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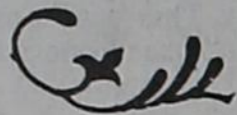
THURSDAY, October 21, 1999

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A Look Back



OCTOBER 11, 1951

Telephone Company to Rebuild Matador Plant

"Good news to telephone patrons is the announcement made this week that the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company will completely rebuild the "outside plant" in Matador.

The improvement will include replacing all cable and about 75% of the present poles in Matador."

OCTOBER 18, 1951

Winners Selected In Poster Contest

"More than 80 Matador grade school contestants entered the Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest sponsored by the Matador Volunteer Fire Department according to Fire Chief Freddie Welling.

First place and a \$5 prize went to Charlotte Campbell. Mary Ann Lawson received second place award and a \$3 prize. Third place with its \$2 prize went to Frances Lancaster."

OCTOBER 25, 1951

Gins Set New Pace

"Previous Motley County ginning records have been shattered within the past three weeks since the start of the current cotton harvest season. At Tuesday noon 5,272 bales had been ginned from the 1951 crop despite the acute labor shortage.

SHORT SCHOOL DAYS

Beginning this morning Matador schools will change to short school hours to enable students to aid the cotton harvest. School opened at 8:30 this morning, allowing a 11 o'clock lunch recess and dismissed at 12:30 to comply with state school law regulations. Roaring Springs schools resumed studies Monday after a cotton-picking recess, and Flomot schools were also recently dismissed to aid in the cotton harvest."

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

Jr. High Football game time changed

The Motley County Junior High football game Thursday, October 21, has been changed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The game is at Matador against Petersburg.

Unclaimed Property List Published

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander published the annual Unclaimed Property list on Sunday, October 17.

The state is holding more than \$700 million that has been forgotten by its owners. The money comes from dormant bank accounts, abandoned safe deposit boxes, uncashed checks, uncollected wages, and other sources.

The Unclaimed Property publication contained only the names of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year, and only the names of people who have at least \$100 coming to them.

Listed in Motley County were the following:

- Roaring Springs: Matador Cattle Company, Ragland, W.F., Washington Matthew Scott Matador, Donovan, Hazel Gray, George, Matador Housing Authority, Stephens, Roy G., Tilson, Dan Lamar

Cross Country teams qualify for Regional

by Ronda Miller

The Motley County Cross Country teams traveled to Plainview Monday, October 18, to compete in the District run. The date was originally set for Saturday, October 23, but due to conflicts with one of the teams, the date was changed. Despite the cold temperature both boys and girls teams ran excellent races and will be advancing on to regionals.

The boys' team consists of Ben Ridgley, Ryan Moore, Chris Paul, Scott Jones, and Matt Easter. Scott came in first place with a time of 19:55:32. Ben placed 7th with a time of 21:40:92. Ryan, Matt and Chris came in 22, 23 and 24 consecutively with Ryan running a time of 25:52:54, Matt's time was 26:37:65, and Chris had a time of 26:44:40. The team placed third overall.

The girls team which consists of Charity Bartlett, Candace Marvel, Brittany Donaldson, Kember Everett, Shandra Jones, and Brenda Gillespie placed second overall.

Charity was first with a time of 16:28:45. Shandra was 8th, her time being 17:11:92. Brenda was 17th, with a time of 17:48:11. Brittany was 26, with a time of 18:29:94; Kember was 35th, with a time of 19:50:30; and Candace was 37th with a time of 20:07:90.

Also competing for Jr. High were Brittany A. Moore and Amy Easter. These girls did excellent as well. Amy placed 14th with a time of 17:54:59 and Brittany was 15th with a time of 18:04:45. Coach for these teams is Amy Bowles.

These athletes have worked hard preparing for district. They run during school, after school and go early on Thursday mornings to run. Boys run 3 miles and girls run 2 miles.

The Regional meet will be held Saturday, November 6 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Your support at Lubbock would be appreciated by these young athletes. Make plans now to attend.



TO COMPETE AT REGIONAL — The Motley County Cross Country boys and girls teams qualified to compete at Regional competition at the District meet held in Plainview, Monday. Coach Amy Bowles is pictured above with team members, (left to right) in front are Scott Jones, Charity Bartlett, Candace Marvel, Brittany Donaldson, Kember Everett, Shandra Jones, and Brenda Gillespie. In back are Ben Ridgley, Matt Easter, Ryan Moore, and Chris Paul. The Regional Meet will be held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, November 6.

Citizen requests land for roping arena

Council members want citizens' opinions

The Matador City Council discussed a resident's request to purchase city land to construct a roping arena when they met Thursday, October 14 for their regular meeting.

The land is located east of the Housing Authority Apartments, on the old Cannonball (Jesse Couch) camp. Council members would like to hear from the residents of Matador about this matter. If you have an opinion on a roping arena inside the City Limits, please contact a council member and let them know your feeling about this matter.

All Council members, City Secretary Seven Alexander, and City Water Manager Steve Barton attended

the meeting. Councilman Rodney Williams gave the invocation. Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order.

Dianne Washington, CPA, presented the 1998-99 City and Matador Water District Audits. Council approved the audits.

Jeff Thacker and Charles Keith of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, presented a proposal that an application be submitted to the State Department of Economic Development to have Motley County and the cities of Matador and Roaring Springs designated as an Enterprise Zone. Motley County and the cities of Matador and Roaring

Springs are eligible to be designated as enterprise zones based on the population loss criteria alone. West Texas Utilities has agreed to pay \$500,00 of the costs to complete an application and the Chamber has agreed to pay one-fourth of the remaining costs. Council discussed this matter, but no decisions were made because the item was not on the agenda. It was favorable among council members and will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The City of Roaring Springs made a request to purchase clay from the Landfill Area. This was approved.

Council voted to upgrade the city office's computer system.

Motley County ISD receives \$10,000 Scholarship donation

Motley County ISD recently received a \$10,000.00 donation for the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust. D. M. Cogdell, chairman of the board made the donation.

