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*A Look
Back
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JANUARY 24, 1935

Football Team
Awarded Sweaters

"Twenty-four members of the Matador High School squad were awarded sweaters Wednesday afternoon by Coach Harvey G. Stanford. Thirteen were awarded Varsity letters and eleven reserve letters. Those receiving Varsity letters were: John Morris, Jesse Spencer, Odell Washington, Robert Pritchett, Co-Capt. R. E. Campbell, William Clements, Jack Hardin, Albert Willis, Forrest Faulkner, Carl Parks, Co-Capt. Beryl Blackshear, Raby Webb and Jack Willis.

Those receiving reserve letters were: Lyman Campbell, C.M. Barton, Willander Pritchett Charley Scaff, Floyd Lebow, Norris Ford, Tut Harcrow, Bodie Brown, Clayton Titus, Harold Campbell and L.C. Groves."

Business Under New Management

"The Hamburger King cafe, located on Highway 18 west of the Schweitzer Saddle Shop, formerly operated by Bill Bradshaw, is now under management of J.T. Hulsey.

Mr. Hulsey is well known in Matador, having been engaged in the cafe business here for a number of years. The cafe has been rearranged and redecorated and is now ready for business."

**Around
Town**

**News Briefs of
Area Events**

Museum taps Alvin Lynn to speak on The Red River War

by Marisue Potts

The Motley County Museum invites the public to hear the latest findings on the Red River War by well-known amateur archeologist Alvin Lynn on Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. A short business meeting will precede the talk.

The military conquest of the Indians in the Texas Panhandle known as the Red River War began in 1874 with an Indian attack on Adobe Walls and resulted in the two Battles of Palo Duro and the Battles of Lyman's Wagon Train, Buffalo Wallow, McClellan Creek, and Baldwin's Wagon Charge. The campaign against the Indians included a multi-pronged attack which utilized five columns commanded by the U.S. Army's Sherman and implemented by Miles, Price, Davidson, Mackenzie, and Buell. The subsequent harassment by these forces led to the removal of Comanche, Kiowa and Cheyenne to the reservation and the eventual extermination of their food source, the buffalo.

Lynn, a member of the Texas Archaeological Society will give a slide presentation of artifacts recovered from the battle sites.

Lynn was born in Matador in 1938. He graduated from Matador High School in 1956 and from West Texas University in 1961 with a degree in geology. He earned a teacher certificate also from West Texas University in 1964 and his master's degree in geology in 1972.

He married Nadyne Fulkenberry at Seagraves in 1964 following a five year courtship. They are both retired teachers and now live in Amarillo.

Lynn taught and coached at Springlake before taking a teaching and coaching job at Dumas. He and his wife taught at Dumas for many years until they retired.

The guest speaker has done archaeological survey work on Greenbelt Lake in Donley County, also premium Standard Farms at Dalhart, Amarillo Helium Plant and

the National Park Service.

He is a member of Texas Archaeological Society and the Panhandle Archaeological Society and has been a presenter at archaeological digs.

He is the author of "The Land" and "Indians and Exploration Chapters in the History of Moore County." He has studied with the Pueblo Indians and learned their art of pottery making and has made many types of pottery the same way Indians did it. Lynn is the author of numerous other articles dealing with Indian history and culture.

He is a member of various Archaeological Societies. He is past member of Moore County Museum Board as well as the art board of Dumas. He is the recipient of the Joyce Dillow Award for preserving cultural heritage of Moore County.

Lynn is a member of the First Baptist Church of Dumas where he is a deacon and a teacher.

At the present time, he is a member of Texas Historical Society Survey Team. This team is finishing its second year of doing detail survey work on the battle sites of the 1874 Indian Wars that occurred in the Texas Panhandle.

Many of these battle sites are so remote that the battleground has not been touched since the battles were fought in 1874. The survey team has located many interesting items which were lost in the heat of the battle 125 years ago.

By using modern techniques, the team has been able to discover facts that were not possible in the past.

Those who remember Lynn as a home town boy and those with an interest in the history of our area are encouraged to come and share his experiences.

Will recent archeological findings uphold the community held military view point gleaned from army records and dispatches or lead to a new interpretation which upholds the Indian oral tradition? Come and find out!



PLAYERS IN PROGRESS — The 1999-2000 PIPs kids are pictured above beginning at back (left to right) Colton Russell, Jesse Moehringer, Christy Smith, Rachael Bartlett, Shane'a Russell, Kayla Hollinsworth, Justin Todd, Chance Bingham, Gavin Luckett; (middle) Sarah Ferguson, Alex Smith, Samantha Easter, Ky Christopher, Danielle Gwinn, Braden Mason; (front) Kyla Simpson, Reagan Elliott, Colby McCleskey, Lexie Osborn, Christian Brooks. The group learn basketball techniques and are coached by D'Anna Russell and Tina Brooks. They have performed at various basketball games throughout the season. Their next performance will be during the January 25th high school game, here.

Roaring Springs City Council accepts Enterprise ordinance

The Roaring Springs City Council voted to accept the ordinance passed by Motley County Commissioners, making the City of Roaring Springs an Enterprise Zone when they met for their regular meeting, Monday, January 10, 2000.

All Council members were present for the meeting. Also attending were City Secretary Zella Palmer, Water Manager Robert Osborn, and residents, Cynthia Stafford, Russell

Alexander, and Tina Brooks. Mayor Joey Thacker called the meeting to order. Councilman Kelly Keltz gave the invocation.

Cynthia Stafford met with the council, representing the Motley County Trappers Association, to ask the Council if the City of Roaring Springs will give \$500 towards the Trapper's salary. Originally the City had agreed to pay \$50. The council tabled this until the next meeting.

Russell Alexander asked the council to loan him a cooler box from the grocery store so he can keep milk until the grocery store can open again. The council agreed to this.

Tina Brooks met with the council, expressing an interest in opening the grocery store. This will be discussed at a later date.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written, and bills were approved as presented.

County Livestock Show set for March 11

The Motley County Junior Livestock Show has been set for March 11, 2000. According to Motley County livestock rules, youth need to be either enrolled in 4-H or FFA to show an animal. If you have not enrolled in 4-H or FFA, you will need to do so as quickly as possible. The new 4-H forms require both the parent and the member's signature. Please stop by the Extension office to fill out an enrollment form.

If you need help clipping your animals for the Motley County Show please contact Lonnie Jenschke, County Extension Agent. He will put you name on a list and prepare a schedule. He will be out checking projects, so please inform him of where your animals will be kept. He is new to the county, so please give directions to your location.

Please contact his office if you need help, 347-2733.

American Legion to meet January 24

Fleming Post 337 of The American Legion and Unit 337 of The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their first joint meeting of the new year and new millennium on Monday, January 24, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

Tempie Hutton, Motley County Attorney, will present a program on estate planning tips for Motley County veterans in addition to the normal meeting agenda.

All Motley County veterans and their spouses, as well as widows of veterans are encouraged to attend the covered-dish supper and meeting.

Please call Jerry Green, Post Commander at 348-7953 for further information.

Roaring Springs business to celebrate 80th Anniversary



TO CELEBRATE 80TH ANNIVERSARY — Jeff Thacker, center, and Buzz and LaVoe Thacker are celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Thacker Supply this month.

by Carla Meador

Thacker Supply will celebrate their 80th anniversary this month. The well-known Roaring Springs business has been family owned and operated for all of these 80 years.

Melton Thacker started the business in 1920 when he built his dream in a Roaring Springs wood building, only 24' x 40'. He named the business Western Hardware Company.

In those early days the business sold coal oil lamps, hand churns, wash pots, rub boards, wagons, chain harness, horse collars, butter molds, cane bottom chairs, wood and coal stoves and many other items that have entirely vanished from most of today's modern stores.

