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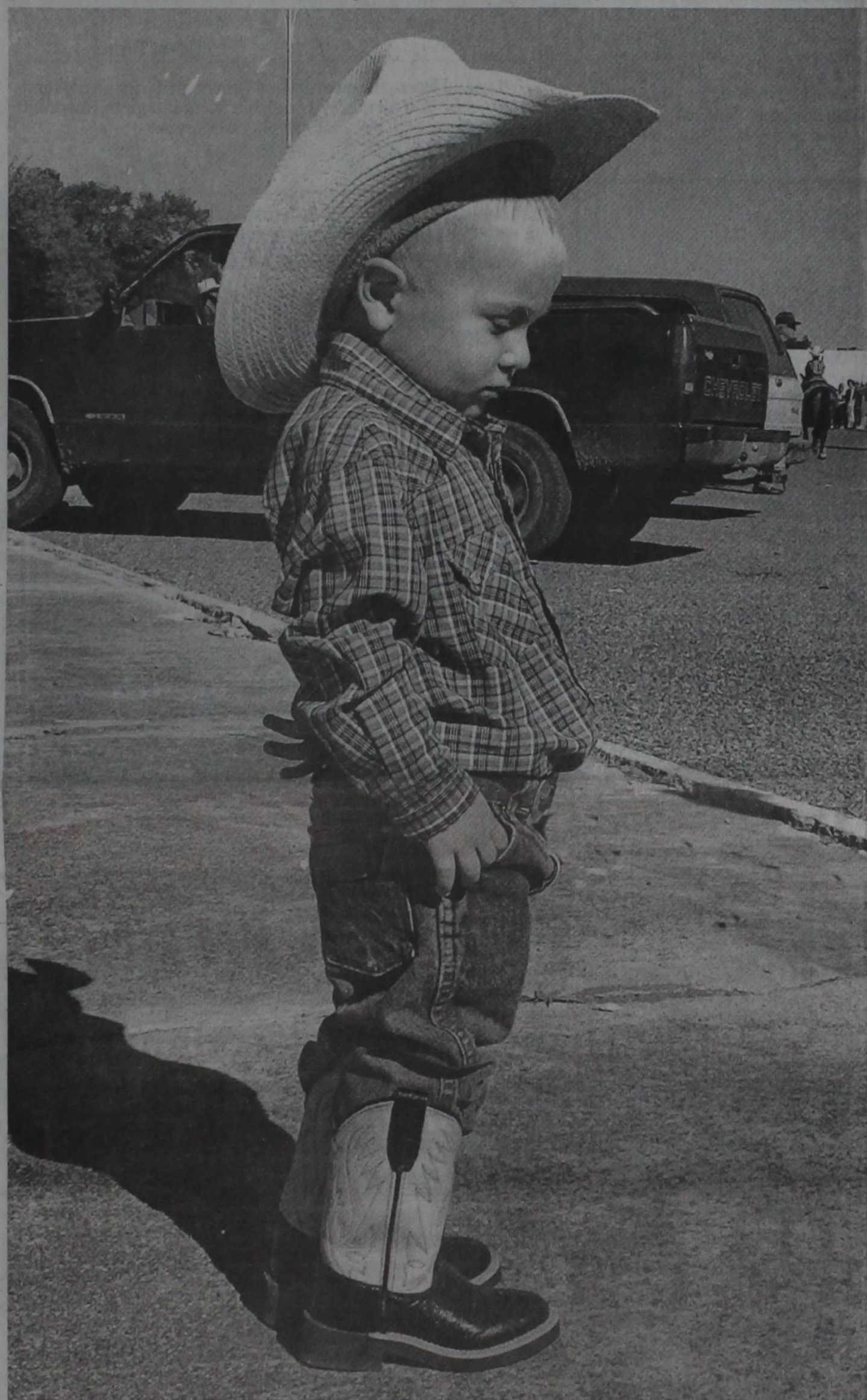
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Rodeo Cowboy ...

Little Case Drum was all decked out in his rodeo cowboy gear at last Thursday's annual Old Settlers Parade in downtown Roaring Springs. Case looked a little disappointed when the parade was over. This cute, little, 'almost 2' cowboy is the son of Lewis and Lauren Drum of Roaring Springs. He will celebrate his second birthday in October. (photo by Carla Meador)

81st Old Settlers Reunion celebrated in Roaring Springs

Another Old Settlers celebration came to a close Saturday night in Roaring Springs, marking the 81st reunion since its establishment in 1923.

The annual get-together started off with the parade in downtown Roaring Springs. Cowboys, cowgirls, bicycles, golf carts, floats, horse-drawn wagons, and even a train trailed the route through downtown and on to the Old Settlers grounds where the winners were announced.

Winning the plaque for having the Best Float were the Motley County Senior Citizens which featured live piano music by Gerald Pipkin. For the second year in a row, Britt Simpson took home the plaque for having the best bicycle, while Tom and Lorine Jordan walked away with the prize for best antique car with their two-tone dark blue and white 1970 Buick Electrical 225. Jennifer Martin of Spur received the plaque for best horse drawn carriage.

Glenda White and Elmer Maben of Dickens County were named best old time cowgirl and cowboy. Sherry Cheney of Plainview and Don Dillard of Roaring Springs were tabbed best modern day cowgirl and cowboy, and Kelsey Stokes of Afton and Cade Drum of Roaring Springs received the plaque for best Jr. cowgirl and cowboy.

The Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. in the historic tabernacle. Musical entertainment was presented by the Shannon Kids of the Turkey area. Cimmaron, Larado and Atlanta Shannon picked out some ear-pleasing tunes on their guitar and fiddles.

Names of Motley and Dickens county residents who had passed away since last year's celebration were read. Mrs. Chelsea Read read the Motley County list, and Wynona Humphreys read the Dickens County list. (See Memorial List elsewhere in this edition).

Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith and Dickens County Judge Woody McArthur presented plaques to the following:

Oldest Woman in Motley County - Vera Mitchell, 100 years old.

Oldest Man in Motley County - Carl Barton, 88.

Living the longest in Motley County - Vera Mitchell, who has been a resident of Motley County since 1921.

