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State Troopers Recognized For Their Tornado Help



Award Presented-Sgt. Ted Poling was presented a "special award" for his efforts and help during the period immediately following the May 1st tornado.

(Photo by Roy Tippin)

Troopers from the Panhandle area Highway Patrol District 5B were honored in Matador on March 6 for the assistance they rendered to the citizens of Matador after the devastating tornado which struck our city on May 1, 1984.

The meeting and awards ceremony was sponsored by the Matador Volunteer Fire Department and Motley County Commissioners Court as a token of their appreciation for the outstanding and professional job that the Troopers did in maintaining a secure perimeter around the area damaged by the tornado, and assisting all of the local agencies in helping our community survive a terrible catastrophe.

Those attending the ceremony were treated to a fine barbecue lunch catered by Walter Jones. After the noon meal, Fire Chief Rodney Williams expressed his thanks to the Troopers for the splendid job that they

performed, and stated that "because of your professional ability and willingness to help, we were able to overcome our plight much easier."

County Commissioner Sonny Russell, who was also in attendance, commended the Troopers for the fine job that they performed.

A special certificate of appreciation was presented to Highway Patrol Captain Bob Russell and Lt. Rusty Davis of Amarillo. Troopers receiving certificates were: Nick Hand, Rickey Bentley, Ron Morgan, Randy Rister, Dan Woods, Sgt. Ted Poling, Communication Operator Neil Trout, Ken Britten, Art Lopez, Delbert Morris, Jackie Gunnels, Claudie Hinkle, Jim Dulin, Dennis Powers, Robert Byrd, Richard Gribble, Ray Burch, and Jerry Morris. Also attending were Police Communication Supervisor Bill Keller, LaTonya Shelton, and Mrs. Sonny Russell.



Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Dr. Roland Roberts answered this and other questions at a meeting held at the Summit Savings and Loan. Pictured are (l to r) Mary Streit, Home Economics Extension Agent, Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist, Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension Vegetable Specialist and Ray Minkley, County Extension Agent.

Vegetable Varieties Discussed At Meeting

Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension Vegetable Specialist and Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist presented a program Tuesday morning at the Summit Savings Meeting Room.

Dr. Roberts discussed vegetable varieties pointing out the deliciousness of beet tops and stating that our climate was conducive to growing celery. He also made a slide presentation. Mr. Boring also showed slides and discussed insect control. He discussed fruit and nut trees and

their care.

Ray Minkley, Motley County Extension Agent and Mary Streit, Home Economist also participated in the program.

Several door prizes were given. Some of those receiving these prizes were Elsie Thacker, Evelyn Garrison and Jo Ann Dickson. Each guest was given a packet of radish seeds. Approximately fifteen people attended this most informative program.



The Heat Is On or was on last Wednesday in Matador as evidenced by the amount of Texas Highway Patrol cars in town that day.

News Of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Martin, Ginger and Jerrod visited during the spring holidays in Andrews with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie LeMond and with other relatives.

Mrs. Ruby Thompson is a patient in the Caprock Hospital in Floydada.

Carroll Wayne Cooper of Las Vegas, Nevada visited from Wednesday until Monday with his father, Carl Cooper. He helped Mr. Cooper return to his home in Matador from the Crosbyton Nursing Home and made arrangements for a nurse from Plainview to be with him.

Aaron McCaleb accompanied his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson of Lubbock, when they visited here last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Douglas Meador.

Jeff Klotzman of KAMC News will give a program on the Missing Children Network at 7:30 p.m. March 21st at the Roaring Springs Depot. This is sponsored by Predicta Study Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tippin and children, Russell, Holly and Rebecca, and Jason Stanley made a trip to Peabody, Kansas during spring break. They visited Mr. Tippin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Tippin, Sr., and his brother, Robbie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley and Jill went to Dallas and Mt. Vernon during spring break. While in Dallas, the Stanleys marketed for the drug store. They visited Mr. Stanley's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanley, in Mt. Vernon.

Luther Jones of Spur passed away Tuesday March 12th. He was the father of Fronzy Bingham of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Martin of Slaton visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall and a local friend, Etta Moore.

Mrs. Robert Dickson has received her copy of the book **Hearts On Fire**, in which her poem, **My Little Sweetheart**, is published.

Social Security Changes Explained to Lions

Changes in Social Security benefits were explained at the March 5 meeting of Matador Lions Club, by Terry Clements, manager of the Plainview office of the Social Security Administration.

Lion Frank Price presided in the absence of Boss Lion Vann Francis and guests were introduced by Lion Frank Pohl, in the absence of Recorder Bill McCaghren, who is recovering from recent knee surgery.

New resident and funeral director Paul Gray, and the program speaker were guests at the meeting.

Lion Price led the club in thanking Lion Walter Jones for another good meal. A report on the Father-Son Banquet was given by Lion Secretary Alan Bingham, and an announcement was made concerning the Activity Calendar which the club sponsors as a money-making project.

