

**Jim Alexander, with Bob seated, preferred airplanes to horses, but has fond reflections of being horseback alongside his dad and brothers assisting in Flint Hills cattle work.**



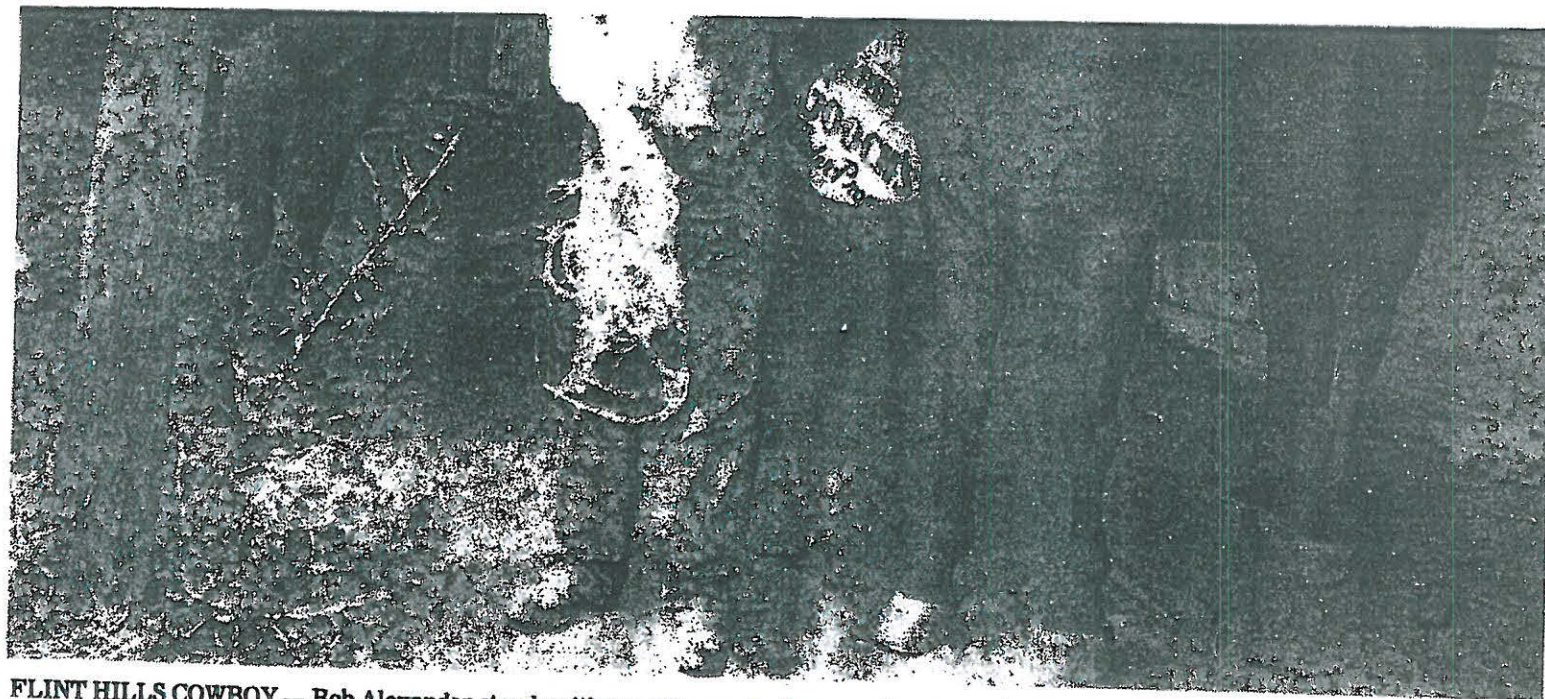
Fun has always been part of Bob Alexander in this 1954 Territorial Centennial Bank robbery.

Lifetime of knowledge working cattle on horseback in the Flint Hills made Bob (right) and





**Wherever cowboys gather, Bob (third from left) and Wayne (fourth from right), the Alexander cowboy brothers from Council Grove are there grinning with true fun stories.**



**FLINT HILLS COWBOY** — Bob Alexander stands with one of several horses he uses in his cowboy work in Morris County. He started riding horses when he was old enough to get up on one. Mr. Alexander is featured in the story below. (Photograph by A.E. Maley)

## Morris County Cowboy Enjoys Life in Flint Hills

By A.E. Maley

Ruts created by wagon trains lumbering along the Santa Fe Trail cross many of the pastures managed by **Bob Alexander of Council Grove.**

Mr. Alexander and his wife, Georgina, live on a 200-acre farm northeast of Council Grove. They rent 3,000 acres of pasture and manage another 3,200 acres for landowners in Morris and Wabaunsee counties.

Mr. Alexander has been riding horses since he could climb upon one. Years of participating in rodeos, breaking horses to ride, and working cattle makes the daily routine of roping and doctoring cattle easy for the 68-year-old cowboy.

The cowboy life has been pleasing

and frustrating as cattle prices, interest costs, and weather conditions have changed. Mr. Alexander said he plans to continue working as a cowboy "as long as I can get cattle and ride a horse." He usually can be seen every day in his pickup truck with a horse trailer behind.

