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TRAIL DUST

By
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Few things are more amazing about human nature than one's ability to do more than which he is believed capable. With proper confidence many mediocre people have attained heights far above their normal ability. In reverse however, many talented and frequently educated people, without determination and confidence, have fallen on the human debris of needless failure.

There is something tragic about a homely girl who has neither charm or an attractive figure. It is as if life had stacked the cards against her and then dealt from the bottom. On the other hand if she possesses charm, the world will never notice her other imperfections.

When we cry inside, the tears do not show and there is no betrayal of emotions contained in our hearts.

A friend years ago, who used crude expressions, once said he might have attained success at a point when destiny was just standing still, picking at its nose.

The fever of wanderlust is likely to subside as we reach the age when an easy chair is more attractive than passing scenery. Usually as we grow older we develop into creatures of comfort.

Few pioneers remain who can remember when two sections of land could be purchased for less money than a modern automobile can be bought today. It is ironic that many homesteaders settled on rough, hilly land, in order to give better protection to livestock.

When experience calls the shots a man will take better aim and hold a steady hand until the shot is fired. That is, unless he has merely used experience as practice.

As a boy, keeping track of time with a series of events, it seemed a full year would pass between peaches and watermelon time, and Christmas.

Possessing too much superstition for my own good, I feel that things break well for me for a period, and then start the other way.

Caution Stressed For Dove Season

General Telephone Company reminds hunters with dove season beginning Sept. 1, that shooting at birds and animals on telephone poles or lines may disrupt telephone service and endanger many people who depend on their telephones during an emergency. Damaged communication lines often do more than disrupt weekend plans, it was pointed out by General officials. In some instances a heart attack victim could lose his life. In addition to carrying emergency messages telephone lines may be guiding planes, serving radar tracking stations, or connecting several missile sites. Each minute a telephone is out of order the safety of many people may be threatened, which is reason enough not to shoot birds on telephone lines or cables.

All hunters are urged to maintain and exercise caution.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fair are in Oklahoma City, visiting their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fair.



ABOVE photo by the late P. E. Randolph (brother of the late Mrs. A. W. Ford) is old Dutchman line camp of the Matador Ranch, about 1910. This is the original house that later burned. Mr. and Mrs. Ford were living at the camp when the photo was made. From left to right, are Jewell Ford, who died in 1924, A. W. Ford who died in 1931. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Randolph, who died in 1932. Small girl standing is Mrs. Vance Gilbreath, formerly Wynona Ford. Baby sitting on step is Christine Randolph.

— Photo courtesy of Mrs. Vance Gilbreath

Republican will Hear Complaints

If you don't like the way things are being run in this country, and you want to complain to someone, your man is coming.

He is Charles Lanehart directly out of Representative Bob Price's office in Washington. In what was described as a non-political speech, the man from Washington wants to hear the "gripes" or complaints of the people.

He will be in Matador Friday morning, September 8th, between the hours of 9 and 11:30, and will speak in the District Court room, according to information received by the Tribune.

Service Conducted For Mrs. Williams

Funeral services for Mrs. Buford Williams, 63, were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 21, at the First United Methodist Church, Matador. Officiating were Rev. Douglas Gossett, pastor, and Rev. Roy Patterson, a former pastor, now of Turkey. Burial was in East Mound Cemetery. Seigler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Williams died at 6:10 p.m. Saturday, August 19, at her home in Matador following a lengthy illness.

The former Velma Bell Pierce, Mrs. Williams was born July 26, 1909 in Lamar County, Texas. She was married to Buford Williams in Paris, Texas. They moved to Motley County in 1928, and to Matador in 1929. Mr. Williams operated a service station in Matador for many years. He passed away in March, 1964.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Pete and Bobby, both of Matador and Clyde, of Freeport; three brothers, Jubert Pierce of Clovis, New Mexico; Carrol Pierce of Roaring Springs and Troy Pierce of Lubbock; four sisters, Mrs. Aubrey Ellington and Mrs. Ora Dillard, both of Lubbock; Mrs. George Ebeling of Modesto, Calif., and Mrs. Zora Whitaker of Tyler; and five grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were, J. B. Cooper, Joe Smith, John Briscoe, Gid Simpson, Luther Green and Bill Webb.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SCABIES PROGRAM TO BE RETAINED

(by County Agent Bill Palmeyer)

In a meeting Tuesday night at the courthouse, Motley County beef producers voted 3 to 1, to let the Scabies Control Program remain as imposed.

Two alternatives were presented: To require dipping of all cattle moving into the county, and to dip all cattle in the county. A separate vote was not required as the motion was made and carried to leave the program as it is.

Dr. James B. Young, Area Veterinarian, Texas Animal Health Commission, presented information on the scabies program and the screwworm program, and answered questions on these subjects. One item presented, of importance to producers, was the use of Co-Ral. If this material is used on cattle, wait at least two weeks before dipping with Toxaphene.

The availability of a portable dipping vat was given by Boyce Hart, local inspector. Those interested in obtaining the use of this vat should contact either Hart or other cattle inspectors in the county.

Mrs. Bird Attends Funeral for Aunt

Mrs. Gus Bird returned home Saturday from a trip to Tom Ball, where she attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Edgar, 88, on Monday, August 14. Services were held in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edgar died on August 12 after a lengthy illness. Survivors include her husband, Rev. E. L. Edgar; a son, C. L. Edgar of Houston and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Bird accompanied her sister, Mrs. P. E. Ellis of Paris, in attending the funeral, then visited in Paris and Greenville the remainder of the week.

HAS HEART ATTACK

Word was received this week by relatives here, that G. T. Bird, former resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bird of Azle, had suffered a heart attack Friday, and was in a Fort Worth hospital.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson recently, were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perryman and Wendy, of Dickens.

Boys Ranch Rodeo Set for Labor Day

The only rodeo of its kind in the nation will be held over the Labor Day weekend, September 3 and 4.

It will be the 28th annual Boys Ranch Rodeo at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, where approximately 10,000 people are expected for the two performances. More than 150 boys will be riding calves, steers, brahma bulls and bucking broncs. Older boys will compete on professional rodeo stock with judging under R.C.A. rules. All of the 375 boys who make their home at the Ranch will have some part in the rodeo, either as contestants or working in the many behind-the-scenes activities.

On Sunday morning, special worship services will be held in the rodeo arena. The services, normally held in the non-sectarian chapel, will begin at 11 a.m.

and will be under the direction of the Reverend Boyd Latchaw, Ranch chaplain.

This will be the first time services have been held on one of the rodeo days and visitors have been invited to attend with the boys.

Both performances of the rodeo will begin at 2:30 on Sunday and Monday afternoons with music provided by the Boys Ranch band. An added attraction will be big barbecue sandwiches that will be prepared and sold by the boys for only \$1.00. The rodeo is also traditional homecoming for the more than 2,500 boys who have lived at the Ranch since it was founded by Cal Farley in 1939.

Reserve box seat tickets for \$2.50 are available at the Boys Ranch office, 600 West 11th Street in Amarillo, or can be obtained by writing to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79105. General admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children.



PRIZE SADDLE — Winner in the Old Men's roping Saturday morning at Old Settlers Rodeo, Roaring Springs, will receive the Carl Darr saddle shown above. The saddle has been on display in the lobby of the First State Bank, and at left is Mrs. C. L. (Margaret) Marshall, and Mrs. Leslie (Linda) Jameson, bank employees. —Tribune photo

Old Settlers Ready For 49th Reunion

Everything is in readiness for the 49th annual reunion of Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association, according to officials.

Sam Ross, President will give the address of Welcome, and program speaker will be Rev. Con Davis of Lubbock, formerly of Dickens. He will also deliver the Memorial address, according to an announcement by C. L. (Corky) Marshall, secretary and general manager.

Marshall also announced this week that the parade has been re-routed and will proceed down the main highway from downtown Roaring Springs, instead of using the former route down the street to Pioneer Pavilion. This street has recently been paved, he explained, and the new pavement is not conditioned enough to permit horses to travel over it.

Entries in the parade are invited, and those wishing to participate will meet at 5:30 at the west corner of Main street.

Ribbons will be given the Most Typical oldtime cowgirl and cowboy, modern cowgirl and cowboy, junior cowgirl and cowboy and best Riding Club, Parade Float and band in the parade. The rodeo will feature usual

events of bareback riding, bull riding, barrel racing, team roping, tie down calf roping, and old men's roping contests.