The calendar, distributed in August, contains announcements of community affairs, and the public is urged to participate by turning in dates of birthdays, anniversaries, club and civic meetings and other events which will be printed on the appropriate date. There is no charge for having the dates printed on the calendars, which will be sold at a nominal cost to defray cost of printing and provide funds for the club's various projects.

Introduced by Lion Forrest Campbell, Mr. Clements noted that his office covers six counties in this area. He, or a representative from the office is in Matador the first Tuesday in each month at the First State

Bank. Among the changes that are now in effect to obtain social security benefits is the requirement that the applicant furnish proof of age, with a birth certificate or marriage certificate, if a new name is involved. Maximum benefits amount to \$717.00, figured from the amount earned and paid in.

He explained survivors benefits, disability benefits and changes in Medicare that have taken place since the program first started.

"In the 1970's there was a lot of talk about how long Medicare and Social Security would last. Many changes have been made in the program, and we now think it will last another 75 years," he asserted.

County's Unemployment Drops Five Percent

Motley County unemployment reversed the area trend in January by dropping from 6.0 percent to 1.3 percent. Last month the county had the highest percentage increase in the seven-county reporting region. This same month last year, Motley County reported a rate of 2.9 percent.

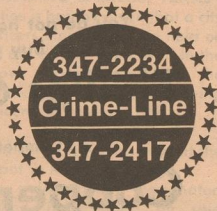
Figures just released by the Texas Employment Commission show Texas with a January rate of 6.9 percent while the national rate was 8.0 percent.

According to TEC, the number of unemployed non-agricultural workers in Motley County fell from 52 to 11 between December 1984 and January 1985. At the same time the civilian labor force also declined from 870 to 825.

Briscoe County had the highest percentage increase in the seven county reporting area, climbing from 2.6 percent in the final month of 1984 to 5.7 percent during the first month of this year.

Other counties experiencing an increase in unemployment were Castro, 7.7 percent; Floyd, 6.7 percent; Lamb, 6.9 percent and Swisher, 6.9 percent.

Around the state, Austin had the lowest unemployment rate in January with 3.9 percent. Lubbock reported 5.3 percent, while Amarillo had 6.0 percent. McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg recorded the highest rate in Texas with 23.4 percent.



MATADOR NATIVE SON - Tim Shannon, 1983 Graduate of Motley County High School, will again be figured into the running attack of Texas Tech University this fall. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon. He is remembered locally as a star running-back of the 1982 Matador championship football team.

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Jo Ann's Jots & Jingles

Friday, March 7 - Well, here I am on Southwest Airlines between San Antonio and Lubbock. For the past week I've been in San Antonio. Would you believe that some traffic lights delay you at least 90 seconds? Got on the Freeway at 7:10 one evening and there was still bumper to bumper traffic! Not exactly like our 4-way stop! Well, those San Antonians have their Alamo and their

Hemisphere but as far as I'm concerned they are welcomed to them. I like our old historic jail and the tales of the various ranches around Matador. Our past is just as historic and great as theirs but it is a good sight easier to get to and enjoy. It's fun to visit in the city. The hustle and bustle can make you giddy! But give me good old Matador Where I can cogitate on its western lore!

Thanks For Donations

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Roaring Springs Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Our total has reached \$5,665.00. Please send donations to Roaring Springs Cemetery Assoc., Roaring Springs, Tx 79256.

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Library Notes

We welcome these new Friends of the Library memberships: Jerry Barclay family, Earline Vaughan, Jeff Thacker family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Benita Moreno, Mr. and Mrs. Armando Barrera, Roy Stephens family, Rachel Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elliott, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bearden.

We appreciate the volunteer services given to the Library in the preceding weeks by Winifred Lee, Lola Pohl, Keith and Joan Patton, Freddie Welling and Earline Vaughan.

We also thank the following persons for their donations of books, cash, and supplies to the Library: Carl King, Judy Cruse, Beth Turner, Joan and Keith Patton, Billy Joe Whitaker, and Mrs. and Mrs. John Lincoln.

We also appreciate the genealogy books which have been given "on loan" to the Library by Virginia Hoyle and Beverly Vinson. Your librarian hopes to have these books cataloged in the near future so they may be used by local genealogists and historians. Beverly's loan includes periodicals on Ellis County, Texas, and on Oklahoma. Virginia's collection includes Civil War histories, Confederate Soldiers, Genealogical and Local History Books in Print, histories of the South, genealogical handbooks, a picture atlas, biographies, family genealogies, and books on early Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas. Periodicals include Family Puzzlers and The Genealogical Helper and several family newsletters.

For the convenience of those working on family histories, the

Library's genealogy section is the only department which accepts books on loan. These books are cataloged and shelved together where they may be used on the library premises only. They may not be checked out of the building.

