

82nd Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion



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Dr. and Mrs. Albert C. Traweck with Mary, Albert, and baby Lucille in their new Bendix, believed to be the first car in Motley County.

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Pokey the Clown will host third Roaring Springs WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo

Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo will take place again this year in the Roaring Springs arena, Saturday, August 27, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Doug Smith of Panhandle has designed this stick horse rodeo for the younger set. His goals are to entertain the kids (and their cheering section) while teaching them about the ways of the working ranch hand.

"Along the way, everyone who gets involved in these activities or merely watches will have a really fun time," Smith said. As Pokey the Clown, he works hard at having fun, often running the relays with the kids,



Pokey the Clown

being their coach, cheerleader and clown. The events include a Pony Express Race; a Stick Horse Relay around barrels with a saddle bag hand-off; Steer Doctoring in a contest that requires 3 team members pulling a wooden steer on skids while the fourth rides on the finish line, then dabs it with a grease marker; Wild Cow Milking Relay requires the youngest member to milk a wooden cow that Pokey designed to accommodate a Plains Dairy milk bottle.

Calf Branding will also be included in the events and is a team activity that requires the

older ones to select and bring in calves for the youngest one to brand. There will be four on each team.

Age divisions are 3-7, 8-11, and 12-16. Each team should have a variety of ages with older ones providing horse power and leadership.

Pre-registration and practice for the Jr. Ranch Rodeo will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Rodeo grounds. The entry fee is \$20 per team. Entries will be accepted until the event starts.

Pokey urges parents and grandparents to bring their cameras to capture the hilarious antics of their little cowboys and cowgirls.

Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25:

FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY
Parade - 10:00 a.m.; Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m.;
Business Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
FREE DANCE - 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS

Books Open at 4:30 p.m. - Events begin at 5:00 p.m.
CUTTING, FLAG RACE, OPEN AGE BARREL RACE,
JR. TEAM ROPING, MOTLEY-DICKENS TEAM ROPING

PAVILION DANCE, Weldon Turpin & Texas Fiddle Band, 8:30

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26:

RHAA RANCH HORSE COMPETITION,
Books open at 8:00 a.m. - Competition starts at 9:00 a.m.
Cowboy Class; Ranch Hand Class; Junior Class;
Senior Class and Youth Class
JR. FLAG RACE, Friday & Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

RANCH RODEO, Friday & Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring,
Calf Branding, Team Sorting, Double Mugging

OPEN BULL RIDING, Friday & Saturday nights

COWBOY CHURCH BAND, Friday, 5:00 p.m.
Ron & Marianne Brunson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27:

CUTTING COMPETITION
Books open at 9:00 a.m. - Cutting begins at 10:00 a.m.
Classes: Junior, Senior, Youth Class

WASHER PITCH CONTEST - 1:00 p.m.
KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES - 3:00 p.m.

POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO
Stick Horse Relay for Kids, Saturday only, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring,
Wild Cow Milking, Calf Branding

2 DANCES SATURDAY NIGHT
Live Country Music - TEXAS HIGHWAY 114 BAND - 8:30 p.m.

CHARLIE CARTER FOOD CONCESSIONS
General Admission Friday & Saturday, \$5.00 (12 & under free)

La Esperanza Oil & Gas, LLC moves forward in its major lease acquisition

The Palo Duro Basin Lower Penn Gas Shale is located approximately seventy miles northeast of Lubbock and covers approximately 1,150,000 acres. Geologically, the Penn Shale is located in the east central portion of the Palo Duro Basin. The Penn Shales were deposited in an area composed on numerous down thrown Graben Blocks. This resulted in thick gas charged Lower Penn Shale intervals with gas

charged Atoka Sandstone/Granite Wash intervals. The shale reservoir was self sourced. The Granite Wash and the Sand Reservoirs were sources from the Shale. The shale gas is trapped in fractures and in a low permeability shale matrix. Currently there are four shut-in gas wells completed in the Lower Penn Shale, Atoka Granite Wash and Atoka Sands. A small number of wells have penetrated the Lower Penn Shales in the Motley and Floyd Counties. Well control and geochemical analysis of well cutting samples delineate the productive reservoir.

In September, 2003, Legacy Exploration, LLC tested gas from the Lower Penn Shale and Atoka Granite Wash Sands in the D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate #1-01. The well produced 1,210 BTU gas at rates of up to five (5) million cubic feet per day. A three day flow test was conducted on the well which indicated a potential rate of three (3) million cubic feet per day.

Much of the interest spurred in the Palo Duro Basin comes from the Cogdell #1-01 drilled by Legacy Exploration. As Legacy began to drill the well, Vintage Petroleum was granted permission by Legacy to evaluate Legacy's shale samples. Based on these tests, geological data from the well and regional geological mapping, Vintage Petroleum, Inc. began its own lease acquisition program. Vintage Petroleum is currently the named Operator of Legacy's initial wells, the Cogdell #1-01 and the Birnie #2,

in the South Central Palo Duro Basin (Floyd County, Texas and Motley County, Texas). Currently Vintage Petroleum has over 190,000 acres under lease. Vintage has drilled two additional wells and is currently completing and testing those wells. The first well Vintage drilled was the Echols #2. This well is located approximately 1.75 miles south southwest of the Legacy Exploration Cogdell well. The second well Vintage drilled was the Mollie Burleson #1-60. It is located ten miles south southwest of the Legacy Exploration Cogdell #1-01 well.

Morgan Stanley Reports, dated March 18 and March 22, 2005, state, "The play in the Palo Duro is an unconventional natural gas play targeting Pennsylvanian-aged shales that exist at depths between 7,000 and 10,500 feet. On average, the Bend shales are twice as thick as the Barnett Shale with slightly lower organic carbon content, which implies that gas-in-place for the Bend shales is roughly similar to that of the Barnett. The target shales in the Palo Duro are part of what geologists refer to as the Pennsylvanian-aged Bend Group. The Bend shales lie between the Strawn limestone and the Morrow limestone. This geologic setting could prove to be a positive distinguishing feature of the Palo Duro shales relative to the non-core area of the Barnett Shale play." The report indicates that Morgan Stanley examined "a potential shale gas play emerging in the Palo Duro Basin of West Texas that appears com-

parable (initially at least) to the Barnett Shale play. Widespread success is far from certain, however, the initial geological similarities between Palo Duro and the Barnett are what caught our attention." Further, the Morgan Stanley report states "assuming widespread success, the Palo Duro shale play could yield multi-Tcf of recoverable resource (primarily natural gas and condensate). Based on our work with the regional geologists, the nearly two-fold thickness advantage of the Palo Duro shales relative to the Barnett Shale likely offsets the lower relative Total Organic Carbon (TOC) content and indicates that the gas-in-place for the Palo Duro shales may be similar to that of the Barnett Shale."

La Esperanza Oil & Gas, LLC, an independent US based Oil and Gas Development and Exploration Company, began its lease acquisition development in September 2004 in the Palo Duro Basin by entering into a \$1.75 million contract with a US based publicly traded company. In December 2004, La Esperanza entered into a one year contract with Canadian based Bankers Petroleum. In less than one year, La Esperanza has leased in excess of three hundred fifty three thousand gross mineral acres in the Basin, with over two hundred fifty thousand net mineral acres.

During the course of La Esperanza's leasing program, Bankers Petroleum unilaterally decided to obtain leases on its

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Matador Cowboys will meet for Annual Reunion

The annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 27, at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer Center, located across from the Old Settlers grounds.

Director, Ed D. Smith said, "All Matador Ranch employees (current and ex) and friends are invited to the reunion, which will open mid-morning and close when no one can think of another pitchin' horse story."

Tea and coffee will be provided, but no dinner or program is planned. Bring old pictures and prepare for a good day of visiting in the air conditioned building or open air, covered pavilion.

For more information contact Mr. Smith at 806-348-7272, home, or 806-347-2334, work.

Friends of the Library will sponsor fifth annual Beans & Cornbread fund-raiser

The Friends of the Library will host its fifth annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread Fund-raiser on the Friday of Old Settlers from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Library Annex.

Featured at this event will be famous Motley County Celebrities who will be glad to dish you up a plate of beans and cornbread. These celebrities include the Motley County Commissioners, the Sheriff, the

County Judge and the Mayors of Matador and Roaring Springs.

The menu will consist of beans, cornbread, both plain and jalapeno, tea or water, relish and onions, and cookies for dessert. It's all you can eat for a donation. Join us at this fun event and check out the progress on the new building, next door to the library.



My space is very limited this week. What a week - already! Lots of hours to get this paper together. I hope you enjoy it. I love working on the special editions. I love history and I really enjoy putting everything together as to try to make a story, but it sure does take a lot of extra work. My reward comes when I know that my readers

enjoy it.

Old Settlers rolled around fast this year, just like everything else. Where does time go?? I truly hope everyone has a wonderful time this weekend, visiting and reminiscing. And I do hope everyone is safe and remembers not to drink and drive!

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

WHAT'S A "MERISM?" The First Amendment's Religion Clauses?

One last look at the First Amendment, before we begin to expose the supreme "flim-flam" by the "High Nine on the Potomoc."

Both Madison and Hamilton were against listing rights in the "Bill of Rights," as something not listed might be considered as not existing. This was solved with the Ninth Amendment. Madison also thought them unnecessary, as they were creating only a "limited" Federal government with only "limited and enumerated powers." Thus, if a power wasn't specifically granted the Federal Government, it didn't exist! How strange does that sound today? Would that it were true.

But, Madison gave in to those demanding a "Bill of Rights," and we don't know who was right. On religion, they were almost all in agreement on what they wanted, though for differing reasons. They wanted the entire federal government out of religion. Those were State matters, and would stay State matters, and the Framers were adamantly against the establishment of a favored national church. The question was "how to do it?"

This may surprise, but the record reflects that they spent no more than two hours on the subject. One person suggested that they simply forbid "law-making on religion." In hindsight, that's what they should have said, as that would have prevented the Supreme Court from later making rulings on the "establishment clause" that violate the "free exercise clause." But the Framers out-thought themselves in attempting to be more specific, and came up with "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Via the Tenth Amendment, all thorny religious matters were thus kept with the State. "No Establishment" clearly meant a favored national church (not a non-recognition of God) and "free exercise" covered everything else. But, "Congress shall make no law" is a lawmaking preclusion - no jurisdiction. So, in order to be never contradictory, the clauses must always be read together, never separately! Otherwise something constituting an establishment prohibition would violate free exercise, and vice-versa. This has happened often. Remember, acknowledgment of God is not religion!

We've learned that the religion clauses are not "substantive" statements of law, but "jurisdictional" lawmaking preclusions. So, what do we have? There is a term applied to the Hebrew language called a "Merism," where a phrase, for example, "the heavens and the earth," is meant to cover "everything." If you think on it, going from "no establishment" to "free exercise" is an A to Z lawmaking preclusion that covers it all - and makes sense. The Federal Government can't constitutionally make law on religion! And the Supreme Court is a part of the Federal Government.



by Judy

Ladies Play Day, Thursday, August 18th was for Most Pars on Odd Holes. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Geneva, Jean H., Liv and Dartha. Liv won with 5 bogies.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Glenna, Marihelen, Judy R., Frances, and Tempie. Glenna won with 3 bogies.

One foot, 5 1/2 inches won Liv closest to the pin on #3 in the Tuesday scramble, August 16.

Winning first, with a score of 26, were Shawn, Shonda, Kenny, Liv and Louise.

Others playing were Rodney, Lahonda, Virginia, Tommye, Cody, Paul, Dartha, Larry, Reagan, Machia, Billy, Fredia, Jim, Garland, Wes, Alan, Kay, Pat, Brandon, Mike, Bert, Aaron and Kyle.

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Library Notes



You are invited to come to the Library Annex and take part in the fifth annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans fund-raiser, Friday, August 26. Fun and good food from 11:30 to 1:30 with proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. All you can eat for a donation.

