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A VISIT WITH SANTA — Meagan, right, and Mikenna Ford visited with Santa Claus when he made a stop in Matador last Thursday night for the Late Night Shopping event. Although Meagan looks happy, little Mikenna is giving the old white-bearded man a good look-over. Santa visited with many Motley County and area children while in Matador. He plans to make another stop in Motley County, December 24th. Meagan, 3, and Mikenna, 7 months, are the daughters of Gary and Denise Ford of Roaring Springs. They are the granddaughters of Michael and Judy Crowley of Matador.

School Board members discuss Principal search

Mr. Rick Copp, MCISD Superintendent, informed School Board members of the current principal search, when they met for their regular meeting, Monday, December 11. The site base team has met and begun reviewing applications and resumes that have been received.

Mr. Copp also reported on the annual food drive the Student Council and Mrs. Cox, in conjunction with the Matador Lions Club, is conducting. The students were able to collect 875 pounds of food for distribution by the Lions for Christmas.

Another item in Mr. Copp's report was information about a pre-kindergarten grant for \$32,000.00 which has been received from TEA. This money will be used to increase the funding for the Pre-K program by extending it to a full day funded program.

During the athletic report, Mr. Copp informed the members that Shandra Jones, Benjamin Ridgley, and Jermaine Hendrix received All Tournament recognition at the Valley Tournament. At the Patton Springs Tournament, the girls won first place and the boys won third. The names of the All-District Football team were also presented to the board.

In January, the Junior Class will be conducting a fundraiser that will be very entertaining to the public. On January 20, 2001, they will sponsor a Donkey Basketball game in the gym. More information about this event will be presented later.

The school Christmas party will be held on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. for employees, spouses, board members and their spouses.

Board members were informed that the Rolling Plains Shared Services Association board is considering options to either move or build the co-op a new building. The board is considering a location in Matador as well as one in Roaring Springs which would be a more centralized location for the offices that serve seven school districts. Either way, Motley County ISD will continue to serve as the fiscal agent.

At the present the attendance rate for Motley County ISD is 96.33% and enrollment is at 203.

Mr. Copp discussed the current Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report during the public hearing of the Board meeting. The Texas Education Agency gave Motley County ISD an overall rating of Academically Acceptable. The high school was given a Recommended Rating for all students (9-12) scoring above the 90% on all tests taken last spring. Also included in this year's

report was a report that no violent or criminal incidents had occurred on the Motley County campus during the 1999-2000 school year. This is in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Overall the results of last years TAAS tests were very favorable. A full copy of the report may be viewed at the administration offices.

During open forum Kelli Jackson gave the board a report about the "Shattered Dreams" program that will be held in May.

Items for board action included:
— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved an Option 4 agreement with Guthrie CSD. This agreement will allow Guthrie to place state dollars into the South Plains Technology Consortium, which can be used by the seven school district to fund technology programs.

— Approved the use of the building by Lindy Stafford to teach a college English class.

— Approved Mr. Copp to pursue another Telecommunications Grant opportunity. The PS9 Technology Grant will allow Motley County to upgrade the elementary computer lab and place new computers in the elementary classrooms.

— Approved to contract with Navarro and Associates to appeal the state comptroller's state values if needed.

All board members were present for this meeting. Also present, in addition to Superintendent Rick Copp was Betty Stevens. Representing the Motley County staff were Barbara Parks and Jan Jones.

Year-to-date tax rebates up 9.8 percent

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$281.5 million in local sales tax revenue to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties. November sales tax rebates are up 15 percent compared to November 1999. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 9.8 percent compared to 1999.

November sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers. The sales taxes were reported to the Comptroller in October.

In Motley County, Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a

new payment this period of \$3,815.53, compared to \$2,859.91 last year, a 33.37% change. Matador has received \$28,993.41 for 2000, to date, compared to \$22,171.04 for 1999, a 30.77% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$2,049.33, compared to \$952.80 last year, a 115.08% change. Roaring Springs has received \$12,693.06 for 2000, compared to \$15,438.90 for last year, a 17.78% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, December 8.