As a member of the Continuing Education Committee for the West Texas Library System, Beverly Darsey met with other members at the Dawson County Library in Lamesa on February 21 to finalize workshop topics for the remainder of this fiscal year and discuss workshop topics for 1986.

Suggested topics included Specialized Reference Materials; Winning Support of Friends Groups, Library Boards, City and County Officials and the Public; Construction of Library Policies; Projector Maintenance; Small Computers in Small Libraries, Picture Books; Vertical Files Library Staff and Professionalism; Time-Management; and Grants.

Others in attendance were Eileen Pinkerton, Dawson County Library; Simone Greenwood, Andrews County Library; Lucy Buchwald, Midland County Library; Evaughn Hackler, Abertanah Public Library, and Jo Amanda, West Texas Library System.

New book arrivals in Motley County Library: If Tomorrow Comes by Sidney Sheldon; **The Snowblind Moon: A Novel of the West** by John Byrne Cook; **Bright River Trilogy** by Annie Greene; **The Day-Dreaming Lady** by Jacqueline Diamond; and **Dreams of Orchids** by Phyllis Whitney.

In The Rough

By Hazel

ALL IRONS PLAY

Thursday, our play was using all irons with these on the course: Leona, Loys, Louise, and Geneva. Your reporter followed some of the play as a spectator-but didn't see much spectacular playing.

Of course "all irons" didn't bother Loys because she plays with irons all the time and doesn't have any woods. However, the others were prone to forget, and reached for a certain wood for a particular shot-and then remembered that it was all irons.

Geneva putted for a birdie on No. 6, but her ball rolled right over the cup-failing to drop in-too speedy.

There was a tie between Geneva and Loys (93) with Loys winning on handicap.

Virginia Nunn is in Methodist Hospital recovering from recent gall bladder surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. Tommie Keith is minding the store-The Ponderoso in Dickens. We'll be glad when they are back on the golf course.



HAVE FUN!
By Lee Bryan
Deep in the African jungle two cannibals were wending their way - a mother and her youngster. Suddenly there was a frightening noise in the sky, and the child ran to his mother for protection.



"Ooh, Mummy, what's that?" he whimpered. "It's all right, dear," said the mother, looking up through the trees. "It's just an airplane."
"Airplane? What's that?"
"It's a little like lobster. There's an awful lot you have to throw away, but the insides are delicious!"

Afton News

By Janey Carothers

Ann Howard was dismissed from Crosbyton Hospital on Friday where she had spent several days: Her sister, Alice Edwards of Lubbock came home with her and stayed until Sunday. Emma Jenny Sims and Lizzie Lou Bridge are home from the hospital.

Annie T. Roberts visited with Lynn Roberts at the Crosbyton Care Center Saturday. Mr. Roberts will be 96 years old March 9.

Alvin, Janey and Scott Carothers had a brief visit with their daughter and family, Gene, Becky, Tina and Tonya

Shuler of Lubbock on Saturday night. The Shulers were on their way home from Sweetwater.

Shannon Slaton, son of Jerry and Dawn Slaton, was home visiting last weekend. He attends college in Big Springs.

Mrs. Eula Robbins, mother of Ruth Roberts, flew to Swedesboro, New Jersey last Monday to visit her daughter, Jenny Lou Harvey.

Tonya Shuler, Lubbock, granddaughter of Alvin and Janey Carothers, has been named **STUDENT OF THE MONTH** at Waters Elementary School. She was selected for her good grades and citizenship.



POP, JAZZ AND ROCK RECITAL - Front Row l to r: Marcus Cave, Elisha Ball. Middle: Caryn Cave, Levenia Bowden, Desiree Bowden, Blake Ball, and Mrs. Eleanor Traweck, instructor. Back Row: Ginger Martin, Leah Walker, Valerie Hale, Bo Bennett and Buffi Bennett. Others who participated but are not shown are Lori Freemeyer, DeDe Freemeyer, Rusti Jeter, and Bonnie Richards.

Fourteen Local Students Give Piano Recital

Fourteen students from the piano class of Mrs. Howard Traweck were presented in the annual Pop, Jazz and Rock Recital sponsored by Lubbock Music Teachers Association. This recital was a part of the Student

Affiliate Program of that organization and was held at the municipal Garden and Arts Center in Lubbock on March 2. Students from Mrs. Traweck's class were from Matador, Spur and Jayton.