Mr. Alexander said he has a "string of horses" and a herd of 50 cows. He weans and feeds the calves and sells them when they reach 700 pounds. He buys and grazes about 200 feeder cattle per year and cares for an additional 2,500 head owned by other people.

Cowboys receive the cattle about May 1 and round them up in the fall when owners want them shipped. Mr. Alexander said he checks the cattle regularly to make sure none

are missing or sick and to see that they have salt.

He believes the Flint Hills will always be used for raising cattle. Proper land management is necessary to keep the pastures productive, he said. He favors conservation of grass and water by burning to control brush, spraying to control weeds if necessary, and following proper stocking ratios and grazing schedules. He said that double stocking of pastures is working well for landowners and cattlemen, but the animals need to be removed from the pasture by mid July.

Mr. Alexander said many large feedlots graze steers and heifers in the Flint Hills to have a continuous supply of cattle for their lots.

The dry summer has shortened

the grazing season this year. Most pasture contracts are from May 1 to Oct. 15. But Mr. Alexander said about 75 percent of the cattle were removed from the Flint Hills pastures by Sept. 15, because there was not enough grass and the cattle were not gaining weight. If the cattle are removed from the pastures early, the payment to the landowner is prorated according to the number of months of grazing.

Mr. Alexander said farming and the cattle business have been difficult since the decline of land values. In recent years, land values have dropped as much as 40 to 50 percent. He said his wife's income from a job in Council Grove has "bridged the gap."

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### Pumpkin Totem

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early settlers turned pum  
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came a tradition in the

# FUTURE FARMERS

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Learning to do,  
Doing to learn,  
Earning to live,  
Living to serve.



Back row, left to right: James Kirkemide, Morris Dodrill, Burdette Forsberg, Ernest Braun, Walter Porter, LeRoy Wright, Marion Hendricks, Clyde Buchman, Donald Bross, (Richard Dodrill, not in the picture.)  
Front row, Mr. Joyce Miller, Bobby Alexander, Albert Sample, Gerald Schuster, Wayne Fromm, Raymond Bolte, Merlin Houdeshell, and Harley Houdeshell.

## OFFICERS

President-----Clyde Buchman  
Vice-president---Bobby Alexander  
Secretary-----Wayne Fromm  
Treasurer-----Donald Bross  
Reporter-----Morris Dodrill  
Watch Dog-----Raymond Bolte  
Advisor-----Joyce W. Miller

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture departments. This name was chosen because the members are the future farmers and agricultural leaders of this county. There are over 35,000 chapters with an enrollment of 100,000 active members.

At the beginning of the year, a program was planned for the year with the work and the ways of completing. The club composed of eighteen members has strived to do its best and much work was accomplished. Certain standards were set such as each member having an average of 85% in his studies and that each should have a project. Many field trips were made during the year and the club did 100 acres of terracing. The club went to the homes of various members throughout the year and did work. The boys worked but always along with the work came a very good time. The boys presented a very interesting program before the student assembly and the Father and Son banquet was the high light of the year.

Some of the activities of the year were earning and saving. Each one of the members was to earn seventy-five dollars and invest it. Some more of the work was to repair and to oil harness, to enter judging contests in the state, to build brooder houses for demonstration, as well as to take part in other projects. Much repairing of implements and various articles was done during the year.



# ESKRIDGE DEPENDENT

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Thursday at Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas

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## Several for Eskridge Have Been Drawn for Jury Service

A docket of 52 active cases was prepared for the October term of the Wabaunsee County District Court, which will open Tuesday, October 4. There are three criminal cases and 49 civil; 22 of these cases are concerned with the State Highway Department's condemnation of land for the expanding of No. 40 highway to a four lane road extending it on west from the present termination near Maple Hill.

The list of jurors called to report on October 10 include Dale Kemp, Warren C. Duling, John P. Bowers, Albert Rush, and Virgil Wall, Wilmington Twp.; Donald Calkins and Lewis Cripps, of Plumb township; Hubert Hawthorne, Rock Creek; Oliver J. Hess, and Elmer Ringel, Mill Creek; Louis Andres, Wm. Houtz Roy Smith and Paul McDuffett, Garfield; Laural Howard, Leon Mathies, Newbury; Robert Glover and Arnold Abele, Wabaunsee; Oliver Anderson, Farmer; Ray Watkins and Gene A. Falk, Alma.

Word comes from LaRue Moreland, at Mt. Rainier, Maryland, that he has been spending some time in the hospital with a heart condition and the doctors tell him he is not able to work and must take things very quietly. Charles Logan and Clyde McCoy who also live in Maryland, called him and visited over the phone; the three are Eskridge boys. LaRue's wife, Peggy is not too well, either, we are sorry to hear.

Sandra Cleland went to the K. U. Medical Center, Thursday of last week and will be there at least a week. Her address is Kansas University Medical Center, 338C Kansas City, Kan.

## Community Calendar

Thursday, September 15  
Social Sewing Club meets with Mildred Gifford  
Hillside Club with Emma Johnson.  
Friday, September 16  
W S C S General meeting  
Monday, September 19  
American Legion meeting  
Tuesday, September 20  
Regular O E S meeting  
Wednesday, September 21  
Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting  
Thursday, September 22  
Star Grange meeting; colored slide program by the Purdies. The menu, cup cakes.  
Community Club meets with Mrs. Hazel Kraus.

