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2000 FOOTBALL SWEETHEART — Rebecca Morris, a Senior at Motley County High School, was crowned the 2000 Motley County Football Sweetheart before last Friday night's game. She is the daughter of Billy and Pam Morris of Flomot. She was escorted by Brandon Lee, also a senior at MC High School.

2000 Homecoming celebration brings Matador exes home

Matador and Motley County exes descended on Matador last weekend for the 2000 Homecoming celebration. The bi-annual event kicked off on Thursday night with the big bonfire and pep rally. Motley County fans circled the big vacant lot near the VFW Memorial/4-H building and surrounded the bonfire makings, as they awaited the arrival of the Motley County Matadors, cheerleaders and pep club members. The football team, arriving by firetruck, were on fire with Matador spirit and cheered senior team members on as they set the 2000 bonfire ablaze.

Motley County cheerleaders, Ashley Stevens, Rebecca Morris, Courtney Hays, Brooke Decker and Mandi Ream, and MC Mascot Cassie Campbell, led the roaring crowd in a number of cheers as they watched the flames burn. The evening ended with the singing of the school song.

Friday was a big day, with registration and a pep rally at school that

afternoon. Senior, Rabeca Morris, was crowned the 2000 Motley County Football Sweetheart, in a ceremony held before the game. Other candidates were seniors, Ashley Stevens and Brooke Decker; junior, Courtney Hays; and freshman, Mandi Ream. The Motley County Matadors fought a hard battle that night but lost to the Lorenzo Hornets.

Saturday's activities started early that morning with registration, a coffee and visiting at the school. A delicious barbecue lunch was held at noon, and the Homecoming program started at 2:30 p.m. in the gym. Motley County ex, Ed D. Smith, was master of ceremonies for the program and kept the crowd laughing with his delightful, humorous style. President Reneigh Burns gave a welcome and read the minutes of the 1998 program.

Officers were elected for the 2002 celebration as follows: Tonya Price, class of '92, President; Jim Watson, class of '55, Vice-President; Kim Fletcher, class of '78, Secretary; Evelyn Garrison, class of '46, Treasurer; Reneigh Burns, class of '82 past president; and directors, Geraldine Key, class of '49; Cora Smallwood, class of '53; Barbara Armstrong, class of '63; and Dana Graham, class of '77.

Classes celebrating reunions were recognized. Don T. Martin of New Mexico was recognized as the earliest teacher; Algie Groves of Roaring Springs, earliest graduate; and Grace Kimbell O'Bannon of Colorado, greatest distance traveled. Mrs. Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell of Matador was elected Homecoming Queen, and Jake Edwards, now of Lubbock, was elected Homecoming King.

The "Rowdy Bunch", a group of Matador/Motley County exes, entertained the group with a wonderful medley of songs, from country and western to jazz. The group, consisting of Kelly Keltz, Brandt Bearden, Gerald Pipkin, Billy Donaldson, Lee Smith and Pat Seigler are a very talented group of men who enjoy playing and singing in their spare time. The "Bunch" led the crowd in singing the MCH School Song to end the 2000 Homecoming program.

Although Homecoming activities will take place next year, the next Saturday Homecoming program will be held during the celebration in 2002.



MATADOR FANS — Mattie Brooks and Leighan Talamentez were showing their Matador spirit during the Homecoming Bonfire last Thursday night. Mattie, 2 1/2, is the daughter of Tim and Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs, and Leighan, 3, is the daughter of J.J. and Lou Ann Talamentez of Matador.



HONORED AT HOMECOMING PROGRAM — Receiving recognition at the 2000 Homecoming program held last Saturday at the MC high school gym were, (left to right) Don T. Martin, earliest teacher; Jake Edwards, Homecoming King; Lucretia Estes Campbell, Homecoming Queen; and Algie Groves, earliest graduate.



THE 'ROWDY BUNCH' — This group of 'rowdy' men performed at the Homecoming program, held last Saturday afternoon. They are pictured left to right, Gerald Pipkin, at keyboard; Kelly Keltz, guitar; Brandt Bearden, drums; Billy Donaldson, guitar; Lee Smith, guitar; and Pat Seigler, guitar.

Commissioners meet in public hearing

The Motley County Commissioners Court was in session for the public hearing of the 2000-01 FY budget, Monday, September 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

Attending the meeting were County Judge, Laverna M. Price; Commissioners John M. Russell, Donnie L. Turner, Franklin Jameson, J.N. Fletcher; and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Jameson.

The 2000-01 FY budget was reviewed. The motion was made by

Commissioner Fletcher and seconded by Commissioner Russell, to adopt the 2000-01 FY budget as reviewed. Commissioners Russell, Turner and Fletcher voted FOR; Commissioner Jameson OPPOSED. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fletcher and seconded by Commissioner Russell, to set and adopt tax rate of \$0.79 for the year of 2000. Commissioners Russell, Turner, Jameson and Fletcher voted FOR the tax rate.

MC Booster Club to meet Monday

The Motley County Booster Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2000, in the Motley County School cafeteria. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. Plans will be made for the upcoming Halloween Carnival and the booth the club will sponsor.

The Booster Club is very busy this year, with several wonderful projects. Booster Club members are in charge of home game concessions stands. This is a big job! It has proven successful and profitable, but there are still three home games, and volunteers are needed to work.

If you haven't noticed already, take the time to look at "The Matador" on the sign in front of the football field. Pam Morris has done a wonderful job of painting a new sign. She is always so willing to do whatever is asked of her: she is appreciated very much. Everyone's participation is needed to have a successful year and to sponsor a great All-Sports Banquet and All-Night Party for the Motley County students. It takes a lot of hard work and money to sponsor these projects. Without your help, the Motley County Booster Club could not be successful.

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

Northfield Homecoming set for October 7

The 38th Annual Northfield Homecoming has been set for Saturday, October 7. The celebration will begin with registration at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

Kids' Praise set for October 4

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, October 4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all!

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of First Baptist Church, Matador.

DEC visit deemed a success at Motley County ISD

The District Effectiveness and Compliance (DEC) monitoring visit conducted by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) during the week of September 12, was a successful event, according to Superintendent Rick Copp.

The TEA team monitored all the special programs offered at Motley County ISD. These programs include Special Education, Career and Technology Education (CATE), Title I-Part

A, Title-Part C (Migratory Students), Title I-Part D, Title II-Part D (Dwight D. Eisenhower Math and Science), Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities), Title VI (Innovative Education Programs and Class Reduction), Title VII-Part C (Immigrant Education), Gifted/Talented Education, Optional Extended Year, Pre-Kindergarten Notification, and State Compensatory Education. All programs were evaluated for meet-

ing both state and federal guideline compliance and found to be in full compliance. Several programs received recognition from the TEA team.

According to Mary Kinkel, team leader for the TEA team, "All programs are in full compliance with all state and federal guidelines. The CATE (Career and Technology Education) program is an exceptional

program that other school programs should use as an example. The leadership shown by the CATE program instructors, consisting of Jim Cooper, Shelley Cox, Jan Jones, and Cathy Turner, are to be commended."

She also stated, "The work of Karen Davis, Nova Dell Turner, Wanda Kilmer, Gayle Stafford and Gail Ream was very evident through

