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RANCH MANAGER SPIKES LOCAL RUMORS OF SALE

If you have been hearing rumors that Matador Land and Cattle Company is going to sell its vast holdings in Motley and adjoining counties, the story is pure "pickle smoke." Authority is General Manager John Mackenzie of Denver who yesterday told the *Tribune*, "I don't know how these rumors get started and you may quote me as saying it is absolutely without any foundation."

"It is foolish to assume that we would consider selling how after 68 years of operation when the ranch is paying good returns and prospects for oil are more favorable than at any period in the past. We know by long years of experience the value of land when operated as a ranch. It is ridiculous to assume we would consider selling it without knowing what is underground."

(Ed. note: Announcement that the Scottish-owned empire of more than 800,000 acres, stocked with 47,000 head of cattle, sold came to the *Tribune* on July 26, 1951. An American syndicate made the purchase to divide the vast ranch into 15 smaller parcels.)

Motley County ISD receives generous scholarship donation

Motley County ISD is pleased to announce another donation has been given to the Martha Ann Cogdell Scholarship Fund. D.M. Cogdell has informed the school that he is placing \$10,000.00 into the scholarship fund for the 2000-01 school year. The fund is set up to award a graduating senior or two, scholarships to help them begin their first year at college. The recipients will be chosen during

the spring of 2001 from the list given to the scholarship committee.

The school administration, faculty and students extend a big thank to the Cogdell family for their help and encouragement through donations for this and all the different organizations in Motley County. The scholarships will help several students for years to come and allow them to further their education.

Roaring Springs City Council appoints boards

The Roaring Springs City Council appointed a board of directors for the Economic Development Sales Tax when they met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 9. A board of five directors was appointed to serve a six-year term for plan 4A of the tax. Those appointed were Kelly Keltz, Corky Marshall, Gary Simpson, Robert Osborn and Venita Sedgwick.

A board of seven directors for plan 4B was appointed to a two-year term. Those appointed were Alex Crowder, Ken Young, Zella Palmer, Jeff Braselton, R.E. Hunter, Corky Marshall and Suzanne Abbott.

The new sales tax, a one cent total increase, went into effect October 1.

In other city business, council members approved the September 11 regular council meeting minutes; bills were also approved.

The Council voted to adopt a resolution authorizing Designated Signatories for the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 720234. City Ordinance #3 (Privy Maintenance) was discussed, and the City Attorney will be contacted as to how the ordinance can be enforced.

Council members in attendance were Kelly Keltz, Venita Sedgwick, Gary Simpson and Corky Marshall. Mayor Joey Thacker and Councilman James Adams were not in attendance.

Motley County Commissioners meet

Tax penalty problems discussed at called meeting

The Motley County Commissioner Court met in regular session, Monday, October 9. In the absence of Judge Laverna M. Price, Commissioner Franklin Jameson served as presiding officer.

Other Commissioners attending the meeting were John M. Russell, Donnie L. Turner, and J.N. Fletcher; and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell.

Minutes of the regular session, September 11, were read and approved. All bills and reports were reviewed and accepted.

Roaring Springs resident, Algie Groves, asked to be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Court. He expressed a concern about his 1999 taxes, the penalty and interest on some property he had purchased.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor, Texas Department of Transportation, checked with the court concerning any problem the county may have with roads and bridges.

Called Meeting

Commissioners met in a called session, Monday, October 16. Judge Laverna M. Price and Commissioners, John M. Russell, Precinct 1; Donnie L. Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; and J.N. Fletcher, Precinct 4; and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell, were in attendance.

Algie Groves met with the court on a matter of 1999 taxes, penalty and interest. Mr. Groves bought property, but the records did not show him as owner. The tax statements were mailed to the former owner and were not mailed to Mr. Groves. Motion was made by Commissioner Fletcher and seconded by Commissioner Russell to dismiss the penalty and interest in the amount of \$13.31 for taxing entity of Motley County, with approval of the taxing entity and Motley Hospital and Motley ISD to dismiss the \$2.05 for the Motley Hospital and \$20.99 for Motley ISD. This was discussed, and Commissioner

Fletcher and Commissioner Russell voted FOR and Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Jameson voted OPPOSED. Judge Price ABSTAINED. Motion did not carry.

Dianne Washington has finished audits for years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999. She reviewed each year separately and discussed changes to be made which can improve the efficiency of each office. The review stated all accounts were audited and all monies were accounted for. The members of the court were pleased with the audit report.

Commissioner Fletcher stated that he would like to buy the interests of the county-wide loader from Precinct 1, 2 and 3. Commissioner Fletcher made the motion to place a value of \$14,000 on the loader and pay Precinct 1, 2 and 3 \$3,500.00 each. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Fletcher withdrew his motion and Commissioner Russell withdrew his second. The loader will be used county-wide.

Matador City Council hires new water assistant

The Matador City Council met in regular session on October 12. Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported that his new assistant, Devin Perryman, who was hired on Oct. 2 in a special meeting, is learning his job very well.

Barton gave his monthly water report. There has been no new information on the water grant for the City of Matador.

As manager of the Matador Housing Authority, Barton reported on the progress of the renovation on 10 out of 11 apartments. There is currently one vacancy.

Mayor Williams informed the Council members that the landfill expansion is progressing nicely. He also stated that the lease on the John Deere tractor had been turned over to City Attorney Tom Hamilton to see if the lease can be broken. However, to date, there has been no response from Mr. Hamilton.

Minutes from the September 14

and the September 28 special meeting were read and approved. In addition, the council reviewed the financial report.

The following attended the Thursday night meeting: Mayor Rodney

Williams; Council members Shane Jones, Fred Parson, Doyle Rose, and James Meador; Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and City Secretary Linda Perryman.

Fall Festival celebration set for October 28th

The Annual Fall Festival celebration has been set for Saturday, October 28. The event will be held in the old school gym. There will be a Spook Parade and a Queen's Contest. All spooks and queen contestants should arrive at 6:15 p.m. The Spook Parade

will begin at 6:30 and the Queen's contest will immediately follow. Festival booths will open at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to have a booth may contact Jennifer Adams at 348-7974. Booths will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



IS THIS WHAT SHOPPING IS ALL ABOUT? — Little Brian Sehon and Emily Milam didn't seem to know if they thought all this shopping stuff was all it was cracked up to be at Saturday's Fall Bazaar held at the Flomot Community Center. The Bazaar, sponsored each year by the Flomot Do Gooders Club, offers a variety of gift items for early Christmas shopping. Brian is the son of Kevin and Keri Sehon of Wolforth and Emily is the daughter of Dwain and Christy Milam of Petersburg. They are the grandchildren of Clois and Kathy Shorter of Flomot.

