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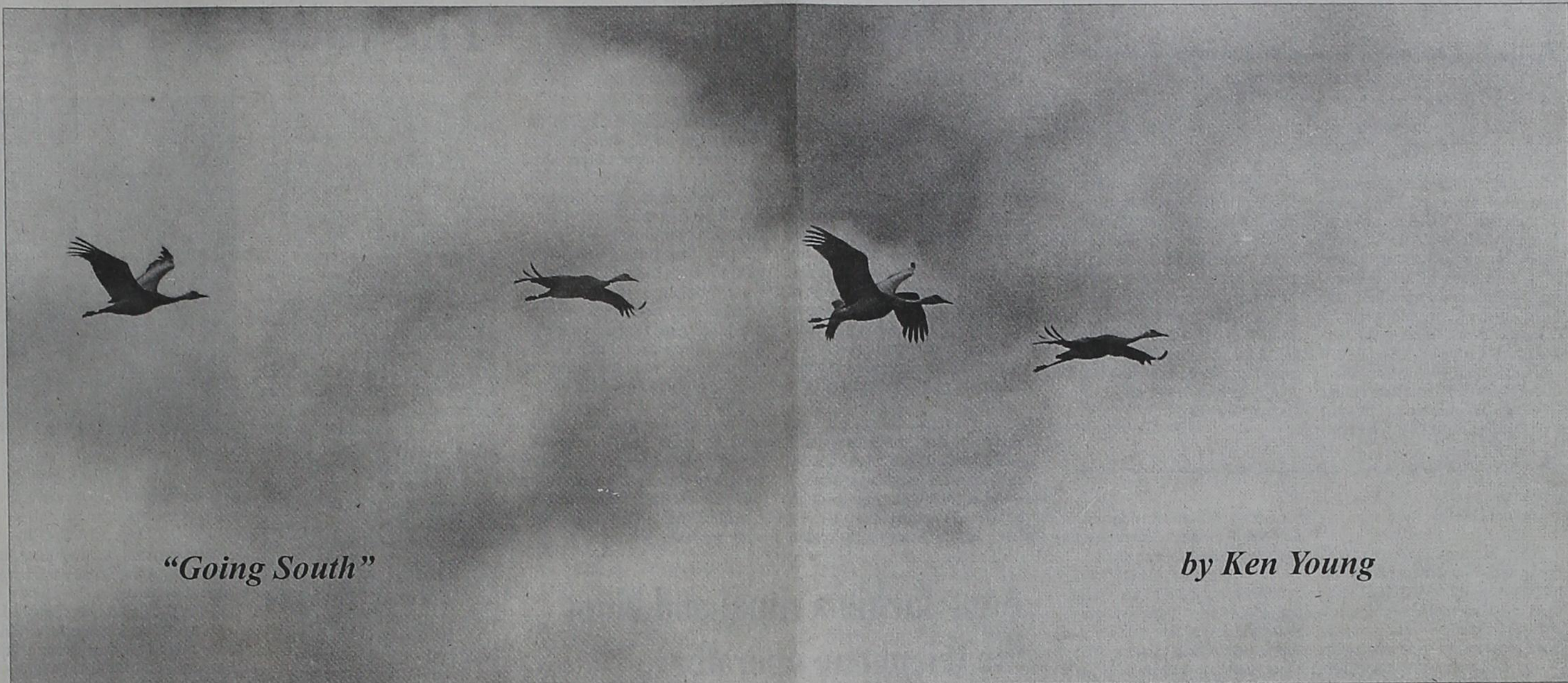
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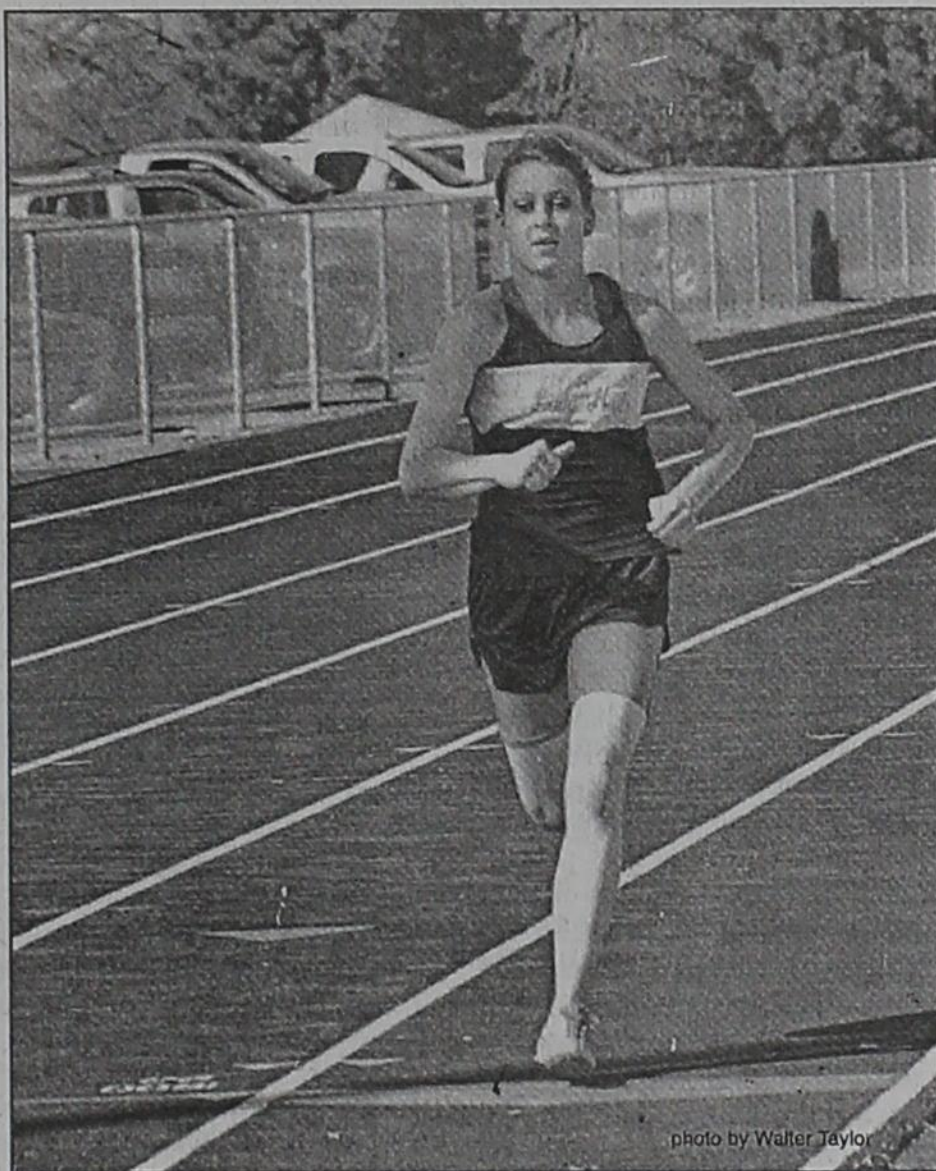
by Ken Young

Motley County track teams are off and running

The Motley County track teams are off and running to start the 2008 track season. The High School and Jr. High teams have each participated in two meets already this year. All teams have done very well so far. On Feb. 26th the Jr. High boys and girls participated in a meet hosted by Patton Springs, but held at the track at Guthrie. Team totals were not kept for this meet, but the students did very well, coming home with many 1st and 2nd place ribbons. Their second meet was the Rolling Plains Relays held on March 13th, at Jayton. They did very well, with the boys capturing 1st place at the meet, scoring 109 points. The girl's team only has three members, but they placed 7th out of fifteen teams, scoring 39 points.

Results of the Jayton meet are as follows:

Long Jump—Jaci Zingerman, 4th place; Jonathon Osborn, 5th place
High Jump—Augustine Chavez, 2nd place
Shot Put—Augustine Chavez, 1st place
Discus—Britt Simpson, 6th place
2400m Run—Alexis Osborn, 1st place; Mark Quintero, 1st place
400m Relay—Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn, Nayo Santos, Augustine Chavez, 1st place
100m Dash—Jaci Zingerman,



SHANE'A RUSSELL wins 4th place in the 100 meter dash in the Rolling Plains Relays on March 13, at Jayton.

4th place; Jonathon Osborn 3rd place
800m Relay—Christian Brooks, Britt Simpson, Austin Wolf, Nayo Santos, 2nd place
300m Hurdles, Austin Wolf, 4th place
200m Dash—Sabra Pope, 6th place; Augustine Chavez, 2nd place
1200m run—Alexis Osborn, 1st place; Mark Quintero, 4th place and Reagan Elliott, 6th place.
1600m Relay—Jonathon Osborn, Austin Taylor, Nayo Santos, 1st place
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CHAUNDRA WOLF places 2nd in the High Jump and Triple Jump and 3rd in the Long Jump in the Rolling Plains Relays held on March 13, at Jayton. The girl's team only has three members, but they placed 7th out of 15 teams.

City Council passes budget Sub-standard housing discussed in Open Forum

Matador City Council met March 13, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall to hold a Public Hearing for the Proposed 08/09 City Budgets. Present were Council members Pat Seigler, Terry Simpson, Chuck Ream, Shane Jones, Mayor Pat Smith, Water Superintendent, Steve Barton, City Secretary Debra Scott and Laverne Zabielski. There was no public participation in the public hearing.

