, paid tribute to Mrs. Knight that many who knew her, would share.

Mrs. Knight was a friend and neighbor to everyone in the community, and Mrs. Dickinson recounts the many acts of kindness which her mother performed for others.

"Since she is now 98 (almost 99) and is just lying in bed most of her time, I thought that some of the people our age might recall things that she did for them years ago," Mrs. Dickinson wrote in a letter to the Motley County Tribune. "When I visited Mama this morning she had been to breakfast. She had on a neat print dress and gray shoes. She said, 'Let us love everybody.'"

"Mama is on Digitalis now, for her heart. The Lord has truly been with both of us."

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Dear Mom,

I could not but help to recall your life and to compare it to the "Love Tangle" which grows so brightly in various spots on this earth.

Yes, we have it on our place at the Gulf. I love to see how it bunches in some areas to entwine on the different plants then here and there are tendrils reaching out to encompass another plant which is more distant.

Going back to the flu epidemic of the First World War when so many were dying and help was not available for the ill. We would come in from school to ask where Mama was and hear the answer, "She has gone to wait on the various members of the family, all of them are sick and they need her more than you do now."

Throughout our life and yours you have loved and been loved. If more people would realize that it is the little things one does for others that lives on and on. There are so many things that you have done for others of which I have no knowledge.

I remember the cowboys who loved to say "Hi" to Mom Knight from across the street, or those who gave you a "Bear Hug" if

## Tribute to Bernice Knight

you were near. Why shouldn't they? You cooked for them, "bedded" them, made cover for them to use on their prairie bed and probably did other useful things.

Your usefulness has reached to the corners of Motley County - to the freighter who rode all day to put his horses in our lot at eventide. To put his feet under our table at mealtime and to know that he had a comfortable bed when night came.

Perhaps he spent one night or a week, depending on his need to be at the county seat. To the man, or men, who had to be in court - to the travelers who found no room in town or perhaps they had no money.

You never knew how many you would cook for before the sun set or even when it arose the next morning, for Dad meant it when he told anyone that "You are welcome anytime, don't pass us by if you are ever in town."

The teachers who left their children with you even though you were so busy doing for us - they too, needed you and you needed them for the little money paid to you for their keep.

Then there are the children who needed a place to stay in order to continue in school. It wasn't always pleasant for them as we were growing up too. Perhaps now that they are older they have remembered only the good and the help that you afforded them. It is a wonder that we didn't have to have "sideboards" on or house in order to contain so many.

The football players were always eager to eat after a rough day in school and at practice. They knew that you would have a substantial meal and that you had been rewarded for your hours of toil where you had seen them devour each crumb of it.

Each of these experiences would supply material for many stories if it were only put on paper.

You have been present at birth and have also helped to make shrouds for the dead. You have "baby sat" for so many and I know that you love every one of them. They needed you, you knew that you were responsible, loving and useful.

The plant is put nearby for the vine to cling to and "cling" it did. The tendrils reached out to the child and her family with whom you spent several weeks each fall, for years.

Your love has reached out to the need of the boys at Boys Ranch, in early years especially.

You made quilts and sent them or took them. You have had an interest in Tipton Orphans Home, of various kinds. The home for Aged has felt your touch of kindness in many ways and at different times.

When you knew of a need you surely found a way in which to supply that need and enjoyed

fulfilling it. No, you were not alone in many of these endeavors. Your good friends and neighbors, church people and others came to your aid with cloth material or other donations.

Speaking of others - the boys (men) at the grocery store have been, and are, so good to you. I appreciate what they do for you each time I see their courteous, smiling, kindly attitude shown you.

The banker (Mr. Whitworth) who always remembers Mrs. Knight with his letters to you when you are visiting. A stick of gum, the church bulletin, a short note and possibly other enclosures. It shows that he regards you as a friend too.

The years that you spent at the hospital kitchen gave you many hours of work as well as contact with people who helped you and I know that you helped them.

You loved making cookies and preparing a balanced meal for the children in school. You especially pleased those to whom you slipped an extra cookie.

To those friends and neighbors who call you now and then or remember to stop by for you when church time comes, they love you and are concerned for your welfare or they would not take the time to do all those thoughtful deeds.

The beautician who so faithfully cares for your hair receives some of your love as was evident the few times that I was with you.

You will add so much more to this resume' I'm sure. These thoughts came to me as I lay awake. It makes me wonder if my children will have even a third of these good things to remember about me and my life as their mother.

We used to feel that we had a good life, a rich heritage and so much to live for - now we wonder what the present generation will learn for their offspring.

Daddy wanted us to do better than he did with his education. We must go to school - we must stay in school, and we did.

Ours tried to do better than we did and we are grateful for this. We wonder what lies ahead.

Perhaps with love - the right kind; the plants will be there for it to entwine and continue to spread and to grow.

