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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



ROBERT OSBORN

Robert Osborn works at Alexander Fuel and Service in Roaring Springs. He has lived in Motley County most of his life and attended Motley County schools. He and his wife, Olivia and son, Jonathan, live in Matador.

Robert is the son of Dean and Sherry Osborn of Roaring Springs. His hobbies are riding motor cycles, playing football, and especially playing with his son, Jonathan.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Useless laws weaken the necessary laws."

— Montesquieu

## First Baptist Church Will Host Men's Roundup

All men of the community are reminded to make plans to attend the fourth annual Men's Roundup, Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Matador. (Enter the building through the north basement door).

A hearty meal will be provided by the church, and the atmosphere will be casual. Rev. Jim Hancock, interim pastor, will speak.

All who wish to attend should register by Sunday, February 19. Signup sheets are located at the church and at Matador Motor, or men may sign up by calling Elaine Risser (347-2345 or 347-2882).

## Area Businesses To Host Students For Second Annual Career Day In The Community

Tuesday, February 21 has been designated as Career Day In The Community! This second annual event will see juniors and seniors "shadowing" a businessman or woman in the community for the day, learning what kind of attitude or work ethic it takes to be successful and what education or job training is needed.

Following the recommendations made last year by the community, the event is being held on a day that the Matador Lions Club meets, enabling Brother Lions to host their student at a planned luncheon.

Students should verify their career choice with Mrs. Keith ASAP, and members of the business community are encouraged to turn in their acceptance immediately.

We look forward to another exciting and educational experience provided for the youth of Motley County by the County's prestigious business leaders.

## Roaring Springs Business To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Seventy-five years ago a young man started a hardware store in Roaring Springs in a 24 x 40 wooden building. It was then known as Western Hardware Company. Thacker Supply is celebrating 75 continuous years in business this month.

In the early days the firm 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 stores.

Melton Thacker was born in St. Augustine, Texas and came to West Texas as a young man. He taught school in McAdoo one term then entered the armed service during World War I and served overseas. He came to Roaring Springs in the fall of 1919 and worked in a gin. In February the following year he opened the store.

On October 22 of that same year, he married Miss Lillian Hoyle. They have three children, J.M. (Buzz) Thacker, Mrs. Caldwell (Joyce) Smith, and Max Thacker.

Mrs. J.A. Goodwin built a brick building for the growing store. In 1926 a fire started in a drug store next door and completely destroyed the store, including all the notes of customers. But most of those indebted to the store came in and paid. The store was rebuilt on its present location the same year. About 1933 the name of the firm was changed to Thacker Supply Company.

The store once sold International Harvester implements. About 1930 the farm tractor started to change the entire agriculture picture. In a 1970 interview, Mr. Thacker stated, "We traded for everything including horses, mules, and cattle."

In July of 1946, Buzz, joined his father in business. In August of that same year, Buzz married LaVoe Mitchell. They have

three sons, Joey, Johnny, and Jeff. Jeff joined the business in 1973.

In 1984 Jeff joined his brother in business at Thacker Jewelry. In April of 1992 Thacker Supply became incorporated, and Jeff took over the reins. Buzz and LaVoe are still in the store everyday and Jeff goes back and forth between the Jewelry Store and the Hardware Store.

Also a part of Thacker Supply are Dorothy and Bruce Lefevre. Dorothy has worked for the store since 1976 and Bruce since 1990.

Mr. Melton Thacker died in July of 1975. He and his wife were very active members of the community of Roaring Springs. Lillian Thacker now resides in a private home in Lubbock.

In the February 18, 1970 issue of the Matador Tribune, Mr. Douglas Meador related a story he experienced with Mr. Melton Thacker as follows —

"The following true story happened about 1933. It was a cold day with snow and sleet blowing down the street. I was standing beside Melton Thacker with our backs to the oil burning stove, trying to get warm. It was during the depression and there were no customers in the store. The door opened and an elderly man entered, his feet wrapped in tow sacks, and sleet caked on his ragged coat.

He handed some money to Mr. Thacker. He said, 'Melton, here is the six dollars I owe you for that stove.'

'You didn't need to bring it in this kind of weather,' Mr. Thacker said.

'I promised you I would pay today,' the man said and left.

'He has walked five miles through this weather to pay me,' Mr. Thacker said.

Melton Thacker stated that he believed that most people are honest and treated fairly, will pay their debts."

The Thacker family still believes this today and offer fair, friendly service to the people of Motley County.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS — Thacker Supply in downtown Roaring Springs is celebrating their 75th anniversary this month. They will host an open house on Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jeff Thacker is standing (left) with employees Dorothy and Bruce Lefevre; seated are LaVoe and Buzz Thacker.

## COUNTY MEETING REPORTS

### MATADOR CITY COUNCIL

The Matador City Council met February 9 at 8 a.m. for a busy morning. The minutes were approved and the bills were discussed and passed.

Charles Keith and Mike Crowley met with the Council concerning the water at the American Legion Building.

Dr. Pat and Mary Lou Williams met to ask for relief on a water bill at the end of 1994. During this month a water leak broke loose while they were out of town, so the leak wasn't caught and stopped before leaking over a million gallons of water.

The Williams also asked what they could do to help remedy this problem. The Council suggested they have a pressure gauge installed to cut the water flow down and maybe this would stop some of the leaks.

The Council could not help in this problem as they are not responsible for water lines on the other side of the meters.

Mayor Gary Lancaster called for a city election on May 6, 1995 with three places open for the election, L.B. "Bundy" Campbell, Travis Jameson, and Brenda Perryman Mooney.

A street light was requested for the corner of Cannon and Somerville. This was tabled for further investigation.

Rodney Williams, representing the Motley/Matador Volunteer Fire Department asked the City to change their employee policy manual so the City employees could join the fire department. Williams stated the department has to have 21 active members to meet State requirements so they want all the mem-

bers they can get.

The Council elected to allow a 6 month trail run for any employee to belong to the fire department with the stipulation they could not leave town on a call if they were on duty or on call for the city.

Williams also asked the Council if they could move a fire hydrant over on some lots that have recently been given the department. They plan to use these lots for training ground. The Council gave them permission.

Terry Carson reported on the progress of the fence around the sewer plant.

Mayor Lancaster held the budget hearing for the 95-96 proposed budget.

Meeting adjourned.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Motley County Commissioners Court met February 13 for regular session.

The Judge Laverne Price opened the Court and gave the invocation. The minutes, bills and reports were read with the J.P. collecting \$3,745.

Roy Hobbs of the First State Bank presented the application and bid for County Depository. This was accepted.

Ross Herrington who has a farm in the Flomot area wanted to discuss his problem of excess water on his farm. James Gillespie of the SCS office explained there are some new terraces being built on farms around him and that this should help elevate some of Herrington's drainage problems. This was tabled until March.