## Will Conduct Grangers on a Pic Tour Around The World

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Purdie will show colored slides and tell of their summer European tour, at the Star Grange meeting on the evening of the 22nd. This should be a most interesting program.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fletcher of Boise, Idaho announce the birth of Micheal Ray, born Saturday, September 3. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce. He has two brothers and a sister. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrold of Eskridge and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Fletcher of Boise. John Fletcher of Eskridge is their great grandfather.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Perry, of Houston, Texas announce the birth of a daughter, September 8. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Bobbi Lee. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Romig of Eskridge and Mrs. Wm. Perry of Sonoma, California. Milt Myers Topeka is the great grandfather. Bobbie Lee has two sisters, Lynn René and Perry Christine.

## Extra Effort and Attractions Brought More to Rodeo

The Labor Day Rodeo drew an attendance of more than 2,000 people a week ago Monday, W. R. Logan has determined, from the audit of the receipt. There were 1,716 adult tickets sold and school children numbered around 460 at the two shows. This provided a gate worth \$2,365.00.

The barbeque brought in \$671, which includes sandwiches and children's meals at 50 cents instead of the dollar. This could mean that around 700 people enjoyed the good beef.

The concession stand brought in \$289.72 after running out of material to sell during the middle of the night show. The 120 cases of pop sold, represented a new high in pop sales. For several years the supplier has been bringing out a truck load, of pop, but this year not having a truck to leave here, he sent out a much larger supply of pop than had ever been used in previous years.

This report does not include funds derived from the program or for the donations made for the Shetland Pony fund. The The Pony Fund, which included a Shetland pony, saddle and bridle, was handled by the Rodeo Club and the Friendly Farmers 4-H Club. The Keith Immenschuh family received the pony.

Cowboys from five states competed in the Rodeo, Bob Widau reported. They provided plenty of competition and ring operators had to keep hustling in order to get the events out of the way. Ed VanPetten reported the following winners in the several events: Bareback bronc riding, Jerry Chaffe, Topeka; Ribbon roping, Bob Alexander, Council Grove; Calf scramble, Chuck VanPetten and Bronce Rufford; Bulldogging, Don Berger, Halstead; Barrel race, Marge Taylor, Cottonwood Falls, Calf roping, Ed VanPetten, Eskridge; Bullriding, Bob Springer Topeka.

## Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarting Plan Anniversary Open House

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarting will hold open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 2. They are inviting their friends to come visit with them, in the dining hall at the Methodist Church, between the hours of 2 to 5 p.m.

Their anniversary date is October 5. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarting who have lived in this community the entire fifty years and and more, invite all of their friends to come and visit with them on October 2.

## Everly - Brown Wedding

The marriage of Miss P Sue Everly, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Homer Everly of S Lake, Missouri, to Mr. Do Judson Brown, son of Mr. Mrs. Harry A. Brown of Atchison, Kansas, took place at o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1960, at the Methodist Church in Atchison. The pastor, Rev. Hugh Stout read the single ring ceremony. The setting was beautiful with baskets of orchid asters white mums; white ribbon bows were used at the pews.

Mrs. Gladys Vernon played the wedding music and or accompaniment for Mrs. I Lietz of Eskridge, who sang "The Lord's Prayer," "Benedictus" and "I Love You."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length gown of imported organza. It was styled with skirt, a fitted bodice, short sleeves and low round neck which was outlined with jet embossed, rose applique. The ballerina veil of imported Brilliance fell from a queue crown of tiny pearls and rhinestones. Crystal teardrops depended from the points of the veil. She carried a bouquet of purple asters and white pom cascade. Her jewelry was gold cross.

Miss Carol Hobson of Eskridge, maid of honor, wore a dress of blue silk organza and carried bouquet of purple asters and white pom poms. Miss Kathi Brown, sister of the groom, junior bridesmaid.

The groom was attended by Mr. James Massey Martin Atchison as best man; Mr. A. Taylor of Atchison was groomsmen. Ushers were J. Lambert and Charles Braubach of Atchison.

The bride's mother chose a dress of pleated brown jersey for her daughter's wedding. The corsage was of gold mums. The groom's mother wore a green jersey print and her bouquet was green carnations.

A reception following the wedding was held on the lawn at the Everly home at Sugar Lake. Miss Linda Swenson of Eskridge had charge of the guest book and Peggy Jones took care of the wedding gifts. Mrs. J. Clugston of Wichita, aunt of the bride served the cake; Marilyn Allen and Miss Marge Hobson, both of Topeka, assisted with the serving.

The bride attended school at Eskridge, is a graduate of Eskridge Rural High School and is employed by Vets Prosthetic Corp., Kansas City, Missouri. The groom attended school at Atchison and is employed by the Atchison Home.

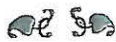
Merchants Fair, on September 19, 1970. Festivities will begin with the Kiddie Parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by the crowning of the queen, honoring of the senior citizens and crowning of the Junior Miss. The general parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. A fried chicken dinner will be served at the Grange Hall at 11:30 a.m.