Commissioners take care of county business in regular court session

Motley County Commissioners tended to county business when they met for their regular session, Monday, December 11. All Commissioners were present for the meeting. Also present were Judge Laverna Price and County Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

Minutes of regular session held October 9 and November 13 were approved. Bills were reviewed and paid.

Reports from the Treasurer, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent and Library were accepted.

James Gillespie, Resource Team Leader for Motley and Cottle Coun-

ties with Natural Resources Conservation Service, met with the court and discussed the Texas Water Plan that is now underway to plan for the water needs for 2000 to 2005. Counties have been placed in groups for this study. Motley County has been placed in Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan Group O. This group consists of 21 counties. Mr. Gillespie has attended meetings and is well informed on the progress of this plan. The court agreed that the information presented was appreciated.

The court will accept bids on a lot owned by Motley County, BLK 107, Lot 14, located on Main Street near Pipkin Insurance building. An ad will

be in the *Motley County Tribune* this week.

Judge Price stated bids on repair of the courthouse roof must be in the office of the county judge no later than Friday, December 15.

House bill 1018 required all applications from counties and cities to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program must be made by January 1, 2001. The court will make application to participate in this program.

The Court adopted the following holidays for the year 2001: New Year, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, First Day of Old Settlers, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Lady Matadors bring home first place trophy from Patton tourney

by Ashley, Denise and Rachelle

The Lady Matadors recently competed in and won the Patton Springs Invitational Tournament. On December 7, the Lady Matadors played Childress J.V. and won with a score of 56-25. Shandra Jones was the leading scorer with 16 points, Courtney Hays with 9, Rebecca Morris and Brittany Donaldson with 8 each, Denise Shannon with 6, and Ashley Stevens and Chasity Holman with 4 each.

Shandra was also leading rebounder with 11. She had 3 steals to go with her impressive stats. Brittany pulled down 6 rebounds and

gave up the ball for 2 assists. Denise came out of nowhere to grab 4 boards, 3 steals and 3 assists. Chasity grabbed 3 boards, 1 steal and 1 assist. Ashley and Lisa combined for two assists to complete the field.

The next day the Lady Matadors played a new found rival, the Valley Patriots. It was yet again another nail biter with the final score being 31-30 in favor of the Ladies.

This was a real team effort. Those contributing were Shandra with 11 points, 4 rebounds; Brittany with 4 points, 7 rebounds and 1 assist; Courtney with 4 points, 1 rebound and 2 steals; Denise with 4 points, 6 rebounds and 1 assist;

Ashley with 1 point, 1 rebound, and 3 steals; Rebecca with 3 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals; Rachelle with 2 point, and 1 rebound; and Chasity with 2 points and 1 steal. Along with all these impressive stats, defense was the major key to winning this game.

Now advancing on to the championship, the Ladies faced Plainview Christian Academy. Once again a great team effort. Shandra was leading scorer for the third time with 16 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists; Brittany, 9 points, and an amazing 10 rebounds; Lisa, 8 points, 2 rebounds

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LITTLE LADIES AT THE TEA PARTY — These little ladies enjoyed the Annual Grannie's Tea Party event, held Sunday afternoon, at the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador. The event, hosted by Mrs. Campbell, Janie, Cassie and Kittie Campbell, is held each year to raise funds for the Motley County Library. Pictured above left to right are Danielle Gwinn, Candace Scott, Stormy Guerrero, Shane'a Russell, Cassidy Turner, Lexie Osborn, Adrienne Walker, Leanne Jameson and Kayla Hollinsworth.

Grannie's Tea Party raises funds for local Library's children's department

Grannie's Tea Party, held on December 10 at the home of Joyce Campbell, was favored by the company of nine young ladies in finery garnered from the attics and trunks of their mothers and grandmothers.

The guests, bedecked in furs, jewels, hats, and long dresses, were greeted at the door and escorted to the "tea room" which was decorated in the high holiday season with a Santa Claus theme.

