

77th Annual Old Settlers Reunion



Matador Cowboys rounding up the horses, near TeePee City. Doug Meador is pictured fifth from right.

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Two girls will vie for 2000 Rodeo Queen's crown Annual celebration to kick-off Thursday



LeAndra Wallace



Erin Baker

Two young ladies will vie for the 2000 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen's crown for the 77th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers celebration, taking place this weekend.

LeAndra Wallace, 17, of Matador will represent Motley County. She is the daughter of Barbara Durham of Matador and Billy Wallace of Dickens. She is very active in school activities. She is the basketball manager, a member of the One-Act Play cast, a member of Student Council and 4-H.

LeAndra enjoys riding horses for fun, and she also enjoys shopping for clothes.

Erin Baker, 10, of Dickens, will represent Dickens County. Erin is the daughter of Bobby and Cindy Baker of Spur. She is a fifth grade student at Spur Elementary. She is a member of the Dickens County Jr. 4-H Club and the West Texas Barrel Racing Association.

Each girl is selling tickets on a handmade Berl Jenkins saddle, to be given away during Saturday night's Rodeo performance. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased right up until Saturday night.

The 2000 Rodeo Queen will receive a crown, bracelet and a percentage of the money for ticket sales.

The 77th Old Settlers Reunion will kick-off activities on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the traditional parade in downtown Roaring Springs.

Following the awards presentation on the rodeo grounds, a Memorial Service will be conducted at the Tabernacle at 11:00 a.m.

The very important Business Meeting will be conducted at the Tabernacle at 1:00 p.m. Everyone inter-

ested in the rich tradition of the Old Settlers Reunion is encouraged to attend this very important meeting!

Motley-Dickens County events will open at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. A Ranch Horse Association Cow Horse competition will take place on Friday, August 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Rodeo events will be held on Friday and Saturday night, beginning at 8:00 p.m., produced by Terry Walls Rodeo Co.

Cowboy Church services will be held Friday and Saturday nights before the Rodeo.

There will be a free dance all three days, to be held from 4-6 p.m. each afternoon. Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band will play for the Old Folks Dance at 8:30 p.m. each night.

A young folks dance will feature "Cow Jazz" on Saturday night, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will sponsor, as a fund-raising event, a number of fun activities for the kiddos, on Thursday and Friday, and possibly Saturday. All proceeds will go towards the church's building fund. Activities will include a Moon Walk jumper, Miniature Train, Gyro Hoop, Dunking Booth and a Hammer Bell Ringer game. There may also be an Obstacle Course.

The Church will also sell Snow Cones and Cotton Candy at the Community Center.

Concessions will also be available on the grounds, provided by Charlie Carter of Dickens. A \$5 general admission fee will be charged at the gate, but children 12 and under will be admitted free.

THACKER SUPPLY CO. 80-year family business to change hands September 1



ERA ENDING — The era of the longtime family-owned Thacker Supply will end soon. Jeff, LaVoe and Buzz Thacker are pictured here in front of the business. It will officially change hands September 1.

80-year family business to change hands September 1

On September 1, 2000, Ross and Dana Graham of Roaring Springs will become the new owners of Thacker Supply. The 80-year-old family business that has seen three different generations of Thackers at its helm in Roaring Springs will take its place in history on August 31 and close the doors on a unique chapter in Motley County history. The Grahams, both Motley County high school graduates, plan to continue the tradition of service in the hardware and furniture business, but will add their own emphasis with farm and ranch needs.

According to current owner Jeff Thacker, the change does not come easily or hastily. "I've enjoyed being a part of Thacker Supply, but you reach a point when you wonder what something else is like. It's a hard decision to make, selling a business after 80 years in the family, but I decided the time was right to try something new—I'm not getting any younger. I thought about it for years before making this final decision," he said.

A new interest is marketing Roaring Springs Water, a bottled water product which features the Roaring Springs falls on its label. This project has been a dream of Jeff's for ten years, and it is just one of the new avenues he's exploring.

When Jeff's grandfather, Melton Thacker, arrived in Motley County around 1915, overland wagon schooners were heading west to capitalize on land opened up by a townsit company fostered by the Matador Land & Cattle Co. Farm equipment, home furnishings, livestock and families piled on railway immigrant cars headed for mesquite land priced at \$25 an acre by the Roaring Springs Townsite Company.

The future of the young community looked promising. Hogs were selling for \$8 cwt, fattened on home-grown alfalfa and milo maize, which averaged 35-40 bushels per acre. Calves were selling for \$30-35 a head. With 6,000 bales of cotton projected for the fall, the young man found a job at a local gin run by R.C. Goodwin.

The town Thacker selected was a bustling little berg, just a few years old. A large brick hotel (each room had a wash stand, as well as bath and sewer hookups) was powered by the town's new electric plant. The new school had steam heat and boasted of an auditorium.

A brick passenger station, freight house and loading pens were ready to handle the commerce generated by the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroad. Fifteen hundred trees, Carolina Poplar and Black Locust, had been planted for beautification along the parkway, one of the streets laid out from the Depot as a hub.

The war years of WWI pulled Melton Thacker away for a time, but when he returned from the service he once again worked at the gin. Then in February of 1920 he opened the doors of Western Hardware. That same year he married Lillian Hoyle. Their offspring, J.M. "Buzz," Joyce, and Max, would grow up with the store as a second home.

In 1926 fire destroyed the original building, but Thacker saw this as an opportunity to build the first of four fireproof buildings, and he forged ahead, offering a variety of merchandise in his store, anything from International Harvesters to a shipment of records each week. His ad read: "Everything for the home and farm. Cotton picking supplies, twine, harness, RCA-Atwater Kent & Philco Radios."

During the depression years of the 30's, Thacker tried to accommodate his customers who were money poor. He extended credit on a handshake and took in trade, even horses, mules or cattle. He trusted his customers and often recalled one instance where a man walked through a snow storm to pay on his account. At one point, Mrs. Thacker returned home to find her bedroom furniture gone—sold by her enterprising husband to a satisfied customer.

Entertainment was not lacking during this time. The Roaring Springs Pool, operated by the Matador Ranch at the falls, charged 15c and 30c admission to the olympic-sized swimming pool filled with cold spring water. Jeff Morris' Cotton Pickers String Band livened up the town.

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Cowboys to meet for annual reunion Saturday



Oldtime Matador cowboys, Pick Cox, left, and Robert Thornton, at the 1999 Matador Cowboy Reunion.

The visiting will begin at Jerry Green's place in Roaring Springs at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, but the dinner bell will ring at high noon for any peblers who worked for The Matadors, past or present, and their guests.

The chuckwagon of Jerry Slaton of Afton will provide the vittles for those attending the seventh annual reunion honoring those who worked for the Matador Land & Cattle Company and its successor, The Matador Ranch of Koch Industries.

Knives manufactured locally by Moore Makers of Matador will be awarded to a few lucky Matadors.

Dave Keith, president, will open the business meeting and the program which is expected to draw about 20 guests related to his grandfather, D. C. Keith, who worked for the Matadors over a century ago.

For more information, contact Keith at (806) 623-5270 or Jerry Green at (806) 348-7953.

"West Texas Watchmen" to be featured at Matador First Baptist Church

"The West Texas Watchmen," an all-male Southern Gospel quartet from Andrews, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Sunday evening, August 27, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Stanley Martin, a former Matador resident, is a founding member of the group, which began in 1991 as a mixed quartet. The group became an all-male group in 1995 and adopted its current name in 1996. During this time, they have opened for several well-known artists. In addition, they have presented concerts in many churches and other venues around West Texas.

MC Spirit Rally set for August 29th

The Motley County Booster Club is planning a Spirit Rally for Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. The Rally will be at the football field and will introduce this year's coaches and athletes. Refreshments will be served and will consist of the traditional victory bucket full of homemade ice cream. Anyone interested in helping make brownies or ice cream, please

contact Debbie Marvel or any other Booster Club member. Please make plans to come and support our athletes and their coaches. Your support is greatly appreciated and the

Booster Club could not do as much as it does for our kids without your help! We need everyone for a successful year.



Pick Cox and Robert Thornton, on the Matadors, 1945.

Games, activities to provide Old Settlers fun for the kids

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel will sponsor games and activities which will provide loads of fun for the kiddos at Old Settlers. The Church will be sponsoring these activities as a fund-raiser for their building fund.

Since there is no carnival booked for this year's Old Settlers celebration, these activities will give the kids a chance to have some fun on their day off from school, on Thursday. The activities will also be available on Friday and possibly Saturday night.

Activities will include a Moon Walk jumper, a miniature train for rides, gyro hoop, a dunking booth, a hammer bell ringer game, and may also include an Obstacle Course, the Rocky Mountain, which is a 30' Rock Climbing Wall, and a Velcro Wall, on Saturday.

The church will also sell snow cones and cotton candy at the Community Center.



Well, here it is, already Old Settlers time again. I hope everyone enjoys this special edition. A lot of extra time and effort goes into this edition, and we really appreciate the use of your treasured pictures. I understand that pictures such as this are very treasured items, which makes it even more special to us that you share them.

There are a lot of changes this year for Old Settlers. I really think it's sad that a 77 year old tradition, started by a group of friends wanting to establish a reunion to give people the chance to visit, have fun, and catch up on things, has changed so much.

The absence of a Carnival this year, really puts a damper on the event for young people. I can remember as a small child, anticipating the Carnival for weeks. When we were children, we would always go to the

Carnival on Wednesday night. I guess we were the guinea pigs. But we enjoyed it. We rode the rides for free on Wednesday night.

I remember anticipating my aunts, uncles and cousins coming to visit. Everyone had company for Old Settlers. The crowds were big at the celebration. When the gate charge went into effect, people just decided they would stay home. I don't think my parents have been to the celebration since. Charging at the gate is like charging at Homecoming. Who wants to pay to visit, to see old friends. Who can afford to?

I really hope things will get better organized and get back on the right track for next year's celebration. It would be a real shame for such a tradition, started by the pioneers of this county, to come to an end.

Family business to change hands

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In 1933, the name Western Hardware was retired, and Thacker Supply was born. Thacker expanded his enterprise in 1934 to include a movie theatre, facing the competition of other exciting entertainment in town. Across the street The Travelers Hotel advertised two nights of dancing to the Gloom Chasers, complete with meals, sandwiches and beer.

The depression was ousted by the war years of WWII. Before the Thacker's son Buzz went off to the Navy, he turned a pasture into a practice field for aircraft. It became a landing strip for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the base for another enterprise, an agency to sell the Luscombe Silveraire, a 85 HP plane which flew 115 mph and sold for \$2,495. This called for a hanger which was erected at Buzz Field in 1946.

The air strip would become infamous, not for the aircraft that landed there, but because it would timeshare the grassy knoll with a group of indomitable golfers who ducked or cleared the strip when buzzed, so that planes could land.

When Buzz returned home from the Navy, he joined his father in the

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In 1954 Melton Thacker built a fireproof building which would house Dean's Grocery for many years. Ten years later, the original Thacker Sup-

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family enterprises, and he married LaVoe Mitchell. In 1947, with Buzz acting as manager and his lovely bride as a sparking box office attendant, they advertised a block-buster mid-night preview: the scandalous Jane Russell (she bared a shoulder and looked sexy) in "The Outlaw," directed by Howard Hughes.

Expansion came once again. In 1948 Thacker Supply opened a branch in Matador, a trade center eight miles to the north. With a building boom on in the fifties, the store offered merchandise to the owners of 16 new homes and two new businesses in Roaring Springs. The local Lions, including Melton and Buzz, pushed for a six-patient room hospital and raised \$15,000 in stock, but

received a face life with a modern store front.

The QA&P depot was purchased by the city of Roaring Springs in 1972, ending a long battle by the Lions Club, the Predicta Study Club and members of the Thacker Family, among others, to keep it from being torn down by the railway company.

The community members were not so successful in their efforts to keep their school from being closed and consolidated with two other community schools in Matador. Losing a school was always a blow to a community, and the Thackers and others felt it keenly.

A grandson, Jeff Thacker, joined the three-generational business in 1973, but the founder of Thacker Sup-



Casey Jones and Melton Thacker unloading a car load of Maytag washers, which had been brought in by train, into the old bank building. This building now houses Thacker Jewelry. This picture was made in the late 30's.



Lillian and Melton Thacker, late 50's.

ply, Melton Thacker, died two years later.

In 1977 things were happening in Roaring Springs. After much work, the QA&P Depot was declared a Texas Historic Landmark by the Texas Historical Commission. The Springs Ranch, site of the old swimming hole, became a private recreational club in 1978, offering a new golf course which effectively closed down the air strip course. The Thacker Jewelry factory, spearheaded by Joey and Ronnie Thacker, went in next to the Supply Company in the old bank building.

In 1995 Thacker Supply was re-organized, with Jeff taking a more active role, allowing his hard-working parents a little more leisure time. (Buzz and LaVoe just recently returned from being the guests of their son and family, the Johnny Thackers, at a villa in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.)

In August of 2000 Thacker Supply was honored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce as business of the year, celebrating 80 years of tradition and service to the people of Motley County and surrounding areas.

Welcome to the 77th Annual Old Settlers Celebration!

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I want to ask you, the young adults, for some of your time. That is right! Give up some of your time during the week of September 17 through the 20th. Why? Because we of the Matador Church of Christ are concerned for and on behalf of our young adults of this community. Therefore, we have planned that special time for series of Bible based Lectures to help our young adults deal with the problems which they face on a daily basis.

You say your schedule is too hectic? You just couldn't make time for such a thing as ONE hour for four evenings? I can promise you that the young man we have invited to come and present those Lectures will not waste any of your time. It will be the richest hour of the four evenings that you have used up in a long time.

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Chris Abbott is pictured here with some of his handmade boots in the works, in his shop on the corner of Main Street & Hwy. 70 in Matador.

Abbott Boot Shop open for business in Matador

Abbott Boot Shop opened for business this summer. The new boot shop is located on the corner of Main and Hwy. 70 in Matador. Owner and operator, Chris Abbott, makes boots and does leather repair work.

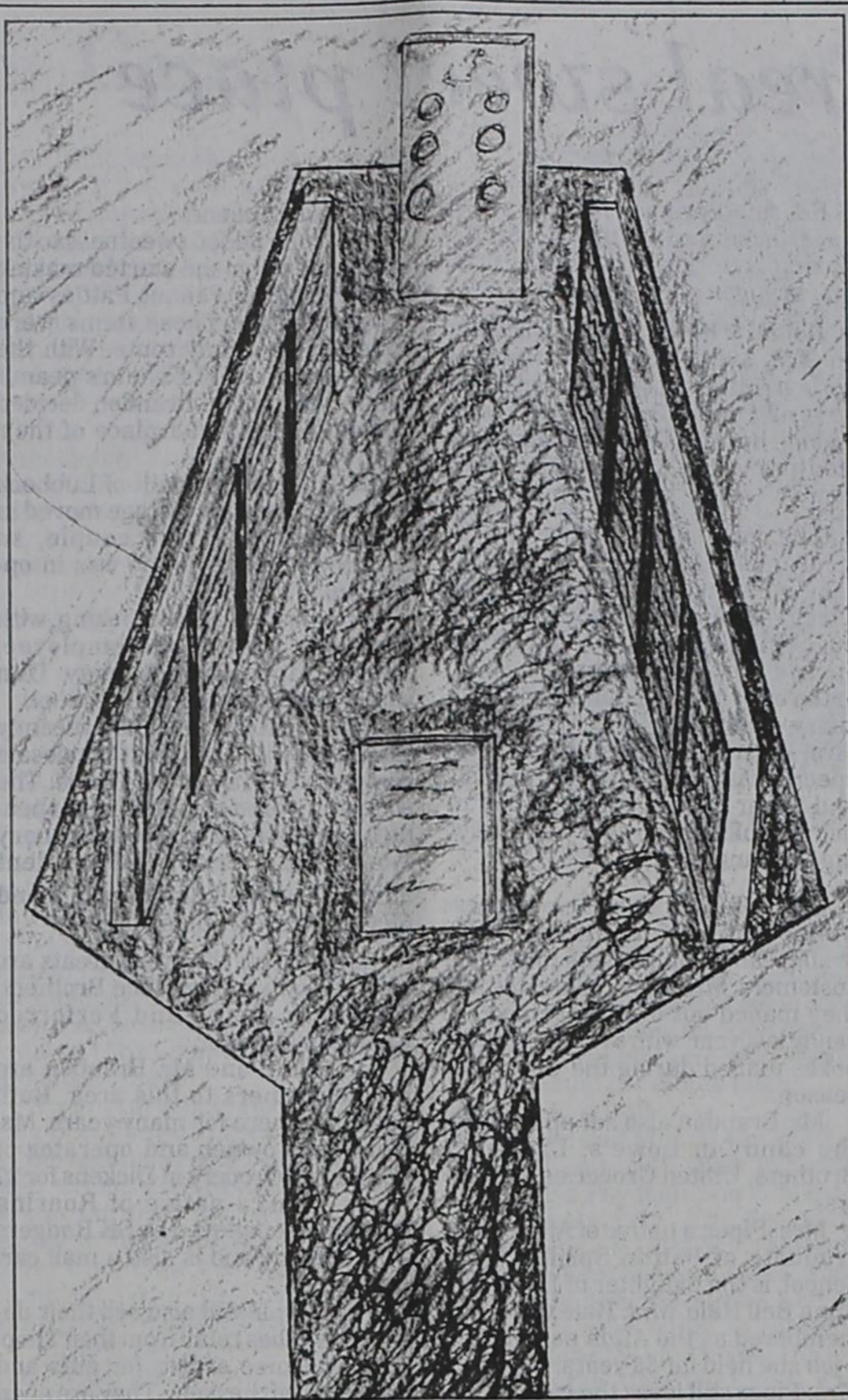
Mr. Abbott, a 1995 graduate of Guthrie High School, moved to Matador from the Tongue River Ranch, in Dumont, where his father is manager.

