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A Look Back

Call

Chamber Banquet tickets now on sale

Tickets for the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, are now on sale for \$10 each.

In Matador, you can purchase tickets from Roy Hobbs, First State Bank; Marshall Brothers Propane and Electric; Matador V&S Variety; Larry Hoyle, Matador Motor & Implement; Glenda Williams, WTU; Carla Meador, Motley County Tribune; Dianne Washington CPA; Barbara Armstrong, Motley County Mu-

seum; as well as Directors Charles Keith, Rodney Williams, and Marisue Potts.

In Flomot, you can purchase your tickets from Ruth Lee, Lee Insurance; and Directors Wilburn Martin and Tommie Jo Cruse.

In Roaring Springs, tickets are available from Jeff Thacker, Thacker Supply; or Director Jerry Green.

Please purchase your tickets early!

Matador represented at American Legion State Convention

Commander Jerry Green, Adjutant Charles Keith, Unit President Joan Keith, and Treasurer Patricia Green attended the 81st State Convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary in Fort Worth July 8-11, 1999.

Highlights included presentations by the National Commander and National President of The American Legion and The Auxiliary, as well as by top leaders and administrators of Veterans Hospitals in Texas. Information about the bill pending in the Senate about the disposition of the American Flag was presented, and Texas can be proud that our two Senators have voted for the measure. Only two more votes are needed to insure that the American Flag -- our national symbol -- will be disposed of properly. Another area of strong interest is education, much information and material is available

for use in schools to promote patriotism, and presenting and sharing that information with Motley County students will be a major goal for the local Legionnaires in the year 2000. And with our community's support, we hope to be able to send girls to Girls State in June, 2000.

The American Legion Auxiliary was recognized and given a gracious welcome as the newest unit in the State, and every effort was made to include us in every activity of the Convention.

District 18 President Roberta Roberts has received our new Charter and will present it to the Unit at the installation of officers for both Fleming Post #337 and Unit #337 on Monday, September 27. A gala evening is planned, and all community members are encouraged to attend.

JULY 20, 1967

In the Rough
by Hazel Donovan

"It was more of the same - rainy, cloudy morning at 8:15 when we met for play - we had breakfast at the steakhouse, then back to the golf course.

Mary Meason and Mickey Bostick met with the beginners - Frances Hobbs, Geneva Wilson, and Diane Norris, to help them."

JULY 20, 1967

Trail Dust
by Douglas Meador

"My banker takes a dim view of requests allowing me to raise my debt limit everytime congress announces similar action. My knowledge of finances is limited being restricted to percentages of slot machines and horse racing, but I wonder how a nation would go about foreclosing a mortgage on itself."

JULY 27, 1967

Farmers Battle In Fields
To Control Weeds

"A fierce battle is being conducted in Motley County and area fields as farmers attempt to bring the bumper weed crop under control.

Continued rains have produced some of the best crop prospects in several years, but the weeds and grass have also benefitted from the abundant moisture."



KIDS AT CAMP - Camp Counselor, Elizabeth Mahuron of Dickens supervises Landon Hanson of Spur, Kyla Simpson of Matador, and Amy Multer of Garden City as they paint a Mural at Kids' Camp. There are 80 children registered at this year's camp, which will end on Friday with a program at 2:00 p.m. All parents of camp participants are invited to a hamburger lunch on Friday and to stay for the program.



Lubbock MADD Chapter president, Sherhonda Ginn, left, presents Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, and Muleshoe Police office, Benny Parker with mobile video systems.

Motley County Sheriff's Department receives donation from MADD

The Motley County Sheriff's Department received a gift from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), Tuesday in Lubbock when the organization donated a mobile video system to the department. The new video equipment will enable the Sheriff's department to record possible drunken drivers as well as provide protection for the officers. The

camera equipment cost about \$3,500. Muleshoe Police Department also received a video camera.

Sherhonda Ginn, president of the Lubbock County chapter of MADD, presented the two departments with the equipment, and said the cameras were provided to communities that otherwise may not have the funding to buy such equipment.

Motley County was rated 4th in the State of Texas last year for DWI arrests. The county has the second highest arrest and conviction rate per capita in the Panhandle area. The cameras provide additional evidence in a court case involving drunken drivers.

This is the second year the Lub-

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Matador City Council discusses possibility of Grants

City Water Manager Assistant hired

The Matador City Council met Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 a.m. All Council members were present. Also attending the meeting were City Water Manager Steve Barton, and City Secretary, Seven Alexander.

Councilman Rodney Williams gave the invocation.

Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order.

Council members reviewed employment applications. David Womack was hired as the Water Manager Assistant.

Council discussed transferring city funds to the First State Bank in Matador from the First National Bank in Paducah. Council voted in favor of the transfer of City funds to Matador.

Council discussed the possibility of a grant for new sewer lines. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Tim Pierce, SPAG Representative discussed with the Council, grant possibilities for Economic Development. Council members voted to apply for this grant.

Bids were reviewed for the Moline Tractor, which the City has advertised for bids. David Garrison of Memphis was awarded the bid for \$1500.

Meeting adjourned.

July sales tax rebates delivered to Texas cities and counties

(AUSTIN) -- Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$178.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties on Friday, July 9. July sales tax rebates are up 2.2 percent compared to July, 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 6.5 percent ahead of the first seven months of 1998.

"Many businesses are ringing up increased sales as the Texas economy continues to grow," Comptroller Rylander said.

July sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller's office in June.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered included \$164.1 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 7.1 percent higher than for the same period in 1998.

Texas counties received July sales tax rebates of \$14.4 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are up 0.4 percent compared to 1998. Another \$5.5 million went to 42 special purpose districts around the state.

Matador received \$1,056.66 for this period compared to \$1,254.16 for last year, a -15.85% change. 1999 payments to date are \$13,344.90, com-

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Tent Revival set for July 25-28

A Tent Revival has been set to be held in Matador, July 25-28. Everyone is invited to come. There will be a lot of singing and preaching. The tent will be located across the street from City Park.

If you are needing a healing or a special touch from God, please come! If you have been needing to draw closer to God, come! If you think everything is going perfect or if everything seems to be falling apart, come! God is the answer for every problem or question you have. God will meet your need if you will give Him the opportunity.

All denominations are invited to attend. If you would like to participate in the music ministry of this revival, contact Rex Kreusel, 347-2771.

God is not bound by denominational lines...are you? Come and celebrate Jesus Christ.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1

For further information contact Rex Kreusel at 347-2771.