The ladies were seated at tables laid with fine linens, handpainted china, crystal and family heirlooms collected by Mrs. Campbell. As their visitors conversed in a very grown-

up fashion, Kittie and Cassie Campbell, their mother Janie, and grandmother Joyce served tea (apple juice or lemonade), fingerfoods (miniature pizzas and pigs in a blanket), mints, candies and cookies. A special Santa Claus ornament was given as a souvenir of the party.

The dresses ranged from a demure pink lace to a flashy beaded cocktail dress. Furs were back in style, as was the pillbox hat and other interesting, but not seen lately, head apparel. One young lady (perhaps inspired by the movie Titanic?) wore her great-grandmother's dress worn

on her last cruise.

The annual fun event, which was started back in 1992 when the Campbell granddaughters all participated, is a fund raiser to purchase books for the Motley County Library and serves to teach manners, etiquette, and an appreciation for the past to girls from age 4 to fourth grade.

Those attending were Danielle Gwinn, Candice Scott from Dougherty, Stormy Guerrero, Shan'a Russell, Cassidy Turner, Lexi Osborn, Adrian Walker, Leanne Jameson, and Kayla Hollinsworth.



When I typed "Only 11 days 'til Christmas," it's like someone hit me over the head. Although I know the day will soon be here, I'm not ready! I've been so busy at work, that I just don't have the things done at home that I wanted to do this year. I wanted to make my granddaughter a cute little outfit. I haven't even started on that. I also wanted to make my niece a cute outfit. I have to mail that to Las Vegas, and have I started on that? No! I wanted to get my jelly made, which my nephew looks forward to every year more than anything, and I don't have that done I think I am going to panic! But, I must admit, I have always worked better under pressure.

Where has this month gone? I know my time has gone into the Christmas edition, which will be next week's edition, December 21. I really hope everyone enjoys it. I do enjoy putting it together more than any other paper for the year, although it takes a lot of time, just about the entire month before it comes out.

I have to admit I am so looking forward to Christmas week. A week off! Hurray! I need it! I'm sure everyone needs a week off about this time

of the year. Every year I tell myself that I'm going to stop taking that week off, but I somehow forget to register that with the Post Office, which has to be done months in advance. But, when the week rolls around, I sure am glad to have it off.

The highlight of this season for me will take place this Sunday afternoon, when I take my little Morgan to the Nutcracker ballet. Last year was her first year to attend, and I worried that she might be too young, only 2 years old. But she absolutely loved it. She hasn't forgotten one thing about it. She still talks about the performance and the characters, and recognizes the music. Jeremy said that just the other day, they had the radio tuned to a classical station, and Morgan said, "Daddy, the Nutcracker on the radio." He was so surprised that she could recognize that music. If I sound like I'm bragging a little, I guess that's because I probably am. Oh, well, in my book it's okay to brag about your grandchildren. Don't you think so?

Anyway, Morgan is really looking forward to seeing The Nutcracker this year and so am I.

Christmas time is coming! Christmas time is coming!



Holiday cheer abounds at Do Gooders Christmas party

The Community Center in Flomot was filled with holiday cheer when the Do Gooders' Club met for their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon, December 5.

Hostesses, Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Waydette Clay and Anna Beth Clay, had Yuletide decorations throughout the building, setting the stage for the festive occasion. Ornaments glittered in a green tree with a colorful array of gifts around it. Garlands, candles, miniature trees, snow and tables laid with red cloths added to the beautiful Christmas decor. The ladies gave each member a Christmas card.

The refreshment table was draped with a white cloth, centered with a red Poinsettia plant and a joyful cowboy Santa Claus behind a coral fence. Refreshments served on

a Christmas decorated service were chips, vegetables, dips, assorted cookies, cakes and candies with coffee and hot cranberry punch.

Honored as Birthday Girl in December was Mrs. Suzie Shannon. The name of Mrs. Erma Washington was drawn for the poinsettia centerpiece. The ladies shared a good time when exchanging gifts and revealing the 2000 Secret Pal names.

Mrs. Connie Franks, President, announced they will elect new officers for 2001 and draw for Secret Pal names at the meeting on January 2.

