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A Look Back

Call

JANUARY 14, 1965

Firemen to sponsor
"Man of Mysteries"

"Merlin, the man of 1000 mysteries will appear Thursday night, January 28 at the high school auditorium under the sponsorship of the Matador Volunteer Fire Department."

JANUARY 19, 1956

Trail Dust
by Douglas Meador

"A nation's greatness is first dependent upon the character of its people. The strength of a republic is vested in each man accepting his responsibility to the politics of his government."

Around Town News Briefs of area events

Chamber Board meets tonight

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets tonight, Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. The meeting has been called to reorganize the Board for 1999 and to set the agenda for the new year.

On January 7, the Board met at its scheduled meeting and heard a presentation by Harry Hamilton on several suggested economic development and community beautification projects. The Board was unable to reorganize and conduct business due to the lack of a quorum present.

Any Chamber member or interested community member is invited to attend board meetings and volunteers for various projects are encouraged. If you have questions concerning this meeting or any Chamber activities, please call President Jeff Thacker, 348-7216/7546, or Secretary Charles Keith, 347-2283.

Matador Legion Post schedules first meeting for 1999

Fleming Post 337, The American Legion, Matador, will meet Monday night, January 25, at the Senior Citizens Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include a covered dish supper. ALL Motley County Veterans and their spouses are invited and encouraged to attend.

During 1999, the Fleming Post will meet on the **fourth Monday of each month** (except June, July, August, and December): January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, September 27, October 25, and November 22.

Any questions concerning meetings, membership, and projects should be directed to Charles Keith, Adjutant, at 347-2283. See you at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 25th!

Valentine Brag pages to be printed

The Motley County Tribune will once again print the Valentine Brag Pages. These special pages give parents, grandparents, and other loved ones a chance to show off their special Valentine. Pictures will be printed in a heart shaped box with the name and age of the child, the name of parents and grandparents, or other special loved ones. You may also print a special message, if desired. The cost will be \$10 per heart.

The pages will be printed in the February 11 edition. All pictures and information should be brought to the paper office no later than Wednesday, February 3 to be included on these special Valentine pages.

2-county drug sting yields 10 arrests

A two-county drug sting Saturday, January 16, resulted in nine arrests in Motley and Dickens County. An additional arrest was made on Sunday morning.

According to Motley County Sheriff Jim Meador, the drug bust was the result of a six-month operation, with the assistance of DPS Narcotics and South Plains Drug Task Force.

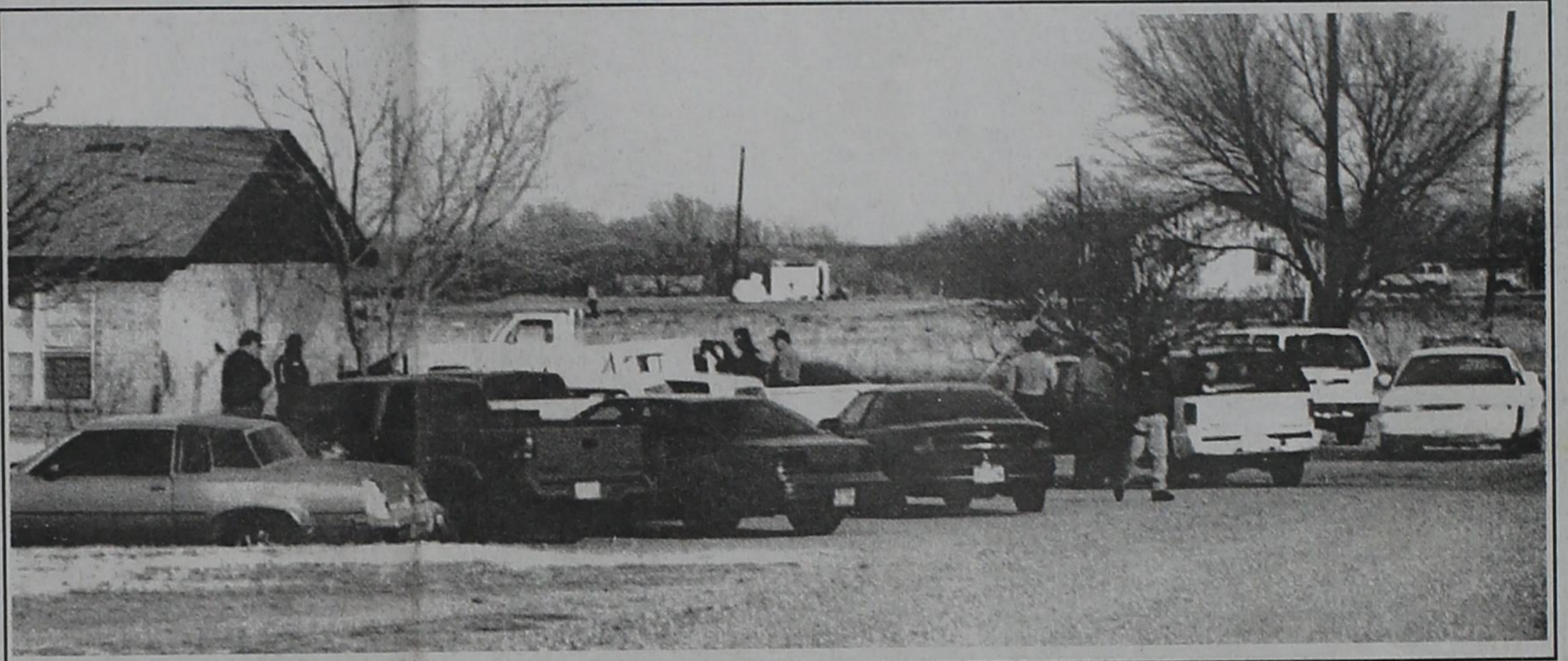
The sting began in Dickens County at about 2:30 p.m. where Motley and Dickens Counties Sheriff's departments, Motley County Game Warden, Spur Police officers, DPS troopers, DPS Narcotics, and members of the South Plains Narcotics Task Force arrested six adults and one juvenile.

The team then moved to Motley County where two adults were arrested. Another 17-year old was arrested on Sunday morning.

Sheriff Meador said that seven warrants for arrests were issued in Motley County. Only three were served on Saturday, with one adult receiving two warrants. The remaining four adults were not found on Saturday, but arrests are expected soon.

Arrested and charged on Saturday in Dickens County were Thelma Wiley, 45, of Spur, three counts of delivery of a controlled substance, and one count of possession of marijuana; Kathlyn Lanton, 44, of Spur, one count of delivery of a controlled substance; Lonnie Green, 43, of Spur, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance; Phillip Hicks, 23, of Lubbock, possession of marijuana, under two ounces; Nathan Hicks, 19, of Lubbock, one count of delivery of a controlled substance; Milan Bethany, 21, of Spur, possession of marijuana; and one Juvenile, delivery of marijuana.

Those arrested were booked into Dickens County Jail. A \$25,000 bond was set for each charge of delivery of a controlled substance. A \$2000 bond was set for each count of possession. One juvenile is being held at



DRUG STING — Motley County and Dickens County Law Enforcement officers, DPS Narcotics agents, South Plains Drug Task Force and other law officers surprised residents of the Matador Government Apartments on Saturday, January 16, during a Drug Sting operation. The bust was

the Garza County Youth Center. Bond was posted for one individual for release from the Dickens County Jail on Monday.

Arrested and charged in Motley County on Saturday were Benny Lee Brown, 46, of Matador, delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Also arrested was Herbert Lee Sims Jr., 28, of Matador, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$15,000 for each count.

Brown and Sims were booked into Floyd County Jail.

Kendall McDonald, 17, of Mata-

dor, was arrested by Sheriff Meador on Sunday morning, January 17, and booked into Dickens County Jail, and charged with delivery of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Sheriff Meador commented, "Our department expects to make further arrests in Motley County in the near future for other drug offenses under investigation at this time.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helped in this sting operation in any way. I also would like to thank the citizens of Motley County for their concern for our county. Our goal is to rid the county of this kind of wrongdoing, and we will continue to work to make this a reality."

the result of a 6-month undercover investigation. Two men were arrested in Motley County with additional warrants issued, and seven were arrested in Dickens County. Another man was arrested in Matador, Sunday.



DPS Narcotics agents and law enforcement officers stormed 2 residents at the Matador Government Apartments during a Drug sting operation Saturday, January 16.

Motley County receives check from Tobacco Settlement

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that checks totaling \$300 million — some as high as nearly \$50 million for the Harris County Hospital — have been mailed to Texas cities, counties and hospital districts across the state to help them recoup some of the costs of providing health care to the indigent patients with tobacco related illnesses.

Motley County Hospital District received \$27,056.76. Area counties receiving checks were Childress County Hospital District, \$105,136.37; Hall County Hospital District, \$68,966.49; Cottle County, \$39,684.43; Crosby County, \$128,996.48; Dickens County, \$45,406.62; Lockney General Hospital District, \$60,436.19.

"The funds being distributed amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts. The money is the result of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the tobacco companies as a result of the 'Most Favored Nation' provision. When the State of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached agreement, the clause kicked in the extra revenue for Texas," said Comptroller Rylander.

Rylander said that even though the signature on the checks is hers, State Senator Bill Ratliff, House Speaker Pete Laney, Representative Rob Junell, and the Attorney General's Office deserve credit for negotiating the agreement that brought the money to Texas. Thanks are also due to the Texas Department of Health for handling the administrative work necessary to distribute the funds to the correct entities.

