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A Look Back Coke

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Trail Dust
By Douglas Meador

"The problem of operating a small cafe must be greater than the public is willing to admit. Some customers want the best of food at hamburger prices, with strolling violinists."

CLOSING OF HOSPITAL SEEN

Fate of Motley General Hospital hangs in the balance next week. It may be forced to close because Medicare approval can not be obtained.

The problem is simple: operating cost to keep the hospital open is amounting to approximately \$6,000 per month. Without patients because it does not have Medicare approval, there is no revenue. At present, the facility is operating on next year's taxes. It can not continue to operate on a deficiency basis.

Big crowd attends Countywide Fifth Sunday Singing

About 250 people from at least seven area churches participated in the Countywide Fifth Sunday Singing at the Roaring Springs Community Center last Sunday, July 30. The worship service began at 11:00 a.m., with congregational singing and special music presentations. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, served as master of ceremonies, and Royce Jennings, pastor of First Baptist Churches in Matador and Roaring Springs, delivered the morning sermon. Pennie Keltz, accompanied by a talented instrumental ensemble, led congregational singing. Following a delicious and bountiful potluck meal at noon, the music continued until 3:15 p.m., featuring a wide range of style and presentations.

The next Countywide Fifth Sunday Singing will be on October 29. Every church in Motley County is invited to participate. More information about this event will be shared in the days ahead, and each church will be invited to help in the planning.

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

Football equipment to be distributed

Coach Robert Ridgley and Mr. Bob Hand announced this week that football equipment will be distributed Friday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Field House.

All Motley County high school boys who plan to participate in the football program this year will need to pick up their equipment at this time.

Baseball team pictures ready for pick-up

Baseball team pictures are ready to be picked up at the Motley County Tribune office. If you ordered a team picture, please come by the office and pick them up at your earliest convenience. Cost of each picture is \$2.50.



Last Days of Summer

Matthew, Cody, and Brandon Martin, left to right, were enjoying the last days of Summer vacation when this picture was taken on a hot Tuesday afternoon. Matthew and Brandon were teaching Cody how to ride his motorbike. Matthew, 12, Brandon, 14, and Cody, 6, are the children of Clay and Christine Martin of Matador. Children all over the county are enjoying these last few days of leisure, before hitting the books for the 2000-01 school year, which will begin next Thursday, August 10.

Motley County Parent-Teacher Organization formed

by Kim Jenschke,
PTO President

A Parent-Teacher Organization was formed at a planning meeting on May 9, 2000. There were 25 parents and teachers present. It was voted to organize the PTO and officers were elected. They are as follows: Kim Jenschke, President; Tina Brooks, Vice-President; Jennifer Adams, Secretary; Tammy Simpson, Treasurer; Robert Hand, School Representative.

The main focus set by the officers is parent involvement in our school. Some teachers have stated they want the parents to be aware of what it takes to be prepared for the students and what the students need to do to be prepared for their studies. We ask our teachers to be at their top performance while with our children, so as parents we should help prepare our students for their day at school. Communication between a parent and teacher is an absolute must, and our children deserve to have our utmost attention for their school work and activities. They are our children and our responsibility.

The PTO does not wish to focus on fund raisers this year but will be participating in the Box Tops for Education Program sponsored by General Mills. Students will be asked to save box tops and bring to school for collection. The PTO officers are encouraging anyone who is interested to help. General Mills offers money to schools for collecting box tops from their products, as well as others: Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Yoplait Yogurt multi-packs, Yoplait GoGurt yogurt, Lloyd's BBQ Buckets & General Mills Food Service prod-

All parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers and faculty are urged to join the Motley County PTO. The membership fee is \$1 per member. There will be an opportunity to join on the first day of school, and enrollment/volunteer forms will be sent home with students. PTO is for all classes. There will be a contest between classes for the most percentage of enrollment. The winning class will be treated to a pizza party. If you have more than one student in school, your membership will be counted for each student's class. The acts. If you collect any of these redeemable tops and do not have a stu-

dent in our school, please call 347-2023 for arrangements for collection. end date for the contest has not been set, but there will be notices sent home and in the newspaper of the date; so sign up early to avoid missing out on the contest. An eligible person may join at any time, but will not be counted toward the contest if after the end date.

We hope to have a successful school year and increase our parent involvement for the year 2000-01. Our children are our future, and we have no one to hold accountable but ourselves for our children's well being. Please be involved!

Local volunteer fireman attends fireman's school

Fred Parson, volunteer fireman of Matador Volunteer Fire Department in Matador, attended the 71st Annual Municipal Firemen's Training School, July 23-28. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, was held on the Texas A&M University campus.

Firemen can choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Fireman Parson was sponsored by Motley County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Com-

panies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said President Donald Patman of Waxahachie. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Matador Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Motley County."

Sixth annual MC Chamber Banquet set for tonight

Live, from engagements at the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock, Junior Vasquez headlines a lively night of entertainment at the 6th annual Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County ISD gym in Matador.

Remembered for his role of Ritchie Valens in "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," Vasquez is celebrated for singing "La Bamba" in that movie. Junior hosts his own concerts and performs at Nostalgia Nites at the Cactus. He and his wife and family have performed at Gospel events all over Texas and other states. Vasquez comes to Matador highly recommended by Don Caldwell of the Cactus, as an outstanding performer.

Opening the show will be Motley County's own 3-M Company per-

forming their distinctive musical magic during the dinner hour. With their unique blend of voices and musical

A special recognition award will acknowledge a business that has been vital to the growth and stability of the county.

The always popular door prizes, two \$100 bills and two silver dollars, will be drawn, and only those present may win.

The tickets are \$10 per person for a great meal with two entrees, catered by Virginia and Warner Sailsbury of Roaring Springs. FFA members will be serving. Casual attire is suggested, and everyone is urged to come and have a good time.

