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Roaring Springs resident will be honored on 100th birthday

by Carla Meador

There will be a big party in Roaring Springs, Saturday. This party will celebrate an event that is rare and will honor a very special resident of that town.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell will celebrate her 100th birthday, November 8, 2003. Members of the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs will host the come and go event at the Community Center from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

As I sat with Mrs. Mitchell in her warm and cozy home, my heart and mind were filled with loving memories. Memories of the same warm and cozy home where I shared so many happy times with my friend, Becky, the Mitchell's granddaughter. Becky and I would stay the night with Grandma and Grandpa Mitchell. We made cookies in her kitchen, baked in the same oven she uses today. "You girls loved to cook. I always told you that you could make anything you wanted, but you had to clean up the mess. I guess y'all did pretty good," she remembered fondly.

Mrs. Mitchell is someone that I remember all of my life. She sat in the same pew at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, where she has been a member for 47 years. I can still see her walking into Church with a heartwarming smile on her face.

While I sat with Mrs. Mitchell and recalled fond memories, I asked her to share some experiences of her 100 years.

Vera was born in Montague County November 8, 1903, to Lee and Cora Webb. She was the third of seven children. Mrs. Mitchell, along with her younger sister, Newell Crego of Albuquerque, NM and two brothers, Buck, also of Albuquerque, and Clifford of California, are the only surviving of the children. Deceased are brothers Ray, Floyd and Eldon.

The Webb family lived in Montague County until Vera was seventeen, when they moved to Motley County in the Fall of 1921. "I remember moving," she said. "We came to Roaring Springs by train and arrived at the same Depot that is still here today."

Vera's Uncle Ed met the family at the Depot. "I remember Uncle Ed picked us up in a wagon with side boards and a team of horses. The kids rode in the back of the wagon, standing up."

The family settled in TeePee Flat. "Uncle Ed had moved to this area a few years earlier and had filed on land. We got here too late, the land deal had already closed," she explained. Vera's father farmed on rented land at TeePee Flat until 1922 when the family moved to Croton, east of Dickens in Dickens County. They later moved to Midway and then to Afton in 1923.

"I was 15 or 16 when I rode in a car for the first time," she said. "We had seen them, but never rode in one." Vera explained that she and her mother were walking home after visiting a neighbor when two men stopped in a car and asked if they wanted a ride. "We hesitated at first because we were afraid. At that time there had been a lot of women being kidnapped," she continued. "But, the men appeared to be nice and we really wanted to ride in the car, so we took the ride and were thrilled. We could hardly wait to tell the family." That special ride in the car was her mother's first, also. Vera said in those days most of the roads were too bad for cars to travel.

When the Webb family moved to this area, Roaring Springs was in its prime. "The town was fairly new," she said. "I remember when the railroad was booming and when it closed."

Vera said her parents were

pretty strict and did not allow the children to go to dances. "Sometimes we could go to a party that would turn into a dance, but I wouldn't dance," she said. "Boys would sometimes get into fights, but I don't think people were as mean back then."

In July of 1926, at the age of 22, Vera married Elbert Mitchell and the young couple moved to Russellville. Mr. Mitchell was a traveling salesman and sold Ideal Goods, which offered medicine, spices and other household items.

This young couple began their lives together during the Depression and times were hard. "We had to move around a lot," Vera explained. "To keep a job, we had to move."

The couple finally settled on a farm east of Roaring Springs where they lived for over twenty years. They were blessed with six children, Gerald, Gusita, Wayborn, Wanda, Gaynell and Doyne. "All my children were born at home, except Doyne, who was born at the Stanley Hospital in Matador. Neighbors and family helped with the home deliveries. And the doctor would come to our home," she said.

As with any family, their children brought much happiness and some heartache. But the Mitchells suffered their greatest heartache with the deaths of two of their beloved children. Their first son, Gerald, was killed when he was only eight years old. "He was playing with a neighbor boy and was hit by a car. The pain of losing a child is the worst heartache there is," she said.

The Mitchell's suffered another heartache when their second born child, Gusita, died in a fire in 1960. "She was a young wife and mother of four children when she died," Vera explained. "Bill (her husband) tried so hard to save her. She was trapped in the kitchen of the home and there was no way to

get to her."

Another heart wrenching event occurred when their little 18-month-old granddaughter drowned in an accident. "I have experienced nearly everything to tear your heart to pieces, but the Lord has helped me through it and helped me to learn how to live with it," she said.

The Mitchell family moved into the town of Roaring Springs in 1942. All the Mitchell kids attended Roaring Springs schools and graduated from Roaring Springs High School.

Mr. Mitchell died in 1970. "We were married over 54 years," Vera proudly exclaimed. "We shared so much. Living through the depression was hard. Food was rationed and it was hard to get flour and other items, but we never went hungry."

"We always had a garden for vegetables and fruit trees. We put up most of our food. We had cattle for our meat and a milk cow for milk and we churned our own butter," she said. Vera also explained that although she was raised on a farm, she never milked a cow. "The boys would milk the cow, but I've churned lots of butter."

Mrs. Mitchell has lived through WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Middle East War, and the war now taking place in Iraq. She has seen numerous changes in her life. She lived before television and has seen technology develop into the amazing part of the world it is today. "We did have radio to listen for reports of what was going on in the War, and we received a newspaper once a week," Vera explained.

"I have no desire to learn anything about computers," she said. "I hope they don't change telephones to computers, I would be lost."

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Happy 100th Birthday!

Mrs. Vera Mitchell will celebrate her 100th birthday, Saturday, November 8, with a party in Roaring Springs.

High prices step up cotton stripping

Lack of moisture drops cotton production

by Earlyne Jameson

The last three weeks in October of clear weather and high cotton prices has stepped up cotton stripping in defoliated fields. Motley County has a drastic drop in cotton production in 2003 due to lack of moisture in the growing season. The current high price for cotton is en-

couraging to those that do have cotton. Wheat land is needing moisture.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for October 2003: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.19; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.62; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.73; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 0.10 and Kelly Meyer, Matador 0.22.

Motley County Library will hold special celebration

The Friends of the Library and the Library Board of Directors invite everyone to a special celebration at the library on Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 P.M. There will be a short program at 2:30 featuring a historical selection by Marisue Potts and a poetry reading by Virginia Taylor.

After the program everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy the "new look" in the library. The new shelves and the kids

murals that were purchased with a grant from the Tocker Foundation really make a difference in the way the library looks, as does the new carpet.