While my cousin was here we were laughing and talking one day about the make-believe characters we were so afraid of as children. One of those being "the Tickle Lady". Neither one of us could remember how we came up with this particular character, but we were scared out of our wits of her. Any old house around town that looked old and rickety was where "the tickle lady" lived. I don't know how we thought she lived in so many different places. Or if we saw some poor tasseled or frazzled old lady, we were sure she was "the tickle lady".

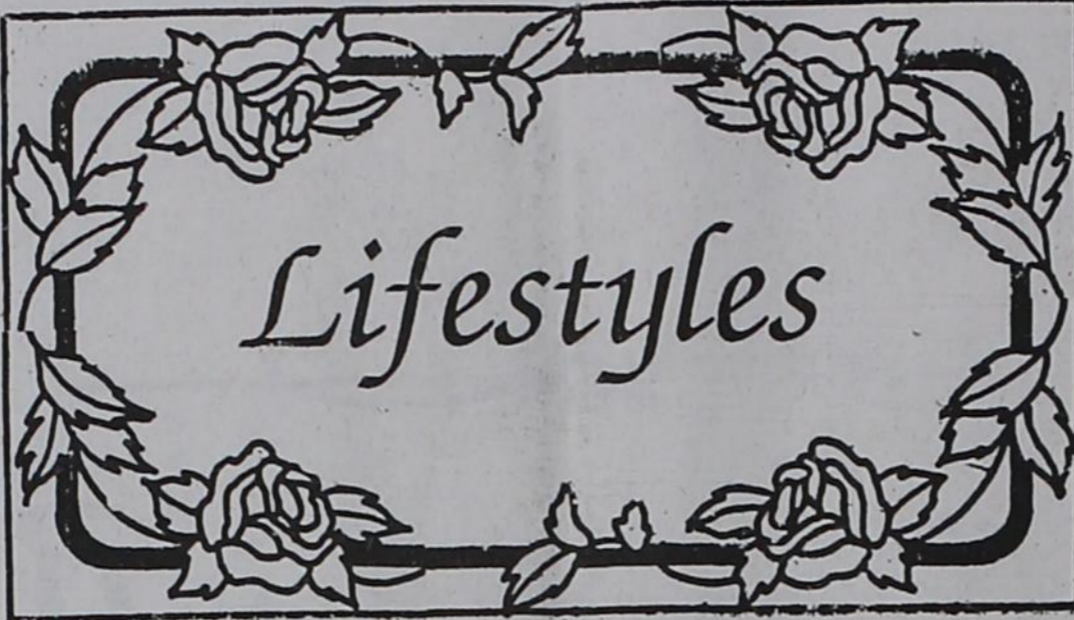
Now "the tickle lady" was a lady who would tickle you when you were sleeping if you slept with your arms up. I can remember when we would stay with each other, when the lights went out at night, and it was dark and we weren't sleepy, we would tell tales of "the tickle lady". Of course none of us had really ever experienced one of "the tickle lady's" treatments, but we sure could tell some tall tales, especially to one of our other cousins,

who didn't know about "the tickle lady".

Our great-grandmother Underwood used to tell us about "Tall Betsy". If we didn't behave and do what we were told, "Tall Betsy" would get us. I guess she had been told of "Tall Betsy" when she was a child. I always pictured "Tall Betsy" as a skinny, tall, frazzle gray-haired lady with big warts on her face. I know one thing, we were sure to mind our manners, when Grandma talked about "Tall Betsy".

And we carried that "Tall Betsy" tradition down and threatened our own children with "The Tickle Lady" or "Tall Betsy".

I guess some people might say that would be a form of child abuse nowadays. But you know what, it works. Now we really knew, deep down, that there was no real "tickle lady" or "Tall Betsy", and so did our children. But while driving around on some back roads, one afternoon, while Shirlene was here, we were sure we saw "the tickle lady's" house.



Community Volunteers discuss upcoming events

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Board of Directors met Tuesday evening, July 13, in the new Community Center Building. The meeting was called to order by President Darleen Fletcher, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented by D.A. McGuire and a copy given to each member.

Reports were given by Bill and Lea Peacock on the cost of obtaining mounted plaques for the names of "Angels" supporting the Center. Jerry Green said he would present a completed set of rules governing use of the Building in the near future, and proposed that the American Legion and the Volunteers consider sponsoring Charitable Bingo once a week. A motion was made that cards be sent to Volunteers stating that the issue would be voted on at the next regular meeting, at which time Cynthia and David would make a formal presentation of the matter before the vote. Come and make your wishes known, and vote wisely, or forever afterwards hold your peace.

