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## Another Matley County Neighbor



### BOYCE HART

Boyce Hart is retired from the Texas Animal Health Commission after working in that position for 23 years and 3 months. He and his wife, Elaine, moved to Matador for the first time in 1967. They moved to Paducah for seven years in 1979 and came back to Matador in 1986. They have two daughters, Carla Waits of Fritch, and Jan Adams of Denton. They have one granddaughter, Olivia Waits, and daughter Jan is expecting twins in August.

In his spare time, Boyce enjoys riding his motorcycle.

### Thought for the week

"The words a father speaks to his children in the privacy of the home are not overheard at the time, but, as in whispering galleries, they will be clearly heard at the end and by posterity."

— Richter

## A Look back in Time

May 17, 1935

My Home Town, by Mary Echols  
"My home town, Matador, Texas, was founded in 1887 and organized in 1891. The town was named by a Mr. Lomax, who for many years lived in Spain. After coming to this community, he called it Matador, a Spanish word meaning bullfighter. After the development of the Matador Ranch the development of Matador was rather rapid."

April 11, 1935

Matador Takes District Field-Track Crown  
"Childress, Tex., April 6 -- Two records fell as the Matador Bullfighters ran off with honors in the District No. 4 Interscholastic League Track and Field meet here Saturday."

May 30, 1935

Railroad Asks Permit to Abandon Matador Line  
"Unprofitable operation is claimed by Q.A.&P. Protest may be offered as businessmen weigh effect."  
"Modley County's most colossal privately sported enterprise, the original Matador Northern Railroad, later to become a part of Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railway company filed application with the Interstate Commerce Commission of Washington to abandon the 8.8 miles of railroad."

July 18, 1935

Black Window Prolific Mother  
"When Mrs. Ernest McWilliams of the Whiteflat community captured a black widow spider last week and raked three sacks of eggs into a fruit jar with the self-willed widow. She gave little thought to housing the baby spiders when they hatched. Yet within a day or two when her first nest of eggs hatched, tiny little black "mites" were running everywhere. It was estimated that there were from 700 to 1000 baby spiders."

## Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Plan Many Upcoming Events

by Lee Peacock

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met at the home of Lula Swim February 11, 1997 for their regular monthly meeting. There were twenty-two members present.

Also present was a guest, Mr. Rod Skelton, from the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. He will be in charge and hold the church services on Sunday morning after the Shannon Davidson Days Race at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The services will begin at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and hear Mr. Skelton. The Service will be over in time for you to attend your regular Church services.

Jerry Green reported on plans for the Shannon Davidson Day Race. Charles Keith reported that there is much interest throughout the County.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will serve breakfast at the Center on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The fire department members will cater the supper on Saturday night.

Patricia Green and J.N. Fletcher were appointed to see about portable showers for the riders.

Darleen Fletcher reported on the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to be held April 16th. The Volunteers will sponsor the event.

The Kids Camp is getting off to a good start by Noah Counseling of Dickens offering to help with workers

and donations, the Catholic Family services have offered to help and also give donations. Mr. and Mrs. Van-Hoese of Denver City, Texas are bringing teenagers who will provide Bible stories, songs and help during the-Camp.

We are always thankful for any help or donations. Ken Abbott reported that two flag poles have been donated to the Volunteers. These will be for the U.S. and Texas Flags at the Community Center.

The Community Center can be rented for reunions, meetings, and etc. for \$50 per day. A \$50 deposit will also be required and if the building and grounds are clean, the \$50 deposit will be returned. The R.V. hook-ups will be \$10 per day and there is electricity, water, and sewer dump available.

The aluminum can wagon as been moved to the Community Center on the south side by the gate. It is easy to get to and you do not have to enter the Community Grounds to dispose of the cans. All donations are appreciated. The money will be used to continue to build on the Community Center.

Pearl Patten reported that work is progressing on the Quilt to be given away during the Shannon Davidson Day race days. See any Volunteer for tickets.

The next meeting will be held March 11th at the home of Ken and Suzanne Abbott. Everyone is invited.

## Matador City Council Meets With Short Agenda

The Matador City Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 a.m. February 13, 1997.

The invocation was given and the meeting was called to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Bills were paid.

Council members discussed voting on an ordinance to approve a maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. This was tabled for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

## Hopital Board Meets

The Motley County Hospital Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, February 12, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. at the Motley County Clinic.

Items on the agenda included setting the Hospital Board Election for

May 3, which is in conjunction with other city and county elections.

Minutes were read and approved from the last meeting. Bills were paid. Board members discussed buying jackets for the ambulance crew.

Meeting adjourned.

## Recollections of a Historical Home

NOTE: We would have liked to have had a picture to go with this very interesting article, but could not locate one. If you have a picture of the old Flomot Hotel which this story speaks of, or any historical Flomot pictures, we would very much appreciate using them to make copies for our files. We do not have any Flomot pictures, and have had no luck locating them for our historical papers. Your pictures will be taken very good care of and returned to you. We are also in need of Northfield or Whiteflat pictures. Thank you.

by Earlyne Jameson

"A home with treasured memories hold the hearts of families forever."

If the home from which Mrs. A.D. Moseley moved Saturday, February 15, 1997 could talk, it would tell about many Flomot historical events and pioneers.

This house was originally a hotel built in the town of Flomot in 1922 by Mr. and Mrs. Will Franklin (Bill) Allen. It was constructed by local residents including A.D. Moseley. When completed, it was a fourteen room, two story building with the Flomot Hotel sign on the front. It was always filled to capacity.

The hotel had an elegant dining room with a beautiful crystal chandelier. Mrs. Allen served three meals a day and people would travel near and far to eat here.

