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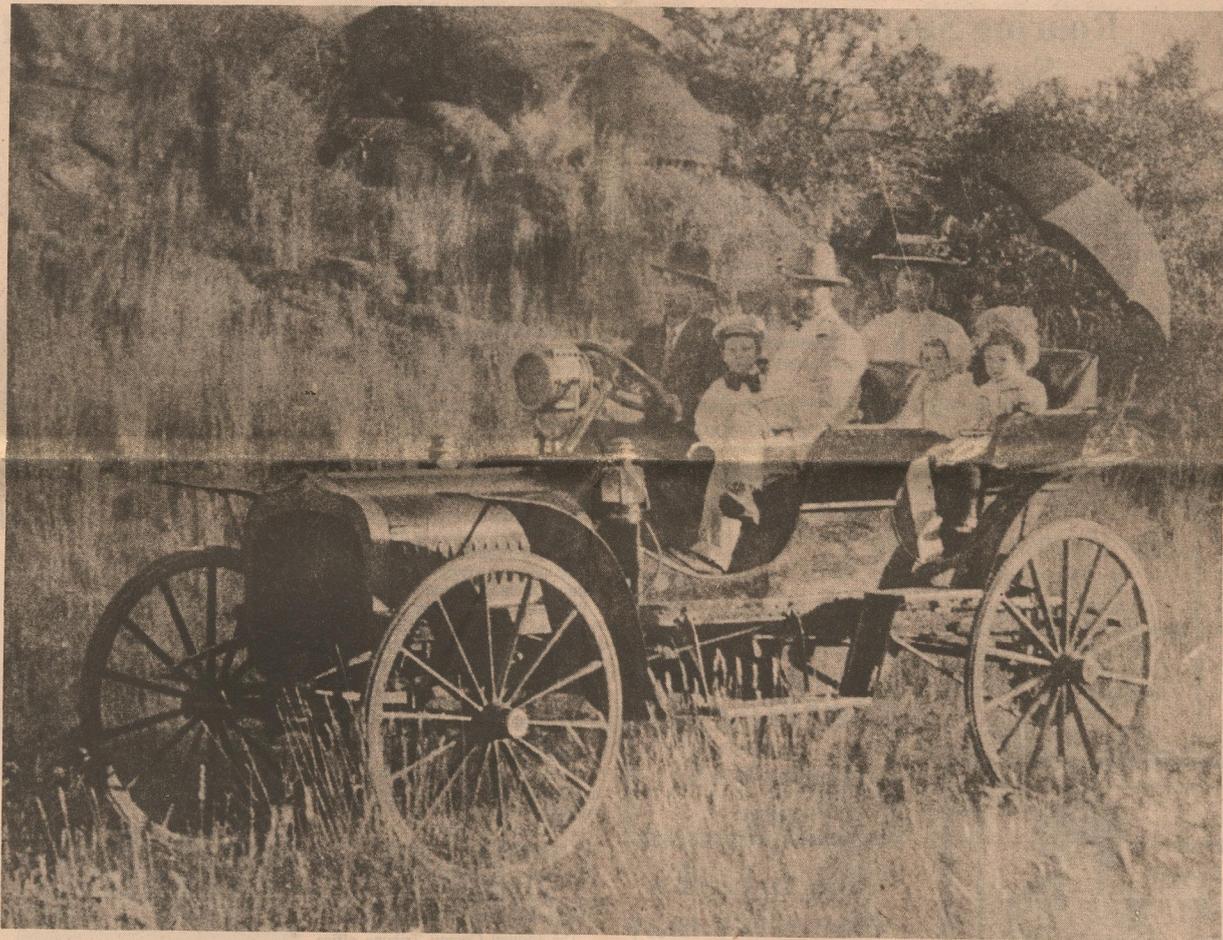
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Welcome Home



Mr. Jack Luckett and son, Hugh, and Mr. Luckett's chauffeur in front seat; Mrs. Luckett and daughters, Julia and Marie are in the back.

69th Annual
Motley - Dickens
Old Settlers Reunion

Home On The Range

NOTE: This article was taken from a newspaper from North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Wednesday, April 12, 1972. It was submitted by Opal Bradford, a sister to Tom and Rang Thornton.

Is Saskatchewan going to again become noted for its large cattle ranches? Sometimes this might be the case as the beef industry grows in importance. But whether it does or not, stories of former ranching days remain a colorful part of our history — and of all the ranches that ever existed in Saskatchewan, the Matador was perhaps the most well known. Because a well known local resident, Larry Lefler spent several years as one of the Matador hands, it is doubly interesting to hear tales of that particular ranch.

We'll begin at the end — because this is perhaps the best way to introduce the Matador to those who are unfamiliar with it.

The Matador was the largest of Saskatchewan ranches and its final round-up in 1921 saw some 3,400 head of cattle driven to market. The Matador in Saskatchewan consisted of near 14,000 acres of land at a point east of Saskatchewan Landing and north of the South Saskatchewan River, but the Saskatchewan ranch was just one of the many owned by the Matador Land and Cattle Company which was noted for its ranches in both North and South America. The Matador was owned by Scottish capital in Dundee, Scotland, and business was conducted through a number of offices, one of which was in Trinidad, Colorado — and it was from this office the hands at the Saskatchewan ranch were paid.

In the early days of the ranch, the cattle were rounded up twice a year, once in the fall, to be shipped to Chicago and Great Britain where they were eagerly snapped up by buyers from Chicago and Great Britain who were willing to pay high prices for those top grade steers. Again in the Spring, yearlings and two-year-olds would be driven north from Texas to replace the 2,000 odd head which had been shipped the previous fall.

Crossing the river was always dangerous and it took the best of the cowboys, herding the animals with the greatest of care to get them all safely across. Old hands tell how Pete and Isadore La Plante, two giants of men, stationed on either side of the river with boats, were able to keep the strays in line. For this work they were usually given a beef animal to take home for their families.

After the CNR line went through Elrose, the Matador shipped their cattle east from Wiseton and great was the excitement among children and adults alike, when news came that the Matador had started to drive north and would soon be shipping out.

About his time little towns had sprung up along the new railroad line and for sure, sometime through the summer, there would be a rodeo down south in the hills when the ranch hand would put on quite a show for the folks from miles around. Whole families would pile into the old Model T's or Chevy's, pack a huge picnic lunch, which generally included generous bowls of fried chicken, sometimes even a freezer of homemade ice cream, and make a day of it. Many of the young folk made a night of it too as they danced the hours away while a local group provided music in one of the local school houses. The cowboys inevitably turned up in their high-heeled boots, 10 gallon hats and fancy shirts to lend an atmosphere of excitement to the affair.

In the early days of the Matador, there were not many place names so the cowboys gave their own names to the more prominent physical features of the ranch. There was Antelope Butte, Pike's Peak, Lookout Butte, Skunk Creek and Haystack Butte, all fairly significant. It is said that from Lookout Butte a cowboy could scan the country for 40 miles, readily spotting cattle and what was going on among the herd.

The cowboys took great pride in their

work — and on special days when they drifted into town, they took pride in their appearance, getting togged out in their finest shirts, handmade boots, often finely decorated saddles and of course, the inevitable 10 gallon hat. You can be sure their appearance on the main streets of Maple Creek and Swift Current did not go unnoticed.

The Matador's first ranch manager was David Sommerville but he was later sent to the company's holdings in Brazil. He was succeeded by J.R. "Legs" Lair, one of the most famed of Canadian Cattlemen. Even the children of Wiseton used to speak of "Legs" Lair with respect and think of him as something of a hero.

Lair was six feet, six inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds and his men said he was as gentle as a mother with animals of any sort. His favorite pony was named "Snooks" and he had a couple of wolf hounds which were never allowed near the cattle for fear of spooking them and starting a stampede.

The Matador had very few stampedes, perhaps because the hands were trained to guard against the striking of matches in the night, loud voices and so forth. But they say that on one occasion a stampede was started and before it was brought under control, 800 animals had been crushed or pounded to death.

The cowboys were holding some 3,500 head of cattle on a large meadow for dipping. The animals were bedded down for the night when a Model T came barreling down the hay road, when the headlights hit the herd they were up and away before anyone knew what happened.

At the camp some half-mile away, one of the boys woke up and said a storm was coming as he could hear thunder. Tom Thornton, who had been through stampedes before, recognized it as the thunder of thousands of hooves. Each of the riders had a night horse taken out and hit their saddles pronto. Fortunately for those cowboys the herd ran in the opposite direction.

For some reason the cattle never scattered and all were safely rounded up the following day just two or three miles from their night camp.

Stampedes were not the only danger faced by cattlemen, equally frightening were blizzards on a prairie trail drive. Larry Lefler, a former hand of the Matadors, recalled a couple of dandies. The first one occurred around the 10th of October in 1919. The crew had found mangle in the herd at round-up time, so after dipping them, the animals were held for a time to make sure there was no sign of the scourge left. This meant a slightly later shipping date than usual.

The Matador hands had driven in the herd some 60 miles in fine weather and it looked as though they'd make Wiseton (their shipping point) in fine style. They made camp about five miles from Wiseton the night of October 9, the weather was good so they didn't peg down their tents. About midnight a howling blizzard struck. Larry woke up about 4 a.m. to find the beds all covered with snow, even the cook stove was full — and the cowboys had nothing but their summer clothes.

Somehow the cook managed to prepare a pot of oatmeal porridge which the cowboys ate with syrup instead of milk and sugar (two commodities they never had much of), coffee and sour dough, which they shivered through as winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour chilled them to the bone.

The cowboys were about half way back to the ranch when another blizzard struck, and it was one of the worst. The boys had to pitch tent for the night. Larry was jangling the saddle stock, about 150 head — Tom Thornton told him there was a fence about half a mile to the south where he could put the horses. By that time it was storming so bad one could only see about 20 feet and after riding in every direction in an attempt to keep the saddle stock headed south, Larry finally realized he was lost. He left the saddle

stock and tried to find the tent and after riding some time he could smell coffee. By riding back and forth so he could keep the smell of coffee he finally made it to the tent which seemed like a palace to come into out of that storm.

Some of the men on that cattle drive as Larry recalls were Archie Hawes, Pete Funk, Hood Bicklem, Tom Smith, Ed Payne and Ed Macklomar.

Tom Thornton was foreman of the Matador ranch in Southern Saskatchewan at the time the company sold out in 1921. Larry Lefler who also worked for the Matador at that time, never saw his good friend again until a recent trip to Texas to see Hughie Long, better known as The Prongia Kid.

Hughie knew Tom lived in Matador so he took Larry down there to see him. Tom took a long look at Larry and said, "You wouldn't be Slim from Canada, would you?" After almost 50 years of separation the two had a lot of reminiscing to do and one of Larry's most prized possessions today is a pair of silver mounted spurs made in Kelly's Blacksmith Shop in Dalhousie, Texas, and given to him by Tom Thornton.

TRAGEDY ON THE MATADOR

Each winter the Matador hands were kept busy working the range for animals that were getting poor and on the weak side. These were brought into feed pens or hospital pens. This was by far the toughest job. The cattle had to be brought in about 10 miles or more, depending on where they were found in the pasture. Often the snow was very deep and sometimes they'd be caught in a blizzard. The cattle, being weak to start with, had to be driven slowly and when they'd play out and lie down, had to be tailed-up. Many a night it was nine or 10 o'clock before the crew made it back to camp.