Economic development through hunting and tourism to be discussed at free chili supper

Economic Development through Hunting and Tourism will be the topic when landowners and hunters come together for a free chili supper on Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

Greg Simons of the Texas Wildlife Systems, Dana Wright of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Richard Spencer of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will address the group. These wildlife experts will of-

fer innovative ideas on hunting, leasing, and recreation as a means of supplemental income.

They will provide information on how to market a hunting lease, manage the property for optimum hunting, attract and keep trophy animals as well as bag trophy hunters. Another topic of interest will be the cooperative hunting clubs that have proven so successful for quail hunters in the Roby area.

Ms. Wright, who recently participated in a field day at Tongue River Ranch, will address the lifestyle and habits of the pesky feral hog and explain how landowners can capitalize on the booming population.

The speakers will allow time for questions and discussion.

Sponsors of the evening include the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, the Motley County Executive Board and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Countywide Fifth Sunday services to be held in Roaring Springs October 29th

The second Countywide Fifth Sunday Worship and Celebration will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Sunday, October 29, at 11:00 a.m.

The morning will begin with singing and special music. The Rev. Rickey Lawrence of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will present the morning sermon, and the Rev. Royce Jennings, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Matador, and interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs, will serve as emcee.

A potluck meal will be served at about 12:30 p.m., and the afternoon session of more singing and special music will begin at about 1:30 p.m. and continue until about 3:00 p.m.

Churches that have already planned something for the morning

or afternoon are encouraged to join the group for the potluck meal and participate in either the morning or afternoon session, as their schedules allow.

Individuals or groups who would like to share special music during this time of worship are asked to contact the Rev. Jennings of Pennie Keltz.

Well water testing available November 3

Local residents have the opportunity to have their well water screened for bacteria, nitrate and salts on November 1, 2000 at Matador.

The screening is a confidential self-assessment program to help rural residents check the quality of their water and recognize ways to reduce pollution risks associated with their well water.

The water screening project is sponsored by Natural Resource Con-

servation Service (NRCS, Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District, and Four Winds RC&D Area.

Water sample bags and instruction sheet can be picked up at the NRCS office in Matador on Tuesday, October 31, from 7:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

Return the water sample to the NRCS office by Noon, Wednesday, November 1, 2000 for testing. The results of the testing will be mailed

or the results picked up on Thursday afternoon, November 2, at the NRCS office.

Cost of the screening is \$3.00 per sample to cover testing supplies.

For additional information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Matador (806)347-2263 extension 3 or Four Winds RC&D Office in Knox City (940)658-3680.



First of all, I want to apologize for my column last week. I must have sounded like a real complainer. I'm sorry! I'm really not a complainer. When the paper came out and I read over it, I thought, "What was I thinking?!"

Anyway, I know we all go through trials and tribulations and I really didn't mean to pour my troubles on you. Everything is much brighter this week.

Finally - Rain! Wasn't it wonderful. Thank the good Lord! We really needed it and we certainly wouldn't complain if we got some more of the wonderful wet stuff, would we?

One of my readers brought by an Ann Landers column last week about arthritis. This reader suffers from the horrible disease, as do many. My granny suffered many years with crippling Rheumatoid arthritis, so I know the devastation of the disease. This particular article listed the "Do's and Don'ts" for dealing with the disease. She asked me to share it with you.

DON'T assume because I look well that I feel well. Looks can be very deceiving. Many days I look great, but I feel terrible.

DON'T tell me you know how I feel. No one knows how anyone else feels. Two people with the same disease may feel totally different. We all have varying thresholds of pain, and pain cannot be measured.

DON'T tell me about your great-aunt Gertrude and her arthritis, and how well she managed in spite of it. I am not Aunt Gertrude, and I am doing my best.

DON'T decide what I am capable

of doing. Arthritis doesn't affect the brain. Allow me to decide what activities I can participate in.

DON'T be upset that you cannot ease my pain. It won't do any good for both of us to be miserable.

DON'T ask me how I feel unless you really want to know. You may hear a lot more than you are prepared to listen to.

DON'T assume because I did a certain activity yesterday that I can do it today. Arthritis is ever-changing.

DON'T tell me about the latest fad "cure." I want to be cured more than anything, and if there is a legitimate cure out there, my doctor will let me know.

DO learn everything you can about the disease. The more you know, the better equipped you will be to know what to expect.

DO realize I am angry and frustrated with the disease, not with you.

DO let me know you are available to help me when I ask. I'll be grateful.

DO offer lots of hugs and encouragement.

DO understand why I cancel plans at the last minute. I never know from one day to the next how I will feel. Arthritis is like that.

DO continue to invite me to all the activities. Just because I am not able to bike ride along with the gang does not mean I can't meet you for the picnic at the end of the trail. Please let me decide.

I guess we could all learn a few things from this list for anyone suffering from any disease. My heart goes out to those suffering with arthritis and other debilitating diseases.



District President meets with El Progresso Club

El Progresso Club was honored to have the president of Santa Rosa District, Bel Duke of Burkburnett, meet with them at their regular meeting on Thursday, October 12, in the Senior Citizens Center. Travelling with her was Joan Howard, president of the Quannah club.

The club was delighted to have its two new members present for the first time, Sharon Allen, who lives at Whiteflat, and Penny Pipkin, whose daughter, Pamela, from Arizona also attended. A new name was presented to the club, so there is activity going on.

The club president, Jeanne Adams, presided over the meeting and asked Loys Campbell to introduce the visitors. The invocation was given by Grace Campbell, and pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by the East. A report was given by the East Mound Cemetery Association project by the chairman, with a good feeling of a job well done. Grace Campbell gave a report on the fall board meeting held in Austin that she and Joan Dickson attended the first of the month.

The District President was asked to bring a few words to the club, and her message was on Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She also briefed the club on the Santa Rosa District workshop in Quannah on October 21.

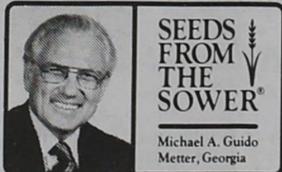
Jeanne Adams, in her inimitable manner, introduced the program for the day: Beverly Vinson, who used her topic, "The Seven Areas of Texas," to carry out the President's theme for the year on Texas. The areas covered were the Panhandle Plains; Prairies and Lakes; Pineywoods; Hill Country; Big Bend Country; Gulf Coast; and South Texas Plains.