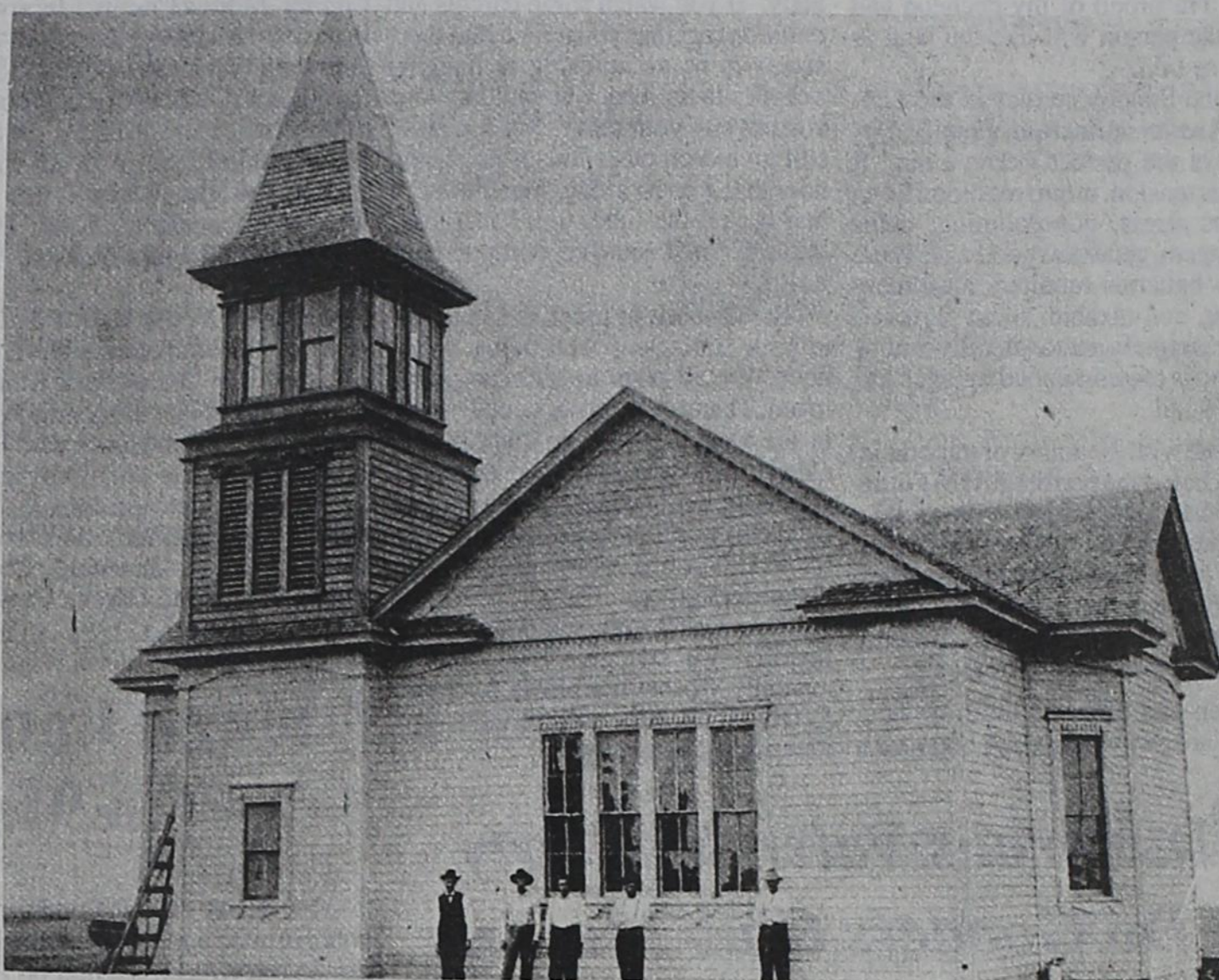
In the lobby of the hotel was a drug store. It had small round marble topped tables encircled by black iron swirl chairs. Many flavors of ice cream were scooped across a long thick marbled counter in front of a soda fountain. A huge mirror was behind the counter on the wall. The Allen's grandson, Morris Stephens, has the marbled counter. The hotel is gone, but memories remain.

Mrs. Allen died in 1936 and Mr. Allen in 1937. The hotel was rented until 1942 when Dick Washington purchased the building and made it into a home. The many rooms on the back of the building were detached before Mr. Washington moved it to its present location, one and half miles east of Flomot on Highway 97.

The John Morris family was living in this home when the Moseley family bought the land and improvements in 1952. They remodeled the upstairs and kitchen, added a bathroom, closets and service porch. Their daughter, Wanda Moseley Davis, attended and graduated from Flomot High School while living here.

The Moseley family continued hospitality of this historic structure for 45 years. Mrs. Moseley said, "Recollections of this home brings to mind

family reunions, visiting missionaries from throughout the USA, family, shelter, love and security." She hopes the family that lives here is as contented and happy as her family was.



Old steepled Baptist Church in Matador, 1935-36.

(Tribune files photo)

## Building History

by Mary Meason

This will be the last of the stories of the building history about the old buildings in Matador. I will write about some of the buildings of Roaring Springs.

The old buildings written about this week will be the ones that are not on the main streets of town.

The old buildings just north of the fire hall was a feed and coal store owned by L.B. Archer. He was the first owner I remember and the store was later sold to Manly Thompson.

The Courthouse which burned in 1944 was built in 1904. I remember that old Courthouse as a child. It was a very evil smelling building caused mainly by the bats that made their home there. Whoever cleaned the building used some kind of cleanser on the plank flooring and that oil or whatever it was mixed in with the smell of bats was almost overcomng. The sandstone part of the building was quaried on the northwest corner of the A.B. Echols ranch which later became the Mrs. D.I.W. Birnie ranch.

In later years a gazebo was built in the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn. The gazebo now standing is not the original one. The Matador band used to give a band concert from that gazebo once a week.

The Courthouse was built for the sum of \$3,111.11 by Smith and Bayam Contractors.

In 1945 a bond vote was taken for the purpose of building a new courthouse. Out of the 353 votes cast, 215 votes were for the issuance of \$175,000 worth of courthouse and jail bonds.

The jail building is about the most interesting building in Matador. The jail was made of solid rock.

On the second floor there was a cell called the "crazy" cell and it was used to keep the insane in until they could be removed to a state hospital. I remember that crazy cell very clearly. I went to the jail with my mother to visit a lady who was being kept there because she was insane. She had been a teacher in one of the schools in Motley County and when I was a teacher I thought of her often. Especially after I read an article in the paper that school teachers had a higher rate of insanity than any other profession. I'm sure I would be the first teacher in a padded cell if I had to teach school at the present time!

The county jail had a gallows, too. But it was never used. One man had been sentenced to hang, but he was such a good well digger that he was let out of jail at different times to help the early settlers dig their wells. He was on a well digging release one day and disappeared never to be seen again.

The old Higgins bakery was a place of joy for old and young alike. The smell of fresh bread could be enjoyed up and down the main streets in Matador.

The bakery was located in the brick building between the old National Bank and the Motley County Museum. Mr. Higgins made the best taffy candy that I have ever eaten. He pulled that taffy, too. It was perfection in candy when he finished with it. He had a big hook on the west wall and after he had made a

big batch of taffy he would loop the candy over that hook and pull it until it was cool. And was it good!

There is something else about that bakery that was very interesting. Mr. Higgins' father lived with Mr. and Mrs. Higgins. He seemed to be very old to the kids in grade school. He had a chair in front of the bakery and every day in warm weather with a fly swatter in hand he sat there hour after hour swatting flies. When he quit for the day there would be a solid mass of dead flies around his chair. Those would be swept away and the dear old man would start all over the next day.

The Traweek Hospital was the building just west of the old bakery. How times have changed. I had an appendectomy in that hospital in 1928. Dr. Tom Smith of Floydada did the surgery. How different that surgery was from the surgery performed today! I was kept in bed flat of my back for two weeks. A number of years later I had to have further surgery to remove all the adhesions that had taken over in my abdomen. That was a change! Surgery was performed in the morning and the nurses had me up and walking just as soon as I wake up.

Matador, at one time, had five hospitals and now we are very grateful for the Motley County Clinic and Dr. Pat Williams who is the only doctor in the county.

The Traweek hospital building is still in use as the Motley County Museum. That Museum has been a wonderful addition to Matador. If you haven't visited the Museum make that one of your "musts". You will find it well worth your time.

Just west of the Museum, across the street is the newest Methodist Church building. That church has quite a history. It was first organized in 1892 at a revival under cottonwood trees on Ballard Creek. The charter members were T.N., Mary, Fannie and Ida Edmondson, J.A., R.J., Mary, and R.E. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. William Wason.

In 1900 a frame church was built which stood just west of the Taylor tire shop. I remember my father telling us that he didn't have money to give to help build the church but he helped to roof it. I joined the church in that old building when I was 12. I don't know why everything that happens in church that is a bit unusual is so funny. I remember the preacher stopping his sermon and pointing to the young people on the back seat and telling them to be quiet. If my brother and I were sitting on that back seat we would get a spanking when we got home.

