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A Look
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in Time
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Snow Blankets Area For White Christmas

by Earlyne Jameson

Large snowflakes fell Christmas Day grabbing the bare limbs of trees in sleeves of white and leaving sparkling crystals of lace on the ground in Motley County. Two to three inches of snow was reported.

December 21, Old Man Winter

arrived with a blanket of snow and freezing temperatures. Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot, reported Dec. 28 the total moisture registered for the month of December is 2.51 inches.

Buzz Thacker, NWSV of Roaring Springs reported 2.66; and Kelly Meyer, NWSV of Matador, reported 2.69 in Matador.

Final 1997 Sales Tax Rebates Delivered

(AUSTIN) -- State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1997, a total of \$164.7 million in payments to 1,087 Texas cities and 118 counties.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1997 topped \$2.1 billion, and were 6.8 percent higher than total rebates for 1996, as the growth outlook for the Texas economy continues to outshine that for the nation as a whole," Sharp said. The Comptroller this year delivered another \$793 million in local sales tax revenue to mass transit systems in eight of the state's largest cities.

Sharp delivered December sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$150.6 million, 3.9 percent higher than the monthly payments of \$144.9 million one year ago. Rebates of \$14 million to Texas counties were 1 percent higher than allocations of \$13.9 million in December 1996.

The December payments to Texas cities and counties include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 1998.

Motley County payments are as follows:

Matador - current rate, 1.000%; net payment this period, 1,623.68; comparable payment prior year, 1,521.28; % change, 6.73%; 1997 payments to date, 22,850.62; 1996 payments to date, 21,319.83; % change, 7.18%
Roaring Springs - current rate,

1.000%; net payment this period, 1,494.19; comparable payment prior year, 1,880.25; % change, -20.53%; 1997 payments to date, 19,737.30; 1996 payments to date, 20,744.45; % change, -4.85%

County Total - net payment this period, 3,117.87; comparable payment prior year, 3,401.53; % change, -8.33%; 1997 payments to date, 42,587.92; 1996 payments to date, 42,064.28; % change, 1.24%

by Misty Easter Jones

NOTE: The following headlines were compiled from each week's issue of the 1997 *Motley County Tribune*.

January 2, 1997 - Happy New Year! First National Bank, Floydada Makes Donation to Matador VFD.

January 9 - Aleda Ross Top Finalist At Plainview Talent Show.

January 16 - Winter Blast Brings Snow

January 23 - Lady Matadors Win District Game Against Paducah - Will Compete In District Play-offs.

February 4 - Motley County Heart Fund Campaign Now Underway.

February 13 - Lady Matadors Win District

February 20 - Chamber Elects New Officers and Directors.

January First Brings Taxing Time of Year

COLLEGE STATION -- This time of year usually brings about fond memories of family...and not so fond memories of taxes due. However, if there is one thing to be thankful for, it is that Texans enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the United States.

If you compare per capita (how much tax the average person is paying) or the average tax per thousand dollars of income, Texans rank about 35th in the nation, said Dr. Judith Stallmann, economic development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "So that makes it a fairly low tax state overall," Stallmann added.

The ranking is based on the amount of money each person pays to the state in terms of sales, property and other types of taxes. However, in the sales tax category, Texas' tax is comparatively high. It is six and a quarter cents on the dollar. Local governments can add another two cents to that.

"When you take it up to eight and a quarter because of some of the local options, that's getting up there pretty high," Stallmann said.

Stallmann is one of the authors of a new Extension bulletin that chronicles taxation in Texas and explains how the different taxes work. It addresses the fairness and effect of taxes on people of different incomes.

Also, it addresses whether a tax provides adequate revenue or it has to be constantly readjusted to get the revenue that's needed for the basics of government.

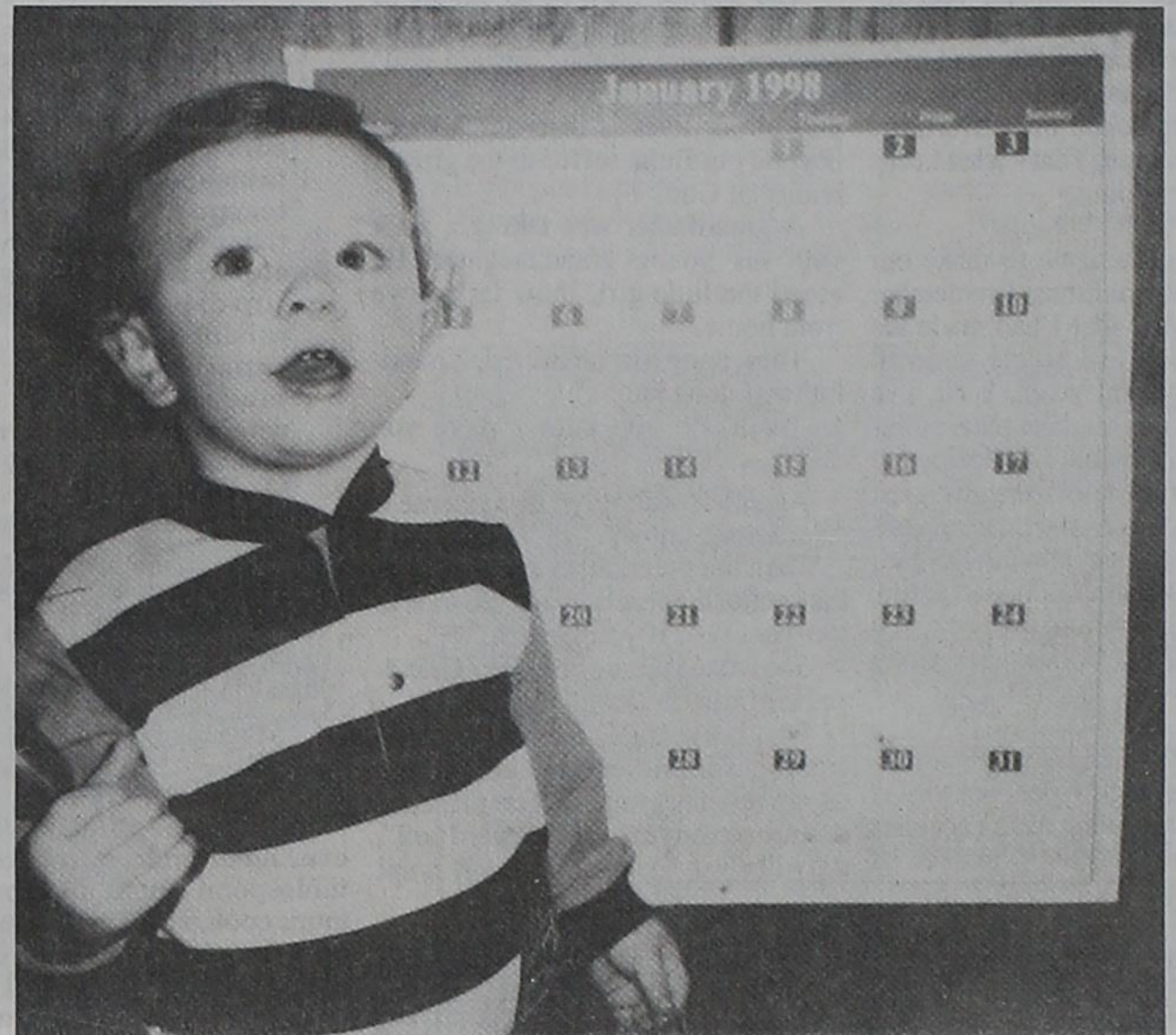
The bulletin addresses how easy a tax is to administer. For instance, the corporate franchise tax is complicated.