We appreciate the memorials that the library has received. We thank Laverna Price Johnston for her donation in memory of Jerry Green, Bill Seale, Earline Vaughn, Bill Moss, Jimmie Hunter, Francis Cooper Davis, and Bill Hemphill. We also thank Opal and Charley Johnson for their donation in memory of Darrell Woolsey. We thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donation in memory of John Vandiver. We also thank Ruth and Orville Lee for their donation in memory of Furman Vinson.

The library guest book is full and has been replaced with a new one. Looking at the hometowners of our guests is always interesting. In the past year we have had visitors from Maryland, Ontario, Canada, Florida, Georgia, Arkansas, Illinois, California, North Carolina, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Many Texans have also visited this library. They are from Amarillo, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Snyder, Big Spring, Floydada, Dickens, Lubbock, Granbury, Comanche, Keller, Memphis, Hamlin, League City and others. It is interesting to talk to these out-of-towners. They always have a good word to say about Motley County.

New books in the library include Barbara Delinsky's *Looking for Peyton Place*. We also have James Patterson's newest, *Lifeguard*. Finally J.A. Jance has written a new book, this time a J.P. Beaumont mystery called *Long Time Gone*.

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him."

Psalm 33:1

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views



Consider:

And, as it has been pointed out so often, opinions are like body orifices - most people have at least one.
- Charley Reese

As has already been mentioned, when the Chamber of Commerce sent out the yearly letter and the request for the membership dues, a survey was included. We were counting on people having opinions, and wanted them to let us know that they are. And we got plenty, for which we are grateful.

The clean-up project and the work done restoring Bob's Oil Well have already been mentioned, but they are such outstanding projects that they deserve to be mentioned again.

The restaurants and the bakery idea have also been dealt with, but there were other ideas, too, that need to be discussed. It could be hoped that someone reading the ideas has the skills and desire to start a business, and this just might serve to point them in a direction of something needed in the county.

The ideas for new businesses included a drug store (and a pharmacy), a cleaners, a barber, a surveyor, an appraiser, a Realtor, an exterminator (pest control), a laundromat, and an electrician.

Several people pointed out that a full-time doctor in the

county would be an important addition. That might be an idea whose time will have come when the Hackberry Creek Care Center is completed, so that a doctor could be found who would have a practice here and also serve the Care Center.

There was also the idea that we could run something like "Trail Dust Market Days," monthly or quarterly, with collectibles, crafts and a flea market.

This would have the advantage of bringing outsiders to our area, people who would also eat at our restaurants and patronize our local businesses.

It would require a lot of preparation and advertising, since vendors would only come once or perhaps twice to see if there is enough business to make it worth their while. We would have to be sure that it is.

There was also the idea that we do more to bring the area to the attention of people planning to retire, since, among other things, "the people are nicer...definitely the best place on Earth."

If you have more ideas that were not mentioned here, drop by New to You and pick up a survey from the Chamber president, Annette Hollinsworth. And if you want to follow up on any of the ideas presented here, and the Chamber could be of help, just let us know. That's what we're here for.

Look Who's New

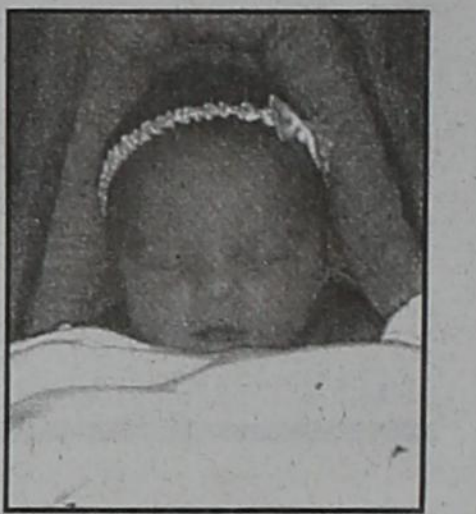
Charlee Frances Thacker

Brad and Weslyn Thacker of Amarillo would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Charlee Frances.

Charlee was born August 16, 2005, at 6:40 p.m. at Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs, Micky Maupin of Gruver and the late Wes Maupin.

Great-grandparents are Buzz and LaVoe Thacker of Roaring Springs, Jewette



Hayes of Shamrock, Elmer and Charline Quinn of Stratford.

Bearden wins National Title

The George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas was the site for the 2005 National Trampoline and Tumbling Championship held from July 26 to August 3. More than 2,000 athletes from all over the United States attended and competed in events during this period.

Kelsey Bearden, a 12-year-old 7th grader and All American cheerleader at Ropes, Junior High, Ropesville, Texas, won two medals at the event. Kelsey was the Silver Medal winner on level 9, age 13-14, double-mini trampoline, and was the Gold Medal winner and National Champion on level 9, age 13-14, trampoline.

Kelsey is a member of the Upside Downers trampoline and tumbling team from the Talent Plus gym in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Max and Dana (Mullins) Bearden and the sister of Bryce. Her grandparents are Junior and Betty Bearden of Quitaque and Dan



Kelsey Bearden

and Connie (Gage) Kennedy of Lubbock. She is the great-niece of Lewis and Marie Mullins of Dickens and Modean Brooks and LaRue Brooks of Roaring Springs.

Granddaughter receives Masters Degree

Cory Cox Miller of Amarillo received her Master of Education degree in Counseling from West Texas A&M on August 12, 2005, graduating with a 3.92 GPA.

Cory is the daughter of Don and Dee Cox of Andrews and the granddaughter of Ellis and Leona Terry of Matador and the late L.M. Cox.



Cory Cox Miller

Word of God

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him."

Lamentations 3: 21-25

Johnny Morris to speak at Assembly of God Church

Johnny Morris of Afton will be the guest speaker at the First Assembly of God Church, 910 Bundy, Matador, Sunday, August 28.

Mr. Morris will speak at the 11:00 a.m. morning service and the 6:00 p.m. evening service.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Why Not?



In the year of 1804, Barton W. Stone preached at the famous Cave Ridge Revival. The crowd was estimated at 20,000 people. Later, as he looked back on this event, Stone said, "The words of Peter rolled through my mind, I thought if Peter were here, this is what he would preach. I arose and preached the same thing, and urged them to comply."

Why not? Why not preach today what the Apostle Peter preached? Is someone so bold as to say what the great preacher of the New Testament preached is no longer good for us? Is preaching repentance from sin no longer relevant? Is preaching Jesus and Him crucified relevant? Does God's Word no longer work effectually in the heart of the believer?

The truth of the matter is that no one is permitted to preach any other gospel than that those early preachers preached. For in Galatians 1:6-9, we read of a very solemn warning with a penalty to be incurred for preaching anything other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel when preached and received will bring forth its wonderful fruit. The fruit is salvation.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Micheal G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

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OIL & GAS UPDATE

From Tyner Resources Web site:

Vancouver, B.C., August 18th, 2005 - Tyner Resources Ltd. (TSX.V: TIP) wishes to update the drilling activity on Tyner's first Lower Bend Shale well in the Palo Duro Basin area of the Texas Panhandle. The new well, the Stephens #1 well, is located approximately one mile east from Vintage Petroleum, Inc. (NYSE:VPI) Echols #1 well in Motley County. The well has been permitted to a total depth of 10,000 feet. Tyner has a 93.75% working interest in the well.

As expected, the well experienced circulation losses from 5,600 feet to 8,270 feet, which required substantial drilling mud adjustments due to mud losses. While tripping out of the well at 8,278 feet to change a bit the drilling string got stuck and due to the composition of the side walls retrieving the string became a challenge. The result of the extensive torquing of the string to break through the shale bridge caused the drill bit to separate and fall into the hole. A fishing tool was brought in to grapple the drill bit out of the hole, but was unsuccessful as the open hole and mud fluid caused uphole swelling which prevented retrieval. At the recommendation of our drilling and engineering specialists, the hole was cemented above the lost bit and side tracking of the well above a 150 foot cement plug was initiated. The drill well integrity has continued to be a challenge while side tracking from above the cement plug.

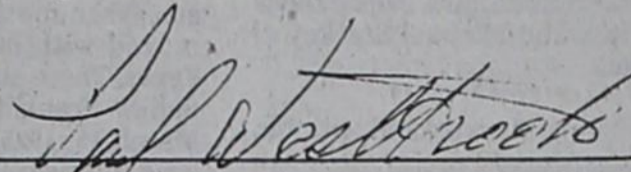
Management has elected to take a more conservative approach and move the side tracking operation up to the 5,600 foot level where we have drill well integrity to aid in the success of the side track. A cement plug has now been set at approximately 6,200, which represents in excess of 600 feet of cement. This will delay the completion of the drilling by an additional 15 to 20 days, but will aid greatly in getting to our desired total depth.

PROCLAMATION

This Proclamation designates Friday, August 26, 2005, as the day to honor Motley County ISD, students, faculty, parents and School Board, for achieving a rating of "Recognized" from Texas Education Agency for 2004-05 school year.

The entire Motley County School System will gather at the Courthouse square on Friday, August 26, at 8:30 a.m.

The Community is invited to attend and show their support to Motley County ISD for a job well done.

Signed: 
Mayor, City of Matador

Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



We are getting excited about the celebration and pep rally this Friday morning. All of the students will be gathered by the gazebo on the courthouse lawn about 8:30 a.m. We are walking so we have to accommodate for the little guys. There will be a couple of speeches (short) and

The well is now expected to reach total depth in early September and will require an additional 20 to 45 days to attempt completions and production tests. The well drilling program is designed to evaluate the Lower Bend Shale and the Granite Wash (Atoka Sands).

Tyner has acquired leases on 6,400 acres in the basin and has an option to acquire an additional 6,400 acres, which based on 80 acre spacing would allow for a maximum of a 160 well program. The Stephens #1 well is projected to encounter the Lower Bend Shale at approximately 8,400 feet depth and to test the Granite wash at 9,200 feet. The drilling of the Stephens #1 well should provide critical data to enhance the understanding of the Lower Bend Shale structure and to develop an understanding of the reserve potential of the basin.

maybe some entertainment and then the cheerleaders will hold a pep rally for our first football game. Please come out and join us as we acknowledge and celebrate the fine job our students and teachers are doing.

The picking up of students after school is working fairly well. The school and the traffic pattern around it were simply not designed for parents to be picking up students. It is perfect if everyone rode a bus or walked. Anyway, the routine is getting faster, and the students are safe ... guess that is ultimately the objective.

This is such a busy, short week. There will be no school on Thursday so that students and faculty can participate in the Old Settlers festivities. Most of the students will be in the parade in some capacity.

There will be no school next Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

This has been a very smooth beginning of school. Students are behaving properly, and teaching and learning are happening.

School Pictures will be taken Tuesday, August 30

School pictures will be taken next Tuesday, August 30. Jr. High and High School football and cheerleader pictures will also be taken.

BANKERS PETROLEUM ISSUES PRIVATE AND PUBLIC APOLOGY AND DISMISSES LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST LA ESPERANZA OIL & GAS, LLC AND NANCY SHOCKEY

July 26, 2005, Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. today issued a private and public apology and all parties dismissed all claims in the lawsuit filed July 6, 2005, in the 110th District Court, Floyd County, Texas against La Esperanza Oil & Gas and Nancy Shockey. Mr. Ford Nicholson, President of Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. stated in the apology that, "In the hearing held in Floydada on Monday, July 18, 2005, it became apparent that due to misinformation and miscommunications, some claims were erroneously stated in Bankers' pleadings filed in the lawsuit. It certainly appears to me that the facts revealed at the hearing exonerate La Esperanza and Nancy Shockey from many of the allegations of wrongdoing."

"Bankers hereby congratulates La Esperanza on its monumental efforts in the Palo Duro Basin Shale Play. La Esperanza has successfully acquired 50,000 Net Mineral Acres from a U.S. public company, then leased an additional 150,000 Gross Mineral Acres beginning in the summer of 2004 through March 2005, and then leased an additional 153,000 Gross Mineral Acres in the Shale Play in Briscoe, Motley, and Floyd Counties. These extraordinary results are to the mutual benefit of both La Esperanza and Bankers, and the company has the highest regard for La Esperanza's achievements in the Palo Duro Basin Shale Play."

La Esperanza has accepted the apology and both parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit and resolve any existing disputes they have, and move ahead in their respective future business activities.