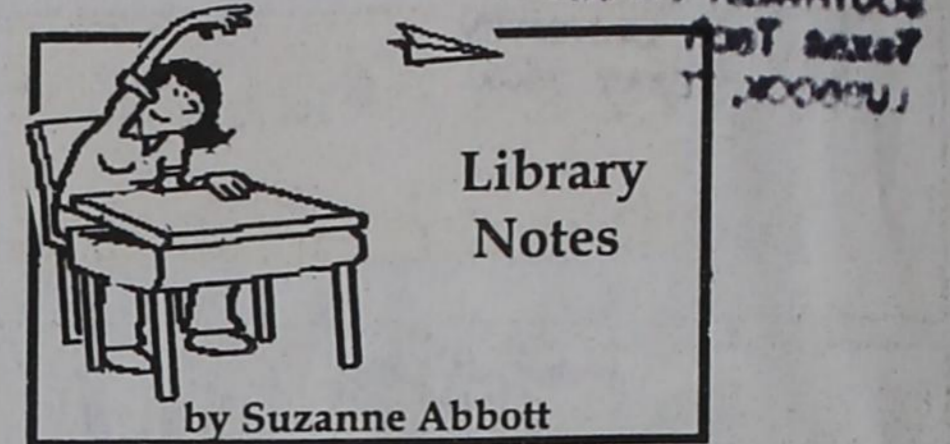
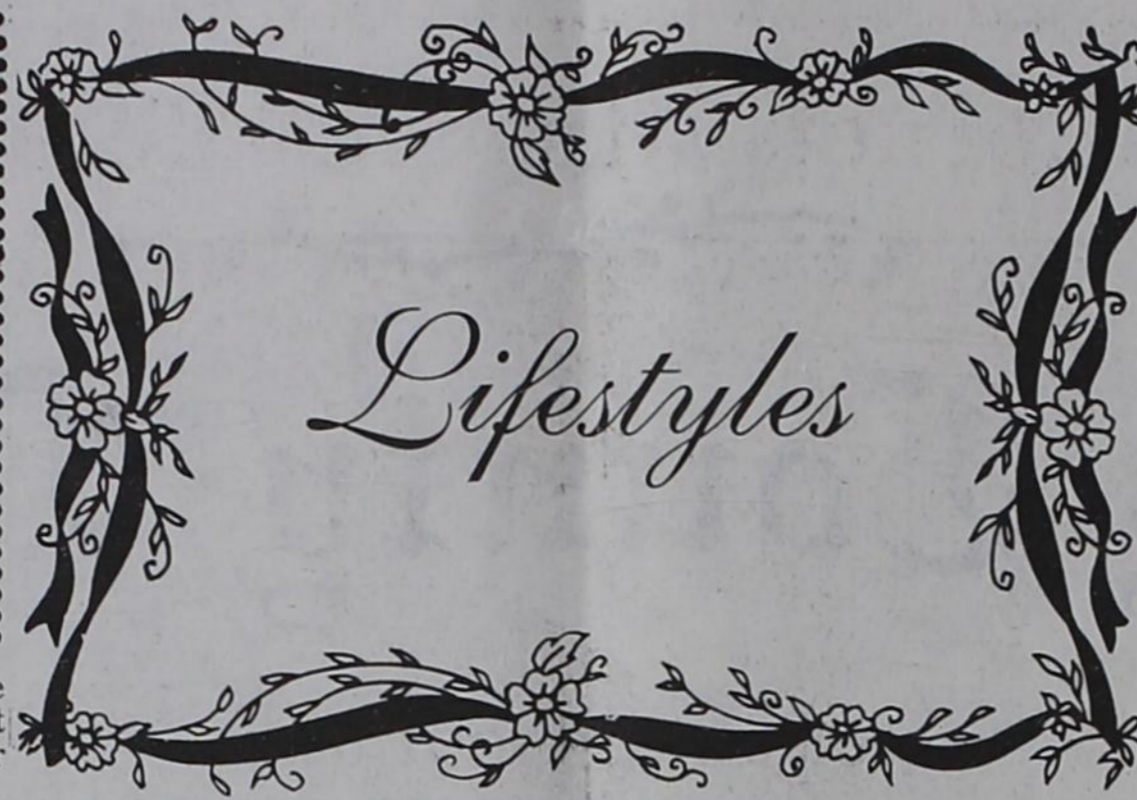
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A friend of mine brought this by to the office the other day. It really touched me and brought tears to my eyes. I immediately knew I wanted to share it with my readers, so here it is, get your kleenex out, and take it to heart, because we really never know ...

If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray that the Lord, your soul to keep.
 If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.
 If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.
 If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.
 If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,
 Well, I'm sure you'll have many more, so I can let this one slip away. For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right.
 There will always be another day to say our "I love you's," and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"
 But in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike.
 And today may be the last chance to get to hold your loved one tight...
 So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
 For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss.
 And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be one last wish.
 So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,
 Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear,
 Take time to say: "I'm sorry." "Please forgive me." "Thank you."
 "It's okay."
 And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.



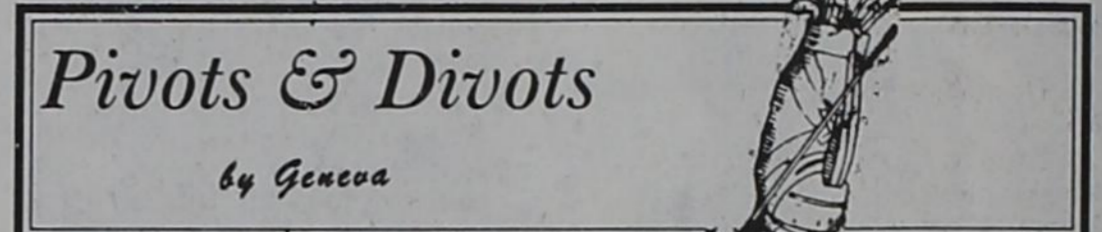
Computer for sale! The Library is holding a silent auction to sell one of its used computers. Come in to see and bid on this Compaq computer — you might get a bargain. The auction will go from Monday, September 25 to Friday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. The one who has the highest bid at that time will be the proud owner of this fine computer.
 We thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donation to the Library in memory of Pauline Hand. We also appreciate the donation by Rita and Algie Groves in memory of Pauline Hand, Forrest Campbell and Delbert Perryman. We also thank Rusty Birchfield and L.V. Damron for their donation to the Library in memory of Pauline Hand. Remembering the Library with these donations is a thoughtful way to make a lasting memorial to these special people.
 We received some of our new furniture last week and, of course, it had to be put together. We thank Charley Johnson, D.A. McGuire, and Kenneth Abbott for performing this chore for us.
 The Library received a new genealogy book this week. It was donated by the author, Charlene Raglin Parks. It is entitled *The Garrisons of West Texas: Five Generations of Claiborn and Martha Ann*. We thank Mrs. Parks for this donation, and we also appreciate Evelyn Garrison's bringing it to us.
 Don't forget the Texas Capitol Ornament sale by the Friends of the Library.

El Progreso Club begins Fall season with September meeting

by Winifred Darsey

The El Progreso club met September 14 at the Senior Citizens center to begin its fall season, to welcome a new slate of officers for the ensuing year, and preview the upcoming year.
 The officers are Jeanne Adams, president; Dorothy Day, vice-president; Loys Campbell, secretary-treasurer; and Beverly Vinson, reporter.
 Mrs. Jeanne Adams assumed her office, welcomed two new members and began her duties as president. Her theme for the year is "Texas, Our Texas." It will cover many programs and projects on Texas and its varied and colorful history.
 The club had a called meeting September 6 at the home of Loys Campbell, past president. The yearbook and programs for the year were planned, and a project was adopted for the year.
 The project, to sponsor the rebuilding of the storage building at the East Mound Cemetery, was successful at the onset. The building is now completed and ready for use. The club is grateful to the donors who gave the means to rebuild.
 El Progreso Club has a new project: to aid Motley County Library in marking its ten thousand books to be listed on the newly donated com-

puters, obtained through a grant to the library.
 Loys Campbell was program leader for the day and introduced Gerri Jones, who gave a very interesting program on Texas Traditions. Mrs. Jones gave several, but the tradition of the bluebonnets, Texas state flower, was most outstanding and revealed how the flower got its name and other details.
 Grace Campbell gave a report on the Texas Federation, its upcoming workshop and state of affairs.
 Loys Campbell gave the inspirational thought by leading the club creed.
 The officers honored the club's new president with a tea, serving it from a beautifully decorated tea table, with white cloth and twin flower arrangements of red, white and blue carnations.
 The finger foods served were delicious, an assortment of hor's d'oeuvres, cookies, nuts, mints and spice cake. Mrs. Adams presided at the punch bowl.
 Members present were Jeanne Adams, Grace Campbell, Loys Campbell, Lucretia Campbell, Dorothy Day, Jo Ann Dickson, Marge King, Billie Koon, Ruby McBride, Gerry Jones, June Jennings and new members Opal Pipkin, Jerry Watson and Winifred Darsey, reporter problem.



2000 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
 Sept. 16 & 17
 Kenneth Marshall, with a score of 138, and LaVoe Thacker, with a score of 156, were declared the winners in the Club Championship competition, held Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17.
 Men's "Regular" winners were Kenneth Marshall, 1st, with a score of 138, and Robert Osborn, 2nd, with a score of 150.
 "Senior" winners were Jim Craig, 1st, with a score of 141, and Charlie Long, 2nd, with a score of 144.
 "Super Senior" winners were Jake Goodson, 1st, with a score of 168, and Buzz Thacker, 2nd, with a score of 171.
 Ladies "Regular" winner was Kay Bingham, 1st, with a score of 166.
 "Senior" winner was Dot Grundy, with a score of 190.
 "Super Senior" winner was LaVoe Thacker with a score of 156.
 Closest to the Pin on #3 green on Saturday was Kay Bingham, 8' 1".
 Closest to the Pin on #6 green, Sunday was Keith Dotson, 8'.
 Congratulations to all!
LADIES PLAYDAY
 September 21
 Eighteen-hole players (Scotch Twosome, draw for partners) were Olivia Barton and Geneva Wilson; LaVoe Thacker and Louise Barton. Olivia and Geneva won.
 Nine-hole players (partners) were Marihelen Wason and Mary Jones and Frances Hobbs and Nell Berryman. Frances and Nell won.