It's either a tax on net worth or it's a tax on what is called earned surplus which is basically profits and the salaries of executives. Businesses have to calculate that tax both ways and then they have to pay the higher of the two," she explained.

That is one tax Stallmann expects the legislature to consider revising. Currently, the state is holding hearings to evaluate Texas' tax laws.

Stallmann also expects Texans to pay more in fees and licenses. There is a nationwide trend toward increased

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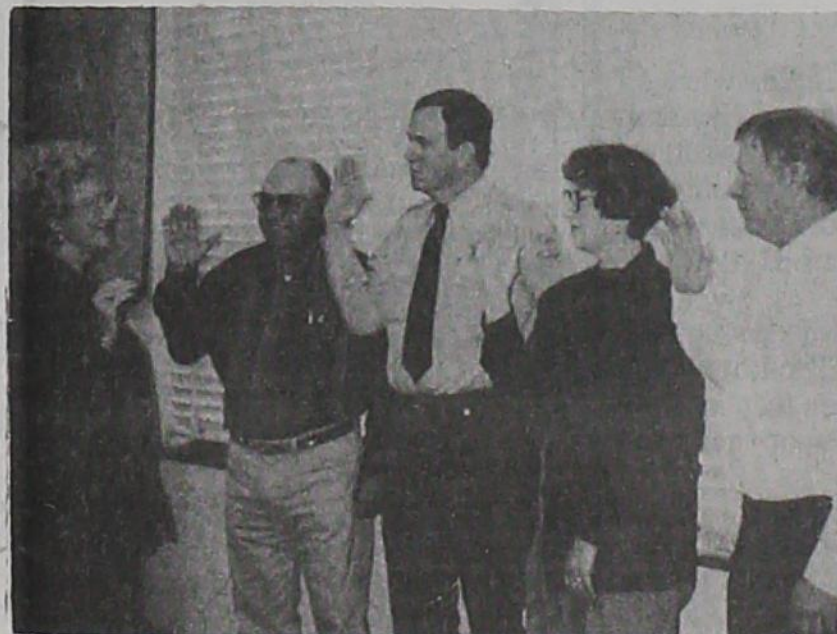


CHANGING THE CALENDAR -- Seth Baxter reminds you to change your calendar Thursday, January 1, when the New Year, 1998, begins. Seth is the 15-month-old son of Don and Colleen Baxter of Dimmitt, formerly of Matador.

What Happened In 1997?

- February 27 - Recollections of a Historical Home.
- March 6 - 57th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Saturday
- March 13 - Fire Burns 300 Acres Near Roaring Springs
- March 20 - Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet to be held Tuesday
- March 27 - Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Will Sponsor Annual Egg Hunt
- April 3 - Candidates File for Local Elections
- April 10 - One Act Play Cast Competes at Zone
- April 17 - Library Receives Grant
- April 24 - New Street Signs
- May 1 - Six Motley County High School Girls Will Vie for 1997 Lions Queen
- May 8 - Motley County 4-H Clubs Will Sponsor Mini-Olympics
- May 15 - Students, Teachers Honored at Third Annual Academic Banquet
- May 22 - Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Members
- May 29 - Motley County Graduates to Receive Diplomas
- June 5 - Lottery Proceeds Could Benefit Cities
- June 12 - FFA Members Honored
- June 19 - The Name of Shannon Davidson is Etched Into Motley County History
- June 26 - Endurance Riders Race Through Motley County
- July 3 - Artist Bob McCullin of Morton Begins Work on Murals
- July 10 - Motley County Jr. Rodeo To Kick-off Friday
- July 17 - Motley County Tribune Honored
- July 24 - Motley County ISD to Receive \$83,000 Technology Grant
- July 31 - Voters to Decide on Property Tax Amendment
- August 7 - Local FFA Members Attend State Convention.
- August 14 - Third Annual Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet A Success
- August 21 - Johnny Stevens Receives 1997 Trail Blazer Award
- August 28 - 74th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion
- September 4 - Third Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion Draws Big Crowd
- September 11 - Homecoming 1997 Bonfire, Pep Rally Will Usher In 1997 Homecoming
- September 18 - School Board
- September 25 - New Laws Could Alter Teen Car Privileges
- October 2 - Recent Donations Made To Ambulance Funds - Motley County Receives \$10,000.
- October 9 - Fire Prevention Week - Motley County Elementary Students Get Close-up View of Motley County Fire Truck
- October 16 - 4-H'ers Honored at Annual Banquet
- October 23 - Drug Program Presented at School In Observation of Red Ribbon Week
- October 30 - TxDOT Celebrates 80 Years of Tradition and Dedication
- November 6 - Salvation Army Starts Local Campaign
- November 13 - Nelda Laney To Speak at Library
- November 20 - American Education Week
- November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving
- County Bridge Replacement Aided by State Funds
- December 4 - Late Night Shopping
- December 11 - New Law Will Double Fines in Work Zones.
- December 18 - Merry Christmas! Matador City Council Finalizes Work for Landfill Acreage Purchase

JANUARY 1 - County Officials take oath of office.



JANUARY 30 - Lady Matadors to compete in play-offs!



JANUARY 3, 1957

Editor is Awarded Big Turkey Prize

"The Tribune had an unusual visitor a few days previous to Christmas. It was a 30 lb. turkey tom, turned loose in the front office of the newspaper plant. The turkey was a prize awarded editor Douglas Meador in a contest sponsored by the Matador colored school P.T.A. The turkey contest was designed to raise money for the purchase of basketball uniforms.

DECEMBER 15, 1960

Bob's Oil Well Again Re-Opened

A familiar landmark in Matador, Bob's Oil Well, was re-opened last week. The service station, located at the intersection of US 70 and State highway 70, is under the management of Clayton Thomas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Seymour, but formerly of Afton.

JANUARY 5, 1961

Animals Stolen From Nativity Scene At School

"Vandalism spread to the school grounds during the holiday season and resulted in the theft of animals from the nativity scene erected by eighth grade students."

January 12, 1961

Nativity Scene Materials Return

"As mysteriously as they departed, the nativity scene animals which were removed from the school campus during the Christmas holidays were returned."

TRAIL DUST

By
DOUGLAS MEADOR



Few things can make a man appear more untidy than an unlaced shoe.

★★★
The best way to avoid a mistake is to avoid doing anything.

