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## A Look Back



OCTOBER 2, 1947

No Relief Seen As  
Puller Need Grows  
Roaring Springs School Is Closed

"At Tuesday noon 1,156 bales of cotton had been ginned in Motley County from the 1947 crop but the need for pullers is becoming more desperate, according to County Agent J.R. Emmons who now estimates that 2,000 hands would be needed to adequately handle the critical cotton harvest situation. Much of the county's 50,000 acres of cotton is open, with an average now estimated at 1/4 bale per acre.

Roaring Springs schools will close tomorrow in an effort to relieve the situation in that community through the aid of students abandoning their books for cotton sacks, according to Superintendent Henry Teague. It is now believed that the only solution to the critical condition is through the concentration of local labor to the fields. Decision to close the Roaring Springs schools for a period long enough to aid farmers harvest their crops, was reached Tuesday evening at a meeting of the school board."

OCTOBER 7, 1947

Atomic Fertilizer

"Tokyo, Sept. 24 -- Summer crops grown from the atomic bombed soil of Nagasaki have increased 50 to 300 percent over normal yields, a Japanese agricultural expert reported Wednesday."

## Around Town News Briefs of Area Events

### Girl Scout sign-up Tuesday

Girls, Kindergarten through third grade, wishing to become a part of a Motley County Girl Scout troop may sign up at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, at the Motley County Library in Matador.

### Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Motley County Men's Breakfast will be at the First United Methodist Church, Saturday, October 2, 7:00 a.m. Speaker will be Ronald Clay of Flomot. All men are welcome to attend.

### First Annual Caprock Camp Meeting October 4-9

by Rev. Rex Kreusel

Don't you think it's about time for God's people to join together and take back what the enemy has taken from us?

Caprock Camp Meeting will be a blessed time of refreshing in the Lord. Where people of God can come together to worship and sing, laugh and cry, pray and shout. Let's get away from the city lights and let the starry sky surround us in God's presence. Come and join in with many of the churches from the surrounding communities, all coming together anticipating the inevitable, supernatural intervention of God.

Everyday there will be a Bible study at 10 a.m.; an afternoon singing at 3 p.m.; and the evening service will begin at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. on the 9th). The Caprock Camp meeting will take place at the Roaring Springs Youth Camp located ten miles east of Roaring Springs on Hwy. 684. For additional information contact Renay Rice (806) 623-5355 or Edwin Brooks (806) 675-9066.



**HOMECOMING FOOTBALL QUEEN** — Kalli Hopper was crowned the 1999 Homecoming Football Queen at last Friday night's game. She is pictured here with her escort, Matt Easter. Kalli is the daughter of Kristi Hopper of Dougherty, and Matt is the son of Billy and Corey Easter of Roaring Springs.

photo by James Gillespie

## Motley County authorized for business tax credit

Motley County was among a list released Tuesday by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax breaks authorized by the Legislature last session.

"These incentives will ignite growth across the state, Rylander said. "This is exactly what we need to maintain Texas' position as a national leader in technology job growth."

Rylander praised the sponsors - Senators Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, David Sibley, R-Waco, Royce West, D-Dallas, and Representatives Brian McCall, R-Plano and Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville. She also hailed the work of Senators Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso and Representative Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas.

"Without the exceptional efforts of these individuals, this monumental tax break program would never have seen the light of day," she said.

The new franchise tax credits include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit and will become available to most taxpayers beginning in 2001. The credits are available for tax reports due on or after January 1, 2000 and are for research conducted, jobs created or investments made on or after that date.

"All three tax credits are real and businesses large and small will benefit," Rylander said. "The total dollar amount of the tax breaks will depend on how many businesses take advantage of this tremendous tax credit program."

"My vision for the 21st Century is paychecks and jobs for Texans; limited government and unlimited opportunity, and these credits fit with my vision for Texas," she said.

### Research Credit

The research credit is available to firms that perform qualified research in Texas. It is based on the firm's annual increase in research activities over the prior year.

Four percent of qualified research expenses will be credited for tax reports due through the end of 2001, and that credit will increase to 5 percent for tax reports due in 2002 and after.

### Job Creation Credit

Companies that create jobs in selected counties may qualify for a job credit equal to 25 percent of the wages paid to new hires in their first year of employment.

To qualify, a corporation must

create at least 10 jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research laboratories.

The credit is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability in the year that credits are claimed. Unclaimed credits may be carried over for up to five years.

### Investment Credit

Corporations that invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment.

This credit, too, is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability.

Rylander determined that 224 counties fall wholly or partially in the state Strategic Investment Areas. "In my most recent 'Texas Economic Update' it is reported that four of the nation's five poorest metro areas are in Texas all along the Texas/Mexico border, with El Paso MSA ranked number five in the nation," she said.

Of those, 115 counties qualify for full-purpose designation based on their relative unemployment rate

and per-capita income. This designation will permit firms engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research laboratories to apply for job creation, investment credits and a research credit bonus.

Another group of 105 counties qualify only for the limited purpose designation based on their population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits.

The other four - Dallas, Harris, Bexar and McLennan - counties meet the criteria to qualify for the full-purpose designation based on their selection as a federal urban enterprise community. Businesses in areas of the counties in the federally designated zones are eligible for the credits.

"Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good paying jobs for hard working Texans," Rylander said.

Motley County qualifies for the limited purpose Strategic Investment Area. Each September, the Comptroller determines the Strategic Investment Areas.

## Commissioners adopt 1999-2000 Budget

### Tax Rate Set at Special Meeting

The Motley Commissioners Court was in session for a public hearing Friday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. on the Proposed Budget beginning October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000. Those attending were County Judge Laverna Price and Commissioners John Russell, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; and J.N. Fletcher, Precinct 4. No public members were present.

Each line item of the proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. A motion by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Turner that any state salary that an elected or appointed official receives, the official must pay his or her part of the social security. This does not include the state salary of \$5,000.00 that was passed during the 1997 Legislative Session for the eligible Constitutional County Court Judges. The

motion passed with four (4) votes FOR and none OPPOSED.

A motion by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Fletcher to change line item in each precinct, Estimated Investment Account, October 1, 1999 to read Precinct (1), (2), (3), or (4) Equipment Acquisition Fund, October 1, 1999. The vote was four (4) FOR and none OPPOSED.

Commissioner Fletcher made motion to adopt the 1999-2000 FY budget as corrected. The second was by Commissioner Jameson. The vote was four (4) FOR and none OPPOSED.

A motion by Commissioner Fletcher and a second by Commissioner Jameson to adopt the tax rate of \$0.79 per/hundred as the 1999 tax rate for Motley County. The court was unanimous in vote FOR.

## WTU seeks approval from PUCT for Fuel Surcharge

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover approximately \$6.4 million in under-collected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. WTU has also requested approval to increase the fuel factors used to recover fuel costs that the company incurs to provide electric service in the future by approximately \$15.9 million a year. Under PUCT rules, utility companies do not make a profit or incur a loss on the fuel portion of the bill.

WTU proposes to recover the \$6.4 million in under-collections through a surcharge over the six-month period from January through June 2000. WTU also proposes to increase the factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of the bill beginning with December 1999 bills.

The PUCT requires investor-owned utilities in Texas, like WTU, to forecast the annual cost of fuel to generate electricity at their power plants. Based on these forecasts, a fuel factor charge is developed to recover the cost from customers. When actual costs for fuel are significantly more than what customers are paying through their monthly bills, the PUCT allows the utility to request permission to recover the additional amount through what is called a "surcharge". When the fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factor used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customers' bill.