Much love to you, Mama.

Letrice K.D.

## Drought of 1890's Starved Out Many Settlers

by Marisue Potts

The dry period of 1891-1893 brought difficulties to the cattleman but disaster to the settler. The drought combined with a depression to force abandonment of scores of farms. The nester problem was temporarily solved for the big ranches.

Teasingly, the clouds drifted by, but the rain didn't come.

The wind hurled rocks against the dugout doors and blew until the tree roots were bare. Dry powdery dust swirled in the dry creek beds and filled waterholes with drifting sand. Plowed prairie sod blew until only the shiny metallic mark left by the plow point remained.

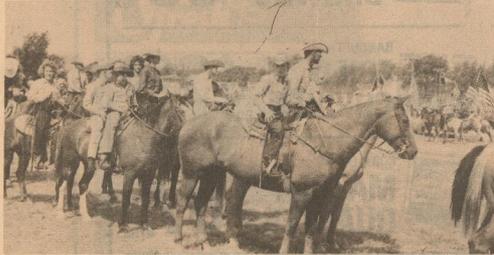
Desperate settlers, those that remained, gathered mesquite beans for their few remaining head of horses and cows.

Thirsty cows bogged down in mudholes, struggled and died there if a cowboy didn't come along to pull them out. Even then, with his rope tied to his saddle horn, he and his horse might not be able to pull a cow out, and he shot it.

With no grass left near watering places, cattle and horses subsisted on the brittle leaves of shinery, a scrub oak. Riding among the cattle, when a cowboy found one in bad shape, he fed it a hand full of cottonseed or a few "nubbins" of corn. If a buyer could be found, cattle were worth only \$5 a head.

A little extra money could be made by killing prairie dogs and rabbits and skinning dead cows. The county was paying a bounty of 4 cents for prairie dog tails and 8 cents for the ears of a rabbit.

There would be droughts and there would be depressions in the future, but old timers said they were like the land of milk and honey compared to the Great Drought of 1891-1893.



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Old Settlers Days Are Here

## "I Call 'Em The Good Old Days"

by Marisue Potts

When the Texas Tech construction boom was on in 1924, the family moved to Lubbock so Jamie could carpenter. Around 1926, Jamie became ill and was advised to quit painting for a while. Back to the Whiteflat area they went, settling near Ona's parents at White Star, where Jiggs (Richard) was born and two years later, Bessie Jean.

When the boys were old enough to work, the family moved to Matador where Jamie carpentered and painted while the boys farmed. Not content with the amount of land they had to farm, the boys convinced him to move to a farm between Matador and Whiteflat.

Ona recalls this time with fond memories. The family thought their own labors produced plenty to eat and even the depression didn't affect them harshly. Milk cows provided milk for the family with the excess fed to the hogs. Cream provided luxuries from the store and ice cream socials once a week. Fattened pigs, slaughtered at home, kept the family in meat. The garden produced lots of beans and peas.

The dust bowl days were hard she admits. Once during a dust storm which filtered fine powdery dust into the house, Ona hung wet sheets all around Bessie Jean, ill with mastoditis, so that she could breathe a little easier. Juanita was born in 1932 and Ted in 1934. Often tired from her many chores, Ona, with a baby nursing, would tell stories to the children resting with her on the bed or nearby on the floor. If she failed to tell the story right, a child, usually Art, would correct her. Doodles (Donald) joined the group in 1937.

Jack and Art each married but continued to farm for their father. The family moved back to Matador in 1939, in a move that was to last for 21 years. Twins Pat and Mike were born in 1940, but Mike died at three months.

During World War II, it was a sad but proud mother who hung four stars in her window, with her military sons scattered from the states to Germany, Italy, and Japan. Jack was with General Patton's Third Army in Germany. Luther was with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. Phil served the troops as a cook and trained as a radio operator, and Jiggs trained in the tank division and served with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Her sons returned home, but in different degrees, each retained mental scars from that difficult time, she related.

During the years Jamie had worked on the Stanley Hospital and "some of the better" homes around Matador. When W.E. and Mollie Burleson built a home near Cedar Hill in 1952, a whole army of Greens carpentered and worked at the site, eating and living in tents during the construction.

However, Jamie's health began to show the effect of years of work and strain. Ona who helped Decima and the girls cook for the crew had a heart flare up. The time for an easier life was at hand so they moved to the little house where Ona lives today. Jamie died in 1971 after several strokes.

Ona picked up the pieces of her life. Used to the welcomed noise of a busy household, she turned her feelings of loneliness into a creative outlet. At age 73, encouraged by her writer grandson, Tim Green, this

unusual woman began to write poems!