Thacker Supply still offers good, old fashioned, friendly service and you can always find something from days gone by, even a little cane bottom rocking chair.

The Thackers have the kind of store you can browse in for an hour or so, just looking over the well-stocked shelves of the store, and still not see everything. The store offers everything from nuts and bolts and ammunition, to iron skillet, coffee pots, and dishes, just to name a very few of the many items available. If you're in the need for some new furniture, a new TV or Stereo, appliances, carpet or tile, you've come to the right place. The Thackers offer a wonderful selection of furniture in their large showrooms. And if they don't have what you're looking for on the floor, you can bet they will do their best to get it for you, with beautiful selections of fabric and flooring samples.

Most visitors to Thacker Supply take notice of Nipper, the old RCA dog, displayed on the upper floor at the front of the store. A part of Thacker Supply history, which was acquired in 1923-24 when the store started selling Victrola for the Victor Sound Machine Co. Arriving by railway with a shipment of Victrolas, the dog was an attention getter from the beginning. The shipment of

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BASKETBALL ACTION — Motley County Matador, Ben Ridgley, #42, goes up for two during last Friday night's exciting game with Spur. The Matadors lost in overtime, 66-64. For more pictures and basketball action news see page 3.

Tribune to print Valentine Brag pages

The Motley County Tribune will again this year print the Valentine Brag Pages. This gives parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles a chance to show off their special loved ones, young or young at heart.

Each special picture will be printed in a heart. The price will again be only \$10 per heart, or \$15 for a double heart.

Deadline to get your picture in will be noon Friday, February 4. This special Valentine feature will be printed in the February 10 edition.

Don't forget, find that special picture and don't miss your chance to brag in this very special one-time a year edition.



You know, sometimes it just seems like everything goes wrong. I know we have all had days when we feel "like we've been through the ringer." I can remember hearing someone say that, when I was a child, and I would always imagine a person ringing out through the ringer of one of those old type ringer washing machines. Am I aging myself here? Well anyway, that was some picture. But I guess, in a sense, sometimes we have to go through the ringer, to get all the wrinkles out. Sometimes we have to go through trials. Even though we don't like them, they usually teach us something and help us to grow and become a better person.

A friend brought this short story by the office the other day, pertaining to that subject. It is from Malachi 3:3. I thought you might enjoy reading it.

SILVER

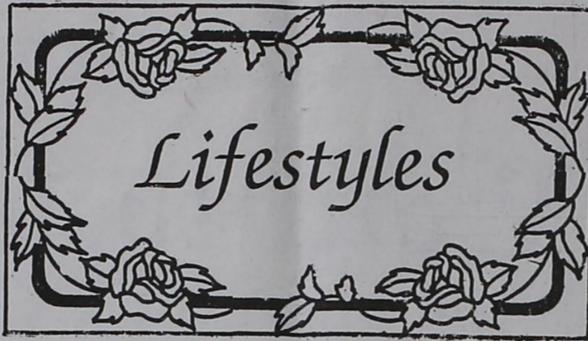
"Some time ago, a few ladies met in a certain city to read the scriptures, and make them the subject of conversation. While reading the third chapter of Malachi they came upon a remarkable expression in the third verse: "And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." One lady's opinion was that it was intended to convey the view of the sanctifying

influence of the grace of Christ. Then she proposed to visit a silversmith and report to them what he said on the subject.

She went accordingly and without telling the object of her errand, begged to know the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. "But Sir," she said, "do you sit while the work of refining is going on?" "Oh yes, madam," replied the silversmith, "I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver will be injured."

The lady at once saw the beauty, and comfort too, of the expression, "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." Christ sees it needful to put His children into a furnace; His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and His wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; "the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

As the lady was leaving the shop, the silversmith called her back, and said he had forgotten to mention that the only way that he knows when the process of purifying is complete is when he sees his own image reflected in the silver.



Community Volunteers distribute gifts to children

by Rita Groves

Fifty-five children received gifts when Santa made an early visit to a Christmas Party, co-sponsored by LaNita's Cafe and the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, and gift bags were home delivered by Volunteers to shut-ins on December 21, 1999. This was among the topics discussed when the Community Volunteers held their January meeting, January 11, 2000 at the Community Center.

Present for the meeting were Suzanne and Kenneth Abbott, Lee and Bill Peacock, Dorothy Lee, Darlene and J.N. Fletcher, Jo and Walter Trammel, Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Patricia Green, Steve Byrd, Jo and Alex Crowder, Lula Swim, Monta Marshall, Grace Zabielski, Rita and Algje Groves, and a visitor, Kelly Keltz.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes by Secretary Suzanne Abbott and financial report by Treasurer D.A. McGuire, Patricia Green gave a report on the sale of the aluminum cans she and J.N. Fletcher took to Lubbock Aluminum containers of Vienna sausage or pet foods should be washed and bagged separately. Aluminum foil is not recyclable as it cannot be melted down. The expense and labor involved in taking the cans to Lubbock was donated by Mr. Fletcher and Mrs. Green.

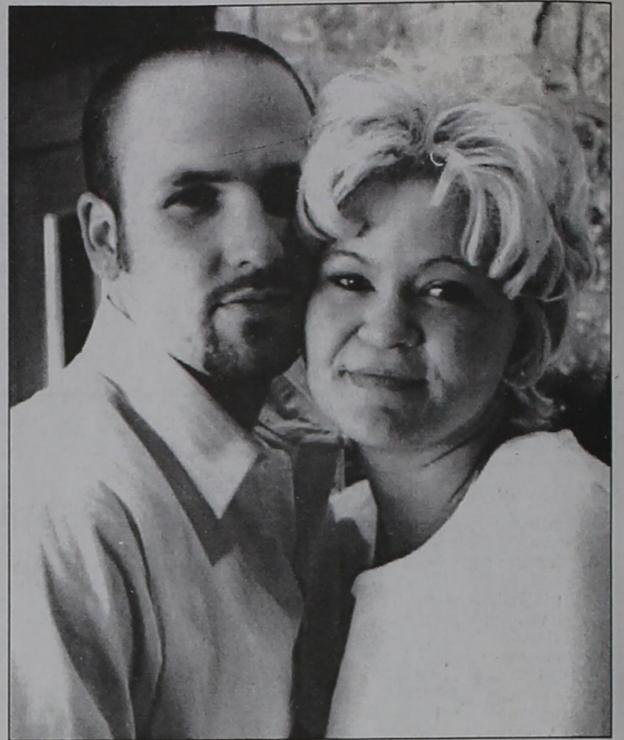
Kelly Keltz presented an idea for fund raising. Committees will set up plans to allow invited groups of musicians use of the building for a meeting place in winter for Jamborees for the pleasure of music lovers of the community, and Sessions will be held

in the open during good weather. Committees volunteers to work at this project because of the enjoyment and participation it would allow the people of the community. A concession stand is planned, and clean-up volunteers needed.

Officers elected for Y2K are Walter Trammell, president; Corby Lee Marshall, vice president; Monta Marshall, secretary; D.A. McGuire, treasurer; and Ruby McGuire, corresponding secretary.

Cash contributions, new memberships, memorials, and money for furnishing are coming in from numerous supporters. Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative made a generous gift in advance for the Kids Camp project. Memorials have been received from Sue and Quannah Maxey, O.J. and Joan Lawrence, and Harriett Marshall for John Green and Tressie Marshall Warren; and by Billie Clifton for Rusty Hipp and Tressie Warren; Long Insurance Agency, Geary and Myrna Blasingame, W.K. Birchfield, Victor Franklin, Billie (Daniell) Clark, Cleo Watson, Monta Marshall, Joyce Smith, Virgie Bannister, Ina Mae Long Baird, Johnnie and Juana Turner Williams, as well as several anonymous contributions were received for purchasing furnishings. Name of contributors of \$50 or more will be placed on the Angel Board.