Rob Francis of Bear Creek Ranch and Farris Ranch, and Casey Jones, representing the Matador Ranch, requested that the TeePee City road be closed to the public. All ranchers with cattle on this road have had cattle shot and killed. This was tabled until further investigation.

The Court accepted the resignation of Special Prosecutor Sharon Sutton Pigg.

The Court heard Michael Clawson, County Agent, give his yearly report of 1994 accomplishments, part of which was the establishment of the county wide Chamber of Commerce, holding several workshops on Beef Cattle Marketing, Computer Training, Cotton and Peanut Field Days, many 4-H projects, labs, camps, and retreats.

Judge Laverne Price read a letter and

explained the House Bill 421. This Bill will modify House Bill 2060. This concerns trucks overloaded and using county roads. Due to increased traffic and more damage has incurred to county roads and bridges. If this bill passes it will not only regulate truck traffic, the counties will receive oil and gas well severance tax money to help with road and bridge maintenance.

The Court adopted a resolution requesting 1995-96 Quail Season be set from December 1 - January 15 with the same bag limit (12 and 36 in hand) as 94-95.

Charley Johnson, Patricia Green, and James Gillespie, representing the Motley County Library Board presented a resignation from Librarian, Wilda Dixon. The Court accepted the resignation.

Meeting adjourned.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met February 8 for regular session. Items approved were as follows:

\* Minutes, expenditures and a review of the financial statement.

\* Approved request from Valley ISD to enter our District to bus a student to Valley for the remainder of the 1994-95 school year.

\* Approved update on local Policy 48. Approve attendance committee for State Regulation. Approved the 95/96 contract with ESC (Education Service Center), 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative to purchase food for the cafeteria.

\* Discussed and tabled any housing to be purchased by school district.

\* Board reviewed the construction

project and elected to approve payment of all but \$30,000 until he company completes the project. They also elected to add late charges for the lengthy delay of the completion.

\* In executive session, administrators contract, personnel and maintenance personnel contracts were discussed.

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## Heather Turner Finalist For Texas' Homecoming Queen



Heather Turner

Miss Heather Ann Turner, daughter of Johnney and Carol Ann Turner of Matador has been selected finalist for Texas' Homecoming Queen to be held

April 1 and 2, 1995 at the Dallas Ft. Worth Airport Marriott. She is the Motley County High School Homecoming

Queen. Texas' Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to compete with queens

from other states for America's Homecoming Queen in August at the Anaheim Marriot in Anaheim, California. America's Homecoming Queen will receive a

cash scholarship plus an expense paid educational trip to Europe. America's Homecoming Queen is a non profit organization promoting education and educational travel for high school homecoming queens in all fifty states.

## Motley County Chamber Of Commerce Meets

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met for a scheduled meeting, Thursday, February 9 at the First State Bank in Matador with eight members of the 12-member board in attendance. Present were Sondra Francis, Roy Hobbs, Jeff Thacker, Billy Wayne Denison, Brent Marshall, Charles Keith, Michael Clawson, and Darrell Cruse.

President Jeff Thacker called the meeting to order and the Board reviewed the status of the 1995 membership drive and discussed future publicity and projects. The next board meeting was set for March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the First State Bank and the meeting was adjourned.

Membership drive results to date are as follows:

Business: First State Bank, Marshall Brothers Electric and Propane, Harry Hamilton Real Estate, West Texas Utilities, Potts Composites, Red Ball Gin, Thacker Supply Company, and Thacker Jewelry.

Individual: Michael Clawson, Brenda Cruse, Darrell Cruse, Billy W. Denison, Debbie Denison, Vann Francis, Sondra Francis, Roy Hobbs, Frances Hobbs, Larry Hoyle, Charles Keith, Joan Keith, Charlie Keith, Viola Keith, Marisue Potts, Jim Potts, Mary Ann Potts, Laverne Price, Jeff Thacker, and Pam Thacker.



## Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly A. Logsdon  
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics

### GOOD NUTRITION GOES A LONG WAY FOR OLDER ADULTS

Americans are certainly getting older. In the next 10 years, the largest population growth in the United States will occur in people 85 years old and older. That is because of improved living standards, technology and education. Since good nutrition and exercise are a requirement for health maintenance, then what accounts for the 25 percent of Americans 65 years old and older who still suffer from poor eating habits and irregular activity?

Older Americans have malnutrition because of the following contributors: Poverty or reduced income; loss of appetite due to depression and social isolation; taste diminished due to drugs, lack of taste buds and reduced ability to smell; and poorly fitting dentures.

Seniors (and their caregivers) need to ensure that they eat enough food each day by planning ahead and using food dollars wisely. Remember to include enough grain products such as breads, cereals, pasta and rice everyday. If chewing is a problem, choose soft cereals and breads. Remove the bread crust, if present.

Then check to include vegetables whether fresh, canned, dried or frozen everyday. If chewing is difficult, then slice, chop or grate fresh vegetables so you can eat them raw or cooked. Try a variety of preparation methods when preparing them. Experiment with a vari-

ety of seasonings to add interest and variety to the vegetables. Don't forget to add at least 2 servings of fruit. Fruit tastes delicious and certainly contributes minerals and vitamins as well as carbohydrates and fiber in the diet.

Another food group that older adults need at least 2 or more cups of everyday is milk, yogurt or cheese. That's the best known source of calcium in the diet. That is so important of older adults to prevent osteoporosis - porous bones. So try to add extra milk in or cheese in your daily food preparation.

Many elderly have loss of appetite because they are bored with eating, their sense of taste and smell have diminished or feel that food is too bland. Eating alone is also a factor in diminished appetite.

Start eating daily following the daily food county recommendations. Call your local county agent today for a copy of the USDA Food Guide Pyramid so you can select foods wisely to prevent malnutrition.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Most people don't have any trouble meeting expenses - everytime we turn around, there they are.

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It is by teaching that we teach ourselves, by relating that we observe, by affirming that we examine, by showing that we look, by writing that we think, by pumping that we draw water into the well.