For tickets or more information, contact Jeff Thacker at 348-7546 or Rodney Williams at 347-2968.

Motley County 4-H's compete at State Horse Show

Four Motley County club members participated in the State 4-H Horse Show at Abilene on July 23-29, 2000. Brad Baxter, Scott Jones, Shandra Jones and Colton Russell accomplished their tasks very well and competed in a variety of events: team roping, working cow horse, 2-year old pleasure, team penning, hunter showmanship, hunter under saddle, hunter horsemanship, 3-year old stock horse, showmanship, poles, trail, western pleasure, barrels,

stakes, western horsemanship, and western riding.

A brother and sister team, Scott and Shandra Jones, snagged some of the top awards with Scott bringing home the Reserve Champion 3-year old stock horse and Shandra Jones taking a sixth place in working cow horse competition.

Congratulations to all Motley County 4-H members who attended the State 4-H Horse Show, riding high.



School Bells to ring for MC students

High School students will register Friday

Pre-registration for Motley County High School students will be held on Friday, August 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All students who will be in grades 9 - 12 for the 2000-01 school year should attend.

Motley County ISD classes will begin Thursday, August 10 at 8:20 a.m. School will dismiss each day at 3:21 p.m. Busses will run approximately 15 minutes earlier than last year. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. and students living in town need to be picked up at that time.

Breakfast will be served from 7:48 until 8:18 a.m. The day's schedule will be as follows:

First period - 8:20 - 9:10 a.m.
Second period & Fifth period - 9:14 - 10:44 a.m.
Third period & Sixth period - 10:48 a.m. - 12:18 p.m.
Lunch - 12:18 p.m. - 12:48 p.m.
Fourth period & Seventh period - 12:48 p.m. - 2:18 p.m.
Eighth period - 2:21 p.m. - 3:21 p.m.
Staff will be available until 3:45 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson reminds everyone in all grades to please get immunization records up to date. Records for any immunizations received this summer should be brought to the school so that copies can be made and placed on file. For immunization questions, please contact Mrs. Johnson at the school.



I lost an old friend last week. He had been in our lives since Jeremy was in the third grade. He and Jeremy were great friends. They went everywhere together. They spent many hours adventuring around Roaring Springs, walking down the river under the bridge north of town, bike riding, walking to town many afternoons for a cool Dr. Pepper, on a hot summer afternoon.

Jeremy worked with my Dad through the summer a lot, and our friend was always right there with him, even sitting on a hot roof, waiting for Jeremy to finish work, so he could play some more. When Jeremy went up and down the ladder, he followed. I guess you could say he was like a shadow.

As Jeremy grew and became interested in cars, sports, and girls, and was busy with high school activities, coming back and forth, this old friend had some adjusting to do, not being able to go everywhere Jeremy did. But he patiently sat at home, watching for Jeremy's car to pull up the driveway, just so he could meet him at the back door with a hearty greeting.

What a wonderful friend, always dependable, always loving, always there with a greeting.

When Jeremy went off to college, what a big adjustment we all went through, but our old friend always kept watch. He somehow knew when the weekend was drawing near and would get excited just thinking about greeting his best friend. The years passed, and Jeremy was away from home more and more. He got mar-

ried, moved to a new city, and had a family of his own. Now it was months and months before he would come home for a visit. But when he did, our old friend, greeted him just the same. He never forgot Jeremy. And he even had the privilege of knowing Jeremy's children. To experience the joy of having Jeremy's daughter talk to him, love him and give him the attention he so craved.

It wasn't but just a couple of months ago, that he sat on the porch with Morgan, Judson and Jim and I, as we swung and sang on the porch swing. Morgan loved talking to him, and even though she's so young, she understood that he was old, so she loved him gently.

Our loyal friend was really getting up in years. The hot summers and cold winters began to take a toll on him and he was getting around very slow the past few months. It seemed like every step was almost more than he could handle. We didn't want to think about it, but knew in our hearts that he probably couldn't survive another winter.

Our old friend - Bear - a mutt dog that we got as a little puppy, so many years ago. Named Bear because that's what he looked like, a fluffy, little bear. Never sick, just old, he left us last week, after we returned home from a couple of days in Lubbock. I know he was waiting for us to get home before he died. Our old friend is gone now, but the memories he made for me and our family will always be with us.



Look Who's New

Jon Warren Solt

Haley and Donna Marie Solt would like to announce the birth of their brother, Jon Warren Solt, born July 10, 2000, in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Parents are Jon and Donna Kay

Solt.

Grandparents are Don and Pat Warren of Matador. Great-grandparents are John and Christine Briscoe of Matador.



Pivots & Divots

by Geneva

Tuesday Scramble July 18

Winners: First, with a score of 29, were Vann Francis, Douglas Campbell, Buzz Thacker and LaVoe Thacker.

Second, with a score of 30 (play-off on card), were Kenneth Marshall, Brian White, Francine Braselton and Sut Braselton.

Third, with a score of 30, were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Chance Bingham and Corky Marshall.

Chance Bingham got closest to pin on #3, 5' 2".

Others playing were Charlie Long, Dot Grundy, Jimmy Watson, Mindy Jameson, Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Conway Clary, Gene Brannon, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Brad Jameson, Leslie

Jameson, Mike Nelson, Jay Nelson, Roy Gene Stephens and Mike Webb.

Ladies Playday July 20

Eighteen hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, LaVoe Thacker and Olivia Barton. Olivia won long drive on #7.