"Senator Ratliff, Speaker Laney, Representative Junell, and the Attorney General's staff negotiated the 'Most Favored Nation' tobacco settlement midsummer. Their vision and perseverance is paying off for the State of Texas," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Texas cities, counties and hospital districts that provide care to indigent patients will receive just under \$2.3 billion over the next five years. The checks mailed out today are the first down payment," said Comptroller Rylander.

The money from the settlement is in addition to the \$15 billion amount negotiated by the State of Texas with the tobacco industry and is for the benefit of cities, counties and hospital districts. While the Legislature must determine how to spend the \$15 billion state share, they have no control over the distribution and spending of the money designated for the local entities.

Altogether, more than 300 checks were mailed out to cities, counties, and hospital districts across Texas. The check amounts were determined by several factors, including 1990 U.S. Census data and the providers' legal

responsibility for indigent health care.

The recipients of the largest checks include health care providers in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, and Austin areas.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute another \$100 million in April 2000 and \$50 million in April 2001, using a formula based on unreimbursed health care expenditures.

An additional \$1.85 billion to be received from the settlement over the next four years will be deposited to a Permanent Trust Account. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed pro-rata to the cities, counties and hospital districts providing indigent health care in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures.

Matador City Council appoints Housing Board

The Matador City Council met in a called meeting December 17 to discuss organizing a Matador Housing Authority Board. The Council made recommendations to the mayor to appoint a board after being made aware that this board was not in existence and had not been since 1993.

The Council had discussed the possibility of building another Apartment complex in Matador and decided that the existing one should be better organized before this was discussed further.

Mayor Lancaster appointed Seven Alexander, Chuck Ream, Ronda Miller, Vivian Thompson, and Peta Gonzales to this board.

The Board has since met twice

with Housing Authority Secretary, Tony Rose, to discuss the Complex's budget, rent rates and the application process. An inspection of the Complex was made on Friday, January 15.

The City Council met for their regular meeting Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 a.m. All Council members were present. Councilman Rodney Williams gave the invocation. Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and bills were paid.

Council discussed a water usage situation in north Matador. Water Superintendent Steve Barton gave water reports.

Meeting adjourned.

Miss Texas speaks to Motley County students



Miss Texas, Tatum Hubbard

Miss Texas 1998, Tatum Hubbard, spoke to students at Motley County ISD Wednesday, January 13 in the high school gym.

Hubbard represented Arlington at the Miss Texas pageant. Winning the "Spirit of Texas" award, she was selected by the other contestants as the woman who best represents the qualities of a Miss Texas.

She represented Texas at the Miss America Pageant last September.

She is a graduate of the Univer-

sity of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Communications. As an undergraduate student, she spent a semester working for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in Washington, D.C. as a press office intern.

Prior to being named Miss Texas, she was pursuing her master's degree in Education while working as a second grade teacher. She plans a career as a public school teacher.

Hubbard has studied ballet, tap,

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Being surrounded by law enforcement, you might say, I guess you can say I know first hand the work they put in to protecting the lives of the citizen. With a husband and a son who are both in the law enforcement field, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law who work in law, you can probably guess what the topic of most of our family get together conversations is.

Of course, I have a special admiration for the work of law enforcement officers, and I respect them and their families. I know that every time they answer a call, they are putting their lives on the line, for you and me. It's a line a work, that I believe, takes a special man or woman. I believe the profession is somewhat of a calling by the Almighty. Of course, He surely knows the person who can handle the responsibility.

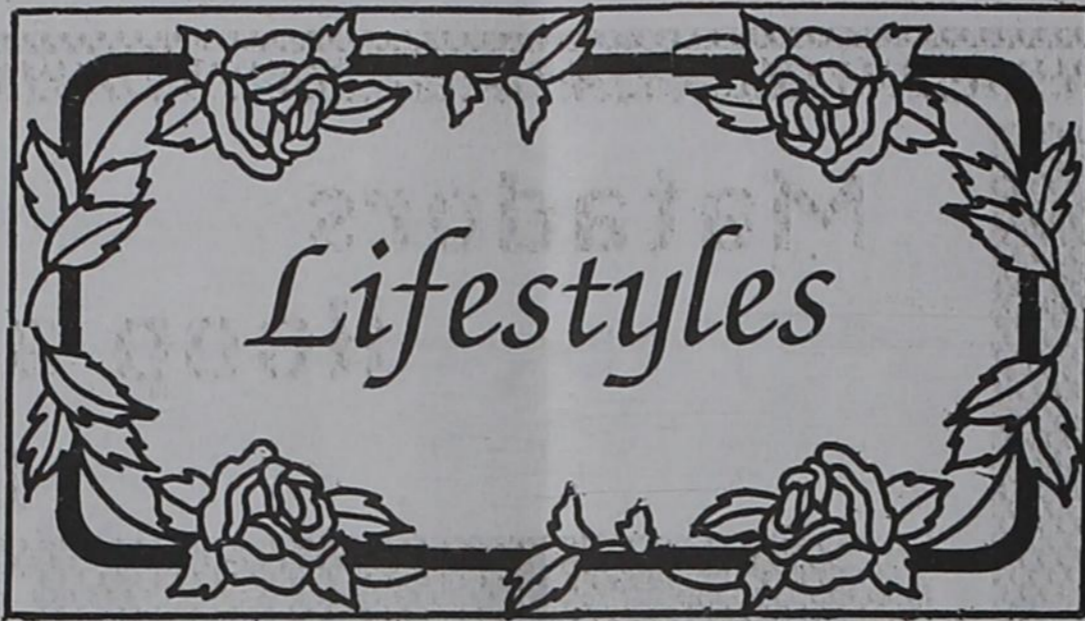
I have seen many times, again first hand, the extent at which they put their lives on the line. Each time the phone rings in the middle of the night, you don't know what to expect. Will this call be dangerous? Will it be their last? A question of course you don't even want to think about, so you teach yourself how not to.

Most people don't really understand the time and effort that goes into the type of operation that took place on Saturday in Motley and Dickens Counties. I know, from lis-

tening to their conversations, the concern they feel each time a citizen mentions someone they suspect of a wrongdoing, and the disgust they feel at knowing the red tape that is involved in proof of that wrongdoing.

This Saturday, I witnessed the Drug Bust, and saw the intent amount of emotion, concentration, strength and courage my husband, and other law enforcement officers practice, to put their lives in the line of danger, to make our homes, our families, and our everyday lives safer.

My husband is not one to brag in the least. He's very low key and will not, by any means, 'toot his own horn'. So I guess you could say, I am using this little bit of space to 'toot his horn' for him. I know the amount of work that went into this particular operation. And I want to give a special "HATS OFF" to Jim, his deputy Jay Hawkins, the Game Warden, Dee Litteken, our local DPS trooper, Mark Gumaer, and all the other Law Enforcement officers who were involved. And I want to say "I APPRECIATE YOU!" And to let them know, that even though the TV reports somehow didn't mention Motley County, and the Lubbock A-J reports barely made mention of Motley County, I, for one, know the importance of the event this past Saturday, and I am proud of you!



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News
by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met January 4, 1999 at the Senior Citizens center for a patining class, brown bag luncheon and regular business.

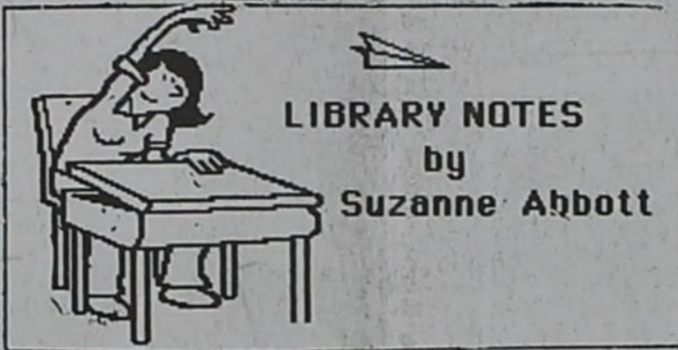
Lorene Lancaster, artist "extraordinaire" was instructor for the day. She taught the class to paint a replica of magnolias - a very lovely painting of that most beautiful of flowers. The medium was oil and a favorite of most artists. It was a nice day and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The brown bag luncheon was fun and surprising, the contents of bags

were shared and passed. Club President, Lana Copp, presided over the business. It was a good session of plans for projects and future meetings. Some ideas were tabled for later discussion.

Members present were Lana Copp, Loys Campbell, Pauline Hand, Dorothy Knight, Billie Koon, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, and Winifred Darsey.

Pauline Hand will be instructor and teach a sketching class using ink and bristol board. See you there.



The library received several memorial donations this past week and we are grateful for each one. Earline Vaughn made a donation in memory of Louise Robbins. C.J. and Frances Davis and Ruth Simpson Cooper sent donations in memory of Artie Wason. We received donations from Franklin and Susan Jameson in memory of Artie Wason and Carl King. We also received memorials for Joe Luckenbach, Carl King, and Artie Wason from Joan and Charles Keith. We appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of these donors who have remembered these special people and the Motley County Library in this way.

New books in the library include a new 87th Precinct mystery by Ed McBain. The title of this book is *The Big Bad City* and features Steve Carella, Meyer Meyer and all your favorite cops of the 8-7. We also have ready for your enjoyment the newest psychological thriller by Jonathan Kellerman, *Billy Straight*.

We have received the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Utah along with several other reference materials. We appreciate the gift of all of these materials and we thank Pina Sturdivant for bringing them in. Some may be

checked out and others, like the encyclopedia, will be in the reference section.

The Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society has published the second issue of its newsletter, *Sands of Time*. The current issue features information about the Davidson family, an article about Daniel Cribbs, including his astounding and outstanding obituary, and the continuing lists of the Matador Cowboys and the Flomot Cemetery as well as family queries. This newsletter is published twice a year and is included with a membership in the society.

Correction

Mrs. Fern Henderson is the Great-Grandmother of Jonathan Engle. Her name was left off the story of Jonathan's college graduation printed in last week's paper. We apologize for this mistake.

Miss Texas

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and jazz for 20 years. Performing for audiences across the state, she sings and dances to a variety of musical selections.

Tatum will be making over 350 appearances as Miss Texas 1998, and will travel daily on a statewide speaking tour.

According to a press release from Miss Texas, her program is based on the African proverb, "It takes an entire village to raise a child." The program is designed to educate both students and adults on ways of developing capable youth, strong families, and responsible communities."



It's not so much what you say
As the manner in which you say it;
It's not so much the language you use
As the tone in which you convey it...

— Anonymous

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all Sewing
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Matador
Variety

Double Anniversary Celebrated



Billie and Faye Slover



Jerry and Barbara Luster

Billie and Faye Slover and Jerry and Barbara Luster celebrated their anniversaries December 19, 1998 in Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Slover were married in Wichita Falls, January 1, 1949. Jerry and Barbara Luster were married in Matador, Texas December 29, 1973 in the First United Methodist Church.

Lee and Lisha Vernon of Wichita Falls and Amanda Luster of Cisco worked for several weeks getting picture albums ready for the celebration. They are the children of Jerry and Barbara.

The couple's had the celebration at the Cedar Falls Nursing Center so that Mrs. Slover's mother, Florene Angell, could be with them. A beautiful wedding cake depicted the Silver and Golden Anniversaries. Cake and punch was served to those who could participate.

Others attending were family members of Mrs. Slover, Betty Smith and Evelyn McPherson of Jasper, Joyce and Kenneth Ellis of Wichita Falls, and Gary and Carolyn Angell of Dallas. Christmas carols were sang after the celebration and everyone had a wonderful time.

Matador Lions Club active with projects

by Charles Keith
2nd Vice President & Zone Chairman

The Matador Lions Club coordinated one of the largest food projects for needy families in Motley County this last December. On Friday, December 18, Lions Club members delivered 40 boxes of food in Matador and Roaring Springs. The Club was assisted in this worthwhile project by the Motley County Independent School District, the local Salvation Army Committee, the Community Chest, the Caprock Community Action office, Matador Variety Store, and several individual community members.

The Matador Lions have started planning for the annual Lions Show and Queen Contest scheduled for April 20 this year. This week, Lions Club members will begin selling tickets as a major fund raising project, with the drawing to be conducted at the Lions Show. The tickets are \$25 each, with the following prizes: Grand Prize=\$2,000, 2nd Prize=\$1,000, 3rd Prize=\$500, 4th Prize=\$100, and 3 other prizes of \$50 each. Only 300 tickets are to be sold, so the chances of your winning will be great - much better than the lottery!

Contact any of the Lions Club members for YOUR raffle tickets!

"An Apostolic Reminder"



Peter says that we need to consider our influence upon the people of the world who observe our behavior. If they find us guilty of not being spiritual and seeking righteousness, they will point to us and ridicule us as being hypocrites. It gives the world satisfaction and relief to be able to point accusing fingers at one of us.

We are to be scrupulously upright in all things and practice consistent self-discipline. The early church was accused of many kinds of abominations, but there was not guilt of the accusations. So, too, they still do that today, but we are to make sure they have no grounds for establishing guilt in us.

As Peter called for good works among his readers, we too, can look to the New Year of 1999 to call for and encourage one another to more good works. What a difference it will make for the church's image. It's important to ask ourselves at the outset, "What will the people of this community have to say about us at the close of 1999?" With our focus set at the beginning, the answer to that will be good.

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

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Radio Announcements K-96 FM
Daily - 10:15-10:30 and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Our commitment?

The communities we serve.



COME TO WHERE THE STRENGTH IS.



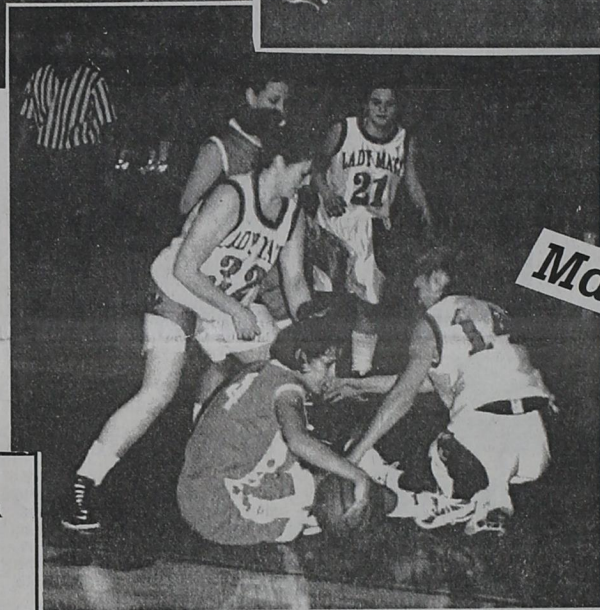
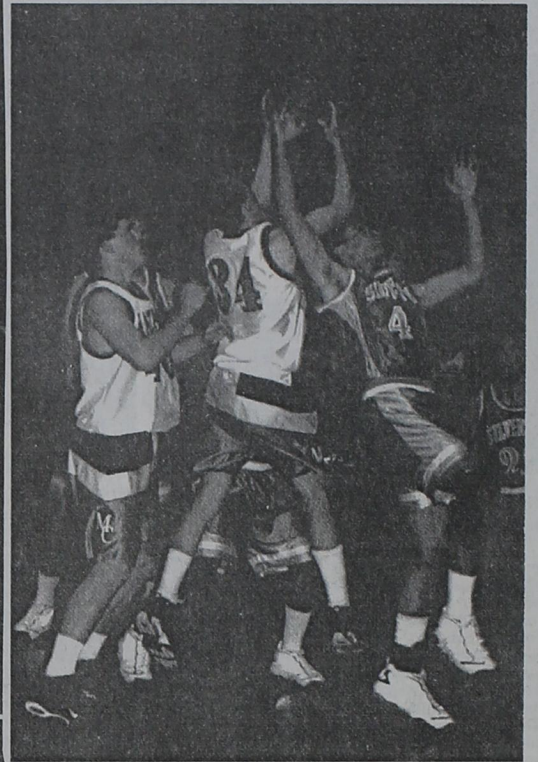
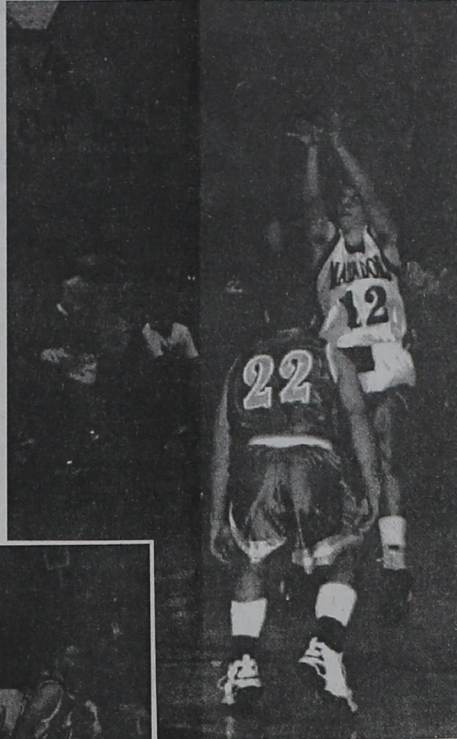
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA

Member F.D.I.C.





Matadors Hoop action raises the ceiling!



**Good
Luck
Matadors!!**

MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Jan. 22	** Patton Springs	there	6:30
Jan. 26	** Silvertown	there	4:00
Jan. 29	** Lakeview	home	6:30
Feb. 2	OPEN		
Feb. 5	** Guthrie	there	6:30
Feb. 9	** Patton Springs	home	6:30

* JV Girls and Boys will play at the same time in different gyms
** Denotes District games

WE LOVE THE MATADORS!

Photos by Carla Meador

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| <i>Cafe RS</i> | <i>Motley County Judge, Laverna Price</i> | <i>Dr. Pat & Mary Lou Williams</i> |
| <i>Motley County Tribune</i> | <i>Caprock Cellular</i> | <i>Billy, Brenda, Sabrina & Lexie Osborn</i> |
| <i>Matador V&S Variety</i> | <i>Matador Implement</i> | <i>Darrell, Brenda & Derrick Cruse</i> |
| <i>Flomot Gin</i> | <i>Cap Rock Telephone</i> | <i>Donnie, Kelli, & Dusty Jackson</i> |
| <i>CSR PolyPipe</i> | <i>First State Bank</i> | <i>Rickey & Naomi Lawrence</i> |
| <i>Alexander Fuel</i> | <i>Angie, Blake, and Hunter Copeland</i> | <i>Steve & Reneigh Burns</i> |
| <i>Vickie's Floral</i> | <i>Johnny & Tammy Palmer</i> | <i>Rodney, Glenda, & Lindsey Williams</i> |
| <i>New To You</i> | <i>Charles & Joan Keith</i> | <i>Dale & JoEtta Bumgardner</i> |
| <i>Production Credit Association</i> | <i>Billy, Terree & Brittany Donaldson</i> | <i>Phillip & Barbara Sharp & Brett Wallace</i> |
| <i>The Windmill</i> | <i>Terry & Ronda Miller & Brittany</i> | <i>Butch & Judy Renfro</i> |
| <i>Meredith Construction - Gas & Supply</i> | <i>James, Kathy, Robert & Brenda Gillespie</i> | <i>Jim & Carla Meador</i> |
| <i>Higginbotham-Bartlett</i> | <i>Randy, Bonita & Lanie Barton</i> | <i>Tony, Sherry, & Shea Rose</i> |
| <i>Thacker Supply</i> | <i>Kelly, Pennie, & Kevin Keltz</i> | <i>Tommie Cruse</i> |
| <i>Thacker Jewelry</i> | <i>Alan, Kay, & Chance Bingham</i> | <i>Stephen, Jennifer & Bryce Brady</i> |
| <i>Rose Garden</i> | <i>Jeff, Pam, & Brad Thacker</i> | <i>Shane, Wendi, Austin & Bryant Taylor</i> |
| <i>Feed Trough Steakhouse</i> | <i>Bettye, Ashley & John Wesley Stevens</i> | |
| <i>ADM Paymaster Gin</i> | | |



If you would like to add your name to our sports page, please call our office at 347-2400.