Mrs. Vinson began the tour with the local area, citing the beautiful Caprock Escarpment and some of the things to see and do in this area. She then continued with the Prairie lakes, calling attention to the differences from the Panhandle type culture and agricultural scenes. The lakes area is the most densely populated in the state with 970 towns in 57 counties, a population 6.7 million, and 21,440 miles of highway.

On to the Hill country, she admonished, "If you drive too fast, you won't be able to smell the flowers." Mrs. Vinson told of this beautiful part of our state with dude ranches in Bandera and the beautiful Medina River, west of that area, Bracketville with its nearby western attraction, Alamo Village, constructed in the 1950s. Mrs. Vinson continued, "John Wayne is responsible for this when he went looking for a place to shoot his big-screen epic, 'The Alamo.' It is still used to shoot movies and commercials."

Continuing farther west, Mrs. Vinson told of the Big Bend country, where chains of desert peaks and mountain islands come clad in the mountain forests and grasslands, rising and falling in cloud-piercing waves which soar thousands of feet above the Chihuahuan Desert sea. From the desert to the coast. What a difference!

"There is divine dining, smooth sailing and endless exploration along the Texas coast," said Mrs. Vinson. "Nearly every vacation activity known to man and mother nature



As you drive up the slope to Pikes Peak on Barr's Trail, you'll come to the crossroads. One marker reads: "To the Summit." The other: "To the Bottomless Pit." You must choose one or the other.

Here's another choice you must make. Evade it, you can't. Our Lord said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

You will enter the narrow gate that leads to life, won't you?

thrives there. From the upper coast to South Padre Island, anything goes."

Continuing northeast to the Pineywoods, Mrs. Vinson continued, "We are not apt to hear the popular 'Howdy'all,' but rather just a nod of the head suffices." This area runs roughly from Texarkana to Tyler, Palestine and Huntsville. There is the deep forest and the steamboat trade, started by pioneers on Big Cypress Bayou, which is still navigable today within Caddo Lake. In that eastern part of the state, oil is found; red brick covers some streets and many buildings of the area; and the Alabama-Coushatta Indian tribe live in the Huntsville area. Other sites include Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Toledo Bend, and Big Thicket.

For the final stop on the tour, Mrs. Vinson told of the South Texas Plains which lies between San Antonio and the Rio Grande. There much of Texas history lies with San Antonio the center of all Texas History, including the Alamo, missions, El Mercado and many other attractions.

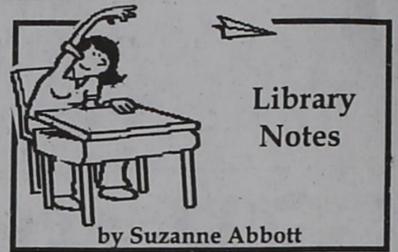
From there south to the Rio Grande Valley, travelers will cross the Wild Horse Desert to McAllen where the semitropical valley almost seems like a mirage. Palm trees line the major thoroughfare, citrus abounds, and vegetables grow profusely. It is truly a place to enjoy.

Following the Rio Grande River, Mrs. Vinson continued, calling attention to several towns: Rio Grande City with its LaBorde House; Roma with its historic area; Laredo with its arts center; and Eagle Pass, the seat of Maverick County. The circle of seeing Texas areas came to an end after skimming the state of its many and varied sights.

After the program the hostesses, Deborah Martin and Jeanne Adams, provided a bountiful meal, so much not everything was noted, but it was delicious. A Halloween witch with lighted lamp decorated the food table to remind all that the holiday is rapidly approaching.

For the inspirational thought of the day the group read the Club Collect.

Those in attendance, besides the visiting guests, were Freida Burns, Loys Campbell, Billie Koon, Deborah Martin, Jeanne Adams, Sharon Allen, Beverly Vinson, Winifred Darsey, Grace Campbell, Penny Pipkin and daughter Pamela, Dorothy Day, Opal Pipkin and Lucretia Campbell, Jr.



We appreciate the donations that the library received this past week. Pat and C.W. Moore and Majorie King presented a donation in memory of Pearl Thomas, mother of Ruby McGuire. Clint and Fredia Burns also sent in a donation in memory of Mrs. Thomas, as did Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott.

The Library Endowment Fund also received memorials last week. Joanne and Steve Stevens sent a donation in memory of Mrs. Lou Ibsen. Lindy and Gale Stafford gave a donation in memory of Ida Lee McInroe and in memory of Pauline Hand.

We thank all of these contributors for remembering special people in this lasting, permanent way.

New books in the library include Dick Francis' newest, *Shattered*. Francis combines his usual horse racing with the glassblowing industry. It should be another good read. Mary Balogh, a new author, has written *More than a Mistress*. It is a love story, as well as historical fiction.

We really enjoyed the visit of Mrs. Jan Jones' class Thursday. The students, as part of their class work, made children's books out of felt. Chris Paul and Le Andra Wallace came to show the books to me and to lend them to the library for display. These very clever books were shared also with Mrs. Parks' students, who declared the books to be "great fun."

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

October 11

Winners:

First, with a score of 32, (play-off on card), Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton and Jake Goodson.

Second, with a score of 32, were Alfred Barton, Louise Barton and Ken Marshall. Louise got closest to pin on #3, 34' 10 1/2".

Others playing were Gene Marshall, Tom Sikora, Gene

Brannon, Randy Martin, Frank Alvarado, Gene Bucannanon, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Ronnie Davis, Larry McClenny, Reagan McClenny and Geneva Wilson.

LADIES PLAYDAY

October 12

Eighteen hole players were LaVoe Thacker, Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson. Louise and Geneva tied. Each won a ball.

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Breakfast to be served at Matador First Baptist Sunday is High Attendance Day

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Matador, this Sunday, October 22, at 9:30 a.m., for donuts, coffee, milk, and juice. Pastor Royce Jennings is providing the donuts in observance of High Attendance Day in Sunday School. At 10:00 a.m., those present will attend Sunday School with their age group, and morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

There will be no evening services at the church, in order that members may attend the annual meeting of the

Caprock Baptist Association at First Baptist Church, Silvertown. The afternoon session will begin at 3:00 p.m. and feature the annual sermon, by Bro. Les Reed of Floydada. Following the evening meal at 6:00 p.m., the evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature an address by Dr. Charles Wade, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

There will be no activities at the church on Sunday, October 29, so that members may participate in the Countywide Fifth Sunday Singing at Roaring Springs Community Center.



Find A Bargain
IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

The Lord Was "On A Mission"



Our Lord said that He came to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus was constantly in trouble with the religious leaders of His day. Why? Because of the singlemindedness of His purpose.