Members attending the holiday gala in addition to those mentioned were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Trula Martin, Edith Washington, Barbara Payne, Christeen Gilbert, B. Rogers, Nada Starkey, Tommie Jo Cruse, Geneva Martin and Kathy Shorter.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellithorp

Couple celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellithorp will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2000, at a reception at the First Baptist Church of Killeen, Texas. The reception will be hosted by their son and family. Relatives from around the State of Texas, as well as grandchildren from California and Massachusetts, have plans to attend.

Herman Walter Ellithorp and Ruby Lloyd Grace were married December 6, 1930, in Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Ellithorp have two grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Although they lived most of their lives in Matador, Texas, they moved in December of 1999 to 517 White Oak Lane, Harker Heights, Texas, to be closer to their son and wife, Arvin and Joy Ellithorp.

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There are some who base their doubt of the existence of God upon the human sensory system. According to this reasoning, we would have to repudiate everything that is not perceptible to our five senses. Who would say, "I have never seen Katmandu at the base of Mount Everest, therefore it doesn't exist?" The answer to that would be, "Not any one who is capable of rational thought."

On Christmas Day 1968, our three astronauts circled the dark side of the moon and headed for home. Suddenly over the horizon the moon rose, the blue and white Earth glistening in the light of the Sun and the black void of space. These three well educated men trained in science and technology did not utter Einstein's name. They did not quote the poet, the lyricists or the dramatists. There was only one thing which could capture the thrill of that awe inspiring observation. Millions heard the voice from outer space as the astronaut read it: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." It is the only concept worthy enough to describe that unspeakable awe. "God is."

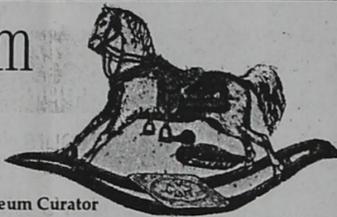
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Museum notes



by Barbara Armstrong, Museum Curator

The Motley County Museum reminds you to bring your family and friends to the Museum during the holidays. They will enjoy the 19 rooms full of Motley County memorabilia.

The Museum also has gifts for sale. We have all sizes (from child's 4-6 to XXL) of the "Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days" T-shirts and caps, for only \$5 each. Also

available are Cattle Brand books for \$5, Centennial coins, 2 for \$10, and bottle water with the Roaring Springs Falls label for \$1.

Don't forget you can also give a monetary gift as a lasting memorial or honorarium.

Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 - 5, except Christmas and New Years Day. Our phone number is 806-347-2968. Happy Holidays!



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Come by the Library and see the lovely and unique Nativity Scenes in the display case. Joan and Keith Patton have been collecting these scenes and now they are sharing the with the Library and its patrons for the Christmas season. We appreciate their generosity in providing such an interesting display for the holidays.

We appreciate the donation to the Library by Marihelen Wason in memory of Bud Jones. Also, we thank Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner for the donation to the Library endowment fund in memory of Morris Stephens. These memorials are necessary to keep the Library open and the collection of books up-to-date. They also pay tribute in a lasting way to special people.

We thank Billie Beth Moore for the donation of an exciting book about Jim Bowie. This book is entitled *Mr. Bowie with a Knife: A History of the Sandbar Fight*. Our patrons who like history will enjoy this

book.

New books on the shelves include the newest by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. *The Mark* is the eighth in the "Left Behind" series. We also have a novel by Julia Hamilton entitled *Other People's Rules*. The library also has a copy of John Jakes' *On Secret Service*.

If you like tea and tearooms, we have a copy of *Tea for Texas: A Guide to Tearooms in the State* by Lori Torrance. The Library has a copy of Dana Stabenow's newest, *Nothing Gold Can Stay*. It features Liam Campbell. These and other new books are arriving daily. We have six new Large Print books for those of us who like to read books with bigger type. Come in and check out a book — it's too cold outside to do anything but read.

Don't forget the used book sale closes tomorrow, Friday, December 15. Don't miss out on great bargains at the Library.