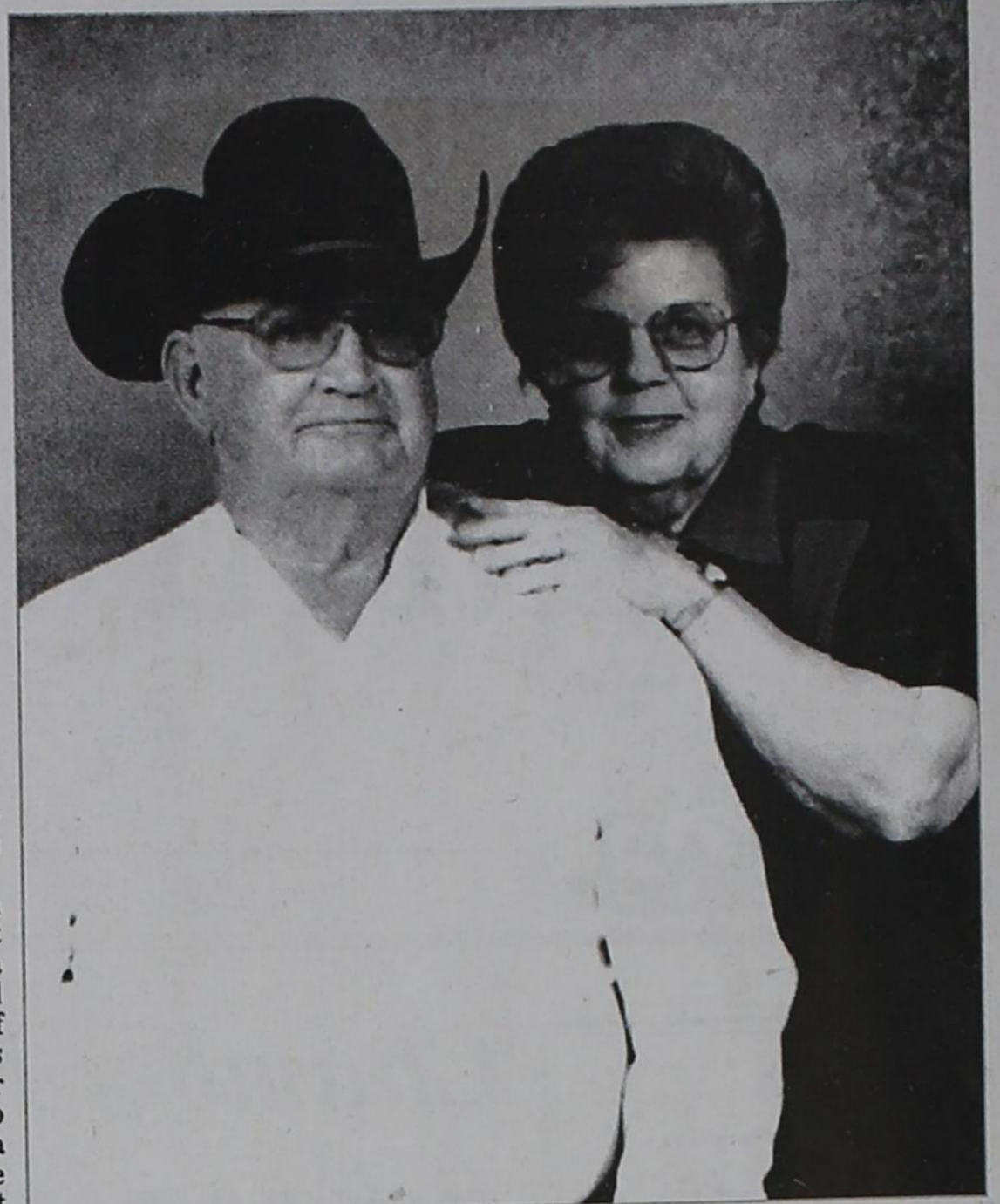
The Arts and Craft Show to be held August 26, 27, and 28th will be moved inside the building this year.

See or call Lea Peacock at (806) 347-7268 for applications or reservations for booths. Time is of the essence.

The Volunteers will sell ice cream bars at Old Settlers during the Craft Show. Suzanne Abbott has a gift of a piano for the Center, and an effort will be made to secure a piano tuner. If you would like your piano tuned, this would be a good time to add your name to a list to help get a tuner to come to Roaring Springs. At Monta Marshall's suggestion, an ad will be placed regarding the date so that travel expenses for a tuner may be less for each person.

A clean-up day was announced and held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. preceding the beginning of Kid's Camp that is scheduled to be in progress at this very moment at the Center.

Present for this meeting were Suzanne and Kenneth Abbott, Joan and Charles Keith, Grace Zabielski, Billie Clifton, Monta Marshall, Lula Swim, Jo and Walter Trammell, Lea and Bill Peacock, Dorothy Lee, Algie and Rita Groves, Cynthia Stafford, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, D.A. McGuire, Pearl Patten and Jerry and Patricia Green.



Mr. and Mrs. Pick Cox

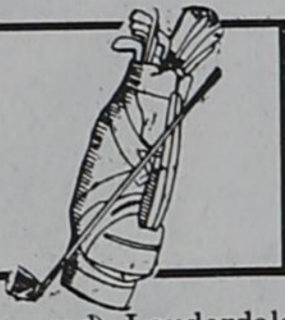
Couple to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Pick and Laqueta Cox respectfully request the honor of your presence at a reception celebrating their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held on Sunday, August 1, 1999 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the home of Pick and Laqueta, two miles south of Hedley on US 287. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Your presence is the only gift requested. Pick and Laqueta formerly lived in the Paducah and Matador area. If you need directions you may call 806-856-5432 or 940-937-3440.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE July 13

Winners: First, with a score of 28, were Jerry Long, Larry Clifton, and Gene Brannon. Jerry got closest to pin on #6, 12' 7 1/2". Others playing were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Geneva Wilson, Jason Clauser, Charlie Long, Doug Campbell, and Roy Grundy.

LADIES PLAYDAY July 15

18 hole players were Olivia Barton, Vida Elkins, Mary Lou Williams, Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, and LaVoe Thacker. LaVoe won the ball with a greenie on #3. 9 hole players were Dorothy Day, Loys Campbell, Frances Hobbs, Mary Jones, Lucretia Campbell, and Nell Berryman. No one won a ball.

2-LADY SCRAMBLE

Roaring Springs Ranch Ladies Golf Association hosted their Annual 2-Lady Scramble July 19.

The tournament was a great success with 25 teams entering. We had teams from several area clubs represented but I will not attempt to name them all. We were happy to have them.

Winners:

Championship Flight - First, with a score of 62, Lucretia Campbell and Linda Steen.

Second, with a score of 64, Marian Barker and Kim Hand.

Third, with a score of 68, Hardin and Landrum.

Closest to pin on #3, Linda Steen, 2' 7". Closest to pin on #6, Julie Bruce, 11' 4".

First Flight - First, with a score

of 72, (play-off on card), Lauderdale and Meador.

Second, with a score of 72, Terry White and Lolita Smatermon.

Third, with a score of 72, Mineola Stewart and Raynita Newman.

Second Flight - First, with a score of 79 (play-off on card), Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson.

Second, with a score of 79, Lodema Thomas and Elaine McNeill.

Third, with a score of 80 (play-off on card), Tina Chisholm and Ashcraft.

We want to thank all the women golfers for all their work in helping to make this tournament a success. The chores they did are too numerous to mention.

Also, thanks to the golf course employees for all their help in getting the course in its wonderful condition. A special thanks to Jonathan Hoggland for his Friday and Saturday work on the greens.

We had many compliments on the course.

Thanks to Tex for his help and Brad Thacker and Keene Cruse for hitting balls for us on #4. They hit some good drives for us that really helped everyone's score. To Warner and Virginia Salsbury for the delicious meal.

We certainly don't want to leave out the men and women that loaned us their golf carts. We could not have a tournament without them. Thanks again for everyone's help in any way. I hope I haven't left anyone out.

We are so sad about the death of Hazel Donovan. She was a longtime member of the Ladies Golf Association and wrote the "In The Rough" golf news for many years. This tournament was one of her favorites. We will always miss her.



Thanks to a grant from the Dumraese Trust Fund, the Motley County Library has some more books for the Texas Collection and for the Genealogy Section. I want to thank Patricia Green for going with me to help pick out these books. We chose several county histories, which will be in the Genealogy Section of the Library.

