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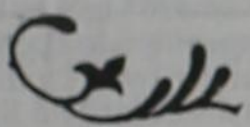
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

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A Look Back



APRIL 4, 1935

State Park Near Matador Is Made Object of Lions

Possibility of CCC Camp To Complete Developments

"A scenic wonderland in the foothills of the Caprock through the securing of a State park designation only a few miles from Matador and within easy access to Highways 18 and 28 loomed as a possibility at the regular meeting of the Lions Club held at the Methodist Church Tuesday."

APRIL 4, 1935

Few Vote City Polls

Only 18 Votes Cast As Aldermen Are Re-Elected

"Small interest was shown in the City Election here Tuesday, as 18 voters used their ballots to choose three Aldermen for Matador City Administration. The three present Aldermen, Henry Ford, Claud Harp, and George Birchfield were re-elected."

Around Town News Briefs of area events

Motley County Schools to dismiss for Easter

Motley County Schools will dismiss for Easter Thursday, April 1 at 3:38 p.m. until Tuesday, April 6. Classes will resume at the regular time on Tuesday.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The Motley County Men's Breakfast will meet Saturday, April 3, at 7:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church, Matador. All area men are invited.

Residents gather for community futures forum

Approximately 30 Motley County residents met Monday night, March 29 at the Motley County school cafeteria to discuss issues for the future. This meeting was part of the Texas Community Futures Forum.

Michael Lee, Motley County Extension Agent-Agriculture welcomed everyone to the meeting. Motley County Judge, Laverna Price, gave some opening remarks before those attending broke out in group sessions.

Groups were led by Shirley Deal, Communications Consultant with West Texas Utilities; Anthony Palasota, Program Coordinator; Charles Keith, Chairman, Motley County Executive Board; and Michael Lee.

Each member of each group generated ideas to the following questions:

Considering the next 3-5 years, what are the critical issues that will need to be addressed for you to realize the future you desire for yourself, your family, and your community?

Group members were asked to post ideas, select five key issues and select two people to represent the group in a delegates' meeting to be held April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Motley County School Cafeteria.

The Texas Community Futures Forum is a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to identify community needs by addressing the critical concerns of the citizens, communities, state. The situations are often complex and intertwined. Healthy cities; livable communities; decent wages; a competitive and sustainable economy; adequate housing and health care; clean water and air; skilled workers and profitable businesses; recreation; community leadership; strong families; and competent, caring young people don't just happen. Everyone must work together. The Futures Forum is asking citizens to join together in looking at the health and economic well-being of our communities. Involving citizens is the first step to creating our future.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will facilitate the partnering of county government, state agencies, organizations businesses and other groups to gather information through citizen forums about local needs and issues and help organize action teams to address them. This is a unique opportunity for many groups to work together in meeting the needs of Texans in the 21st Century.

Priority issues and needs, identified in all 254 counties of Texas, will be shared with all partners and used as the basis for the Extension Service's long-range outreach education plan for 2000-2003. Extension programs will be developed by integrating community needs and the capabilities of participating partners.

All of the items identified locally will be posted and available on the internet for county government, state agencies and other organizations and groups to review and use in developing their own strategic plans. The information will help all groups to more directly focus their activities and resources. Working together will enable partnering groups to plan for individual, joint or coordinated action to effectively address all of the identified priority needs in a community.

A Focus Forum will be held Monday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Motley County School Cafeteria. For more information about participating in the Texas Community Futures Forum process, contact Michael Lee at the County Extension office or Extension Education at 409-845-7202 or e-mail: bv-stone@tamu.edu. You can also visit the following web site: <http://futuresforum.tamu.edu>.

Whiteflat exes to meet for annual reunion Saturday

The 23rd Annual Whiteflat Reunion will be held this Saturday, April 3, at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador. Although attendance is much down from the over 200 who attended the first reunion, the fellowship and memories shared will still

be enjoyed. Bring your basket lunch, come early, stay late. The building will be open by 9:00 a.m. and the coffee will be ready to begin the day.

See related story and pictures on page 5.

HOLY WEEK Services

The First United Methodist Church will host the traditional Passover Seder and Dinner once again this year, presented by Joan Keith.

The date and time are Good Friday evening, April 2, at 6:30. Ladies of both Matador and Roaring Springs

United Methodist Churches help with preparing the sumptuous feast. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed to help defray some of the costs.

Each element in the Passover is explained, the significance of the bitter herbs, hard-boiled eggs, drink offering, lamb meat, leeks, and hiding the bread are tied to the teachings of Jesus and to the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion memorial.

LIMITED SEATING
Due to seating limitations in the fellowship hall, reservations are requested. Please call Joan Keith, 347-2283, or Monte Wike, pastor, 347-2727 to indicate the number in your group planning to attend.

The Easter Cantata "Nail-Scarred Hands" will be presented at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Easter Sunday, April 4. Creators Greg and Gail Skipper state, "We often sing about the nail-scarred hands of Jesus, but this Easter we want to remind you that His hands were not always scarred. They were gentle hands, strong hands, healing hands, ministering hands, serving hands. In love, Jesus stretched out those unblemished hands, and allowed them to be nailed to a cross on Calvary."

The choir presentation is under the direction of Beverly Mars, and Patricia Ridgley is director of narration.

The cantata will be presented in the 11:00 a.m. worship service, and everyone is invited to be part of this special worship experience.

(Although a nursery is usually available for all Sunday services, there will not be a nursery during this special service so that everyone may attend.) All regularly scheduled activities for Sunday evening will be canceled.

Early voting begins April 14

Early voting will begin April 14 for the May 1 Election and will continue through April 27. Voters may vote early for School Board or Hospital Board at the Motley County Clerk's office in the Courthouse, Matador City Council at City Hall, or Roaring Springs City Council at City Hall in Roaring Springs.

Candidates for these positions are listed as follows:

Roaring Springs City Council -

Kelly Keltz, James Adams, Pearl Patten, Venita Sedgwick, Bucky Marvel, and Vince Taylor.

Matador City Council - Rodney Williams, James "Tootie" Meador,

Thomas Chapman, Doyle Rose will also be a candidate, as a Write-In.

Hospital Board - Charlie Johnson, Deb Jones.

School Board - Darrell Cruse, James Gillespie, and Vaden Hays have filed for the two 3-year terms, and J.D. Russell has filed for the one-year unexpired term.

For those not wishing to cast their votes early, the regular election will be held on Saturday, May 1, with polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Polling places will be the Motley County Courthouse for Matador; the Depot for Roaring Springs; the Com-

munity Center for Flomot; and the Cemetery Building for Northfield residents.

Matador City Council Meets

The Matador City Council met March 11, 1999 at 7:30 a.m.

All Council members attended, with the exception of Councilman Travis Jameson. Also present were City Secretary Seven Alexander and City Water Manager, Steve Barton.