Bankers at this time would also like to clarify that the above acreage mentioned equals about 255,000 net acres.

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Ah'm goin' to get me some of them Rootin' Tootin' Beans!

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Motley County Celebrities

When: Friday of Old Settlers August 26, 2005

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Motley County Library Annex

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Menu: Rootin' Tootin' Beans
Yaller Cornbread
Tea



11:15 a.m. Tuesday



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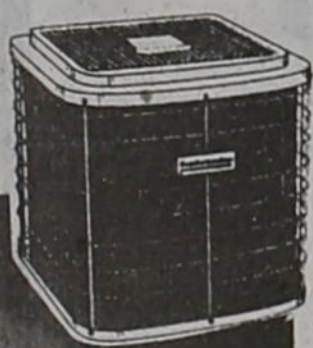
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Roaring Springs News by Lula Swim

Joshua Elliott, son of Ken and Dinah Young returned home this week from a trip to Dublin, Ireland where he spoke at a Physics conference. He was the youngest speaker at the Conference. Josh has just received his Master's degree in Physics at McGill University and is starting on the doctorate program there. He traveled during the two-week period in which the school paid his way.

There were 8 children attending the House of Faith meeting at the park last Wednesday afternoon. Monta Marshall gave the Bible story. Other adults helping were Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder, Joyce Meredith, and Lula Swim.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Plainview where she saw two doctors. They also met Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Howell for lunch and visited in their home as they had time between appointments.

Mrs. Jo Crowder made it home okay on Thursday from San Antonio.

Brad and Weslyn Thacker of Amarillo announce their baby girl, Charlee Frances, who arrived at 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday afternoon. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.

There were 20 ladies attending the Bible study session meeting in the home of Mrs. Bobby Williams, Monday morning, August 22. Mrs. Freida Burns taught the lesson. Several scripture verses from sev-

eral books of the Bible were read. Mrs. Burns closed the meeting with prayer.

Cody and Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV visited his parents, Joe and Joyce Meredith last weekend and other family members in the area. On Friday night they all enjoyed a cook-out at the home of his sister, Carla and Jim Meador in Matador. Also enjoying the evening were the Meredith's children, Angelica and Jonah, who have visited their grandparents for the summer; Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones, and Sean Rose, all of Lubbock; Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith of Roaring Springs, Sherry and Shea Rose, and Jackie and Steve Smith of Matador. On Saturday afternoon Cody, Leah, Angelica and Jonah, Parker Meredith, Joyce Meredith, Sherry Rose and Carla Meador enjoyed an afternoon of swimming at the Roaring Springs pool, and visiting at the Meredith's home that afternoon to celebrate Angelica's 12th birthday. In addition to the above mentioned, also visiting and enjoying cake and ice cream were Randy Meredith, Yancy and Daphne Meredith and Tony Rose. Cody, Leah, Angelica and Jonah drove to Lubbock that evening to spend the night with his nephew and family, Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones, before enplaning for their return trip home early Sunday morning.

Flomot News by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Velma Winston of Monroe, Washington is here for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Annie Shannon of Turkey and visiting the Bill Shannon family in Flomot.

Stan and Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross. They celebrated Elisa's birthday.

OVERHEARD
A friend is one who sees through you and still enjoys the view and stresses the best thing you can do behind a friend's back is to pat it. May you enjoy the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs this weekend!

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED
Travis and Linda Kendall, son and family, Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob met their other son and family, Cory and Janet Kendall, daughter, Chancey and son, Connor of Midland, in Lubbock, Saturday. They celebrated the birthdays of Jere who was seven years old and Chancey who was also seven, with lunch at Chucky Cheese Pizza Restaurant.

Saturday afternoon they had a fun filled time driving the cars at Putt Putt Golf and ice cream treats before returning to their respective homes. Others attending the celebration were Mrs. Deanna Oberhue and son, Frank of Quitaque.

HAS SURGERY
Jack Starkey had knee replacement surgery Monday morning, Aug. 22 at the Veterans' Hospital in

Amarillo. With him beside his wife, Nada were his children, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and Michael Starkey of Canyon.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were son and family, Ty, Brittany and Tylee Barclay of Matador. They also visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Saturday.

Roger and Shonda Lee enjoyed the tourist attractions this weekend in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Monday for her an optical appointment.

The Church of Christ who held a revival this week had a good turnout at the covered dish luncheon Sunday held at the Community Center in Flomot. The closing services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Jana Turner of Turkey accompanied Wilson Barton to Childress, Monday for a medical appointment.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson has been visiting Sundays at the Lockney Care Center with her mother, Mrs. James May, former resident of Quitaque before entering the Center in June.

Malcolm, son of Brenda and E.J. Browning, is attending school in Childress this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Monday for her knee medical treatment. She has been pleased with the treatments.

Obituaries

Netta Jewell Landrum

Netta Jewell Landrum, 99 years and six months, of Red Oak, Texas, formerly of Matador, passed away Thursday, August 18, 2005. She was born February 10, 1906, in Erath County, Texas, to James Andrew Jackson and Bertha Wideman Jackson. When she was a young girl, she moved with her family to West Texas. There she met and married Sidney Franklin Landrum, Jr., on March 15, 1925, in Matador. They lived in several areas of Texas before moving to Odessa in 1942 where they made their home until the death of Mr. Landrum in 1961. Mrs. Landrum moved to Matador soon after his death and remained there until she moved to Red Oak in 2003. She was a member of the Church of Christ.



The couple had seven children, four of which preceded her in death. They were: Sidney James, Joe Floyd, Albert Edward, and Lynda Gaynell Shipmen Florey. Also preceding her in death were her husband, five grandchildren, her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her sons, John Landrum and wife Mary, of Red Oak; Bobby Landrum and wife, Patricia, of Odessa; her daughter, Louise Johnson of Abilene; twenty-eight grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; eleven great-great-grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jewell was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister

and friend. She was greatly loved by all of her family and friends. In addition to the many duties involved in taking care of a big family, she loved to work outside and kept her garden and yard for as long as she was able. Reading and quilting were her favorite hobbies and through the years she made sure that each of her children and grandchildren received a pretty quilt made by "Granny Landrum".

The Celebration of her Life was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 22, at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, with interment following in the Fountain Garden.

Memorials may be sent to the East Mound Cemetery, P.O. Box 69, Matador, TX 79244.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Red Oak Funeral Home, www.waynebozefuneralhome.com.

Matador News

Sue and Dick Lancaster and daughter, Kristy of Breckenridge visited from Friday until Sunday with her sister and husband, Evelyn and C.D. Garrison. They celebrated Evelyn's birthday Friday.

Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland visited Tuesday with his sister and husband, Earlyne and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Visiting them Sunday was son, Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon and Reuben and Frances DeLeon of Lockney.

Mary Jones attended a Murphy Cousins Reunion in Ruidoso, NM from Thursday until Sunday. Other cousins attending were Laverna Johnston, Lubbock; Mary Helen

Cross, Plainview; Karen Palmer, San Diego, CA; Martha Farris, Odessa; and Audrey Foster, Midland. Joining them were Mary Helen's daughters, Tonya Keese of Plainview and Dolores Ticer of Amarillo, and Martha's daughter, Amy Jones of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson, daughter and family, Tonya and Warren Multer, Amy and Katy of Garden City, enjoyed a week in Ruidoso, NM recently. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and cousins continued to Clouderoft, NM for vacation pleasure. Mrs. Simpson, NWSV of Motley County reported 1.62 rain total for July in Northfield.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one for all the TLC you have given me during my surgery. To Pearl Patten, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Don and Billie Stuckey for all the wonderful food you have brought to us. For all the cards, phone calls, the beautiful flowers and best of all were your prayers for my recovery.

To my son and wife, Mike and Tobie Peacock for calling each day from Virginia, and for the beautiful flowers from them and their children; to Pat and Sharon, who saw to our every want and need and taking care of Billy during my stay in the hospital, and to my wonderful grandchildren who called.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Lea Peacock

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Wilson Barton honored on 90th Birthday

Wilson Barton, a native of Motley County, was honored on his 90th birthday, Thursday, August 18, 2005, with a family luncheon at the Community Center at Flomot.

The table was laid with a white cloth centered with a pair of boots holding beautiful flower arrangements. Cotton he had harvested in previous years was placed intermingled on the table along with bride bits. Colorful floating balloons added to the decor.

Following the delicious luncheon, he was presented a birthday cake decorated with a John Deere tractor, cotton and grass fields on each side with the inscription, "Happy 90th Birthday Wilson." Ice cream and punch were served with the cake. He enjoyed his many birthday cards.

Wilson is the son of the pioneer

family, A.L. and Addie Barton and has lived his entire life on the family homestead. His sister, Katherine King moved the original home to Matador where she lives, after Wilson built a new brick home on the land.

Those attending the happy occasion was his sister, Mrs. Katherine King of Matador; nieces, Mrs. Milda Morrison of Lakeside, California, Loretta and husband, Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas and Barbara and husband, Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon; nephew Charles and wife Jonnie

Barton of Lubbock; Jana Turner and parents, Jan and Joy Turner of Turkey; Mrs. Waydette Clay, and niece Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Donnie Turner of Flomot.

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

September 9 is the deadline to have everything complete for the Livestock Assistance and Crop Disaster Programs. This will probably be the last reminder. Please call to make an appointment if you have not yet signed up. There will be no late file provisions.

We still don't know when the LAP payments will be made. We have heard possibly in September, but it may be as late as November or December. Hopefully in time for Christmas.

NAP POLICIES FOR SMALL GRAINS AND GRASS

The deadline to purchase a small grain NAP policy is September 1. This is your insurance policy for wheat intended for grazing. Please make an appointment with Shonda if you have not done so. There are no late file provisions for NAP.

The purchase deadline for native and improved grasses is December 1. If you carry a NAP policy for grass, you must certify your grass by December 15.

SIGNATURES FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER ENTITIES

We were recently reviewed to see if the office has proper signature authority documents for entities. Due to changes in policy, there will be several things we will have to obtain.

If you receive a letter requesting more signature authority documents such as partnership agreements or powers of attorney, please contact us as soon as possible. We will not be able to accept any signatures until we have the required documents allowing someone to sign.

Keep in mind, the Farm Service Agency rules are different and more detailed than Texas Law when it comes to signature authority documents.

RAIN ON THE JUST AND UNJUST

We asked for the rain, and we got it. We're not "lucky" or "fortunate", because there is no such thing as either one. We are blessed, so let's not forget to give thanks.

"And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." James 5:18

Third annual Ducks & Dove Shoot-out to be held near Roaring Springs

The Third Annual Ducks and Dove Shoot-out will be held on the South Pease River Ranch, located South of Roaring Springs, September 24-25.

A Teal Duck Shoot will be held Saturday morning, September 24, beginning at 6:30 am.

The Dove Hunt will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue until sunset.

Saturday's activities will wrap up with a Hamburger supper and awards presentation about 'dark thirty' after all the hunters have returned.

Sunday morning entrants will be able to return and hunt at the ranch in an open hunt. This is an excellent opportunity

for hunting, especially for those who can't find a place to hunt locally. All TPWD hunting and licensing rules will apply.

Entry fee is \$75 per person. Payback is 66%. Scores from the hunts will be based on the amount of time and the number of shells used for a limit of each species hunted. Monies paid over-all on low score in both divisions. Limit one box of shells per event.

