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Pony Express Days

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A Look Back



JULY 13, 1939
Heavy Safe Taken
From Station Here
Two Arrests Made
Following Burglary

A heavy safe weighing over 400 pounds, was removed from the Mission Gas and Oil Company service station here Sunday night or early Monday morning and taken to a point in the Matador shipping pasture about three miles north of town where it was found Monday morning. Hart Harris, manager of the station declared that \$62.28 in silver and currency was missing although several hundred dollars worth of checks, notes and warrants were left intact.

JULY 27, 1939
Davidson To Appear On Screen Here
Shannon Davidson, Motley County's hero of the Nocona to Oakland Pony Express race will appear here on the screen of the Rogue Theater for two days, Friday and Saturday, in his first motion picture, Colorado Sunset with Gene Autry, the popular western idol.



Shannon Davidson is flanked by a huge crowd of onlookers at the 1939 celebration.

It's Rodeo Time!

*Thrills, spills, and stick horses
promise entertainment this weekend*

For thrills, spills and even stick horse races, plan to attend the 24th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo to be held this Friday and Saturday, July 10 & 11. The rodeo books will close at 5:00 p.m. July 8th.

The Friday night performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. Pre-Kid and PeeWee events will be held Saturday afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. A grand entry will kick off the Saturday night performance at 7:00 p.m. The Jr. Rodeo is sponsored by the Motley County 4-H Clubs.

Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Rickey Trammel spurs will be given to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior division (ages 13-15). A set of Rickey Trammel bits will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the PeeWee division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 & under) for the All-Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith Belt buckles will also be awarded for first place in each

event for age divisions. This years rodeo is being held in conjunction with the Motley County Chamber of Commerce event, Shannon Davidson Day which will be held on Saturday, July 11. This includes a dance to be held Saturday night beginning at 9:00 p.m. featuring Jody Nix. For more information and/or entry blanks, feel free to contact Cathy Turner, Rodeo Secretary at (806) 347-2834 or call the Motley County Extension office at (806) 347-2733.

Motley County Jr. Rodeo & Shannon Davidson Day

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 10

Motley County Jr. Rodeo, 7:00 p.m., Old Settlers grounds, Roaring Springs.

Saturday, July 11

Chuckwagon Dinner, 12:00 p.m., Buzz Field, north of Roaring Springs, catered by Jerry Slaton of Afton.

Shannon Davidson Ranch Horse Races, 1:30 p.m., Buzz Field.

Motley County Jr. Rodeo (slack performance), 4:00 p.m., Old Settlers grounds.

Motley County Jr. Rodeo (evening performance), 7:00 p.m., Old Settlers grounds.

Jody Nix Dance, 9:00 p.m., Old Settlers grounds.

24th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo

Wildfires burn over 1500 acres near Flomot

Motley County firemen spent yet another 3 days battling fire on more dry, scorched Motley County ranch land, when over 1500 acres burned near Flomot.

The fire call came in at approximately 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department, with an assistance request from the Floyd County Fire Department. Firemen responded to the fire in northwest Motley County, west of Flomot on Farm Road 97 and south on County Road 110. Land owned by the Bain Ranch, Bird Ranch, D.M. Cogdill and the Matador Ranch (Fish Ranch) was scorched in rough country, making firefighting hard.

Matador VFD Fire Chief, Rodney Williams, said the fire was set accidentally.

The Texas Forest Service received control of the incident from the Matador Volunteer Fire Department at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon, allowing volunteers who had been leading the operation to rest up.

Assisting with the fire were fire departments from Matador, Roaring Springs, Floydada, Dougherty, Quitaque, the Texas Forest Service, equipment from the Lubbock district TxDOT, Childress district TxDOT,

Texas DPS, DPS airplane, Air attack planes, two privately owned Bell Jet Ranger helicopters from out of state, four logistic planning officers and a safety officer from the Texas Forest Service, an information officer from the U.S. Forest Service from Montana, Ground Strike firefighting team of Zuni Indians from New Mexico and Idaho who fight fire on foot with hand tools, and four engine companies with pumper trucks from the US Forest Service.

A big part of the operation was coordinated through Regional Fire Coordinator Les Rogers.

Also assisting operations were the Motley County Sheriff's Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and TxDOT Matador Supervisor, Douglas Campbell.

Charles Krenek of the Texas Forest Service says, "the fire was real quiet Monday night with only one flare-up so far Tuesday morning." The line around the fire was holding and all fire activity was within the fireline on Tuesday.

Matador VFD Fire Chief, Rodney Williams, stated that he believed the fire would be deemed under control by sunset Tuesday night.

Control means that the danger of

fire escaping the fireline is very low and that the majority of the firefighters can be released and available for other fires. The local Volunteer Fire Departments will continue to monitor the fire as needed.

About 70 firefighters from Volunteer Fire Departments, Texas Forest Service, Zuni NM and Idaho were still working the fire on Tuesday.

One Zuni NM firefighter became dehydrated on Monday and was given an IV and cooled down by the local emergency services who were on the site in case of such an incident. The firefighter was transported to University Hospital in Lubbock and released Monday night.

Most Volunteer Fire Departments in Texas rely on donations to keep their equipment functioning. This extended fire season has strapped the limited financial resources of these first line firefighters. Fire chief Rodney Williams, says, "Anyone wishing to help should contact their favorite Volunteer Fire Department to make a contribution." "Prevention

costs less than suppression, so let's save money and property and prevent the fires we can."



This Bell Jet Ranger helicopter, was one of two which dropped water scooped up from a nearby pond onto the fire west of Flomot.

Commissioners sign declaration of disaster in special session

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in special session the sixth day of July at 9:00 a.m. Present were Judge Laverna M. Price, and Commissioners John Russell, Don Hughes, Franklin Jameson, and J.N. Fletcher.

On June 29, 1998, an emergency order, Prohibition of Outdoor Burn-

ing and Declaration of Disaster, Threat of Wildfires was issued by Judge Price. This declaration was in effect for only seven days without authorization of the Motley County Commissioners Court. Motion was made by Commissioner Jameson that this state of disaster be continued until weather conditions warrant it to be rescinded.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. All members of the Court voted in favor of motion.

This emergency order is in effect for all unincorporated areas in Motley County. It does not include the incorporated towns of Matador and Roaring Springs.

Court adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Tribune will close for vacation July 20-24

Early News Deadline

The Motley County Tribune will close for vacation July 20-24. The paper will be mailed out on its regular day, Wednesday, July 22, but it will be necessary to get the paper ready the week before. So, we are asking that all news and ad copy for that edition of the paper be brought in to our office no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16 for the July 23 edition.

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but this is the only way we can take some well needed, and, we think, well deserved, time off.

We do, so much, appreciate your cooperation.

Shannon Davidson mail cancellation offered by local post offices



Shannon Davidson Days mail collection will continue at the Motley County Library through Thursday, July 9. Boxes for Flomot and Roaring Springs will be delivered on Friday, July 10 at the appropriate post offices.

Additionally, Roaring Springs Postmaster, Linda Hill, will be at Buzz Field at the Registration Tent to cancel mail on Saturday, July 11. She will have stamps, envelopes and some Shannon Davidson postcards for sale.

Kids Camp registration deadline July 24

The last day to register for Kids Camp will be July 24. Kids Camp will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center, July 27-31.