Approximately 68 percent of the electricity sold by WTU is produced using natural gas as the boiler fuel or comes from power purchases that are affected by prevailing natural gas market costs. Gas costs are expected to be approximately 21.2% higher

during the period from December 1999 through November 2000 than the levels upon which WTU's current fuel factors are based. To keep the increase in the overall cost of its fuel and purchased power costs below the expected 21.2 percent increase in natural gas costs, WTU continues to take steps to reduce fuel costs including:

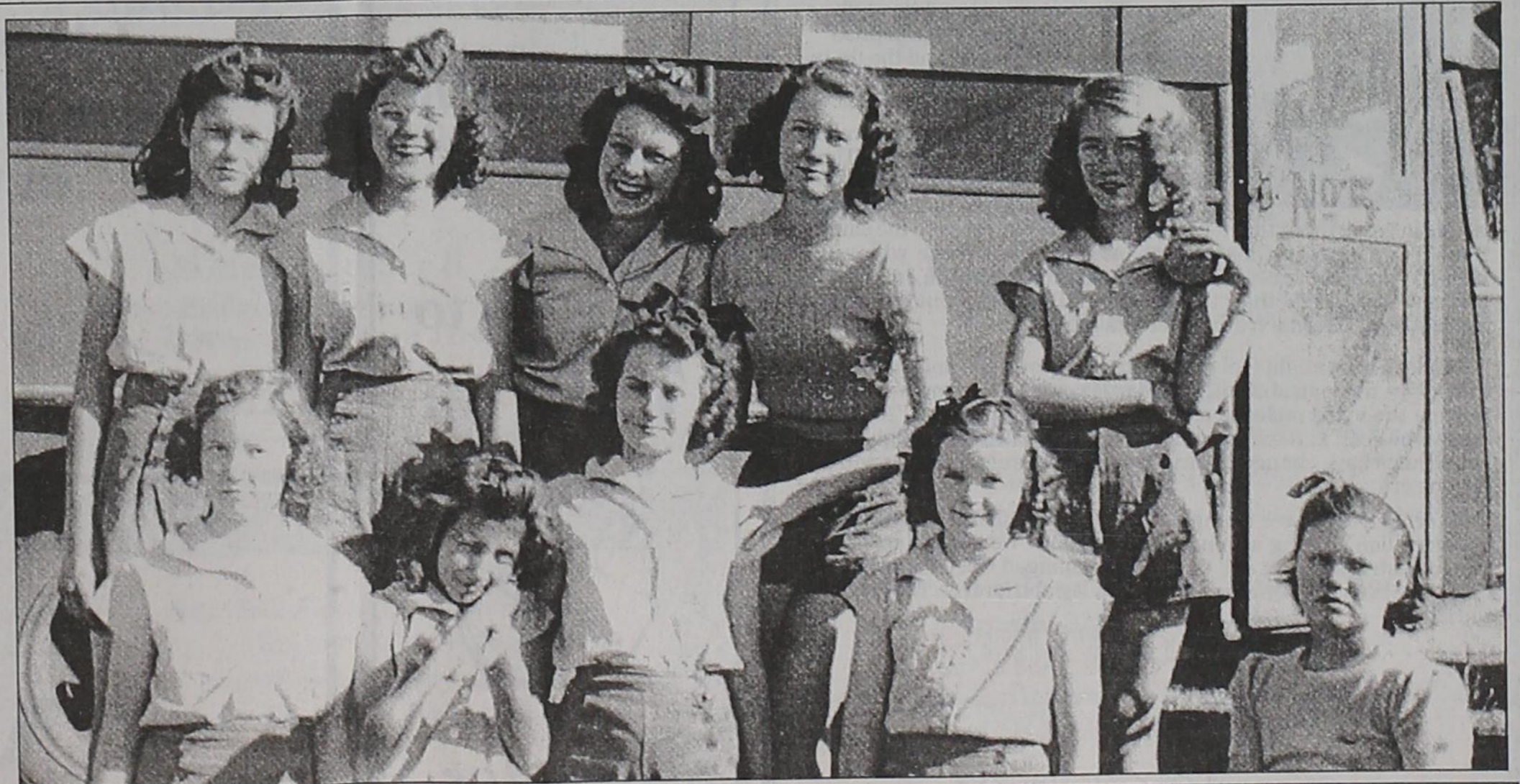
- Using coal generation to the fullest extent reasonably possible.
- Using purchased power when available at prices below the variable generation costs at WTU's gas-fired plants.

If approved, the proposed surcharge will increase the average monthly bill for a basic residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity by approximately \$1.84 or 2.5% during the six-month period from January through June 2000. The effect of the surcharge will vary depending on the rate schedule under which the customer takes service.

The proposed fuel factor will increase the average monthly bill by approximately \$3.25 or 4.3% for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, beginning in December, 1999.

A monthly electric bill is made up of two components that include the base rate plus a fuel charge. Senate Bill 7, the electric utility restructuring legislation that was recently passed by the Texas Legislature, required utilities to freeze their base rates, beginning September 1, 1999.

WTU's requests for the fuel recovery surcharge and fuel factor increase are not a part of base rates. Utilities cannot raise base rates, however, the PUCT allows recovery of under-collected fuel costs and adjustments to the fuel factor to more closely mirror estimated future costs.



**NORTHFIELD GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM, 1942-43** — From left to right, (back) Rowena Fulgham, Billie Jo Thomas, LaJuana Payne, Cortez Dobbins, Yvonna Simpson; (front) Marlene Dobbins, Jerry Hays, Virginia Moore, Palma Lancaster, Nova Jim Tate. Northfield exes will meet for their annual reunion Saturday, October 2, at the Matador Senior Citizens Building, beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more pictures see page 5.





Well, Homecoming has come and gone again. Our guys won the football game. That always helps the Homecoming spirit. This was only the second home game for this year. There are only two more home games, that's only four this season. That makes it hard for some who just cannot get out of town to support our team.

There's something missing at football games this year. That something is prayer! Although our School Board voted to observe a moment of silence before each game, it's just not the same! There are some school districts who decided to go against the new law, and go ahead with prayer before each game. I admire those school districts. I'm not knocking ours, don't get me wrong. I know our School Board did what they felt was in the best interest of our school system. I mean it is against the law now.

It just sends chills up my spine every time I think of the horror of prayer being outlawed. And people wonder what's happened to our kids, to our schools. Well, I just wonder! I heard a joke (if you want to call it that) the other day. One man prayed "God, if you're real, where were you when the school shootings took place." And God replied, "I'm not allowed in school anymore." Isn't that a horrible, but true, thought.

I hope and pray that our parents are teaching our kids the importance of keeping God in school. Of praying and claiming our schools for God everyday as they enter the campus. To pray and ask God to stay beside our children every moment.

I recently read a story by Paul Harvey. My friend, Alice Gilroy, editor of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon got it off the internet. It's so true for our world today.

**If I Were The Devil**  
by Paul Harvey

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world;

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings;

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people.