Oldest Woman in Dickens County - Jewel Carothers, 88.

Oldest Man in Dickens

County - Elmer Maben, 91.

Lived the longest in Dickens County, Huck Pullins, who has been a resident of that county for 79 years.

Rosemary Durham of Chatsworth, Georgia received the plaque for traveling the farthest.

Special recognition was given to Sue Green Maxey of Post, who has attended every Old Settlers Reunion.

See Rodeo Results on page 4

Motley County students recognized as Wendy's High School Heisman nominees

Clay Cooper and Brittany Moore, seniors at Motley County High School, have been nominated for the coveted Wendy's High School Heisman Award in recognition of top high school seniors who exemplify "citizen-scholar-athlete."

These two leaders were nominated for their academic aptitude, athletic talent and display of commitment to their communities. Celebrating more than 10 years of commitment to youth and education, this program was created through a

partnership between Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

"These students are truly in a league of their own," says Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and program spokesperson. "Each student nominated for the award has gone above and beyond expectations to help those in need, enhance their education and pursue their dreams."

Flomot Baptist Church observes 90th birthday

by Earlyne Jameson

The First Baptist Church of Flomot, which was organized August 27, 1914, celebrated its 90th birthday Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29, 2004.

Saturday night a fish fry supper with Clois Shorter furnishing and cooking the fish and members of the church having coleslaw, potato salad, pinto beans and cornbread added to the delicious meal. At the Sunday morning services guest speaker was the Rev. Gene Meacham of Plainview, area missionary of the Caprock Baptist Association and his wife, Linda. In the Fellowship Hall for the covered dish luncheon, historical data of former pastors and members and letters from former ministers and wives were on display.

Guests recognized during the celebration were former pastor and wife, the Rev. Melvin and Linda Smith of Hereford, wife of ex-pastor, Mrs. Byron (Leota) Hargrove of Plainview

and son, David Hargrove of Amarillo. Also recognized was Mrs. Edna Ruth Bourland Green of Matador whose parents, Finis and Emma Bourland were charter members of the church, and Richard Turner and wife, Dorothy of Matador. Richard's parents, L.B. and Rose Turner were early day members of the church and L.B. was a licensed minister.

Out of town guests attended from Lubbock, Amarillo, Plainview, Matador, Mansfield, Decatur, Ropesville, Petrolia, Hart, Quitaque, Turkey, Warner, and Winnewood, Oklahoma.

Booster club may disband due to lack of interest

Parents to meet
September 2

Parents are urged to attend a meeting Thursday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The PTO, Parents Club and Booster Club will be reorganized. Due to rules, regulations and lack of membership in these clubs the possibility of disbanding the Booster Club and reorganizing the Parents Club and the PTO into one organization will be discussed.

Parents are urged to attend this meeting and express their opinions.

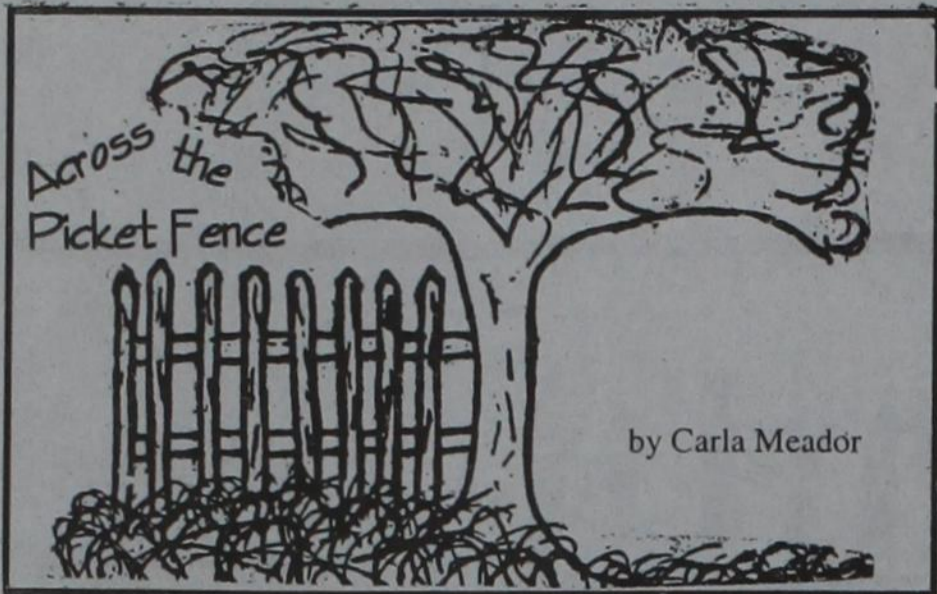
NOTICE

The Motley County
Tribune office will be
OPEN, Monday, Sept. 6,
and will observe the
regular deadline
of 5:00 p.m.

Thank you and have
a great Labor Day
weekend!



RECOGNIZED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE — Rosemary Durham, left, with her dog, traveled from Chatsworth, Georgia to attend the 2004 Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo, and was awarded a plaque for Traveling the Farthest at Thursday's Memorial Service. Also receiving plaques were (left to right), Carl Barton, Motley County's Oldest Man; Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Motley County's Oldest Woman and Living the Longest in Motley County, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Pug Mitchell; Elmer Maben, Dickens County's Oldest Man; Sue Green Maxey received recognition for attending every Old Settlers Reunion; Jewel Carothers, Dickens County's Oldest Woman; and Huck Pullins, Living the Longest in Dickens County. (photo by Carla Meador)



I get so many nice notes and letters from my readers. I wish I had the time to write every one of you back, but I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind words. It's nice to know that you enjoy the paper and it's really kind of you to take the time to write a letter. Thank you!

Well, another Old Settlers has come and gone. It sure seems like the annual event rolls around more often than it did when I was a kid. When we were kids we looked forward to Old Settlers for months. We couldn't wait for the carnival to start setting up and we were always on the grounds to bug those doing the work. It's too bad there isn't a carnival now. I know that has contributed to the drop in attendance. Maybe the directors can a carnival next year and get that part of the event going again.