Having had no dinner during the day, their breakfast of pancakes and porridge seemed a long way off and a big thick steak for supper sure hit the spot. As Larry Lefler puts it — "There were no coffee breaks on the bald prairie."

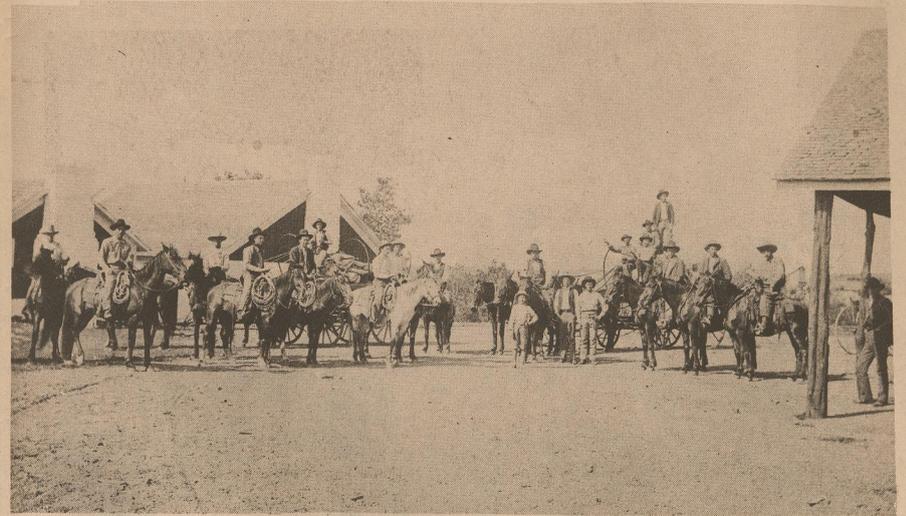
The boys on hay haul were down in deep breaks out of the wind and the hay stacks were close to the feed pens. They just let the horses make a large circle in the feed pens while they forked the hay off in wind rows. Mr. Lefler recalls that Archie Hutcheson was one of those hay haulers.

A hand by the name of Smith was hauling hay at headquarters. He had about 12 or 15 miles to haul with a four horse team and rack that could haul about two ton to a load. One night he never showed up and when it got pretty late, Tom Thornton rode out to see what had happened. He found the poor chap under

the rack with his feet well frozen up in the floor of the rack. Tom lifted one corner of the rack on his knees and managed to pull Smith out but he died a few minutes later. The pole team were down and cut to pieces by the sharp shod leaders. The cowboys were a close lot and a tragedy such as that really shook them.

That winter was one of the coldest in history and lots of snow, it never let up until May and you can bet everyone on the Matador welcomed spring. But you know, Larry Lefler claims that he never heard the men complain no matter how tough times got. As he put it, "Everyone did their work to the very best of their ability, summer or winter, no matter how tough things got. Now-a-days everyone wants short hours, big pay, coffee breaks and air-conditioning, and then there are those who never stop complaining."

There is one other thing we must note before we leave the Matador and that is the death of the man who was perhaps its best loved foreman. Tom Thornton passed away last year, not too long after Hughie Long took Larry to see him at his home in Matador, Texas. With his passing, Larry says, "I have lost one of my best friends. I hope we may meet again someday in the greatest Round-up of all."



COWBOYS AT MATADOR RANCH HEADQUARTERS, prior to 1906. First rider on left foreground is believed to be W.R. Cammack. Cecil Cammack Collection



Members of the Scot syndicate, owners of the Matador Ranch and some local men. Hazel Donovan photo

Old Settlers Days

As one of West Texas' pioneer institutions, we offer our tribute to the Old Settlers on the event of their 69th reunion. We are aware that the Old Settlers have kept the faith of this land, to make possible the vast progress that has been our heritage. It was their courage that drove their wagon into the new, unknown land. They brought their families and their possessions to establish the homesteads and ranches of our pioneer families. We ceased, we tender our gratitude. We are proud to have had a part in the development of the land which has justified the Old Settlers' faith; which has fulfilled their vision.

(The above wording was taken from a 1956 First State Bank Old Settlers ad. Only the year has been changed.)



FIRST STATE BANK

Matador, Texas

Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes. —Oscar Wilde

Old Settlers Days



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Matador, Texas

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Then use *Fungi Nail*® to prevent the nail fungus associated with artificial nails. Available at your pharmacy or have them contact Kramer Laboratories, 8778 S.W. 8 St., Miami, Fl. 33174



AFTERNOON TEA: Mrs. M.J. (Pauline) Reilly, wife of Matador Ranch manager, invited these ladies to headquarters for an afternoon tea. They are pictured left to right, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. C.D. (Daisy) Bird, Mrs. J.L. (Lou) Moore, Mrs. Albina (Grandmother) Burleson, Mrs. Joe (Virginia) Lambert, Mrs. M.L. (Matilda) Patton, Mrs. Molly Wason, Mrs. Ed (Parilee) Russell, Mrs. Harrison (Mahala) Williams, Mrs. W.W. (Patti) Moore, Mrs. Charley (Gertrude) Morris, Mrs. E.F. (Hatti) Springer, and Mrs. Douglas (Ollie) Pitts.

Trail Dust

by Douglas Meador

NOTE: Excerpts from the column, written 20 and 30 years ago.

Somewhere in the darkness of tonight, tomorrow is being developed. We may look at the negative only with the light of another day.

To be bored with oneself is to admit that associates pay dearly for the acquaintanceship.

Values are changing so rapidly that I am never quite certain whether I am gaining or losing ground. As a boy I used to pour large buckets of clabber to the hogs and now I am buying it back in small cartons labeled cottage cheese.

If you think the pressure of temptation will relax with age, just don't let it become convenient.

Light from a wind-swept moon floods the empty yard tonight and silence has sealed the lonely old house. Stored in a room familiar to my childhood is the massive stove which once warmed my stocking-clad feet on winter mornings. No burning mesquite has rested on its grate in many years and laughter followed the warmth through the portals of memory. The last mellow flame from a coal oil lamp has been extinguished; door knobs that knew the touch of my mother's hand are covered in cold dust.

Fathers of boys have known the advantage of seat belts long before they became an automobile safety feature.

God's constant miracle that remains unheard of, is protecting men and women from themselves.

Each life has its own cistern of secret tears, and a vault where hopeless longings are stored between layers of futility.

When we ship our dreams on a train of thoughts it is important to consign them to a destination close to an abundance of work.

Truth is the most convincing excuse our shortcomings can engineer; the most forceful alibi ever fostered by our transgressions.

Circumstances beyond our control are often the result of poor navigation while at the helm of our personal affairs.

Courage wears a noble cloak but some of the threads that hold the fabric were spun on the loom of desperation; sewn with clumsy fingers that could not feel

danger.

Elegance in a home is not always a symbol of contentment nor is it a warranty of happiness. The finer qualities of life are not affected by the size of rooms, the richness of draperies, nor copper plumbing. No builder can install tenderness, affection, devotion and a mother's song.

World of the pioneer was shut off with many unusual incidents which could have enhanced the interest of history. Soon after the settlers began to dig holes in the sides of hills and cover them for homes; plow the prairie sod and move the boundaries of civilization westward, they accepted each disaster as a challenge. One afternoon a pioneer housewife went to the half dugout chicken house and found a turkey hen off her nest on the earth ledge. In the nest was a giant bull snake swallowing the eggs. Each egg was still unbroken in the serpent's body. She called her husband who brought an ax. He began chopping the snake between the eggs. In a short time the eggs were recovered, washed and restored to the turkey hen.



Gus Bird and his dog, "Pooch"



LEONARD CROWELL - Flomot, undertaking supplies, coffins and caskets, October 19, 1922

Museum files



Mrs. Matt Walker's Art Class, 1909-1910. Among those pictured are Edith Jackson, Selbia Chalk, Virginia Walton, Mary Traweck, Mae Simpson, Dora Daffern and Mrs. Walker.

Photo courtesy of Hazel Donovan



Pioneers,

We salute you for the courage of your great hearts which led to the conquest of this mighty empire.....

We pay tribute to your vision; may we live to serve you and your principle.

We are proud to have you as our friends.



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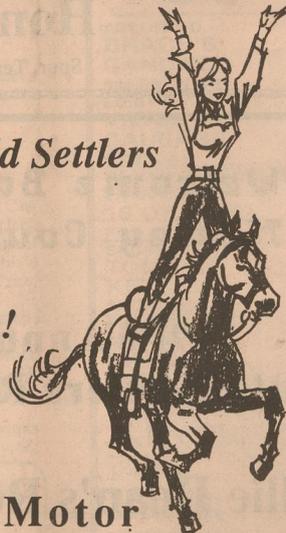
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Welcome Old Settlers

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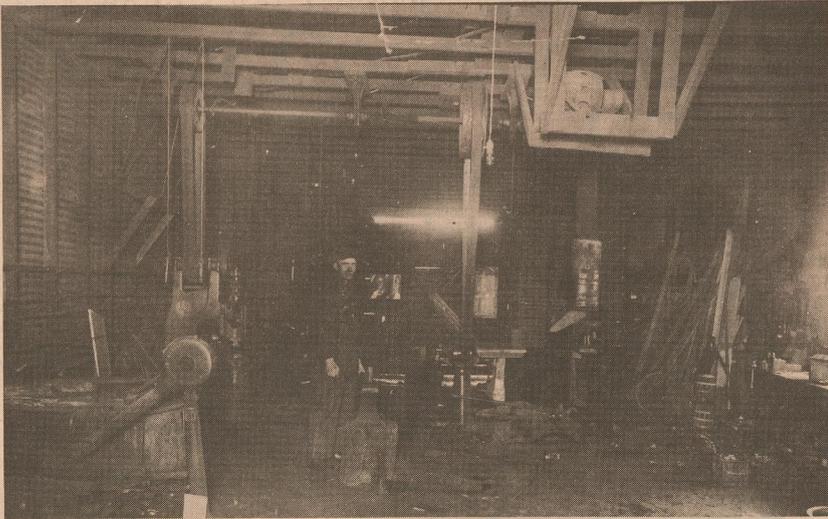


Welcome to Roaring Springs



Thacker Supply

ROARING SPRINGS



JOLLY MARLIN MURPHY CARPENTER in his Blacksmith Shop in Roaring Springs many years ago. Exact date picture was taken is not known. Mr. Carpenter operated the Blacksmith Shop in Roaring Springs, 1929-1965. When Mr. Carpenter went to work in the shop, the building belonged to Mr. Duran and the equipment belonged to Mr. E.B. Gober. He drove the school bus and worked part-time for Mr. Gober. When Mr. Gober died, he purchased the equipment and later moved it into his own building. He was very much in demand keeping the farmers equipment operating, shoeing horses, gins running, windmills pumping, autos repaired, county equipment in good condition and in his spare time he went from town to town installing trouble shooters in gins and grain elevators. Mr. Carpenter and his wife had nine children.

(Photo courtesy of Murtice Carpenter Denison)



PARADE IN ROARING SPRINGS, AUGUST 1939

(Photo from Tribune files)



Reader's Column

The Clown

This poem was written by Boyce Hart in 1962. He was a Rodeo Clown for 10 years.

Have you ever been to a rodeo?
They offer one, two, and sometimes three shows.
You can see cowgirls compete against the clock.
The cowboys match their skill against the stock.