Patton Springs Honor Roll Announced

Mr. Rollie McNutt, Principal of Patton Springs Independent School District announced the Honor Roll for the fourth six-week period recently.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Kindergarten: Cole Jackson, Ben McNutt
1st Grade: Becca Bridge, Stacy Cline, Cassidy Karr, Roy Perryman
2nd Grade: James Long

3rd Grade: Clayt Bridge, Kalico Karr
4th & 5th Grades: None
6th Grade: Carol Jackson
7th Grade: Angie Burkes, Carolee Hughes
8th Grade: None
9th Grade: James Lewis
10th, 11th, 12th Grade: None

"B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade: Lizabeth Martin
6th Grade: Rhonda Smith
8th Grade: Brent Atkinson, Sharon Fulmer, Dana Mullins
9th Grade: Gail Jackson, Kristy Patrick
11th Grade: Cheryl Jones, Mitzie Lindsey, Esther Zarate



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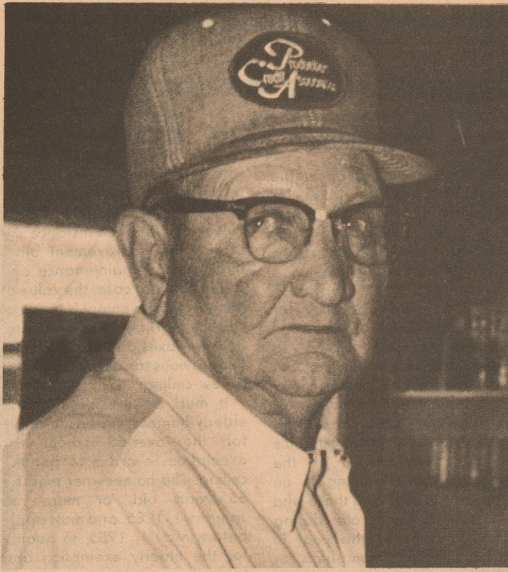
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C.R. Davis

Longtime Businessman Dies March 6th

Services for C.R. (Clarence Ray) Davis, 68, of 1021 Comanche, Matador, were held Friday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church here. Burial was in East Mound Cemetery.

Mr. Davis died March 6th in the Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, after being a patient there for three weeks.

He was born September 11, 1916 in Lamar County, Texas. He married Eunice Nolen Sept. 21, 1940 in Lamar County. He lived in this community since 1943 and owned C.R.'s Conoco service station for twenty years. He was a member of the Matador Fire Department. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Givens Lawrence, Billy Wason, Kenny Barton, Donny Jackson, Ray Gene Stephens and Lewis Bostick.

Survivors are his wife Eunice of Matador; 3 sons, Clarence, Jr. (Buddy) of Irving, Robert Lee (Pete) of Brownfield, Charles of Lubbock; 1 daughter Ray Baxter of Afton; his mother, Pearl Davis of Brownfield; 3 brothers, Buster Davis, Brownfield, Jim Davis, Lubbock, Gene Davis, Lubbock; 1 sister Nell Conway of Lubbock; 7 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral

were Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Parr, Mrs. Hazel Northcutt and Mrs. Lucille Beakley from Bogota, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nolen, Rockdale, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Buford Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wayne Nolen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nolen, Mrs. Carol Jean Cummings, Borger, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wheeler, Pampa, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Conway and Jeff, Gene Davis, Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Pat, Deans and Pete Davis, Dorothy Gray, Kathy Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, DeAnne Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pierce, Essie Yandell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Holbrooks, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Baxter, Lubbock, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis and Jon, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Davis, Mrs. Pearl Davis, Bill Brown, Brownfield, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark and Jennifer of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Davis, Mike and Susan from Irving, Wilburn Davis and Wes Davis of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Hap Ashford of Groom, Mrs. Noah Poe and Betty Jones of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Cook of Crosbyton, Kenneth Claypool of Ben Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Baxter and Paula and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perryman and Micki of Afton, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Earl and Kerri Strube of Seminole.

Luther Jones, 66

Services for Luther (Swat) Jones, 66, of Spur, will be at 2:30 today (Thursday) at First Baptist Church, with Darwin Cox, pastor of First Baptist Church of Spur, and Eddie Marcum, pastor of First Methodist Church, Matador, officiating. Burial will be in the Girard Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died at 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 11th at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness.

He was born May 16, 1918 in Spur. He married Betty Cooper

Dec. 22, 1935 in Aspermont. He lived his early life in Spur and moved to Kent County 22 years ago, coming from Bledsoe.

He was a rancher, a past director of Farm Bureau and past director of Swenson Ranch Reunion.

Survivors include his wife Betty; one son, Jeff Jones of Garland; two daughters, Jill Murphy of Garland and Fronye Bingham of Matador; and six grandchildren.

Childress Rites Held For Louise W. Turner

Services for Mrs. J.E. Turner, 69, of Childress, the former Leah Louise Warren, were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church, Childress, with Bill Wright, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Childress Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turner died Wednesday, March 6 in Childress General Hospital.

She was born Sept. 26, 1915 in Matador. Her father, the late Claud Warren, was sheriff of Motley County in the late 1920s.

She had lived in Childress for a number of years and was former administrator of Turner's Nursing Home there.


Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Lisa Halford of Childress; her mother, Pearl King of Haskell; a sister, Marion Boley of Ada, Okla.; and five grandchildren, Leah, Kristopher, David, Tony and Derrick of Childress.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Heritage Cancer Center in Amarillo.