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Blessings - When good fortune comes my way, breaking abruptly from the forbidding clouds of despair, as good fortune often does, I feel suddenly humble, and a prayer of thanks rises in my heart. For when I am honest with myself, I know I have received more than I deserve, which, perhaps, is the amount of blessings everyone receives.

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Warnings - The source of good may often be questionable. A full page whiskey advertisement begs its customers to be temperate. Which reminds me of my father's telling of a certain saloon owner in this country, when it belonged to the cowboy, who was conscientious despite the fact that he found the saloon business profitable. In bold letters over the door of his business was a sign, "This is the Road to Ruin". The sign did not say anything about the passage being only one way on the road.



by: Carla Meador

Happy New Year! I hope Christmas was a blessed and happy time for everyone. We loved having our precious little Morgan (and of course her parents) here, and watching Morgan's excitement and wonderment at her first Christmas. She would tear one piece of paper at a time from her packages and put each piece into her mouth. She's so much fun!

This week in the newspaper business is the most dreaded week, I think for all newspaper people, unless of course they are located in a city with lot's of businesses to run ads. There is usually not a lot of news to print, and the ads are very low. This kind of week makes it hard, but thank God there are better weeks. I think January is probably the slowest time of the year for most businesses, unless I guess, they are having a clearance sale, and sales must be good at that time.

We do appreciate our advertisers here at the Tribune. That's what keeps the newspaper going.

Well, it's time again to make our New Year's Resolutions. I remember writing last year that I had made the same resolution to lose the same 10 pounds for several years. Well, I've decided not even to make that resolution this year. Instead, I've decided to resolve to be more satisfied with myself the way I am. That's a lot easier. And I've resolved to become more organized and bring calm to my hectic life.

This little story from the book, *Tea Time With God*, kinda goes along with that.....

WHICH WAY IS UP?

"Some years ago a speedboat driver described a harrowing racing accident from which he managed to survive. He

had been nearing top speed when his boat veered slightly, striking a wave at a dangerous angle. The combined force of his speed and the size and angle of the wave sent the boat flying into the air in a dangerous spin.

The driver was thrown out of his seat and propelled deeply into the water — so deep, he had no idea which direction was "up". He had to remain calm and wait for the buoyancy of his life vest to begin pulling him toward the surface to know where it was. Then he swam quickly in that direction.

Life can put us in a tailspin at times, making us wonder, "Which way is up?" We can lose our sense of direction and the focus which keeps us on course. How do we recover our bearings?

The answer may be as simple as that discovered by the speedboat driver: Stay calm and let the "upward pull" bring you to the surface the upward pull in our lives is that which looks beyond our finite selves to the greater reality of God.

A grandfather was taking a walk with his young granddaughter. He asked the little girl, "how far are we from home?"

The young girl answered, "Grandfather, I don't know."

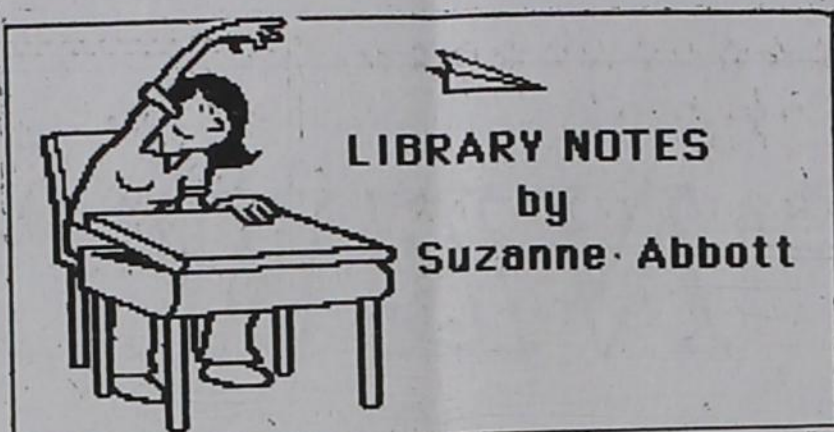
"Well, do you know where you are?"

Again, seemingly unconcerned, "No, I don't know."

Then the grandfather said to her in his gentle, humorous way, "Sounds to me, honey, as if you are lost."

She looked up and said, "No, Grandfather, I can't be lost. I'm with you."

Our heavenly Father never loses sight of us and never leaves us. As long as we remain aware of His presence and are sensitive to His "upward pull", we will always know which way is up!



LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

A new video in the Library is the latest from the University of North Texas in Denton. This video gives an extensive overview of the university, and it will be helpful for those thinking about attending North Texas. The video is ready to be checked out.

We appreciate the donation by the Texas Farm Bureau through Tony Rose's office of a wonderful book about the Bureau. It is called *A Grassroots Heritage: Texas Farm Bureau's Six Decades of Service* and details the history of the organization. It also has

some wonderful photographs that will be enjoyed by everyone.

A new "chapter" book for youngsters is *Can You Keep A Secret?* by P.J. Petersen. Young readers just beginning to read "real" books with chapters instead of mostly pictures will enjoy this and other new books of the same type.

Georgia and I send Best Wishes for the New Year to every reader, and we want to remind you that...A Mind unemployed is a Mind unenjoyed.

Cooking Corner



APPLE-CRANBERRY WRAPS

Made with store-bought refrigerated biscuit dough, these tender, sweet wraps are a cinch to prepare.

Makes 8 wraps

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 Jonagold or Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries or raisins
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tube (17.3-ounce) refrigerated buttermilk biscuit dough (for large biscuits)



1. In large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add apples, 1 tablespoon sugar, and the cinnamon; cook, stirring frequently, 5 minutes. Add apricot preserves, dried cranberries, and water; cook, stirring, 4 to 5 minutes or until apple slices are tender. Remove from heat and cool.
2. Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease two baking sheets. Separate rounds of biscuit dough; flatten each round and roll out to a 6-inch round. Mound a scant 1/2 cup of apple mixture across center of each

round. Wrap dough around filling to enclose. Place wraps on baking sheets, seam side down, and sprinkle tops with remaining 2 teaspoons sugar. Bake 14 to 16 minutes or until golden brown.

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A NEW CALENDAR

What might the new year bring us? I am grateful that we can not know. I do know that we should live the new year one day at a time. Our Lord said in Matthew 6 and in verse 34, "...Each day has enough trouble of its own." Whatever the days of 1998 bring, we have comfort in God's promise: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

We can purpose in the new year to cultivate a desire for knowledge. A working knowledge of God's Holy Word. We want to know Him and His righteousness. We echo the words of the apostle Paul: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in death, and so, somehow, to Attain to the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3: 10-11).

No, we cannot know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. So, for the year that lies ahead, may "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Numbers 6: 24-26).

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Michael G. Crowley, Sr. Worship 9:00 a.m.