An Alvin Durham saddle will be given on best average for one tie down calf and one steer, and a Carl Darr saddle will be given on best average in Old Men's roping, which will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Nightly shows will be at 8:30 p.m. with a kids calf scramble each night for youngsters eight years old and under.

Nightly western dance music will be furnished by Morris Stephens and his band, while Dean Curtis and his band will play for the young people's dances.

People from as far away as Virginia will attend the reunion this year according to advance reservations made at Trail Dust Motel.

WINDOWS DECORATED

Windows in the Woodruff building have been decorated for Old Settlers, by members of the Motley County Arts and Crafts. The public is invited to view the attractive display of Western art and handicrafts by local artists.

MAIL CARRIERS RODE HORSES IN EARLY DAYS

Carrying the mails through was often a treacherous job in the days before the advent of good roads, buses, and railroads in this country, according to Jim Meador, who was contractor for two lines in this vicinity in 1900.

"A Cook of Northfield was contractor for the F. E. Meins Mail Company of Northfield on the Matador-Dickens line in 1900," recalled Mr. Meador. "Cook was unable to handle the mail line, so I was appointed sub-contractor."

Twice Each Week
"For \$17.50 a month, I carried the mail on horseback twice each week on Wednesday and Saturday," Mr. Meador continued.

"This Dickens line was a branch of the main line from Childress to Floydada. At Dickens a separate line ran to Spur and connected with the main route from Colorado City to the old Quaker colony of Estacado.

"Leaving at six o'clock in the morning, I traveled on an old wagon road via Afton, arriving at Dickens at 11 o'clock. At one o'clock I started home, arriving at six. If there were passengers desiring to make the trip, I would carry them in a cart for \$1.00 or in a buggy for \$1.75.

To Hillcrest
At the same time Mr. Meador was also contractor for a Matador-Whiteflat-Hillcrest line, a distance of about thirty miles. Deliveries were made on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, and on Saturday Ben F. Quorton, who was also sworn into the mail service, made the journey on one of the two lines, with Mr. Meador traveling the other route.

"One week-end it began snowing," continued Mr. Meador, "and by Monday, when I was to carry the Hillcrest mail, snow was knee deep. However, I was determined to take the sack on through. I arrived at Hillcrest at noon and began the homeward trek. It became colder, and by the time I reached my home about two miles north of Matador, I was about gone. Quorton met me and carried the mail on in, thus it arrived on time. My sack was the only mail delivered in this section during the storm."

Was Discontinued
Later the Hillcrest route was discontinued, and when Whiteflat objected a Matador-Whiteflat line was run with Arthur King serving as contractor.

Only two cents was required to send a letter anywhere in the United States. These early mail carriers had to observe certain regulations, one being that in case of high water, mail had to be brought back to the nearest post office, as there were no bridges on the wagon roads. No one could carry mail not sworn into the service.

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COUNTY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS 359 TOTAL

COUNTY school registration total was about 50 less than 1971, according to Charlie Johnson, Superintendent of the Motley County Independent School District.

Registration Monday at Roaring Springs (five grades, four teachers) was 35. At Flomot (six grades, 5 teachers), the registration was 23.

Here in Matador the registration was 192 in the first eight grades. High school registration was 109, Mr. Johnson said.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES START WITH RALLY

School activities got underway Wednesday of last week, with the first 1972-73 Pep Club Rally, as reported by Marilee Martin. The meeting was held in front of the high school building.

Cheerleaders Linda Cammack, Glenda Stockton, Naomi Simpson and Deidra Cruise led new cheers and songs that they learned at cheerleaders camp this summer. Refreshments were served following the pep rally.

First football scrimmage of the season will be with Lefors, Friday at 7 p.m. on Burleson Field here. A scrimmage will again be held Sept. 1, at Silvertown.

The Matadors will start the season Sept. 8, at Paducah.

Class Rings Found In Swimming Pool

Many personal items have been lost — and found in the swimming pool at the Roaring Springs falls, and in the picnic area.

A few days before his death, Lewis McDonough, who, with his wife, operated the recreational facility, found a Bible that had been left behind after a church group from Lubbock had camped there.

Mrs. McDonough is now resigning the management of the pool, and has left at the Tribune two class rings which were found there during the past two years.

One is a 1961 Roaring Springs High School ring with the initials "NPN" engraved inside the band. The other is a 1947 class ring, with the initials "MAW" inside. The ring originally had a stone, which is now missing. There is no identification of the school on the ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Jackson and children, Larry, Tracey and Kerry of Dallas visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jackson, and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jackson.

Church and Society



MRS. JOHN LAMAR MOODY

RECENT DENTON RITES UNITE NANCY NEBLETT, JOHN MOODY

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Neblett, 2003 Sena, of Denton, former Matador residents are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, Nancy Ann, and John Lamar Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lamar Moody of Mineola.

The couple exchanged vows Saturday, August 5, in a 4:00 p.m. ceremony in the Cole Chapel of the First Methodist Church, Denton. The Rev. Wesley Hite officiated.

The bride wore a gown of candlelight satin with A-line skirt, and long sleeves of sheer nylon tucked void. She wore a picture hat and carried a bouquet of gardenias, white roses and baby's breath.

Miss Martha Neblett attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Wallace, Mrs. Stephen Harper and Jane Jensen. They wore sleeveless gowns of yellow and white daisy

print seersucker, with matching shawls. Mary Neblett, sister of the bride, was flower girl. Joe Mac King served as best man.

Groomsmen were Don Cole, Gene Salmon and Jimmy Lindsey. Ushers were Joe Jones, Mike Neblett, brother of the bride, and Jimmy Bost.

The reception following the ceremony was held in Flinn Hall. Following a wedding trip to Alto, New Mexico, the couple will live in Houston.

The bride attended North Texas State University and is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

The bridegroom also attended NTSU where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is employed by Employer Insurance of Wasau in Houston.

John Douglas Russell spent last week in Vealmoor, visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cox.

Roaring Springs

☆ NEWS ☆
by Mrs. Jimmie McCleskey
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Visitors in the home of Mrs. Cleve Sanders and son, Jake, last week were her nieces and their families, Mr. and Mrs. George Hanson of Stamford, and Mrs. Ernest Coleman of Haskell and her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Margie Mathes and Mary Ann of Guyton, Okla. Mrs. Marion Bailey and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Martin of Matador, were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thacker visited in Corpus Christi during the week end, with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Thacker, Chris and Todd.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elgie McCleskey and James, Saturday were her parents, brother and sister and two nephews, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cox and son, Carlton, Mrs. Jeanette Cates and son, Billy, and Joel Layton, all of Canyon.

Mrs. Eliza Kingery and Mrs. Zady Blair visited recently in Merkel with their brothers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dye and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Dye.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin accompanied their grandson, Brent Osborn, to his home in Hereford, Monday. He had been visiting them the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCollom and Mrs. W. R. Alderson of Plano have been visiting with their relatives here, Tom Swim and daughters, Mrs. J. N. Fletcher and Miss Lula Swim. Other visitors on Wednesday of last week were Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Swim of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mrs. Earl Van Camp and Mrs. Weldon Grant of Amarillo.

Attending the drama "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon Tuesday night of last week were, Mrs. J. N. Fletcher and Miss Lula Swim, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCollom of Plano, also Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Swim and Math of Happy, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCleskey, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGee and son Dale, and Gordon McGee of Spur, and Susie Sedgwick visited in Hereford, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman McCleskey, Gary and Al.

Hazel Gage recently vacationed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fowler of Graham, and her aunt, Allie Miesher of Kingsland, who had just returned from a tour of Europe.

Rev. Mrs. Edna Dillard has returned home from a visit in Muleshoe with her daughter and family, the Delbert Spraberrys, and a son, J. W. Marritt and family.

SEDGWICK REUNION HELD AT PAVILION

The 32nd annual reunion of the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sedgwick, was held Sunday at the Pioneer Pavilion in Roaring Springs.

Attending were, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sedgwick, Theresa and J. R., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sedgwick, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Osborn, Larry, Wayne and Raquel of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Carothers, Ray and Clint of Wolforth; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook and Mrs. Cleo Lindsey of Spur;

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Carothers and Bill, Mrs. Agnes Williams and Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Carothers and Scotty of Afton; Mr.