Local Poet Published—Mrs. Robert Dickson has received her copy of the book *Hearts On Fire* in which her poem, *My Little Sweetheart*, is published.

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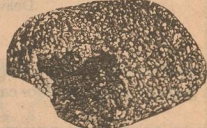
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"But why do they call you that?" exclaimed the principal.

"Not a curve in sight," said the girl sadly.



A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinaman placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave, and asked, "What time do you expect your friend to come up to eat the rice?"

The old Chinaman replied with a smile: "Same time you friend come up to smell flowers."



"I'm sorry that I haven't a dime," said the lady as she handed the bus driver a ten dollar bill.

"Don't worry, lady, you're going to have 99 of 'em in a couple minutes."

Mini-Thoughts on Theology

"Search me, O God and know my heart" Psalms 139:13. Rockhounding, archaeology, history and poetry have all had a place in my life and I can "lose" myself in any one of them. It takes practice to tell petrified whale bone from weathered sandstone on a beach and a single fact of history is more interesting if you have some background knowledge to slide it into.

But a little knowledge in any of these, or other subjects only emphasizes how little you know about them. And the little bit we know of ourselves should convince us that we need the Lord to search out the hidden things of our heart.

Just as the archaeologist never knows what he will dig up, we may be shocked at what the Lord may uncover in us!

Dickens Cooperative Receives Refund

Electric bills received March 1st by members of Dickens Electric Cooperative reflected a substantial refund the Cooperative received from their wholesale power supplier, West Texas Utilities. This refund of \$146,000 was the result of successfully negotiating a lower wholesale power contract with West Texas Utilities. Under the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), wholesale power companies are allowed to put into effect wholesale rate increases pending final approval by the FERC. Cooperative members

received the refund of approximately 19% through reduced billing on the March electric bills.

Efforts to hold wholesale power rates as low as possible for Dickens Electric Cooperative and eleven other cooperatives, who purchase power from West Texas Utilities, began 16 months ago when West Texas Utilities filed for a rate increase. It has been a long and costly process, but one which has ultimately benefited the cooperative members. Your Cooperative will continue to work to assure that future wholesale contracts are also fair and justified.

Flomot News

By Earlyene Jameson

Film Festival To Be March 15

A Film Festival will be held Friday, March 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Center building in Flomot. The Evangelical film presentation is, "A Father, A Son and a Three Mile Run."

The film is designed to be a classic in Christian motion pictures and a film no one should miss. It is an entertainment for the entire community. Everyone is invited to attend, so please make plans to support this community project.

Mrs. Ken Pilcher of Fritch visited from Wednesday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and other relatives and friends.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington, Wade, Daggett and Clay of Canadian. They also visited her grandmother, Mrs. Wade Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan, Shawna, Shay and Dane of Calgary visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Degan and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers. The children remained to visit this week during their school spring break.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Merritt of Plainview visited Mary Ellen Barton, Viola Stinson and Mrs. Wade Martin, Friday.

Christi, Cindy and Keri Shorter visited from Thursday until Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes, Russell and Ricky. Joining them to visit the weekend were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter and Jennifer of Lubbock. Jennifer returned home with the Clois Shorter family and was accompanied to Roaring Springs, Monday to visit this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski.

Mrs. Tom Ross returned home from Lockney, Saturday where she had been a patient the past week in the General Hospital.

Mrs. Pat Beck and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Vernon, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beck and

children and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, Warren and Michael. Warren and Michael returned home with them to visit this week with Mr. and Mrs. Starkey.

Keith Cook of Lubbock is visiting the week in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Pope and grandchildren, Wesley and Crystal Pope of Tulia visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. James Monk.

Derinda Cruse, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is visiting the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid, Christi and T.C. of Amarillo.

Mrs. Furman Vinson explained to Orange, California this weekend to be with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Gray who is scheduled for surgery, March 15.

Whiteflat News

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner, Heather Ann and Coby returned home Thursday from a vacation trip that included visiting in Houston with Mr. and Mrs. John Montague, Michelle and Marisa, in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach and in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kingston.

Mrs. Mary Lamkin of Yazoo City, Mississippi and great grandson, Rickey Peacor of Jackson, Mississippi arrived Sunday to visit this week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spray accompanied Mrs. Arrie Aulick and Mrs. George Etta Smith of Matador to Paducah, Tuesday to attend to business.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings were son and family, Tim, Jennings, Leslie, Thad and Matthew of Old Glory. Matthew remained to visit this week with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and children attended the Sunday church services at the First United Methodist Church in McAdoo. Mr. Turner was the guest lay speaker at the church services. The pastor, Mrs. Ruth Cooper, was out of town for a family wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Card and David of Lubbock visited Mrs. Janice Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon, Friday and attended the funeral services of C.R. Davis in Matador. Before returning home, they visited in Flomot with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elliott.