The City Council convened with a scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. joined by Stan Hanesworth. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Mr. Hanesworth then addressed the council in Open Forum regarding sub-standard housing. His concern is that "currently we have permission to tear down only a couple of sub-standard houses." He stated that "In the past we did have letters, however they were never sent, but they are on file." Mr. Hanesworth suggested that we send out the letters in order for the city to enforce the ordinances. He realizes that because of the current burn ban the city can not burn the houses. He suggested that they be torn down and burned later. Mr. Hanesworth concluded his remarks

stating, "Sub-standard housing equals city clean up. Let's get another one started."

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Barton stated that the wells were doing good and he's anticipating work to begin on both the sidewalk and water line grants at approximately the same time.

In order to meet the \$30,000 match for the sidewalk grant, a motion was made and passed to add back into the proposed project, block A, which runs along side the Knowles building, block G on Dundee St. in front of the ASC building, and Block D which is in front of Matador Floral to the corner.

It was decided that \$15,000 of the 4B Tax money will be used to help the city meet the \$15,000 cash match and

\$30,000 in kind match required for the sidewalk grant.

In other business a motion was made and passed to place city lots 25 and 26, block 121 up for public auction.

Jeannie Moore has been appointed as the Election Judge for the May, General election. The result of the drawing for the order of places on the ballot are Alvin Alexander, Pat Seigler, Danika Jameson and Mike Hackler.

After discussing the fact that the deficit of \$21,000 in the general fund budget is due to monies needed for the sidewalk grant and the additional \$12,000 being charged for city lighting, the Council approved the city budget as presented and the Water Works budget as presented

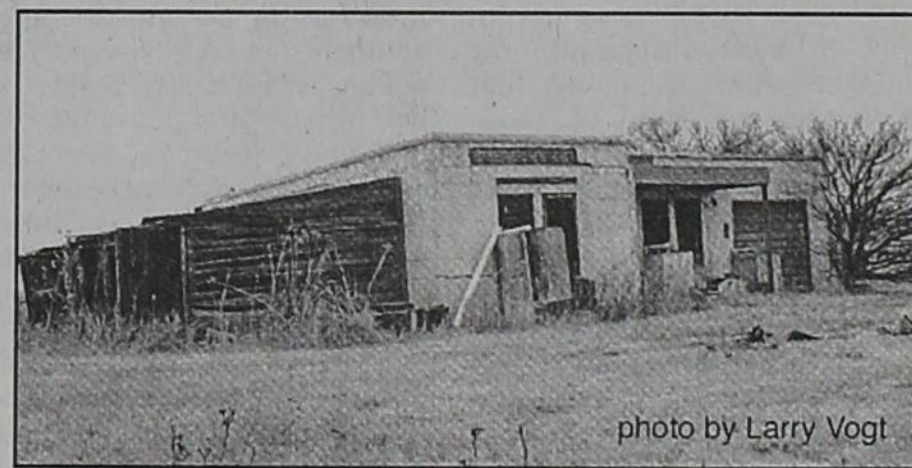


photo by Larry Vogt

Sub-standard dwelling on TX Hwy 70 South of US 70

Texas Plains Trail presents program at library annex

By Carol Campbell

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is based on 10 scenic driving trails created in 1968 by Gov. John Connally and the Texas Highway Department as a marketing tool.

In 1997, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) was charged by the State Legislature to create a statewide heritage tourism program. The THC based their program on the original driving trails, creating 10 heritage regions: Brazos Trail Region, Forest Trail Region, Forts Trail Region, Hill Country Trail Region, Lakes Trail Region, Independence Trail Region, Mountain Trail Region, Pecos Trail Region, Plains Trail Region and Tropical Trail Region.

Today, the trails serve as THC's award-winning regional tourism initiative, and communities throughout each region are encouraged to participate in the program.

Deborah Sue McDonald, the new Texas Plains Trail

Regional Coordinator, and three members of the Texas Plains Trail Board met with public officials and interested citizens Wednesday, March 19, in the Library annex.

McDonald has a background as an educator. She changed careers, changed focus, and could not be happier. She now spends her time marketing a 52-county region stretch from Dumas to Post. "I have traveled 14,000 miles since January," she said.

McDonald "flared" a deck of Texas Plains Trail Region cards on the table, and then selected one. "The Winning Hand" playing cards are a "fun and useful guide to help visitors find their way to some of the region's attractions," she said.

Acknowledging the high price of gasoline, McDonald said her vision is that families would pick a card, any card, and then travel to that city for a fun-day of touring and site seeing. Throughout the region, there are foliage tours, scenic

drives, outdoor musical dramas, stock shows and fairs -- all within a days driving distance from home base, she said.

For example, the six of Clubs is Quanah. The card lists the Hardeman County Jail Museum, built in 1890; Q.A. & P. Depots Museum, 1909; Quanah Parker Memorial and Walkway; Medicine Mound Depot, 1910; Copper Breaks State Park, to name a few. It also lists events like the Quanah Fall Festival, Wild West Christmas, and the Valentine's Sweetheart Ball. Motley County is the seven of Clubs.

Board President Wendy Carthel, Friona, started the program off by showing a 13-minute Plains Trail video, produced by Friona High School Family and Consumer Science Classes in conjunction with Texas Historical Commission, Texas Heritage Trails Program, and several other sponsors. The video shows the wide-open spaces, cowboys and cattle of a 52-county stretch continued on page 5

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

Nice to know that rural living has advantages. Right now, with the economy taking a nose dive, things may not change that much for most of us. As far as the country dwellers are concerned, there has always been a recession. Does it really matter to us that the high ticket clothing stores are losing value? We have always been shopping for jeans and work shirts at the bargain stores anyway. Of course, if you have money to invest, take it out of Saks and put it into Dollar General. Or just invest in your own family and stock up on non-

perishable food supplies and tools and equipment that does not lose value at such a rapid pace.

Then there is the matter of fresh air. This part of Texas rates very low in the extreme levels of ozone that are harmful to humans, animals, and plants. That clear sky you see is pretty nice and the air is not bad to breathe either. We may be out in the middle of nowhere (according to our city dwelling visitors/relatives) but we can breathe the air and help each other survive just like we always did.

By Laverne Zabielski

The Trail Duster Writers, (the writer's who write on Friday at the library, and friends) have been busy this "Women's History Month." We have focused on writing stories about some of the women in our life. It is true that the newspaper is a means of recording history. I haven't read all the back issues, yet. But it occurred to me that if that is true we need to get busy publishing our news and our stories and uncovering the ones that have already been written.

I am reprinting Eloise Van Tassel's story about Larry's mother, Bertha Schmidt. In last week's paper the columns were out of order.

Making a point regarding the value of letters and cards my brother Ray sent me a copy of a letter our mother had written in 1974 when she first moved back to Motley County. It's interesting that both my mother and Pauline House's mother mention the break through experience of purchasing a wringer washing machine.

I remember when we visited Grandmother Tilson in Whiteflat. We took trips to Matador to the laundromat which was located east of where the Fire Station is today. There was a wide aisle down the middle of the room with stations of

wringer washers and rinsing tubs. It was very hot inside. I don't remember how the clothes were dried.

Suzanne Abbott writes honestly about both of her grandmothers. And P.K. Green reveals secret rituals of her mother and aunt. Stephanie Husky writes about the first woman to become Judge in Motley County. Laverna Price Johnson had reservations about running for the position. Her perseverance, however, paid off. The food we cook and the jewelry we wear often contain many stories. Buffy Crutchley shares memories of her mother's "packed jewelry box" and her own "noodley goodness." And Dinah Young let's us in on the secret to a good angel food cake.

As always, women are making history daily. Shane'a Russell and Chandra Wolf are front page news competing in the Rolling Plains Relays. The women in the Eternas Club attend the Caprock District Convention. Sylvia Martin turns 90, Kelsie Wallace is getting married in Goodlet, Carla Hargrave got married at Hackberry Creek Care Center, and Monta Marshall and Earlyne Jameson write endlessly about the women in their community.

The more news and stories we share the more connected we become.

Women's History Month contribution from a reader in California

By Eloise Van Tassel

Bertha Schmidt, my mother-in-law from my first marriage, was born in 1900. She was one of many siblings in a Mennonite farm family. Most of the older children in her family were girls, which meant that the girls were pressed into service for all kinds of jobs on the farm, those that would have been considered boys' work as well as the more traditional girls' chores. By the time Bertha and I met, she was in her sixties, a veteran of a hard-working life that included two marriages, several children of her own and several stepchildren. She was competent to meet the many challenges of subsistence living, and very religious. The religious part intimidated me because Bertha's sixties were, after all, The Sixties, and she seemed to hail from a different era.

Bertha, who spoke in a Plautdeutsch (Low German) accent, quickly put me at ease by being delighted with me. She knew I'd been an honor student in high school and had won a scholarship to college. She knew of my mother, a teacher, and was admiring of the fact that women in my family had been educated. Prominent on the living room wall of this competent farm woman's home was a picture called "The Piano Lesson." In this picture two girls in Jane Austen-era dresses were being taught by a piano master, one seated at the keyboard, the other looking on as the master hovered over his pupil.

Over the years when her son and I came to visit, eventually bringing our own two daughters, Bertha was always delighted to see us and sat us down to bounteous farmstyle meals, always rounded out with pickles or produce from the Mason jars that glowed like jewels on the shelves of her pantry. A

ritual at the beginning of each meal was the passing around of a little box in the shape of a loaf of home-made bread. Inside the box were slips of paper the size of Chinese fortunes. On each slip was written a verse from the New Testament, and each diner was asked to draw a slip from the loaf and read the verse. Bertha knew them all by heart.