The man in the baggy pants is known as the clown.
Just watch him close and he never frowns.
He thrills the crowd and gives them kicks,
Telling his jokes and doing his tricks.

He is a nice quiet talking guy.
When in a crowd he is a little shy.
To meet him on the street you would never know,
That tonight he will be the clown at the big rodeo.

You'll hear him tell more jokes and at the kids he'll wave,
But he is thinking of the bullriders he will have to save.
A bull weighs about a ton and is a mean critter.
And to him the whole world seems bitter.
He leaves the chute with killing on his mind,
Pitching and hooking whatever he can find.

The rider is safe until he hits the ground,
From then on he depends on the clown.
The rider hits the earth and the bull starts to hook,
What the clown does then is not in the book.
There is a lot of scrambling and the rider the bull never found.
All because of the fast footwork of the clown.

The rider will say thanks, that was sure close.
The clown will say, forget it, cause he never boasts.
The bull riding is over and that is all of the show
The clown will quietly slip away and to another rodeo.



Attending Early Day Old Settlers Reunion, held at the Roaring Springs falls, little girl is Clotelle Wylie Horn; (l-r) Pernie Lou Guthrie Middleton, Alton Wylie and Hazel Donovan.

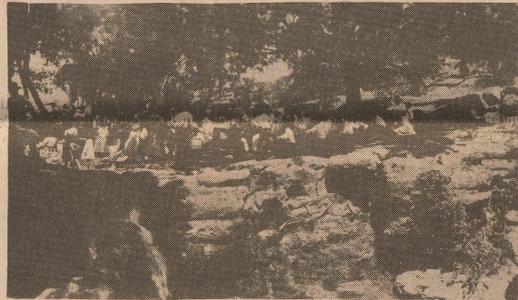
(Photo courtesy of Hazel Donovan)

Aided Publicity On Reunion



Much credit for the success of the annual reunion of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association at Roaring Springs Thursday and Friday, is accorded the above group who aided in publicity tours to the various communities in advance of the meeting. They are Ed D. Smith, Bud Alsop, Dude Mize, Riley Riggsby, Burl Alsop, Furman Vinson and Joe Berry Meador.

1930 Tribune files



Pioneers gathered for the First Annual Old Settlers Reunion in 1923.

(Photo courtesy of Hazel Donovan)

Pioneers Holding Annual Meet At Roaring Springs

NOTE: This article was taken from the August 22, 1935 issue of the Matorador Tribune.

TRAIL BLAZERS COMING FROM THE ENTIRE SECTION TO TWELFTH REUNION TODAY

Concluding a two day program starting yesterday at the Roaring Springs school grounds, the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association will hold their twelfth annual reunion today. The organization which started twelve years ago by Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. C.D. Bird has grown steadily each year until the arrangement committee last year was forced to secure more accommodations and moved the meeting from Roaring Springs to the Roaring Springs school grounds. The school gymnasium building affords shade seats and room to hold the old settlers program.

Organization Formed In 1923
Mrs. John Smith, now county treas-

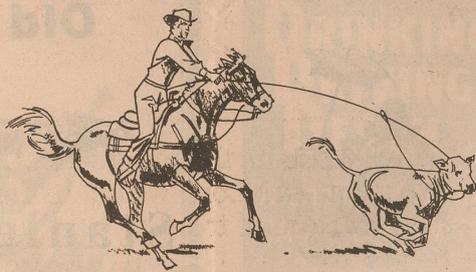
urer of Motley County, recalling the organization of the Motley - Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association, said, "Mrs. C.D. Bird and myself, in 1923, discussed the need for an organization of old timers in this section and decided to invite a number to a meeting. We purchased post cards and wrote to everyone we could remember, asking them to meet on a certain day at the Springs. We had a wonderful time at the first meeting and it was there that the permanent organization was set up. Mr. W.R. Tilson was elected as first president and I was elected as the first secretary. We decided to meet at the Springs on the fourth Thursday in each August for our annual reunion."

Many Are Expected To Attend

While the school grounds were crowded yesterday for the first day of the program, a greater crowd is expected today as the old settlers program will include a large part of the day's activities. Many former residents, some coming from long distances, are expected to swell the crowd.



Welcome Home



Campbell Funeral Home

Spur, Texas

Welcome Back To Motley County!

69th Annual Old Settlers Reunion

Billie Dean's Restaurant & Motel



IS THIS OUR JUDGE??.....Rodeo Clown Boyce Hart in 1962, doing his 'drunk' act during a Rodeo performance.

Welcome to the 69th annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion



Red Ball Gin

Roaring Springs



NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Weekend guests of Mrs. Leon Cloyd were Mr. and Mrs. Norris Cloyd of Tyler. Her grandson, Jason Cloyd of Memphis, who visited the weekend in Turkey with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Janice Stewart, is visiting her this week.

Those participating in the religious services at the Lockney Care Center Friday morning were Bro. and Mrs. J.E. Lee of Plainview, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque, Mrs. L.E. Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter. Mrs. Emma Thomas and Mrs. Bea Billberry of Lockney joined them for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Barclay of Lockney visited Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Cody and Ty.

John Hughes and Bengie Hughes of Lubbock visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Rickey.

Visitors during the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Speer of Seattle, Washington, John Speer of Floydada, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond, local residents. Raymond Speer recently retired as Rear Admiral of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, stationed in Seattle, Washington.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were Dr. David Martin of Floydada and his children, Lindsay and Cole Martin of Denton, Karen Turner of Leveland and Marilee Pilcher of Fritch.

Mrs. Leon Cloyd had lunch in Plainview, Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keller and daughter, Merideth.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers attended the annual Davidson-Parks-Hutchinson family reunion in Dumont, Saturday. Visiting them, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Deagan, Shay and Dane of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Merrell in Quitaque, Sunday afternoon.

Dustin and Shae Lynn Reed of Lubbock are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse visited in Lubbock, Thursday with Mrs. Pat Hughes and her houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pierce of Washington state.

Clois Shorter helped his brother and niece, Louis Shorter and Megan move from Phoenix, Arizona to Bedford this week. They visited in South Lake with their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter accompanied their daughter Christi to Lubbock Saturday where she moved into the dorm at Texas Tech University for the fall term.

Mrs. Sharon Babbard of Odessa visited Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Jeff Sperry.

Mrs. V.D. Tiffin returned home, Friday from Colorado Springs, Colorado after visiting the past two weeks with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donnell (Joyce) Jeffries.

Melvin Pope of Lubbock visited Monday night and Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. George Pope.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin were their grandchildren, Lori Martin, a student at Tarleton State Uni-

versity in Stephenville and Kirk Martin, a student at Texas University in El Paso. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary in Silvertown, August 15th. They and their children, Jackie and Tony returned home, Sunday night from a weeks vacation that included visiting in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey, in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp and in Wellington with Mrs. Edna Benton, Mrs. Teresa Austin, Mrs. Mike Martin and Debra Benton. Jackie accompanied by his Uncle Michael took his first airplane ride at Trade Winds Airport in Amarillo. Saturday night, they were guests at Mrs. Gladys Green in Wellington. Other guests were her sister, Mrs. Joelen Waggoner of Fort Worth and G.C. Baker, Tom and Sue Baker of Wellington.

Guests, Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGraw and children of Plainview, Joey Lee and Jason of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee and sons, local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Gilbert visited Tubb Merrell, Friday in Quitaque. He returned home from the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. after 44 days hospitalization following cardiac surgery.

Mrs. Doris Morris reports her brother, Odell Washington and family of Lakeland, Florida had to evacuate their home, Monday when hurricane Andrew hit the southeastern coast. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al (Wanda) Garrett of Burney, California were evacuated from their home because of the forest fires in northern California. They are both former Flomot residents.

Art Green visited in Matador, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams. He attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited from Monday through Sunday in Austin with daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Steve (Susan) Smith and Allison. Mr. Smith was on a business trip until Friday. They visited in Hockley, Wednesday with Mrs. Hunter's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shelton. Dr. Randy Hunter of Denton visited the families during the weekend. En route home, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter visited at Brownwood Lake with Mrs. Dan (Alla Gene) Kingston, former Flomot resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, Warren and Michael and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moon of Fritch during the weekend. They enjoyed fishing and camping at Lake Meredith.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson visited in Floydada, Thursday with Mrs. Mollie Burleson and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Echols of Lubbock.

Mrs. Gwen Reed and Tim Mandrell of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen. They accompanied home her children, Dustin and Shae Lynn who visited here the past two weeks.

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

OLD SETTLERS

Like Christmas it comes only once a year, And today Old Settlers opening day is here.

Lona Gaylor of Lubbock has been visiting this week with her son and grandson, Joe and Thomas Rice, helping get Thomas started in Kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen and sons, Jarod and Darrin Allen of Pampa spent Saturday night with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten.

Mrs. Mary Green Webb's many friends regret the rare blood disease which has curtailed her activities and hope sincerely that the series of treatments she is taking will effect a cure.

Mrs. Jennie Lou Murphy of Lubbock is Miss Freda Keahey's guest during Old Settlers.

Joyce Smith met Sunday at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel with three former college friends whom she had not seen since 1944. They were from Albuquerque and Houston.

Mrs. Leota Hinson of Lubbock, owner of a Security Guard Service in Lubbock was attending to business here Sunday

and while here visited the uncle of her late husband, Mancil Hinson, Brown Hinson and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McIlroy of Lubbock were guests of his mother the past weekend and attended Sunday morning services with her at the Church of Christ. Also visiting her during the weekend was her grandson and family, Daniel McIlroy of Hearst.

Mrs. Odessa Mullins attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration at the First Baptist Church in Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie McNutt and son, Ben, of Spade were Tuesday of last week visitors with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Dye.

Mrs. Amy McIlroy was in Lubbock Wednesday of this week for her annual medical checkup.

Rev. Floyd Bradley, Associational Director for South Plains, Staked Plains, Lamas Alps, and Caprock Association, was visiting speaker at morning and evening services at First Baptist Church Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Marshall during Old Settlers are Mrs. Ann Futrell and daughters, Tara, Kay, and Traci, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bannister of Plainview.

The descendants of J.C. and Mollie King had their Get-Together at the Senior Citizens Building here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Motley and Dickens Counties Exes Meet In California

by Rita Groves

Of interest to many Old Settlers of Dickens and Motley Counties, will be the recent meeting of descendants representing the five children of William Lockley Nichols, the father of Arthur B. Nichols, longtime resident of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Floyd (Velma Nichols) Rogers who raised her family in the Dry Lake Community of Dickens County. Velma's only living child, Wilma Rogers Leavitt of San Jose and Ben Lomond, was not present.

On a trip to California recently, Algie Groves and Rita Nichols Groves hosted a luncheon in Santa Cruz at the Miramont on the Pier for these Nichols descendants. Present were Mary (Mrs. Oddwin) Rogers and her daughter, Anita Louise, representing Velma's family. Emma Nichols Taylor, was represented by three daughters, Mrs. Howard Cherry of

Campbell, CA, Peg Taylor, of Los Gatos, and Mrs. Bertha Pendleton of Fresno. From Arthur's family was Rita Groves. From the third sister, Lizzie York's family were Agnes Daugherty of Santa Cruz and Marilyn York of San Lorenzo. Arthur's youngest sister, Kathryn Nichols

York, had only one child, a daughter, Evelyn Rhodes Holland, who came with one of her triplet sons from Fresno. The ages of the eight direct descendants total 639 years.