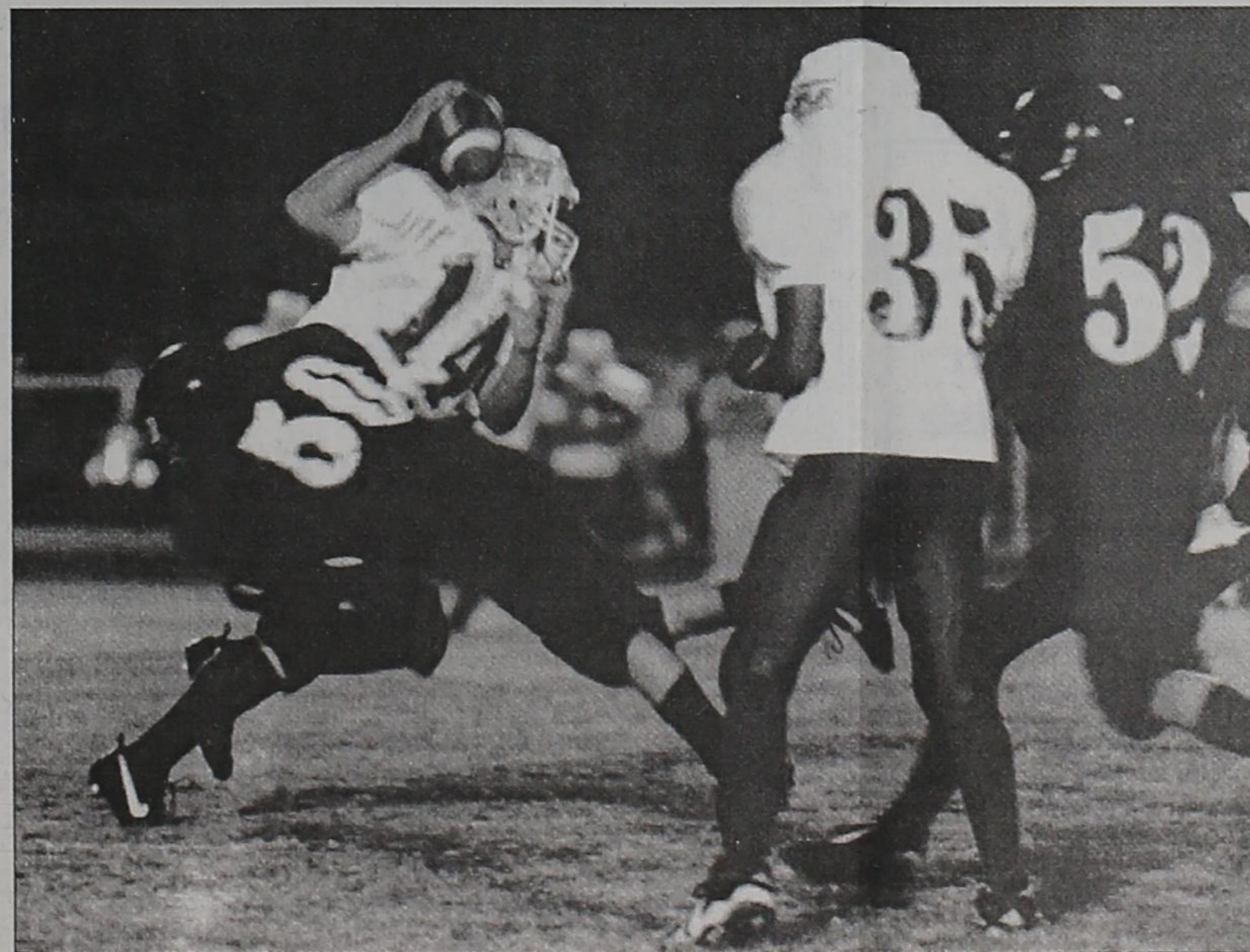
With the assistance of Roy Hobbs, President of the First State Bank of Matador, the money will be placed in

a certificate of deposit and the interest will be used in May to award a scholarship to a deserving Senior.

The criteria for the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust Scholarship will be determined by the Motley County ISD administrators, counselor, and site base team. The scholarship will be

presented each year at graduation exercises in May.

The members of the board of directors of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust are D. M. Cogdell, Jr., Jonnie Dell Cogdell, W. M. Cogdell, Bette Cogdell, and Norma Bridwell.



QUARTERBACK SACK

Motley County Matador, #50, Dusty Jackson, sacks the Spur Bulldogs' Quarterback during last Friday night's game. The Matadors defeated the Bulldogs 27-7 for a District win. Also pictured is Matador, #52, Casey Lawrence. The Matadors will face the Petersburg Buffaloes this Friday night, there, beginning at 7:30 p.m. See related story on page 3.

photo by James Gillespie

1999 Miss Motley County South Plains to be crowned Saturday

The Motley County ISD Theater Arts Department is again hosting the Miss Motley County South Plains Pageant. The event will be held Saturday, October 23, 1999. Proceeds from the pageant will be used to purchase costumes and other items for the One Act Play next Spring. As in last year's pageant, there will be four divisions, but several changes have been made in order to expedite proceedings.

The Little Tot and Little Miss contest is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. After each contestant has had their interview and the opportunity to impress the judges, the winners of both divisions will be crowned.

The Junior Miss and Miss MC South Plains session begins at 7:30 p.m. Girls in the high school division will model sports wear as well as evening gowns. Again both sections will model and be interviewed before the winners are crowned.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Lee Ann Lust of Abernathy. Ms. Lust is a well-known judge on the area pageant circuit. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Those attending both the afternoon and the evening sessions will only be charged for one session.

Matador VFD urges fire safety

With the arrival of cooler weather in the Rolling Plains, the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department (MCVFD) would like to remind local residents of fire safety. They are requesting that residents check their furnaces or have them serviced and that everyone think of fire safety before turning on their heaters for the first time. This would also be a good

time to check fire alarms to ensure they are working properly. Fire alarms are inexpensive to purchase and are proven life savers. Also, the MCVFD requests parents to develop and teach their children emergency escape plans in case of fire in the

home. If your home should catch fire, dial 911 immediately and get everyone outside. If possible to do so safely, close the doors and windows to the room involved in fire and do not re-enter the home. Closing the doors and windows will help choke out the fire and will require a lot less water to extinguish the flames.