Those who register late may receive T-Shirts late, but they will receive them. Hours for the camp are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be furnished.

Final Summer MCYO Meeting

MCYO will hold their final meeting for the Summer, Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the baseball field.

New officers will be elected, and afterwards the Parents and Coaches will play an exciting game of Softball. Don't miss it!

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

June Sales Tax Rebates 11 percent ahead for the year

(Austin) — State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered a total of \$185.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,093 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 14.7 percent increase over the \$161.6 million allocated in June 1997.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in May.

"The long and steady increase in consumer spending in Texas continues as jobs and new businesses remain plentiful," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 11 percent over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$170.1 million to Texas cities, 15.1 percent higher than last June's payments of \$147.7 million. Rebates of \$15.4 million to Texas counties were 10.5 percent higher than allocations of \$13.9 million in June 1997. Another \$5 million went to 33 special purpose districts around the state.

Matador received a payment of \$1,564.17, compared to \$1,444.98 last year. That's a 8.24% change. Matador has received \$12,065.17 in payments to date for 1998. Payments for 1997 were \$10,667.17, a 13.10%

change. Roaring Springs received \$794.02, compared to \$1,819.27 last year, a -56.35% change. 1998 payments are \$7,442.76 to date, compared to the 1997 payments of \$9,650.07, a -22.87% change.

Love Fund Established for Mt. Zion Church

A Love Fund for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Roaring Springs has been established at the First State Bank in Matador. The church was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday, June 17.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at the Bank, or by contacting Ossie Lee Brown in Roaring Springs.

Men's Breakfast Canceled

The monthly County-Wide Men's Breakfast which was scheduled for this Saturday, July 11, has been canceled due to Shannon Davidson events. The breakfast will be rescheduled and announced at a later date.

Good Luck Rodeo participants!

WORD of GOD

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10

"The Happy Way" by ELEANOR TRAWEEK at the Motley County Tribune

"A Reliable Promise"



Wayne Horton tells about the time when Abraham Lincoln's business was failing. His partner asked how much longer he thought they could keep going. Lincoln said, "It looks like our business is washed out." He further said, "If there was a way, I'd sell this business and buy one book, a copy of Blackstone's Commentary on English Law, but there's no way to sell the business, so I guess I'll never be a lawyer."

A little later a family in a wagon came by. They were moving west and they were about out of money. Lincoln was offered a barrel for 50 cents to help them along. He took his last 50 cents from his pocket and gave it to the man in exchange for a barrel he did not need. Later that evening, Lincoln was looking in the barrel. At the bottom he found some old papers and to his surprise, a copy of Blackstone's Commentary on English Law.

Jesus promised, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38). God's promise to replenish does not get any more plainer: "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" (2 Cor. 9:10-11). When we give to help the Lord's work, God will always give back blessings enough to enable us to continue giving.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ Bible Study - 10 a.m. Michael G. Crowley, Sr. Worship - 9 a.m.

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I had quite an adventuresome Monday afternoon. After lunch, I asked Jim how difficult it would be to try and get a picture of the wildfire burning west of Flomot. He said that there was a command center set up and that I might be able to get some sort of picture.

Fire pictures are usually impossible to get, unless you can get a close up of the actual fire burning. You usually cannot get close enough for the picture to show the actual fire after it is printed in the paper, in black and white.

When we arrived at the command center, I was astonished at the amount of trucks, buses, motorgraders, etc. that were on hand to help with the fire. The fire was burning several miles away, through very rough country. Craig Turner, Assistant Fire Chief, was kind enough to put me in a fire truck and haul to the site, so that I might be able to get some sort of picture. Of course, what did I wear on Monday, a beige dress. Of all days to wear a dress. Had I known what I would be doing, jeans and a t-shirt would have been my Monday wear.

Now, let me tell you, this is rough country. When you hear them say on the scanner that they need air help to extinguish the fire, they mean it. There is no way you could get a truck and men to some parts of this fire.

Anyway, after a sometimes hairy ride, we arrived at the scene where the helicopter was just about to take off

again. Just in time to snap a picture.

I really did enjoy this outing. Although I took a little ribbing from the fire boys, it was an enlightening experience, and gave me a whole new respect for the men who fight these fires.

It was only about 110°, and they are dressed in probably the hottest clothing you could possibly put on your body, and fighting a fire that is burning at a temperature that I wouldn't even begin to know.

I will have to put in my two cents worth, to say that our firemen need a new truck. They really do appreciate all the donations they receive. Remember these fire departments around here are completely volunteer. After riding in the truck I rode in, which according to Mr. Turner, was one of their best, I can tell you first hand, they really need a new truck!

I do appreciate their help in making it accessible for me to get to the fire so that I might take a picture. Thanks guys!

I hope everyone has a good time this weekend at the Jr. Rodeo and Motley County's 2nd Annual Shannon Davidson Day celebration.

It should be a good weekend with all the activities that are planned. If you missed the horse races last year, plan to come out and watch this year. They are exciting to watch, and the riders have a good time.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



Tuesday Scramble June 30

Winners - First, with a score of 29, were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Rob Francis, and Mary Lou Williams.

Second, with a score of 31, were Garland Cartwright, Gene Brannon, Mark Brannon, and Douglas Campbell.

Third, with a score of 32, were Alan Bingham, Larry McClenny, Johnny Harkins, and Mary Ann Harkins. Dee Litteken got closest to pin on #3, 10 ft. 4 in.

Others playing were Mike

Mauldin, Beverly Mauldin, Tim Brooks, Randy Martin, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, James Adams, and Dee Litteken.

LADIES PLAYDAY July 2

Those playing 18 holes were Geneva, Leona, Olivia, Louise and LaVoe. Olivia won the ball, 4 pars on odd holes.

Nine hole players were Laverna P., Nell B., Lucretia Ca., Mary J., Dorothy D., Loys C., and Marihelen W. Lucretia and Dorothy won (tie) one par each on odd holes.

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

Romans 2:1

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

Not far from where I was born there's a half bridge. It spans the Ohio-Indiana line. Half is in Ohio and the other half is in Indiana.

I don't know where else you can find a half-bridge. But I know where you can find people who are half-way for God.

But the Bible says, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind."

The Lord doesn't want half of your heart, or 75% of your heart, or 99%. He wants all of your heart every hour of the day, every day of the week, and every week of the year.

Right now offer all of your heart for all of your time to the Almighty - won't you?



LIBRARY NOTES

by Suzanne Abbott

Send a Memory! Today, Thursday, is the last day that the Library's Mail Drop for Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days will be open. I must deliver the mail, not on horseback, on Friday morning. Come in and mail a card or letter to a friend or relative. It will be a bit of history in that your mail will contain the special 1998 Shannon Davidson Day cancellation.

We have several new books in the Library. One book in the Juvenile department will be of interest to everyone, kids and adults alike. It is entitled The Unbreakable Code and is the story of the Navajo Code Talkers whose language was the code never broken by the Japanese in World War II. Parts of the actual code are included in the book.

Another book for kids and grown-ups is Moon Tellers: Myths of the Moon from around the World. While we see the man in the Moon, in China, the people see Rabbit and Frog. Several other civilizations see different objects in the same moon. The tales

about these objects are included in the book.