After the meal, we'd sit in her living room under "The Piano Lesson" and Bertha would bring out her old family photos, or tell stories from her childhood and youth on the prairies. She'd show us her quilts, some made with wool cut from old menswear, some cottons with a few pieces of garish sixties' prints creeping in alongside older, more sober prints and solids. My girls received small doll-sized quilts from their grandmother, as well as some home-sewn dresses.

Bertha and I continued to stay in touch over the years when she had become my ex-mother-in-law. The last time I saw her was in the late eighties when she had moved to a board and care home. I arrived at after-lunch nap time. "The Piano Lesson" was on the wall of her cozy room. She snuggled under one of her quilts. She seemed to me to have taken on an almost impish quality. Maybe it came from the beginnings of dementia, maybe from a feeling of having gotten away with something because now others cleaned and cooked for her. Her delight at seeing me was as strong as ever. I sat by her bed, we held hands and I told her the latest news of her granddaughters. When it came time to leave, I told her I loved her and that I'd see her again. Was the last half of that goodbye sentence a lie? I don't know. . . I do know that driving down a few miles of road off the main freeway to find that board and care home was one of the best things I've done.

Writing Community Celebrates Women's History Month

Another Wash Day

by Pauline House

My mother didn't get her wringer washing machine until she had her fourth baby. My dad brought it home from Sears Roebuck. Mother was so happy she let out a squeal when Dad plugged it into the electric socket. She filled the washing machine tub with water, turned it on and watched her first load of clothes agitate back and forth. It was a beautiful sight. She would fill two big tubs with water rinsing the clothes as soon as she would pull them through the wringer.

From then on we had wash days on Saturdays. I would usually get kitchen duty and when the wash was done, I would feed the clothes through the wringer to the rinse tubs. My sister would help mother take

the basket of wet clothes to the clothes line to be hung up. My other two younger sisters were gathering dirty clothes to be put in the washing machine, but they would get distracted and would have to be reminded.

One time I was impatient to finish the small socks, so I put a bunch of socks into the wringer and my hand went in too. I then tried to reach over and unlock the wringer, but couldn't and my arm was still going in and I just knew my whole body would follow. I panicked and reached harder over and managed to push the lock loose. Boy, was my hand and arm sore for a long time. I did use a little more patience after that for such a tedious job. This ended another wash day.

Aunt Jackie's ritual and Mom the telephone operator

By P.K. Green

Aunt Jackie married my mother's brother, Uncle Bill Slott. She was an only child, raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her Polish parents weren't really wealthy, but it seemed so to my brother, Mike, and me since she was educated at a private school for girls. Of course, we didn't learn this until much later.

The Slott family had five girls before Bill, Jr. arrived. They were in various stages of school from high school on down to grade school. Valerie gave piano lessons for children, but Bill was the one who spent time with my daughter, Carmen. Uncle Bill was a music teacher and Stephanie played the guitar.

When my son was about two or three his father and grandfather went fishing in Canada and Carmen and I visited my aunt and uncle in Minnesota. What I will never forget about that trip was Aunt Jackie's nightly ritual. After everyone was settled for the night, she would escape to the basement retreat and smoke an entire pack of cigarettes. Either Lucky Strike or Pall Mall, unfiltered. Because I saw it with my own eyes, I can attest to this. She actually lit the new cigarette from the "butt". This refined lady. Thank goodness I had quit long before Carmen's conception, and the smoke didn't bother me as it would now.

This woman was so attractive even after six births she kept a nice figure. It helped that she was so tall. Uncle Bill appealed to her for his height was 6'2" or 6'3". Stephanie called me when she died. I can't recall why I couldn't attend her funeral, but

it is one of my deepest regrets in life.

The childhood memories Mike and I have are so vague, but she told me that she and Uncle Bill spent much of their free time, even before they married, around us. That is our mother, Marie, and Mike and me. And, Gram Cassie, too. Their home town of Bruno wasn't that far from the Twin Cities so we would spend time there.

My mother had very little jewelry. I don't remember seeing her "all decked out." But from her box of treasures I saved a pin (broach) with matching screwback earrings. It's like a crown with a couple of matched pieces of glass, trimmed in rhinestones, some of which are missing.

The other item I treasured was a pair of earrings her brother had given her from his days as an Army paratrooper in WWII. They were so unique. I wanted them, but we felt his wife would treasure them at least, if not more, than we did. We gave them to her, and she was touched enough to shed a tear, something we very rarely saw. I wonder now that she has died who has them. How would five daughters, and maybe a daughter-in-law, even grand daughters determine the proper recipient.

When Betty Henry made the shadow box of Mom's stuff, we included her watch, the kind with the black cloth band. I had refurbished it and wore it for several years. Also displayed are her wedding rings and a tiny little tack pin from the phone company in Minnesota. Bell something. Mom loved being a telephone operator.

Recipe

by Buffy Crutchley

When asked to write about my favorite recipe I can only think two words. "Hamburger Helper." I have never been much of a cook. I felt like Bobby Flay when someone taught me to add Italian dressing to green beans. When I learn a new dish, I have a habit of making it about twenty times a month. Just ask my husband how many times we've eaten sloppy joe's since I discovered "Manwich" sauce.

I'm not really sure what happened that makes me this way. All the woman in my family are amazing cooks. My sister makes the best chicken casserole you've ever tasted. And Gram's cookies. . . OUTSTANDING. I

won't even get into all the dishes my mother is famous for. I can tell you though, that I am making a mental list of all the dinners I want her to make the next time I visit.

As for my specialty, I guess you could say it's macaroni salad out of the box. You know the ones. They come with the noodles and seasoning packet. You just have to add mayo. Yup, that's gotta be what I'm famous for!

Keep your eye out at the next pot-luck function in town. I bet you'll see me walk in with a heaping pile of delicious looking noodley goodness. And I'll probably tell you I made it all by myself.

The Judge is a Lady

By Stephanie Husky
November 27, 1995

The judge is a lady. Laverna Price was born and raised in Motley County and is now serving as the county judge.

Price did not go to work until after she was widowed at a very young age. She went to Draughn's Business School in Lubbock, the only business college in the area at that time. Afterwards, she started working in Matador at the Production Credit Association. She remained there for two and one-half years. Then she was a bookkeeper at First State Bank in Matador for two and one-half more years.

While raising two children, Price remarried. She also worked for the ASCA, which is a branch of the Department of Agriculture and was able to retire from there after 24 years. Her second husband died about one and one-half years before she retired.

"Life is what you make it," Price said.

Price believed in looking forward and trying new things. She enjoys being associated with people much more than staying home alone. So she enrolled in a real estate school for something new.

"I really enjoyed the real estate class," Price said.

She was appointed to take over the term of the former judge in Motley County. Price served 14 months prior to the election of a new judge.

"I had just completed the real estate course and was going to leave Matador," Price said.

Her children and friends kept asking why wouldn't she run for the position. But Price was going into the real estate business. When she finally did decide to run, she did not think she would have a chance.

"I thought they wouldn't consider me, because I was a woman," Price said.

Price was elected the new judge for Motley County even though she is a woman. She will serve a four-year term at the County Court House located in Matador.

"I had no idea I would be in the judge's chair," Price said.

Price said that the first time she sat on the bench, she was petrified, but it is exciting and she really is enjoying it. She uses

a judicial law dictionary when she has a question about something. But she stands up for what she believes.

"I think a judge should have a law degree," Price said.

At times she has to ask for a ruling, because she doesn't want to make a decision about it in case she might be wrong. She has to know about the fines. Price hopes conditions will improve for the county.

Price has many duties as the county judge. She has a lot of



LAVERNA PRICE JOHNSTON was the first female county judge of Motley County, serving from 1993-2001.

public relation work to do; Price goes out of the county to represent the county.

One of her large responsibilities is the county budget. This takes work to make it stretch. She works closely with the county treasurer on it. As a judge in Motley County, she does juvenile cases, regular cases, and misdemeanor cases. She depends on the sheriff to keep her informed about who is in jail.

"Minor stuff happens every day," Price said.

Price also works closely with the clerk. Since she has been in office, she had more on DWI's than anything. But she will be conducting her first jury trial, so she is studying up for it.

"I am excited about doing it," Price said.

Being a member of the Board of Caprock Community Action Association, on the Board of West Texas Rural Court Association, and the Judicial Board of 110 District keeps Price busy and on the go.

But she also meets quarterly with other judges to visit and discuss things. She is the only woman in the group of four. They take turns meeting in the different counties.

Price said that to be a judge for Motley County, you must live in the county for six months or longer, but anyone can file to run. It cost \$600 in Motley County to file and run. Then you have to promote yourself.

On November 15, Price was in Lubbock for a three-day Judicial Educational Seminar that is put on twice a year, sponsored by the Texas Tech University School of Law and Texas Association of Counties.

"I am eager to learn more about it," Price said.

Editor's Note: Currently, Laverna Price Johnston lives in Lubbock. Her daughter Linda Kay Rattan Bailey lives with her husband Ronnie in Matador; her son David and his wife Marilyn live in Amarillo.

Jewelry

by Buffy Crutchley

My mother has the best jewelry collection I have ever laid eyes on. Most of it came from years and years of going to yard sales. She also has a nose for finding any clearance section while out shopping. My dad also buys her jewelry every year for their anniversary. That's where she gets her "good stuff."

