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Main Street scene in Matador about 1910.  
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— From Cecil Simpson Collection of photos.



A salute to our  
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Seventy-five years ago people "visited" a neighbor by riding on a horse or in a wagon for perhaps many miles. How different today! Now you can "visit" friends or neighbors simply by making a telephone call. With resources provided by our parent company, General Telephone & Electronics — in the area of research, manufacturing and local operations — it is

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# MATADOR!

## The Famous Ranch Headquarters to Become a More Famous Town.

### Its Marvelous Health Record and Beautiful Surroundings will Make it a Great Sanitarium.— The Fertile Lands of Motley County Settling up Rapidly with a Sturdy and Thrifty Population.

### A Rare Combination of Pure Water, Abundant Fuel, Fertile Lands, Plenty of Game, and Attractive Environments, Makes it an Ideal Place, Either for a Home or an Investment.

THE one place in the Panhandle country of international reputation is MATADOR, the ranch headquarters of the Matador Land and Cattle Company. It is the largest, most successful and most famous ranch in Texas. It has been visited by more distinguished individuals, both from our own country and abroad, than any other locality in Northwest Texas. The ranch comprises one million and one hundred thousand acres of land, enclosed and subdivided into pastures by four hundred and eighty-six miles of fence, and lying in the four counties of Motley, Cottle, Floyd, and Dickens. Matador, the headquarters of this immense ranch is located near the center of Motley County. It is a little village of itself, and is composed of the residence of H. H. Campbell, the manager, a store, post office, commissariat, mess house, dormitory, barns, shops, etc. As in ancient times all roads led to Rome, so in this country all roads lead to Matador. It is a common center from which highways radiate to all parts of the country. It has been an asylum to more weary and travel-worn people, fed more hungry men, sheltered more storm-pelted pilgrims and infused new life and courage into more despairing lives than any other one place in the vast domain of Northwest Texas. A pioneer in the remote wilds of a pathless and unknown region, it was for years the only human habitation for many weary leagues. The lights flashing out from its hospitable windows, upon the broad prairies, have been hailed with joy by thousands of belated and storm-beaten travelers. It occupies one of the most advantageous natural locations possible to conceive, with surroundings as varied and attractive as could be desired. But her day of solitude and isolation is a thing of the past. The fertile lands of the county have lured thither the homeseeker and the settler, whose habitations now dot the country over. A civil commu-

nity of considerable magnitude, which is being constantly augmented by new accessions, renders necessary the legal machinery of such a community, and Motley County has determined to organize, with MATADOR as county-seat. A plat of the new county-seat is exhibited herewith. It is beautifully located, a short distance from the headquarters of the ranch above described. The town-site is located about ten miles from the foot of the Staked Plains, upon a gently undulating section of land, through the center of which runs a ravine, affording the best possible drainage. To the west, the bluffs that separate the Staked Plains from the lower country are distinctly outlined against the western horizon, with a vast stretch of level prairie intervening. To the southwest a series of low, irregular mounds, with oval-shaped tops, intervene, beyond which are irregular fertile valleys. To the south is a long stretch of fine, rich prairie, that is about all taken up by settlers. To the east and north is what is popularly known as "brakes"—that is low ranges of hills or mounds with intervening valleys.

**WATER.**

At all places at the foot of the Staked Plains, pure, sweet water gushes out in sparkling springs, or may be had by digging a few feet. At Matador there is an immense spring, or series of springs, that break out on quite an elevation, and form a large pool, from which the Matador headquarters are supplied by a system of waterworks that are the most simple and perfect known. A hydraulic ram (that of course works automatically) elevates the water into the reservoir, from which it is distributed over the place in pipes. There is an elevation of sixty to eighty feet above the town-site, and only distant a few hundred yards, that could be easily and cheaply converted into a reservoir, to supply the town with an inexhaustible

supply of pure, fresh water, either from the springs above-mentioned or others equally as good.

**HEALTH.**

On the score of neatness, Matador challenges the world for a parallel. During the last twelve years the books of the company show that first and last they have had about twenty-five hundred names on their pay-roll, and during all these years not one case of fatal sickness has originated here. In plain English, there has not been a death from sickness that originated on the ranch; which fact, considering the length of time involved, and the number of people represented, we claim stands without a parallel, and we repeat the challenge to the world for a like showing in the line of minimum mortality. On the contrary, many parties who have come to the ranch physical wrecks, have been restored to robust health. This is especially true of parties afflicted with dyspepsia, pulmonary or malarial diseases. That Matador will become a great sanitarium is a question of very short time. We invite the most critical investigation of the above statement.

**CLIMATE.**

The climate is the most happy medium possible between the extremes of heat and cold. Situated at an elevation of a little over two thousand feet above the level of the sea, and surrounded by vast stretches of prairie country over which the fresh breezes from the gulf blow almost continually in the summer time, while the heat never, or rarely, becomes oppressive. The range of the thermometer in the summer time is from 55 to 100 degrees—these, of course, being the extremes,—and even when the latter heat is experienced, which is but rare, it is mitigated by the fresh and bracing breezes that blow up from the gulf. The nights are always pleasant for sleeping—almost invariably requiring light covering for comfort. There has never been a case of sunstroke in the country. The daily readings

of the thermometer range along in the seventys and eightys in the summer time, and in the thirtys and fortys in the winter.

**WINDS.**

The winds are, in the main, dry and bracing. The severe, or rather disagreeable, weather consists of a few northers, which last but for two or three days, and are followed by fine weather, in which outdoor work or pastimes may be indulged the same as in spring or summer. The northers are very disagreeable while they do last, and the thermometer sometimes sinks several degrees below the freezing point; but, as before stated, is of short duration. The climate, upon the whole, may be regarded as conducive in the highest degree to good health and personal enjoyment.

**SOIL.**

The soil consists of both the light and dark chocolate varieties, and in places contains a considerable element of sand. In the valleys the soil is in places very deep, while on the tops of the valleys the soil is, of course, but little soil.

About seventy per cent of the area of Motley County is agricultural land—the remainder being suitable for grazing only.

**PRODUCTS.**

Agricultural products of all kinds thrive well in Motley County. Corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, sorghum, milo maize, and vegetables of all kinds have been successfully raised.

The Matador Town Company have been conducting farming operations on a greater or less scale for nine years, with the following results:

**Corn.**—Seven experiments have been made with Indian corn, out of which four good crops have been made, and forty-two bushels per acre were harvested as the crop of 1890. These experiments were made under unfavorable circumstances, with poor tools and poorer farmers.

**Wheat.**—Four experiments were made. On account of the incapacity of the farmer, a failure to get a stand was made on one of

these seedings; the other three yielded from 18 to 35 bushels per acre. There are several individuals in this part of the State who have taken up six hundred and forty acres of land, at two dollars per acre, and paid for it out of the proceeds of two crops of wheat, raised on less than 100 acres of said land.

**Oats.**—Seven experiments in raising oats have been made, which resulted in five good crops. Thirty-seven bushels was the minimum yield, and seventy-five bushels the maximum. The average weight of the oats was 34 pounds to the measured bushel.

**Milo Maize** is one of the surest crops tried there, having been no failure and abundant crops from every seeding.

All kinds of root crops, such as potatoes, beets, parsnips, radishes, etc., etc., flourish to perfection.

All kinds of melons and vine crops flourish here as no where else in the world.

Garden vegetables may be enjoyed fresh from the soil, through a great portion of the year.

**FUEL.**

There is plenty of mesquit, hackberry, cotton wood, black walnut, mulberry, and cedar, to supply the wants of the population for fence-posts, etc., for many years to come. In this respect Matador enjoys great advantage over the counties on the staked plains.

**GAME.**

The surrounding country is a veritable sportsman's paradise. There are deer, antelope, turkeys, prairie chickens, quail, curlew, plover, jack rabbits, etc., etc.

**CURIOSITIES.**

There are many novel sights to people from the Eastern States. The most pronounced curiosity, however, is a petrified mountain, situated a short distance from Matador. There is some peculiar property in the soil that tends to petrify every animal and vegetable substance coming in contact with it. Here may be found any number of petrified trees, shrubs, and herbs.

The Town of Matador, but recently laid out and platted, is building up at a rapid rate, and is destined to become a business center and health resort of great prominence. Right now is the time to get in on the ground floor, and make money out of the inevitable advance in the value of Matador town property. For full particulars, address

**MATADOR TOWN COMPANY, Matador, Texas.**

THIS unusual piece of printing is believed to be the only one in existence. While it is undated, it was probably distributed about 1890. There is at least one record of the Matador Town Company in the Motley County courthouse. Early commissioners purchased certain lots from the firm. All type is hand set and printing

was done on a hand press. Plat of the original city of Matador was on the back.

It is interesting to note that the Matador Town Company claimed unusual health features here 75 years ago, and suggested that it would be an ideal location for a great sanitarium. In 1965 one of the world's greatest pharmaceutical com-

panies distributed a large advertising folder throughout the United States and Canada, declaring that the water in Matador has an ideal fluoride content of 1.0 p.p.m. The firm sent the folder to doctors, advising that if they could not send their patients to Matador, to prescribe a certain product, which they produce. The firm: Upjohn, the product, Adeflor Prenatal.

Bob, Etoile and James Stanley

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"ONE OF THE LARGEST AND FINEST PHARMACIES IN WEST TEXAS"

### Freight Wagon and Cargo Lie Buried In Quicksand Of North Pease River



COWBOYS TOGETHER on the Matador Ranch about the turn of the century were J. A. (Al) Sullivan, left and Claud Jeffers. Both worked on other ranches in West Texas, and were widely known. (Courtesy Mrs. R. A. Day.)

From the Tribune's Golden Anniversary issue, Aug. 28, 1941

Not buried gold, but a wagon load of artesian well casings, almost as valuable to pioneers as the precious metal itself, lies imbedded in the sand of North Pease River. The half-century-old story was brought to light by R. J. (Uncle Dick) Seay, early-day freighter for the Matador Ranch. "We were with the Byers outfit back in the early nineties," Mr. Seay recalled, "and were taking the freight to Floyd County. As was the custom, the wagons were trailed together. We made our own road across the prairie and found that the river was up and very swift. "When fording a river, the teams were usually loped across the stream to avoid danger of quicksand. This time, however, the team became frightened and broke loose from the wagons, and the first wagon began sinking. "For three or four weeks, we tried to dig out the wagon and its

cargo with no success. Finally, we reached the end of the trail tongue, and found that the wagon was lying at a 45-degree angle. A large team of 30 or 40 mules was hitched to the tongue, but they succeeded only in pulling the front wheels out. "Thus another enemy of the pioneers—quicksand—had conquered again.

#### BLACK TONGUE NAMED RIVER

Tongue River got its name because deer and buffalo once died in great numbers with black tongue, an animal disease. Frank Collison, the pioneer who followed the buffalo in this area, once told Harry Campbell that an old Mexican had explained to him, the manner in which the river was named. He said either the Indians or the Mexicans had named the river after the characteristic of the disease.

### Early History Of Tee Pee City Is Told To Late G. E. Hamilton

(From Tribune Files, June 4, 1936)

Sam Lazarus, now deceased, of St. Louis, Missouri, President of the Quannah Acme & Pacific Railway Company, related this story concerning old Tee Pee City.

"In 1877 I was traveling for Leon and H. Blum, jobbers of Galveston, Texas, and reported to the house by wire at Henrietta. "They directed me to proceed to Tee Pee City in Motley County to collect an account against Armstrong, who operated a general store at Tee Pee City. "There was no town or settlement between Henrietta and Tee Pee City, so I equipped myself with a pack horse and a horse to ride and made the trip. When I reached Tee Pee City I found Armstrong had gone to Liberal, Kansas, with a load of buffalo hides and to bring back merchandise. The smallpox was rag-

ing in the town, many people suffering from the epidemic. I went down the creek about a mile and established my camp and waited. "In about three or four days Armstrong returned and I took up the matter of settlement with him. I had learned by wire when I left Henrietta that there had been a sensational rise in price of buffalo hides, and I found a mountain of hides stacked up at Tee Pee City. "Armstrong offered to pay me off in buffalo hides and sold me the balance of what he had on hand. He had not learned when he left Liberal, that the rise in the buffalo hides had taken place, so I bought all the hides he had and gave him credit for the account he owed and wrote a draft on the house for the difference. "I then chartered all the wagons that could be had, which was 7 or 8 that had returned in

a caravan from Liberal, loaded the hides on these wagons and started them for Fort Worth and then hastened back to Henrietta to wire my house about a draft. In the deal I made several hundred dollars for my employees. "At that time Tee Pee City had one or two saloons, a dance hall and a gambling hall in connection with the saloons, a hotel and one or two eating houses, and several other establishments with most of the population living in dugouts and tents. "The above story was related by Mr. Lazarus to G. E. Hamilton (now deceased) about 1921 on board his private car en route to Roaring Springs from Quannah. "Frank Nall had the reputation of knowing all the trails and waterholes in western Texas. Unlike many cowboys, he never married. During the last years of his life he drifted from ranch to ranch, from one line-camp to another, and was a familiar character on the streets of Matador.