Some gifts come from Roaring Springs ex-students who will be using the building for their reunion on June 17, 2000. Be reminded that RSCV has traveler's space for rent all year around, also that the next meeting of the Volunteers will be February 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center with Zella Palmer as hostess.



Mr. and Mrs. Josh Palmer

Wedding Vows Exchanged in December Ceremony

Heather Mason and Josh Palmer were married on Monday, December 27, 1999 at Spring Creek Ranch near Eureka, Kansas. The Rev. Alan Hunter officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mike and Connie Cummings of Garden City, Kansas and the bridegroom is the son of James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas. Mariah Mason was maid of honor and James Palmer was best man. Shelby Spikes served as ring bearer and Shanna Spikes was flower girl. The couple will make their home in Garden City, Kansas.

Engagement Announced



Scotty Rains & Chesle Parson

Fred and Mellane Parson of Matador would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chesle Suzanne, to Scotty Rains of Lubbock. Scotty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bunch of Plains and the late Alton Rains.

The couple plan to be married March 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club Chapel.

Look Who's New



Jackson Henry Cooper

Mrs. Juanita Cooper is pleased to announce the arrival of a great-grandson, Jackson Henry Cooper, who was born Monday, January 3, 2000 in San Diego, California. He weighed seven pounds and seven

ounces. The proud parents of the new arrival are Captain and Mrs. Matt (Carol) Cooper of San Diego and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Pat) Minton of Granbury.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic to be in Matador

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on February 9, 2000.

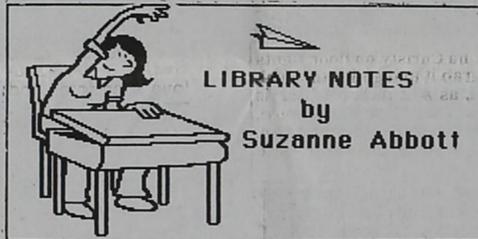
Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for

Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

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

I Corinthians 13:1



Three new educational videos for teens and/or adults were received in the Library last week. We have a video produced by AARP and narrated by Hal Linden called "Making Medicare Choices." This entertaining and educational 15-minute video will help people choose the best Medicare plan or Medigap plan for them.

A video produced by the Better Business Bureau is called "kNow Fraud: Don't be a Victim." This video features Louis Gossett, Jr. and shows examples of common telemarketing and mail frauds, explains how scammers work and how con artists identify potential victims, and tells how to recognize the red flags of fraud.

"Right Decisions Right Now" is a video about Teenage Smoking. It is hosted by Brittany Murphy and focuses on the importance of making the right decisions for yourself and not allowing others to pressure you into doing things that are not right for

you. These videos may be checked out for two weeks just like a book

We thank Jo Scott for filling in for me at the Library last week and today. Last week we went to the doctor for Kenneth's stitches to be removed and today I am in Lubbock at a meeting for Librarians at the Mahon Library.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Maxell Smith of Tullia visited the Library and donated an informative history of Swisher County and a very helpful book listing the interments in the cemeteries of Swisher County. Both books will be placed in the genealogy and family history section of the Library. We appreciate the donation of these two books. Mr. Smith used to live in Roaring Springs and he was reading some of the old Motley County newspapers that we have on microfilm here at the Library.

LaNita's Cafe will be closed all day Friday to attend the funeral of friend, Brenda McKeen

We will be serving MEXICAN FOOD BUFFET next Friday All-you-can-eat!

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"Our Precious Children"



Mayor Charles Royer is the Mayor of Seattle, and he is aware that his city has experienced great loss of children. Fearing that his city would become a city of singles and childless professionals, he wants his city to "be the best city in the nation to raise a family." We applaud his wish. We wish every mayor and every citizen had the same priority. Mayor Royer proposed a program called "Kids Place"

to promote the increase of families and children in his city. He proposed:

1. Provide a better environment for families now living in Seattle.
2. Attract new families with children to the city.
3. Consider children's concerns as part of every political, cultural, and economic decision.

Someone surveyed the children of Seattle and found that children had other desires. Six thousand seven hundred children asked for a clean, safe city that is full of flowers. They aren't looking for amusement parks or water slides. They want a place where it is safe to play and enjoy the world God has given us.

The Church must have children in the congregation to survive. We are always only one generation away from closed doors. Conversations of adults modifies this, but children are our main lifeline.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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Motley County School News



JR. HIGH

The Maverick boys' Jr. High team came out on top in a big way when they defeated Guthrie, 37-6, January 10.

Britt Wallace led in scoring with 15 points. Cody Cooper added 6 and Matt Henzler, Joel Rieger, Quinten Rose and Clay Cooper each added 4.

Britt Wallace and Cole Grundy were leading rebounders. Also grabbing rebounds were Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Joel Rieger, Kenny Johannes, and Benji Martinez.

John Stevens, Lorenzo Salazar, Joel Rieger, Quinten Rose, Luke Taylor and Cole Grundy had steals. Britt Wallace and Cole Grundy were tough on defense.

Coach Stewart commented, "The Jr. High boys have three straight wins. All boys played hard during the contest."

JR. HIGH TOURNAMENT

Motley County hosted a Jr. High Basketball Tournament Saturday, January 15.

The Lady Mavericks placed second in the Tournament. Their first game of the tournament was up against Valley. They had a very close win of 24-22. Brittany Moore led in scoring with 10 points. Stachia Baxter added 4; Sabrina Osborn, Kattie Campbell, Susana Mendoza, Amy Easter, and Amanda Hurt each added 2.

The girls lost their second game to Memphis, 14-20. Angie Marvel led in scoring with 7 points. Brittany Moore added 6 and Amanda Hurt added one.

Coach Bowles stated, "Overall these girls had a good tournament. They really worked hard, the ball just wouldn't fall in the hole for them."

The boy's Maverick team placed third big in the Tournament. They had a big win, over Floydada, with a final score of 30-10.

Britt Wallace and Cole Grundy led in scoring with 7 each. Clay Cooper added 5; Matt Henzler, 4; Joel Rieger, 3; and Kenny Johannes, 2.

Cole and Britt also led with rebounds. Other grabbing rebounds were Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Benji Martinez, and Luke Taylor.

John Stevens, Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose and Luke Taylor each got steals. Dumont Darsey, Matt Henzler, Joel Rieger, Quinten Rose, and John Stevens all had assists.

Coach Stewart commented, "All members of the team contributed to the victory of this game, and did an outstanding job."

HIGH SCHOOL

The boys JV team participated in the Valley JV tournament, January 8. They lost to Valley, with the ending score at 28-38.

Clint Cooper led in scoring with a big 19 points. Tony Salazar added 5 and T.J. Christopher added 4.

Cooper also led in rebounds with 13. Shawn Marvel and Tony Salazar each had 6 and T.J. Christopher had 4.

Clint Cooper was 9 for 13 with freethrows.

Coach Ridgley commented, "We played good defense. The score was close until we had to foul. We didn't take advantage of these mistakes."

The JV boys won a close game to Claude in the tournament, with the final score of 38-35.

Clint Cooper led in scoring with 15. Tony Salazar added 11; Brad Baxter, 9; T.J. Christopher, 2; and Bo Long, 1.

Clint Cooper also led with rebounds, grabbing 13. Brad Baxter had 6. Tony Salazar had nine steals and four assists.

Coach Ridgley said this was a great defensive game.