All are in good health, suffer some from arthritis and loss of hearing, maintain their own homes, and drive their own vehicles with the exception of two who never found it necessary to learn to negotiate the California freeways, being within easy walking distance of shopping and transportation. Five grandchildren were present, some who have grandchildren of their own. It was a great reunion.

Roaring Springs Sr. Citizens Report

by Eugenia Bethard

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The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met the first Thursday of this month, for their regular meeting. The song "The More We Get Together" was sung, Carl Barton gave the opening prayer, and blessing for the food. After dinner the

regular business meeting was held.

Mr. Carl Tardy was elected Senior Citizen of the Year. Plans for the Old Settlers were made, the meeting was closed with the reading of two poems, "Hugs" and "Strength of Heart", by Eugenia Bethard.

Our next meeting will be September 3, 1992.

Mary Clay Honored on 91st Birthday

Mrs. Mary Clay of Flomot was honored on her 91st birthday with a family luncheon in her home, Sunday, August 16. Her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey was the hostess of the special occasion. She was presented gifts, cards and her favorite coconut creamed layered cake.

Those attending and enjoying the delicious luncheon and happy birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hawkins and Pat Carson of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington, Wade, Daggett and Clay of Canadian; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Rockwall; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay and

Mrs. Sherry Gandy of Ringling, Oklahoma; Travis Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bynum and Mrs. Othel Bynum of Kress; Mrs. Gladys Steele of Silvertown; Bro. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleinbrink of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Tina and Julie, League Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay and Kelsey of Flomot.

Other guests during the afternoon were Bro. and Mrs. Steve Ulrey and children of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Bly Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Rickey and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin of Flomot.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A television mini-series is a soap opera that lost its suds! ***

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jack (Rosa) Spray is a patient in the Lockney General Hospital where she was admitted, Wednesday, August 19th. Her daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Stan of LaPlata, N.M. is with her during her hospitalization. Her son, Norman Spray of Bedford visited during the weekend. ***

Mrs. Mike Davis and daughter, Kristy of Fritch visited from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin. Visiting them Saturday was Mrs. Wilma Hare of Clovis, N.M. and visiting Sunday were Mrs. Ray Martin of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador. Mrs. Hare also visited during the weekend in Matador with her aunt, Mrs. Arrie Aulick and friends, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Risner of Wheeler visited Friday night and Saturday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs.

Stuart Dixon. Other guests Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser, Kobbi and Kaci of Matador.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Floydada, Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Bob Jameson. She continued to Post and visited until Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon.

Mrs. Morris Stephens attended to business in Spur and Dickens, Monday. She visited Mrs. Dovie Nichols of White River and Mrs. Janie Parker of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. E.D. (Rhea) Lawrence of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon celebrated the birthday of Rhea of Plainview, Saturday night.

EYE SURGERY

Mrs. Martha Jo Shacklett accompanied her mother, Mrs. Vesta Cooper to Lubbock, Thursday, August 20 for Mrs. Cooper cataract eye surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. They visited overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cooper and returned home, Friday. They were in Lubbock, Monday for Mrs. Cooper medical treatment for high blood pressure. Mrs. Cooper has been advised to use a walker.

Matador News

Gertrude Smith is now out of the hospital and is at the home of her daughter, Dorothy. Gertrude is much better, but cannot come home yet. The doctors are still trying to stabilize her blood pressure.

J.D. and D'Anna Russell, Colton and Shanae of Kinglsey, Kansas, visited recently with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Russell and in Quitaque with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith. The families and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Quitaque enjoyed a picnic and fishing at Cottonwood Lake. J.D. and Colton were honor attendants in a wedding in Tulia during their visit.

Kourtney Karr visited with her grandmother Barton from Sunday until Thursday. They drove to Weatherford and visited Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Johnson. The former Connie Karr, Kourtney's mother, came after being in Lubbock and Amar-

illo. Mrs. James Karr also visited her mother-in-law, who is in a Rehab Center in Wichita Falls before continuing to their home in Whitney.

Mrs. Barton drove to Ft. Worth and visited her son, Max, Cy and Dustin. She saw the first scrimmage of her grandson, Brae, of Boswell High School. She visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins of Mesquite. They did sight seeing in Dallas, the First Baptist

Church, Baylor Hospital, the spot Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy and other points of interest. One of the most spectacular events was seeing a group of orphan children from Russia perform in their church. They did dance acts and sang. The group were the "Reaction Group." They came to the U.S. for three weeks, and had been here three months. They were to perform in Waco then return to USSR.

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(II Cor. 11:3)

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When the Apostles went everywhere preaching the word, the message was simple. It was not complicated. People understood it. Some opposed it, some did not believe it. But they understood it. I am convinced that it ought to be like that today.

NOTE: Beginning September 2nd, 1992, we will be studying each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. the book of Revelation. This will be at the Matador Church of Christ auditorium. Please come and join us in this study.

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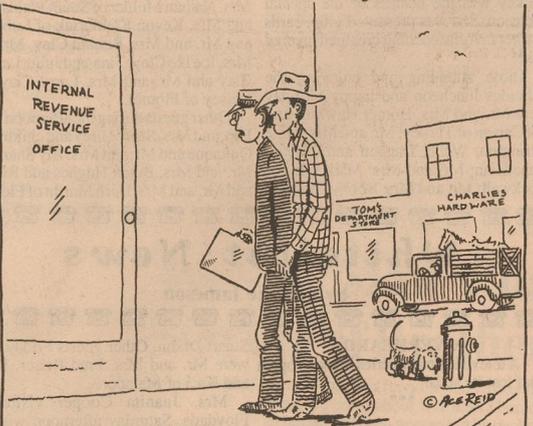
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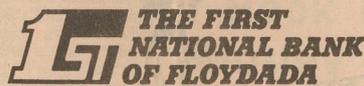
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The 69th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion will begin today in downtown Roaring Springs with a parade at 10:00 a.m.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Arts and Crafts Show, with booth rental available for \$5.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Tabernacle on the Rodeo grounds. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Motley-Dickens County Rodeo events will begin at 2:00 p.m., books will open at 1:30 p.m. A Flag Race, for children 6 years and under, Jr. Team Roping for 18 years and under, and

Motley-Dickens County Draw pot are among the events. The Motley-Dickens County Exes Saddle Roping will begin at 8:00 p.m., books will open at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Carnival each night. On Thursday night, you may purchase a ticket for \$6.00 and ride all the rides you want from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

There will be one dance on Thursday. A free dance will begin at 4:00 p.m. and last until 6:00 p.m. each afternoon.

On Friday, August 28, a Cutting Horse contest will begin at 10:00 a.m., books will open at 9:00 a.m. The first place horse in the top 4 classes will come back

for Jackpot money and spurs during Friday night's Rodeo. The Rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 29, Cowboy Team Penning will begin at 12:00 noon, books will open at 11:00 a.m. The Rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Kid's Calf Scramble nightly for kids 8 years old and under.

Rodeo events will include an Open Ranch Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Double Mugging, Bull Riding, Barrel Race, Open Calf Roping, Jr. Breakaway (15 & under), Jr. Flag Race (11 & under). Handmade bits to winners of each

event. All slack after Rodeo Friday night. Stock Producer will be Harold Parks Rodeo Company of Roaring Springs.

The Old Folks Dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. each night featuring "Joe Nathan Stephenson". The Young Folks Dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights featuring "Sage".

The Concession Stand will be open all three days and nights and will be provided by Coleman Stroud Barbecue of Plainview.

Free entrance admission on Thursday, \$3.00 general admission on Friday and Saturday. 12 and under and 60 and over will be admitted.



LAST OF THE GREAT AMERICAN COWBOY CHEFS — Ed D. Smith in action on the south bank of Dutchman Creek, Old Settlers Reunion, 1991.

Photo provided by Patricia Green

Turkey Man Charged In Slaying of Brother-in-Law

NOTE: This article is from the *Amarillo Daily News*.

A 62-year-old man was arrested and charged with murder Thursday in the death of his brother-in-law, six months after officials said they became aware of a long-running feud between the two over land rights.

Eddie Dale Timmons, 49, of Northfield, was found dead Thursday morning of a gunshot wound to the head, Hall County Sheriff Kenny Schull said. Timmons' body had been burned and placed in a trash can in an alleyway in Turkey, Schull said.

Weldon Paul Cruse was arrested Thursday morning and charged with murder in connection with Timmons' death. Cruse, of Turkey, was free on \$20,000 bond Thursday afternoon, Schull said.

Timmons' body was taken to the Potter County Morgue in Amarillo, where forensic pathologist Dr. Elizabeth Peacock was scheduled to perform an autopsy late Thursday.

Schull said Timmons' body was found in the alley behind Cruse's home about 9:10 a.m. Thursday. District Attorney David McCoy said Timmons had been shot in the head from point-blank range with a 12-gauge shotgun in a field east of Turkey. The body then was moved to the alley, where it was burned and placed in a round metal trash can, Schull said.

Janice Timmons reported her husband missing late Wednesday night when he failed to return home from a trip to Turkey, said Texas Ranger Leo Hickman of Childress. Mrs. Timmons said her husband left Northfield, about 25 miles northeast of Matador in Motley County, at 7:15 p.m. en route to Turkey, where he leased land to raise hay for his cattle, Schull said.

Schull said Mrs. Timmons became worried when her husband had not returned home by 10:15 p.m. She drove to the leased land about four miles east of Turkey, but she was unable to find Timmons, Schull said.

She contacted the Hall County Sheriff's Department, and Schull said Tim-

mons' cap was found in the leased field east of Turkey about 1:10 a.m. Thursday. The cap had been penetrated by buckshot and had blood on it, Schull said.

Schull and other authorities said they were led to question Cruse about his brother-in-law's death because of a long-standing feud between the two over land rights. Timmons and Cruse had inherited

adjacent parcels of land from the estate of Timmons' late father, Pete Timmons, said Motley County Sheriff Alton Marshall.

Schull and a Texas Ranger questioned Cruse at his home. They found a jeep whose tire tread pattern matched those of tracks found hours later at the victim's farm. The lawmen also discovered blood marks inside an old ambulance on the property.

Cruse told the officers that he had cut his arm, although he had no cuts or scratches on his body. A short time later, he broke down and confessed that he had shot Timmons at the farm before bringing the body back to Turkey for disposal, the sheriff said.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Will Sponsor Arts & Crafts Show

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met recently at the Depot for their regular monthly meeting with President Pauline Hand presiding.

Our "Community Cookbooks" will be available during Old Settlers. We are very proud of them. Besides recipes, they also contain a lot of memories. They have drawings of all the Churches, street scenes of the town and the Rock School house, the yellow brick school, the red brick school and the Springs.

Prices were set for \$5.00 to rent a booth for the Arts and Crafts show to be in downtown Roaring Springs and the part next to the Depot during Old Settlers. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Pauline Hand at 806-348-7915 or Venita Sedgwick at 806-348-7268.

Venita Sedgwick was named chairman of the float committee. If you attended the Old Settlers meeting at the Springs in 1923 and would like to be a part of the float, contact Venita Sedgwick at 806-348-7268 if you can be here the day of the parade, 27th of August.