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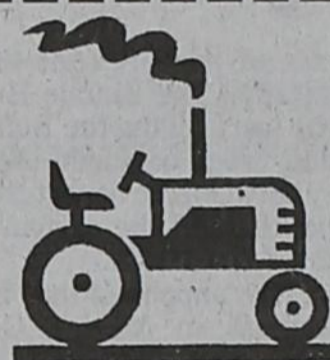
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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Aug. 25, 2005

7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 95 Low: 69
- Friday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 96 Low: 68
- Saturday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 95 Low: 68
- Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 97 Low: 69
- Monday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 97 Low: 70
- Tuesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 96 Low: 67
- Wednesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 95 Low: 65

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 95°, humidity of 40% and an overnight low of 69°. The record high temperature for today is 105° set in 1973. The record low is 55° set in 1966. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 96°.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
8/26	9/3	9/11	9/17

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	71	67	94/70	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.49"
Monday	80	65	94/70	0.00"	Departure from normal-0.49"
Tuesday	86	70	94/69	0.00"	
Wednesday	93	70	94/69	0.00"	Average temperature78.7°
Thursday	96	73	94/69	0.00"	*Average normal temperature . .81.5°
Friday	94	71	93/69	0.00"	Departure from normal-2.8°
Saturday	95	71	93/69	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Aug. 25, 1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton, Iowa reported 10.5 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood, Neb.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today 7:12 a.m.
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82nd Annual Old Settlers Reunion



Early day gathering of the Old Settlers Reunion at the Springs. (Tribune file photo)

Early History of Motley County

by Verlin Reeves
Year writtemunknown

Until the year 1874, the panhandle of Texas was occupied by savage Indians. Most of them were driven out in September of that year. The last fight of any importance was between General McKenzie of the United States Army and the Indians at Tule Canyon in what is now the North part of Briscoe County, Texas. McKenzie drove the Indians out of the Main Canyon of the Palo Duro and destroyed about 1400 head of horses belonging to the Indians.

Shortly after this fight - and during the same year, 1874, Conrad and Rath set up a Buffalo Hunters Supply Camp at TeePee City, Texas, which was located about 12 miles North-

east of the present town of Matador. The Buffalo Hunters, who were killing the Buffalo for their hides occupied the country between the departure of the Indians and the arrival of the Early Cattleman.

It is supposed that Ballard Springs in Motley County, Texas, were named for a Buffalo Hunter of that name. There is nothing definitely known of Ballard. The Springs flow about 125 to 150 gallons of water per minute. The Springs are located about 1 1/2 miles Southwest of the town of Matador, Texas, and there is nothing at the Springs at this time other than the headquarters of the Matador Land & Cattle Company.

Joe Browning settled at Ballard Springs in 1878, and the records show that he sold out to

H.H. Campbell in 1879. Campbell was one of the founders of the Matador Ranch.

The Matador Ranch, first known as the Matador Cattle Company, a Texas Corporation was organized by H.H. Campbell, A.M. Britton and S.W. Lomax and others. Britton and Lomax were promoters from Tarrant County, Texas, who brought their first cattle to Motley County, Texas, in 1879, and the herd was cut near the present town of Roaring Springs, Texas. The Matador Ranch - legally known as The Matador Land and Cattle Company, Limited, is owned by a Scotch Corporation, organized under the law of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, its home office is in Dundee Scotland. It is said that main stock-

holders of the corporation are Jute Merchants and Bankers.

In the early days of the Ranch operation there was a commissary at the Ranch Headquarters. The ranch hands came there for all of their supplies. The commissary has been discontinued at this time. The ranch hands get their supplies at the local stores in Matador.

The first fences built in this country were known as drift fences which were built to keep the cattle from other parts of the country from drifting in on the local range.

At this time, the country is all fenced and cross fenced. The Matador Land and Cattle Company owns about 400 square miles of land in Motley County which is cut into many pastures of various sizes. This ranch is

noted for the fine cattle that it produces. The Company makes a practice of purchasing fine registered bulls by the car load. These bulls are purchased from breeders in Kansas and other states, and they are turned loose on the Matador Range. One of these bulls, Public Domino, became famous as one of the main founders of the Domino strain of Hereford Cattle. The Matadors paid about \$250.00 dollars for Public Domino about 40 years ago and after he was turned loose on the range the breeders from whom he contracted with the Matador Land and Cattle Company for the re-purchase of Public Domino for a price said to be \$3,000, which at that time was lots of money for a bull. It took some time to locate this bull.

John Southworth and Hawley Plemons who were sent out to fetch him in, roped about 300 bulls before they found Public Domino. He was identified by an ear tag and was returned to his former owners, Mr. Todd of Maple Hill, Kansas.

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Twenty ranches sign up for Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo

Twenty ranches have signed up to compete in the 2005 Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday nights in Roaring Springs.

Showing their ranch skills on Friday night will be the Tongue River Ranch of Paducah, led by Bubba Smith as Captain.

The Rafter S Ranch, Clarendon - Joe Shadle, Captain; and team members Brad Shadle, Josie Shadle and Randy Crump.

Tule Creek Rounders, Tulia - Blaine Barnes, Captain; Paul Rousseau, Clint Lewis, Frank Westfall and Ewell Adams.

Foster Ranch, Aspermont, Leland Foster, Captain; Will Foster, Rick Ferguson, Scooter McCaleb, and Doug Harney.

Salt Ford Rounders, Lela Lake, Will Funderberg, Captain. 2S Cattle Care, Vega, Tim Stout, Captain.

Circle Bar Ranch, Guthrie, Tucker Martin, Captain; Kerry Adams, Jeff Ship, Kyle Everson.

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Brendle.

Bradley Ranch, Idalou, J.B. Miller, Captain; Johnny Miller, Cobey Turner, Jim Tackett, Dewey Hill.

MS Cattle Co., Hedley, Willie McCleskey, Captain; Elwynn McCleskey, Wyman McCleskey, Chad Smith and Casey Smith.

The rip-roaring excitement will continue on Saturday with ten more ranches competing for the title of Best Ranch.

Saturday night's ranches will include Redwine Land & Cattle, Throckmorton, Rusty Redwine, Captain; and team members Pecos Alford, Clint Cowart, Kurt Warren and E. Paul Bounds.

Wagon Hammers, Matador, Tim Washington, Captain; Matt Washington, Todd Thomas, Gilbert Guerrero and Tommy Cooper.

North Spade Ranch, Northfield, John Bland, Captain; Tanner Johnson, Jason Pelham.

Pitchfork Ranch, Guthrie, Ross Errickson, Captain; Kelby Phillips, Levi Myers, Jasique

Hughes.

Thomas Cattle Co., Plainview, Buddy Thomas, Captain.

N.T. Ranch, Hamlin, Cody Aaron, Captain; Casey Armstrong, Ty Brown, Joe Brewer.

Triangle Ranch, Paducah, Frank Wright, Captain; Bryant Brownley, Ky Brownley, Bruce Slover, Mike Meek.

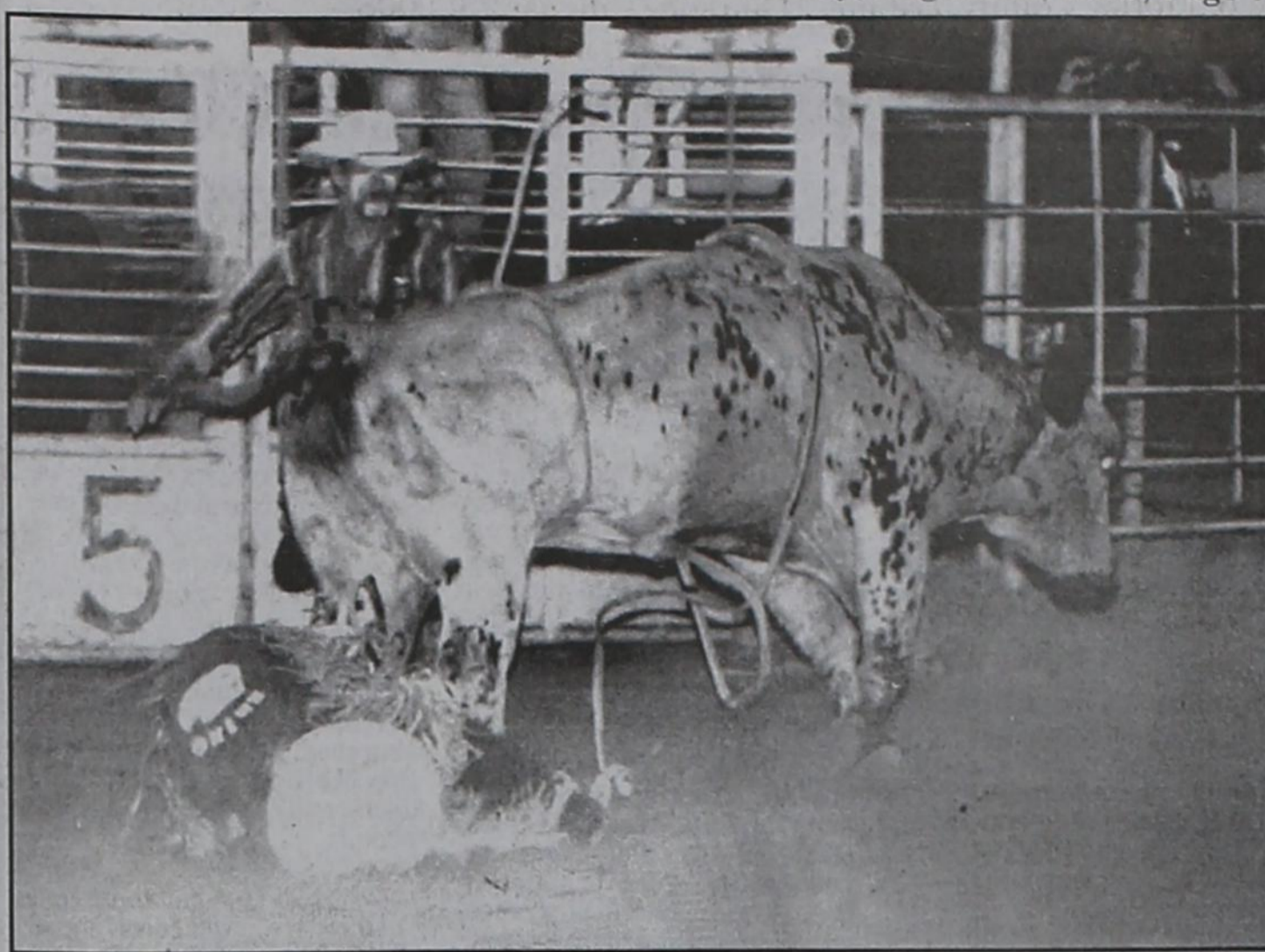
Masterson Ranch, Guthrie, Edward Estrada, Captain; Robert Estrada, Tom Butler, Kenny Chambers, Robert Masterson.

LeMajor Ranch, Seymour, Aaron Stanfield, Captain.

Lyles Ranch, Benjamin, Mike Lyles, Captain; Jon Lyles, Clint Jones, Andy Paul Jones and Tony Hunter.

Rodeo excitement will begin Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this display of ranching skills by cowboys from some of the most well-known ranches in the area.

Motley-Dickens County arena events will be held Thursday night beginning at 4:30 p.m.



A rodeo cowboy scrambles to get out of the way after being bucked off this wild bull during an Old Settlers Rodeo competition. This year's Rodeo will feature an Open Bull Riding event Friday and Saturday nights.

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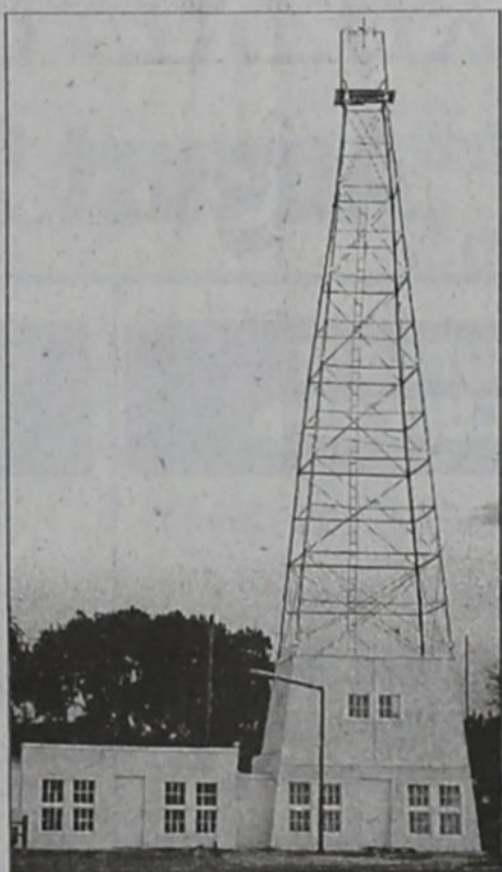
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Harold Parks (front) and Elmer Parks, Old Settlers Parade, 1960.