The horse shoe pitching will begin at 1:00 p.m..

Most of the usual exhibits will be on display at the Legion Hall all day. The Grange Home Economics Bazaar will be at the Legion Hall, also.

New, to the Fair this year, will be the Open Horse Show, which will be held at the football field at 2:00 p.m. A variety of classes is scheduled for both children and adults. This will be an all-trophy show.

The 1970 fair board consists of Jim Thompson, Jr., president; Gary Lyddane, vice president; Lillie Ecklund, secretary; and Billie Jean Lyddane, treasurer.



## Inez Dunn new Eskridge City Clerk

The Eskridge City Council gave quick approval to Mayor E. A. Peterson's appointment of Inez Dunn as City Clerk Tuesday evening at the Council meeting. The appointment followed the resignation of Preston Dunn, who due to ill health is unable to continue.

Mrs. Dunn has been acting city clerk for several months and has been doing an excellent job of handling the increasingly complex affairs of the office.

The Councilmen expressed sincere appreciation for the fine and conscientious service Preston Dunn has given during the more than twenty years in this position. Preston had also served as mayor and a councilman, and has broad knowledge of city affairs and good contacts for information.



## Two lake projects get Council approval

Repair work on the spillway at Lake Wabaunsee is to get under way next week. The high water last spring has undermined some of the rip-rap wall and the dry weather makes it practical for the use of heavy equipment to preserve some of the structures in the spillway.

Another construction project was given approval at the Council meeting Tuesday evening. A new concrete boat ramp is to be

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## Eskridge Labor Day rodeo was a standing room only success

The Eskridge Labor Day Rodeo set a new attendance record at both the afternoon and evening shows last Monday. It was also a great display of rodeo skills, excitement and entertainment. Some excellent records were made and there was a great spirit of good natured, but sincere rivalry displayed.

The stands being completely filled and even standing room at a premium is a tribute to the policy of Bob Widau in giving the fans a good show at a reasonable price. The good relationship of the entire Eskridge Rodeo Club with the competing cowboys and cowgirls of this area and the fine cooperation of Floyd Rumford of Abbeyville makes the Eskridge Rodeo the outstanding open rodeo in this area.

The non-professional service provided by the Eskridge Kiwanis Club was well managed by Dr. Downey, Tom Clark and Luther Johnson. The size of the potential attendance was slightly underestimated and due to the warm pleasant weather, there was not enough barbecued beef and an emergency supply of soft drinks had to be rushed out from Topeka. Monday was a busy day for the members of the club and their many friends who come out regularly each Labor Day to help. Some of these people have served regularly without fail for 18 years, but the number of veteran helpers is getting smaller each year. There are a good number of new people working and doing an excellent job.

Eskridge Rodeo fans were delighted to have Wayne Alexander win the All Around Cowboy trophy this year. Now in his late forties, Wayne has been a steady competitor each year and is a strong contender in each event he enters. He made a good score and earned each point.

Winners in the bareback bronc riding, in the order of placing, were John Smith of Brookville, Ronnie Lynch of Lawrence, Charles Brown of Topeka, and Tom Likes of Silver Lake.

Four top winners in calf roping with their time were John Cox, Dodge City, 9.9 seconds, Ernie Love, Madison, 10.1, Wayne Alexander, Topeka, 10.9, and Chuck Van Petten, Eskridge 11.3.

Ted Gleason of Halstead was

Cook of Manhattan and Pete Stark of Drexol, Missouri, tied for second and third and Wayne Bailey, of Matfield Green, was fourth. None of the contestants could score during the afternoon and in the evening show every contestant started even.

It was a rough and rugged bull riding contest at both performances. Jerry Olson of Brookville was first; then Charles McCaulley, Mayetta, Myron Stroup, La-Cygne, Bimbo Johnson, Ottawa, and Keith Sundbye of Halstead was fifth.

Some good action and fast time made steer wrestling a real contest. Bill Bailey of Girard with 3.6 seconds was first; then Dean Hammer of Kansas City, Kansas was 3.9; Gerald Snyder, Coats, Kansas, 4.2 and Terry Keyser, Omaha, Nebraska, 4.7

Wild cow milking is one of the most hilarious of the events for spectators, yet requiring understandable skills. One indignant cow left the arena completely. Winners in order were Roscoe Keesling, Meriden, Bake Blosser, Perry, Bob Alexander, Council Grove, and Lamoine Dodson, Vinland.

The new contest, team roping, made a good show that was readily appreciated. First named is the header and followed by the heeler. Wayne Alexander and John McCormick of Topeka, were first; second, Monroe Hodges and Lamoine Dodson, third, Jeff Dodson and Lamoine Dodson; fourth, Eldon Pugh and Bob Pugh of Belleville.

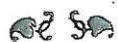
The girls barrel race at the Eskridge Labor Day Rodeo is one of the top events for contestants in this area and there is a lot of skill put on the line for recognition in this show. Scoring reported covers the two go-arounds with the trophy being awarded on the best averages. LuAnn Corn of Lawrence was first during the afternoon with Janice Jones of Abbeyville second, Carol Tenpenny third and Carolyn White of Freemont, Nebraska third. In the evening Janice Jones was first; Marcia Bailey of Matfield Green second and then a three-way tie between Diane Brecheisen of Wellsville, Carol Tenpenny and Paula Sage of Virgil. The trophy buckle went to Janice Jones. Lu Ann Corn was the runner up. Carol Tenpenny was third and Marcia Bailey was fourth.