### CLAUD JEFFERS LED COLORFUL LIFE ON RANGE

One of the most widely known cowboys in West Texas was Claud Jeffers, who spent most of his life in the saddle and was employed by the Matador company for more than 30 years. He was born near Corsicana, Texas, in 1872 and started his career as a cowboy early in life, having been employed by the Pitchfork, Swenson, and other West Texas ranches before starting to work for the Matadors in 1900. Although Mr. Jeffers had been wagon boss for ten years of his employment with the Matadors, his capacity for years had been that of a bronc-buster and horse trainer, and he is believed to have broken and trained more outlaw horses than any other man in the world. "Never Used Spurs He worked the broncs alone and never used spurs when riding them. A number of magazines with wide circulation have published feature articles regarding the picturesque westerner and his occupation. Although he had never been sick before in his life he passed away April 14, 1937, at the age of 63, due to a heart ailment. He was married to Miss Betty

Stephens in October, 1906. Mrs. Jeffers still makes Matador her home. Four of their six sons are living and are: Elmo (Joel) Jeffers of Pampa, George (Coon) of the 6666 Ranch, Panhandle, Kenneth, of San Angelo, and Jim Ward, Dallas.

### Pioneer Cowboy Met Tragic Death

J. A. (Al) Sullivan, pioneer cowboy of this area met a tragic death at the age of 58, while employed on a ranch in Wyoming. He died June 4, 1941, as a result of a fall from his horse and exposure for 36 hours before he was found. He suffered a broken neck, but lived until moved to a hospital 40 miles away. Born in Karnes County, Texas in 1883, Sullivan spent all but the last year of his life as a cowboy on the ranches of western Texas, and was known throughout the entire section. He married Miss Mattie Hudson, January 20, 1905, and she died Feb. 17, 1909. Their daughter, Mrs. Tom Bynum is deceased, and their son, Matt Sullivan lives in Sacramento, Calif. City of Matador installed its present municipal water system in 1928.



## NEW ROADS INTO A NEW LAND

As the pioneers wound their way across the western plains to find new homes in a country they blazed trails that were to be the pathways, the roadways and the highways of generations that were to come.

These fearless pioneers brought to a new land a great civilization and because of their daring and courage, we today have the privilege of living in a free nation.

Today the effort and work of these pioneers is being challenged by outside and unsympathetic opposition. It therefore behooves us to follow in the trails that the pioneer blazed, in the pathways of courage and honesty and integrity and freedom and expend our every effort toward preserving the way of life that has been given to us as a noble heritage by those whom we honor on the occasion of their reunion.

The pioneers considered it a happy privilege to mould and make America for us—and we consider it a privilege to live under the system of freedom which they established. Therefore let us consider it our duty—let us consider it our happy privilege to preserve that way of life for the generations that will follow us!


In Memorial . . .

This is an exact reproduction of an advertisement written by the late W. F. Jacobs, and published in the Golden Anniversary edition of the Matador Tribune, 25 years ago, August 28, 1941. It is reprinted in his memory.

## MATADOR VARIETY

Mrs. W. F. Jacobs, Laura, and Personnel





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to the  
**Old Settlers**

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MATADOR, MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1966



THE cattle no longer bellow for water and mill through mud-choked lakes on that range where Pitchfork Kid is riding; the needlegrass waves through lush, eternal spring; the saddle horses are sleek and sure-footed. Top hands are scarce in eternity.

Trails where he rode back on the old range are growing dim, lost beneath the tangle

of furrows and lines of shining barbed-wire and the herds are vanishing. The jingle of spurs is like the echo of fond memory.

To Pitchfork Kid and the others who have gone on and those who remain; to the magnificent men and women who gave their all in shaping the destiny of this progressive and fruitful land; to the pioneers, the Tribune respectfully dedicates these pages.



had no children and wanted to adopt him.

But the George ranch was only about 30,000 acres, and the Kid wanted to roam, so he went back to the Pitchfork Ranch and got his first chance to ride the range in 1888 at the age of 17.

After only a few years at the Pitchfork he joined the Matador Ranch hands, who roamed over about a million acres in Motley, Floyd, Dickens and Cottle counties, herding and branding about 25,000 calves a year. The Kid at first did odd jobs and later became a horse trader.

IT WAS SOON after he joined the Matador Ranch that he discovered his real name. He had been calling himself "Billy to Kansas City and learned that he was really William E. Partlow.

In 1891, while working with a Matador wagon on Pitchfork range, the Kid was critically injured. George Martin, who was with the wagon, saddled a horse and asked the Kid to "top him off" ride the wilderness out of the animal. The Kid mounted and the horse threw him as it

raced toward a fence.

The Kid was thought to be dead as he slumped to the ground, unconscious with a severe head injury. Fellow cowboys rushed him to ranch headquarters and he was taken by train to a hospital at Trinidad, Colo., where he remained unconscious for 13 days.

HE REGAINED consciousness after doctors operated on his brain.

Hale tells of one incident in 1907 when the Kid quit the Matadors and decided to go into business for himself. He didn't succeed, and when he tried to rejoin the Matadors, the foreman refused to take him back.

MURDO MCKENZIE, who managed the Matador Land and Cattle Company for 47 years from 1880 on, came. He met the Kid in the city of Matador, jobless and dejected, and asked him what had happened.

When McKenzie learned about the Kid's plight, Hale said, he wrote out a letter beginning with "To whom it may concern." With that letter the Kid went back to his ranch foreman and began his second stretch of service with the Matador Ranch.

## Fences First Used To Keep Out "Nesters"

The barbed wire fence played an important part in settlement of the Plains of Texas, according to a recent article in the Plainview Herald. It was so effective that the history of the West was changed by its use as an implement of protecting property from transgression, for holding livestock on land, and for holding land from use of others.

Many of the "nesters" of the Plains were cowboys, weary with the hardships of the range, who established a claim and settled down. The term "nesters" was applied to these and other settlers in derision by the cattlemen.

Generally the "nester" was poor and hardly prepared to compete with the cattle baron, but he had a sense of his rights and was usually a man of courage. The cattleman, as a rule, was a man of energy and determination.

This is the appraisal of the people of that day by Dr. Wm. B. Bizzell, in "Rural Texas," a volume he wrote while president of Texas A. & M. College.

**Wire Fence Wars**

To stop nesting the cattlemen began to enclose their vast ranges with wire fences. These usually involved the source of water supply and often cut off road communication over vast areas. This policy resulted in warfare.

When the nester found a fence in his way he cut the wire. To protect their fences the cattlemen provided fence riders. Often these fence riders closed their eyes to friendly nesters and small cattlemen, sometimes reporting transgressions to headquarters too late for stopping the movement.

But in general there was little good feeling between nesters as a whole and fence riders. The nesters began to shoot the fence riders from ambush, says Dr. Bizzell. The fence riders retaliated, but the fences continued to be cut.

## Pitchfork Kid's Grave Found In Amarillo--Marker Is Goal

AMARILLO DAILY NEWS  
JULY 1, 1958

A cowboy's cowboy was the Pitchfork Kid, an excellent rider and the most skillful roper in West Texas.

He was found a lonely orphan wandering through the streets of Kansas City and he died alone at the age of 47 on his half-section of land south of Nara Vista, N. M.

**EVEN IN DEATH** he was lonely in an unmarked grave in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo from the time of his death in 1919 until two years ago.

Old cowboys who worked for the famed Matador Ranch around the turn of the century remember Partlow as a pipe-smoking gentleman who shaved whenever he could and always requested a healthy insertion of onions in every plate of food.

**HE USED** a big saddle with long pockets and prided himself on the aged pale yellow color of his meerschaum pipe. His wide, black mustache was a familiar sight on the Matador Ranch lands along the Croton breaks below the Caprock.

From 1919 until 1954, the Pitchfork Kid was only a memory transformed into a legend in the minds of old Matador ranch hands who reminisced of days long past.

But while others talked of the Kid's legendary existence, Fred Hale of Amarillo searched for him with material memory. Hale, now 70, worked with the Kid on the Matador between 1906 and 1909 and was a close friend.

**HE REMEMBERED** the Kid was killed when he fell from a load of hay and struck his head against a rock. No one witnessed the accident, and several old cowboys doubted whether his death was an accident.

At any rate, Hale centered his search for the Kid's grave in the Gleburis and Nara Vista areas without any luck. After much futile questioning of old timers in that New Mexico area, "on a hunch" Hale made a trip to Llano Cemetery and dug through old records in 1954.

He found the unmarked grave

and two years later had a caretaker mark it with a small white brick bearing the inscription, "W. E. Partlow", the Kid's real name.

**WHEN HALE** casually mentioned several weeks ago to editor Douglas Meador of The Matador Tribune that he had found the grave, Meador printed the story. Retired cowboys from all over the Panhandle responded with surprise to Hale's discovery, although most admitted they had lost contact with the Kid after he filed claim on the New Mexico land about 1917.

Meador, an authority on Panhandle cowboy lore describes his only meeting with the Kid as "talking with the most true representation of what a cowboy should be."

**THE PITCHFORK KID** saw his first Texas ranch lands in 1884 when he was brought to the Pitchfork Ranch west of Guthrie by Uncle Ridge, a Greathouse, a poisoner of predatory animals. Uncle Ridge found the 12-year-old Kansas City boy a fearful boy with a strong desire to be a cowboy and deposited him in custody of D. B. Gardner, ranch manager.

According to legend, the Kid was an orphan and had lived in Kansas City with two uncles. The uncles were killed for cattle rustling and because the boy imagined he was involved in their crime, he eagerly accepted Uncle Ridge's offer to come to West Texas.

He pleaded with Gardner to let him ride with other cowhands, but the manager refused to let him stray from the immediate area of the ranch house. Gardner, who loved children and who also had taken in at least one other stray boy about the same age, tried to give the youngster some education, but without much success.

**DOC BURLESON** of Wichita Falls, a cowboy who knew the Kid well, says young Partlow lived for about a year in the 1880's on a ranch owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. George. Mrs. George, a school teacher, encouraged the Kid to read. The Georges



THEY RODE THE MATADOR RANGE and posed for this picture at Sanders Hollow in about 1916. Many in the group had been working for the Matadors since the turn of the century. Those identified are: Pelow Vivian, Harry McFarland, Delmo (Gongales) McNema, Monk Rucker, Bill Rucker, Noble Pierce, Bernice Harkey, Lee Neely, Bill (Slim) Black, Jack Smith, Houston Schweitzer, Jet Lewis, Charlie Fullington, Bob Alley, Big John Southworth, Les Smith, Roy Aubrey, Rang Thornton, Guy Pitts, Walker Williams, Gilbert Keith and Buddy Plumlee. Several in the group could not be identified. (Courtesy Miss Mary Keith)



**COWBOY SADDLE-MAKER** - H. H. Schweitzer earned nationwide recognition for his fine hand-made saddles. Being a cowboy before he was a saddle-maker, Houston Schweitzer knew the need of practical design. He perfected and patented the "Schweitzer Special" tree which went into the construction of most of his orders. His customers were everywhere the chime of spurs echo.

He never had a lesson in saddle-making, or leather work, and never witnessed a saddle made. He started his work in the living room of a large home in Arizona, with leather, a nail and a hammer.

Schweitzer was born April 3, 1894, along the Yellowhouse Canyon in Lubbock County. His parents moved to Motley County when he was small and his mother died when he was only a few years of age. For several years he made his home with his aunt and uncle, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard at Mott linecamp on the Matador Ranch. During winters he stayed with the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jackson at ranch headquarters and went to school in Matador. He worked as a cowboy on the Matador Ranch for 12 years.

His shop was the last rendezvous of the cowboy in a town founded by cowboys, and at his passing Feb. 8, 1956, the victim of a heart attack, another chapter in the history of Matador was closed. His daughter, Mrs. James Moss, and one son, Bert Schweitzer reside in Lubbock, and his eldest son, W. H. Schweitzer, lives in Baytown. (Courtesy of Mrs. R. A. Day)

## Payroll Is Roster of Pioneers

Wagon bosses were the highest paid employees of the Matador Ranch more than a decade after its establishment in 1870 by H. H. Campbell. They received the astounding sum of \$75 a month as compared with \$25 to \$35 paid the other cowboys and the one woman employee.

The following is the payroll of the Matador Ranch in 1890-91 compiled by Miss Mary Keith. The preceding year, 1889, there were 69 men on the ranch payroll with a total monthly payroll of \$1,989.25.

S. T. Pepper, J. H. Smith, J. I. Briscoe, S. G. MacAdams, W. T. Cloyd, J. M. Campbell, Frank Larquey, W. A. Walton, J. R. Moore, C. W. Moore, J. H. Thompson, F. M. Wells, D. C. Hustan, D. C. Keith, J. P. Lovelady, D. S. Dunwoody, H. B. King, E. C. Harris, J. G. Kegler, W. Methley, J. F. Brown, J. T. Baker, A. L. Murphy, M. Blackerby, J. L. Austin, G. Austin, J. H. Hooper, R. C. Beckham, H. F. Hotchkis, John Ballard, J. P. Beckham, Will Hyatt, B. G. Worswick, J. D. Harkey, L. O. Hinson, Will Thomas, J. W. Whittaker, L. T. Maurey, J. W. White, W. C. Collins, R. B. Bishop, E. W. Molan, W. McRea, Charles Orr, J. E. Beckham, C. F. Beaty, Jim Blackman, G. W. Buchannan, D. Browning, J. F. Hardy, D. Somerville, Varner, W. Akes, Tom Capehart, John O. Ross, D. H. Horton, C. F. Berry, R. A. Haley, Lee Crisswell, Frank Greear, Doc Edwards, John Jackson, Arthur Gates, Walter Gates.