Our Lord was focused. Read Luke 15:1-2. Since Jesus is our model, our example, should not we too have a single-minded purpose? That purpose being to bring the lost to Jesus.

Jesus was on a mission from God! His mission or purpose was not to please the religious. His mission was to seek and to save the lost. The very people that were not religious. No amount of criticism, no amount of persecution, no threat of action could get Him or His followers distracted from this mission.

If this was the mission of Jesus, then as His followers today, so must it be our mission also. The church does not exist to please its members, it exists to please God by seeking those who are lost. May the Lord continue to grant us the strength and courage to walk in His steps as we follow His single-minded purpose. He came to save.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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Worship - 9 a.m.

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Motley County Tribune

Motley County School News

What's to Eat?



Miss Motley County South Plains 2000 pageant scheduled for November

Book Fair at MC ISD Oct. 16-20

READY, SET, READ! Would parents encourage their children's love of reading if they could? Of course. What's more — they can! Scholastic Book Fairs come to Motley County ISD October 16-20 to bring the best books and learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. The fair is open to the community.

The Book Fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty which will interest them too. The fair is open daily from 8:30 - 3:30.

The Book Fair helps Motley County ISD promote learning while raising money for school projects.



- Friday, October 20: High School Football at Munday, 7:30 p.m. BOOK FAIR.
- Saturday, October 21: Fire Department Barbecue
- Tuesday, October 24: Exit TAAS.
- Wednesday, October 25: Exit TAAS.
- Thursday, October 26: Exit TAAS.
- Jr. High Football at Aspermont, 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 27: High School Football vs Aspermont, 7:30 p.m.
- Jr. High/High School G/T Trip.
- Saturday, October 28: District Cross Country at Spur.
- ACT test at MCHS.
- Monday, October 30: Dental Screening.
- PIP Camp, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31: Dental Screening.
- Six Weeks Tests.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon & Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Chili Beans, Orange Slices, Treat, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Pea Salad, Potatoes, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Rice Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chef Salad, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Baked Potato, Crackers, Watergate Salad, Milk.



TRAIL DUST
By Doug Meador

"Patience takes a lot of time, but its rewards are soft music which bring peace to the soul and the admiration of contemporaries."

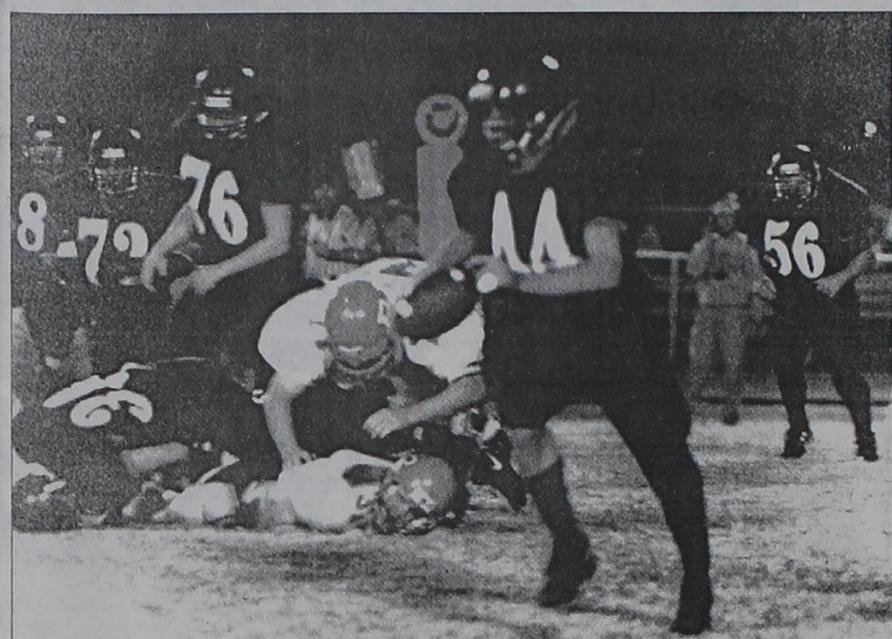
The third annual Miss Motley County South Plains Pageant is scheduled for November 18, 2000, in the Motley County School gymnasium. There are four divisions.

Little Tot: 4 years - First Grade.
Little Miss: Second - Fifth Grades.
Junior Miss: Sixth - Eighth

Grades.
Miss: Ninth - Twelfth Grades.

Entry fee is \$10.00. Entry deadline is November 3. This pageant is for entertainment only and winners will not advance to another pageant. For more information or for entry blanks, contact Carrol Hays at 347-2676, fax # is 806-347-2871 or e-mail

at carroll@motleyco.org. You may also write:
Carrol Hays, Theater Arts Dept.
Motley County I.S.D.
P.O. Box 310
Matador, TX 79244
Be sure to include your name, mailing address and telephone number on any messages or correspondence.



Motley County Matador, Casey Lawrence, carries the ball during game action against Paducah last Friday night. The Matadors will travel to Munday this Friday with game time at 7:30 p.m.

photo by James Gillespie

PTO meets to discuss plans for 2000-01 year

by Tina Brooks

The first Parent-Teacher Organization meeting was held Tuesday night, October 10, in the school cafeteria. There were twenty members and one new member present.

The PTO would like to congratulate the kindergarten class for winning the PTO membership drive contest. The contest was to see how many members each individual class could get to sign up for PTO. It was graded on a percentage to be fair for the smaller classes. The kindergarten class will receive a pizza party at the school. Thank you for all your hard work.

Tammy Simpson, PTO treasurer gave a report on funds. PTO received \$73.00 in the membership drive. There is a total of \$501.54 in the bank account and \$159.00 in the PTO special account, for a total of approximately \$660.71.

Box Tops for Education was discussed. It was decided to be a part of this program. For each box top saved, PTO receives money to help the school. PTO encourages everyone to save box tops from items such as General Mills products and Betty Crocker products. There will be more information about this wonderful program announced later. PTO will be placing boxes all over town to make it easier for everyone to participate. Mary Ann Potts volunteered to head up this committee. So start saving your box tops now!

It was decided to have a booth at the Fall Festival Carnival. Darla Gwinn volunteered to head up the

committee to decide what booth. The committee consists of Marci Bateman, Melissa Saldana, Wendi Taylor and Tammy Simpson

A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to go to the school and help in the classrooms. It is a special thing to have a community member go into the school and read with a child individually, or to just help tutor a struggling student. This program helps with children of all ages. There is need even in the upper classes. If you would like to help in any way, please call Kim Jenschke, PTO President. Everyone is invited to help. It takes a community to raise our children.

Tammy Simpson gave a report on room mothers for the year. The list will be distributed soon.