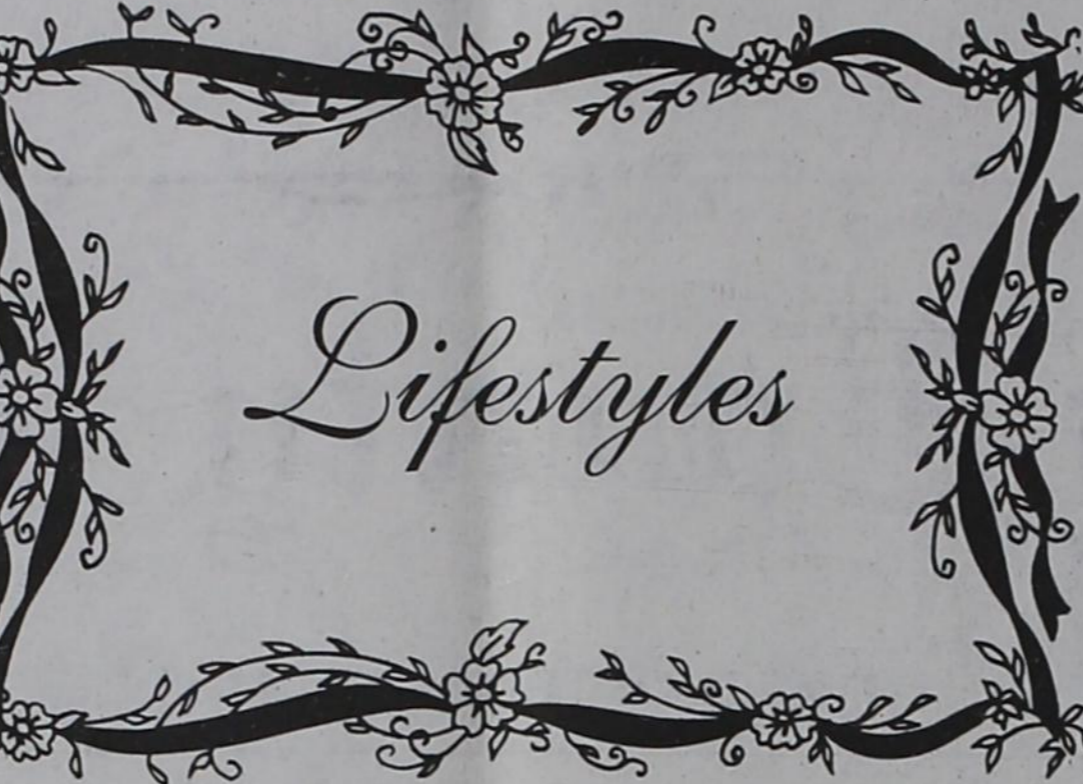
Nine hole players were Nell Berryman, Marihelen Wason and Frances Hobbs.

Nell Berryman won long drive on #7.

Ladies Playday July 27

Eighteen hole players were Geneva Wilson and Louise Barton. No ball was given.

Nine hole players were Judy Renfro, Tempie Hutton and Dorothy Day. No ball was given.



American Legion holds planning meeting

The Executive Committee and officers of Fleming Post 337 of the American Legion held a planning meeting to discuss a proposed Post Activity Schedule for 2000-01. Present at the meeting were Jerry Green, Commander; C.W. Moore, First Vice-Commander; Mark Gumaer, Second Vice-Commander; Charles Keith, Adjutant; D.A. McGuire, Finance Officer; Jim Watson, Service Officer; Walter Trammell, Chaplain; Bobbie Fletcher, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Executive Committee members, L.B. Campbell, Jesse Turner, Charley Johnson, E.G. Reed and Bill Koon. These officers and executive committee members were elected to serve for the year 2000-01 at the May

22 joint meeting of the Legion and the Auxiliary.

The joint meeting scheduled for the Legion and the Auxiliary for the remainder of calendar year 2000 will be Sept. 25, Oct. 23, and Nov. 20. There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony and Program at the school, but the exact date must be coordinated with the school administration since Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is on Saturday this year.

All veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend all meetings and programs and to support the Legion's efforts to provide support and services to veterans who proudly served our Country so that we may all continue to enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Today, at 4:00 p.m., in the Motley County Library, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library. We have several important matters to consider. Everyone interested in the Library is invited to attend.

We have received several beautiful new books this week. *Texas Cowboy Cooking* by Tom Perini contains ranch pictures by Bob Moorehouse and delicious sounding recipes from the Perini Ranch Restaurant which is located in Buffalo Gap near Abilene.

Four books with breathtaking photography are *Alligators & Crocodiles*, *Penguins*, *Baby Animals*, and *Insects*. These books are written for adults, but children will enjoy the pictures. We also have a wonderful book called *The Majesty of the Horse*. The photography in this book is also majestic, like the horses it shows. This book will be a complement to the A&E video about horses that is also available in the Library.

For kids of all ages we received a set of "The Really Horrible Guides."

The titles include *The Really Horrible Horned Toad and Other Cold, Clammy Creatures*; *The Really Fear-some Blood-loving Vampire Bat*; *The Really Wicked Droning Wasp and Other Things that Bite and Sting*; and *The Really Hairy Scary Spider*. These books feature large, colored photographs that are really audaciously amazing.

The Library also received a copy of V.C. Andrews' newest novel, *Lightning Strikes*. All of these books are ready for you to check out and enjoy.



Mr. and Mrs. Vance Campbell

Couple celebrates 55th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Campbell celebrated their 55th anniversary July 21, 2000. An anniversary dinner was hosted by their children on Monday, July 17, 2000. Those attending were Wes and Lynn Campbell, Ken and Polly Campbell and Mike and Cheryl Stark, all of the Dougherty community. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending were Wesley, Tracy, Brayden and Kortney Campbell, of Dougherty; Sonya Campbell of Lubbock; Donna, John, Devin and Virginia Protsman of Idalou; Jason and Anna Campbell of Dougherty; Lindsey Reedy of Floydada; Vance Stark and Cheryl Hennington of Lubbock; Roxanna Routten of Shady Side, Maryland; Lane and Liz Reynolds of South Africa; and Doyle Burns of Dallas.