He first became interested in bootmaking after his mother had at-

tended school for the art. She began his training and he soon developed a natural talent for the custom leather work.

Chris trained with some of the best bootmakers and leather workers in the area, including Tex Robbin in Coleman, Texas and Carl Chapel, in St. Joe. He also worked in Aspermont at a boot repair shop.

Chris says he is excited to be in Matador and Motley County and invites everyone to stop by for a visit.



VETERANS MEMORIAL — The Frank N. Mitchell memorial, pictured above, dedicated in 1989, was the beginning of plans to erect a Veterans' Memorial at the City Park in Roaring Springs. The memorial project was started by Roaring Springs ex-student, Joe B. King, of Austin. Mr. King put a lot of hard work and dedication into the project, but with limited time, was not able to complete it. The Roaring Springs Lions Club has taken on the project, with plans to reconstruct the Veteran stones, which list names of Veterans. The project is estimated to cost \$5,000. The Lions are taking donations for the project. The picture at right is a rough sketch of how the Memorial will look when complete. Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact Jeff Thacker or any Roaring Springs Lions Club member.

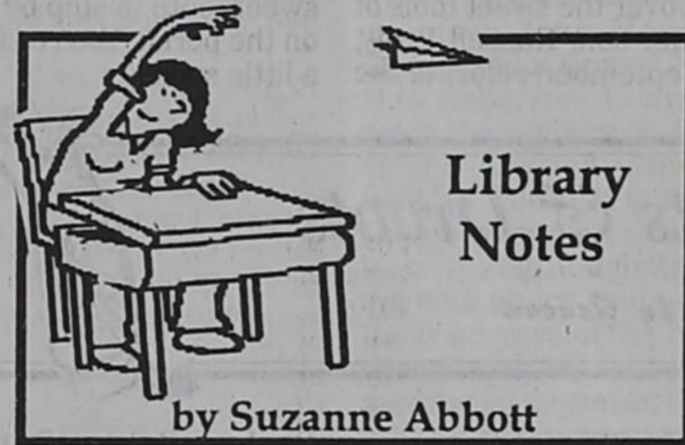
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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donation to the Library by Pansy Spray in memory of Pearl Rattan. Not only does the library need donations such as this to maintain good services for our patrons, but also the donation is a lasting memorial to a special person.

Judy Renfro covered the chairs to our reading table to match the "Texas" covers we have on our couch and chair in the front of the library. The chairs look so pretty with the wood frames and the table, and Judy did a superb job. We thank Judy for her hard work. We also thank Jeanette Case for donating a new coffee pot to the library. Our old one gave up and quit perking. We appreciate this donation very much.

New books in the library include *A Slender Thread* by Tracie Peterson. This book tells the timeless story of family tragedies and triumphs as five sisters are made whole again only by the power of love.

We also have a new book that contains 180 drills for athletes. *Training for Speed, Agility, and Quickness* presents lots of exercises and many tips for strength and agility.

New fiction in the library includes Mary Jo Putney's *The China Bride* and Judith Gould's *Time to Say*

Goodby. We also have James Lee Burke's latest, *Purple Cane Road*. This novel is a Dave Robicheaux mystery that many of you like to read.

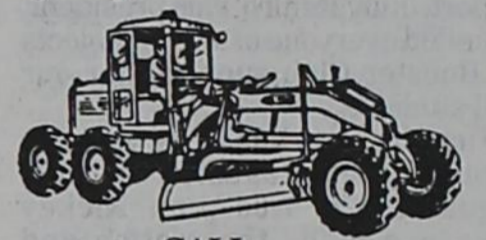
The library will be closed tomorrow Friday, August 25. I have to go to Lubbock for a grant meeting so the library is taking its Old Settlers Day off on Friday instead of Thursday. We will be open for our normal Monday hours from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

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2000 Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 413,215.83	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 34,002.29	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 447,218.12	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 56,609,347.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.79 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 446,751.75	\$	\$
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 57,514,631.00	\$	\$
(after subtracting value of new property)			
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.77676 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
for each fund			
Total effective tax rate	\$.77676 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00 /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$.00 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 446,751.75	\$	\$
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 57,514,631.00	\$	\$
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.77676 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 83,890 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.12503 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.96393 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.96393 /\$100		

Schedule B - 2000 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
ROAD EQUIPMENT	\$ 58,393.96	\$ 13,692.45	\$	\$ 72,086.41
BRIDGE REPAIR				
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2000 debt service			\$ 72,086.41	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$.00	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2000			\$ 72,086.41	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 2000			\$.00	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 72,086.41	

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The MOTLEY County Auditor certifies that MOTLEY County has spent \$ 0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 1999, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. MOTLEY County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at MOTLEY CO. TAX OFFICE, MATADOR, TEXAS

Name of person preparing this notice ELAINE HART
Title MOTLEY CO. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Date prepared AUGUST 7, 2000

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Roaring Springs, a real sweet place



Dan Brandon and Virginia Nunn, owners and operators of Kountry Kottage Kandy in Roaring Springs.

Roaring Springs is a real sweet place these days. With two candy-making factories, the town is dripping in sugar.

Kountry Kottage Kandy, located on FM 3203, south of Roaring Springs, makes specialty Peanut Patties and Peanut Brittle. This candy-making business is owned and operated by Virginia Nunn and Dan Brandon.

The couple got their start in the candy-making business at J & J Pecans, a Pecan Praline Candy factory, which was the first of its kind in Roaring Springs. Mrs. Judy Piper had opened the candy-making business in the back of the laundromat in February, 1999. Ms. Nunn worked with Mrs. Piper in her business. J & J's specialty is Creamy Pecan Pralines and Sugar-Free Pralines. Mr. Brandon established a route for marketing the candy.

J & J Pecans became a success with a contract from Hi-Pro Feeds, to ship candy gift packets to all their customers. Mrs. Piper estimates that they mailed out over 1,000 boxes of candy last year, with over 600 of those boxes mailed during the Christmas season.

Mr. Brandon also set up sales for the candy in Lowe's, Lawrence Brothers, United Groceries and others.

Mrs. Piper, a native of Afton and a graduate of Patton Springs High School, is the daughter of Davie and Anna Bell Hale. Mrs. Hale will be remembered as the Afton postmaster, a job she held for 35 years. Although Mrs. Piper still loves the candy business, she plans to try new things soon and will hand over the sweet tools of the trade to her son, Russell Braly, who will, in September, relocate the

business to Abilene.

Ms. Nunn added sweetness to the candy pot when she started making her specialties, Peanut Patties and Peanut Brittle. These items were added to the candy route. With the rapid success of Ms. Nunn's peanut candy, she and Mr. Brandon decided it was time to find a place of their own.

Ed D. and Pat Smith of Lubbock had a little country cottage moved in and leased it to the couple, so Kountry Kottage Kandy was in operation.

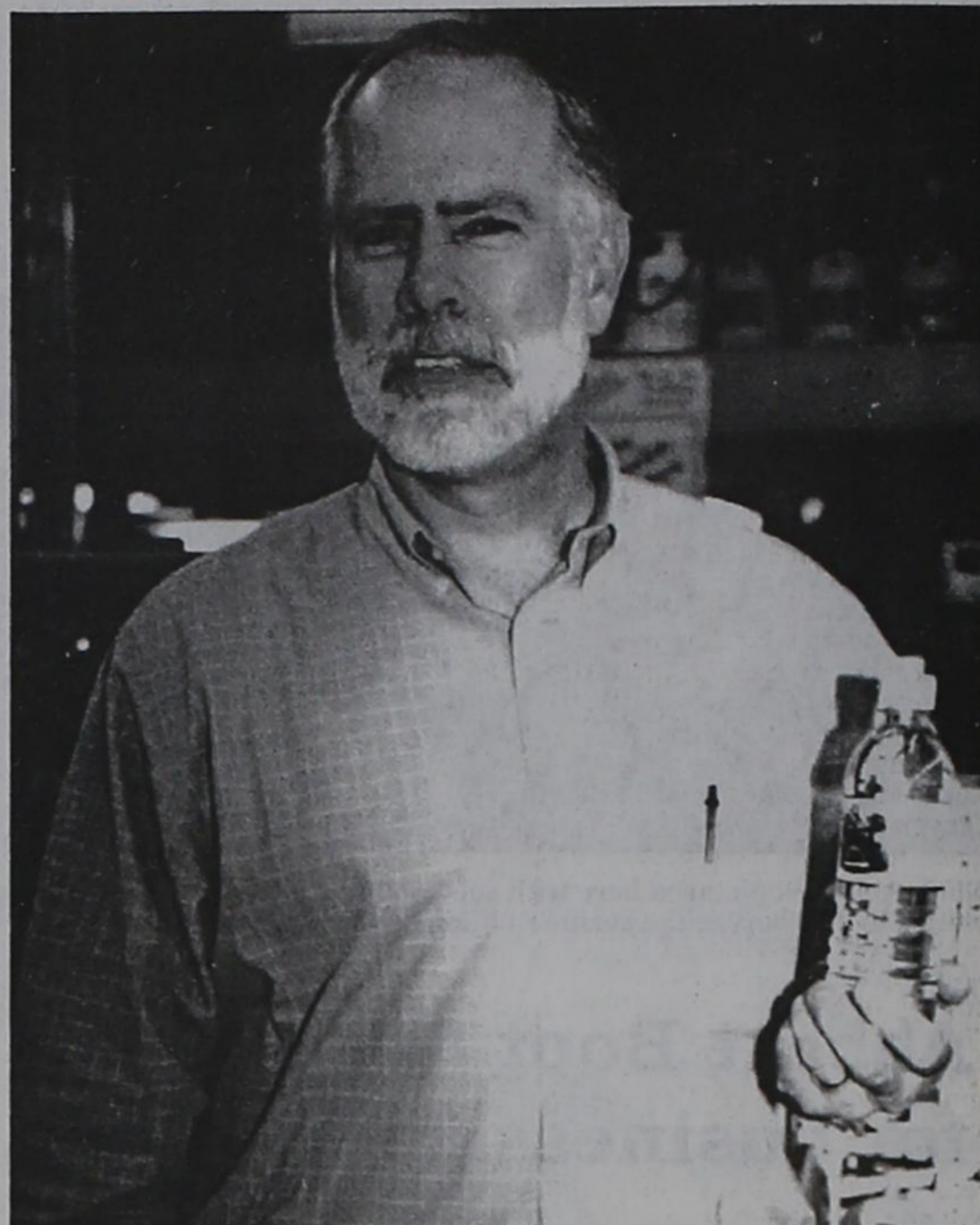
Virginia does all the cooking, with part-time help of one employee, Shirley Morgan of Midway. Dan works at distributing the product.

Kountry Kottage Kandy recently signed on with their first wholesale company, RC Taylor Wholesale. The company will co-distribute their peanut candy to 42 United Grocery stores and over 250 independent businesses, including Uncle's and McClain stores, among others.

In this area, the sweet treats are sold at Lowe's, Lawrence Brothers, Thriftway stores and Preferred Choice in Matador.

Ms. Nunn and Mr. Brandon are not newcomers to this area. Both have lived here for many years. Ms. Nunn was owner and operator of Ponderosa Grocery in Dickens for 27 years. Dan, a native of Roaring Springs, is employed by SK Rodgers Oil Company and is also a mail carrier.

The couple will also sell their delicious goodies retail from their shop. They welcome orders for gifts and will make gift baskets. They are open by chance and invite those with a real sweet tooth to stop by and sit a spell on the porch. You're sure to go away a little sweeter.



ROARING SPRINGS WATER — Jeff Thacker is pictured here holding a bottle of purified water with a Roaring Springs label, depicting the beautiful Roaring Springs waterfalls. Mr. Thacker is marketing the bottled water and it is now available for purchase at Alexander Fuel, Springs Ranch and Thacker Supply in Roaring Springs and Preferred Choice in Matador. Mr. Thacker said he came up with the idea of Roaring Springs bottled water about 10 years ago and decided now would be a good time to pursue the idea. The drink is bottled and labeled in Abilene. The price of a bottle of water varies, from .79¢ to .99¢, depending on where it is purchased. Mr. Thacker says he hopes to expand the product's marketing, and will offer schools and organizations a discount.

Booster club holds first meeting for the year

The Motley County Booster Club had its first meeting of the 2000-2001 year. There were 13 people present. President Jan McWilliams brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked them for their support. Judy Renfro, vice president, reminded everyone of all the projects the Booster Club supports for our local students.

First item of business was the Spirit Rally. This was set for Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. Rickey Lawrence made the motion and Bucky Marvel seconded it. Next on the agenda was the float for the Old Settlers' Parade. The Booster Club will provide a pickup and trailer for the football boys and cheerleaders to ride on.

Mr. Hand was present to give the new district rules. There will be some changes this year. Admission prices for each game will be \$3.00 adults and

\$2.00 for students. Also, Mr. Hand reported the Spirit Guidelines are as follows: 1) Victory lines within the enclosure around the field will be prohibited, except for students; 2) No student out of uniform will be permitted within these lines; 3) Noisemak-

ers, such as air horns, etc., will be allowed provided they are set up outside the playing field area.

The third thing on the agenda was a fund-raiser to sell booster shirts. Motion was made by Bucky Marvel and seconded by Betty Stevens to sell a denim shirt with long or short sleeves and a tee shirt or sweatshirt with logo. These shirts will be available for ordering at the spirit rally and forms will be passed out to the students.

The last item on the agenda was the concession stand for the home football games. Judy Renfro and Reneigh Burns will be in charge of each game and will be contacting parents for help in working each game. Please be supportive and willing to help if you can. We need each parent and their support for a successful year!

The Booster Club invites everyone to attend their meetings each Monday at 7:00 p.m. The dues are just \$5.00 per family. They will serve refreshments and try to show the football film at the end of each meeting for those interested in staying and watching the game.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



Tuesday Scramble August 15

Winners: First, with a score of 30, (play-off on card), were Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Douglas Campbell, and Keith Hewitt.

Second, with a score of 30, were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Gene Brannon and Dot Grundy.

Third, with a score of 31, (play-off on card), were Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Roy Stephens and Matt Washington. Robert Osborn got closest to the pin, on #6, 14' 11".

Others playing were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Olivia Osborn, Alfred Barton, Louise

Barton, Robert Darsey, Conway Clary, Olivia Barton, Kenny Barton, Randy Martin and Geneva Wilson.

Ladies Playday August 17

Eighteen hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, LaVoe Thacker and Olivia Barton. LaVoe won the ball, low net.

Nine hole players were Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Lucretia Campbell, Mary Jones, Tempie Francis, Jerri Watson. Olivia Barton played with nine holes with these girls.

Frances Hobbs won the ball, low net.



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A short history of Rustler Camp

by Beverly Darsey

"Like buzzards waiting for an old cow to die in a boghole, hundreds of cowmen had been waiting to grab the wonderful ranch country where the buffalo had roamed. They knew that it was the finest grazing land on earth. In 1878 they realized that the buffalo were gone and the Comanches were whipped, so they began to drive in their herds." (Frank Collinson, *Life in the Saddle*, p. 114)

Though Frank Collinson had been born in England, he had come to Texas to be a cowboy, first working on ranches in South Texas, then making trail drives to the north, then spending several years in West Texas as a buffalo hunter. When the buffalo played out, he was camped in Blanco Canyon near the Hank Smith rock ranch house with the intentions of going to fight in the Lincoln County War (New Mexico Territory) to make good wages sharpshooting. A sack pulled up to the ranch. In it were S.R. Coggin of Brownwood and Pister Chisum, the youngest brother of John Simpson Chisum, who ranched on the Pecos in New Mexico Territory.

Collinson and Coggin had met a year or so before. When Coggin learned that Collinson knew the country from Dodge to the Concho very well from his buffalo and trail driving days, he made him a proposition. He wanted Collinson to find a range for a herd of eight thousand cattle that he was to receive from John Chisum in payment of an old debt. Collinson accepted the proposition to go to Fort Sumner and pilot the cattle back to Texas. He already had in mind the range he would choose: his old buffalo-hunting ground on the Tongue River. (Collinson, p. 116)

The cattle were Jingle Bob cattle, known only by a mark instead of a brand. The earmark of both ears was what made them so distinctive and gave them their name. To make this mark, the ear was split at the top and the two main leaders cut. This made the ear drop back and hang toward the neck. An English company im-

They started back to Texas by the middle of August (1878) with the Jingle Bob cattle. There were two herds. Collinson piloted the first herd of cattle driven from Fort Sumner over the old Mexican buffalo hunters' trail to Texas. R.K. Wiley, Coggin's partner, followed several days later with the other herd.

Late in September they reached Blanco Canyon (north of present day Crosbyton). The next week they reached the range Collinson had chosen. They dropped off the Cap Rock and turned the herd loose on Tongue River, where grass and water were good and plentiful. During his buffalo-hunting days this stream had been called "Lengua Negra," meaning Black tongue, because so many buffalo had died there from a disease that caused their tongues to swell and turn black. Wylie's herd arrived on the same range in October. The virgin range on Tongue River was all open country. Wood was also plentiful. There were deer in every thicket and antelope on every flat. Plums, currants, and grapes were plentiful. (Collinson, p. 120-121)

"The west line of the ranch was from Cotton Wood Mott to the head of Duck Creek. The east line went along the divide between the Brazos watershed, to the Rath Crossing on Tongue River, then back on the divide between Dutchman and Tipi creeks, and up the Pease River divide to the Mott...The Cap Rock was on the west..." (Collinson, p. 121)

After moving the Jingle Bob cattle to this range, four line camps with two men in each camp were established. Collinson's first camp was on Dutchman Creek, and his home was a dugout. It was constructed by digging into a bank near water, with logs on the side for support. The top was covered with poles, mud, and soil and supported by a ridge-pole. The average dugout was about ten by twelve feet, and two or three men could live comfortably in one. They were warm in winter and cool in summer. There was a fireplace in them, with a chimney, dug down. (Collinson, p. 121-122)

Frank Collinson describes the

if you want something to eat, you can have it. If you want anything else, don't attempt to rob this outfit unless you expect a considerable scrap. We have men here who know how to kill, and will kill, and I know you and several others and when I get back to the settlements I will have Governor Roberts send his Texas Rangers after you if you stay in Texas."