The four murals that Betty Henry painted for the kids' section of the library will be on display and the artist will be on hand to answer questions and to talk about her work. The Friends of the Library will serve refreshments. Please plan to attend this celebration at the library.

Local clubs will host annual Christmas Bazaars

Local clubs will sponsor their annual Christmas Bazaars the next two Saturdays. Shoppers will get the chance to purchase unique items for the Christmas gift giving, at home.

contact Mary Jo Calvert or Waydie Clay in Flomot.

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club will hold their annual bazaar next Saturday, November 15, 9:00 - 5:00, at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

A large variety of beautiful and unique handmade gift items will be available for purchase. A door prize will be given away and tickets are being sold on a beautiful handmade quilt.

The club will serve coffee and cookies.

Both clubs invite everyone to take advantage of these hometown events.

The Flomot Do Gooders will hold their annual bazaar this Saturday, November 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center in Flomot. The club will offer booths with various handmade and new items and a concession stand serving delicious food items. Booth space is available for \$10 and those wishing to rent a booth should

Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop to be dedicated on Veterans Day

The City of Roaring Springs will officially dedicate the newly named Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. The ceremony will be held in downtown Roaring Springs on the median, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event. Refreshments will be served at Traveler's Inn Hotel immediately following the dedication.

The loop, previously known as Loop 42, was renamed through efforts of the Roaring Springs City Council and Senator Robert Duncan's office.

Marine First Lieutenant, Frank N. Mitchell, a native of Roaring Springs, lost his life in the Korean War, and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Motley County Fire Department raises money for new truck

The Motley County Volunteer Fire Department is on its way to raising \$14,500 to qualify for cost-share assistance for a new grassfire truck, following donations by Matador Ranch and visitors to the ranch's 50th anniversary celebration in August. Volunteers from MCVFD assisted the more than 600 visitors

who took part in Matador Ranch's open house held in conjunction with the Matador Cowboys Reunion in August.

Those visitors donated more than \$1,200 for the local fire department. Matador Ranch is kicking in an additional \$3,800 earmarked for the new fire

equipment.

"We appreciate the generosity of the visitors to Matador Ranch," said Craig Turner, MCVFD chief. "We know many of them didn't even live in the county, but still chipped in. With these two donations totaling more than \$5,000, we are well on our way to meeting our fund-

raising goal."

MCVFD needs to raise 10% of the cost of a new truck specially equipped to fight grassfires to qualify for the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by the Texas Forest Ser-

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Veterans Day Program to be held at School

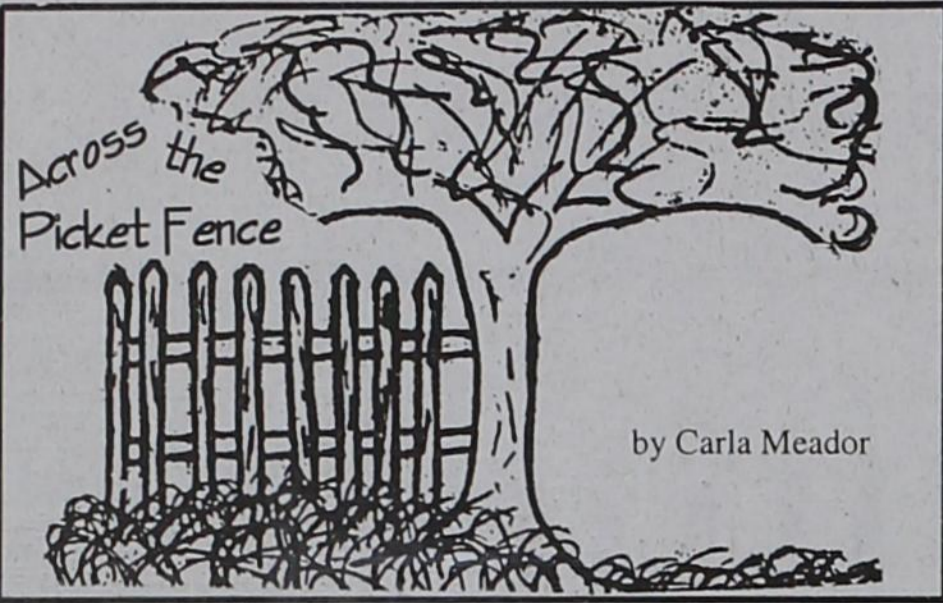
Members of the Motley County ISD Student Council and FCCLA (Home Ec. class) will honor all Veterans at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, in the school gym.

Each Veteran will be recognized during the program for his or her military service. Accordingly, each Veteran should show up totally squared away wearing his or her Legion or VFW cap, service cap, or regular, everyday headwear.

This program is not restricted to members of the American Legion and VFW. It is of, by and for every person who ever served as a member of the armed forces and received an honorable discharge.

Sponsorship is provided by American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 337.

For more information contact President of the Student Council, Stachia Baxter, 347-2676.



Sometimes I worry about myself. It seems like I just can't remember anything for more than five minutes. If I don't write a detailed note, I forget what the note is. Have you ever wrote a phone number down on a sticky note, and maybe 30 minutes later, you're looking at that number and trying your best to remember who's number it is? I have! Or dialed a number and by the time the phone rings, you have forgotten who you're calling! Now that is embarrassing. I'm always relieved if the party on the other end answers with the name of their business.

I think we all have too many irons in the fire. In our busy day and time, age doesn't matter any longer when judging forgetfulness.

A memory expert offered tips on the TODAY Show, Tuesday, on how to remember certain things. He also said that we all have so many things to remember and do that we just can't cram it all in there sometimes.

It's strange the things I can remember. Some way, I can usually remember when a particu-

lar news item appeared in the paper, sometimes even the month and year, for years back. I don't know where that is stored in my brain, when there are times I can't remember why I walked to the other side of the room! Maybe typing something somehow embeds it into your memory.

It's funny how certain smells can bring back a memory from childhood. The smell of bread baking makes me think of my Grandma Meredith. She made homemade biscuits for every meal.

The memory expert said that to remember someone's name you should repeat it three times after being introduced. I'm terrible with names. I can sometimes remember a face, but usually not a name. I think I'll try the suggestion and repeat the name three times.

Now, I've lost my train of thought, and I can't remember what I was going to write next. And I would tell you the other tips the memory expert suggested, but I can't remember!