Dan Cribbs, E. Madden, Joe Reynolds, Stacey Newman, E. L. McBride, George Thompson, W. Garner, J. H. Quirick, Frank Gallagher, W. A. Newman, W. T. McDonald, Jesse Harris, C. M. Buchannan, Pat McHugh, Frank Golden, Mrs. R. Zurick, W. B. Currie, Charles Norris, S. L. Hardisty, George Lutz, B. MacElroy, R. S. Watson (first bookkeeper), Joe Rhodes, B. F.

Brock, Henry Marshall, J. A. Frezell, W. R. Tison, G. W. Cook, Tom Harrison, Sam Prince, Tom Jones, Jack Luckett, Jim McCommis, Tom Sharard, S. W. Cassell, E. W. Nolan, John Martin, W. McRea, Newman, Jas. E. Beckham, Jim Blackwell, J. L. Moore, J. D. Kutch, Joe Reese, J. E. Pritchard, J. K. Fullingim, G. B. Simpson, W. S. Cook, W. M. Miller, F. M. Morrow, J. C. Roberts, Andy Jackson (broke horses), F. G. Baxter (blacksmith), D. E. MacDonald and R. A. Haley (wagon driver).

**Payroll in 1896-97**  
In 1896-97 the following names were added to the ranch payroll: C. T. Wafford (cook), Will Drace, Jim Meador (cook), Adam Drace (fence rider), Ned Richards (cook).

**BIG PRAIRIE FIRE**  
In the spring of 1886 a big prairie fire came raging from off the plains down on the Matador range. The men fought it for three days and nights, stopping only long enough to attend the wedding of John Jackson. Then they all returned to fight the fire, including the bridegroom. Much grass was destroyed as a result of the disaster.

Calvin George, Henry Cook, R. J. Seay, A. D. H. Ligertwood, Jim Swearingin, Parker Randolph, Lal H. Lewis, Bert Browning, John Morris, Tom McNutt, Dave Carpenter, Shelton McCall, Will Carnaack, J. P. Plumlee and J. R. Moore.

**Payroll in 1900**  
The following new names were on the ranch payroll in 1900: J. M. Jackson, C. H. Harper, A. L. Murphy, E. C. Harris, J. F. Leonard, Ed Russell, B. R. Russell, T. G. Duncan, Walter Jackson, Doug Meador, Walter Hooper, James Dalziel, John MacBain, J. C. Lancaster, D. G. McKenzie, Sid Dunwoody, George Davis, Pete Courtney, Walter Clower, Joe Meador, George Russell, George Thomas, E. Simpson and Mrs. Donald.



**ONE OF WEST TEXAS' most picturesque cowboys** was Lon W. "Pelow" Vivian, who spent more than half a century in the saddle. He was born Feb. 1, 1877, in Dimmit County in South Texas and grew to manhood near Eagle Pass. He came to Matador in 1901. His life as a cowboy on the Matador and other ranches in the area for over 30 years earned for him the unique role of "typical cowpuncher".

At the time of his death, January 19, 1949, his survivors included his wife, the former Maud Finch to whom he was married May 20, 1905, at Matador; four daughters, Mesdames Gertrude Reeves, Opal Horsley, Lois Stancell and Ruby Calk; and two sons, Bill Vivian and Tom Vivian.

## "BELOW THE CAPROCK IS A WONDEROUS LAND"



—DRAWN BY BEN CARLTON MEAD

## MOTLEY COUNTY...

**VISION** of pioneers accepted the opportunity and the challenge of the fertile, rolling prairie country below the cap rock. It was the shrewd cattlemen who first declared it to be the finest cattle-raising country in Texas. Later the home-seekers appraised the rich soil, the abundant water, and staked their claims.

In the following years were many hardships and privations to test the courage and endurance of both cattleman and farmer. A strong fellowship developed between them as years of drought and failure struck at their scattered camps and dug-outs.

Back of the progress we know today stands the character and spirit of the early-settlers of Motley County. It is to their courage, faith and years of work that we humbly pay our most sincere tribute.

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We want to pay tribute to the courage and the vision of the pioneers who blazed the early trails into an unproven empire. We also offer our appreciation to the later generations who have contributed to the continued progress of Motley County. We are grateful that many of them are our friends and customers.



*THIS is the first gin in Matador and was owned by T. G. Duncan (a native Scotchman) and Jack Luckett, early pioneer and businessman. The photograph was made about 1901. The plant was located in southwest Matador, and was rebuilt in 1912. In 1918 it was sold to West Texas Gin Company, and moved to Meadow, Texas in 1920.*

## WEST TEXAS GIN

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THEIR FATHER, Walter A. Walton was Motley County's first clerk and served in that capacity for twenty years, until his death in 1911 at the early age of 48. A native of Virginia, his desire to become a cowboy lured him west, and to this area in 1885. He was working for the Matador Ranch when the county was organized, and he was elected county and district clerk. The daughters are, left, Mrs. R. E. Donovan (Hazel), and Mrs. U. L. Willie (Virginia). Their mother was the former Carolyn Virginia Cribbs.



PAT SHERIDAN  
Pat Sheridan Nears 20 Years as Clerk

When this term of office for the current slate of county officials expires December 31, Pat Sheridan will have completed twenty years as County and District Clerk of Motley County. Mr. Sheridan, who took office in January 1947, will become the second man to devote twenty years to the office. W. A. Walton, first clerk of the county, died February 5, 1891, was the first man to serve a score of years. Following his death in

June 1911, Mr. Walton's final term was completed by J. C. Burleson. The records Mr. Walton kept while in office are acclaimed the best early records available. Richard A. Seay came to office in January 1913 and was succeeded in 1917 by W. T. Patton, who sought the office following the expiration of his term as county judge in 1912. The fourth county clerk, Jack Catlin, was elected in 1920. Mr. Catlin died before completing his fourth term and his wife was appointed to serve the unexpired months. Mrs. Catlin held the office for nine months before Mary E. Jones took possession of the office in January 1929 to serve six years. Jack Robinson became the county's sixth clerk in 44 years of existence in January 1935. In 75 years the county has had only eight clerks. After twenty-two years of absence, Richard A. Seay succeeded Mr. Robinson and returned to the clerk's office in 1939 to serve for another eight years. In 1946 Pat Sheridan won the office and has continued to hold it for almost twenty years. Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fisher were Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas and son, Mike Morris, Garland. Visiting in their home Sunday were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher of Lubbock.

### County Has Had 15 Judges During Past 75 Years



ELBERT REEVES

When the Commissioners' Court first assembled on Monday, March 9, 1891, H. H. Campbell presided as county judge, head of the governmental pyramid at a local level. Mr. Campbell had taken office on February 5, and served until November 14, 1894. Following the organization of the Whiteflat school in 1892, Mr. Campbell's official capacity was extended to encompass the duties of county school superintendent as well. During the 75 years of its organized existence the county has had only fifteen county judges. Succeeding Mr. Campbell in 1894 as County Judge and Ex-Officio County School Superintendent was W. B. Gilpin, who held the office only two years. A. R. Anderson was elected in November 1896 and served until the turn of the century when T. T. Bouldin was elected. Mr. Bouldin held the office until 1908. The next two judges, Horace Thomas and W. T. Patton, served only one term each. Mr. Thomas was elected in 1908 and surrendered the office to Mr. Patton in January 1911. Mr. Patton, who came to this county in a covered wagon in 1900 and served as Commissioner Precinct One in 1905, before ascending to county judge, left the office in 1912.

judge to serve the remaining two months of Crane's term. That same year Sam W. Rhodes was elected and served one term as judge, prior to the election of C. L. Glenn in 1920. Mr. Glenn held the office for six years, from January 1921 until January 1927. J. F. Jordan succeeded Mr. Glenn and served four years.

**Cammack Served 18 Years**  
W. R. Cammack was elected to serve as county judge in 1930 and assumed his duties in January 1931. Mr. Cammack held the office for 18 years, the longest period of service of any of the fifteen judges. After almost two decades as county judge, Mr. Cammack left office in January 1949 and C. W. Giesecke Jr. became the new county judge, a post he held for four years.

Vance H. Gilbreath became the fourteenth judge of the county in 1953 and served for four years. In January of 1959 Elbert Reeves, the present county judge and school superintendent took office as one of the longest periods of service rendered the county by a judge.

**HARRY H. CAMPBELL**, son of Motley County's first judge, Henry H. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell (Lizzie Bundy) has lived his entire life in and around Matador. He was born May 15, 1881, at the Matador ranch which his father had established. His mother was Matador postmistress after the office was moved from the ranch headquarters into town, and served until 1912.

The Matadors first brought purebred Hereford cattle to West Texas and changed the entire cattle industry.

### WHITEFLAT NEWS

Mrs. Stella Tilson

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jameson drove to Hobbs, N. M. Saturday to spend the week end with her parents and accompany home their sons, Lance and Shannon, who had been visiting their grandparents.

Mrs. Tom Edwards visited in Lubbock with her daughter, Vella Ree over night Sunday.

Visiting Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin were her sister, Mrs. John Slatter of Panhandle, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Hunn and daughters, Toni and Rhea of Concord, Calif., and a niece's daughter, Teresa Evans of Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Martin of Amarillo spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rattan and son, Will of Lubbock, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Rattan.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Higginbotham of Lubbock spent Wednesday night and Thursday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Higginbotham and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon and daughter, Elaine, returned Friday from a week's vacation to points in Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. En route home they visited in Mena, Ark., with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Austin and son, Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Austin and family. Visiting the Dixons Saturday were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner and Darla and a niece, Penny Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Casey of Abilene.

Linda Tilson was a guest in the W. L. Cook home in Childress from Thursday until Saturday prior to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Faye Lynn Cook. Miss Tilson served as maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Cook and Darel Burrows in the Church of Christ Saturday night.



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**CAME IN 1906**  
G. S. "Red" Payne, long-time cowboy on the Matador Ranch came here in 1906 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Payne, from Trace City, Tenn. Also in the family group were two other sons, Andy and T. H., and a daughter, Beth.

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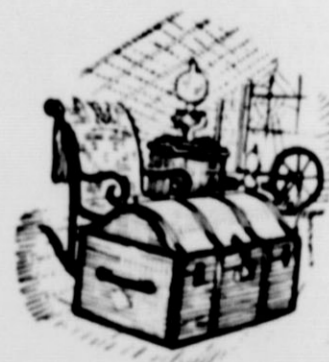
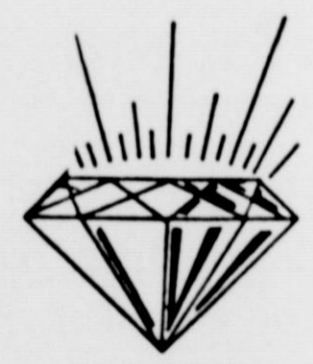
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Tribune, Matador, Motley Co., Texas, Thursday, August 25, 1966

**COUNTY AGENT  
PALLMEYER SAYS:**

Submitting wheatland soil samples now will insure getting soil test recommendations in plenty of time to plan the most profitable fertilizer application for the fall planted crop. Fifty bushels of grain contain 50 pounds of nitrogen and 25 pounds of phosphorus, with additional nutrients used in producing straw and forage, therefore if fertilizer is needed, additional results will obtain.

ed in the grazing provided. Nitrogen applied preplant will stimulate early growth and give added grazing while phosphorus will provide a higher quality grazing plant if applied before planting. If you need sample containers and information sheets, let me know, for information provided as to the crop to be grown, how it is to be used and past history will aid you in receiving a better recommendation. Cost of a test is \$2.00, and returns have shown that an average of \$4 is received for each \$1 spent for fertilizer.

Junior 4-H record books are due by Sept. 5, with 4-H members who were 13 or younger as of January 1, 1966, legible to enter these contests. This year the Motley County Farm Bureau will provide a wrist watch to the Junior member who submits a record book that scores the highest in judging. Juniors do not have to compete with Seniors in record contests, as the top Senior record owner will receive a wrist watch courtesy of the Gasoline Farmers Union.

Power mowers have become practically indispensable to the America home owner, but unless you understand thoroughly how the rotary mower works this

time saver can be extremely dangerous. Follow these safety tips for accident free mowing:  
1. Buy only a machine which bears the American Standards Assn. certificate, which signifies it has met 15 safer-mower specifications.  
2. Keep mower in good repair. Difficulty in starting brings frustration and fatigue, which cause carelessness and accidents. A dull out-of-balance blade can cause serious mechanical and personal damage.  
3. Get to know the mower and its controls thoroughly. Read the owner's manual carefully. Know how to start the mower safely and stop it quickly.  
4. Fill the gas tank when the

motor is cool - before starting. Spilled fuel can ignite on a hot engine.  
5. Clear area of children and pets; they move much too quickly. A 30-foot radius is a minimum, while out of sight is best.  
6. Clear the law of foreign objects to keep missiles to a minimum and reduce mower damage. A grass catcher can collect a lot of possible projectiles.  
7. Never mow when the grass is wet or slippery. Wet grass provides poor footing and encourages the mower to clog.  
8. Wear sturdy shoes (steel toe safety shoes are best) and heavy close fitting slacks to help protect legs and ankles.