When a call reporting a fire goes out, fireman from the MCVFD generally have fire trucks rolling within three minutes or less. When a fire occurs, please use the 911 capabilities immediately. There is no cost to citizens when fireman respond to a fire so do not hesitate to call!

Voters to Amend State Constitution

At the ballot box this November, Texas voters will get a chance to do seventeen more times the same thing they have done 377 times before - amend the state constitution! The restrictive and detailed nature of our 123-year-old basic document necessitates this frequent tweaking to keep up with changing conditions. As usual, this year's offering is a mixed bag dealing with such diverse topics as gubernatorial succession and the garnishment of wages. Following is a brief reference guide containing the official ballot language of each proposition listed in the order in which they will appear on the November 2 ballot, followed by a short-

hand description of the changes that each would make. Early voting runs for two weeks from October 18 through 29. Only about one in ten registered voters is expected to cast ballots in this off-year election, increasing the weight of each vote for or against.

1. "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filing of a vacancy in the office of the governor or lieutenant governor." Requires the lieutenant governor to vacate that office when filling a permanent vacancy in the governor's office.

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Autumn is finally here! The cool, crisp air has me going again. I have been anticipating Autumn since Spring. As I have said before, I'm not a good hot weather person. The leaves are starting to change colors, and fall from the trees. I love Autumn. I hope this year is as pretty a Fall as last year. That was one of the most beautiful Autumns I have seen in this part of the country. I guess our dry, unbearably hot summer was good for something, if it produced a Fall with such beauty. Remember to take notice when you drive to Roaring Springs this year. That is always a pretty sight this time of the year.

Have you ever realized how many good, kindhearted people we have here in Motley County. We are really fortunate. There are so many wonderful people here. It always warms my heart when someone comes in and buys someone else a surprise subscription to the paper, just because they know that person may not be able to get out and buy one every week. That's so sweet and thoughtful, to do little things like that for someone else.

Wasn't the rain wonderful this weekend? Sunday was such a cozy day. I love to stay at home and bake

on cold days. But my big easy chair kept calling me this Sunday afternoon - C a r l a, come sit in me, put up your feet, relax So, I answered, cuddled in with my big, fat cat, and snoozed the afternoon away. I'm sure Jim would have loved to have some homebaked brownies or cookies, but he seemed to enjoy snoozing and watching the football game with one eye. He will be sound asleep, but as soon as I grab the remote control and change the channel to one of my favorite old black & white movies, he awakens - "I was watching that!" Funny, how he seems to know the score, the last play, and who made it, while all the time, snoring!

Anyway, it's nice to take a few spare minutes to sit a spell once in a while and enjoy a rainy afternoon. Which is something I do not do very often. I am truly a workaholic. I know that, and it's hard for me to give in and relax. But I'm working on it.

I need to read this little verse of ten -

"Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers plan Open House

By Rita Groves

The regular meeting of the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Board of directors was duly called and held on October 12, 1999, in the Community Center. Present were D. A. McGuire, Jo and Walter Trammell, Lea and Bill Peacock, Rita and Algie Groves, Pearl Patten, Zella Palmer, Dorothy Lee, Mary Lumsden, Billie Clifton, Steven Byrd, Suzanne and Kenneth Abbott, Lula Swim, and J. N. Fletcher. In the absence of President Darleen Fletcher, out on sick leave, Walter Trammell, Vice President called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. D. A. McGuire gave the Treasurer's Report. Insurance on the building was voted on and approved for \$60,000. Dianne Washington, CPA has audit reports ready.

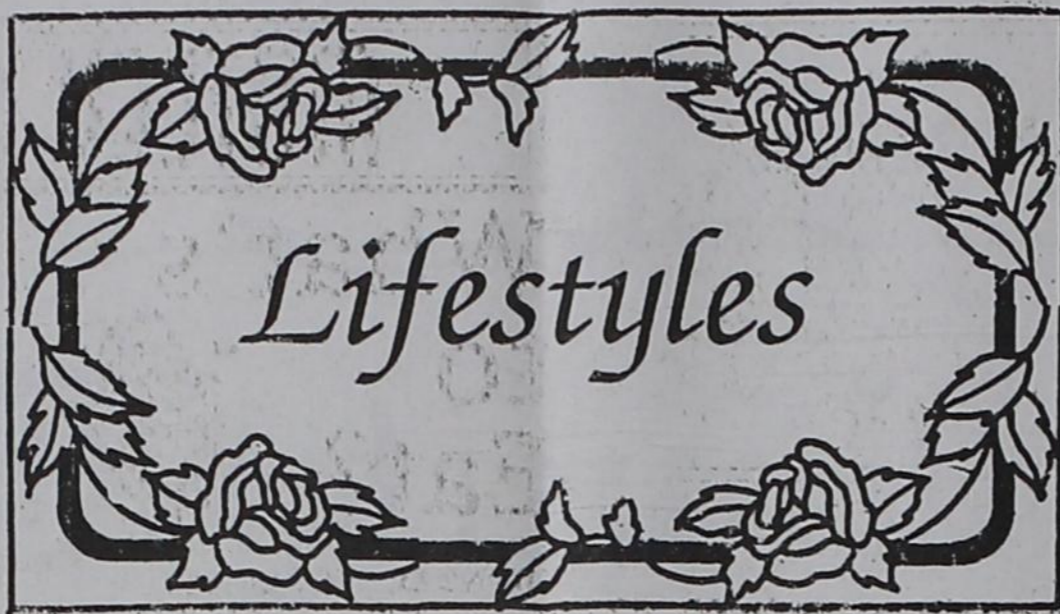
Thanks go to D. A. McGuire, J. N. Fletcher, and Kenneth Abbott for going to Lubbock after the piano that was donated by Mrs. Abbott, who contacted a friend at a Lubbock High School to find a tuner for the piano. Mrs. Groves contributed the fee for a tuner as a bribe to get him to tune her piano also. The story goes that while Mrs. Abbott was yet a child, her

parents were very anxious for her to learn to play the piano. Suzanne was more excited about the playhouse made from the huge box it came in.