I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue;

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership;

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies;

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient;

I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more than human beings;

I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a law suit;

I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them;

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda;

I would attack the family, the backbone of the nation;

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation;

I would compel people to express their most deprave fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art;

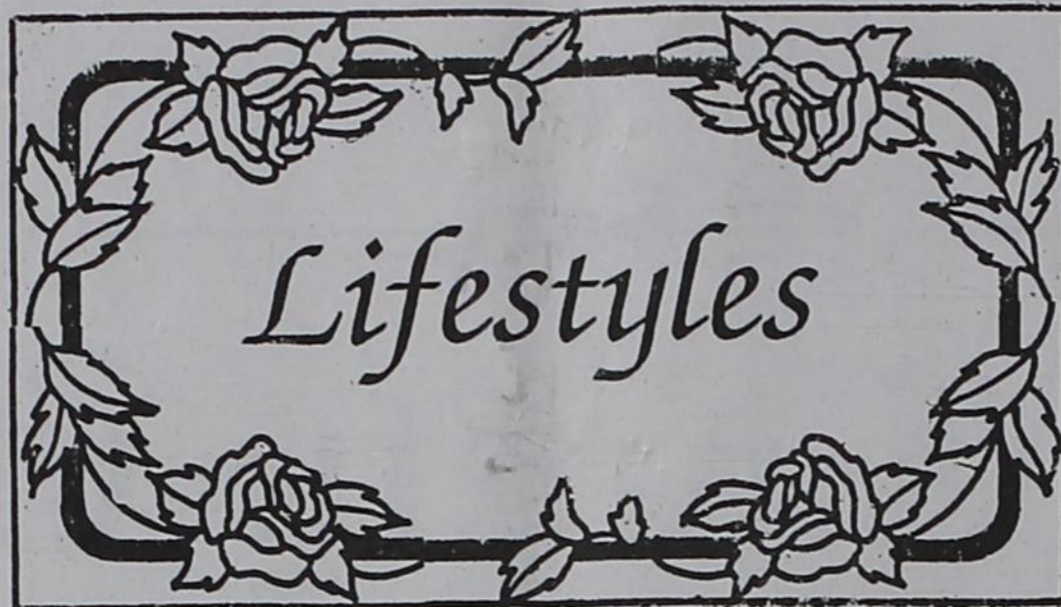
I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled at;

I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct;

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naive;

I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional;

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are.



## Flomot's Do Gooders Club to sponsor Fall Bazaar October 9

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot will sponsor a Fall Bazaar, Saturday, October 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

A large variety of arts and crafts, quilts of all sizes and designs, clothing, leather works, paintings, flea market items and jewelry will be

available to the public.

A concession stand will be serving sandwiches, soft drinks and dessert goodies during the day.

All profits from this Bazaar will be used for improvements at the Flomot Community Center. Booths are still available for \$10.00

## Family & Consumer

## News

by Mozelle Montano  
County Extension Agent  
Family & Consumer Sciences

Good nutritional habits are never more important than among the elderly. Yet malnutrition is a serious health problem among the nation's elderly according to recent research in which health professionals found that one in four of all elderly patients is malnourished.

In other words, one-half of all elderly patients in hospitals and 40 percent of nursing home residents suffer from malnutrition.

Does this mean that our elderly are not being adequately cared for, that they are not being fed? Not necessarily. Among the primary reasons many elderly become malnourished are losses in their senses of taste and smell, according to the medical community. Both smell and taste are the primary senses that influence the pleasure we derive from eating and as well, guide us in selecting foods; they affect our appetite and thus, are likely to affect our nutrient intake. The psychological aspect of smelling and tasting is very important among older individuals as it is associated with memory. Smell occupies a privileged place in memory because it rekindles old recollections, warm memories that give us pleasure, and make eating more enjoyable.

Imagine the loss of all simple pleasures of taste and smell in which the overall quality of life is greatly reduced and affected. This is especially true for the elderly whose taste and smell senses seem to decline due to aging. This loss usually begins around 60 years of age and becomes more pronounced in subsequent decades of life certain diseases and/or medications prescribed for some conditions can also contribute to these sensory losses.

Thresholds (the levels at which flavors are detected) are about 2.5 times higher in the elderly than in young college students. But the threshold for detecting fat in food is four times higher in the elderly, especially a problem for many seniors trying to follow low-fat diets, making it very difficult for them to follow a low-fat diet. Elderly people may be unknowingly consuming large amounts of fat without being able to really perceive it. Flavor enhancers might be used in foods to help replace some of the sensations contributed by fat, allowing older persons to enjoy their food while maintaining a nutritiously adequate, low-fat diet.

Improve the taste by adding herbs or spices. The flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate (MSG) can be used to help replace some of the

## Sidewalk Sale

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Variety

## Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts club began its new year with the September meeting on the 13th. The new roster of officers assumed their offices and duties. A sack lunch was enjoyed for the noon hour and a very pleasant workshop of painting on suede board.

New officers are: Lorene Lancaster, President; Joy Archer, Vice-President; Vee Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer; Winifred Darsey, Reporter; and Dixie Litteken, Chairman of Telephone Committee.

Mrs. Lancaster called for a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. Plans were made for the Fall Bazaar, Future Programs, and entertainment.

Betty Bostick, local artist, was instructor, and a great lesson in art unfolded for the members.

Suede Board is a very interesting material to work with and made a lovely background for the monarch butterfly painting. The background was black and gave one the impression of velvet. A sense of elegance was felt.

The sack luncheon was a wonderful interlude, with fun and good food.

Billie Koon and Loys Campbell were hostesses for the meeting. An array of hors d'oeuvres, miniature

quiche, cookies, cake, nuts, tea and coffee was served. The table was very attractive with lavender placemats centered with a realistic ceramic rooster, a crystal vase of orchid flowers.

Members present were Joy Archer, Betty Bostick, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Gerri Jones, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Geraldine Key, Joyce Meredith, Lana Copp, Dixie Litteken, Bonnie Edmondson, Winifred Lee, Betty Simpson, Una Simpson, and Winifred Darsey. Guests were Marcia Middlebrooks and Gloria Lee, guest of Mrs. Bostick. Mrs. Lee is President of the Spur Art Club.

The members welcomed Elsie Thacker, who returned after an extended visit to Indiana.

The members of Arts and Crafts extended many grateful "thank you's" to the outgoing officers for hours of work and preparation for a successful year.

Winifred Lee will be hostess for the club's October meeting. It will meet at the Lee Farm and Ranch, regular time. Bring scissors. From all indications, seems there is a bonanza awaiting. See you there!

## El Progresso opens new year with President's tea

by Winifred Darsey

The President's Tea was the opening of a new year for El Progresso Club.

Mrs. Patricia Wilkins, President of Santa Rosa District of the Federated Clubs of Texas was the honored guest.

The club met at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center, September 9 for the auspicious occasion.

Club President, Loys Campbell presided over the meeting. She gave the awards the club won over the past year, including an award of one hundred per cent for El Progresso Club's yearbook. It was a work of art and was acclaimed as the very best. There were several awards but unlisted at this time. Mrs. Campbell was also leader for the day.

Mrs. Robert Darsey gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Wilkins brought the program, Visual Aides to explain the roll of women in club work and the accomplishments club women can make.

She emphasized of teaching the younger women the spirit of club work. They should be included in all facets of women's club work. She encouraged women to take up club work and it will enrich many lives. She stated "God gave women intuition, and the spirit of women is overwhelming. There is no end to what they can do, united."