Engagement Announced

April Dawn Vandiver and Ralph Newton Perkins, IV, of Amarillo, would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage plans. The couple plans to be married September 2, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at the Paramount Baptist Church, 3801 S. Western, Amarillo.

April is the daughter of Betty and Earl Whitson of Pampa and Ronnie Vandiver of Matador. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology. She currently works at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, Children's Services.

Ralph is the son of Ralph and Mary Perkins, III, of Liberty, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army and works at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Amarillo.



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(William Willimon)

Willimon's statement that "There is something to be said for making it sound too difficult" is rather intriguing. Make the Word sound difficult? Then who would want to hear it?

Those who are interested. Listen to what Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

At some point in the communication process between speaker of the Word and hearer of the Word, success in the process hinges on this factor: "I want to hear a word from THE WORD. I want it, I need it, I have to have it."

Making the WORD sound "easy" may at times provide an injustice to the hearers. Perhaps we all have to be reminded that sometimes the Word is not easy, that we appropriate it for our lives not because it is easily within our grasp, but because we have to have it! A driving force within us, a hunger, compels us to it.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

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Back to School Sale

August 3 - 12

Matador Variety

MC graduate meets with Oil Ministry in Venezuela

William Palmer, a 1980 MCHS graduate, recently traveled to Venezuela as part of a contingent from the US Energy Council and participated in meetings with President Chavez and members of the Oil Ministry. The meetings, held in Caracas and on the Island of Margarita, pertained to the Venezuelan government's desire for US independent oil producers to explore for and produce oil and natural gas in the country as part of a triad involving PDVSA (the Venezuelan National Oil Company), Venezuelan independents, and US independents. The American group consisted of oil state legislators, independent service companies as well as oil and gas operators.

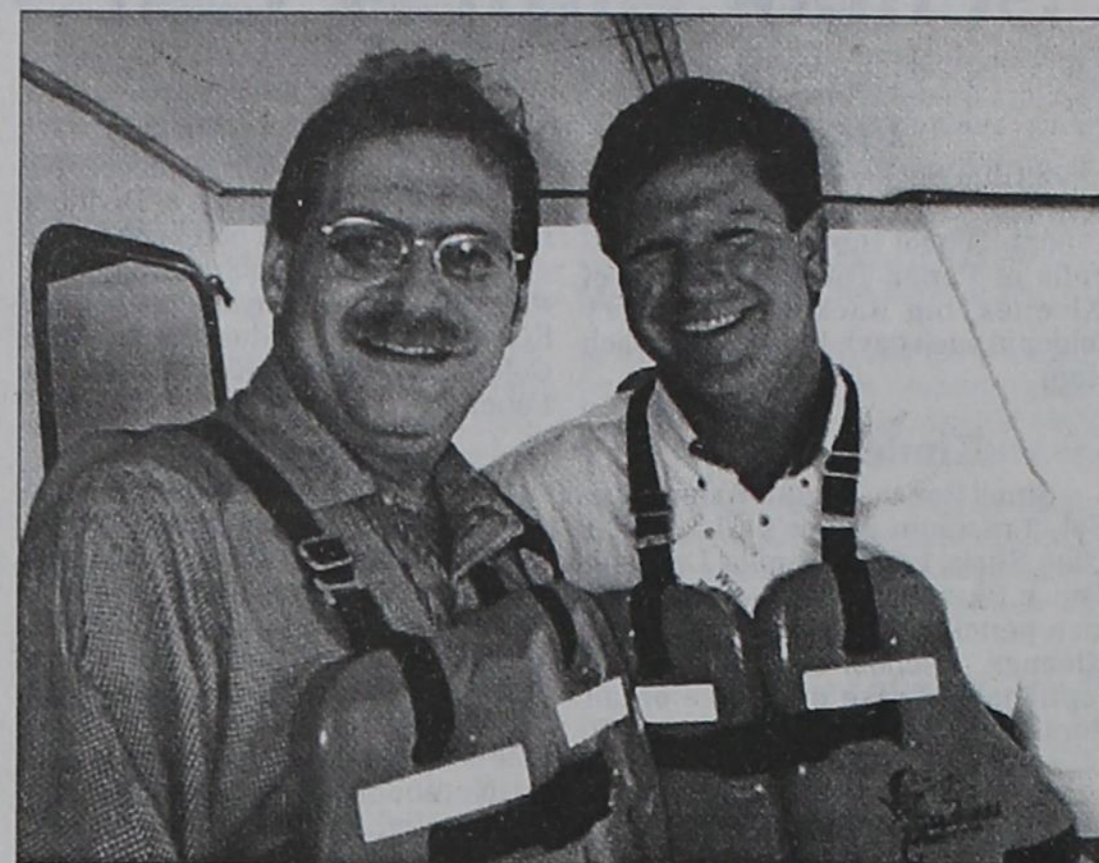
A goal of Mr. Palmer's was to encourage the government and PDVSA to maximize attempts to stabilize the international oil market prices at \$25 per 42 gallon barrel of oil. His requests were met with assurances from Venezuelan Oil Minister and OPEC President Ali Rodriguez Araque that a price band of \$22 to \$28 West Texas Intermediate was in effect among the entire OPEC cartel and would be strictly adhered to. Venezuela currently exports 2.8 million barrels per day, ranking third among the cartel behind Saudi Arabia and Iran. "These assurances were the focal point of my visit," states Palmer. "If crude oil stays above \$28 per barrel for 20 consecutive days; automatic mechanisms kick in and OPEC exports 500,000 more barrels per day. Conversely, if oil stays below \$22 a barrel for 20 days, 500,000 barrels per day is cut from exports, allowing a stable market for producers, foreign and domestic. This would also provide a stable gasoline and petroleum by-product price. If nothing else were accomplished, this alone would have made the trip a success. The domestic oil and gas industry is in dire need of stability to promote capital influx and optimism."