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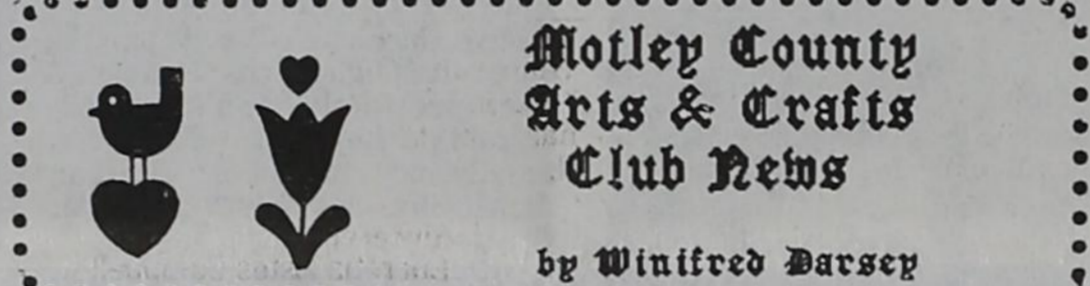
The Needed Direction

It was a time of doubt, perhaps even confusion. The Hebrew people had been led by Moses for over forty years. Now, Moses had died, and God had chosen Joshua to lead His people into the promised land. If ever there would be an opportunity for more doubt or confusion to arise, this would have been the time. During this transition in leadership the potential for chaos was a real and present danger. Direction was needed.

Direction is given! A careful reading of Joshua, chapter one, reveals the giving of encouragement and direction to the new leader of God's people. The source of Joshua's strength and confidence is his reliance upon the Lord rather than himself. It was God who gave Joshua the means of spiritual strength and success.

Joshua was directed by the Lord not only to be strong but also to be careful to heed the Law that God had given through His servant Moses. If Joshua would follow that Law "neither turning left or right" then God said he would have success. Our god still teaches us the same principle. We must adhere to the Word of God in order to be successful before Him.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
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Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met September 11 for an oil painting class at the Senior Citizens Center.
 It was a delightful landscape subject for those artists who enjoy painting with oil. Joy Archer taught the class, in absence of Lorene Lancaster, who was scheduled as instructor. The results were very good. Each class teaches something new. Some members are becoming professional in their work.
 President Joy Archer presided over the lengthy business session. Plans for the Fall Bazaar were made, and duties for the several committees were discussed.
 The Bazaar will be another great event for the club. Many items will be new, but some of the old favorites will be included. The members are looking forward to a successful sale and visits with old friends.
 However, the day was bittersweet for the members. Death claimed a beloved member, Pauline Hand, and a revered Lorene Lancaster was felled by a fall in her home and suffered a broken hip. The club offered condolences to the family of Pauline, and "get well soon" wishes to Lorene.
 The sack lunch at noon was fun, with everyone preparing their favorite food. Joy Archer and Loys Campbell were hostesses for the meeting, serving delicious snacks and drinks throughout the meeting.
 Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Bonnie Edmondson, Gerri Jones, Geraldine Key, Billie Koon, Winifred Lee, Leona McKelvey, Joyce Meredith, Linda Ruhl, Kathryn Russell, and Winifred Darsey.
 The October meeting will be a workshop for the Bazaar, and it will include items to be made to sell for the club. All members are urged to attend. The Bazaar date is November 18!

MC ISD DEC report

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 the team meetings and documentation presented. The school board members were informed and very knowledgeable in their roles.
 "Another area that was prepared professionally was the budget reports. Betty Stevens was very thorough in preparing the documents we needed for both the 1999-2000 and the 2000-2001 school year. The informal meetings with teachers, parents, and other staff were extremely helpful in preparing our report."
 A complete written report on TEA's finding will be available after December 1, 2000.

Seeds From The Sower
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Breast Cancer Screening to be held at Motley County Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on October 11, 2000.
 Breast Cancer affects one in eight women the key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam and mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.
 Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.
 Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Happy 40th!

WORD of GOD
 "A wise person's heart controls his speech, and what he says helps other learn. Pleasant words are like honey from a honeycomb — sweet to the spirit and healthy for the body."
 — Proverbs 16: 23-24

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Motley County School News

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Vanilla Wafers, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Breakfast: Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Cantaloupe, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Broccoli, Cheese, Potatoes, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dogs, Chili, Cheese, French Fries, Pickles, Rosy Apples, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potatoes, Gravy, Biscuits, Treat, Milk.



Monday, October 2: 4-H Banquet.

Wednesday, October 4: Elementary G/T Trip.

Thursday, October 5: Jr High Football vs. Kress, here, 5:00 p.m. Picture re-takes.

Friday, October 6: High School Football at Kress, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 7: Cross Country at Spur.

Monday, October 9: Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10: PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12: Jr High Football at Paducah, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13: High School Football vs. Paducah, here, at 7:30 p.m.

FFA Pre-Game Supper

Monday, October 16: BOOK FAIR!

Tuesday, October 17: BOOK FAIR.

PSAT Juniors

Lions Appreciation Supper

CATS II, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18: BOOK FAIR.

Thursday, October 19: Jr High Football vs. Munday at 5:00 p.m.

BOOK FAIR.

PLAN, Sophomores.

Hornets sting Matadors in Homecoming game



Motley County Matador, Casey Lawrence, #44, carries the ball in action against the Lorenzo Hornets. The Matadors fell to Lorenzo for an upsetting loss of 34-19. The Matadors will face the Anton Bulldogs, Friday, there. Game time will be 7:30 p.m.

by Rickey Lawrence

The Motley County Matadors met the Lorenzo Hornets at Burleson Field last Friday night for a Homecoming game, that although the Matadors lost, was a fine effort on their part.

After spotting Lorenzo three TD's and being behind by 20 points, the Mats came alive in the second quarter on a 15 yard touchdown run by Ysef Alvarado and went in at half-time down 20 to 7. After the half, the Hornets scored again, but M.C. came right back on an 80 yard kickoff return by Jermaine Hendrix. Lorenzo scored once more and so did M.C. The final score ended at 34 to 19, in

favor of Lorenzo.

Motley County was led on offense by Jermaine Hendrix who had 263 total yards passing, running and returning kickoffs. Ysef had 80 yards rushing for the night.

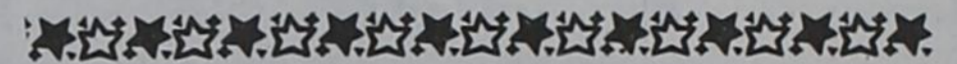
The Matadors were again led on defense by middle linebacker Casey Lawrence who had 14 tackles. Ysef had six tackles and one interception.

The Matadors stand at one win and two losses for the year. This week they travel to Anton. The Mats are improving every week. By the time district play comes, the Matadors should be ready to compete.

Take the time to come out and see these young men play--you won't be disappointed. See ya Friday at Anton!



Go Matadors! BEAT ANTON!



CLASS OF 1990 HOLDS TEN-YEAR REUNION — Thirteen members of the Class of 1990 celebrated their 10-year reunion at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club in Roaring Springs in August. Members of the class, along with their friends and families, joined together for a day at the pool and a cook-out. Jarret Jameson (1990 class president) along with his wife, Shawna, put the reunion together. After a day of reminiscing, many attended the Old Settlers Reunion and dance. Pictured above are, at back left to right, Jarrett Jameson, Cory Franks, Randy Martin, Margie Guerrero, Paige Williams Barnes, Brandi Barton Edwards, Walter Linson, Cary Franks. In front are Yulanda Campbell Mitchell, Memori Assiter Grisham, Prissy Roys, and Rusty Willmon.

Find A Bargain IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Note of Thanks

The MCISD Student Council would like to thank the parents of our members for working at the Homecoming Hamburger Supper. We could not have done it without you. We would also like to thank Kathy Gillespie and Betty Bearden for their help, and Gail Stafford for giving us permission to use his grill. The money raised will be used to pay for the End-of-School Academic Banquet.