School's in full swing and fall is definitely in the air. Actually the feel of fall has been in the air for quite some time. We really haven't had the summer heat that we, in this part of the country, are used to. Thank goodness! The cooler weather has been wonderful and unbelievable. I, for one, am ready for fall!

Homecoming plans are being made. This year is the real, exes Homecoming. October 1 and 2 are the dates, so mark those days on your calendar and

plan to attend this year! That is another event in Motley County where the attendance has been down the past few years. Try to make it this year and support our school, our county, and the Motley County Matadors!

Speaking of school - my little granddaughter is in the second grade this year. Talk about unbelievable! She is planning to play Soccer this year. She's so excited. Who knows some day she may be on the US Women's Soccer team at the Olympics! With her determination, I wouldn't be surprised! My little grandson will graduate from pre-school this year and will go into Kindergarten next year. He's excited about starting school next week. He's full of determination, too, and a barrel of fun!

I hope everyone has a relaxing, fun and safe Labor Day weekend. The paper office will be open Monday, and we will have our regular deadline of 5:00 p.m.

Men's breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 4, at 7:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

All men of the county are invited to attend.

Motley County Lifestyles

Senior Citizens Site Committee meets

by Winifred Darsey

The Site Committee of the Motley County Senior Citizens Association met at Senior Citizens for its quarterly meeting, Wednesday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m.

The Site Committee was formed to find ways and means to assist the Official Board in raising funds to meet the quota allocated to the Center. After the discussion, the committee voted to cater the luncheon for the Motley County High School Homecoming as a means to aid this effort.

Marihelen Wason, President, was in the chair and con-

ducted a business meeting. Plans were discussed and made to give the Dutch Doll Quilt for a drawing at the Homecoming luncheon. The tickets will be on sale at the School on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning during this time. The price will be \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. This beautiful quilt was made by the Arts and Crafts club of Motley County.

Members present were Vee Gordon, Frances Hobbs, Tommie Keith, John Russell, Ruby McGuire, Ed Smith, Marihelen Wason, Marion Woodruff and Winifred Darsey. Homecoming is planned for October 1 and 2.



State Librarian Peggy Rudd, Roaring Springs Mayor Corky Marshall, Roaring Springs Council Woman Patricia Green, and Matador Mayor Paul Westbrook wait to assume their duties at the Library's Rootin' Tootin' Beans fund raiser last Friday.


A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the people from Matador and Flomot who helped me find my escaped goats last Friday. I appreciate your help.

Linda Turner

I would like to thank everyone who helped with all my fund-raising projects. You all made it possible for me to go to Hawaii. It was a memorable experience I will cherish forever.

Ashley Fonseca



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abott, Librarian

We appreciate all those who attended the Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread luncheon last Friday. We thank all the members of the Friends of the Library who helped with food, serving, set-up and clean-up to

make this highly successful fund raiser possible. We fed 75 people beans and cornbread.

We appreciate the donation from W.C. Pallmeyer in memory of Jeanette Day Hammond. Donations such as these help keep the library's collection up-to-date and they make a lasting memorial to friends and loved ones.

Please note that the library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6. We will be open at our usual time, 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. This might be a good time to remind everyone of our hours. On Monday, we are open from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we are open 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. On Friday we open at noon and close at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study to begin

A 7-week Bible Study, "Loved By God," by Liz Curtis Higgs, will begin September 7 at the First Baptist Church in Matador. The Study will be held in the Prayer Chapel, which is directly behind the church. There will be two sessions, 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The only cost is \$12.00 for the workbook.

For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

Pivots & Divots

by Msry



RSRC ladies playday on Thursday, August 26, was for Blind Bogie on #1. Playing 18 holes were Judy C., Francine, Louise, Liv and Jean. Francine, Liv and Jean all had a bogie on #1. Playing 9 holes were Tempie and Nell. Neither bogied #1. We hope to have more players out next week.

Remember, there are three playdays left to play yourself scores!

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The Cornerstone



One of the many images the Bible gives for the church is that of a "building." As a building we understand from scripture that Jesus Christ is the corner stone. That means that Christ sets the standard for the rest of the building. Therefore whatever is built must be built in reference to Him.

In Ephesians 2: 17-22, the Bible states that we are "growing into a holy temple in the Lord." Our challenge is to never stop growing and developing in our Christianity. When we are doing our part, as a part of God's holy building, we also are strengthening the other parts that make up this building.

Also found in the book of Ephesians is the great theme of unity. The apostle Paul addresses the unity of the "building," the unity of the spirit, the unity of God and the unity of the faith. It is only through the standard set by the "cornerstone" that such unity is possible. Remember Jesus Christ brought the Jews and Gentiles together into His "building." And much can be accomplished today when Jesus Christ, the "cornerstone" becomes our standard.

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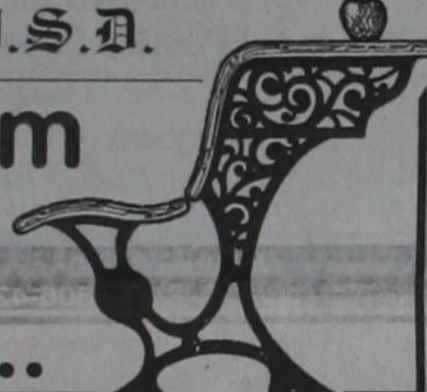

FOOTBALL FLOAT — Motley County Matadors and Cheerleaders rode in the Old Settlers parade last Thursday morning in Roaring Springs.
photo by Carla Meador



Motley County high school and Jr. high cheerleaders and students enjoyed the fun at last Tuesday night's Spirit Rally. Jr. High and High School cheerleaders, football team members, coaches, Cross Country team, and new teachers were introduced. Those attending were treated to brownies and homemade ice cream after the rally.
photo by Walter Taylor

Motley County J.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks, Principal

This is the third week we have been in school, and progress reports will go out next week. Any student who is in danger of failing or is just doing less than he/she should, will get a negative report. Most teachers send out a report for all students. Parents need to hear good news about their children, too. And there is a "whole bunch" of good news at Motley County.