## Eskridge Calendar

Thursday, September 10  
Friendship Club meets  
Mrs. Katie Bennett.  
Monday, September 14  
Mary Circle, W. S. C. S. with Patty Converse.  
American Legion Auxilliary the Waugh house.  
Masons meet.  
Tuesday, September 15  
O. E. S. meets.  
Wednesday, September 16  
P. T. A. meets.  
Thursday, September 17  
Social Sewing Club meet afternoon with Norma Cor Community Club meet; Laura Eastman.  
Friday, September 18  
Dorcas Circle meets.

## Harveyville Dates

Thursday, September 10  
Helping Hand Club, at 1 Phyllis Brownlee; rol "Where vacation was spent"  
Friday, September 11  
H. H. C. Club meet Hazel Garinger.  
Saturday, September 12  
Card party at Wil school house being held instead of last Saturday.  
Tuesday, September 15  
Wilmington Grange m  
Wednesday, September 16  
H. E. C. meets, 1:30 p  
Thursday, September 17  
P. T. A. meeting.  
Golden Rule Circle w Herman Huskes.  
W. S. C. S. meets.  
Saturday, September 19  
Harveyville Grange F.  
Monday, September 21  
Rebekah Lodge meets.  
Tuesday, September 22  
O. E. S. meets.  
Wednesday, September 23  
American Legion Aux Masons meet.  
Thursday, September 24  
Home and Friends with Sadie Carson.  
Friday, September 25  
Past Noble Grands m



## Our sick and in

Cecil Meine entered hospital Sunday for test servation.

Mrs. Glen Loveland entered Francis hospital Tuesday for foot surgery, day morning.

Mrs. Bessie Robinson Stormont Vail hospital



# Certificate of Recognition

## Kansas 4-H Leader

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# Teams

First Member Listed Is Team Captain

*1/21*  
*milking*  
*Breeding*  
*Stock #9*  
**McDonald Ranch**

*no time* Charles Trayer  
*4:30* Keith Mahaney *no time*  
 Larry Johnson *no time*  
 Bob Rohloff

*Blue #6*  
**Muller Ranch**

*no time* Richard Muller *2:54*  
 Kenneth Muller *Breeding calf*  
 Terry Nelson  
 Jason Loomis

*#1*  
**Black Diamond**

*no time* Darrell Litke *no time*  
 James Lee *2:11*  
 Bruce Gant  
 A.S.

*#2*  
**Cherokee Heart**

*no time* Rex Buchman *2:02*  
 Jack Wilson *no time*  
 Jack Gieswein  
 Alan Phipps

*Blue Alpha*  
**Alexander**

*1:18* *21*  
*3 mil* *21.10* *no time* Bob Alexander *#0*  
 Brad Martin *2:34*  
 Jimmy Lerner  
 Wayne Alexander *2 calves 2:35*  
 Rick

*Penning #7*  
**B&G Cattle Co.**

*no time* Kenneth Wilkerson *2:06*  
 Tim Miser *2 calves 1:24*  
 Darwin Bailey  
*no time* D.J. Matile

*Penning #3*  
**Mulvane Ranch**

*15:74* Stan Gibb  
 Buzz Johnson *3 calves 1:28*  
 Tim Widau  
 Darold Hallaur

*#3 Pink*  
**Flying W (Whites)**

*no time* Allen Thomas *no time*  
 Chuck Rodman *1 calf*  
*no time* Lloyd Tyler  
 Dale Thomas

*#5 Brown*  
**Wheat Ranch**

*54* *29* *31* *35*  
 Don Bender *2:00*  
 Brian Keith *2 calves 1:34*  
 Lain Hyer  
 Rich Coffman

*8 Penning #yellow*  
**White City Ranches**

*37* Tom Granzow *3* *2:29*  
 Don Harmison  
 Mark Stillwell  
*no time* Larry Stillwell *2 da*  
*milking* *branding 1 calf*



Pause... Refresh

**RODEO DIRECTOR**

Harry Billings

**EVENTS**

1. Bare Back Riding
2. Calf Roping
3. Saddle Bronc Riding
4. Barrell Racing
5. Bull Dogging
6. Bull Riding

**JUDGES:**

Wayne Alexander

Ernie Love

**TIME KEEPER:**

Ernie Dowell

**ANNOUNCER:**

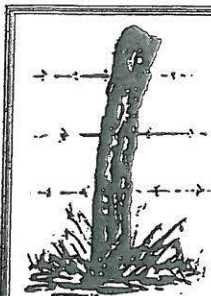
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**STOCK CONTRACTORS:**

Smith and Sechrist



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 week in Hays. One of the annual high- It's not just the current popular seed



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
 Concordia Rancher and  
 Former Agriculture Educator

### A Rare Breed

When I was a lad, I wanted to be a cowboy — to ride horses, herd cattle, break horses, and to be good and fast with a six-shooter. Yes, sir, it was a cowboy I wanted to be, a member of that rare breed of men who tamed the Wild West with cowboy skills and who were devoted to integrity and justice. I would do and be what was right.