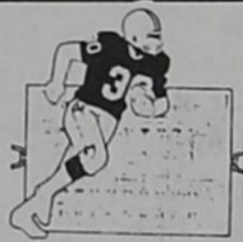
Motley County ISD Student Council

What a thrill to be elected "Homecoming Queen" for the year 2000. Thanks to everyone for this special honor. I thought our 2000 celebration was the best ever, thanks to all the hard workers and helpers that made it possible. What a nice, fun time for all.

Sincerely,
Lucretia Estes Campbell

PS. I was in the class of 1936.

New Shipment of Stadium Seats!



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National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2000



The 4-H Pledge

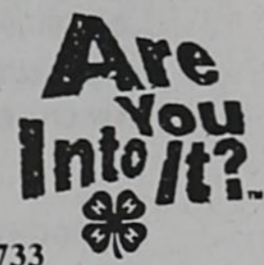
I PLEDGE

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My Heart to Greater Loyalty,
My Hands to Larger Service,
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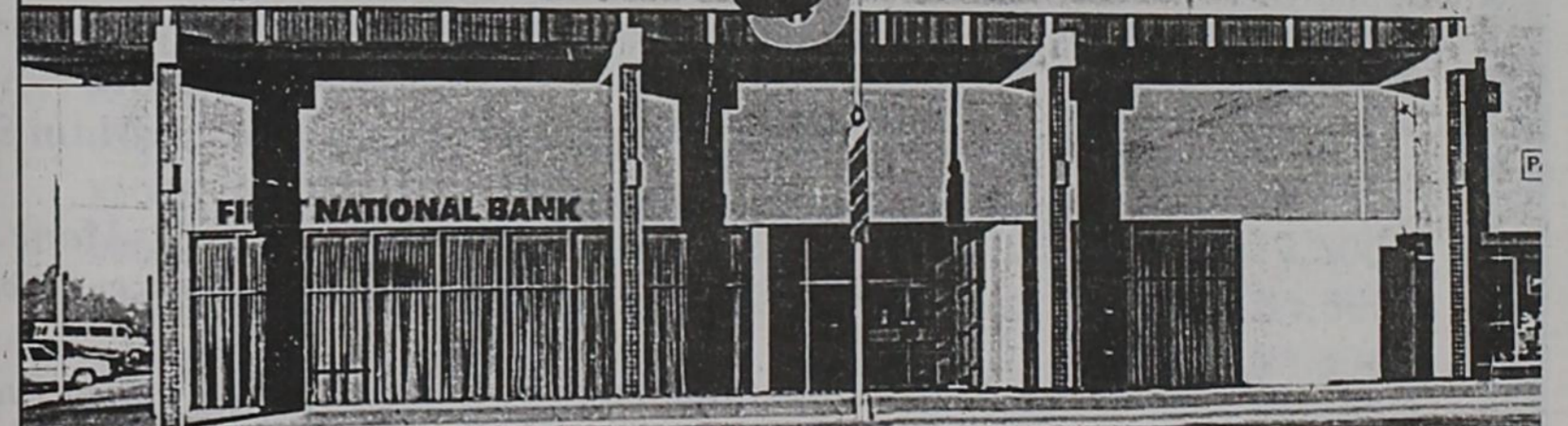
Matador Variety

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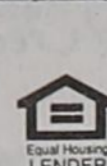
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Matadors 2000



2000 MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured, beginning at back, left to right, Mr. Robert Hand, Chantry Meyer, Shawn Marvel, Britt Pierce, Clint Cooper, Chris Paul, Kevin Elder, Bret Wallace, Ysef Alvarado, Coach Robert Ridgley; (second row), Bo Long, Lorenzo Salazar, Fernando Martinez, Adam Sanchez, Jose Flores, Sergio Flores, Arturo Flores; (third row), Coach Amy Bowles, Chooch Meyer, Casey Lawrence, Julio Davila, Justin Jameson, Tony Salazar, Bradley Baxter, T.J. Christopher, Brandon Martin, Coach Michael Nordqvist; (front) Will Ho-Gland, Ramiro Flores, Jermaine Hendrix, Brandon Lee, Alex Salazar, Frank Martinez, Quinten Rose, Ben Ridgley, Christopher Bethard.



2000-01 MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Cassie Campbell, seated in front, Mascot; left to right (middle) Brooke Decker, Mandi Ream, Brenda Gillespie; (back) Rabecca Morris, Ashley Stevens and Courtney Hays.

Motley County Matadors VS Anton Bulldogs

Friday, there,
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Class	Name	Position	#	Wt.
11	Alvarado, Ysef	RB, DB	28	270
11	Baxter, Brad	OL, DL	76	185
10	Christopher, T.J.	RB, LB	22	170
10	Cooper, Clint	TE, DE	82	180
10	Davila, Julio	OL, DL	69	275
10	Elder, Kevin	OL, DL	77	185
11	Flores, Arturo	OL, DB	24	140
11	Flores, Jose	OL, DL	55	150
11	Flores, Sergio	OL, DL	20	135
12	Hendrix, Jermaine	QB, DB	10	170
11	Jameson, Justin	DE, OL	60	140
12	Lawrence, Casey	RB, LB	44	165
12	Lee, Brandon	E, DB	81	140
10	Long, Bo	RB, DB	33	150
9	Martin, Brandon	OL, DL	70	180
10	Martinez, Fernando	OL, LB	72	170
11	Martinez, Frank	OL, DL	52	180
11	Martinez, Ramiro	OL, DL	67	165
10	Meyer, Chantry	OL, DL	74	170
12	Meyer, Chooch	OL, DL	56	200
11	Marvel, Shawn	TE, DE	86	150
12	Paul, Chris	TE, DE	25	155
10	Pierce, Britt	TE, DE	61	205
12	Ridgley, Benjamin	RB, DB	12	155
9	Rose, Quinten	E, DB	80	120
12	Salazar, Alex	C, LB	62	175
11	Salazar, Lorenzo	QB, DB	11	115
11	Salazar, Tony	QB, DB	36	150
10	Sanchez, Adam	OL, DL	66	150
9	Wallace, Breit	OL, DL	63	210

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MC graduate participates in Sports Ambassador trip to Switzerland

Sean Rose, 18 year old freshman at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, had the chance of a lifetime this past summer, an opportunity to combine his love of basketball with a trip to Switzerland. As part of the People to People Sports Ambassador program, Sean competed with other Americans against Swiss team members.

Rose, a recent graduate of Motley County High School where he excelled in all sports, as well as basketball, rendezvoused in July with teammate J.T. Ogden of Perryton, and they flew out of Lubbock International Airport to meet up with other teammates. After a 15 hour trip, their

plane landed in Zurich.

Upon arrival in the world banking center, the team members toured the city of steep, narrow streets and old fashioned houses which perches at the north end of Lake Zurich. One of the highlights was seeing the biggest clock tower in Europe, outstanding because of its striking 24 kt. gold numerals and hands.

They then traveled to Olten to their hotel. Practice began bright and early on Monday morning in Zofingen, only a short drive from Olten. Practice continued Tuesday and Wednesday for the U.S. teams, consisting of four boys' teams and four girls' teams. After practice each

day, the team toured the town, and one night a barbeque was held for them.

On Thursday, Sean, along with two other American boys, was chosen to play in the Nike Swiss All-Star Basketball game against a Swiss men's basketball team. If that wasn't enough, it was Sean's good fortune to meet and watch NBA player Cuttino Mobley of the Houston Rockets. Mobley was a guest there and played in a semi-pro game for the Swiss.

Friday morning the tournament began and continued through Saturday night. With only one loss, Sean's team earned the berth to play against the Swiss All-Star Team for the championship. His team beat the Swiss team for the championship and won the tournament, an unforgettable experience for the young man.

The trip wasn't all basketball, however. The Americans toured Lucerne and saw the famous Lion of Lucerne monument which was carved in solid rock as a tribute to the Swiss Guards who died in the French Revolution defending the royal palace of Louis XIII in Paris. Other famous landmarks of the city included two bridges, one of which is the world's

oldest wooden bridge, built in 1333.

Another highlight was traveling on the world's steepest cog railway up to Mt. Pilatus, where a church is perched at the top, dwarfed by the spectacular surroundings of the gigantic mountains.

One day they drove through Germany to get to Rheinfall, the site of a spectacular water fall on the Rhine River's route to the North Sea. They also toured Bern, Basel, Interlaken and many other small towns. They visited the Grimselpall Glacier and actually went inside the glacier, a huge ice ball.