Storewide January Clearance SALE

STARTS FRIDAY, JAN. 2

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—Jean Anouilh

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Sunday - 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

JANUARY 2 - 8, 1998

TOMORROW NEVER DIES - PG 13
MOUSEHUNT - PG
SCREAM 2 - R
MR. MAGOO - PG

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
A 7:00 P.M. & 9:30 P.M. MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
A 4:30 MATINEE WILL BE SHOWN & A 7:00 P.M. MOVIE

Family and Consumer Sciences News

by Arla Felts,
Extension Agent

REMINISCENCE: An Important Task for Older Adults

All people anticipate future events and "think back through" their past experiences. Throughout life we draw upon events in the past to attempt to cope with the ever-changing realities in our world. We use past experiences to illuminate problems of the present. Reminiscence or life review is one of the primary tools for carving out who we are and what our existence means.

The two and half year old reminiscences about being a baby through pretending: "I'm a baby, I can't walk."

The older teenager reminisces about the dating game as an expert: "When I first started dating..."

Young parents review their social life before they become parents: "Remember the time we drove to Houston just for dinner?"

The middle-aged adult may recall the job promotion. "When they called me in for that interview, I was really nervous."

The older adult may spend time remembering a significant event: "During the depression..."

While the young child may be considered "cute," the older adult may be considered "a bore who dwells on the past." We tend to associate reminiscing in the aged as symptomatic of a problem rather than as the normal behavior it is. Many older people avoid talking about the past so others won't regard them as senile.

The research on reminiscing demonstrates that age may not be the main factor accounting for the amount of time a person spends reminiscing. Rather life situation or circumstances may be more significant, particularly during periods of stress or transition. In one study, the youngest residents of an institution were more likely to be oriented toward the past than were the oldest residents. Reminiscence may become a tool for adaptation to a present quite unlike one's past. Researchers have suggested that under such circumstances, the individual is forced to shift from the active role of mastering his environment to a more passive orientation that values the world of inner experience. Thus, reminiscence becomes a mechanism for coping with change.

Reminiscing with another person or in a group can be therapeutic because the process of sharing memories helps individuals achieve a sense of integrity and self worth. Reminiscing serves several functions for the older person including:

1. promoting self understanding;
 2. preserving personal and collective history;
 3. transcending the material world and physical limitations;
 4. allowing for identification of universal themes of humanity; and
 5. reinforcing coping mechanisms.
- Opening the door to the past can begin with such questions as: "Tell me about your family" or "Tell me about the work you've done during your life." Questions that are "open-ended" are the most useful in drawing out a person's thoughts. These questions can-

not be answered with a mere yes or no. They require greater elaboration which allows the listener or listeners to add experiences or ask additional questions.

The listener's own curiosity and genuine interest is the key to finding questions which draw out a person's thoughts and experiences. What is it that you would like to know about this individual? Are there common experiences such as marriage, work, the first car you owned, or the depression that can be discussed?

Reminiscing may focus on the person's life in great detail from the early years through the present. What is important to remember in opening these doors to the past is that not all memories will be pleasant. Be sensitive to those subjects that a person would rather not discuss. You may want to ask if the person wishes to continue talking about the subject another time. Respect the person's right to privacy, but on the other hand, be available if the person wants to reopen the subject. Confidentiality is very important to maintain. Gossiping with other residents or friends about a difficult point in a person's life will cause you to forfeit any trust you have gained.

Reminiscing can be a successful group activity. It can focus around a specific time period in the past or around such life experiences and events as birthdays, living on a farm, having children or favorite toys or games. Some pointers for working with a group are given below.

1. Provide a comfortable, warm, well-lit room with a minimum of extraneous noise. Use this room each time the group meets.
 2. Five or six participants is considered the ideal size for a reminiscing group. Include both men and women when possible.
 3. Ask relevant questions at important points in his/her story.
 4. Do not interrupt but wait for a natural pause.
 5. Provide time for each person to express him or herself as they desire.
 6. Phrase questions carefully so that if a person doesn't remember information, he or she will not lose face.
 7. Respect sensitive or uncomfortable areas or topics. Never push a person to "reveal" something they don't want to.
 8. Provide or ask participants to bring props to serve as catalysts in stimulating memories.
 9. Assist confused individuals (who may repeat) to focus on his or her thoughts by encouraging the selection and elaboration of a particular memory.
- Reminiscence groups may be either ongoing or for a limited time period. As the group comes to a close, the feelings of separation must be dealt with. Leaders of reminiscing groups may disclose their own sense of loss. They may emphasize that they will cherish memories of each individual and that they appreciate the sharing that has taken place.
- Reminiscence helps individuals sum up their life and put the various pieces in order. Through this process peace can be achieved.

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What's happening at school.....

Senior Spotlight
"Class of 1998"



Monica Clifton

Name: Monica Rae Clifton
 Nickname: Midget, Littlefoot
 Age: 18
 Birthdate: 12-14-79
 Place of Birth: Lubbock, Texas
 Parents Names: Larry & Deidra Clifton.
 Brothers & Sisters: Skylar Clifton
 Best advice ever received: Don't forget to check your blinker fluid.
 Worst advice ever received: We don't need 4-wheel drive, we can make it.
 If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be and why: I would've graduated last year.
 Most valuable possession: Friends and Family

Unforgettable Memory: Summer of '97.
 Favorite color: Hunter Green.
 Favorite Song: Push by Matchbox 20
 Favorite Movie: Son-In-Law (when I watch it with Beck & Tanya).
 Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: I wasn't late, the bell was early.
 Favorite hangout: Anywhere but Matador.
 Favorite style of clothes: CK's
 What I like most about high school: Being a Senior.
 Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: Sitting by Doyle Lee in the 6th grade.
 Most embarrassing moment: When Beck and I walked into a prom in our boxers.
 Advice to the underclassmen: If you think you want to do something, ask yourself what the worst result might be.
 Favorite saying or quote: "And I hold within my hands, grains of golden sand, how few, yet how they creep, through my fingers to the deep, while I weep, while I weep, Oh God! Can I not grasp than with a tighter clasp? Oh God! Can I not save one from the pitiless waves? Is all that we see or seem but a dream within a dream?" Edgar Allen Poe.
 Plans After High School: Attend Texas Tech.

Local Graduates Win Honors at Clarendon College

CLARENDON, Texas -- Clarendon College's annual Favorites awards were given out at the Winter Ball on December 2. Sponsored by CC's Student Senate, the honors range from Most Academic to Most Mischievous.
 1997 Motley County High School Graduates receiving awards were Dodie Morris, Most Spirited Girl and Freshman Favorite; Kasey Parks, Cowgirl of the Year; and Darryn Perryman, Cowboy of the Year.
 Dodie is the daughter of Billy and Pam Morris of Flomot. Kasey is the

daughter of Harold and Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs. Darryn is the son of Linda Perryman of Matador.
 A two-year public community college, Clarendon College will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1998. Clarendon College is located in the Texas Panhandle and boasts an enrollment of 900 students. Currently, CC offers 35 majors and six workforce education programs at its campuses in Clarendon, Pampa, Childress, Wellington and Shamrock. For more information about Clarendon College, please call (806) 874-3571.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 6 - Spur, here, 4:00 p.m.
 Jan. 9, * Valley, here, 4:00 p.m.
 Jan. 10, Valley JV Tourn,
 Jan. 13, * Crowell, there, 4:00
 Jan. 16, * Chillicothe, here, 4:00
 Jan. 20, Silvertown, there, 4:00
 Jan. 23, * Paducah, here, 4:00
 Jan. 27, * Valley, there, 4:00
 Jan. 30, * Crowell, here, 4:00
 Feb. 3, * Chillicothe, there, 4:00
 Feb. 6, OPEN
 Feb. 10, * Paducah, here, 4:00
 * District 12-A Games

Have a good week!