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Motley County School News

MC Site Base Team meets

The Motley County ISD Site Base Team met on December 7, 2000. Members present were Rick Copp,

Kathy Gillespie, Karen Davis, Jim Cooper, Nova Dell Turner, Carol Ann Turner, Pam Thacker, and Kelli Jack-

son. The site base team began screening the completed applications that have been received. It was decided to send all applicants a letter stating that the process would continue after the Christmas break.

Lady Matadors win first

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and 1 assist; Denise, 6 points, 7 rebounds and 1 assist; Courtney, 5 points, 4 rebounds, and 1 assist; Chasity, 5 points and 8 rebounds;

Rabeca, 4 points and 6 rebounds; and Rachelle with 2 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist.

The final score was 55-29, another Lady victory and a tournament championship. The Lady Matadors' record is 7-3. Be sure to come out and

support all of the Motley County basketball teams.



Friday, December 15: End of third six weeks.

Basketball - Crosbyton, (4 games), 4 p.m.

Early out, 1:30 p.m. Booster Club Supper.

Saturday, December 16: Teacher's workday.

Monday, December 18: Christmas Holiday!

Jr. High Basketball - Valley, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19: Christmas Holiday!

Basekball @ Valley, (4 games), 4:00 p.m.

December 21-27: All gyms closed!

Thursday, December 28: Christmas Holiday!

Varsity Basketball Tournament at Crosbyton.

Friday, December 29: Christmas Holiday!

Varsity Basketball Tournament at Crosbyton.

Saturday, December 30: Varsity Basketball Tournament at Crosbyton.

Kasey Parks inducted into National Honor Society

Kasey J. Parks, a senior sports and exercise science major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, has been inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 105 students during a ceremony November 5.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of planning and analysis at WTAMU.

Kasey is a graduate of Motley County High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parks of Roaring Springs.



DISTRICT 3 FOOD SHOW — These three Motley County youth competed in the District 3 Food Show in Wichita Falls, November 18. These young ladies gained information in safe handling of food, importance of nutrition, various ways to serve, select, prepare and transport foods. They were also able to gain information from other 4-H'ers. Pictured left to right are Savannah Rose, Fruits & Vegetables Division; Shane'a Russell, Breads & Cereals Division; Mylissa Gilmore, Desserts Division. Mylissa placed third in the Junior Dessert Division.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

The Annual Christmas Coffee at LaVoe Thacker's home will be held Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come and join the holiday visiting.

Mary Lumsden spent Thursday night in Lubbock with her son and wife, Mr and Mrs. Tommy Largent, and tended to business.

Zella Palmer accompanied her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Matador, to Lubbock Saturday afternoon for shopping and enjoyed supper at Chili's restaurant before returning home.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten made a business trip to Plainview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim kept doctor appointments in Lubbock Tuesday. Rev. Monte Wike drove them there.

Mrs. Audrey Jones hosted a Christmas supper at her home Friday, December 8. Those attending enjoyed a variety of entrees before exchanging gifts. Attending the celebration were Joyce Meredith, Barbara Marvel, Daphne Meredith and Crystal Salazar, local resi-

dents; Dora Hurt, Brenda Hurt, Sarah Price, Shirley Smith, Carla Meador and Sherry Rose of Matador; and Holly Meredith of Afton.

Mrs. Suzanne Abbott was hostess to the coffee drinkers at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall on Monday morning, Dec. 10. She decorated the hall with Christmas and served all kinds of goodies. Those enjoying the morning were the Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mrs. Jerry Green, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Miss Lula Swim, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell.

The postal group enjoyed a birthday dinner at LaNita's Cafe on Wednesday, December 6, in honor of Miss Lula Swim. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Mrs. Tommy Sabines, Mrs. Janet Handoo.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

MEMORIALS TO FRIENDS IN SYMPATHY

Lena Chaney Cook was born in Quanah. Later when the Chaney family came to Roaring Springs, Mr. Chaney worked as a carpenter. Daughter Lena died Nov. 22 and is survived by two daughters of Matador, Jimmie Jameson and Dortha Grundy. Two brothers, Lolan Chaney of Denver, Colo., and Calvin of Spokane, Wash., and a sister, Lona Gaynor of Abilene, also survive.