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Era is ended when Post Office Closes

Matador Tribune,
January 5, 1967

An area of community life ended at Whiteflat Friday afternoon with the formal closing of the Whiteflat post office after more than 66 years of service. Only a few of the remaining patrons were present to see the office closed. The Post Office Department said Whiteflat had been a post office since 1908, but records in the office showed that it had been in operation since 1899 (and perhaps longer).

The late L. Rattan kept the post office in his home in 1902, two miles north and 1/2 mile east of the community.

Now Zip No. 79262 joined the limbo of forgotten post offices. A cold north wind was blowing Friday afternoon when Mrs. Clayton (Bernice) Bond, postmistress of Flomot, lowered the flag and closed the office. She had been assigned to the duty. Postmaster Charlie Scaff of Matador aided in checking the materials in the small office.

Mrs. Jack Spray, postmistress, had received more than 90 cards and letters requesting a final Whiteflat post mark. Notice of the closing of the Whiteflat post office had been announced in a post office bulletin.

Mrs. Bond asked Mrs. Spray about locking the front door of the small office. "We don't have a key," Mrs. Spray replied, "The only way we can lock the front door is with a screwdriver from the inside, then go out and lock the back door. I can't lock the back door, however, because I let the man who is going to buy the fixtures have it."

In checking through the debris and supplies of the little office, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Spray found at least four Certificates of Appointments left by former postmasters of the Whiteflat office. In most cases they were water stained and mouse-eaten. Oldest was in 1909 to John T. Morgan. The second was to Gabriel Garrison issued in 1910. The certificate to James Gross

was issued January 17, 1913, and Coleman D. Willingham had left his certificate of appointment issued in 1928.

The Post Office Department had instructed Mrs. Bond to burn the rubber stamps, and certain records. Other materials, including scales, a money order writer and other equipment and supplies were to be checked and turned over to the department.

Modern paved highways and swift motor vehicles ended the community life in Whiteflat. At first it was the schools (absorbed by Matador Independent School Dist.). Later two churches, the Baptist and then the Methodist closed their doors, and now the post office is gone.

Part of the patrons, less than a dozen, will receive mail at Flomot or from a Flomot route, and the others will receive mail from Matador or from a Matador route.



A Feed Store and Doctor's Office, located in Whiteflat in the early 1900's. Photograph probably includes a majority of the local citizens. Included are a number of the members of the J.H. Hines family.

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YOUTH CLASS \$25 Entry Fee. \$12.50 Stock Charge
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Cutting Begins at 10:00 A.M.

CLASSES:

Junior Horse - 5 Years Old & Younger
Entry Fee \$100 \$45 Stock Charge
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Entry Fee \$100 \$45 Stock Charge
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Schweitzer on a Saddle like Sterling on Silver

Note: The first two paragraphs of the following is a tribute to H.H. Schweitzer, master leather craftsman, written by Charles A Guy, a former editor of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*. It is reprinted here in part from *Of Such As These*, by Eleanor Traweek.

"Old times in the Matador country will tell you that 'Schweitzer on a saddle is like sterling on silver,' and there's no doubt about the truth of the statement. It long was - and still is. Nevertheless, I suspect that if Houston Schweitzer were still around he'd be both surprised and nonpulsed to learn that products of his art and skill will be displayed and lectured about on a university campus. That is exactly what happened October 3, 1970, when Houston Schweitzer's son, Bert, showed samples of his father's wizardry and told listeners about them and the man who fashioned them.

"Houston Schweitzer was the Michaelangelo of the hand-made saddle industry in Northwest Texas. There's no doubt about it. But there is doubt that it ever occurred to him that he was.

Houston Schweitzer was only seven years old when his mother died. At first his father, Henry Schweitzer, tried to keep the child with him, but the situation became increasingly difficult as he moved about from ranch to ranch. For a time Houston lived at old Estacado. Later his father boarded him out with various people, including a kind family of Mexicans before finally sending him to the Mott Line Camp in Motley County to live with Mrs. Frank Leonard, a sister of the boy's mother.

The Leonards had a big family, and money was not a plentiful commodity, but they outfitted the little boy as best they could with pants, boots, and coats that somebody had outgrown. Small for his age, the twelve year old ragamuffin went to work as a wrangler for the Matador Ranch wearing cast off clothes that were too big for him.

For the next eight years he did odd jobs at the ranch, and it was here that his talent for leather work began to show itself. When the cowboys, trying to help out a deserving kid, let him fix their saddles, he began by putting the strings in them. The Pitchfork Kid, an artisan in his own right in the making of

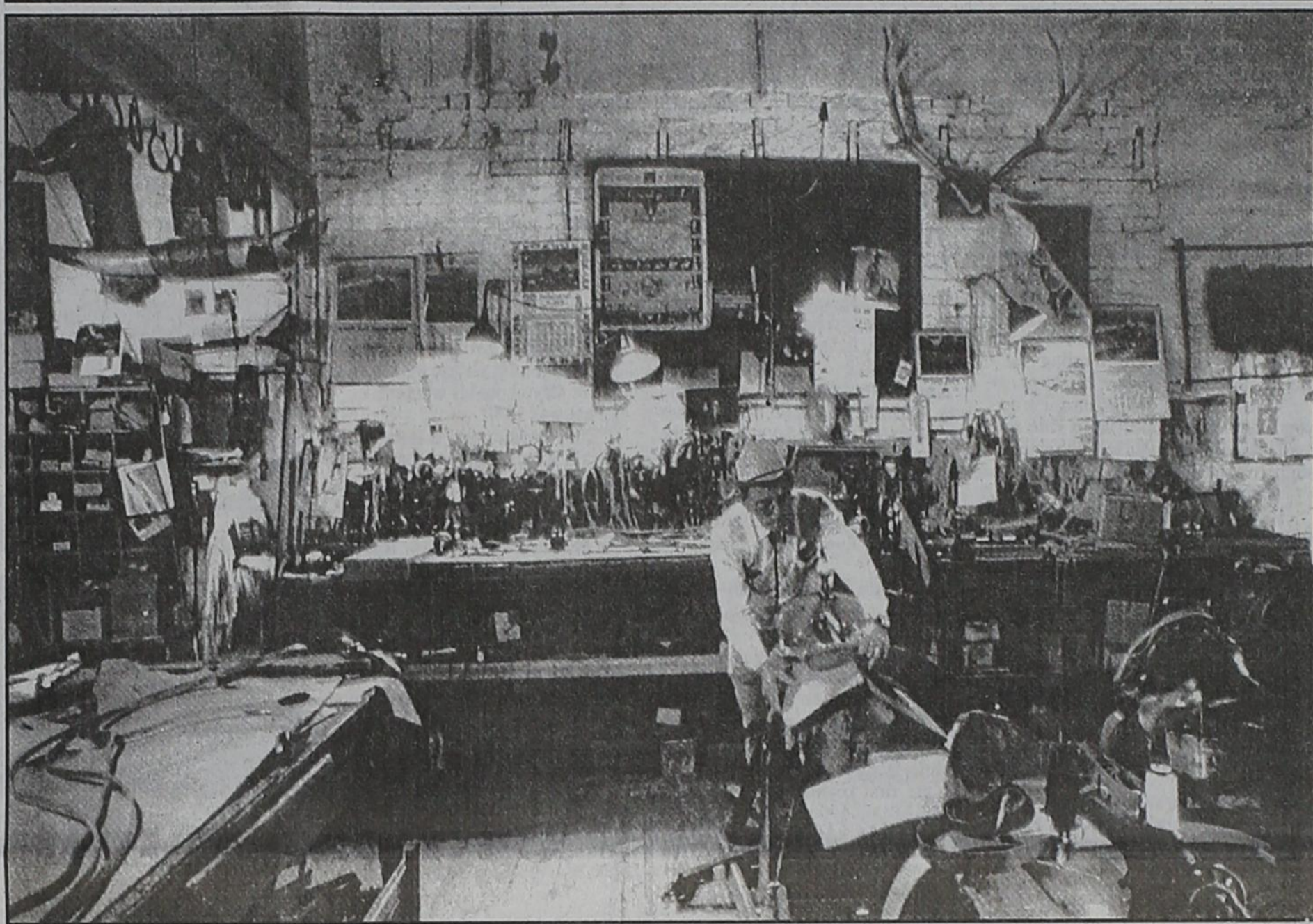
bull whips, was at the ranch then. He was careful that no one saw how he fashioned his whips, but young Schweitzer had a keen eye, and figured out how to do it. This was a beginning.

Houston Schweitzer left Matador about 1916-17 to work for a ranch in Arizona before entering the army in World War I and serving nine months as a buck private in the infantry in France. When he returned to the states, it was to Metcalf, Arizona where he met and married Willie Sloan. Before the wedding, which took place December 15, 1920, H.H. Schweitzer bought a little ranch and furnished the two room log cabin on it with an old iron range, a kitchen table made of rough lumber from the saw mill close by, and as much makeshift furniture as he could get together. The ranch was situated in "Dark Canyon," a remote setting which Willie's girlfriends thought "terribly romantic." And it was. The bottom of the canyon was less than a city block wide where the water from nearby springs gurgled and splashed. Supplies had to be packed in on the back of mules or donkeys, and not more than four or five people ever came by the cabin during the entire time the young couple lived there. Houston had 60 range Herefords, and his bride rode horseback with him to check on them. Willie remembered that she was very happy there and was never lonely.

In 1922, times were hard and cattle prices hit the bottom. Houston turned the ranch over to the man he bought it from and moved into Metcalf. He opened a saddle shop in the town of Clifton, and it was there that he began his leather work. Schweitzer never had a lesson in the making of saddles, and he never saw one made. But with some leather, a hammer, and a nail he began the tooling for which he became world famous.

In the spring of 1924 the Schweitzers moved to Matador where Houston opened a new saddle shop. It was a gathering place for all the cowboys who came in to "shoot the bull" and to watch the leather craftsman at work. Audiences never seemed to bother him. He was a God given talent that he accepted, and improved with work.

Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer were the parents of three children: Houston, Bert, and Frances.



H.H. Schweitzer at work in his Saddle Shop, located in the building where the Dood Damron Boot Shop was for many years in downtown Matador.

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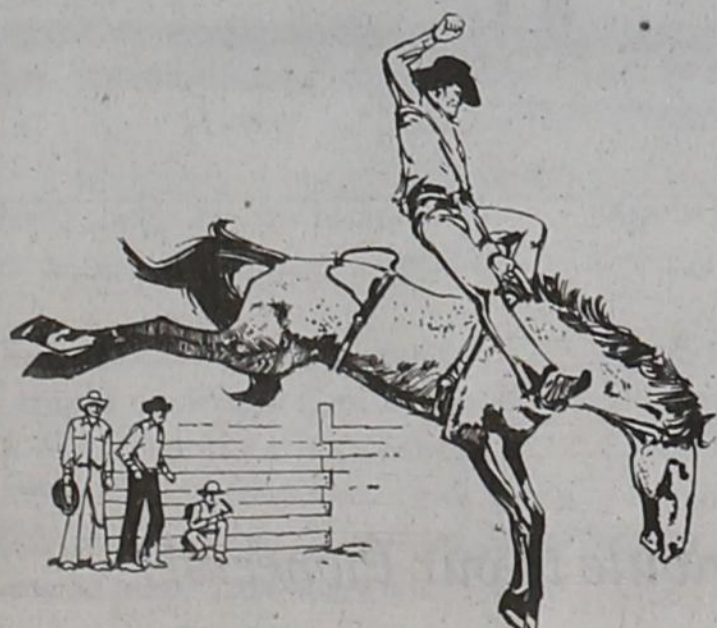
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As Annual Reunion Approaches Matador Hands Recall the Past

by David Bowser
from the August 21, 1997 issue of
Livestock Weekly

ROARING SPRINGS, Texas — When the hands who worked at the Matador Ranch here gather for their reunion August 30, they won't remember the name Bill Bilberry. They will remember the name Wrang.