The Lady Matadors JV team had a big win over Spur, January 14. The final score was 40-27. Chasity Holman led in scoring with 18 points. Lisa Perryman added 7; Cassie Campbell, 6; Brittany Donaldson, 5; and Kelsi Wallace, 4.

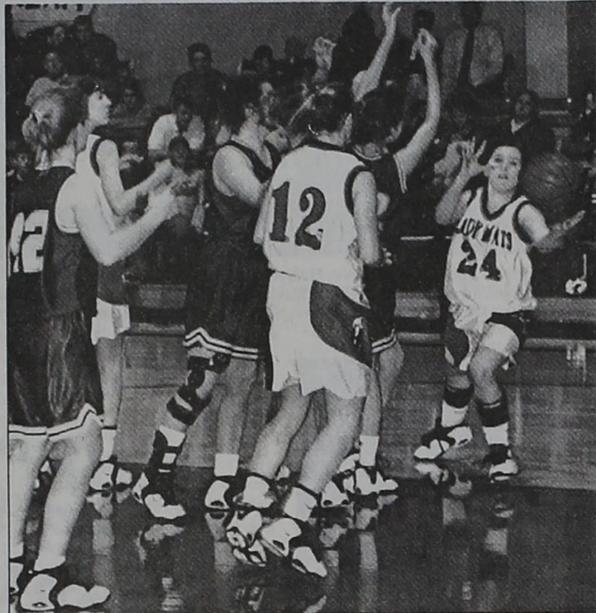
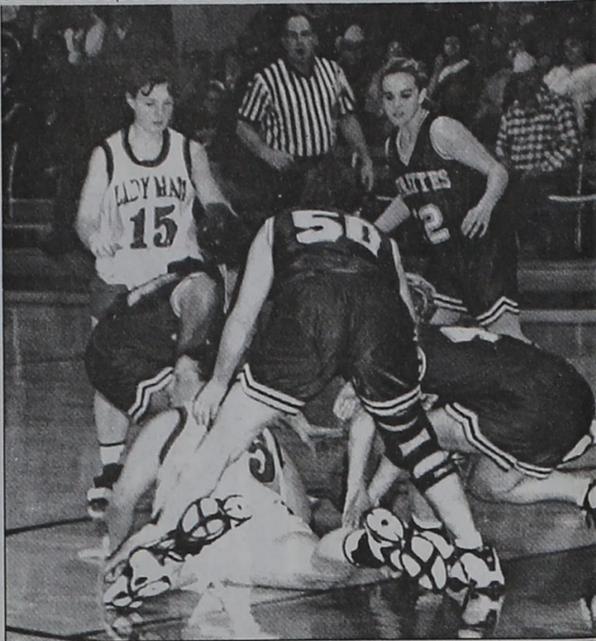
Chasity also led in rebounding with 18. Kelsi Wallace had 12; Brittany Donaldson, 9; Cassie Campbell, 6; and Lisa Perryman, 3.

Team FG was 17-31. Holman was 8-11. Team freethrows were 4-9. Perryman was 2-3.

Coach Copeland stated, "The Lady Mats did a great job! Shooting was 17-31. Chasity Holman played great, having 18 points and 18 rebounds."

The Lady Matadors Varsity team lost to Spur, 51-40. Rebecca Morris led in scoring with 12 points. Anna Christy added 10; Denise Shannon, 9; Courtney Hays, 4; Kember Everett, 2; Chasity Holman, 2; and Lisa Perryman, 1.

Anna Christy led with rebounds. She had 10. Everett had 5; Shannon, 4; Hays, 4; Brittany Donaldson, 3; Miranda Palmer, 2; and Morris, 1.



MATADORS IN ACTION — Lady Matador Anna Christy, on floor, fights for the ball, as Ashley Stevens stands by to grab it and go for the goal at top. Denise Shannon, #24, grabs the ball, as #12 Rabecca Morris gets ready for the play (2nd from top). Matador, Casey Lawrence, dribbles to go in to the goal, (below top) and Sean Rose goes up for two, as Chris Paul, #32 watches for the rebound (bottom picture). These pictures were taken during last Friday night's action with Spur.



SPORTS



Motley County Powerlifting team gets off to a great start

The Motley County Powerlifting team began the season Saturday, January 15, in Wellington. There were seven teams at the meet with a total of eighty lifters.

Five powerlifters return from last year's team. They are Kember Everett, Casey Lawrence, Chooch Meyer, Rebecca Morris, and Ashley Stevens. They are joined by six new powerlifters — Brenda Gillespie, Courtney Hays, Brandon Lee, Bo Long, Alex Salazar, and Tony Salazar. All eleven did very well at the first meet of the season.

These young people are a team in that they all help each other wrap knees, put on and take off bench shirts, and continually encourage each other. The experienced members of the team were good about helping the new members understand how to watch the scoring boards and showing them how to properly time the wrapping of knees and the putting on of the benching shirts. It's a real pleasure to watch these young people help each other the way that they do.

The competition itself pits the lifters in the same weight class against each other as far as rankings are concerned. However, the lifters

still know that the real competition is within each of them to do the very best they can against the weight. They each succeed.

Each competitor must complete three different lifts: the squat, the bench press, and the dead lift. Each gets three chances in each category. The strategy for each lifter is to start with a lift that can be completed. The second lift is closer to the lifter's maximum, and the third lift is at the maximum or over a past maximum. One lift in each category must be judged to be satisfactory based on the rules in order for the lifter to receive a final total.

At the meet in Wellington, the boys weighed in and were placed in the appropriate weight classes. The girls weighed at school prior to the meet but all lifted against each other. Each boy in a weight class competed against other lifters in the same weight class. The final results for the girls were obtained by using the Schwartz formula coefficient. This coefficient determines the factor each girls' total weight is multiplied by in order to make all weight classes even.

Motley County's team members lifted as follows:

BOYS	WT. CLASS	SQUAT	BENCH	DEAD LIFT	TOTAL
Brandon Lee	123	225	135	250	610
Casey Lawrence	148	310	150	305	765
Bo Long	148	325	135	300	760
Tony Salazar	148	215	120	250	585
Alex Salazar	162	350	225	315	890
Chooch Meyer	198	435	225	350	1010

GIRLS	WT. CLASS	SQUAT	BENCH	DEAD LIFT	TOTAL
Brenda Gillespie	97	160	75	165	400
Ashley Stevens	132	220	110	220	550
Courtney Hays	132	225	75	225	525
Rabecca Morris	132	175	80	250	505
Kember Everett	132	135	75	175	385

WORD of GOD

Jesus said Repent!

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 3:19

Correction

Stachia Baxter's name should have been listed on the 7th Grade Honor Roll List in last week's paper.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Motley County had the third highest team total of the seven schools. Individual team members who placed at the meet were:

Brandon Lee, first; Alex Salazar, second; Chooch Meyer, first; Ashley Stevens, third; and Brenda Gillespie, first.

Coach Danny Copeland is again coaching the powerlifting team. He is being assisted by Coach Amy Bowles.

All eleven powerlifters did an excellent job at Wellington. Coach Copeland expressed great pleasure at the effort each lifter gave. The community should be very proud of these young people.

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Fresh Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Crackers, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Green Onion, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, French Fries, Pickles, Brownie, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Tacos (Meat, Cheese), Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Chips, Sauce, Rosy Apple, Milk.