Mrs. Wilkins lives in Paducah and is active in the 1923 Study Club. She is a talented and lovely young woman. She was accompanied by Frieda Brooks, a well-known club woman in Santa Rosa District.

The tea table was lovely with a beautiful white cloth, a charming centerpiece of a large basket of mixed summer flowers.

Members present were Eva Barkley, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Dorothy Day, JoAnn Dickson, Grace Campbell, Callie Giesecke, Marge King, Billie Koon, Gerri Jones, Deborah Martin, Pearl Patten, and Winifred Darsey.

The Fall board meeting will be held at Seymour, October 23.



We appreciate the gift by Marguerite Edwards of the book *Charlton Heston Presents the Bible*. This book tells the greatest stories from the Old Testament as well as presents interpretive passages, such as "Dreams in the Bible." This book is filled with copies of works of the Master as well as color photographs.

Another new book in the library is *The Photographs*, a National Geographic Society publication. This book features large photographs taken from all over the world. The pictures feature animals, striking scenery, and people doing interesting things. Come by the Library and look at this beautiful book, or check it out to take home for all of the family to enjoy.

*Unexplained Mysteries of World*

War II tells fascinating tales of that war. Many of the events have not been explained as to what happened or why it did. Some of the chapter titles include "The sub that sank itself," "The Cap Arcona Tragedy," and "The Mystery of Germany's A-Bomb." Each tale is liberally illustrated with photographs and maps.

We appreciate the donation by J.W. Tipton of some much-needed note cards as well as some books. We appreciate all donations.

Don't forget that you can access the Internet at the Library. We are no longer charging for Internet use since the Library is receiving some telecommunications monies that pay for our time on the World Wide Web. If you need to look up something or if you just want to browse, come on in and we will help you get started.

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Performance solves problems. Attitude doesn't.  
—Dr. James Loeher  
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## "TIMES CHANGE"



Time is changing. It is always changing. Time changes most things. The new soon becomes old. The modern becomes ancient. Technological breakthrough becomes yesterday's news. The popular becomes lost in the latest and the up-to-date is soon out-of-date.

Eternal truth never changes. It reads the same today as it did yesterday. The good news is that it will read the same tomorrow, if we are given tomorrow. Jude writes in verse three that it was, "once for all delivered to the saints." Paul reminds us in Galatians chapter one that those who would change it become "accursed." Our Lord promised us in John twelve and verse forty eight that "the words that He spoke would judge us in the last day." Eternal truth never changes.

Modern man might feel that he has outgrown the ancient Gospel. One might think an absolute standard is obsolete. Some would even ridicule the blood of Jesus and the need for forgiveness. There are those who scoff at the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We might think, since times have changed, Christianity can be regarded as myth of a bygone era.

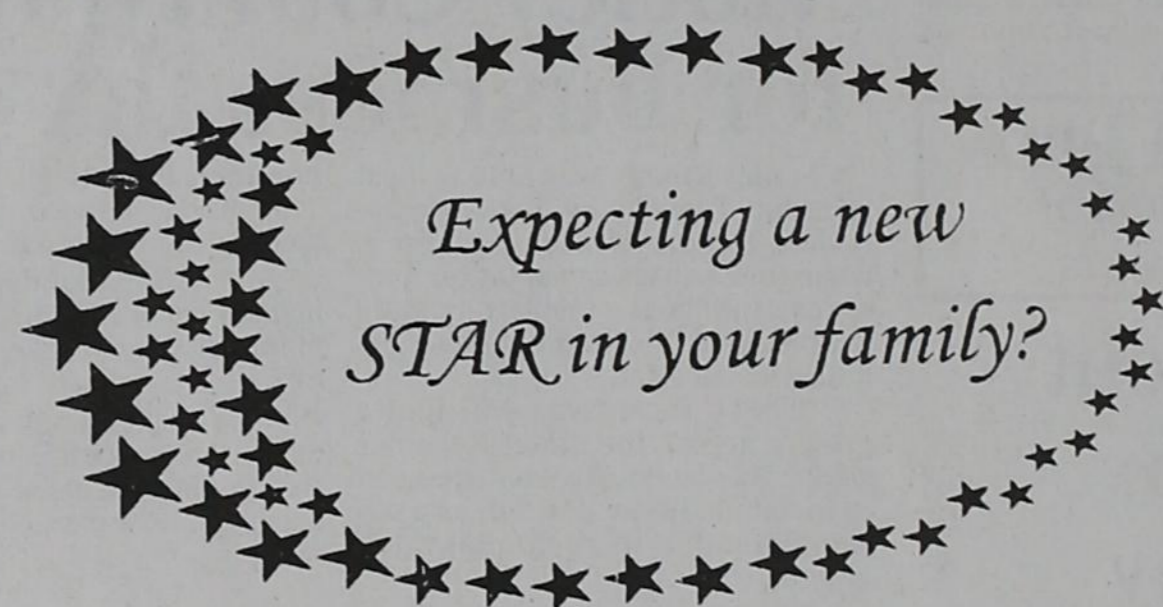
Eternal truth never changes. The Devil is still "walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." We are still in danger for sin destroys us. We still need the unchanged Gospel and the unchanged Savior. The One of yesterday, today, and forever. That is Jesus Christ.

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# Slay the Dragons



**MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS** — Pictured left to right (back) Coach Danny Copeland, Clint Cooper, Brant Donaldson, Matt Easter, Chase Carson, Jerod Rieger, Sean Rose, Ysef Alvarado; (next row) Dusty Jackson, Bo Long, Jose Flores, Justin Jameson, T.J. Christopher, Brandon Moore, Coach Jim Stewart; (next row) Coach Robert Ridgley, Casey Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Jermaine Hendrix, Tony Salazar, William Ho-Gland, Shawn Marvel, Chantry Meyer; (in front) Frankie Martinez, Ben Ridgley, Josh Lee, Alex Salazar, Chooch Meyer, and Fernando Martinez.



**1999 - 2000 MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS** — Lacy Carson, Rabeca Morris, head; (back l-r); Ashley Stevens, Janell Kilmer, Mascot; and Kember Everett, (center); Brenda Gillespie and Brooke Decker, (in front).

## 1999 Schedule

October 1	Paducah	there	8:00 pm
October 8	Valley	there	7:30 pm
October 15	Spur	home	7:30 pm
October 22	Petersburg	there	7:30 pm
October 29	Crosbyton	there	7:30 pm
November 5	Lorenzo	home	7:30 pm

\* Homecoming

## Go Matadors!

*Motley County Matadors  
vs.  
Paducah Dragons  
Friday, there, 7:30 p.m.*

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Jeff, Pam, Brad & Blair Thacker

Jeremy, Whitney & Morgan Jones

Bettye, Ashley & John Wesley Stevens

Ross & Dana Graham & Joel

James, Kathy, Robert & Brenda Gillespie

Charles & Joan Keith

Billy, Terree, & Brittany Donaldson

Donnie & Kelli Jackson

Rickey, Naomi and Chad Lawrence

Dale & JoEtta Bumgardner

Alan, Kay & Chance Bingham

Kelly, Dianna and Dakota Meyer

Rodney, Glenda, Lindsey & Kristi Williams

Dr. Pat & Mary Lou Williams

Jim, Judy, Cody & Clay Cooper

Larry, Deidra, Monica & Skylar Clifton



# Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



## TUESDAY SCRAMBLE September 21

Winners:  
First, with a score of 31, (play\*off on card), were Jim Whitefield, Robin Darsey, Dot Grundy, and Geneva Wilson.