Last weekend May and I were in Council Grove for a special celebration — the 70th wedding anniversary of **Bobby and George Alexander**. The large family of Alexanders, along with many friends, filled their yard to celebrate — eating delectable foods and visiting with relatives and old friends or anyone who would listen. It was a time to honor this unusual couple who had married in their late teens and raised a great family that has expanded to where the picture taking can't show all the offspring.

Bobby became all that I had wanted to be as a cowboy except that I never saw him with a gun. He developed skills with horses and in controlling cattle to the point where on occasion he would pay the entry fee to compete at a rodeo. He has trophies to prove his expertise. He continued to participate into his 50s to win the master's competition. I recall him as not being so fast at roping but almost always sure to catch.

He had a cow herd of his own; and to fill out his ranching enterprise, he managed thousands of acres of pastures for absentee owners. A verbal agreement with a handshake was as binding as a signed legal agreement. It has been imperative that the character and integrity embedded into Bobby's life coincide with the cowboy skills and know-how. One part isn't much good by itself, but together they can produce success and lasting friendships. This was evident Sunday afternoon as more and more people dropped by to help the couple celebrate. They exemplify the membership of that rare breed that I am

spent his entire life there except for the time when he served in World War II. He was with the 6th Ranger Battalion, which was the first American force to return to recapture and free American held prisoners in the Philippines during that war. Dusty was buried in his favorite pasture in a pine box. His horses gathered and milled around at his funeral to pay their respect to their trainer and friend. They seemed to understand what had happened.

I am sure that Dusty, who died in 2008 at age 86, was at the head of the "rare breed" class. He was what I had dreamed of being — a real cowboy. Dolly described him as being a cowboy first, a cattleman, a horse trainer, and a breeder of Quarter and Paint horses. He managed thousands of acres of Flint Hills pastures and called on Bobby and Wayne Alexander to help gather the cattle. He was the first to fly a plane to check the pastures.

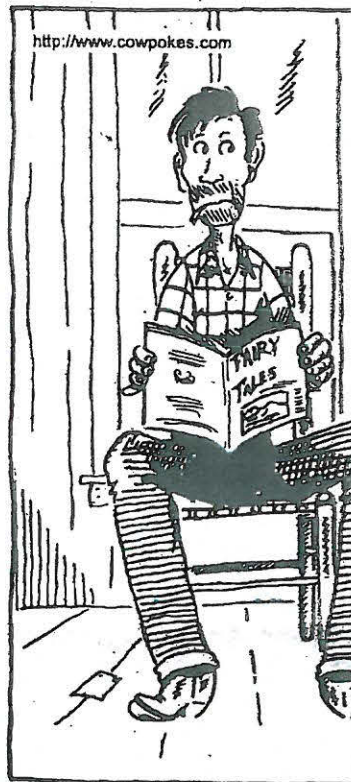
In 1969 he married Dolly, and she says he was a great stepfather to her two children. In describing his true vocational passions, she related this incident. One day she asked Dusty to repair the house that desperately needed attention. He informed her in plain words that he was a cowboy and that just maybe she should have married a carpenter or else she should go hire one. He had horses to break and pastures to manage.

The cowboys that make up this rare breed are growing old, tired in the legs, or dying off. Their skills on the ranches are being replaced by steel chutes, crowding pens, and four-wheelers. It saddens me to see the end of this era, but few are stepping up to take their places. They are surely becoming history and this period will soon be only a fantasy for some of us to wish for.

*CORRECTION from last week's column. The first paragraph of last week's Learning Post contained a error. The tank on the four-wheeler should have been a 95-gallon tank.*

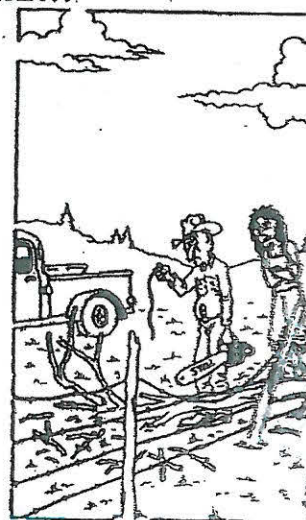
...and also evident to see the progress and modern-day plant breeders have made through the years. As plant breeder Ala: Fritz pointed out during his comment later in the session, he told the group that breeders are motivated to make improvements in the crop for the good of farmers and their families, nothing more

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"Yeah, Uncle Jake, I'm jumping the moon, but I re-entry into the e

EARL...



"I SWEAR, EARL... YOU'VE GOT A PI

# MONDAY'S PROGRAM

JUDGES: To be selected by Contestants.