We have Volume II of Hale County Facts and Folklore (we already had Volume I), and Reflections, a history of Scurry County. We also purchased A History of Lubbock by Lawrence L. Graves. We have Women and Ladies A History of Hemphill County and Wagon Wheels A History of Garza County. Our county history section is growing. We have the histories of 40 different Texas counties.

Speaking of history we have available for purchase a new shipment of Marisue Potts' book The Motley County Mural History Book. This book includes the index by Algie Groves and it sells for \$10.00 with the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library.

Other new books include two by Jane Gilmore Rushing Against the Moon: A Novel and a family history, Starting from Pylon. Another new book is All-American Girls: The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team -- a

timely offering since they just won the World's Cup.

The Friends of the Library is currently having a surprise Used Book Sale. I say "surprise" because we didn't know we were going to have a sale at this time. We needed some space so decided to have one now and one in December also. Come in and pick up some bargain books and help the library, too.

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5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. We never have to repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened?
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

By Thomas Jefferson

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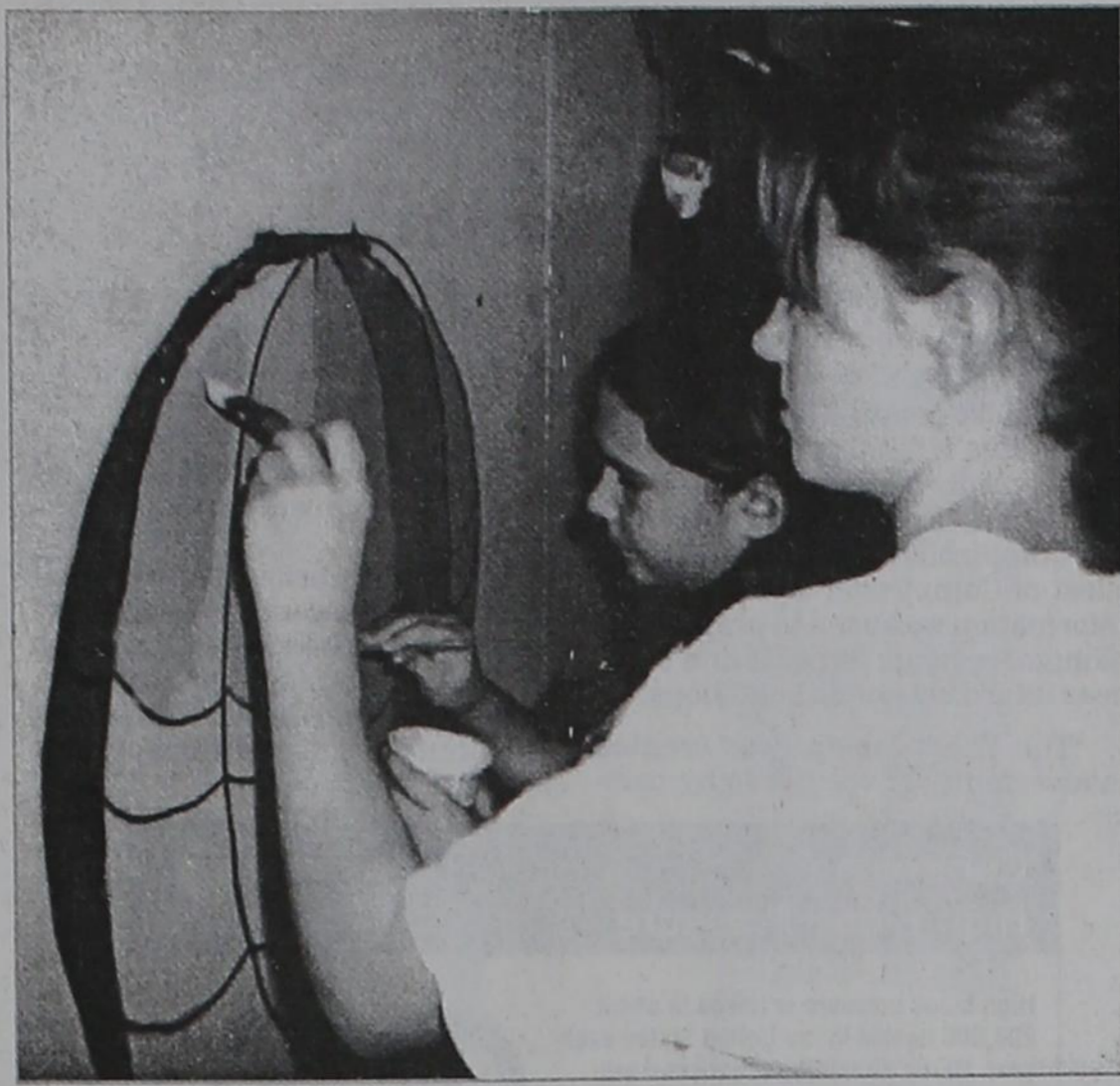
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ARTISTS AT WORK — Amy Easter of Roaring Springs and Mylissa Gilmore of Matador paint a balloon on a wall mural at Kid's Camp.



DEVOTIONAL TIME — Children sit and listen during the morning devotional time at Kid's Camp.



GROUP SESSION — Camp Counselor, Charity Bartlett, talks with a group of children during game time.

Dickens Division membership meeting well attended

About 575 members and guests enjoyed summer temperatures at the first Dickens Division Membership meeting of South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., held Thursday, July 15. The crowd enjoyed music and barbecue and heard the 1998 annual business reports for Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The 3M Band from Motley County entertained members with a variety of songs from many different eras. One hundred eighty four registered members, their families and guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Johnny's Bar-B-Que of Odessa.

District 10 Board Member Ned Ward called the meeting to order. He introduced special guests including SPEC General Manager Jim Roberts, Dickens Division Manager Bobbie Gannon, fellow SPEC Board Members, the Advisory Board and Enserv Board Members.

Barbee Word of Bolinger, Segars Gilbert & Moss presented the 1998 financial report for DEC.

SPEC General Manager Jim Roberts discussed how combining the two cooperatives produced an ideal mix of electric load with residential, agricultural, irrigation, oil production, commercial and industrial consumers. Roberts reported farm and home rates will decrease in the future for members in the Dickens Division.

SPEC now includes 11 counties, 34,569 connected meters and 7,658 miles of energized line.

"What's the bottom line?" said Roberts "While 'bigger' is certainly not necessarily 'better,' combining the resources of these two progressive and financially stable cooperatives is a sound economic move for both entities."