Second, with a score of 31, were Alan Bingham, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, and Gene Brannon. Jim Whitefield got closest to pin on #3, 14'11".

Others playing were Robert Osborn, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Garland Cartwright,

Randy Martin, Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, and Roy Grundy.

## LADIES PLAYDAY September 23

18 hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Olivia Barton, and LaVoe Thacker. Lois Campbell played 9 holes with us.

LaVoe won with most 1 putts (7). 9 hole players were Lucretia Campbell, Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, and Mary Jones. Mary won most 1 putts (5).

## Charlie Keith featured in Amarillo paper

Charlie Keith of Matador was recognized in the Sunday edition of the *Amarillo Globe-News*, in a feature article "A Century of Birthdays". The article is printed below:

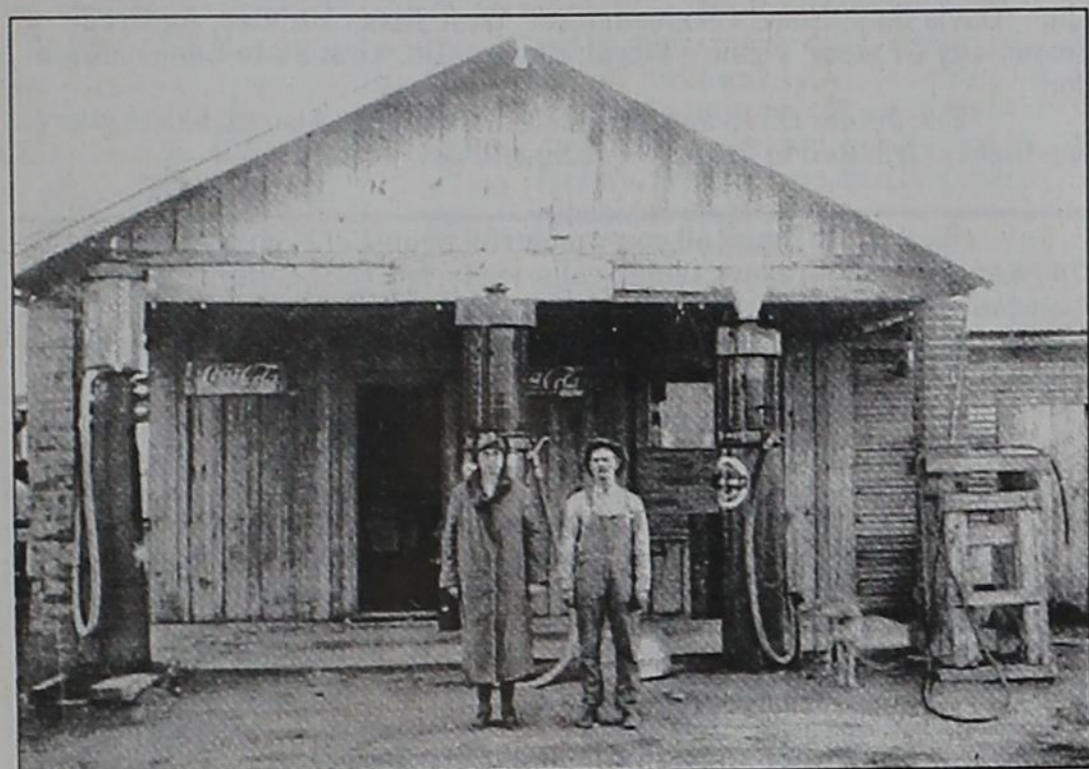
### CHARLIE B. KEITH

Year born: 1904  
Now lives: Matador  
I'll remember: "The thing I re-

member most is that change was constant, always happening, and the changes were good! People were always looking for a better and easier way to do things."

In the next 100 years. "I believe the biggest change will be space exploration and eventual settlement on the moon or on other planets. It is only natural that we should reach out just as my parents did when they moved to Motley County in 1890."

## NORTHFIELD MEMORIES ...



NORTHFIELD GROCERY STORE, Post Office and Gasoline Station. Proprietors Jim and Katie (Crowell) Tipton, pictured in front, came to Northfield April, 1915. Mrs. Tipton died in 1944 and Mr. Tipton died in 1959. This picture was taken in the late 30's.



NORTHFIELD STUDENTS — All of the above were students of Mr. Varner McWilliams in the late 30's at Northfield School. This picture was taken at the 1998 Homecoming celebration. Pictured left to right are Clem Timmons, Virginia Nimmo, Calvin Nimmo, J.T. Chambliss, Billie Clifton, Rush Timmons, Katie Lou Wade, Dorothy Nichols, Doris Thompson Collins, R.E. Hoover, and Varner McWilliams.



Dorothy Jameson Nichols, Carol Thomas, and Sue Dobbins, left to right, are pictured here visiting at a Northfield gathering years ago.

## FISH



Now is the time for Pond and Lake Stocking of Hybrid Bluegill, Florida Hybrid Bass, Channel Catfish, Fathead Minnows, Triploid Grass Carp, and Black Crappie.

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Community Health Centers represent almost three decades of federal, state and local community investment in primary care infrastructure. Nationwide, almost 940 CHC's currently serve in urban and rural underserved communities, delivering preventative and primary healthcare to almost 10 million adults and children through more than 2,000

local clinic sites.

Nationally, CHC's employ more than 50,000 persons. CHC's also represent state and local investments in primary and preventative care infrastructure that yield a substantial return. Health centers are invaluable community assets which improve health, provide jobs, stabilize neighborhoods and enhance community pride.

CHC's also contribute to other local businesses and stabilize neighborhoods by bringing in other forms of community or economic development. The underlying goal of the health center program is to help communities and their people to take responsibility for their health.

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plication of effort.

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Those enjoying coffee at Lula Swim's on Monday were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Jeff Thacker, Joyce Smith, Mary Lumsden, Jeanie Adams, Billie Clifton, Grace Zabielski, Lea Peacock, Joe Crowder, Venita Sedgwick, and Callie Giesecke of Matador.

Visiting with Dianna Holman, Joe, Courtney and Anna, were her sister and husband, Eueistl and Darlene Houser of Deerfield, Michigan. They came Tuesday and left Thursday.

Mary Lumsden spent several days last week in Lubbock Covenant Methodist Hospital for tests. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent accompanied her to the hospital on Wednesday and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock, brought her home on Saturday.

Modean Brooks spent several days last week in Crosbyton Hospital with a virus.

Lula Swim spent last week in and out of doctor offices. Monday a Dental appointment in Floydada, Tuesday to see Dr. Branch in Plainview. Her sister-in-law Imogene Swim accompanied her. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim accompanied her to Lubbock and had lunch with granddaughter, Emily. Friday, she accompanied Juanita Cooper to Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Pepper Nichols and Madeline of Wichita Falls visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banty Brandon, Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell of Paducah visited Saturday with his mother, Vera Mitchell.

Billie Clifton went to Des Moines, Iowa for the 16th Annual Reunion of 121st Station Hospital. She went Friday and came home Sunday. The crowd is getting smaller every year, with only seven men, six children and eleven wives attending.