—Frederic Amiel

### Bridal Selections for

Mrs. Jody Scott

(nee Sondra McClaran)

and

Mrs. Bo Bennett

(nee Brandee Spray)

The Windmill

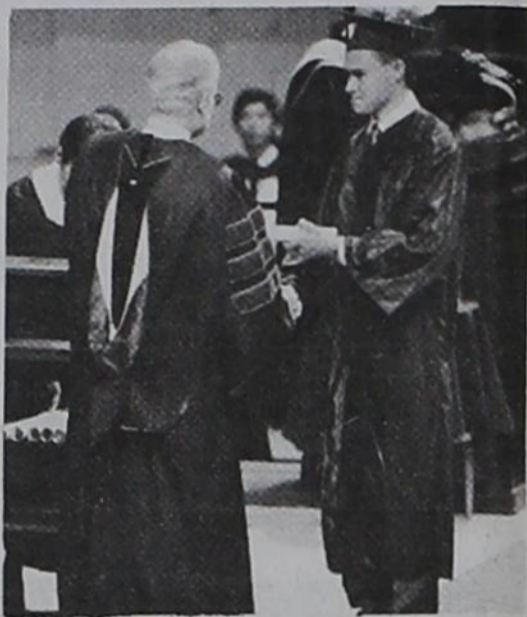


by Wilda Dixon

NEW HOURS for the Library are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m Tuesday through Friday. The new hours will begin February 16th.

The Library is being kept open by volunteers until a new library director is engaged.

## Will Richards Graduates From Texas A&M University



Will Richards receiving diploma from Texas A&M University.

Will Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Richards of Wimberly, graduated in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University on December 17, 1994. He is presently working for IBM in Austin.

Will's parents, Ron and Alyson Richards, were former teachers in the Motley County school system, and their children were students here. Their daughter Bonnie is a senior at Texas A&M in

bilingual education and their son, Luke, is a junior at Wimberly High School.

## Arts & Crafts Club Members Enjoy Valentine Party

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed a Valentine day February 6 at the Senior Citizens Center. A workshop of jewelry construction, a covered dish luncheon and a Valentine Party.

Mrs. Bonnie Edmondson taught the class, using pony beads, silver trim, and colored cord interlaced with silver or gold thread. Many lovely pieces resulted. Bright pretty colors for Spring, a lovely addition to any ensemble, watch for these at our Spring Bazaar!

The covered dish luncheon was a pleasure, good food, good fun, and pleasant conversations.

The tea table was an inspiration decorated by Dorothy Day and Betty Simpson, hostesses for the day, a pretty Valentine box, decorated with ribbon and lace was the focal point, flanked by heart shaped candy boxes, a red ribbon of satin and lace was centered down the middle of the

table covered by a red cloth.

An antique Valentine was an outstanding feature, very large, fold-out type brought by Pauline Hand, gum drop heart, printed Valentine hearts were served from crystal trays.

Joy Archer, club president, presided over business meeting. Docents were for museum, and plans for a Spring Bazaar were made.

The date for the Spring Bazaar is May 6. Members have begun work on items for Mother's Day, Graduation, and Weddings in June, watch for other news.

Members present were Elsie Thacker, Una Simpson, Betty Simpson, Bertha Moore, Geraldine Key, Joy Archer, Lorene Lancaster, Winifred Lee, Audrey Jones, Joyce Meredith, Pauline Hand, Bonnie Edmondson, Bertha Stearns, Dora Watson, Dorothy Knight, Dorothy Day, Betty Henry, Lou Ann Jameson, and Winifred Darsey.

Mary Lou Williams surprised the club with a gift of books on various forms of arts and crafts. Thanks to Mary Lou, we love you.

March meeting will be held at the center. Lorene Lancaster will conduct a workshop on oil painting. Members not taking the lesson will bring something of their choice to work on. See you there!

### School Board

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Out of executive session the Board renewed contracts for George Blanch, Superintendent and Rick Copp, Principal, for 2 years. Board accepted the resignation of Sherri Prather, Library Aide.

The Board designated Blanch and Copp to hire Maintenance personnel.

The Board is interviewing three men for the Athletic Director/Head Coach position, one on February 10, and two on February 15.

Blanch gave the Board training workshop dates for February and March. Meeting adjourned.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

A husband said to a minister, "You told me at my wedding that I was at the end of my troubles."

"I did," he answered, "but I didn't say which end."

Everyone has troubles. Some mope their way through. That leads to misery.

Others dope their way through. That only aggravates their agony, and the habit is worse than the hurt.

Many grope their way through, and that leads to grief.

But the Bible says, "Hope in God." He'll give you wisdom for your mind, the strength for your body, and the grace for your heart. You'll be able to cope with your troubles, and you'll triumph over them.

## Michael Clawson Guest Speaker At Do Gooders' Club Meeting

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7 at the Community Center in Flomot. Michael Clawson of Matador, Motley County Agent, was the guest speaker. He presented a very informative program on THE CARE OF TREES.

Mr. Clawson stressed the importance of selecting the right tree for the best location and careful planting when planning a landscape. What you do to your tree in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength and even in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength and even its life span. When showing slides, Mr. Clawson told A TALE OF TWO TREES, the difference of the tree that was properly pruned when it was young and the tree that was left neglected. The insightful old bromide about children, "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree" might just as well serve as the cardinal principle for pruning young shade trees. He demonstrated pruning techniques on trees and rose bushes around the Community Center.

In March 1989, members of the Club planted shrubs, flower bulbs, roses, trees and other plants on the acreage around the Community building for a beautiful landscape. They have appointed committees

to take care of the plants each month.

Mrs. Alma Shorter, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report which was approved. The members voted to buy new floor covering for the meeting area of the Community Center. Those elected to oversee the project and to give a report at the next club meeting were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, B. Rogers, Wadetta Clay and Leona Degan.

Valentine symbols of the traditional color of red, lace and hearts, the exchanging of Valentines and Secret Pal gifts added to the entertaining afternoon. Hostesses, Mrs. Christeen Gilbert and Mrs. Leona Degan presided at a table laid with a lace cloth with a red accent cloth down the middle. Centerpiece was a white Teddy Bear holding a bouquet of red and white balloons. Refreshments of pigs in a blanket, red-red cake, nuts and candies were served with hot fruit punch and coffee complimented by red valentine designed appointments.

Those attending besides Mesdames Shorter, Calvert, Rogers, Clay, Degan and Gilbert were Mesdames Erma Washinton, Jimmie Hunter, Judy Truc, Nada Starkey, Bernice Bond, Lucille Monk, and Trula Martin.

## Christi Potts Named To President's List

Christi Potts was named to the President's List at Texas Tech University, with a 4.0 GPA. She is a Sophomore with a major in Psychology. Christi is a 1993 graduate of Motley County High School.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
Mark 16:15

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## Giving Is Not Always About Money



Dr. Roy L. Laurin tells of a Christian businessman who was traveling in Korea. While there this businessman observed in a field by the side of the road, two men plowing. What was unusual about this was that the youngest was actually pulling the crude plow with the older man guiding it.

The businessman took a snapshot of this scene and remarked, "I suppose these people are very poor." "Yes," was the reply from the missionary who was acting as guide and interpreter for the group. The missionary went on to explain that those two men, being Christians, had helped in building their church building. They were eager to give something toward it. They had no money. So they decided to sell their one and only ox and give the proceeds to the church. That is why they were pulling the plow themselves.