ARENA SECRETARY: Hale White

ARENA DIRECTOR: O. E. Alexander

## EVENT NO. 1

Grand Entry

## EVENT NO. 2

Introduction of Officials

## EVENT NO. 3

Cowboy Bareback Riding Contest

Russell Rosewurm .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Haines Redding .....	Madison, Kansas
Glen Taylor .....	Manhattan, Kansas
Bob Widau .....	Carbondale, Kansas
Lou Peterson .....	Council Grove, Kansas

## EVENT NO. 4

Stake Race (under 18 years old)

## \*EVENT NO. 5

Calf Roping Contest

Wayne Alexander .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Bob Alexander .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Jim Reed .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Bob Widau .....	Carbondale, Kansas
Lou Peterson .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Jim Barr .....	Burdick, Kansas
Gene Barr .....	Burdick, Kansas
Homer Straw .....	Nowata, Oklahoma
Bert Springer .....	Junction City, Kansas
Marion Wright .....	Eldorado, Kansas
Dean Wright .....	Eldorado, Kansas
Harold Slusher .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Bake Blosser .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Bob Haney .....	Wamego, Kansas

## EVENT NO. 6

— SPECIAL EVENT —

The Three England Sisters

Trick Riders and Ropers

## EVENT NO. 7

Saddle Bronc Riding Contest

Glen Taylor .....	Manhattan, Kansas
Lou Peterson .....	Council Grove, Kansas
Dan McTeel .....	Strong City, Kansas
Warren Eldridge .....	Alta Vista, Kansas

## EVENT NO. 8

— SPECIAL EVENT —

Quadrille—

Dance of the Range on Horseback

(Local Talent)

\*—Time Events

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Bulldog

Haines Redding .....
Wayne Alexander .....
Lou Peterson .....
Bert Springer .....
Bake Blosser .....

\*EV

4-H Calf

Ted Wilkerson .....
Curtis Zerbe .....
Kenneth Muller .....

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Haines Redding .....
Dick Pasterillo .....
Jim Barr .....
Jim Albin .....
Lupe Bargis .....
Warren Williams .....

July 7, 1937

Friday Night

**JUDGES**

RICHARD GANT  
PETE WARD

**PICK-UP MEN**

CLIFFORD PICKERING  
BOB WAYMAN  
RALPH BOWMAN

**TIMERS**

ED WILLIAMS  
SHORTY KENNEDY

CLOWNS — DAVE AND JIM PICOLET  
OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER — O. J. HEBRANK

**EVENT No. 1—**

GRAND ENTRY AND INTRODUCTION  
RECOGNITION OF WINNERS OF STREET PARADE

**EVENT No. 2—**

**BAREBACK RIDING CONTEST**

No.	Contestant
13	BOB WIDAU
16	WARREN ELDRIDGE
22	BOB RUMSEY
23	JIM RUMSEY
24	PETE McQUE
25	BILL GRAVES
26	BUS HOWARD
27	SID CAHOONE
28	D. J. GIESE
9	DEAN SILVES
10	JOE SHANNON
34	TOMMY LIKES

**EVENT No. 3—**

TRICK AND FANCY ROPING  
MELVIN L. CHRISTNER

**EVENT No. 4—**

KIDS CALF RIDING

**EVENT No. 5—**

**COWBOY'S CALF ROPING CONTEST**

No.	Contestant	Time	No.	Contestant	Time
1	SHORTY FLOOD		12	HANK HULBERT	
2	HAROLD MARKLEY		13	BOB WIDAU	
3	LAFE MARKLEY		14	BOB ALEXANDER	
4	BILL ATKINSON		15	WAYNE TODD	
5	JIM REED		17	J. McCORMICK	
6	BOB WAYMAN		18	HAROLD SLUSHER	
7	CONLIN SINGER		28	BUS HOWARD	
8	SLIM PICKERING		30	BILL MORRIS	
11	JACK HULBERT				

**EVENT No. 7—**

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING CONTEST**

No.	Contestant
16	WARREN ELDRIDGE
17	J. McCORMICK
24	PETE McQUE
29	CURTIS L. ZERBE
31	SWEDE WAWASSUCK
33	BOOGIE WAWASSUCK

**EVENT No. 8—**

**EXHIBITION BULL DOGGING**

**EVENT No. 9—**

**TRICK AND FANCY ROPING**

**EVENT No. 10—**

**COWBOY'S MILKING CONTEST**

No.	Contestant	Time	No.	Contestant	Time
1	SHORTY FLOOD		15	WAYNE TODD	
6	BOB WAYMAN		17	J. McCORMICK	
7	CONLIN SINGER		18	H. SLUSHER	
8	SLIM PICKERING		19	RAYMOND BARLOS	
11	JACK HULBERT		20	DON WHITE	
12	HANK HULBERT		21	KENNETH MULLER	
13	BOB WIDAU		30	BILL MORRIS	
14	BOB ALEXANDER				

**EVENT No. 11—**

**CLOTHING RACE**

**EVENT No. 12—**

**COWBOY'S BULL RIDING CONTEST**

No.	Contestant	No.	Contestant
16	WARREN ELDRIDGE	27	SID CAHOONE
22	BOB RUMSEY	28	D. J. GIESE
23	JIM RUMSEY	29	CURTIS L. ZERBE
17	J. McCORMICK	30	BILL MORRIS
24	PETE McQUE	31	SWEDE WAWASSUCK
25	BILL GRAVES	32	JOHNNY WAWASSUCK
26	BUS HOWARD	34	TOMMY LIKES