A Christmas program was discussed. Kim Jenschke will further investigate to see if there is time for such a program with everything that goes on during Christmas. It will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Carol Ann Turner discussed and invited everyone to attend the Parent Conference in Lubbock. It will be held Thursday, November 2, 2000. This conference has many different workshops you can attend. The school is providing a bus to take people to the conference this year. If you like to attend please contact Mrs. Turner.

If you would like to be a member of PTO, or if you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Kim Jenschke or Tina Brooks.



Matadors suffer upsetting loss to Paducah for first district game

by Rickey Lawrence

The Motley County Matadors suffered an upsetting loss Friday night, October 13, when they played the

Paducah Dragons for the opening district game for both teams. The Dragons defeated the Matadors by the score of 34-0.

I am sorry to report that there is no further information on this game, because I did not receive anything from the Coaches.

Set short term goals and you'll win games. Set long term goals and you'll win championships.

—Joe Paterno

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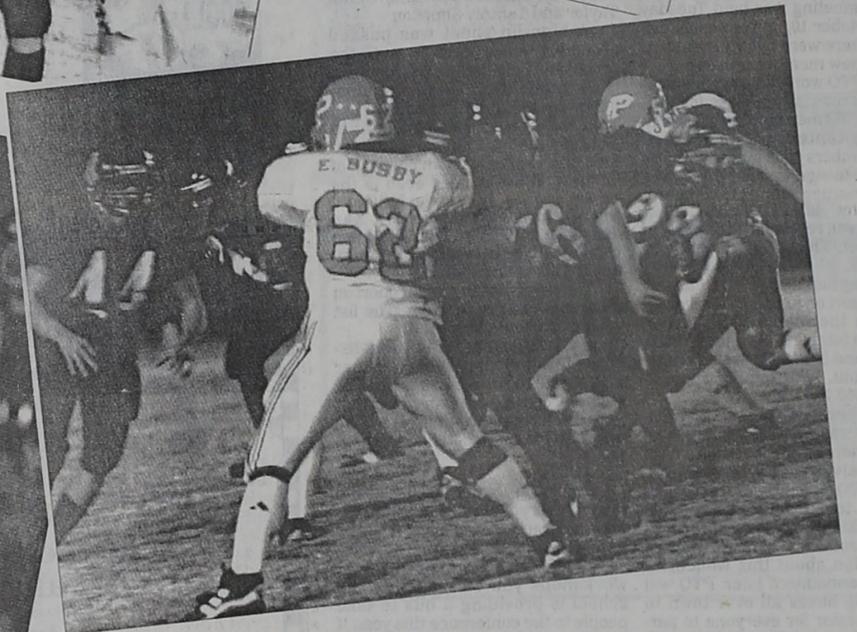
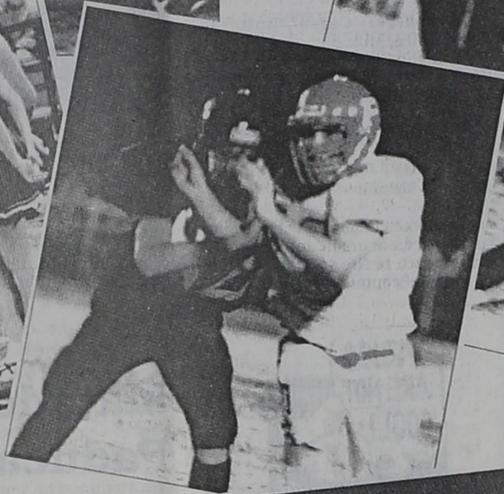
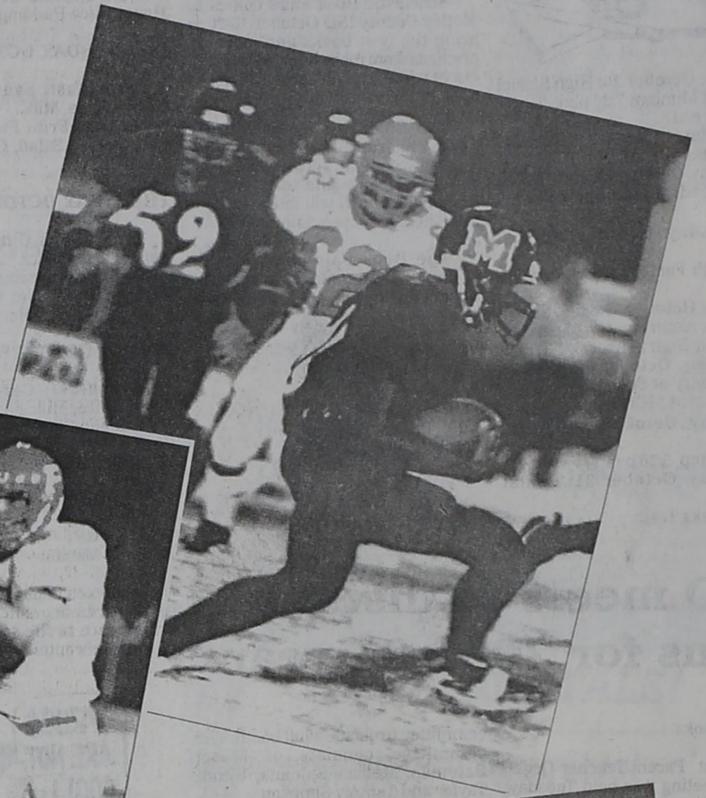
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Local American Legion conducts Flag Dedication at Patton Springs



Motley County American Legion Post Commander, Jerry Green, along with other members of the local post, conducted special Flag Dedication ceremonies at the Patton Springs school recently.

Flag Dedication Ceremonies held Wednesday, October 4, 2000, at Patton Springs ISD were led by various members of the Motley County American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Retired Marine Lieutenant Colonel, Jerry Green, led the four assemblies - PK through 12th grade.

Assisting in folding the U.S. Flag were State DPS officer and Vice-Commander of the American Legion Post in Matador, Mark Gumaer; Patton Springs junior, Daniel Frost; Retired Navy Captain, Jimmy Watson; Auxiliary member and Patton Springs ex-student, Jerry Williams Watson; Patton Springs freshman, Reba Smith; and Juan "Johnny" Sanchez, currently a specialist with the National Guard and maintenance/groundskeeper for Patton Springs ISD.

Also assisting in the ceremonies were PK Green, President of the Motley County American Legion Auxiliary and Jesse Turner, field music supervisor.