Her collection is based on two parts. A thousand pieces that cost ten cents, and ten pieces that are worth a thousand dollars. She has a big stand up jewelry box that is almost as tall as I am. I think this was also an anniversary present from dad. Every inch of this jewelry box is jam packed with beautiful goods. The sides open to display all the hanging necklaces. There are drawers in the front that hold

everything from bracelets to watches. (Don't get me started on all of her watches!) The top section offers the rings. Every shape, style and color. And the best part...Now that I'm older they fit me!

My mother has jewelry for every outfit. Some wacky flowery things and some dainty items that looked like she paid a million bucks. I can't wait for my next trip home so I'll be able to peruse the collection and see what all is new. Until then, I will be keeping my fingers crossed that she'll be out of room, and need to purge a few items to clear space for the new goods. My goal in life is to one day have a collection of jewelry half as good as my mothers.



Women Writers Celebrate Women's History Month

Aug 6, 1974
Dear Children

By Grace Zabielski

I am writing this with carbon papers because I want to write all of you and I will be saying the same to each one, so I thought I would use the carbon papers, so don't be mad, if you get one of the carbon copies, maybe you will be the one to get the original next time.

As you probably remember every thing is in a top-sy-turvy mess every time a move is made. Well it's not any different this time.

Today is the first time I have been able to think of writing, as there always is something to be done.

The house really has a lot to be done to it so it will be a long time before we have it as we want it, not only because of the time it will take, but because of the money it will need too. But one thing, by taking our time we will be sure to get it as much as we really want it as possible.

The first thing we did was pull the loose ceiling paper off all the rooms. That was a real mess, and Allen did it, so he got the worst end of it. We hired a colored woman to help me for two days to clean and even then it didn't look like much was cleaned. She asked if the man who used to own the house was kin to us and I said no so she said, "Good, then I'm going to talk about him. There's no sense in anybody living in a house and letting it get in such a mess."

The basement had such a funny smell we had a hard time going down there, but now it is getting pretty much okay and as we use it more it will be just fine.

I bought a new Maytag wringer washing machine. Aunt Eugenia about fell off her chair when she found out. We didn't mention to anyone that I was going to get a wringer, so when I got it, everyone just gasped, and said, "Well, why?" And I just said, "Because I wanted it" and then I explained that I like the idea of doing all my wash on one day of the week and getting it over with and it will use less water, less electricity, less gas, and I am going to pump the water to my garden so it won't be wasted, either. I will hang my clothes out to dry because we are blessed with plenty of sunshine and wind so why not use it, instead of spending money on a machine to do it. I might get a dryer later, just for using once in awhile.

Uncle Bud has been so much help. I don't know what we would have done without him. There isn't anything he can't figure out and fix. He fixed the lock on my front door and said it is really an antique and that they don't make anything like that anymore. But now it works like new. He took my

chandeliers down and I cleaned them to find that under the dirt they had little decorations of leaves and berries and they are really cute and antique looking. I have to find some pretty kind of bulbs to use in them though, these old big bulbs just don't go very well. The little scones above the fireplace match the chandeliers and have little flame like yellow bulbs in them.

The light fixtures in our bedroom and Bev and Bunni's room are really pretty. Eugenia said they are Dresden china. Ours is white with lilac flowers and the girls' are white with blue flowers.

Uncle Bud has put sliding doors in our bedroom and the girls' bedroom opening out on the balcony of the front porch. They are really nice and we have a pretty nice view from them.

Since we have been here it seems that we brought some of the rain with us because we have really had some really good rains and thunder storms. Julian thought that the first one, which was the biggest, was really neat. He is up there in his little room and can see pretty far from his window and he really liked it. But we found that our porch roof leaks so that will be fixed when they put a floor on the balcony.

I got a new electric stove for the kitchen. That's the first brand new stove I have ever had. After today I will be able to use it normally because the electricity company came and fixed the wiring. It was hooked with the electric water heater which was on a timer and the timer didn't go on until about ten in the morning.

We are going to put down some cheap linoleum on the floor to do until we can get some rugs down because the rugs will be the last thing. They would just get ruined with all the other work we have to do first.

We are trying to decide just what we want to do with the ceilings and then we have to decide if we want to paint the outside or brick it, then we have to decide on what paneling we want, decisions, decisions. I washed all the windows. Some of the pains are just hanging in there by a thread.

You should see our barn. It is really neat. Mother said it was a carriage house, back in the days when transportation was by horse and buggy. It has three different rooms on the bottom and the loft is the full size of the barn. Julian, Allen and Wallace cleaned all the hay and dirt out of it and they have a ball up there. It has two end openings, one is a window, and the one on other end is a door. They made a ladder to get up there and in the floor is a trap door. We climbed up there last night and it is really

a fun place.

Allen remade three gates leading into the back yard. One by the house, one big one, for letting in the horses and things, and one small one for just people. And he rebuilt part of the back fence that was loose and falling down. And all that was important because Saturday we got 12 laying hens to put in our chicken house that is very good, with roost and every thing already made. We fed them and now we can let them loose in the yard and they can get the good food from the green grass and everything. The children have really enjoyed them. They get almost every egg as soon as it is laid. So far we have gotten 18 eggs. We paid fifty cents for the hens.

Last night they cooked hot dogs out in the yard over a bonfire, made from the wood that was cut off the wood of the fence they fixed. That was fun. There is really a sort of freedom here that we have never had before.

Julian has gone out in the pastures and up the river with Wallace and Allen and Myron, with their BB guns. They don't kill anything, but they have fun shooting at targets, etc.

Sunday they went fishing. It wasn't much fun because a big thunderstorm came. I think they did catch some fish though.

Bev and Allen went with Aunt Eugenia and Myron to Canyon to see about out Myron going to West Texas State. They really were impressed with the school. It is a nice place to go and has grown so much since I went there. I think Bev would like to go. On the way back they went through Palo Duro Canyon. That is a place we will all have to go when you come down to see us. Bev was really impressed with it, and talked a lot about what it was like. I used to go horseback riding down in there. Now they have made it a State Park.

Well, Roaring Springs isn't very big, but I am liking it better every day. The people are so nice and friendly and as we get the place fixed up we will have a very nice place to live and for you to come to visit and get away from it all. There are a lot of places to go to just visit with nature. It's different, but when you get to know and understand, you like it.

One thing I have to get used to is fixing a big meal in the middle of the day. I am really having trouble with that. Well I guess this is about all so bye now and write once in a while. I'm looking forward to all of you coming to see us.

Bye
Love
Mom and Dad

My Grandmothers

By Suzanne Abbott

Who was she?

My grandmother was a liar. Everything she ever told my cousin and me about where and when she was born or who her parents were was a complete fabrication. We didn't realize that she was making up her "history" until after she died and we couldn't confront her about it.

Every document she owned, her driver's license, her union card from the Oregon ship yards and her Texas Old-Age Pension card had a different date on it for her birth year. Again, we didn't find these cards until after her death.

The man she said was her father, a Mr. Rolf, was probably a husband. We have, to an almost certainty, found her parents but the operative word there is "almost." Her family and my grandfather's family supposedly lived in houses on adjoining farms in Anderson County, Texas. The families were good friends and then had a falling out over something. Of course, it was then that my grandfather and grandmother fell in love. Neither family would hear of their marrying and when they eloped, supposedly both families disowned them. No trace of these families has been found in Anderson County.

Grandmother said they were married in Galveston. She had a conch shell that she pointed to, saying that she got it in Galveston on their honeymoon. There is no record of a marriage between these two anywhere in Galveston or surrounding counties. My mother said that when she and her brothers were growing up and asked about grandparents, my grandmother would say, "Oh, you don't want to know about those people—they aren't interesting."

Well, my grandmother was certainly an interesting person. She was fiercely independent and an original women's libber. When women's suffrage was a hot item, Grandmother campaigned for it. When women finally got the vote, Grandmother went around the county in a horse and buggy picking up women and taking them to the polls. She carried a six-gun in her purse because she said that their husbands might not want their wives to vote and she wanted to be prepared to shoot, if necessary, to get the woman to the voting place.

Grandmother was fierce in defending her "rights" (Even though that word was not used so freely in her life-time.) and her property. One night about midnight she sneaked across the road and poured coal oil (kerosene) on her neighbor's big tree because Grandmother thought the tree was knocking the wind off her windmill and she knew the coal oil would eventually kill the tree. Those two families, who had been very

close, never spoke to each other again. The tree didn't die but it was rather sickly looking.

A handful of this and a pinch of that.

Grandmother was a good cook. She had to be; she had a husband, two boys and a daughter to cook for and there were few places to eat out and little money to spend at cafes. My favorite thing that Grandmother made was chocolate pie. When we went to visit her, she always had a couple of chocolate pies waiting for us to enjoy.

When I got married and had to try to cook on my own, I decided that I would ask Grandmother for her chocolate pie recipe. I called her on the phone—she had one by then—and I asked her if she could tell me how to make chocolate pie.

"Well," she said, "You take a handful of flour and cut in a chunk of lard and add a pinch of..."

"Whoa!" I said. "How big is a handful of flour? How big is a chunk of lard and will Crisco do?"

"Well, child, I don't know. If you're making two pies, you need more than a handful of flour and a bigger chunk of lard. I don't use that Crisco stuff; it's nasty."

I thought to myself, "Like lard isn't?" I decided to wait until we went to see her to get the recipe because we'd already been on the phone for 15 minutes and I only had a partial recipe for the crust—let alone the filling and the meringue.