The businessman was silent for a moment. Then he said, "That must have been a real sacrifice." To this the missionary replied, "They did not call it that, they thought themselves fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

Our Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." There is more to giving than money.

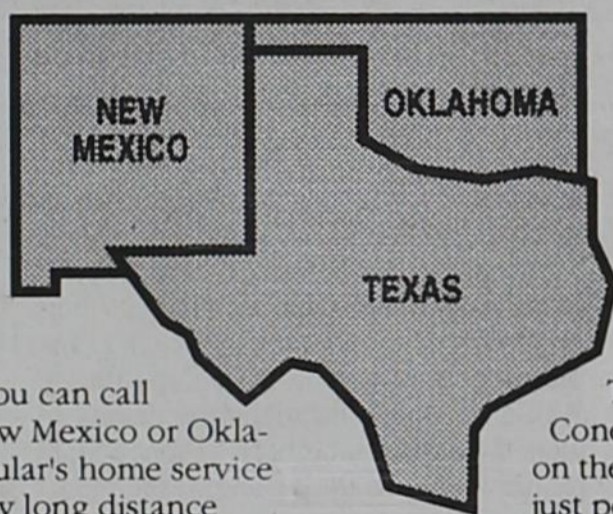
Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Worship - 9:00 a.m.

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# Motley County School News

## Students of the Month



Jr. High Students of the Month — Kristi Williams and Todd Thomas.

Junior High Students of the Month for January are Kristi Williams and Todd Thomas.

Kristi is the 14 year old daughter of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador. She is an eighth grader at Motley County Junior High and has an older sister, Lindsey, who is a Junior at MC High School. Kristi enjoys watching her favorite movie, "The Cowboy Way". Her favorite food is Chicken Fajitas and her favorite color is black. Kristi's favorite activity is playing basketball, talking on the phone and shopping. Kristi's favorite song is "Doctor Time". She is an active member of the eighth grade basketball team, a member of the Pop Club, Track Team, FCA, and the Methodist Senior Youth Group.

The person Kristi admires the most is Emmitt Smith. She says "Because he has tried hard and has achieved his goals."

Kristi plans to attend college somewhere and her long range goal is to become a Lawyer.

Todd is the 13 year old son of Richard and Darlene Thomas of Matador. He is a seventh grader at MC Junior High School and has an older sister Misty, who is in the tenth grade at Motley County 4-H. Todd's favorite color is blue and he enjoys eating barbecue. His favorite movie is "Cowboy

Way". Todd's hobbies include roping and showing his steers and pigs.

The person Todd admires most is his Dad. He says, "He has taught me all I need to know about my animals."

Todd plans to attend college at Clarendon after graduating from Motley County High School, but hasn't made up his mind on his major yet.

High School "Students of the Month" for January are Lindsey Williams and Cody Timmons.

Lindsey is the 16 year old daughter of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador. She is a Junior at Motley County High School and has a younger sister, Kristi, who is an eighth grader at MC Junior High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, Junior Class Reporter, and Methodist Senior Youth Group. Her favorite color is purple and she enjoys listening to her favorite song "House of Love". Lindsey's favorite food is chicken fajitas and her favorite movie is "8 Seconds". Lindsey's hobbies and activities include spending time with her family and friends, listening to music and shopping.

Lindsey admires her cousin, Paige Williams because "She is very sweet and a special person to me. I have always looked up to her. She has good values and



High School Students of the Month — Lindsey Williams and Cody Timmons.

manners and respects others. She taught me that if you do your best, that's all that counts. She gives me a very positive attitude by assuring me that I can do the things I have doubts about. She is a very smart and pretty person who will always be someone special to me."

Lindsey plans to attend college upon graduating from Motley County High School and major in Accounting or Finance.

Cody is the 16 year old son of James and Janice Timmons of Northfield. He is a Sophomore at Motley County High School and has an older sister, Kristi Harris. He is involved in UIL and has been nominated to become a member of the National Honor Society. Cody is an active member of the FFA, serving as Sentinel for both the Motley County Chapter and the District. Cody's favorite food is strawberry ice cream and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys the movie, "Dances With Wolves" and he likes listening to "Bad Moon". Cody also enjoys hunting and fishing as his hobbies.

Cody most admires his parents because "they work hard and take care of me."

After graduation Cody plans on attending college somewhere, but has yet to decide on his field of study.



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Combination Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Squash, Cornbread, Dessert, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Magic Cookie Bars, Milk.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Turkey Slices, Rice, Broccoli and Cheese Casserole, Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Banana Pudding, Milk.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Apple-sauce, Milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, French Fries, Sugar Cookies, Milk.

## National FFA Week To Be Recognized February 18-25

More than 428,000 FFA members will promote FFA, agricultural education and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25, 1995.

FFA members in 7,238 chapters across the US as well as Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will be organizing events and activities to foster awareness of agricultural education and support for FFA.

This year's theme, "FFA — The Leadership Advantage," will be seen through communities nationwide through promotional efforts of local members. FFA activities and agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, analytical thinking and the application of both to the industry of agriculture.

Brandon Blanch, Motley County FFA Chapter President said that several activities have been planned for FFA Week at Motley County. All during the week, members will be bringing food to place in the teacher's lounge to how thanks for the cooperation and support the teachers give the FFA chapter. On Tuesday members will talk to 7th and 8th grade students about activities and awards available to FFA members. Blue and Gold day will be on Wednesday when FFA members wear their official dress. Also on Wednesday, K-1st, and 2nd graders will complete posters on what they think FFA means. On Thursday, chapter members will replace a tree in front of the school to show

their respect for nature. On Friday all students will be invited to participate in games and refreshments during HAT period.

Larry Case, national FFA advisor, said today's young people are aware of their responsibilities as agricultural leaders for tomorrow. "Our members realize the world in which we live is growing larger and more interdependent," he said. "These young people will be leading the effort to provide food and fiber for a growing population, as well as to keep America competitive in the global marketplace."

National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture. Both the National FFA Center and the National FFA Hall of Achievement are located on part of Washington's original Mount Vernon estate near Alexandria, VA.

FFA is a national organization of 428,109 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. 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. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agricultural education.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, February 16: Faculty vs. J.V. and Varsity, Basketball and Concession. \* Subject to change.

Friday, February 17: No School, Winter Day.

Saturday, February 18: Baptist Youth to Wayland.

### Congratulations to...

Brandon Blanch who has been nominated as a NewsChannel 11/Dr. Pepper Student Athlete of the Week. Stay tuned to Channel 11's 10 p.m. sportscast on a Tuesday evening to see Brandon featured as their student athlete of the week!