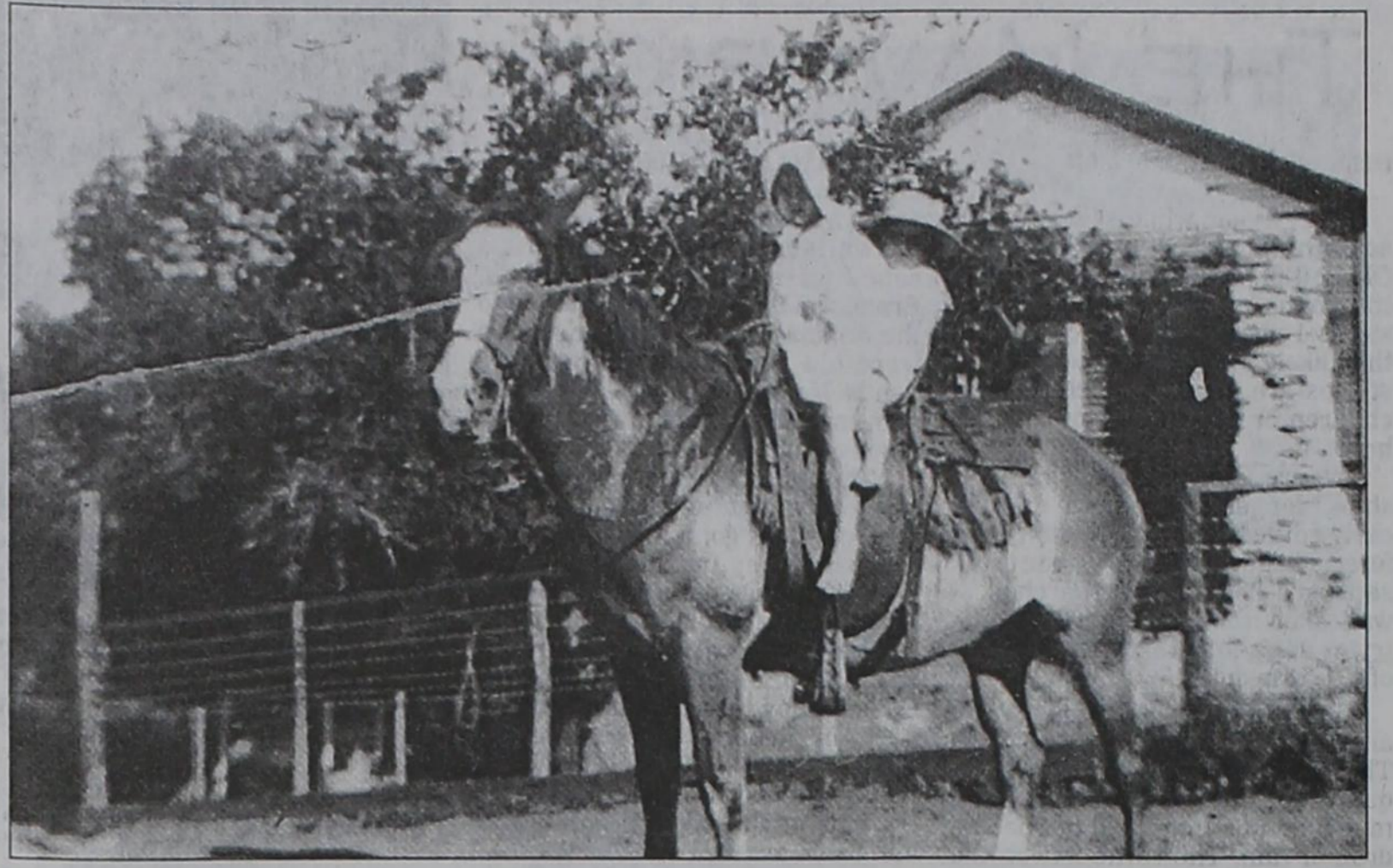
"The rustlers the hint and left immediately. Later we found where they had camped on a small creek the night before, waiting for an opportunity to rob Coggin and Wiley. After that time this creek was called 'Rustler Creek' and bears that name today." (Collinson, p. 122)

The next Jingle Bob corral was built at the natural springs that Collinson and his fellow buffalo hunters had named earlier, "Roaring Springs." When he discovered it in 1876, he had been camped with other hunters on Tongue River. That night they could hear water falling below their camp. The next morning he got up early, saddled his horse, and rode down to investigate. He walked through a willow thicket toward the spring. He could tell from many old camping signs that this spring had been a favorite camping place of the Indians throughout the centuries. (Collinson, p. 123)

The north Jingle Bob camp was built of cottonwood logs and located on the head of Middle Pease River at Mott Creek. Collinson believes that it was the first house built above ground in Motley County. At the same time, Collinson was located on a camp at Grapevine Springs on Tongue River. (Collinson, p. 125)

In May, 1881, the Matador Land and Cattle Company bought the entire interest of the Jingle Bob herd from Coggin and Wiley, along with their horses and the land they had script on.

An article in *The Handbook of Texas Online* describes Rustler Creek as several small branches along the eastern edge of the Caprock in northeastern Dickens County (at 33°51'N, 100°57'W) on the South Pease (or Tongue) River in southwestern Motley County. It runs



Rustler Camp, about 1917-1920. Nellie Phygenia Bridge and Jim Bridge, children of Clayton and Minnie Van Bridge.

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Fullingim, Big John Southworth, Bob Alley, and Texas Ranger Robinson (Roberson) was to spend some time with us. Quite a few bucking horses have been ridden, and wild steers roped around the dining table." (Arrington, p. 224)

Clayton and Minnie Van lived at Rustler Camp with their two children, Nellie Phygenia and Jim, from 1917 to about 1920. The line camp was located on Rustler Creek just north of where one fork of the creek crossed the Dickens-Motley County line on its way north to join the Tongue River (South Pease). During that time the Matador Ranch was having trouble with cattle thieves located in the Duncan Flat area, and manager John Morgan Jackson summoned a former Texas Ranger, H.L. Roberson, to investigate and catch the rustlers. Roberson stayed at the Rustler Camp while the Bridges were living there. Dumont Bridge remembers his mother telling of the big, tough Roberson, shaving with an ice cold pan of water in the front yard of the half dugout on those cold winter mornings. She mentioned, however, that he was really a very nice person. (Bridge, Dumont - Interview, 2000)

H.L. Roberson was a brand inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. In 1917 he would have been about 42 years old and weighed about 230 pounds. He "had led a rough and tumble life. As a youth he had traveled to the Philippines to fight in the Spanish-American War. Later, he cowboied and managed ranches for several prominent cattlemen along the Texas-Mexico border. He had also served as a Texas Ranger, patrolling the border from El Paso to Ojinaga. It was dangerous and perilous work." (Perkins and Ward, *Brave Men & Cold Steel*, p. 22)

There were rumors that Roberson had killed 38 men in his lifetime. But Texas Ranger Captain John R. Hughes, who commanded

Roberson's Ranger company, denied he was violent or dangerous. In fact to look at Roberson one would discount the rumors immediately. A large man with clear eyes and a genial personality, he seemed pleasant and personable. Only those men who had stolen cattle saw the dark side of him. As an inspector for the association since 1911, he ferreted out cattle rustlers quickly and efficiently, and had an admirable record of bringing dishonest men to trial. In 1923, he was based at Midland, Texas, where he lived with his wife of two years.

In the summer of 1922, they had culminated nine and a half months of investigations by securing indictments against Milt P. Good of Brownfield, Texas, and two other men for theft of 516 cattle. Roberson had already secured an indictment against (Tom) Ross (of Seagraves, Texas) for theft of cattle in Lovington, N.M., and he and (Inspector) Allison were to present their new findings to the Gaines County grand jury in Seminole on April 2, 1923.

Allison and Roberson and his wife had arrived earlier that afternoon. That evening the two inspectors met six other men in the hotel lobby. They were Ross's lawyer, the district attorney, a former district judge, the Gaines County sheriff, a member of the grand jury, and one other man. Mrs. Roberson stayed in her room, preparing for bed.

About the time the meeting began a Ford automobile with the top down carrying two men in broad-brimmed hats drove past the Baptist parsonage in Seminole and turned east. About 10 to 15 minutes later the two

burst into the lobby of the Gaines Hotel with guns blazing. (Perkins and Ward, p. 21-27)

Roberson and Allison never knew what hit them. Mrs. Roberson heard the gunfire downstairs. She rushed to the lobby and found her husband and his comrade dead, and the murderers backing out the door. She reached for her husband's .45, but the handle had been shot off. Then she reached in his right waistband and located the small automatic gun that he often carried. (Perkins and Ward, p. 27)

Before Ross and Good could flee, she fired twice. One bullet glanced off Ross's belt buckle and razed his stomach. Good was hit in the left arm and the bullet lodged in his left hip. The two got away, but several hours later they turned themselves in to the sheriff. Both murderers served time, both escaped, and Ross was never caught. He was eventually located in Browning, Montana, in 1929, after killing a man and then committing suicide. Good served more of his time, was eventually paroled, and was later killed in Cotulla. (Perkins and Ward, p. 27)

Thus, the area around Rustlers Creek and Rustlers Camp had twice been noted for its cattle rustlers.

By the time Clayton and Minnie Van Bridge's son, Elmo Dumont Bridge, was born on November 27, 1920, the family had moved from Rustler Camp to McDonald Camp south of Matador so the oldest child, Nellie, could attend school at Matador. Children of Clayton and Minnie Van Bridge were Nellie, Jim, Dumont, Tommie, and W.J.

Have fun, and use common sense this weekend, please don't drink and drive!



Rustler Camp, Summer, 1999.

photo courtesy of Beverly Darsey

ported this fine herd of Shorthorn cattle and drove them from Kansas City to the Maxwell Ranch on the Cimarron River in New Mexico Territory in the early 1870s. The company sold them to L.B. Maxwell, and he drove them to Fort Sumner. After the elder Maxwell died of blood poisoning, his son Pete sold the cattle to Tom Yearby. John Chisum then bought as many of the cattle as Yearby would sell, and there were many cattle with the Jingle Bob strain in the stock which he was turning over to Coggin. (Collinson, p. 117)

It took quite a long time to round up those cattle off the vast Chisum range. Before Collinson and Coggin left Fort Sumner, Coggin bought more Jingle Bob cattle from Yearby and contracted for all the bull calves dropped in 1878 and 1879.

naming of Rustler Creek as follows:

"One evening in 1879 a group of armed men rode into camp and asked to spend the night. It so happened that both Coggin and Wiley had come out to inspect the ranch, bringing with them some extra hands to build corrals, some new dugouts, etc., and to establish a more satisfactory headquarters on the ranch. There were a good many bad men prowling around the country, causing trouble, during that time. This group had no doubt come to our camp with the intention of robbing Coggin and Wiley of what money they had brought with them to pay off the hands. Among the strangers was a nephew of Wiley's who thought that a disguise would keep his uncle from recognizing him. "However, Wiley was not fooled. He called the man aside, saying, 'Now

across flat to rolling terrain with local escarpments. The fine, deep, sandy loams along the creek support some hardwoods, but primarily brush and grasses. The creek is on the old Matador Ranch and was named for the presence of cattle thieves in the area. (*Handbook of Texas Online*)

In an article written by Mrs. Clayton Bridge included in Fred Arrington's *A History of Dickens County Ranches and Rolling Plains*, Mrs. Bridge tells of moving to the Matador Ranch from Hardeman County near Quanah in 1917:

"J.M. Jackson was manager and gave him (Clayton) a line camp called Rustler. We came from Quanah on the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroad to Roaring Springs. A line rider, Jet Lewis, met us with a wagon driving two little mules. We had nine miles to travel to our new home located on Dickens and Motley County line; our house was in Motley County, we milked our cows in Dickens County. Much of the ranch land that we tended was in Dickens County.

"Our house was built back on a hill. The front looked like an ordinary house. The back roof was only fourteen inches from the ground. We had three rooms and a porch with a large hackberry tree shading it and a yard fence. Late in the evening and early morning, coyotes would come close and howl; the children's little black dog would take no chance. She would go to the back and get on the roof, and come over to the front porch.

"Our nearest neighbor was seven miles away; it was the John Smith family. We were never lonely. God was ever present.

"Clayton was the first man in Motley County to have the 'flu' in 1918. I rode horseback to Roaring Springs to call headquarters for help and to get medicine. At that time the ranch was selling land in the north part of Dickens County, which is the Duncan Flat community now. This was part of the north pasture Clayton rode. At times a fence would be put up and cattle fenced in. The cowboys would have to get them out. In winter the ranch crew and the chuck wagon would be brought in and the cowboys would be sent to different camps. In our camp, we had Jet Lewis, Charlie

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

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THE MAVERICK

research by Mary Meason

Every year while searching for something interesting to write for Old Settlers, I often wonder if any of the young people ever read these stories. I sincerely hope they do. More than likely some of the people these stories are about, especially their children or grandchildren, are still here.

We are seldom aware of the hardships, danger and sorrows that the early settlers of Motley County suffered. I believe this story is one of the saddest I have ever researched. It was taken from the book *Cow Country*, by Tanner Lane, and is the story of "The Maverick."

The sun shone in a cloudless sky, and not a breath of air was stirring. There were no leaves on the mesquite trees within reach of a cow. For many months there had not been a drop of rain. The cattle left on the range were walking skeletons. Such was the condition from Colorado City to the Spur Ranch and to the Caprock foothills in July, 1890.

Two cowboys, Sam and Jess, rode along silently. Their ponies started down the trail into a fairly deep creekbed known locally as Innes Creek. At the bank where they could see the creek bed, the horses stopped. There in the dry bed of the creek was a broken down covered wagon. The right hind wheel had crumpled. Two hitched horses were still at the tongue, too weak to pull.

There was no sign of life, except the horses. Slowly the cowboys jogged up. Jess dismounted and looked closely at the wagon sheet. There, curled up as best she could, was a little girl about 3 years old, fast asleep.

While both cowboys stared, the child awakened. "Nita wants a drink," she said. There was no water in the wagon or anywhere around. The cowboys had no water. The closest water they knew of was at the "Hearts Ranch" about 10 miles away.

What could the cowboys do? They just couldn't ride away. Especially after the little girl stretched up her arms to Jess and hugged him. He took her onto his horse and Sam unhitched the horses from the wagon and turned them loose.

Both cowboys rode a large circle trying to see if they could locate the child's parents, or whomever she was traveling with, way out here. They found no one.

After talking it over, it was decided Jess would take "The Maverick" to the Hearts Ranch. Sam would circle awhile trying to find someone or a trail of a walking person.

Unsuccessful and his horse tiring and thirsty, Sam rode back to the wagon and left a note, written with burnt matches, giving directions to the ranch where Jess and the little girl had gone. Then Sam pulled out.

Nearly to the Hearts he met a wagon and riders from the ranch bringing him food and water. A lighted lantern hung all night on the porch of the ranch house. But no one came.

Mrs. Jim Roberts, wife of the ranch owner and the mother of six children, took the little girl to heart. So from that day on she was known as Nita Roberts. The cowboys searched from sun to sun the next day and several days afterwards, following the buzzards closely, but they found no one, nor anything.

In the abandoned wagon they found some bedding, two boxes without lids, a frying pan, sack of flour, a little bit of coffee, some bacon wrapped in a piece of paper, powder

horn, bullet mold, \$200 in Confederate money in an old pocketbook, and an old Springfield rifle, a piece of paper with some strange marks on it, a rope and some clothes of Nita's. Brands on the horses were traced to the original owners. But the horses were old and had often changed hands. No one in any frontier town, remembered seeing a little girl among travelers west.

The Roberts children learned to ride early, Nita among them. The Spur cowboys got a nice filly all her own, and they packed in enough candy from the Spur Ranch Commissary to feed a dozen kids.

When Nita was 14, Jess and Sam heard about Sacred Heart College at Dallas. They took Nita there, along with Ann Roberts, her foster sister. The years 1902, 1903 and 1904 were hard years, and Jim, like other ranchers, had rough sledding. So Nita and Ann came home.

Later they got jobs in Fort Worth in a bank. After awhile Nita became secretary to the president of the bank. He knew all about "The Maverick" found during the long drought.

One day an old fellow came to see the bank president. He had to wait and Nita was nice to him. He asked her name. "Nita," she said. "Nita Roberts." The old man looked closely at her but said nothing.

The old fellow told the bank president this story:

He and Roy Davis, his brother, had been working a mine near Silver City, New Mexico. Word reached them that Roy's boy, Brooks, had died and left a wife and baby girl. The wife was near death. Roy pulled out for Lampassas, Texas, their old home. After a letter from Roy telling of the death of the daughter-in-law, and that he was starting back with the child, the brother never heard from Roy again.

The old man said he had continued to work the mine himself, but kept Roy's share separately. He struck a rich vein of ore and sold the mine. And then, this girl in the outer office looked so much like Roy, his brother. He had to know. The old man went to the Hearts Ranch and identified the old rifle and the powder horn and mold. The funny piece of paper with the marks was a map of the mine.

The old man was very rich. He helped Roberts get back land he had to let go in the bad time. He tried to give money to the two cowboys who found Nita, but they refused the offer. But they were said to be the only cowboys in West Texas sporting big diamond rings, "big as a quarter."