My son got old enough to travel and my husband and I took him to see his great-grandmother and, I thought, I'll get the real recipe for chocolate pie. Hah! It was the same old thing. I did, however, get to see how big a handful was and the size of a chunk of lard.

Using her "recipe," Grandmother and I got the crusts in the oven and started on the filling. Grandmother said, "You need two eggs, maybe three if they are small."

"How small is small?" I asked.

The answer was, "Well, just look at 'em—you'll know." I already knew how to separate the whites from the yolks and Grandmother said she was thankful she didn't have to teach me that.

Then she said, "Put in a handful of sugar and mix with the egg yolks and add a tad of cocoa and..."

"Grandmother, don't you have this written down?" I asked.

"Why, child, I've been making chocolate pies for 50 years. Why would I write it down?" We ate some really good chocolate pies while we were visiting but I went home without the recipe.

My grandmother's

hands and mine were about the same size but, somehow, my junior-high-school home economics training just would not allow me to reach my hand down into the flour canister and grab a handful. So if I couldn't even get past the crust, there was no need to even think about a handful of sugar for the filling. My memories of my grandmother's chocolate pies are with me today even if the "recipe" is forever lost.

Jewelry

My grandmother and my mother had their ears pierced and wore small gold hoops in their ears, always. I didn't get my ears pierced until I was about 35 years old and I cursed my mother for not piercing my ears at birth so I wouldn't have to go through the torture of home piercing. I can still feel the pain of the ice cube on the ear lobe for deadening. (Nothing was used to deaden the lobe from the pain of the ice.) I can still hear the crunch of the needle as it was punched through the lobe into a cork and the feel of the sting of the alcohol as it was applied as a feeble attempt at sanitation.

I wondered, but for some reason never asked, how my mother and my grandmother got their ears pierced. I still have my grandmother's gold hoops. They were the only pieces of jewelry that she ever wore except for a little lapel pin of two tiny, beaded moccasins that she got on a trip to New Mexico. I don't think she even wore a wedding ring.

My other grandmother had a wedding band but her husband, my grandfather, didn't give it to her. Perhaps there was no money since my grandfather was just out of medical school. My grandmother said that "Dr. Wilson," that's what she called my grandfather, always said he would get her a wedding band later. He died in 1908, two years after their marriage, and she never got her wedding ring.

Years later, my grandmother mentioned that she wished she had a wedding ring. My father, her son, bought one for her and had it engraved, "JWW to NMB." Grandmother was so proud of that ring and we buried her with it when she died several years later. The only other jewelry that this grandmother had was Dr. Wilson's gold pocket watch. She carried it in her pocket book and wound it religiously every morning.

From both of my grandmothers I inherited their jewelry—the gold hoops and the tiny beaded pin from my grandmother Cleveland and the gold watch from my Grandmother Wilson. These items don't represent a fortune but I have wonderful memories of these two very different women and their pieces of jewelry.

Egg Whites

by Dinah Young

Growing up, I never had the white of my egg. Mom made bacon & eggs every morning, but until I went away to college I never saw the white around my egg. Calling my Mother—she explained "Honey, the angel food cake you loved so much took 2 dozen egg whites"—so she saved them every breakfast.

I remember standing with my nose at the cabinet edge watching her beat those egg whites with her old Westinghouse mix master until they were fluffy like clouds. But it never dawned on me those were my egg whites.

In Jr. High she started putting chocolate chips in the middle half of the batter then covering them with the other half. When my sister and I came in from school, we tunneled with our fingers like miners thru the white dry fluff to reach the warm gooey chocolate and then licked our fingers hoping the cake would not cave in and we would be found out. Mother probably knew our tricks but never said anything unless company was

coming to dinner. I grew up eating angel food cake every week, and loved it, but it's one of the few recipes of Mom's I don't have. I'm sure a little flour and sugar with those egg whites and that tube pan I remember so well with what looked like a horn in the middle, and a 350 degree oven would do it. But I just can't bring myself to cheat my breakfast eggs out of its white now that I know I like it so well.

I'm really grateful to have had a Mother that would go to all that trouble to make us a lovely white, airy, fluffy cake like that every week. My kids were not so lucky. They got banana bread from the bruised black bananas left over. However I did start putting chocolate chips in the middle half way through the batter—and that still brings me comfort and memories of those childhood days. Remembering my children digging the dark, sticky sweetness out of the middle with their fingers, takes me back to those lovely days in Mom's kitchen when someone else was cooking and cleaning up the mess.

Fund Established

The Roaring Springs community has established a "Love Fund" for the burial of Barbara Alexander's son, R.J. Withrow, whose body was finally located in Iraq. He had been missing since January, 2007. Barbara was informed of her son's death Sunday evening. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at the Matador Branch, First National Bank of Seymour.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

We were away this week on a work trip and took a couple days to do something Corky wanted to do. We were in Del Rio for two nights and then drove over to Big Bend National Park. Big Bend is a long way from anywhere. It is located in the big bend that the Rio Grande River makes between El Paso and Del Rio. It is 250 miles from Del Rio and there isn't much to see between but hills covered with very little grass, mesquite, yucca and other shrubby bushes. You really understand how big Texas is when you make that drive! The Big Bend is really a portion of the Chihuahuan Desert that takes in a great deal of Mexico. The wildlife and plant life are different. The mountains are pretty bare and you can see the strata of soil and rock, some in very interesting shapes and colors.

After spending the night in Alpine, we returned home by way of Fort Davis and drove through the Davis Mountains. To me they were much prettier. The rock formations looked like crowds of tall slender pillars that were a pretty shade of brown. There was more grass, cattle and a few goats. Beautiful homes are being built in the mountains much like they were around Albuquerque and Santa Fe 30 years ago. I wondered if the same thing would happen there since many people wanting to live in a dry area with lots of clean air would migrate there.

On the way there we spent the night in San Angelo and visited my niece, Linda Ferguson. It had rained there more than here; there was water standing in the pastures. Everything was beginning to green up. We saw lots of red bud trees as well as fruit trees blooming.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim was their son, J. R. Swim of Abilene, Tx.

The Easter Egg hunt was a success. There were over 20 children. Andrew Moore, 3, won the prize in the 3 thru 6 year old group and Autumn Woolsey won the prize in the older group, 6-11 yr.

There were 26 present

for the Sunrise Easter Service at the Roaring Springs Volunteers' Community Center. J. N. Fletcher, Don Stuckey, Rodney Williams, Jim Watson and Bob Davis prepared and served breakfast for the early risers. Pennie and Kevin Keltz led the singing and Johnny Morris brought the lesson. Matt Crawford and Winfield Davenport participated in the service as well.

Dinah Young is still in Montreal visiting her son Joshua Elliott and daughter-in-law Victoria and their new baby boy. She plans to return on Tuesday. The weather has been extremely cold and snowy so they have not gotten to get out and sight see. They needed to stay in and as near the stove as possible to keep warm! Dinah was hoping to see some of the city as she had never been there before.

Corky and I had a late Easter dinner with my son Kevin McClaran's family. My daughter is ill so she and her husband were unable to attend but my grandchildren were there. The four year old, Kenzie Renee enjoyed hunting eggs after the sun came out late in the afternoon.

It is still dry east of Lubbock. They only had a tenth of an inch of rain on the farm which sits on the Crosby/Lubbock County line.

Arnold, Linda, and daughter Lisa Parker of Boyd, visited with Pearl Patten last week. Arnold's father, Mr. Parker also accompanied them. The came on Wednesday and went home on Saturday. Lisa has received a basketball scholarship to Tarleton in Stephenville. Lisa wants to study nursing in college.

Venita Sedgewick's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGee visited Venita and Jerry Sedgewick. They also visited Pearl Patten on Saturday. The McGees reside in Somerville, TX.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock and grandson, Ruston Swim of Lubbock, visited Easter Sunday and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim to church then joined Sam and Reba Swim in Dickens for an Easter Brunch.

Spring Break. They visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, and attended two Broadway plays, *Little Mermaid* and *Mary Poppins*. They attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade, toured Central Park, and

the Natural History Museum. Ronnie and Dorothy Pope and children, Sabra, Braden and Sydney, and Jennifer Moncrief and children, Braden and Matthew and Allison McCoy traveled to Bonham, Texas to spend Easter with Dorothy's family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The government has inacted so many laws doing so much in our "best interests" to protect us they say. Now they are trying to outlaw certain types of light bulbs and what you are allowed to eat! Some of these may be noble ideas, but when did our freedom of choice go by the wayside? Not to be an alarmist, but how long until we cross a line where these "helpful" laws begin to control our behavior so much that we are no longer a free people? Just a thought!

GENEVA MARTIN HONORED ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Geneva Martin was honored on her 80th birthday Saturday afternoon, March 22, at the Community Center in Flomot. Her daughter and husband, Kathy and Clois Shorter put sunshine in her life by hosting this happy celebration. She was presented a pink and white colorful flower decorated cake with the inscription, "Happy 80th Birthday." Floral arrangements were on tables throughout the Center, complimenting the Easter theme.

Granddaughters, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Istanbul, Turkey, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville presided at the crystal service. The table was laid with a lace cloth over pink and centered with a beautiful pastel spring floral arrangement. They served cake, an assortment of pink and chocolate decorated cupcakes on a stand with fruit punch and coffee.