## Methodist Junior Youth Group Visits Nursing Home

Reporter - Lacy Carson

The Methodist Junior Youth met at 4:30, February 8, 1995 for a visit to the Lockney Nursing Home. We entered the home armed with 42 Valentines we had made, 55 cupcakes and a box of large print Adult Sunday School magazines.

Each resident was presented a Valentine. The group visited with Doris Morris, Mrs. Snow, Ossie Smallwood, Lillar Garrison, Sibyl Barton, Mrs. Brinsfield, Audie Potect and Cecil Shelton. We missed Juddie Stephens, but left a Valentine in her room.

We stopped in Pizza Gold in Floydada

to eat. Those going on this trip were Chase and Lacy Carson, Ryan and Britany Moore, Kyle and Paige Neal, Stephanie Prather, Denise Shannon, Rachael Smith, Lisa and Leslie Taylor, and Cole Grundy, Ronda Miller, JoEta Bumgardner, and Bessie Jean Williams.

We mailed Valentines to all the people we knew to be in any home from Motley County. We presented Valentines to all Seniors present at Church Sunday. We then delivered to those not in attendance.

Our next meeting will be a party Friday, February 17 from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Lindsey's Lines

by Lindsey Williams

We had our UIL practice meet here this weekend. The Motley County students who were able to participate did very well. There were people from Matador placing in 8 contests.

Cody Campbell placed 4th in Poetry. Laurie Hoyle received 5th place in Poetry and 5th place in Current Events. Lesa Prather placed 1st in Prose and 6th in Current Events. Chesle Parson was awarded 6th place in Spelling and Vocabulary, 4th place in Current Events,

and 3rd in Computer Applications. Mandi Farley won 4th place in Calculator Applications, and 6th place in Science. Wendy Lancaster placed 3rd in Computer Science and 3rd in Accounting. Lindsey Williams placed 2nd in Accounting and 4th in Computer Science. Becky McFall placed 4th in Accounting and Heather Turner got 1st in Accounting.

Overall, everyone did a good job and we're all looking forward to lots of wins in district.

### PIP

### "Players In Progress" Learn Basketball Skills

PIP is a nonprofit youth organization. Performance groups specialize in basketball skills, drills, and tricks. The groups consist of girls and boys kindergarten through sixth grade. PIP groups can be formed through schools, churches, recreation centers, city-wide, or any other designated group.

PIPs perform at local basketball games and special events.

- Why PIPs?
- to create an early interest in basketball
  - to encourage the development of ball handling skills
  - to build self-assurance
  - to improve agility, physical skills, and general fitness
  - to stimulate individuals with strong character who give back to society through "People in Progress" activities.

In addition PIP allows each child the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and overcome that nervousness that keeps so many from trying new things. It also allows each child to "mess up" and keep going -- a valuable lesson. This makes it possible for each child to work at her/his own level and be successful.

Everyone leaves the floor a winner. Thanks to the parents for being so faithful in getting their child to practice and all the performances.

This year the Motley County PIPs only performed at local basketball games. Hopefully next year we'll be able to perform at Wayland Basketball games and other area games.

PIPs: Coaches, Brenda Osborn, Bettye Stevens; Volunteers, Judy Cooper, Kay Bingham; players, Martin Walker, kindergarten; Chance Bingham, Zane Graves, first; Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Britany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, John Stevens, second; Stachia Baxter, Dumont Darsey, Quinten Rose, third; Lacy Carson, Clint Cooper, fourth; Kelsi Wallace, Sherri Thomas, fifth; Leigha Burns, Chase Carson, Stephanie Prather, Denise Shannon, and Ashley Stevens, sixth.

If you have a child interested in joining PIP, notify Bettye Stevens or Brenda Osborn.

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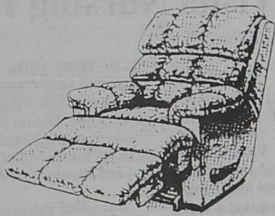
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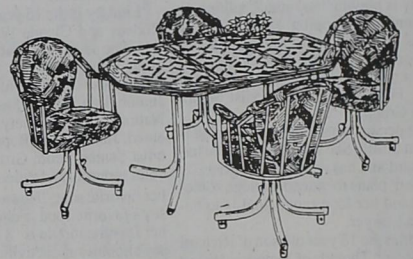
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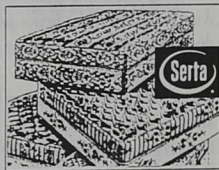
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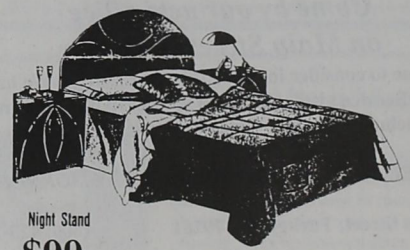
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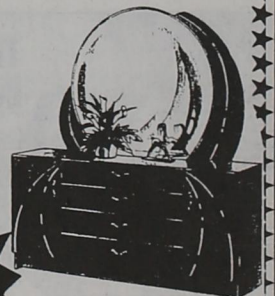
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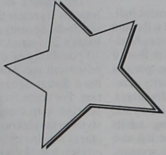
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# Area Youth To Compete In Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Motley County youth are preparing to compete in the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Scott Palmer, a 14-year-old Motley County 4-H member from Matador, will be competing in the calf scramble on March 2. This evening performance also will feature entertainment from John Michael Montgomery.

Scott, son of Johnny and Tammy Palmer, will be scrambling for one of 320 calves to be awarded at the 1995 Show. In addition to the seven championship rodeo events, the calf scramble is an exciting part of each rodeo performance.

Rebecca Long, the 15-year-old daughter of Rodney and Nona Long of Roaring Springs will also be competing in the calf scramble.

The calf scramble event involves 28 steadfast, determined youngsters - all of whom are members of Texas 4-H or FFA. Each contender is equally deter-

mined to catch one of the 14 calves. But these rugged animals scramble just as hard in an effort not to get caught. For those individuals who manage to capture, halter and bring a calf into the winners' square, the reward is a \$1,000 purchase certificate.

In addition to the winners, two youngsters at each performance may be given "hard luck" calf certificates for their efforts in attempting to catch a calf.

The calf scramble certificates, donated by generous companies and individuals are used to purchase purebred beef or dairy heifers. These calves are then raised by the winners and will compete in special competition at the Houston Livestock Show the following year.

Five 4-H and FFA members from Motley County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the Livestock Show, Feb. 17 through March 5.

Clint Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Matador; Darryn Perryman, son of Linda Perryman of Matador; and Cody Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Timmons of Northfield will show steers. Cobey Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Flomot, will show a heifer; and Kayla Copp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Copp of Matador, will

show a lamb and a barrow hog.

Cobey will also compete in the beef scramble.

"Our junior show is the highlight of our livestock exhibition, placing an emphasis on education, supervised instruction and fair competition, said Don Jobes, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager.