Also in the library now, is the beautiful new book from Disney, Mulan. We have The Bat Boy and his Violin, which is the tale of a little boy who would rather play his violin than baseball. A really funny new book that everyone will enjoy is Swimming Lessons, a story about a little girl who stated that she would "never, never get in any old swimming pool."

Two new books in the Adult Fiction section of the library are *Cruel Legacy* by Penny Jordan and *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. *Cruel Legacy* is a romance story and *Snow Falling on Cedars* is a mystery.

We received this past week six new Large Print novels. These include stories by Grace Livingston Hill, Barbara Cartland, and Jenny Oldfield, all favorites of those who read our Large Print books. This hot weather is made for reading. Come in and get a new book or one of your old favorites.

Obituaries

Shela Johnson Sonnier

Memorial services for Shela Johnson Sonnier, 56, were held Saturday, July 4, 1998 at Canon Funeral Home, Waller, Texas. Family friend, Bernie Brezina officiated.

She died July 2, 1998 in the Brookshire Hospital, Brookshire, Texas. Shela lived in Matador as a young child, attending school here. She was the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.W.

Campbell.

Survivors include her husband, Nolan Sonnier; two sons, Carl Ray Perry and David Perry; one daughter, Lyn Smith; one brother Billie Tom Moneyhon and her mother, Geneva Moneyhon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elton Johnson and brother, Bob Johnson.

Welcome to Shannon Davidson Day
& the 1998 Motley County Jr. Rodeo



~ FRIDAY LUNCH ~
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MONDAY - SATURDAY

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STEFFANY LEE WALKER, daughter of Eva Saldana and Johnny Walker of Turkey, Texas, was born at 10:44 a.m. on June 20, 1998. She weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces. Grandparents are Judy Wallace of Turkey, Texas and Rose Ann and Eugene Saldana of Matador, Texas.

LESLY MARLEN SOTO, daughter of Nora and Rafael Soto of Floydada, Texas, was born June 21, 1998 at 10:20 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces. Grandparents include San Juana and Jorge Diaz of Mexico and Armando and Maria Soto of Floydada, Texas.

SAMANTHA RAINEY RIVAS, daughter of Lupe and David Rivas of Floydada, Texas, was born at 4:41 p.m. on June 14, 1998. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Joe and Maria Suarez of Floydada, Texas and Joe Roy and Rebecca Rivas of Slaton, Texas.

CALVEN CHAZ GONZALES, son of Carlos and Tiffeny Gonzales of Petersburg, Texas, was born at 1:57 a.m. on June 13, 1998. He weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces. Grandparents are Lupe Chapa of Petersburg, Texas, Joe E. Gonzales of LaJoya, Texas, Linda Freeman of Lubbock, Texas and Sid Alford of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

RYAN TATE BAIRD, son of Carrie Baird of Silverton, Texas, was born June 8, 1998 at 8:05 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Grandparents are Carl and Vici Baird of Silverton, Texas.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

Odessa Mullins ate lunch Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodnight at the Senior Citizens in Floydada.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell over the weekend were their daughter and children, Angela Cochran, Matt and Scott of Lubbock. They enjoyed the ice cream, cake and fireworks at the Volunteer's building, Saturday night.

Jo Ann, Benny and Bryce Reagan of Quitaque visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten Saturday and enjoyed ice cream, cake and fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration the Volunteers sponsored Saturday night.

Jeanne Gates and daughter Andrea of Amarillo spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell are spending the week in Lubbock at their daughter's home and taking care of her business while she is away.

Keeping doctor appointments on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten in Lubbock and Lula Swim in Plainview.

VOLUNTEERS ENTERTAIN WITH ICE CREAM, CAKE AND FIREWORKS

The Roaring Springs Volunteers entertained the public Saturday evening with an ice cream and cake supper Saturday evening with "helpy-selfy" serving starting at 8:30 p.m. and continuing until everyone had his fill. Then chairs were carried to the south lawn where he had a good view of a very professional and beautiful fireworks display.

This is definitely an act of kindness by a bunch of people doing nice things for others. It's great to have an opportunity to meet your neighbors under such pleasant circumstances - having your cake and eating it too! An estimated 150 persons attended from area communities.

Recent visitors in the Carl and Shirley Barton home were J.B. and Berdie Hanson, with their daughters, Joy and Jamie and grandson, Mike of Mt. Pleasant. Shirley was a Hanson before she married. While they were here the Bartons took them to see Dickens Springs, then ate at Babe's Steak House in Floydada. They had a fish fry in the Barton backyard one night. J.B. lived here in the early 30's on the Guy Thacker place.

Matador friend Lola K. Pohl was scheduled to have eye surgery in Lubbock on Monday. Her daughter Carolyn Limmer of Snyder was to convey her to St. Mary's for surgery, then either go stay with Lola and take her back to Lubbock for checkup, or take Lola home with her while she recuperates.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent tended to business in Lubbock, Thursday.

FOURTH OF JULY BREAKFAST ENJOYED BY MANY

The "Glorious Fourth" Breakfast at the home of Darlene and J.N. Fletcher is a most pleasant event. Arriving at 7:00 a.m. friends find a handy parking area and a south lawn already set with tables festive with red, white, and blue. Darlene and willing assistants are busy in the kitchen taking biscuits from the oven, and the smell of frying bacon and brewing coffee entices one to the back porch and outside. A main attraction was the nine-day-old great-granddaughter of the Fletcher's, looking mighty like a doll all 'gussied up' for the occasion and sleeping right through with only a yawn for greeting.

Along with wild plum jelly, bacon, eggs and potatoes, just right and all the "trimmin's" plates were filled and emptied as long as appetites demanded, then sit and rest a spell. Those present (if we have missed any - a thousand pardons) were: Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott, Jeanne and Tom Adams, Carl Barton, James Bearden, Rusty Birchfield, Ossie Lee Brown, Steve and Carolyn Byrd, Billie Clifton, Cean Cooper of Afton, School Principal T. W. Gassion and his wife, Hope of Floydada, Jerry and Patricia Green, Algie and Rita Groves, Tom Hamilton, former District Attorney, and his son John of Plainview, Ruby Hipp with daughter Sallie and husband, Rev. Bob Estes of Harker Heights.

Linda Hotchco came from Dickens, Gerry Hughes, R. E. Hunter and Joyce, Harriet Marshall, back for the summer, and her son David Marshall, his wife Samantha and daughter Krystal of Lawton, OK, D.W. and Ruby McGuire, Pearl Patten, Bill and Lee Peacock, County Judge Laverna Price, Sonny and Dorothy Russell, Venita Sedgwick with her daughter and family, Susie and Gordon McGee, and Audie from Lake Somerville, TX. Not to mention Gula Simpson, Ed D. and Pat Smith, Lula Swim, Reva and Herbert Swinney, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Walter and Jo Trammell, Bill Young, former Dickens Co. Judge, now of Austin, and Grace and Ray Zabielski.

Two daughters, Laura and husband, Andrew Dunlap, with children Dylan and Lauren, and granddaughter Stephanie Woodall and family; also daughter Darla McNiell and son Brenner, and Darlene's sister and husband, Kathy and Sonny Whatley were in the home for a visit.