Approximately 100 guests attended. Special guests were Geneva's sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay of Flomot and sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles (Sue) Tanner of Tulia and her late husband, Herb Martin's family, Mrs. Nita Merritt of Grandbury, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Brenda Browning for the decorated birthday cake and cupcakes and to Mrs. Shonda Lee for assisting with the floral and decor arrangements at the Center.

STARKEY FAMILY EASTER REUNION

The C.W. Starkey family held their annual Easter reunion from Thursday until Monday at the Starkey rural homestead west of Flomot. Mobile homes and tents dotted the scenic landscape. Campfire cookouts included weiner roasts, steaks and hamburgers and a covered dish luncheon Sunday. They enjoyed hiking and Easter egg hunts in the Quitaque Peaks at the Starkey location.

The 119 relatives registered from Lebanon, MO; Wichita, KS; Warner, Sallisaw and Winwood, OK, and in Texas-Austin, Ralls, Dougherty, Amarillo, Fitch, Trent, Lockney, Hart, Lubbock, Canyon, Clyde and Abilene.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton last weekend with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karla and Kyler.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and enjoying Sunday's luncheon and Easter egg hunt were Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert and Cade of Istanbul, Turkey, Mrs. Geneva Martin and L.E. Shorter of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter met Cindy and Cade at the Lubbock Airport Wednesday and accompanied them here for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese were luncheon guests Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse. After lunch they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse and joined their gusts in an Easter egg hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brason of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Cruse of Clarendon and Roegan Cruse of Flomot.

Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob enjoyed the spring holidays skiing at Angel Fire, N.M.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Erma Washington Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay; Lane and Ashton of

Borger and Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Cara Franks of Flomot and Clint Cowart of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs and Calif, Kenzie and Mickey Clary of Matador.

Mrs. B. Roger visited in Roaring Springs, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand. Mrs. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were Easter day luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay of Quitaque.

Aleda Elaine Ross of Tilden visited from Wednesday until Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Tom Ross. Her daughter, Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Thursday until Sunday. They visited in Crowell, Friday with Mrs. Isophene Blackburn.

Sherrilyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock visited Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner, daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blount of Lubbock visited the spring holidays at their home in Flomot. They attended the Methodist church Easter services in Matador Sunday morning.

Christopher Hestor, student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, visited overnight Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Wilda Dixon.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Cotton Best Management Practice Workshops Scheduled for Dumas, Lubbock

LUBBOCK - Harvesting, irrigation and pest management methods will be discussed at two free Best Management Practices training seminars being offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the National Cotton Council.

The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 1 at Moore County Community Building in Dumas and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 2 at Reece Technology Center in Lubbock, according to Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock.

"I think this is a good opportunity for producers to hone in on very important subject matter within the realm of cotton production," Boman said. "The format of these meetings will allow producers and consultants to ask questions of the speakers. Really, it is encouraged."

Extension and research personnel from various states, as well as crop consultants from across the Cotton Belt, worked together to produce a set of best management practices, said Bill Robertson, Cotton Council manager. This was done with the overall goal of helping cotton growers increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of their production systems.

Two papers generated as

a result of this collaboration - "The First Forty Days" and "Fruiting to Finish" - will be utilized during the workshops to generate in-depth discussions of variety selection, pest management and harvest practices, such as stripper versus picker harvesting.

Presenters will be from AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research and Texas Tech University.

"We certainly want to encourage producers to attend this, as well as crop consultants," Boman said. "It won't be a regular Extension meeting, but more of a discussion-oriented meeting."

Continuing education units will be offered for certified crop advisors and for those who need credits from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico departments of agriculture, he said.

Seating is limited, Robertson said. Those planning to attend should RSVP to BMP@cotton.org and provide information concerning the meeting they want to attend, along with an e-mail address and phone number.

Lunch will be provided at both workshops, he said. Bayer CropScience sponsored the two papers and will sponsor the workshops.

For more information, contact Boman at 806-746-6101 or r-boman@tamu.edu, or Robertson at BMP@cotton.org.

Wallace Chapman Wedding Announcement



Billy Wallace and Barbara Durham and Stanley and Debbie Chapman proudly announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Kelsi Wallace and Jacob Chapman. Kelsi is a 2002 graduate of Motley County High School and is currently an LVN at Childress Regional Medical Center. Jacob is a 2000 graduate of Childress High School and is currently a paramedic in Childress. The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Ole Goodlet Cotton Gin, FM 2363, in Goodlet, Texas.

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Marion Woodruff, Aaron Woodruff, Lou Anne Jameson and Rebecca Jameson were in Dallas last week for Aaron's appointment and checkup at the Scottish Rites Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Barnes, Zoe and Madilyn of Lubbock visited during the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams. They attended the Methodist church services Sunday morning.

Pete Williams was transferred from Lubbock Friday to the Hackberry Creek Care Center and is under Vista Care.

Pat Smith, Christy and Alyx, went to New York City during

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Spring Break. They visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, and attended two Broadway plays, *Little Mermaid* and *Mary Poppins*. They attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade, toured Central Park, and

the Natural History Museum. Ronnie and Dorothy Pope and children, Sabra, Braden and Sydney, and Jennifer Moncrief and children, Braden and Matthew and Allison McCoy traveled to Bonham, Texas to spend Easter with Dorothy's family.

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Texas Plains Trail

of the Great Plains. Other board members attending were Sheryl Jones, Littlefield; and Harry Bob Martin, Spur.

This economic development initiative encourages communities to partner with Texas Plains Trail Regional Program to promote Texas' historic and cultural resources. Successful local preservation efforts, combined with statewide marketing of the areas as heritage regions, increase visitation to cultural and historic sites and bring more dollars to Texas communities, especially rural ones, Carthel explained. (Link to www.texasplainstrail.com).

The Texas Plains Trail Program is funded in part by THC and by contributions from counties and cities in the region. Minimal contributions to help sustain the program are based on population. Motley County's contribution would be \$200 a year. Larger cities pay more, McDonald said, for example, Randall County pays \$1,500. "We are constantly trying to find ways to promote your city and your region," McDonald


said, adding "we would like to "recruit" your participation and a board member from Motley County to serve.

Board members travel to monthly meetings, support special regional functions with information booths, and keep the region informed of special events and preservation efforts.

Following the presentation, the group took a tour of Matador and Roaring Springs. Carol Campbell hosted the group for a tour of the Historic Motley County Jail, followed by lunch at the Senior Citizens. Following lunch, the group toured Roaring Springs Ranch, hiking to the Quannah Parker Indian Campground, waterfalls, and swimming pool area. Alex Crowder, Roaring Springs, then hosted the group for a tour of Travelers Inn, Thacker's Jewelry, Veterans Park, and the Roaring Springs Depot Museum.

The group concluded their tour with a visit to the Motley County Historical Museum and Calico Treasures.

Notes from the Library
by
Buffy Crutchley



I want to start off by saying a HUGE Thank You to the Matador Lions Club. Those fellas sure helped the library out on a moments notice! Our much awaited sound absorbers that we purchased for the annex finally arrived. I didn't have anyone around to help me get them off of the truck. Luckily their arrival coincided with the Lions Club meeting, so with one call, I had about ten men there to help me! It was just one more example of how the kindness of small town folks continues to amaze me.

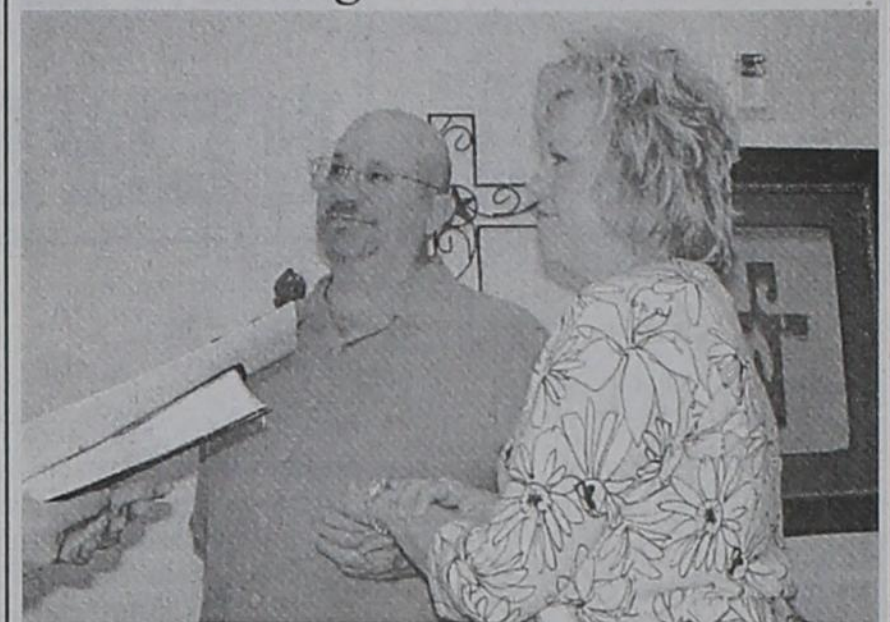
Thanks again Matador Lions Club! And thanks again to Martha Farris and Tom Farris of Floydada. Without their support, we never would have been able to purchase the absorbers. We definitely can't wait to put them to use!

Just a reminder, we will be having our Gardening

Information session with Master Gardener Nell Rains this Saturday at 2:00pm in the Annex. Ryan Martin will also be on hand to discuss soil testing. It will be a very informative time. The Friends of the Library will be furnishing refreshments, so I do hope you'll join us!