Roberts was proud to announce that SPEC is Y2K compliant.

Cooperative President Tommy Joines addressed the membership saying how the two co-ops share similarities. This diversity of electric loads provides more stability as we

approach the future. On a lighter note, he related a story about playing polo in Spur and how his team lost -- but they had a great time.

Kailee Wyatt, daughter of Dennis and Terri Wyatt of Spur and K-Dee Anderson, daughter of Andy and Donna Anderson of Afton, attended the Government in Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. They heartily thanked the membership for the opportunity to tour the nation's Capitol. Then came the moment everyone

really enjoys -- door prize drawings. The grand prize winner received his or her choice of six major appliances. The winner, Clark Farms of Kalgary, chose the dishwasher/microwave combination as their prize.

Thirty-six other door prizes were given away to lucky members. Chloe and Keenan Hen, grandchildren of Donald and Peggy Ellison of Crosbyton, helped with the prize drawings.

Kaci Risser sings with All-State Choir



Kaci Risser

Kaci Risser, a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School, recently returned from a week of participation in the Texas Baptist All-State Choir, Band, & Strings, an annual gathering of elite high school musicians chosen from Baptist churches through statewide auditions. All-State meets for one week each summer on the campus of one of eight Texas Baptist universities. At the end of the week a series of concerts are presented. The ministry offers a unique opportunity for musically talented young people from Texas Baptist churches to receive a special, in-depth training as well as fellowship with other Christian youth of like talent and interests.

For the second year, Kaci was selected to participate in the choir, which this year consisted of 184 members. The band and strings were made up of a total of 54 instrumentalists.

On Sunday, July 4, Kaci was accompanied by her parents, Fred and Elaine Risser, to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, site of this year's rehearsals. On Friday evening the Choir, Band and Strings presented a rehearsal concert in Howard Payne's Mims Auditorium.

Early Saturday morning, the group boarded buses to Austin, where they presented a concert that evening at Great Hills Baptist Church. On Sunday morning, the musicians presented special music at the early and late morning worship services at Hyde Park Baptist, as well as presenting the entire program for the church's youth service.

A highlight of the trip was Saturday morning's photo session and short concert in the rotunda of the state capitol.

Sunday afternoon, July 11, Kaci flew to Lubbock, where her parents met her.

Kaci is planning to major in music education at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, where she has been awarded several scholarships. These include the Pioneer Scholar Scholarship, President's Level. This award, based on ACT scores, grants her 2/3 tuition on up to 15 hours per semester for eight semesters, a maximum amount of \$2,350 per semester. Her music scholarship, based on audition, was set at \$500 per semester, with an additional \$150 per semester for participating in Texas Baptist All-State Choir. She was also awarded the Christian Leadership/Academic Scholarship and the Christian Leadership - Acteens Scholarship of \$200 and \$125 per semester, respectively. She also received the Local Church and the Student Recruitment scholarships, one-time awards of \$150 each. (All Wayland institutional scholarships are applicable to tuition only).

At graduation, Kaci received the following one-time scholarships from local benefactors: First Baptist Church, Matador (\$100); Eva Kingery Music (\$250); and Charlie and Viola Keith Honorary (\$200). She also received \$100 from the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority.

Happy Birthday Cuz!



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

The "catchword" for Motley County Arts & Crafts club for their July meeting was "serendipity". It was relevant to the day and the workshop.

Club President, Lana Copp, conducted the business meeting, reporting on the nominating committee's recommendation of officers for the coming year. The members approved and all officers were elected unanimously for the ensuing year.

Lorene Lancaster was elected President; Joy Archer, Vice-President; Vee Gordon, Secretary/Treasurer; Winifred Darsey, Reporter; and Dixie Litteken, Chairperson of telephoning committee. Officers will assume their offices in September.

Programs were planned for the coming year by the membership. They sound fun, informative and entertaining. The new programs sound wonderful but some old favorites were included.

Winifred Lee was instructor for the workshop, bringing an assortment of trimmings to decorate cans, making charming "catchalls". These cans are very beautiful when decorated with flowers, laces, ribbons, miniature wooden apples, paper, etc. The cans were decorated by Judy Cartwright and appreciated by the members.

The covered dish luncheon was a joyous time, good food, good fun,

and good friends. Many diets came to a sudden halt with all the nice vegetables fresh from the garden.

Members present were Joy Archer, Betty Bostick, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Winifred Lee, Joyce Meredith, Una Simpson, and Winifred Darsey.

Winifred Darsey assisted by Loys Campbell was hostess for the day.

The August meeting will be at the Senior Citizens Center. The program will be a lesson on silk embroidery, taught by Lorene Lancaster. A covered dish luncheon is planned for the noon hour. See you there!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — These kids are only part of the group of children attending Vacation Bible School held at the First Baptist Church in Matador last week.

SPC Fall Registration dates announced

Fall registration at South Plains College begins Aug. 23-24 at the SPC Reese Center, 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock.

Enrollment at SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave., will be Aug. 26.

Sign-up at SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, will be Aug. 25 for returning students and Aug. 26 for new students.

Classes at all three locations begin August 30. Late registration is Aug. 30 - Sept. 3. A late fee of \$15 and an add/drop fee of \$5 will be charged. Fall catalogs for 1999-2000 are also available.

A variety of classes will also be offered this fall through the Internet. Internet courses offered at SPC Levelland include Agriculture Finance, General Biology, Composition I, Composition II, Technical Writing, American Literature, World Literature I, World Literature II, American Government Organization, History of the U. S. to 1876, Texas History, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development and Current Social Problems.

SPC Lubbock will offer Introduction to Computers, Basic Programming, Language Programming and Keyboarding/Skillbuilding through the Internet.

To obtain a catalog or fall class schedule, contact SPC Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2373, SPC Lubbock

at 747-0576, ext. 4660, or the SPC Reese Center at 747-0576, ext. 2901.

Comptroller's Report shows state agencies well prepared for Y2K bug

(Austin) -- Protecting state computers from the Y2K bug is expected to cost state government \$280 million, according to a special report released by Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

Those funds will have been spent between 1996 and 2001, with at least \$110 million appropriated by the Legislature and the remainder coming from a variety of sources including the federal government, local entities and agency budgets.

The Y2K report concluded that the state's economy is unlikely to suffer unduly from the bug, in part because state agencies and major industries in Texas, including banking, energy and telecommunications companies, have spent substantial resources to prepare for the January 1, 2000 deadline. Under only the most dire predictions would economic growth be reduced with the worst case scenario pointing to 0.3 percent and 0.4 percent reductions respectively, in 2000 and 2001. This would

translate into a loss of \$3.6 billion in real gross state product by 2001.