The invocation was given by Rodney Williams.

Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order.

Council approved the minutes of the last meeting. Bill were approved.

A budget hearing was held to adopt the 1999-2000 City budget.

Council discussed contacting the Engineer concerning the landfill expansion.

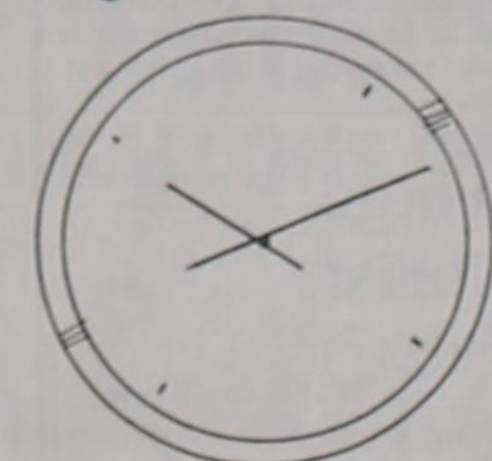
Meeting adjourned.



Community Volunteers will sponsor Easter Egg Hunt

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt, for all children of Motley County, on Saturday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Center in Roaring Springs. All children up to 11 years of age are cordially invited to attend to hunt eggs and have fun. Eggs will be furnished.

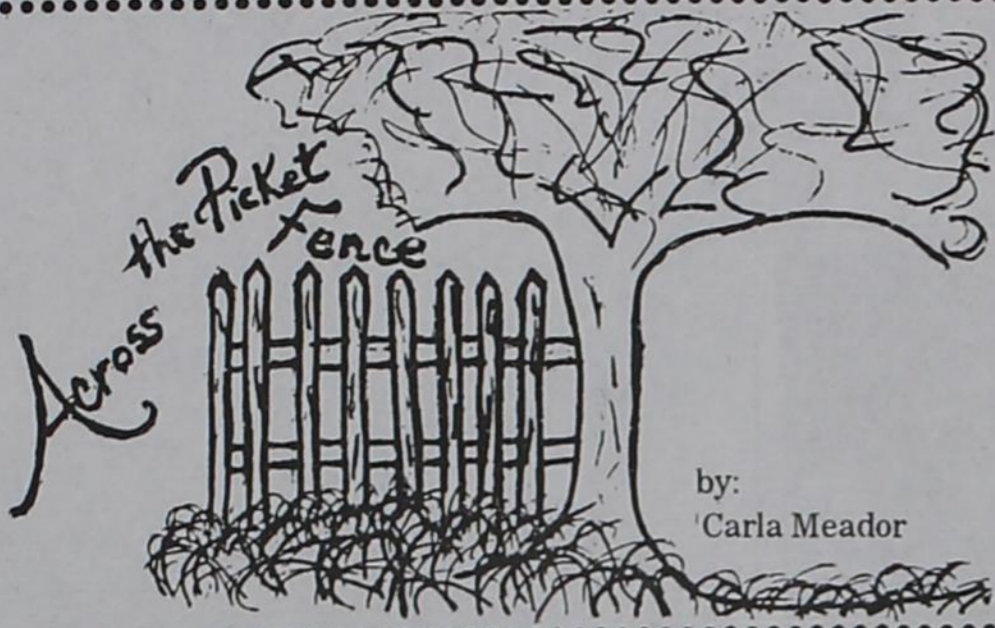
SPRING



Forward!

Set your clocks up one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 4, 2 a.m.



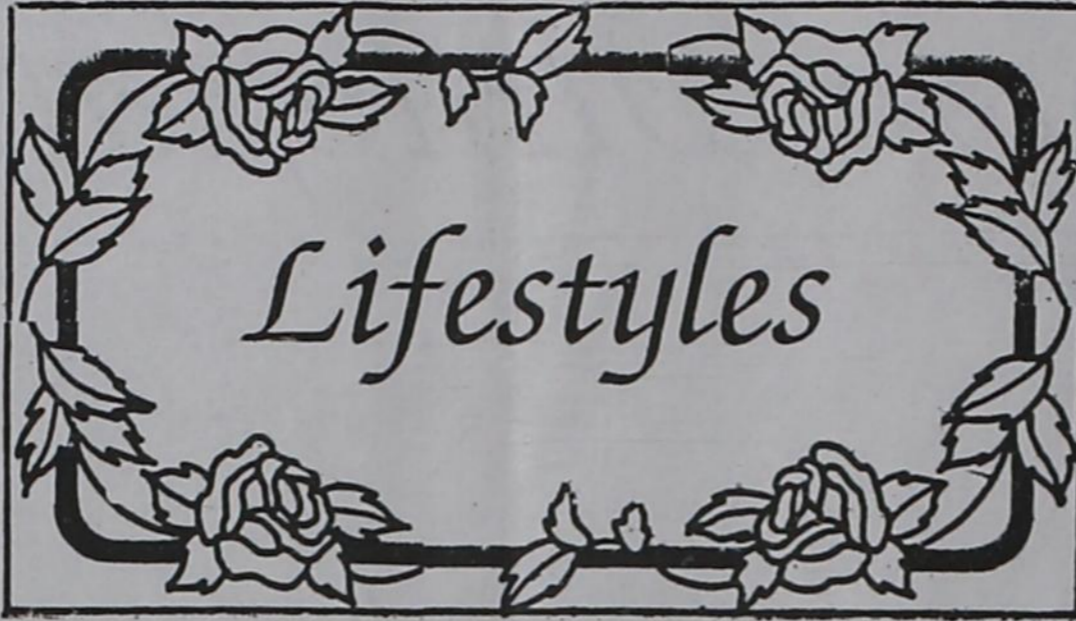
Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour this Saturday night before you go to bed. It's that time - time to Spring Forward! I am so ready for the time to change. I never adjusted to the fall time this year. I have the hardest time dragging myself out of bed when it's dark, and getting home from work and it's dark again. I don't feel like I ever really see daylight! I like to get up with the sunshine and go home from work and have a couple hours of daylight left to get out and feel the outside air. I'm ready for Spring!

Have you noticed the beautiful Lilac bushes? They are breathtaking! They seem to be extra beautiful this year for some reason. I wish I had a long row of them in my yard. I'm going to have to plant some this year. It just takes so long for them to grow. I want instant gratification with things of such beauty! Don't you? Okay, slow down, everything of beauty takes some nurturing, I know. But I do think I will get busy this year and plant some Lilac bushes. I have planned to ever since we bought our house, about eight years ago, so I think this will be the year. I have planted so many things, Jim says it's

an obstacle course to mow the lawn. I say it just gives him a little adventure while out on the lawn mower. I wouldn't want him to get too bored while mowing or anything. So what if he has to maneuver around 30 or so new trees and bushes, isn't that what makes little outside chores like mowing fun!