That old church is a very dear place in my memory. It had a tall steeple and the bell that was in the steeple had a long rope hanging down into the vestibule and it was great fun for the pre-teen children to ring that bell. That bell now stands on the east side of the present church on a stand.

The next Methodist Church, the one that fell in, was built in 1926. The "new" church stands on the same grounds where the "caved in" church use to stand.

The people of this community and

other communities donated freely to the first building of the first little frame church. When the newer building caved in and a new building was needed people from many communities and other churches sent money to help build the present Methodist Church.

The First Baptist Church was organized in 1893 with six charter members: Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Bursleson, Mrs. Lee Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Cammack and Miss Rosa Cammack. The first Baptist Church I remember was located just east of Higginbotham lumber yard. That building also had steeple and a bell was located there. The tolling of a church bell usually took place just before a funeral. When I was a child when I heard a tolling bell I felt very sad because I knew someone had died.

Every year the Methodist and Baptist had two weeks of revival services and it seemed to me that we went to church all summer. Not only did we have to go to the revival at our church but we had to go two weeks to the Baptist Church. There were no parties, no swimming or much other entertainment during those meetings.

The present Baptist Church is located on south Main street.

The Church of Christ had its beginnings in Matador in 1911. The church building was west of the old Baptist Church and on the north side of the street just east of the present fire hall.

The Assembly of God church was organized in August 1934. Worship services were held in the old school building. The present church is located just across the creek north of town, and is just down the hill from the Methodist Church.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in 1921. The meeting was held in the home of Dan Brembry. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brembry and children, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Gilyard, Mrs. Ernestine and Cotton Bolton, Mrs. Lula Sims and Rev. and Mrs. M.A. Thompson and children.

Rev. Garrett, a white Methodist preacher preached the first sermon out in the yard.

The church celebrated its 50th anniversary in August of 1971. The church is still active after suffering many difficulties.

The Catholic Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, was established in 1962. The church bought the property belonging to Bess Patton an Church was held in her former home until the present church was erected in 1964.

Diamond J Transportation is located in the building just behind the First State Bank. That building housed a shoe shop years ago and was owned by a Mr. Yandell.

The Phillips service station on highway 70 is the only full service station in Matador now, and it is so welcome to old ladies and others who don't want to get out of their car, take the cap off the gas tank, walk back to the pump, turn on the pump and stand there until the gas tank is full. The gas hose has to be put back in its place, then go inside and pay the bill. You will probably say

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Have you ever shopped around for just the perfect gift for someone? I like to get gifts for people that I would like to have myself. I will shop around and worry and fret for a special gift for someone, and when I find just the right thing, I'm proud of my decision and hope the person will like the item as much as I do.

In the Sunday comics in the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, Family Circus says the perfect gift is a hug. It relieves tension, improves blood flow, reduces stress, non-polluting, helps self-esteem, generates good will. There are no batteries required, absolutely no cost, non-taxable, silent performance, extremely personal, fully returnable and is recommended for ages 1 to 100 and up!

I agree with the author of this comic strip. A hug is the perfect gift! My little niece, Angelica, stayed with us this weekend. And she loves to give this gift. When she's around, I always feel lifted, because she is so unconditionally loving. And it's true, her hugs do relieve tension, reduce stress, etc.

When she and her little brother, Jonah, are away from each other for a

day or so, it's so cute to watch them when they see each other. They will hug each other so tight. Their sweet innocence is so wonderful to watch.

There are some children that look like they need to be hugged so desperately. If you watch some parents and children together you notice that there seems to be no touching or hugging between them. That is so sad! How can you not hug your child? My son and I still give each other lots of hugs, and now that I have a daughter-in-law, I hug her all the time, too. I just don't think I could survive without their hugs.

The absence of touch is damaging to your soul, your well-being, I believe. We all need to feel cared for, loved. There are so many people alone in the world. I always think of the elderly, who are alone and don't get out that much, or see that many people. I always think that they must be aching for touch. A hug would probably be the perfect gift for them.

If you can't give someone a hug, literally, we can give them a hug, mentally, by saying a prayer for them, to feel God's arms around them, His love surrounding them.

## Humorous Valentine Party At Do Gooders Club Meeting

If having a good sense of humor is essential to a happy, healthy life, the members of the Do Gooders' Club are most hale and hearty after their Valentine party Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4 at the Community Center in Flomot. They exchanged original made Valentines, unusual Secret Pal gifts and Mrs. Jimmie Hunter conducted entertaining games.

Mrs. B. Rogers, president, officiated at the business session. Those appointed to a committee to assemble a quilt and applique each square with a boot or hat were Mmes. Annie B. Cloyd, Mary Jo Calvert, B. Rogers, Erma Washington, and Trula Martin. They voted to sell changes on the completed quilt rather than have a concession stand at a check-point for the Pony

Express Ride. In other business, it was announced that Michael Lee, Motley County Extension Agent, will be the featured guest at the club, Tuesday, March 4.

Mrs. Barbara Payne and Mrs. Rogers presided at a Valentine motif service. The centerpiece was a Teddy Bear nestled by glossy foliage accented with artistry petaled hearts. They served Angel Food cake, strawberry yogurt and punch.

Those attending were Mesdames Wadetta Clay, Edith Washington, Sylvia Lee Martin, Tommie Jo Cruse, Leona Degan, Alma Shorter, Nada Starkey, Judy True, Jimmie Hunter, Annie B. Cloyd, Erma Washington, Barbara Payne, B. Rogers and Trula Martin.

Thank You For Reading The Motley County Tribune!

The Motley County Museum gratefully acknowledges the gift sent as tributes by Bill Pallmeyer, Rt. 1, Box 3, Meridian, TX 76665; in memory of the following: Sibyl Barton, Walter Jones, Ray Cruse, Herman McClesky, Alfred Martin, Ruby Thompson, Vella Hill, and Bess Ferguson



### TOO LATE

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881) loved his wife. She loved to help her husband in his writing career. But she became ill with cancer and was confined to bed. Though he loved her dearly, Carlyle was so busy writing that he rarely found time to stay at her bedside.

The day of her burial it rained and the mud was deep. After the funeral, according to Victor Knowles, Carlyle returned home, deeply shaken. He went into his wife's bedroom, sat down on a chair beside her bed, realizing he had not spent enough time with her in her illness.

From the bedside table, he picked up her diary and began to read. One line thrilled his heart: "Yesterday he spent an hour with me and it was like being in heaven. I love him so." He turned the page and this time his heart was broken, for she had written, "I have listened all day to hear his steps in the hall, but now it is late and I guess he won't come today."

Carlyle threw the diary to the floor and rushed back to the cemetery in the rain. Friends found him face down in the mud at the newly made grave. He was weeping, saying over and over, "If I had only known! If I had only known!"

Good people, fathers in particular, what is our career, job, bills that need to be paid, in light of the value of our families, our wives, our children. Where are we truly needed?

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 4:15-16

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.