Residents Return From Vacations And Other Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harp and granddaughter, Toni Thomas returned recently from Chimney Rock, Colorado, where they spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craven and grandchildren, Angela and Mike Green returned home Saturday from a vacation trip to Antonito, Colorado. They were gone two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith joined their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, Tommy, Dana, Melinda and Barry of Odessa, at Oak Creek near Sweetwater, for a visit from Thursday until Sunday night. With the Meltons were his mother, Mrs. Blanche Melton, from Juno, Alaska, and Tommy's friend, Jerri Swan.

Mrs. Velma Fulfer returned home Friday from a visit in Amarillo with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howell. She was joined there by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Groves of Arlington, Tex., and they visited also in Santa Fe and Espanola, New Mexico. They accompanied the Howells and their grandchildren, Leighton, Martin and Cynthia Micalof of Denver, Colo., Wednesday to attend the musical drama "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon, where they were joined by a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Groves and Nancy, and Howie Russell, all of Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pallmeyer and sons, Will and Karl and Mrs. Marvin Henson of Chillicothe visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Verna Pallmeyer of Meridian. Mr. Pallmeyer also went to Fort Hood for Army Reserve planning and rejoined his family in Meridian, where their daughter, Paula also joined them after a visit in Waco with Tanya Meador. They returned home Sunday.

VISITORS LAST WEEK

Mrs. Martha Howard of Brownfield is visiting here with her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Joplin. Other visitors in the Joplin. Other visitors attending the revival at First Baptist Church, were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ashlock and family, Rev. H. T. Harris and Mrs. Delie Bounds all of Childress, on Tuesday; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Eger-ton and sons of Childress and Mr. and Mrs. James Moss and daughter, Jamie of Memphis on Thursday; and Miss Theresa Buck and her brother, Ronnie Buck of Canyon, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gambrell Rankin of Brownsville visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl. Mrs. Melvin Meason recently joined her son, Harold Meason of Corpus Christi, in Kerrville for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burkes and Jeff of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Martin and Kathy Jo of Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lange and Gregory of Amherst; Mrs. Bessie Palmer and Mrs. Mollie Sedgwick of Floydada, and local residents, Mrs. Bea Sedgwick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer, Tommy, Becky, Little Bill and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar, Susie Sedgwick, Dudley and Buddy Allen, Stephanie and Alicia Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton and Larry; also Mike Heights and Mrs. Georgia Hill of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tooke of McAdoo.



MISS JAMA MARITT

JAMA MARITT CROWNED NEW MISS MULESHOE IN PAGEANT

A beaming Miss Jama Maritt was crowned Miss Muleshoe of 1973 by the outgoing Miss Muleshoe, Miss Stephanie Bryant, at the annual pageant held Friday night, August 18 at the Muleshoe High School Auditorium.

The Miss Muleshoe Pageant and Sixth Annual Girl Watchers Parade were sponsored by the Muleshoe Jaycees. Twelve young ladies entered the contest.

Miss Maritt is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maritt, and the granddaughter of Rev. Ben Dillard of Roaring Springs, and of Mrs. Annie Belle Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada. The Maritts are former residents of Afton.

Jama will be a senior in Muleshoe High School this year. She plans to attend either Texas Tech University or West Texas State University following her graduation and major in music. She has won many honors playing a clarinet in the band as well as winning First Division solo-ensemble in twirling two years. Her favorite recreation is horse back riding and her hobbies are meeting people, swimming, dancing and music.

Each contestant in the pageant gave a three minute talent, and for her number, Jama sang "Happiest Girl in the Whole USA." The contestants were judged 30 percent on interviews, 30 percent on talent, 20 percent on evening gowns and 20 percent on swim suits.

The new Miss Muleshoe received a \$100 scholarship, a

tiara, a silver tray and was presented a bouquet of roses.

Garrison Reunion Held in Lubbock

Annual reunion of the J. B. Garrison family and relatives was held Sunday in Mackenzie State Park in Lubbock. Two daughters and a son of the pioneer Motley County couple were present. They were Mrs. R. A. Seay and Mrs. Ernest Fisher of Matador, and Gabe Garrison of Silverton.

Mrs. Gabe Garrison attended with her husband, and others from Matador were Mrs. Bernice Daffern, Mrs. France Barton and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Garrison. The latter's children also attended, Miss Debra Garrison of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrison and small son, Kelly of Brownfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Garrison of Stephenville. The Monroe Garrison family members were hosts for the reunion this year.

Ray Alton (Butch) Chambliss of Hereford returned home last Wednesday after a 10-day visit here with his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Carlisle of Fort Stockton visited during the week end with his mother, Mrs. L. A. Carlisle.

WEEK END VISITORS

Week end visitors of Mrs. Velma Fulfer were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leslie, Gerri and Karla. Also here were Mrs. Fulfer's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilson of Sweetwater, who were overnight guests Saturday, of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Thacker.

ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Thacker of Fort Worth are announcing the arrival of a daughter, Amy Melissa, who was born Thursday, August 17, in Harris Hospital, Fort Worth. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. Thacker is the former Jana Jones. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Buzz) Thacker of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Matador. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Cora Mitchell of Trinidad, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thacker, of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Murphy and Mrs. Casey Jones of Matador. Mrs. Hiram M. Murphy of Plainview is the baby's great-great-grandmother.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hicks of Colorado City are parents of a new son, born at 10:50 p.m. Monday, August 14 in Root Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was named Russell Jason. Mrs. Hicks is the former Marilyn Russell. Grandparents of the new arrival and his brother, Kevin, 4, are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Sonny) Russell of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hicks of Friona. Mrs. Russell spent last week in Colorado City with her daughter and family. She was accompanied there by Mr. Russell, who returned home on Tuesday.



IN THE ROUGH by hazel

PLAYING Thursday were Nell, Louise, Laverna, Geneva, Faye and Hazel; Laverna won the ball on low net score ... Tommy joined Geneva, Laverna, Louise and Hazel for a late breakfast at Steak House ... and chatting. Enjoyed having Laverna with us ... she was taking a few days off from work - to Abilene to see her children and accompanied the grandchildren and daughter, Linda to Six Flags.

FLOYDADA Invitational Tournament - Jeff Thacker, Charlie Long, Bob Clem and Tom Yeates entered ... Tom won 4th place in 4th flight.

We Extend Our Congratulations

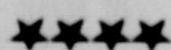


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Ex-Matador Cowboy Now Potter County Lawman

by Dianne Whisenand
Staff Writer
Amarillo Daily News

Dae Hillburn, a former cowboy for the old Matador Ranch, has traded his seat in the saddle for a badge as Potter County Deputy Sheriff.

He now rides herd on cars at the Lakeside crossing, flagging down cars when a train is coming. Hillburn's been at the job of guarding the crossing for about eight months.

Born in Roby, Fischer County, Hillburn says that he was born and raised in the saddle. "Ever since I was nine years old, I've worked cattle," he said.

His family, farmers and ranchers, moved to Floydada where young Hillburn finished his schooling. The youngster loved ranch work so the career of a cowboy was a natural one for him.

He went to work for the lower Matador Ranch with headquarters at Matador in 1924. "I came up here in 1926, to the Alamo division of the Matadors," he recalled.

The ranch had 490 sections in one pasture and the boundary lines for the spread ran "five miles south of Channing (the northeast corner) west about 20 miles to the New Mexico line, back to one mile north of Adrian and six miles northwest of Vega," Hillburn said.

The ranch had about 1 million acres.

The isolated but rewarding life of the cowboy is recorded in the several hundred black-and-white photographs Hillburn took while he was working on the Matador as well as other spreads in the southwest.

Young Hillburn took the pictures with a "box Eastman kodak. I kept the Kodak in the wagon all the time," he remembers. Other cowboys would pick out pictures they wanted and Hillburn would order extra prints.

Hillburn took pictures of almost every aspect of the cowboy's life back in the 1920's and '30's — roundups, drives, life in the line camps, crossing the Canadian, the chuck wagon.

When Hillburn wanted to get into the picture, other cowboys volunteered to operate the camera.

In early April of each year, the cowboys (about 18 or 20 of them) took to the range, driving several thousand head of cattle before them and taking with them supplies for an eight-month stay. The chuck wagon and the cowboy's individual tents were "the only

home we knew," Hillburn recalled.