## Private Applicator's License Training And Testing To Be Held In Matador

For agricultural producers who do not currently have a private applicator's license, a training and testing for the license will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995. A representative with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be in Matador to conduct the training and testing for individuals to become a Licensed Private Applicator. The training will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Building in Matador.

Licensed Private Applicator classification allows a person to purchase, use, and supervise the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. In order to receive a private applicator's license, an individual must:

- \* view Extension slide/tape presentation to complete requirements for the

license;

- \* take and pass a 100 question test with a grade of 70% or above through the Texas Department of Agriculture;
- \* pay a \$50.00 license fee to TDA;
- \* the license will expire on the last day of February on the fifth year after issue unless 15 hours of continuing education credits are received within 5 years and the license fee is paid again.

The requirements for viewing the slide presentation and taking the test will all be done during the course on February 22nd. Please RSVP before February 20th if you plan to attend the Licensed Private Applicator Training and Testing. If you have any questions regarding private applicator licensing requirements, call Michael Clawson, Motley County Extension Agent, at (806) 347-2733.

## Social Security Tips

by Terry Richardson

### SOCIAL SECURITY AS LIFE INSURANCE

Many people don't realize how much of their Social Security taxes counts for the protection of their families when they die. But it's true that your Social Security survivors insurance protection could be worth more than the commercial life insurance you may (or may not) have.

The misperception is strengthened by ads like that of a current TV life insurance commercial in which a widow refers to her husband's Social Security survivors payments as "not enough to bury him with." She was referring to the \$255 lump sum payment Social Security makes to the widow or widower of deceased workers.

To the extent that the statement indicates that the lump sum benefit is the sum total of Social Security survivors benefits, it is misleading. About 7.3 million or 18 percent of the 42 million persons receiving monthly Social Security benefits are survivors of deceased workers. They are aged and disabled widows and widowers, children, including adults disabled since childhood. The list also includes divorced surviving spouses, parents, and grandchildren.

While most workers have life insurance policies, the average value of a group policy is less than \$30,000 and an

individual policy less than \$40,000. Under Social Security, however, the survivors protection of the family of a worker who dies at age 25 with average earnings is worth about \$333,000. If the worker had maximum earnings subject to the Social Security tax, the survivors benefits would be worth about \$519,000. The average benefit being paid to a widowed mother and two children in 1995 is \$1,365. The maximum benefit payable to such a family in which the worker paid maximum earnings under Social Security is \$2,430.

And these benefits increase with the cost of living, something few private plans offer.

The chance of collecting survivors benefits is greater than most people realize. Social Security actuaries estimate that today's 20-year-old faces roughly a 2-in-10 possibility of dying before reaching retirement age. And virtually all workers have Social Security survivors protection. For some families, Social Security benefits help them maintain their lifestyles in the absence of a wage earner; for others, it helps keep them above the poverty level; and for others, particularly large, low-income families with young children, Social Security benefits have been known to make the difference between staying together as a family or splitting up.



Final calculations for the 1994 crop Upland Cotton Deficiency Payment have been made following the release of final marketing figures for the month of December.

December marketings of 5,091 million bales helped push the final payment rate down to 4.6 cents per pound. Producers who received the 6.45 cent advance payment in 1994 now have until July 31, 1995 to repay the 1.85 cent difference between the advance and final payment rates.

Officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) received word on the final payment rate February 1 following release of December marketing and price information January 31.

PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson notes that producers will be able to offset the repayment against other program payments they will receive before the end of the current marketing year, July 31.

Deficiency payments are calculated as the lesser of the difference between the target price and the either the Commodity

Credit Corporation Loan Rate or the average price received by growers weighted by total marketings for the preceding calendar year.

The December figures, released by USDA January 31, show that U.S. cotton producers marketing over 5 million bales and received an average price of 73.2 cents per pound during the month.

The new figures produced a calculated total Deficiency Payment rate of 4.6 cents through December, 1.85 cents below the advance payment rate.

The cumulative volume of cotton marketed through December climbed to 18,598 million bales and the weighted average price received by growers also increased to 68.3 cents per pound.

Over half (9,393 million bales) of the cotton sold in 1994 was marketed in November and December when prices were at their peak for the calendar year.

The preliminary volume of marketings and prices received by growers in cents per pound as reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service appear below.

Preliminary Marketing's and Prices Received Through December 1994

|           | Marketing's (1000 Bales) |      | Price (cents/lb.) |      | Weighted Ave. Price |      |
|-----------|--------------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|------|
|           | 1993                     | 1994 | 1993              | 1994 | 1993                | 1994 |
| January   | 2681                     | 1945 | 53.0              | 62.7 | 53.0                | 62.7 |
| February  | 1009                     | 922  | 53.8              | 65.7 | 53.2                | 63.7 |
| March     | 823                      | 742  | 56.3              | 66.6 | 53.8                | 64.3 |
| April     | 338                      | 556  | 55.1              | 67.5 | 53.9                | 64.7 |
| May       | 327                      | 507  | 54.4              | 69.0 | 53.9                | 65.1 |
| June      | 269                      | 269  | 53.6              | 63.3 | 53.9                | 65.0 |
| July      | 246                      | 185  | 53.7              | 58.7 | 53.9                | 64.8 |
| August    | 336                      | 802  | 53.1              | 66.8 | 53.8                | 65.1 |
| September | 825                      | 836  | 51.9              | 65.9 | 53.6                | 65.2 |
| October   | 1440                     | 2518 | 52.8              | 65.5 | 53.5                | 65.3 |
| November  | 3152                     | 4302 | 53.9              | 68.9 | 53.6                | 66.4 |
| December  | 3063                     | 5091 | 57.1              | 73.2 | 54.3                | 68.3 |

Source: NASS, Washington D.C.

## Ranchers Invited To Beef Cattle Management Workshop

A Beef Cattle Management Workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 1995 at the Motley County School Cafeteria. The workshop will kick-off at 6 p.m. with registration. A chicken fried steak meal will be provided courtesy of Hi-Pro and Friona Industries.

The event is sponsored by the Motley County Agriculture Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. J.F. Cadenhead, Extension Range and Brush Control Specialist - Vernon, will address Management of Old World Bluestems and Lovegrasses. Dr. Ron Gill Extension Livestock Specialist - Dallas, will discuss the nutritional value of improved grasses and the progress of the Ranch to Rail Program.

Dr. Matt Cravey, Nutritionist for Friona Industries - Amarillo, will be on hand to talk about the Hi-Pro Producer's Edge Program. Producer's Edge is a program sponsored by Friona Industries in which premiums are given for pre-conditioned cattle. Cravey serves as the coordinator of the Producer's Edge Program.