100th Birthday Celebration

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Her telephone keeps her close to family and friends, but for the most part Mrs. Mitchell takes care of herself. Other than a little help with cleaning her house and Meals on Wheels for lunch, she is self-sufficient. She still does most of her own cooking. She has remained in good health until the past year when she experienced some heart problems. She also suffered a broken hip and had to undergo gall bladder surgery. "I am so glad to be home," she said. "I've had to be away recovering from illness except for two months of this year."

Mrs. Mitchell enjoys her home and watches the wild turkeys come through her yard everyday. "The turkeys roost

across the street, and you can hear them gobble."

She enjoys visits from family and friends and acknowledges with joy the fact that she has 13 grandchildren and "too many great-grandkids to remember."

She proudly displays four plaques she has received over the years at the Old Settlers Memorial Service for being the oldest Motley County resident attending. "Sometimes there were older people than me, but they weren't there," she explained. If Mrs. Mitchell had been able to attend the service the past few years, she would have more plaques to add to her collection.

"I never thought I would get to be 100," she said. "I'm thankful I'm here and healthy." Mrs. Mitchell says she has experienced much happiness and much sadness in her life, and concluded, "With the grace of God I'll keep going."

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Freedom Revisited



On this, Veterans Day of 2003, we recall the words of Beth Pratt, "America breaks the mold on religion, showing more in common with poorer countries than with the wealthy nations of the world." I believe she is correct. I also believe one of the reasons for this is because we as Americans understand freedom. In our defense of our freedom we have fought to insure the right of the individual to worship.

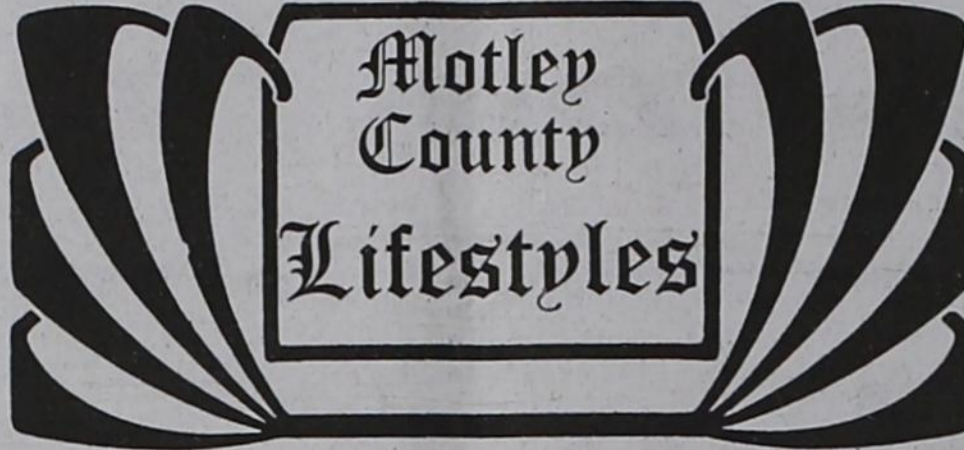
John Adams, one of America's great men once said, "Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In the main, we have understood and appreciated those of Mister Adams strips. Someone has written, "What we attain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value." May we never count our assembling on the Lord's Day for worship, an insignificant matter.

The God of Heaven knows how to put a price upon that which is good and it would be sad indeed if such a precious freedom is lost in trivia. Our freedom to assemble to worship our God can be easily lost in just one careless generation. We can purpose to be at the worship assembly this coming Lord's Day and by our very presence, we are declaring our understanding our precious freedoms. Freedoms dearly paid for by our nations finest. Without question, our God has been good to us. God has blessed America far beyond expectation.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



El Progresso Club hosts District Workshop

by Beverly Vinson

Gathering at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for the Santa Rosa District annual workshop, members of El Progresso had a light breakfast ready for members and guests. The hostess committee had worked into the wee hours of the night to prepare decorations to use in the meeting/dining room at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Matador, Saturday, October 18. Registration was carried on in the foyer of the church from a table holding the door prize made by JoAnn Dickson, district president and a member of El Progresso.

As the members entered the Fellowship Hall, a large replica of the front of the Matador Jail, a project of the club, was displayed. Sharon Allen had constructed this wall just as the jail looks, with the doors, windows, the historical medallion and a hangman's noose showing through one of the windows.

Tables were decorated in a fall motif with individual placemats made of brown paper. At each setting was a "silver" Sheriff's badge, a weather vane, a booklet with the jail on the front and several articles about the jail. It was truly a work of art and Sharon Allen and Lana Copp are to be commended for their work.

One of the tables held the Country Store items (white elephant) brought by members to sell to assist with the scholarship fund.

The meeting was called to order by the District President, JoAnn Dickson, with the pledges to the flag said. Grace Campbell gave the invocation. Introduced were the past district presidents, Grace Campbell, Margaret Soelle, Leta Jo Haney, Beth Duke and JoAnn Dickson. JoAnn was the only Life Member present.

Winifred Darsey, District Parliamentarian was asked to give a brief statement concerning parliamentary procedure. She explained that we have become a little too lax in our procedures, according to Robert's Rule of Order, but, then, maybe that formal procedure is not what the general public wants, therefore the more relaxed atmosphere. Who knows?

Mrs. Dickson, dressed in a yellow hard hat with TFWC across the brim, presented her report. She carried a tool box with the word "joiner" on the front. Inside were items used to describe each club in a very

clever verse form with each club represented by a different tool. The serious part of her report started with how many miles she has put on her little red Mustang -- including the trip Saturday, miles traveled amount to about 9,000 miles for the Federation. She announced that the District Convention will be held in Matador, April 3, 2004. Mention was also made that the State Convention will be held in Ft. Worth at the Ft. Worth Women's Club, April 28-30, 2004.

Mrs. Dickson introduced President Elect of TFWC as speaker of the day, Mrs. Barbara Willingham from Bowie. She gave a very interesting talk which included ideas to bring new members to the club. El Progresso members are doers and shakers in the community. She also told of grants available to assist clubs with their work. Mrs. Willingham would like fifty-year members to be honored, who will be presented with a gold card. Also those who recruit five new members will receive a GFWC star. TFWC has provided help to many worthy causes, including sending an ambulance to New York, starting a bank in Guatemala and giving aid to M.D. Anderson hospital.