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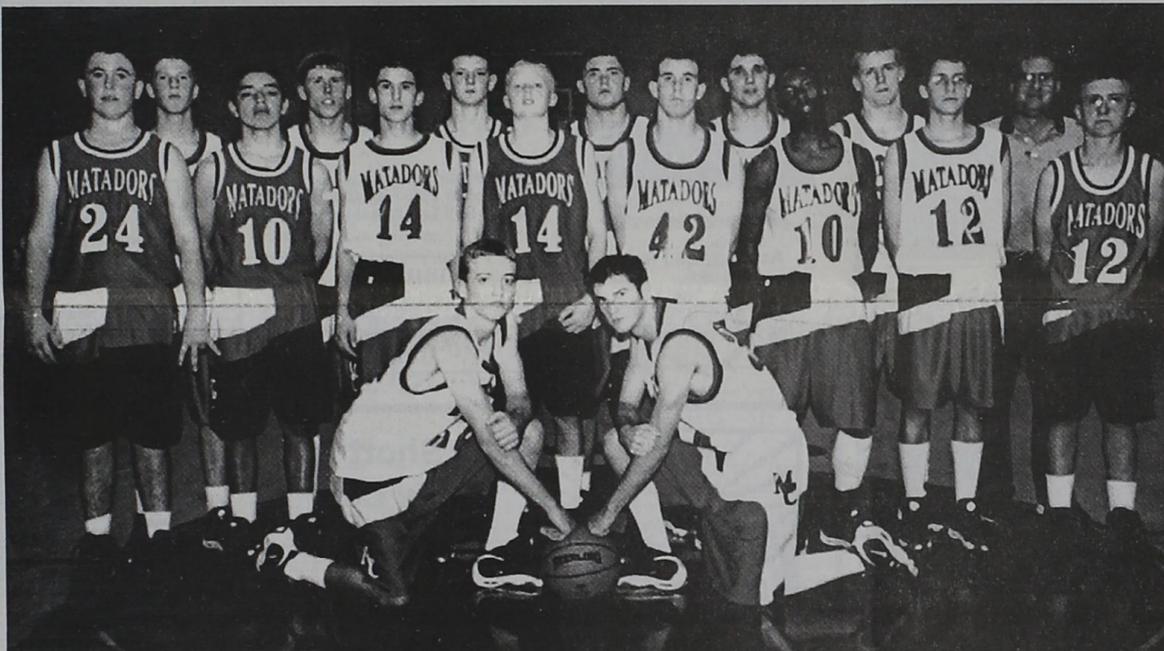
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MOTLEY COUNTY LADY MATADORS — Candace Marvel, Manager; Rabeca Morris, Kelsi Wallace, Coach Danny Copeland, Anna Christy, Rachelle Renfro, LeAnnra Wallace, Manager, pictured left to right at back. Kneeling left to right are Cassie Campbell, Chasity Holman, Brittany Donaldson and Lacy Carson. In front are Courtney Hays, Denise Shannon, Ashley Stevens, Kember Everett, Miranda Palmer, and Shandra Jones.



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Brad Baxter, Chris Paul, Tony Salazar, Sean Rose, Scott Jones, Clint Cooper, Shawn Marvel, Matt Easter, Benjamin Ridgley, Brant Donaldson, Jermaine Hendrix, Chase Carson, Ryan Moore, Coach Bob Ridgley and Brandon Moore, pictured left to right. In front are Casey Lawrence, left, and Brandon Lee.

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Motley County Basketball Schedule

January 21	Patton Springs	Here	Varsity
January 25	Silverton	Here	Varsity
January 28	Lakeview	There	Varsity
February 1	Chilicothe	There	Varsity
February 4	Guthrie	Here	Varsity
February 5	MC JV Tourn.	Here	Jr. Varsity
February 8	Patton Springs	There	Varsity

When there are four games, games will begin at 4:00 p.m.
Tournament times will be announced.

District begins January 7

JR. HIGH SCHEDULE

January 27	Floydada B	Here	Girls & Boys	4:00
January 29	Valley JH Tour.	There		TBA
January 31	Patton Springs	There	Girls & Boys	5:30

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Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views by Barbara Armstrong



The Chamber of Commerce met for their first meeting in the new millennium with eleven board members present.

The first item of business, as President Jeff Thacker called the meeting to order, was to vote on and welcome Richard Knowles, of Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co. as a new board member. Knowles is filing the place left vacant by Charles Keith.

The election of officers for the year 2000 was next on the agenda, with Jeff Thacker re-elected as President; Wilburn Martin as Vice-President; Rodney Williams, Secretary; and Sondra Francis as Treasurer. Other members present were Tommie Cruse, Marisue Potts, Ronnie Vandiver, Dianne Washington, Brent Marshall and Brian Marshall.

The Board decided it was time to start the membership drive for the year 2000. They elected increase

business memberships to \$35. Personal memberships will remain \$10.

Thacker gave a report on the meeting held on Monday afternoon with private consultant Scott Barley of Austin, City representatives of Roaring Springs and Matador, and Motley County Judge and County Commissioners, to approve and pass the resolution to proceed in declaring Motley County an Enterprise Zone. Being declared an Enterprise Zone will open the doors to bring new business to Motley County and to partner with the State for benefits from new businesses or expanding of a current business.

Rodney Williams presented the map of the City of Matador with the lots marked that have been given to the Chamber. These lots will be put up for sale. It was elected to advertise the lots for sale as a package.

The next meeting will be held February 10.

Social Security is paid for by taxes on employers and employees

by Mary Jane Shanes Plainview Social Security Mgr.

In February your employer will report to Social Security the wages on which you have paid Social Security taxes during the past year. Your employer also will pay an equal amount of taxes on those wages. This is a good time to discuss a process that is at the basis of the system that provides you retirement, survivors, disability and Medicare benefits.

People sometimes forget the way in which the current Social Security system is funded by employees, employers and the self-employed. This shared responsibility is the key to the financing of the Social Security system and makes it possible to maximize protection at minimal cost to the individual.

In 2000, employees pay 6.20 percent of their earnings up to a maximum of \$76,200 a year for retirement,

survivors and disability benefits and an additional 1.45 percent on all their earnings for Medicare hospital insurance. The employer pays a matching 6.20 percent of the employee's earnings, plus 1.45 percent for Medicare. The self-employed pays 12.4 percent, plus 2.90 percent for Medicare, an amount equal to both the employer's and employee's share. The maximum amount of wages subject to the tax increases annually.

There are incentives and trade-offs that make the system work. For the employer, the Social Security tax becomes part of the cost of doing business. He/she gets a credit for the cost of his/her Social Security contributions on his/her federal income tax return. The employer also can integrate Social Security benefits into his/her own retirement benefits package for the employee.

Self-employed people are able to deduct an amount equal to the employer's share from their federal income tax, putting them in approxi-

mately the same position as the employee and the employer.

The result is a package of protection that includes retirement benefits as early as age 62, disability benefits at any age and survivors benefits for a worker's family.

Proposals for changing the system to meet the need for increased funding are necessary to recognize

the delicate balance in the present financing system. Any reform must assure that the cost of the system does not unduly burden any one segment of society over another.

For more information, call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the booklet, *The Future of Social Security*. Or you can visit *Social Security Online*, at www.ssa.gov, our Internet website.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

You never here anyone talking about how they are glad to have a place to go when they or their children are sick. But they should, because if we didn't have the Motley County Clinic every time one of our family members got sick we would have to go out of town.

So, the next time you go to the clinic, take time out to thank the people that work there because if it wasn't for them we would all have to go somewhere else to get medicine and doctor's care, that we need when we're sick.

Thank you,
Liz Mason

Floydada Ford-Mercury awards scholarship to FFA

Floydada Ford-Mercury will award one scholarship to a local student as a part of the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Ford Truck Scholarship Fund. Ford Division, Ford Dealers, and the Ford Motor Company Fund will award \$405,000 to the FFA/Ford Truck Scholarship Fund. 405 FFA members will be awarded individual scholarships of \$1,000 during the 1999-2000 school year.

Students can apply for the scholarship program at Floydada Ford-Mercury or through any one of the 7,269 FFA chapters. All applications require an endorsement by a local participating dealership.