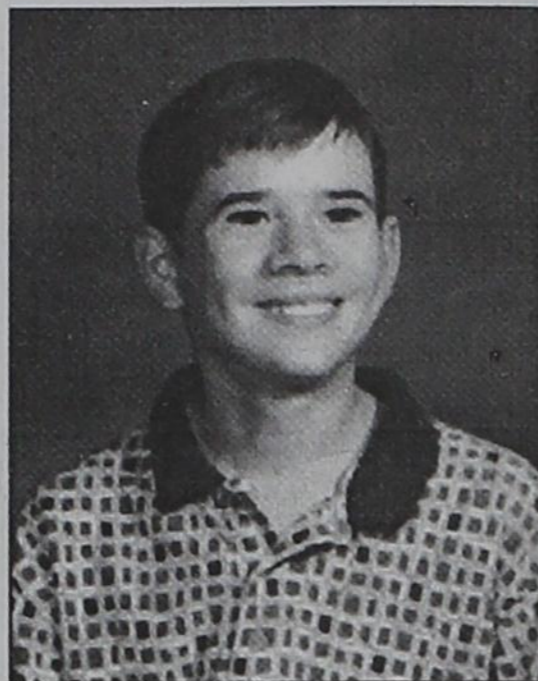
Lea Peacock reported on progress of plans for an Open House to be held Sunday the 7th of November for the people of the community to visit the Center. An invitation will be placed in the newspaper in addition to those mailed out. Children and Counselors who attended Kids Camp will be present to tell what the camp has meant to them. Volunteers will be needed to help with the open house and clean-up afterwards. Punch and cookies will be served, provided by the Volunteers. Those contributing as much as \$50 to the Volunteers will qualify for a plaque on the Angel board. Come and enjoy.

A work day was set for October 30 to finish a few improvements around the building in preparation for the Open House. Those not willing to serve as an officer were immediately appointed to a Nominating Committee. Officers are elected each January.

We can look forward to having Jo and Walter Trammell host the November meeting the second Tuesday evening at 7:30. Site to be announced.



Dumont Darsey presented in Piano Recital



Dumont Darsey

Dumont Darsey was one of 46 boys performing on the piano in the All Boys Recital presented by the Lubbock Music Teachers Association on Saturday, October 16, 1999, at the Garden and Arts Center in Lubbock. Presented by his teacher, Amy Andrus, of Amy's Piano Studio in Lubbock, Dumont's selection was *Fir Elise* by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Dumont has been a student of Ms. Andrus since April 1999. He was a pupil of the late Mrs. Howard Traweek of Matador from 1992 until 1998.

Dumont, age 13, is a student in Motley County ISD junior high 8th grade class.

Accompanying Dumont to the recital, and enjoying the outstanding musical talent of all the participants, were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Darsey, of Matador.

American Legion/Auxiliary Scheduled October meeting

Fleming Post 337 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the Auxiliary have scheduled a joint October meeting for 7 p.m., Monday, October 25, at the Senior Citizens Center with a covered dish supper.

This will be an important meeting with five new Legion members being installed into the Post and hearing Boys State reports from Sean Rose and Jerod Rieger. There will be planning for the Annual Veterans Day

Program at Motley County Schools, scheduled for November 11, and for the First Annual Thanksgiving Supper to be prepared for all veterans, their spouses, widows and/or widowers, scheduled for November 22.

All veterans and their spouses are invited and encouraged to join the Legion and Auxiliary members at this important meeting.

Ya'll come!



Look

Who's New

Thomas Adam Tilson

Lamar and Brenda Tilson and Danny of Boyd, and Heather of Knox City would like to announce the arrival of their son and brother, Thomas Adam Tilson.

Thomas was born on October 15, 1999 at 6:13 p.m. in Harris Methodist

Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Jean and Frankie Adams of Fort Worth, June Tilson of Matador, and Dan Tilson of Matador.

Bryson Reed Elliott

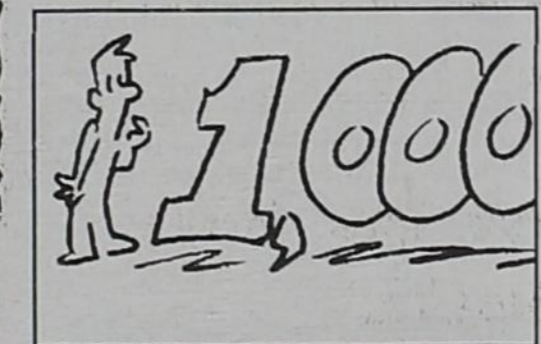
Reagan and Shelby Elliott would like to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Bryson Reed Elliott. He was born on September 24, 1999 at Lubbock, Texas. He weighed 9 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 inches long. Parents are Shawn and Shonda Elliott of Matador.

Grandparents are Steve and

Beverly Barton of Matador and Kim Butler of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Blake (Bud) Barton and Alma Rape, both of Floydada, Joy Bachman of Amarillo, and Roy and Mary Lee Elliott of Neosho, MO.

Great-great grandfather is John Bryson Barton of Jayton.



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A new book for our teenage readers is *The Terrorist* by Caroline B. Cooney. This author has created an electrifying and timely new novel about trust and hatred and love and death. The story is about an American family living in London and the two children's involvement with a terrorist. Another new book for the same age group is Gary Soto's *Buried Onions*. This story is about a young Mexican American growing up in California and his fight against gang involvement.

Books new to Library shelves that are more of interest to adults are *The Trials of Life: a Natural History of Animal Behavior* by David Attenborough and *Architecture: The World's Greatest Buildings Explored and Explained* by Neil Stevenson.

Also new to Library shelves is F.F. Bruce's *Paul: Apostle of the Heart*

Set Free. This is an update of an earlier version of the same name. The author offers an examination of the main themes in Paul's writings, set in their historical background and illustrated from his letters. Subjects discussed are the Mosaic Law, the flesh and the spirit, baptism, the Lord's Supper and the life to come.

The Library also has the third edition of *The Senior Texas Legal Guide* by Paul Premack. This book answers questions about controlling your medical destiny, nursing home care, protecting your assets, planning your estate and much more.