"Everything was on horseback," and the cowboys rarely got to town. The only source of heat during the winter months, besides campfires, was a big cooking stove attached to the chuck wagon. For food, we butchered beef right there on the range," Hillburn said.

Throughout the spring and summer, the cowboys worked the cattle, branding, driving them to grass and water and driving cattle to the nearest shipping point, Murdo, south of Channing, on the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad.

Besides the regular duties, there were the rare jobs, like the time in 1972 when "we dipped 14,083 head out of one pasture," for scabies, tiny mites which bore into the skin of cattle.

The cattle were dipped in troughs containing a mixture of sulphur and tobacco juice. That's the only time there has been an outbreak of scabies, except for the current scabies scare, said Hillburn.

The cowboy's other half, his horse, also requires care. Hillburn said about 300 head of horses were used on ranges, where he worked, and each horse had his own type of job. There were roundup horses, circle up horses (for gathering the cattle into a circle), river horses, cutting horses, and night horses.

"All the cowboys had good river horses. Very seldom did we let high water keep us from crossing the river," he said.

Hillburn "had 16 horses and one night horse in my mount." A horse wrangler was assigned to take care of the extra horses during the day while the cowboys were out working the cattle.

When December rolled around, the chuck wagon was put in storage and the cowboys drifted off to the various line camps around the ranch for the winter months.

Hillburn was assigned to the Lewis Camp, about 10 or 11 miles southwest of Channing on Rita Blanca Creek. "My job was to break broncs," he said. He usually had about 70 or 80 head to break before spring came.

"They had a lot of buckin' horses," Hillburn said of the Matador outfit. "If they'd (the cowboys) been there a year, they were good riders and good ropers."

Hillburn married Miss Evelyn Zaringo of Adrian in 1931. "After I got married, I quit cowboyin' so much," he smiled.

He later worked as a foreman for the 4-C Ranch, 35 miles south of Los Alamos, Colo., the Mashed O Ranch near Muleshoe and at

the Kritzer Ranch northwest of Amarillo.

For 20 years, Hillburn and his family lived in Vega where he served as deputy sheriff and city marshal for several years.

The Hillburns moved to Amarillo in 1961 — a homecoming, of sorts, for Hillburn who remembered earlier trips to the city.

"I came up here in 1921 or 1922, working at the streetcars on Polk Street," he recalled. "The Amarillo Hotel was headquarters for the cowboys."

When the cowboys got into town, they'd go to the hotel, and stow their gear on the sidewalk for the night. In the mornings, they'd find the gear, untouched, Hillburn said.

In those days Amarillo was a cowtown, according to Hillburn. "If it hadn't been for the horses, there wouldn't be no Amarillo," he declared.

The Hillburns have twin daughters, Mrs. Billye Budde of Colorado, and Mrs. Bobbye Roberts of Route 2, Amarillo, twin sons, Glenn Hillburn of 2025 S. Ong, assistant manager for Community Finance, and Linn, a student in

computer programming at Amarillo College, and another daughter, Mrs. Cecil Karnes of Tulsa, Okla.

Hillburn knows of only three or four other former cowboys who worked with him on the old Matador Ranch.

"It's been a great life," he said of his cowboying career. And of his compadres of the range. "No question — they were cowboys."

Sierra Nevada, in English means snowy range.

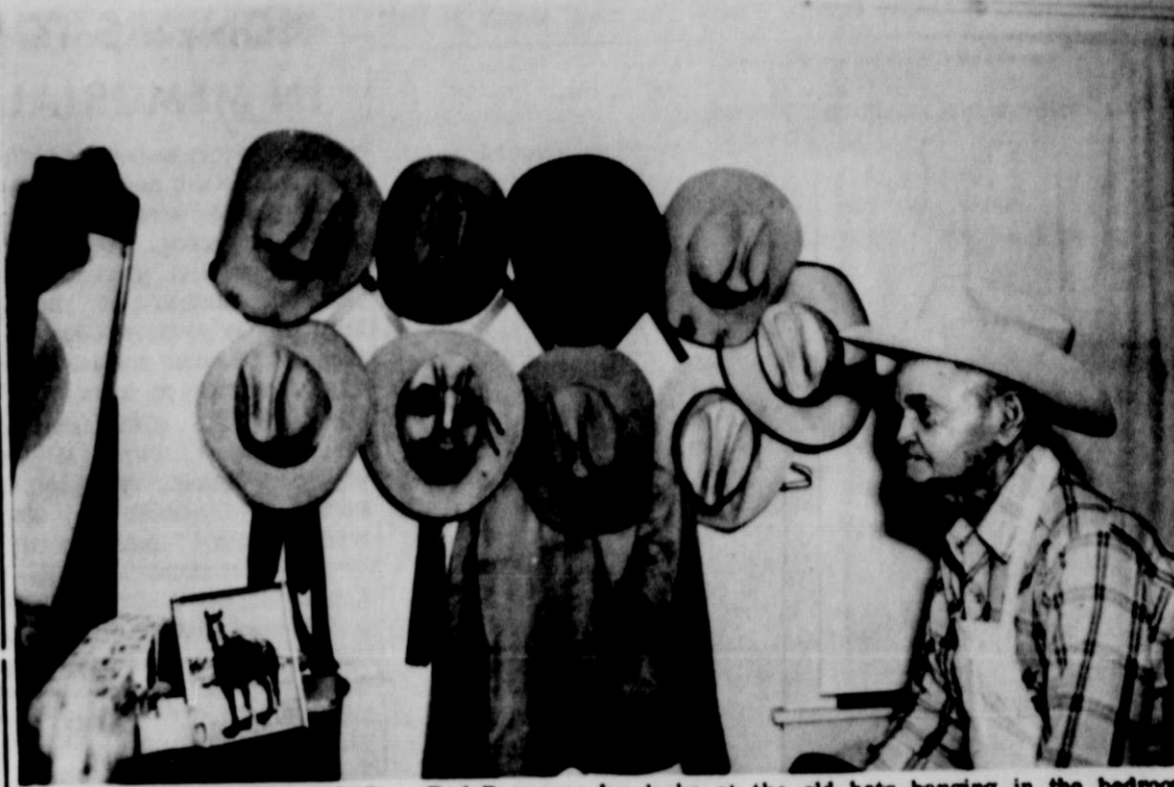
It is only 18 miles across the English Channel from Dover, England to Calais, France.

Valhalla, in Norse mythology, was the heaven of heroes.

The colors in the American flag stand for courage (red), liberty (white), and loyalty (blue).

A hypopyon is a black eye. Beethoven wrote some of his greatest music after becoming deaf.

It was against the law to observe Christmas in the U.S. in 1659.



A HAT FOR EVERY MOOD — Red Payne as he looks at the old hats hanging in the bedroom of his home in north Matador. Payne, who spent his life in the saddle was a range boss for 40 years, has retired, and now makes home-made jellies on his kitchen stove. —Tribune photo

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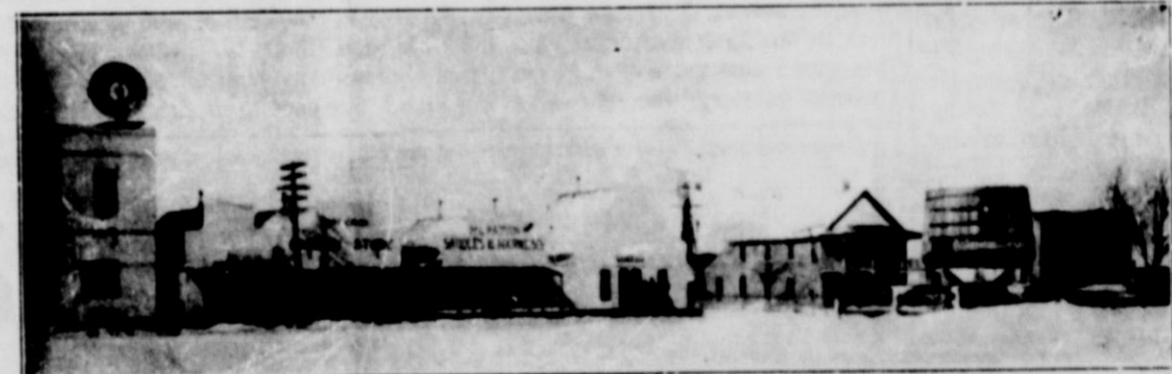
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TWO SCENES FROM OLD MATADOR - They were first published in the Tribune in August, 1939 and August 1941. The upper photo shows the former First State Bank Building, Panhandle Land and Abstract Co., Spot Cash Grocery, M. L. Patton's Saddle and Harness store, post office and former Matador Hotel. Two water tanks on the southwest corner of the courthouse square, were a part of the courthouse water system. Windmills in the background indicate the city's water source. The lower photo shows Jeff Morriss' general store. The location would be about that of Ronnie's today. Across the street may be seen a two story wooden structure. It was Jack Luckett's store, which was later replaced by brick. The entrance would be the west entrance of Bob Stanley's Pharmacy today. Notice the long strips of wagon running-gears. New wagons were trailed (sometimes as many as 20) to supply the demand of a developing country.