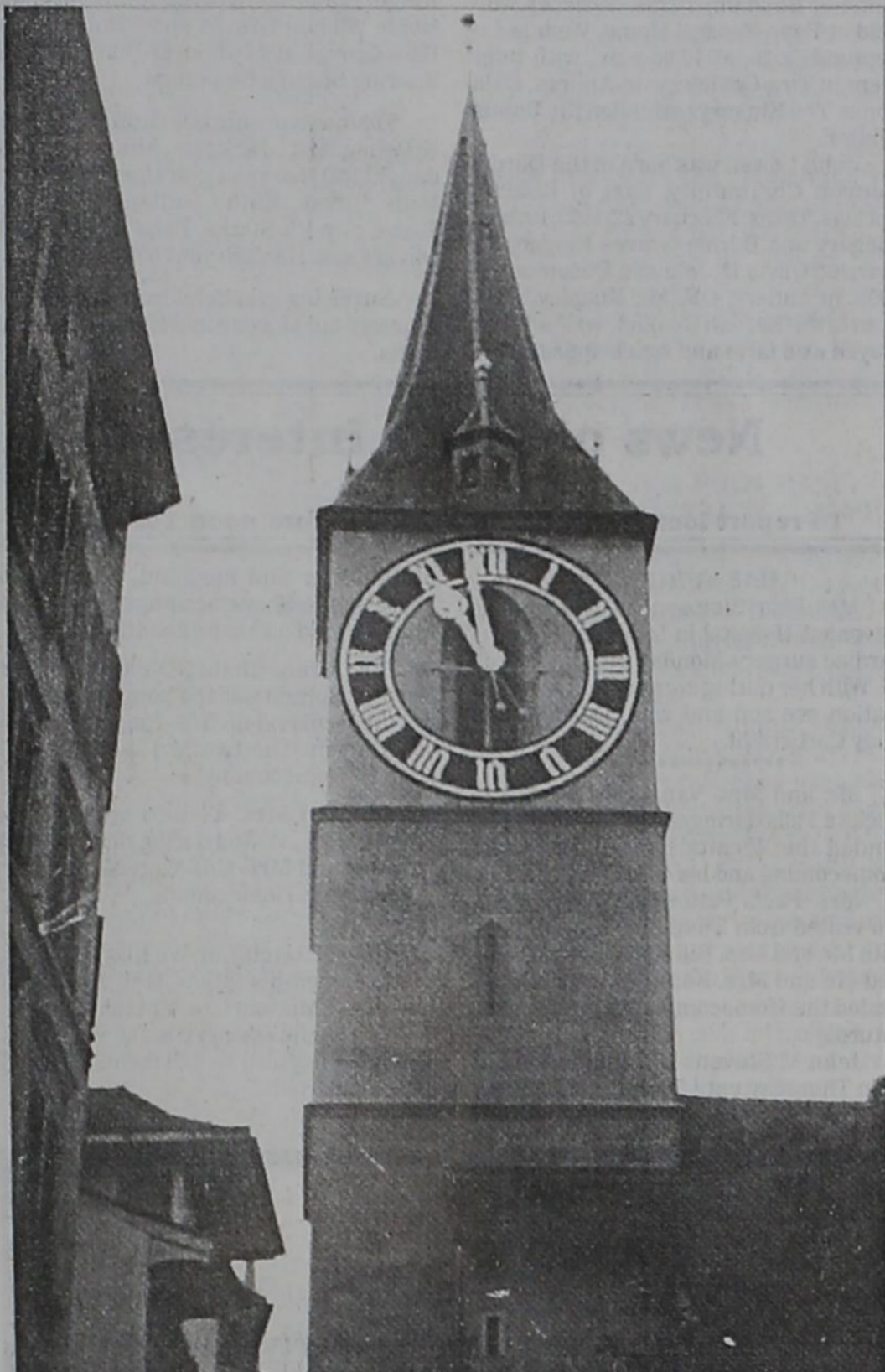
When Sean and his teammates went up to the Alps to have lunch and tour, he found a reason for packing his coat all the way from 100 degree weather in Matador: it was cold.

Although the small independent country has three official languages, most of the Swiss people he encountered spoke German. Nevertheless, Sean found it helpful to learn phrases in German, French and Italian.

"This was a great experience," he said. "I really enjoyed it very much, and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this trip possible."



Sean Rose, second from left, with some of his team members, at a restaurant in Lucerne. The young girl in front was a waitress at the restaurant.

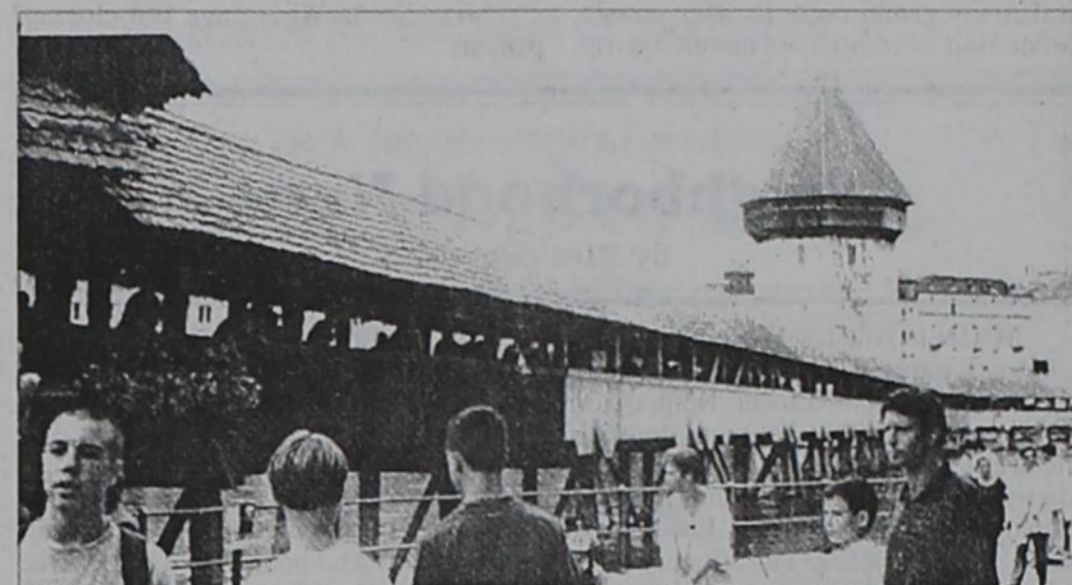


This 24k gold clock in Zurich has a 20ft. radius.

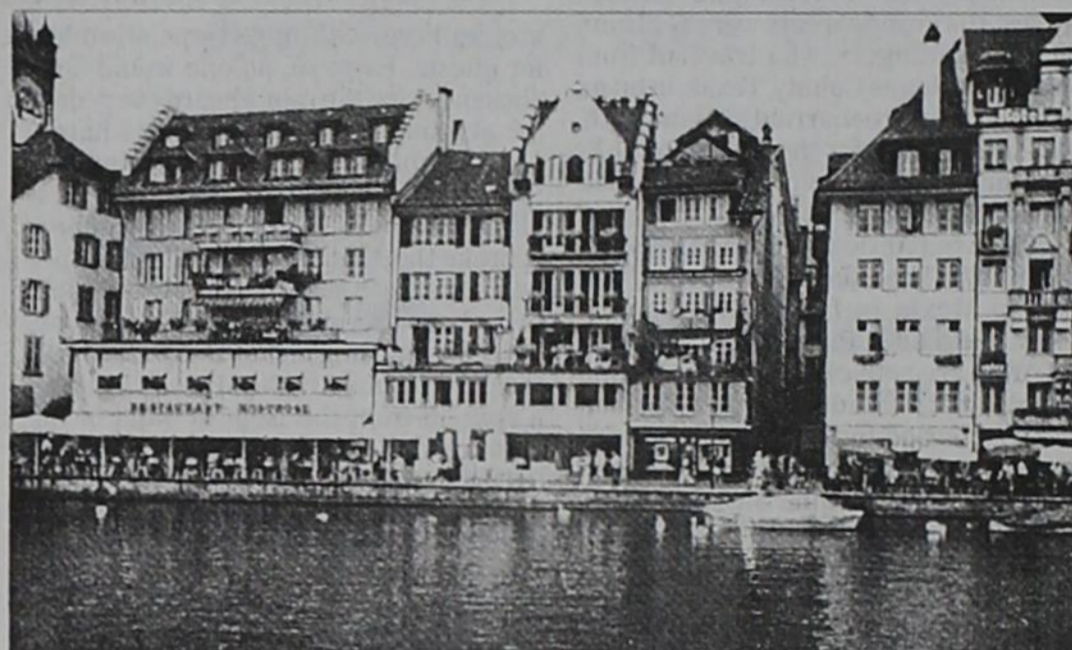


This black and white photo of the beautiful countryside in Switzerland, just does not do justice to the breathtaking, lush, green hillsides. Notice the church on top of Mt. Pilatus, at 6500 ft.