Easter Sunday is here already! Wasn't it just yesterday that we celebrated Christmas? Where did January, February and March go? Wow, time really flies. My Daddy used to tell me that the older I get, the faster time will go by. I can remember when I was young, thinking that was really ridiculous. Although I would have never told my Daddy I thought that! How could time go by faster, I'd think. Well, now I really understand! I think time goes by faster and faster each year!.....

I want to apologize to the Whiteflat exes that we were not able to print more pictures. Space is very limited this week, and the lack of advertisement just did not permit us to add more pages. Maybe next year we will be able to print several of those good old pictures.



El Progresso club members travel from Barcelona to Istanbul

by Beverly Vinson

Thursday evening, March 11, El Progresso Club "traveled" from Barcelona to Istanbul via slides and commentary from Mrs. Joan Keith. This was the annual guest evening of El Progresso, an event that has been going on for many years. Guests are invited to come enjoy the meal served and then enjoy the program. This year, as in years past, the meeting place was the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The group met in the sanctuary where music by Mrs. Jeanne (Tom) Adams was enjoyed before Mrs. Loys Campbell welcomed the assemblage and then prevailed on Rev. Monte Wike to give the Invocation.

The Italian type meal was served in the fellowship hall where tables were decorated with green and white balloons, streamers of red and green down the center of the tables, a large arrangement of daisies in a white wicker basket to lend an air of "springiness" to the room, this along with place cards provided by Mrs. Lola Pohl with stickers of spring bouquets on each one. On another table were pictures and booklets from the trip Mr. and Mrs. Keith had taken and which they were going to share with us through their slides. Also on display were items they had accumulated on their various trips as well as one from Mrs. Billie Koon. The meal consisted of Italian Spaghetti, delicious Italian green salad and garlic bread. For dessert, what else could be served, but Italian Cream Cake, all topped off with tea and coffee. After the meal, Loys Campbell asked the members to introduce their guests.

Adjourning to the Sanctuary, Joan Keith began the "tour" in Barcelona, Spain which is the capital of Catalonia. She told of the elegant architecture, tile mosaics and the beautiful city. On to Cammes where everything is sun washed and fresh looking; to Lavorno, Italy where the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located, Florence where there are more leaning towers, very narrow streets, many statues and then she commented on how very fortunate those people are to be able to live with all this beautiful artwork everyday! In Rome, art was everywhere with noticeable Constantinian arches leading into the Old City, the ever popular

Coliseum, the Vatican and St. Peter's Square, Saint Peter's Basilica, Egyptian Obelisk, Michelangelo's Pieta and then to Naples and on to Venice, a city built on 118 islands. While there, they visited a Jewish ghetto, which is the gathering place of five synagogues in this area. A trip to the Murano glass works on the island of Murano proved to be most enjoyable as the glass is world renown. When we arrived in Greece the Parthenon in Athens is a "must-see" stop. They also saw the Olympic Stadium where the "modern" games were played for the first time in 1896, then they visited the National Historical Museum.

The next stop was Turkey where they were at the gateway to Ephesus which was built 1000 years before Christ. The last city to visit was Istanbul where east meets west. There they visited Sulieman mosque, the Blue Mosque and other memorable sights.

After the slide presentation Mrs. Keith showed slides of the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel from slides purchased as they were there on Sunday and all was closed to the public.

This Mediterranean area is called the "Cradle of Civilization" and it truly is. Furman Vinson gave the benediction after an evening of good food and an especially entertaining program.

Members in attendance were Mrs. Jeanne Adams, Mrs. Joetta Bumgardner, Mrs. Loys Campbell, Mrs. Lucretia Campbell, Mrs. Winifred Darsey, Mrs. Dorothy Day, Mrs. Patricia Green, Mrs. Joan Keith, Mrs. Deborah Martin, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Mrs. Marjorie King, Mrs. Billie Koon, and Mrs. Noma Wike. Guests were Rev. Monte Wike, Mrs. Harriet Marshall, Lowell and Eva Parkley, Joe Campbell, Rick and Lana Copp, Opal Pipkin, Gerald Pipkin, E.A. Day, Mrs. June Keltz, Charles Keith, Joan and Keith Patton, Mrs. Mary Helen Knox, D.A. McGuire, Furman Vinson, Pat and C.W. Moore, and Bill Koon.

Action was postponed on contracts for Danny Copeland and Mikki Payne until completion of TEA requirements are fulfilled.

Mrs. Suzanne Henry's contract as Counselor was not renewed. Meeting adjourned.

Opal Pipkin honored on 90th birthday



Mrs. Opal Pipkin and Parker James Walker celebrated their birthdays together recently with a party hosted by their families.

Mrs. W.N. (Opal) Pipkin of Matador and Parker James Walker of Colleyville, Texas celebrated their joint birthdays Feb. 27, 1999 at the Matador Senior Citizens building. Mrs. Pipkin's 90th birthday and Parker's 5th birthday were both on February 24 and the party was held in their honor.

Host and hostesses for the occasion were the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Pipkin, Patti Alexander of Midland; Neal Pipkin of Mesa, AZ; and Gerald Pipkin of Matador; also Carol Pipkin of Mesa, AZ; and Vernard Alexander of Midland.

The grandchildren were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander's four daughters, Leslie Nix and Michelle Alexander of Midland, Linda Williams of Austin, and Heather Diane Davis of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pipkin's daughter, Lisa Walton of Colleyville, and son Scott Pipkin of Scottsdale, Ariz; Gerald Pipkin's two daughters, Mrs. Amy Franks of Lubbock, and Miss Leigh Ann Pipkin, student at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Mrs. Laura Jacobs Wallace, Lubbock, niece of Mrs. Pipkin and daughter of the late W.F. Jacobs and Vivian Estes Jacobs, Matador, was also a Hostess.

Other relatives present were the remaining great-grandchildren, Mitchell Walton, Eryn and Tanner Williams, Taylor D'Este Davis and Lyndsay Nix, Midland.

Mrs. Pipkin's two sisters, Mrs. Robert Darsey and Mrs. R.E. Campbell, Jr. both of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pipkin, Lubbock, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jacobs, Houston, nephew of Mrs. Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevens of Dallas, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Robert Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Richardson, Dallas, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. R.E. Campbell, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todd, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. R.E. Campbell, Jr. of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell, son and grandson of Mrs. Campbell, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Christian and children, Cameron and Caitlin of Denton, grand niece and family.

Mrs. Amy Franks, Leigh Ann Pipkin and Lyndsay Nix registered the guests in a special book made and presented by Mrs. Lola Pohl of Matador.

Following an afternoon of greeting and visiting long time friends as the five o'clock hour approached the children of Mrs. Pipkin brought in a surprise - a large pink decorated box which was totally unexpected, lots of fun was had during the opening of the present.

After many thanks to everyone present in farewell, Mrs. Pipkin read a poem that has been a favorite many years and especially now.