The group toured current pro-

duction operations on Lake Maracaibo, near the Colombian border and natural gas prospect sites near Anacano. Following the tours, Nector Calvadini, President of PDVSA, called for a "not only a technology...but a culture exchange. United States to Venezuela and Venezuela to the United States." The opportunities were intriguing, yet participation in a South American drilling and production program was deemed to be not viable at present. A hostile climate and unfavorable business structure contributed to the decision to postpone investing until a more suitable atmosphere prevails.

Palmer, superintendent for Roswell, N.M., based Read & Stevens, Inc., holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has been active in the recent push to initiate a National Energy Policy that would guarantee America's ability to be energy self-sustaining in the event of crisis. He serves as Co-Chairman Reuse Organization and is an Executive Board Member of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Active in the community, Palmer serves on the Executive Board of the Lovington Economic Development Committee as well as the Chamber of Commerce Board and Rotary Club Board.

He and his wife, Shelley (MCHS '82) are the parents of two children, Matt, 14, and Micah, 11. They reside in Lovington, N.M., where Shelley is a sixth grade Language Arts teacher. They are active in First Baptist Church as well as community events. Will and Shelley are further involved in the oil and gas business as owners of Cactus Operating Co., LLC, an independent producer, and co-owners of Cactus Frac Tank Rental, an oilfield service company. Will is the son of Harry and Pearl Patten of Roaring Springs and the late Bill Palmer. Shelley is the daughter of former Matador residents, Kelly and Wilberta Jackson.



Will Palmer, right, with Venezuelan Oil Minister, Bernardo Alvarez, on Lake Maracaibo.



Joan Keith, Past President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 337, Matador, addresses delegates at the Auxiliary's State Convention held in Houston, July 14-16.

Matador Legionnaires represented at State Convention

Fleming Post and Unit 337 of the American Legion and Auxiliary were well represented at the state-wide Department Convention held in Houston on July 14-16.

Commander Jerry Green and Adjutant Charles Keith served in a dual capacity, representing their Matador Post and also District 18, which Green serves as the Vice Commander and Keith is the District representative on the state-wide Legislative committee.

Joan Keith, the out-going President of Unit 337, was chosen to give the Response to the Convention Welcome, an honor reserved for the president of the Unit with the highest percentage of membership by the end of June. The local Unit reached 193.33% of its membership goal and received a National Citation for Meritorious Service, a special membership certificate, an award for having the Best Press Coverage in Category 1, and a certificate for participating in Texas History Education through its involvement in the Veterans Day program and Girls State this past year.

These accomplishments are the result of the enthusiasm and commit-

ment of the dedicated members of our local American Legion Auxiliary Unit 337, and should do much to encourage even more participation under the expert guidance of this next year's president, Patricia Green. Membership is open to all women who qualify through the service of a Veteran, including spouses, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, grandmothers, and great-granddaughters. Junior members are eligible at birth up to 18 years of age, after which they then become a senior member of the Unit.

The Auxiliary is for women of all ages and from all walks of life, who join together in the fellowship of giving. No matter how an Auxiliary member chooses to contribute, she can help fill a need and address one of the countless social concerns through the many programs: Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, education, Girls State, Legislative, National Security, The Poppy Program, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

For further information, please contact President Patricia Green at 348-7953.

Note of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to everyone who called, brought food, sent flowers, gave memorials, expressed words of concern and especially for your prayers at the time of our loss. Your thoughtfulness and love were so important to us. May God bless each of you.

The family of Addie Murphy

Thanks to all my friends who called, sent cards and prayed for me during my recovery after surgery.

Don

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Tax Holiday! Reading, Writing and Arithmetic mean savings for Texans

by Tom Haywood,
Texas State Senator, Dist. 30

While temperatures are still soaring, ice cream and lemonade are still the refreshments of choice, and children everywhere are splashing around local pools or enjoying family vacations across the state, back-to-school time is right around the corner. And though it's hard to get into the mind set of reading, writing and arithmetic, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the people of Texas of the second annual sales-tax holiday coming up next weekend.

Due to a measure passed by the Texas Legislature last year, and thanks to Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's ideas and efforts, the state is able to offer a three-day moratorium on state and local sales taxes for clothing and shoes to help families prepare their kids to head back to school.

I remember when my four children were of school age. Back-to-School times were always a stressful, expensive time for us, outfitting three girls and a boy with clothes and shoes and school supplies. We were fortunate to have hand-me-downs

and two incomes to help pay the bills. But many Texas families do not share similar situations. Single parents often have a tough time making ends meet under ordinary circumstances, but throw in a whole new fall wardrobe for their kids, and it could mean a shortage on groceries or phone service.

That is why the Texas Legislature and the Comptroller saw fit last year to establish a three-day tax holiday -- to help the working Texans have a leg-up on getting their kids outfitted for a new school year. We were blessed with a sizeable budget surplus for the 2000-01 biennium, which allowed us to offer nearly \$32 million in tax cuts to Texas families. This year, those cuts could reach \$34 million plus. Because of the simple savings of eight and a quarter percent on every purchase, Texans spent in excess of \$400 million on tax-exempt clothing and shoes!