The old man bought a house in Fort Worth where Nita and Ann stayed and looked after him. He died about two years later after finding Nita. He left her wealthy and he also left Jim Roberts a ranch in New Mexico.

Jess and Sam moved to Weatherford. Ann married, but Nita went to Weatherford to look after the two old cowboys who had found her on the prairie.

In 1920, Innes Creek was level full from rains. A Spur cowboy found an old well where the creek bed sloughed off. He went for another cowboy and they rode over the rise to the old well. They found an old iron bucket, then a human bone and later a human skeleton.

Roy Davis probably had gone for water that day but never made it back to the wagon, where the two Spur cowboys found "The Maverick."



Motley County girls enjoying the falls at Roaring Springs in August of 1910. Mary Keith is the young lady by the rock in front.

photo courtesy of Charles Keith

Miss Mary Keith looks back: Her notes on County History

Edited by Marisue Potts

A History of the Matador Ranch. The Matador Division of The Matador Land & Cattle Co. had records in five counties, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd and Motley. Supposedly the first and only time the company needed a loan to carry on business was during the depression years and droughts of the early 30's. Liquidation of the Matador Land & Cattle Co. (Ltd.) took place on August 24, 1951.

The Matadors purchased wild rye. The range grasses included wild rye, curly mesquite, buffalo grass, and grama. Croton Pasture in southeast Dickens County was rough generally. Turtle Hole was on the north side of the range. On December 9, 1879, (J.N. or Joe) Browning sold to H.H. Campbell 160 acres of the Ballard Springs homestead. Patent to A.M. Britton, President of Matador Land & Cattle Company was approved on July 14, 1879. Title (to Ballard Springs) was acquired on April 4, 1880. West Tank was acquired on April 15, 1880.

Springs were located on South Pease: Dutchman Creek, Roaring Springs, Wolf Creek, Grapevine Creek, Rustlers Creek, Jackson Creek, Bill's Branch, Middle Pease, Turtle Hole Creek, Mott Creek, Salt Creek, Boggy Creek; and on the southeast part of the range, Big Croton and Little Croton Creeks. There were four original camps; the Payne Place, Turtle Hole Camp, Mott Camp, and Croton Camp. Six camps were established at or near a spring.

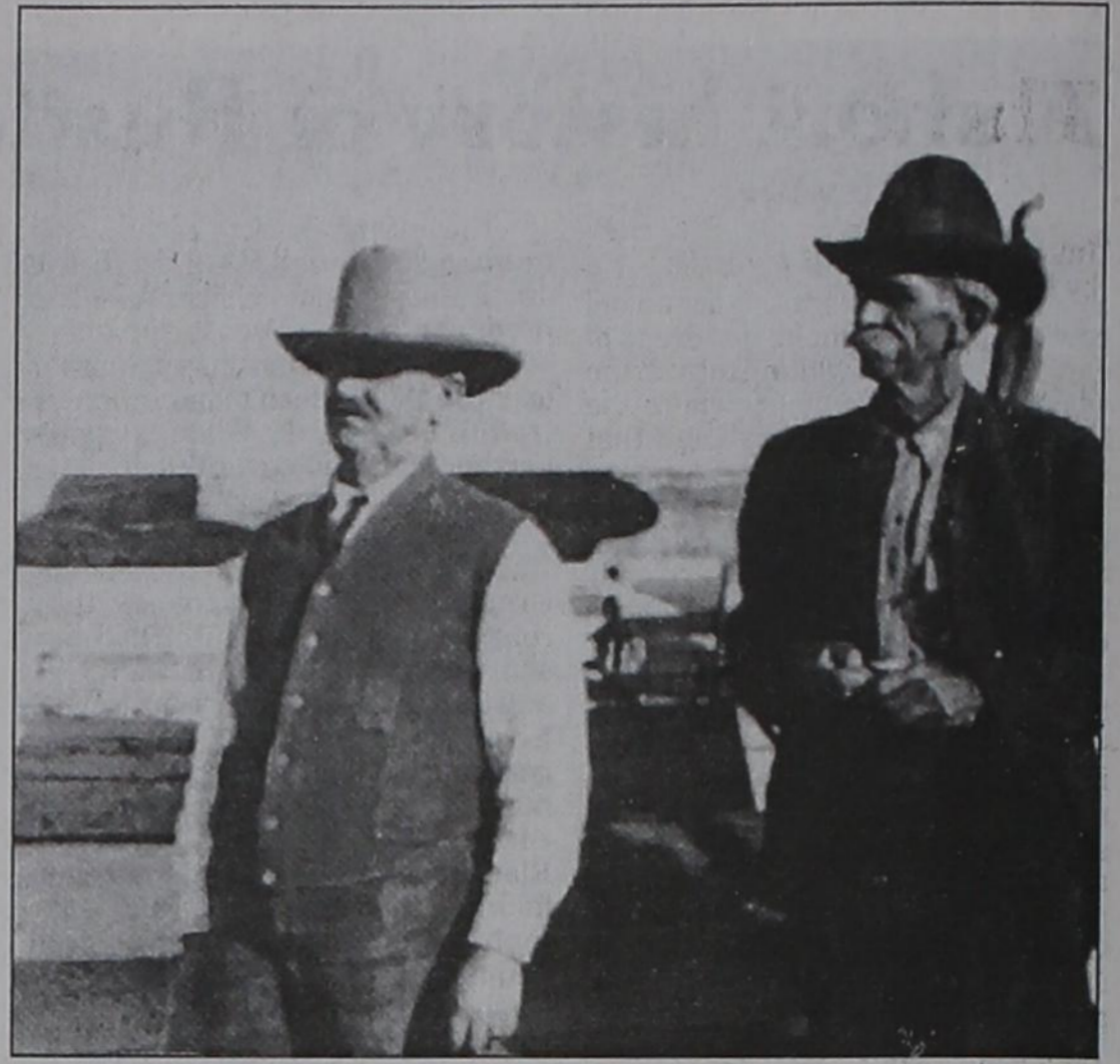
The first large herd of cattle was purchased on April, 1881, from John M. Dawson to Matador Land & Cattle Co. Ten thousand head came from Coggins and Dawson. In all 15,000 were purchased for \$7,200.00. The famous V (brand) could have been conveyed by Dawson or other parties.

Motley County was organized in 1891. The Matador brands and marks were registered on June 1, 1893 (V) on right side and hip; August 4, 1902, (V) on r thigh, figure for year on right neck; February 23, 1918, (V) on r side, figure on right shoulder.

Registered Hereford herd was kept in a special pasture near ranch headquarters. The bulls were scattered each summer over the range. They were gathered in November and December, put in the Bull Pasture and fed during the winter. At one time there were 1,500 bulls in pas-

ture. Steers in Croton Breaks were sometimes eight to ten years old, grown up with perhaps never gotten to a round-up. Calves were shipped to Alamositas Division (near Channing) to be sold at three years old. An estimated 10,000 to 17,000 head were branded each year.

Good horses made well trained cow horses. They had plenty of sense like a human. Chuckwagons were drawn over range by mules, as also was the hoodlum wagon that always accompanied the chuckwagon. Three sections of land were patented to Arthur B. Cooper in 1879 and 1880. Murdo Mackenzie became manager for the Matador Land & Cattle Co., Ltd., in 1891 and resided at Trinidad, Colo. A native of Scotland, he came to America in March of 1886. Prior to that time, the manager was Mr. (William Fife) Sommerville of Fort Worth, who died there. Mr. H.H. Campbell was Ranch Superintendent and in the Company for about a month after Mackenzie became manager. The main office was in Trinidad, Colo. The Matadors lawyer was Gov. J.N. Browning who made the conveyance to H.H. Campbell for Ballard Springs.



Two Motley and Dickens County Pioneers, D.C. Keith, left, and brother-in-law, H.T. Garner, right. D.C. Keith was a cowboy in Dickens County for two years before joining the Matador Ranch in 1888, where he remained a resident of Motley County until his death in 1933. H.T. Garner moved to Dickens County in the 1880's with his family, helping to organize the County and was the first County Treasurer.

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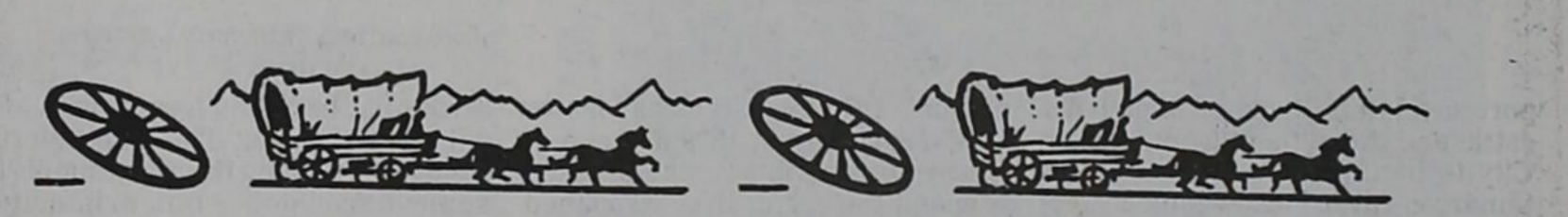
Henry Palmer, Skeet Jameson and Burt Johnston at the lower Cooper place, April, 1947.

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Work crew on Matador Ranch, 1963.

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

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The B.F. Yeates family

Information from *Of Such As These* by Eleanor Traweek

Duff Green mentions in his files that Frank Yeates' "FY's horses were small, tough, and so mean that they never lost the desire to make their riders pull leather when first saddled, yet just about the smartest things that ever looked through a bridle." In the year of the worst drought ever recorded in the history of this part of the country, a year when fleas were so bad that people had to move out of their dugouts. Frank Yeates was living in a half dug-out on the head of Grapevine Creek and was ranging these same leases in the neighboring vicinity.

He had come from Tarrant County to Haskell up to the community of old Emma on the plains. A few years later he bought a two-room house, no doubt with the idea of settling down with a wife.

B.F. Yeates will be remembered as a man who had pride in himself and in his family heritage. He was somewhat lax in his personal appearance while working in the West, but it was reported downstate that on the periodic trips he made "back East" to Fort Worth and Mansfield, he dressed in a fashionable attire which included a top hat and a cane. There was method in his reasoning. He was married to the former Regina Shelter in Mansfield on July 4, 1899.

Very shortly after their marriage, the young couple came west to establish a home. They spent their first night in the Collett home near Roaring Springs and settled on land just South of the town. It was there that all seven of their children were born and here that couple lived until their deaths. Mrs. Yeates died March 4, 1918, leaving her husband with the responsibility of rearing a family of children and of keeping them in school. But the children have memories of their happy family, which are

long and lasting.

The children recalled traveling by surrey to Roaring Springs on that exciting day when the first train came to Roaring Springs in 1913. That same year, Mr. Yeates bought a Model T Ford. But the transition from horse-drawn vehicles to an automobile was a big one.

Mr. Yeates knew nothing about driving anything but a team of horses and needed someone to teach him how to drive that car, so Bill Austin and his family of Afton came over.

Mrs. Yeates fixed a big picnic lunch and they went up on the Caprock to try out the car, because there were few fences and plenty of open space. Frank became convinced that he couldn't learn to drive with such a big audience, so the family went back home and put the car in the garage for a couple of months while Mr. Yeates studied the instruction book.

The first driving was done around the house, with damage to only one gate. Finally, Frank trusted himself enough to take his family to church and even on trips to Ft. Worth and Dallas. The Yeates children who were living at the time this story was given were H.I. (married Maggie Thacker); Belle (married Vurl Hinson); Hortense (married Curtis Goodwin); Tom (married Mamie Hughes); and Eudelle (married Homer Hughes).

Tom Yeates, at one time, was in possession of a family Bible which had written dates in it in the 1500's. It had been handed down to the youngest boy in each generation of the Yeates family and is reported to have crossed the ocean three times in being left as a legacy. Mr. Yeates died January 8, 1931.

Wouldn't it be interesting to see that Bible now, with all its names and dates. I can't help but wonder where it is now.



Doug Meador (left) and Kirk Martin, working cattle at Stokes, 1942. photo courtesy of "Tootie" Meador



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

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

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

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



This picture was taken in 1933. Standing, left to right are Annette and Ernestine McWilliams, Elwyn Fulfer, Dorothy Ann Stanfield, Stanley Groves, Bonner Nelson; sitting, left to right are Truman Groves, Kenneth Groves, Norman Seigler, Bruce Seigler, Charles Herbert Sanders.

photo courtesy of Algie Groves

A.B. and Eunice Nichols Family

The Nichols children were Ralph, Rita, Claudis (Nub), Madge, Birdie Nell, Jack, and Buryl. Ralph married Ruby Roller Bridges with a son, Manuel Bridges, who was the oldest grandchild. Rita married Algie Groves, with a son, James Truman Groves. Truman was the second grandchild. Claudis married Eva Robbins. Madge married Harold "Sparky" Renfro. They have four sons and one daughter. Birdie Nell married John L. Green. Their one child is Sharon. Jack married Patricia Bottoms, and Buryl "Red" married Bonibel Williams. Neither Jack nor Buryl has children. Three grandchildren were born after this picture was made - Rebecca Mary Renfro in 1953, and Claudis' two daughters, Becky in 1955 and Brenda in 1958.

Standing left to right in the back two rows are Claudis Nichols, Algie Groves, Buryl Nichols, Birdie Nell Green, Harold Renfro, Rita Groves, John L. Green, Patricia Nichols, Ruby Nichols, Eva Nichols, Ralph Nichols, Madge Renfro, and Bonibel Nichols. The middle row (seated) are Jack Nichols, Father and Mother Nichols, and two of Ralph's daughters, baby Rita Dianne and her sister, Virginia, standing. Sitting on the ground are Pat Groves; Curtis Arthur and David Algie Renfro; Carroll Dennis Nichols in front of Mike Groves;



The A.B. and Eunice Nichols family, fall of 1952.

photo courtesy of Rita Groves

behind Mike is Vada Beth and her brothers, Manuel and Robert Harold Renfro, Jr. Sitting in front is Sharon holding onto Cecil Melvin, who was hunting a rock to eat.

Since the picture was made in the fall of 1952, family members claimed by death have been A.B. Nichols in

July, 1966; Ralph Nichols, in August, 1966; Eunice Nichols, July 1972; Robert Harold Renfro, 1976; Birdie Nell Green, in January, 1978; John L. Green, December, 1990; Manual Bridges, in July, 1994; Buryl Nichols, in January, 1998.

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Meador kids — Susie Meador, Minnie Mae Meador, William Earl Briscoe, Bessie B. Briscoe, Charlie Meador, and little John Briscoe on the porch. This picture was taken in 1924.

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John and Bebe Jackson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Jackson, in front of the Commissary at the Matador Ranch. This picture was taken in 1920. The building still stands today.

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James Moorland Meador, working cattle with his granddad, James "Tootie" Meador, about 1980.

photo courtesy of James "Tootie" Meador



The descendants of the Charley and Jay Bird families at a reunion, held in 1960.

Bird descendants meet for family reunion

The first Bird Family reunion of this generation, was held July 15, 2000, in Post, Texas. Sixty years ago, as the picture shows, the family had also had a large gathering. This too was held in Post, on the Bird Family Ranch east of Post.

The descendants of 'Charley', Charles David and Jay' James Allen Bird gathered to renew family memories. As teenagers the Bird boys left their home in Buffalo Gap, Texas, and their mama, Mary Stephens Byrd Davis, and came West to become working cowboys. Both boys changed their name spelling from Byrd to Bird. They both worked on different ranches, The Pitchforks, The Matadors, and others.

After a while they started buying land and setting up their own

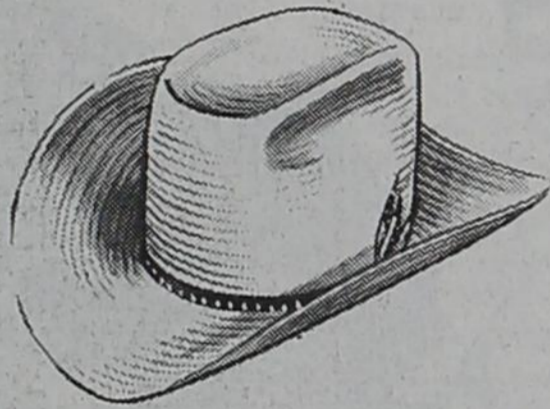
ranches in Motley County. Later Jay decided to go to Garza County, setting up his Bird Ranch, east of Post, while Charley stayed in Motley County, setting up his Bird Ranch, southeast of Matador. This was about 1890.

There are descendants who still own the original ranches today. Attending the reunion were 12 descendants from the Charley Bird families and 26 from the Jay Bird families.

A large group toured the Garza County Museum, seeing many items

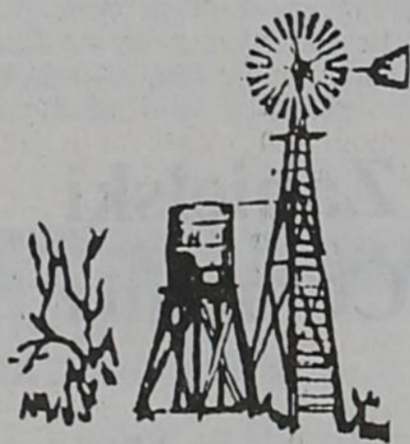
and pictures acknowledging the Bird family and recognizing how Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Bird had been strong supporters in the organizing of Garza County and Post, as was true of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bird in Motley County.