Mrs. W.R. Tilson visited in Roaring Springs, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bethard and family and Mrs. Ray Zabielski. Mrs. Bud Bethard who had recent leg surgery in Lubbock, had to return for additional knee surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Green of Flomot visited in Plainview, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rice and Jennifer and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and Aaron.

Homestead Exemptions Reduce Tax Bills

Taxpayers can reduce the burden of property taxes for 1985 in Motley County Appraisal District if they take advantage of various partial exemptions available on Texas homes.

According to Forrest Campbell, chief appraiser for the district, Texas property tax laws now allow a homeowner to apply only once, instead of annually, for residence homestead exemptions.

However, Taxpayers who have never received a residence homestead exemption on the homes they were living in on January 1, 1985, and those who became 65 years old during 1984, must apply this year in order to receive exemptions for 1985.

A residence homestead is the structure, together with the land up to 20 acres and any improvements, used as the owner's principal residence. Campbell said that, to qualify as a homestead, a property must meet four tests.

1) It must be owned by the person or persons claiming the exemption, 2) it must be designed or adapted for human residence; 3) it must actually be used as a residence; and 4) it must be occupied as the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption.

A mobile home, if it meets the tests, can be claimed as a homestead, even if it is on leased land, Campbell noted. A taxpayer can still qualify if he moves away temporarily, provided he intends to return and does not claim a homestead anywhere else.

Among the various types of homestead exemptions provided by Texas tax law are two which a school district must give to taxpayers who apply and qualify. School districts offer a \$5000 general homestead exemption to all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 exemption to those who are 65 years of age or older.

An advantage of the over-65 exemption is that, along with it, elderly homeowners obtain a "ceiling" on their school taxes. Although the appraised value of these homesteads may fluctuate

with the market, taxes due the school district will not increase. The ceiling would be raised, however, in the instance of adding an improvement other than general maintenance and repairs. In that case, the value of the new improvement is taxed at current market value and rate, and the taxes due are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

It must be stressed that the elderly homeowner has to apply for the over-65 school tax exemption in order to get the ceiling. The homeowner must be 65 years old, or more, on January 1, 1985, and must apply before May 1, 1985, to qualify for the elderly exemption and tax ceiling.

In addition, taxing units may decide to offer a local-option homestead exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. This year, any taxing unit may exempt up to 30% of the value of all homesteads in the unit, with a minimum of at least \$5000. The taxing unit's governing body has to take official action to offer this exemption.

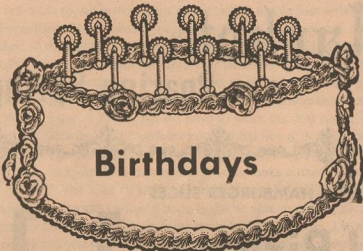
At present, 30 percent exemptions are granted by Motley County, Motley County School District and Motley County Hospital District.

SPECIAL PRODUCTIVITY VALUATION AVAILABLE

Another type of tax relief is the special productivity valuation available to owners of farm and ranch land. If qualified, acreage may be taxed on its value based on what the land produces rather than on what it would sell for on the open market.

Owners of land taxed last year on its productivity value do not have to reapply, unless requested in writing by the appraisal office to do so. However, other landowners must apply before May 1, 1985 for this special valuation.

More complete information on special land valuation, tax reductions and valuations is available in pamphlet form at the Motley County Tax Office at the Courthouse.



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March 17-David Thompson, Melea Taylor Read, Roy Tipping, Randy Pope, Pennie Keltz, Adelle Durham, Billy Shannon, St. Patrick's Day.

March 18-Clay Weaver, Sibyl Barton, John D. Russell, Whitney Jameson
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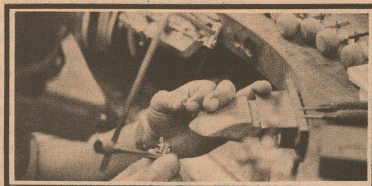
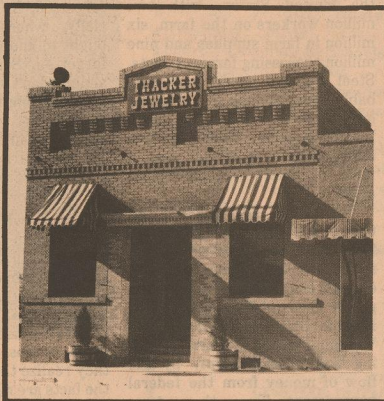
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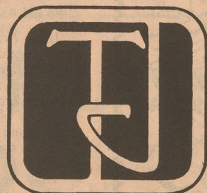
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Reports from Washington



ACTION NEEDED ON FARM CREDIT

I think it is safe to say that the American farmer has currently got the ear of the President, the Congress, and the national press. The attention is justified because our farmers are in bad shape — partly due to past government policies — and need help.