Wynona Ford Gilbreath of Matador was a longtime resident, teacher and friend of many Matador children and their parents during her career as a teacher. She died Dec. 8, 2000. Her husband, Judge Vance Gilbreath, also a school teacher, preceded her in death in 1967. They first met while standing in line to register at Texas Technological College and married the following June 14, 1928. She lived on the Ford ranch east of Matador until ill health forced her to move into town in the late 1990's to be nearer the Methodist Church of which she was a faithful member. Wynona had no children of her own, but her smile glowed in the classrooms and halls of Matador elementary school for many years during her teaching career of 44 years.

She was a 1927 graduate of Matador High School. Roaring Springs resident Algie Groves and Leatrice Knight Dickinson of 1614 Chaffie St., Taladega, AL 35160, are now the last survivors of that graduating class. Bill Knight, of Las Cruces, N.M., furnished us with the address of his sister Leatrice.

Bernice Justice Hurst was the wife of Marion C. "Red" Hurst of Spur. Bernice died December 5, 2000, in Spur. The Hurst family was among the first families we

met when we moved to Roaring Springs. The father, Andy Hurst, was a barber. Lance was the oldest of four sons who with their parents moved on to Spur in Dickens County. Like his father, Lance was a barber, but later became a minister of the gospel, and had two sons who followed in his footsteps. Marion and Bernice married in 1939 and remained in Spur to open Hurst Department Store. She was a beautician from 1935 until 1970.

An account by Erie Foster in the Dickens County history tells of the death of Erie's sister, Grace Ham Wooten, who left a tiny infant daughter. The Fosters took the baby, and she became Grace Wooten Foster Hurst when she married L.J. Hurst in 1941. Grace and L.J. had six sons and lived in Lorenzo in the 1980's. Marion and his brother, Andy Hurst, Jr., are the surviving members of the Hurst family. We talked with Red's son Tim and hope to see Marion later.

It's music to my ears when I get cards and letters saying old friends look forward to my column. It is scary to know that I may send out news that isn't accurate.

One good thing is coming out of the debacle of the presidential election we are suffering through. Election and judicial procedures are much clearer, and the interest shown by young people is noticeable. Fifteen years of formal education and 20 years of teaching failed to make me so aware of the serious responsibility that goes with the privilege of casting an intelligent vote.

Ruby Nichols and daughter Rita Little of Lubbock were Sunday visitors with Aunt Rita and Uncle Algie Groves and with Ruby's sister, Mrs. Travis Payne.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Emily Milam of Petersburg visited from Thursday night until Saturday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Her mother, Mrs. Christi Milam, came Saturday to accompany her home. Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Wolforth visited overnight Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Shorter. Brian remained to visit until Sunday when Mrs. Shorter met Mrs. Sehon in Plainview for his return trip home. Saturday, Mrs. Milam and Emily, Mrs. Shorter, Mrs. Sehon and Brian, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Alma Shorter enjoyed Country Christmas in Quitaque.

Stan Wigley and Dave Wigley of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Sunday. Mr. Ross attended the Men's Breakfast Saturday morning held at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany, of Vernon visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson. Mrs. Dockery and Mrs. Johnson shopped in Lubbock on Saturday, and Brittany visited Saturday and Sunday night in Turkey with her aunt and husband, Kayla and Neil Guest. Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were Mrs. James May of Quitaque, Kayla, Lucretia and Brittany.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers. He was en route to Colorado on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Wednesday for her medical appointment. Joining them in Lubbock for lunch was their granddaughter, Lindsay

Martin, student at SPC in Levelland. They celebrated Lindsay's birthday.

Tom Ross visited in Crowell Thursday and Friday with Cliff Wharton, Ennis Setliff and Mark Ross Hopkins. He also visited in Quanah with Mrs. Ruth Williams.

Mrs. Katheryn Martin of Matador and Art Green attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Ann Browning of Rising Star visited last week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were son and granddaughter, Cory Kendall and Chancey of Midland. They celebrated Cory's birthday.