Mary Lumsden of Lubbock visited several days last week with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent. She attended Sr. Citizens lunch and visiting on Thursday.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd visited in Memphis, Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd and Jason.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter observed their 28th wedding anniversary with a celebration in Lubbock, June 26th. Sharing the occasion were their daughters and husbands, Christi and Dwain Milam of PETERSBURG, Keri and Kevin Sehon of WOLFFORTH and Cindy and Chad Calvert of Lubbock.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson attended the reception held for the James Stanley family at the Baptist Church in Matador, Sunday. They are moving to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Starkey.

Those quilting at the Community Center, Tuesday afternoon were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Leona Degan, Trula Martin, Erma Washington, Tommie Jo Cruse, B. Rogers, and Annie B. Cloyd. They completed the quilt and enjoyed refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Breham, June 23-25 to attend a Computer Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Plainview, Friday with Lottie Gilbert, a patient in Methodist Hospital. Saturday evening, they attended a T-Ball game in Quitaque in which 5 year old Khaki Scrivner played. They joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scrivner following the game for supper at the Sportsman Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in Plainview, June 26th. Joining them for lunch was friend, Mrs. Leota Hardgrove of Plainview, who brought her camera to take photos of them. Visiting in the Shorter home, Sunday were her nieces, Mrs. Lorene Sanders of Agra, Okla., Mrs. Freda Shadwick of Miami, Okla. and Mrs. Ann Hurt of Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and houseguests, grandchildren, Tanya and Jackie Starkey of Childress were in Amarillo, Wednesday for Jack a medical check up at the Veterans' Hospital. Their mother, Mrs. Tawanna Starkey of Childress visited Sunday and accompanied them home. Other visitors during the weekend were Michael and Connie Starkey of Canyon.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social was held at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday night following the evening services. Those attending the fellowship were the pastor and his wife, Bro. Nathan and Kathy Mulder, of South Plains, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of

Matador, Mrs. Anita Carter, Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton and H.G. Hunter of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and grandchildren, Kelsey and Sarah of Flomot.

Visiting last weekend with Mrs. Edith Washington were grandson and wife, U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Todd Washington and Patti, who were being transferred from Monterey, California to Norfolk, Virginia. Other visitors Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Jones of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington. Todd and Patti also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Ruidoso, N.M. from Thursday until Sunday at their vacation home. A rain Saturday night made the holidays more enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Saturday and Sunday in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They toured the Hutchinson County Museum and the women enjoyed the Quilt Show with 84 beautiful quilts from the 1880's to the present time on display with not one design repeated!

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and her mother, Mrs. Tom Ross visited the weekend in Quanah with Mrs. Ruth Williams. Tom Ross was at Mule Creek near Margaret, Friday and Saturday where he met family members to clean the Reunion Grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Lubbock visited Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin, Sunday. She said that even her artificial plants were drooping during this hot, dry weather!

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Floydada, Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Speer and their houseguest, Walter Speer of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Other guests were Mrs. Anita Carter, Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton and H.G. Hunter of Lubbock.

Visiting from Friday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Britany of Vernon and Kayla Johnson of Floydada. They also visited in Quitaque with Mrs. James May.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert visited the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton and enjoyed the Fireworks Display. Dustin returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, Sunday to visit. Glen attended to business in Lubbock, Monday before returning home and he accompanied Shae here to visit.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

Mrs. Winifred Lee, Mrs. Dan Barton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon enjoyed the Texas Baptist All-State Band and Choir patriotic concert held Thursday night in front of Wayland's Harrel Memorial Auditorium in Plainview. Kaci Risser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Risser and granddaughter of Mrs. Dixon was one of the high school students in the impressive performance.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle accompanied their son, Fannin to Haskell, Sunday to attend a Singing School this week.

Ms. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs

visited Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Thursday. She had returned home from a tour including tourist attractions in Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada. Guests of Mrs. Cooper Saturday night and celebrating the 4th with a hot dog and watermelon supper with Jack Samford of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens attended a family reunion this weekend held in Wichita, Kansas. They received word, his sister, Mrs. Elva Brandon of Friona is hospitalized following a stroke and is also under medical treatment for shingles.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson was Lance Jameson of Wichita Falls. When returning home Sunday, he reported rain in Electra and Wichita Falls.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Turner returned home recently from a vacation trip to Red River.

Joyce Campbell attended the memorial services for Sheila Johnson Somnier, held in Waller, Saturday.

Visitors in the home of Bill and Mary Jones last week were Joyce Bynum of Slaton and Maxine Walser of Vernon, Bill,

Joyce and Maxine visited Melba Beeson in Kress, Wednesday afternoon.



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WHEREAS, Motley County has not has rainfall for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous, fast-moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfires; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that these emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Motley County, Texas;

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, members of Motley County Commissioners Court affix signatures the 6th day of July, 1998.

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Farm & Ranch News



FFA members attend Area I Leadership Conference



Motley County FFA members, Rachelle Renfro, Scott Jones, and Brooke Decker recently attended the 1998 FFA Leadership conference.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters from across the Texas Panhandle met at Clarendon College for the 1998 Area I FFA Leadership Conference.

According to Jerry Hawkins, CC Agriculture Chairperson, 229 FFA members attended the 18th annual leadership conference, June 22-24 in Clarendon.

Throughout the conference, Area I, district and state FFA officers led educational programs focusing on improving student leadership skills. Chapter members also participated in a variety of fun-filled workshops, dances and a banquet. Skills learned by FFA members and advisers will be applied to local, district, area and state FFA levels throughout the 1998-99 school year, according to Hawkins.

"The Agriculture Science instructors also use our conference to plan their activities for the year," said Hawkins. "Plus, the conference provides the chapters an opportunity to fine-tune and prepare for the upcoming State FFA convention." The 1998 State FFA convention will be held the second week of July in Fort Worth.

More than 51 FFA chapters attended the 18th annual Area I FFA Leadership Conference at Clarendon College.

From Motley County were Rachelle Renfro, Scott Jones, and Brooke Decker.

Texas's Area I is comprised of the entire Texas Panhandle, extending southeast to Childress and Guthrie,

south to Lubbock and southwest to the New Mexico state line. For more information regarding the Area I FFA Leadership Conference, please contact Jerry Hawkins at (806) 874-3571.

Local students attend Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar



Attend Seminar — Kember Everett and Keane Cruse recently attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar.

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 35th annual Citizenship Seminar held at San Angelo, June 15-19 were Kember Everett and Keane Cruse.

Sponsored by the Motley County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Daryl Cruse, Motley County Farm Bureau president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau.

Chuck Senter (TFB Field Representative), Brenda Schumann (1997 Miss TFB), and Lucas Price, the 1997 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

For the first time, the students participated in a new program, Congressional Insights, which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Free Enterprise"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution"; Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "American"; and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless."

Farm Safety for Kids Day Camp Set

Plans are underway for a Farm Safety 4 Just Kids Day Camp set for Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Massie Activity Center, according to Melissa Long, County Extension Agent for Floyd County. All youth entering the first grade up to the 8th grade in the Floyd and surrounding counties are invited to attend the camp. Pre-registration is encouraged and the registration on the 10th will be from 8:30 - 9:00. Cost for the event will be \$5 which will include a hamburger lunch and a t-shirt. For more information or registration form, call the Floyd County Extension Office at 983-4912 or come by the corner of California and Wall streets.