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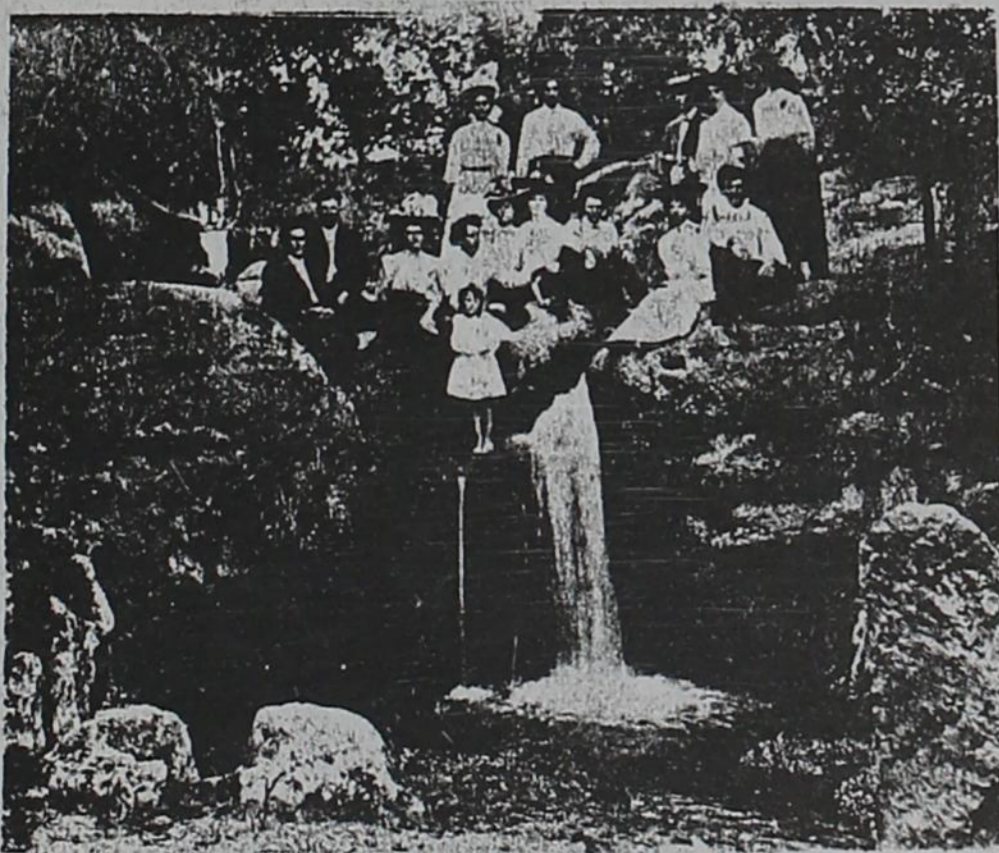


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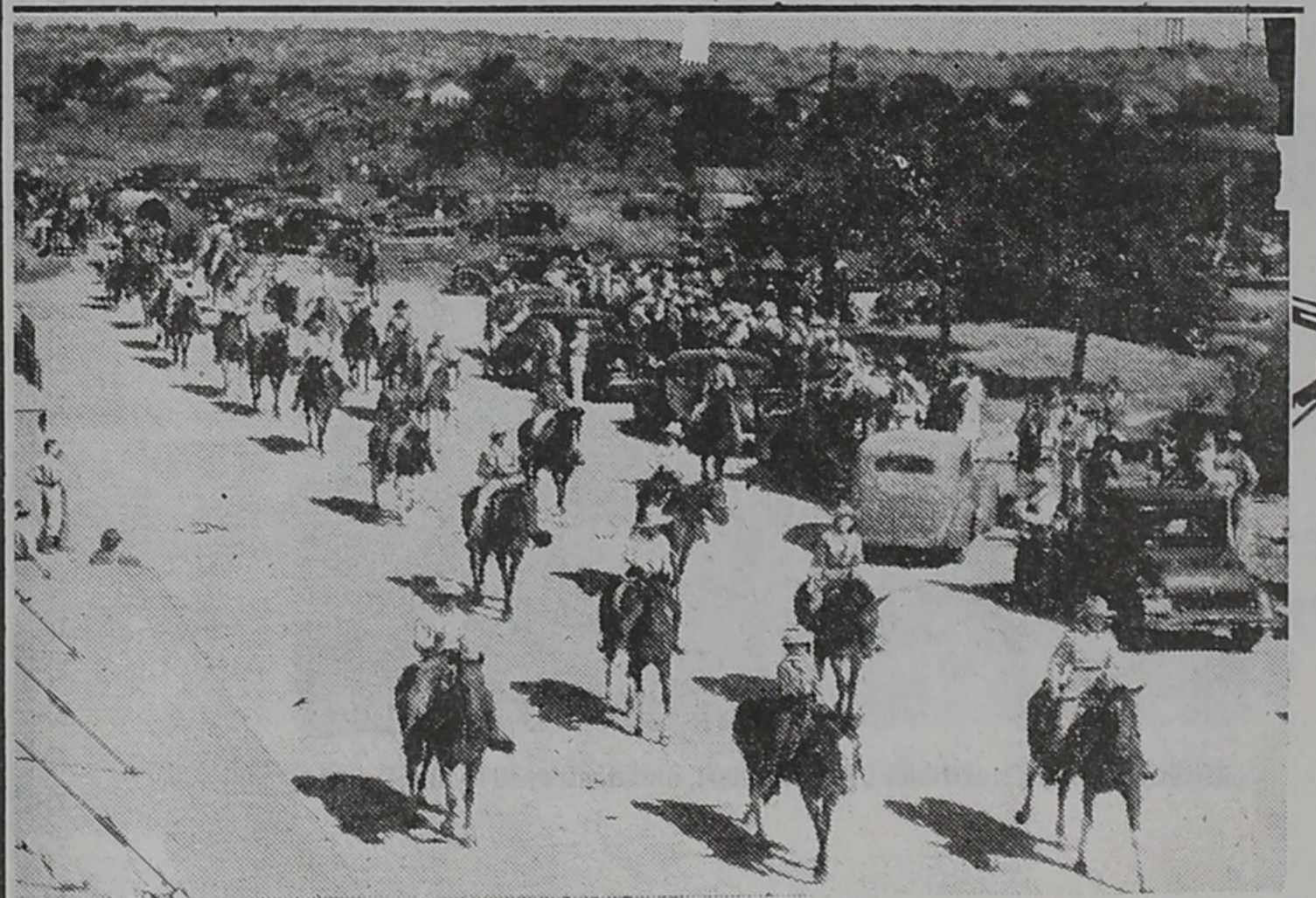
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Growing up in Roaring Springs

by Hazel Green Gordanier

I was born October 9, 1909 in Quanah, Texas. I was the second child born to Wes and Anna Lou Green. Both grandparents, the Greens and the Holts, lived on farms, northeast and north of town about three and one half or four miles. It was in the Holt's farm home where I was born. Their first, Georgia, had been born in the same house twenty-two and one-half months before. Back then, that was the way it was done. The daughter would go home to Mama for the birth of the baby. Our Daddy worked for the Quanah Power Company. He had a horse and buggy and on Sundays we would go out to the country to one grandparent or the other for the day. The Holts had two big boys, Olen and Dempsey, and a young girl, Jessie, still at home. She wanted us to call her Aunt Jessie. It was always fun to go out to their house. Aunt Jessie gave Georgia and me lots of attention. She played the organ and sang. She taught Georgia and me to sing, as I was learning to talk. I remember the first song we learned really well, and were always being asked to sing at different family gatherings. The song was "It's A Long Way To Tipperary."

Then out at the Green's farm home there was a really big bunch. Our Daddy was the oldest of eleven children. Daddy, a sister (Lottie), six brothers and then three sisters, of the youngest of whom was one year older than me. So you must know it was like going to a big picnic to go there. Of course, the older brothers and sister were married and away from home, but close by and they had small children, which means we had cousins, growing up with us. It was really like a picnic when we gathered at their house. Sometimes for Thanksgiving or Christmas, both families - the Greens and the Holts - would join together for an extra big party. Well, you must know by now I had a most memorable early childhood. I must put this in, I remember riding out to the Green's in our buggy. We two little girls, sitting in a little back seat Daddy had built, especially for us. Daddy and Mother holding our little brother, Wesley, on her lap, sitting up in front. As we would pull up in front of the house, our Grandfather Green, "Pappy" as we called him, would be sitting in his rocker on the front porch. He would turn his head toward the house to announce our arrival. He would say, "Here comes Wes and Anna Lou with that loud mouth, Hazel." I've always said in later years, that's why I was loud and rambunctious, I thought I must live up to Pappy's expectations. I grew up being a kind of funny kid. It seemed like anything I did or said turned out to be a big joke. I would like to add at this point that Pappy (George W. Green), a bricklayer by profession, laid the bricks for the streets in Quanah and also helped build the courthouse in Quanah. His name is on the cornerstone.

The big move came from Quanah, the last of 1916, or Christmas vacation before January 1, 1917. That's when we moved to Roaring Springs, Texas. Daddy had taken a job with the railroad that was being

built out west of Quanah, a spur off the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. It was to be built out to the foot of the Caprock or where the rolling hills meet the big plains country, where new farms were being developed for growing wheat. They needed the rails to transport the wheat to market. The railroad company, Quanah Acme & Pacific (nicknamed Quit Akin and Push) bought property at the end of the railroad to build a new town to be named Roaring Springs, after a large natural springs nearby. The Springs had first been used by the Indians as a campground and then as a camping spot by early settlers and cattle drives. There was a large amount of water that poured from the Springs, down a rocky canyon and over a large waterfall into a river named Tongue River, hence the name "Roaring Springs."

Daddy was hired to be the water pumper for the railroad and the city of Roaring Springs. You see, steam engines of those days had to have water to make steam to make them run. The towns people also had to have a water system. Daddy helped with surveying the city and its water line, the water well, pump and pumphouse, and water tower for the city, and also a well and pump water for the railroad. I am sure the railroad company saw the need for housing for prospective business people and workers in general to live. The railroad company built a large two-story brick hotel. A well-known hotel manager and wife from Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, moved in as managers. They had a young son, Casey Jones. Daddy was the first to move in and stayed at the hotel from Monday morning to Friday evening each week. He commuted by railroad a distance of 80 miles to Quanah. Daddy helped with the plumbing and water systems from the beginning. Meters were installed right away and Daddy later was the meter reader and bill collector. We, the family, had a nice little home in Quanah and lived comfortably without our Daddy, except on weekends. This lasted at least two years. Daddy built our home in a choice location in the new town of Roaring Springs in his spare time. This home is still standing today: the Ruby Cooper (Myles) house.

By the time we moved to Roaring Springs, our family had grown to include two brothers. Georgia was nine, I was seven, Wesley was 4 1/2 and Floyd was 3-years-old. Georgia and I had started school in Quanah. Mother didn't want us to miss a day of school, so we moved during the Christmas vacation. Three months after we moved, our third brother, Edison, arrived on March 30, 1917. This group of five children became known as "the girls and the boys."

Our new house was on a corner and just across the street there a family, the Duff Greens lived (no relation). They had a little girl, Mary, and also another little girl, Ala Kelly (Mary's cousin), the same age as me and in the first grade. Ala and her mother lived with the Duff Greens. Her father had died when she was just three years old. Ala's father was Mrs. Green's brother. You can be sure Georgia and I had instant friends. We went to school and met more friends over the years. We made our own

play, played house by cleaning off a spot of ground near our house and portioning it with small rocks and pebbles. We had a piano and took piano lessons, and soon we could entertain ourselves with it. Because Daddy worked for the railroad we could ride the train free to Quanah on weekends, holidays and summer vacations. I'm sure we worried our Grandmother Green (they had moved in town for their girls to go to school), going to her house so much. Georgia and I, with our Aunt Van, one year younger than Georgia, made quite a threesome. Our older aunts, Zina and Laura, would let us play dress-up and make-up. We had more fun and so we went over often.

About 1916 and 1917, the newspapers and other pamphlets were being spread throughout the south and east that Western Colorado was opening up for homesteaders property to claim for your own. You could locate your property, do a certain amount of improving, building a log cabin and fencing and live on it for one year, then it was yours. There was a big move on for people to go West. Our grandparents, the Holts, were interested. Mother's sister, Mina and husband, Ross Agee, had already gone, filed claim on land, and were living on it near the Meeker, Colorado, area. We had just moved west to Roaring Springs. Anyway, our Grandparents were ready to make a move in 1917. A son, Dempsey and his new wife, Willie, were getting ready to follow the sister, Mina and Ross Agee. Aunt Jessie had just finished school and was ready for a business course. They spent time checking out the town of Salida, Colorado. It was a railroad town and had a rush of people moving there. It was on the East side of a large mountain range. Anyway that is where the Holts settled and where Aunt Jessie enrolled in a business school. The Holts bought a 10 acre plot on the outskirts of Salida.

In the spring of 1918, I really don't know why, maybe Mother was getting lonesome to visit her family, since her two brothers, Uncle Olen and Aunt Marie and Uncle Dempsey and Aunt Willie had made the move. Anyway, Daddy found a buyer for our house, Mr. Billy Cooper was the man. He had a nice family (Joe Brown family) living on his farm, who had moved into his farm home and too, Mrs. Cooper liked moving into our well-built, almost new, home in town.

The "Mitchell family" had just moved from the Texas Panhandle and had bought a nice home and farm south of Roaring Springs. They came in a new Buick car and needed a team of work horses, which were badly needed in those days. It so happened, Mr. Cooper had a fine team of horses to trade for our home. Daddy knew the Mitchells were looking for a team of horses. We would need a car to travel to Colorado to see the Holt family and do a little prospecting of our own. So Daddy made the trade - a team of horses for our home. The Mitchell family I speak of includes Clyde (nicknamed Red, he married Cora Phipps), Nita, Johnnie and Orland.

On May 15, 1918, we said goodbye to our neighbors. We had the car packed full, camping gear, tent, bedding clothes, camp stove and etc., then the 5 kids and Mother and Daddy. The car was a new Buick, with a fold back top. We traveled on roads that were not even graded, just two ruts for the car tires and a few gates to open and close. We were 6 to 8 days before we got to Salida, where we were happy to be and to see and visit the Holts for a few days. We were tired of making camp every night. Then he was anxious to finish our prospecting trip farther west. So we traveled on.

Daddy had quit his job with the city and railroad. He had reserved a box car on the railroad to hold and then move on to Salida when we gave them the notice. They had loaded our furniture and things (even the kids' toys) into that boxcar. After a few days, Mother made up her mind and told Daddy, "In no way could we settle a way out where there were no schools, doctors, stores and etc." I think Daddy had decided the same. So we went back to Salida where Daddy had already checked on work at the railroad company's round house (a place where train engines are repaired) and found out they could use his help. We were settled down there for 2 1/2 months, when Daddy had a phone call from Texas. The railroad company QA&P and the town of Roaring Springs needed him and offered a raise in salary and to pay for our trip back. I'm not sure about the offer, but I do know Daddy was one happy man. We put our household things back in a box car and we drove back in our car. We told our Holt grandparents good-bye and we were on our way. All of us, well and happy, to go home to Roaring Springs. This must have been toward the last of August, because we were getting ready to start school in September.

Our friends were all happy to have us back and teachers, too. Wesley started first grade the fall of 1918. We had been gone from Roaring Springs three months.

Our furniture was not delivered for at least two weeks. We had our large tent and camped out over the hill from town, near the city pump and well. The city fenced in about two acres for a house, barn and garden patch and Daddy built a house for us before the winter cold and it turned into the coldest winter ever. As you might have guessed by now, our Daddy didn't believe in paying rent.

That three months in Salida was the one time and only, we ever lived in a rented house. The railroad pump and tower was down the river about one mile. Daddy could get both pumps going, then have a long day to work on the house. He hired a man to help him four or five days and within weeks we had furniture and moved into our house. But this was temporary. Right away, Daddy bought 10 or 15 acres, bordering the river and the highway to Matador, and just across the bridge, and into Roaring Springs, closer to the railroad and that pump. Also really close to the School. He started improving the property by staking out a house location, dug a well, set out shade trees and fruit trees and grapes, and built a long arbor and then started building a basement, a part of a house. Daddy built a little pump house and installed a windmill to fill our water tank. We had our own water system. He later put in a generator which operated a windjammer which charged batteries, so we had electricity. The house was a large, eight-room, two story, and a large two room basement, when finished.

In the summer of 1919, we left the house building to Daddy. Mother and the five kids left by way of train to go to Colorado for the summer to visit grandparents.

After four or five weeks of summer vacation, we went home. I'm sure our grandparents were ready for a rest. Georgia and I were to make two more trips on our own to visit our grandparents in Colorado.

When we first moved to Roaring Springs, the Gordaniers were living there. They had come with their three children, Bertie Mae, James and George. They built one of the first homes in the town of Roaring Springs. Mr. Gordanier was in the dray business, which is a wagon with horses to haul materials from the train station to the different businesses in town or to private people. Hauling anything, anywhere was the business. They moved from the Memphis area, just northwest of Childress. Their home in Roaring Springs still stands, the Melton and Lillian Thacker home. Although it has been added on to and remodeled since the beginning, it has been lived in and kept up over the years.

The years kept coming and going. In the fall of 1917, when World War I was on, there was a drive all over the United States selling war bonds. The local people would arrange a program for entertainment and then introduce the speaker and in that way it would stir up enthusiasm to finance the war. This was the first time Jim Gordanier noticed me. Of course, Georgia, my sister, and I were on the program to sing several songs. Mainly war songs like "Ka-Ka-Ka Katie" and "Over There." Jim told me many years later that he fell in love with me at that very meeting. He was twelve and I was seven. He thought I was so cute and he hoped that someday he would marry me. Well some eleven years later he did, on December 11, 1927. His sister, Bertie Mae, told me this story years after we were married.

In the Spring of 1921, our grandparents (the Holts) moved back to Roaring Springs, which was a prosperous new town and Aunt Jessie, who had finished her schooling, had a job waiting for her at the Dan Davis Garage, tires, car parts and gas station. And another big reason for their settling in Roaring Springs, Mother was pregnant and expecting in the coming months, and we needed Mama Holt's help.