The Friends of the Library membership drive begins this month. The Friends organization helps the Library with projects such as the Johnny Stevens Day that we hosted in October, the purchase of books and equipment, and many other services that help keep the Library open. If you would like to renew your membership or if you would like to become a new member, send your dues to the Friends of the Library, Motley County Library, P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX 79244. The dues are \$4.00 for an Individual, \$10.00 for a Family, \$20.00 for a Supporting Membership, and \$100.00 for a Life Membership. The officers of the Friends of the Library are Opal Johnson, President; Betty Moore, Secretary; and Mary Meason, Treasurer.

We want to thank Bill and June Moss for their donation to the Library in memory of Benny Jack Simpson. Also we appreciate the donation to the Library by Marion Harris who is distant kin of the late Edna Waybourn.

We appreciate the donation from Joan Lawrence of many more wonderful books for our Genealogy Section. Thank you goes to Darene Gibson of

Paducah for the donation of a book that we have spent months searching for, King County, Windmills and Barbed Wire. We appreciate Darene's generosity in donating this out-of-print book to us, and we thank Betty Moore for tracking it down.

Two news items for those of you interested in genealogy. The Denver PBS that many of you get through cable TV has genealogy program called "Ancestors" which airs at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. I do not know if that is Mountain time or Central time. If it doesn't come on at that time, check again at 5:30 CDT.

There will be genealogical seminar March 8 in room 109 in the Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock. This seminar runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and costs \$20 before March 1 and \$25 at the door. The speaker will address topics such as how to trace heritage and how to use newspapers for research. For more information call Yvonne Perkins at 806-747-1319 or Pat Pennington at 806-799-8975. Or check here at the Library, we are expecting some registration information to come to us.

## Jewell Landrum Honored On 91st Birthday

Mrs. Netta Jewell Landrum was honored with a luncheon at the Matador Senior Citizens Center on February 15th. Hosting the event were her children and grandchildren.

Those from out of town were John and Mary Landrum; John Landrum II, Clara and Nikie Trull; Greg Landrum Sr., Greg Jr., Christina, and Sherry Boone; Mark and Leslie Jacobs, Mark Jr. and Lacy; Bert and Betty Landrum; Mitch and Netta Hurt, Tamara, Alisah, and Andrew; Charles and Frank Ursery, Charlie, Matt, and Rachel; Donovan Landrum; Robert and Pat Landrum; Robert Landrum, Jr., Tasha, and Bobby; Mark Landrum, Mark II,

Tanner, and James; Kyle Landrum; Tim and Michelle Brown, and Brandon; Louise Johnson; Donna Fickel; Kelly and Wilberta Jackson, Tracy, Kiley, and Benjamin; Jim Jackson; Al and Jimmie Jo Rodriguez; Bobby and Dale Jackson, Andrew and Kristal; John and Jill Jackson.

Many cards, letters and phone calls were received from other well-wishers.

From Matador were Sidney Landrum; Robert and Linda Florey, and Charles; Mrs. Bertha Patton Stearns, a cousin to Mrs. Landrum, was also in attendance.

## Dean's List

Christy Potts, Psychology Major was named to the Dean's List, and Marisue Potts, General Studies, was named to the President's List for the Fall of 1996 semester at Texas Tech.

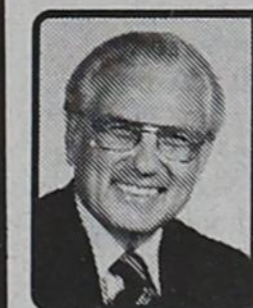
## SALE on CLOTHES

Lots of good Clothes at very economical prices!

Antiques & Collectibles



## Matador Thrift Shop



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

One night a little boy prayed, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray, Thee, Lord, my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake -"

"Go on," encouraged his mother. "I can't," he cried.

He ran to the den, but returned in a few minutes, and finished his prayer.

"Mom," he confessed, "I upset Bill's toys. Before I could pray, I had to put them right."

You can't live sinfully and pray successfully. The Bible says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

Have you ever wondered why your prayers haven't been heard? Maybe it's because you need to right some wrongs. You'll do it, won't you?

## Flomot Couple Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro (Pete) Moreno

Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro (Pete) Moreno of Flomot celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass Celebration, February 22, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. A Reception and Dance were also held at the 4-H building in Matador.

Hosting the event were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Fidencio Moreno of Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moreno of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Rene (Dora) Cruz of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Gloria) Rodriguez of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Vicky) Cruz of Tulia. Also hosting were Mr. Antonio Martinez of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Estrada of Grand Prairie.

The couple were married February 22, 1947 at San Angelo, Texas. They have lived in Flomot most of their married years. They have five children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Several out of town guests attended from Hereford, Tulia, Plainview, Floydada, Ft. Worth, Houston, Corpus Christi, Grand Prairie, and Brownwood, Texas.

## Dumont Darsey Places In Piano Contest

On Saturday, February 15, 1997, Dumont Darsey participated in the Lubbock Music Teachers Association Sanatina Contest held in the music building at Texas Tech University.

Dumont played the Rondo (Vivace) movement of Dean Carson's Sonatina. He received 2nd place in the contest, and the rating of a 10 Superior which is the highest rating given in this contest.

His critique sheet showed "Technique: light and swift (excellent); Memory, excellent; Poise, excellent; and the following commendation from the judge: "You have great potential! How wonderful! You were a joy to hear! Very nice concept of the piece."

Dumont is the son of Beverly and Robin Darsey and the piano student of Mrs. Howard Traweck.

Did you know that Motley County has a Book Store?

That's right!

Motley County has a nice selection of Christian books, Bibles, local history books, cookbooks, and many, many more.....



## Inside the Motley County Tribune



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Here are just a few of the books we have in stock...

Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion  
Mary Engelbreit's Garden Companion and other Mary Engelbreit books

Children's Books

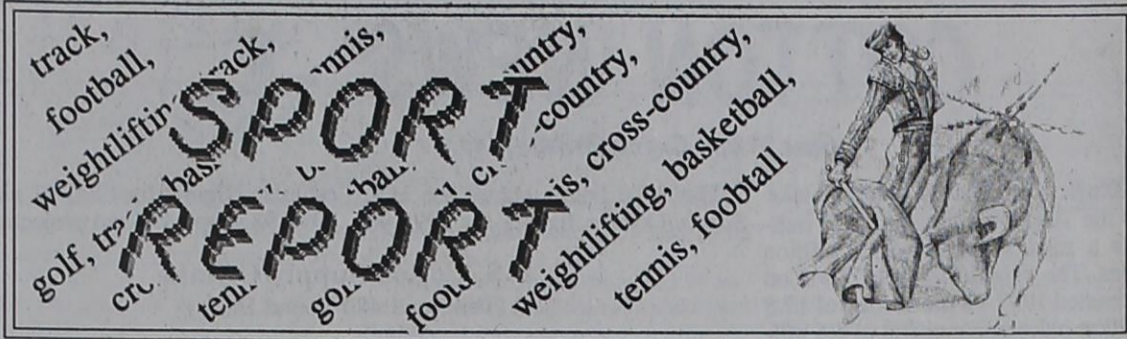
The Potting Shed Texas Almanac  
Courthouses of Texas Texas Country Reporter Cookbook  
Chicken Soup for the Soul  
Roaring Springs Cookbook Remembering Billy  
Early History of Motley County Rich Grass & Sweet Water  
The Quanah Route  
Hank the Cowdog books Jeff Foxworthy books  
The Roads of Texas

Bibles Men's & Women's Devotional Bibles  
God's Promise Books Bible Cases

The Joy Journal by Barbara Johnson Angels by Billy Graham  
Life is a Meatloaf Sandwich Student Bibles Fun Facts About the Bible  
Many other Christian books!