9. Stay away from the discharge side of the mower. Stop, start and adjust mower from the opposite side.  
10. Push, don't pull the mower. It's easier and minimizes the hazard of slipping and pulling the mower over your feet, an accident that happens often on inclines.  
11. Never try to unclog a mower - or do work on it of any kind - without stopping the engine and disconnecting the spark-plug wire. A mower propeller, the slightest twist could start the engine, with great danger to your hands.  
12. Stop the engine when you are approached by any child, pet or inattentive person. Warn-

ings can rarely be heard or understood over an engine roar. The machine can be stopped far faster if engine controls and stop mechanism are handle-mounted.  
13. Never lift or tip a riding mower or expose the blade over the edge of a bank or incline. This increases the danger of missiles and negates many safety features designed into better machines.  
14. Avoid steep inclines with riding mowers - overturning sideways is a potential hazard. If it must be done, mow up and down, not sideways.  
15. Never reverse a riding mower without looking behind. Children or pets may not anticipate your change in direction.



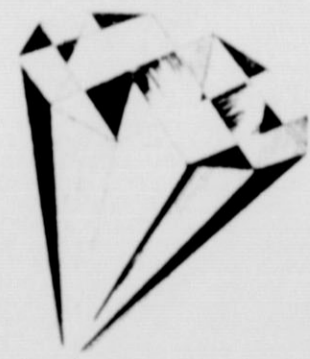
LUMBER YARD in Matador about 1910. The lumber was freighted from Paducah at this time (before O. A. & P. Ry. built into Roaring Springs). On the second wagon is Gabe Garrison of Silverton, who was a freighter at the time. Location is near the present site of old Burton-Lingo yard (now owned

by Higginbotham-Bartlett Co) and white building in the background was Matador school, later replaced by three story brick building. The brick building was later removed and the school plants built in the southwest part of town. —Photo courtesy of Gabe Garrison

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which the Texas Water Development Board has financed in whole or in part. Under such provisions as the Legislature may prescribe by General Law, the Texas Water Development Board may also execute long-term contracts with any of its agencies for the acquisition and development of storage facilities...

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Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT

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thereon vote in favor thereof; provided, however, that an Airport Authority may be created and be composed of the county or counties that vote in favor of its creation...

PUBLIC NOTICE

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political subdivisions of a county; authorizing the Legislature to provide for a voluntary merger into the system authorized by this Amendment by those officers and employees covered by the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 62 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution...

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT

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HIS FIRST experience at ranch work, staying alone overnight at the mouth of Fish Hole Creek, when he was 15 years old, did not deter Doug Meador from his cowboy career. He came to this section with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Meador and other members of the family, in March 1891. He began working for the Matador Land and Cattle Co. in 1895 after working for Al Yantis in 1893. In later years he farmed near Flomot, then came to Matador where he operated a butcher shop.

During his years in the saddle, Doug Meador was considered a top hand, and an expert roper. He worked on the Channing division for several years, and was in charge of the range wagon part of the time.

He was married at Flomot, Dec. 4, 1910 to Miss Maggie Turner. She died

May 8, 1921, leaving three small children. Meador later married Mrs. Chloe Briscoe, a widow with three small children, and they had two children. Of these the following still live in Matador: Charlie Meador, James Meador, Mrs. E. E. Markham (Minnie Mae), Mrs. Betty June Bearden and John Briscoe. Mrs. Wes Hall (Susie) presently lives at Guthrie where her husband is employed, but they still maintain their home here. Mrs. Elvis Lebow (Bessie Bell Briscoe) lives in Belin, N. M., and William Earl Briscoe lives in Plainview.

Born at Crystal Falls, Oct. 23, 1877, Doug Meador passed away Jan. 14, 1947, from a heart attack which he suffered on January 6. He had assumed office after being elected to a 2nd term as County Commissioner of Precinct One. (Original photo by Ervin Smith).

and children were in Vinson, Okla., Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. John Aaron and attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Lyda Myrl Aaron.

Mrs. Nannie Crump of Esteline visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Timmons last week. Also guests at the Timmons' home Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Phil Tudor of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, N. L. Cook and Mrs. Jerral Nimmo made a business trip to Tulsa Friday.

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas, Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timmons and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Hays and son, Vaden accompanied by another son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays and Janis of Concord, Calif. visited their daughter and sister and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright and children of Abilene Tuesday. They also visited in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Delmont Hays.

**NORTHFIELD ONCE HAD TWO SCHOOLS**

Northfield had two schools in the early days. One was called Northfield, located on the eastern side of the community.

The other, named Dewart, was 5 or 6 miles to the south west.

In 1905 Miss Ora Givens, living in Childress, taught one of the schools, while Willie Glenn carried out teaching duties at the other. The two schools often competed against each other in spelling matches. Ross Doss and B. F. Moore were early teachers here.

Northfield was the first consolidated school in West Texas (submitted by Mrs. Delmont Hays).



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## Matador Cowboys Gather, Swap Tales

AMARILLO DAILY NEWS

By TOMMY PORTER

CHANNING — Get them on a cattle drive or give them a few horses to break and they still could do a heck of a job, observers attending the annual Matador Cowboy Reunion said.

The former ranchhands of the famed Matador Land and Cattle Company — some of them beginning to age, but still maintaining a healthy, hearty and hearty look — gathered here today to exchange memories of

their early day ranch experiences.

Channing was the former home base of the Alamogitas Division of the Matador Land and Cattle Co. The reunions have been held here for the past several years.

Approximately 30 of the cowboys gathered in the Hartley County Courthouse to talk with new officers of the Matador Cowboy Reunion Association and honor some of their members.

Tom Thornton of Matador was presented a pair of silver spurs for having gone to work for the company earlier than

any of the other men present. Thornton, now 55, started as a cowpuncher on Feb. 15, 1897, at the southern division in Matador.

"I ran the beef wagon in Canada for 11 years," said Thornton, "and also worked on ranches for the company in Montana and South Dakota."

Thornton is now retired. Hodges Hale of 4223 W. 12th in Amarillo just moved getting the spurs instead of Thornton since he went to work for the company June 14, 1907, as a cowpuncher in the lower division.

Hale will be 78 today.

Henry Harris was awarded his spurs for traveling the farthest distance, arriving from Phoenix, Ariz. Harris, 64, began working in the southern division in 1914 as a cowboy and later fed thoroughbred cattle.

Jack Ingle of Mountain Home, Idaho, had the distinction of having traveled the farthest and being the oldest cowboy present. He elected to take the spurs for being the oldest.

Ingle, who laughingly said he is "going on 75," began working for the Alamogitas Division in Channing in July, 1911. A former "bronc buster and cow puncher" with the company, Ingle still has a ranch in Idaho and "rides a horse from 18 to 14 hours a day."

Saturday was his first trip back to Channing since he left in September, 1914.

Sag McGowan of Adrian was elected president of the association. Clyde Shepherd of Chan-

ning vice president, and O. D. Kellon of Channing, secretary. All were elected by acclamation.

The association meeting had followed the free barbecue which was attended by between 1,500 and 2,000 local, area and out-of-state persons. Three large heaves, totaling nearly 2,000 pounds, had been prepared.

**NORTHFIELD NEWS**  
by Mrs. Homer Davis

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Timmons Sunday were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Dawson and children, Ray Don, Kelley, John, and Ron Allen of Amarillo.

Danny Davis and Vaden Hays made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Timmons

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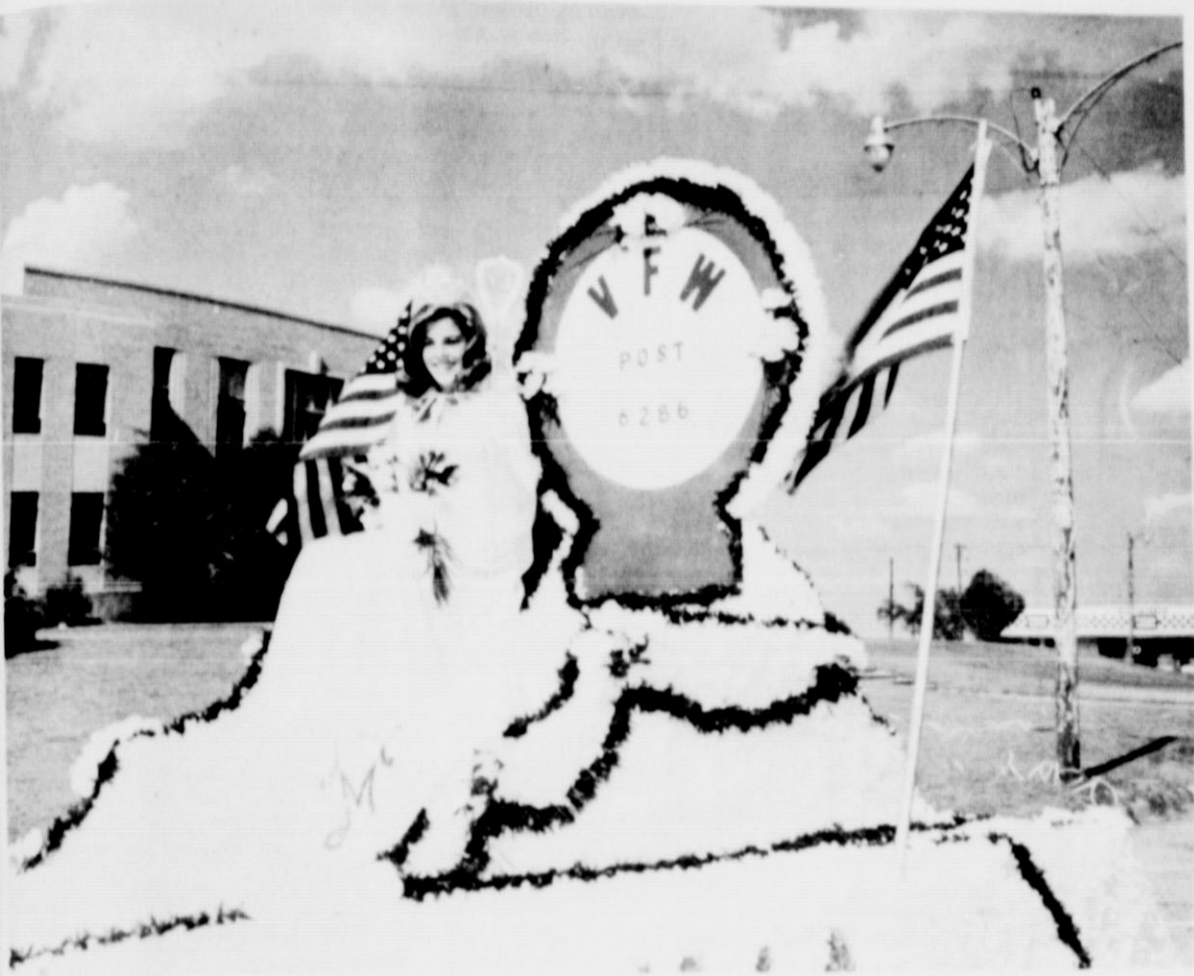
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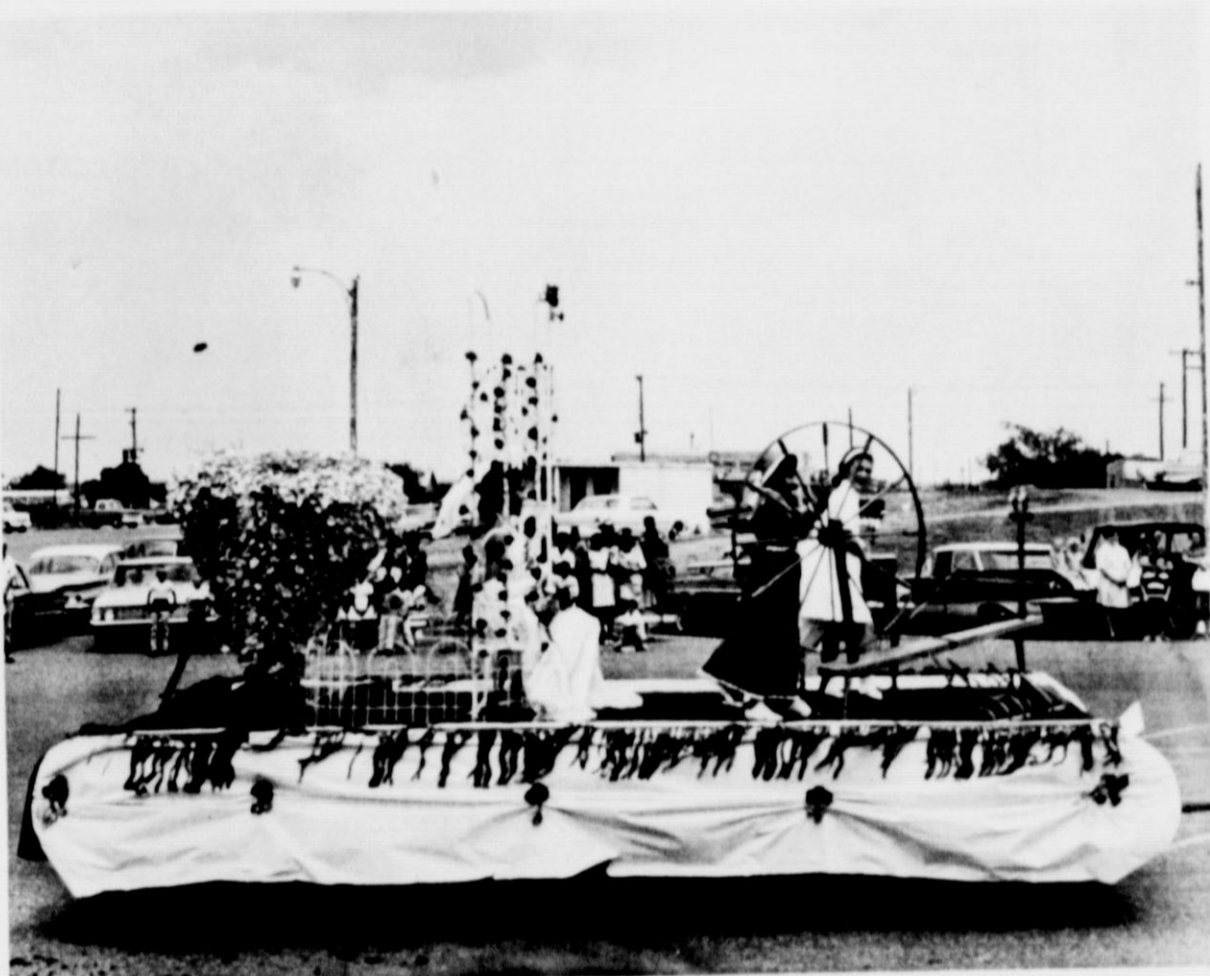
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**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY QUEEN**, Miss Olivia Campbell, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6286. Miss Campbell is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Campbell. Mr. Campbell was the first County Judge, and founder of the Matador Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Campbell are the Queen's parents.