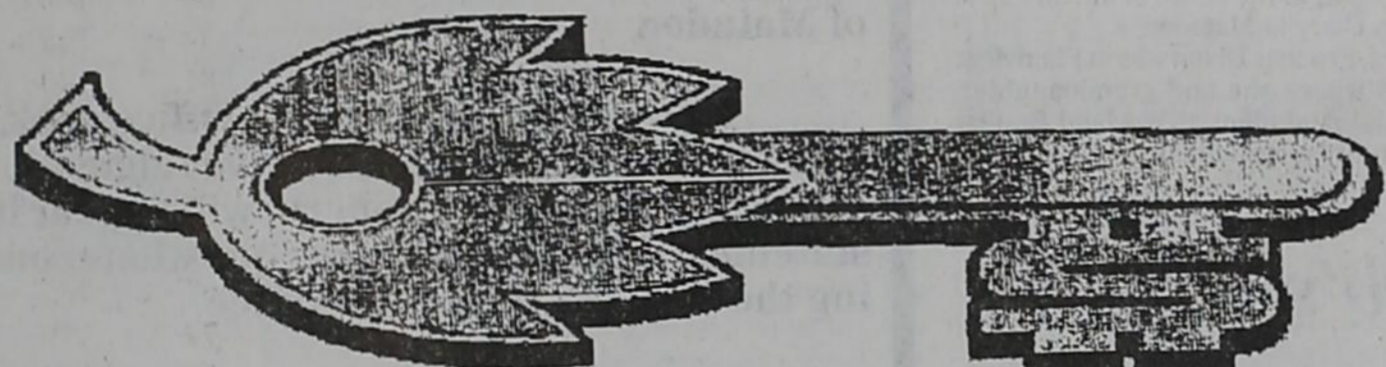
Don't forget to Pray for Rain!



This wooden foot bridge in Lucerne, Switzerland, is the oldest one of its kind in the world. The bridge was built in 1333.



This beautiful street scene on the Lucerne river, is typical of the scenes around Switzerland.



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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Pearl Patten accompanied her son, Dudley Allen, to Lubbock, Monday, for a medical check-up.

Zella Palmer attended funeral services in Spur at the First Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon for Virginia Lou Havens. They were classmates at Patton Springs School.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer of Lovington, N.M., spent from Friday until Sunday with his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten. They were here attending the Motley County Homecoming celebration.

Odessa Mullins kept two doctor appointments in Lubbock, Thursday and visited Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roller and Kelly Odell.

Kim Hand and Hanna of Lubbock spent the weekend with her dad, Billy Hand, and attended Homecoming.

Billie Clifton went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the reunion of the 121st Hospital Army group recently. Her cousin, Vadine Hall, accompanied her on the trip.

She visited several days in Amarillo on her return trip home and also visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Landy Clifton and baby, Josie.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Callie Giesecke on Wednesday night, September 20, with the president, Mrs. Pearl Patten, in charge. She gave the opening prayer and thanks for the meal. Mrs. Giesecke gave the devotional, "His Mysterious Ways."

Mrs. Chelsea Read presented the program, "Gifts for Old People." She used the book, *God's Grace* by Max Lucado.

A delicious meal was enjoyed by the following: Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Noma Wike, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Miss Lula Swim and the hostess, Mrs. Callie Giesecke.

Mrs. Noma Wike gave the closing prayer.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

PLACED IN HORSE SHOW

Michael Davis of Fritch, 19-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, competed in the adult Open Horse Show and Mule Show, Sept. 17-18, held at the Bill Cody Arena in Amarillo. There were over 20 entries in each event from Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

In the Open Horse Show, he placed 4th Western Pleasure; 5th Horsemanship; 6th Showmanship and Trail Adults; 7th Western Riding and 10th Barrels.

In the Mule Shoe, he placed 1st in entertaining Bloomer Race; 2nd Cloverleaf Barrels; 3rd Mule Triad; 5th Mule Halter and 10th Showmanship and Western Pleasure. Following these events, Michael sold his 2-year-old mule to a girl in Colorado for \$2,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington attended a Regional Advisory Council meeting of Emergency Medical Service held in Amarillo Thursday night at the Northwest Texas Hospital. His mother, Mrs. Edith Washington visited her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Light.

Art Green was a guest at a supper Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador. Other guests were her uncle, Charlie Kimbell of Artesia, N.M., her aunt, Mrs. Grace O'Bannon of Del Norte, Colorado, and her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs.

Shae Lynn of Lubbock visited from Saturday until Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert. Her mother, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, attended her 1980 MHS class reunion held Saturday night at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the football game, Amarillo vs. Plainview, Thursday night in Plainview. Their grandson, Kellen Roberts, played on the Amarillo team, and the team won 26-20. Joining them there were Kerry Roberts of San

Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Roberts of Plainview.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey returned home Sunday from a three-week vacation that included visiting in Lebanon, Missouri with Johnny Starkey; in Warner, Okla. with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna; and in Winwood, Okla. with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long.

Mrs. Leona Bell of Amarillo visited from Thursday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin. She also visited Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd.

Mrs. Mandy Barclay and son, Ashton of Borger, visited overnight Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were in Plainview, Saturday to attend Emergency Medical Technician intermediate test classes held at the Covenant Hospital.

Mary Ellen Barton visited in Floydada Thursday with Mrs. Mollie Burleson. She enjoyed the MHS Homecoming in Matador, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington enjoyed the Blue Grass Festival in Colorado City, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Dickie Cloyd of Memphis and son, Jason, a student at Clarendon Junior College, visited Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, Sunday and in Turkey with Janice and Bob Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for his medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital.

Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited in Petersburg, Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam and Emily.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson were in Lubbock, Tuesday for her medical appointment. They visited son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. John Morris and Charles Tanner of Tulsa and Jerry Davis of Hart.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Older individuals are like products that tend to improve while the packaging deteriorates.

Miss Lula Swim of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler and attended Miss Swim's cousins reunion held at Lake Holbrook. They visited from Sunday until Tuesday in Granbury with Mrs. Cooper's daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Minton. They visited with Mrs. Nona Helen Williams Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended his 1944 class MHS Homecoming party Friday night held in the home of Mrs. Kathryn Martin Russell in Matador. Other class members enjoying the get-together were Mrs. Paula Patton Son

of San Antonio, Herbert Smallwood of Iowa Park, Mrs. Grace Lavern Tilson Zabielski of Roaring Springs and Vance Hal Campbell of Floydada.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton University of Stephenville, visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin. They attended the MCHS Homecoming football game Friday night.

Mrs. Heather Blount of Abernathy visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner. She attended her 1995 MCHS class reunion Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary in Matador.

Mrs. Frances Dixon was in Plainview, Sunday where she and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland Baptist University, enjoyed lunch and visiting.