Don't forget to come by the Library and see the new 1999 Texas Capitol Ornament. The Friends of the Library is selling them to benefit the Library. This year's ornament features the Texas Lone Star.

Eternas Study Club hosts District Fall Board meeting

by Tara Cline

The Eternas Study Club hosted the 39th Annual TFWC Caprock District Fall Board Meeting October 16. The meeting was held at the Motley County Independent School. The agenda for the day was "Tools for Achieving Your Club's Vision." With over forty members present from all over the district, the day was a success. Many reports were given on different subject matters. For example, reports on literacy programs, outreach programs for children and

crime prevention to name a few.

Members of the Eternas Study Club provided lunch, which consisted of potato casserole, salad, rolls and chocolate mousse pie for dessert. Door prizes were handed out to lucky members and there were three members honored with a gold card. To receive a gold card you must be a member for fifty years.

The meeting ended with members of the Alpha Omega Study Club and Maids and Matrons Study Club inviting everyone to the 2000 Convention in Lubbock.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I Corinthians 13:1

You are cordially invited to join family and friends to celebrate the

100th Birthday
of
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Blessed Is That Nation



The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). Also, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

When we vote and exercise good citizenship we are serving our nation. This is not all that we should do, however. There are other things even more important to our nation. One is prayer. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much...." (James 5:16b).

Since it is the prayer of a "righteous man" that availeth much, what our nation needs is more righteous people. Remember reading Genesis 18:23-32? Ten righteous people would have saved Sodom from fire and brimstone. Ten were not found. There was a time in history when the human race was saved from destruction because of one man "who walked with God." That was Noah. Read of this in Genesis 6:7-9.

All this translates into at least two things: (1) Those of us who profess to be Christians should walk more closely with God by following His word faithfully and, (2) Christian evangelism is needed desperately in this country to save it from crime and other forms of unrighteousness. No greater service could be rendered to our nation. Let us follow the Bible faithfully. Let us teach its principles diligently and with courage. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

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Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

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SPORTS REPORT



MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

What's to Eat?



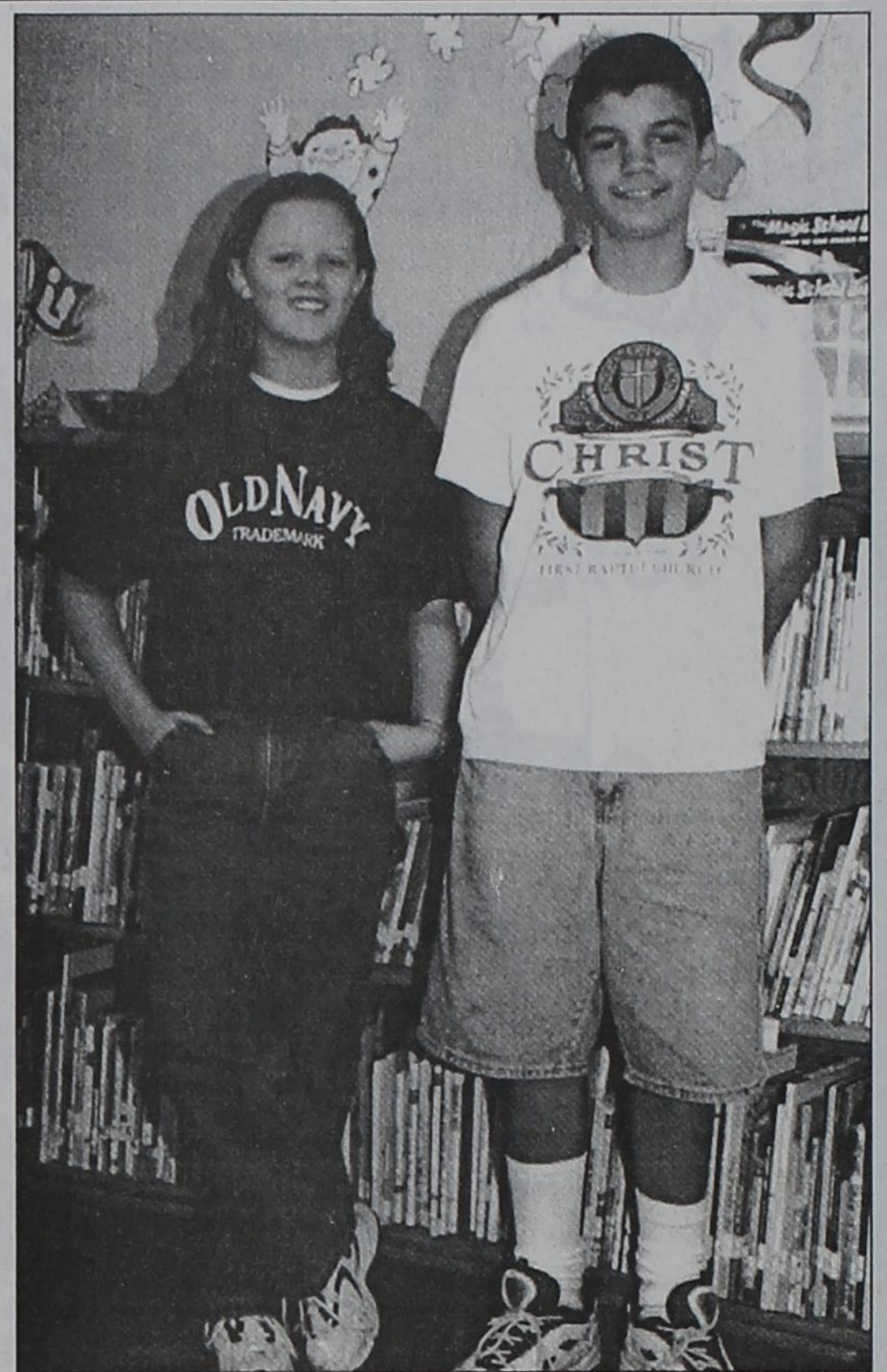
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, Tater Wedges, Pickles, Ranch Beans, Juice Bars, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Green Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, Desert, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Halloween Surprise!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
Breakfast: Inservice Day!
Lunch: Staff Inservice - Student Holiday!