The football team played Woodson at Jayton last week. Although we didn't win the game, there were some bright spots. We travel to Silvertown this week. According to Coach Cooper, we should be matched fairly evenly with their team. Make plans to go to the game. Even

high school students like parents and friends to watch and encourage them.

There are a few students who have not returned their packet of forms that was sent out on the first day of classes. Please send those back right away. We will begin to make reminder calls this week.

Attendance has been great so far. I am especially pleased to see that doctor appointments are being made late in the day and that all children are not being taken out when one has an appointment. When four of five kids are out, it really makes a difference in our attendance rate.

Next Monday, September 6, will be a school holiday. I hope everyone has a safe, and final summer holiday.

Praise the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord, praise him, you servants of the Lord.
Psalm 135:1

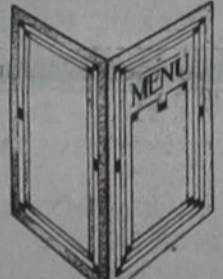
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- MONDAY, SEPT. 6**
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- TUESDAY, SEPT. 7**
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cookie, Fruit, Milk.
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 9**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Corn, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk.
- FRIDAY, SEPT. 10**
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Green Salad, Chips, Fruit, Salad, Milk.

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FFA MEMBERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION — Five members of the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the State Convention held in Ft. Worth July 12-16. Members Clay Cooper, Cameron Jeffcoat, Cody Cooper, Casey Carnes and Malcomb O'Daniel, pictured left to right, along with Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper and wife Judy attended the four day event which was held at the Tarrant County Convention Center. A large career show, motivational speeches, awards, elections, Six Flags Over Texas, and a Concert by Cross Canadian Ragweed were some of the highlights of the Convention. The members all said the convention was both fun and educational and would help them become better FFA members.

ATTENTION MOTLEY COUNTY YOUTH

Hot Dog Social set for Sept. 5

The First Baptist Church of Matador invites all youth to a Hot Dog Social, Sunday, September 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall (basement). The event is for all youth, grades 6-12, and will kick off a new Youth Bible Study which will begin Sunday, September 12.

All youth are invited to attend, bring a friend and your parents. (Proverbs 3: 5-6).




FFA MEMBERS ACCEPT STATE AWARDS — Motley County FFA members Cody Cooper and Clay Cooper, sons of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador were awarded the Lone Star Degree at the State FFA Convention held July 12-16 in Ft. Worth. In a special ceremony attended by approximately 3000 members and guests, FFA members from across the State were honored with the award. Students who excel in Leadership, FFA Chapter Activities, and Supervised Project Programs are eligible to apply for the award, which is the highest degree awarded by the Texas FFA Association. Cody and Clay are seniors at Motley County High School and have conducted FFA project programs that include beef, swine, and sheep, and have been active in Judging and Leadership Activities.

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Wagons hol

Ralph Powell and Marisue Potts, with passenger Douglas Campbell, drove their mule drawn wagon through downtown Roaring Springs as part of the 81st Annual Old Settlers celebration.

(photo by Carla Meador)

North Spade takes home prize for top ranch

North Spade Ranch of Northfield overcame the spills and thrills of unpredictable ranch rodeo events to win the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo on August 28. Team captain John Bland and his horse Duke were honored with Matt Humphreys' bits as Top Hand and Top Horse.

A low score in branding for the Rafter S, the Shadle family team from Clarendon, ruined an otherwise strong run and missed the loop for a second place. It was a close contest that required a good showing in six difficult timed events, team sorting, team doctoring, bronc riding, double mugging, calf branding, and wild cow milking. A consistent run by the Triangle Ranch of Paducah was dashed to the ground for third place when bronc rider Kelly Butler bit the dust.

Yet, it was team sorting that kept the NT Ranch of Stanton in fourth place. The top three teams in this event, the North Spade, Tongue River of Dumont, and High Card of Amarillo were separated by tenths, so fierce was the competition;

The winner of the bronc riding, Tanner Johnson of the

North Spade, was snubbed up to Kye Brandon of the Bradley Ranch, second, and Blaine Barnes of the Barnes Ranch, third, with only three points between their rides.

A treacherous spill for Burke Adcock of Miami, from a fast moving, crow-hopping renegade brought the crowd to its feet with concern. A quick response from the Motley County EMS crew and a ride to the hospital for this cowboy unfortunately found his pelvis broken.

The results for the ranch rodeo are the following: 1st - North Spade, Northfield and Lubbock; 2nd - Rafter S, Clarendon; 3rd - Triangle, Paducah; 4th - NT Ranch, Stanton; 5th - High Card, Amarillo; 6th - Bradley, Wichita Co.; 7th - Wagon Hammer, Matador; 8th - Two S Cattle Care; 9th - Masterson, Guthrie; 10th - Cowan Ranch, Seymour; 11th - La Mejior Livestock, Seymour; 12th - Barnes Cattle Co.; 13th - McNeill, Crosbyton; 14th - Rafter L, Groom; 15th - Tongue River, Dumont; 16th - Foster, Aspermont; 17th - Rafter F, Peaster; 18th - Baugh Family, Rotan; 19th - RO Ranch.

On Thursday the Motley-Dickens Counties events were held for those living in either of the two counties, owning land, or those who are tenants of land owners in either county. The results are the following:

County Cutting - 1st, James Gholson; 2nd, James Gholson; 3rd, Bill Smith; 4th, James Gholson; 5th, Ralph Powell; 6th, Colton Russell; 7th, Tommy Cooper; 8th, Gilbert Guerrero; 9th, Dana Smith; 10th, Judd Bennett; 11th, Rodney Green; 12th, Bob Kilmer.

6 & Under Flag Race - 1st, Brody Rankin; 2nd, Mickey Clary; 3rd, Carly Turner; 4th, Cade Drum; 5th, Llano Bateman; 6th, Tristan Perryman; 7th, Case Clark.

7 through 12 Flag Race - 1st, Tee Bateman; 2nd, Tanner Arnold; 3rd, Teanna Lively; 4th, Alyssa Tullis; 5th, Cassidy Turner; 6th, Caleb Clary.