"The actual impact of the Y2K problem on the U.S. and Texas economies should not be drastic," the report concludes. "Nationally, both the private and public sectors appear to be well advanced in Y2K readiness planning, and in Texas state government, only one agency is considered at risk of not meeting the December 31, 1999 deadline."

According to the report, the Attorney General's Office is the only agency that may not be prepared by January 1, 2000. The Comptroller's Office is well prepared for that deadline, the report concluded, and there is no risk of interruptions in tax collections or rebates.

If an economic slowdown should occur, it will be because resources that could be used to expand the economy are diverted to efforts to remedy potential computer malfunctions. According to a worst case scenario, job growth would slow by 0.2

percent with 40,000 fewer jobs created by 2001. Sluggish service and manufacturing sector expansions would most depress job growth opportunities if Y2K problems prove unexpectedly burdensome.

The Y2K Report was prepared by the Comptroller's Office at the request of Comptroller Rylander. The information was used to prepare the biennial revenue forecast and to assess future economic conditions.

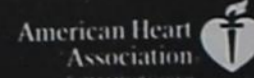
The Y2K problem was created inadvertently in the 1960s by com-

puter programmers who tried to save valuable hard drive space by using two-digit shorthand to denote dates. On January 2, 2000, a program with a two-digit system may misinterpret 01-00-00 as January 1, 1900, or reject the data and cause computer malfunctions.

The report warned, however, that other countries were not as well prepared as the United States. Problems in China and Russia, in particular, could affect the United States and Texas, but the potential impact is not clear.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Controlling High Blood Pressure



High blood pressure is linked to about 200,000 deaths in the United States each year. Of the 50 million Americans with the condition:

- 32 percent are unaware they have it
- 27 percent are on medication and have it controlled
- 26 percent are on medication but do not have it controlled
- 15 percent are not on medication



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ROARING SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER — The newly completed Roaring Springs Community Center is now ready for use. This week it is being put to good use by the Community Volunteers sponsored Kids' Camp. The center is a project of the Roaring Springs Volunteers and will be available for use by various clubs and organizations. The center will also be available for family reunions, classes or seminars. For information contact any Community Volunteer member.

Copper Breaks State Park sets Third Annual Arts Exhibition

Quanah, TX -- Members of the Vernon Art League will join returning artists from last year's show to present the Copper Breaks State Park Third Annual Arts Exhibition opening Saturday, July 24, in the park interpretive center. The works of nearly two dozen noted artists will remain on display to be viewed in air-conditioned comfort through August 15, 1999.

"Beginning in 1997 with the Chuckwagon Chronicles exhibition that featured ranching photographs by Frank Reeves, we have found that the annual arts show is a popular way to bring visitors out to enjoy the many resources of Copper Breaks even during the hottest part of the summer," said park manager David D. Turner. "We have enjoyed an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response, both from the arts community and from the public as well, and this year the show has really taken off."

Western and native American themes dominate the exhibition, in media that include oils on canvas, acrylics, color as well as black and white prints, fabric art and pen and ink. Artists who are returning from last year's show include painters Bob Hopkins and Kathy Whitley of Crowell, Joe Urquizo of Margaret, Margie Streit of Quanah, and macrame artist Stephen Harmon of Mart, Texas.

Marcia Haynes, a member of the Vernon Art League, will display her paintings again this year. Other Vernon artists paintings will be on view including Joanna Bartlett, Jane Carlton, Millie Clark, Marcia Haynes, Beebe Johnson, Sharon Lingnau,

Mary A. McCuiston, Myna Potts, Frances Quiet, Olga Rollans, Mary Slappey, Paddy Stewart, Maxine Stout, Rita Tucker and Pat Word. Organized in 1954, the Vernon Art League is dedicated to fostering an appreciation for the arts and to promoting visual arts education. The organization regularly conducts art classes and sponsors demonstrations by accomplished artists. Members have exhibited their works in Vernon at the Waggoner National Bank, Wilbarger Auditorium, Red River Valley Museum, and at Wilbarger General Hospital's thirtieth anniversary celebration.

Many of the works on display will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to support the park's interpretive programs. For example, Kathy Whitley, one of Texas' most popular western artists, will offer

several prints to benefit Copper Breaks.

Those interested in meeting and greeting the artists are invited to a free public reception opening the exhibition on Saturday, July 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Copper Breaks State Park Third Annual Arts Exhibition is part of a continuing series of programs designed to enhance visitors' park experience. It has been made possible in part by the Quahadi Society, volunteers, JT & Associates, and the generous contributions of a number of private art collectors.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Hwy. 6. For additional information about the park's programs or facilities, call 940-839-4331 weekdays during business hours.

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Year 2000 readiness has been a top priority for Dickens Electric. We do believe our primary functions related to delivery of electricity to our members will continue to be reliable through Y2K dates. We are confident

that we can maintain the same high standard of safe and reliable service our members have come to enjoy.

Dickens Electric will continue to work diligently on our Y2K Readiness. We have made every available good faith effort to discover, avoid, and correct all Y2K concerns. Recognizing, however, that no electric provider can make absolute guarantees about something as complex as Y2K, we also have in place a contingency plan to address potential Y2K problems.

If you have any questions regarding Dickens Electric's Y2K Compliance and Readiness, please contact

us. We will be glad to address any questions or concerns you might have.

Tax Rebates

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pared to \$8,900.90 last year, a 0.18% change.

Roaring Springs received \$742.45, compared to \$1,458.14 last year, a -49.08% change. 1999 payments to date are \$6,704.35, compared to \$8,900.90 last year, a -24.67% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, August 13.

MADD Donation

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bock MADD chapter has donated this equipment. They try to award cameras to some of the outlying communities that they are aware have a drinking and driving problem. Last year Slaton, Wolfforth and Shallowater received cameras.

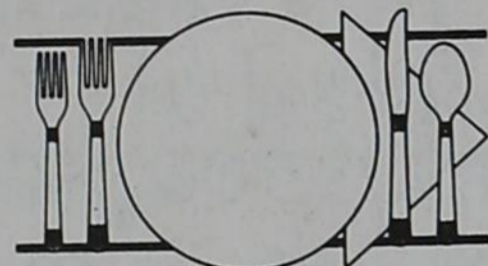
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Dorothy Lee spent several weeks in Covenant Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, for surgery and tests, and recuperated in the home of her daughter's Linda and Evelyn. She returned home Friday to recuperate at home.