On November 24, 1921, Thanksgiving Day, our second family started with the arrival of Van Allee. Georgia and I were so very excited to have a new sister. We fought over her, until on May 5, 1924, when JoAla was born, another baby sister. Of course, by this time Georgia was sixteen and I was fourteen, we had kind of outgrown babies, and we were more interested in the boys our own age. Two years later however, fate would have it that we had one more child, a boy, Billy Jack, better known as Jack. I wondered why we needed another baby, but time would tell. There's nothing finer than a younger brother when you get to be seventy and a widow.

After the Holts moved to Roaring Springs, my grandmother was very active about going to Church. She had helped with organizing the First Christian Church in Quanah, therefore she was one of several families who were interested and did manage to organize the First Christian Church in Roaring Springs. Doctor and Mrs. Hughes were among the group who started this church. I was 12 years old and Georgia, 14, when we were baptized. Our Daddy, along with many others, donated their time toward building the pretty little white church on Main Street. After many of our members moved away, the few members left could not afford to keep the church going. The Methodist Church building was old and the Christian Church building was empty. I'm not sure about the trade, but now the Methodist Church organization is the owner and taking very good care of our church building. I have attended services there when I'm visiting in Roaring Springs. It's very nice and the people are extremely friendly, and I like to see it in use.

All our family enjoyed all of the school activities, church programs, and the community entertainment. We took part in everything. Georgia and I acted in school plays, music recitals, fund raising programs, etc. Once our teacher had me and



Roaring Springs Post Office, 1924. Left to right are Ala Kelly Hill, Pearl L. Crites, Acah Goodwin, John Green, Hazel Green Gordanier.

Mozelle Keahey to put on a 1 1/2 hour program of readings and a one-act play and Evelyn Gulledd, my classmate, played the piano while I sang a solo, "Ava Maria."

In high school we had many parties or get-togethers. We usually played a game with dominoes, "42" was the name. And of course we learned to dance. Once when the "Charleston" became the rage, a group decided to put on a contest (Charleston, that is) and yes, I entered, and won 2nd place. My prize was \$25.00. I bought my first real high-heel shoes. I was about 16 or 17 and I thought I was so very dressed up. Right away I went over to Quanah to show off my new shoes.

Our school was located about 5 city blocks from Main Street. Our school superintendent, Mr. Lewis, parked his little Ford touring car in the same place everyday. So somehow during our lunch hour, one day, a group of about 5 or 8 of us decided to take his car and drive it to town. One of the boys got in the driver's seat and away we went, 2 or 3 deep in the seats. We all went to the drug store and had a cold drink. All of us were really having fun, but we knew

we had to return before the school bell rang. We made it just in time. Mr. Lewis was waiting for us. He caught us in the act. The whole bunch of us were punished. The old marble counter at the drug store is now being used at my daughter Loucille's house on the patio in Las Vegas, NV.

When I was a senior, my class of 14 planned an outing away from school. We packed a lunch and went from home to an assigned meeting point, where some boys picked us up in their cars, and we drove to a place north of town on the river called Dripping Springs. It was 4 or 5 miles into the Matador Ranch land. We thought nobody could find us, in case we were reported missing from school. Well, of course, all 14 of us, 7 boys and 7 girls, were reported missing. Mr. Lewis went straight to my father, Mr. Green, the deputy sheriff in Roaring Springs. I never knew who gave them a clue as to where we had gone. But they found us, our cars were parked on top of the hill and we had hiked down the canyon to the river and up to the Springs. It was a beautiful place and most of us had never been there. Before we had

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

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M.J. "Maurice" Reilly, Matador Ranch Superintendent, 1940-1946.

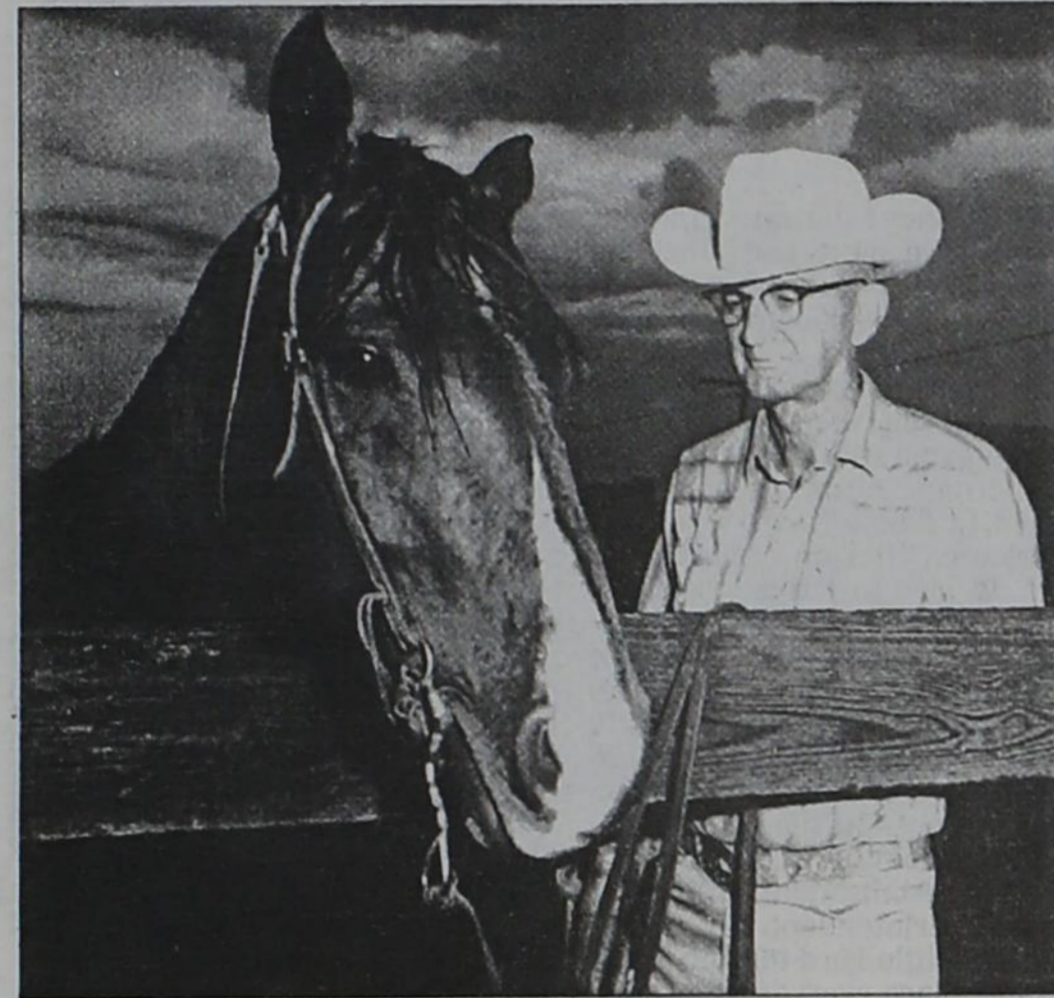
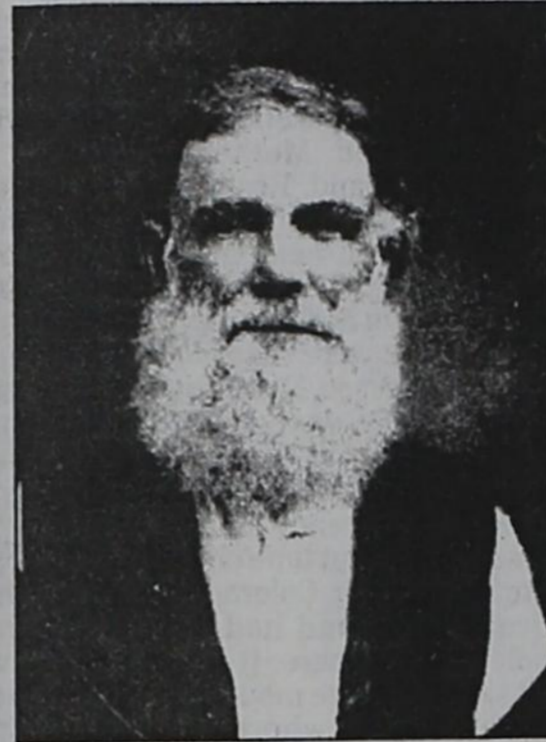
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Ed D. Smith and Tutt Garnett. Ed D. had gone to work for the Matadors 50 years before this picture was taken.

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MOSES (Mose) DAMRON once fought Indians with the Rangers at Quitaque. Mr. and Mrs. Damron came here in 1879 from Seymour and filed on land at White Star. When they reached TeePee City, they spent the night with the A.B. Coopers. Mrs. Damron was born Aug. 28, 1844, and died Aug. 14, 1923, and Mr. Damron was born April 17, 1821, and died Aug. 4, 1910. Their daughter, Lila, married H.K. Jones, a cattleman. Another daughter, Nancy, married J.H. Stradley. A son, Chris, was an early day cowboy on the Matador Ranch. His grandson, D. L. "Dood" Damron, is a bootmaker and still lives in Matador

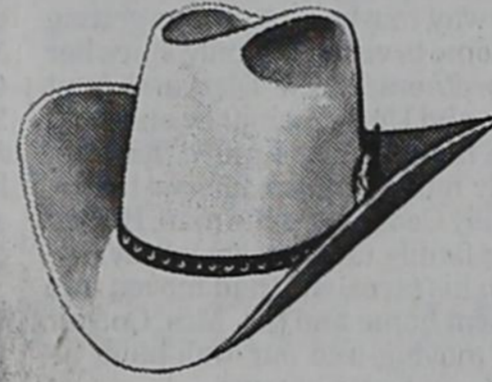


John Stotts, Motley County Deputy Sheriff, 1941-1947; Motley County Sheriff, 1947-1957. Mrs. Stotts (Lottie) is still a resident of Matador.

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An old program of the Roaring Springs high school Senior Play, class of 1927.

Growing up in Roaring Springs

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settled down to have lunch, we heard a car honking, and sure enough, it was Daddy and Mr. Lewis.

When I was about 16, I worked part time in the summer and fall at Gabriel's Department Store and earned \$1.00 for 8 hours of work. Georgia worked at Womach's Department Store and earned \$2.00 for 8 hours of work. Womach's paid more as they hired the older girls who had more experience.

During summer vacation of 1926, I had my first date with Jim Gordanier. Jim was working at Casey Jones' drug store as a "soda jerk" and also helped out waiting on customers during this summer. Jim worked at the cotton gin in the fall and winter. My Aunt Van from Quannah and her friend, Mable Miller, came for a visit. The news soon got out that two young ladies were visiting in town. Also, the two older Godfrey boys, Clyde and Beryl (a third boy, Cecil, was in my class), were home from college for the summer and their parents had just left for a vacation in Colorado. It's only natural the news got out that a party should be held at the Godfrey's - a "watermelon spitting" party. The boys started calling girls for a date. Our phone rang and it was Jim inviting me to be his date for the party. Of course I said yes. I first made it clear to him that "this is Hazel" and he quickly replied, "I know, you're the one I want for a date." The phone kept busy until all of us four girls had dates. One of the Thacker twins, Calton, chose Mable Miller (about a year later they married).

The boys cleared the large living room and dining room of carpets and most all furniture. They left the piano and chairs all around the walls of the rooms. The Thacker twins played violins and Wilma, their sister, played the piano. My Aunt Van and Mable also played the piano. We danced until we were tired. When it was time to eat, we went to the backyard, where there was a long picnic table covered with 10 or 12, cut and sliced, watermelons. We had a seed spitting contest. It was a great party and we all had fun.

Jim and I managed a date at least once a week during that summer. We went to the movies, picnic and swimming at the Springs, and sometimes played "42" with friends.

I entered my Senior year of high school that Fall. Jim and I dated on the weekends. It was clear to everyone that Jim and I belonged together.

I graduated from high school May 23, 1927. After all the excitement of saying good-bye to classmates, I had to say good-bye to Jim. He was packed and ready to leave the next day for California, where his folks had moved and they thought it was a better place for Jim to come and settle for year-round work. I think Jim really wanted to take me with him, but the timing was just not right. Two of my classmates had steady boyfriends and did get married. Mozelle Keahey married Freeman Thacker soon after graduation, and Jetty Cooper married Johnny Moss (a close friend of Jim's who worked with him through gin season).

I started making plans for college in the Fall. I corresponded with Jim, but his letters to me always said he would be back in the Fall and for me not to start college. He would work at running the gin again in the Fall and then we would marry and go to California together. About September 1, Daddy took me to Texas Tech in Lubbock. We found a rooming house for girls. Mozelle Keahey was already signed in as my roommate. I started working for a doctor, as a baby-sitter for his two little girls, ages 3 and 5.

It was about six weeks before Jim came. He was settled in Roaring Springs, working at the gin. He called me by phone the weekend after my birthday, October 9, and it was the first day he could come to see me. Jim visited me most every Saturday evening and Sunday and then back to Roaring Springs to work.

One Saturday evening, Jim was late, and I had gone out with school friends to a basketball game. Jim spent the night with the Measons. On Sunday morning he picked me up in his 1925 Model Ford and we took a long drive across town to a large park, where we talked. Jim didn't want to leave me. He asked me to marry him, and we went to the Courthouse. The only person around was a custodian. He told us he would do some calling and get in touch with a Judge and the secretary or clerk. He told us to bring two people with us for witnesses and come back at one o'clock. This gave us time to go pick up Mozelle Keahey and then go to the Meason's for Melvin. We had the wedding party all together and went back to the courthouse on time. The Judge introduced himself and then gave us a lecture of advice. In a short, but sure, little ceremony, with our friends standing by, we were married. This was December 11, 1927. We had dinner that night with the Measons. Helen and Thelma were both at home so we did a lot of talking and planning with them. Mrs. Meason asked if we had talked to our folks. She insisted that I call home. I had one more week of school exams and the term was finished. Jim had to say good-bye about 6:00 p.m. to drive back to Roaring Springs for a good night's sleep to be ready for a week of work.

Daddy came for me on Saturday, December 17, 1927 and took me home to Jim. Our friends got together and gave us a reception.

Jim and I packed all we had in a large cedar chest, a gift from my Mother and Daddy, and fit it into Jim's little 1925 Ford. We headed West February 7. We arrived in Los Angeles, California on February 14, 1928. We had eight hard days of winter traveling.

Our first child, James Henderson (Jimmy) was born October 8, 1928. Loucille was born two years later, October 23, 1930, and Georgeann, arrived April 4, 1932. These three, with me, made quite a group for Jim to handle. We grew up together and I am just now, in the last few months, feeling like I'm outgrowing my children.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Philippians 4:8



Millard, Eliza and Opal Barton, children of Wilburn and Ella Barton. This picture was made in 1910.

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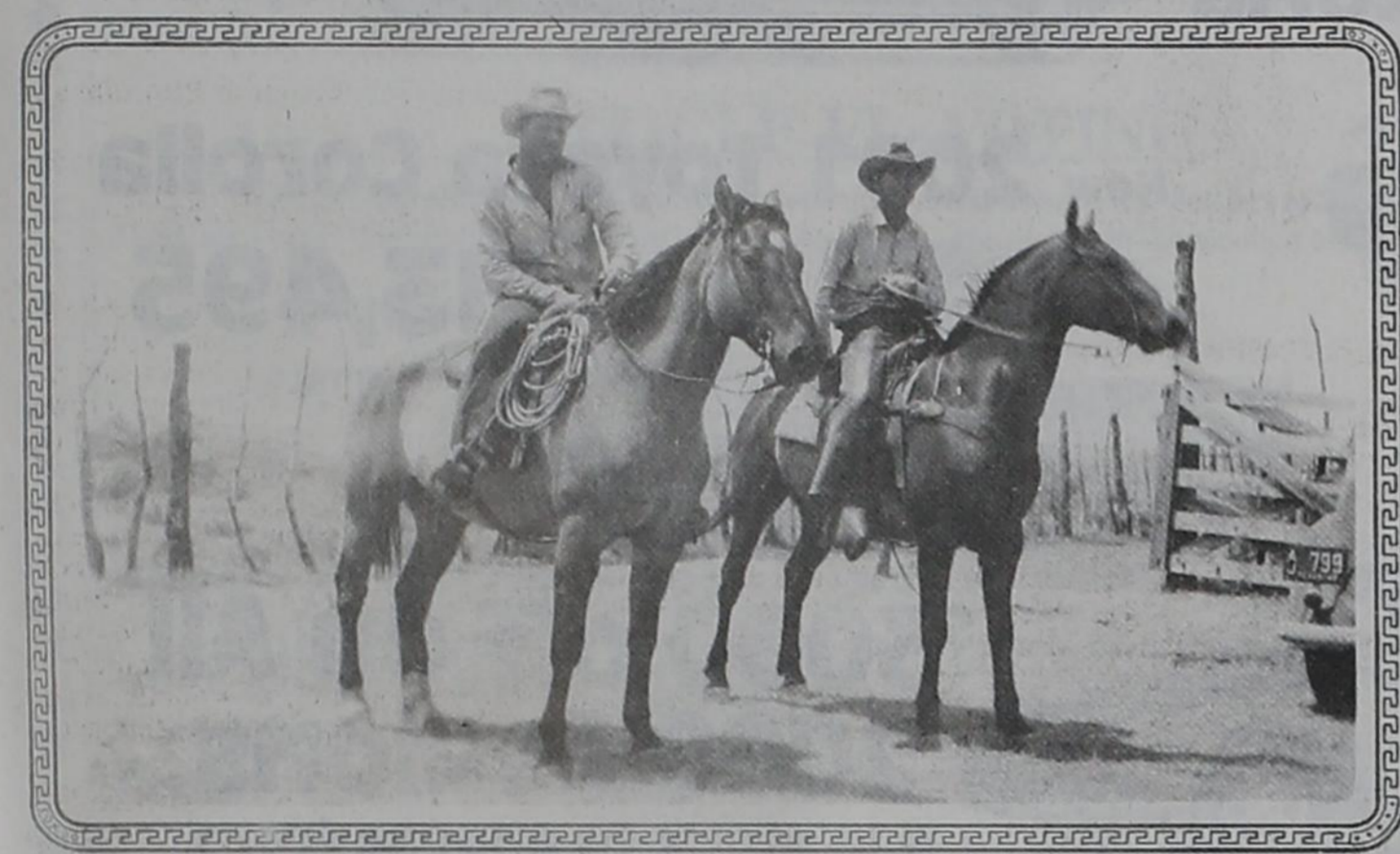
Ella Orr Barton, (back), and daughters, Eliza and Allie. Mary Ellen (Dude) Barton, in front, and Mollie, holding nephew, Wilburn Martin. This picture was made in May, 1927, by Opal Martin, mother of Wilburn.