Ford is the largest sponsor in the FFA's \$1.5 million scholarship fund, and Ford has participated in the fund for the past three years. The Ford Truck/FFA Scholarship Program connects local dealers and FFA chapters across the country with their communities. Over 270 Ford dealers are participating in the scholarship program committing \$500 per schol-

arship award. Ford Division and the Ford Motor Company Fund match the Ford dealer investment dollar-for-dollar. Each scholarship recipient receives \$1,000 toward continuing their agricultural education at any accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational school next fall.

FFA is a national organization of 451,997 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture.

Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The organization has 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it. —Mark Twain



CAPITOL COMMENT U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

TAKING STOCK

Looking back on the 1999 legislative year in Washington reminds me of a story that underscores the tax burden many Americans feel today. A Texas restaurant cook offered a standing \$1000 bet that he was the strongest American alive.

The cook would squeeze all the juice from a lemon and anyone who could squeeze out one more drop would win the money. All who tried failed. One day a small man entered the restaurant and said in a tiny voice "I can do it."

The cook crushed the lemon dry and gave it to the little man who then squeezed 28 more drops from the used lemon rind.

The astonished cook paid the \$1000 and asked "what do you do for a living?" Counting his money, the little man replied, "I'm an IRS agent."

Well, I think around tax day on April 15, a lot of us feel like that lemon.

That is why Congress worked so hard to pass a tax refund plan this year. It would have returned to taxpayers a small amount of the projected budget surpluses without touching the surplus from the Social Security Trust Fund. Tax rates would have been reduced. The plan included my proposal to relieve the marriage tax penalty and phase out the death tax, too.

Unfortunately, the President vetoed the plan. We couldn't override his veto.

While more tax-cutting work lies ahead, Congress scored big this year by balancing the federal budget. We're also paying down the national debt, \$130 billion this year and more next year.

Congress also focused on important priorities such as the border, education and Medicare.

- Border Security** - For the fourth year in a row, Congress approved my push for funding 1,000 extra Border Patrol agents. The hiring has gone slowly, but I'm going to keep the heat on. Fellow border state senators and I also secured additional funds to help the Customs Service hire 250 more agents to strengthen border inspections.

- Education** - Congress provided \$220 million in extra educational funding for Texas this year, above what the President requested. We're sending money to the states so education needs can be determined at the local level, not Washington. My amendment boosted Hispanic-Serving Institution Programs by over 50 percent. This will permit a near doubling of eligible programs in Texas.

- Health** - We won a major health care and states' rights fight this year by blocking the federal government's claim on 45 percent of the state tobacco settlement money. I proudly helped to move that measure through Congress against stiff resistance. Texas would have lost \$1.7 billion in the next two years for health care, education and other priorities. Congress also restored some \$1 billion in Medicare reimbursement funds to Texas' rural and teaching hospitals and homecare agencies that had been denied by health care regulators.

- Strong Military** - Congress also began to rebuild our military strength by increasing the defense budget. We gave troops a needed 4.8 percent pay raise. And I added legislation to improve TRICARE, the military's health care system. To ensure our military can meet large threats and not be distracted by non-critical missions, I wrote the law that requires the President to prioritize deployments and decide which commitments can be reduced. More work remains, but we made a good start.

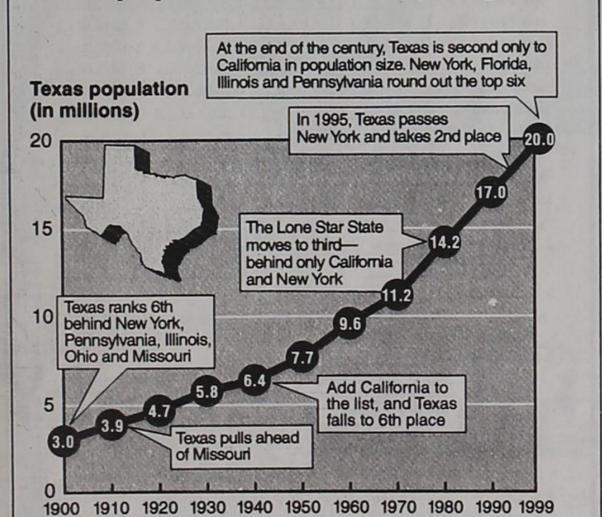
Congress was able to do all of this because it balanced the budget while also restraining government spending. While I know more work remains to lift the heavy tax burden on all Americans - a real lemon of a policy - we protected the Social Security Trust Fund while still making good investments.

Making sure that Washington does right by Texans is an endless task. We made good progress in 1999. I am ready for 2000.

Happy New Year!

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas population: a century of growth



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and the U.S. Census Bureau.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Visiting recently with Vera Mitchell were a grandson and children, Wesley Sandlin, Amy, Tyler, Orrin, and Lamour of Olney Springs, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Landy Clifton of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifton of Miami and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Clifton, Kim and Megan of Comanche visited Billie Clifton Saturday and attended the wedding Saturday night of Monica Clifton and Tanner Smith of Floydada held at the Methodist Church in Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Landy Clifton

visited in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. John Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton.

Pearl Patten was in Lovington, N.M. from Thursday until Sunday staying with grandchildren while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Palmer, were on a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten drove to Pampa Monday to visit in the home of son, Buddy Allen for a few days.

Mary Lumsden kept an appointment Monday with her cardiologist.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

The Fall/Winter 1999 Scott and White Quarterly has the story of the selection of Howard D. Graves, a retired three-star Army general, to assume duties of Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. The story further states that Mr. Graves, 60, is originally from the Texas town of Roaring Springs. This news raises our pride in Roaring Springs as "our town", but there is no one available who was acquainted with the origin of this person in whom we take such pride. Except, he is the son of Babe Clifton, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clifton, early day pioneers. I remember Aaron Clifton as a friend of my brother, Ralph Nichols.

If any of our readers can tell us more about Chancellor Graves, we will certainly appreciate your sharing with us. This is one of our "kids" that reinforces my belief that our young people will be our salvation as a nation. He will oversee A&M's System of nine universities, eight agencies and the health science center. According to Board of Regents Chairman Don Powell, the A&M System of the twenty-first century, will require strong and proven management skills, and a sensitivity and commitment to our changing educational needs.

MEET A TRUE PIONEER

I recently read a biography of a young pioneer girl. It is a true account of a girl about seven years old when the 20th century was born. This is her story which is too long to tell here, but these are the segments that I know to be true of pioneer life for many families around the turn of the Century.

"We came West in a covered wagon to visit my mother's parents. In those days, one had to have a strong incentive to come to a land infested with Indians, mesquites, and wild life. We slept out on the ground at night, and cooked our meals on a campfire three times a day. There were four of us children. I was the oldest. Their first home was a dugout with a fireplace in the end. My mother would cook on it such as baked beans, baked sweet potatoes, and in a large skillet with a lid, she baked rolls. She raked coals out of the fireplace to set the skillet on, then put coals of fire on the lid.

There were not many roads. The men built a new schoolhouse, then cut mesquite down and made a road. I was nine years old. Times were hard. My first brother was killed accidentally, and the third baby girl was handicapped with Polio. I ran a one horse planter for my father. He laid out the rows with a Georgia Stock and I planted in behind him. I did that two years. We moved every year or two. I learned to hoe and do a lot in the field, besides milking cows and feeding the hogs and horses.

We hauled water five miles for drinking and to wash. We dipped the water up

there was Roaring Springs. The farm house, now christened "The Owls Nest", was built about 1910. To write this column is a joy, but pretty soon I'm going to be too old; my memory is going fast. I wish we were putting more family histories in the Library for future generations.

out of a spring, poured it into the barrels, then put a "ducking" cloth over them with hoops to hold them on to keep the water from sloshing out before we got home.