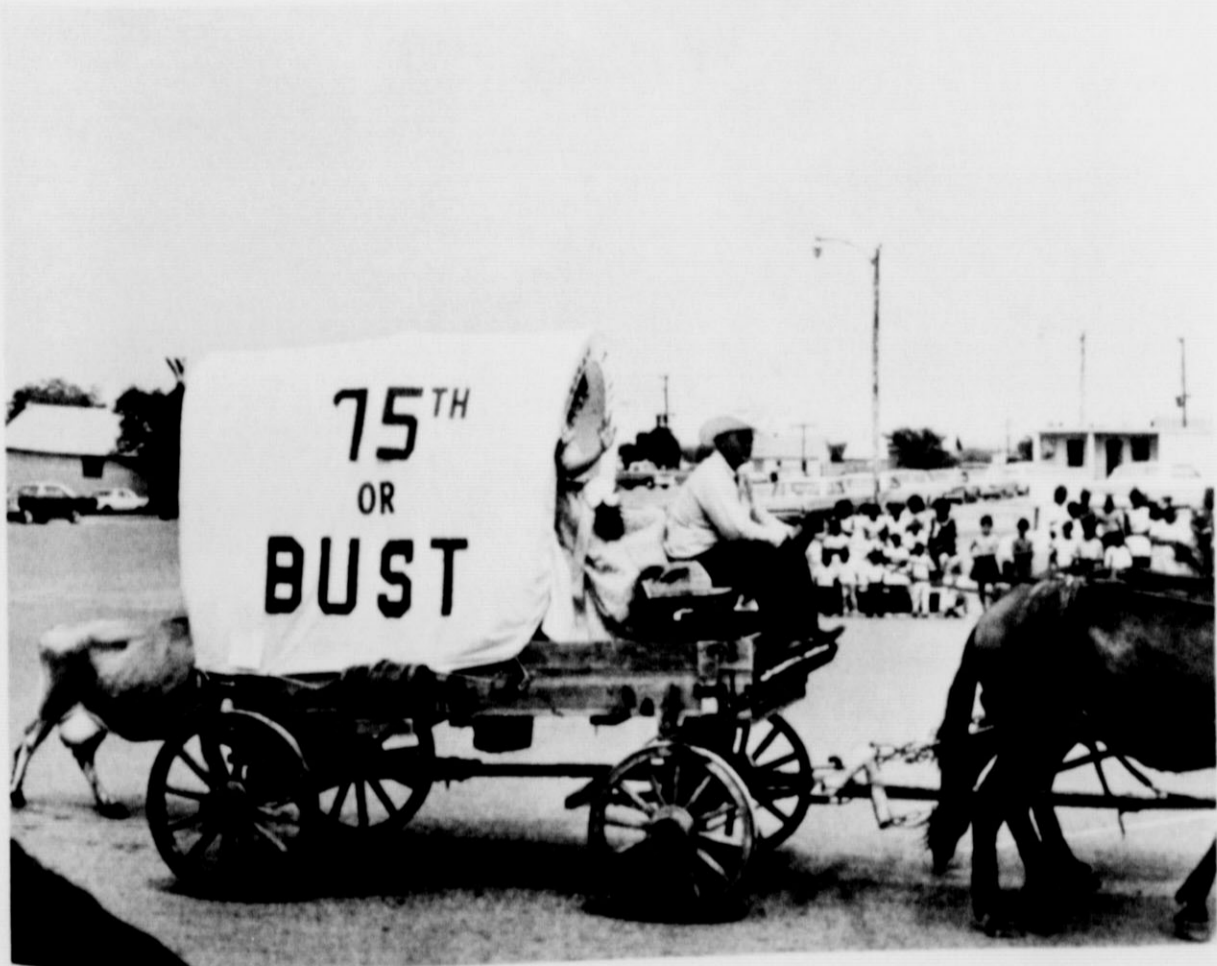
**WINNING FLOAT** in the Anniversary parade was "Water Fall," by the Roaring Springs Lions Club, depicting the falls at the famous springs. The Queen candidate, Michelle Smith is at right. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Smith. The "bathing beauties" are Susan Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Payne and Cheryl Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Moore.



**SPINNING WHEEL TO ELECTRICITY** was the theme of the second place float made by Matador Young Homemakers for the Jubilee Parade. On the float is Queen candidate, Miss Frances Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martin. The little girl of yester-year is Sherry Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Green and at right is Tanya Meador, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Meador. Spinning wheel belongs to local resident, Mrs. M. L. Patton, who inherited it from her mother, Mrs. Daniel Boone Cutbirth of Ky. Mrs. Patton brought it to Motley County when her family moved here in 1900. It is believed to be 140 years old.



"A HONEY OF A PLACE TO BEE" was the float designed and entered by the Eternas Study Club of Matador, which won third place in the 75th Anniversary Jubilee celebration parade, August 5, and first place in the parade at Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs, August 25. Miss Barbara Slover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Slover was the Queen candidate.



**75TH OR BUST** reflected the fortitude early settlers of Motley County must have possessed as they attempted to break the land and mold the untamed prairie into a town. Queen candidate, is Miss Deborah Tilson, daughter of Mrs. June Tilson and great-granddaughter of W. R. Tilson, pioneer of the Whiteflat community. Driver of the team of horses is Van Francis, Vice-president of the local Farm Bureau.



**LIONS QUEEN JANA JONES** was sponsored by the Matador Lions Club as candidate for Anniversary Queen. The float featured the club's "mascot" a lion, handmade in Matador by a committee headed by Ben Edwards. Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones.

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# Post Office Department

DAVID M. KEY,

Postmaster General of the United States of America

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, on the 19 day of January, 1879, William D. Cooper was appointed Postmaster at Teepee City, in the County of Motley, State of Texas, and whereas he did on the 5 day of March, 1879, execute a Bond and take the Oath of Office, as required by law.

Now know ye, that according to the competency, ability, and favorability of the said William D. Cooper, I do commission him a Postmaster, authorized to execute the duties of that Office at Teepee City, according to the Laws of the United States and the Regulations of the Post Office Department. To hold the said Office of Postmaster, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same belonging during the pleasure of the Postmaster General of the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Post Office Department to be affixed at Washington City, the 25 day of March, 1879, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and ninth.

D. M. Key  
Postmaster General



ARTHUR B. COOPER



MRS. A. B. COOPER

"I told the trustee it would be a short name. I had come from the town of Throckmorton and that it was too long."

Mrs. Green first submitted the name "Acton" but the post office department said it already had a post office by that name. Mrs. Green changed it to Afton. "The only reason I selected it was because it was short," she said.

For a number of years it was known as Afton school but later was changed to Patton Springs school.

During the severe drouth of 1888-89 many cattle died and men gathered their bones and shipped them to Fort Worth, where they were processed for fertilizer, according to old-timers of Northfield community, interviewed by Mrs. Delmont Hays.

Northfield's first church building was known as Bain Chapel. J. S. Thomas was the main carpenter. In the event of a funeral in the community, he and Doc Cook made the coffin. Mr. Bain gave land where the building stood and also land for a cemetery.

In 1894, D. C. Keith produced the first bale of cotton in the county. It was hauled to the Childress gin by W. R. and Bragg Cammack.



JAMES J. COOPER, life-time resident of Motley County, was born Oct. 26, 1884, in a dugout "about a mile down the creek below Teepee City." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper were early merchants in this first community in the county coming there in 1879. His father was the first County Commissioner of Precinct 3 when the county was organized, and was appointed postmaster in 1880 of the first post office in the county, which was at Teepee City.

## Prominent Texans Have Been Guests Of Old Settlers

Many prominent Texans, among them state officials have attended Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers reunions during the years.

Files of the Matador Tribune disclose that when the Old Settlers met on August 27-28 in 1936, four outstanding West Texans were on the program. They were Congressman George Mahon, Senator George H. Nelson, Representative Bob Alexander and Judge A. J. Fires.

## TREEPEE CITY WAS FIRST SETTLEMENT

All trace of Motley County's first town, Teepee City has long been lost in oblivion. One of the first settlements in this section of Texas, the village, founded in 1876 provided western headquarters for buffalo hunters, Texas Rangers and early settlers.

In 1880 it was established as the first post office in the county, and A. B. Cooper was named postmaster, by David M. Key, Postmaster General.

The certificate of appointment

issued to Mr. Cooper is now owned by his son, James J. (Jim) Cooper, and is in a perfect state of preservation. Some of the earliest pioneers associated with Teepee City, and the year in which they came to what is now Motley County, are: S. N. Armstrong, 1876; Tom Bird, 1878; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, 1879; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning, 1879; Texas Rangers G. W. Arrington, captain, Ned Springer and Witt Springer, 1879; J. D. Starks, 1880; Nora Cooper, 1882; Lal Lewis, 1884; J. J. Cooper, 1884; W. R. Tilson, 1884; A. L. Barton, 1884; W. W. Moore, 1889; J. S. Green, 1890; J. J. Russell, 1891; J. E. Meador, 1891; Pat Cornett, 1891; J. E. Russell, 1891; Ella Cornett, 1891; R. P. Echols, 1892; Tom Edmondson, 1891; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Echols, 1892; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lisenby, 1897; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Newman, 1897; Mrs. W. R. Tilson, 1893. (Last printed from Tribune file Aug. 25, 1938).

## BEST WISHES

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## Historic Markers Erected In 1936

Two of Motley County's most important historic locations, Roaring Springs and Teepee City, are marked for posterity by granite monuments erected by the Texas Centennial Commission in 1936.

They were set into place in August of that year, in time for the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion ceremonies on Aug. 27-28. A bronze seal of the State of Texas and appropriate inscriptions are near the top of each marker.

The marker for Teepee City about seventeen miles northeast of Matador, was placed on a lonely mesa on the west side of Teepee creek and a few paces from the grave of Isaac O. Armstrong, pioneer merchant who died during the heyday of the vanished city. The original city was first located on the east bank of the creek and many of the old busi-

ness places were located there, but later a western addition was made on the opposite side.

The Roaring Springs marker is on the hilltop overlooking the historic springs and water fall, and picnic area, about three miles south of town.

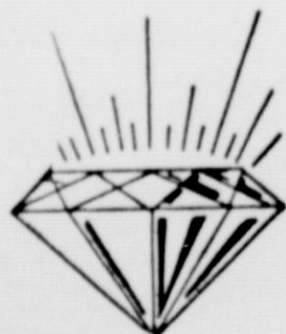
## Afton Community Named by Teacher

Patton Springs school was first known as Cottonwood school and it was located on Cottonwood Creek about a mile west of the Afton post office.

Mrs. Duff Green was teaching in the Cottonwood school in 1900 and sometime later one of the trustees came to her and said:

"We are going to get a post office here and we want you to name it." Mrs. Green explained, "In those days they thought school teachers were a little smarter than the average" so they expected me to produce a suitable name."