We're going to be doing something a little bit different for this Friday's writing experience. We've been tasked to bring in a picture of something from our past. I'm going to bring in a photo of my Grandmothers house. The photograph can be of anything you want. The plan is to scatter them on the table, and use them for inspiration as we write. I'm looking forward to seeing the photos that everyone bring. I hope you'll join us, and bring a photo of something from your past!

Barton Hargrave Wedding Announcement



Max Barton and Carla Hargrave were united in marriage at the Hackberry Creek Care Center on Saturday, March 22, 2008.

Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funderburk of Palestine, Texas. Carla's children are Mandy Hargrave of Plano and Jeremy Hargrave of North Richland Hills.

This was a surprise to Max's mother, Dan Barton, who is a resident at Hackberry Creek. Officiating in the private ceremony was the Rev. Matt Crawford.

Also attending were Max's sons, Brae and wife Kim Barton of Flower Mound, and Dustin Barton of Fort Worth; sister Cherri and husband James Karr of Whitney, and their daughter Kourtney, attending Texas A&M University; niece, Konni Peacock and sons, and Nathan and Coleman Johnson of Weatherford. Max's son, Cy Barton was unable to attend. The couple will reside in Trophy Club, Texas.

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KIDS PRAISE

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

School Menu

Thursday, March 27
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, beans, tortilla chips, sherbet, milk.
Friday, March 28
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, peaches, milk.
Monday, March 31
Breakfast: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.
Lunch: Fish sticks, mac/cheese, salad, hush puppy, mixed fruit, milk.

Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, March 27: Beef fajitas, lettuce/tomato/salsa, grilled vegetables, bean & corn salad, tortillas, pineapple cake.
Friday, March 28: Smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, carrots & peas, broccoli cauliflower salad, biscuits, pears.
Monday, March 31: Hamburger on a bun w/all the trimmings, potato wedges, veggie of the day, pineapple.

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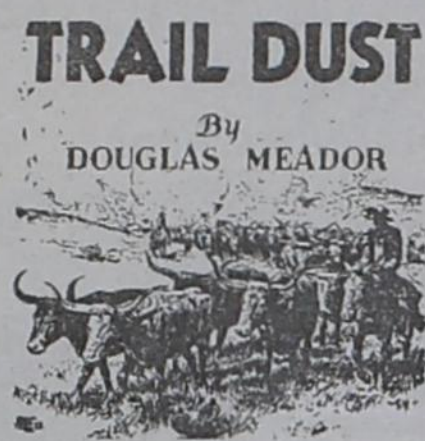
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Matador Tribune
March 28, 1946

Alone on the scarred hillside the blossoming peach tree stands with its bouquet like a lover waiting for a hopeless tryst. Violins of the melancholy wind are tuned through its bows and dew falls from the soft petals like tears from the depths of an empty heart. There is no more laughter that the old orchard knew. Time has broken the golden thread of whispered promises. A lonely tree wastes its spender at the hurrying feet of another spring.

Only when the gates of Paradise are ajar does the fragrance of the lilac drift into this world's musty vaults. With a few unguarded days the flower is gone, except the crumbling brown blossoms my mother left pressed in the old Bible.

Matador Tribune
March 30, 1950

Rolling "black-dusters" and months without rainfall have suspended a shadow of gloom on 1950 crop prospects. In the wheat country west and north of Motley County, immediate rain could not produce more than a 50% average crop, according to estimates.

Severe sandstorms swept a large part of the central United States over the weekend, reported as far west as California. West Texas received its share with great erosion damage in many sections. An out-of-the-west sandstorm struck Matador about midnight Saturday, blowing sand and small pebbles with the same remembered havoc of the "dirty thirties." Fair weather prevailed here Monday while Lubbock and a large area of country south of here was again whipped by sand and wind.

Eternas Study club attends Caprock District convention

Four members of the Eternas Study club of Matador attended the 48th Caprock District Convention in Tahoka on March 22. Wilda Dixon was installed as the next District President for 2008-2010. LeJeanna Faulks was installed as the District Secretary.

Outgoing President Mazell Little from O'Donnell was presented with a money plant for a job well done for the past two years. Attending from Matador were Wilda Dixon, LeJeanna Faulks, Leadell Martin, and Robyn Wolf.

consists of clubs from Matador, Lorenzo, Tulia, Levelland, O'Donnell, Brownfield, Tahoka, Plains, Denver City and Anton.

The Eternas Study Club was awarded 1st place category 1 for outstanding club programs in their Fall Festival report. GFWC/Texas Federation of Women's Club members include women from all walks of life. There are 8,057 members in 300 clubs in Texas. For over 100 years TFWC has worked to address the most pressing needs of our communities and our state.



ETERNAS STUDY CLUB MEMBERS attend 48th Caprock District Convention. L to R Leadell Martin, Wilda Dixon, Mazell Little, LeJeanna Faulks, and Robyn Wolf.

Obituaries

Robert A. Birchfield

Funeral Services for Robert A. Birchfield were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with Larry Brewer of Andrews, Texas, officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Mr. Birchfield passed away Saturday March 22, 2008 in Odessa.

Robert was born November 16, 1913 in Matador to Jerry M. and Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Meador Birchfield. He was married to Dorothy Markham in Matador on Sept. 17, 1946. She preceded him in death on August 2, 1997. Mr. Birchfield has

lived and worked throughout the Texas Plains in the oil field. He has resided in Andrews for the last 23 years. Robert joined the Army in 1940 and was a WWII Veteran. Mr. Birchfield trained and was one of the last to serve in a horse artillery unit. He was a Baptist and a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge. Robert was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry 'Red' Birchfield and William 'Rusty' Birchfield.

He is survived by two sons, Bobby Birchfield of Andrews, Texas and Bill Birchfield of Euleus, Texas; one sister, Etta Marie Doty of Morton, Texas; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dick Groves

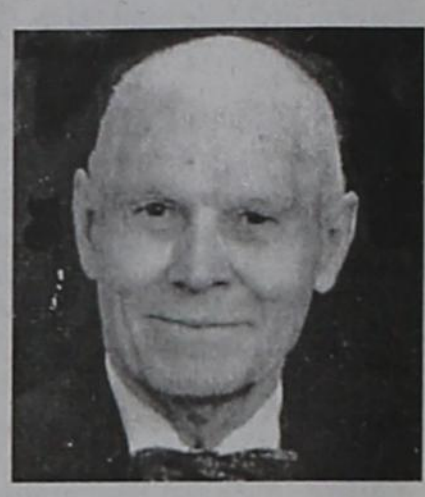
Dick Groves was born in Matador, Texas on January 31, 1917, the sixth child of Elbert Bass Groves and Myrtle Ann Taylor Groves.

Dick was working as mechanic at the Ford dealership in Matador when it became clear that the United States would eventually be involved in the war. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in September, 1940. After training as an airplane mechanic, he was admitted to pilot school and won his wings in October, 1942 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. About a week later, he married Mary Elliot Ford, whom he had known for 6 weeks.

On October 5, 1943, Dick arrived in North Africa, then transhipped to Sicily, where he was assigned to the 81st Bomb Squadron, 12th Bomb Group, a B-25 medium bomber group. He flew his first combat mission on October 29, 1943. In all, Dick flew 67 combat missions in the Mediterranean Theater, China-Burma-India Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and was awarded the Air Medal in January of 1944 and the Distinguished Flying Cross in July, 1944 for extraordinary achievement. He returned home in September, 1944 where he was assigned to administrative duties. He was promoted to Captain in December of 1945 and was discharged from active duty into the reserves in January of 1946. He was later promoted to Major and then to Lt. Colonel.

After his release from active duty in January, 1946, Dick returned to Matador, where he worked again at the Ford dealership and then at the Post Office. However, work became scarce in the Texas panhandle during the drought that followed, and he obtained a position in the Post Office in Willcox, Arizona, where he and Mary raised their three daughters. Within a short time, and with the support of fellow pilot Barry Goldwater, Dick, a lifelong Democrat, was appointed Willcox Postmaster.

During his years in Arizona Dick served as a Trustee at Grand Canyon Baptist College and was the Arizona Representative on the Brotherhood Com-



mission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dick had been ordained as a deacon in Matador, and served as a deacon in Willcox and in San Antonio, where he was made a lifelong deacon.

Dick retired from his position as Willcox Postmaster in June 1972, at age 55, to do volunteer missionary work. From 1972 to 1984 he and Mary traveled around the country and into Canada in their Airstream trailer. They worked at churches in numerous states and, as volunteers, helped Bruce and Margaret Oliver with their missionary work in Brazil from January through July of 1978.

They then settled down in San Antonio, where Mary had been born and was raised. They lived there until about 5 years ago, when they came to Oakland, California to be closer to family. Dick died on December 9, 2007, at peace with himself after putting up a prolonged fight to save a body that was exhausted.

Dick was a kind, gentle, giving man. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Mary, his daughters Mary, Lou and Margaret and their spouses, his grandchildren, Mark, Dawn (and their spouses), Jonah, Maura, Katy and Kory, his great-grandchildren Chris, Russ and Travis and his surviving sister, Hattie Tee. He will also be missed by everyone else who knew him, for he enriched the lives of all of us.

A memorial service to celebrate Dick's life will be held March 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Matador, Texas. The family would appreciate your sharing your fond memory of Dick, if you are comfortable doing this.