The delicious luncheon of Mexican pile-on and desserts of cake or pie were enjoyed by all. Door prizes were given. Reports by club presidents and committees were given before members departed for home. Those attending from El Progresso were JoEtta Bumgardner, Grace Campbell, Dorothy Day, Elaine Hart, Sharon Allen, JoAnn Dickson, Lana Copp, Loys Campbell, Beverly Vinson, Judy Cartwright, Winifred Darsey and Billie Koon.

Fire Department

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vice. The new truck offers the capacity to mix foam or a wetting agent in the water tank to expand fire-fighting capabilities. This added ability would also enable the fire department to contain petroleum fire in vehicles equipment, etc.

The volunteer group is soliciting additional donations to meet its fundraising goal. To donate, send checks to Motley County Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 222, Matador, Texas, 79244.

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WORD of GOD

Jesus said Repent!

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:3

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Today, Thursday, November 6, at 3:00 P.M., at the library the Friends of the Library will meet. We hope to see everyone there.

A big thank-you to Penny Kline and Marihelen Wason for working at the library while I was gone for two days. I appreciate their willingness to help.

Shea Rose read *Pumpkin Soup* to a group of eight children Tuesday. She even provided for a each child a recipe from the story for pumpkin soup. After the story the children created paper Jack 'O Lanterns under the direction of Betty Henry. Story Time for children in

grades K through 6 will continue.

Celebration at the Library will be Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to help us celebrate.

There will be some new books soon. They are on order and should be arriving any day. But meanwhile, have you read *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown? *Partner in Crime* by J.A. Jance? *Dead Soul* by James D. Doss? *The Face of Texas* by Michael O'Brien? Many reading adventures like these await you at the Motley County Library.

Storytime with Shea continues at the Library

Shea Rose will continue "Storytime at the Library" at the Motley County downtown Library on November 11th from 3:30-4:00 p.m. All Elementary student are encouraged to come and join in the fun!

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



HALLOWEEN FUN AND SAFETY BOOKLETS — Motley County Family and Consumer Sciences Students, Shea Rose and Rosemary Chavez, share their Halloween Fun and Safety Booklets with Motley County third graders. Shea and Rosemary created the booklets as part of their participation in the Ready, Set, Read project that promotes reading activities and a safe Halloween. Motley County elementary students received a copy of the booklets.

School Menu

MONDAY, NOV. 10

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Beef Tips on Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Biscuit, Peaches, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

Breakfast: Cheese Omelet, or, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Homemade Bread Slice, Pumpkin Dessert, Milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, or Toaster Pastry, Fruit, Milk.

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JR. HIGH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Pictured left to right, Crystal Saenz, Shane'a Russell, Courtney Alexander, Mylissa Gilmore, Alex Smith and Leatrice Gutierrez. Details of the team's events will be printed when available.



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MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Pictured left to right (front) Chicagra Brown, Stachia Baxter, Sylvia Martinez, Brittany Moore, Angelica Mendoza; (top) Veronica Mendoza and Griselda Flores.

Cross Country team competes at District meet

by Amanda Hurt

The Motley County Varsity Cross Country team traveled to Spur, Monday, October 27, where they competed in the Dis-

trict 5-A Cross Country Meet.

Team members competing were Griselda Flores, Veronica Mendoza, Angelica Mendoza, Sylvia Martinez, Brittany Moore, Chicagra Brown and

Stachia Baxter.

The team finished 7th place overall. Griselda Flores and Veronica Mendoza were top finishers. Griselda finished 20th and Veronica, 31st.

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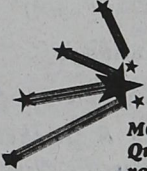
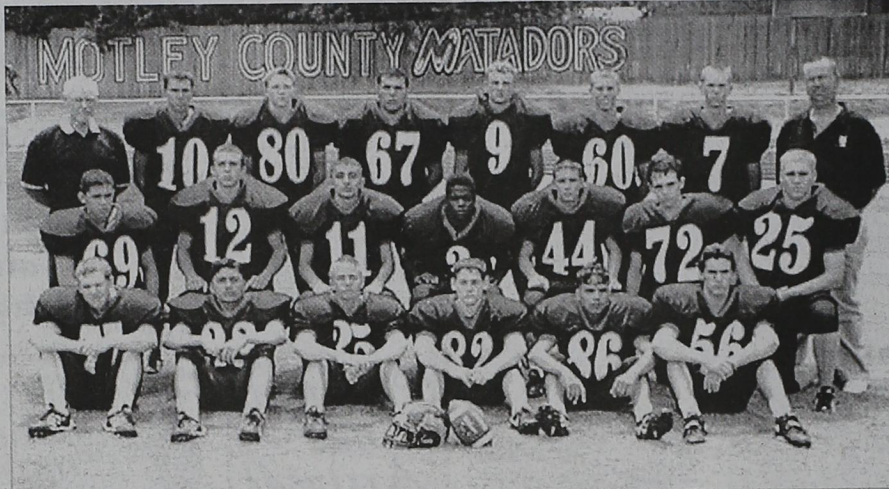
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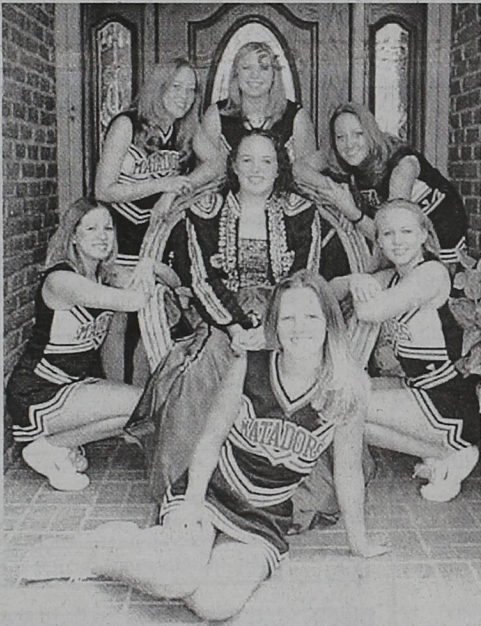
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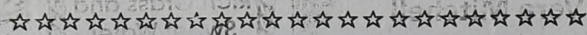
MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS FOOTBALL



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Kenny Johannes, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Coach Dodson; 2nd row, Matthew Martin, Levi Buckner, Lorenzo Salazar, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler, Brandon Gressett, Colton Russell; (front) Sam Stapleton, Gene Salazar, Aaron Dodson, Cameron Jeffcoat, Jose Ramirez, Martin Walker.