She then asked the group to clasp hands to form a circle around the room and to sing the two verses of Auld Lang Syne, accompanied by Gerald Pipkin at the piano.

Later in the evening the family, twenty-five strong enjoyed supper at the Feed Trough Restaurant in Roaring Springs, where another birthday cake was presented to the surprise of the Alexander twins by their husbands Ross Williams and Sgt. Sam Davis. This cake was pink strawberry. Wow! Three birthday cakes and parties in one day!

Mrs. Pipkin expresses her appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green for their kindness in allowing us the use of their entire top floor of the White House to take care of the extra guests.

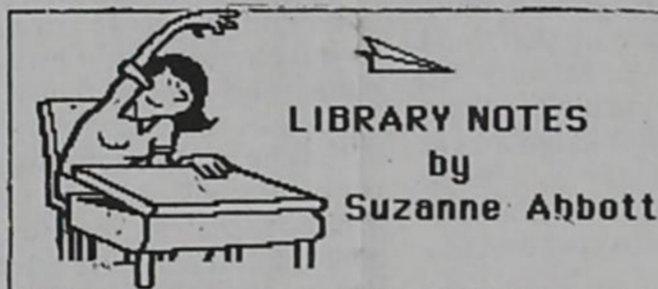
In observance of Physician's Day

A Special Thank You to our Physicians for your Dedication and Caring!



Dr. Pat Williams - Gail Ream PA-C

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We appreciate the donations to the Library by C.J. and Francis Davis in memory of Roberta Jameson and in memory of Fred Simpson. These donations make lasting memorials and help the Library as well.

While I am thanking people, the library has a few regular contributors that deserve our thanks and appreciation. Our Library Board members attend meetings each month to advise and help, and in addition, these people are always willing to pitch in and do extra things for the Library, such as paint cabinets and transport books. We certainly appreciate the tireless efforts of Charlie Johnson, Marihelen Wason, Patricia Green, Judy Cruse, and Ruby McGuire.

Every week Keith Patton brings us the newest Newsweek. We would not be able to offer this popular periodical to our patrons if Keith didn't donate it to the Library, and we appreciate his thoughtfulness and faithfulness in doing this. In a similar manner, Charles Keith brings each day The Wall Street Journal for everyone to enjoy. This newspaper would not be in the Library if Charles didn't bring it to us and we certainly appreciate this gift.

Beverly Vinson and Lee Peacock continually bring new genealogy books to the Library. Everyone who uses this section of the Library finds these selections useful, and we thank Beverly and Lee for their efforts in this area. Also, Joan Keith donates to the Library a daily genealogical newsletter that she accesses from the Internet. She prints this very informative newsletter and gives it to us for our files, and we appreciate the time and resources that Joan puts into this project.

Each week the Library receives free of charge our wonderful Motley County Tribune, a donation from Carla and Jim Meador. It is so important for the Library to be able to offer the local newspaper to its patrons and to be able to build a file of the back issues. Thank you, Carla and Jim, for this valuable contribution. Similarly, the Library receives a free copy each week of The Valley Tribune. We thank the editor and pub-

lisher for this donation.

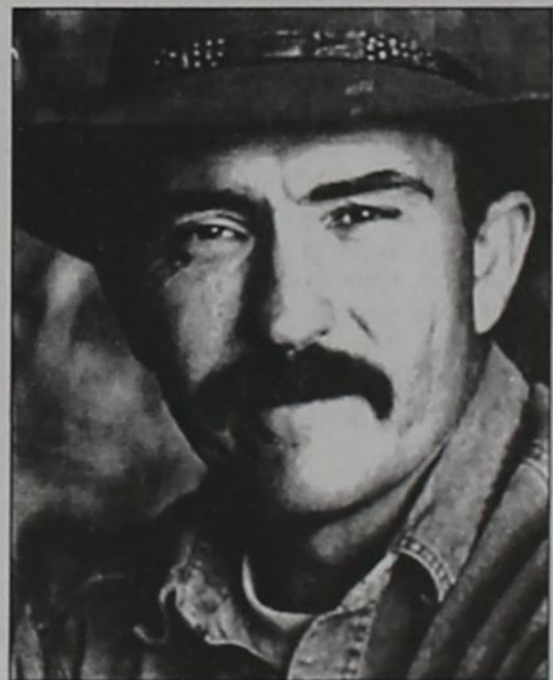
Patricia and Jerry Green choose, purchase, and donate to the Library interesting and valuable books all during the year, year after year. We appreciate these selections and I know that our patrons do also.

Betty Moore, Jo Scott, and Earline Vaughn keep the Library open every Monday and have done so for years. In addition, these faithful people stand ready to work in the Library in an emergency. The Library depends on this tireless trio and we appreciate them so much.

All of these people that I've mentioned, do what they do voluntarily and without thought to receiving any recognition, but I thought everyone would like to know, and should know, about their contributions to the Motley County Library.



Wyman Meinzer to be featured guest at Library



Wyman Meinzer

The Friends of the Library invite everyone to attend a program by noted photographer Wyman Meinzer. This program will be Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. There is no charge for this event and refresh-

ments will be served.

Wyman Meinzer is the official photographer for Texas, and Texas Parks and Wildlife often features his breathtaking pictures of Texas landscapes and animals. His books include The Roadrunner, The Coyote, Texas Whitetail, Texas Quail, and Texas Skies. Mr. Meinzer is currently working on a book that will be called Texas Rivers.

Part of his program at the Library will be devoted to a sneak preview of Texas Rivers and he will show slides of the Canadian River which he has just finished photographing for this book. In addition, Mr. Meinzer will show slides and tell about the moving of the JA buffalo herd to Caprock Canyons State Park.

Mr. Meinzer's award-winning photography entertains, astounds, and amazes the viewer. Everyone is invited to come to the Motley County Library to hear the stories behind his pictures and to see of his outstanding work.

"Blessed are the Merciful"



Mercy (or "compassion") speaks of being gentle, having concern, showing pity where we read that God "had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place," i.e., He spared them. It is written that "the Lord is full of compassion" (James 5:11), and that "just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him" (Ps. 103:13). "Mercy is a distinctive Bible word characterizing God as revealed to men.