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If we don't have a title you're looking for, we can order it for you.

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(north side of old Stanley Pharmacy building)



## Lady Matadors End Basketball Season With Upsetting Loss To Meadow

by Coach Kim

The Motley County Lady Matadors ended their season with an impressive showing against number 3 ranked Meadow in the Area round of the state play-offs in Plainview last Tuesday night. They came up short 50-55. The Lady Mats had an outstanding season of 23 wins and only 5 losses and went undefeated in District play with 8 wins and 0 losses. The five losses were all to teams who advanced to the Area round of the play-offs.

Leah Cruse and Kasey Parks paced the Lady Mats with 15 points a piece. Dodie Morris followed with nine. Tonie Bowden had seven and Margaret Mangram and Kristi Williams added two each.

Tonie led the team in rebounds grabbing nine. Kasey had seven. Brandi Jameson and Kristi combined for six, each having three. As a team the Lady Mats grabbed 31 rebounds.

Tonie was 75% from the Charity line hitting 3 out of 4. Kasey was 63% from the floor and the stripe making 5 of 8 from both places. Margaret was 100% from the floor and Leah was

43% from the 3 point range.

Dodie had five assists. Brandi, Leah and Kasey each had two. Dodie also had four steals, three forced turnovers, and five deflections. Leah and Marg-

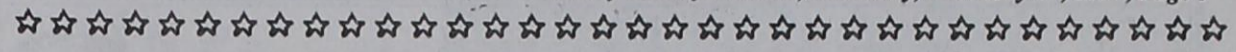
aret stole the ball twice each. Margaret and Tonie also had one blocked shot a piece.

Thank you for all your support during the season.

### To all our Fans & Supporters:

We would like to thank everyone for all of their extra effort in our basketball season and through our play-offs. There was so much that we are afraid that we will leave someone out, but we thank you for everything, especially your support!

Sincerely,  
Coach Kim, Coach O'Pry,  
and the Lady Matadors



# MC hall news



## HONOR ROLL

**DISTINGUISHED LIST**  
(All grades 90 or above)

**Kindergarten:** Tamra Ashley, Andrew Davila, Cagen Denison, Annie Hurt, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson, Justin Todd.

**First Grade:** Bradley Brown, Danielle Ho-Gland, Brady O'Pry, Savannah Rose, Christina Smith.

**Second Grade:** Fannin Gwinn, Marc Henzler, Ryan Langer, John Martin, Angelica Mendoza, Martin Walker.

**Third Grade:** Kyle Cope, Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.

**Fourth Grade:** Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Dakota Meyer, John Stevens.

**Fifth Grade:** Dumont Darsey, Aleda Ross.

**Sixth Grade:** Clint Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

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**Kindergarten:** Shane Marks, Jasmine Porter, Shane'a Russell.

**First Grade:** Magdiel Alvarado, Isiah Archer, Jacob Blanco, Mylissa Gilmore, Stacy Perryman.

**Second Grade:** Gene Salazar.

**Third Grade:** Chance Bingham, Ashlee Sanders.

**Fourth Grade:** Cody Cooper, Veronica Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Thomas Rice, Kattie Campbell.

**Fifth Grade:** Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Susana Mendoza, Joel Rieger.

**Sixth Grade:** Lacy Carson, Britany Donaldson, Britany Moore, Britany Perryman, Amanda Sands, Cassie Campbell.

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Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: (K-6 Parent Visitation) - Chicken Fajitas, Pepper, Onion, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips, Hot Sauce, Pinto Beans, Ice Cream Cup, Milk.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**  
Breakfast: (7-12 Parent Visitation) Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peaches, Cake, Milk.

**MONDAY, MARCH 3**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, Tater Tots, Corn on the Cob, Unbaked Cookie, Milk.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Frito Pie, Crackers, Green-Salad, Apple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

## Public School Week March 3 - 7

March 3 through March 7, 1997 week. (PK-6 on Thursday, 7-12 on Friday). If you cannot come on those days, do plan to come at another time. Parents are invited to eat with their child on Thursday and Friday of that

## Farm Bureau Scholarship Deadline March 15

Graduating seniors planning to enter college in the Fall of 1997, whose families have been Texas Farm Bureau members since March 15, 1995 or before, are eligible to apply for the organization's Youth Foundation Scholarship, according to Ridge Pate, Youth Foundation coordinator.

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years, will be awarded in May on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activity, involvement and other considerations, including recommendations and financial need.

The 1997 recipient will be selected by a committee of college faculty and administrators from Baylor University and McLennan Community College, Waco.

The Youth Foundation, a charitable organization, was established by board action in response to the Blue Ribbon Goals Report for the purpose of awarding scholarships and agricultural grants to TFB youths.

Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1997 to Ridge Pate, Youth Foundation Coordinator, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689.

For more information contact Darla Freeman at (817) 751-2598.

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The Talent Find and Miss TFB contests are open to youths of 16 to 19 years of age in Farm Bureau families. The speech competition, also for FB youths, is limited to those who have attended the TFB Citizenship Seminar, given the required number of speeches on the free enterprise system and are a junior or senior in high school.

Each year TFB presents a total of four \$4,000 scholarships to a member of the Future Homemakers of America, a member of the Texas FFA Association, and two 4-H Club youths. In 1996, County FBs donated a total of approximately \$40,000 to local youth activities, including livestock shows, and approximately \$30,000 in scholarships.

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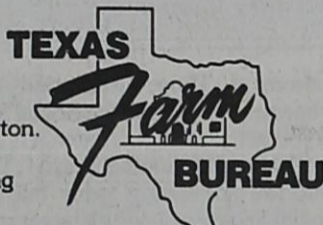
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# Farm & Ranch News

## Conservation Reserve Program Sign-up Begins Monday, March 3

After much anticipation, the rules and dates for the 15th CRP sign-up have been announced. The sign-up starts on Monday, March 3, 1997 and ends Friday, March 28, 1997. The CRP sign-up process has changed very much over the last ten years. It will take time as the offices of FSA and NRCS after you indicate the farms and fields that you propose to make a bid on before you will be able to make an acceptable bid. Technical determinations related to soil types, environmental benefits, erodibility, etc., are all factors that will have to be assessed before a bid proposal can be accepted.

Upon determining the maximum bid acceptable for the land, you must decide if that rate is acceptable to you; and if so, you can competitively bid less than that rate in order to increase the likelihood of acceptance.

After the sign-up is complete nationwide, all data from all bids will be compared. Only those bids that are most critical based upon the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) will be accepted. The EBI for each bid from Maine to California, Florida to Washington will be listed together. The rental rates will be based on the actual rental value of the land if it were under normal cropping practices - this will vary field by field. The Motley County Committee justified and documented average rental rates for Motley County several months ago, but it is still unknown if what was submitted was accepted.

Each bid applicant will "work up" their bid based on the rates announced. After submission of the bid, it will probably be at least 90 days before we are notified which bids are accepted.

Non-resident landowners who are interested in bidding need to make appointments. Making everyone take appointments is not reasonable at this time because the minimum time required for each bid applicant to get to a bid figure is simply unknown (some may take 1-2 hours each). FSA and NRCS will be working together closely to assist everyone in this sign-up.