Open Barrel Race - 1st, Kelsi Arnold; 2nd, Kelsey Stokes; 3rd, Janna Smith; 4th, Glenda White; 5th, Shane'a Russell; 6th, Teanna Lively; 7th, Alyssa Tullis; 8th, Casey Turner.

Jr. Team Roping - 1st, Cole Clark/Bubba Bateman; 2nd, Cole Clark/Tee Bateman; 3rd, Tee Bateman/Colton Russell; 4th, Colton Russell/Tee Bateman.

County Team Roping - 1st,

Ryan Rankin/Jamie McNeill; 2nd, Todd Thomas/Ryan Rankin; 3rd, Ross Graham/Brent Whitaker; 4th, Shorty Clark/Mike Jones; 5th, David Whitaker/Chad Smith. 1st Go-Todd Thomas/Ryan Rankin.

Jr. Flag Race, 11 years and under - Charlie Heinrich, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Edwards, Spur.

Pokey the Clown Jr. Ranch Rodeo:

Pee Wee - (Longhorns) Tristan Tomlinson, Seth Baxter, Korbyn Simpson, Bryant Taylor. Jr. - (High Card) Brett Fletcher, Reagan Elliott, Skyler Green, Augustine Chavey.

Sr. - (Green Hands) Landon Hinson, Tanner Arnold, Cole Clark, Skylar Tomlinson.

Waltz Contest Winners: Tom and Sherry Chaney of Plainview; Bill Russ of Rocky, OK and Yon McWhorter of Vernon.

Washer Pitch Contest: 1st, Matt Abram of Crosbyton and Coy McKay of Lubbock; 2nd, Steve Nail of Amarillo and Frank Hollabugh.

Kid's Snapping Turtle Races: 0-3 yrs., Jaci Taylor of Matador; 4-9 yrs., Pecos Williams; 10-14 yrs., Clay Ragland.

Open Bull Riding: Friday night, Blake Shirley of Plainview; Saturday night, Tommy Edgerton of Lubbock.

Amery Hart crowned 2004 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen

Near the conclusion of Saturday night's Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo, President Wayne Smith crowned Amery Hart of East Afton as 2004 Old Settlers

Queen. The 14-year-old freshman at Patton Springs High School received a silver buckle-type bracelet and roses. Also receiving roses were runner up Kayla Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs and retiring queen

Laura West of Dickens.

In promoting the Old Settlers Reunion, Amery sold 2,147 tickets for a chance on a pair of Jim Bo Humphreys' hand-crafted, collector spurs. The winner of the spurs was Tonya Givens of Spur. Bits and spurs by the Dickens spurmaker and his son, Matt Humphreys are much sought after by collectors and proved very popular at the reunion.

Old Settlers Memorial List

MOTLEY COUNTY

- Amy Bynum Merritt
- Bessie Starkey
- Bill Koon
- Billy Ray Webb
- D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert
- Dortha H. Whitefield
- Edith Washington
- Ellis A. Smith
- Elsie Mae Mullins Roller
- Essie LeNell Cullin
- Frank S. Webb
- Gertrude Reeves
- Howard D. Graves
- Hoyt Eugene Morris
- Ira Monroe Sullivan
- J.E. "Jake" Edwards
- James Pledger Smith
- Jean Mize Tucker
- Jerline Pitts
- Jewel "O.J." Lawrence
- Joe Bruce King
- Joyce Bell Dobkins
- Louise Terry
- Luther B. Green
- Marie Moore
- Marshall Bert "Marty" Fletcher
- Norman Merle Pitts
- Omar Parks
- Orval B. Latimer
- Thomas Lee Adams
- Turner Randall Hunter
- Una M. Simpson
- Vernon Chambliss
- Vernon Winston
- W. Houston Schweitzer
- Jeanette Day Hammond
- Robert Echols Jr.
- Cora Phipps Mitchell
- Dick Carpenter
- Roscoe Smith
- Jerri Watson

BARTON FAMILY REUNION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 FLOMOT COMMUNITY CENTER 10:00 A.M. - ?

All members of the Barton family are invited.
Please bring covered dish.



A.L. Barton and youngest child, Wilson Barton, 1921.

THE A.L. (AL) BARTON FAMILY

The story of Al Barton is a colorful and true tale of the old West. He was a cowman who knew cattle, whose word was his bond, and who was a member of that admirable breed of men that the West produced. And he came by these traits naturally. Both parents were intimately familiar with the rugged pioneer life.

Alfred Hightower Barton was the son of Decater and Kathryn (Hightower) Barton and was born December 21, 1848, in Greenville District, South Carolina (now Greenville). He was from a family of four brothers and two sisters - Will, Henry, Dick, "Doc", Milda and Beulah - came with his parents to Texas in 1854. They settled in Burnet County the next year and the boy grew up on the frontier near Round Rock, where the famous outlaw Sam Bass, was killed by Ranger Dick Ware.

Burnet County was Indian infested in the year 1855. It was not uncommon for Comanches to raid the farms and kill the milk pen calves or to make off with the horses when the men folk were away. The fear of Indians was instinctive in Al Barton. His father had been caught out in the open on horseback and had felt the burn of an arrow that caught him in the hip and lamed him for life. Al himself had often heard Indians prowling around his supply wagon at night when he freighted goods for the family from Austin. Years afterward, his children - little John and Milda - would sit open-mouthed as their Grandmother Barton told them these hair raising tales - and then, as John later said, "be too scared of Indians to go to bed."

France Baker, a friend, related that "Mr. Barton was a natural born drover and cattleman," and that when he was about 21 years old he was employed by John W. and Dudley Snyder "about the largest cattle men of their day who started the Southwestern University in Georgetown, Williamson County and gave \$500,000.00 to this college."

Mr. Baker states that Snyder Brothers bought cattle in south Texas and trailed them to markets in Wyoming, Nebraska, and the Dakotas beginning just after the close of the Civil War. "They probably trailed," he says, "a million cattle out of Texas."