Mercy is an essential quality of God and of His people in dealing with others. It describes one who is merciful and is associated with forgiveness, being forbearing and gracious. It shows itself in graciously and lovingly helping. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy"; Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Compassion is literally a feeling with and for others. As God is full of compassion/mercy, so should each of us be. Christianity really is distinctively the religion of Compassion - receiving it and giving it. Be sure and give what you've received.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.
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Daily - 10:15-10:30 and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

We Invite You to Join In a Community Celebration of a Traditional Passover Seder & Dinner

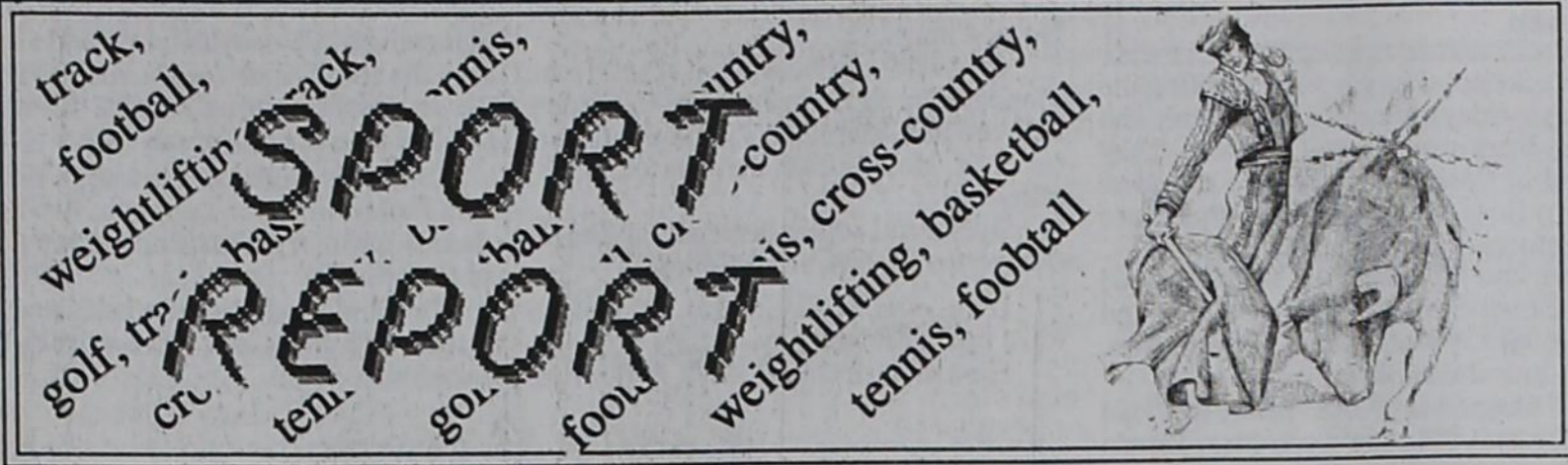
Friday, April 2, 1999
6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church of Matador
902 Dundee Street, Matador, Texas

For Reservations, call
Pastor Monte Wike (806) 347-2727 or
Darleen Fletcher (806) 348-7284, Joan Keith (806) 347-2283

(There is no charge, but donations are welcomed to help defray some of the costs.)



MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



Rabecca Morris competes in State Powerlifting meet

On Friday, March 26, Rabecca Morris did not attend classes at MCHS. She did, however, have the pleasure of participating in the State Girls' Powerlifting Meet.

In the 132 pound weight class, Rabecca competed against forty-nine other girls. Each of these fifty girls was fiercely competitive and intent on winning. The judges were equally intent on watching for every little misstep or bauble. This made the day very nerve wracking for the coaches, parents, and fans.

Although Rabecca did not finish in the top ten, she learned a great deal from the level of intensity and the strictness of the judges. Rabecca stated that she learned a lot and that she plans to return to State next year.

Booster Club to meet

There will be a Booster Club meeting, April 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Agenda includes Little Dribblers Tournament, All-Sports Banquet, and the All-Night party. Please come if you can!

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

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Matador Variety

School Menu

MONDAY, APRIL 5

EASTER BREAK!

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Okra, Onion, Cornbread, Juice Bar, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend Veggies, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

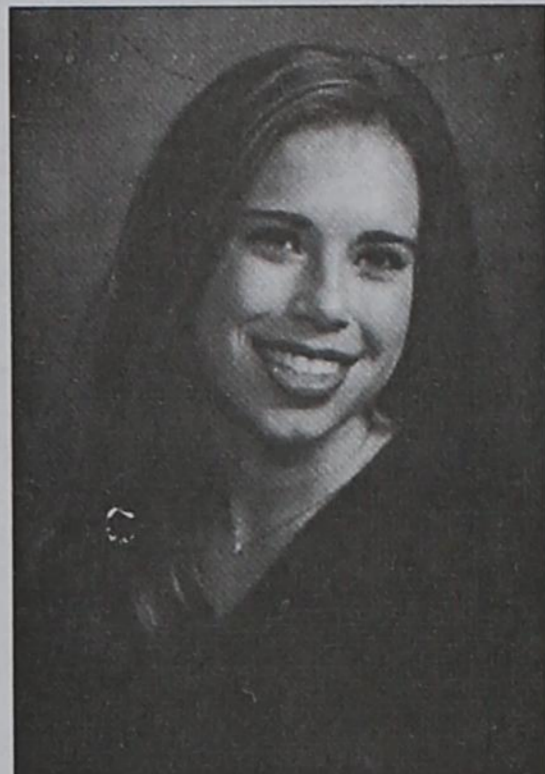
THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Taco Meat, Tortilla Chips, Hot Sauce, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Breakfast: Cereal, Bagels, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Cookie, Peaches, Milk.

SENIORS SHINE IN '99



Blair Louisa Thacker

Nickname: Bleer, Richard, Flair
 Age: 17
 Birthdate: July 5, 1981
 Place of Birth: Lubbock, TX
 Parents Names: Jeff and Pam Thacker
 Brothers & Sisters: Brad Thacker
 Best advice ever received: Don't eat that I think its rotten.

If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be & why: I wouldn't have worried so much about high school and just had fun.

Most valuable possession: Pound Puppy
 Unforgettable memory: The Cardinals, the peapatch, and the 31st.

Favorite color: blue
 Favorite song: Save Tonight
 Favorite movie: Varsity Blues
 Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: Daylight Savings
 Favorite Hangout: With my friends
 What I like best about myself: Being able to laugh at everything.

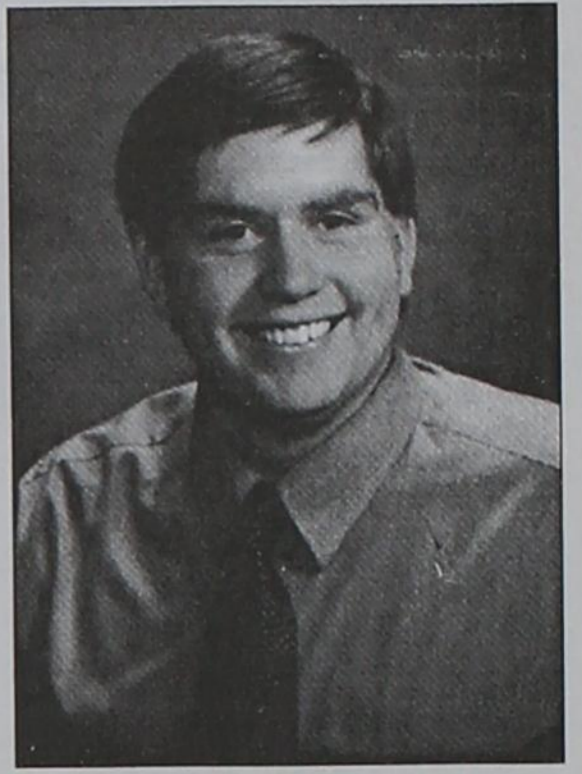
What I like most about high school: Football Season.
 Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: Beating Dayton arm wrestling in the 6th grade.