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Mandi Ream (back l-r); Emily Hurt, Amanda Hurt, Mascot, and Kittie Campbell (middle); in front is Sabrina Osborn.



2003-2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	Time:
September 12	Spur	Here	7:30
September 19	Guthrie	Here	7:30
September 26	Meadow	There	7:30
October 3	New Home	There	7:30
District			
October 10	Patton Springs	There	7:30
HC * October 18 **	Happy (Saturday)	Here	5:00
October 24	Hedley	There	7:30
October 31	Silverton	There	5:00
November 7	Valley	Here	7:30

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Korea - 50 Years Later

by Ronald G. Bailey

EDITOR'S NOTE: In observance of the dedication of Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop and Veterans Day, November 11, Mr. Bailey, a former Matador resident, submits the following article.

The guns are silent. The date is July 27, 1953, and the Korean War Armistice has been signed. 33,600 Americans have given their lives; 103,000 have been wounded in action; and 7,100 have been taken prisoner. However, millions of South Koreans are free.

This was the first war in history in which troops from the United Nations (U.N.) fought to stop an aggressor nation. Total U.N. casualties were over 450,000. The United States furnished most of the troops with Great Britain, Australia, Canada, France, The Philippine Republic, Turkey, and many other countries furnishing some troops to represent the U.N. force.

Why Korea? The Korean War was actually an extension of World War II even though World War II had been "officially" over for more than four years when the Korean War began.

The Japanese had controlled Korea for over 30 years when World War II was over. At the end of World War II in 1945, Soviet troops occupied Korea as far south as the 38th parallel. The United States forces occupied the southern portion of the Korean Peninsula. The two occupying powers could not agree on a government for all of Korea and referred the problem to the United Nations.

In 1948, a U.N. Commission supervised democratic elections in South Korea. The Communists of the north refused free elections and set up a So-

viet-type dictatorship in North Korea.

Communist ruled North Korea suddenly attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950. This attack was a surprise and the Communist forces almost pushed the South Korean forces off the Korean Peninsula before the recently arrived American forces gained a toe hold and started an offensive to the north.

The U.S. troops continued to move north and with the arrival of the British and other U.N. forces, it looked like the war would be over in a few months. This was not to be. As the U.N. forces continued their northern push, suddenly thousands and thousands of Communist Chinese troops entered the war unexpectedly from the north.

Again the U.N. forces were pushed south but regrouped and fought their way back north again and by June 1951, were a few miles north of the 38th parallel (the boundary between North and South Korea).

The last two years of fighting were "Battles for the Hills." Names such as "Old Baldy," "Bloody Ridge," "Heartbreak Ridge," "Pork Chop Hill," "Bunker Hill," "The Punchbowl," and "Siberia Hill" all became scenes of bitter battles. Each of the hills were important because the troops who controlled them also controlled the valley supply routes. Many of the hills were not named but had numbers based on elevation.

Truce talks began in July 1941, but that did not stop the fighting.

General Dwight Eisenhower was elected President of the United States in 1952. His World War II record probably added strength to the U.N. side of the truce talks.

Finally, on July 27, 1953, the Armistice was signed. The 38th parallel again became the boundary between North and

South Korea and is now known as the Demilitarized Zone or "DMZ." About 37,000 United States troops are still stationed in South Korea to this day.

The U.S. and U.N. forces had made a stand for democracy. Young South Korean students are now free to demonstrate against our current troop presence in South Korea. However, the older South Koreans (over age 55) still remember what the Americans did and appreciate it very much. They have been free for 50 years, otherwise, they would still be under control of the current communist North Korea regime.

Highway 6, which passes through Eastland County and in front of my house, is a constant reminder of those who served because it has been designated by the Texas State Legislature as the official "Texas Korean War Veteran Memorial Highway." Roadside signs, both entering and leaving Eastland, attest to that fact. Now similar signs are posted in Roaring Springs to honor native son, Frank Mitchell, who lost his life in the Korean War.

The Veteran's Memorial in Roaring Springs lists the names of 58 Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors who served from there during the Korean War era. Many more from the rest of Motley County also served. Donnie Martin, formerly of Flomot, saw heavy combat duty with the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Frank Mitchell, a

Marine from Roaring Springs, lost his life in the Korean War and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. I am sure others from Motley County saw combat also.

Now, 50 years later, the North Koreans are "rattling their sabers" about having nuclear weapon capability. I pray there is not a repeat of the events that occurred 50 plus years ago.

Motley County graduate receives job promotion

Rick Turner, a 1978 Motley County graduate, recently received the promotion to Application Portfolio Manager at Shell Oil Company in Houston. He will be responsible for managing the delivery of applications for global Lubes and managing to a target portfolio of appliances. He is currently part of the Lubricants Transition Project

Management organization overseeing the synergy delivery for the Shell and PQS integration.

Rick graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon in May, 1982. He received his Masters degree from Houston Baptist University in May, 1987.

He is the son of Richard and Dorothy Turner of Matador. He and his family live in Houston.

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News Around the County

OBITUARIES

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Wesleyan Guild met Wednesday, October 29, at the Fellowship Hall with seven members present. They were Chelsea Read, JoEtta Bumgardner, Callie Giesecke, Mary Lumsden, Pearl Patten, Kay Jones and the hostess, Robena King.

The opening prayer was given by Pearl Patten. After refreshments, minutes were read by Callie Giesecke. They were approved. There was no business to take care of.

The devotion, "A Quiet Heart," was presented by Callie Giesecke.

After a time of fellowship, officer installation was planned for November. The Christmas party will be held in December.

Chelsea Read gave the closing prayer.

Visiting Zella Palmer during the weekend were James, Jennifer, Dylan and Ty Adams of Clyde. They attended the Patton Springs School Carnival Saturday night.

Visiting Pearl Palmer Patten over the weekend and attending Parents Weekend at Texas Tech were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Lisa and friend Amanda Williams of Boyd, also Tara Parker and friend Duane Albread of Texas Tech University.