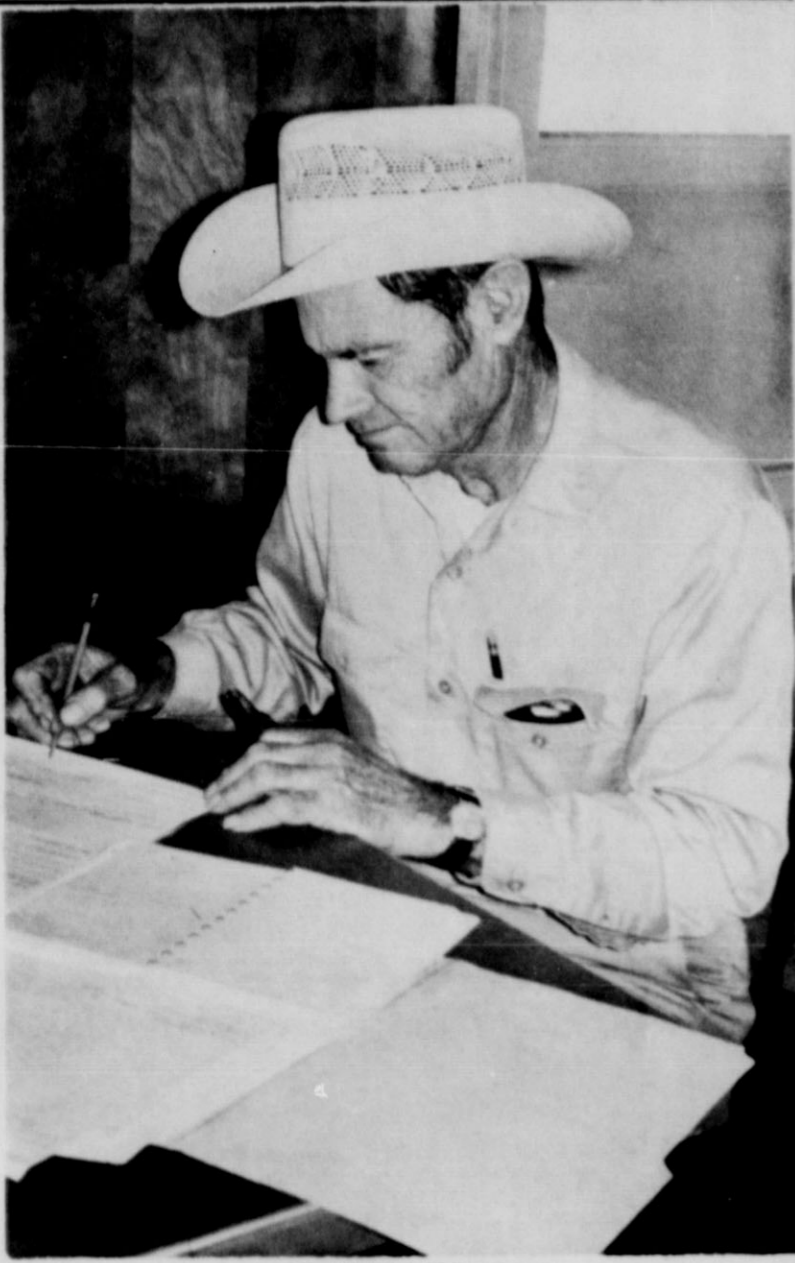


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CLAUDE GROVES

GROVES ENDS CAREER WITH TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In filling out his day's report Thursday, July 27, Claude Groves of Wellington performed his final duty with the Texas Highway Department before retiring. He is an engineering technician.

A native of Matador, Groves has completed 41 years, plus six months, all of it in District 25.

Officially, he does not retire until early September, but accumulated vacation and sick leave enabled him to complete his work at this time.

Mr. Groves began as a rodmann at his home town of Matador, near the end of the period when the Highway Department used scoops and fresnoes in road building.

Pay was \$3.50 per day — \$21 for a 6-day week — and it was considered a good wage for the time.

He finished his career with work on the Shamrock by-pass of Interstate 40, which is being built under the most modern of highway design concepts.

It was only a few years after he began work that the Highway Department became involved in WPA road construction. One of Mr. Groves jobs at that time was to walk along side the machine, count the proper number of steps, and indicate to the driver that it was time for a shot of asphalt.

Now this is done automatically, with a gauge, said O. V. Johnson, resident engineer.

In those early years, gravel was piled at the side of the road

to be spread with a hand scoop. Twice in his career, Mr. Groves has been assigned to Wellington, first from 1932 until 1939, then from 1943 to the present. He also was at Childress, Memphis, and Munday.

In this period, he says he has worked on all the surfaced roads in Collingsworth County.

Mr. Groves is married to the former Pauline Barton, also of Matador, and they have three children, Barton of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Billie Wilson (Jolene) and David of Canyon.

He is a deacon in First Baptist Church. A musician, he plays the saxophone, frequently for church services. He learned to play this instrument, he recalls, in the town band at Matador, for the high school did not have a band at the time.

Claude Groves has made no special plans for his retirement, he says, although the first job that lies ahead is to work over his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Chandler of Weatherford visited during the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holt and family. They accompanied her brother and sister, Kenny and Nancy Holt, home after a visit in Weatherford in their home and with another sister, Mrs. David Chandler, also with their grandmother, Mrs. W. R. Holt.

PIONEERS TO HONOR DECEASED IN MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY

Pioneers of Motley and Dickens counties will honor those who have passed away since last year's gathering, in Memorial services at 2:45 p.m. today, in Pioneer Pavilion at Roaring Springs. The Motley County list (including former residents) contains 76 names, as follows:

Mrs. J. C. (Onie) Burleson, Howard Brown, Hiram M. Murphy, Mrs. Drucilla Thompson, Ed Patton, J. C. Green Sr., Hamp Willis McCary, Tom Thornton, Mrs. Iva Meason, Mrs. R. W. Amick, Mrs. C. E. Millican, Rev. C. Woodrow Williams, Robert Lee Goff, Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (Viola Wagley), Mrs. Bertha Garrison, Mrs. Robert Horner (Frances Eirring), Arvie Kingery, A. G. Russell;

W. Lee Marshall, Herman O. Stanfield, Mrs. Willie Jameson Cash, Mrs. Mollie Jameson, Bunyan Price, Owen M. Tudor, Douglas Eugene Pitts, Sam Patton, J. R. Meacham, Robert Martin, Henry Loyd Chaney, Mrs. Claude McDonald, Simon Hall, Claude Elmer Phillips, Mrs. W. T. Ross, James Peyton Legg, Wesley Burt, Orley E. Snow, Howe H. Hines, Joe Taylor, Tom Edwards, Mrs. Hamp (Beatrice) McCary, Miss Sue K. Glenn, Mary Traweek Potter, Henry Simmons, Leo Brandon, Paul (Bud) Simpson;

Rev. Geo. E. Turrentine, Mrs. John B. Barton, Claude Lee Sedgwick, Alfred C. Simpson, Mrs. E. N. Davis, Henry L. "Shorty" Andrews, Miss Amy Glenn, W. R. (Bill) Moore, A. B. (Bake) Simpson, Mrs. Flora Ethel Shira, Mrs. Marvin Lawrence, Juanita Osborn Milam, Ollie Robbins Stuart, Alfred Barton, Givens Crump, James Bascom Rape, Mrs. Berry (Ada) Watson, Lewis P. McDonough, Mrs. Olive McDorman Woodin, Mrs. Carl E. (Gertie) Mize, Martin Kingery, Alfred Dye, Mrs. A. B. Nichols, W. L. McWilliams, Guy B. Thacker, Mrs. James Holladay, Hinton S. White, Mrs. Bud (Ada) Lowe, Mrs. Velma Williams, C. M. Matney, Mrs. Robert I. Thomas.