Each class, PK-12, had class representatives read parts portraying the Texas flag and led pledges and songs honoring both the Texas and U.S. Flag. Flag etiquette and symbolism were fully explained, and saluting was thoroughly practiced. All assemblies closed with the playing of "Taps," and solemn tribute was given to all who gave their lives for their country.

Both flags were flown at the Capitol of the Sovereign State of Texas on April 24, 2000, and sent to Patton Springs ISD along with certificates signed and sealed by Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, James E. "Pete" Laney.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a taxpaying and voting citizen, I am greatly distressed over the continued anti-American actions by the foreign bureaucrats who control the United Nations.

What most American citizens don't know is that U.N. decision-makers are demanding that American taxpayers pay millions more than our fair share for U.N. activities. The U.N. has also announced plans to bring more of our military forces under its control, create global taxes to fund its programs, create a standing U.N. army, and establish an independent International Criminal Court that would have the authority to arrest and try American citizens.

Furthermore, the U.N. has also placed millions of acres of American

land under "U.N. designation," along with dozens of American landmarks — including the Statue of Liberty and Independence Hall, home of the Liberty Bell.

It is time for all candidates for President and Congress to oppose these anti-American measures, protect American sovereignty, and work to get America out of the U.N., once and for all.

Neither major party is in opposition to getting the U.S. out of the U.N. This is the first time we have had an opportunity to vote for a conservative third party. This is most likely our last chance to save our freedom that our forefathers fought for.

Sincerely,
Harold Campbell

American Legion Post announces October meeting

Fleming Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 of the American Legion will hold a joint meeting on Monday, October 23, at 7 p.m. at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. This meeting will feature presentations by the year 2000 Boys State and Girls State participants from Motley County, Casey Lawrence and Rachele Renfro. There will be a delicious covered dish supper prior to the meeting.

Several Post and Unit members will be attending the 18th District Convention in Amarillo this weekend, October 21-22, which is hosted by American Legion Post 54. The new department commander, Jim Young, will be in attendance and present the keynote address.

The Veterans Day program at Motley County High School has been

scheduled for Thursday, November 9, and is in the final planning stages.



Patton Springs students pledge the Flag at the recent dedication ceremony, conducted by Motley County American Legion members.

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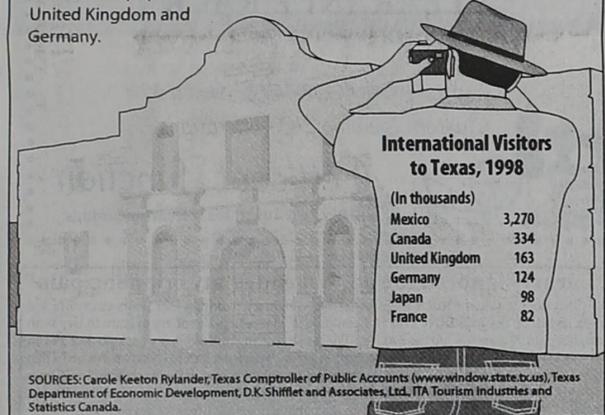


CLASS OF 1959 CELEBRATES 41ST REUNION — The Matador High School Class of 1959 held their 41st reunion during the recent Matador/Motley County Homecoming, Saturday, September 23. Pictured above are class members, (standing left to right) Karmen Jenkins McCulloch, Levelland; Ray Davis Baxter, Afton; Tommy Scaff, Bovina; Harry Campbell, Lubbock; Ronald Bailey, Eastland; James Stanley, Lubbock; Pat Seigler, Matador; Betty Davis Simpson, Northfield; Charlotte Campbell Richardson, Dallas; Peggy Welling James, Dallas; (seated) Rosemary Shanks Webb, Lubbock; Bobby Williams, Matador; Gerald Pipkin, Matador; and James Bearden, Matador.

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Global Visitors Flock to Texas

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News by Odessa Mullins

Joyce Smith visited recently in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson with her cousin Glenda Hossley and Davis and Jim Hossley and family. She also visited her friend Dr. Floyd Berk.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthery, Okla., visited from Friday to Sunday evening with her sister, Zella Palmer.

Becky Nickles of Austin visited with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Graham, several days this week and attended to business.

Jackie Meredith of Lorenzo attended church services at Full Gospel Church and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dillard on Sunday at LaNita's Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of

Plainview spent Saturday night with his mother Odessa Mullins.

Dorothy Lee spent Friday to Monday in Lubbock with her daughter, Linda Schwartz, and family.

Zella Palmer and her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthery, Okla., had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Matador Sunday.

Pearl Patton and Zella Palmer took Odessa Mullins to Caprock Cafe in Dickens Monday night for her birthday supper.

Mary Lumsden spent Monday night in Lubbock with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report by Rita Groves

Fourteen Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met in a regular session for a delicious potluck luncheon on First Thursday, October 5, at noon. Mary Lumsden shared her machine that measures blood pressure and blood sugar.

Leader Odessa Mullins, Ray Zabielski, Sheila Lefevre, and Algie Groves all have birthdays in October. Their treat, after we sang the birthday song and Carl Barton asked the blessing, was the privilege of going first in line for the lunch that was special.

Billie Clifton, our secretary, resigned and her much coveted job fell to Rita Groves, who still labors under the illusion that to be given a job is a great compliment. Billie is going to visit a cousin in Amarillo and work for awhile. We hope she soon comes back.

Others than those already named who enjoyed our get-together were Vera Mitchell, Shirley Barton, Ruby Hipp, Zella Palmer, Grace Zabielski, and Dorothy Lee.

On October 6, we awakened to Winter, having skipped Fall, my favorite season of the year. To look out at a thermometer registering 33 degrees at 5:00 a.m., following a day in the nineties, makes one wonder about the thermometer.

Bruce Lefevre has wrapped the newspapers neatly in plastic bags for three mornings. We had thunder, lightning, and sprinkles, but no measurable rain. The pavements glisten, and the birds and squirrels chatter, but the sun comes up bright and cheerful all the same, as it has done since June 17.



PUMPKIN CAPITOL — The neighboring town of Floydada, Pumpkin Capitol of the World, celebrated their annual Punkin' Days Saturday. This Fall display greets passersby as they enter Floydada from the north.

A Note of Thanks

The Motley County FFA Chapter wishes to thank all of the people who came to eat with us last Friday night before the game. Thank you to Gillespie Communications for the donation of the meat for the barbecue and to James Gillespie for his generous donation of time cooking and preparing the meal. Also, thanks to Judy Cooper, Robin and Beverly Darsey, Janie Campbell, Trisha Ridgley, and Kate Hurt for their help in preparing and serving and cleaning up after the meal. The proceeds from this fund raiser will help pay the members expenses on Chapter activities. Thanks again.