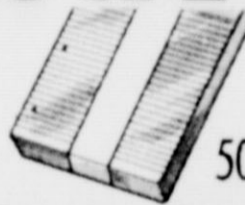
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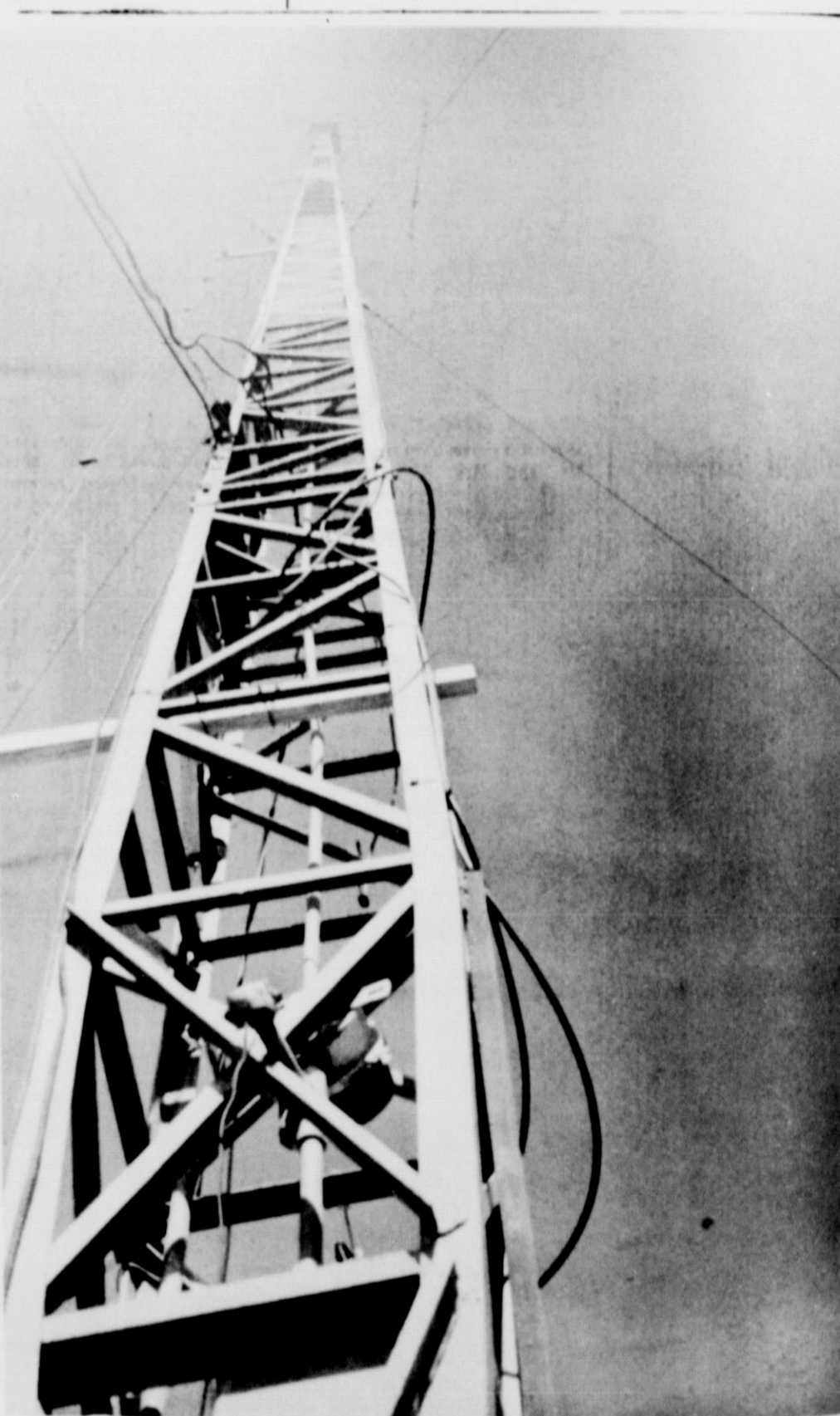
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**FAMILY POSES**-Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Day pose with their children for a family portrait, June 5, 1904. Standing are Bertha, Lucian, Hugh and Steve. Seated are "Pa" Day, Riley, Ollie, 6, "Mother" Day and Cecile. 2. Lilla had married Mun Garrison, and is not in the group. (Courtesy of Mrs. R. A. Day)

### E. A. Day Among Early Pioneers Here When County was Organized

Among the early settlers who came to this area before the county was organized, was E. A. (Elbert) Day, who later became "Pa" Day to his family.

Coming here in 1890, Mr. Day engaged in the ranching business and later operated both farm and ranch. He became one of the county's most prominent citizens and for a time was president of the Farmers & Merchants bank before that institution was absorbed by the former First National Bank.

He was born December 4, 1860 in Walker County, Tex., where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Martha Dixon Hall, March 31, 1881, and they were the parents of nine children. Mrs. Day died April 1, 1913.

When they came to Motley County, Mr. and Mrs. Day and their four children, Lilla (Mrs. Mun Garrison), Bertha (Mrs. C. D. Garrison), Lucian, and Hugh settled at Whiteflat. Four later children, Steve, Riley, Ollie and Cecile were born in the county. Mrs. C. D. Garrison, only surviving member of this family still resides in Matador.

He married Mrs. Minnie Ella Richards, Nov. 3, 1914, and to this union were born twin daughters, Helen (Mrs. Bob Spencer) and Hazel (Mrs. Andy King), both of whom still live in Clovis.

Mr. Day sold many of his interests in Motley county and moved to Curry County, New Mexico in 1920. He died at Clovis, N. M., on October 11, 1940.

Following is a copy of a letter Mr. Day wrote his son, Riley A. Day, on the latter's 40th birthday, describing the big drought of 1892-93, which caused many early settlers to return to former homes in East Texas, or move on farther west.

Clovis, N. M.  
June 1st, 1934

R. A. Day  
Matador, Texas

My Dear Son:- This day 40 years ago, 1894 about 1:00 o'clock you saw your first light, or was born. One of the heaviest rains fell "all day" that day I ever saw fall - I will not forget it as long as I live.

We will be  
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for  
**OLD SETTLERS**  
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I went for my horses about 10 o'clock in rain, water half leg to knee deep every where and just pouring down. The horses was standing humped up just where the N. W. cor' of your farm is now. Also Stephe's N. E. cor' and the Jameson S. E. cor'. I caught old Bill as we all called him - was a black horse - he was never known to be caught before on the range, but I guess rain was falling so hard he did not want to move, so I walked right up to him, got on him bare backed drove other 4 head to pen or lot - caught Red and Kit put to wagon went 4 mi' after Mrs. Cole and Bro. Newman in that heavy rain.

Cole lived N. E. of where Whiteflat is now about 1 1/4 mi. Newman lived about the center of the sec' Whiteflat stands on.

We had had but very little rain for 2 1/2 years, that was the braking of that drought -

That year 1894 I made one of the best crops I ever grewed on Whiteflat - consisted of maize, K. C. Soghrum-pie melons, 2A" watermelons, 1A" sweet potatoes, 2A" 600 bu" sweets - I lost all the sweets to wet when dug.

Our rains continued from June 1, 1894 for several years and proved to all people that Motley County was a good farming county. Ask Mrsrs Whitworth or Echols about this rain if you don't believe it. They can tell you all about it. Was no grass on the face of the earth and people did not think grass would ever come back on ground as it once was. But before frost that fall grass was good again and cattle fat.

I just wanted you to no what had happened in your county once and thought I'd write you about it. Mrs. Burleson, Ruff Moore, H. Williams, Echols, Whitworth and many others round Matador will remember this drought I'm speaking of.

Your father  
E. A. Day



"PA" DAY, right, Riley in center and Ollie at left, with Chincio, their dog. (Courtesy of Mrs. R. A. Day)



**PATRIARCH OF THE RANGE** - Hawley Plemons, whose colorful career ended in death at the age of 88, here December 31, 1957, once owned the present site of Amarillo. Among the remaining pioneer cowboys of West Texas, he worked for the Matador Land & Cattle Co., continuously for 40 years. He was born near Whitesboro in Grayson County, March 29, 1869. He was married in Amarillo, Nov. 20, 1904, to Miss Callie Sims. Mr. Plemons retired in 1949 and after living at Brownwood for a short time, the couple returned to Matador, where Mrs. Plemons has continued making her home. The couple's daughter, Mrs. Bill Lowimore lives in Lubbock, and their sons are Elmore Plemons of Austin, and Will Plemons, Detroit, Michigan.



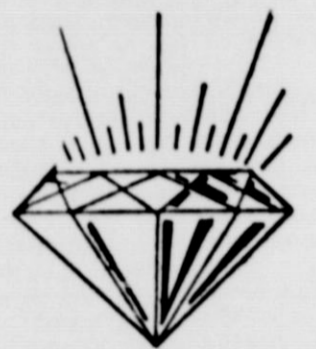
**CLEMENTS SCHOOL**, southeast of Matador, one of the first in the county. Teacher was Mrs. Betty McCandless, shown at left, (aunt of Mrs. Web Cammack). Identified are the following children: Back row, Clarence Jinkins, Henry Ford, Vernie Beauchamp, Bush Pipkin, Sam Ford, (next boy unknown) Ola Ford and Maud Pipkin. Front row: Jim Lancaster, Mable Jinkins, (next two girls unknown) Ethel Jinkins, Le-lan Jinkins, Susie Lancaster, (next unknown) L. V. Lancaster and Nellie Beauchamp. (courtesy Mrs. Henry Ford.)

### County Officers Listed For 1899

The Matador Directory, as carried in an early copy of the Motley County Journal, for 1899, included (Rev. W. H. Rattan's church; the Matador Lodge No. 824 A. F. & A. M.; District Congressman, J. H. Stephens of Vernon; State Senator D. C. Goss of Seymour; Representative D. E. Decker; District Judge S. I. Newton of Seymour; District Attorney A. P. Dickson of Seymour;

District Clerk Walter A. Walton of Matador; County officers were Judge A. R. Anderson, Clerk Walter A. Walton, Sheriff and Tax Collector W. T. Cloyd, Tax Assessor J. H. Thompson, Treasurer J. L. Burleson and Surveyor T. H. Seay; Commissioners were J. M. Campbell, W. J. Whitworth, E. A. Foster and T. N. Dodson; Justices of the Peace were the same; and constables were Will Edwards, A. Tibbets, J. S. Thomas and W. L. Lyons.

Nora Cunningham, the former Nora Clifton, was born in Young County, and came to Motley Co. in January of 1891.



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DUTCHMAN CREEK pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams with six of the thirteen children born to them. Mrs. Williams (Sarah Elliott before her marriage) is holding Hattie (Mrs. E. F. Springer, now of Boerne, Tex.) Standing are Mamie (Mrs. Mary E. Martin of San Antonio) and Walker (now deceased) Others are Ethel (Mrs. F. A. Bird of Midland), and at front, left, Oscar, and Arthur (Whack) both deceased. At the time of their respective deaths, Mr. Williams, December 26, 1939 and Mrs. Williams, June 13, 1953, nine of their children were surviving, including six daughters and three sons. The three sons then living were Arthur, Walker and Elliott. The daughters are Mesdames Martin, Bird and Springer; Mrs. Edith Sanders, Lubbock, Mrs. Ed Bishop, Dalhart, and Mrs. Tom Harris, San Antonio. (Photo courtesy R. C. Elliott Sr.)

Childress. Their son, Sam and his family moved to Oklahoma. R. C. Elliott met Miss Alta Timmons of Northfield, and they were later married at Northfield and lived there for a number of years before moving to Childress. They have twin sons, J. D. and R. C. Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. James Shippey of Corpus Christi.

Harrison Williams later moved to Matador and formed a partnership with Jeff Morris to purchase Matador Hardware & Furniture Company, from J. W. Smith in 1904. Mr. Williams later purchased his partner's interest in the business and continued to operate it until 1925, when he retired.



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, an early day cowboy on the Matador Ranch, is retired and still lives in Matador. (courtesy Chris Damron)

cities now selling 3.2 beer will be affected by the ruling. Two opinions of Judge S. H. German of the commission of appeals held that "local option within a county as a whole cannot be repealed by a piecemeal, adding a smaller unit could not control a larger one and nullify the constitution as to all large subdivisions."

Two Cases Tried One of the cases arose from Childress county and the other from Walker county. In the first the city of Childress voted to permit the sale of 3.2 beer after it was outlawed into county-wide elections. County Judge L. L. King refused J. T. Walling a license and he sought a mandamus to compel its issuance. Judge German held the city election void. Frank Knerick was refused a license to sell beer in Justice Precinct No. 4 in Walker county after an election in which the county voted dry but the precinct voted wet. The Galveston court of civil appeals held in favor of Knerick but the Supreme court upheld the county judge. It is an opinion over the Panhandle that the new ruling will affect every precinct voted wet within a dry county, which is now selling beer.

Mack King came with his family to this section in 1895. BEER SALE HERE TO END TONIGHT Matador Tribune Dec. 12, 1935 The sale of 3.2 beer will end in Matador tonight according to notice delivered dealers by County Attorney John Hamilton Monday. The sale of beer in dry counties becomes unlawful because of a decision of the Supreme Court of Texas on November 27th, when it was declared that although a precinct holds an election which favors the sale of beer, it remains unlawful if the county in which the precinct is located is dry. Tom King, manager of the Texan Cafe, declared that he would discontinue the sale of beer in accordance with notice, at closing time tonight.