COUNTY AGENT PALLMEYER SAYS:

I don't think there is much griping locally about what the farmer is getting for his product, but we know that in the big cities many think that the farmer is getting rich. If you know some people that have this idea, you might like to send this item which recently appeared in "The Farm Index", USDA publication, July 1972, to them.

The farmer got 40c of every dollar consumers spend on farm foods in the first quarter of 1972. This was a cent more than in the previous quarter, and 2 cents

more than a year earlier. In March, however the farmer's share dropped back to 39c as a result of falling farm prices.

Over the past decade, the farmer's quarterly shares ranged from 36c to 42c. Two-thirds of the time they averaged under 40c. Only in six quarters did the share rise above 40c.

Going back to 1951 the farmer got 49c of the consumer's food dollar.

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Discussions at the 22nd annual Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University, August 21 - 22, centered on "Improving Reproductive Efficiency." The event began with registration at 7:30 a.m. on August 21 at the Ramada Inn in College Station. The short course is designed to complete the story of management factors which limit breeding performance of beef cattle.

Emphasis was given to genetic factors, death loss and disease. Select topics included artificial insemination, crossbreeding, cow and bull fertility, calving losses, controlled calving and double muscling.

Much emphasis was placed on increasing the calf crop since calf crop percentage is the most important consideration affecting beef production.

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Have you ever wondered how much the "cheap" synthetic fiber that is replacing cotton is selling for?

Prices appear in a monthly publication, "Modern Textiles", and as most of us never see this publication, the prices were listed as follows: Regular rayon staple, 31c/lb.; high wet modulus rayon staple, 38c/lb.; and polyester staple, 34-35c/lb.

How does this compare with cotton prices?

The latest sale price I have is from Memphis, Tenn., and middling 1" cotton sold for 31.20 on July 28th.

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Heavy infestations of the greenbug and the corn leaf aphid are being found on many grain sorghum fields. Whether to apply controls or not depend on several things, so the following may help you reach a decision.

Outlook for making a crop, such as moisture, weeds, etc.; Are many beneficial insects present; and size of the plants. Based on 4 years experience, heavy infestations on pre-boot and older plants can cause yield reductions; and the following guide is listed in MP-339, Texas Guide for Controlling Insects and Mites on Corn, Sorghums and Small Grains.

Emergence to about 6" high; Treat when visible damage is apparent from colonies of greenbugs. Larger plant to pre-boot; Treat before any entire leaves are killed. Pre-boot to hard-dough

stage: When greenbug damage is sufficient to cause death of more than two normal sized leaves.

The larger the plant, the more greenbugs it can stand, and the less stress caused by drouth or other causes, the more insects the plants can stand.

You also noticed I mentioned the greenbug and the corn leaf aphid. Normally the corn leaf aphid is found on the upper side of the leaves and the greenbug is found on the lower leaf side. Usually the corn leaf aphid does more damage to young plants, while the greenbug does the most damage on older plants.

Materials that are recommended to do the job are Malathion at 1/2 pt./ac.; Parathion at 1/2 pt./ac.; Phorate at 3 1/2 - 4 lb./ac.; Disulfoton at 1/2 - 1/4 pt./ac.; Diazinon at 1/2 pt./ac.; Demeton at 2/5 - 4/5 pt./ac.; and Carthapenothion at 1/5 - 2/5 pt./ac. BE SURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN ON THE LABEL.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

Mrs. Stella Tilson

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bevers of Amarillo visited Sunday with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jameson and Melba.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper visited in Lubbock, Tuesday with their daughter, Kay.

Alfred Cooper visited in Paducah, Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cooper at the Golden Age Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Perkins of Amarillo visited here Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins. Also visiting the Perkins were sisters of Mrs. Troy Perkins, Mrs. Audie Poteet of Matador and Mrs. Mammie Jones of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Thelma Casey of Causey, N.M. visited Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins. Visiting Sunday with the Perkins were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Perkins and Kerry of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Robbins accompanied her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Vernon, to Wichita Falls, Sunday, where they were met by another daughter of Mrs. Vernon's, Mrs. Gwendolyn Coker and her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Hart, who accompanied Mrs. Vernon to her home in Farmersville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jameson and sons attended to business Monday and Tuesday in several towns in the area, for medical and dental appointments. Lance Jameson visited in Dougherty Friday evening with his grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rattan of Lubbock spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Rattan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tilson of Bownfield spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Stella Tilson and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tilson and also with Scott Robbins.

Mrs. Clara Jameson and Mrs. Etta Smith of Amarillo spent

Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spray. Visiting the Sprays from Saturday through Wednesday were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Spray, Scott, Nikki and Becky of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Terrell and children, Tim and Curt of Keller, visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McCandless and Todd. Mrs. McCandless and Todd returned home from Fort Worth, Friday night, while Mr. McCandless returned home on Wednesday. They had visited relatives in Fort Worth and Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Keltz of Plainview spent Saturday night with her parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Higginbotham, Nancy and Betty.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. L. J. Barkley spent the week end in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. Haynes Baumgardner, who has been with her husband, Col. Baumgardner in Montgomery, Alabama during the summer. He accompanied her back to Lubbock last week end.

Mrs. H. M. Murphy of Plainview spent last week here with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Whitaker and also with a son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Murphy. Also visiting Mrs. Whitaker were her granddaughter, Martha Neblett and a friend, Sue Belcher of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mantooth of Belleville, Ill., are visiting here this week with her mother, Mrs. Olive Russell, and with other relatives, including her father, John C. Russell, and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Sonny) Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bostick of Madill, Okla., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. France Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bostick, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Parks and daughter, Nancy of Fort Worth were recent visitors here with her sisters, Mrs. France Barton and family, and Mrs. Bernice Daffern, and a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ford and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ford and baby son, James of Moriarty, New Mexico, visited during the week end with Mr. Ford's aunt, Mrs. Henry Ford, and cousin, Mrs. Vance Gilbreath.



JODY W. GRAHAM

Graham Assigned to Persian Gulf Area

(Special to the Tribune)

Jody W. Graham, formerly of Matador, has completed training as an International Division Inspector and was certified by Drilco and transferred to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

Drilco is a downhole drilling tool equipment division of Smith International, Inc., with its home offices in Midland, Tex. Home office of Drilco's International Division is in Houston, Tex.

Born in Matador, Graham is the son of Mrs. Curtis Graham, who now resides in Corpus Christi. Graham attended elementary and high schools in Matador and was graduated from Matador High in 1951.

While at Matador High, Graham participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. He earned various athletic awards, was a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years, and was secretary and treasurer for his senior class.

Graham spent a year at Texas A&M University at College Station, then entered the U.S. Army in 1953, becoming a demolition specialist. He was stationed in Fort Hood, Tex., and in Germany until his discharge in March, 1955.

Married to the former Rebecca A. Cooper of Roaring Springs in November, 1955, Graham and his wife have two children — Kevin Scott, 10; and Ross Carlton, 7.

Graham joined Drilco last September, 1971, and went right into training as an International Inspector. Prior to coming to Drilco, he farmed and ranched near Matador, was a deputy sheriff in Motley County from 1957-60, and was a heavy equipment operator in 1967.