Modean Brooks spent several days last week in Crosbyton hospital for tests and getting her medicine regulated. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock spent Saturday with his mother, Mary Lumsden, having lunch with her at LaNita's. They also visited his brother

and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent. Sunday evening visitors of Mary Lumsden were T.W. and Hope Gausson of Floydada.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten this week is a grandson, Darrin Allen of Pampa, and daughter Becky Jewkes and her three children of LaPort. Friday night the Pattens, Darren and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton enjoyed the fish supper at LaNita's Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlyle of Post had lunch at LaNita's and tended to business Tuesday.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

MEMORIES OF HAZEL DONOVAN

A favorite picture of Hazel is a snapshot that appears on page 383 of Eleanor Trawek's "Of Such As These..." of a little girl walking north along the dirt road toward early day Matador with her mother. No one is holding her hand, and she is perfectly erect. She is dressed in white, and is wearing a large black bonnet. Her mother is dressed in the long black skirt, white shirtwaist blouse, and large hat with a plume - a lady's uniform of the time. In the distance is the Courthouse, and on the left is a dwelling house with windmill - standard water system of that day.

Hazel was born in Matador, and would have preferred dying there. She was loyal to Matador and all its institutions. She was a steadfast friend and very able in her involvement in civic and social affairs. Her Christmas parties, and the welcome she gave to every age group were well-known. I don't know that she ever missed a meeting on account of illness. She was just always there. Her golf column appeared every week with an accurate report.

When Douglas and Lila ran the Tribune, she was there every Thursday night, and many other times, helping 'put the paper to bed.' She ran the address machine, rolled papers for mailing, and could be depended on absolutely. She occupied the same pew at the Methodist Church regularly. She claimed not to be able to carry a tune, but she read the words.

She lost her own daughter too early, but she loved all the young folks. She seldom went to bed until the "kids" were all

safely off the streets. She knew them and was interested in what they were doing. The last time I saw her she was sitting at the registration desk at Homecoming, immaculately dressed, with a smile of greeting for everyone, and her beautiful hair was growing gray around her temples. That's how I remember her.

CONNIE ROSS MCWILLIAMS BROWNING

Last week's paper contained a story of the Walter McWilliams family. It was only this week that I realized that Varner's sister, Connie Ross, Mrs. Jay Browning, had died June 26, 1999 at Arlington, Texas at the age of 92. She was the oldest child, and only daughter, of the four children of Bessie Hamilton and Walter McWilliams. Her husband of 53 years preceded her in death, and she is survived by a son Mac Browning. Two other McWilliams sons, Roscoe and Ernest, preceded Varner and Connie Ross in death.

Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., Rita Groves visited in Matador with friend, Lola Pohl. They attended the regular Bible Study at Methodist Church, and found it to be very informative, good fellowship, and even coffee was made by the Pastor's Helpmeet. Try going sometime, "you might like it, too." Other studying around the table were Pastor Monte, Lula Swim, Mary McMahan, and the three Billies, Clifton and the two Koons. It's at 5:30 Sunday evenings - right when you would enjoy getting out after your nap.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

WASHINGTON FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Clarence and Dovie Washington held their annual family reunion, Sunday, July 18 at the Community Center in Flomot. Hosting the enjoyable activities for the young and old alike were Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Highlight of the day was the entertaining performance by family members that had previously been performed at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock. They will be featured again at the Cactus Theater, July 29th. Residents of Turkey also added to the entertainment. Approximately 70 family members attended.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Sarah Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, was honored Saturday night with a birthday party at the home of her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Sarah was delighted when she blew out her three candles on her cake, decorated with ARTHUR, the television cartoon animal. Hot dogs, freezer ice cream, cake and soft drinks were served.

Those enjoying the celebration were maternal grandparents, Ann and Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle; Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart; Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador and her houseguests, Donna, Jess, Morgan, Lauren and Landry Little of Moscow, Idaho; Lori, Kyler and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton; Tina, Pat, Walker and Ryleigh Carson of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter of Flomot and houseguests, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Lubbock, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Wolforth; League Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon and Sarah's sister and brother, Kelsey and Tanner Clay of Flomot.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Baptist Church in Flomot observed the 36th wedding anniversary of their pastor and wife, Nathan and Kathy Mulder of South Plains Sunday night in the Fellowship room.

They were presented a birdhouse designed as a church with their names and date of anniversary followed with refreshments. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, League Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Steve and Marian Green, Karlie and Kylie of Pampa visited Saturday with Art Green and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington from Thursday until Saturday were her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Ballinger, Adam Brudney and Rebecca Baird of Fortuna, California and Brent and Laura Ballinger of Canyon. Visiting them Sunday en route home from the Nall-Folley family reunion in Lubbock, was her brother, Richard Nall of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers accompanied her brother, Dale Davidson, who visited here the past week, to Amarillo Airport, Wednesday for his return trip home to Joplin, Missouri.

R.D. and Virginia Jones of Amarillo and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and grandchildren, Kyler Kleibrink of Clifton and Walker Carson of Turkey visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Tuesday. They were in Plainview, Thursday for Wayne a medical check up following recent surgery. He received a good report.

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

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock, Jackie and Michael Davis of Fritch, Donnie Rogers of Flomot and Randy Rogers of Grapevine, who accompanied home his daughter, Kaylyn who visited here the past week.

Mrs. Susan Smith of Austin visited from Wednesday until Saturday in Lubbock with grandfather, H.G. Hunter, a patient in Covenant Medical Center, following hip replacement surgery and her sister, Mrs. Anita Carter. She visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter before her return flight home. Other visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Sunday were Bro. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains and League Clay of Flomot. H.G. Hunter moved to the Rehabilitation Center, Monday, July 19.

Wilburn Martin attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Matador Thursday night. He and Mrs. Martin were in Plainview, Friday attending to business.

Brian Degan of Crowell visited Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan. Visiting her Monday were son and family, Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound and their grandsons, Stetson and Shawn Fisher of Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the West Texas Music performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Friday night.

Obituaries

Hazel Donovan

Funeral services for Hazel W. Donovan, 92, of Matador were held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church of Matador. Officiating was Rev. Monte Wike, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Donovan died late Wednesday, July 14, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Lubbock.

The former Hazel Walton was born August 28, 1906 at Matador, and had been a lifelong resident of Matador. She was the daughter of Walter A. Walton and Carrie V. Cribbs Walton.