From the moment we learned of a state surplus, I decided we needed to return the money to the people -- in the form of tax cuts. This much deserved tax holiday is one way the state is doing just that -- along with the largest property tax cut in history,

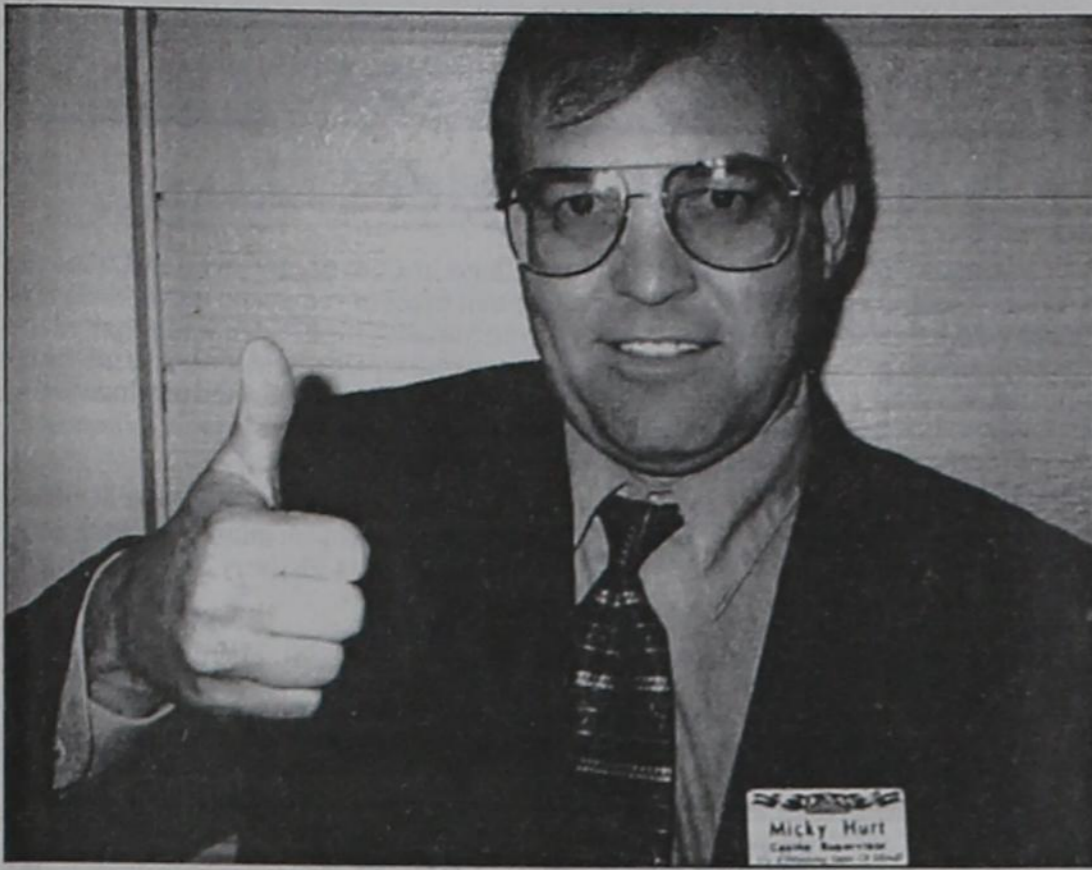
tax exemptions on over-the-counter medications, which went into effect earlier this year, and reduction in Internet access charges. I'm proud to be a part of the legislative body that returned nearly \$2 billion to the citizens of Texas, allowing them to keep more of their hard-earned money.

Now, I've never been known for my frivolous spending -- just ask those three daughters I mentioned before. But this is one time I will encourage folks to get to the malls! Shop til you drop! Take advantage of the three-day sales-tax holiday this weekend, August 4-6. Items eligible include all adult's and children's clothing and non-athletic shoes, pajamas, robes and slippers, socks and underwear, jackets and sweaters costing less than \$100. Items not included in the tax exemptions include wallets, purses, jewelry, watches, backpacks, briefcases and other accessories. One new option this year is the option to put items on layaway. That way, you can stock up on those sweaters and jackets for colder weather -- surely it won't stay 100 degrees plus forever -- put them on layaway during the tax holiday and get them out later without having to pay taxes.

This is only the beginning, folks. Comptroller Rylander has all sorts of ideas up her sleeve about how to save your money. Keep an eye on the

Legislature next year for more changes to take place affecting the sales-tax holiday. We'll be looking at exempting more items for a longer period of time in the coming years. Ms. Rylander hopes to include sewing items, such as fabric, patterns, buttons and zippers for those families who sew their children's clothing. We'll also be considering tax cuts on back-to-school supplies, such as backpacks, for the future.

I welcome your ideas and input in this and all matters. My job is to represent you and to work for ways to make your life better -- common sense solutions is what it's all about, folks. And as I've always maintained...the best ideas do not come from Austin, but from places like Wichita Falls, Sherman-Denison and Abilene, and all the little towns in between. So give us a call and tell us what you think. But not before you hit the stores!



Micky Hurt gives the 'thumbs-up' sign at being named Employee of the Month and winning a trip to San Diego, California.

Former resident wins honors trip

Micky Hurt, Motley County High School graduate, former Matador resident, and an employee of Texas Station in Las Vegas, Nevada, was chosen, out of 1600 employees, as Employee of the Month for March, 2000. Micky is a game dealer and table game floor supervisor.

Another surprise honor was a dinner at the Sun Lorenz Italian Restaurant at the Texas, along with

seven other employees and spouses. Micky received a trip for two to San Diego, California, to stay at the Del Coronado Hotel.

Micky and his wife, Susie, a former Paducah resident, moved to Las Vegas five years ago. Micky is the son of Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador, and Susie is the daughter of Press and Betty Canon of Paducah.

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Deanna Logan, the new Ralls ISD Principal.