7TH GRADE CLASS FAVORITES — Sabrina Osborn and John Wesley Stevens were chosen as Seventh Grade Class Favorites this year. Sabrina is the daughter of Billy and Brenda Osborn, and John Wesley is the son of Bettye Stevens and Steve Stevens, all of Matador.

Matadors run over Bulldogs, 27-7

by Rickey Lawrence

The Motley County Matadors won their first district game this last Friday night by defeating the Spur Bulldogs by the score of 27-7. This gives them a 1-1 record for district play and a 2-5 overall record for the year.

The Matadors opened the scoring in the first quarter on a 67 yard run by Jermaine Hendrix, and then scored 2 more times in the second stanza on a 1 yard plunge by Ysef Alvarado and an 8 yard run by Jermaine. Motley County went into half time leading Spur, 21-0. Defense took over for both teams in the second half and no one scored until the final quarter, when Jermaine again had a 23 yard TD Spur scored in the final minutes but it was too little too late and the Matadors left the field tied for second place in district.

fense by Jermaine who rushed 14 times for 150 yards and three touchdowns. He also was 3 for 7 passing for 87 yards. Ysef had 56 yards on 16 carries, Ben Ridgley had 24 yards on six carries and Chase Carson had 4 carries for 44 yards. Brant Donaldson had one catch for 20 yards, Sean Rose had one catch for 49 yards and Brandon Lee had one reception for 18 yards. On the night the Matadors had 361 total yards.

The Matadors also played good on defense. They held Spur scoreless until the final period and only allowed the Bulldogs to score one time all night. The defensive line for Motley County played a great game and were led on defense by Dusty Jackson, Matt Easter, and Chooch Meyer who each had 12 tackles. Of the 64 tackles recorded for the night, the defense line had 36. Chase also had an interception.

The Matadors will travel to Pe-

tersburg this Friday to take on the Buffalos in an important district matchup for both teams. Petersburg and Valley are on top of the district with 2-0 records, but a win by the Matadors will put them right back in the play-off picture. So load up all your friends and relatives and let's go to Petersburg and help these young men on to a victory!

National High School Activities Week Oct. 17-23

The National Federation of State High School Associations created National High School Activities Week in 1980 to increase the public's awareness of the values and needs of interscholastic activity programs. During this special time, the nation's high schools are encouraged to promote the values inherent in high school athletics and other activities such as speech, music, drama, band and spirit squads.

National High School Activities Week is an opportunity to remind the public that already in place in every community is a comprehensive program addressing society's most current concerns by:

- * finding and nurturing the best effort of each young participant;
 - * encouraging students to stay in school, perform better academically and become better citizens;
 - * demanding respect for fair play and appreciation for the equitable application of procedures, rules and regulations;
 - * providing healthy lifestyle instruction;
 - * challenging racism, sexism and classicism through the active pursuit of teamwork and school spirit.
- Robert F. Kanaby, Executive Director, National Federation of State High School Associations said, "High school sports and activity programs provide one of the best bargains in our community and nation and will continue to do so as long as our nation supports them as an integral part of the education of our young people. Not only do these programs teach the almost 10 million young people who participate in them valuable life skills lessons, such as ethics, integrity and healthy lifestyles, they also provide the best entertainment value in our nation.
- "We have fundamental, empirical evidence that interscholastic activities provide a successful way in which to create healthy and successful citizens.
- "Trough National High School Activities Week, we have an opportunity to reflect on our participation as well as the participation of our children. Our nation must continue to support these programs and the life skills they provide America's youth."

What's goin' on??

Thursday, October 21: Jr. High Football vs. Petersburg, here, 6:00 p.m.
Book Fair.
Friday, October 22: High School football at Petersburg, 7:30 p.m.
Book Fair.
Saturday, October 23: District Cross Country at Plainview.
Miss MC Pageant
Monday, October 25: National FFA Convention, Louisville, KY.
Tuesday, October 26: TAAS - E - Writing
Picture re-takes
National FFA Conv.
Wednesday, October 27: TAAS - E - Math
National FFA Conv.
Thursday, October 28: TAAS - E - Reading
Jr. High Football vs. Crosbyton, here at 5:00 p.m.
National FFA Conv.
Friday, October 29: Inservice Day at Lubbock, teachers - student holiday.
High School football at Crosbyton, 7:30 p.m.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

Local student previews Austin College programs

Sherman -- Matador resident Llan Barkley, a student at Motley County High School, was among 27 visitors to Austin College recently for a one-day College Preview sponsored by the college's Admission Staff.

During the program, students visited with the college president, Dr. Oscar C. Page, and with current students about their perspectives on the college. The students had an opportunity to sit in on class sessions and visit with faculty from a variety of academic disciplines, as well as special program directors.

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Michael Imhoff, explained the college's academic of-

ferings, and students were given tours of campus facilities. Separate programs are available for parents while students are involved in these sessions.

The College Preview program is designed to bring prospective students to campus so that they may experience the campus and its activities firsthand. The Admission Office will host a number of Previews throughout the year, including specialized events for students interested in Math and Sciences, the Social Sciences, and Arts and Humanities.

For information about Austin College's Preview Program, call the Admission Office at 1-800-442-5363.

Always try to look like a winner, even if you are behind. —Arthur Ashe

Time Out

by Dale Gibson



District 4

District Standings

TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	AVG	OPP
Petersburg	2	0	84	19	42.0	9.5
Turkey Valley	2	0	58	46	29.0	23.0
Lorenzo	1	1	62	66	31.0	33.0
Motley County	1	1	46	33	23.0	16.5
Crosbyton	0	2	47	85	23.5	42.5
Spur	0	2	13	61	6.5	30.5

Last week's results: Petersburg 50, Crosbyton 13; Turkey Valley 32, Lorenzo 27; and Motley County 27, Spur 7.

Season Standings

TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	AVG	OPP
Turkey Valley	5	2	156	119	22.2	17.0
Petersburg	2	5	146	170	20.8	24.2
Motley County	2	5	119	164	17.0	23.4
Lorenzo	2	5	116	215	16.5	30.7
Spur	2	5	83	201	11.8	28.7
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This week's schedule: Crosbyton at Turkey Valley; Motley County at Petersburg; and Lorenzo at Spur.