Deanna, Brooke and Brittany Kate and Valin Gray of Plainview visited their grandmother, Odessa Mullins last Saturday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell were friends Roy and Lois King of Oregon, and her brother and wife, Rugel and Florence Humphries from Odessa on their way to Palo Duro.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King of Childress visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young of Austin had lunch with his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton on their way to Lubbock to attend his sister's birthday celebration.

Marquitta Montgomery and daughter, Amy Sharp and baby, Grant of Crosbyton spent Saturday night with her dad, Carl Barton. While Shirley Barton attended her daughter, Linda Watson's 50th birthday celebration at Lake Ridge Country Club in Lubbock, Saturday night. There were 150 friends and relatives attended. She returned home Sunday.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

The following is for Keith Patton and Mike Groves who are losing ordinary privileges that we sometimes fail to consider blessings that most of us take for granted. They are losing much of their independence, and having to yield to various changes in their life-styles due to loss of vision. I finally found this sonnet On His Blindness by Milton. (It's a shame how I messed up this text book while using it. It had a note 'memorize this.')

When I consider how my light is spent  
Ere half my days,  
in this dark world and wide,  
And that one talent which is death to hide  
Lodged with me useless,  
though my soul more bent  
To serve therewith my Maker,  
and present  
My true account, lest he returning chide;  
'Dost thou exact day-labor, light denied?'  
I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent  
That murmur, soon replies,  
'God doth not need  
Either man's work or his own gifts.  
Who best  
Bear His milk yoke, they serve Him best.  
His state is kingly;  
thousands at His bidding speed,  
And post o'er land and ocean without rest;  
They also serve who only stand and wait.'

From Glenda Nelson Brock, 2400 44th St. #108, Lubbock 79412-1540 comes this message: "...after my husband passed away I moved into an apartment and had the good fortune of moving where Jenny Lou Murphy lived...After she moved to Abilene, my place became her spot when she is back for a visit...which I really enjoy. A young woman, Michelle, a Tech Student, is writing a thesis on the Dust Bowl of Texas.... Jenny Lou said she was sure our readers can tell some unforgettable experiences.

Michelle, a Senior at Tech, said she can come to interview those having stories, or if you have a 'Dust Bowl' story please send it to Mrs. Brock at the above address.

My Dust Bowl stories could be pretty long. The worst ones were some that boiled down from the plains on the west, into the city of Roaring Springs. They were like tumbling black clouds. One that comes to mind came when Pat and Mike slept in the basement of our "tar-paper shack" at the corner of Scotch and Hackberry in Matador. The weather stripping was not in place between the basement walls and the upper story. One morning when the boys waked, only the whites of their eyes could be seen. Dust from Mr. Heller's field on the west covered everything in the room. A doily, freshly ironed, left on the ironing board, left only its print when lifted. Another time our windshield was blasted when driving down from Amarillo. Not being able to see the road it was necessary to drive into a filling station beside the road and "wait it out."

## WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Noma Wike was hostess Wednesday night, September 15, for the Guild meeting with a pot luck supper. Emphasis on missions was the topic for the meeting. The speaker was Madeline Boadle of Big Spring. She had extensive experience of home missionaries, among the poorest being of the Appalachian Mountains. She is with the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

Those attending were Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Darlene Fletcher, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Jeannie Adams, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Miss Lula Swim, and the hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Monty Wike. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Brad King, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowley, and Bill Koon.

## GRACE ZABIELSKI RETURNS FROM TRIP TO KENTUCKY

Grace Zabielski visited in Lexington, Ky. with her daughter, Laverne and Larry Vogt and grandchildren, Danielle, Dana, Donnie, Danny John and Johnny.

Donnie is progressing in his effort to make a life for himself, since his accident. His status is paralyzed from his chest down - his neck, head, shoulders, and arms are okay, but his fingers are paralyzed. He is getting things together to get on with his life. In his room is a hospital type bed, T.V. and a desk with a computer and printer. He has a van with a lift, and his family members are scheduled to drive him where he needs to go. He is now attending Lexington Community College and is taking courses in Architecture History, Introduction to Systems in Architecture, and Computer Assisted Designs.

On Sunday, Grace, Laverne and six of Laverne's friends drove to Prospect, Ky. near Louisville to attend the Founder's Day Picnic for the Kentucky Foundation for Women at the Hopscotch House. The Hopscotch House is 100 acres of land set aside for women, 15 years ago, to use for activities in art retreats, etc.

They were to honor their founder, Sallie Bingham; the newest recipient of the Sallie Bingham Award; and all grantees of the Kentucky Foundation of Women. The Sallie Bingham award is given annually to a woman who has made outstanding contributions toward changing the lives of Kentucky women through the Arts. The award was presented to Laverne Zabielski. The person making the presentation made the following quote, "It is my very great honor to present the 14th Annual Sallie Bingham award to a woman who is equally committed to creating her own art and to creating community support for other women to make their own art - Laverne Zabielski."

"Laverne is the founder of the Working Class Kitchen in Lexington, which brings together women of diverse income, racial and ethnic backgrounds, to write and publish their stories and poems. Through writing workshops and practice, she has convinced many of us that we do have a voice worth hearing and we each can create our own body of work. In addition, over the last two or three years, Laverne has formed her own informal arts support system by sharing her handmade books and "Garden Girls" stories with women and men all over Kentucky and probably beyond.

I am proud to present the 14th annual Sallie Bingham award to Laverne Zabielski in recognition of her imaginative and creative ways of promoting community building through her art."

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### GUEST SPEAKER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Samuel Akanda of Plainview, who is with the Institute of Evangelism Mission Work, was the guest speaker at the evening church services Sunday at the Baptist Church in Flomot. He told of his mission work and showed slides when in Nigeria. Preceding the program, L.E. and Clois Shorter and Herb Martin were hosts of an outdoor fish fry supper.

### TANNER CLAY IS STATE CHAMPION

Tanner Clay, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, was awarded a state championship trophy in his age division of the Texas Pedal Pullers Association contest. The competition was held in Lockney.

Tanner advanced to the National Pedal Pullers Show held in Omaha, Nebraska, Saturday, Sept. 25. He competed against 28 entries from throughout the nation and placed 8th.

His proud parents and sister, Kelsey accompanied him to Nebraska and they enjoyed the tourist attractions en route and on return trip home.

### WINS AWARDS AT TRI-STATE FAIR

Michael Davis of Fritch returned home Monday, Sept. 20 from the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo with a silver buckle and numerous ribbons he was awarded in the Mule and Donkey Show.

He and his three trained mules, Freckles, Angel and Fancy competed at the Bill Cody Arena against contestants from New Mexico, Oklahoma and throughout Texas. He won the following: 1st in Barrel Riding; 1st Flag Racing; 1st and 2nd in Youth Clover Leaf; 2nd and 3rd, Mule Trails; 3rd Western Riding; 5th West-ern Pleasure; 3rd Youth Trails; 2nd Mule Reining.

Michael is the son of Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

### ATTEND CLASS REUNION

Mrs. Mary Jo Lyles Calvert and husband, Doyle and Mrs. Tommie Jo Brownning Cruse attended the 1948 Turkey High School class reunion and luncheon held Saturday, Sept. 25 at Hotel Turkey. 39 including members and spouses, ex-classmates and guests enjoyed renewing memories and friendships. Out of a class

of 18, twelve members attended. Two members deceased are Jimmy Guest and A.E. Jacobs, Jr. They plan another fun filled reunion to Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star who was a class sponsor through their school years.