Around 1870 these men "gathered a herd of approximately 2500 big steers in south Texas and hired Al Barton - then about 22 years old - to drive them to California to sell to gold miners. He took 100 horses, 2 wagon outfits with 4 mules to each wagon and extra mules in case they were needed, and 20 well trained cowboys who with their bed rolls loaded two of the wagons. Mr. Barton was over 9 months on this drive and arrived in California with all the cattle, losing none to Indians or stampedes."

The steers were sold and Al Barton received payment in gold "Eagles" (twenty dollar gold pieces). He had a large sum of cash to bring back to Snyder Brothers, so he bought a trunk large enough to hold the gold, his saddle, some clothes, and a new pair of boots. He tied the trunk with a rope, bought himself a railroad ticket and as Mr. Baker concludes, "arrived in Denver safely where he met Dudley Snyder and handed over the money."

Honesty was a virtue of the majority of cowmen of the early day and Al Barton was no exception. It has been said that Mr. Barton once borrowed a sizeable amount of money from three men for a stipulated period of time. No note was made. No papers were signed. He simply paid the men as he could and when the debt was clear, the men let him know. And he trusted other people. His son Alfred remembers that they never had a lock or a key to their house. Sometimes they would come home to find a note and evidence which showed that strangers had eaten a meal, or spent the night, and then traveled on.

Al Barton was one cattleman who "went broke three times and came back." In the late 1870's he went into the cattle business near Cimmaron, Kansas with his brother, Doc. They did well until a February blizzard in 1887 completely wiped them out. The story is that Al got out with one saddle horse. He came back to Texas.

He was foreman of the "F" Ranch in Motley, Briscoe, Floyd and Hall Counties under Charles Goodnight starting in 1887, and remained with the ranch through the administration of three ranch operators: Goodnight, Moore and Day-Cresswell. He stayed with the "F" until it was sold, then moved south into Motley County to establish his own ranch 16 miles north of Matador. He retained the "F" Ranch brand, a Lazy F on the left hip.

The stability, ready wit, and genuine friendliness of Al Barton put him in good stead with many people. He is mentioned with regard in such books as Charles Goodnight by J. Evetts Haley and The No Gun Man of Texas by Laura V. Hammer.

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OLD SETTLERS PARADE WINNERS

Don Dillard, left, of Roaring Springs, is a miracle on a horse. Don was very seriously injured when hit by a car two years ago in Lubbock. Doctors never thought he would be able to recover to the extent that he has. Still under medical care, Don has made great strides toward recovery. He received the plaque for Best Modern Day Cowboy at last Thursday's annual Old Settlers Parade.

Sherry Chaney of Plainview, (below) received the plaque for Best Modern Day Cowgirl.