Two (2) CEU's for recertification of private applicator's license will be offered.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop should contact Michael Clawson, Motley County Extension Agent, at (806) 347-2733. Please RSVP before February 17th in order to have an estimate for the meal.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

## Worker Protection Standard Training Set For Feb. 27

On Monday, February 27, 1995, ag producers will have the opportunity to hear from Texas Department of Agriculture representative Bill Rodgers regarding the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and how it effect local farmers and ranchers. The training will start at 12:00 noon in the Matador Senior Citizens Building.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Zeneca Ag Company and Stockman's Supply.

The Worker Protection Standard, which came into effect on January 1, 1995, requires producers to take steps to reduce the risk of pesticide-related illness and injury. If a producer uses agricultural pesticides and/or employees agricultural

workers, the WPS requires them to provide employees with information about exposure to pesticides, protection against exposures to pesticides, and ways to mitigate exposures to pesticides.

The WPS Training on February 27th is designed to assist producers in understanding the WPS regulations. In addition, producers will have the opportunity to ask questions in order to assist them in complying with WPS. Two (2) CEU's will be offered for recertification of private applicator's license at the training.

Please RSVP before Friday, February 24th, if you plan to attend. For additional information on the Worker Protection Standard, call Michael Clawson, Motley County Extension Agent, at (806) 347-2733.

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# News Around The County

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Marceloni Sanchez escaped serious injury when he was in a one vehicle accident at 7 a.m., Monday morning, Feb. 13 six miles north of Flomot. His 1990 Nissan pickup overturned landing wheels up when he encountered dense fog on an icy pavement. The hood, top of cab and the two front fenders of pickup were damaged.

### JULIE CLAY ON DEAN'S HONOR LIST

Julie Ann Clay, sophomore student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, qualified for the Dean's List with her 1994 fall semester academic honors. She is enrolled in Pre-Nursing classes. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot.

### FREEZING DRIZZLE

Mr. Groundhog forewarned us of winter weather to come when he crawled back into his hole, February 2. Bitter cold and icy weather conditions Feb. 11-13 takes a toll on livestock, wheat and grassland in Flomot and Whiteflat.

Freezing drizzle slipped the temperature into the 20's with the wind chill factor dipping to 9 degrees and 3/8ths mile of visibility Monday the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Austin from Sunday until Tuesday of last week to attend a Texas Association of Mutual Insurance Companies Seminar. En route to Austin, they visited in Kerrville with daughter and family, Teresa and Robert McGraw, Kellan and Kacee.

Max Washington of Anton visited the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington. His wife, Gayle was in Phoenix, Arizona visiting their daughter and family.

Art Green and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green, Annie and Ashley of

Matador attended the basketball game in Petersburg Tuesday night in which grandson, Aaron Green played for MCHS.

Mrs. Alma Tiffin, sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tiffin of Silverton and her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Jeffries of Colorado Springs, Colorado attended the funeral of her grandson and their nephew, Ron McDonald held last Monday in Amarillo. Mrs. Jeffries remained to visit in Flomot until Saturday morning before returning home.

Aleda Elaine Ross visited last Saturday and Sunday in Hale Center with her cousins, Whitney and Aven, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Straw.

Visiting from Friday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert were their daughter, Mrs. Leland (Judy) Heiskell of Dalhart.

Presenting religious services at the Lockney Care Center, Friday morning were Bro. and Mrs. J.E. Lee of Plainview, Mrs. Emma Thomas of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond and Wayne Hunter of Flomot. Friday afternoon, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview to attend to business.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Lubbock, Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink and Kyler and Julia Clay, student at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Leona Bell of Amarillo visited from Friday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin. Also visiting during the weekend were Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond attended the birthday party honoring long time friend, Mrs. Ruby Lee Higginbotham held at the Baptist Church in South Plains, Sunday afternoon.

H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Floydada, Thursday with John and Joyce Speer.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Bill: "When my wife and I get into an argument, she gets historical."

Joe: "You mean hysterical, don't you?"

Bill: "No, I mean historical...she remembers everything I ever did wrong and the exact date and time it happened!"

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin accompanied her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs to Plainview, Monday, Feb. 6 for cataract eye surgery. Josie visited overnight Monday with Kathryn and they returned to Plainview, Tuesday morning for her check-up.

Aurene and Dan Bevers of Amarillo visited last Monday for her family, Mrs. Malcolm Jameson and Melba Jameson. Dan who is having chemotherapy treatments is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Morris Stephens joined other members of her Baptist Church Sunday School class in Matador, Saturday morning for a brunch at the home of Carolyn Ewing.

Hal Martin of Matador accompanied his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin to

Lubbock, Thursday for a podiatry medical appointment.

Morris Stephens visited in Lockney, Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Juddie Stephens at the Care Center. He also visited Cecil Shelton of Matador, who is

at the Care Center recuperating from a broken arm he suffered following an accident in his home.

Mrs. Martha Jo Shacklett and Mrs. Vernell Hanna accompanied their mother,

Mrs. Vesta Cooper to Lubbock, Monday and again, Friday for optical medical appointments.

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Mrs. Willeta Burkes of Afton was the Sunday guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell for lunch and an afternoon of visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim were Sunday visitors in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim and Miss Hazel Rohie; they were joined in celebrating Mrs. J.T. Swim's birthday by her grandson, Ruston Swim and Miss Patricia Alvarado of Lubbock.

Mrs. Doris Neff, postmistress, attended an HCR Training program in Lubbock Wednesday of last week.

The Post Office personnel named Tuesday, Valentine Day, as Customer Appreciation Day and served refreshments to all who made it there despite the frigid cold.

Mrs. Billie Clifton attended to business in Childress Monday; used to driving in bad weather she made it fine.

Canaan Isaiah Thacker was born Tuesday of last week in Methodist Hospital Lubbock to Mr. and Mrs. Joey

Thacker with his paternal grandparents and uncles standing by. Mother and son came home Saturday and both are doing well.

Falling down was an all too frequent occurrence among the people who got out Monday.

Cold weather is not as pleasant as it was looked forward to being during the sweltering days last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Ruidoso, N.M. visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith, the past weekend. They also visited her aunt, Audrey Jones, and other family members in Roaring Springs and Matador.

Lester Mullins of Hereford visited his mother, Odessa Mullins from Tuesday until Thursday of last week.

Joey and Ann Thacker, Amanda and new baby, Isaiah, visited with the baby's great-grandmother, Lillian Thacker, in Lubbock, on their way home from the hospital, Saturday.

## Pat Peacock Is Featured Employee

Pat Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock of Roaring Springs, was recently the featured employee in the Traylor Brother's Inc. Newsletter.

Pat is the Area Equipment Superintendent for Texas projects and joined Traylor Brothers Inc. in Houston in October, 1993.

