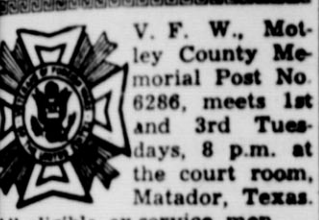


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**JAMES LEE DAY AIDS IN RESCUE WORK IN STRICKEN AREA FOLLOWING TORNADO**

(Editor's Note: The Tribune is indebted and grateful to former resident James Lee Day, resident at N. S. C. Ada, Okla., for the following graphic account of the work done in the stricken area following the



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tornado on April 9) Dear Mr. Meador: I thought, perhaps, you and your readers might like to know a little more about the disaster at Woodward. As you know, Woodward was the most hard hit. About midnight on Wednesday, the 9th, the local chief of police came up to the dorm and asked for any volunteers who had any medical training whatsoever, to go over to the stricken area and do first aid work. One of the biology majors came down and woke me up and together we got up a field unit of five boys who had some type of medical training. We arrived in Woodward about 2:30 that morning and were immediately escorted to the community building and put to work. My group was broken up and consequently we saw a great deal together, and individually. One of the boys was put to unloading the dead. He said that at first they were being brought in to the morgue in an old army truck. The truck would go out

and collect the bodies and bring them in stacked like cord-wood. Many of them were unrecognizable after being thrown through the mud. He spent most of the night at this and helping people look through the bodies for their family. In the course of evening he talked to one man who had lost all seven of his children and was looking for his wife. The wife later turned up here in Alva. She is in the hospital now with a broken back. The other four of us were put to work in the place where we reported. Here an emergency station had been put up. The other three boys were put to making splints and helping to wash up the patients. I was grabbed by a very tired looking doctor and started helping him. The main trouble here seemed to be broken bones. The evening became one endless procession of broken bones, arms, wrists, ribs and backs. Several children I helped work on had multiple fractures. I'm sure some of them will never walk straight again. Along about 6:00 daylight began to show and at the same time the patient line slowed up, so we turned ourselves over to the highway police. They assigned us to cover an area about five blocks square that had been flattened by the storm. By this time a bus had arrived from the college, giving more manpower. We made up a group of 14 and set out. Never had I seen a more terrible sight. Words are useless to really describe the piles of rubble that had once been homes. For blocks nothing stood except tree trunks and an occasional wall. The area had been covered by flashlight, but the officers thought we might find more bodies. We covered the area again very carefully and were

very lucky; we found only one body. It was a baby about two months old, and had been crushed under a wall. After covering the assigned area, we ran across one of the boys from school whose brother had been blown out of his home. We went with this boy to help his brother salvage what he could. The house was completely destroyed, but no one was hurt. The main object in our search was a family Bible that had \$250 tucked away in its leaves. The Bible we never did find, but we recovered all of the man's glassware, intact. Not a piece was broken. Also his refrigerator was intact. This we considered a minor miracle, because a 1938 Ford coupe had blown through the house. By this time the sight-seers were pouring in and as we had not had food or sleep, we decided to get out of the way. So the original five of us headed back for Alva. Mr. Meador, I had no real purpose in writing this, except maybe that I wanted people to know what a thriving city looked like after nature had done her worst damage. Mrs. Doug Meador is in Clovis, New Mexico, where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elvis Lebow.

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**Roaring Springs NEWS**

By LULA M. SWIM  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Warren returned home Monday after spending two weeks at South Bend, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlin Murphy and George Michael of Seminole, visited friends here over the week end.  
John Ray and Sam Hunter of Wichita Falls, visited here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Floydada visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter on Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Hunter and Barbara Ann returned with them to visit over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Duvall made a business trip to Dallas Sunday. They were accompanied by Cpl. John Billy Smith who took a plane there to fly to Ft. Sam Houston.

Mrs. Emma Gilley of Floydada, Jimmy Rankin of Fort Worth and Bob Rankin of Houston, visited their cousin, Mrs. A. C. Cross over the week end.

Antone Freeman of Evant, visited in the home of Bob Cooper over the week end.  
Supt. and Mrs. Henry Teague and family visited in Crowell over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. McElton Skaggs and daughter of Springer, N. M., visited in the home of Mr. and

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Mrs. Chas. Brooks over the week end.  
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stone of Lubbock visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.

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**STYLE SHOW SPONSORED BY HOME MAKING CLASSES THURSDAY DRAWS LARGE CROWD**

By Chareen Ketchersid  
The style show sponsored by Matador High School home making classes Thursday night, April 17, in the high school auditorium, attracted one of the largest crowds ever to attend an event of this nature here.