Photos by Carla Meador

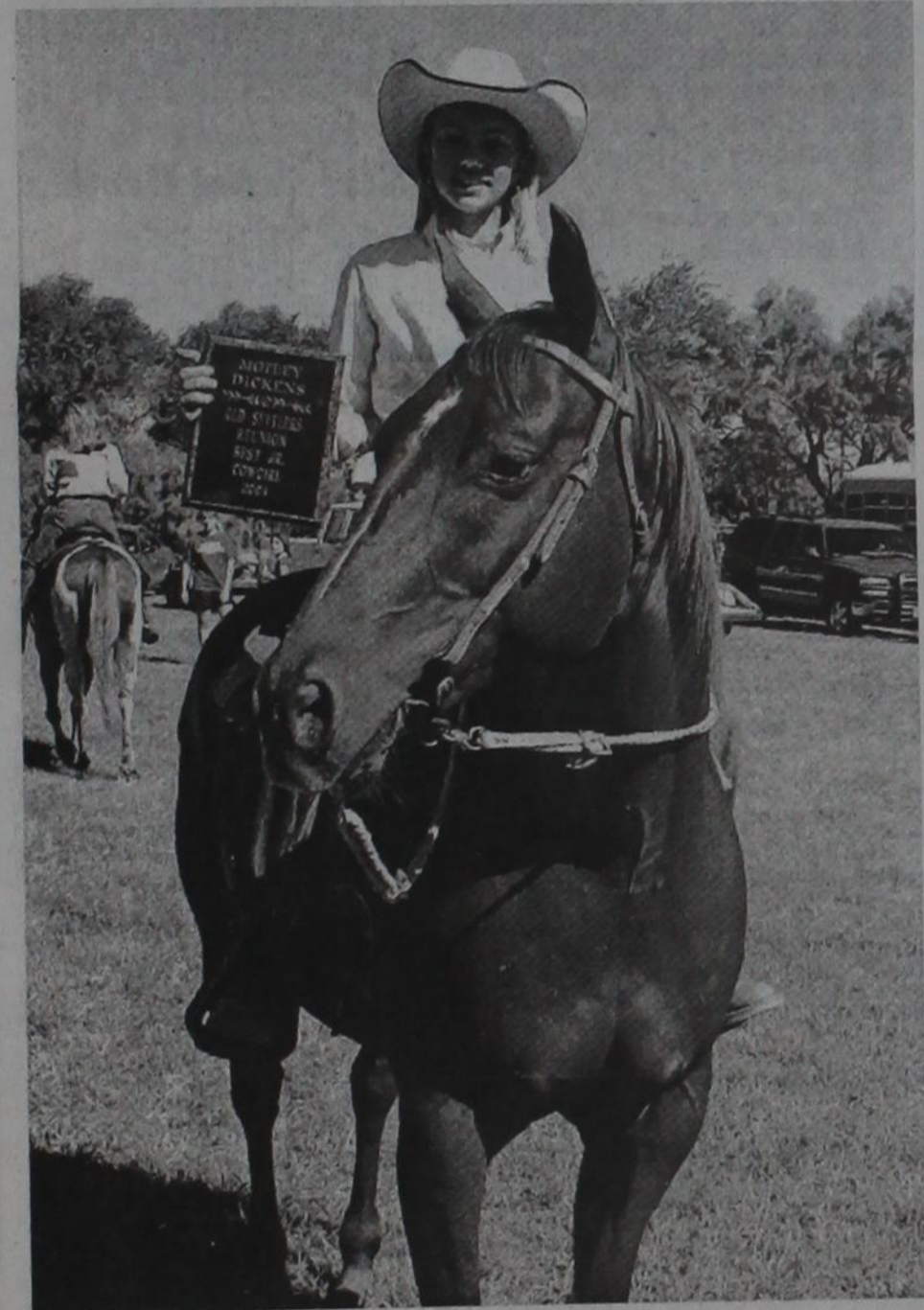
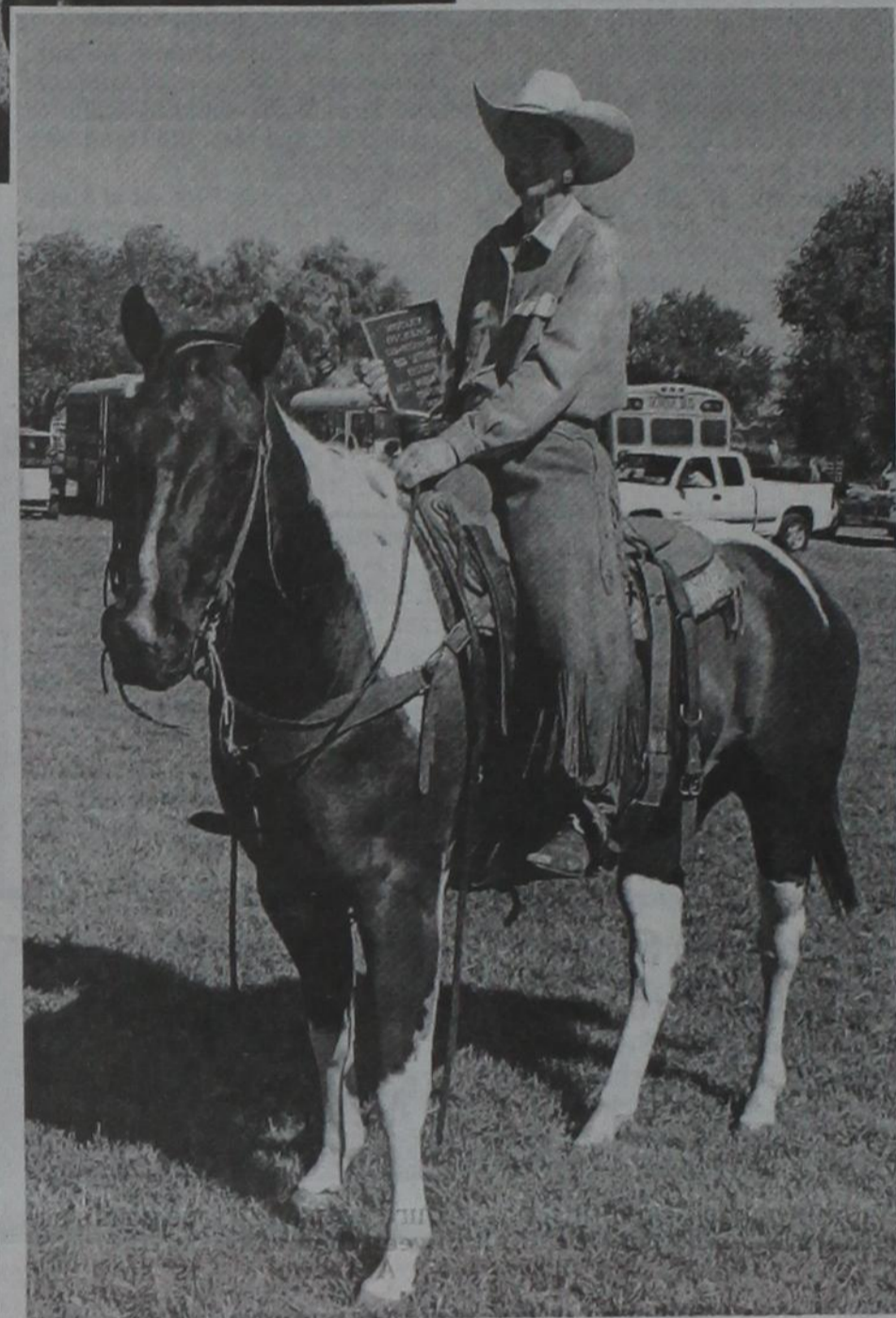


Little Cowboy on a little horse...

Cade Drum rode his horse, which is just the right size for him, to win the Best Jr. Cowboy plaque at last Thursday's parade.

Kelsey Stokes, of Afton, pictured below left, received the plaque for Best Jr. Cowgirl.

Best Old Time Cowgirl and Cowboy were Glenda White and Elmer Maben of Spur. Both were unavailable when pictures were made.



Best Antique Car

Tom and Lorine Jordan of Roaring Springs were awarded the plaque for having the Best Antique Car in the Old Settlers parade, with their 1970 Buick 225.



BEST HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE — Jennifer Martin of Spur took home the plaque for having the best horse drawn carriage.



BEST ANTIQUE TRACTOR — Jameson Farms, Jeromy and Danika Jameson, received the plaque for having the Best Antique Tractor. Pictured are Sierra and Jada Jameson, daughters of Jarret and Shawna Jameson, and Natalie (holding plaque) and Emily Jameson, daughters of Jeromy and Danika.



BEST FLOAT — The Motley County Senior Citizens received the plaque for having the best float in the parade. Center Director Tommye Keith, left, displays the plaque. Britt Simpson received the plaque for having the Best Bicycle, but was unavailable when pictures were taken.

Old Settlers Parade

FARM & RANCH NEWS

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



VENEMAN REMINDS PRODUCERS OF FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION DEADLINE

Washington -- Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman reminds America's farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that the deadline for nominating candidates to serve on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committees is Sept. 3, 2004.

"County Committees help deliver FSA farm programs to local farmers and ranchers," said Veneman. "To ensure that committees represent the interests of all producers in a community, eligible producers should participate in the county committee election process."

Committees make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by community-based or other organizations in the county or area before the close of the nomination period, especially

groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or disability.

Nomination forms (FSA-669A) can be obtained from local FSA offices or USDA Service Centers or on-line at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

Details on FSA COC elections can be found on the internet at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

County Committee ballots will be mailed to producers Nov. 8, 2004. Dec. 6, 2004 will be the last date for ballots to be post-marked or delivered to USDA Service Centers.