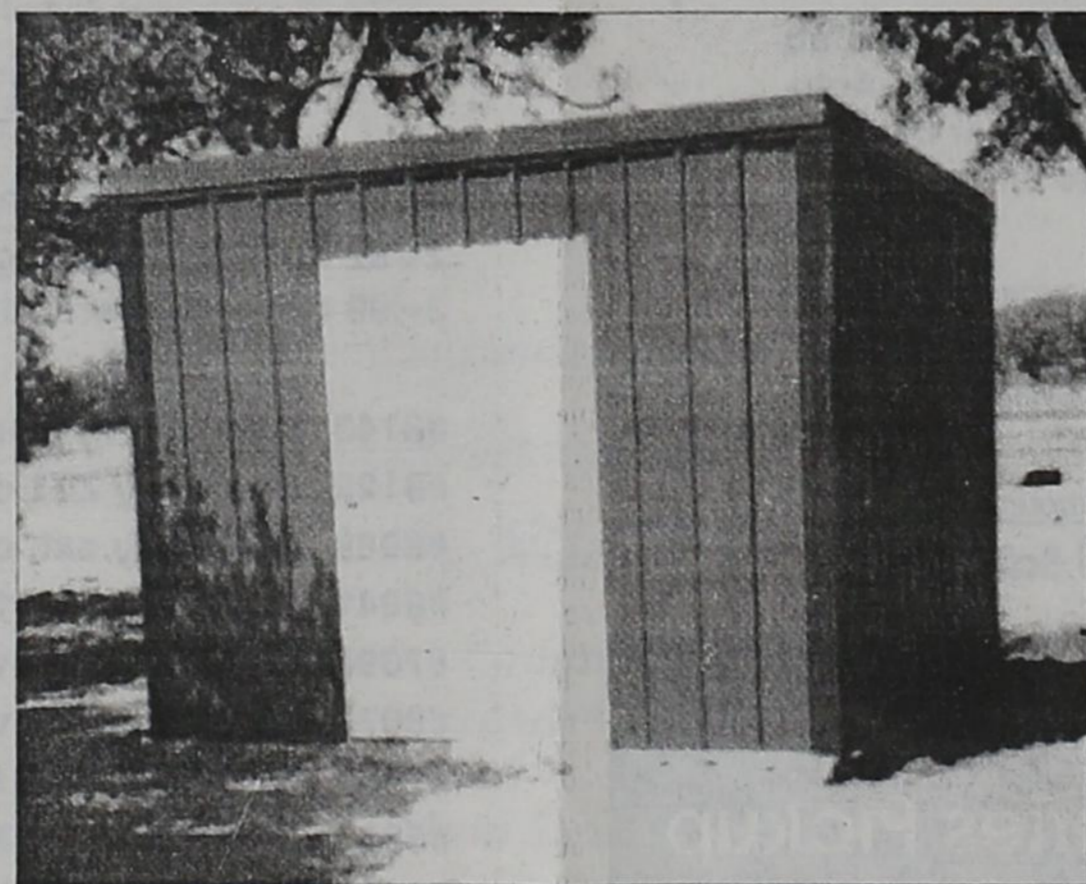
El Progreso Club's East Mound project a success

As of August 2000 over 33 people have contributed toward the El Progreso Study Club's project to replace a damaged maintenance storage facility at the East Mound Cemetery.

Since the last report, the following have contributed to the fund: Karol King Devries, C.D. and Evelyn Garrison, Marisue Potts, Grace Shelton, Mrs. Alvin A. Eisenhower of

Spring Branch, Mrs. Virgie Bannister of Plainview, Vernon and Jolene Bloodworth, Mrs. Grace M. Guy of Amarillo.

The First State Bank of Matador, Mary Ellen Barton, H.H. (JoNita) Freeman, W.F. McCaghren, Jr., Adele (Burleson) Forbis Powell, Joyce Thomas of Garland, Donnie Jenkins, Dorothy Traweek Hanesworth, and Frances Traweek Morris.



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Obituaries

League Clay

Funeral services for League Clay, 81, of Flomot, were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 20, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Nathan Mulder and the Rev. Bob Gentry officiating.

Burial was at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral directors of Turkey.

Mr. Clay died Sunday, September 17, 2000, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He was born March 19, 1919, in Belcher, Okla. He was a retired engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad. He moved to

Flomot from Clovis, N.M., after he retired. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Flomot.

Survivors include a son, Henry Howard "Coley" Clay of Clovis, N.M.; a sister, Margaret Lane of Turkey; four brothers, Joe Ike Clay and Ronald Clay of Flomot, Mark Clay of Terrell and Bobby Clay of Ringland, Okla.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Hubert Price, Weldon Griffin, Everett Shorter, Jimmy Davidson, Billy Shannon and Larry Clay.

John Lowell Kingery

John Lowell Kingery died Sunday, September 17, 2000, at 2:43 p.m. at his home in Bonham, Texas. Services were held at Papp Funeral Home, Wednesday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m., with interment in Tira Cemetery in Antlers, Oklahoma. The Kingerys attended the Baptist Church.

John Lowell was born in the Darden Canyon Community, east of Roaring Springs, Texas, February 22, 1933, to Arvel Kingery and Bernie Groves Kingery. He married Olivia D. Johnson December 29, 1999, in Antlers, OK. Mr. Kingery, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, was self-employed as a farm and ranch appraiser.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Kyle Kingery, and his Groves grandparents, Noble William Groves and Frances Ann Bass Groves, all of whom are buried in the Roaring Springs Cemetery.

His survivors are one daughter, Linda Kingery Self, Jackson, Miss.; Olivia's daughters, Deonna Lynn Dueson, Caddo Mills, Texas, Kathy Gulleddge, Dallas, Texas, Sandra Starks, Paris, Texas; and Olivia's son, Hank Bryant of Paris, Texas.

Surviving grandchildren are Joseph Dueson and Morgan and Ryder Bryant of Paris.

News of Local Interest

To report local news call 347-2400 before noon Tuesday

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Pearl Simpson is a patient in the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock following cardiac surgery Monday morning, Sept. 25. With her during surgery and hospitalization are son and wife, Garland and Judy Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Francis were in Wichita Falls during the weekend and attended the Wichita Falls High School Homecoming and his 40th class reunion.

Mrs. Paula Patton Son of San Antonio visited from Thursday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koon. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Patton. They attended the Homecoming entertainment, Saturday.

John V. Stevens of Abilene visited from Thursday until Sunday in the home

of daughter and husband, Shane and Jerry Jones. Shane accompanied him to Matador and on his return trip home.

Mrs. Grace Kimbell O'Bannon of Del Norte, Colorado was the houseguest during the weekend of Mrs. Eugenia Garrison Barton. The two MHS classmates enjoyed Homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lancaster of Hobbs, N.M., visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison and attended MHS Homecoming.

Roger Ratcliff of Wichita, Kansas, accompanied his father, G.W. Ratcliff of Halsbury, Missouri, to Matador. The elder Mr. Ratcliff attended his 60-year class reunion. They also visited their sister and aunt, Cora Hall.

NOTICE

The Tax Year 2000 Property Tax Notices will arrive to your address October 1, 2000. Effective this tax season **ALL** Property Taxes will be collected by the Motley County Tax Assessor-Collector, Elaine Hart. This will include the City of Matador.

The Motley County Tax Office took over collection of these taxes effective August 1, 2000. All taxes due on your property will appear in one statement. Please direct your questions concerning the 2000 tax year to my office.

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Farm and Ranch News



COTTON NEWS
FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.



County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent

PCG OFFICERS MAKE ROUNDS IN WASHINGTON
The officers of Plains Cotton Growers went to Washington, DC to talk issues and reiterate the severity of the economic situation for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains. Members of the PCG contingent were President Ronnie Hopper, Vice President Mark Williams, Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden, and Executive Vice-President Steve Verett. Scheduled meetings included a 3-hour session with the staff of the House Agriculture Committee. The meeting included discussion of crop insurance reform implementation and a Texas re-rating study that would markedly improve the ability of producers to afford better insurance coverage.

fore, produce higher rates. Cotton rates derived by MSU using the same type of analysis were adopted by the USDA Risk Management Agency in the Mid-South and Far West production region for the current growing season.

The result is that those producers now have the chance to buy insurance at rates that more accurately reflect their actual risk at different coverage levels. The next step is to provide Texas cotton producers the same opportunity to buy coverage at rates that also accurately reflect potential risks.

For growers in Texas the changes could well mean the difference between dreaming about affording higher levels of coverage or actually reaping the benefits promised by recent reforms to the Federal crop insurance program.

DISASTER PROGRAM DISCUSSION TAKES SHAPE

More and more the writing on the wall seems to indicate another disaster relief package will be needed to help agriculture limp its way through another year of devastating weather economic pitfalls.

PCG President Ronnie Hopper, Vice-President Mark Williams, Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden and Executive Vice-President Steve Verett recently spent several days in Washington, D.C., discussing the needs of producers and floating ideas about how to best target assistance where it will do the most good.

PCG representatives discussed the fact that irrigated producers, typically able to make it through dry conditions, have found themselves struggling to stay up with the demands of the crop.

Nothing has come easy for dryland producers either, as that crop has taken a much more drastic route to economic misfortune.

Dry weather during the months of July, August and September have decimated the potential of a dryland crop that was doing well until subsoil moisture accumulated earlier in the year played out.

The overall effect will be pretty similar as all producers, regardless of production practice, will struggle to find ways to pay out at the end of the growing season.

A key idea that will again be included in any disaster program will be the inclusion of harvest incentive.

Much discussion was centered around increasing the incentive to producers in a way that would add benefits while still encouraging the harvest of crops and support the industry's infrastructure, from ginning to warehousing.