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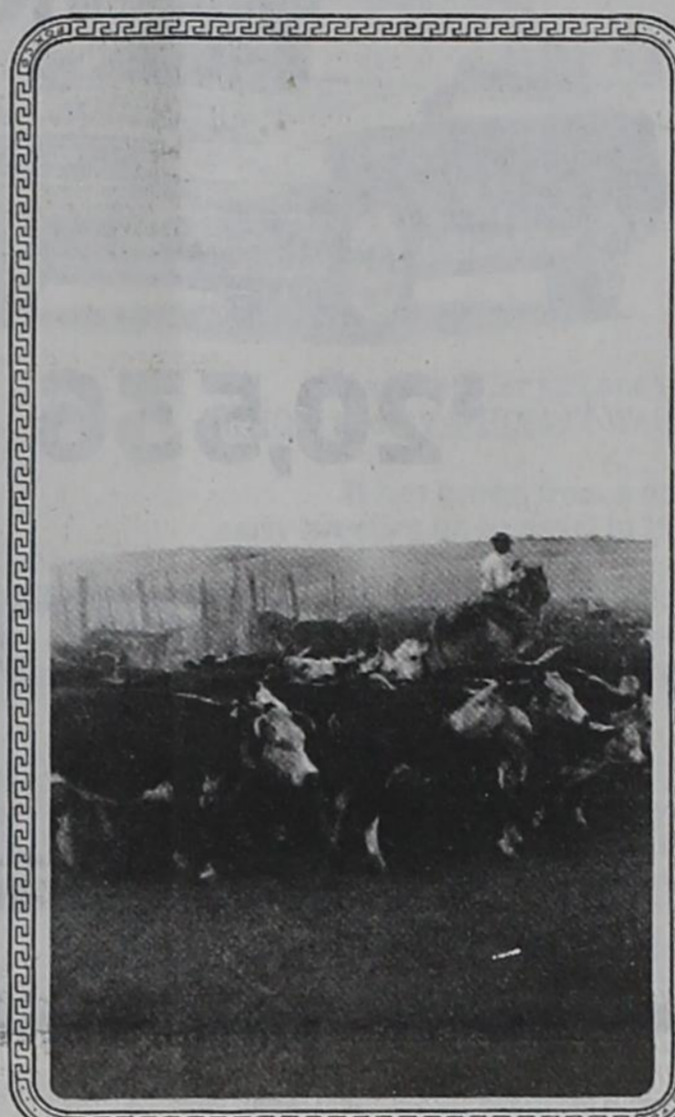
Wilburn Martin, January, 1929. This picture was made at Edgin, Texas, the day the first train came to Quitaque.

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W.O. Cox, left, and T.B. "Slim" Durham, about 1947.

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Wildhorse (Melvin) Warren, 1947, at lower Cooper place.

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From Recollections, by Duff Green, edited by Joan Green Lawrence

Back in the open range days when the country in Central Texas was all open range other than a few fenced fields, and among my earliest recollections among livestock, was an old, old, brown and white spotted Spanish Bull that had located his chosen range therabouts years even before I was born.

He belonged to a stockman named Conine, who lived and ranched a good many miles away. We children named him Old Bob, since in some manner he had lost the bush of his tail. He was a massive animal of the Spanish breed, not so very wild but always sort of terrifying in his looks and actions. He had a tremendous head and horns, was powerfully built, especially in his neck and shoulders, giving him wonderful lung power, and the rumble of his bellow could be heard a mile or more away, as he forcibly drove the air from his throat and lungs. His power was rather terrifying when he waded into a clump of cedars, gathering large limbs with his horns, rending, twisting and breaking them into a splintered mass of destruction.

Old Bob still sired many calves of his kind, but was looked upon as a range nuisance since many stockmen were beginning to try a little improved blood among their cattle, mostly Durham or Short Horn blood, but those improved bulls didn't have much chance to demonstrate their quality, not around Old Bob, for he was also terrifying to them for years or until a neighbor's patience was exhausted, and he ended his rule with a Winchester ball.

Trail Dust
 by Douglas Meador

It is pleasant to watch the lightning play in a remote rain cloud hidden by the darkness of a summer night. The roar of thunder and the fury of the storm is lost in the wall-less canyons of distance while the magic silhouette reveals fantastic mountains pierced as bubbles by a glittering knife. Nature, the drunken genius, paints majestic beauty with blinding rapidity and then despoils forever with the angry black brush.

Old Bob

I recall I went to pay my respects to Old Bob on learning of his death and he looked just as terrifying in death as he had in life, for he was an immense animal, descended from the Spanish breed and easily weighed fifteen hundred pounds and possibly more.
 Sure, Old Bob was gone but his memory lingered in the stockmen's minds for many a day.

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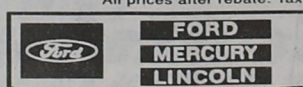
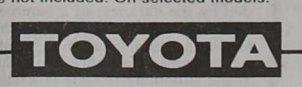


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By-Laws of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association

Revised August 24, 1978

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

To hold an Annual Three-Day Reunion Celebration on the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday of August, for the sole purpose of entertaining and reuniting the "Old Settlers" and their descendants of Motley and Dickens Counties.

ARTICLE III - MEETING

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is an "Old Timer", or a Pioneer of Motley and Dickens counties, or who are descendants of these pioneers, regardless of where they may now reside, are eligible for membership in the Motley and Dickens Counties "Old Settlers Reunion."

ARTICLE V - DUES

No membership dues have ever been expected or collected, in order to become a member of this Association.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

1. Any person who is an "Old Settler" or who are descendants of Old Settlers of Motley and Dickens Counties, regardless of where they may now reside, are eligible to vote in the election of officers.
2. One must be 18 years of age to vote in the Business Meetings.
3. A person is restricted to one vote for each office.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

1. A Nominating Committee, consisting of three members shall be elected in the Business Meeting of the Annual Assembly, in August of every year, to serve until after the business meeting the following year.
2. A Nominating Committee shall determine the offices to be filled, and shall ascertain if the prospective candidates will serve if elected.
3. The Nominating Committees' report will not formally be presented to the voting body until the election is pending; this report shall contain one candidate for each office.
4. Nominations from the floor are called for immediately after the presentation of the Nominating Committee's report.
5. Candidates for each office will be voted on individually, after nominations are closed, for each individual office. The different offices are taken in the order in which they are listed in the By-Laws.
6. Members of the Nominating Committee are not barred from becoming a nominee for office.
7. A nominating committee is automatically discharged when the report is formally presented to the assembly.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

1. The Elected Officers of the Motley and Dickens Counties "Old Settlers" Association shall be:
 President
 Vice-President
 Secretary (Financial & Corresponding)
 Board of Directors (Five members)
 Nominating Committee (Three members)
2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the five-member Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board, and the three-member Nominating Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly in the Annual Business meeting in August.
4. The President, Vice-President, and Financial and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected for a tenure of four years, not to exceed two consecutive terms, or eight years.
5. The five-member Board of Directors shall serve a three-year staggered term in office, and may be re-elected.
6. Vacancies in office shall be appointed by the President and the appointee shall serve until the next annual election.
7. An officer shall not be absent from more than three consecutive business meetings without forfeiting his office. He may be re-installed by the Executive Board, if circumstances warrant.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

(President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Five-Member Board of Directors)

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and the Executive Board. He shall be Ex-Officio (Chairman) member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. He shall appoint all necessary committees to carry on the work of the Association. (See Art. 8, Sec. .) He shall make Parliamentary decisions and rulings. The President shall be custodian of all records belonging to the Association during his tenure in office, and shall deliver same to his successor.
2. **Vice President**
 The Vice President shall assist the President, and perform the duties of the President in his absence. If for any reason, the President cannot serve the full term of his office, the Vice-President automatically assumes the role as President until the next annual election.
3. **Corresponding & Financial Secretary**
 The Secretary shall be sole custodian and paymaster of all monies received or dispensed by the Association, and shall maintain records thereof. The Secretary shall perform all correspondence for the Executive Board; and shall record in minutes the business of all meetings of the Board and the Organization. The Secretary shall give a financial report at all meetings.
4. The Executive Board shall have complete control of all properties, both Real Estate and Personal, belonging to the "Old Settlers" Association.
 The Executive Board shall have complete charge of the Dances, Concession Stands, the Renting/use of the Rodeo Arena, the Renting/use of the Pavilion. They shall make all necessary contracts, which shall include contracts for the Carnival and Dance-Bands; and/or any other activities on the Grounds of the "Old Settlers" throughout the year.
 No changes or improvements shall be made on any property, other than damaged repair work, belonging to the "Old Settlers" without permission of the Executive Board.
 The Executive Board shall be responsible for all activities concerning the annual three-day reunion-celebration in August. They shall be free to recommend the need for any delegated person or committees to perform any duty needed; (See President). The Board of Directors shall expedite any arrangements necessary to assure the success of this Celebration.

The Executive Board shall not be personally liable for any bills or obligations of the "Old Settlers" Reunion, past or present.

Members of the Executive Board shall not receive pay for duties performed in connection with the Reunion, but will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. Neither shall any member of the Board be allowed to operate the Rodeo, Dances, or any other Concession and receive pay therefore.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, newly revised in 1970, shall be the Guiding Authority on Parliamentary Laws in all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.
2. Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised in 1970, shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, unless it conflicts, or any local, state, or national law.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly at the Annual Business Meeting in August; provided that the proposed amendments are published in both the "Texas Spur" and the "Matador Tribune" for three consecutive weeks, just prior to the "Old Settlers" business meeting in August.

SPEECH TO THE "OLD SETTLERS"

BUSINESS MEETING

by Mary Green Webb
 August 24, 1978

Roaring Springs Tabernacle

I am here for just one reason, and that is to try to give this Organization back to the PEOPLE FOR WHOM and BY WHOM IT WAS FORMED.

It has grown from a one-day picnic under the shade of a cottonwood tree on Tongue River in the early twenties (to be exact in 1923); into a big three-day commercialized celebration.

In reading the *Matador Tribune* last week, I became aware that a new President would preside over the "Old Settlers" today. I wondered how this gentleman had become President; as I had attended the last seven business-meetings in August, and knew that he had neither been nominated nor elected "by the people and for the people" in the general assembly...as had been customary from the inception of this organization.

Upon investigating, by reading the minutes of the "Old Settlers" business meeting for a period of twenty-four years; I found that the elected officers were: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Board of Directors (five members); Nominating Committee (three members).

Each officer was elected for a three-year tenure, and was elected from the floor of the assembly in the annual August meeting. That is, each year there would be some elected, some re-elected, and some vacancies filled. This line of action held true until 1968, when M.S. Thacker, Ira Sullivan, and Ben Edwards served on the last Nominating Committee that was elected by the people...there was no limit on the time that an officer served, just as long as he came up for re-election every three years. Some Presidents stayed in office for six to eight consecutive terms, while others remained only three years, and were replaced at their own request.

From 1968 until 1970, there was very little political activity. A pre-arranged slate of officers, made up by a Nominating Committee selected from the Board of Directors, was presented on the floor of the assembly; and was voted in by acclamation. The same officers were re-elected before the Assembly was aware of this procedure.

I now quote from the minutes of a 1970 Board of Directors meeting, "The Directors acting as a Nominating Committee, submitted a name for a Director," and he was voted in by a show of hands...

I was amazed to learn from the minutes of 1972, that an elected nominating-committee no longer existed. By this time one or two proposed directors names were placed before the assembly in August to be elected or re-elected. The nomination for a president or a vice-president were not brought before the assembly, but were elected by the Board of Directors and from the Board of Directors, after the August assembly meeting.

I now quote to you from a business meeting held on March 22, 1972, by the Board of Directors... "Nominations were held for a President and a Vice-President, and a President and a Vice-President were chosen from the Board of Directors." And from 1970 until 1977, six long years, the assembly was not consulted with respect to this procedure!

Mr. Sam Ross was elected President of the "Old Settlers" for a three-year tenure in August of 1963 by the assembly. He was re-elected from the assembly floor every three years...1963, 1966, and 1969, but in 1971, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 1976, the Board of Directors were electing Mr. Ross for a one-year tenure, instead of the three year tenure under which each officer and board member served.

From the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, I learned that several directors had resigned, and had replaced themselves on the Board with persons of their own choosing. However, I cannot be too critical of them for they had no established procedure to follow. I know most of these men and they are "honorable men"! I believe they have violated the tradition of the "Old Settlers" Association for the sake of expediency and/or to cater to the personal ambitions of certain individuals.

As of this date, I believe we have two presidents of this organization. One who was legally elected by the people from the assembly floor in 1963; and one, I believe, was illegally elected by the Board of Directors in their first business meeting after the August assembly in 1977, and who has served as President the past year.

Who is to blame for this breach of established procedure? The blame can be placed on many shoulders.... Mr. Ross was remiss in his duties as a President, when he allowed his own board of directors to dethrone him...the general assembly, or the people of this organization can also be blamed for shirking their responsibilities every August; and for not keeping abreast of organizational matters. Most of us have become so complacent! We do not wish to serve as an officer, and do nothing to contribute to the betterment of our organization.

Therefore, I am submitting this motion in the form of a Resolution...pertaining to a basic set of By-Laws, hoping they will be passed, and become effective immediately, thereby, giving the 1978 Executive Board a guideline to follow, and also giving the election of officers BACK TO THE PEOPLE and BY THE PEOPLE!

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BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, Aug. 24, 1:00 p.m.
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Daughters of Texas Ranchmen

This story is from *Recollections* by John Duff Green, edited by Joan Green Lawrence

Texas cattlemen didn't always succeed so well with their boys but their daughters could usually be found somewhere in colleges. They were lovely, practical creatures, reared to be useful as well as ornamental. They were perfectly at ease in any environment. They rode horses and knew ranching in its details, were good cooks and good housekeepers, or could be a Queen in the parlor. They were rounded, polished, diversified women who made their consorts happy.

There was a time when a speaker was an orator. Now instead of its being called an oration, it is a reading. You read your speech and orate your book, if you read it. Once, boys and girls in their literary work wrote essays, now they are required to write a thesis.

A cowman's daughter, attending a college for women only had a theme to compose. Very naturally, she chose a topic she was conversant with and

wrote on "Ranch Life and Its Customs." She spoke of cattle having the brands stamped on their sides. The paper was turned in to her lady instructor for grading and corrections and either helped to lower or increase her college credits.

When the paper was returned, to the ranch girl's amazement, the rating was rather indifferent. She looked it over and checked the corrections. She found the word, side, had been cancelled, and word, flank, inserted. She knew that in that particular instance, she had been erroneously demoted. She returned to her instructor and called her attention to the change as the girl thought an error had been made. Such a change had emasculated and reduced her effort and rating frightfully.

Did she succeed in getting it changed back to the original? Not by your life! That wisecrack of knowledge had been ordained in her line and plastered with those things called College Degrees and thought she was infallible. She argued with the ranch girl to a standstill that cattle were branded in the flank and not on

the side. Possibly she had seen a few dairy cattle in her lifetime, so assumed she knew all there was to know about cattle and brands, and the modes of handling them.

The young lady in question, knowing she was correct in her knowledge, was rated and judged by a critic of less understanding when it came to the topic chosen. She accepted the grade, good, bad or indifferent without changing her opinion, for she had learned ranch life from her father and knew deep down in her heart that he knew more about such things than all the learned collegiates that ever graced a College.

The case is similar to the California doctor who somehow found his way to Texas and argued that Texans ought to go to California where they really had ranches and grew cattle in numbers. That doctor had heard of the Chow Chila, or the Miller and Lux Ranches there, but most of the ranches that doctor had seen were Belgium Hare, Chicken and Fruit ranches, comprising the princely area of ten acres or less.

California does grow cattle in numbers, but anyone with the conception that it ever excelled Texas is daffy and needs medical attention.

One year's Texas calf crop alone could consume all the native grasses grown in California during a growing season. At one time, ten or a dozen Texas ranches could have been named whose areas combined, if picked up and dropped side by side, would have blotted the State of California from view. Not so in Texas, as there was room aplenty. Some of those ranches were hundreds of miles apart, Embryo Trusts they were, yet they comprised only a fractional part of the Texas cattle industry as a unit.

Those ranch daughters of Eve were modest, refined and splendid to look upon, nor did you see them tramping around with their faces all daubed and smeared, like a painted Indian on the war path. It was entirely unnecessary, as other values predominated.

Note: The girl in this story was Duff's oldest daughter, Mary Green Webb.



Longtime Saddle maker, Alvin Durham, of Roaring Springs, is pictured here with his handmade saddle for the 75th Old Settlers Reunion. Mr. Durham made the saddle, given away on Saturday night of the Old Settlers Rodeo, for 43 years. He passed away May 19, 2000. This poem, printed below, was written by his niece, and was read at his funeral services.