### Texas Monthly Oil & Gas Statistics

#### January Permits to Drill

The Commission issued a total of 1,132 original drilling permits in January compared to 845 in January, 1996. The January total included 893 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 37 to re-enter existing well bores, and 202 for re-completions.

Permits issued in January included 417 oil, 295 gas, 387 oil and gas, 30 injection, and 3 other permits.

#### January Oil and Gas Completions

In January operators reported 333 oil, 380 gas, 41 injection and five other completions, compared to 326 oil, 351 gas, and 35 injection and other completions during the same month of last year.

Total well completions for 1997 year-to-date is 759, up from 712 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Operators reported 706 holes plugged and 147 dry holes in January, compared to 1,056 holes plugged and 131 dry holes reported the same period last year.

**November Crude Oil Production**  
Texas preliminary November, 1996 crude oil production averaged 1,284,748 barrels daily, down from the 1,366,763 barrels daily average of November, 1995.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for November, 1996 is 38,542,448 barrels, a decrease from the 41,002,887 barrels reported during November, 1995.

**November Natural Gas Production**  
Texas oil and gas wells produced 440,899,583 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for November, 1996, up from the November, 1995 preliminary gas production total of 356,621,958 Mcf.

Texas gas production in November came from 156,617 oil, and 42,285 gas wells.

Locally gas production is as follows:

Motley County: total gas production, 431; crude oil production, 8175.  
Briscoe County: total gas production, 0; crude oil production, 0.

Cottle County: total gas production, 286572; crude oil production, 4052.

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# COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.



Projections of supply and off-take for the 1997-98 marketing year indicate a total supply of 22.3 million bales. The supply figure is based on estimated 1997-98 production of 17.8 million bales being added to 4.5 million bales of expected carry-over from 1996 production.

The projections were calculated by economic staff from the National Cotton Council and released during the NCC's Annual Meeting.

One of the most encouraging pieces of information released was the projection for negligible raw cotton imports in 1997, even though Step 3 import quotas continue to open as a result of current relationships between U.S. prices and the "A" index. The relationship between U.S. price and the "A" index has narrowed slightly since mid-December, although not enough to shut off Step 3 import quotas.

"The issues surrounding the problem of Step 3 and raw cotton imports are numerous and a simple solution has not presented itself," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Our efforts to develop a solution to this issue will continue through our contact with legislators, USDA representatives and the National Cotton Council staff and members."

Estimated off-take for the 1997-98 marketing year is 18 million bales, 11.2 million for domestic consumption and 6.8 million to the export market.

Planting intentions reported to the NCC indicate producers currently intend to plant 7.1 percent fewer acres in 1997. Expected plantings are put at 13.6 million acres, roughly one million acres fewer than were planted in 1996. Texas planting projections for 1997 were put at 5.2 million acres, 500,000 acres less than 1996.

Alabama, Florida, Virginia, Missouri, and Arizona are the only states projecting increased upland cotton acreage in 1997.

The table below shows the U.S. Supply/Offtake figures for 1995-96, 1997-98 supply/offtake projection, and the U.S. estimated figures for 1996-97.

### U.S. Cotton Supply/Offtake

(Thousand 480-Pound Bales)

	1995-96	1996-97†	1997-98††
Beginning Stocks	2,650	2,610	4,450
Production	17,900	18,950	17,800
Imports	410	400	0
Supply	20,960	21,960	22,250
Domestic Mill Use	10,600	11,000	11,200
Exports	7,680	6,500	6,800
Offtake	18,280	17,500	18,000
Unaccounted for	70	0	0
Ending Stocks	2,610	4,450	4,250
Stocks-to-Use Ratio	14.3%	25.4%	23.6%

Source: USDA and National Cotton Council  
† = USDA February estimate  
†† = National Cotton Council projection

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The table below shows preliminary figures for marketings and prices received by farmers for upland cotton during the 1996 calendar year.

### Preliminary Marketings and Prices Received Through December 1996

	Marketings (1000) bales		Weighted Ave. Prices (cents/lb.)	
	Monthly	Cumul.	Monthly	Weighted
January	2,294	2,294	76.80	76.80
February	748	3,042	76.50	76.73
March	718	3,760	77.20	76.82
April	561	4,321	79.60	77.18
May	344	4,665	78.10	77.25
June	303	4,968	78.60	77.33
July	332	5,300	76.20	77.26
August	592	5,892	71.90	76.72
September	593	6,485	71.70	76.26
October	1,902	8,387	71.50	75.18
November	3,096	11,483	69.70	73.70
December	2,388	13,871	69.40	72.96

Source: NASS, USDA

#### Worship the Lord!

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Psalms 96:9

### SOCIAL SECURITY TIPS

by Mary Jane Shages - Plainview Manager

Social Security's role in the future of Generation X may be a matter of fact but it's certainly not a matter of faith. The polls have shown that a majority of young people between 9 and 30 do not believe Social Security will be around for their retirement.

As a result, the 46 million people generally considered Generation Xers are more likely to save for retirement than their parents did according to a USA Today/Gallup poll. They recognize that, for them, retirement is a whole new ball game. Their belief that Social Security will not be there for them, the availability of a broad range of savings and investment mechanisms, and the realization that they will have to provide for a longer period of retirement as life-spans expand rapidly, is creating a greater degree of personal financial responsibility. Eight out of 10 are counting on personal savings as their primary retirement income, according to the USA Today/Gallup poll.

Young people today have a greater number of options for planning for the future than their parents did. The 401 (k) retirement savings plan, for example, is growing in popularity; in 1984, 75 million workers were covered by 17,000 plans. Today an estimated 20 million workers are covered by 270,000 plans. Other young people may be able to afford stock purchase plans and similar high-risk mechanisms yielding a greater return on their investments.

However, the other side of the coin is that many young people feel they cannot afford to save; in fact 47 percent of Generation Xers saved nothing last year, the poll reported.

Whether or not you believe in Social Security, it's important that you understand the role it is designed to play in your financial future. The program is intended to be a basis for your efforts to prepare for economic security through whatever means available to you. It is envisioned as the secured leg of a three-leg stool of financial security. It is the leg anchored by the wealth of the nation and guaranteed by its collective capital. The other two legs - savings/investments and pensions - may provide higher returns but are considered greater risk and the worker who fails to use them effectively or at all may have to rely primarily on Social Security.

Social Security repales about 42 percent of preretirement earnings for the average worker. Financial planners say you'll need at least 75 percent of your monthly prior earnings for a comfortable retirement. This means you will need enough income from savings/investments and pension to replace another 33 percent of your prior earnings to maintain your lifestyle in retirement.

Social Security forms a base of income that makes planning for retirement a lot easier. Savings and investments are necessary for a successful

retirement. Those Generation X-ers who are saving are using Social Security exactly as it was intended to be used, albeit for another reason. Those who are not saving today may find Social Security playing a larger role in their future than it was designed to do. To make it easier for you to include Social Security in your financial planning, we provide a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" upon request. The statement will list your annual earnings during your working years and provide estimates of the benefits you would receive at retirement, or if you should become disabled, or to your family at your death. Call 1-800-772-1213 to order the form; you should receive it within a few weeks. Or you can get the request form from the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov>.