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Motley County Chamber of Commerce
New & Views
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The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met for the regular meeting, October 14 with a quorum to take care of old and new business.

Jeff Thacker, President, called the meeting to order. Other members present were Charles Keith, Sondra Francis, Brent Marshall, Brian Marshall, Wilburn Martin, Jerry Green and Rodney Williams. Barbara Armstrong was also present. Old business was taken care of first.

Purchase of a new computer program for the Motley County School Computer class was approved. The new program is for the work done on setting up the WorldWide Website for the Chamber (motleycountycommerce.com). They also elected to pay Dumont Darsey a monetary gift for his work done on the web site.

Members were reminded to sent two checks of \$500 each, one to the City of Matador and one to the City of Roaring Springs, as matching funds for purchase of new Christmas lighting and decor for the cities decorations.

The Chamber approved paying for two awnings. These will be replacements for two that were borrowed and destroyed in a wind storm at the last Shannon Davidson Celebration.

In new business, President Thacker reminded the Board to be thinking of new board members to be installed in January, and also new officers to be elected, as he and Charles Keith will be going off this year.

Mr. Keith explained that he and Mr. Thacker have attended the Commissioners Court meeting and the

City of Matador Council meeting to explain the "Texas Enterprise Zone Program", and will attend the Roaring Springs Council meeting on Tuesday, October 19. This is to help the County plan for the future.

Scott Barley, Texas Capital Specialists, has approached the Chamber offering to prepare the applications to be submitted to the State Department of Economic Development for Motley County, for a fee of \$5000. Some of the advantages of this are:

— Motley County will be designated an Enterprise Zone, which will help draw new businesses and jobs to the County.

— State Sales Tax Refunds of up to \$5,000 for existing businesses that retain 10 or more employees.

— State sales or use tax refunds and franchise tax reduction for new businesses based on jobs created.

— Utility rate reduction for new businesses.

— Low interest loans and grants available through the State Capital Fund and other ED programs with extra points given.

— Job training grants for new job creation.

West Texas Utilities have designated \$1,500 to help pay the initial fee of \$5,000. The Commissioners Court agreed to pay \$1,000. City Councils will vote on the request. The Chamber elected to pay the final \$500, if the Councils vote to pay \$1,000 each.

After making a list of new businesses to welcome to Motley County, it was decided the Chamber will give framed certificates to be hung on the business wall.

Meeting adjourned.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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2. "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage." Removes impediments to the full participation of reverse mortgages in the home equity lending program authorized in 1997.

3. "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution." Self-explanatory - makes no substantive changes.

4. "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation." Expands the constitutional definition of charitable organizations for property tax exemption purposes from "institutions of purely public charity" to "institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions."

5. "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town or other local governmental district." Provides an exception to the constitutional prohibition against holding more than one civil office for compensation.

6. "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead." Increases the size of an urban homestead that is protected from forced sale for debt repayment from 1 to 10 contiguous acres, authorizes its use as a home or as both a home and a place of business, and provides refinancing flexibility by allowing only a portion of the homestead to be used

as security for a home equity loan.

7. "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court ordered spousal maintenance." Adds spousal maintenance to child support payments as an authorized purpose for garnishing wages.

8. "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor." Changes the term of office of the adjutant general from the current 2-year provision to service at the pleasure of the Governor.

9. "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission." Establishes a nine-member commission appointed by the Governor to recommend to the Legislature each biennium judicial salaries that would be binding unless rejected by either the House or the Senate. Legislation necessary to implement this proposal was adopted and will take effect if voters approve the amendment.

10. "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor." In concert with proposition 8, changes the term of office of the commissioner of health and human services from the current 2-year provision to service at the pleasure of the Governor.

11. "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance." Adds another exception to the ban against local governments buying insurance from mutual insurance companies which stems from

the constitutional prohibition against political subdivisions lending their credit to or becoming stockholders in any company.

12. "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income." Authorizes a property tax exemption for vehicles leased by individuals for non-business use — the same treatment now afforded to vehicles owned by individuals. The exemption will not be effective until a future Legislature passes implementing legislation.

13. "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students." Authorizes the Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue in installments an additional \$400 million (\$960 million authorized since 1965, including \$300 million last in 1995) in general obligation bonds to support the state's Hinson-Hazelwood College Student Loan Program.

14. "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members." Clears up any confusion (caused by the current constitutional requirement that one-third of state agency governing board members must be elected or appointed every three years) about the ability of the Legislature to create state agency boards and commissions with mem-

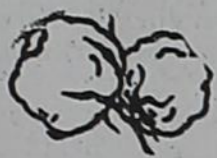
berships that are not evenly divisible by three.

15. "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property." Allows spouses to make such agreements consistent with the current constitutional provision authorizing the conversion of community property to separate property if both spouses agree in writing.

16. "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts." Requires counties with populations of 18,000 to 50,000 (instead of 30,000) to have between 2 and 8 (instead of 5) justice of the peace and constable precincts. Currently, counties over 30,000 (which will increase to 50,000) are required to have 4 to 8 precincts.

17. "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund." Authorizes the University of Texas Board of Regents to increase distributions to the Available University Fund from the Permanent

University Fund by basing the transfer, with certain restrictions, on total fund earnings, including capital gains, rather than the current mandated distribution of all dividend and interest income. Also, authorizes the Board of Regents to invest funds using an expanded prudent investor standard, which legitimizes investments that are made with the exercise of reasonable care, skill and caution.



Farm and Ranch news



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Help is on the way for farmers

CROP INSURANCE REFORM MOVING AHEAD
 House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest gained House approval of his earlier promise to deliver a crop insurance reform package in 1999. The Combest Bill proposes many important changes to the current system including the addition of some \$6 billion and additional funds allocated for crop insurance in the last budget agreement.

The Combest plan would allocate the bulk of the additional funds to making permanent the 30 percent additional premium subsidy introduced as part of the 1998 Crop Loss Assistance Program.