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By Ace Reid

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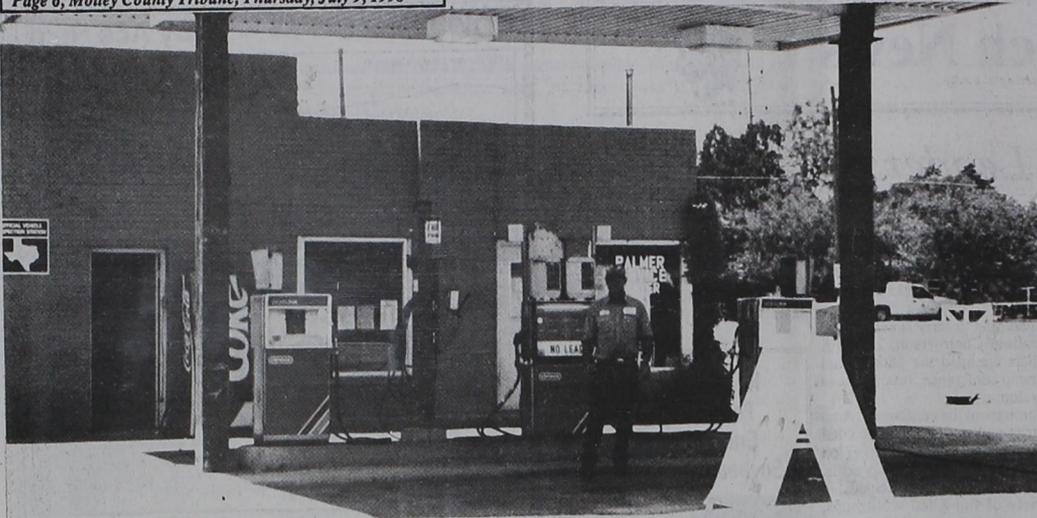
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A NEW LOOK — Johnny Palmer stands in front of his service station, Palmer Service Center, with its new look. Mr. Palmer purchased the business November 20, 1997 from longtime owners J.B. and Jean Cooper. It was at that time a Phillips 66 station. The station changed to Conoco in January, and just recently received this face lift. Mr. Palmer and his wife, Tammy live in Matador with their two children, Scotty and Miranda.

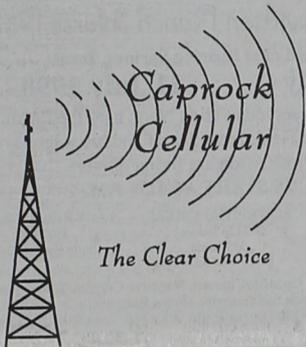


Approximately \$600 worth of fireworks were taken from the Matador Fireworks stand in the early morning hours of June 25. Upon investigation, Motley County Sheriff's department recovered approximately 90% of the fireworks. Three juveniles will have cases filed with Juvenile Court and one adult in District Court.

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Before me, Frank J. Pohl, a Notary Public in and for Motley County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Willie Meyer, personally known to me, who, having been by me first duly sworn, did depose and say, as follows:

I am the person who sponsored Shannon Davidson in the Pony Express Race from Nocona, Texas, to Treasure Island, California, said Pony Express Race having been promoted by the Justin Boot Company of Nocona, Texas. That as such sponsor of Shannon Davidson, I drove my 1938 Model Chevrolet automobile over the entire route and returned to my home at Matador, Texas, and carried with me the equipment, bedding, clothing and supplies for myself and Shannon Davidson, and pulled a trailer in which one of the horses used in the Pony Express Race was carried at all times, and on such trip, both going and coming, I kept an accurate itemized account of all gasoline, oil and greasing necessary for the automobile, the weights of the luggage, trailer and horses. The following is a list of the items carried in my automobile from Nocona, Texas to Treasure Island, California:

The trailer that was pulled weighed 1600 lbs.
1 horse 1250 lbs.
(alternated with 1 horse weighing 1208 lbs.)
Bedding, camp outfit and suit cases 520 lbs.
1 passenger 192 lbs.
1 passenger 196 lbs.
1 passenger 85 lbs.
A total of 3842 lbs.
Weight of the automobile 3120 lbs.
Grand total 6962 lbs.

The distance traveled from Nocona, Texas to Treasure Island, California was 2100 miles. The car was stopped 126 times to relay horses, that is, to take one horse out of the trailer for Davidson to ride and to load into the trailer the horse that Davidson had been riding. We spent a night at the following places:

*Will Meyer
Elmwood Texas
R1*



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- Nocona, Texas
- Aroher City, Texas
- Albany, Texas
- Big Spring, Texas
- Monahans, Texas
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- Sierra Blanca, Texas
- El Paso, Texas
- 20 miles east of Demming, New Mexico
- Lordsburg, New Mexico
- Wilcox, Ariz.
- Tucson, Ariz.
- Apache, Ariz.
- 20 miles northwest of Phoenix, Ariz. (Indian trading post)
- Salome, Ariz.

- 15 miles west of Blythe, Calif., at well
- 10 miles west of Indio, Calif.
- 10 miles east of Los Angeles, Calif.
- Ventura, Calif.
- Santa Marie, Calif.
- Bradley, Calif.
- Salinas, Calif.
- Hayward, Calif.

The following are the names of towns at which gasoline and oil was bought on the trip, and the quantity thereof, from Nocona, Texas, to Treasure Island, California.

Town	Gallons Gasoline	Amount of oil
Nocona, Texas	10	
Aroher City, Texas	6	
Sweetwater, Texas	11	
Big Spring, Texas	7	
Kent, Texas	10	1 quart
Sierra Blanca, Texas	4	
El Paso, Texas	9	
Lordsburg, New Mexico	9	
Tucson, Arizona	10	1 quart
Phoenix, Arizona	10	
Blythe, Calif.	8	Oil changed, car greased
Los Angeles, Calif.	10	
Ventura, Calif.	6	
Santa Marie, Calif.	6	
Bradley, Calif.	10	
Salinas, Calif.	6	1 quart
Hayward	9	