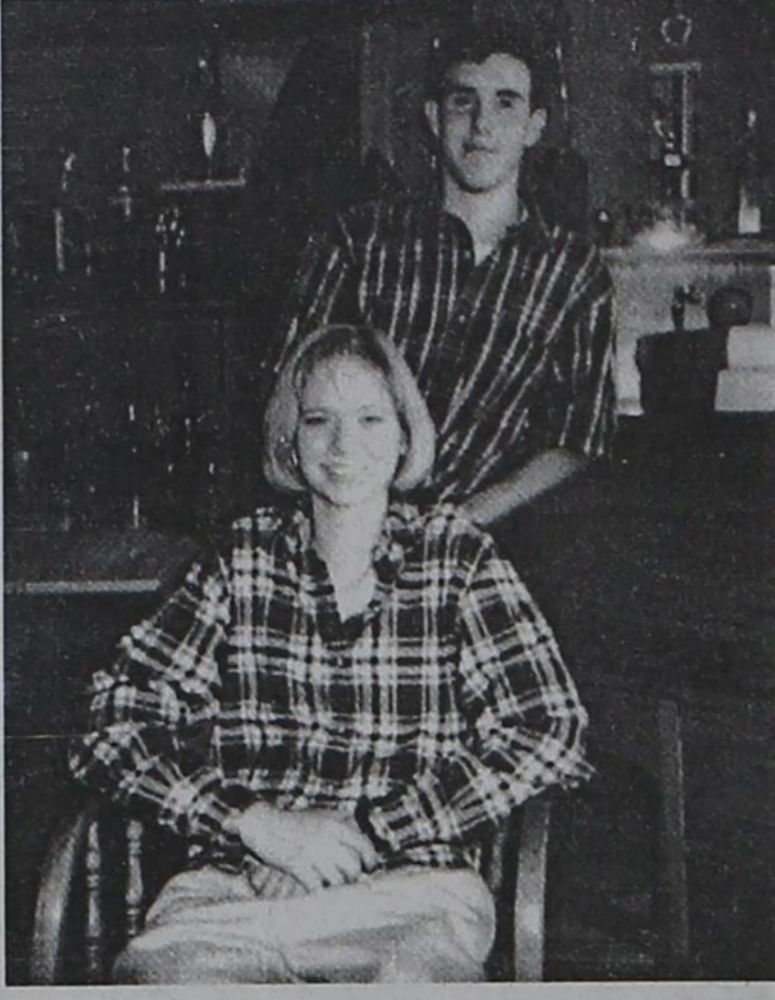


MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Month



JR. HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Charli Ream and Dumont Darsey.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Shandra Jones and Ben Ridgley.

Motley County ISD Students of the Month for December are Charli Ream and Dumont Darsey for Junior High, and Shandra Jones and Ben Ridgley for High School.

Charli is a 7th grader and the 12-year-old daughter of Gail and Charles Ream of Matador. She has two sisters, Callie, 22, and Mandi, 12, and a brother, Gabe, 18.

Her favorite color is green. Her favorite song is *Tearin' Up My Heart*, and her favorite movies are *Armageddon* and *Titanic*.

She enjoys playing basketball. The person she admires the most is her sister, Callie, "because she always did her best at everything."

Dumont is also a 7th grader. He is the 13-year-old son of Robin and

Beverly Darsey of Matador. He has one brother, Robert Thomas Darsey III, 19. His favorite color is red. His favorite song is *Can You Feel The Love Tonight*. His favorite movies are *The Parent Trap* and *Titanic*.

He enjoys playing the piano, using the computer, and Tennis.

He admires Bill Gates, "because I want to be a computer programmer."

Shandra is a Freshman. She is the 14-year-old daughter of Casey and Deb Jones of Matador. She has one brother, Scott, 16.

Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite food is steak. Her favorite song is *Wide Open Spaces* by Dixie Chicks. Her favorite movie is *Step*

Mom.

She enjoys playing basketball, riding her horse, and hanging out with friends.

She is actively involved in 4-H, FFA, Paducah Horse Club, and NHSRA (National High School Rodeo Association.)

She plans to attend college at Tarleton State University when she completes high school.

She admires Coach Copeland, "because he is a great basketball coach."

Ben Ridgley is a Sophomore. He is the 16-year-old son of Trisha and Robert Ridgley of Matador.

His favorite color is green, and his favorite food is Pizza. His favorite song is *Come On Over*. His favorite movie is *Patch Adams*.

He enjoys reading and playing sports, and is actively involved in FFA and FCA.

He plans to attend college after graduation.

He admires his Dad, "because he is fun and neat."



JR. CLASS OFFICERS — President, Dusty Jackson, Vice-President, Brant Donaldson, (top r-l); Treasurer, Kember Everett; Secretary, Vanessa Easter; and Reporter, Jerod Rieger, (top to bottom).

Youth Foundation taking applications for scholarships

Graduating seniors planning to enter college in Fall 1999, whose families have been Texas Farm Bureau members since at least March 15, 1997, are eligible to apply for the organization's sixth annual Youth Foundation Scholarship.

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years, will be awarded by May 1999, based on academic achievement, extracurricular activity involvement, and other considerations, including recommendations and financial need.

The 1999 scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee of college faculty and administrators from Baylor University and McLennan Community College, Waco.

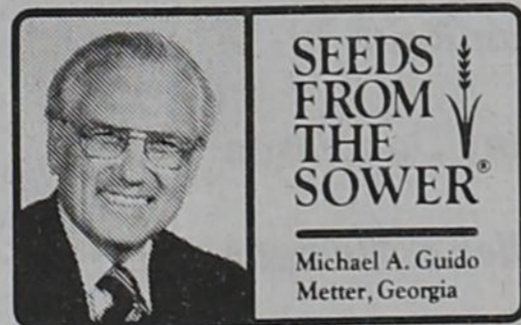
The Youth Foundation, a charitable organization, was established by board action in response to the Blue Ribbon Goals Report for the purpose of awarding scholarships and agricultural grants for TFB youth.

The Foundation accepts donations of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, which are tax deductible, from individuals interested in furthering the youth mission. Bequests and insurance proceeds can also assist the Foundation. The number of students receiving financial help from the Founda-

tion will vary according to the generosity and scope of members.

Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1999. Forms are available in the January issue of *Texas Neighbors* and the January issue of *Texas Agriculture*, or can be picked up at the Motley county Farm Bureau.

Applications may be sent to: Coordinator, Texas Farm Bureau Youth Foundation, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689.



A woman enjoyed sitting on the floor with children, coloring books and playing with them.

A boy was asked, "Do you enjoy your aunt's visits?"

"Yes," he answered, "but it's not so much the coloring I like, it's the loving."

Every heart hungers for love. Nothing else satisfies. When you feel unloved always remember that God loves you. There isn't anyone He loves more than you, and He wants to love others through you.

None of us can love perfectly, but He can and does. It's only as you let the God of love fill your heart that the love of God will flow from your life.

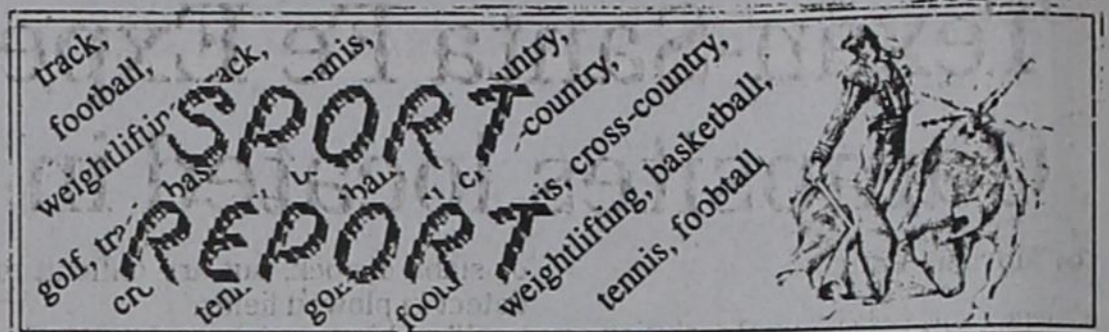
School Menu

- MONDAY, JANUARY 25**
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Milk, Juice Bar.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Bread Sticks, Dessert, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Veggie Sticks, Apple, Milk.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Gravy, Pea Salad, Homemade Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Cherry Cobbler.