Veneman also said that producers have until Sept. 16, 2004, to submit comments on the proposed reforms to the FSA's County Committee elections. Published in the Federal Register on Aug. 17, 2004, the guidelines are designed to ensure that FSA County Committees fairly represent agricultural producers, especially minorities and women. The guidelines will not become final until USDA has received and considered public comments.

Cotton transportation restrictions enforced with fines

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture reminds everyone in the Texas cotton industry that moving cotton or cotton harvesting equipment into or through suppressed or functionally eradicated boll weevil equipment into or through suppressed or functionally eradicated boll weevil eradication zones is restricted.

Ginners, commercial harvesters, producers and others moving cotton or cotton equipment must ensure that their tools and equipment, including vehicles, are free of all cotton boll weevils by self cleaning. Large fines can be levied against violators of these restrictions.

Local TDA officials will inspect cotton equipment on request to ensure it is in compliance. Ginners must have protection plan approved by TDA before bringing any seed cotton into a restricted zone. This applies to movement from suppressed and quarantined areas, within Texas or other states, into either suppressed or functionally eradicated zones in Texas.

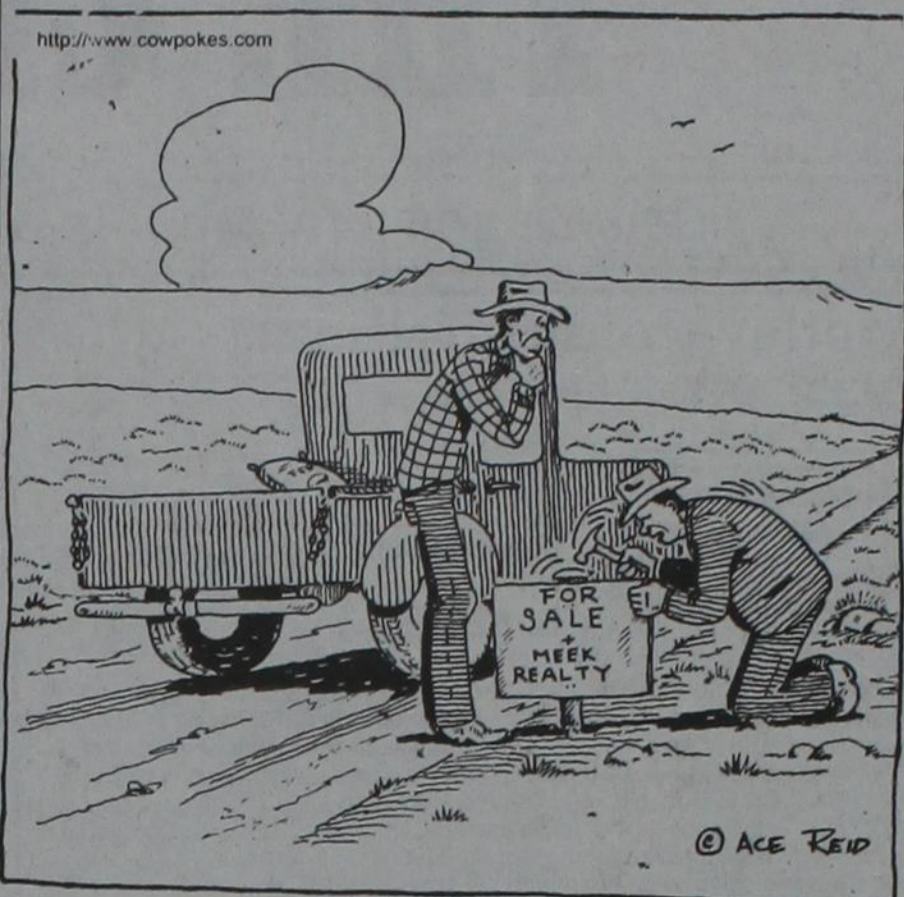
"Boll weevils cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas every year," said David Kostroun, assistant commissioner for regulatory programs. "Texas has worked hard to eradicate and suppress boll weevils across much of the state, and individuals or businesses that violate these regulations are subject to fines up to

\$5,000 per day per quarantine violation."

Affected ginners should promptly submit plans to TDA if they have not already done so. Effective protection plans address safety procedures at point-of-origin and during transport, ginning and post-ginning phases of cotton processing. Cotton producers who need to move cotton into either suppressed or functionally eradicated zones should ensure that gins they work with have TDA-approved protection plans in place.

Producers, commercial harvesters or cotton ginners with questions can contact Dr. Robert Crocker, TDA's coordinator for pest management and citrus programs, at (512) 463-6332, or by e-mail at: robert_crocker@agr.state.tx.us.

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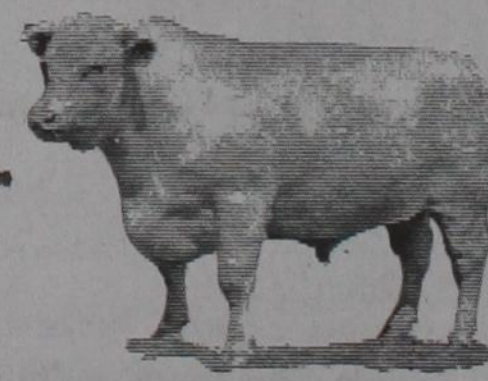
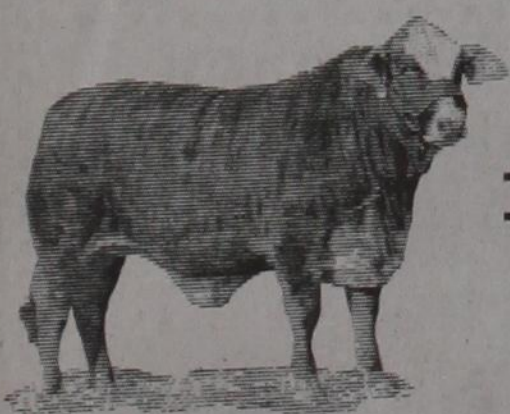
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