Total gasoline bought on trip from Nocona, Texas to Treasure Island 140 gallons
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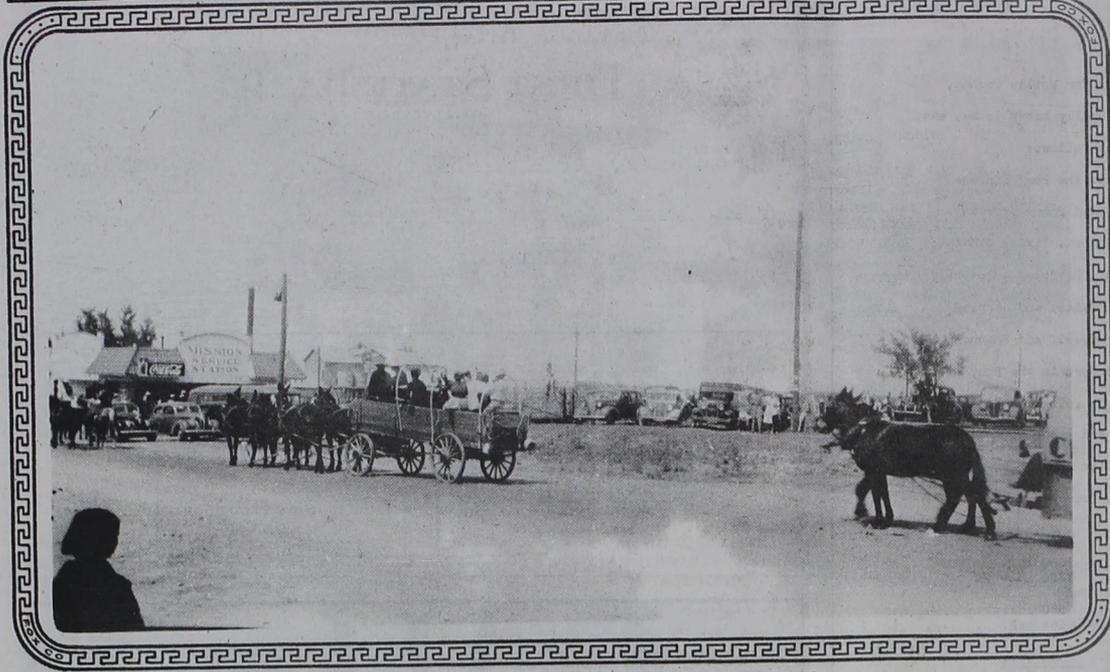
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Shannon Davidson Day Parade, 1939.



Ladies on Float for 1939 Shannon Davidson Day Parade. Notice corn cob pipe.

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The Ride

by Marisue Potts

Note: The final installment of a historically-based short story which commemorates Shannon Davidson's endurance ride from Nocona to San Francisco.

who had a part in *Castle on the Hudson*. The pair showed up at the Matador wagon camped at TeePee Creek to see a little real cowboying first hand.

Eventually, Shannon would return home to the ranch work he did before his screen test. But part of his legacy was the welcoming home party, the biggest blowout of "cowtown nobility" that Matador had ever seen or would ever see, on May 11, 1939. Miss Enid Justin and Davidson led the half-mile parade which featured over 300 mounted riders, many wearing shiny purple western shirts, as well as the Matador range wagon, and antique automobiles. A standing-room-only crowd at the rodeo watched bronc rides, goat ropings, a mounted potato race, and Davidson's trick horse entertain.

Astride Ranger, Shannon Davidson triumphantly enters the Golden Gate Exposition grounds, thus completing a horseback journey he began 23 days earlier. A shower of silver dollars fills Davidson's sweat-rimmed Stetson to the tune of \$750.

He plans to head back to Texas after the celebration dies down, but his departure is delayed, first by publicity shots taken with studio movie stars such as child star Jane Withers, and then by his screen test. At the suggestion of Republic Studios, Davidson tries on his new stage name, Dave Shannon, and he lands several bit parts in B-grade Westerns.

One particular Gene Autry movie, *Colorado Sunset*, played to a packed house of real Western types at the Rogue Theatre in Matador. The novice actor appeared on screen several times, pulling off his part of a cowboy with ease and composure, according to local reports. The story line pitted settlers against the established cattle interests, a real-life scenario that Davidson had lived through when his family homesteaded in New Mexico.

One time during his three years in Hollywood, Dave Shannon brought home Quinn "Big Boy" Williams,

No doubt, Shannon Davidson achieved success through his unflagging stamina, sheer determination, and incredible endurance forged under extreme circumstances. But, without the organizational skill of Willie Meyer and the work of his crew composed of Meyer, Elwood Bird, ten year old Billy Meyer, and Cy Courtney, could Davidson have crossed the finish line first?

It was Willie Meyer who sponsored Davidson, putting up pocket money to outfit the expedition and buy the two bay horses, one scared from the collar marks of pulling a lister, from Roy George of Flomot. Later supporters made up pots to offset expenses and sometimes wired money along the route.

It was Willie Meyer who used his 1938 two-door Chevrolet sedan to pull

the open top, homemade trailer,

beefed up to carry extra feed and water, as well as to the horses. It was Willie Meyer who bought the gas, 140 gallons one way, and packed the car with bedding, camping equipment, and supplies.

It was Meyer and the crew who assisted Davidson in giving the best of care to the two horses, preventing them from becoming one of the eight drop-outs, three dying, and the others condemned for exhaustion, lameness, or illness.

As a youngster, learning far more on the trip than he ever did in school, Billy Meyer of Turkey recalls, "We had to go off the beaten path to find real good oats and real good alfalfa hay. The same for water. We looked for good water and filled the barrel so it wouldn't change." The two bay horses, already physically stressed by trotting a total of 90 or 100 miles a day, needed consistent feed and water.

"Each time a horse came in, he received a going-over, and we checked his shoes for wear. A set of shoes would wear out in about 2 or 3 days. We made sure the shoes were on good and tight. And we treated his feet with wool fat.

"When a change of horses was made, we would rub down his legs with alcohol and Absorbine, give him



Shannon Davidson on horse. Left to right are Billy Meyer (boy), Elwood Bird, and Billy Meyer Sr.

a little water before hauling him. The hauling would help cool him down," Meyer said. At the next relay site, 25 miles on flat ground or 12 and a half in the mountains, the process would be repeated. Although the horses

mostly traveled in the bar ditch, once they hit California, they had to hit the pavement. Then rubber shoes saved the day.

Because of the heated competition, the high stakes involved, and the gambling on the ultimate outcome, Billy's most important assignment was guarding the horses. "We never left the horses alone. Many times I stood guard by the trailer with a ball peen hammer," he laughed. To his knowledge their vigilance paid off in keeping the horses safe from harm. It probably didn't hurt that the crew in-

cluded a law enforcement officer, Deputy Sheriff Cy Courtney of Matador.

For Willie Meyer's part in helping Davidson make his unbelievable ride, he received an E.E. Brown saddle and a share of the winnings. For Billy Meyer, he received a lifetime of memories during one of the most exciting times of his life.