Pat graduated from Roaring Springs High School and attended Texas Tech University for two years before deciding to move to the mechanical field. He completed the Construction Equipment Mechanics course at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, in August, 1975. He also prides himself in computer applications skills attained at Lee College in Baytown.

He and his wife, Julie, have three children, Justin (17), Dale (14), and LeeAnn (11). Justin is a junior at Anahuac

High School and participated in JV Tennis last year, placing third in district doubles. Dale, a freshman, is credited by Duke University Talent Search for his outstanding performance on the SAT/ACT. He is currently taking two honors classes. Both boys are active in marching band and the Christian Student Union. LeeAnn is a sixth grader and also active in band and twirling.

Realizing that life in the '90s is very different from growing up in the '60s. Pat spends as much time possible with the children. He guides them in learning, sharing, and teaching. When not experiencing the '90s with the family, Pat splits his time between his favorite hobbies of Scouting and working with computer systems for small business and home applications.

## Matador News

Mrs. Leroy (Katherine) Scott and Mrs. Ceaman (Margaret) Scott of Lubbock visited their mother, Mrs. Elga Evans and brother, Rodger Evans, Saturday. The group visited Mrs. Jewell Landrum to wish her happy birthday. Mrs. Landrum celebrated her 89th birthday on Friday.

Visiting Mrs. Jewell Landrum this weekend to help her celebrate her 89th birthday were Bobby and Pat Landrum and Kyle Fowler of Odessa, Louise Johnson and Donna Fickle of Abilene, Margaret Scott and Katherine Scott of

Lubbock, and local residents, Sid Landrum, Rodger Evans and Elga Evans.

Visiting the Jerome Wallingsfords were their son and family, James, LaDonna and grandson, James, of Grapevine, February 3-12. James and LaDonna also visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowman and Timmy and other friends. Also visiting were Martha's mother, Lola Beavers and a friend, Myrtle Nead, a nephew Chase Taylor, Martha's sister, Jo Newton and son, Shawn, all of Plainview. The family had their Christmas dinner during this visit.

Motley County Judge Lavema Price attended a seminar "New Judge Orientation" in Lubbock. Price was a facilitator, in charge of a group, in the week long meeting. Eighty-four judges out of 97 in Texas attended.

## Obituaries

### Ron McDonald

Funeral services for Ron McDonald, 48, of Amarillo, former resident of Flomot, were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6 at Grand Plaza Civic Center. James Haynes of Parkway Congregation, Virgil Lowery of Plainview Congregation and Eddie Ripley of San Antonio Congregation officiated.

He was born in Flomot and attended Flomot Schools before moving to Spearman where he graduated from High School. He attended Amarillo College. He was an elder in Southwest Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and was active in the Kingdom Hall construction. He

also helped administer area Watchtower conventions. He married Anne Regal, June 21, 1968 in Amarillo.

He had worked for Amarillo Fire Department and later was self employed in industrial and residential construction. He was also involved in real estate business brokering and investing.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Tawney Anne McDonald of Amarillo; his parents, R.C. and Lura McDonald; a sister, Mae Von McDonald all of Lubbock; and a grandmother, Mrs. V.D. (Alma) Tiffin of Flomot.

## Methodist Church Will Host Question & Answer Session

First United Methodist Church Matador, and First United Methodist Church Roaring Springs, invites anyone having questions about writing a proper will and use of the will for tax advantages to join with the churches at 1:00 on Sunday, March 5 at the Matador Church. A tax lawyer serving the churches of the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference voluntarily and Clifford E. Trotter, a development specialist with the Texas

Methodist Foundation will be present to answer questions and advise on wills and living trusts. Pastor Ron Kelley stressed that information will be applicable for all regardless of denomination and church affiliation should one wish to use gifts allowed to churches for tax advantages.

On the same day the church will host a covered dish dinner following the morning worship. Special music is planned during the 11:00 service.

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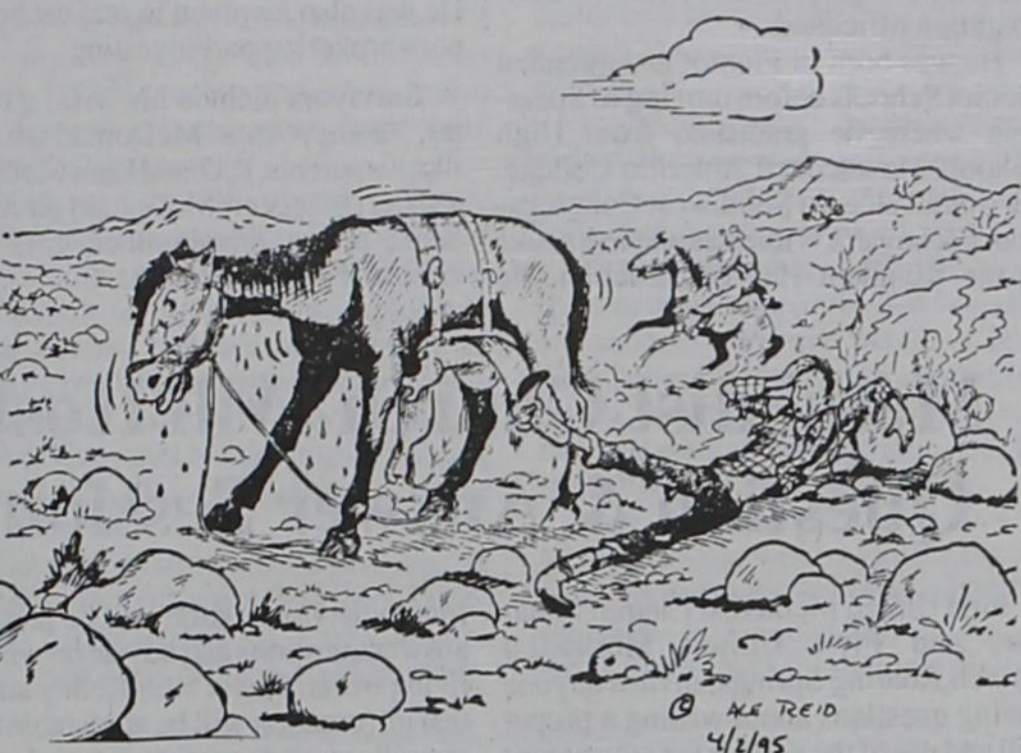
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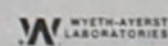
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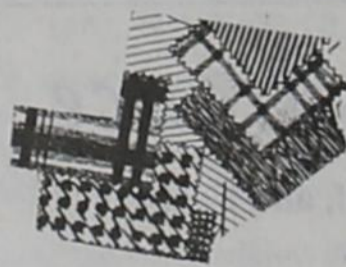
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