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Mrs. Leoneanda and her sister, Mrs. Mildred Chandler of Plainview visited the weekend in Granbury with niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fowler. Other guests were their sister and husband, Pete and Olen Holland of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Ty Barclay, student at TSTC in Sweetwater, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Other visitors, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Washington, Mrs. Connie Franks, and Cara Franks of Flomot. Cody and wife, Amanda moved recently from Flomot to Borger where he is enrolled in an electrical school.

Tanya and Jackie Starkey of Wellington visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey visited from Sunday until Wednesday of last week in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid, had medical appointments and attended the Tri-State Fair.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Tuesday were Walter Speer and Mary Milwright of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. John Speer of Floydada.

Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Her husband, Chad visited in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Taylor of Plainview visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Sunday.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Saturday.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd was in Lockney, Monday for a medical appointment and continued to Plainview on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended a Soccer game held in Canyon, Friday night in which their grandson, Greg Hunter and team members of Immaculate Heart University of San Antonio competed against West Texas A&M University. Greg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter of Midland and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Dell Dickerson of Silverton also attended the tournament.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

A kindergarten teacher showed her students pictures of several national flags from around the world. Pointing to the American flag, she asked, "What flag is this?"

A young lad stood up and announced, "That's the flag of our country."  
"You're right," the teacher said, "and what is the name of our country?"  
"Tis of thee," the boy beamed.

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Ms. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Lockney, Friday for Mrs. Cooper medical tests.

Mrs. Heather Blount of Abernathy and Cobey Turner, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, visited the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Johnney Turner. They attended the South Plains Fair in Lubbock, Saturday. Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton visited the family, Sunday.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday. Mrs. Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin and her visitors, Raynita and Wendell Newman of Spur.

Johnney Turner visited in Lubbock, Thursday with Jack Davis of Matador, a patient in Covenant Medical Center following hip surgery. Mr. Davis is having rehabilitation treatments at present.

Mrs. James (Darla Cruse) Gwinn enjoyed her 25th Matador High School class reunion, Saturday held at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

## Obituaries

### Nannie Gaines

Services for Nannie Mae "Nancy" Gaines, 92, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, at the Abbey Chapel of Resthaven with the Rev. D.L. Lowrie and the Rev. John Ballard officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999. She was born Dec. 22, 1906 in Matador. She graduated from the Texas Tech School of Home Economics in 1931 and was a professional seamstress for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include a sister, Velma Gaines of Lubbock.

## Matador News

Mrs. Harold Campbell attended the Texas Federation of Women's Club Fall Board at Austin. Mrs. Robert Dickson, of Lubbock, accompanied her. Mrs. Dickson is trustee for the Historical Foundation and Mrs. Campbell is TFWC legislation chairman.

Irene Welling is recovering nicely from quadruple bypass heart surgery. She is a patient in room 973 South, Covenant

Medical Center in Lubbock. Lucretia Campbell and Winifred Darsey visited Opal Pipkin at the home of Vernard and Patti Alexander in Midland on Saturday and Sunday.

Debra Scott accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison to Lubbock, Tuesday for Mr. Garrison cardiac tests and treatment.

## NOTE OF THANKS

To the Class of '74:

Thank you for inviting us to your class reunion. You gave us such great, happy memories.

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The Junior Class members and Sponsors of Motley County High School would like to thank the following businesses for supplying donations to the Spirit Bag fund-raiser:

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The Junior Class appreciates your support. Also thanks to everyone that contributed to the Jr. Class Spirit Bag.

MC Jr. Class

We wish to thank all you wonderful people of Roaring Springs. We thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits, and the beautiful flowers. We especially want to thank the ladies for the delicious food. Thank you, Flowers Laurence, for the comforting words to help us get through our sorrow. God Bless you all.

Doris, Shane, Gerald, Kelly, Brent and Bunny Osborn  
The Martin Family

The Motley County Student Council officers, members and sponsors would like to thank Dale and Carol Reed of Horner Lake, the owners of 70 X (Cross) Tomatoes for donating the tomatoes for the Homecoming hamburger supper last Friday night. We would also like to thank the following parents for their time: James & Kathy Gillespie, Jim & Judy Cooper, Kristi Hopper, Chuck & Gail Ream, Barbie Sharp, Ronda Miller, Eva Barkley, Bucky & Debbie Marvel, Casey & Deb Jones, Craig Turner, Corey Easter, and Lou Anne Jameson. We appreciate your support very much.

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# Farm and Ranch news



## Report makes hunter safety recommendations

College Station -- A study of Texas hunting safety incidents suggests changes in hunter education curriculum as well as incident reporting and investigation procedures might be beneficial.

"Some types of incidents have actually increased despite mandatory hunter education programs, which indicates some changes may help improve safety," said Dr. Ron Kaiser, professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences at Texas A&M University and a researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "Our study suggests a review committee would be useful to examine possible changes in the Texas hunter education program."

Although hunting is becoming safer as the number of fatalities and injuries declines, certain types of incidents occur at a higher rate, said Kaiser, who is also an attorney and risk management specialist.

Among them are incidents involving a victim injured or killed when a shooter swings on game, as well as careless firearm handling. Those two areas may need more study and more emphasis in education programs, the researchers reported.

Other study findings showed that more incidents occurred after 5 p.m. and that wearing "blaze orange" clothing might have helped victims avoid incidents. Special attention might also be given to these topics, the report recommended.

It also found a high number of incidents in the vicinity of vehicles and a high proportion of incidents among hunters ages 12 to 17.

Kaiser and Mike McFarland, a former Texas A&M research associate who earned his master's degree under Kaiser, conducted an analysis of 2,495 hunting incident reports from 1966 to 1997 as the basis of their study.

The reports originally came in various formats depending on the paperwork required by the state at the time they were filed. The researchers entered the reports into a new database using a consistent format that allowed statistical analysis of the data.

McFarland said he expects the database to be an important addition to hunter education programs.

"The entire focus of this study was why these incidents occur, and the database allows state officials to track incidents annually and exchange data with other states, as well

as make comparisons," McFarland said.

In addition to helping quantify types of incidents needing special attention, the statistical analysis also showed that head and torso injuries occurred at a higher rate than injuries to other areas, as well as counties in which incidents occurred.

Llano County, with 50 incidents between 1966 and 1997, led the state, followed by Lamar County with 40. Erath (38 incidents), Coleman (36), San Saba (33), Brown (32), Medina (31), Cherokee (31), Angelina (30), McCulloch (28) and Lampasas (28) counties were the others with the most incidents.

Twelve counties (Upshur, Stone-wall, Sterling, Roberts, Parmer, Martin, Loving, Lipscomb, King, Garza, Carson and Borden) had no incidents recorded.

The report, conducted for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and financed equally by the department and the experiment station, used the term "incident" instead of "accident" because some instances involved suspected homicides or suicides.

The researchers used the database to profile incidents by 11 different factors: injury type, injury locations, incident type, incident by county, month, day of week, time of day, land ownership, environmental factors, firearm type, and distance of muzzle to victim.

They profiled shooters by gender, age, hunting experience, hunter education status, influence of alcohol or drugs, and species hunted. Victims were profiled by all of those factors except species hunted, and they were also profiled by their activity, clothing worn, and whether they were wearing blaze orange.

The report also recommended more hands-on instruction and skill evaluations when possible and the use of a variety of instruction media.