We wish to thank the following Volunteer members, J.N. Fletcher and Ted Sedgwick for taking the trailer of Aluminum cans to Lubbock; Bill Peacock for cutting the post donated by Willie Palmer, and installing them on the property. Also to Dale Peacock for his help the past two weeks helping his grandfather while he was here visiting.

We wish to thank all those who are helping us save aluminum cans. We would also like to ask those people who are putting their household trash in the Aluminum can trailer to please stop. This trailer is not for trash, only for cans.

Contrary to rumors circulating, people will be allowed to park free on the Community Volunteers property this year.

We wish to thank Buzz Thacker for the use of the post hold digger; Venita Sedgwick for trips to pick up cement, and to Bill Peacock, J.N. Fletcher, Teddy Sedgwick, Ron Jeffries and Ernie Brown for putting in post this past week.

A big thank you to Gale Stafford for the donation of metal gates, and to Brent Whitaker for mowing.

We really appreciate all the donations and the help that has been given to the Volunteers.

Roaring Springs Cable System Rebuilt

MissionCable has completed rebuilding the cable system in Roaring Springs. In addition to the rebuild of the old system, the head-end has been upgraded, the tower has been painted, and all customer residences are being rewired.

Along with these improvements, three new channels have been added to the current basic channel line-up. Mission Cable's subscribers will now be able to enjoy Cable News network (Ch. 20), Country Music Television (Ch. 21), and the Discovery Channel (Ch. 22) along with the existing quality channels.

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Pharmacist's discovery may end obesity

WASHINGTON -- After solving the problem of his own obesity, a pharmacist, now director of National Dietary Research, may have discovered the solution for others with the same problem.

Dr. William Morris, pharmacist, inventor and author has discovered a natural food tablet, aptly named Food Source One, that replaces some of the calories normally obtained from food. Food Source One replaces high calorie fats with other natural food ingredients with little or no caloric value so you can lose weight without giving up all your favorite foods, as explained in NDR's Lifestyle Maintenance publication, available where Food Source One is sold. "The secret to meaningful weight loss is not in decreasing the amount of food you eat, but in controlling the fat," says Dr. Morris.

According to Dr. Morris, weight loss results while using Food Source One will depend on how many pounds a person needs to lose. However some overweight people are experiencing extraordinary results with Food Source One. A Metairie, Louisiana nurse lost 71 pounds. She stated "I never had to sacrifice the foods I dearly crave!" "Food Source One is very easy and anyone could do it," says a Niagara Falls, New York woman who lost 26 pounds and 15 inches. "The results are great" she added.

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The Motley County Tribune office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, August 27 and 28 for the Old Settlers Reunion.

Thank you!

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Happy Birthday, hazel





Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly Thomas,
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics

RELIEVE THE BURN

Want to get rid of the mouth burn after eating hot Mexican food? According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, drinking milk can help alleviate the burning sensation in the mouth after eating pepper-spiced salsa. The burning results from the binding of the substance capsaicin from the peppers to taste receptors in the mouth. The casein in milk, acting like a detergent, washes away capsaicin from the receptor sites.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT MOLDY CHEESE

Firm cheeses keep well several weeks in the refrigerator if protected from mold and drying. Soft cheeses such as Brie will maintain quality for only about a week in the refrigerator. Keep cheese tightly wrapped. Discard a soft cheese if you see any signs of mold. Mold growth can easily spread through soft tissues. Mold growth on hard cheese can be removed if the growth is not extensive. Cut away the mold and one inch of the cheese below. Molds have invisible roots that grow below where mold is visible. Mold growth may appear as white, pink, green, blue,

black or grey flecks, or furry patches.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY LINKED TO INACTIVITY

A new study reported in the Journal of Nutrition education reinforces previous findings that link obesity in youth to inactivity. Previous concerns had centered around television viewing as the culprit, suggesting that children may consume excess calories and become obese as a result of watching TV. It seems that kids need to do more than turn off the TV. They need to get moving. Often parents and other role models need to set the examples and help kids develop healthy fitness habits.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are for people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A leader should not get too far ahead of his troops, or he might get shot in the rear.



by
Wilda
Dixon

HOURS:
Monday: 2-5 (open by volunteers)
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9-12 and 1-6
Thursday & Friday: 9-12 and 1-5
Saturday: 1-4 (open by volunteers)

Recent visitors that have signed the guest book include the following: Marty Zoe C. of Lubbock; Beverly, Brenee' and Kristen Gollighugh of Lubbock; Bill and Betty Price of Wichita, KS; Carol Johnson of Dickinson, Texas; Alicia Johnson of College Station; Sid and Pixie Miller of Vacaville, CA; and Clark Hilt of Crowell. We are very happy to have all of our visitors.

Dues for the Friends of the Library may be paid at the Library or given to Mary Meason, treasurer. The following

is a schedule of memberships that are available:

Individual: \$2.00
Family: \$5.00
Supporting: \$10.00
Business Firms, Organizations, and Civic Clubs: \$25.00
Patron: \$50.00
Life: \$100.00

The Library will be closed Thursday morning August 27 (today) for the Old Settlers Parade. We will be open at 1:00 p.m. All of the visitors in the county for Old Settlers are invited to come by to visit the Library.

BOOK SALE, sponsored by Friends of the Library is at the Library. Books are priced at 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00. Come by and pick up a bargain.



In The Rough



by Hazel



SCRAMBLE

August 11, 1992

1st., (29) Alfred and Louise Barton, Don Baxter, Howard Edmondson, Alan Bingham.
2nd., (30) Kenneth Marshall, Carl Sayles, Jerry Jones, Warner Sailsbury.
3rd., (31) Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Joe and Loys Campbell, Royce Garrett. Closest to the pin was Buzz Thacker, 31' 10". Others playing were Dortha Grundy, Garland Cartwright, Wade and Nell Berryman, Mike Porter, Douglas Campbell, Margaret Barnhill, Billy Wason, Ben Grundy, Kenny and Olivia Barton, James and Frances Moss, Larry Burkes, Vida Elkins, E.A. and Dorothy Day.

LADIES PLAYDAY

August 13

LaVoe Thacker, Dorothy Day, Louise Barton, Vida Elkins. Play was for most bogies on 2-4-6. Vida won the ball.

JACK AND JILL SCRAMBLE

August 15 and 16

Forty-five teams were entered. Winners are as follows:
Championship Flight: 1st., Simpson and Simpson, 127; 2nd., Burleson and Burleson, 128; 3rd., Bingham and Bingham, 131.

First Flight: 1st., Clark and Clark, 134; 2nd., Staggs and Smith, 136; 3rd., Pipkin and Pipkin, 137.

Second Flight: 1st., Barton and Barton, 136; 2nd., Reagan and Reagan, 141; 3rd., Grundy and Grundy, 141.

Third Flight: 1st., Anderson and Anderson, 145; 2nd., Brooks and Keltz, 147; 3rd., Wason and Wason, 149.

Fourth Flight: 1st., Fancher and Fancher, 147; 2nd., Goodson and Wilson, 148; 3rd., Ward and Emert, 148.

SCRAMBLE

August 18

1st., (29) Mike Porter, Billy Wayne Denison, Mutt and Nell Berryman.

2nd., (30) Kenneth Marshall, Terry Carson, James and Frances Moss.

3rd., Larry Burkes, Mike Hancock, Vida Elkins, Don Baxter.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Kenny and Olivia Barton, Howard Edmondson, Alfred and Louise Barton, Jerry Jones, Margaret Barnhill, Ronnie Vandiver, Ronnie Davis, E.A. and Dorothy Day, Dudley Barber, Dick Van Hoose, Bill Moss, Laverna Price, Roy Grundy and Dot Grundy, Douglas Campbell, Tom Yeates. Louise got closest to pin, 19 ft. 10 inches.

LADIES PLAYDAY

August 20

Dorothy Day, Laverna Price, Geneva Wilson. Play was for low net. Geneva won the ball.

FOOTHILLS AT ROARING SPRINGS RANCH CLUB

Playing from Spur was Johnie Carlisle, Billie Bass, Raynita Newman, Jean Hoover; from Springs Ranch were LaVoe Thacker, Louise Barton, Olivia Barton, Dorothy Day, Laverna Price, Geneva Wilson.

Low Gross of field, LaVoe Thacker, 77; low net of field, Jean Hoover, 62.

Championship flight: Low Gross, Olivia Barton, 83; Johnie Carlisle, 83; Low net, Louise Barton, 68; Low Putts, LaVoe Thacker, 30.

First flight: Low Gross, Raynita Newman, 94; Low net, Dorothy Day, 68;

The only lost cause is the one you give up!

Ernst von Feuchtersleben

Obituaries

Eddie D. Timmons

Eddie D. Timmons, 49, died Wednesday, August 19, 1992.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Childress Church of Christ with Doyle Wells, minister, and Trey Morgan officiating. Burial was in Northfield Cemetery at Northfield by Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Timmons was born in Childress and graduated from Matador High School in 1961. He was a rancher and married

Janice Hagans in 1987 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Greg Timmons of Amarillo; two daughters, Tina Taylor of Chandler, Ariz., and Shelly Jackson of Amarillo; his mother, Faye Timmons of Childress; two sisters, Margie Cook of Childress and Marie Cruse of Turkey; a brother, Wayne Timmons of Wayne, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

"Baby Boy" Paschal

Graveside services for "Baby Boy" Paschal, infant son of Keith and Sherry Paschal of Tahoka, were held at 2 p.m. today at Nevels Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home.

He died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 1992 at St. Mary's Hospital in

Lubbock. He was born at 11 p.m. Friday, August 21, 1992.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Bradley Paschal of Tahoka; his paternal grandparents, Donald Paschal and Lorene Paschal, both of Paducah; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Green of Plainview; a great-grandmother, Olene Edwards of Turkey.

F.E. 'Ed' Smith

F.E. (Ed) Smith died Friday August 21 in an Odessa hospital after a lengthy illness. Mr. Smith was buried in Odessa Monday afternoon, August 24. He was born August 19, 1916 in Waco, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith owned and operated the Smith's Steak House in Matador

for nine years and ten months and closed the Steak House at 10:00 p.m. on August 31, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had many friends in Matador.

Mrs. Smith's address is 1111 N. Washington, Odessa, Texas 79763.



Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Look Who's New

Colby James McCleskey

James McCleskey and Rhonda Long are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Colby James McCleskey. Colby was born on Friday, July 24, 1992 at 8:18 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Colby's grandparents are Mrs. Linda

McCleskey of Hedley and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long of Roaring Springs. His great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pick Cox of Hedley, Mr. Jimmy McCleskey of Hereford, Mrs. Irene Long of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke of Matador.

Thank You

I want to thank who ever it was that sent me the Ann Landers stuff. Also you can find her advice is — don't condemn anyone for limping until you walk in their shoes, also M.Y.O.B.

Thanks again,

Wilson Barton

Thank you for the thoughtful acts of kindness and concern during my recent illness. A special thank you to Barbara Wallace, Jim Meador and Kenny Rose for their medical care en route to the hospital. It is a God given blessing to love and be loved in return.

Earlyne Jameson

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Are you one of the 7 out of 8 who have not prepared a will?