"Spring Song of Fashion" was the theme of the program, which was as follows: Skit: Couplets to Classroom Clothes by Dorothy Bearden and Melba Kimbell, Song, "I'm a Big Girl Now" by Ouida McWilliams; Colonial Minuet and New Shoe by the First Grade.

Second Grade Home Making girls modeling cotton garments and rayons suitable for date, semi-dress or sports were: Patti Pipkin, Dorothy Traveck; Margaret Sanders, Marcia Gilbert, Rosemary Bloodworth, Carroll Rattan, Shirley Pope, Frances Casey, Geraldine Waybourn, Joyce Jackson, Royella Brown, Sara Springer, Ann Harp, Melva North and June Spray.

Ollie Sue Lancaster, Pauline Blevins, Shirley Estes, Dorothy Stanfield, and Melva North accompanied by Ernestine McWilliams sang a vocal selection, and Sybil Jackson accompanied by Mary Helen Stephens sang "Gotta Get Me Someone To Love."

First Year Home Making girls modeled their cotton garments suitable for school and sports. They were: Pauline Blevins, Ollie Sue Lancaster, Normalee Edwards, Bette Fox, Melba Kimbell, Joy Martin, Sybil Jackson, June Neighbors, Mary Helen Stephens, Oleta Holt, Dorothy Bearden, Shirley Estes and Wanda Graham.

Boys sports were featured by Charles Ray Cox; formal, Truman Groves, and school wear, Lewis Bostick and Hal Courtney.

Third year girls had for their projects, woollens suitable for sport or semi-formal occasions.

Third year girls were: Norma Casey, Nellie Florence, Dorothy Stanfield, Wanda Slover, Barbara Ketchersid, Ruby Bostick, Gwen Wilkinson, Beulah Edwards, and Billie Frank Skaggs.

Following the style show, a picture, "How Young America Paints" was presented through the courtesy of the Senior Class. After the picture show, over two hundred visitors went to the Home Ec Lab, where garments and other home-making projects made by the girls, were on display. All articles revealed talent and originality in de-

sign and workmanship. The visitors were served refreshments of punch and cookies.

Mrs. Loyd Latimer, Home-making teacher, directed the show.

**"COUPLE MARRY AT DICKENS SUNDAY**

A ceremony performed Sunday, April 20, at 10 o'clock p. m., at Dickens, Texas, united in marriage Miss Rosetta Carolina Bull of Matador, formerly of Quitaque, and Mr. Royse Gerald Doran of Whiteflat. Rev. Teel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dickens, officiated.

The bride wore a blue, street length dress with black accessories. Miss Wilda Marr and Miss Bessie Clifton of Matador were her attendants and Buster Davis served his friend as best man.

For "something old" the bride wore a pair of combs in her hair; "something blue" was a blue compact, and "something borrowed" was the purse she carried, which belonged to Miss Clifton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bull of Quitaque, and was reared in that community, graduating from high school there in 1946. At the time of her marriage, she was employed at Stanley Clinic Matador.

The bridegroom was reared at Whiteflat, where he attended school.

The couple plan to make their home here for the present.

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**Two Local Girls Attend District Y. W. A. Meeting**

Misses Chareen and Barbara Ketchersid were delegates to the Seventeenth Annual Session of District Nine Y. W. A. House Party held at Wayland College in Plainview on April 19th. Due to conflicting school affairs they were unable to attend the Friday evening program but accompanied Mrs. C. Potts and Mrs. J. L. Woodruff to Plainview early Saturday morning in time to participate on the program that had as its theme, "World Peace."

Miss Darlene Elliott, missionary to South America, from Columbia, presented a very interesting discussion of missions in the South American states. Mrs. H. G. Stinnett, Jr., Young People's Secretary for the district, presided as hostess to the large group of girls and their leaders from Y. W. A. associations all over district nine.

**ATTEND VARSITY SHOW**

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Latimer, accompanied by her mother and brother, Mrs. D. P. Keith and Bodie, attended the Tech Varsity Show at Lubbock last Wednesday night. Included in the cast was Joe Berry Meador, who, in the opinion of the local residents, "stole the show".

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The Harley Lester Stamp's Quartet, which will be here for the meeting, is to present a program at the Junior High School

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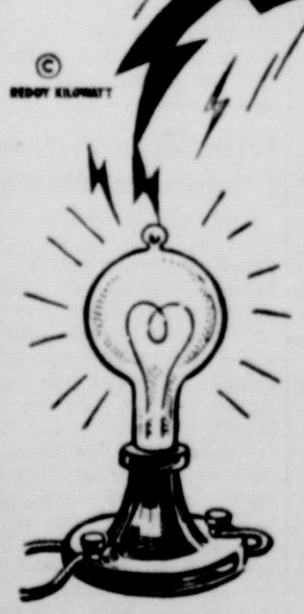
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