Jim Cooper, Chapter Advisor

Flomot News by Earlyne Jameson

BAZAAR IS SUCCESS
The Bazaar held Saturday at the Community Center in Flomot sponsored by the Do Gooders' Club was declared a success. Out of the 900 tickets sold for the "Winning Hands" quilt, Kay Bingham of Matador was elated when she was told she was the winner. The concession stand and booths stayed busy selling items and appetizing treats.

Due to the election, Nov. 7, the Do Gooders' Club is postponing their usual club day, the first Tuesday of each month, to the following Tuesday, November 14. A financial report on the Bazaar will be given by secretary and treasurer, Erma Washington.

They were en route home from Quitaque after celebrating the birthday of her father, Buster Chadwick.

Ty Barclay of Borger visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Mrs. Stanley (Donna Sue) Degan of Kalgary visited overnight Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers. They attended the Bazaar Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Sunday, were Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kellan, Kacee and Micah and Steve Lowrey of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon.

Johnny Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri, is visiting his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger, Thursday with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Wolforth. Joining them Saturday to attend the Bazaar were Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts of Lovington, N.M., and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse flew from Lubbock Airport Wednesday to Albuquerque where they enjoyed the colorful and entertaining Balloon Festival, scenic and tourist attractions. They returned to their respective homes, Sunday night.

Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder and Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador visited Friday night with Brenda and Darrell Cruse. They attended the Valley School football game in which Derrick Cruse played. Charla visited overnight with Marihelen and returned home Saturday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert who attended the Bazaar on Saturday were Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Payton, Justin and Shae Lynn of Lubbock.

HAS SURGERY
Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch accompanied their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey to Big Spring on Sunday. Mr. Starkey had cataract eye surgery Monday at the Veterans' Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were in Fort Worth, Tuesday, at the Cook Children's Hospital. Their great-grandson and nephew, six-month-old Chase Rhodes had surgery. Other family members there were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes of Irving and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes of Conroe Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited last weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Guests of Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, Monday and Tuesday, were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wende of Salado.

Mrs. Todd (Stachia) Washington, Katie, Conner, Cam and Clay of Childress visited Mrs. Edith Washington, Sunday

Whiteflat News by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
In the 1940's you could see two movies for a quarter. Today, we spend hundreds of dollars on cable TV, and what do we get? Those same two movies!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon attended the entertaining Pipes Spectacular Concert Sunday afternoon held at the Harral Auditorium in Plainview. Daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, and the Wayland University Handbell Ensemble performed two harmonious musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle attended the Motley County Junior High football game in Paducah, Thursday. Their son and brother, Fannin, and teammates defeated the Paducah team 28-22.

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner visited in Flomot, Saturday with Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, and they attended the Do Gooders' Club Bazaar.

Wilson Barton was in Lubbock, Wednesday where he and his nephew, Charles Barton of Lubbock, enjoyed the Farmers Stockman Show.

News of Local Interest

To report local news call 347-2400 before noon Tuesday

Visiting Luther and Edna Ruth Green this past week was a brother and wife, Jack and Decima Green of New Deal. Also visiting was a local friend, Harold Campbell.

J.B. and Jean Cooper visited Reba Burkes at the Crosbyton Care Center on Sunday. They also visited in Lubbock with Wynona Gilbreath.

Religion changing, says Texas A&M professor

COLLEGE STATION — Religion, as an institution, will change dramatically in the coming years, thanks to the communications revolution and an increased emphasis on tolerance, says a Texas A&M University philosophy professor who has studied religion for the past 40 years.

Professor Richard W. Stadelmann said people are picking and choosing their religious ideals and beliefs from a variety of religions, customizing their own personal belief system, — resulting in what he terms "designer religion."

This change is occurring as people's preferences for stricter, fundamentalist beliefs systems shift to

more tolerant and accepting beliefs systems, he said.

As people's religious beliefs become more accepting of other beliefs, they may find it easier to incorporate aspects of these different religions, becoming more eclectic as well as more tolerant, he explained.

The rise of designer religion has to do with the way people perceive religion, he said.

"There is not a sharp break where religion ends and the general feeling about that which is valuable begins, it's more of a gradation," Stadelmann explained.

Stadelmann believes the change is especially pronounced in America's youth.

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Obituaries

Ruth Whitaker Smith

Funeral services for Ruth Whitaker Smith, 82, of Fritch, were held Monday, October 16, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at Paramount Baptist Deaf Church, Amarillo. The Rev. Darrell Bonjour and Kelvin Jackson officiated. Voice interpretation was done by Mark Sturkie. Burial was at 4:00 p.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Mrs. Smith was born August 13, 1918 in Whiteflat, Texas. She died on Thursday, October 12, 2000. She attended the Austin School for the Deaf. She married Joe F. Smith in Whiteflat on October 14, 1941. She and her family had been former residents of Flomot. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Eulalia Dean of San Angelo, Judy Self of

Abilene; two sons, Jim Tom Smith of Alva, Okla., and Bobby J. Smith of Fritch; one sister, Fern Henderson of Matador; a sister-in-law, Ciedell Whitaker of Levelland; and a number of grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe F. Smith in 1970; one sister, Eula Whitaker in 1979; and three brothers, Ed Whitaker in 1970, Earnest Whitaker in 1985, and Earl Whitaker in 1990.

Her extended family includes Sarah and Slim Newman, Melba and Darrell Brumley, Reuben McGill, Bernice Burd and all of her church family of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church.

Memorial requests: Paramount Baptist Deaf Church, 3817 Holiday, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

Jewell Varnell

Funeral services for Jewell Varnell, 87, of Palestine were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 14, at Bailey and Foster Chapel in Palestine, with Rev. Gregory A. Megill officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey and Foster, Palestine.

Mrs. Varnell died Tuesday, October 10, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born March 9, 1913, in Paducah, Texas, to the late Coy Nathan and Ossie Birdwell Morris. Mrs. Varnell was a Baptist. She graduated from West Texas State

Teachers College of Canyon and taught school for 43 years in Afton. She was a member of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of the Texas Education Association.

Mrs. Varnell was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Richard Varnell of Palestine; a daughter, Ahnise Summers of Palestine; a son, Wayne Varnell of Houston; a sister, Martha Alma Thompson of Lubbock; a brother, Coy Morris of Afton; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were nephews.



SERVING UP GOODIES — These member of the Flomot Do Gooders club were serving up goodies at the Concession Stand at their Annual Fall Bazaar held Saturday at the Flomot Community Center. Pictured left to right are Susie Shannon, Barbara Payne and Alma Shorter.