When I got home, I helped my dad do all of the outside work and my sister helped. Another baby brother arrived. Since my father's health was not too good, I did the milking morning and night and before my sister and I could go to school, I had to go out in the pasture and draw water out of an eight-foot well with a 2-gallon bucket for 6 head of horses and 5 cows. We rode horseback to school most of the time.

My father and I cut down wood to burn in the stoves, one to heat the house, and one to cook on. We had a real good Sunday School and Church - a Sunday each for all denominations - everybody went, and when the Church of Christ preached we had dinner on the ground. And it WAS DINNER ON THE GROUND. We carried our dinner in a No. 3 tub. And it was full, too - women spread table covers out on the ground to set the dinner on. No paper cups or plates either.

I kept on plowing then when I wasn't in school, I listed and planted. By that time we had got a one row planter and lister, and a harrow that I ran a lot. Had to walk behind it for a year, and then my dad put a boxing plank on it, wired it down on each end and I could stand on it and drive the team. I wore a big spillet bonnet on my head and a long sleeve dress and would put on an old jumper over that and wore brogan shoes in the field. Girls wanted to be pretty and white then.

When the boys in the community wanted a party, two would ride horses from one place to another to find a lady to give one, then they rode horses around the other communities to tell all the young people, then went home and got a wagon and team. If it was winter time, they put side boards on the wagon and quilts in the bottom of the bed, and went around and got a spinster lady to act as chaperone. When all the boys and girls were picked up, the wagon was full. We sang and played games. I didn't know anything about dancing.

The boys laughed when they saw me with my blond hair waved, all cleaned up and in a pretty gingham dress. No one had fine clothes - just prints and gingham, and my mother was a real hand to sew. My sister and I had real pretty homemade dresses; all the girls did." The End.

I wanted you to hear this story. It is the story of many pioneers who came to Texas ahead of us. It is the story of my life, with the exception that I never lived in a dugout. By the time I was born in 1913,

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY
Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was honored with a surprise birthday luncheon with decorated cake and all the trimmings at El Camino Restaurant in Tulia, Thursday, Jan. 13.

Those sharing the happy time with her were Wayetta and Ronald Clay, Trula and Wilburn Martin, Connie and Coy Franks, Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Leona Degan.

LUNCHEON FOR GRANDDAUGHTER

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was hostess of a luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 13 at Seasons Way in Plainview honoring her granddaughter, Monica Clifton of Matador. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Matador and the fiancée of Tanner Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of Floydada.

Those attending the pre-marriage courtesy were Mrs. Larry Clifton and Mrs. Mike Smith, honored guests; Mrs. Chad Seward, Allison and Quaid of Goldthwaite, Mrs. Mark Patton and Teah of Silverton, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Mrs. James Gwinn of Whiteflat, Mrs. Donnie Cruse, Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Leah of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited recently in the home of Mrs. Harry Gray in Clyde where they met son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall and son, Jere of Black Hawk, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of

Borger in Amarillo, Saturday to attend to business.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert visited the past week in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee visited in Amarillo, Saturday with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Willey, Kellan, Kacee and Micah.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock visited overnight Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Art Green visited in Matador, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and son, Ryan who returned to Tarleton University in Stephenville, Monday. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and family and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Green and grandson of Floydada. The Don Green family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Lubbock, Mrs. Christi Milam and daughter, Emily of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Wolforth. They also visited Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter are on the sick list and receiving medical treatment in Lubbock.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Sick of sitcoms? Cop shows leave you comatose? News magazines seem old? Get ready for prime-time lineup of all game shows. Television has become efficient at eating itself!

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED
Mrs. Juanita Cooper joined other employees and ex-employees of the U.S. Postal System at LaNita's Cafe in Roaring Springs, Tuesday, Jan. 11 for a birthday luncheon honoring Mrs. Pauline Hand and Miss Lula Swim of Roaring Springs.

Others attending were R.C. and Callie Giesecke, Harold and Vee Gordon of Matador, Ray and Grace Zabielski of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Mary Jo Brown of Dickens.

Mrs. Frances Dixon, daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador, and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland University in Plainview, visited in Arlington last Monday and Tuesday with Kobby Risser. Joining them to visit was Kobby's fiancée, Brian Blair of Arlington. Kaci remained to visit her sister, Kobby. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Risser met Kobby and Kaci in Wichita Falls, Thursday to accompany Kaci home.

Cobey Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Johnney Turner, returned to Tarleton University in Stephenville, Monday, January 17, after spending the holidays here.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin were in Plainview, Friday for Art an optical appointment. He received a good report. They visited his daughter, Mrs. Alta Mae Rice.

Guests Saturday of Mrs. Juanita Cooper were Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador and Jack Samford of Afton. Mrs. Cooper is going to Lockney twice a week for hip therapy treatments.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were Roy Gene Stephens of Matador and son Tye Stephens of Lubbock.

Mrs. James Gwinn attended a luncheon at Seasons Way in Plainview Thursday honoring her niece, Monica Clifton of Matador, fiancée of Tanner Smith of Floydada. She and family, James, Fannin and Danielle attended their wedding ceremony held at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Matador, Saturday, Jan. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock, Thursday. They were luncheon guests of her aunt, Mrs. Adina Bush and visited at Elmbrook Estate with cousin, Mrs. Lela Faye Jones.

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Matador News

Those enjoying coffee and several kinds of cakes and breads on Monday morning in the home of Callie Giesecke were Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike; Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Miss Lula Swim, and the hostess, Mrs. Giesecke.

Visiting Luther and Edna Ruth Green were a son, Dr. Tim Green of Austin, Art Green of Flomot, and Don and Carolyn

Green and grandson Jaden Connally of Floydada.

Visiting Molly Simpson of Northfield were Luther and Edna Green of Matador, a sister, and Belmont and Douglas Watson of Shawnee, OK, also a sister and nephew, on Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Stafford was conveyed by ambulance Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, to Lockney, suffering a heart attack.

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Obituaries

Boyce Hart

Funeral services for Boyce D. Hart, 70, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Royce Jennings, Pastor, and Rev. Stacy Conner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, Texas. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Hart died Thursday, January 13, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born December 16, 1929 in Stonewall County. He had worked on several area ranches, including the 6666 ranch, the Pitchfork Ranch and the Matador Ranch. He was retired from the Texas Animal Health Commission and had worked as a deputy sheriff and jailer after his retirement. He had served as Motley County Judge and as a Councilman for the City of Matador.

He was married to the former Elaine Blaylock on December 23, 1965 at Floydada. They resided in Matador until 1979 when they moved to Paducah, and returned to Matador in 1986. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a brother, Carl Hart, and is survived by his wife; two daughters, Carla Waits of Borger and Jan Hart-Adams of Denton; one brother, Bill Hart of Emory; one sister, Shirley McAree of Alba; and three granddaughters, Olivia Jo Waits, Alexandria Adams and Megan Adams.

Serving as pallbearers were Lamar Tilson, Dink Wilson, Jimmy Woods, Joel Dean Spray, Tony Rose, Travis Jameson, and Vaden Hays.