Most embarrassing moment: Kevin making me laugh.

Advice to the underclassmen: Don't let the little things bother you, just enjoy it because it is over sooner than you think.

Favorite saying or quote: "Surely your not serious", "I am serious and don't call me Shirley."

Plans after high school: Attend Texas Tech University and Major in Theatre Arts.



Nathan Shannon

Nickname: Nate, Nae, or Nater
 Age: 18
 Birthdate: 2-28-81
 Place of Birth: Lubbock, TX
 Parents Names: Robert and Debbie Shannon
 Brothers & Sisters: Denise (Dannie)

Best advice ever received: Don't ever dig yourself a hole so deep you can't crawl out of it.

If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be & why: If I could go back in time I would tell certain people that first impressions aren't always what they seem to be.

Most valuable possession: Cadillac Sedan DeVille
 Unforgettable memory: Homecoming 1998

Favorite color: blue
 Favorite song: Lately by Divine
 Favorite movie: Armageddon
 Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: Chris lied to me and Jaron made me do it!

Favorite Hangout: 1615 Main

What I like best about myself: I can get along with anyone.

Favorite style of clothes: Anything that is comfortable.

What I like most about high school: Hanging out with Nesa and Blair!

Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: Jay and I were playing on the tractor at recess and realized everyone else had returned to class.

Most embarrassing moment: Anytime I am with Daddy and Jim.

Advice to the underclassmen: Leave Cassie Alone!!!!!!

Favorite saying or quote: "Sacedetto"
 Plans after high school: To attend Mortuary School.

Robert Gillespie awarded Powerlifting scholarship

While doing his designated lunch duty on Tuesday, March 23, Coach Danny Copeland received some exciting news that he had the great pleasure of sharing with Robert Gillespie that afternoon. Coach Copeland told Robert application. Robert completed the application and wrote an essay explaining why he thought he deserved the scholarship. The scholarship criteria also required a letter of recommendation from his that he had earned a trip to the State Boys' Powerlifting Meet not as a contestant, but as a scholarship recipient.

In February Coach Copeland gave Robert a Texas High School Powerlifting Association scholarship coach and one from a teacher.

Very early Saturday morning, March 27, Robert and his parents drove to Ft. Hood for the State Powerlifting Meet. They enjoyed watching the competition. Before the presentation of medals to the lifters, THSPA awarded the scholarships.

Coach Mike Pappas, the business manager of THSPA, explained that prior to this year only one scholarship was awarded in each of the six powerlifting regions. He further explained that this year there was an increase not only in the number of applicants but also in the quality of the applicants. Because THSPA was doing well financially, the directors decided to give thirteen \$ 750.00 scholarships to be used for tuition or books.

Robert Gillespie was one of the thirteen recipients chosen from the state of Texas. It was quite an honor to receive this scholarship from the THSPA directors and to be applauded by the lifters, coaches, proud parents, and other spectators.

Coach Copeland stated that he was very proud of Robert. He said that Robert has shown great self-discipline and intensity and has worked very hard to become a good lifter. Coach Copeland further stated that Robert's self-discipline and intensity have carried over into the class room which has allowed him to receive this academic recognition and award. Congratulations, Robert!

After all, she earned the right to compete in this meet from her previous competitions and successes.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS
The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild met in their regular session on Wednesday night at the home of Pearl Patten. Mrs. Patten was in charge. Mrs. Mary Lumsden gave the prayer for the meal. Mrs. Kay Prestridge, sister of Chelsea Read and of Tyler, gave the program on their three week trip to Indonesia. It was the dedication of the New Testament that they translated in their language. A very interesting program.

Mrs. Billie Clifton gave the closing prayer. Those attending were the following: Mary Lumsden, Billie Clifton, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Grace Zabielski, Callie Giesecke, Noma Wike, Lula Swim, Chelsea Read, and guests, Ruby Hipp and Brenda Allen, the speaker Kay Prestridge, and the host, Pearl Patten.

Odessa Mullins and Grace Zabielski attended the 39th Annual Board and Convention March 27 of the TFWC Caprock District in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza. Both presented reports. Don and Lou Largent tended to business in Lubbock, Monday.

Omar Parks is still a patient in Covenant Hospital, Lubbock. He is doing better after his fall at home a while back.

Robert Cooper visited with his mother, Nadean Cooper, in Plainview last Thursday. Janie Torres drove him to Plainview.

Mrs. Betty Bearden and Kerry Bearden of Quitaque drove to Ropesville Sunday morning. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kennedy of Lubbock, attending church services with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bearden, Kelsey and Bryce. Max and wife, Dana, were baptized after the morning services. He is the son of Mrs. Bearden and she is the daughter of Mrs. Kennedy. The group drove back to Lubbock where they enjoyed lunch.

Odessa Mullins attended a WMU Caprock Association Council meeting in the home of Theta Holt, Monday, in Silverton.

Pearl Patten and Jo Etta Bumgardner attended to business in Lubbock, Monday.

T.C. Sedgwick of Branson, MO is visiting with his grandmother, Venita Sedgwick.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher, Lula Swim, Billie Clifton, and their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike attended church services in Spur at Methodist Church to hear the Rev. Galloway of Lubbock, who brought the message.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. Lucille Monk of Tulia, former resident of Flomot, was honored on her 90th birthday with a party, Saturday afternoon at the Swisher County Electric Community Room in Tulia. Hosting the occasion were daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Rosella) Cannon and Mrs. Jean (Ava Nell) Pope of Tulia. An Easter decor and family albums were on display. They served German chocolate cake, punch, coffee, mints and nuts.

Among those attending were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Monk of Las Vegas, Nevada; Mr. and Mrs. John Moss of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Payne, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Monk and Mrs. C.W. Starkey of Flomot, and Mrs. Starkey's daughter, Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney. Others attended from Kansas, New Mexico and throughout Texas.

AWARDED BEST ACTOR IN ONE ACT PLAY

Jason Cloyd of Memphis, grandson of Mrs. Janice Russell of Turkey and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot, was selected on the All-Star Cast as best actor in the One Act Play performance, "Good Bye To The Clown" held recently in Quanah. Co-star in this production, Sandy Davis, was recognized as best actress. They and their Memphis High School classmates advance to the district competition. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock visited Sunday and Monday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross accompanied granddaughter, Aleda Elaine to Medina

Middle School, Saturday after visiting the spring holidays here. En route, they visited in Brownwood with Otis Ross. They visited in Castroville with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Megan and Cheyenne Rose and returned home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Lockney, Sunday with her sister and family, Mrs. Wanda Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Lane and children.