No matter where you're headed, when you drink and drive any road could lead to a dead end. Statistics show that even one drink can impair judgement and reflexes, so all it takes is one driver who's had one drink to set the scene for tragedy. Make sure your holiday season has a happy ending. If you plan to drink, ask a friend to drive or travel by taxi. We want you to have a safe and happy New Year.

It's the End of the Road

DON'T DRINK... AND DRIVE

Motley County Tribune

SPORT REPORT

track, football, weightlifting, tennis, golf, tennis, cross-country, weightlifting, basketball, tennis, football, track, weightlifting, tennis, golf, tennis, cross-country, weightlifting, basketball, tennis, football

Jr. High Girls Win Over Crowell

The 7th grade girls basketball team won over Crowell, December 8, defeating them 22-14. Chasity Holman was leading scorer with 12 points. Others adding to the score were Lacy Carson, 5; Brittany Donaldson, 4; and Brittany Moore, 1.
 The 8th grade girls also won over Crowell, with a final score of 28-20. Lisa Taylor led in scoring with 17 points. Others scoring were Courtney Hays, 6; Shandra Jones, 2; Leslie Taylor, 2; Kayla Copp, 1.
 The Lady Matadors got a big win

over Lakeview, December 9, with a final score of Motley County 81 and Lakeview 30.
 Tonie Bowden was leading scorer with 26. Margaret Mangram added 22; Kandi Keltz, 9; Kim Ashley, 8; Kristi Williams, 7; Blair Thacker, 5; and Jill Stanley, 4.
 Tonie was also leading rebounder with 17. Kim grabbed 10 and Margaret, 9.
 The team was 83% from the line, Margaret and Kandi were both 100% from the stripe. Kandi led in assists with 7. Tonie had 10 steals while Jill had 4.
 The Lady's competed in a tournament at Lockney December 11-13. There first game was with Lorenzo. The Ladies came up short, losing the game, 40-57.
 Tonie led in scoring, putting in 23 points. Margaret added 6; Blair, 4; Kandi, 4; and Jill, 3.
 Kandi was leading rebounder with 10. Margaret grabbed 9. and Tonie, 8. Tonie had 4 assists; Blair, 3; and Kandi, 3. Ashley led in steals with 3.

The Ladies also lost to Rosevelt in the tournament, 32-61. Kandi and Tonie led in scoring with 10 each. Margaret added 7; Blair, 2; Jill, 2; and Kristi, 1.
 Margaret led in rebounds with 11. Tonie had 4, and Kandi, 3.
 Kandi was 80% from the line and 60% from the floor. Margaret had 4 steals and forced 5 turnovers. Blair had 3 steals and 3 FTO's.
 The Ladies won their game with Plainview Christian Academy, with a final score of 71-53.
 Tonie led in scoring with a big 41 points. Kandi added 10; Margaret, 8; Kristi, 7; Ashley, 3; and Nesa, 2.
 Leading rebounder was Tonie with 16. Margaret grabbed 8.
 Tonie hit 17 of 24 from the line for 71%. Nesa was 100% from the floor. Blair assisted her teammates 8 times. Kristi and Jill each stole the ball 6 times.
 The girls placed 7th in the tournament.

January Clearance Sale
50% off
 All Fall Merchandise
 Sale Starts Saturday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.
Guys & Gals
 Downtown Matador

SPC Spring Registration Dates Set

LEVELLAND -- Registration dates for the spring 1998 semester have been announced by South Plains College.
 Registration dates for the SPC Levelland campus, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, are Jan. 15 for both day and evening registration.
 Spring registration dates for the SPC Lubbock campus, 1302 Main in Lubbock, are Jan. 14 for returning students and Jan. 15 for new students.
 Sign-up is Feb. 23-24 for the spring

session at the SPC Reece Center, 9421 W. 4th St. in Lubbock.
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MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	98 AUGUST 31 1997	
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	690,301	190,211	880,512
5800	State Program Revenues	851,617	8,681	860,298
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	226,505	226,505
5020	Total Revenues	\$1,541,918	\$425,397	\$1,967,315
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	933,603	203,587	1,137,190
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	64,271	117,280	181,551
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	193,154	130,782	323,936
0040	Administrative Support Services	127,039	1,223	128,262
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	199,296	6,642	205,937
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	30,294	-	30,294
6030	Total Expenditures	\$1,547,656	\$459,514	\$2,007,170
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(5,739)	(34,116)	(39,855)
7020	Other Resources	1,385	-	1,385
8030	Other (Uses)	-	-	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(4,353)	(34,116)	(38,470)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	747,448	190,666	938,114
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(10,354)	(14,270)	(24,624)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$732,741	\$142,279	\$875,020



Farm & Ranch News



North West Texas Cotton Conference Jan. 22

Cotton producers and those in allied industries across the Northern Rolling Plains will have an opportunity to get the latest information on cotton production and marketing, the battle against the boll weevil, and new technology in the cotton industry at the North West Texas Cotton Conference on January 22.

Information tailored to the specific concerns of this area will be presented at the conference. Counties included in the conference will be Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Hall and Motley. The program will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The registration

fee of \$5 includes lunch. There will be 4.5 hours of CEU's given to private, non-commercial and commercial applicators.

The status and progress of new technology will be presented by Dr. James Supak, associate department head and Extension Service program leader in the soil and crop sciences department at Texas A&M University. Dr. Todd Baughman, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist at Vernon will discuss old and new techniques and materials for weed control.

Marketing strategies will be explained by Stan Bevers, Extension Service economist and marketing specialist at Vernon. Setting an early crop will be the topic of J.C. Banks, Extension Service cotton specialist at Oklahoma State University.

Insect management will be the focus of presentations after lunch. Basics of boll weevil life cycle and development will be presented by Emory Boring, Extension Service entomologist from Vernon. Noel Long, local producer, will give an update on the 1997 boll weevil diapause program in Childress and Hall counties.

Experience with the diapause program in the St. Lawrence area will be reported by Warren Multer, Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agent serving Glasscock, Reagan and Upton counties. An update on the boll weevil eradication program in Texas will be given by Dr. Tom Fuchs, Extension entomologist and IPM coordinator, from San Angelo. Boring will discuss management of cotton insects.

For additional information on the conference call Michael Lee, County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Motley County at 347-2733.

Farm Bureau Among Most Powerful

The American Farm Bureau Federation was recently cited by *Fortune* magazine as one of the nation's most powerful lobbying groups.