A Note of Thanks

Life was such a precious journey for Boyce. His friends and family meant so much to him. Such stories he could tell. Boyce's professions in life were so many and such fun for him. But the job he left to go fulfill last Thursday, I know he would say the best one of all. Thank you all for the love and concern those last few days and being a part of Boyce's journey. The beautiful flowers, phone calls, food prepared, visits, church service, music, and especially the prayers were so uplifting. May God bless you all.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM October 1, 1998 TO December 31, 1998

FUND	BALANCE October 1, 1998	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE December 31, 1998
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 26,136.42	\$ 232,880.52	\$ 236,843.60	\$ 41,673.34
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 8,669.48	\$ 38,329.02	\$ 39,326.85	\$ 7,781.59
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 9,060.93	\$ 23,329.80	\$ 24,433.16	\$ 7,957.58
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 2,184.70	\$ 29,441.45	\$ 28,660.58	\$ 3,965.57
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 8,614.46	\$ 23,031.78	\$ 20,378.49	\$ 11,467.75
LIBRARY	\$ 7,017.08	\$ 3,056.33	\$ 5,880.87	\$ 4,292.54
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 2,109.36	\$ 11,781.36	\$ 5,049.70	\$ 8,841.02
BUILDING FUND	\$ 3,301.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,301.09
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 35,114.47	\$ 28,762.31	\$ 49,002.89	\$ 14,874.39
AUDIT FEES	\$ 7,266.89	\$ 5,375.50	\$ 5,241.13	\$ 7,061.26
DURD PROGRAM	\$ 643.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 643.50
NOT CHECK	\$ 1,462.23	\$ 204.34	\$ 124.34	\$ 1,542.23
Sheriff's Auto Fd.	\$ -	\$ 3,389.00	\$ -	\$ 3,389.00
Investment Account	\$ 211,500.00	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 266,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 340,881.55	\$ 554,971.31	\$ 608,381.00	\$ 487,471.86

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDISIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED JUE S. CHATELAIN, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, HAS DECLARED THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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November 8, 2000

Jue S. Chatelain
COUNTY TREASURER

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Farm and Ranch news



Crop Disaster Program assistance available to local farmers

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 included \$1.2 billion for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). CDP assistance is for farmers who suffered losses to 1999 crops due to natural disasters.

Farmers are eligible for compensation for 1999 crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

ELIGIBLE CROPS

CPD covers all crops as follows:

- **Insured Crops** - Crops insured by either catastrophes (CAT) or buy-up (coverage of 50/100 or greater) crop insurance;
- **Uninsured Crops** - Crops for which crop insurance was available but not taken;
- **Non-insurable Crops** - crops for which crop insurance was not available.

As a condition of receiving benefits under this program, producers who did not insure 1999 crops are required to purchase crop insurance in 2000 and 2001 for all insurable crops of economic significance.

PAYMENT CALCULATION

Payments are limited to \$80,000 per person.

Farmers will be compensated if their losses exceed 35 percent of historic yields. The payment formulas below provide greater benefits to farmers who bought insurance on their eligible crops.

- Farmers with eligible losses of insured crops will be compensated at 65 percent of crop insurance market price elections.

- Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60 percent of the crop insurance market price elections.

- Farmers with eligible losses to noninsurable crops will be compensated at 65 percent of the 5-year average National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) price. Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) area loss triggers do not apply.

Historic yields will be based on the higher of the 5-year NASS county average yield, or the crop insurance APH yield, or the NAP-approved yield.

Adjustments and Limits to Benefits

Payments to farmers will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay within the program's requirements and budget. No farmer will receive more than \$80,000 under this program nor more than \$80,000 in crop insurance incentives. No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more is eligible.

When and Where to Apply

Sign-up begins December 13, 1999, and ends February 25, 2000. Farmers should contact their local USDA Service Center or FSA office

at that time for more information. Crop loss payments will be made after all claims information has been processed and factors applied. To get a crop insurance premium discount, farmers should contact a crop insurance agent. FSA offices have a list of agents.

Further information is available at local FSA offices and USDA Service Center. These are usually listed in telephone books under "United States Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture." You may also obtain information from FSA's Home Page at www.fsa.usda.gov

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

STENHOLM ADDRESSES PCG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 12 for the organizations last quarterly Board meeting of the 1999-2000 growing season.

A new board will be selected and confirmed by member gins during the next few months and installed at the organizations Annual Meeting April 6, 2000.

PCG Board members welcomed Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford, the Ranking Minority Member on the House Agriculture Committee, and listened as he outlined his priorities for the next session of Congress.

Stenholm was very candid in his comments and noted that there is little need for members of the agriculture community to continually point out the obvious in regard to what is wrong with the industry. He noted that the time has come to begin talking about solutions not rehash the magnitude of the problems.

In that regard Stenholm expressed his support for the efforts of House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and the upcoming hearing to discuss the performance of the current farm program.

Stenholm noted two main focuses for his efforts. First he noted that the latest integration of his Supplemental Income Protection Program (SIPP) would be put out for

comment and discussion.

He also noted that short-term crop insurance reform would be moving off dead center in the Senate in the coming months. He also said both He and Combest are actively looking at options for a long-term alternative to the current crop insurance program.

In other business the Board, began the selection process by nominating and selecting several Business Directors to serve on the PCG Board for the 2000-2001 growing season. Board members from each county in the PCG service area have the option of appointing one Business Director to serve on the PCG Board. Some counties were able to caucus and select their Business Directors while other will caucus at a later date.

SCHEDULE OF JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

High Plains Cotton Conferences

Jan. 27 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Muleshoe.

Feb. 22 - Sandy Land Cotton Conference, Seminole.

Feb. 23 - 2nd Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock.

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By Ace Reid

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Federal Land Bank announces promotions

Pampa, Texas -- Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. announced promotions of association staff and changes that took place with the new year.

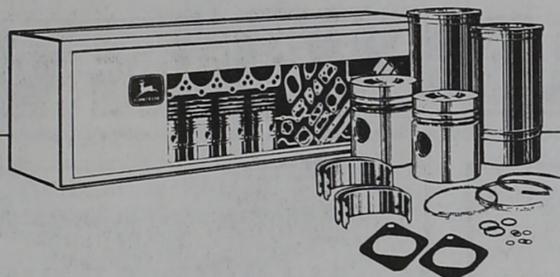
Panhandle-Plains FLBA passed a significant milestone at the close of 1999 when loan volume exceeded \$150,000,000.00. "The Association has grown from \$135,000,000.00 when we merged in February of 1997," according to CEO Williams. "Steady growth and good credit quality have provided significant financial stability for the association. This strong financial position will provide immediate and long term cash benefits to our members."

"In December the Board of Directors approved an interest rate buy down of 35 basis points. This became effective January 1 for new loans, with existing borrowers taking advantage of the buy down as their loans reprice. The board will consider a fourth consecutive, annual cash patronage to our stockholders,

to be paid in January. The focus of our association will remain constant, "Striving to add value to membership," said Williams.

Staff promotions include Sandy Justice at Perryton and Alan Eubank at Pampa both moving to Vice President, and Terrie Hartman at Amarillo moving to Loan Administrator. Kellie Garner, a Dumas native, joined the Amarillo office full time as Loan Assistant.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswald of Plainview; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; and Steve Brown of Floydada.



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News from the County Agent

Lonnie Jenschke
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Agriculture



CATTLE MARKET UP, DESPITE DROUGHT

There is a bright spot in the livestock business despite the 5-year drought that has plagued Texas. Extension beef economist Ernie Davis says there is a significant increase in the demand for beef for the first time since 1976. Davis predicts beef prices

will continue an upward climb, with some of the highest prices to come during the fourth quarter of 2000.

Several factors are fueling the increased beef demand. Davis points to innovative ways of marketing cheaper beef cuts. He says retailers helped to get beef sales back by offering partially-prepared products that are ready to eat in ten minutes. Texas Beef Council spokesperson Lisa Williams says the demand for these convenient beef products is

readily increasing. She says microwaveable hamburger saw more than one million dollars in sales in the first 50 days of its debut. Williams says consumers are understanding the nutritional value of beef. She adds that the strong U.S. economy and export market are also positively impacting demand.

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