When you die you must leave behind everything for which you have worked and saved. The question is, "TO WHOM?" If you have a will, you have already instructed the State, attorneys and judges to act according to YOUR wishes. **But if you don't have a will, the State will simply distribute your estate according to law.**

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Motley County School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Salad, Whole Wheat Rolls, Peach Cobbler.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Orange Juice.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cantaloupe, Cornbread, Chocolate pudding.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Apple Slices.

Lunch: German Sausage with barbecue sauce, Pinto Beans, Pickles, Onions, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Gelatin.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice.
Lunch: Mini-Sub Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Potato Chips, Sugar Cookie, Peaches.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Breakfast: Cherry Turnovers, Cereal, Fruit.
Lunch: Steak, Gravy, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Chiffon.

Robin's 'Ritins

Today is the first day of three fun-filled days of good times, visiting and seeing old friends and family. Meeting new people, and sitting around, sharing and hearing people swap stories. Around here and in other towns close by know it as.....Old Settlers.

The parade going down the streets of Roaring Springs with the little boys and girls eyes bright with excitement and

ooing and ahing over the floats. Then three fun-filled nights of riding carnival rides, rodeo and dancing.

As you sit there with your grandparents, ol' cowboys, and others while they are swapping stories, put yourself in their place or go back to those "good ol' days" with them. You'll be surprised at how much fun you will have!

Pep Club To Sell Reserved Football Seats

The Motley County High School Pep club has reserved football stadium seats on sale through September 11. Football fans who wish to keep their reserved seats for the 1992 season are asked to please notify pep club sponsor, Beverly Darsey, at the school (347-2676). The price is still \$5 a seat, and your remittance may be brought or mailed to the school. If you wish to keep your seat(s), please notify Mrs. Darsey by no later than September 11.

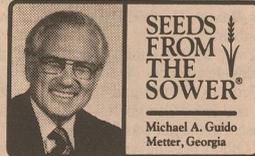
Anyone who wants to be placed on the

waiting list for reserved seats may also contact Mrs. Darsey.

Reserved seat sales and the football concession are the main fund raisers for the MC Pep Club. The funds are used to put on the athletic banquet in the Spring, to purchase pom poms for the cheerleaders, and to send the junior high and high school cheerleaders to summer cheer-leading camp.

The MC Pep Club appreciates the support of all Motley County fans. See you at the games!

To report local news call
347-2400
or 347-2774
On Monday or
before noon on Tuesday



One night a mother was shocked to hear her boy pray, "O God, make me good, but not real good; just good enough to keep from being spanked."

There are some church members who want to become Christians, but not Christlike. They want to go to heaven, but they don't want to do anything to bring others with them.

But if you're going to become a Christian, be Christlike. If you're going to give Christ anything, give Him everything. If you're going to worship Him, work for Him.

If it's false, Christianity is of no importance. If it's true, it's of infinite importance. It can't be of moderate importance.

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Fee will be \$30 a month

CLASSES WILL BE LIMITED!

So hurry and enroll your child before all the seats are reserved!

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CLASS OF 2005: Motley County Kindergarten class on their first day of school, (back l-r) Thomas Rice, Brittany Moore, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Kenny Johannas, Annie Green, Benjamin Martinez, Obediah Saldana; (middle l-r) Rachael Saldana, Christina Pierce, Emily Hurt, Kittie Campbell, Alfred Russell, Sabrina Ozborn, Timmy Bowman; (front l-r) Lupe Saldana, Segram Sims, John Stevens, Amber Shugart, Stacey Ho-Gland.

Hints For Homemakers

When a recipe calls for cooked chicken, think of your microwave oven. In twelve minutes or less, a pound of chicken is ready, tender and juicy. Start with 12 ounces of chicken breasts. Flavor with a sprinkle of mixed herbs before cooking. Place in a two-quart casserole and add one tablespoon water. Cook covered at cycle one—high power—for six to eight minutes, turning chicken over after four minutes. Cool and cube, if desired.



For homemakers on a hectic schedule, microwave meals add to family time while reducing time in the kitchen. New at local supermarkets are foods that combine diner fun and fare with microwave convenience.

The new line of single-serving microwaveable Libby's Diner entrees in 7 3/4-ounce microwaveable cups lets you and your family and friends order from a tempting menu of macaroni and beef, lasagna, chili, beef stew, pasta spirals and chicken, ravioli and spaghetti and meatballs. They may make your kitchen a great place to go to for dinner!

Be careful when removing ovenware, dishes and other food containers from the microwave oven. They may get hot enough that you will need to use hot pads. Use caution when removing a cover—steam inside can burn you. Always tilt the cover away from you or poke a hole in a paper covering.

Christie Pierce Places 4th In State Record Book Contest

Christie Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pierce of Roaring Springs, placed 4th in the State Record Book Judging Contest. Christie has been a member of the Roaring Springs 4-H Club for 9 years. She attended the Motley County Independent School where she is a Junior.

Christie was entered in the sheep and goat category and was competing against 13 other 4-H members across the state. Christie has been active in all areas of 4-H, but has excelled in the sheep and goat

program. She has raised beef projects as well. She has participated in the 4-H fashion program, food and nutrition, livestock and dairy judging contest.

Christie was on the dairy judging team that competed at 4-H Roundup in College Station in June. She is the holder of the Gold Star, the highest award for 4-H members. Christie is a 4-H leader in the community, serving as president of her club and the delegate to the 4-H district council.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

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Memories



John and Mary Hamilton in 1919

by Mary Hamilton Meason

Have you ever paused long enough to look back over the years and remember the people whom you remember from your childhood, as an adult, and the difference those people have made in your life?

As "Old Settlers Reunion" is almost here I think back and remember many people for many different reasons.

As a child one of my favorite ladies was Mrs. Molly Wason. She could make the best hot rolls and the best buttermilk ever churned. Many times she would call my mother and say "Tell the children I have just taken rolls out of the oven and have fresh churned buttermilk, tell them to hurry before the rolls are cold." My brother and I were at her house before she could hang up the phone.

There are two other things besides the rolls and buttermilk that never ceased to fascinate me. Mrs. Wason had the prettiest strings of buttons and she had them draped over the top of her windows very much in the same way valances are hung today. She also had strings and strings of spools that always made me wonder what she was going to do with all those spools!

Miss Petie Stokes is the first Sunday School teacher that I remember. It was the class known then as the "Card Class". We had little cards with a biblical picture on the front of them and on the back there was a short Bible story. Miss Petie could somehow make those little stories come to life in such a way that they were never forgotten.

Miss Petie never married and she lived with her bachelor brother, Dave. He was known to everyone as "Uncle Dave" and he was stone deaf. To talk to him people had to practically scream at the top of their voice for him to hear! Miss Petie taught many, many young people in her Sunday School, and she had big classes. But then, that was in the days when everyone went to Sunday School and Church, took their children and went to Church every time the Church doors were opened. If that was true today, how much better off our country would be.

We had many preachers that I remember, for one reason or another. But several stand out in my mind. One man, a very good man, but he butchered the King's English so badly that instead of listening for the message he had to bring, the people would listen for the next mistake! Now I realize that early day preachers did

her house and one morning she called Mom and said she was so tired. When asked what she had been doing, Aunt Beulah said the night before was such a bright moon, light night and a mocking bird was on one of the lightening rods and sang until two o'clock in the morning and kept her awake. Finally, at two a.m. she got her gun and went out and shot and killed that bird in the bright moonlight.

It's a puzzle why some things stay with us so long that happened in early childhood. I do remember that I must have been the worst kid in the world to hint for things. Aunt Beulah always had the best things to eat and everytime we went to her house I would hint for something to eat. One time my mother and I were going to see Aunt Beulah and before we ever left home, Mom promised me a spanking if I hinted for anything. When we walked in Aunt Beulah's house there sat a gorgeous bowl of the most beautiful bananas I have ever seen! I thought of those bananas for a long time and remembered the threat Mom has issued but finally after much thought I decided that the bananas would taste good longer than the spanking would hurt. So I said, "I wish I had a banana!" Aunt Beulah said, "Honey you get you a banana and look in the cookie jar, there are some teacakes in there." Well, I got the banana and teacakes and the spanking I had been promised, but it was worth it!

It's always a puzzle why some things will stay with us as long as we live and never forgotten. I suppose that is one reason we should all be very careful about the examples we set for young people.

There was a little man who was deaf as a post! I don't even remember his name. But he had a little ear trumpet shaped like a horn and when anyone wanted to talk to him he would put the little end of the horn in his ear and people would speak into the big end. My brother and I wanted to talk to that little man, but we just stood by and watched while others talked to him. Unluckily, our Mom found us standing and watching him. That was the day that we had it impressed upon us that we were never to stare at anyone, especially a handicapped person.

Lessons learned in our early childhood stay with us in later years. When we were children if we did something we shouldn't have the first time. We were told why we shouldn't have done whatever we had done but if we did the same thing again some enforcement would be applied to encourage us not to make the same mistake again.

Next to Mrs. Wason's hot rolls and buttermilk, "old man Fulkerson's" hamburgers were the best! He had a little hamburger stand and made the biggest, best, juiciest hamburgers ever! And they were only a dime! They are not made like those anymore.

Aunt Patti Moore is another fond memory from childhood. She had a parrot named Frank and he was one entertaining bird! But if he didn't like you he would chase you all over thehouse!

Aunt Patti had another enchanting piece of temptation that was awfully hard to keep hands off! It was a crazy jug. It was a gourd but the most interesting things had been glued to it. It was about 12 or 14 inches high and was covered solidly with the pretty things that catches the eye of a child. Little dolls, marbles, jewelry or anything that was dear to Aunt Patti. Everytime we went to visit her, my mother's last words before we reached the front door were "Now don't touch the Crazy jug - look all you want, but don't touch!"

Then there was the dear lady who had a black hat with a long peacock feather on it and everytime she moved that feather waved and quivered. Everytime there was any noise during the church service she would turn her head to see where the noise came from and that feather quivered and shook. When the preacher's sermons got like the old song, "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours" my brother and I would start counting the number of times that feather waved and shook.

The first pastor of our church that I remember was Rev. Dunn. In later years when I was in high school in Lubbock, I took piano lessons from Bro. Dunn's daughter, Miss Mary Dunn and Violin lessons from Miss Myrtle Dunn, and his son Sam Dunn was our family doctor for many years until he retired.

Mr. Ed Russell was Sheriff for many years and was later brand inspector for the Texas Cattle Raisers Association. His daughter, Correne and I roomed together at College in Ft. Worth. Mr. Russell was often in Ft. Worth working at the stockyards and everytime he came to Ft. Worth he always wore his gun. He would take Correne and me out to dinner at the Texas or Worth Hotel, then to a movie. We always felt kind of special when he came in the dormitory after us, and you can imagine the interest he caused among the other girls when we left with that big man who was wearing a gun. And of course we loved every minute of it!

There are many other people I remember who have had an influencing impact on my life, but there is not enough room to mention all of them. But the most influential people in my life were my mother and father, G.E. and Edna Hamilton. Their teachings, love and influence had the most important part in shaping my life. True, I, like most other children strayed from their teaching many times

Excerpt Southwest Airline Magazine, February 1981, sent by Cecil C. Cammack.

The ghosts of long-cooled camp fires reamin in the eyes of old cowboys. Some of them, gray, with saddle-shaped legs and tottery, must continue to look for stars overhead when they awake before dawn. They stir uneasily on the streets of early mornings, as if trying to locate the remuda of an unfamiliar roundup ground. Subjects of a conquere empire, they seek some vestige of lost glory and find it only on the tattered parchment of memory.