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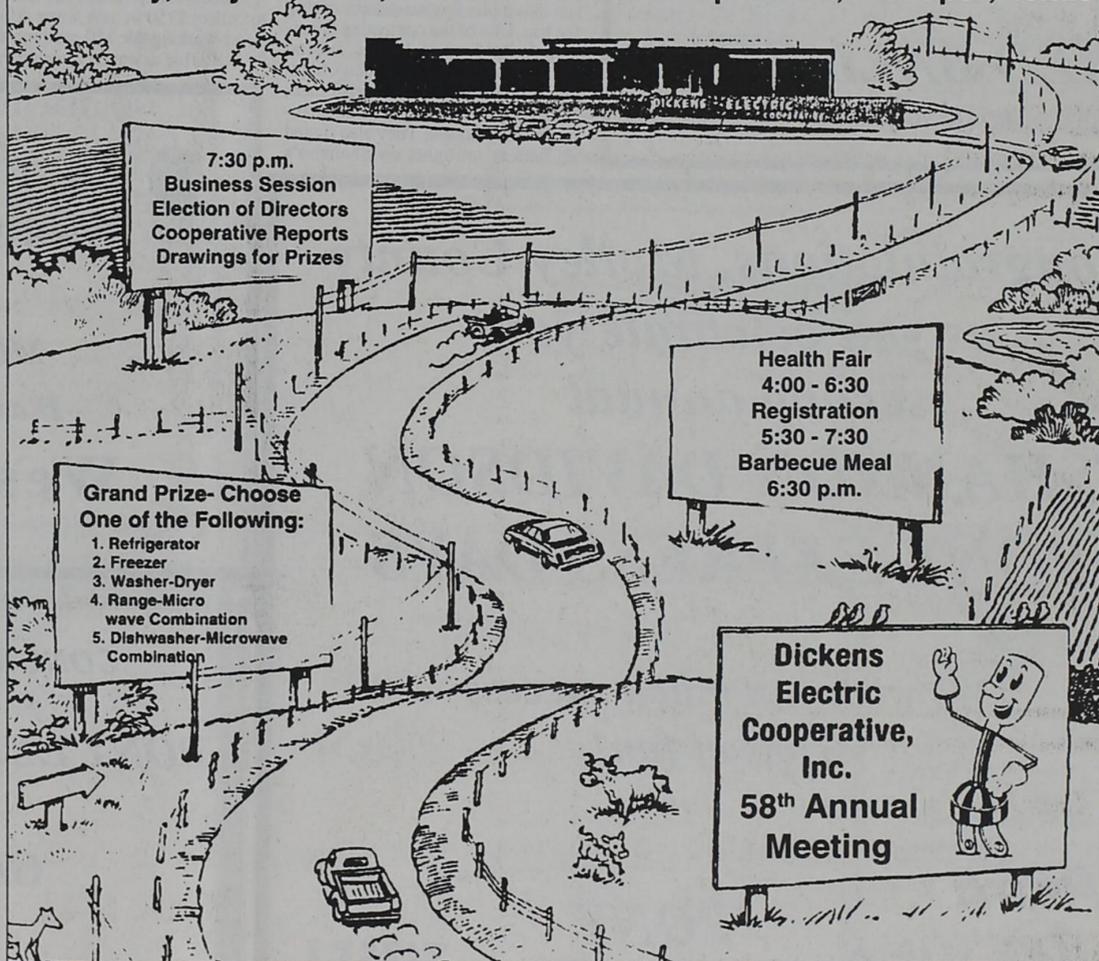
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Three directors are to be elected to three-year terms by the membership during the business session. Only active members as of June 30, 1998 will be eligible to vote. Reports on opera-

tions of the Cooperative will also be given.

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Billy Meyer renews memories of Pony Express Race

by Earlyne Jameson

"Flowers fading in the sun are lovely and momentary, but memories, traditions and generations live on."

Billy "Sonny" Meyer of Turkey is the only one living today who traveled on the historical Pony Express Race with Shannon Davidson in 1939 sponsored by the Justin Boot Co. of Nocona, Texas.

Can you imagine the excitement of ten year old Billy when his teacher, Miss Dora Sams gave him leave of absence from his studies at the Flomot School? That this farm boy to know he would be going to California? What a thrill for him to be going on this trip with the loving guidance of a good father, Bill Meyer, good friend, Shannon Davidson and Elwood "Wood" Bird of Rotan.

With the many situations they encountered on this trip, Billy felt it was an educational experience that has helped him cope with unexpected obstacles through the years.

He was in the generation when kids were seen, but not heard. He and his horse, Tony and others would join Shannon, a favorite with the youngsters, at the North Pease River. They would laugh, holler and have the time of their lives. Shannon and his horse, Cupid would do tricks for them and he taught them good horsemanship.

Shannon, a modest young man, was hesitant about entering the Pony Express Race. His friends came forward and assured him of their help. Billy learned that caring and encouragement are big things and that was why they were optimistic about entering the race.

Roy George, a bachelor who farmed east of Flomot, offered two fine nine year old horses, Rocket and Ranger if Shannon would enter the race. Following the race, Billy's father bought the horses for \$145.00. Billy said, "Remember this was in 1939!"

One of the lessons Billy learned was that good preparations are vital for the success of any endeavor. He remembered this with his agricultural operations in Motley and Briscoe counties.

He watched his father toughen the horses by leading them behind a tractor day after day in a cultivated field. His father was confident if you didn't override or overwork a horse that he had an amazing capacity for doing a job for which he was conditioned.

Another example of good preparations was experienced when they ran into a blinding sandstorm during the trip. One of the competing horsemen dropped out of the race. Behind the rough exterior of Shannon's helpers twinkled the eyes of wise men, because they had goggles for Shannon and the horses! They also rigged up battery taillights on Shannon's

saddle to protect him from traffic during the dark hours of the short days in March. Billy has one of these lights.

There was an uneasy time in El Paso when Rocket, the faster horse, got sick. Bill again came to the rescue and used a horse jockey remedy and he was well in a short time. Here, another horseman left the race. A humane officer declared one of his horses was unable to continue the trip.

Billy was an A-1 helper. They had a homemade trailer with truck wheels for the horses. They had to jump to get into the trailer. He was the best at getting Rocky into the trailer. There were instances when riders and horses were doped, so he guarded the water barrels.

He too, got up at 4 a.m. and said the coffee could have doubled for paint remover. By the time the pot was empty, their nerves were wired and they were ready to face the day. He said they weren't starving on the trip, but they weren't having a picnic either!

Meyer and Bird washed each horse's back and rubbed them down after each 25 mile ride. After Shannon slid out of the saddle at 9 p.m., Billy would help put on absorbent cotton and then wrap an elastic bandage up to the knees of the horses. They got little rest.

They put the horses in rope pens for the night. One night a panther gave a hair raising scream and the horses got out. It took them two hours before they penned them again. Billy said this was another time on the trip when you wouldn't want to send the classic postcard, "Having a good time, wish you were here."

When going through Las Cruces, N.M. territory, it was desolate. In 1939, the land was selling for \$2.00 an acre and leasing for 10¢ an acre! Today, it is the trading center for rich farmland of the Mesilla Valley!

The Texas to Oakland 2000 mile Pony Express Race ended for Shannon and friends at 11:30 a.m., March 24, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Courtney accompanied Shannon's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Franks Davidson and Billy's mother and sister, Mrs. Bill (Selma) Meyer and four year old Rhea to California to share Shannon's triumphant time. En route, everytime the car would go through an underpass, Rhea would shout, "Duck your heads!"

After driving across Bay Bridge, Shannon swung into the saddle for the last time and rode 200 yards down "Rainbow Ramp" to the Fair Grounds to collect \$750 in new silver dollars. After working for \$30 a month they looked as big as wagon wheels to him!



Billy and Opal Meyer

About 15 automobiles with relatives and Texas officials came through the Exposition Gates to see him honored.

Shannon and his friends left a trail of courage, dignity and truth that inspired legacy and lessons to inspire others in true friendship.

Those who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Billy Meyer, we would like to introduce him to you.