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FROM July 1, 2000 TO September 30, 2000

FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
	JULY 1, 2000			SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 6,169.55	\$ 128,158.87	\$ 121,315.06	\$ 133,013.36
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 6,288.81	\$ 10,208.58	\$ 4,982.13	\$ 11,515.27
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 3,884.86	\$ 12,921.34	\$ 10,379.82	\$ 7,426.38
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 6,184.87	\$ 13,612.17	\$ 12,048.72	\$ 7,748.32
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 4,384.88	\$ 14,484.89	\$ 11,884.85	\$ 6,984.91
LIBRARY	\$ 6,619.88	\$ 26,819.89	\$ 12,375.82	\$ 16,184.95
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 6,821.02	\$ -	\$ 6,821.02	\$ -
BUILDING FUND	\$ 3,321.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,321.02
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 14,497.84	\$ 788.24	\$ -	\$ 15,286.08
ARREST FEES	\$ 10,549.49	\$ 5,347.00	\$ 6,680.11	\$ 10,216.38
DEBT PROGRAM	\$ 643.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 643.50
NOT CHECK	\$ 1,643.66	\$ 643.66	\$ 473.86	\$ 1,813.46
Sheriff's Auto Pd.	\$ 3,389.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,389.00
Investment Account	\$ 257,000.00	\$ -	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
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TOTALS	\$ 430,233.59	\$ 213,821.30	\$ 306,831.40	\$ 337,223.49

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED JON E. CAMPBELL, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Notary Public
J. L. Campbell
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 16th DAY OF October, 2000
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Notary Public



Farm and Ranch News



SWCD now selling tree and wildlife packets

Windbreak trees and shrubs for conservation plantings and wildlife packets are now available for sale by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District office in Matador. Personnel are available to assist with questions and order forms, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information call 347-2263, extension 3. Deadline for ordering is February 6, 2001. Trees will be available for pickup on February 16 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the National Resource Conservation Service office in Matador.

The availability of certain trees and wildlife packets are limited this year. If interested, orders should be placed with haste. Both evergreen and hardwoods are available. Evergreens currently for sale are Afghan Pine, Austrian Pine, Pinyon Pine,

and Redcedar. Hardwoods available include Fourwing Saltbush, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Sand Plum, and many more. Wildlife packets include Quail and Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel.

There are numerous advantages of planting windbreaks around the home, the farm and the field. Windbreak trees reduce damage caused by wind erosion. They also shade and shelter livestock from the elements. Furthermore, windbreaks provide food and nesting sites for a large number of wildlife. Trees also protect homes and farmsteads from destructive winds and blowing dust. With the help of windbreaks, heating and cooling costs are significantly decreased, excessive noise is screened, and the aesthetic value of property is improved.

Drought causing death for many Texas trees

OVERTON - With hardwood trees throughout dropping leaves, it looks like Fall has come early.

It's not a change of seasons, but another symptom of the drought, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service forestry specialist.

"It's kind of like the tree shuts down its 'branch offices' to conserve resources," said Dr. Eric Taylor, Extension forestry specialist based in East Texas.

Some of the trees now dropping leaves are already dead. Others may recover next spring. As deep soil moisture is depleted, roots unable to reach the water die.

As a rule, if the tree has lost leaves early at least twice in the last three years, then it's probably already dead. If this is the first year that it has lost its leaves, there is a good chance it recovers next spring.

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



AUTOMATIC CAMERAS REVEAL UNWELCOME VISITORS AT DEER FEEDERS

Landowners who set out feeders for white-tailed deer would be amazed if they knew what a diverse group of animals came to visit every night. Everything from feral hogs to raccoons, rabbits, crows, squirrels, and rats show up to feed at night. Hundreds of photos taken by automatic infrared cameras in counties around Texas show everything from bobcats to trespassing humans showing up uninvited at deer corn feeders. The pictures have provided census data on white-tailed deer feeding habits at a level of accuracy not normally obtainable by such traditional means as spotlighting. They also give landowners an idea of what is out there, and what they can do to prevent these animals from eating the feed. There are a number of infrared-triggered cameras on the market that can be used to monitor deer feeders used to estimate white-tail deer populations. Prices range from \$250 to over \$400 for each camera and infrared triggering unit.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORT

Producers in West and North Texas have lost most of this season's sorghum crop due to drought conditions. Grain sorghum has been devastated in the West Central region. The crop usually makes a revenue of six million to 12 million dollars for the West Central region, but it will only bring in about two million dollars this year. Most sorghum will not even be harvested. Tom Green County, which usually sees revenues of one and a half to four million dollars from sorghum, has made less than 500,000 dollars this year. August is a very important month for sorghum, and there wasn't enough rain received then. The Panhandle will lose 75 percent of the sorghum planted this year. Producers did not plant a large amount of sorghum because of bleak profit prospects.

ANIMALS, HUMANS BOTH AFFECTED BY DROUGHT

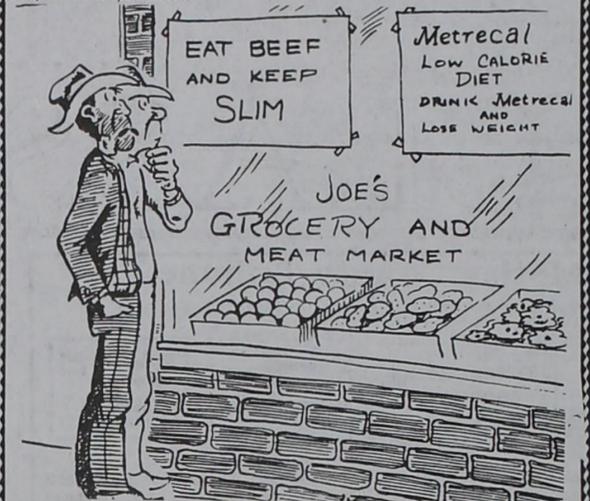
All across Texas, new housing developments have sprung up where deer, toads, birds, and raccoons once

lived. Land fragmented by these neighborhoods sent wildlife packing, but the extended drought is leading to their return - often without welcome by humans. Drought is a natural part of the Texas climate and has been for thousands of years. Wildlife is well adapted to drought, but they are not well adapted to the human reaction to them. Feral hogs may be among the most unwelcome by humans, especially in the rice growing region where much of the land has been converted to new developments. Normally, the hogs spend their days in the woods where there is water along creeks. But as the creeks dry up, wildlife leaves to find water, which is usually unwillingly provided by humans. All mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians will continue to survive droughts, but humans have no choice but to survive it with them.

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