— Doug Meador, sage of Matador, 1901-1974

I love old cowboys best. You can find them, some rail-thin and others with the paunch of age and inactivity, sitting on benches around squares of small towns that touch the ranch country. They'll sit there, whittling, chewing, spitting tobacco and watching people pass by, going around in modern-day circles.

And you'll find them in small cafes just off the square, the main street, that serve the Blue Plate Special. They'll drink coffee, always black, and sometimes start to rush, to hurry off, before they remember they don't really have any place to go, except maybe to play dominoes: a punctuation mark of growing old.

I can't count the hours I've spent watching and listening to old cowboys spin their yarns in twangs and styles from a long time ago. Their stories, funny and sad, are excellent not only because of what they say, but how they tell about it. In the old days they had to be good storytellers because swapping yarns was the only form of entertainment around a night campfire after long days on a desolate range.

Their life was tough. In the end, when they no longer could ride the range, the old cowboy would inevitably be what he was in the beginning — broke. His bed was the ground under a tent or a wild and endless sky or occasionally the corner of a plank bunkhouse, and his food was buns, sourdough biscuits, gravy, dried goods, and steak served by a grouchy cook from a chuck wagon. He'd be on the range for a month at a time, spending days that stretched from dawn to darkness on a horse, and his pay was \$25 to \$35 a month. He loved roundups, the open space and sky, horses and cattle. He hated mending fence. The only things he was likely to own were his saddle, the clothes on his back, and an extra shirt tucked away in a saddle roll.

When you find the old cowboys today they will sit with you for a spell and talk about the hottest summer, the coldest winter, the rankest horses, the "baddest" or "toughest" ol' boy they ever met, and of Saturday nights on the town in which the women and the drinks increase with each telling. And some will bull a little, but it's all right. Whatever they say is all right.

The old cowboys are bent now, their legs bowed. They still wear their sideburns short and thin, sticking out from under soiled, naturally creased hats. They have hands and faces of leather, lined by

but those values and beliefs they taught me, have always returned to my mind, and I have always been convinced that it served me well to abide by those things I had been taught early in my life.

When I read in the paper and see on T.V. about the abused, unloved, neglected and hungry children, I wish all children could have the love, and happiness that I enjoyed as a child.

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HEADING THE PARADE of Old Settlers Thursday afternoon, September 2, 1954, were left to right, Sheriff John Stotts and Curtis Graham, both of Matador. Third rider in above picture is "Fish" Wilson of Quitaque. It is reported that 130 horses and riders took part in the parade, which included the Paducah and Dickens riding clubs. Top place riding club award went to Paducah, with Vice-President Joe Meador receiving the ribbon. No vehicles (except Dickens Riding Club chuck wagon) took part in the parade. Above photograph was made near the entrance of Pioneer Park at Roaring Springs. Formerly the parade had been held at the beginning of the annual two-day celebration, as it is now
(Photo from Tribune files)

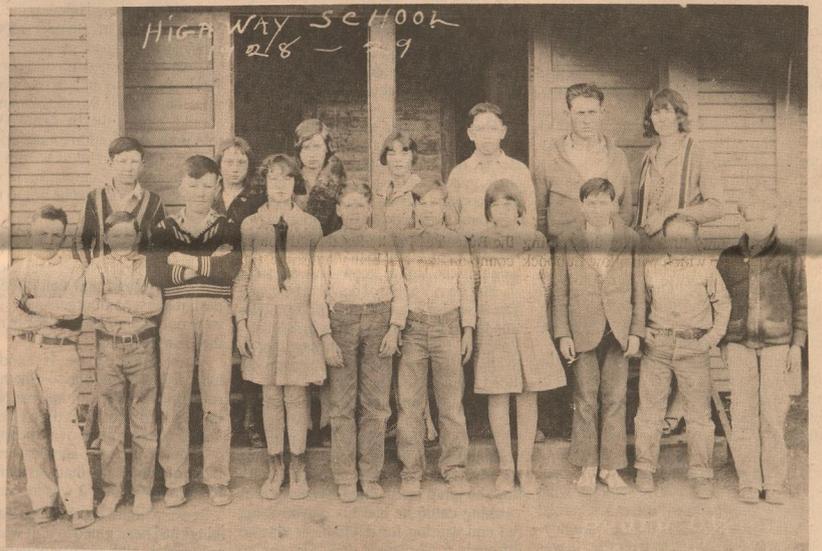


Outfitted in the gear of a "clumsome" for West Texas Utilities, Cecil C. Cammack scaled the water tower to take pictures of the growing town of Matador in 1927 or 1928. In the vernacular of the trade, a clumsome was one who had only limited experience on the poles, compared to a lineman who was fully qualified to do line work, climbing and working on poles, and a "grunt" who worked on the ground helping the workers on the pole. For the high risk work involving a live wire of 66,000 volts, the "hot stick" crew was called in from Childress. Between his freshman and sophomore years of college when working for the utility company, the water tower was constructed as part of an improved water system. Cammack was assigned to put the light on top of the tower. Using an ordinary Kodak camera took photos of the busy downtown on trade day and the surrounding countryside dotted with widely spaced houses which were supplied, up until that time, by windmill water.
Cecil Cammack photo



When the train first came to Matador someone had a hack to take passengers to the depot. Mr. Cecil Cammack thinks it may have been the livery stable. When Mr. W.R. Cammack started working for Matador Mercantile Company he went to St. Louis each year to buy goods, and Cecil remembers them coming to take him to the depot. In later years Dallas became the trade center. In the picture of the train and depot from the school house, the open area on the left between the school and depot was where the circus, carnival and 4th of July picnics were held. Cecil remembers they would dig a trench, cover it with hog wire, build a fire of mesquite wood, and barbecue meat. In the fall there were rows of cotton bales stored there awaiting shipment on the train.

Cecil Cammack photo



DICKENS COUNTY HIGHWAY SCHOOL — 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, 1928-1929. Teacher, Miss Lloyd Guthrie, now Mrs. L.H. Dirickson.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. L.H. Dirickson

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and unto his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless His name.

Psalm 100:4

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Virginia Walton and Mrs. Watler Walton

Hard Surfaced Highway To Dickens Line Promised

NOTE: This article was taken from a 1934 issue of the Matador Tribune.

FEDERAL FUNDS WILL BE USED
Paved Lubbock Road Completed Next Year

A letter received by County Judge W.R. Cammack, yesterday from Judge W.R. Ely, member of the State Highway Department, practically assured the paving of Highway 18 from Matador to the Dickens county line during the coming year. The gap which will allow Lubbock county paved roads to eastern points when present plans and contracts are completed, has been sought by interested counties

and city civic clubs since the completion of paving on Highway 28 to Matador.

The letter which Judge Cammack received, reads as follows:
Judge W.R. Cammack,
Matador, Texas
Dear Sir:

The construction of Unit 2 of Highway 18 from Matador south to the Dickens county line has been placed on the lists of projects to be built out of the 1935 Recovery Highway appropriation.

We have recommended the project to the Bureau of Public Roads and you can count on the job being let some time during the next year.

Yours very truly,
W.R. Ely

Motley County Museum files



Shannon Davidson Day -
Alene Bloodworth and her granddad, "Kid" Kennedy.



Roaring Springs - Sunday after dinner on the ground, Billy Wason, Jack Bloodworth, Alene Bloodworth, Dorothy Wason, Christene Stafford, and the John Grace children.

Alene Echols photo

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Quannah Parker speaking in Matador about 1909. Judge Hamilton's office window opened above speaker. Cement Bank building was built in 1907, razed in 1920 when First State's brick building replaced it.

Cecil Cammack photo

Bridegroom Travels Thirty Hours, Going Distance of Hundred Miles To Wedding

NOTE: This article was taken from the *Matador Tribune*, June 18, 1959.

A bridegroom who traveled for 30 hours by train to reach his bride only a hundred miles away, Sunday with his wife observed their Golden Wedding anniversary.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. T.B. (Boss) Edmondson celebrated the occasion at their home here, attended by their three children and four grandchildren. They attended church services in a body at the First Methodist Church.

The family group included Mr. and Mrs. Julian Edmondson and children, Ronald and Gay of Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edmondson and son, Thomas, and Virginia and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoyle and Larry, all of Matador.

The former Miss Katie Tatum of Georgetown, and Bascom Edmondson were married at Snyder, Texas, June 9, 1909.

Miss Tatum was born in Alabama and came to Texas with her family. She met her future husband when she came to Matador in June, 1905 to visit her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Eubank, Mr. Eubank being an early-day surveyor here.

"Miss Katie" as she became known, remained to teach music until offered a similar position at Snyder.

Pioneer Family

Mr. Edmondson was one of a pioneer family of 3 boys and 4 girls who came with their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Edmondson from Comanche County, where he was born. They settled here in 1891.

During early manhood he worked as bookkeeper in the pioneer First State Bank. After the railroad was built here he operated a coal, feed and ice business for several years, and later went into the grocery business.

Following these ventures, he entered the dry goods business and operated the Western Dry Goods Company for over 20 years. After selling his interest in the store, he engaged in farming and ranching for several years.

When he went to Snyder to marry "Miss Katie", Boss left Matador on the mail hack at 5 a.m. one morning, to catch a train at Childress. The trip required changes at Chillicothe, Sweetwater and Roscoe, and he reached his destination at noon the following day, about an hour before the time set for the wedding.

Following their marriage the couple left by train, to return to Matador. An abscessed tooth began to pain the young bridegroom almost immediately, and required a stop-over at Sweetwater and a visit to the dentist.

Heavy rains which washed out railroad tracks and bridges caused other delays and re-routing, and when they reached Childress they decided to spend a day there shopping for furniture.

Continued rain made the trip in the mail hack from Childress to Matador hazardous and they spent 5 hours on the bank of Pease River before the water subsided enough to permit crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson have been residents of Matador all their married life.

Since 1950 Mr. Edmondson has been associated in business with his son, Howard, as wholesale jobbers for Phillips Petroleum Company.

We make our fortunes and we call them fate.
—Benjamin Disraeli

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West Texas Gin

Matador



Matador Concert Band, 1924-1925
Motley County Museum files



A Giant Among Men



Bob Echols

Submitted by Dorothy Echols Porter, Houston, Motley Co. Museum Files

Through the eyes of a twelve year old grandson, Bob Echols was a giant among men, John Wayne style. Though Mr. Echols was born too late for the big trail drives, he had driven cattle to the railroad and pastures, which often took two or three days. Young Jeff Porter wrote this essay for a Jackson, Mississippi, school assignment, portraying his grandfather, then in his early sixties, as a real old timer.

IT STILL LIVES

My grandfather is an old weather-beaten man. If you were to see him, you would know he was an old hand at Texas trail driving. He still has the old spirit glowing in him. Looking at him you know that he is a cattleman because he says a couple of unmentionable words after being called a cowboy. He is a man who can't get away from the cattle and the smell of burning wood on a cool, clear Texas night.

Pa, is what I call my grandfather. Pa has had many experiences, so many he could spend a month telling of them. One amusing experience told was this: he was taking a bath in a pond, and a car full of people drove up and started laughing at him. He got out, put on his hat and boots and started toward the car. Without hesitation the people rolled up the windows and took off by the burning of rubber and in a cloud of dust. They never trespassed

again. He has told of many other experiences, such as killing antelopes, mountain lions, bears, elk, and other countless game. The memories of trail drives are also fresh in his mind.