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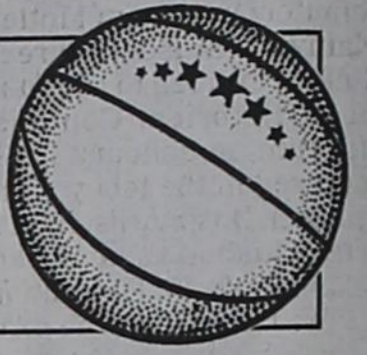
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HOOP NEWS

by Rickey Lawrence



The Motley County Matadors and Lady Mats traveled to Lakeview Tuesday, January 12, to play their second District contest of the year. Both teams won to even their district records to 1-1 each.

The Lady Mats won by the score of 64-46. Kandi Keltz had a game, and season high of 31 points, followed by Denise Shannon with 20. Kandi also was leading rebounder for the night with 16. Miranda Palmer had 6 rebounds and Denise totaled four. The Lady Mats defense was led by Denise with 8 steals, and Kristi Williams with 6.

The Matador Varsity boys played next and also won easily by the score of 82-60. Brad Marvel led in scoring with 25, followed by Keane Cruise with 14. Leading rebounders for the night were Brad and Sean Rose who totaled eight each. Jason Clauser had four steals and 3 assists for the night.

Friday, January 15, Motley County traveled to Spur to play four non-district games. The JV girls lost to Spur by a close score of 34-43. Shandra Jones led the scoring with 16, followed by Kember Everett with 11 and Kelsi Wallace with 3. Kelsi and Shandra also led in rebounding with 6 and 5 respectively. Kember also had 6 assists and 7 steals for the night.

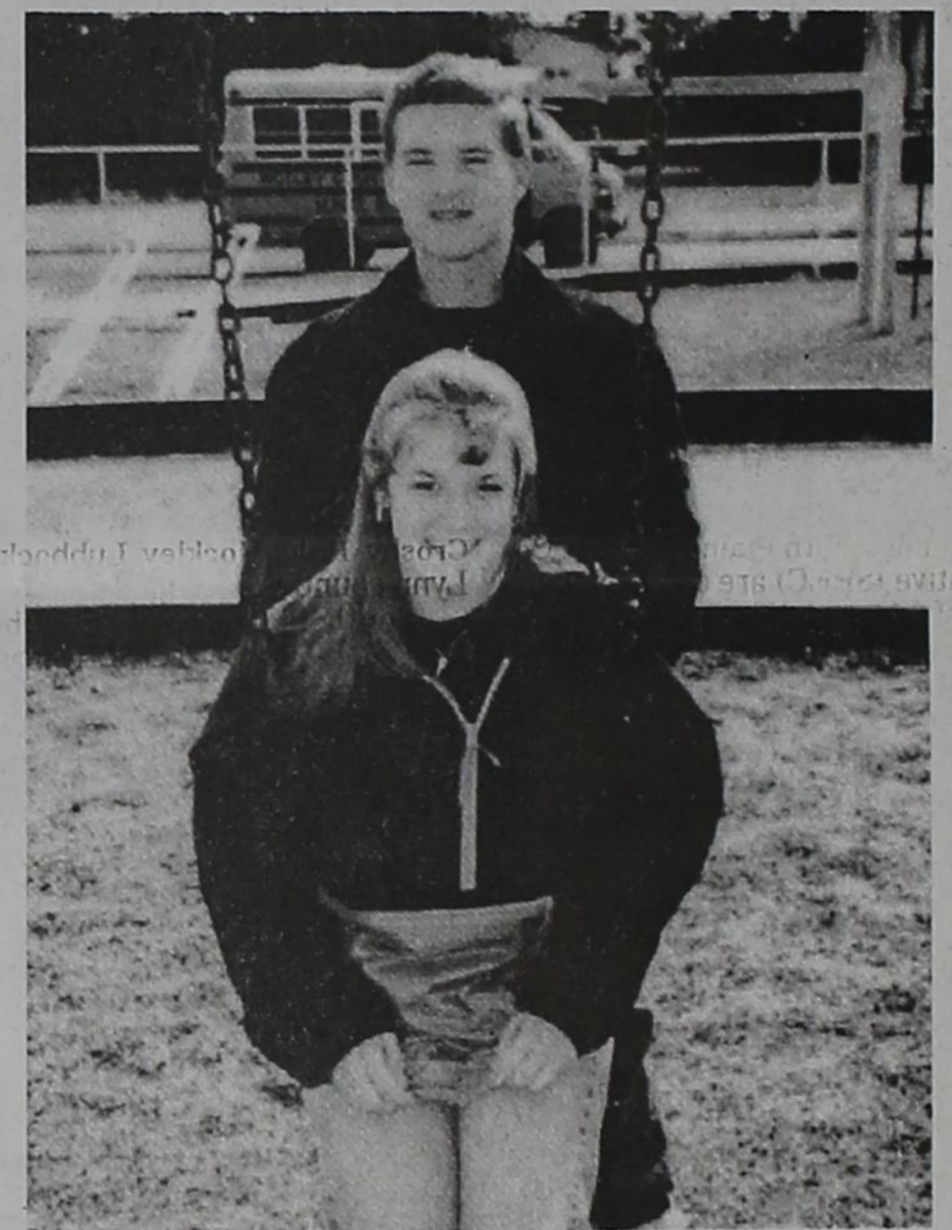
The JV Boys played next and recorded the only Motley County victory of the night by the score of 49-

23. Casey Lawrence was leading scorer with 11, followed by Matt Easter with 8, and Ryan Moore and Chris Paul with 7 apiece. Matt led in rebounding with 8. Scott Jones had 6, and Bradley Baxter pulled down 5. The JV boys played good defense and were led by Casey with 6 steals and Scott Jones who had 5.

Varsity girls lost a close game by the score of 40-48. Denise Shannon led the scoring with 10. Kandi Keltz had 9, and Rebecca Morris recorded 6. Kandi was leading rebounder with 9 for the night, followed by Denise with 6. Denise also had 3 steals for the night and Kandi had 3 blocked shots.

The last game of the night saw the MC boys Varsity lost to Spur by the score of 47-60. Keane was top scorer with 15, followed by Brad Marvel's 9. Keane and Brad also led in rebounding with 14 and 8 respectively. Jason Clauser led in assists for the night with 3, and Keane recorded 4 steals.

Motley County will play two district games this week. Friday, January 22, they will play at Patton Springs and Tuesday, January 26, they will travel to Silverton to take on the Owls. There is still plenty of good basketball left this year, so get out of the house and support these young men and women. You'll be glad you did! Besides, everything on TV is a rerun, so see you at the games!!



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Texan-Santa Fe Expedition Campsites located in County

by Marisue Potts

"The site of Camp Resolution is definitely located in Motley County," Plainview museum director Eddie Guffee revealed to a joint meeting of local Historical Commission and Museum on January 11. The group gathered in the lobby of the historic Traweck Hospital listened attentively to information about the little known Texan-Santa Fe Expedition of 1841.

"We have found the exact spot off the resolve, where the group decided to break up and divide the command. In addition, we have pinpointed five other campsites within the county," said the archaeologist. Guffee represents the Llano Estacado Museum located near the Wayland University campus in Plainview. He has worked on the Taylor-Merrell Comanchero site near Quitaque, as well as completed the re-creation of a POW Chapel and the excavation of a baby mammoth in the Panhandle.

Guffee explained that the Pioneers of the Texas Republic were volunteer soldiers sent by President Lamar who was intent on establishing a trade route from Austin to Santa Fe. Without maps, adequate guides, and decisive leadership, the contingent faltered at the edge of the caprock when the remaining nine wagons could not make their way onto the plains. Ninety-nine men then left the camp in a desperate attempt to reach New Mexico across the uncharted Llano Estacado or staked plains.

Beseiged by Kiowas and facing starvation, thirteen men died in the Quitaque area. Having the advantage of the latest firepower in Colt revolving rifles possibly kept the toll from being higher as about 200 Indians attacked a party along "American Horse Creek," near the old F Ranch headquarters.

According to the archaeologist, indicators of a campsite might include Republic of Texas buttons, lead bullets, musket balls, gun parts, and boat nails, possibly purchased in New Orleans for use as horseshoe nails. Gravesites might be denoted by rows

or slabs of rock, but are difficult to detect in plowed fields.

When his work is complete, Guffee plans to display the artifacts of Camp Resolution in a definitive exhibit at the Llano Estacado Museum in Plainview, outlining the fate of the adventurers who faced death and hardship near the edge of the caprock.

In other museum business, Blake "Bud" Barton explained the background on the wooden propeller loaned by his father John Barton from an airplane he owned in 1925. One of the two historic photographs shows Mr. Barton on the wing, his wife Josie in the cockpit, daughter Louvaine under the wing, and Bud playing in the dirt, as his father gets ready to fire up the World War I plane. The OX-5 cost \$595 and could achieve 60 mph. Mr. Barton developed his interest in aeroplanes when he worked in a factory in Chicago.

J.B. Cooper asked for help in getting a 1936 Centennial historical marker changed to reflect correct historical information. "The marker says that Nora Cooper was the first white child born in the county, but that's not right. It should read that she was the first white girl born in the county," he explained. The local Historical Commission will contact the Texas Historical Commission which is responsible for marker research and placement.

In another matter concerning a marker, Barry and Anna-Marie Hale of Roaring Springs protested that access is being denied the marker placed at the Indian grinding holes above the pool at the Springs Ranch Resort. Hale explained that when he wanted to take Swiss visitors to see the historic site, they were denied access. Hale said he felt historical markers should be available to the public for their interest and place in the history of the Old West. In this case also, the Texas Historical Commission will be notified.