That's my real name, Bill, but when I went to work for the Matadors, I started wrangling horses," Bilberry explains. "That's where I got the name, Wrang. I guess all the time I worked for them, wasn't anybody even knew my first name."

Bilberry went to work in the spring of 1949.

"Later part of '51, I went in the army," he says. "I'd quit the Matadors and within 30 days they had me in the army. Old Rosie Deaton, he told me they'd have me. Sure enough, in 30 days I got my call."

Bilberry left the Matadors at the time they were about to sell out.

"They were in the process of selling when I left the wagon," he says. "I was with the wagon the whole time, about three years, I guess. I wrangled horses three or four months, then went to cowboying. Of course, they went through horse wranglers and hoodlums pretty regular. Same way with hands for the wagon. It was always a joke that they worked three crews - one a coming, one there and one a leaving."

Of the men who were at the wagon when he was there, Bilberry figures he was the youngest.

"I went to work for them when I was 17," he says. "It was a lot of hard work, a lot of long hours. Seven days a week. We left before daylight or right at daylight. We'd ride anywhere from there to five miles to the splitting up ground. When I went to work for them, Red Payne was running the wagon. He was a breed of his own."

"Got to bed at night just as quick as you could. Sometimes you'd ride so hard you wouldn't even feel like eating supper. You'd just go on and go to bed. "Course, it was a lot of fun."

The hours were long and hard, but there was a camaraderie that bound the men together.

"It's kind of hard to explain," he says. "It's just meeting all those guys and so many different guys was coming and going. That was the good thing about it, that and the experience. You can't get that experience now anywhere in the United States."

Although he was raised at Spur, Bilberry started out cowboying in New Mexico.

"I'd worked for Will Terry at Hobbs, N.M., prior to coming here," Bilberry says. "My uncle brought me up here and Johnny Stevens hired me."

The United States Army interrupted

his tour on the range. "I didn't get back to working on a ranch until '76," he says.

That's when he went to work running a sheep ranch in New Mexico. But his days at the Matadors remain golden in his memory.

"I remember the first bronc I took out of the bronc pen," Bilberry says. "Ellis Key and George Fulghum were breaking horses. It was the first bronc I took out, and I asked Rosie Deaton what should I do. He said, 'You do just whatever you think, and whenever you get through with him, you'll know what you did wrong.' He made a lot of sense. I used to turn him back on those mesquite trees and you'd be a running through there and without you knowing it, all of a sudden he'd duck back with you. It was good experience."

He says he learned a lot from his mistakes.

"I named that first bronc Maganoose," Bilberry says. "He had a cut shoulder, a scar on that shoulder. Little old skinny dun horse."

Some things a man just doesn't forget.

Another oldtime Matador cowboy is Slim Durham. Now living in Eastern Oklahoma, Durham spent much of his life around the Matadors.

"I was raised down there below the Croton Pasture in Dickens County," he says. "That's real rough country down there. There's a lot of wild cattle in that part of the country."

He lives in Wister, Okla., now, but he says he's planning on being back in the Texas Panhandle at Roaring Springs for the Matador reunion.

His brother Alvin, a saddle maker, worked on the ranch, too.

"In the summertime, we rode grass horses," Durham says. "We didn't feed 'em. The pastures had 135 to 140 sections in them. It'd take a month to work through them."

The last few years before the ranch was sold off and split up, Durham says, the wagon stayed out through the winter and the summer.

"It was interesting life," he recalls. "I wouldn't take nothing in the world for it. I'm glad I got to live it. Some of it, I'd hate to live through again."

Especially on the princely sum of \$30 a month that most cowboys made in those days.

The food at the chuckwagon was good and there was plenty of it, but it got monotonous.

"It was mostly beef and gravy," he says. "A little bit of milk in it once in a while. I remember when they brought out the first peanut butter. It was a gallon bucket of peanut butter. I think we ate the whole thing for dinner. I was afraid then they wouldn't buy any more."

Along with the chuckwagon was

the hoodlum wagon.

They had two hoodlum mules with it, Durham says.

In the later years they didn't keep but one, but the Matador used to have two hoodlum wagons.

"One of them had all your bridles," he remembers. "You had different bridles on different horses. They used to keep them all tied on front of one of the hoodlum wagons. They had a barrel of water in it and all the branding equipment."

"That hoodlum wagon would be to where ever we was going to work cattle," Durham says. "It'd leave from where we were and go to wherever we were going to be."

The other hoodlum wagon would follow the chuckwagon, hauling food and water.

"We just got after them mules and run 'em up to that hoodlum wagon and the hoodlum'd tie a rope around their necks," Durham says. "They were trained to come out of those horses when we went to a rope corral. We'd run 'em up to the hoodlum wagon and he'd tie 'em up, 'cause they were going to move the wagon early the next morning. They'd leave them tied up all night and feed them there."

The hoodlums had a pretty good job, he says. They would help the cook and put up the rope corral for the horses.

"It was kind of hard if you had a new one," he says. "A ranch the size of the Matadors, they'd get lost if they didn't know where to go. You'd have to have somebody to escort them one place to the next."

When Durham came to the wagon, there were 23 mounts.

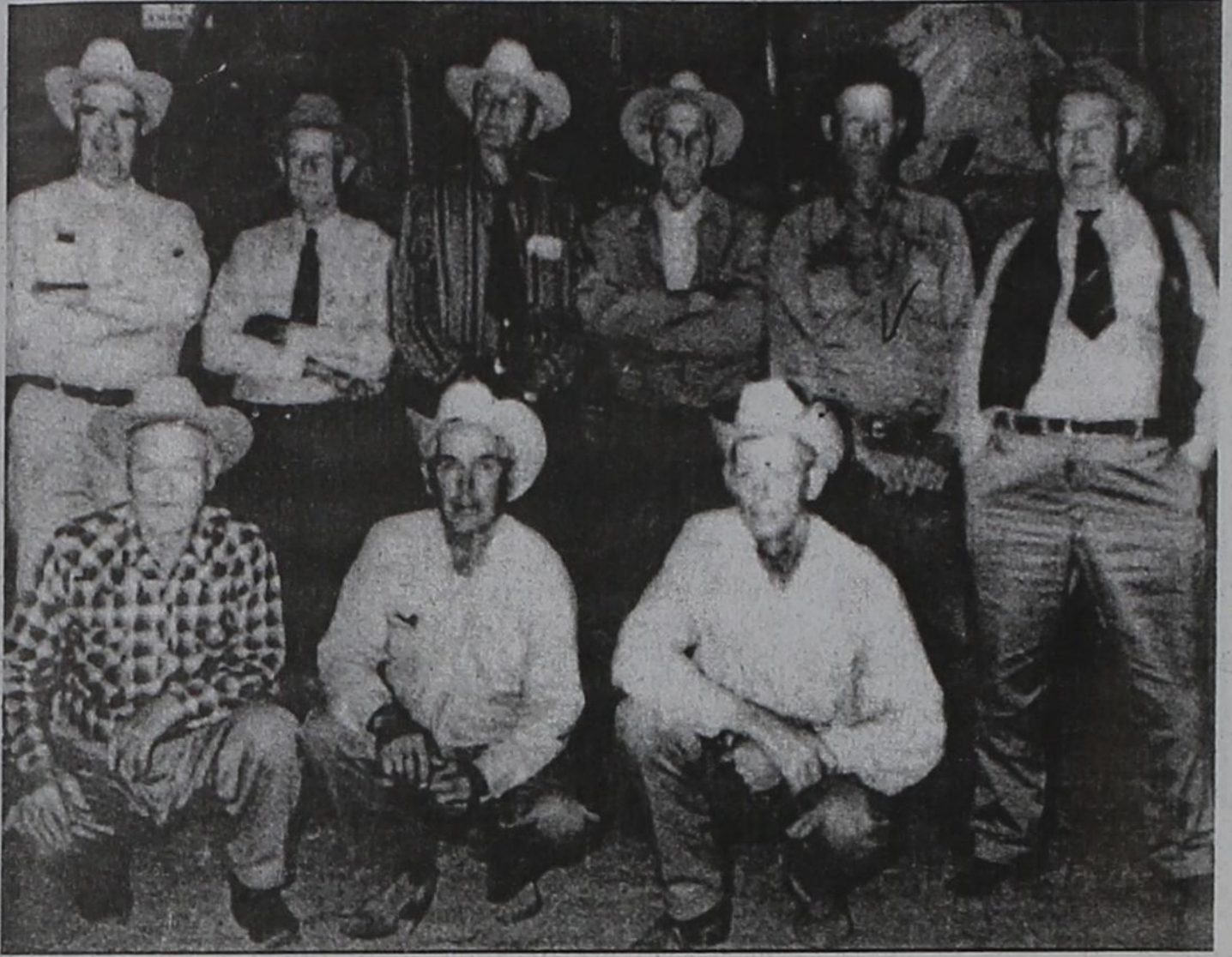
"They had 11 head of horses to a mount," he says. "When I first came there the first winter they fed two horses. The second winter they fed three. Then they got up to feeding four. I stayed with the wagon the first winter. We stayed out all winter."

That was 1940. "They used to pull it in in the fall and pull it back out in the spring," he says. "They'd keep the horses, and they had what they called the floating crew. They'd stay and keep their horses over at one of these camps. The camp man would feed them. They'd work through and pick up the cattle they'd missed, then they'd work over to another part of the ranch. Circle around and catch some of those old big steers and stuff."

Durham was born in 1922. He came to the Matadors in 1939.

"All told, I got about 12 years out of the wagon," he says. "Great soft bed. My bedroll is down there in the museum now. I paid \$18 for that tarp."

When World II broke out, Durham was born in 1922. He came to the Matadors in 1939.



Matador Cowboys, left to right, Brooks Calloway, Albert Daffern, Virgil Leonard, Emmett Gafford, Melvin Dirickson, Ed D. Smith, Shorty Smauley, Walker "Peel" Leonard, W.C. "Rosie" Deaton. All are now deceased.

(photo from *Of Such As These*)

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When World II broke out, Durham went off to the Pacific.

"When I came back, I paid \$55 for a new saddle," he says. "I still got it."