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What Makes a Man a Cowboy

by Janet Guthery

*What makes a man a cowboy,
I don't think it's his boots and jeans.*

*I kind of figure it's in the times he's lived and
the things he's seen.*

*I think it was a better time back when he roamed the range,
The Matador, the 4 Sixes and the Pitchfork,
out on the great West Texas Plains.*

*It takes a kind of lonely man to be a cowboy sort,
I don't know how to explain it,
It's just something in his heart.*

*When his riding days were over or drawing to an end,
He chose another trade he knew would keep him close to his friends.*

*He started making saddles like none had ever seen,
His brand is know far and wide -- that big Durham D.*

*They were put upon the backs of many a wild West Texas steed
To rope and brand and catch the cows that roamed the plains so free.*

*There will never be another saddle made by his hands, that is,
But I am proud to say I own one of those saddles,
and ride it to this day.*

I'm glad I can call him Alvin Durham, My Uncle, and My Friend.

*You're gone from us in body, but never in our hearts,
I know you're making saddles up in Heaven for all your old friends.
Don't get to work on mine just yet, I'll ride the one I have,
and look you up someday, my friend, when too my happy trail ends.*

One Shell, One Rabbit

from *The Way It Was*,
by Emmett Jenkins

The depression hit the Bob Jameson family very hard. They had several boys. One of the boys, Bobby, shined shoes at the barber shop.

Twenty-two shells were fifteen cents a box. Bob Jameson would count out a certain number of shells and admonish the boys to bring home a rabbit for each shell. Bobby said that was the only meat they had.

Had it not been for the butter, eggs, and the pea patch, there would have been more hunger. The Watkins or the Raleigh man had a chicken coop strapped to the back of his car. If the customer could not pay for the products, the vendors would accept chickens for pay. Many farmers milked cows and sold the cream. The late Bill Wason ran a cream station.

People had few clothes. Sometimes they were patched, but clean. Flour sacks were used extensively for towels and for repairing underclothing.

I heard about a woman who did not have quilt scraps so she ripped up tobacco sacks, dyed them, and made a quilt top.

Those days most of the people rolled their own cigarettes. It was considered a waste of money to smoke ready rolls.

We became accustomed to this way of life, and it had its lighter moments. If your pocket was empty, no coins to rattle, then you were not by yourself.

Lloyd and Hazel Dirickson owned and operated the Rogue Theater from 1932 until 1961. Saturday afternoon, one could see the matinee for a dime, buy a big bag of popcorn for a nickel, and enjoy a couple of hours of clean entertainment.

Frank, Rosie, and Christine Stafford operated a cafe, then located across the street north of the Phillips station which was later Red's Fina. Hamburgers were a dime, or three for a quarter. I would eat supper there every Saturday night. I have never eaten better hamburgers, before or since.

Later improved methods of farming and government programs almost depopulated the small farming communities. It is no little wonder

that our county has dropped from a little less than seven thousand population to less than two thousand. (Ed. Note: The population continues to decline; the 1990 census was 1440, and the 2000 estimate will be less.)



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

photo courtesy of "Toutie" Meador



Longtime Motley County bootmaker, D.L. "Dood" Damron. Mr. Damron has been making boots in Motley County since 1940. The self-taught artist still hand-makes his fine boots from his location in Matador, on Main Street.

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Old Settlers Days

We offer a salute to our Motley & Dickens County Pioneers and say welcome, as the 77th Annual Old Settlers Reunion is celebrated



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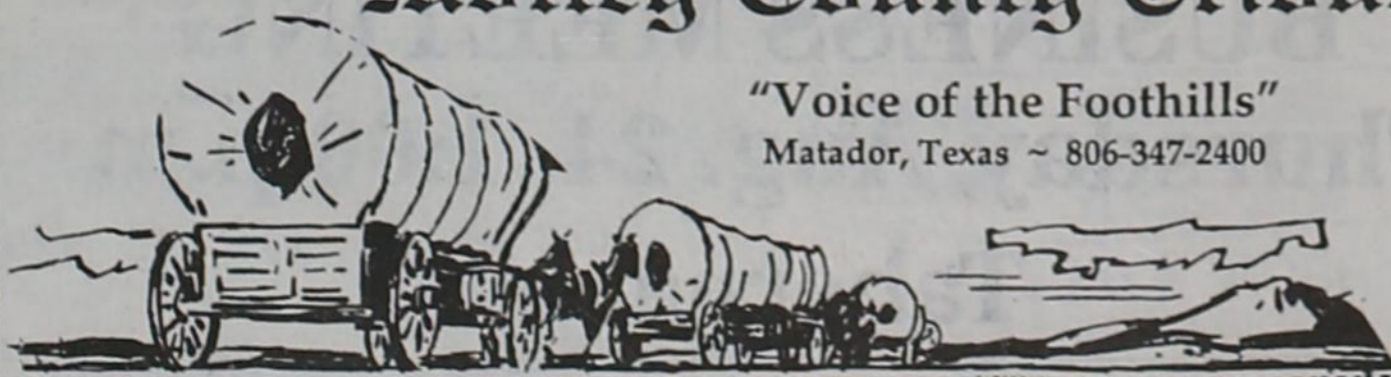
Welcome to the 77th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion



An unidentified cowboy in Roaring Springs about 1913.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Pearl Patten was hostess to the coffee drinkers in her home, Monday morning, August 21. Lula Swim helped with the refreshments.

Those attending were Jeff Thacker, Grace Zabielski, Lea Peacock, Mary Lumsden, Dorothy Lee, Ruby Hipp, Lula Swim, Callie Giesecke and the hostess, Pearl Patten.

J.T. and Imogene Swim accompanied Lula Swim to Lubbock on Tuesday where she kept two doctor appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richie of Garland

spent Friday night with Odessa Mullins. They were tending to business in Matador.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent last weekend were his daughter and family, John and Cathy Sostel of Bridgeport. They were on their way to Lubbock to enroll their daughter, Cathy, in Tech for the Fall semester. They also visited her grandmother, Mary Lumsden.

Joyce Meredith is visiting in Las Vegas, Nevada, with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Meredith, Angelica and Jonah.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Travis Kendall and her mother, Mrs. Frances Lang of Endicott, New York, visited from August 17 to the 23rd in Black Hawk, Colorado, with son and grandson and family, Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and new baby son, Jacob Allen.

Floyd T. Starkey of Rails visited Mrs. C. W. Starkey, Sunday.

Kathy and Clois Shorter helped daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert, move from Lubbock to Mesquite, Thursday and Friday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were Mrs. Leona Bell and Mrs. Lynn Moore of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and friend, Gary Chandler of Quitaque, attended the football scrimmage in Wilson, Saturday morning.

Emily, daughter of Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg, visited Sunday and Monday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and Brittany of Vernon, Kayla Johnson of Floydada and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.

EMERGENCY SURGERY

Roger Lee had emergency surgery for ruptured appendix Sunday night at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. With him during surgery and hospitalization were sons, Josh and Brandon Lee, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, and friend, Glen Calvert of Flomot.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT SPRINGS RANCH

Leah Cruse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, celebrated her 21st birthday Sunday night with an outdoor party at the Springs Ranch. Picnic refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cake, ice cream and soft drinks were served.

Attending the happy occasion were her brothers, Keane and Derrick; grandmothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot; Deidra, Larry and Skylar Clifton of Turkey; Derinda, Mark, Thor, Tory Ann, and Leah Patton of Silverton; Monica and Cutter Smith of Floydada; Darla and Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat and Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot.

News of Local Interest

To report local news call 347-2400 before noon Tuesday

FAMILY OF L.L. LYNN HAS ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

The children of the late Lonzo and Elsie Lynn held their 39th Annual Family Reunion, July 14, 15, and 16 of July, 2000, in Cleveland, Texas. It was held at Bob and Joyce (Lynn) Morton's home in the country. Joyce was this year's hostess. Several of the family members arrived the first of the week and enjoyed many of the sights around, such as the Astros game and Galveston Island. The rest of the family arrived late Friday.

Saturday, the day started with a "Horseshoe Tournament," which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. It was followed during the day with volleyball games, swimming, fishing and more games.

Later, a meal of brisket and all of the trimmings was enjoyed by almost 40 people! After the meal, there was a "Family Feud" game, put together by Traci Cameron and her daughter, Mindi. Traci was "Richard Dawson," and Mindi was a "Vanna White" look-alike assistant! The Lynn children, grandchildren and in-laws were the contestants! Loads of fun was had by all.

The family meeting was held and the decisions for next year were made. Joyce's reunion letter was then handed out and read. The rest of the day was spent visiting, catching up on all the news, more fishing and more swimming.

Sunday morning everyone enjoyed breakfast at the Morton's before leaving for their respective homes. Those attending were Carlene Colwell, Ft. Worth; Lonnie and Marianne Lynn, Childress; Alvin Lynn, Amarillo; Bob and Joyce Morton, Cleveland; Pam, Kevin, Ashley, Sean, Taylor, Evann and Lyndsay Radabaugh, Cypress; Traci, Phillip, Mindi, Heath and Ethan Cameron, Cleveland; Tom and Deanie Edwards, Montgomery; Glenda Martin, Dumas; Becky and Jessie Cox, Amarillo; Jack McCallie,

Amarillo; Gail, Larry and Jennifer Noland, Gainesville; and Aaron Holand, Lockney.

Also attending were two Lynn cousins, Lina Fae Seiler, Edmonds, Washington, and Teresa Lea Billings, San Antonio, and Angelo Hugo, Sean Perry and Emily Brady of Houston; Christina Taylor, Montgomery; Becca Lane, Amarillo; Janet Stoia, Montgomery; Denise and Tristan Johnson of Cleveland.

Irene Welling attended the graduation of her granddaughter, Tammy Welling, from the University of North Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Jim Welling.

Keith and Joan Patton attended the Golden Wedding festivities, in Crosbyton, Saturday, for Gregorio and Mercedes Hernandez. The honored couple renewed their marriage vows during a masiachi mass, celebrated at San Jose Catholic Church. A reception and dinner followed at Pioneer Memorial Building. Matador relatives attending were Joe Hernandez and Joe and Mary Ann Guerrero and family. Also there were former residents, Sixto and Carmela Costillo and George Costillo.

Forrest Campbell, who suffered a fractured hip following an accident in Lubbock, Thursday, Aug. 17, is a patient in the Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery Monday morning. His son, Gary Campbell of Kansas City, Missouri, his granddaughter, Mrs. Jerri Ann Booe of Lubbock, and J. W. Tipton of Matador have been with him during surgery and hospitalization.

Vic Read left Thursday, August 17, for Casper, Wyoming to visit his brother and family, Scott, Sally, Crystal and Jade Read. He is helping them fence acreage for their horses around their scenic rural home, five miles from Casper.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Personally, my biggest complaint about the movies is the cost of goodies at the concession stand, and it ain't just me! I heard this guy in the seat in front of me ask his wife if she wanted some popcorn now, or would she rather get a steak later.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited from Friday until Sunday, Aug. 11-13, in Lovington, N.M., with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester, and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. They attended the Baker family reunion, Sunday held at the Community Center in Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rattan of Lubbock visited Frances Dixon, Wednesday.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Friday until Monday in Amarillo with daughter and family, Kay and Ken Dunnam and Courtney. They enjoyed the volleyball tournament in which Courtney and teammates competed.

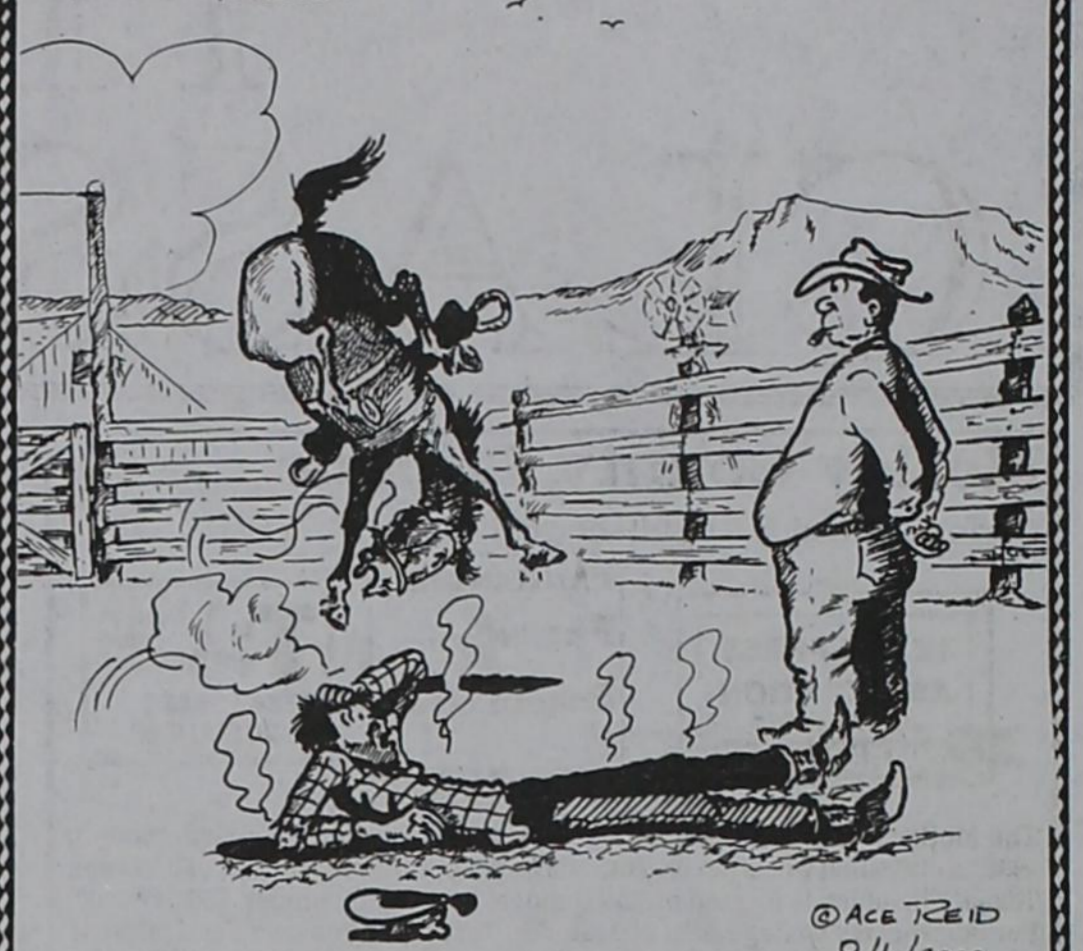
Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Monday and again Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M., who had extensive cardiac medical tests.

Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador and her mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon, attended the Bethel Baptist Church services in Plainview Sunday night with daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, a student at Wayland Baptist University.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner visited Sunday with daughter and husband, Heather and Scott Blount of Abernathy.

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Thanks for supporting the First Baptist Youth as we raised money for camp at Glorieta. We raised over our goal and could not have done it without everyone's support. We had an awesome time and deepened our relationship with God and our Youth Group.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, cards, phone calls and prayers during the illness and passing of our loved one, Ida Lee McInroe. A special thanks to Covenant Home Health and the Motley County Ambulance crew.

The family of Ida Lee McInroe

Thank you for the flowers, cards, calls, visits and food during my hospitalization and since my return home. May God bless you for your continued prayers, love and concern.

Annie B. Cloyd

Thank you to everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and prayers during my surgery and since I've returned home. Your kindness is most appreciated.

Jack Davis

"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."

II Thessalonians 3:13

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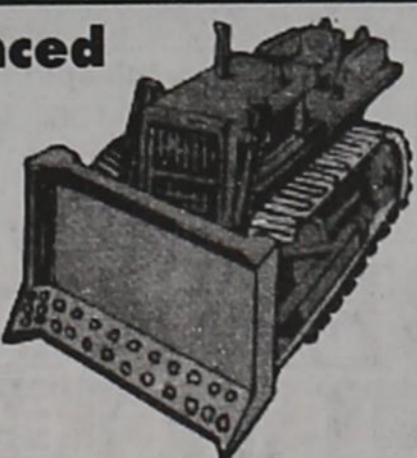
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1233

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
Childress District
District Engineer
1700 Ave. F. NW
Childress, Texas 79201
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The Network Management Division of Lubbock Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center is currently seeking to expand its network of Outreach, Screening, Assessment, & Referral (OSAR) providers in the area of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention, intervention, and treatment services. Eligible applicants must possess credentials in one of the following areas and must be willing to travel within the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) 1 b Region:

- Licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC),
 - Licensed professional counselor (LPC),
 - Licensed master social worker (LMSW, LMSW-ACP), or
 - Licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT)
- Minimum qualifications and enrollment applications may be obtained by submitting a formal letter of interest to: Beth A. Moore, Contracts Management Director
Lubbock Regional MHMR Center
PO. Box 2828
Lubbock, TX 79408-2828
Letters of interest must include at a

minimum: name, address, and daytime telephone number of the potential provider.

There is no deadline to request membership into the network for the areas listed above; applications may be requested at any time.

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TURKEY GEM JAMBOREE SEPTEMBER 2

The Gem Theatre in Turkey is all set for the next Jamboree, September 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Entertainers will be the house band, the "Turkey Gem Dandies"; Benny Brown and the Half Price band from Amarillo; Raymond Mears from Amarillo; and Wadetta Clay from Flomot. The Jr. High cheerleaders will have a concession stand in the Gem Plaza and there will be tables and chairs available for your convenience. There is no admission for the jamboree and door prizes will be given.

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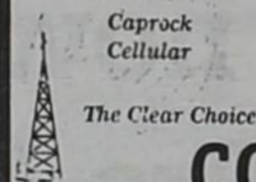
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