Wilburn Martin and Mary Ellen Barton attended the funeral services of Mrs. Leora Scrivner in Matador Saturday afternoon. Ms. Barton visited in Floydada, Wednesday with Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Kim and Dickie Cloyd of Memphis have been staying with his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, were in Amarillo, Thursday for Jack's medical checkup at Veterans Hospital following recent eye surgery. They visited Mrs. Bessie Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Z.D. Starkey. Z.D. is under cardiac medical treatment.

Emily Milam of Petersburg visited Sunday night with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They met Emily's mother, Mrs. Christi Milam in Lubbock, Monday to shop and attend to business. Emily returned home with her mother.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Saturday. He got a supply of wood to take home in preparation for the arctic front forecast.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I lack any skill for interior decoration, but I still re-did a room, and now I've invented inferior decoram!

Visiting from Friday until Monday with Wilson Barton and in Matador with Mrs. Kathryn King were niece and family, Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas. They attended the funeral services of Mrs. Race's mother, Mrs. Leora Scrivner. Other family members visiting Friday and Saturday were Mrs. Harietta Bigelow of Salt Lake City, Utah; David Race of Dallas; Robert Race of Russellville, Arkansas; Milda and Kenny McCrotheon of Atkins, Arkansas; Derrick and Brent Race, Joe Eddie and Wilson Race of Dover, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon were in Plainview last Saturday night and attended the entertaining Wayland University Music Department's Christmas program, "American Family Christmas." Their daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, was in the performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were in Lubbock Saturday night and Sunday to attend to business and entertainment. They visited their son, Cobey, student at Texas Tech University.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock, Wednesday for a medical appointment. They also attended to business.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock, Friday for cardiac medical appointments.

News of Local Interest

To report local news call 347-2400 before noon Tuesday

Visitors in the Edna Ruth and Luther Green home over the weekend were Jack and Decima Green of New Deal and Jimmie Don Green of Shallowater.

Decima attended the shower for Lindsey Williams held at the Jim and Carla Meador home.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report

by Rita Groves

At noon on First Thursday the Senior Citizens and guests met for a scrumptious Christmas Luncheon. The building was warm and glowing with a lighted tree and table decorations. The traditional turkey and dressing, baked by leader Odessa Mullins, was warming in the oven; the refreshment table was loaded with goodies; and the long serving table was already beginning to fill with salads, vegetables, sauces, and bread - a feast "fit for a King," whose birthday we honor.

With Mary Lumsden at the piano, the program was opened with singing of the birthday song for Lula Swim and Ruby Hipp. Carl Barton invoked the Lord's blessing on us and the food. The tone of Carl's prayer assured us of another's

birthday we celebrate. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle, we forget that we honor the birth of our Lord. Following the meal, we sang Carols, the first being "Away in a Manger."

The birthday honorees and guests took first place in the buffet line, followed by our guests: the Rev. Royce Jennings, minister of two Baptist churches, his wife, June Jennings, and Bobbie Brown, who we hope will come often. Others present were Zella Palmer, Grace Zabielski, Dorothy Lee, Pearl Patten, Ossie Brown, Vera Mitchell, Shirley Barton, and Algie and Rita Groves. Don't forget the First Thursday in the New Year will be January 4, the next regular meeting. Visitors are welcome.

A Note of Thanks

The family of Leora (Barton) Scrivner wants to say a grateful thank you to the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Matador for the luncheon served and all the good food they brought, to Bro. and Mrs. Royce Jennings for their understanding and lovely message, to Riley Turner for his part of the service. It meant so much to the family. We appreciate all the friends and family who attended the Memorial Service.

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RECEIVES AWARD - D'Anna Russell, left, received the award for the Best Tasting Hot Sauce at the Caprock Country Christmas event held Saturday, December 2, in Quitaque. Presenting the certificate to Mrs. Russell is Mrs. Dianne Washington, Committee Chairwoman.

Obituaries

Wynona Gilbreath

Funeral services for Wynona Ford Gilbreath, 91, of Matador, were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 9, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Monte Wike, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gilbreath died early Friday, December 8, at a private care home in Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 26, 1909, in Motley County and had been a lifelong resident of Motley County. She was the daughter of early day pioneers, A.W. and Ada Ford. She attended schools in Matador, and later graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock.