His personality is one of unforgettable nature. He has been sharpened by the old trail drives. You could not help but like him when you met him. He has the hardness of the Texas Ranger and the gentleness of a hummingbird. His temper may fly off like a rooster sitting on a red hot egg.

His likes are many and his dislikes are few. Among his likes are cooking. You may laugh at first, but wait until you taste his sour dough biscuits. He likes to build things. After the camp fire dies, he talks of the old trail drives. He has so many likes, I cannot begin to tell them all in this character sketch.

His dislikes are being called a cowboy, melonine being called ice cream and margarine being called butter. He dislikes the bacon not having rind on it. If you haven't guessed by now, his favorite subjects are trail drives and the old days.

He is a little too old for active sports, but he still camps out and goes hunting. He has so many friends, it would take a month of Sundays to name them.

He has contributed to many people the love of camping out and adventures of the open range. I know only what I learn of him in visiting with him. To some he has given encouragement in places and he is a symbol to others. The old trail spirit still lives in him.

And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

I Cor. 13:13

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Early Pastors of the Roaring Springs Methodist Church Were "Go Getters"



OLD SETTLERS 1948: Charlie Hart, most typical; Pellow Vivian, most typical old time; Lillian Thacker, most typical old time; unknown who is behind her; Martin (Joy Archer?) most typical; unknown girl, most typical young cowgirl; Ed D. Smith, most typical young cowboy.

Ed D. Smith photo



Group gathered at Roaring Springs falls in 1913. Freda Keahey photo

Written by Mrs. J.H. Smith, 1936
Contributed by Zoe E. Smith of Tutia,
Motley County Museum Files

According to the memory of some of the Pioneer Settlers of the Dutchman Methodist Church as it was first known. The church was organized at the Old Rock House in 1907 by Rev. J.T. Hicks, Pastor of the Matador Church. Charter members were:

- Mr. and Mrs. J.C. King, she being lovingly remembered as Granny King.
- J.C. Collett and wife.
- B.B. Coker and family, consisting of wife and six children.
- Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Smith.

Our first pastor was J.T. Hicks and the Dutchman Church was a part of the Matador circuit. Brother Hicks was a wonderful pastor. Especially do I remember he preached one sermon on a Saturday morning using this text "Lay aside every weight that doth so easily beset you and run with patience the race before." Other people beside myself were so helped and encouraged by this sermon, that they have remembered it through life from that time. Brother Hicks was a Circuit Preacher, but very spiritual and energetic, and after years he became a great builder during his active ministry. He built 21 churches and 17 parsonages. The Afton Church and Matador parsonages being almost if not the first ones. He built the first M.E. Church at Lubbock, Stamford, Sweetwater and many other of our very best churches all over our Great Western Country.

As I remember, having no record, Bro. R.L. Jameson was our second Pastor, also coming from Matador to us preaching on Saturday nights and Sundays at 11:00 and Sunday afternoons. On Sunday we all took our dinner and had an old fashioned meeting, could not tell Methodist from Baptist, a splendid fellowship existing, among the two churches. I think it was during Bro. Jameson's ministry that we organized our first S.S., Union School, myself (Mrs. John Smith) as superintendent and as such it remained until 1913, a splendid Sunday school and I feel, filled a need that neither a Methodist or Baptist School could have filled at that particular time.

During the years 1910 to 1912 we were a part of the Afton charge and had as our pastors J.A. Zinn and G.R. Fort - good men and full of the Holy Ghost. Bro. Fort was so full of energy and enthusiasm that often at 3 o'clock in the morning he would think of somebody he thought he

ought to see and invite to Church or discuss some Church affairs with, so he would hitch his Old Red Roan horse to his jump cart and maybe, drive 10 or 15 miles, call the folk out of bed, eat breakfast with them and have a jolly good visit and they would be at church or do anything else he would ask, after all his trouble to see them. You have heard of 'Go Getters', well he was one.

Then in about 1912 or 1913 we were put back on the Matador Circuit with D.B. Doak as our Pastor. This being almost the beginning of Bro. Doak's ministry, then I believe Dickens being his very first appointment, however, it was prior to this time from about 1908 to perhaps 1912 that we had such wonderful camp meetings, at the Roaring Springs. People came in their wagons for 75 to 100 miles and camped, often you heard people, both young and old shouting the praises of God. So happy indeed were they, their cups surely ran over. Especially do I remember one morning service when every unsaved person under the new brush arbor was saved. Bro. Hicks was our pastor and R.L. Jameson, pastor at Paducah doing the preaching.

It was during Bro. Doak's ministry in 1915 that a new Church building was erected. The committee appointed to solicit funds were Mrs. Jake Cooper, Mrs. Dr. Green and Mrs. John Smith and being women, we went right after the job. Early one Monday morning we started in earnest. Bro. Doak standing around on the street corners wearing a big smile. By noon we had collected \$800.00 or \$1,000.00, deposited in the bank to the Methodist Church Fund. In less than 3 days the building committee was appointed and work began in earnest. That was in August 1913, Bro. Doak was sent to Seth Ward College at Plainview, Texas.

He was followed by J.B. McCarley. The outstanding thing in Bro. McCarley's ministry in our church was the organization of the Woman Missionary Society in the home of Mrs. M.E. Keahey. The Missionary Society from Matador came over with Bro. McCarley, I believe Mrs. Rance Moore was president, at least, she did most of the talking etc. Bro. McCarley's wife got sick, so he had to leave and his year was finished out by L.A. Humphrey, who only finished out the year, 1914. The year 1914 being the last year on the Matador Circuit.

In November 1915 the annual conference created the Roaring Springs Charge, consisting of Roaring Springs, Afton and Dickens and we were no longer called the Dutchman Church. The little city of

Roaring Springs was a little more than a year old.

We had our building finished but not furnished and no parsonage when our first preacher, I.A. Smith arrived on the scene. Christmas day 1915, ground all covered with snow, sleet and ice, with shame. I wonder even yet, why we had made no preparation for his coming, having known for six or seven weeks that a preacher had been given us. Maybe it was because we had always been attached to Matador or Afton and had never had the care of a preacher and family. Be that as it may, when Bro. Smith arrived on this cold, snowy day with his good wife and five little girls, he found all the stewards W.J. Holloway, Victor Chalk and A.K. Hall out of town, quail hunting. He went to the Hotel with his family.

Dr. Green heard the new Methodist preacher was in town, so he took him home with him. When the stewards came home they got busy.

Bro. Smith lived in a half dugout with Mr. McClain, our Sunday School Superintendent, his wife being gone on a visit, while the stewards were building a two roomed house for the preacher. In the meantime the Presiding Elder heard of all this, so telephoned Bro. Smith to leave, but he would not. Suppose he thought if there ever was a place that needed a preacher it was right there. During his ministry of three years we seated and furnished the Church, built and furnished the parsonage and bought the piano. Everybody worked at the job, a live church and a loving church. Bro. Smith was loved by all and his splendid wife also. I wonder just how many quilts we women made, and pie supper, ice cream suppers, chicken pie dinner, plays, etc., before we got the piano, furniture and all paid for, and the many, many other things we did, bought furniture for the parsonage and bought wall paper and Bro. and Sister Smith put it on, and never neglected Sister Smith and the little girls.

So many nice things we did for them. No water, and Bro. Smith hauled it. Bro. Smith was moved to Crosbyton June 1919. His year was finished out by Bro. Huff.

Bro. Huff was followed by L.B. Hankins. He was one of the most able preachers I have heard, especially do I remember a sermon he preached on this text. "What is man that God is mindful of him." Whiteflat, Afton and Duncan Flat were on the Roaring Springs Circuit. Our work with these churches was very pleasant and helpful. I notice in the minutes of the Third Quarterly Conference, Roaring Springs reported \$123.75, Afton \$59.55, Whiteflat \$15.50 for the support of the ministry. Both Whiteflat and Afton always did their part in every way. Helped buy ever so many things for parsonages, living room furniture, rugs etc.

Bro. Hankins was followed by M.D. Moody. It was during Bro. Moody's ministry that we moved the parsonage.

Bro. R.L. Jameson was our next pastor. He did not live in the parsonage but drove from Whiteflat, so we rented the parsonage furnished to the new Doctor that had just come to town. Dr. J.F. Hughes. 1921, 70 conversions and 61 additions to the churches. The records show that Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Miller, Rufus and J.R. Lee, Dorothy Lee Love, Gertrude Swearingen, Mildred Bagley and A.A. Meacham being among the number, a real good year and the church asked for Bro. Jameson back.

Bro. Hart was our 13th pastor, stayed 2 years. The first quarterly conference reports that Mr. and Mrs. James Neblett were taken into the church by letter during this quarter. They proved to be so helpful. The amount estimated for the support of the ministry was - Roaring Springs, \$600.00; Afton, \$225.00; Whiteflat, \$225.00. Total, \$1,050.00.

J.E. Oden was our next pastor and had the records show that the First Quarterly Conference was held at Whiteflat Nov. 25, 1923, and the amount raised for the ministry - Whiteflat, \$43.00; Duncan Flat, \$7.50; Roaring Springs, \$105.00; Bro. Oden, (a young man) died before the 2nd Quarterly Conference.

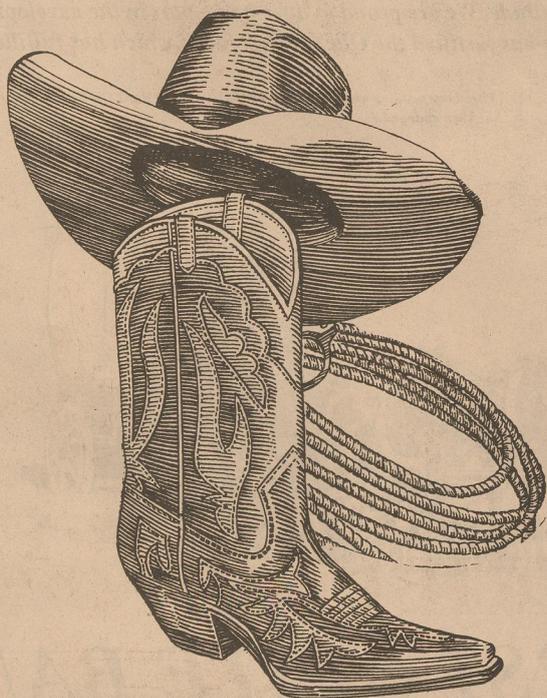
He was followed by Bro. H.C. Smith, he came from the East Texas Conference with a sick wife, hoping he change would help her but all efforts failed and we laid her to rest about a year after their arrival. Bro. Smith had finished high school in our class 1925, some of his classmates are John Meason, Marvin Knight, Lola Simpson, Velma James, Mollie B. Brasham, a splendid preacher and loved by the people of Roaring Springs, Whiteflat, Afton and Duncan Flat. It was during his ministry that his church reached its highest peak financially and was made a station, paying \$1,200.00 on Preacher's Salary, he was our pastor for four years.



QUANAH PARKER CAMP

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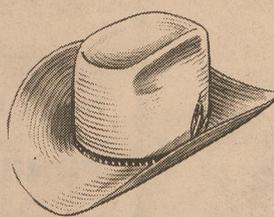
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