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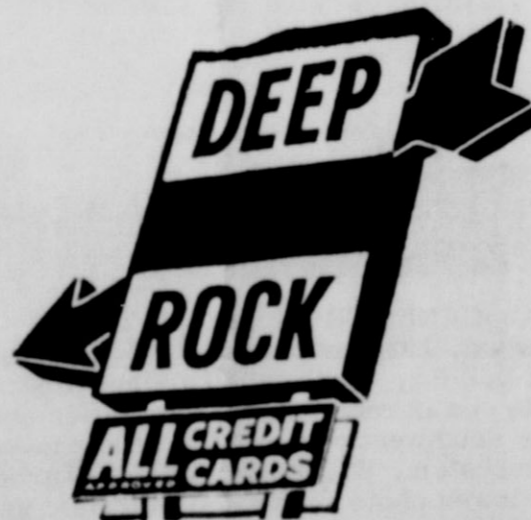
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Memorial Plaque In Floyd County Museum Honors Pioneers, The Late Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swebston

A memorial plaque placed in the Floyd County Museum this spring, by the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swebston, was in honor of the pioneer couple, who lived in both Motley County and Floyd County. Mr. Swebston was an employee on the Matador Ranch, and the following account of his interesting career appeared in the Floyd County Hesperian, March 30, this year.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swebston are placing a memorial plaque in the Floyd County Museum in honor of their pioneering parents. Persons' names that appear on the plaques must have lived in the county prior to 1921.

Pioneers? Yes, but not in the days of homesteading and of the westward movement by means of the covered wagon—but in the era of the automobile in the West Texas area. A. T. Swebston, popularly known as Sweb, came to Motley County in 1906, having moved westward from Rains County, Texas, where he was born in 1887. Because of adverse home conditions and repeated attacks of pneumonia and malaria fever, he followed the advice of physicians and sought a higher and drier climate, starting his journey at the age of 13. Having no money, he earned his way by working with the repair crew of a railroad, then by helping build watering tanks for the Wagners

in the Decatur and Wichita Falls area, and finally by doing farm labor for farmers, such as the Edwards and Donathans, near Paducah. The Matador Land and Cattle Company at Matador, Texas, was the next stop for him, where he began work as general repair man and horse wrangler. Being rather mechanical-minded and adventurous, he had the unusual experience of delivering, driving, and maintaining the first car in Matador, a Kissell in 1909.

Because he was the chauffeur for the Matador Ranch headquarters, he was thus involved in the exciting episodes of bringing law and order to the cattle kingdom in Cottle, Dickens, Motley, and King counties. He often accompanied John Jackson, manager of the Matador Ranch at that time, in pursuit of cattle thieves and poachers. Ed Russell of the Cattle Raisers Association was deputized by the Texas Rangers and often depended on Sweb to furnish him transportation over the rugged terrain where there were no roads and no service stations. Because of the nature of Mr. Russell's missions (that of tracking down and capturing lawbreakers) Sweb was deputized at times. A prize possession of his which was reminiscent of those experiences was a 45-caliber pistol which was presented to him by a captain of the Texas Rangers.

His experiences as chauffeur included trips to the plains area — Amarillo and surrounding territory. One of the greatest obstacles on such trips was finding a place where a car could ascend the Caprock; another was finding a crossing of Palo Duro Canon; and another was working his way at night across a vast unknown plain with no road, no land marks — with only dim carbide lights which often burned out before the trip was completed. The reward of such trips — besides that of meeting the challenge of accomplishing the seemingly impossible — was the joy he derived from associating with the people who rode with him; the McKenzies, the Ligertwoods, the McKays, and others who were managers of the ranch, or the owners of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, but resided in England and Scotland.

The first truck in the West Texas area was brought by the Matador Ranch and shipped to Trinidad, Colorado, in 1912. Sweb was required to receive it in Trinidad, where he had to drive it off the boxcar down an improvised gangplank and then drive it over the Raton Pass, which had not been prepared for the automobile.

Those years in the friendly atmosphere of the open cattle country were perhaps the most memorable of his life, for he found not only excitement and challenge but also restored health and his life-time companion, Beulah Lewis, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. (Lal) Lewis, pioneers of Floyd and Motley Counties.

Beulah was born near Goose Tank in Floyd County, December 1890, being one of the first children born here after the county was organized in May, 1890. She was delivered by the pioneer doctor of the area, Dr. A. C. Traweck. Her parents later moved to

place, and here they resided the remainder of their lives. Here their other daughters, Lottie Bell (Mrs. Bob Burns) and Betty Jean (Mrs. Vance Campbell) were born.

During their fifty-seven years together, they saw many changes in the country and in the development of the automobile, but they were always young at heart and ready to advance with the times. Sweb was a charter member of the Matador Masonic Lodge, helped initiate predatory control in Floyd and Motley counties, and also helped organize the Consumers Fuel Association of Floydada.

Though Sweb and Beulah were always interested in the present, they never forgot their pioneer heritage. The highlights of each year were the pioneer celebrations at Roaring Springs and at Floydada. Mr. Swebston served as director of the Motley-Dickens County Reunion for several years as president of the Floyd County Pioneers' Association for its fiftieth anniversary, and then as an active director until his death in 1970. He was among those who were instrumental in building the concrete slab on the courthouse lawn for the old settlers' meetings and also in initiating the movement to mount the old courthouse bell on the lawn. They truly loved this area, the friendly spirit and took great pride in their heritage.

The plaque, in memory of loved ones, is a lasting and a beautiful way to remember Floyd County pioneers. To date 15 memorial plaques have been purchased to place in the Museum.

They are 12 x 24, made of pink granite and will bear the names, birth date and death date of both parents. Any member of the museum board of directors will supply additional information on the plaques.

NORTHFIELD NEWS

By Mary E. Thomas

Mrs. Mary Thomas attended a bridal shower in Coe Vee, Saturday night for Miss Debra McIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore visited in Matador, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Duncan of Carlsbad, N.M. visited Mr. and

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Mrs. Allan Thomas during the week end.

Mrs. Dorothy Jameson is driving the school bus for Mrs. Walter Timmons, who is a patient in an Amarillo hospital.

Delmont Hays spent the week end in Abilene with Mrs. Hays, who is hospitalized there, and also visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright.

Rev. Nathan Mulder of South Plains was the guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Nimmo, as he filled his appointment in the pulpit of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Molly Simpson attended the Garrison Reunion in Lubbock, Sunday.

Mrs. Una Simpson has returned home from Lubbock, where she has been staying with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Simms, while recuperating from a recent fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Simpson and daughter, Missy, visited his mother, Mrs. Molly Simpson the past week.

Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson visited in Wichita Falls during the week end and accompanied her mother,

Mrs. Faye Davis, a sister, Mrs. Ed Nix, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis of Wellington, to Boswell, Okla., to attend the funeral services for an uncle, Bill Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson visited in Wellington, Sunday. Audrey Rucker of Calif., and Houston Rucker of Childress visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas Sunday. They also visited Claude McDonald.

MOVE TO RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Seigler of Lubbock have moved to the Seigler Ranch in the north east part of the county. Mr. Seigler is a former resident here and is the son of Elbert Seigler.

RECENT GUESTS

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Lisa and Tommy of Flomot, were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shiffman, Dale and Fred of Pittsburg, Penn. The two families visited in Juarez, Mexico, El Paso and Carlsbad Caverns, N.M. during the Shiffmans visit.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NUMBER 1 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 41)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 61, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows: "Section 61. All district officers in the State of Texas and all county officers in counties having a population of twenty thousand (20,000) or more, according to the then last preceding Federal Census, shall be compensated on a salary basis. In all counties in this State, the Commissioners Courts shall be authorized to determine whether precinct officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts, to compensate all justices of the peace, constables, deputy constables and precinct law enforcement officers on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1972; and in counties having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), according to the then last preceding Federal Census, the Commissioners Courts shall also have the authority to determine whether county officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts to compensate all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, county law enforcement officers in-

cluding sheriffs who also perform the duties of assessor and collector of taxes, and their deputies, on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1949. "All fees earned by district, county and precinct officers shall be paid into the county treasury where earned for the account of the proper fund, provided that fees incurred by the State, county and any municipality, or in case where a pauper's oath is filed, shall be paid into the county treasury when collected and provided that where any officer is compensated wholly on a fee basis such fees may be retained by such officer or paid into the treasury of the county as the Commissioners Court may direct. All Notaries Public, county surveyors and public weighers shall continue to be compensated on a fee basis." Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require the commissioners court in all counties of the state to compensate all justices of the peace on a salary basis."