I'll be the first to admit that there is waste in agriculture, and that we have got to balance the federal budget. But, under the President's budget, when we are talking about spending just 1.1 percent of that \$973 billion on payments to producers, and when we are talking about an agriculture budget which totals only about 4.7 percent of the President's total projected budget, I don't think we should be looking at agriculture's budget as the place to make major cuts that amount to an attempt to balance the budget on the back of that industry.

What we must do is make certain that every dollar spent in the Agriculture Budget is well spent. We have to guard against bailing out farmers who cannot possibly stay in business, and discouraging farmers who should not get into the business from doing so. For instance, I was amazed to learn that while we are trying to save existing farmers, the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is planning to spend \$280 million more this fiscal year to bring in new farmers — not just young, limited resource farmers, but people who can't get a loan through their regular bank to go into farming. They aren't credit worthy, yet the FmHA is offering them money to buy land, and get into farming. Through that program, the FmHA is actually encouraging new competition for the very farmers that it is trying to save.

Although it was too late to make any legislative plan to prevent this from happening this year, I was able to talk with the chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Mr. de la Garza, and Charlie Stenholm, both of whom agreed that the situation needed to be looked into, and promised to schedule hearings.

Another bill, which passed the House despite efforts by myself and others to stop it, provides for loan guarantees for farmers whose debt equity ratio is 3 to 1. This is not the type of farmer who is a likely survivor. Instead, he is the type of farmer who is likely to need continual help from the federal government which will equal nothing more than welfare. This is exactly the kind of action which jeopardizes needed action for worthy farmers with a presidential veto.

We do not want to see government undertaking a role that will only perpetuate government farm subsidy programs. What we do want, is to provide a bridge, so that farmers who are basically successful but in a temporary financial bind, can make it over the currently troubled waters in the agriculture economy. Then, and only then, can we begin to make real progress toward a market economy. Right now, there aren't any markets developed for our farmers to use. That's what we have to work on, but not all at once and not without addressing the unfair export subsidies of foreign competitors. We have also got to get rid of the carry over that keeps the government in farming. The stockpiles will further the government's current 'cheap food' policy — which is the root of the current problems in agriculture.

In the weeks and months ahead I hope I will be able to communicate with you through this column, on what's being done in the Congress. I would welcome any comments you might have, as well as any suggestions you could offer.



Happy Birthday
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The Forgotten Occupation

an editorial written
by O. R. Stark
President, First National Bank
Quitaque, Texas

We always like to begin each year on a positive note, and if possible we like to find something on farming and current economic conditions that point out things that are bright and optimistic and refreshing. In the past few years this hasn't been easy, for often we have to search through literally hundreds of articles and forecasts before we can find an author who finds anything but gloom and doom for agriculture. Two years ago we were heartened when the prestigious Kiplinger Agricultural Letter offered some words of encouragement for the American farmer, and after a phone call to their Washington office, we quoted from it extensively in our January 1982 newsletter. At that time the editors felt that a needed turn around for agriculture might come in a year or two, and certainly by the mid-eighties. It even talked of \$90.00 cattle, \$9.00 wheat, \$15.00 soybeans and \$6.00 corn—certainly all of which was cause for hope. But alas, none of this has as yet come to pass, and today in our cities and on Capitol Hill in Washington, agriculture has to take a back seat to almost every other industry that has a whim or preference.

What then is the matter? Why this change in attitude for the farming industry? In farm journals we hear editors lament because there aren't enough farm votes to interest congressmen, and they have surveys which show that many people think that farming is an industry our country can "take or leave" without any noticeable impact. In one respect they're right; the big votes aren't there, but they're dead wrong if they believe that farmers and the agri-business they generate don't have a mighty impact on the nation's overall economy.

We think America has simply forgotten just how important the farmer and his business is to our economy. And probably the reason we've forgotten is because those of us who are associated with farming simply haven't told our story long enough nor loud enough to make an impact on Washington and the everyday consumer. Twenty years ago, in 1965, the USDA published a little eight page brochure that graphically spelled out how important farming was to the nation's economy.

This little booklet showed that farmers and ranchers paid \$40 billion in taxes, and that they spent another \$42 billion for production and consumer goods and services. Back then farming employed more people than the steel, automobile, utilities and rail industries combined. Farm assets equalled half the market

value of all corporate stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, and farming and related industries provided employment for three out of every ten workers in the United States, with two million workers on the farm, six million in farm supplies and nine million processing farm products. Steel workers would have probably been shocked even then to learn their jobs depended directly upon farming, which used five million tons of steel each year in farm machinery and equipment alone.

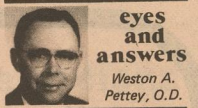
The article also pointed out that farms used more petroleum than any other industry, enough rubber for 24 million tires and enough electricity to supply the power needs of Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, Houston and Washington, D. C. Farm spending was exceeded only by the flow of money from the federal government. True, these facts and figures related to farming in 1965—twenty years ago—but the potential and the underlying truth is the same today as in those days in the mid-sixties. Farming was and still is a tremendous industry, one on which this nation was founded, and which must always remain strong and stable if America is to go forward in economic growth and prosperity.