Charles Keith discussed the possibility of making a joint move that will benefit both the museum and the

Chamber of Commerce. "The museum has a problem of keeping the doors open for visitors and the chamber has need of office space." The possibility of setting up a Chamber of Commerce office in the Museum and sharing costs of an employee will be taken to both advisory boards.

Ramona Harris Comfe of Fairfield, CA stopped by to research her A.B. Newman line and found helpful information and newspaper photographs in the museum files.

Memorials include the latest ones offered by Bill Pallmeyer of Meridian for Frank Montgomery, J.D. Palmer, Louvaine Scaff, Zola Renfro, Beverly Whitaker, Carl King, Artie Watson, and earlier ones for Eleanor Traweck and Lois Bird.

Dean Bartley sent a memorial to the Clifton family, Leo and Joyce Archer presented memorials for Wayne Spray, Class of 1948, and Melba Kimbell Joiner, Class of 1950.

Erin Shearer, a great lover of history and heritage, was remembered by M.B. and L.M. Howard, Stephanie and Scott Lowe, Harry and Fran Campbell who submitted a memorial. In addition, Leo and Joyce Archer, June Keltz, and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Edwards sent individual memorials for Mrs. Shearer, half-sister to Bundy, Harold, and Vance Campbell.

The Vance Campbells honored Eleanor Traweck with a written tribute and a donation in her honor.

The names of Claude and Mary Stearns will be added to the Museum Honor Roll plaque for their donation to the museum. Leo and Joyce Archer have also given a memorial in honor of Bertha Patton Stearns. Mrs. Stearns' family recently donated items to the museum in her memory, including a Roaring Springs school annual.

The museum also gratefully acknowledges a generous donation from Wilson Barton. For his support and the support of the above mentioned during 1998, the museum extends a warm "thank you" of appreciation.



"The Power Source", a photograph by local resident, Joe Farley will be published in the book Imprints of Time.

Joe Farley to have photograph published

Joe Farley of Matador was recently informed that his photograph, "The Power Source" has advanced to semifinalist in the Nature category in the International Open Amateur

Photography Contest. His photo will now be entered into final competition to be held in Spring, where he will have a chance of winning \$10,000.00. His photograph will also be published in the forthcoming anthology

"Imprints of Time", to be published in late Spring.

In a letter received by Mr. Farley recently, the following comment was made about his photograph, "The Power Source" was selected for publication because of its unique perspective and your artistic vision, we believe it will add to the importance and appeal of this edition."

"Joe, you should be genuinely proud of your accomplishment. Of the thousands of photographs we see each year, only a fraction can be published. We are pleased that 'The Power Source' will appropriately achieve the recognition that a national publication can give it."



WORD of GOD

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

Local Electric Cooperatives discuss consolidating resources and operations

Dickens Electric Cooperative (DEC) and South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC) are discussing details of consolidating cooperative resources and operations. "The consolidation will create economies of scale and improve operating efficiencies at both cooperatives," said DEC President Ned Ward. "Since cooperatives are locally owned by the members they serve, any corporate benefits of the venture will ultimately affect the members of both cooperatives."

"The cooperatives are a good mix," said South Plains Electric's President Tommy Jones. "Our irrigation, residential, cotton ginning and commercial load will blend well with DEC's farm, ranch and oil." SPEC was organized in 1937 and currently

serves 29,000 connected meters in Crosby, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock and Lynn counties.

South Plains Electric is headquartered in Lubbock with its service territory bordering the west side of Dickens Electric area. SPEC has an eight member board consisting of President Tommy Jones, Cotton Center; Vice President R.D. McCallister, Slaton; Secretary/Treasurer Paul Zuber, Petersburg; Danny Stanton, Shallowater; Clarence Kitten, Slaton; Benny Nixon, Lubbock; Bobby Richey, Wolforth; and Marvin Schoepf, Lorenzo.

Dickens Electric Cooperative currently serves 5,015 connected meters in Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Kent, King, Motley, and Stonewall counties. DEC has a nine member

board consisting of President Ned Ward, Aspermont; Vice President Glenn Jones, Spur; Secretary/Treasurer Steve Cochran, Aspermont; Harvey Cannon, Spur; Robert Forbis, Roaring Springs; Preston Givens, Spur; Garth Gregory, Girard; Billy Hale, Spur; and Mike Smith, Afton.

TxDOT's Small Business Meetings Set

Childress -- Business opportunities with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be the topic of the quarterly regional meeting on January 26, 1999 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at TxDOT's Childress District assembly room.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide current information on business opportunities and TxDOT contracting procedures in the areas of construction, design, purchasing and maintenance, as well as to enhance communication, identify the needs and concerns of small businesses, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Historically Under-utilized Businesses (HUBs) conducting business with TxDOT.

This meeting will also serve as a resource to generate new ideas for better methods of doing business with TxDOT and to recruit new DBE/HUBs and small businesses. There will also be a presentation on using the Internet to access procurement opportunities.

For more information regarding this meeting contact, Vicky McBride, Childress District Director of Administration at (940) 937-7193.

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Thank you.

News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

Melton Brooks is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He fell at Crosbyton Care Center and broke his hip. He was conveyed to Lubbock by Ambulance and had surgery Friday morning. At news time, he is doing well. His wife, Modean, is with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Brooks and children, of Ft. Worth, came to be with his father for surgery. They returned home Sunday.

RS VOLUNTEERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1999

In their regular second Tuesday monthly meeting, the Roaring Springs Volunteers met in the home of Lea and Bill Peacock south of town on Highway 70. Due to the absence of President Darleen Fletcher, Vice President Walter Trammell called the meeting to order. Secretary Suzanne Abbott's reading of the minutes was heard and approved. She included the information that Volunteers now have a Web site at <www.roaringsprings.org>. Treasurer D.A. McGuire gave a detailed report of all income and expenses, including Kids Camp, from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, and furnished a copy of the report to members. Dues, now due and payable, were accepted by Mr. McGuire.

Committee reports included Christmas activities of visits to shut-ins and a written report presented by Charles Keith on a study of the feasibility of attempting a Meals on Wheels project. After discussion the membership concluded that such an ambitious undertaking required further study at this time.

The report of the Nominating Committee was heard and accepted by acclamation. Officers for 1999 are President Darleen Fletcher, Vice President, Walter Trammell, Recording Secretary Suzanne Abbott, Corresponding Secretary Ruby McGuire, Treasurer D.A. McGuire, and Parliamentarian Joan Keith. Appointments were Reporter Rita Groves and Telephone Committee Chairman J.N. Fletcher. Zella Palmer asked to host the next meeting February 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Following the business meeting, visiting and light refreshments were enjoyed around the kitchen table.

Present, other than those already mentioned, were Pat Peacock, Mary Lumsden, C.W. and Pat Moore, Kenneth Abbott, Steven Byrd, Algie Groves, Pearl Patten, Ruby Hipp, Dorothy Lee, Jo Trammell, Cynthia and David Stafford, and Grace Zabielski.

Mary Lumsden was welcomed back after having moved to Lubbock, and will be residing in the Freda Keahey house on Circle Street.

Two valuable additions to the community are C.W. and Pat Moore. Mr. Moore has retired from the U.S. Customs Service in Laredo, and his wife Pat has found a place in the Spur School System as a

special education teacher. They reside in the former Lyman Bundy Campbell home which they recently purchased on Walton Road in Matador, along with acreage on Highway 684 between Roaring Springs and Dougherty where C.W. can enjoy a little farming and ranching. These people will add to the already talented members joining in Volunteerism to make Motley County a better place to live.

Did you know? On Dec. 2, 1992, Quitaque, Texas became the first city in the world to have entirely wireless telephone service? Telephone poles and wires were replaced by radio waves. We read this in the A-J one day recently, so it must be true. We probably won't live to see all the wonderful changes that occur in this wonderful part of our world.

The "flu" picked a poor time to smite us. I missed my opportunity to help Lila Meador celebrate her 90th birthday. It seems such a short time since Mike Groves would sit at her piano and she asked him to play "On Galway Bay." Actually, it was so long ago I'm not sure that was the name of the song. It was over half her life ago. Lila is a lady. She fixed lunch for us the day we left Matador to move to California to be with granddaughter Kelly. She never put her needs or desires above those of her husband or friends. After Douglas Meador died, we tried to make her realize what a wonderful person she was - that Doug didn't have all the talent. She was patient, gifted, and a really selfless person. One of my favorite memories is of a winter day when she came with her mother, and Mrs. Tipton made "cabbage rolls" for lunch for a few friends. We were all poor as "church mice," but time seemed better used then. And we always knew to expect Lila's "Fulton Salad" when the meal was "bring a dish."

Fru prevented my going to the last rites for Hortense Yeates Goodwin. Memories of her involve so many pioneer families of Dickens and Motley Counties. It was shortly after we moved to Roaring Springs that she and our neighbor Curtis Goodwin married. Their granddaughter, Beverly Darsey, was one of my finest pupils and friends during my teaching career. We began to organize the Library at Patton Springs School before either of us had any library training, but "Uncle Sam" said we must have a library.