TEXAS CROP WEATHER REPORT

Ongoing drought throughout Texas is hindering the planting of fall wheat. Everything right now is virtually at a standstill until it rains. Wheat and oats would normally be planted about now. The land has been cultivated, but planting schedules have been delayed. Also, farmers should be cutting hay about now, but they will not be able to because hay fields are brown and dormant. Some producers are taking their chances with the wheat crop. There have been a few producers who have begun dry sowing wheat across the Rolling Plains. If it rains in the next two weeks they will have a head start on a good wheat crop. This year's drought has led to 595 million dollars in agricultural losses, and more losses could be store if no measurable precipitation is recorded.

RYEGRASS SEED PRICES SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THIS YEAR

Finally there is some good coming from the drought. Dry fall seasons for the last two years, coupled with oversupply, means producers should expect to pay less for ryegrass seed this year. Prices should be 5 to 10 dollars lower. Prices for premium ryegrass seed should be about 35 dollars per hundredweight, and common ryegrass should be in the neighborhood of 30 dollars per hundredweight. Most ryegrass seed is grown in Oregon, which has been spared the drought. With dry falls both last year and this year, agricultural producers have been waiting for rain to bring soil moisture levels up high enough to establish a winter forage crop. The plentiful ryegrass seed supplies take some pressure off producers. If they want a winter forage, ryegrass should be planted in October. If producers decide to plant, they should spend a few dollars more per acre and buy one of the premium ryegrass seed varieties. Experiment Station

small grains researcher Lloyd Nelson says yields of the premium varieties will typically beat those of the common varieties by 10 percent.

USING EPD TO COMPARE SALE BULLS

The annual fall bull sales are here. If you're in the market, you may be faced with deciding how much difference there might be in the potential value of bulls. Most breeds calculate Expected Progeny Difference values for weight. Let's say you sell all calves at weaning, so weaning weight EPD should be a prime factor in comparing bulls. How much difference is there in potential value of bulls of the same breed, that differ in weaning EPD? Assume a bull is used for 5 years and you sell 25 calves each year. Using average calf prices and interest rates over the last few years, every 5 lb. difference in weaning EPD of bulls is worth about \$300-350 difference in their sale price.

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Southern Rolling Plains growers cite benefits of boll weevil eradication program

Cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains may soon reap all they have sown.

With the eradication of the boll weevil eminent, growers are beginning to see the evidence of an investment made by faith. Despite a season long drought, area producers continue to report that the efforts of the boll weevil eradication program have been nothing but beneficial to the production of cotton.

Richard Pelzel and Rodney Ripple, both SRP growers, recently attended informational meetings in Plainview and Muncy. They came to assure growers in the Northern High Plains that eradication is not only possible, but is happening in their area.

Pelzel and Ripple spoke before a crowd of more than 500 interested and concerned producers. They discussed the benefits of not having to fight the weevil anymore. Besides increased production, a reduction in the amount of chemical used to fight the weevil is an added bonus.

"First thing is the environmental concerns. Ridding our area of the boll weevil has resulted in less chemical use... The boll weevil planes aren't flying, and that doesn't kick your beneficials out of balance," Ripple said.

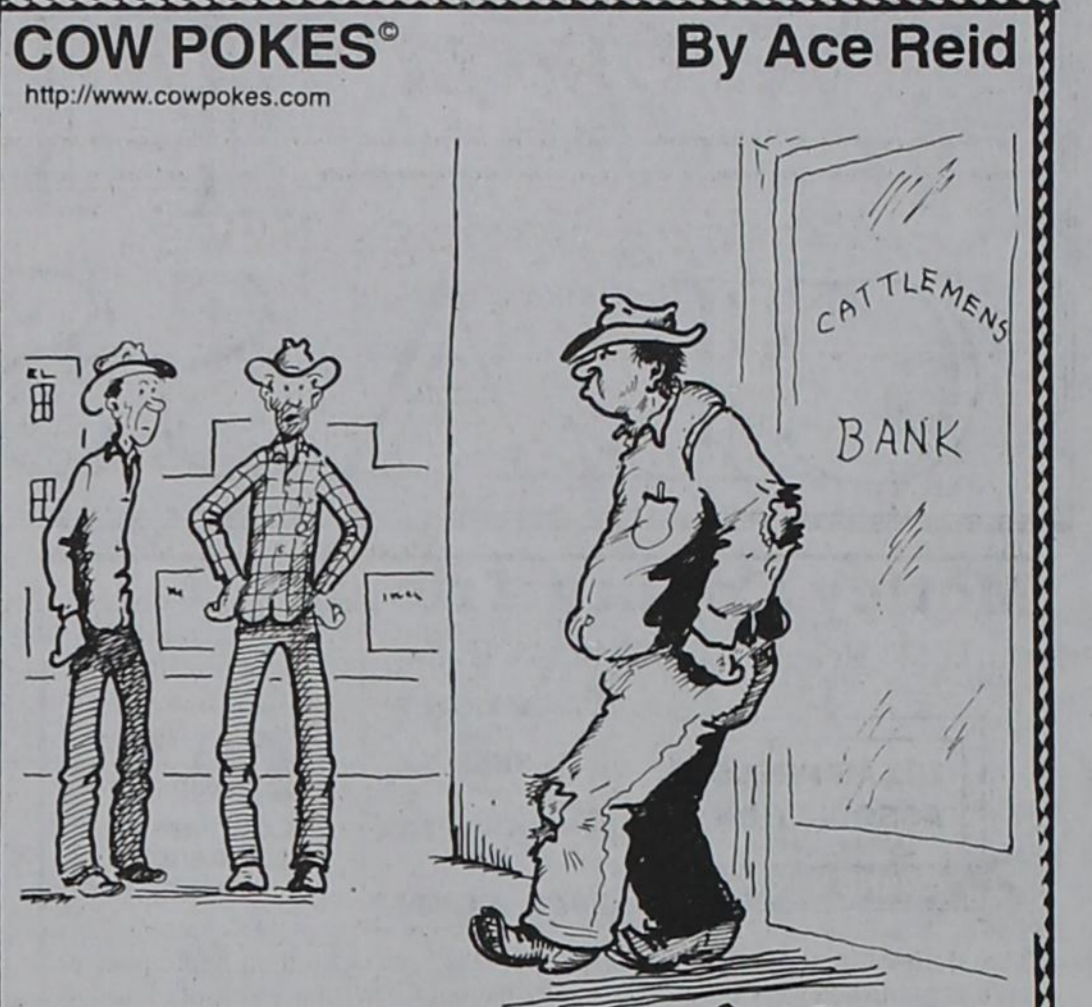
In addition to a decrease in pesticide use, farmers are also experiencing a lighter work load.

"It's made my work load in the summer months... Well it has tremendously decreased my work load, not having to spray," Pelzel said. "If you are in a dryland situation like I am in, and you are running like crazy trying to keep everything sprayed, and you don't know if all your work is going to do any good because you can't control if it will rain or not. With this program it is not a guessing game."

Of primary concern to growers in any area undertaking an eradication effort is the cost involved. Pelzel told the group that forward thinking was required to understand the long-term benefits of eradication, rather than just seeing the numbers.

"Looking at this program long term, every year you are able to set aside the exact amount of your assessment, knowing that in a few years you are going to be home free. You have to look at this long term."

Like most of the state, the Southern Rolling Plains have been hot and dry these summer months. Drought conditions have kept these growers from seeing the full benefits of increased production post boll weevil. But even with the lack of rainfall, producers continue to report yield increases. For Ripple it was seeing cotton as it should be for the first time.



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Joining the PCG group for the crop insurance meeting were Woody Anderson, a producer from Colorado City, Texas, as well as National Cotton Council staff members, Craig Brown and Louie Perry.

Thanks to the Ag Committee's efforts earlier in the year, growers will be able to purchase additional coverage in many instances simply as a result of new premium subsidy levels that will take effect in 2001. Coupling the higher subsidies with an improved rate table would magnify the benefits to cotton producers and even stretch premium subsidy dollars a little farther.

The PCG contingent also talked about a number of other issues including the devastating effects rapidly increasing energy costs and continued drought across the area were inflicting on producers.

The PCG group highlighted the fact that nobody has proven immune to the situation in 2000 and that some form of additional disaster as well as economic assistance is needed.

Regarding crop insurance, the PCG group sat in on a presentation by economists from Montana State University that have been working on an alternative rating system that could significantly decrease the premium rates paid by growers.

Before producing any savings, however, the study will no doubt face serious tests from many sources.

The bottom line, however, is that the rates derived from the MSU study show that Texas cotton producers are paying higher rates than they should based on the broader 50-year database used in the MSU study.

Current RMA rating methodology utilizes only 20 years worth of data to determine premium rates for cotton. Under the RMA system, disaster events, such as have been experienced in Texas for the past four to five years, carry much more weight in the calculation and, there-


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