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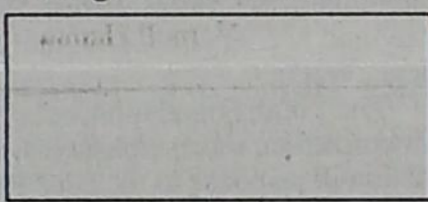
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# Motley County Comings & Goings

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Eugene McIlroy of Lubbock spent Wednesday night with his mother, Mrs. Amy McIlroy.

Mrs. Dorothy Lee shopped in Plainview Sunday.

Les and Kim Woolsey are Lubbock visitors today.

Mrs. Ross Graham was hostess to a well attended baby shower for Amy Woolsey Bearden who was the recipient of numerous lovely and practical gifts.

Mrs. Nancy Wilhite will leave the Home Patient Care program here to move to Plainview soon. Her patients here will miss her cheery helpful visits.

Lester Mullins of Hereford spent from Wednesday until Friday of last week with his mother, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, driving her to her doctor in Lubbock from whom she received a good report. Lester is taking things easy since by-pass surgery in Amarillo sometime ago. While in Lubbock, the Mullins visited Mr. and Mrs. Brad Roller.

Houseguests of Mrs. Marjory Payne last week were her sisters, Mrs. Ruby

Nichols of Lubbock and Mrs. Winnie Byars of Seminole.

Rogers Ashley was conveyed by ambulance Sunday afternoon to the Crosbyton Hospital.

Rev. Ernie Brown, Director of the Assembly of God Youth Camp, is in Florida attending a ministerial retreat held there annually to revive and inspire ministers of the Assembly of God denomination.

### CALLIE GIESECKE HOSTS GUILD

The Guild met in the Giesecke home in Matador Wednesday evening of last week with the hostess opening the meeting with a prayer. Mary Lumsden used "The Last Shepherd" as her devotional.

Chelsea Read, study leader, used the life and works of John Wesley for her study. She closed the meeting with a prayer.

Those present in addition to the hostess and those on the program were Jeanie Adams, Eugenia Bethard, Pauline House, Dorothy Lee, Pearl Patten, Lee Peacock, Lula Swim, and Grace Zabielski.

## Matador News

Mrs. Carrol Hays was conveyed by ambulance Monday, Feb. 17 to the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She was in ICU and listed in serious condition for several days. On Monday she was moved to a room.

Charles Carlson is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in Big Spring.

Mrs. Kathryn Russell returned home recently from Methodist Hospital in Lub-

bock following cardiac medical treatment.

Recently George Knieriw of Brighton, Colorado visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Pohl and Frank Pohl of Crosbyton Care Center. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Limmer, Griffin, Bailey, and Hannah of Colorado City.

He visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer of Snyder who is recovering satisfactorily from knee replacement surgery.

## Building History

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these customers are lazy. They are not. Older people usually fill their cars with gas when they are making a trip out of town. I, for one, hate the smell of gasoline on my hands after having to use a self-service station. Five stars for the full service stations. They are hard to find. This 66 station has been in the hands of very capable people over the years. The ones I especially remember are Vernon Latimer, Howard Edmondson, and J.B. Cooper. I am very grateful for your full service station.

The little white building just east of Phillips 66 was at one time Ike Rush-

ings grocery store. At that time there

Just east of the former grocery store is the Quality Discount Outlet. That building is old too. But I don't remember when it was built. There has been a Pontiac Agency and a garage in the building.

Immediately in front of the Quality Discount is where Mike Hoyle at one time had his Chevrolet and Pontiac Agency and a garage. Now there is a parts store in that building owned by Larry Hoyle.

Our town has changed, but after being in some other towns of this area I've decided that Matador and Roaring Springs are doing very well. Neither town has block after block of vacant buildings.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### SURPRISE PARTY ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Viola Calvert was pleasantly surprised with a party on her 90th birthday held at the Flomot Community Center, Saturday night, Feb. 22.

Hosting the celebration were her children and families, O.D. "Red" Calvert of Augusta, Georgia; Wanda and Ray Beryl of Turkey; Barbara and Max Bush of Gorman; Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert of Flomot; Mary Ann and E.J. Browning of Rising Star; Kay and George Calvert of Quitaque.

Red was the featured color for the service and the centerpiece was a bouquet of red roses. Refreshments of decorated birthday cakes, sandwiches and canapes were served with coffee and punch.

Mrs. Calvert received gifts, cards, pot plants and the centerpiece. Over a hundred guests registered from Grants, N.M., Augusta, Georgia; Midland, Odessa, Matador, Lubbock, Whiteflat, Ira, Quitaque, Rising Star, Turkey, Hale Center, Dumas, Silverton, Eastland, Fritch, Plainview, and Flomot.

### WEATHER REPORT

A slow and steady rain throughout Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 19-20 penetrated the soil for good underground moisture. Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot recorded 1.55 and Whiteflat averaged around 2 inches. On Feb. 2, 0.20 of moisture was registered during a snow flurry. At newstime, a wet, cold spell is in the forecast.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. visited at their rural home and attended to business in Flomot last Saturday. They visited during the week in Plainview with her mother, Mrs. Era Tooley.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse was involved in a one vehicle accident north of Whiteflat last week when she had an encounter with a deer in the middle of the highway. The

dense fog caused zero visibility. She escaped serious injury, but the car had extensive damage.

Viola Stinson suffered an injury to her mouth following an accidental fall when entering her home from outside. She lost a tooth and had numerous stitches taken in her upper lip when receiving medical treatment at Lockney Clinic. She had the stitches removed Monday, Feb. 24.

Visiting Mrs. Viola Calvert are son and friend, O.D. "Red" Calvert and Mrs. Irene Carpenter of Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin celebrated the 88th birthday of their aunt, Mrs. Bessie Martin of Floydada, with a luncheon and entertainment in Plainview, Sunday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert, Justin, Ashley and Christopher of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton, Keith Cook and Loren Brown of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter and Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton were in Plainview Saturday afternoon attending to business and shopping.

Mrs. Ruth Jones of Paducah and Mr. and Mrs. France Barton of Matador visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson, Sunday.

Mmes. Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin and Alma Shorter attended a bridal shower for Mrs. Keri Shorter Sehon in Lubbock, Saturday morning. Joining them there were Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg, Salina Shorter, student at SPC in Levelland and Cindy Shorter of Lubbock.

Emu birds are on the loose in Flomot. Residents are debating that when the owner realized they had expensive appetites and were not "the most cordial", he decided Flomot was a good place to "uncage" them! They are a large Australian bird, cannot fly, but can run very fast. Orville Lee and Warren Davis are the only two who have had success catching one.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

The Sunday school teacher told her attentive class that when Lot's wife looked back she turned into a pillar of salt.

"That's nothing," said Johnny. "My mother was driving our car and when she looked back, she turned into a telephone pole!"

Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver visited Feb. 10-12 with Mrs. Juanita Cooper and daughter, Mrs. Pat Minton of Carmel, Indiana. Van also visited in Matador with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bradford.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Minton went to Amarillo, Thursday, Feb. 13 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunnam and Kourtney. Mrs. Minton explained home, Friday, Feb. 14 after visiting Mrs. Cooper the past ten days. Mrs. Cooper remained to visit until Tuesday, Feb. 18 following a medical check-up on Monday. She is recovering just fine from recent hip surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn attended the funeral services of Mrs. Oleta Holt Gwinn in Levelland, Wednesday.