She began her career as an elementary school teacher in 1930, teaching first

at the Barton School in Motley County, and later at the Big Four School and Ralls School in Crosby County. She taught in the Matador Elementary School from 1943 until her retirement in 1974. She also operated the Ford family's ranching interests east of Matador until failing health forced her move to Lubbock about two years ago.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Jewell Ford, who died in 1923, and her husband. Her survivors include several cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Freddie Morren, David Morren, Wayne Morren, Bob Davis, Dustin Davis, and Rodney Williams.

Traci Estes

Temple - Services for Traci Estes, 38, were held Tuesday, November 28, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Harker Heights with Dr. David Morgan officiating.

Ms. Estes died November 26, 2000, at a local hospital.

She was born October 28, 1962, in Breckenridge.

Ms. Estes was a counselor at Shoemaker High School. She had previously been a counselor at Ellison High School, a teacher at University High School in Waco and Fowler Elementary in Killeen and Nolan Middle School.

Ms. Estes graduated from Hanau High School in Hanau, Germany. She graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in home economics and

a master's in education.

She was a member of the community for 20 years and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Robert and Sallie Estes of Harker Heights; and two brothers, Gary Estes of Dallas and Scott Estes of Tampa, Fla; her grandmother, Ruby Hipp of Roaring Springs.

Members of Robert M. Shoemaker High School have started a Traci Estes Memorial Scholarship Fund which will fund a scholarship to be given to a deserving senior each year. The Memorial Fund will be supported by both outside donations and fund raising projects of various clubs on campus. The Bob Estes family will be involved in the student selection process.

Leora Barton Scrivner

Leora (Barton) Scrivner of Alpine, California, formerly of Motley and Floyd counties, passed away November 25, 2000, at Country Hills Health Care in El Cajon, California, after a lengthy illness.

She was born August 28, 1906, at the Barton Ranch, east of Flomot, Texas. She was a Southern Baptist.

She was a daughter of the late A.L. and Addie Barton. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.N. Scrivner, an infant son, and one brother, Dick Barton. Survivors include two daughters and two sons-in-law, Milda and Logan

Morrison of Boulevard, California, and Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Katheryn King of Matador; and one brother, Wilson Barton of Flomot; and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held December 9, 2000, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Matador.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity, East Mound Cemetery or the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Harold Thrasher

Turkey - Services for Harold "Pookin" Thrasher, 78, of Turkey were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at First Baptist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

He died Sunday, November 26, 2000, in Crosbyton.

He was born Dec. 3, 1921, in Turkey. He married Bettie Gilbert on Oct. 23,

1946, in Turkey. She died June 19, 2000.

He served as a Sea Bee in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal during World War II.

He was a transport truck driver for Panhandle Oil Company and was a school bus driver for Valley Schools.

Survivors include two sons, Calvin of Aztec, N.M., and James of Ralls; two daughters, Debbie Cagle of Flomot and Patty Kimbell of Estelline; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

J.W. Pritchett

Funeral services for J.W. Pritchett, 87, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church of Matador. Officiating were Rev. Royce Jennings, pastor, and Michael Crowley, minister of the Matador Church of Christ. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador with Masonic graveside rites. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Pritchett died Saturday, December 9, at a Plainview Nursing Home.

He was born December 15, 1912, at Mount Ida, Arkansas. He moved to Motley County in 1937 from Glenwood, Arkansas. He farmed and ranched near the Whiteflat community prior to retirement.

He was a former member of the Whiteflat Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, and was presently a

member of the First Baptist Church of Matador. He was a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite.

He was married to Jessie Mae Tolleson on Feb. 18, 1934, at Murfreesboro, Arkansas. She died on September 27, 1978. He married Lucille Whitaker July 31, 1980. She preceded him in death on October 1, 1991.

His survivors include one son, James "Tooter" Pritchett of Plainview; one brother, E.P. Pritchett of South Plains, Texas; two sisters, Nannie Titus of Plainview and Dorothy Reid of Dallas; three grandchildren.

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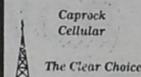
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