Last week, Zoe Smith, wife of Maxell Smith, the son of former resident, Sidney Smith, called to inquire why Motley County has a Web site with nothing in it except "interments in Motley County" published years ago and now out-of-print. Zoe is interested in genealogy, so we hope she and Maxell will visit the genealogy section of the Motley County Library soon, and visit our Web site. The Smith's address is 703 South East 2nd St., Tulia, TX 79088.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens News

by Rita Groves

On a rather cold and foggy first Thursday of the year 1999, the seniors met to enjoy lunch and fellowship. The leader Ossia Brown was at home with a sick great-grandchild, little Dee, who was hospitalized with pneumonia at the time of Ossia's birthday bash. Odessa Mullins led the singing and directed the meeting in addition to giving a good financial report during a short business meeting. Plans are underway to better winterize the building. The membership is fortunate to include electricians, carpenters, and plumbers, among a few members. Carl Barton, Walter Trammel, Ruby Hipp, Zella Palmer, Dorothy Lee, Vera Mitchell, Billie Clifton, Algie and Rita Groves.

Mr. Trammel opened the meeting with a prayer of sincere thanks for present and past blessings and invoked a blessing on the good prepared for our lunch for which we hope we are worthy. Zella Palmer was the recipient of the birthday song.

In spite of the inclement weather, the outing was a blessing, and we hope to see more of our friends the next first Thursday, Feb. 4th. Present were Nurse Laura Taylor, who was unable to stay for lunch, but faithful with her presence, along with Shirley and Carl Barton, Odessa Mullins, Jo and Walter Trammel, Ruby Hipp, Zella Palmer, Dorothy Lee, Vera Mitchell, Billie Clifton, Algie and Rita Groves.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

NEW ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin is proud to announce the arrival of a great-granddaughter, Emma Grace Martin, born at 2 a.m., Monday, January 18, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center - Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed four pounds.

Also welcoming the new arrival are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Martin and brother, two-year-old Seth of Lubbock and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Lubbock.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Brittany Dockery, daughter of Lucretia and Breck Dockery of Vernon, who was five years old January 19, celebrated her birthday, Sunday, with a family luncheon and party in her home. Special guests were her maternal grandparents, Carolyn and Arnold Johnson of Flomot; great grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque and aunt, Kayla Johnson of Floydada. Brittany also had a party, Saturday, in her home with her friends as guests. She had a beautifully decorated cake and gifts at both birthday celebrations.

PARTY GIVEN SATURDAY

Mrs. Craig (Cathy) Turner of Matador, teacher in Floydada Schools, presented a Pampered Chef Stoneware party in the home of Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin, Saturday, January 16.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, spiced tea, and coffee were served to Mrs. Ernestine Payne and Mrs. Judy True of Quitaque, Mrs. Nova Turner of Matador, and Mesdames Trula Martin, Edith Washington, Leona Degan, Wadetta Clay, Erma Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Suzie Shannon and granddaughter, Shelba Shannon of Flomot.

Guests in the home of Erma and Bill D. Washington last week were her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Ballinger of Fortuna, Cali-

fornia; brother, Richard Nall of Wellington, and son and family, Tim and Dena Washington and grandchildren, Caleb and Mickey Clarey of Roaring Springs.

Visiting last Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes was grandson, Reagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited from Monday until Wednesday in Arlington with Mrs. Lula Cramer. En route, they visited in Weatherford with his sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt. Ervin is recuperating from recent surgery.

Visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Saturday, was daughter, Mrs. Dwain (Christi) Milam of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended to business in Plainview, Tuesday and in Floydada, Wednesday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. John Speer before returning home.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd attended to business in Memphis, Saturday. Her grandson, Jason Cloyd of Memphis, was awarded a gold medal when he won first place in his weight lifting division competition held in Wellington, Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd and is a junior student at Memphis High School.

Margie and Homer Cyfert of Lockney visited her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes visited in Lubbock, Sunday with son and family, Billy Don, Becky and Brennan Hughes.

Mrs. Ruth Williams of Quanah visited from Thursday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross. They accompanied her to Plainview Friday, for an optical appointment.

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones, Saturday, were Fish Wilson of Quitaque and Johnny and Carol Ann Turner, local residents.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A college professor admits that he should be doing a better job of keeping track of his money. However, in these days of merger mania, he says it is all he can do just to keep track of the name of his bank and insurance company.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Frances Dixon returned home from Lubbock last Monday following surgery at Covenant Medical Center, Friday, January 8. With her during surgery were daughter and family, Elaine, Fred and Kaci Risser and Bro. and Mrs. Royce Jennings of Matador and Dorothy Jean, and Adrian Risner of Wheeler. Visiting her, since her return home were Mrs. Dan Barton, Mrs. Winifred Lee, and Mrs. Eugenia Barton, Elaine and Kaci Risser.

of Matador, and Mrs. Katheryn Martin, local resident. She is reported to be recovering just fine.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Casey Risner of Wheeler, former Whiteflat resident, is a patient in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following brain surgery, Friday, Jan. 15. She will undergo chemo and radiation treatment. The outlook at the present time is good.

Mrs. Katheryn Martin met her sister, Mrs. Raynita Newman of Spur in Roaring Springs, Wednesday and had lunch with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended to business in Lubbock, Monday.

Hal Martin of Matador accompanied his mother, Mrs. Katheryn Martin to Lubbock, Monday for a medical appointment.



Texas Rural Development State Director, Steven A. Carriker, presents a check to Roaring Springs Community Volunteer's president, Darleen Fletcher, to be used towards the construction completion of the Roaring Springs Community Center. The funds were made possible through the USDA Rural Development mission area fund. The program is part of USDA's program to assist rural communities build and enhance essential community facilities. This presentation was made at the groundbreaking for the new facility held December 30. Also present were Community Volunteer members, Venita Sedgwick, Algie and Rita Groves, Billie Clifton, Bill and Lea Peacock, J.N. Fletcher, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Walter and Jo Trammell, and Jay and Palma Smiley.

Obituaries

Robert Smallwood

Robert Smallwood, 62, of Matador, died early Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at his home in Matador. His body was donated for medical research.

He was born April 16, 1936, at Matador. He had been a lifelong resident of Matador, and was a graduate of Matador High School. He was a retired farmer.

He was married to the former Karen Smith in 1958. She died December 4, 1966.

He is survived by two daughters, LaFonda Shearer of Lubbock and Rockie Littlefield of Austin; two sisters, Lorene Thompson of Skelleytown, and Lillie Cooper of Denison; and two grandsons.

Hortense Goodwin

Funeral services for Hortense Goodwin, 93, of Afton, were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs, Texas. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor. Interment was in the Afton Cemetery at Afton, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Goodwin died early Sunday at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton.

The former Hortense Yeates was born November 4, 1905 near Afton, in Dickens county, and had been a lifelong resident of the area.

She was married to Curtis E. Goodwin May 8, 1926 at Matador. Mr. Goodwin died January 25, 1983.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, a former member of the Spur Art Guild, and had been a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Dolores Fox, of Afton; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Bridge, Robin Darsey, Tom Hale, Clayt Bridge, Bert Darsey, and Dillon Hale. Honorary pallbearers were Mont Darsey and Becca Bridge.

Matador News

Mrs. Billy (Faye) Slover visited in Wichita Falls from Friday until Sunday with her granddaughter and husband, Lisha and Lee Vernon and sister and husband, Joyce and Kenneth Ellis. Joining her there were daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Barbara Luster and Amanda of Cisco. They observed the 88th birthday of Faye's mother, Mrs. Florence Angell, a resident in the Cedar Falls Con-

vallescent Home in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison received word that their grandson, Dowell Garrison of Rock Creek had a thumb severed off when competing in a calf roping event. They were able to reattach the thumb. He had an allergic reaction to the medication he received during the surgery that has not been a benefit in his recovery.



Cinderella's slippers, many scholars believe, were made of fur, not glass. The word verre, or glass, they claim, was incorrectly substituted in early versions of the story for the word vaire, which is French for fur.



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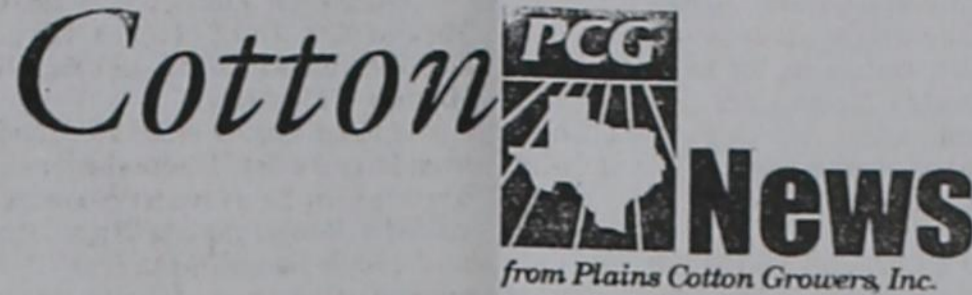
Farm & Ranch News

1999 Caprock Cotton Conference held Tuesday

The 1999 Caprock Cotton Conference was held on Tuesday, January 19, 1999. This year's conference was once again held at the Plains Baptist Assembly Camp located seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. This conference was designed as an of Agriculture in Lubbock presented current laws and regulations. Dr. Carl Anderson, TAEX Economist from College Station presented his outlook on the Cotton Market. Mr. Bob Maurer, Rand Financial Services, Chicago Illinois highlighting his views on the cotton market. Mr. Craig Fincham, TAEX Risk Management Coordinator introduced FARM ASSIST Program. Also Dr. Ken Stokes, TAEX Economist from Stephenville gave a complete and thorough explanation of the current Farm Insurance Program. From the production side, Dr. Petey Dotray,

TAEX Weed Specialist from Lubbock had current data on various cotton weed control results. In addition Dr. Randy Bowman, TAEX Cotton Specialist from Lubbock presented an overview of 1998 South Plains Cotton growing season, along with Dr. Jim Lesser, TAEX Entomologist, Lubbock addressed the current boll weevil situation and outlook for 99. In addition participants had an opportunity to view some 20 booths and exhibits related to various phases of agricultural and cotton production. A noon meal was provided. Private applicators received 3 CEU's (5 L&R, 1.5 General & 1 IPM). A complimentary conference cap and a chance at several door prizes was given away throughout the day. This conference was an educational event developed by the Caprock Cotton Conference Committee and Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Major contributing sponsors were Watermaster, Monsanto, Paymaster Cottonseed, Gustafson, Deltapine

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PCG Board Tackling Tough Issues

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 13 to discuss a number of pressing issues. Among the topics discussed were crop insurance reform, cotton competitiveness (primarily concerning the need to revive the Step 2 program) and the implementation of the federal disaster assistance program.