Now her activities are curtailed by health difficulties. Although she can make out objects, they appear as in a heavy fog. No longer can she see those beautiful flowers she once grew, the blue northers blow in, or the numerous pictures of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. No longer can she clearly see the visitors and family members she loves to talk with, but her words capture a love of them all. Written in her hand, collected in a homemade book tied with blue ribbon

Sources: OF SUCH AS THESE, THE HISTORY OF MOTLEY COUNTY by Eleanor Traweek; THE GREEN FAMILY by Carleton Green; Interview with Ona Slover Green.



**GREEN FAMILY**

(L to R front row), Ted, Juanita, Pat, Donald, (L to R middle) Phil, Richard, J.C., Leona, Bessie Jean, (L to R back) Luther, Art, Jack.

When the Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers convene at their 63rd reunion at Roaring Springs, one early day resident Ona Green, is not likely to join in the festivities. Mrs. Green, a lady of quiet courage and good cheer, is slowly losing her sight from the effects of diabetes. But Mrs. Green doesn't have time for self pity. Her life has been one filled with hardships, which she glosses over, and joy, which she readily shares.

Born Leona Mae Slover on April 2, 1898, Ona recalled in a recent interview, the hectic time her father Marion Franklin Slover served two terms as Randall County Sheriff. Slover was at the jail guarding a prisoner, and Mrs. Slover, expecting trouble, became a little jumpy when she heard something out by the woodpile. She called a deputy to

investigate and set one of her boys guarding the place with a shot gun. But, as fate would have it, the boy fell asleep and when the deputy arrived, the family dog attacked him.

In 1913, the family hooked up a covered wagon and moved from Canyon to Whiteflat where Slover bought a store. Ona, then 15, attended school for a year. She was introduced to Jamie Green and as age seventeen became his bride.

Since Jamie was the bread winner of his family, he and Ona lived with Mrs. Green and the younger boys. Selling his farming tools for financing, Jamie and his brother-in-law, Arthur Garland, built a little house for Mrs. Green in Plainview. Unable to find a house to rent during the construction, Mrs. Green and Jamie each bought a tent. The men built a floor, added about

three feet of walls, attached a tent, and added a door to each one. The tent-house was Ona and Jamie's first home together.

When the house was finished, Jamie and Ona moved back to Whiteflat so he could farm. Jack, the first of twelve children, all born at home and lovingly nursed, arrived in a half dugout on the D.C. Keith place in 1917. Jamie's brothers Earl and Art soon joined the little family.

When Earl was called into World War I service and art came down with crippling double pneumonia, Jamie and Ona moved back to Plainview to help the family out. When Jamie's maternal grandparents moved to the Confederate Home, Jamie bought their house and moved in, Ona, Jack and baby Art. Luther and Phil were born there.



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### Thursday August 28th

Parade ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Memorial Service ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Business Meeting ..... 1:00 P.M.

(Must Live In County 90 Days)

#### Motley-Dickens Team Roping

Two Buckles — 1:30 P.M.  
Draw Pot

Books Open at 12:00 Noon  
Entry Before Business Meeting  
Rope Following Business Meeting

#### Motley-Dickens Flag Race

7 to 12 Years — Buckle To Winner  
6 Years & Under - Buckle To Winner

#### Motley-Dickens Team Roping

18 Years & Under — Buckles To Winner

Free Dance at 4:00 P.M.

Rodeo at 8:00 P.M.

Old Folks Dance at 8:30 P.M.

Young Folks Dance at 9:30 P.M.

Kids Calf Scramble

8 Years & Under

Cutting Horse Contest

Friday, August 29th

YELLOWHOUSE RANCH BARBECUE CATERING  
CARNIVAL

### Friday August 29th

All Slack Roping — 10:00 A.M.

Free Dance at 4:00 P.M.

Rodeo at 8:00 P.M.

Kid's Calf Scramble - (No Fee)  
8 Years & Under

Old Folks Dance at 8:30 P.M.

Young Folks Dance at 9:30 P.M.

Two Big Dances Each Night

Old Folks Dance at 8:30 P.M.

The Midnight Cowboys

Featuring - "Weldon Turpin - Fiddler"

Young Folks Dance at 9:30 P.M.

Mike Porter & The Boogiemmen Band

Free Dances at 4:00 P.M. Each Afternoon

Rodeo at 8:00 P.M.

— Drawing of Saddle Ticket —

Kid's Calf Scramble Each Night (No Fee)

### Saturday August 30th

#### Old Men's Tie Down Calf Roping

50 Years & Older ..... 9:00 A.M.

Alvin Durham Saddle

To Winner In Tie Down

#### Calf Roping Followed By

#### Old Men's Breakaway

60 Years & Older

Buckle To Winner Of Breakaway

Free Dance at 4:00 P.M.

Rodeo at 8:00 P.M.

Young Folks Dance at 9:30 P.M.

Old Folks Dance at 8:30 P.M.

Kid's Calf Scramble — (No Fee)

8 Years & Under

Crowning Of Queen

Drawing for Saddle

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