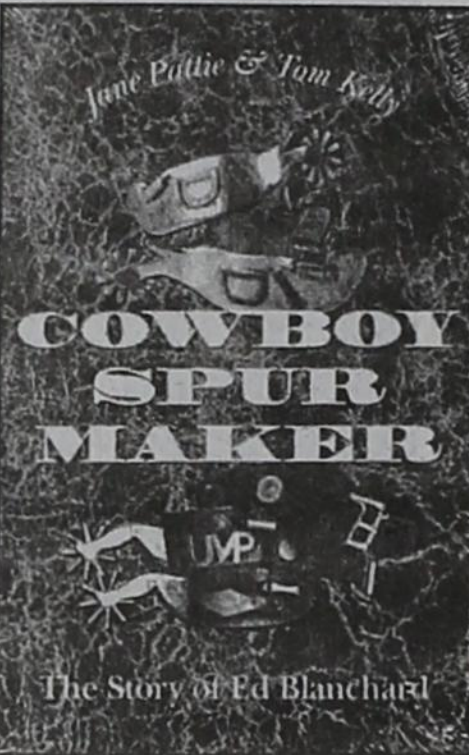
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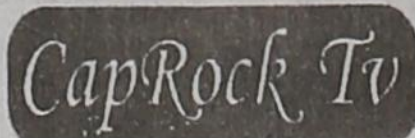
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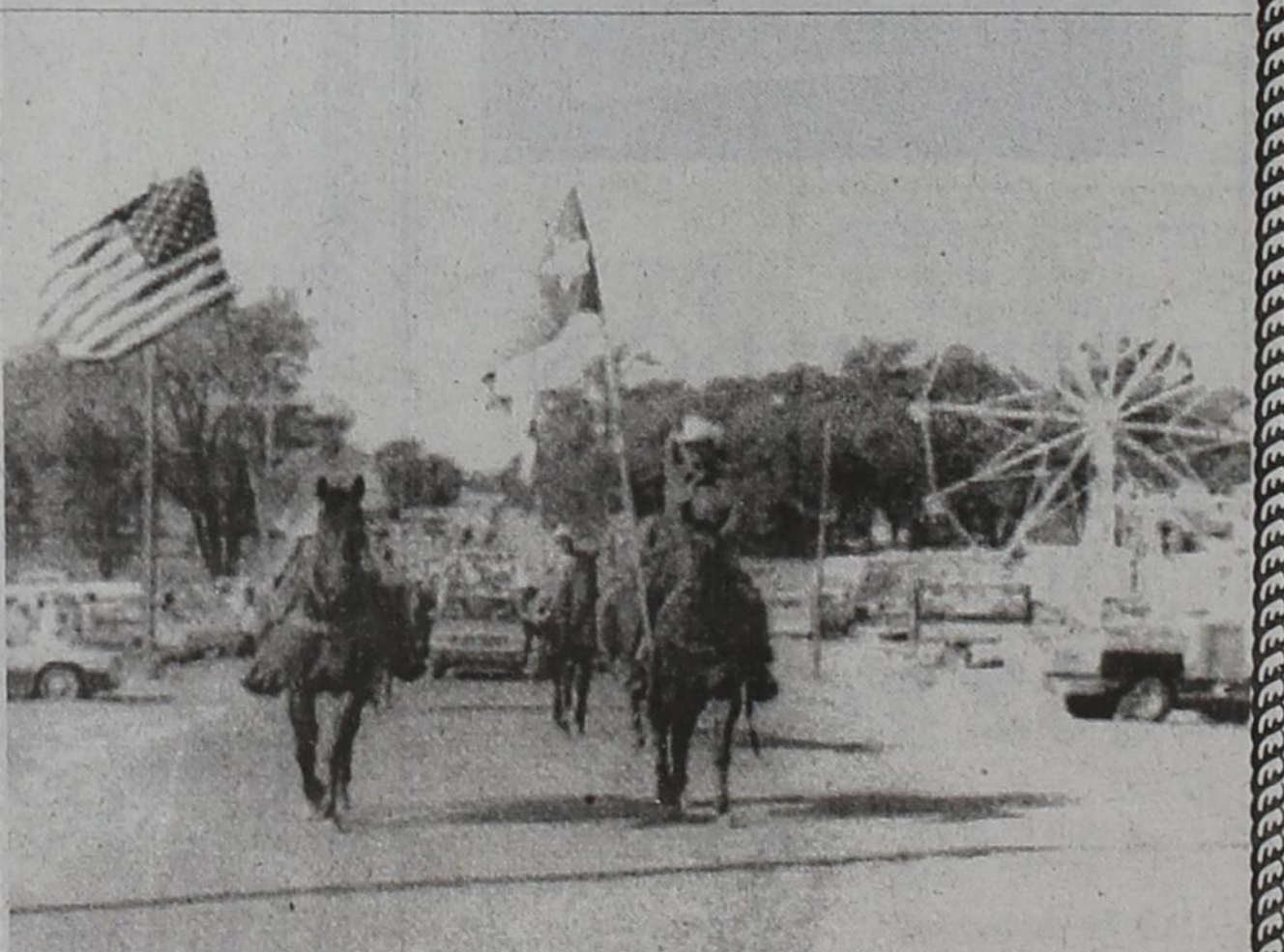


As the picture says, "Bathing" in Roaring Springs. The girl and others, barely visible (feet on top) seem to be enjoying a cool dip at the Roaring Springs Waterfall. It is believed this picture was taken about 1912-13.

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CUTTING OUT BRONCS

Longtime Matador
Cowboy, Rosie Deaton,
cutting out broncs
for the Matadors.
This picture was
taken in 1940.



Matador Cowboy nicknames

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| Wildhorse Warren | Pitchfork Kid Partlow, Billy |
| Peel Leonard | Tex Garnett |
| Backie Stotts | Cotton Stephens |
| Shorty Hammock, Smalley, Klebo | Wet Rope Dirickson |
| Stogie Bumpus | Mopy Meason |
| Big John Southworth | General Red Payne |
| Filthy Spotts | Paint Campbell |
| Red Payne Matlock | Lightning Felts |
| Rosie Deaton | Big John Southworth |
| Tick Fulgham | P-Lal Lon Vivian |
| Sis Fulgham | Whack Williams |
| Slim Durham, Felts | Snakes Griffin |
| Soady Latham | Tutt Garnett |
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| Prarie Dog Martin | Buster Smallwood |
| Tightwad Leslie | Hoagie Sims |
| Dood (Dude) Damron, Barton | Banty Brandon |
| Mose Damron, G. Keith | Tob Little Ed D. |
| Stick Bostick | Blow Skee Burkes |
| Pick Cox | Stick Johnson |
| Pus Cox | Spike West |
| Rusty Birchfield | Wrang Bilberry - Thornton |
| Boots O'Neal | Baby Osborn |
| Boo Donald | Wishey Dirickson |
| Bull Durham Durham | Booger Stegall |
| Coon Jefferies | Rooster Felts, Graham |

I Remember ...

by Dave Keith

Note: Mr. Keith is a former Matador Cowboy

- Wanting to be a cowboy at a very young age
- Watching all the cowboys on Saturday night by the hotel on the street.
- Wanting to crease my hat like Wild Horse
- Wanting a pair of books like Bill Hemphill - at Dood's
- Wishey looking pretty Western - full beard and pants in boot tops
- Rosie and Boy from Arizona getting Matador mule at our place (Johnny Andrews, Slingman, AZ)
- Boy from Arizona getting his top lip cut east of town
- John Stotts was a lot like John Wayne to me
- Peel getting Bill Durham to make me a bridle at Russellville
- Bull made me a new bridle with same buckle 35 years later
- On hill with Bill Hemphill at McBain after Peel left me there
- Helping Peel sample wild mustang grape wine
- Staying with Hub and Dressie Giddens
- Dressie's biscuits
- Picking plums at Dutchman on July 4 in the wagon (Geo and Mattie Cope)
- Starting tomcat for Booger
- Cook trying to get in my bedroll
- Helping Chris wrangler horses by Bird's
- Looking my new saddle blanket around Bird's Corner
- Sis Fulgham visiting wagon at Turtle Hole and bringing two cases of cold beer.
- Getting bucked off at Turtle Hole before July 4th
- Hearing Jerry Edwards stabbing coyote in trap at Darden Canyon
- Meeting Jim Ward Jeffries at Wolf Creek Pens
- Seeing Sam Whitley catch calf at Wolf Creek Pens - Quick!
- Peel saying Sam was areal good cowboy
- Doctoring worms with John Stotts, Sam Whitley, and Bill Evans
- Eating Boo's fried tators
- Charles Koch getting Seth's pick up - we went to the dance
- H.A. getting kicked in the stomach at Sic Pens
- Charles Payne and Rock Head Red
- Meeting Ike Rude at Old Settlers - oldest man to win World Championship, old Matador cowboy teens
- Green and me getting a chapping for swimming in Red Lake tank
- Dood's Boot Shop was in Hole in the Wall
- My first Dood Damron boots were \$25
- Helping Rosie change the oil in windmills
- Visiting with Ned Bowers - he rode by our south fence a lot
- Helping Slim Felts move wagon horses from Red Hill to East Camp
- Helping Johnny Davenport get bulls out
- When ASCS had a big meeting and party at Spring when we wormed there - Boo met John and me at the River - Beer in each hand
- Shorty Hammack - Bull ran over him crippling him once
- Booger giving me a drink out of his pint. Middle street front ole picture show - guess Booger liked me.
- 2 years later used same crutches Booger did when I broke my ankle after Booger broke his foot



Red Hills, December 1958 - Pictured left to right, Bob Walters, Roddy (Hoodlum), Richard Bumpus, Frank Bumpus, John Bumpus, Lee Robbins.

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

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

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

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

They've Been There

by Dave Keith

From the Battle Fields of Gettysburg,
to chasing the Commanche
Riding with Blackjack chasing Pancho Villa,
to the trenches in France
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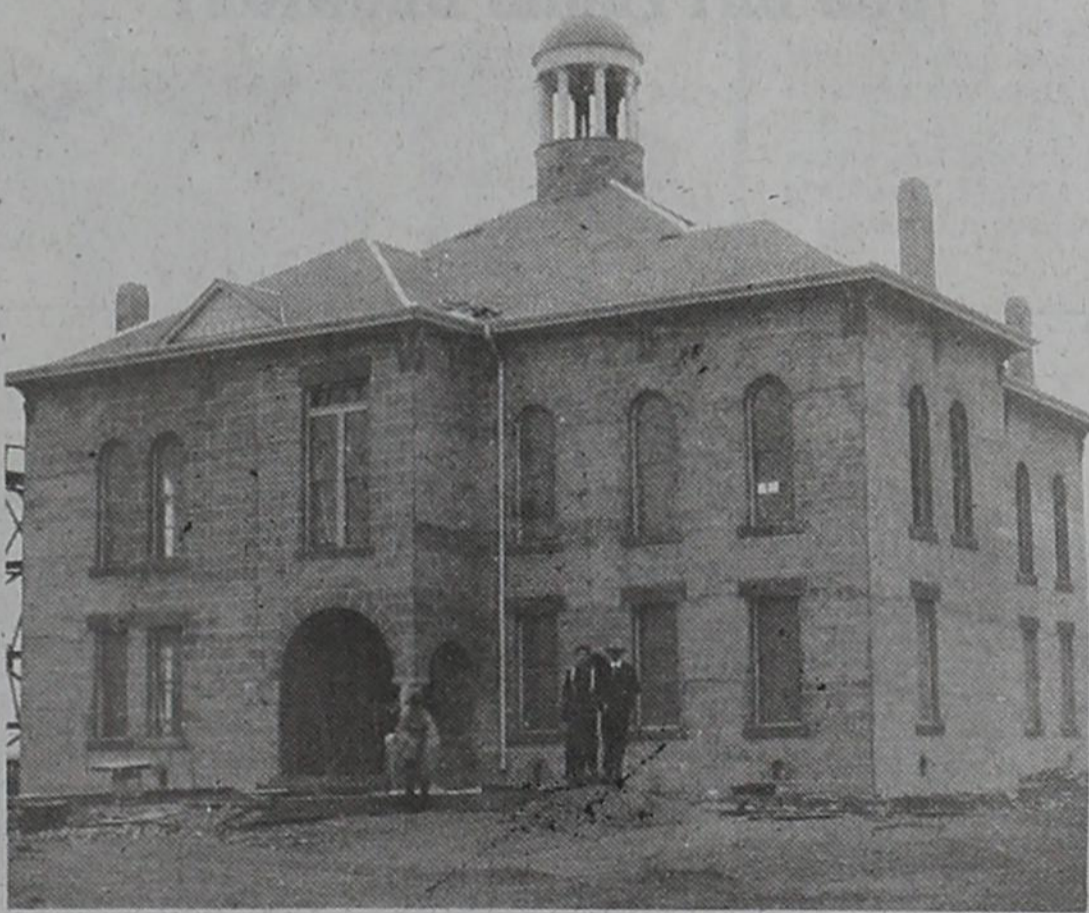
FRIDAY NIGHT

- Tongue River Ranch - Dumont, Texas
- Rafter S Ranch - Clarendon, Texas
- Tule Creek Rounders - Tulia, Texas
- Foster Ranch - Guthrie, Texas
- Salt Fork Rounders - Clarendon, Texas
- 2 S Cattle Care - Vega, Texas
- Circle Bar Ranch - Guthrie, Texas
- J Lazy! - Ranch - Alpine, Texas
- Bradley Ranch - Idalou, Texas
- MS Cattle Co. - Hedley, Texas

SATURDAY NIGHT

- Redwine Land & Cattle - Throckmorton, Texas
- Wagon Hammers - Matador, Texas
- North Spade Ranch - Northfield, Texas
- Pitchfork Ranch - Guthrie, Texas
- Thomas Cattle Co. - Plainview, Texas
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- LaMajor Ranch - Seymour, Texas
- Lyles Ranch - Benjamin, Texas

A Salute to the Pioneers of Motley & Dickens Counties



Motley County Courthouse, built in 1904, and destroyed by fire in 1944.

MOTLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE STAFF

Motley County Judge: Ed D. Smith
County Commissioners: Precinct 1, Ronnie Davis; Precinct 2, Donnie Turner;
Precinct 3, Franklin Jameson; Precinct 4, Russell Alexander

Sheriff: James B. "Jim" Meador Deputy: Rickey Lawrence
Tax Assessor/Collector: Elaine Hart Deputy: Brian Smith

County & District Clerk: Kate Hurt Deputy County Clerk: D'Anna Russell
Justice of the Peace: Cora Smallwood Treasurer: Eva Barkley
County Attorney - Tom Edwards County Appraiser: Brenda Osborn

County Extension Agent - Eric Lewis
DPS Troopers: Chad Overton and Jason McMillan
Game Warden: Ted Davey

Courthouse Maintenance: Larry Markham

Road Maintenance: David Taylor, Prec. 1; Tommy Beck, Prec. 2;
Richard Thomas, Prec. 3; Dean Osborn, Prec. 4

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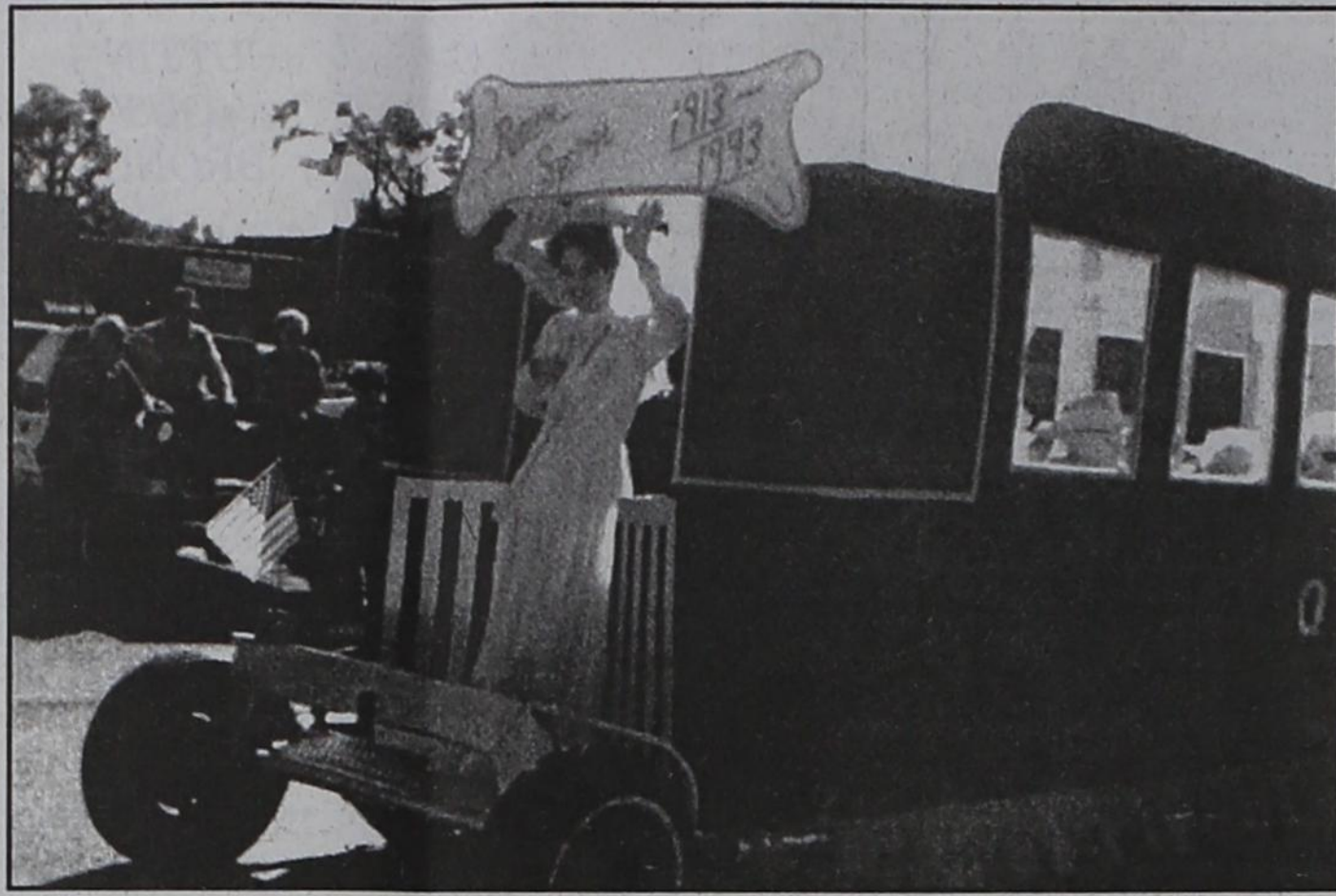


1919 FLOMOT COTTON FIELD: Those on wagon are Tede and Ora Blackshear, Earnest and Rul Everhart; on the ground are Mary B. and Viola Blackshear, Bessie and Stella and Mr. Everhart.

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MISS MAGGIE — Maggie Bryan was only twenty years old when she drove a team of mules hitched to a wagon from Erath County to Motley County. An expert seamstress and hemstitcher, she made innumerable wedding dresses. Miss Maggie Bryan was also an extremely good business woman. She worked for the Leckie Dry Goods when she finally came to Matador, then for Mr. Jack Luckett in his mercantile, and finally was part owner of Western Dry Goods. The daughter of Sarah (Laxton) and James Bryan, Maggie was born in Erath County on July 16, 1879. She died in April 1961. (Information and picture from *Of Such As These*, by Eleanor Traueck)



Roaring Springs Birthday

This Old Settlers Float in 1993, represented Roaring Springs' celebration of the town's 80th birthday.



Boy Scouts

Motley County Scout group, l-r, from back to front: Paul Eubank, Vance Campbell, James Rufus Fish, Arvil Craven, Norman Harp, Houston Schweitzer, Elmer Gene Jameson, Merritt Faulkner, Harold Faulkner, E.A. Day, Kenneth Simpson, Howard Edmondson, Wylie Fulfer, Buster Mize, Durbin boy, unidentified boy, J.D. Craven, G.L. Webb, Chick Russell Jr., Donald Reeves, George Doss, Patsy Sheridan, Math Patton, Lane Decker, Jr. Barkley, unidentified, Tom Ed Jameson, Bert Schweitzer, Jr. Pitts, Norman Merle Pitts, McEelson Skaggs, Sonny Russell, William Sheats, James Russell Neblett, Billy Wason, and Mark Jacobs



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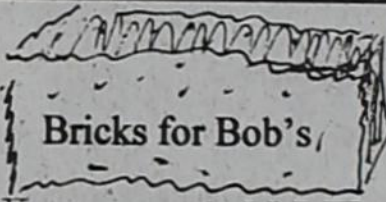
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La Esperanza

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own and then filed a lawsuit in the 110th District Court in Floyd County, Texas, challenging among other items, La Esperanza's right to continue leasing in Floyd, Motley, and Briscoe counties. La Esperanza promptly answered the lawsuit and filed a counterclaim against Bankers. After only one day in Floydada, on July 18, 2005, the factual evidence presented prompted Bankers' President, Ford Nicholson, to not only offer to settle the case outright, but in a rare move for a publicly traded company, he agreed to provide a private as well as a public apology to La Esperanza and Ms. Nancy Shockey.

To keep its commitment to over 500 La Esperanza Lessors, and to move the Palo Duro Basin project forward, La Esperanza agreed to accept the apology, and accepted Bankers Petroleum's praise for the monumental work performed by La Esperanza Oil & Gas. For a limited period of time, La Esperanza has granted Bankers the right to do the clean up work to fill in specific blocks in La Esperanza's massive lease play, which will accrue to the benefit of both La Esperanza and Bankers Petroleum. Among other things under its settlement with Bankers, La Esperanza will retain its Overriding Royalty Interests and Right to Participate in all of the leases, including those which Bankers has been taking in its own account since inception of the contract, and will continue to have these rights on all leases acquired during the term of the contract in the clean up area. While allowing Bankers to do the clean up work, La Esperanza will continue to move forward with its Leasing Acquisition and Development in the Palo Duro Basin in Floyd, Motley, Briscoe, Hale and Swisher Counties as well as in surrounding counties.

When La Esperanza Oil & Gas, LLC recorded the acquisition of its first fifty thousand net mineral acres from a US publicly traded company, interest in the Palo Duro Basin began to stir. Before long, over a dozen companies, from independents to public companies in the industry, had rushed to establish a foothold in the Palo Duro Basin. La Esperanza has become the premiere leasing company in these communities and is strategically positioned to move forward in its major Lease Acquisition and Development in the Palo Duro Basin.

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Farmers with their first bales of cotton ginned for the year. New Spur National Bank building in background. (photo from Dickens County, Its Land and People)

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Joe Meador and Suzie Long butchering beef. Woman pictured at right is unidentified.



Preston Drace dugout on Turtle Hole Creek, about 24 miles northeast of Matador, 1885.

Claim Jumping was a common hazard of settlement

(Museum file, exact year story was written unknown.)

In the early days of the settlement of Motley County, claim jumping, the desperate attempt to wrest away from another man his right to settle and file on open land, was a common occurrence. Often the person who originally filed on the land was trying to pull a fast one by proving up on more than one claim and couldn't cover the two sites, but in many instances the claimant who was absent for a short time found his dugout or his improvements pre-empted by a stranger.

Thirty-year-old Wild Bill Scarborough was an ambitious man who had come to the Rolling Plains of the Pease River to stake a claim, find a home for his wife Cora and their five children, and make a living, all laudable traits. But as I said, Bill was ambitious.

Between February 1898 and June 1899, Wild Bill turned loose 800 head of cattle he was tending for J.W. Charles into the 105,000 acre Swenson Brothers' pasture. The Swensons expected 15 cents a head for each month the cattle grazed and watered within their fenced pasture, but Scarborough refused. When taken to court the debt was satisfied in September when a transfer of lien notes took place from Scarborough to E.P. and S.A. Swenson.

Never one to be idle for long, Scarborough next attracted the notice of Matador Ranch when manager Alex Ligertwood noted in his diary of August 8, 1898, "Scarboro claims East Tank in Bird Pasture."

Bought off or scared off, Wild Bill then located in the southeastern part of the county a half-section of unsurveyed school land that looked mighty promising. Finding an empty dugout, he moved his family

right in. The fact that another man, W.W. Wooley, already claimed this land and had begun to laboriously improve the site didn't slow the ambitious Bill down a bit. Wooley's improvements, according to District Court Civil Minutes of October 14, 1899, included a three wire fence, dugout, well, windmill materials, and water trough for stock. Posts, Wire, and dugout logs were valued at \$325. Though Wooley petitioned the court to make Scarborough pay \$1,000 in damages, and though the court ruled in his favor, it was unlikely that Wooley ever received a dime because the claim jumper, naturally, was insolvent.

Scarborough was not an easily discouraged man though, and the Index to Deeds is peppered with his transactions, buying, selling, leasing. By 1901 William Francis Scarborough did in reality receive a deed to his designated Homestead, Block 0-1, #2 near Clary's and Swensons' sections, giving him legal protection against the unscrupulous claim jumpers that roamed the country.



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Motley County ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 12, 2005, in the Motley County ISD Board Room, 1600 Bundy Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Motley County ISD's rating on the state's Financial Accountability System.

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The Proposed Tax Rate is **.39900** per \$100 of Value.

The Proposed Tax Rate would increase total taxes in the City of Roaring Springs by **.07047** Percent

NOTICE

The City of Matador will hold a Meeting at 6:00 p.m., September 8, 2005, at the City Hall Council Room, Matador, Texas, to consider adopting a Proposed Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2005.

The Proposed Tax Rate is **.3698** per \$100 of Value.

The Proposed Tax Rate would increase Total Taxes in the City of Matador by **.0799** Percent.

NOTICE

The Motley County Hospital District will hold a Meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 13, 2005, in the Board Room, Motley County Clinic, Matador, Texas, to consider adopting a Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2005.

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