She was married to Robert Emmett Donovan June 15, 1929. He died April 7, 1953. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Rose Carolyn Donovan Pierce February 10, 1990, and by her sister, Virginia Walton Willie in 1969.

Mrs. Donovan was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She graduated from Matador High School and from the College of Industrial Arts in Denton in 1928. She was a homemaker and owned

farm and ranch properties and was very active in community affairs in Matador. For many years Mrs. Donovan served as secretary of the East Mound Cemetery Association, was one of the organizers of the Motley County Ex-students Association in 1953 and served as secretary until recently.

She was an avid golfer, active in the Women's Golf Association and wrote a column for the Matador Tribune entitled "In The Rough" for a number of years. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of several bridge clubs in Matador. Mrs. Donovan was a teacher in the Matador schools at various times.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Carl Pierce, of Lubbock, some cousins, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Milton Rudder, Jimmy West, Vann Francis, Steve Stevens, Garland Cartwright, and Kenny Barton.

The family suggests memorials to the East Mound Cemetery Association of Matador.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

When I was young, my family lived on a dirt road. Periodically, a truck would tar the street. Once when this was being done, my little brother, who was about four years old, was told not to cross the street because he would get tar on his shoes. Being obedient but also creative, he took off his shoes and crossed the road in his stocking feet.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Johnney (Carol Ann) Turner was a patient Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13-14 at Covenant Lakeside (St Mary's) Hospital following surgery. With her during surgery and hospitalization were husband, son, Cobey, daughter, Mrs. Heather Blount of Lubbock and mother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton.

ATTEND SINGING SCHOOL

Timmy Bowman of Matador and

Fannin Gwinn attended the 34th anniversary of The Singing School held in Haskell from Sunday until Friday, July 11-16. It was sponsored by the Church of Christ. They had music instructors from Colorado and Arkansas.

Fannin's family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle attended the closing choral presentation Friday night and accompanied the young boys to their respective homes.

Guests of Mrs. Kathryn Martin Saturday and Sunday were Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Davis and daughter, Kristy of Fritch. Joining them for lunch, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador, Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Martin were in Plainview, Monday for her an optical appointment.

Matador News

Recently Carolyn Limmer from Snyder and Lola Pohl visited Donnie Jenkins and Karmen McCullay in Levelland.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Sales tax on food items can be taxing

Flour, sugar, bread, milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables, and other groceries are not taxable. However, candy, soft drinks, gum, and popsicles are taxable. Food served in restaurants and similar places of business is also taxable. Here are some guidelines.

Sales tax is collected on these food items:

- All food sold with eating utensils.
- Food kept hot (ready to eat), such as barbecued chicken (whether it's a whole chicken or just parts), chili, soups.
- Ready-to-eat sandwiches (but not frozen sandwiches.)
- All ice cream sundries, unless sold prepackaged in boxes of six or more.
- All soft drinks (including powdered drink mixes), diluted juices, beer and wine.
- All doughnuts, muffins, cookies, bagels, biscuits, etc., sold from a snack bar or lunch counter when your customer buys five or less.



- Ice.
- Individual-sized portions or packages of food (including super-sized servings) when it's sold from a lunch counter or snack bar (chips, peanuts, etc.)

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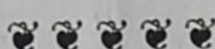
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Farm and Ranch news



Cotton **PCG** News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Ag Assistance likely to wait until September

A representative of House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest reported that the crisis situation that exists in agriculture is well known in Washington and that Congressional action to try and relieve the situation will probably get started in earnest this September.

Combest aide Jimmy Clark told members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Board of Directors that awareness of agriculture and its problems is at the highest point he had seen in many years and that Congressional action will be forthcoming later in the Summer. He noted that a number of key items will very likely make their way into any future disaster or economic assistance package.

He noted that restoration of Step 2 funds, while not likely to improve farm level cotton prices more than a few cents, would be a key ingredient to the eventual solution since the programs main benefit was encouraging the marketing of cotton instead of forcing producers to hold the crop waiting for a better price or forfeiting the cotton to the government loan program.

Another top priority of PCG is the removal of burdensome payment limitations on Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains. Clark noted that changing the rules for LDP payment limitations would be important and that Chairman Combest was looking at several different ways to attack that particular problem.

Clark concluded that Chairman Combest and the rest of the House Ag Committee was committed to de-

veloping some form of supplemental income assistance as well as continuing to pursue significant crop insurance reform.

Late-Season Insect Protection for Peanuts

Heavy insect problems continue to swarm many peanut growers this season.

Insect damage significantly reduces yield potential, particularly in plants that were stressed by the cold, wet spring. The most damaging pests

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couple of reasons why the compliance certificate program was developed as a method to enforce TBWEF's ability to collect unpaid assessments.

First and foremost Patton said was the demand from producers that some mechanism be developed to insure that all producers pay their assessments and keep the new programs in healthy financial positions.

Secondly, he said the Texas Legislature, which appropriated some \$75 million in emergency and direct appropriations for cost-share assistance in active boll weevil eradication zones, also wanted assurances that the programs being funded with State money continued to operate with full producer support.

Patton noted that the proposed rules for the compliance certificate program would not prevent or impede the marketing of cotton. He explained that the program will require that producers who have not paid assessments be issued checks made jointly to the grower and the Texas Department of Agriculture, which oversees assessment collections, when they sell their cotton. The regulation will not affect producers who have paid their assessments by scheduled due dates and will cease to affect producers as soon as the TBWEF receives full payment of the outstanding assessment.

Patton further explained that TDA will endorse any checks issued jointly under the statute after the outstanding assessments are paid.

Further information about the compliance certificate program can be obtained from the Texas Boll weevil Eradication Foundation or the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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PCG BOARD APPROVES 1999-2000 BUDGET
Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Board of Directors, met July 14 and approved the 43 year old organization's FY 1999-2000 operating budget.

The PCG Board approved a budget totaling \$491,545.05 to cover the organization's legislative, research and promotional activities for the coming year.

Others items discussed by the PCG Board, which was convened for its regular quarterly meeting, included status of boll weevil eradication efforts in the High Plains, an update on crop insurance reform and the ongoing ag economic crisis.

During the meeting PCG Board members interacted with Jimmy Clark from House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest's staff and with Lindy Patton, Executive Director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Patton discussed a number of issues related to the start of eradication programs in the Northwest Plains, Western High Plains and Permian Basin zones. He noted that it was a big job to get three different programs going in an area and that, in conjunction with the start of eradication in the Northern Rolling Plains, some 2.5 million acres of cotton would be starting programs in the Fall of 1999.

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