Houseguests of Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd Sunday and Monday were Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Lynn Moore of Amarillo. They enjoyed touring the Caprock State Park and other tourist attractions in the area. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Visiting the weekend with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were L.T. and Floyd Starkey of Ralls, Michael Starkey and son, John of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Davis and son, Michael of Fritch.

Clois and Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Ronald (Waydeta) Clay attended the Community Gospel Singing Sunday afternoon held at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Kathy and Waydeta were featured soloists and also sang a duet that added to the good entertainment.

Of interest to local residents, John Speer of Floydada had surgery, Friday at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview. He has returned home and is reported to be doing fine.

Jack Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Clovis, N.M., Monday to attend the funeral services of cousin and nephew respectfully, Bob Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited Stan and Elisa Wigley before returning home.

Matador News

Catherine Henderson visited with nieces and nephews in Lubbock last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. M. Whattley, Mr. and Mrs. Mell Beasley, Mrs. Wilma Koonce, also a young Baptist preacher from Amarillo who teaches the youth group, Randy Rogers. A beautiful Birth-

day dinner was served in honor of Mrs. Henderson. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Luckett and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Luckett enjoyed the "Always... Patsy Cline" performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Friday night.

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Obituaries

Albert Irwin

Gainesville - Rosary for Albert Irwin, 68, of Gainesville were at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, in Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 29, in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Reinhard Sternemann, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

Irwin died Friday, March 26, 1999, in Care Inn of Sanger.

He was born Oct. 27, 1930, in Roaring

Spring. He married Jo Patridge on June 30, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. He operated a grocery business in Roaring Springs until moving to Gainesville in 1972. He operated the Irwin Apartments and the Irwin Pet Parlor. He retired in 1990. He was a U.S. Veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jackie Irwin of Lubbock, two sons, James Irwin of Dallas, and Jeffrey Irwin of Gainesville.

The family suggests memorials to the Stanford House, 401 W. Garnett St., Gainesville, 76240.

Lewis A. Davis

Funeral services for Lewis A. Davis, 83, of Fort Worth, Texas were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at University Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Officiating was Dr. Mark Woods and Dr. Dan McLallen.

Graveside rites were held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Roaring Springs Cemetery in Roaring Springs with Rev. Rickey Lawrence officiating.

Mr. Davis died Thursday, March 25, at his home in Fort Worth.

Mr. Davis was born September 5, 1915 in Spur. He lived in Roaring Springs as a

youth and later in Lubbock. He was a retired service supervisor for Frigidare Corporation. He was a member of the Yellowhouse Masonic Lodge in Lubbock and a member of University Baptist Church in Fort Worth. He served in the Air Force in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a brother, Aubrey Davis, and is survived by his wife, Morene Kerr Davis of Fort Worth; and one brother, Jack Davis of Matador.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Thank God for his love. A love so great Christ was willing to undergo the suffering and death of the cross for us. Thank God also for Christ's victory over sin and death through His resurrection from the dead.

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. "Skeet" Jameson were greeted at 6:15 A. M., Wednesday, March 24 on their 50th wedding anniversary when her brother, Gary Laughlin of Midland arrived with a beautiful floral arrangement of 50 yellow roses. He wanted to see if his sister had a better disposition at this time of morning than she did 50 years ago when getting adjusted to being a farmer's wife! He was pleased with her improvement and they with his surprise visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson, Beverly and Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N. M. honored his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. "Skeet" Jameson on their 50th wedding

anniversary with a dinner at Hub City Restaurant and the "Alive...Patsy Cline" performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Friday night, March 26. They returned home with them and visited until Monday.

Lance Jameson of Vernon visited Saturday and Sunday and celebrated his parents' anniversary and his brother, Shannon's birthday with gifts, decorated cakes and all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll F. Sikes of Migden, Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Stresher of Little Rock, Arkansas were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle Tuesday night.

Guests of Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Sunday were Jack Samford of Afton and his houseguests, Mrs. Nina Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smithers of Coalinga, California.

Visiting in Roaring Springs, Sunday with Mrs. Josie Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Newman of Spur, Art Green of Flomot and Katheryn Martin.

For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

II Samuel 22:29

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Billy and Lea Peacock had as their guests the weekend of the 21st their grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Michael Peacock and daughters Ashley and Paige from Godley, TX. Last weekend Billy and Lea were in Lubbock from Friday to Sunday to attend the Spring Square Dance Festival on 120th Street, South in Lubbock.

Don't forget, Seniors. Today, Thursday, April 1, is "pot luck lunch day". You may get your paper early enough to get there, even if you didn't remember.

Just received a note from Virgie Marshall Clower Bannister. She enjoyed the story about Jimmie Lee Harris. She remembers when Jimmie Lee and his wife Toots and two children came to the Marshall place in Teepee Flat in 1925. They lived in one of Mr. Marshall's "Hands" houses near their house. Jimmie helped with the farming, and Toots helped Mrs. Marshall occasionally in the house.

"There were 6 of us children at home then. She helped when we'd get 'bogged down' with school, etc. and couldn't do so many chores. They did this for a house to live, groceries and 25 acres of cotton crop. They gave birth to a baby boy while there with the aid of Mrs. Marshall and Dr.

Hughes. They stayed only one year.

"SHORTY" MARSHALL ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

Let's all of us Marshall friends and relatives remember to go to the reunion of the Shorty Marshall family the second Sunday, April 11, 1999. It is always the first Sunday after Easter. It will be at the Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Building. Bring a dish! They are looking forward to seeing many of their friends there. There's always good friendship, fellowship and plenty of food! You have a special invitation!

And be reminded that there are hook-ups for recreational vehicles at the Senior Citizens Building and more have been added next door at the Community Volunteers Building.

We note with regret the passing of Albert Irwin, 68, last Friday, in Sanger, Texas. Our prayers are with the family. Memory takes us back to the times when we could walk across to "Irwins" from school for a bar of candy and a coke at noon, or sit on the Whittler's bench inside and visit. It seems also that there were gas pumps outside, and groceries inside; and a choice location for the view.

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The passing scene of a Whiteflat school trip

by Earlyne Jameson

"No day is over if it makes a memory."

Have you heard someone say, "I had fun on the trip, but I sure wouldn't want to make it again?" Such was the trip made by teachers and students of the Whiteflat School in 1937 to Ruidoso, N.M. The economic hard times of the 1930's did not diminish American sense of humor, quest for entertainment and enduring faith in the country.

The students who made the trip had earned awards in Motley County sports and scholastic events during the school year. There were seven schools during this time span in Motley County. The junior and senior classes of Whiteflat began attending school in Matador in 1933.