If we lose or seriously weaken

an important industry like agriculture it will someday sever the very roots on which this great country was founded. Yes... we think too many Americans have forgotten. In Washington, especially, where elected officials ought to know better, they have forgotten. Some remember but simply don't care, but probably most of them have just lost sight of the fact of how important farming really is.

It is still not too late in this country, but we must continue to tell our story. Each and every one of us who cares about the preservation of the family farm must do all we can to make agriculture once again profitable as an industry. We must continue to persevere, and to plead agriculture's cause to those who will listen, to those who will act when they realize the cause is just and the facts are right.

Years ago William Jennings Bryan uttered a statement that is as true today as it was when he first delivered it. We should remember its profound truth. He said, "Burn down your cities, and they will arise again as if by magic. But destroy your farms and the grass will grow on the streets of every city in the land." We must not... we cannot... allow this to happen in America.



eyes and answers
Weston A. Pettey, O.D.

HARMLESS FLOATERS

Recently, an inquirer wanted to know about the normal blind spot present in every eye. I ended my answer by warning that noticeable and suddenly appearing blind spots in the field of vision could be of a quite serious nature, especially if the spots do not move around. Staying in exactly the same position in relation to the line of sight is of great significance: danger lies ahead.

My warning applies only to the spots that stay put. Those that move around—those you cannot look directly at—are the harmless kind. Those are true floaters and can take the form of either webs or dots, sometimes as a long string.

Some investigators feel that floaters are dead tissue cells, perhaps present since the early development of the eye fluids. Others believe those same cells to have come from the deeper tissues such as the edges of the retina or the choroid—the blood-vessel layer of the eye. All agree they are harmless, unless they suddenly appear and come in large masses, interfering with vision.

The "harmless" belief comes from two different sources: 1) Almost everyone can see a few floaters if they look either skyward or at a light colored background; and 2) It is known that there is a constant birth and death of millions of cells throughout the body, and it is of great wonder that many more are not visible at all times.

Again, a sudden appearance of many floaters calls for examination by a reputable eye specialist right away. Even though most floaters are harmless debris in the fluids of the eye, some can spell trouble.

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A clergyman received a phone call from the local income-tax man inquiring about a \$355 contribution listed as having been paid his church by a parishioner. "Did he make this donation?" the tax man asked. The clergyman hesitated, then replied: "No—but he will, he will."



The seventh grade class which my brother teaches was holding a magazine-subscription sale. The morning after the sale started one boy reported that he had already sold \$20 worth. "How did you manage to sell so many so quickly?" my brother asked. "I sold them all to one family," the boy replied. "Their dog bit me!"

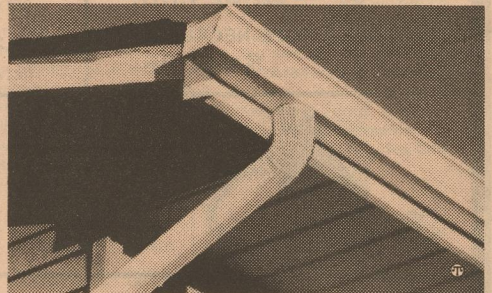


The Hollywood Columnist telephoned the movie star. "Is it true," she asked, "that you are divorcing your fourth husband?" "Don't be silly," giggled the star. "Why should I divorce him? I barely know the man!" Editor: "Did the play you saw to-night have a happy ending?" Critic: "Oh, yes. Everybody was happy when it ended."



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Prevent Burglary

One of the best deterrents to home burglary are neighbors who watch out for one another.

According to The Independent Insurance Agents of America, if neighbors are willing to join a neighborhood watch, the potential for burglary can drop to near zero. Independent Agents know from crime figures around the country, that when people are willing to cooperate and watch for one another's property, the robber does not get a chance to function.

It is extremely effective when local organizations sponsor a joint police-citizen movement whereby homeowners and apartment dwellers would take it upon themselves to watch out for each other's homes and let police know when they see something out of the ordinary.

The Independent Insurance Agents also make these points: It is critical that citizen efforts are closely coordinated with law enforcement agencies.

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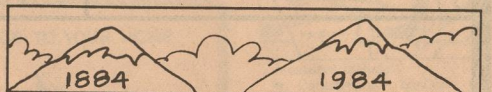
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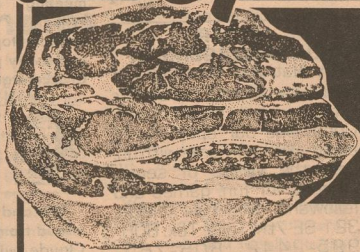
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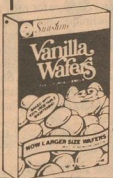
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