Tommy and Virginia Largent, accompanied by their mother, Mary Lumsden, went to Benbrook last Monday to visit Mr. Largent's brother and Mrs. Lumsden's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Largent. They celebrated Finis' birthday on Tuesday with a dinner at the Cracker Barrel. Their daughter, Michelle Halpin and baby Mason, joined them for dinner. As usual, some shopping was done by all. They left for Bridgeport that after-

noon with the intentions of spending the night at Run Away Bay, but since there was no vacancy at the motel, they went to Chico, looked at their old home place, checked some family graves at the Cemetery and headed back to Roaring Springs, where they arrived at 8:00 p.m. When Mary was settled at home, the Largents drove back to their home in Lubbock. A good visit and time was had by all.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell recently returned to her home here after spending several weeks in the hospital and at the home of her daughter, Wanda Goss at Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder met their son, of Lubbock, at Dickens Sunday to celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Gene Stetson of Los Cruces, NM visited here recently with her brother, Dean McInroe. They celebrated their birthdays. They are twins.

Ray and Grace Zabielski went to Amarillo Thursday where Ray kept a doctor appointment.

Mr. Herbert Sweeney is a patient in Albuquerque, NM Veteran's Hospital.

Sammie Phillips of Matador visited Miss Lula Swim on Sunday.

Visiting Dean McInroe over the weekend was Don Carl Tardy, former resident of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent are visiting in Boyd with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. "Pug" Mitchell visited his mother, Vera Mitchell this past week.

Bruce Lefevre kept a doctor appointment Monday in Lubbock.

Mrs. Audrey Jones is spending several weeks in California visiting her children and grandchildren.

Modean Brooks has moved to the Nursing Home in Floydada. We will miss her.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I would be hanging on to my seat for dear life, tense with anticipation, years ago at the horror movie, Frankenstein at the Rogue Theater. I am amazed that the younger generations today are so fond of horror movies. It used to be adults and children were really frightened by them. However, today's youngsters think these movies a type of comedy and modern horror movies are popular with them. Time marches on!

REMINDER OF COUNTRY STORE BAZAAR IN FLOMOT, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

The Do Gooders' Club will sponsor a Country Store Bazaar, Saturday, November 8 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Flomot.

A large variety of arts and crafts, flea market items, stuffed animals, quilts and baked goods will be available to the public.

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

All profits from the Bazaar will be used for improvements at the Flomot Community Center.

EDITH WASHINGTON HONORED ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

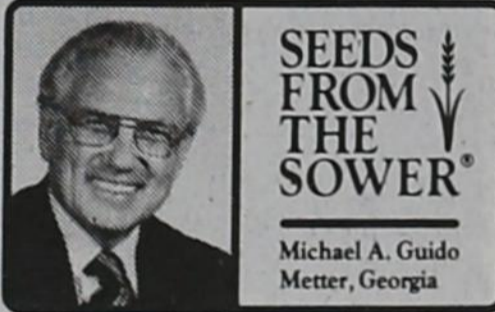
Mrs. Edith Washington was honored on her 90th birthday with a party in her home Sunday afternoon as a courtesy of her son and family, Bill D. and Erma Washington. Granddaughters, Mrs. Connie Franks and Mrs. Sandra Barclay presided at a crystal punch service at a table laid with a crocheted cloth. The centerpiece was an autumn floral arrangement of chrysanthemums from her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Light of Amarillo. She blew out her one large candle centering an autumn colored decorated cake inscribed with "Happy 90th Birthday."

Guests registered around a miniature picture of Mrs. Washington that will be framed. Family members attending were son and wife, Seab and Dianne Washington of Flomot; Warren and Carol Ferguson, Donnie and Rhonda Ferguson and Manchi Light of Amarillo; Kay and Leo Phillips and Patsy and Mike Patrick of Plainview; Cary Franks, Cory, Amy and Madison Franks of Lubbock; Cara Franks, Jerry Barclay, Coy Franks of Flomot; Tim and Deana Washington and Mrs. Ashley Washington of Roaring Springs; Amanda, Cody, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger; Ty and Brittany Barclay, Mrs. Lacy Clary, Kenzie, Mickey and Caleb of Matador. Others attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, Donnie Martin of Silvertown, Chase Carson of Borger and friends from Quitaque and Flomot.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON FOR HOWARD ROGERS

Donnie Rogers hosted a birthday luncheon Sunday in his home for his father, Howard Rogers, who was observing his 83rd birthday. He was presented a colorful decorated cake adorned with "Happy Birthday Daddy." They enjoyed brisket toast with all the trimmings.

Those attending the happy celebration was his wife, B. Rogers of



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Flomot, Ronnie and Lou Rogers, Richard Rogers and Jern, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts and children of Lubbock; Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary; Dana Degan and son, Kyler of Crosbyton and Todd Washington and son, Clay of Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Panhandle visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They attended the birthday party of Caden Edwards of Turkey, 8 year old son of Julie and Neal Edwards, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Saturday afternoon in Flomot. Sunday afternoon they attended the birthday party of Walker Carson, 7 year old son of Tina and Pat Carson, held in Turkey.

Visiting Saturday with Brenda and Darrell Cruse was her mother, Mrs. Marhelen Wason of Matador and sister, Mrs. Bennie (Charla) Marricle of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Friday for her a medical appointment. Guests in their home Sunday and enjoying a tour of C-prock Canyons Park were Sam Patrick and daughter, Jan, Mrs. Katherine Kustun and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Patrick of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin enjoyed the Valley Junior Varsity football game in Hedley Thursday night. Fannin and Valley teammates returned home with a 46-0 victory.

Visiting Friday until Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Brian Sehon of Ropesville and Emily and Haley Milam of Petrolia. They had fun trick or treating in their Halloween costumes.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and son, Michael visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Saturday and Sunday with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle and friend, Kortni Carnes of Turkey attended the Sermon in Song choral presentation at the Church of Christ in Matador Sunday afternoon.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey Saturday. He brought her an electric medical chair.

Cara Franks met her fiance, Chase Carson at the Dallas Airport, Saturday and accompanied him to Flomot to visit. Chase is in the U. S. Marine Corp and returned home from a tour of duty in Japan.

Cody, Mandy, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger and Ty and Brittany Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

John and Joyce Speer of Floydada, former Flomot residents who are ill would appreciate cards and letters. Their address is 806 Mesquite St., Floydada, TX 70235.

Dortha Whitefield

Graveside rites for Dortha H. Whitefield, 72, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Mike Crowley, Sr., pastor of the Matador Church of Christ. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Whitefield died Friday, October 31, at Covenant Medical Center in Plainview.