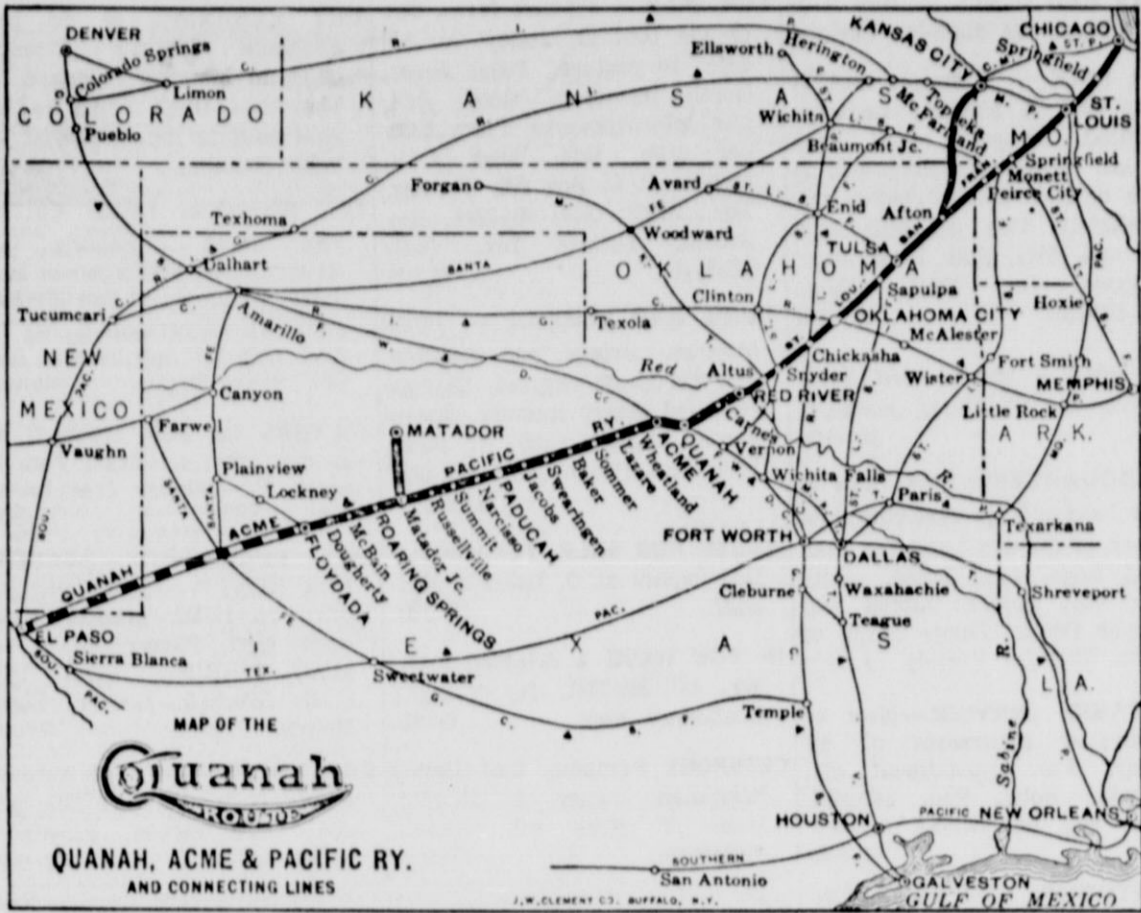
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OLD RAILROAD MAP. The above map appeared in a Hardeman County agriculture and industrial edition of the Quanaah Tribune-Chief, published in the late 1920's. The interesting booklet was reprinted in 1972 by the Nortex Offset Publications, Inc., Quanaah and Wichita Falls. The original was published by the late Harry Koch, veteran newspaper man of the area.

NORTHFIELD NEWS

By Mary E. Thomas

(delayed)

and Mrs. E. D. Timmons and children of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook and Eddie of this community and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cook of Tell. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Westbrook of Lubbock held the morning service at the Church of Christ in Northfield and Cee Vee, Sunday.

Mrs. Permelia Timmons is visiting in Estelline with her mother, Mrs. Mannie Crump.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McCoy of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Timmons visited Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook recently.

Mrs. Jack Curlee of Childress attended church at Northfield Sunday night.

Delmont Hays visited his wife in the Abilene hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Timmons and Delmont Hays visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, Sunday.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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ranches, "The Elmwood," near College Station.

Warren started work as a cowhand at 17 for the Matador Land & Cattle Co. The first few years were not easy according to him. He relates how sometimes the wagon would be out for weeks, even months, with no trips to town.

"But when the boys would get to town on a Saturday night, they made it one to remember," the old cowpuncher said. "We would ride miles to a dance and maybe just get back to the wagon in time to change horses before breakfast call."

Won Sobriquet

Between ages 17 and 21, Warren broke many wild horses and soon was dubbed "Wild Horse." As a "tenderfoot" or "button," he was the target of many pranks and much hard work. He never complained and took it in stride, because he knew that if he survived the first year or so, new "tenderfeet" would take his spot and he would be accepted as a real "working cowhand".

During the depression, "Wild Horse" worked for \$30 a month and keep. He worked hard, too, knowing that if he quit, a half-dozen men were ready to take his place.

He worked under five "wagon bosses" before he became one

himself. And it's well known what great "wagon bosses" the Matadors had.

Call Came Early

"It was the wagon boss' duty to arouse the boys about 4 a.m.," Warren recalls. "Sometimes, it was 'hit the saddle' or 'split the ground' (divide for duties at various sites) right after 'come and get it' for breakfast."

"Wild Horse" always came alive at the call and his cheerful follow me, boys' stood him well, both as cowhand and wagon boss.

Life as a cowhand was not easy, but it gave men a strength known only to their kind. Contrary to wild west movies and books, a cowhand is a gentle kind of man. Like many trades and professions, it "got in the blood."

The oldtime cowboy is slowly vanishing, but he will be a cowman 'til he dies.

He lives with memories of cattle drives, roundups, hard rides and hard work. He has a deep love for his cowhand companions. He never misses a chance to sit and talk with them and swap experiences. They ride the broncs, laugh over some of the pranks, and maybe get a moist eye recalling a tragic moment — when they all rode together.

Being a Christian man, "Wild Horse" can add: "God bless 'em."

'Wild Horse' Got Name Hard Way

by Tanner Laine
Avalanche-Journal Staff

THEY didn't call him "Wild Horse" Warren for nothing! Melvin Warren got the nickname because he always was willing to break "the wild ones" on the famed Matador Ranch.

His career as a cowboy was interrupted by duty in the Army in World War II. While in the service he became one of the few cowboys from the vast Texas ranch to ever have the privilege of visiting the original Matador Land & Cattle Co. headquarters in Dundee, Scotland.

After his hitch for Uncle Sam, "Wild Horse" immediately got back in the saddle for the Matador.

This West Texas cowpoke always enjoyed life on the range. He is now manager of one of South Texas' most beautiful



FACE OF A COWBOY — This classic photograph of "Wild Horse" Warren was made by Tanner Laine, feature writer and photographer for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.



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FIVE COUNTY PIONEERS, ALL DECEASED -- Left to right Jim Meador; G. E. Hamilton, Joe Meador, C. D. Bird and J. R. Moore. This photo was made a number of years ago, at Roaring Springs, with the Old Settlers Pioneer Pavilion in the background. All the five men saw great changes in the country, and transportation change from horse-drawn rigs, to automobiles, to air planes. They were among the true pioneers of this area.

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By Ace Reid



'Now Jake, open wider and don't swaller! My bow tie just fell off and I ain't sure where it went!'

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bilities, and applications of computer data processing systems. The key punch technique includes preparation of program cards, punching of computer programs, and punching jobs that would be encountered in a business environment.

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Persons interested in these courses should contact the Office of Continuing Education, for further information. The phone number is 894-4921.

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THANKS TO FRIENDS

I wish to take this means of thanking my friends for all the nice cards and other get-well messages which I received while in the hospital. The gifts, flowers, and messages were all appreciated so much, and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered with gratitude.

Mrs. Frank Montgomery (2)

IN APPRECIATION

Your many cards, letters, flowers, get-well messages and calls during my recent hospitalization in Amarillo were deeply appreciated and I wish to take this means of thanking each of you who remembered me in any way. We are also grateful to those who helped out at the Steak House during my absence.

Ed Smith (2)

IN APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation for the cards and letters and lovely flowers which I received while in the hospital, and for food and other kindnesses after I returned home. I especially wish to thank Brother Gene Joplin, Vivian Jacobs and Elizabeth Fletcher for being at the hospital with Roy at the time of my operation. I love you all, and God bless you.

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