"DR." NEWMAN TREATED SICK AT WHITEFLAT One of the oldest settlers at Whiteflat was A. B. Newman, who came there with his wife, the former Sara Campbell, in 1890. He was affectionally known as "Dr." Newman because he gave of his skill and medicine kit all that was possible to the early community. Mr. Newman's deeds of kindness and sacrifice are as much a part of the history of Whiteflat as was the founding. He died in 1934.

### D. E. ELLIOTT AND HARRISON WILLIAMS AMONG FIRST TO FILE ON DUTCHMAN

Among the early settlers to file on land in Motley County were D. E. (Dock) Elliott and his son-in-law, Harrison Williams. Coming from Wilbarger County to this area in 1891, they filed on a section of land on Dutchman Creek, east of the present town of Roaring Springs. The Elliott family consisted of the parents, four sons, Sam, Will and Tom, all now deceased, and R. C. (Bob) Elliott, now living in Childress; and four daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Williams, now deceased), Mollie (deceased), Lydia (Mrs. Lydia Street now living in Childress), and Martha (Mrs. Martha Edwards of Sacramento, Calif.). Several other families made the trek with the Elliotts, who left Mills County in 1887. Before reaching Motley County they lived for a short while in Wichita Falls, Vernon, and Seymour. Several hundred head of cattle were driven to the new location. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott eventually left Motley County and lived for a time in Cottle County in the Fairview Community west of Paducah. Later, they lived in Amarillo, and for a time in New Mexico, and finally settled in

BEER'S DEATH SEEN AS COURT MAKES RULING Supreme Bench Declares Wet Precincts in Dry Counties To Be Illegal Matador Tribune Dec. 5, 1935 The dust of prohibition threatens to roll back into the Panhandle of Texas through a Supreme Court ruling made last Wednesday, declaring that wet precincts will not be permitted in dry counties. Many west Texas

# CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES Motley County 75 Years of Progress



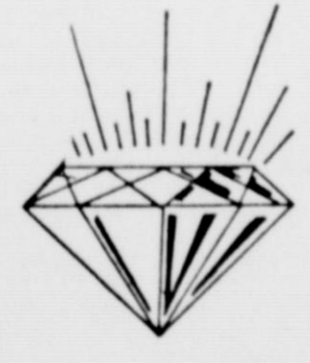
MAIL SERVICE IN 1910— Charlie Hampten stands beside his daily mail hack between Paducah and Matador. Standing by the door is Mrs. Henry Campbell, who was postmistress here for a quarter of a century. Next to her is a granddaughter, Erin Campbell. The above building was on Main Street in the approximate location of Spot Cash Grocery. Matador post office was first located at the Matador Ranch headquarters and in Mrs. Campbell's name, but operated by Mack Campbell, brother to Henry Campbell. In 1891, when Matador was organized, the office was moved here, and Mrs. Campbell began operating it herself, continuing until 1912. Photograph and information courtesy of Harry H. Campbell for Tribune issue of Aug. 22, 1940.

### PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER FIFTEEN ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1966. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33 proposing an Amendment to Section 6, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, to authorize state participation in programs financed with funds from private or federal sources and conducted by local level or other private, nonsectarian associations, groups, and nonprofit organizations for establishing and equipping facilities for assisting the blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped in becoming gainfully employed, for their rehabilitation or restoration, or for providing other services essential for the better care and treatment of the handicapped. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 6, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 6. (a) No appropriation for private or individual purposes shall be made, unless authorized by this Constitution. A regular statement, under oath, and an account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published annually, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law. (b) State agencies charged with the responsibility of providing services to those who are blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped may accept money from private or federal sources, designated by the private or federal source as money to be used in and establishing and equipping facilities for assisting those who are blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped in becoming gainfully employed, in rehabilitating and restoring the handi-

capitated, and in providing other services determined by the state agency to be essential for the better care and treatment of the handicapped. Money accepted under this subsection is state money. State agencies may spend money accepted under this subsection, and no other monies, for specific programs and projects to be conducted by local level or other private, nonsectarian associations, groups, and nonprofit organizations, in establishing and equipping facilities, for assisting those who are blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped in becoming gainfully employed, in rehabilitating and restoring the handicapped, and in providing other services determined by the state agency to be essential for the better care or treatment of the handicapped. The state agencies may deposit money accepted under this subsection either in the state treasury or in other secure depositories. The money may not be expended for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was given. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the state agencies may expend money accepted under this subsection without the necessity of an appropriation, unless the Legislature, by law, requires that the money be expended only on appropriations. The Legislature may prohibit state agencies from accepting money under this subsection or may regulate the amount of money accepted, and expenditure of the money is administered, and the purposes for which the state agencies may expend the money. Money accepted under this subsection for a purpose prohibited by the Legislature shall be returned to the entity that gave the money. This subsection does not prohibit state agencies au-

thorized to render services to the handicapped from contracting with privately-owned or local facilities for necessary and essential services, subject to such conditions, standards, and procedures as may be prescribed by law." Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing assistance to the blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped, in the form of grants of public funds obtained from private or federal sources only, to local level or other private, nonsectarian associations, groups, and nonprofit organizations for establishing and equipping facilities to assist the handicapped in becoming gainfully employed, for their rehabilitation or restoration, or for providing other services essential for the better care and treatment of the handicapped." "AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing assistance to the blind, crippled, or otherwise physically or mentally handicapped, in the form of grants of public funds, obtained from private or federal sources only, to local level or other private, nonsectarian associations, groups, and nonprofit organizations for establishing and equipping facilities to assist the handicapped in becoming gainfully employed, for their rehabilitation or restoration, or for providing other services essential for the better care and treatment of the handicapped." Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.



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THREE PIONEER FAMILIES pose with the old Matley County courthouse in the background. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ford are in center of the picture, which includes their children, and the Hyatt and Beauchamp families. Standing in back row, from left are Tom Hyatt, C. H. Harper, Sam Ford, Jim Ford, Walter Ford and A. D. Beauchamp; second row: Mrs. Tom Hyatt (Emma Wyatt), Mrs. C. H. Harper (Dollie Ford), Mr. and Mrs.

H. N. Ford, Mrs. Ada Ford (Ada Randolph) and son, Jewel, Price Beauchamp and Mrs. A. D. Beauchamp, (Victoria Kennedy); Front row: Elmer (standing) and Carroll Hyatt, Alma and Bob Harper, Jonathan Lancaster, Mrs. Jonathan Lancaster (Ola Ford), Henry Ford, Seth Beauchamp and Nellie Beauchamp. The Ford family came to Motley County in 1897 from Jack County. (Courtesy Mrs. Henry Ford)



THE I. E. (VAN) MARTIN family. Mr. and Mrs. Martin moved to this county in 1891 and were among the first settlers in the Flomot community. He died in 1920, preceding his wife by a number of years. In the above photo they are: Back row, Missie, (Hines), Avie, Claud; Middle row: Ned, Mrs. Harriet Martin, Curt, Van, Dub, Mrs. Van Martin (with Bob on his mother's lap); Front: Josie and Onie (Mrs. J. C. Burlison). Another child born later, was Katie (James). Still living here are Curt, Bob, Mrs. Burlison and Mrs. James. (Courtesy Bob Martin)



MR. AND MRS. J. L. BURLISON

EARLY COUNTY TREASURER - Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burlison and their six small children, and Mrs. Burlison's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Anderson, moved here from Comanche County in August 1891, making the overland trip in a covered wagon and driving their cattle and horses ahead. The brothers-in-law engaged in a mercantile business. Mr.



MR. AND MRS. LEE ANDERSON

Burlison was elected County Treasurer in 1894 and was a school trustee. The Burlisons and Andersons were charter members of the First Baptist Church. The Burlison children were the late Velma Burlison Moore, John Burlison and Roy Burlison, Mrs. Margaret Newman now of Dallas, Mrs. Will Graham, Midlothian, and Doc Burlison, Wichita Falls. (Courtesy Mrs. Farris Fish)



MR. AND MRS. JEFF MORRISS and family. Standing left to right, Bess, (Williams), Beatrix, (Watson), and Mildred, (Walker) and standing center front, Malcolm. Later children were Carl, Harry and Nancy. Mr. and Mrs. Morriss came to Motley County in 1892. Their marriage in 1889 was the first in King County. She was the former Nannia Gibson. Mr. Morriss preceded his wife in death in 1937. (Courtesy Mrs. Clifford Martin)



IF you have wondered about the homes in which the pioneers lived, the above photo is a typical example. This photograph was made about 1885 and shows the Preston Drace dugout on Turtle Hole Creek, about 24 miles northeast of Matador.

Reading from left to right are: Alec Smith (note gun on belt) Preston Drace, Will and Adam Drace, Mrs. Preston Drace, Walter A. Walton, an unidentified man and Joe Beckham. —Photo courtesy Harry H. Campbell



MOTLEY COUNTY Commissioners Court at lunch following a recent meeting. From left they are H. L. Smith, Precinct 4, Roaring Springs; Clyde Gilbert, Precinct 1, Matador, Judge Elbert Reeves, Reece Timmons, Precinct 3, Northfield, Malcolm Turner, Precinct 2, Flomot.







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MR. AND MRS. RONNIE DAVIS (KAREN WILLIAMS)

Miss Karen Williams Becomes Bride Of Ronald L. Davis in Home Rites

Miss Karen Kay Williams and Ronald Lynn Davis exchanged wedding vows Saturday, August 20, at 7:00 p. m. in the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Thacker of Roaring Springs.

Officiating was Dr. H. Clyde Smith, Methodist minister from Abilene and uncle of the bride. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams, 706 College, Comanche, former of Roaring Springs. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Roaring Springs.

Mrs. G. B. Thacker, grandfather of the bride, provided additional wedding music and accompanied Mrs. Max Thacker in the song "Oh, Promise Me" and "Whither Thou Goest".

The bride, given in marriage by her grandfather, G. B. Thacker, wore a formal floor length gown of white angel-skin peau de soie and lace fashioned with an empire look in redingote effect created by self folds in the skirt. Scalloped lace trimmed in sequins edged the detachable shoulder train. A crown of pearls and iridescent beads held her veil of illusion and she carried a bouquet of gardenias and stephanotis atop a white Boule.

**Decorate Nuptial Area**

White candelabra holding white tapers, flanked by green foliage and centered with a basket of white gladioli decorated the nuptial area.

Miss Linda Kay Parks served as maid of honor. She wore a floor length dress of mint green with an A-line skirt and an empire bodice. Her head-dress was a matching mint green butterfly bow and she carried a white gardenia attached to a long stem and tied with a green bow.

Serving as best man was Don Tardy of Canyon and candlelighters were Jamey and Jerry Williams, brothers of the bride.

**Reception Is Held**

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the home. The bride's table was laid with a white lace cloth over apricot and centered with her bouquet. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with the traditional bride and groom.

Presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. Roger Kinzry, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Boyd Long, cousin of the bridegroom.

Miss Williams graduated as salutatorian of her class this spring from Roaring Springs High School. She was chosen class favorite, football sweetheart and FFA sweetheart. During her senior year she was named Most Outstanding Girl and received the American Legion Citizenship award.

The bridegroom, a 1963 grad-

Pina Sue Sturdivant to Teach in Greece

BY KAREN ELLIOTT

When the TWA jets streak out of Lubbock on August 30, one of them will be carrying a 28-year-old Matador miss 8,000 miles across the ocean to ancient Thessaloniki, Greece. Pina Sue Sturdivant will be embarking on her fifth trip abroad in seven years when she boards the plane for New York City, Athens, and then Thessaloniki, a city of 400,000 sprawled on the shores of ancient and romantic Greece, once the most significant power in the Mediterranean.

Adjusting to life in Greece will be nothing unusual for Miss Sturdivant, who has toured four countries and 12 states since first traveling to Bogota, Colombia, in 1959.

Miss Sturdivant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sturdivant, is a 1956 graduate of Matador High School and received the B. A. degree with a double major in English and education and minors in Spanish and speech in 1959 from West Texas State University, Canyon.

Upon her graduation from WTSU, Miss Sturdivant fulfilled an innate yearning to explore and enjoy the culture and customs of foreign lands. She was one of eight young persons in the United States to win a teaching fellowship to Centro Colombo-Americano, leading university and cultural center of Colombia. She was the only southerner and Texan making the trip; the other seven teachers were all from New England.

**Teaches in Matador**

Tanned and smiling this native of Matador winged home and in September, 1960, accepted a position on the faculty of Matador High School as English and physical education teacher. A year later she accepted the post of Spanish teacher for five classes of freshmen and sophomores at Cuero High School, Cuero, as her last teaching job in the United States.

During the past seven years, this busy young woman has spent almost as many hours in front of the desk as behind it.

Following her year at Cuero, she was recipient of a National Defense Education Act scholarship to the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., where she studied Spanish for twelve weeks.

Following her courses at OU in 1962, she enrolled in the University of Texas, Austin, and two years later returned for the summer and completed work on a Masters degree with a major in English and a minor in Spanish.

Her three years as an English teacher for children of Gulf Oil employees began in the fall of 1963, after she left the University of Texas.