She was born February 2, 1931, at Afton. Dortha had lived in Dickens County, and had lived in

Matador since 1960. She married A.M. Whitefield on Feb. 6, 1946 in Floydada. She was a beautician and a member of the Church of Christ.

Her survivors include her husband, A.M. "Whitey" Whitefield of Matador; two daughters, Brenda Elaine McNair of Allen, Texas and Janet Marie Whitefield of Spearman; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Michel Parks, Darryl Perryman, Craig Turner, Ryan McNair, Chris Paul, D.J. Polard.

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Notice is hereby given that Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative"), Floydada, Texas, intends to change rates for electric service. Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code section 41.061, the Cooperative has adopted a resolution approving the rate changes. The rate changes are effective for billings beginning January 1, 2004.

The Cooperative is changing rates for all classes except "LPWDP - Large Power at Wholesale-Delivery Point". The Cooperative is consolidating the "Rural Residential & Public Building" and "Small Commercial & Lighting" rates under the proposed Small General Service rate. The Cooperative is deleting the "Large General Service" rate.

Based upon a test year ending December 31, 2002, it is anticipated that the proposed rate changes will increase the Cooperative's revenues by \$882,851 or 5.11% over adjusted test year revenues.

The rate changes are applicable to all services, all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cooperative. The following shows the percentage change for each affected class:

Rate Schedule	Percent Change
Rural Residential & Public Building	8.59%
Small Commercial & Industrial Lighting	-1.77%
Large Power	-0.09%
Irrigation	7.44%
Seasonal Agricultural Processing	0%
Outdoor Lighting	27.57%
Total Revenue	5.11%

You may obtain further information concerning the proposed rate changes and/or a copy of the proposed rate changes by calling Larry Ogden of the Cooperative, at (806) 983-2814.

Meetings to discuss the proposed rate change with affected customers will be held:

November 20, 2003, - 3:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters Building Community Room, Floydada, Texas.

November 21, 2003, - 10:00 a.m. at Bronze Room, First Bank and Trust, Memphis, Texas.

Matador News

ATTEND TFWC MEETING

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended a Caprock District Texas Federation Womens Club fall board meeting Saturday held at Girls Town in Whiteface. En route home, she and husband, Spencer visited in Lubbock with Fred Risser, a patient at the United Medical Center.

Shirley Smith underwent back surgery last Tuesday morning at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She was released from the Hospital this Tuesday afternoon and was admitted to the Rehab Center where she will remain for one to two weeks. She is reported to be recovering well.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT



by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent

MASTER MARKETER PROGRAM MOVES TO VERNON

How would you like to increase your net returns over the next ten years? If so, the Texas Cooperative Extension may have the program that can help you do it - the Master Market Program. The Master Market Program is a national award winning, in-depth, intensive risk management education training that teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and helps teach the skills and discipline necessary to execute a risk management and marketing plan. The 64 hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks, and is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extensions anywhere in the United States.

The next Master Marketer program will be in Vernon, Texas starting in January. In a 2 1/2 post training survey, previous Vernon Master Marketer participants indicated their gross income training. "There is no reason that program graduates shouldn't receive this level of increased returns for the next ten years" according to Stan Bevers, Extension Economist and coordinator for the Vernon program. "Interested participants should weigh carefully the registration fee, the time commitment and travel costs associated with the program against the potential of \$250,000+ in-

crease in returns over the next ten years before signing up for the program. Personally, I can't think of a good reason not to sign up for a good reason."

The instructors for the training consist of top professionals from industry and universities from across the country. A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing/risk management skills. Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be used wherever possible to provide students with experience using real tools that they can use on their own farm and ranch operations when they leave the class.

The Master Marketer Program will be held in Vernon, Texas, at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The first two-day session will begin on January 20 -21, 2004. The registration fee for the program is \$250 which includes noon meals and materials. The registration fees fall short of covering all costs of this program. Most of the cost of the program is covered by grants from sponsors including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, and Cotton Incorporated. Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting their County Extension Agent or by calling Stan Bevers at (940) 552-9941. Due to the hands-on nature of the course, attendance is limited. The deadline for registration is January 7, 2004.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

WEST TEXAS FLOW MEETING HELD OCTOBER 30

The Texas Cotton Association's 2003 West Texas Cotton Flow Marketing meeting provided High Plains cotton merchants, shippers and transportation suppliers an opportunity to get a better picture of the rapidly accelerating 2003 cotton marketing season.

One of the most anticipated parts of the meeting is the annual crop update, presented by Dr. Randy Boman, Texas Cooperative Extension Cotton Specialist for the High Plains.

Dr. Boman reported that through the end of October roughly 10% of the area's estimated 2 million bale crop has moved through the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Classing Offices.

Estimates of the area's overall harvest progress stand at roughly 25% as the combination of favorable harvest weather and improved cotton prices have encouraged producers to move forward with harvest operations.

Other presentations at the TCA meeting include a Washington Update from American Cotton Shippers Association Executive Vice President and Chief Counsel Neal Gillen; and ACSA Update from the organization's 2nd Vice President John Mitchell of Cargill Cotton, Cardova, Tennessee; a presentation from Texas Tech Agricultural Economics Professor Dr. Sam Mohanty entitled, "A Global Perspective on the Cotton Market"; and a panel discussion which included reports from the warehouse, railroad, steamship, truck and shipper segments.

Also released at the meeting was the 2003 shipping commitments report by month, for West Texas/Oklahoma cotton. TCA Executive Vice President Bob Poteet, reported that current 2003 shipping commitments, beginning with the month of November, totaled 688, 831 bales.

The USDA export report caught many industry observers off guard as trade expectations for the weekly sales report ranged from 400,000 to 600,000 running bales.

Market reaction was somewhat unexpected considering the bullish nature of the export

number.

Instead of pushing the recent upsurge in cotton future prices to new highs, the end result appears to be a market correction that many in the trade have been expecting.

Even though it may take a few days to sort out, trade observers note that market fundamentals have not changed for the worse and are, in fact, somewhat stronger given the recent export sales figure and continued uncertainty over the size of the Chinese crop.

2004 NAP SIGN-UP DEADLINES APPROACHING

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program provides growers with much needed protection against crop losses that result from natural disasters on crops for which no federal crop insurance is offered.