MC Graduate named Ralls ISD Principal

Deanna Logan, a 1983 graduate of Motley County High School, has been named the new principal at Ralls High School. Mrs. Logan will be beginning her seventh year on the Ralls Independent School District professional staff this Fall. Her appointment was approved unanimously by the RISD board of trustees during their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Logan, the wife of Ed Logan,

county supervisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, served as Technology Coordinator for the Ralls Middle School last year. She came to Ralls from Floydada, where she served as girls' basketball coach during her first year. She and her husband have one son, Tyler, 8.

Mrs. Logan is the daughter of Bill and JoAnn Durham of Matador.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND SERVICES: IMMUNIZATIONS

FFAB (EXHIBIT)

Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas Children

AGE ^a	VACCINE REQUIREMENT
The following vaccines are required in addition to those required at age 7.	(Effective 8/1/2000) Children born between September 2, 1988, and September 1, 1992 (inclusive), must show proof of three doses of hepatitis B vaccine within 30 days after their twelfth birthday
	(Effective 8/1/2000) Children born between September 2, 1988, and September 1, 1994 (inclusive), must have one dose of varicella vaccine received on or after first birthday ^c within 30 days after their twelfth birthday. If first dose is received after age 13, two doses are required.

NOTE:

- ^a A child/student must meet all the immunization requirements shown for an age group upon first entering the age group.
- ^b MMR (or one dose of each of its components) must have been received on or after the first birthday if the vaccine was administered on or after September 1, 1990. Measles vaccine received prior to September 1, 1990, may have been administered in the calendar month of the first birthday.
- ^c Serologic proof of immunity or documentation of previous illness may substitute for vaccination. Previous illness may be documented by a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's/student's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."
- ^d Counties affected by the hepatitis A requirement are: Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala.

Provisional Enrollment: All immunizations should be completed by the first day of attendance. However, if this is not possible and if permitted by local school district policy, a child/student may be provisionally enrolled and allowed to attend a child-care facility or school, provided at least one immunization in each series has been received. The remaining required immunizations must be completed as soon as medically possible in order for the child/student to remain in attendance.

Documentation: Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable, provided it has been validated by a physician or public health personnel. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

Source: The requirements are based on the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule—United States, 1999, approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Children on an ideal or optimum schedule as recommended will have received 5 doses of DTP/DaP vaccine, 4 doses of polio vaccine, 3 or more doses of

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25, Health Services, Section 97.61-97.77 of the Texas Administrative Code as of April 1999.

Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas Children

AGE ^a	VACCINE REQUIREMENT
Younger than 2 months	No vaccines required
2 months through 3 months	One dose polio vaccine One dose DTP/DaP vaccine One dose Hib vaccine
4 months through 5 months	Two doses polio vaccine Two doses DTP/DaP vaccine Two doses Hib vaccine
6 months through 11 months	Two doses polio vaccine Two doses Hib vaccine Three doses DTP/DaP vaccine
12 months through 14 months	One dose MMR vaccine received on or after first birthday ^b Two doses Hib vaccine Three doses polio vaccine Three doses DTP/DaP vaccine (Effective 8/1/2000) One dose of varicella vaccine received on or after first birthday ^c
15 months through 4 years	One dose MMR vaccine received on or after first birthday ^b One dose Hib vaccine on or after 15 months of age, unless a primary series and booster have been completed Three doses polio vaccine Four doses DTP/DaP (fourth dose not required until 18 months) (Effective 8/1/2000) One dose of varicella vaccine received on or after first birthday ^c

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Merger results in lower operating expenses for South Plains Electric Cooperative members

SPUR, Texas — "One of our goals of the merger was to keep costs down," said South Plains Electric Cooperative General Manager Jim Roberts. "Our operating costs for the first six months of this year are \$361,000 less since we combined resources with your cooperative."

This is one of six points Roberts highlighted at the annual South Plains Electric Cooperative Dickens Division Membership Meeting held Thursday, July 20, at the local SPEC office in Spur. More than 550 members and guests enjoyed a barbecue dinner, entertainment, informational meeting and door prizes.

Roberts' list highlighted the many exciting changes at the cooperative and the aspects that have stayed the same. Along with reducing operating costs by 7 percent, Roberts also reviewed ways the cooperative is trying to keep wholesale power costs down, reducing rates to the farm and home class, improving communications between division offices by implementing new technologies and equipment, increasing involvement in local communities and the outstanding working relationships that have developed between directors and employees since merging the cooperatives.

District 10 Director Ned Ward served as master of ceremonies for the informational meeting. Ward opened the meeting by sharing his thoughts on the merger. "After talking with directors from other cooperatives that have merged," said Ward, "I know our merger has gone as smoothly as any."

Barbee Word, from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, reviewed the audit report and told the membership he thought they would be very proud of the merged, financially strong cooperative.

"We returned more than \$120,000 in capital credits to you based on the Dickens Division performance," said SPEC President Tommy Joines. "The next capital credit allocation will be from the combined operations." Joines also expressed how much he has enjoyed the addition of Ned Ward and Glenn Jones to the SPEC board and the insight the advisory board members have shared with the cooperative.

Danika Robertson expressed her thanks to the membership for sending her to Washington, D.C., on the Government-In-Action Youth Tour. Public Relations Representative Jennice Cargile read a thank you note from the second recipient, Carmen Kelling.

Operation Round-Up Director Jean Sonnamaker introduced the local scholarship winners and encouraged everyone to participate in this community-oriented program. The local scholarship winners included Matthew Humphreys, Stefanie Drennan and Morgan Jeter. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship award for the 2000-01 school year.