It also made a number of recommendations for improving the hunter incident report form, including adding such variables as the type of ammunition used, relationship between shooter and victim, and other information.

For investigations, the report also made several recommendations, including designing special materials and procedures for Texas game wardens in investigating incidents and more on site investigation where possible.

## Cotton News



### Congress Still Working on Ag Appropriations

Agricultural Appropriations Conference Committee members have hit a roadblock in their effort to bring a much needed economic relief package to fruition as they wrangle over language pertaining to the dairy support system.

How this delay will ultimately affect the relief package is unclear. Producers and ag industry leaders are taking a wait and see stance concerning the final outcome since it appears that the compromises worked out in advance by House and Senate Ag Committee staff members met with little dissension in the conference negotiations.

PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verrett and Secretary-Treasurer Mark Williams, who were in Washington September 21-23, have noted that all of their contact with staff and legislators dealing with the Agriculture Appropriations process were very positive and indicated the relief package was getting broad support.

"While the delay associated with the dairy provisions is unfortunate," notes Verrett, "The important thing for High Plains cotton producers to remember is that the key provisions we have identified as necessary to help us get through the current crisis are intact and will ultimately be a part of the provisions attached to the FY2000 Agriculture Appropriations legislation."

For cotton that means the inclusion of approximately \$400 million for the year 2000 crop insurance subsidies: a supplemental Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment equal to 100 percent of the 1999 payment rate; Step 2 program funding for the life of the current farm bill; and a doubling of the Loan Deficiency Payment/Marketing loan gain payment limitation from \$75,000 per entity to \$150,000 per entity.

The second objective is to bring the Step 2 program back online and increase the payment limitation on LDP's and marketing loan gains. Both of these items will encourage the movement of 1999 crop cotton into the U.S. cotton stocks.

One interesting side discussion that continues at this time centers around the Administrations recent advocacy of a different delivery vehicle for the supplemental economic relief assistance portion of the relief package.

PCG officials note that had the Administration voiced this issue several weeks ago, an in-depth review of different mechanisms could have been initiated and the results weighed against the timeliness and ease of implementation associated with the supplemental AMTA payment.

Future discussions will definitely need to address the need for some form of counter-cyclical income support that kicks in when producer prices are poor. Unfortunately how-

ever, the need in the country is more immediate and the AMTA payment is still the preferred method for getting economic help to producers as quickly as possible.

While nobody is sure when the current deadlock will break, it is hoped that pressure to complete other business will encourage a speedy conclusion and allow the conference report to be sent back to Congress for final approval before October 1.

### Texas Farmer-Stockman Show October 12-14

High Plains cotton producers should be making their plans to attend the Texas Farmer-Stockman Show October 12-14 in Lubbock.

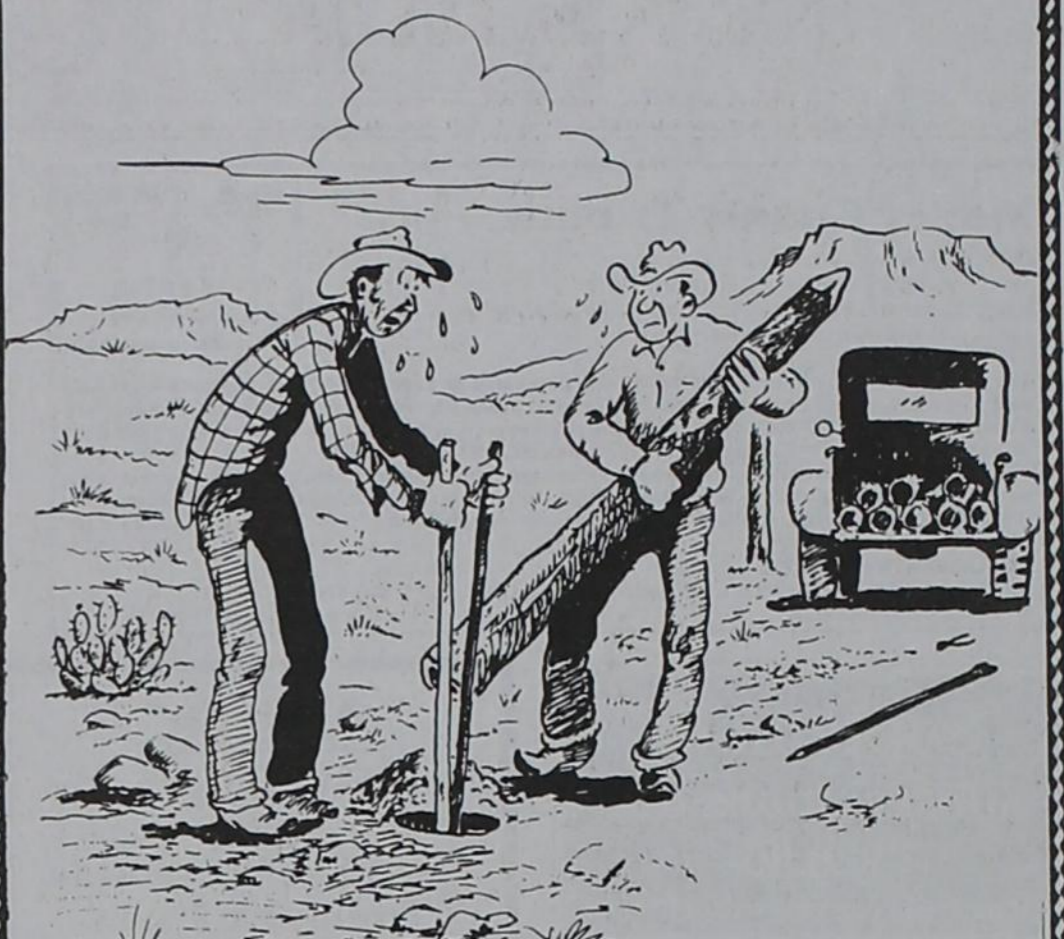
Held at the Lubbock City Farm the Farmer-Stockman Show brings the whole world of agriculture to 640 acres of the High Plains. Feature attractions include the latest offerings from major equipment makers, agricultural suppliers, and field demonstrations featuring both harvesting and tillage equipment and production size plots of some of the latest planting seed varieties available.

In addition to row-crop offerings, the Farmer-Stockman Show also includes major livestock equipment vendors, and demonstrations of the latest livestock handling and management techniques.

There is something for everyone at the Texas Farmer-Stockman Show so mark your calendar and plan to attend today.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Jist think, if fences hadn't been invented, we might be unemployed!"

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## Support shown for region's farmers at "Rural Unity Day"

Sweetwater -- Farmers, business owners, lawmakers and church and community leaders from across the region today gathered in Lubbock, Texas earlier this month to send the message that rural America needs immediate solutions to the farm crisis.

The event, hosted by Texas Farmers Union and other farm and ranch organizations, featured U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone from Minnesota who talked about the crisis in the rural economy and its sweeping impact on all segments of the community. Participants also spoke out about the need for assistance from Congress.

"The best way to get Congress to listen is for the entire community to speak with one voice, and that is what we did today," said Texas Farmers Union President, Wes Sims. "This was an opportunity for us to stand shoulder to shoulder for a strong rural America and a strong future. The community deserves a lot of credit for coming out in full force to show their support for our state's farm and ranch families."

Rural Unity day participants purchased tee-shirts with the slogan

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