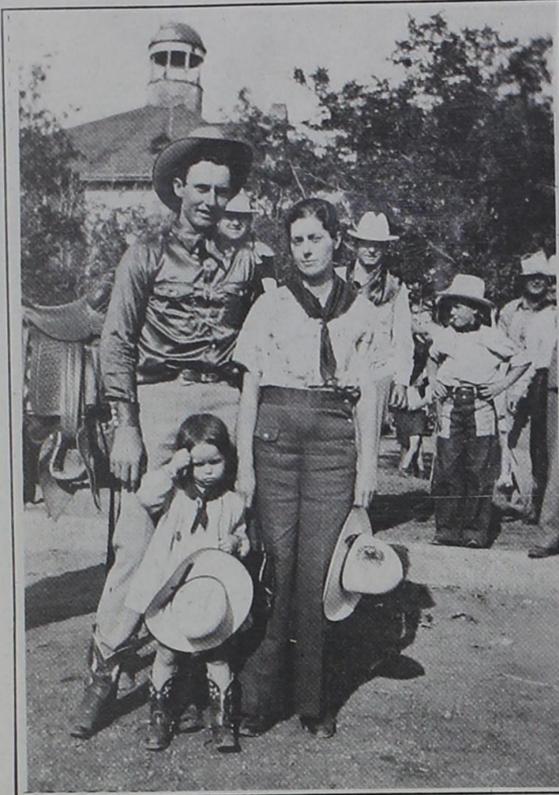
He was born June 2, 1928 at Folley Community in Motley County. His parents are the late Bill and Selma Meyer. He has one sister, Rhea Meyer Schwarz of Kerrville, and one brother, Edwin Meyer of Childress.

He graduated from Flomot High School. He attended college for one

semester and he served in the U.S. Army 1951-1953. He is a veteran of the Korean War.

His parents moved to Mason in 1949 and when visiting them met his wife, Opal "Pete" Schuch. They were married in 1954 and moved to Motley County. They have three daughters, Miliss Brockman of Panhandle, Karla Helms of Quitaque and Shanlee Bell of Turkey; three sons, Tim of Brownfield, Max of Quitaque, and Dan of Turkey. They have 15 grandchildren.

Billy has served on the FHA, ASC, Far Bureau and School Boards. He retired recently from his agricultural interest and has a new fishing rod and reel he plans to enjoy!

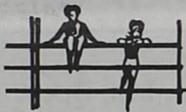


Shannon Davidson, Mrs. Bill (Selma) Meyer and daughter, Rhea. Behind them are Randall Whitworth and Elmer Stearns.

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Shannon Davidson and Billy Meyer Sr. Shannon Davidson Celebration, 1939. Notice Courthouse in background.



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 —Hanna Arendt

Pages from an old letter

Beverly Hills Calif.
 426 N Maple St
 April 18, 1939.
 Dearest Teacher & Friend -
 How is Flomot today? I
 can almost see it so peacefully
 and quiet and so far away
 from this awful world -
 Altho closely related in
 many respects but our
 small towns have their
 great advantages over our
 large cities.
 Mr Speer it seems only
 yesterday though should
 be content the years it
 has been some tenth of
 a century since Mr Howell
 miss Graves and yourself
 did your best to try and
 install in our youthful

3
 men and women, and
 should we some day
 amount to something
 really great we must
 say that our mothers
 and fathers as well as
 our dear old school
 masters are responsible
 to a great extent. Little
 difference does it make
 what title we hold in
 "The Eyes of The world" or
 how we rank socially
 financially or in business
 should we not be exempt
 or at least able to "pass
 those Final Examinations"
 when our Class is finally
 called together. I
 we have made a complete
 failure in "life".

2
 ever changing, unattentive
 minds "That Golden Rule".
 Those were wonderful
 happy carefree days, the
 most happy of all our
 lives, but how little
 did we realize at that
 time.
 Where are our students
 & Classmates? Oh! they
 are gone, yes gone to
 assume their many
 duties and responsibilities
 of life, as men and women
 of tomorrow in business
 and morality, we think
 of them often and we
 are sure they think of
 us.
 we all have "hopes" of
 some day being successful

4
 Wish you would tell
 all those carefree
 schoolboy and girls,
 there is a Lonesome
 Pony Express Rider in
 Beverly Hills California
 who would love to hear
 from Flomot and you
 I will always remain
 your student friend
 Shannon Davidson



Clowing around at the first Shannon Davidson celebration were (top l-r) Brown Martin, C.B. Jones, Tom Spears, Loyd Kirkendall, Robert Thomas, Myra Spears, and C.C. Jones.



Friends Forever - These friends celebrated the first Shannon Davidson day together, Myra Spears and C.C. Jones at top, and Liza Jones and Tom Spears in front.

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Shannon Davidson and his colts.

Note: This article appeared in a 1939 newspaper article.

Willie Meyer and Shannon Davidson of Flomot, left here Monday for Nocona, where they are participating in one of the most unique races ever to be staged in this section of the country. Davidson is one of 18 riders who "Toed the Mark" at Nocona Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to start on the long pony express jaunt across the western plains to Treasure Island site of the 1939 San Francisco world's fair.

As each rider is equipped with two horses, used in relays, with the resting horse carried ahead by trailer, Meyer will drive the truck bearing Davidson's second horse. Riding with him will be Elwood Bird of Snyder, who will act as cook on the trip, and Billy, young son of Meyer, who received leave of absence from his studies as third grade pupil, in-order to make the trip.

The little West Texas town of Nocona, which gave birth to the idea of reviving the old express, was thronged with people Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, who arrived to see the start of the greatest cross-country publicity spectacle since C.C. Pyle sent his "bunion derby" walkers hobbling across the nation about 10 years ago, it was reported.

R.E. Flynt of the Nocona Chamber of Commerce declared that the race would get underway probably about 9:15 a.m. after Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth fired the starting pistol. Brief ceremonies preceded the start of the race.

Purse Offered
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for the rider that arrives there first. No prizes will be given at intervening points, race officials announced. Riders are expected to make about 40 miles a day and the race will probably take two weeks, or less.

Leading the grueling parade to the coast city will be A. Billings, secretary-treasurer of the chamber of commerce, Nocona. Designated lead judge, he will make reports daily to San Francisco and to Nocona on the progress of the race. Three other judges will also officiate in the race.

to do something about the matter. They are going to escort riders and mounts across the bridge with great formality."

A heavy pile of mail, mostly from stamp collectors, was on hand at Nocona. More will be picked up at towns along the route.

Riders will follow a route from here to Wichita Falls to Abilene, on to San Francisco by way of El Paso, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

One Girl Takes Part

One girl took part in the grind Wednesday morning. Miss Bennie Greenwood, 16, "Miss Nocona", has announced her intention of vieing against a bunch of top-notch West Texas cowhands.

Others who dashed off Wednesday morning are Chris Uselton, Nocona; Slim Mathis, Dalhart; Jack Clifton, McLean; Shorty Hudson, Knox City; King Kerley, Quanah; Lige Reeves Jr., Electra; V.H. Henderson, San Antonio; Taylor Tuck, Saint J.; T.J. Fykes Devol, Okla.; Tex Fraizier, Burkburnett; Hudie Helm, Dumas; Shannon Davidson, Flomot; R.L. Scott, George Cates and Hayden Coffey, all of Crowell.

They'll Get Across

A month ago one of the big problems confronting officials here was how to get the horses across the Golden Gate bridge, beyond which lies Treasure Island.

The bridge has a ruling against horses. Tuesday it looked like everything might work out, however.

At Oakland, Calif., officials for a while insisted that horses could swim the distance, but Noconans turned thumbs down on that.

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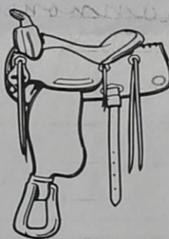
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