Eleven Dickens Division employees, representing a total of 125 years of service, received service awards at the informational meeting. Frankie McAlpin, Elaine Martin and Bucky Phelps earned five-year service awards. Dickie Austin, Bobby



Eleven Dickens Division employees received service awards for their combined total of 125 years of service. SPEC General Manager Jim Roberts (far left) presented awards to (from left to right) Elaine Martin, Dickie Austin, Sharon Moore, Lightnin Rainbolt, Bucky Phelps, Bobby Baker, Fronye Morris, Shane Shobert, Melva Harris and Bobbie Gannon.

Baker, Melva Harris, Sharon Moore, Fronye Morris and Shane Shobert received 10-year service awards. Bobbie Gannon and Lightnin Rainbolt were presented their 25-year service awards.

Kasey Lewis, the 6-year-old granddaughter of Sandy Lewis, Dickens, and J.D. Hughes, the 8-year-old nephew of James and Kathy Hughes, Afton, helped draw door prize winners. Thirty-seven door prizes were awarded to division members. The grand prize went to Pete Hagins of Spur. He chose a new range as his grand prize.

Johnny's Bar-B-Que of Odessa catered the dinner, and Mike Porter

of Dickens entertained members while they ate.

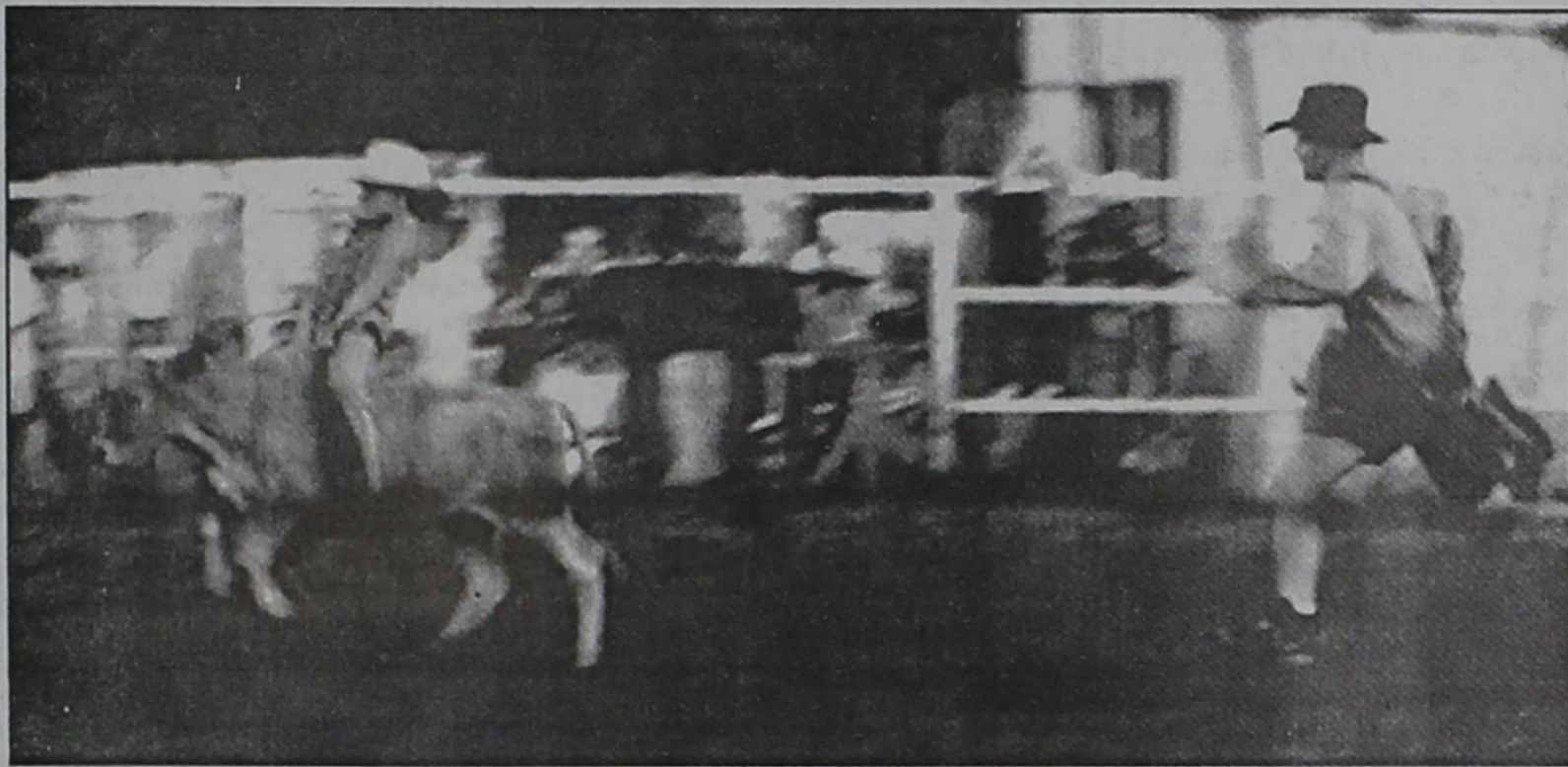
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There will be a District 3 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Meeting and District 4-H Council Meeting conducted in Vernon at the Wilbarger Auditorium, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2000.

The program for the leaders will include "Texans Building Character;" and "Record Books" will feature Toby Lepley, 4-H Specialist and Pam Foster, CEA-FCS. The 4-H Council will have programs throughout the day. This meeting is open to all 4-H Adult Leaders and 4-H Members.

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- 10:00 a.m. - Bine Weed Mite Demonstration, Cody Bell Farm
- 10:45 a.m. - Dale & Donna Smith - Elm tree control in CRP and Mesquite Control
- 12:00 - Catered Lunch, Dale and Donna Smith, Sponsored by Jody Stockett of Dow Chemicals.
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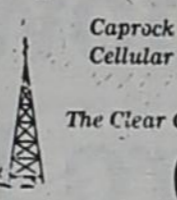
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