AFBF was ranked 17th and the only agricultural organization mentioned in the list of the top 25 interest groups. The ranking was done following a survey conducted by the magazine by two polling firms.

Recipients of the *Fortune* poll were asked to assess the importance of a list of lobbying techniques and to rank the clout in Washington of the top 120 politicians or pretend that a last minute deluge of phone calls constitutes a groundswell," *Fortune* said.

The magazine said the leading groups use proven techniques: delivering straight facts to lawmakers, having active allies in a congressional district, mobilizing grassroots action, and getting along well with politicians and their staffs. What doesn't always work, the article points out, is spend-interest groups, labor unions and trade associations. The questionnaires were answered by members of Congress, top staffers, senior White House aides and lobbyists.

An article in the Dec. 8 issue of *Fortune* notes that the most effective

groups are no longer marked by old stereotypes: fat, cigar-smoking men who shoved hundred-dollar bills into the pockets of lawmakers. "Their clout springs from the sincere support they get from the voters back home, not from their ability to buy the right polling lots of money for or against members of Congress and for "hired gun" lobbyists.

AFBF President Dean Kleckner says recognition of Farm Bureau's influence on the political system is nothing new, and that the members deserve the credit. Farm Bureau's strong network of local, state and national offices and leaders is the envy of many organizations.

"We always rank at or near the top of virtually every study or graduate thesis that comes along," Kleckner said. "This is because of, and thanks to, our grassroots system. Farm Bureau informs and focuses America's farmers and ranchers of important legislative issues in a timely manner. Motivated volunteers do the rest, contacting their elected officials and explaining agriculture's position. When members of Congress or the administration or agency regulators hear from many of us, they listen and they act."

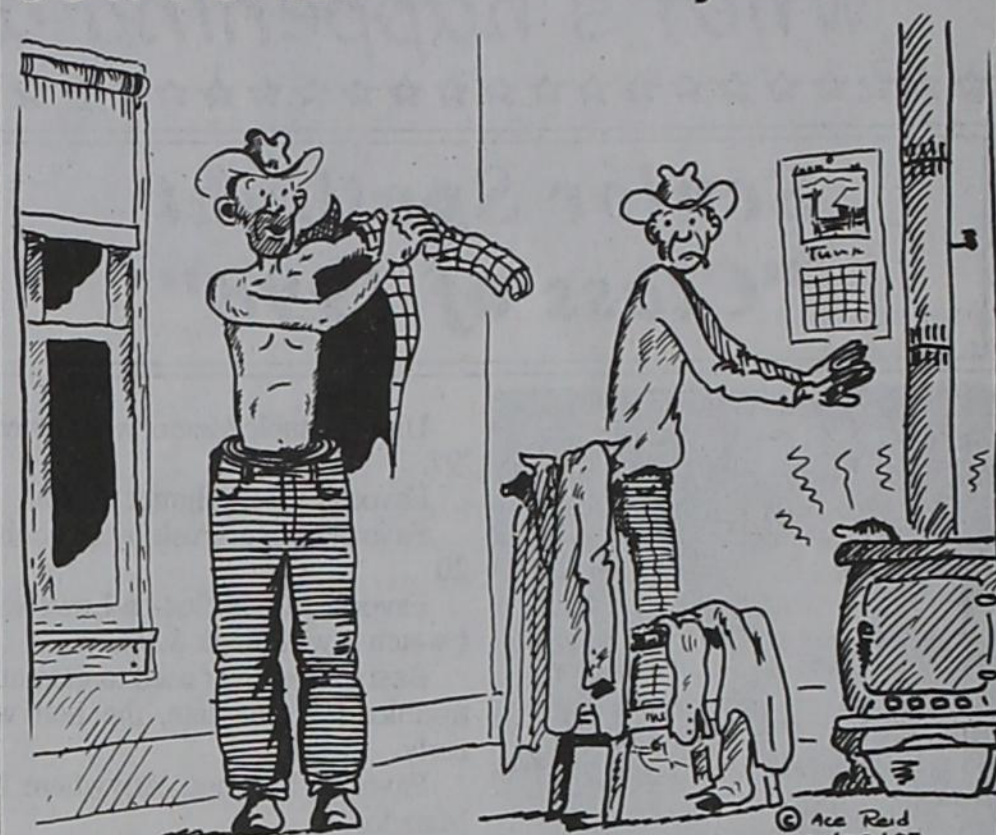
Richard Newpher, executive director of AFBF's Washington, D.C., office, said it is significant that Farm Bureau shares the *Fortune* list with such powerhouses as the American Association of Retired Persons, the AFL-CIO and the Association of Trail

Lawyers—especially considering the vast financial resources many groups have at their disposal.

"When you realize there are 10,000 registered lobbying groups and we're in the top 25, that's pretty good," he said.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"I probably can't ride that horse with all these clothes, but I'd rather git throwed off than freeze solid and fall off!"

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Safety Awarded at TxDot Banquet



TxDOT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS — Matador TxDOT employees receiving awards at their recent banquet were (l-r) Douglas Campbell, Harold Brown, David Blanco, Frank Ortiz, Shawn Elliott, Mary Marshall, Billy Osborn, Terry Simpson, Randy Martin, and Vaden Hays.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on November 21, 1997 at the Bairfield Activity Center in Clarendon, Texas. This banquet is held to recognize employees efforts in operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries for a period of one year.

Members of the Matador Maintenance Section who received an award were Douglas Campbell, David Blanco, Harold Brown, Shawn Elliott, Billy Osborn, Randy Martin, Frank Ortiz, Terry Simpson, and Vaden Hays.

Use Safety While Hunting!

ORTIZ AND BLANCO'S DRIVING SKILLS EARN TxDOT TRUCK ROADEO HONORS

Frank Ortiz and David Blanco, Maintenance Section for TxDOT Maintenance Office in Matador, drove away with the two highest points in their section at the District Truck Roadeo held in October.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Roadeo annually to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on two different tests. First, they are tested on how well they can spot safety defects on equipment. Then, they drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered



TRUCK ROADEO WINNERS — Frank Ortiz, left, and David Blanco, right receive awards as winners in the Truck Roadeo competition.

during a normal workday. This year Awards Banquet held in Childress, on Ortiz and Blanco received a special award at the Childress District Safety November 21, 1997.

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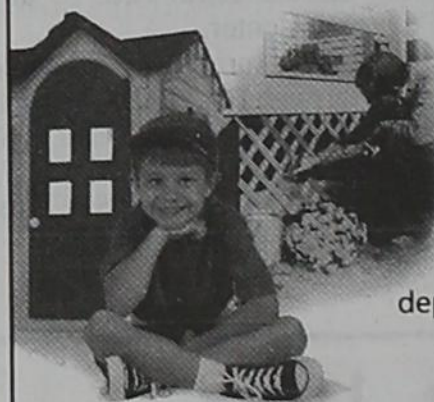
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Obituaries

Ralph L. Dockendorff

Funeral services for Ralph L. Dockendorff, 85, of Baytown, Texas, were held Saturday, December 27, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, officiated by Rev. Desmond Goonesekera. Burial followed at Cedarcrest Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Carol Dugas. He is survived by his wife Allie Fraweek Dockendorff of Baytown; a granddaughter, Samantha and Curtis Miller of Highlands; nieces, Dorothy and Stan Hanesworth of Houston, Frances and Ned Morris of Friday Harbor, WA; and a dear friend, Sharon D'Orsie of Houston. Pallbearers were Dewayne Lewellyn, John Henderson, Curtis Miller, and Stan Hanesworth.