Music by the Council Grove Band under the direction of George Meeker

**Grand Entry and Introduction of all Performers**

**Event No. 1—**

**STEER ROPING**

Frank Putnam ..... Allen, Kansas  
 "Hook 'Em Hi" Seiber ..... 23 Casper, Wyoming  
 Everett Shultz ..... Bliss, Oklahoma  
 Colorado Shorty ..... Rocky Ford, Colorado  
 Bud Alexander ..... 20 Council Grove, Kansas  
 Floyd Shultz ..... Bliss, Oklahoma  
 Ed Williams ..... Council Grove, Kansas  
 Buell Oberholser ..... Burdick, Kansas  
 Jack Chase ..... Council Grove, Kansas  
 Billy Mayginnes ..... Alta Vista, Kansas  
 Tom Henderson ..... Lenapah, Oklahoma

**Event No. 2—**

**STEER RIDING**

Bobby Wayman ..... Allen, Kansas  
 Colorado Shorty ..... Rocky Ford, Colorado  
 "Hook 'Em Hi" Seiber ..... Casper, Wyoming  
 Ed Williams ..... Council Grove, Kansas  
 Floyd Shultz ..... Bliss, Oklahoma  
 Dutch Bartrum ..... Admire, Kansas  
 George Fishel ..... Allen, Kansas  
 Everett Shultz ..... Bliss, Oklahoma  
 Milford Biddle ..... Allen, Kansas  
 Brown Roberts ..... Council Grove, Kansas

**Event No. 3—**

Trick and Fancy Roping by

"Hook 'Em Hi" Seiber

Casper, Wyoming

**Event No. 4—**

**Riding Horses and Mules to Sursingle**

Colorado Shorty ..... Rocky Ford, Colorado  
 Bobby Wayman ..... Allen, Kansas  
 "Hook 'Em Hi" Seiber ..... Casper, Wyoming  
 George Fishel ..... Admire, Kansas  
 Dutch Bartrum ..... Admire, Kansas  
 Milford Biddle ..... Allen, Kansas

**Event No. 5—**

Miss Maude Tarr of Nowata, Oklahoma, will ride the Outlawed Horse—"Lonesome Lou."

**Event No. 6—**

**WILD COW MILKING EXHIBITION**

One roper and one man on foot to each cow.

**Event No. 7—**

"Hook 'Em Hi" Seiber will ride "Firpo," the Wild Bull of the Pampas.

**Event No. 8—**

**PACKAGE RACE**

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November 2, 1987

**Robert Alexander**  
Council Grove, 66846

Dear <sup>Bob</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Alexander:

As part of a study of the folklife of the Flint Hills, I am researching the traditional practice of pasture burning. Spring burnoffs are a fact of life in the Flint Hills, one we take for granted, but burning is one of the special traits that set our region apart from other ranching areas.

I would appreciate your help with the following questions about a particular aspect of pasture burning and have included a postage-paid envelope for your reply. I would also like to learn more about your experiences, either by questionnaire or interview. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Hoy

*I enjoyed the ranch roads - & watching you roll that hoop on the cow just like you used to at Eskridge & Countyman. I want to come back over some day & talk to you about cattle work -*

*JH*



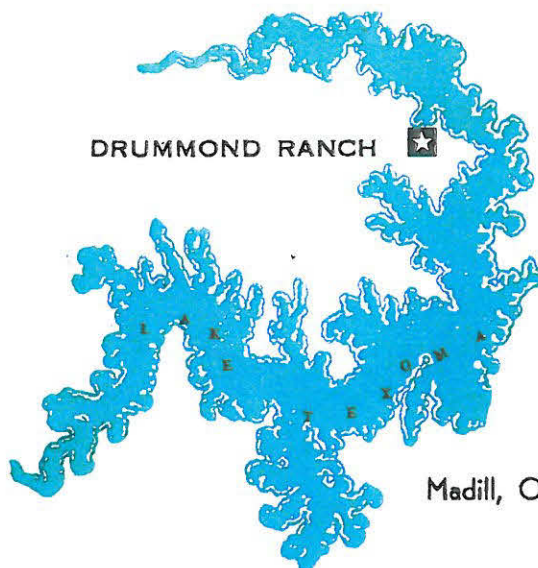


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ALFRED A. DRUMMOND



Madill, Oklahoma 73446

Mr. O. E. (Bud) Alexander  
Council Grove, Kansas 66846

Dear Bud:

You have been on my mind for sometime and I am concerned about your state of health. For so many years our correspondence went along without a break but for the past several years I have failed to hear either from you or from some members of your family writing for you.

In my last letters you were telling me that your son was looking after your cattle and that you liked to go along to see how they were doing but that the state of your health at that time prevented your handling the feeding operation and customary care as you had always done for so many past years.

If you are unable to write a brief note I will appreciate your having some member of your family write me for you and I enclose a stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

It will interest you to know that my eyesight has faded to such an extent that I no longer drive my car but need a driver whenever I have to use a car either for a short distance or out of town. Also, I have had to give up my drivers license because of poor eyesight.

Hoping that all is going well with you and for you, I am

Sincerely,  
Your Friend

Alfred A. Drummond

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