While in San Tome, Venezuela, Miss Sturdivant was privileged to visit Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world, discovered in 1935 by the late Jimmy Angel and accessible only by a boat trip up the Carrao river, winding through the jungles of Auyantepey or "Devil Mountain." On this exciting Christmas trip she and Dr. "Jungle" Rudy Truffino and Ochoa, an Indian helper, spotted and secured a new species of orchid. "The falls was magnificent beyond words," she declared. She spent another Christmas vacation touring Peru with stops in Ecuador and Colombia.

Miss Sturdivant trekked home in May of 1964 via Florida, the New York World's Fair, and Illinois. After a two-week stop over in Matador, she was off again - this time to Ruidoso, White Sands, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, San Francisco, Calif., and other points on the West coast for three weeks.

**Mixes Work and Play**

An expert at mixing work and play, Miss Sturdivant gathered information for her masters thesis on Indian lore while on a trip to Venezuela.

During the Water Carnival national celebration, she and

eight others escaped civilization and the fear of being drenched with ink, eggs, oil, flour, acid, and water and retreated to Salta Para on the Rio Caura. After a hair raising airplane ride, the group packed into a curiare (canoe) for the journey up river. They slept in chinchoros (hammocks) and dined on supplies brought with them and a tapir they had killed while floating down stream. "While we were in the curiare and at night the guide told us stories of the native Indians."

Miss Sturdivant's travels will not terminate in Thessaloniki. She is already mapping out weekend jaunts throughout the historic golden crescent to lands such as Turkey, Albania and Italy. From her vantage point in the center of the cradle of

Mrs. Willie is Named To TFWC Board

Mrs. U. L. Willie this week received word of her appointment as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

The appointment was made by Mrs. B. F. Seay of Seagraves, TFWC president.

GARNER-KEITH REUNION HELD

Miss Mary Keith and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Patton attended the annual reunion of the Garner-Keith relatives Sunday at Spur. Sixty-five relatives of the pioneer families of Motley and Dickens counties attended the reunion, held at Swenson Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff and daughters, Lou Anne and Lois Susannah spent last week in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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**WEEK-END SPECIALS**

Bacon	Wright's, 2 lb. Pkg.	\$1.76
Coffee	Maryland Club, LB.	79c
Big Dip	Foremost 1/2 Gallon	49c
Biscuits	Shurfresh 3 Cans For	25c
Cream Pies	Banquet Frozen, (Chocolate, Lemon or Coconut) EA.	29c
Fish Sticks	Keith's Frozen, 8 oz. Pkg.	25c
V.A. Sausage	Libby's, 4 oz Can	23c
Beef Stew	Libby's, 15 1/2 oz. Can	37c
Mazola Oil	Quart Bottle	65c
Grape Jam	Bama, Pure, 18 oz. Glass	29c
Peaches	Del Monte, In Heavy Syrup, 2 1/2 Can	26c
Tomatoes	Diamond, 303 Can	14c
Green Beans	Red Dart Cut, Blue Lake 303 Can	13c
Lemonade	Shurtine Frozen, 6 oz. Can	10c
Squash	Fresh Texas Yellow, LB.	7 1/2c
Tomatoes	Fresh Vine Ripes, LB.	19c
Toilet Tissue	Soffin, Asst. Colors, 4 Roll Pkg.	33c

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ADULTS ARE PUPILS

In Colombia the eight young people taught Spanish to adults desiring to improve their job status. "It was only a half teaching job and one had to work to eat," Miss Sturdivant recalls.

Her supplementary work ranged from phonetics to mathematics, second graders to college graduates and outdated elementary schools to the Universidad de Los Andes.

Her first extra job was a three-month stint as a second grade teacher, teaching a full slate of subjects at Escuela Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. With the arrival of December she assumed one of her more interesting assignments, teaching a special two-week course at Universidad Javierana for native teachers of English in the class were 50 Roman Catholic nuns and priests.

"In Colombia most all of the schools are private and since the majority of the population is Roman Catholic, most of the schools are taught by nuns and priests," she explained. Stepping into Universidad de Los Andes in January, 1960, she began teaching English to college students, some much older than



PACKED AND READY - Miss Pina Sue Sturdivant is packed and ready to board a plane for Thessaloniki, Greece, Aug. 30. Miss Sturdivant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sturdivant, will be making her fifth such departure when she leaves for a two year teaching stint in the historic golden crescent. Shown above she is wearing the national dress of the Colombian cowboy, a rusa (shawl or "poorman's overcoat"), sumaras, (chaps), and machete, and holding a cuatro, national instrument of the cowboy. She collected the articles and the basket in the picture on four trips to South America.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl accompanied friends, Mr. and Mrs. B. Castleberry of Slaton, to attend "Texas" in Palo Duro Amphitheatre, Saturday night.

Mrs. G. E. Hamilton returned this week from a 10-day visit with friends and relatives in Dallas, Ft. Worth, Alvarado and Cleburne.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neighbors this week end was his brother, Bill Neighbors of Riverton, Kansas, who was accompanied by his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neighbors, Debby and Billy of Winfield, Kansas. Mrs. Bill Myers and sons, Cody and Jeff of Clairmont also visited her parents here during the week end.

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J. D. SPRAY

### Early Sheriffs Came, Went In Short Order

It was no cinch being sheriff in the 90's. If a man wasn't thrown out of office, a jealous former sheriff might kill him, or he might resign for one reason or another.

In its 75 years the office has had eighteen sheriffs, an average of a little over four years for each man. However, Ed Russell held the office the longest, serving from 1910 until 1922.

Joe Beckham was elected as first sheriff in 1891. In 1892 he was re-elected, only to be removed from office in 1893. J. L. Moore was then appointed by the Commissioners Court to fill out the term, but later the District Judge declared the appointment illegal and selected Billy Moses, a dry goods merchant, to finish the term.

The same year G. W. Cook was elected sheriff and was later killed by Beckham. Frank Harper filled the dead man's shoes, and was succeeded by Bill Cloyd, elected in 1896. Cloyd served two terms, followed in 1900 by T. N. Carmack, who served one term.

Tom Hodges was elected in 1902 and re-elected for a second term later, but resigned in 1905.

H. R. Black who was appointed to finish out the term was elected to the office in 1906, and served two terms.

Then came Ed Russell, with his long record of service. He was succeeded by Claud Warren, who served from 1922 until 1928, three terms. In 1928 Sterling Price was elected and served his two terms, he was followed by Ed Skinner, who served from 1932 until 1936, when L. A. Carlisle won the office and served until 1940.

H. H. (Cy) Courtney succeeded Carlisle in office in 1940 and held the post until 1946.

Courtney did not run for office again and Deputy John Stotts announced Stotts was elected and served for ten years, holding the office the second longest period of years in the history of the county.

In 1956 Jinks Wilson, who had served as deputy under Stotts, ran for office when Stotts did not announce for re-election. He was elected and after holding office for eight years, did not run again. He was succeeded by the present Sheriff J. D. Spray in 1964.



MRS. VELMA FULFER

### County Treasurer Number Seventeen

Mrs. Velma Fulfer, serving as Matador County treasurer for 17 years, since 1949, is the 17th person to hold the office.

since J. I. Briscoe was first elected in 1891.

Briscoe resigned the office on July 20 however, and Lee S. Smith was appointed to fill the office which he kept until 1894, when James Mooney was elected.

J. L. Burleson was elected to office in 1896 and was succeeded in 1904 by R. P. Moore.

Others who have held this office include: Jesse H. Hodges, 1908-1912; S. D. Horne, 1912-1916; J. H. Hodges, 1916-1918; Mrs. Georgia Kindell, 1918-1923; Mrs. Lizzie Clements, 1923-27; Lois Smart, 1927-29; Mrs. John Smith, 1929-1937; Mrs. Metta E. Sanders, 1937-1941; Louis Cook, 1941-45; Mrs. Moddie Cox, 1945-47; Mrs. Gertrude Smith, 1947-49.

### NORTHFIELD NEWS

by Mrs. Homer Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dobbins made a business trip to Matador Friday, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris.

Guy Ashford of Turkey visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dobbins, Wednesday.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas were her cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Duncan of Carlsbad, N. M. Also at home was Miss Jerry Thomas of Odessa. Minister Charles Landley of Abilene was a guest in the Thomas home Sunday.

Mesdames Allan Thomas and Bessie Thomas made a business trip to Lubbock, Thursday.

Johnny Thomas, John Thomas and Mark Timmons were in Amarillo Sunday attending the drag races.

Those attending the wedding of Miss Faye Lynn Cook and Darrell Wayne Burrows of Childress Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas, Mrs. Bessie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook, Mrs. Pete Timmons, Mrs. Claud McDonald and Mrs. Dorothy Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Timmons and family spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. John Aaron of Vinson, Okla.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simpson were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simpson Jr., and Cody of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson and Tanya returned home Wednesday from a vacation trip to California which included a visit to Disneyland, and in Yuba City with his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Bourland, then to Babbitt, Nevada, to visit Mrs. Simpson's brother and family, Sgt. and Mrs. Lesley Davis.

Mr. Ben Simpson, pioneer resident of the community, is a patient in Childress General Hospital.

### FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party for Bill Winkler of Estelline was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas, Mrs. Bessie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cruse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Hays, Mesdames Bill Bethany, A. B. Simpson, Jim Dobbins, Claud McDonald and Dorothy Jameson and boys, and Aubrey Duncan of Carlsbad, N. M.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reece Timmons and children were in Vinson, Okla., Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. John Aaron and attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Lyda Myrl Aaron.

Mrs. Nannie Crump of Estelline visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Timmons last week. Also guests in the Timmons' home Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Phil Tudor of Platview.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Hays and son, Vaden accompanied by another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays and Janis of Concord, Calif., visited their daughter and sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright and children of Abilene Tuesday. They also visited in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Delmont Hays' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bain and a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ring, Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays and daughter left Sunday for their home in Calif.

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ROARING SPRINGS has always been a favorite picnic spot, as shown by this picture, made approximately 55 years ago. From left, first man is unknown. Others are Jim Cloyd, Cora Phipps Mitchell, Edith Phipps, Mrs. Sally Phipps and members of the Clifton family. The scene was made years before the swimming pool was built. (courtesy Mrs. J. M. Thacker)

**Roaring Springs NEWS**

**Mr. Billy Hand**  
 and Mrs. E. M. Goolsby family of Guthrie, Okla. Mrs. Gerald Timms of Ho-Okla. visited Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, James and Johnny week.  
 and Mrs. Doyce Worsham children Jimmie and Janie Whitwright visited Mr. and Wesley Burt last week.  
 J. N. Fletcher, her father, Sam, and Mrs. George Camp shopped in Lubbock, Tuesday and returned by

Slaton to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim and to accompany Becky Swim home.  
 Tom Swim and daughter, Miss L. U. La Swim, accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Stevens and Eleanor visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swim in Vernon last Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cooper accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. Mattie Barton, 89, of Morton, and Mrs. Emma McGee, 80, from Fort Collins, Colo., attended the Cooper family reunion in Hillsboro, August 13. Approximately 50 relatives and friends attended.  
 Visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mullins,

Marla and Debbie, Landa Ramey, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, Stoney and Lester, all of Lubbock, and Mona Odell of Amarillo. Stoney and Leslie are visiting their grandparents this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Lawrence and Mike of Uless visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Green and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawrence, of Matarador last week end.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hull, Sharon, Laura and Penny, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner and Debbie of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hull, Mike and Pat recently.  
 Tom Swim returned on Wednesday from Norwalk, Calif.

where he had been visiting. He was accompanied home by his granddaughter, Becky Swim, who is visiting relatives here.  
 Mrs. Bonnie Spann and Vicki of Kingfisher, Okla., visited her father, Walter Craft, recently.  
 Miss Judy Payne has returned home after having surgery in the Crosbyton Hospital. She is reported doing well.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stafford of Dallas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Stafford, this week end.  
 Mrs. Melton Thacker and Mrs. Buzz Thacker and sons, Johnny and Jeff visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lowrance, Randy and Danny, in Amarillo last Monday. Johnny and Jeff stayed to visit

their aunt and family this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bailey and Melisa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geary Blasingame, Teary and Tony, and with Brenda Bailey last week end. Teary accompanied them home for a few days.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lefevre of Baytown, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lefevre, Collene, Debbie, and Roger from Calif. visited Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Lefevre and Mrs.

O. A. Lefevre recently.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer, James and Johnny visited in Odessa, Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Goolsby.  
 Miss Mae Rainbolt and Harvey Vanlin of Vicennes, Indiana, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rainbolt, Wednesday afternoon and they made a business trip to Canyon. Miss Rainbolt has been attending medical school

at Great Southwestern Hospital in Grand Prairie, where she was valedictorian in a class of 27 nurses.  
 Kenneth Ashley, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashley, left Friday for California, and from there will go to Viet Nam. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley took their son to Wichita Falls, and from there visited in Oklahoma.

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**CLEARING THE GROUND TO BUILD A CITY**— This photograph was made in 1913, and shows the group of men who cleared the townsite of Roaring Springs. Men known in photograph, are, from left to right: (1) Crawford Snow, (2) Jim Cloyd, (3) Walter Carpenter, (4) Jim Swaringen, (5) Dalton Johnston, (6) unknown, (7) Nelson Pender, (8) unknown, (9) unknown, (10) unknown, (11) J. N. Plumlee, (12) Oscar Callaway, (13) Ketchum. —Photo courtesy Brooks Callaway

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