Fannie McConic

Funeral services for Fannie McConic, 88, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Tommy Wilson, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Matador. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Homer Martin

Services for Homer L. Martin, 67, of Roaring Springs were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Broadway Church of Christ with Mike Crowley Jr. of Matador officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Martin died Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997 in University Medical Center. He was born Jan. 27, 1930 in Poolville. He moved to Lubbock from Parker County in 1944. He graduated from Lubbock High School and attended Lubbock Christian University. He was a member of the Church of Christ, and he led singing groups in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. He was a member of the Lubbock Men's Bowling Association, and he was president of the Roaring Springs Estates. He was a board member of the Roaring Springs Ranch, and he served in the Armed Forces.

Clyda Mitchell Nichols

Memorial Graveside Services for Clyda Mitchell Nichols will be held Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Mike Crowley, Minister of the Roaring Springs and Matador Church of Christ, will officiate the services.

A Note of Thanks

To the Lions Club and Community,

Thank you for making our Christmas so special. Your kindness is appreciated.

Cindy Moehringer & kids

The family of Mrs. Roxie Lewis wishes to let all the many people in the Roaring Springs area, who did numerous things to add quality to her life, know how very much we appreciate all of your thoughtful deeds. She wanted so much to remain in her home and your many thoughtful acts helped her fulfill this wish. The visits, meals, telephone calls and other kindnesses were things she prized and mentioned often to us. We appreciate the many kindnesses that were also extended to us, her family. Thank you all very much.

The family of Roxie Lewis

The Macedonia Baptist Church would like to thank everyone for participating in our Fund Raisers. We would like to express a special thank you to Rickey Lawrence and the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, Bob and Rosalene Davis, Carla Meador, Fred and Melanie Parson, Larry Hoyle, Seven Alexander, Myra Spears, the children of Helen Stevens - Shelly, Shane, Sondra, Sue, and Steve, E.E. Masters, and a very special thanks to Mrs. Charlene Smith Brittain and family whom have been a blessing to Macedonia for several years. The winner of the television was Bettye Stevens. May God bless you all.

Macedonia Baptist Church

I would like to thank all those who helped Grady when he was so ill, and those who provided so much comfort to me when he passed away. God Bless you all!

Mary Webb

Taxing Time

from page 1

fees and licenses. "An example of a fee or license that we're all familiar with is our driver's license, but there's hunting licenses as well," she said. College tuition is an example of a fee.

"We're beginning to rely more upon those as sources of revenues to run some specific services that the state provides," she said.

You can get a copy of Stallman's bulletin, "Texas Taxes: A Fact Book," through the Extension Service of logging onto Stallman's homepage on the Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics web site or by logging onto the Agricultural Communications web site.

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Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MEET

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met at the home of Lula Swim December 9, 1997 for their regularly monthly meeting and enjoyed a chili and stew supper.

The Volunteers have purchased an amplifier and speaker. It was voted that if anyone wants to rent the Community Center and that includes use of the Amplifier and speaker for \$50.00 per day. R.V. parking spaces will rent for \$10.00 per day and they have electricity, water and we do have a dump station. Any member of the Volunteer Club can be contacted for information on renting the building and the R.V. spaces.

A motion was made and approved that a RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION to express our gratitude to the HILLCREST FOUNDATION of Dallas, Texas for the \$20,000.00 grant we received for our building projects.

A list of 15 names were read by President Fletcher of the Shut-ins in Roaring Springs. Each Volunteer member volunteered to bring items for the bags to be delivered Thursday, December 18th. Members met at the home of Jerry and Patricia Green to fill and deliver the bags. Angel Tree gifts were delivered December 18.

At the January 13th regular meeting we will have a party at the home of J.N. & Darleen Fletcher for those who have been invited to join the Volunteers. We hope that you will attend.

Volunteers present were: J.N. & Darleen Fletcher, Kenneth & Suzanne Abbott, Walter & Jo Trammell, Jerry & Patricia Green, Bill & Lee Peacock, Grace Zabielski, Steve Byrd, Venita Sedgwick, Pearl Patten, Lula Swim, Dorothy Lee, Billie Clifton, and Ruby Hipp.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten during the Christmas holidays were Veda Kopecky from Palacios; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagen and Bryce from Quitaque; Jeff Burkes from McKleyn; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes, Afton; Angie Burkes, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen, Robert, Robyn, Jared, Darrin and Roger Browning from Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Matt and Micah, Lovington, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica, and Lisa of Boyd; local residents, Reba Burkes of Matador; Dudley and Brenda Allen of Roaring Springs. Also visiting on the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cook of Ememico, MO, Judd Cook of Branson and Kymberly and Kayla of St. Louis, MO.

Joyce Smith spent Christmas in Ruidoso, N.M. with her children Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Chad of Dallas.

Jerry and Kay Hill Goad of Euless visited Mary Webb Sunday afternoon. Kay is the daughter of Ala Kelly Hill. Mary's cousin, who was rearred in the Green home.

Louise Perryman bought the Joe Gipsen house here and her son, Bill Perryman from Dallas, has been remodeling it for her.

Visiting Venita Sedgwick over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon

McGee, Audie, and Katie Veal and children of Lake Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Sedgwick and children of Claude, Texas.

T.C. Sedgwick of Branson, MO, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cook of Ememico, MO, Judd Cook of Branson and his friends Kymberly and Kayla of St. Louis, MO.

Holiday and weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Palmer were Veda Kopecky of Palacios, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams and Timmy of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer and Josh of Eureka, Kansas, Bob, Trish, Shelby and Shanna Spikes of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer, Scotty and Miranda, and Nesa McFall of Matador, and local residents, James Jennifer, Dylan and Tye Adams, and Vera Mitchell.

Spending Christmas with Cleo Watson and Monty was Larry Watson of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Matador, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Barnes of Canyon. Ora Stonecipher spent Christmas in Lubbock with nieces and nephews. Bobby Price came to get her on Tuesday and Pennie Pitman returned her home, Saturday.

Veda Lou Kopecky of Palacios spent the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Vera Mitchell and visiting other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Jones spent the Christmas holidays in Roswell, N.M. with her parents and other family members.

Odessa Mullins spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins in Plainview Tuesday night. She spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, Eddy, Devin, Dilen and Chelsea, coming home Friday. She visited the Odell families in Samnorwood Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Darrow, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Darrow and April and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Odell, Brent, Kevin and David of Lubbock, Ross Odell, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Odell and Shelby of Dallas.

CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Joan and Jewel Lawrence celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 25th of December with a family dinner in their home. Attending was their son, Mike Lawrence of Dallas, and their daughter and her husband, Brenda and Elmer Ryan of Granbury; Arthur Alfero and Norma Peralta of Dallas; and Mary Webb of Roaring Springs.

On Saturday, their granddaughter Joey Johnson of Fort Worth visited, along with Debbie Mauldin of Fort Worth, Sue and Quannah Maxey, Jane Mason and Diane Graves of Post; Gary Lancaster, Wendy Lancaster, and Lorene Lancaster of Matador; Mary Webb and Jerry and Patti Green of Roaring Springs.

Jewel Lawrence, a Matador native, and the former Joan Green of Roaring Springs, were married on Christmas Day, 1947 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada by the Reverend Clifford Potts. They resided in Matador until 1956 when they moved to the Dallas area, and returned to their hometown to live when they retired in 1996. They have three children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bennie and J.J. Hughes of Nevada, Texas visited last weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Ricky. Guests in their home Christmas Eve were Mrs. Marsha Blake and Billy Don and Becky Hughes of Lubbock; Roger, Tiffany, Tara and Reagan of Floydada. Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Rickey and grandchildren, Tara and Reagan visited in New Deal with his sister and family, Thelma and J.C. Pierce.

Alvia Jo Calvert, Justin, Ashley and Christopher visited overnight Christmas Eve with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Leah Cruise, student at A&M WTU in Canyon, is visiting the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruise, Keane and Derrick. They were guests Christmas Eve in Matador of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Jones of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Newman of Spur; Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Martin and John, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanco, Jacob and Hayley, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador.

Loretta and Harry Race of Russellville, Arkansas visited from Dec. 23-26 with her uncle, Wilson Barton and aunt, Mrs. Kathryn King. The families visited in Jayton Christmas Day with John Barton at the Nursing Center and enjoyed touring Christmas decorations in Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined family members Christmas Eve in Matador at the Gwinn home in Matador. Those attending the festivities were Aly Gwinn and Betty Lynch of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of McAdoo; Charles Gwinn, Mrs. Reneigh Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Don Hurt, Emily and Annie of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and Cobey visited Christmas Eve and day in Silverton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lucken-

bach. Other guests were Mike Montague of Amarillo and Heather and Scott Blount of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Blount returned home with them to visit.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings during the holidays were Jill and Douglas Hall of Dallas; Kensey and Jane Jennings of Junction; Thad and Mindy Jennings of Waco; Denise and Tim Jennings, Matt Jennings Mary and Ted Jennings of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited Dec. 24-27 in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Amarillo, Dec. 21-26 with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Durnam and Kourtney. Kourtney returned home with her to visit.

Arriving Sunday to visit with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin, were Mrs. Carol Gilbreth, Susan and Kathy of Sundown. Visiting Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis and Kristy of Fritch and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador. Mr. Davis returned home, Sunday and his family remained to visit.

Kobbi Risser, student at U.T. of Arlington, met her mother and sister, Mrs. Elaine Risser and Kaci of Matador, and her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Dixon in Wichita Falls, Thursday, Dec. 18. Kaci returned to Arlington with Kobbi and visited until December 22 when they came to Matador for the holidays. The Risser family has visited during the holidays with Mrs. Dixon.

Visiting during the holidays with Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Warren Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long of Winnewood, Okla.; Phyllis and Ronda Gladson of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and children of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey and Vanessa, L.T. Starkey of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cykert of Lockney; Tanya and Jackie Starkey of Wellington and Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert visited overnight Christmas in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock and Alvia Jo Calvert of Dumas.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson visited Christmas Day in Paducah with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones. Other guests were Jim Jones of St. Louis, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Steve McClure of Lubbock.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited overnight Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Aleda Elaine. The Tom Ross family visited in Olton Christmas Day with his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Carson and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Straw, Whitney, Aven and Sawyer of Hale Center, Harold Dean Carson of Olton and Mrs. Jan Whitner of Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, her sister, Mrs. Melba Jo Shelton and his father, H.G. Hunter of Lubbock and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter, Greg and Ross of Midland were guests Dec. 26 of daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Carter of Lubbock. En route home Mr. and Mrs. Hunter visited overnight in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. John Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd and Jason of Memphis visited Christmas Eve with his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd. Guests at a family dinner Christmas night in the home of Mrs. Tommie Cruse were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor and Tory of Silverton; Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Cruse of Lelia Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Seward and Allison of Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton, Monica and Skylar of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse, Roegan and Talon of Flomot.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

May God bless you with the gift of hope, triumph, humor, harmony and peace in 1998.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mrs. Kathryn Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Martin of Iraan; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Newman of Spur; Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Martin and John, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanco, Jacob and Hayley, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leland Martin and daughter Ruth accompanied their mother and grandmother, Dora Farrar of Denton to visit her sister, Cora Hall, en route to visit his mother and dad in Slaton. On Sunday, Mr. Paul Farrar came for a short visit to accompany his wife Dora, home.

During the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green had all of their children and grandchildren, Dr. and Mrs. Tim Green, Jolie and Jordan of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Scoggins, Allison and Emily of Roundrock; Virginia of Whiteface; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Green and Katy of Keller, Adam of Roswell, N.M., who is in the Military Academy, a friend, Greg Shelly from Canyon, who attends WTU. Drop-in visi-

tors were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simmons and Hayden, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green.

Lucretia Campbell visited her daughters and families in Dallas for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Michale Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todd.

Visiting Mrs. Winifred Darsey for Christmas were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevens of Dallas.

Visiting Mrs. Irene Welling for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welling of Amarillo, Scott Welling of Canyon, Gary Welling and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne James of Dallas.

Gary Campbell of Kansas City, MO visited with his father, Forest Campbell, for Christmas.

Paige Williams Barnes Receives Masters Degree



Paige Barnes

Paige Williams Barnes received a Master of Education Degree in Special Education, Educational Diagnostician, from West Texas A&M University on Friday, December 19th. Commence-

ment exercises were held in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Those in attendance were her husband, Bryan, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams.

Paige is a 1990 graduate of Motley County High School, and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University, and is currently employed by Rolling Plains S.S.A. in Matador as an educational diagnostician serving seven area schools.

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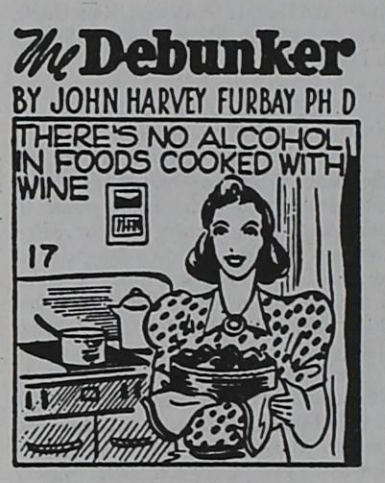
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