Sign-up deadlines for some crops are rapidly approaching and producers are encouraged to complete their paperwork in a timely fashion to be eligible for NAP benefits in 2004. Contact the county Farm Service Agency Office for more information.

Producers who already have coverage on 2003 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crops in 2004 if the application service fee is paid by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage, does not require a signature when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

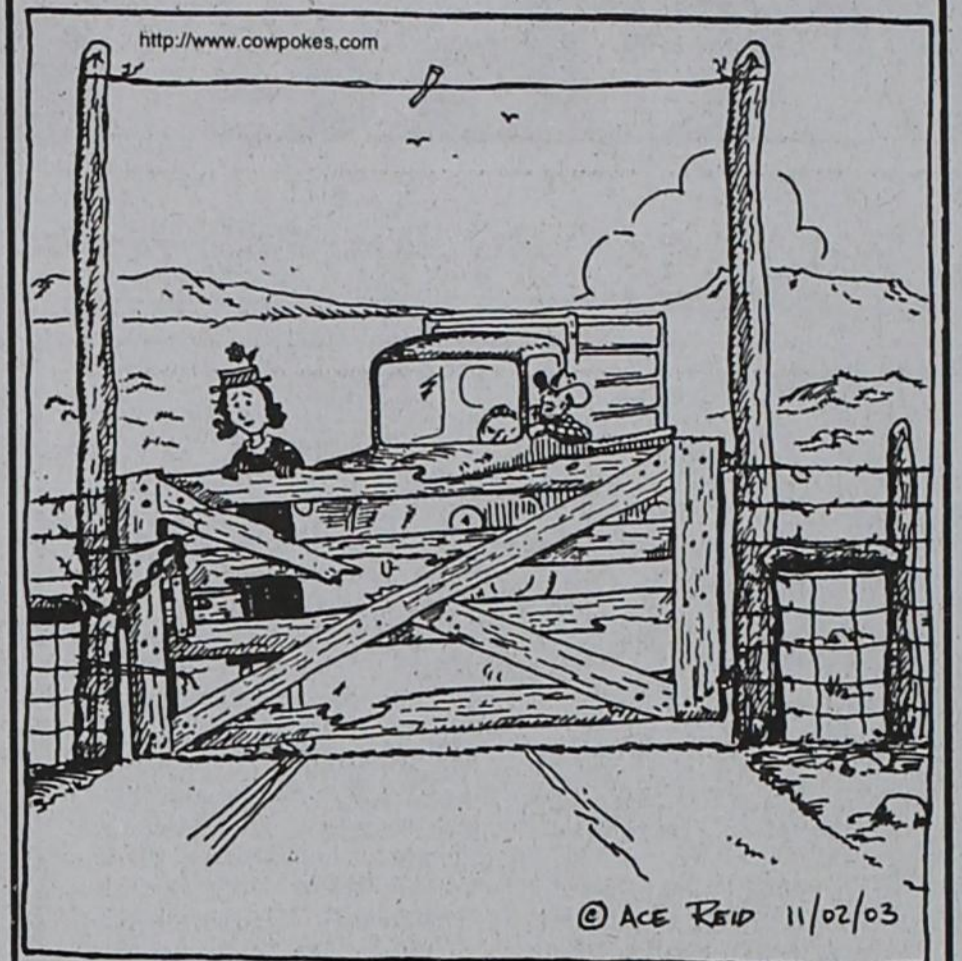
Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from the previous year's NAP coverage or change crop shares must timely file a new CCC-471 and pay a service fee.

Producers who had 2003 NAP coverage are reminded to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- * Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods.
- * File a notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent.

The NAP program provides coverage similar to the protection available through the Federal Crop Insurance Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan of insurance.

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Beef Industry meets with House Ag Committee

Representatives of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA), New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA) and Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) met with U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte to discuss the cattle markets.

Industry organizations emphasized the need to complete the Livestock & Meat Marketing Study. Congress appropriated \$4.5 million last year for the study that is to be an independent analysis of the beef marketing complex by prestigious business schools to ensure unquestionable credibility to the results.

During the meeting Saturday at the TCFA Convention in Amarillo, industry leaders told Chairman Goodlatte they were concerned that producers need accurate and independent information to adjust to the future. Through the Livestock & Meat Marketing independent information to adjust to the future. Through the Livestock & Meat Marketing Study analysis, industry leaders are seeking answers to key market questions, including:

1. Are there points in the beef production and marketing system where price discovery and/or proper market signals fail to function? If so, what are the solutions?
2. Are there points in the beef production and marketing system where the potential exists for price manipulation? If so, what are the solutions?

In answering these questions, cattlemen asked for analysis of:

- a. The economic factors affecting the cattle cycle, and how this can be modified to address periodic high and low prices to producers;
- b. The futures market and its impact on the cash market and whether the futures market manipulated to the benefit of packers;
- c. Methods used by packers to manage supply;
- d. Affects of retail market concentration and purchasing arrangements on the farm to retail price spread;
- e. Affects of international trade arrangements on the price of beef in the United States.

The group emphasized that these are important questions that need to be researched now. The organizations represented at the meeting have been debating these issues for several years. In fact, no other issue has received as much debate and attention.

Last year, a special Four-State Working Group was organized to address challenges and arrive at solutions to improve fed cattle marketing and included leaders from five different organizations with very diverse opinions. This group discussed the industry's many controversial issues including captive supply, retail concentration and mandatory price reporting.

Chairman Goodlatte promised to continue his efforts to assure that the study be completed by the appropriate economic experts and the analysis be completed in a thorough and unbiased manner.

Owners beware: It's open season on ATVs

ATV thefts this year are running ahead of last year's totals. Four-wheelers were stolen at a rate of 153 a month through the first six months of this year.

"Awareness is important this time of year, both for ATV owners and law enforcement," said DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Commander David Griffith.

The DPS is urging law officers around the state to be alert for stolen four-wheelers. Special operations will take place in some parts of the state targeting ATV theft.

The DPS offers the following tips to keep ATVs safer:

- Chain the vehicle to a secure object.

- Keep the vehicle in a secure location, such as a garage.
- Don't leave the ATV unattended for long periods of time, especially in remote sites.
- Make sure you have the serial number and a good description of the vehicle in case of theft.
- Remove the key.
- Lock the steering wheel, if the vehicle has such a device.

"We notice a jump in ATV thefts during hunting season," said Griffith. "It's a combination of opportunity and demand. Many end up being transported to deer leases where they are difficult to track."

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