Nora Belle Dunning

Funeral Services for Nora Belle Dunning 93 of Plainview, originally from Matador, Texas were held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Matador with Dr. C.H. Murphy officiating. Burial was at Matador Cemetery under the direction of Wood Dunning Funeral Home. Nora Belle went to be with her Lord on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at the Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.

Nora Belle was born December 16, 1914 in Whiteflat, Texas to Hollis and Cordellia Stephens. She attended Whiteflat Schools and graduated Whiteflat High School in 1933. She married W.D. "Bill" Dunning June 11, 1933 in Whiteflat, Texas, and they resided there until 1943 when they moved to Matador. She was a 66 year member and faithfully served in First Baptist Church Matador as a Sunday school teacher, Sunbeam and G.A. leader, choir member, W.O.M. leader and officer, and enjoyed attending the Baptist Associational workers conferences. She was an active member of Matador Senior Cit-

zens Organization and a great supporter of the Whiteflat Reunion. She was very artistic, she loved to sew and helped educate her son and daughter by sewing for the people of Motley County. She also enjoyed needle work, crocheting and knitting. She resided in Matador until her health began to fail in 1999. She then moved to Westridge Manor in Plainview, Tx, and later to Prairie House Living Center where she resided at the time of her death. She is survived by a daughter Raynita Kay and son-in-law Dr. C.H. Murphy Jr. of Larue, Texas, daughter-in-law Virginia Dunning of Plainview, a sister Minnie K. Dennis of Lubbock, and sister-in-law Myrna Stephens of Matador. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren who were her pride and joy. She was preceded in death by her father Hollis Stephens, mother Cordellia Stephens Dixon, brother H.A. Stephens, husband Bill Dunning, and son Kenneth Wayne Dunning. She was a loving Christian woman all the days of her life.

Republican Convention

The Motley County Republican Party convention will be held on March 29, 2008 in the meeting room of the Library Annex at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend to take part in any discussions and the delegates from the precincts will vote on the presidential candidates. The meeting will be informal and this is the chance to be part of the voting process.

Democratic Convention

The Motley County Democratic convention will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on March 29, 2008 at 10:00 am. Delegates from the precincts will vote for presidential candidates as well as delegates to the Texas State Democratic convention. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion regarding candidates, various issues affecting voters, and possible resolutions to carry to the State convention. Coffee and donuts will be served.

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Oversight Committee meeting April 1

Superintendent, Randy Brown, will be the guest speaker at the Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for April 1 at First Ag Credit at 6 p.m. He will speak about issues concerning school taxes. Everyone is invited.

Early Voting for Democratic Primary Run off

March 31 to April 4 with early voting for the Democratic Primary Run off. Office hours at the County Clerk's office are 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. Election day is Tuesday, April 8 and all precincts will vote at the courthouse.

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SILENCE CAN BE GOOD
Silence is an indispensable part of any spiritual development. We need to be quiet in the presence of God. Consider the prophet Elijah who stayed still long enough amid the noise of life, (the wind, earthquakes and fire), to finally recognize the quiet whisper of God. Read this in I Kings 19: 10-13.

We like Elijah, need to pause in the pursuit of our whatsoevers...and in the stillness seek our God. We generally make a lot of noise and speak lots of words, even to God or about God. It is difficult to stop and be still and let the quietness overtake us. It seems that there is some matter always pressing and urgent. The idea of just sitting there and "doing nothing" seem to trouble some of us more than it helps.
In the stillness will come prayer from our hearts. Prayer is taking time to let God refresh us, touch us as the artist who is making a sculpture of our lives. Silence! Well, what happens when there is nothing to say? When we are with friends and we stop talking, is that the end of the relationship? Of course not! So it is with God. Be still! Soon with a little practice, these moments of quietness will bring about real depth to our spiritual lives. Why? Because we, in these moments of silence, can commune with our God.
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Fourteen Motley County Players in Progress (PIP) attended the PIP Festival in Abilene, TX on March 14-15, competed in individual skills and enjoyed a fun day held on the ACU campus. Each PIP competed for medals, certificates, and some won door prizes that were given. Top Row: Logan Ferguson, Conner Mason, Michael Seigler, 2nd Row: Sage Guerrero, Shelby Elliott, Cassidy Turner, 3rd Row: Natalie Jameson, Bryson Elliott, 4th Row: Cade Drum, Brody Rankin, Front Row: Case Drum, Tatum Guerrero, Emily Jameson, Carley Turner.

COUNTY GARDEN FORUM

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By Ace Reid

Since the soil in this part of Texas has not warmed up to optimum temperatures for warm weather crops such as beans, corn, etc. it would be a good time to add some organic materials to the soil to increase its ability to hold moisture and improve aeration. There is some material available in the form of leaves, grass clippings, (from last year's cuttings) barnyard manures, shredded leaves and branches, or even shredded paper.

Some gardeners find that shredding and chipping the branches and stalks of trees and ornamental bushes is far superior to throwing them away where they end up in a land fill or go up in smoke by incineration.

When organic matter is added to the soil, it is best if enough is added to physically change the soil structure. Some sources recommend that the final soil mixture be at least one part organic matter to two parts soil. Spread a two to four inch depth of organic material over the garden surface and till it to a depth of six to ten inches. The recommended amount of fertilizer can be tilled in at the same time. If your garden is just about ready to plant you can make good use of these organic materials.



"Dang, Lem, do somethin'! She's up, but I'm down!"

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Santos, Augustine Chavez, 1st place

Other Jr. High team members include Hance Davey, Braden Mason & Aaron Woodruff. After a week off for Spring Break the Jr. High teams will participate in the Lorenzo track meet on March 27th and the District meet will be held in Silvertown on April 4th.

The High School teams braved the cold and ran at Silvertown March 14th. Results are as follows:

Girls:

Christy Smith-1st place-Shot Put
Chaundra Wolf-1st place Triple Jump, 2nd place High Jump, 3rd place Long Jump, and 1st place 300m Hurdles
Courtney Alexander-5th place Triple Jump and 3rd place 800m run
Shane'a Russell-1st place 100m dash
Kyla Simpson-3rd place 300m hurdles
Leanne Jameson-4th place 800m dash
Alyx Smith-6th place 200m dash

400m Relay-1st place, Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, Alyx Smith, Shane'a Russell

800m Relay-1st place, Shane'a Russell, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores, Chaundra Wolf

Boys:
Bradley Brown-1st place Long Jump and High Jump
Justin Newman-2nd place High Jump

Andrew Martin-4th place High Jump

Casey Carnes-4th place Shot Put
Isiah Archer-2nd place 100m dash
Colby McCleskey-2nd place 800m run
Eric Simpson-6th place 100m dash
Andrew Martin-3rd place 200m dash
Will Butler-4th place 200m dash

400m Relay-1st place, Andrew Martin, Bradley Brown, Stacy Perryman, Isiah Archer

800m Relay-1st place, Will Butler, Eric Simpson, Steven Webb, Andrew Martin

1600m Relay-3rd place, Will Butler, Eric Simpson, Colby McCleskey, Andrew Martin

These teams also participated in the High School division of the Rolling Plains Relays held in Jayton on March 14th. Motley County was the Combined Team Points winner. This traveling trophy is awarded to the school whose boys' and girls' teams together have the most points. Individually, the boy's team placed 2nd (by 1/2 of a point) and the girl's team placed 4th. The track members placing in the top six places are:

Boys:
Casey Carnes-2nd place in the Shot Put and 2nd place in the Discus
Jacob Blanco-6th place in the Triple Jump
Bradley Brown -1st in the High

Jump and 2nd in the Long Jump

Isiah Archer-2nd place in the 100m dash

400m Relay-1st place, Andrew Martin, Bradley Brown, Stacy Perryman, Isiah Archer

800m Relay-1st place, Will Butler, Eric Simpson, Steven Webb, Andrew Martin

1600m Relay-6th place, Will Butler, Eric Simpson, Colby McCleskey, Andrew Martin

Girls:

Chaundra Wolf-2nd place in the High Jump and Triple Jump and 3rd in the Long Jump
Christy Smith-3rd place in the Shot Put
Shane'a Russell-4th place in the 100m dash
Hailey Blanco-3rd in the 800m run
Courtney Alexander-6th in the 800m run

400m Relay-4th place, Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, Alyx Smith, Shane'a Russell

800m Relay-6th place, Shane'a Russell, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores, Kyla Simpson

Other members of the track teams that participated, but did not place in the top six are Karrie Valdez, Dayne Butler, and Sam Moore.

The High School teams will run at Lorenzo on March 24th and their District meet will be held in Plainview on April 2nd.

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- 27 MC JH Track, Aspermont
- 28 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 28 Cheerleading Tryouts
- 29 Republican Party Convention, Library Annex, 9:30 am
- 29 Democratic Party Convention, RS Community Center, 10 am
- 29 Master Gardener Nell Rains, Library, 2pm
- 29 "Surrendered" performs, FBCM 7pm
- 30 First Baptist Church, Matador, Fifth Sunday Noon fellowship meal and Missions Fair
- 31 District Tennis, Lubbock Tennis Center

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- 1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 1 District Tennis, Lubbock Tennis Center
- 1 MC Oversight Comm, 1st Ag Credit, 6pm
- 2 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 2 District Track, Plainview
- 3 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 4 Mac Thornberry Rep at Couthouse, 11am
- 4 Family fun Night
- 5 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church 7am
- 5 Matador Lions Highway Trash Pick up 8 am
- 6 Ken Young Exhibit, Library, reception, 2-4pm
- 7 Girls & boys District Golf, Lubbock (Meadowbrook)
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