Top priorities for the PCG Board in 1999 include working to encourage the investment of additional state and federal money into the Texas boll weevil eradication effort, improving the federal crop insurance program to better protect growers, and gaining additional money to revitalize the Step 2 portion of cotton's competitiveness provisions.

Arguments that Step 2 did not really provide a direct benefit to producers were shattered following the depletion of Step 2 funds and the reaction of the cotton market. PCG Board members agreed that in 1998 Step 2 easily meant an additional 6-7 cents per pound was received by growers up until program funds were depleted in mid-December. PCG officials are hopeful that all the organization's goals can be met given the high level of awareness that currently exists in Congress and the Texas legislature of problems plaguing agriculture.

Good evidence of this awareness is the recently passed federal disaster program and the reported plans of area lawmakers to seek boll weevil eradication funds during this session of the Texas Legislature.

Conference To Address Production Issues

Producers should mark their calendars now and plan to attend the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo on March 11 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The one-day event is being sponsored by Southwest Farm Press, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Attendees will be able to earn continuing education units (CEU's) for private pesticide applicator licenses.

SHP/C Erad. Zone Gearing Up for Referendum

Growers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock (SHP/C) Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, bolstered by the overwhelming support for boll weevil eradication by growers in the Western High Plains, are gearing up to try and shape their own weevil-free future.

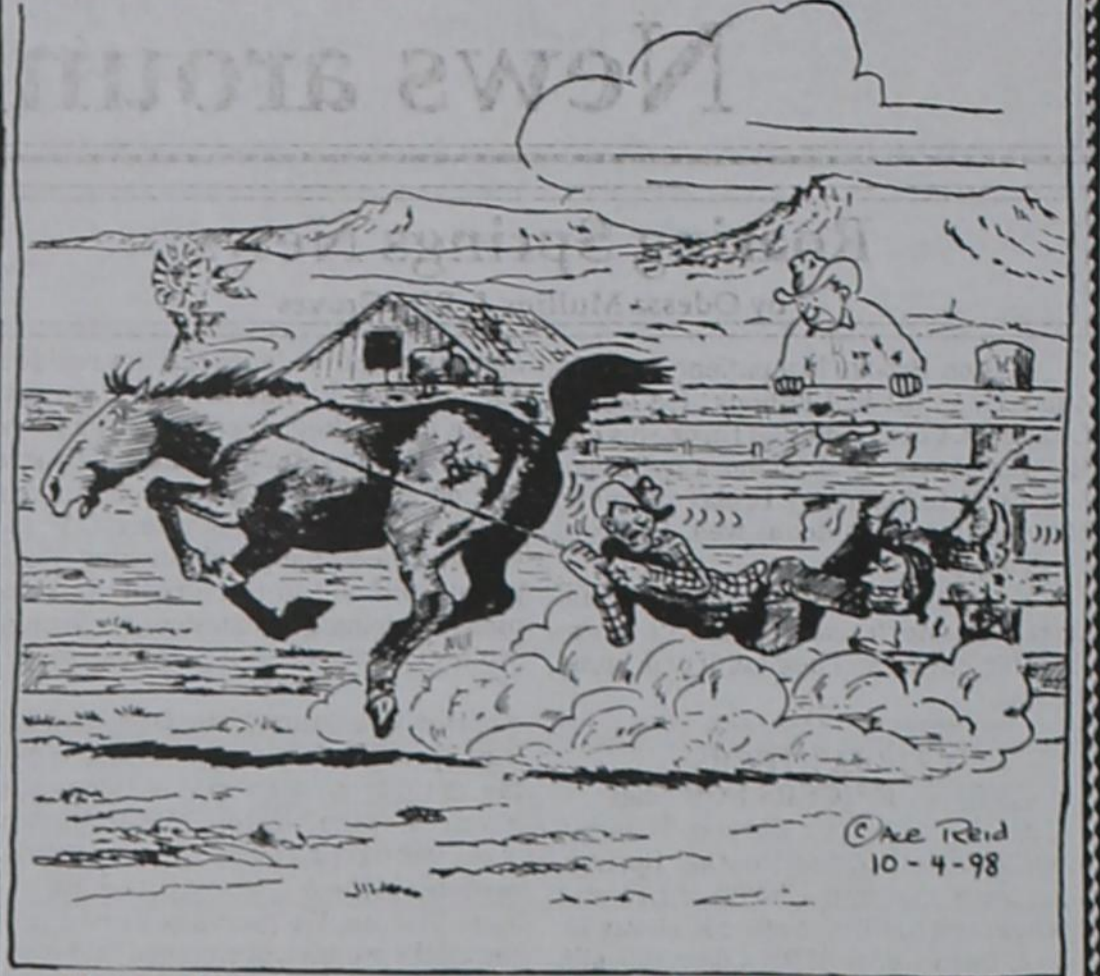
SHP/C growers will vote February 5-26 on a proposal to bring boll weevil eradication to another 1 million acres of cotton. A series of educational meetings have been scheduled to provide cotton growers and landlords in the SHP/C zone an opportunity to learn first-hand about the program being proposed.

All growers and landlords are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings to get the information they need to make an informed decision. The schedule of SHP/C meetings is as follows:

SHP/C Zone Education Meeting Schedule

- January 28, 1999 — Thursday
8:00 A.M. - Morton, TX, Cochran County Activity Building
200 West Taylor
7:00 P.M. - Idalou, TX, Idalou High School Cafeteria
801 South Walnut
- February 1, 1999 — Monday
Noon - Lovelock, TX, Women's Building Hookley County Fairgrounds, FM Rd. 300
7:00 P.M. - Wolfforth, TX, Friendship High School South Cafeteria, Hwy. 179 North
- February 2, 1999 — Tuesday
8:00 A.M. - Post, TX, Citizens Bank - Community Room
210 N. Broadway
Noon - Spur, TX, Spur Community Center
502 Burlington St.
- February 3, 1999 — Wednesday
9:00 A.M. - Matador, TX, Senior Citizens Building
February 8, 1999 — Monday
Noon - Tahoka, TX, Center for Housing & Community Development, 1400 Ave. K
7:00 P.M. - Crosbyton, TX, Pioneer Memorial Building
101 West Main
- February 9, 1999 — Tuesday
8:00 A.M. - Ralls, TX, Chamber of Commerce Building
808 Ave. I
Noon - Slaton, TX, St. Joseph's Parish Hall
600 S. 20th

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Casteel completes Governor's Development Program

Childress - David Casteel, Childress District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation recently completed the Governor's Executive Development Program.

The Governor's Executive Development program provides top executives in state government access to the best and most current thinking in executive management. The program is administered through the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

This year's class was the 17th offering of the program by the University of Texas. Participants from several state agencies and state universities worked with speakers from

throughout the nation to examine executive practices and theories in the government sector.

"It was a privilege to participate in this program," said Casteel. "The information gained through this program will assist me in working with the citizens and elected officials of the Childress District to accomplish our transportation goals." Casteel was nominated to the program by Charles W. Heald, TxDOT executive director.

The Childress District of TxDOT serves the citizens of 13 counties: Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler.

Pete Laney Re-Elected Speaker of the Texas House

Representative James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, was unanimously re-elected as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives by the members of the House on Tuesday, January 12.

Speaker Laney, 55, has served as Speaker of the House since 1993. He represents Texas House District 85, which includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer, and Swisher counties.

In his address to the House, Speaker Laney said the Legislature should continue the kind of responsible budget management that has produced a record budget surplus for the state government. "There is no question that our remarkable economic growth in recent years has increased state revenues. But that does not tell the entire story of our state's progress from budget shortfalls to budget surplus," Laney said. "We have managed wisely. Above all, we have exercised fiscal restraint."

Speaker Laney noted that the budget surplus should be used to set the course for a secure and prosperous future by investing in public education. "We must invest in education in ways that will help develop the tremendous potential of every child in Texas," he said.

Speaker Laney said his other priorities for the session include making further progress on health care for children, addressing the dramatic increase in child abuse in Texas, assisting the economically depressed agriculture and oil production industries, and reforming campaign finance laws.

Speaker Laney lives in Hale Center in the cotton-growing region where his family has farmed for four generations. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University. He and his wife, the former Nelda McQuien, have three children: daughter KaLyn Laney who is gov-

ernmental relations director of the Texas State Bar; daughter Jamey Laney Phillips, a Lubbock attorney; and son J. Pete Laney, a Hale Center farmer.

Speaker Laney has received many awards and honors, including being chosen the 1998 Man of the Year in Service to Texas Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine. He has also been named Texas Man of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference and a Texas Tech University distinguished alumnus. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wayland Baptist University. He has received the Outstanding Texas Leader Award from the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Forum and the 1995 Headliners Leadership Award.

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The family of Artie Wason

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