Mrs. Leslie Brack, Connor and Mitch of Tyler and Mrs. Tim Jennings of Haskell visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings. Visiting in their home, Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Todd Jennings, Kenzie and Jace of Junction and Mrs. Ted Jennings of Haskell.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin attended Mrs. Viola Calvert's birthday party in Flomot Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner attended the 50th wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro "Pete" Moreno of Flomot Saturday afternoon at the Catholic Church in Matador. Visiting in their home Saturday night and Sunday were Scott Blount of Paducah and Heather Turner, Texas Tech students.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Juanita Cooper were Jack Samford of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador.

## Sr. Citizens Report

by Cora Hall

There were fifteen present for our regular luncheon and meeting, February 11; Jean Cooper and Daisy Smith were sick and unable to come.

We were happy to have Mrs. Blevins and Catherine Henderson back this time. There weren't any birthdays or

anniversaries to sing for.

Nora Bell Dunning gave the blessing for our lunch.

Hopefully everyone got a good blood pressure and sugar count, as I did.



VALENTINE ROYALTY — Lockney Care Center residents and staff celebrated Valentine's Day with a party and the crowning of a Valentine King and Queen. Grace Shelton of Matador was crowned Valentine Queen; Hubert Frizzell as King. A group of Lockney Elementary School students visited and two of their group were also crowned, Sidney Prather as Prince, and Destiny DeLeon as Princess. Punch and cookies were served to residents.

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## Obituaries

### Mel Way

Services for Mel Way, 53, of New Deal were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Ray Schaeffer, Larry Elder and Tom Sterling officiating.

Burial was in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

Way died Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997, in Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Lubbock. He was a member of Christian Life Assembly of God, and he married Susan Sanders in Lubbock.

He was a piano technician, and he was active in prison ministry. He was a former country and western entertainer.

Mr. Way was well known in Motley County as he took care of the pianos and organs for many years at churches, school and residential locations. He was in Whiteflat just three weeks before his death "tuning pianos".

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Melodie Sartain of Atlanta, Ga., and Shelly Venable of New Deal; two sons, Michael Venable and Leland Venable, both of New Deal; his father, Raymond R. Way of Colorado City; his mother, Larue Ramsey of Lubbock; a brother, Mert Way of Caldwell; a sister, Sue Schaeffer of Roswell, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

## Thank You

We would like to say a very special "Thank You" to Tony, Sharon, Jana, Laura, Lou, Bertha, and Brad of Family Hospice; Juddie Adams, Charlotte Adams of Dickens, and Leola McKelvey, too. All the Ambulance crews and Rev. Rickey Lawrence for special visits and prayers for our Mom, Vesta Cooper. God Bless you all.

Martha Shacklett  
Vernell Hanna

I would like to thank the Matador Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response when my car caught fire last Friday. All my love to everyone who assisted me in any way by phone calls, visits, and concern at this time of trouble.

Magdalena Carlson

### ACROSS

1. Weapons
5. — the
9. Drivel
10. Irritates
12. Overhead
13. Salute
14. Shaped like the capitol
15. Compass point (abbr.)
16. George W. Russell
17. Abounding in metallic rock
18. From (prefix)
20. Eggs
21. Spent the winter
24. Pale
27. Cupboard
28. Parts of wasps
30. Light blow
31. Hour (abbr.)
32. Openings (anat.)
35. Fish
36. Man's nickname
38. Head of an abbey
40. Firearm
42. Cratchit's Christmas bird
43. Southeast wind
44. Volded escutcheons
45. Mothers

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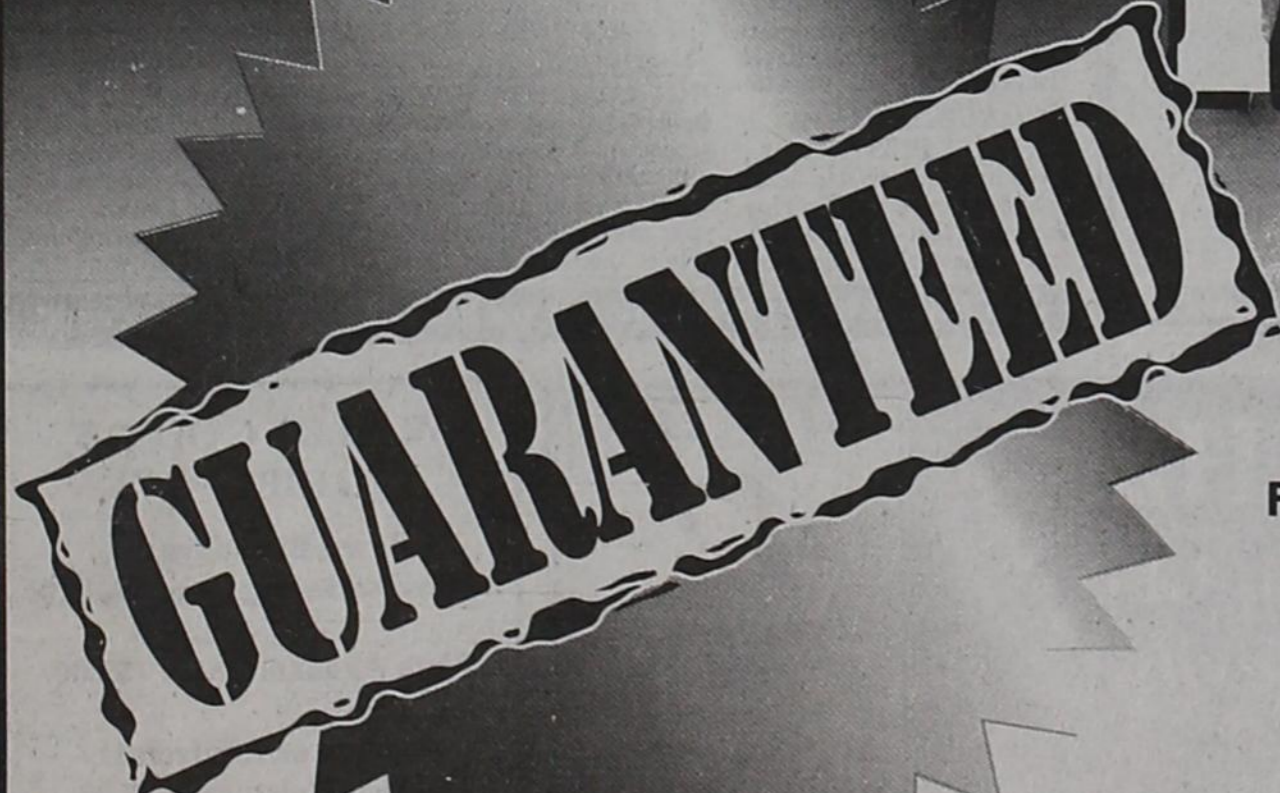
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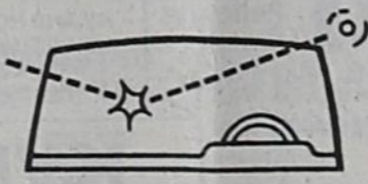
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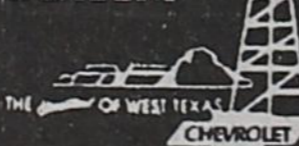
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