Hubert Taylor, superintendent, initiated an active sports program for Whiteflat School with boxing, baseball, basketball and gymnastics. He and faculty members emphasized commitment to goals of self-improvement, self discipline, good sportsmanship and personal creativity. The students did not disappoint them.

The week after school dismissed in May, approximately 30 piled into the new 1937 International orange 6 cylinder school bus. It was the first school bus to have a heater. Can you imagine what it was like for children in the rural area riding in a bus on cold mornings without a heater? I bet they were glad to get to a warm school!

The bus was filled to capacity. Besides their clothes and bedrolls, they brought food including eggs, ham, flour, sugar, cereals, and

canned goods. The scrambled eggs were getting watery the last days of the trip. With them advocating today the danger of eating food that isn't properly handled or in A-1 condition would you believe there was not one sick individual when making the trip or after they returned home? They would stop at camp grounds en route and on return trip home.

Economy was the watchword. They each put \$4.00 in a pot to pay the gas expense. Gas was an exorbitant 12 cents a gallon. There were no restaurants, grocery stores or overnight lodgings along the route. They spent their money at roadside stands for soft drinks and bars of candy.

In 1930, the famous Caverns near Carlsbad, N.M. became a national park. This was one of the highlights of the trip touring Carlsbad Caverns. They were fascinated by the rugged rock formations, but were uneasy when looking below the narrow ledges on which they were walking and seeing nothing but eerie blackness.

Outside of Carlsbad, they stopped beside the Pecos River. The boys dashed across a bridge to an isle of grass in the middle of the water. Their fun was interrupted when the Forest Rangers told them to leave the area as the Pecos River above them was on a rampage moving in this direction following flooding rains. Sure enough, they had just left for safety when a roaring head rise of water completely covered the whole area!

When at Mount Gallus, they prowled through an old mine shaft, dug way back into the mountain. Two elderly miners, friends of G.W. Sexton, a teacher on the trip, had a shack here. When it rained that

night, the boys stayed overnight with them and the girls in the bus.

There were two brothers on the trip who were among those who won their matches in boxing tournaments. They also had their bouts between one another on the school grounds. They had another one on the trip when whirling around on the abandoned mill wheel and the nickels and pennies in their pockets fell to the ground.

Spirits soared even higher when they saw the scenic beauty in Ruidoso. The friendly bears and from Amarillo who teaches the youth trees and mountains to climb was an idyllic spot. They had reached the high point of their destination.

It was not unusual for it to rain, but the dry warm climate dried their clothes quickly. However, the thin dry air did not stay warm after sundown, because of the high altitude. This was an unexpected experience for kids from Motley County!

They were glad to recall the great time they had on the trip, because these country kids had not been out of Motley County many times. Nevertheless, they were glad to arrive home to a warm bed and to have their legs under a table with plenty of food.

So many of those that made the trip have done extensive traveling through the years when serving in the military service, their occupations and on vacation trips.

Are you one of those who remember this trip? When you attend the 1999 Whiteflat Homecoming Saturday, April 3 at the Senior Citizens building in Matador, I'll bet you can recall other episodes not mentioned in this article! We'll be looking for you!



The Grocery Store and Station at Four Corners. The man leaning on the gas pump is Roy McCary.



Henry Martin changing a flat tire. Exact year unknown



At GA Camp, 1956, left to right are Frances Dixon, Scottie Robbins, Linda Havins, Thelma Baker, Glenda McWilliams, Norma Faye Cooper, Geney Spray, and Pat Cooper.



Community Chest Christmas Tree, 1954, Whiteflat Methodist Church, left to right (back row) are Ruthie Lynn, Albert Morriss, Morriss, Wanda Matney, Kay Cooper, Pat Cooper; in front are Carolyn Perkins, Jesse Perkins, unknown, Elaine Dixon, Barbara Slover, unknown.

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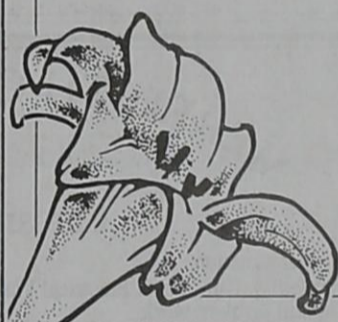
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Thank you to everyone for the cards, food, phone calls, and especially your prayers at the loss of our loved one.

Linda Ho-Gland & family

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy at the loss of our loved ones.

The Saldana family

A very special thank you to the families of Eugene and Rose Ann Saldana for their love and support, for being very much a part of our heartache. Our love is with all of you. Also we would like to give a special thanks to Father John Ohlig and Rev. Rickey Lawrence, Jim Meador, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Pat Seigler for all of his help during and after the funeral, Wal-Mart Distribution, Hispanic Cultural Committee, The Rose Garden, and to all of our friends. Once again thank you for your love and prayers.

Eugene and Melissa Saldana III
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I would like to thank everyone who made phone calls, sent flowers, food, and prayed for me during my stay in the hospital. Thanks to you who visited me at home. A special thank you to Don for taking us to the hospital and bringing us home.

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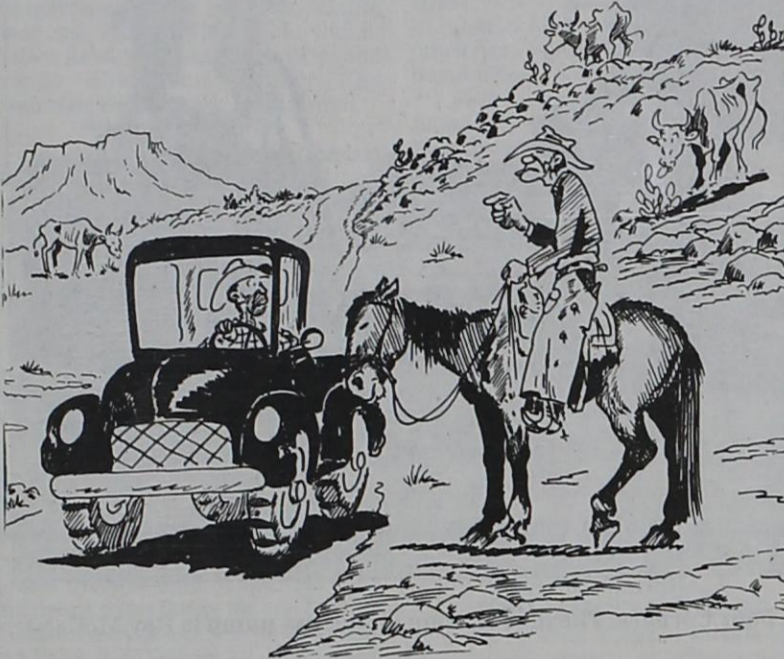
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By Ace Reid



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