The remainder of the funds would be used to implement a host of changes to the program including APH adjustments; re-rating and eliminating the disparity between cotton rates and the rates paid by

other commodities; elimination of the "Black Dirt" policy for prevented planting claims and providing producers, the flexibility to eliminate unwanted policy options in order to further reduce insurance costs; implementation of discounts for technology improvements and good experience; reduction in the fees paid to companies and agents for delivery and underwriting of CAT program; provisions to protect producers against price and income loss as well as beefed up compliance processes and inclusion of Farm Service Agency in monitoring program implementation.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN) is currently proposing a very different reform package and much work will be required to bring the two viewpoints together.

Emergency farm aid designed to place money quickly in the hands of financially struggling producers cleared Congress this week, matching the Secretary of Agriculture's highest estimated disaster funding needs.

As designed by Congress, within two weeks of the President's signature the \$8.7 billion aid package will deliver \$5.5 billion to farmers, each receiving an amount equal to their 1999 transition payment.

In addition, the bill allows producers to collect their anticipated yearly transition payment immediately, in essence doubling the amount of cash infusion into rural areas at a time when severe weather has destroyed harvests and poor market prices have withered the value of crops that do survive.

"In addition to this aid, Congress is addressing the producer's more lasting needs through legislation for expanded crop and livestock revenue insurance, as well as my agenda for an early review of current farm policy," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-Texas).

"Now it's time for Congress to roll up their sleeves and get to work developing a comprehensive agriculture policy that provides a real safety net that protects the nation's producers from weather disasters and low prices," said Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas), the Committee's ranking minority member.

Texas Farm Bureau Legislative Director Steve Pringle said, "We appreciate the Congress' recognition of the disastrous conditions in agriculture and the passage of the ag appropriations bill. It is unfortunate that we could not retain the elimination of sanctions and certain dairy provisions."

The emergency assistance within H.R. 1906 (FY2000 Agriculture Appropriations) includes:

- Market loss payments of \$5.544 billion.
- Oilseed assistance providing \$475 million in direct payments.
- Production loss payments of \$1.2 billion for 1999 crop and livestock weather losses.
- Crop insurance premium discount of 30 percent continued in the 2000 crop year.
- Cotton Step 2 replenishment.
- Increasing payment limitation for Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains from \$75,000 to \$150,000.
- Livestock assistance totaling \$200 million, and dairy assistance totaling \$125 million.
- Extension of the Dairy Price Support Program and suspension of Recourse Loan.
- Peanut market assistance to quota/nonquota producers equal to 5 percent of loan.
- Suspension of the assessment on sugar producers.
- Assistance to tobacco farmers in the form of \$328 million in direct payments.
- Mandatory livestock reporting.
- Authority for producers to collect transition payments at any time during the fiscal year.
- \$56 million for staffing needs at the Farm Service Agency using un-

spent USDA accounts.

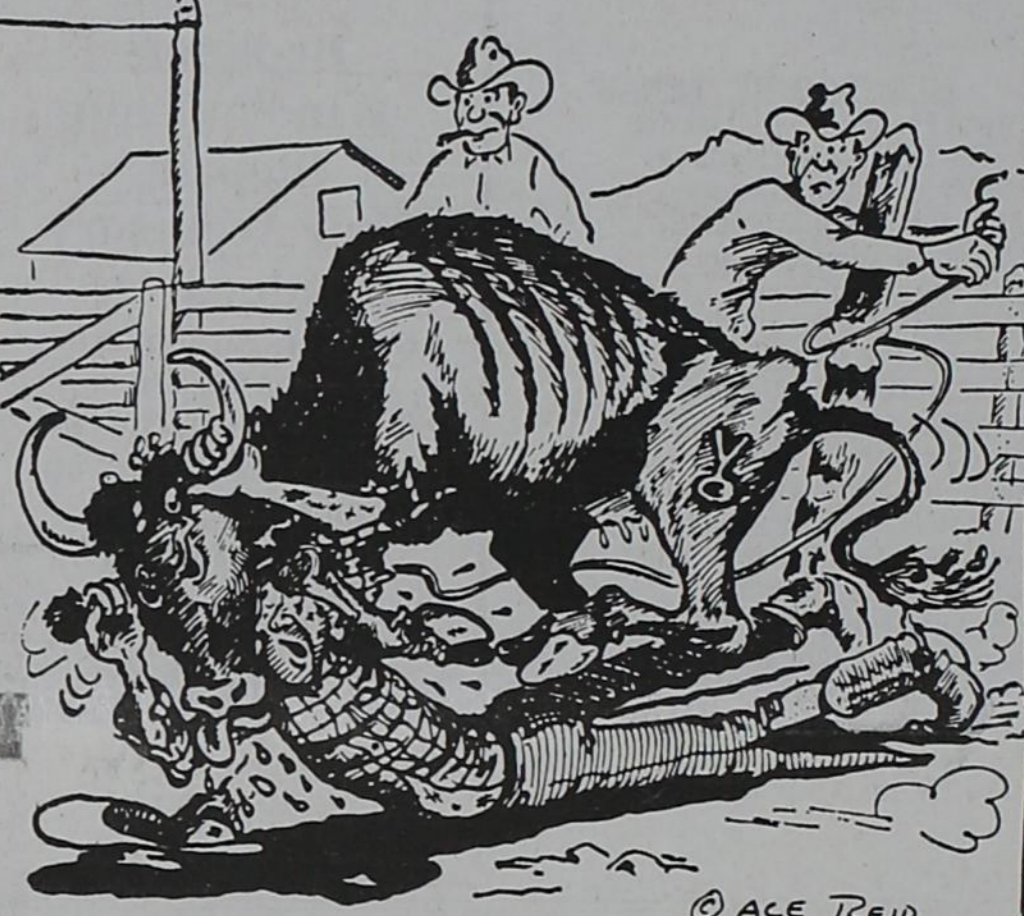
There is hope however, that the Senate will go ahead and at least pass some type of bill so that the issues can be taken up by a conference committee and the additional money earmarked for crop insurance can be utilized and made a part of the baseline funding for the program.

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