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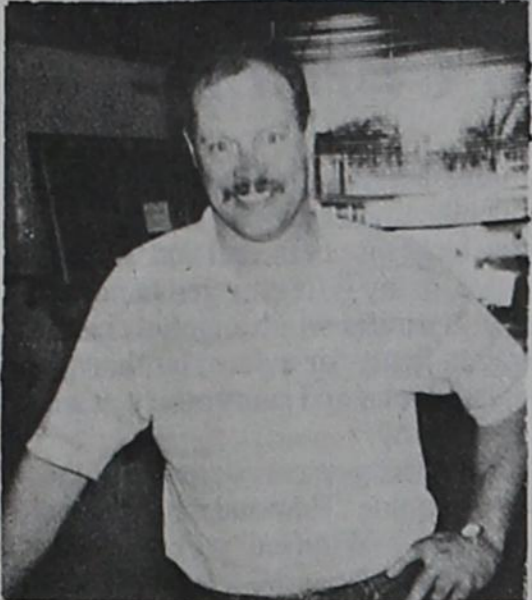
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



PAT SMITH

Pat Smith is owner and operator of Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador. He has lived in Matador most of his life. He has two daughters, Christy, a first grader, and Alyx, 3.

In his spare time, Pat enjoys playing with his girls.

Pat would like to welcome everyone out to eat at Billie Dean's.

Thought for the Week

Time is:
Too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who love—
Time is not.

"There is a season for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven."

Ecc. 3:1 NIV



Salute to a Veteran

NOTE: Lila Meador submitted the following information to be added as a "Salute to a Veteran". The story about Veterans was printed in our Nov. 7 edition, about Veterans from Motley County, killed in 1944.

James Edward Breckenridge "Jimmy" whose mother, Lizzie Breckenridge, was an early day school teacher in Flomot, Texas.

Enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1929 as a Seaman, he worked his way up to a full Lieutenant.

Lt. Breckenridge was on the Destroyer "Roper" off of Okanawa when a "Kamikaze" hit the Roper in 1945 and he was killed.

His aunts in Motley County were Aletha Tipton of Matador, Katie Tipton of Northfield, and his uncle, Leonard Crowell of Flomot.

First Baptist Church Youth To Conduct Can Food Drive

The First Baptist Church Youth Group of Matador will be collecting canned goods this Sunday, December 15 at about 5:00 p.m. All good collected will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance to be distributed to the needy.

Only
13
days 'til
Christmas!



WHAT A GUY! — Ky Christopher seems to think Santa is a pretty neat guy, as he joins him in waving to the crowd during Santa's recent visit to Matador on late night shopping, last Wednesday. Ky is the son of John and Miltzi Christopher of Roaring Springs.



SANTA MAKES ME HAPPY! Jake Blanco is all smiles while visiting with Santa Claus in Roaring Springs Saturday night during their late night shopping. Jake is the son of Dave and Kathy Blanco of Matador.



GET ME AWAY FROM THIS GUY! Little Will Neeley is not pleased with this big, white-bearded guy. He was more than ready to take off running, after being placed in Santa's lap. Will is the son of Mark and Shelly Neeley of Matador.

Motley County Commissioners Meet In Regular Session

Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 9, 1996 at 9:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Butch Hughes, Precinct #2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

All bills were approved for payment.

The following reports were reviewed and approved as presented:

Tax Assessor/Collector Report

Treasurer's Report

Justice of Peace Report

Library Report

James Timmons and Leyman Ables with Texas Animal Damage Control Service, reported 339 coyotes and 186 hogs (HogFeral) destroyed during the past 3 months. Mr. Timmons and Mr. Ables said all farmers and ranchers in Motley County must have a signed agreement with Texas Animal Damage Control Service before they can work that property. Most farmers and ranchers have the agreement in place.

However, if you have purchased or leased property during the past few years, you probably need to contact Mr. Timmons or Mr. Ables as follows:

James Timmons, 817-585-4461

Leymon Ables, 817-585-4438

Judge Price, 806-347-2334

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor, with Texas Department of Transportation met with the Court and discussed some projects that could benefit the county. Mr. Campbell offered his assistance in providing the court with information as requested.

Holidays for 1997 were adopted by the Court. They are as follows:

New Years Day, January 1, 1997

Good Friday, March 28, 1997

Memorial Day, May 26, 1997

Independance Day, July 4, 1997

Labor Day, September 1, 1997

Thanksgiving, November 27 & 28, 1997

Christmas, December 25 & 26, 1997

Court adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Local Salvation Army Service Unit Helps Those In Need

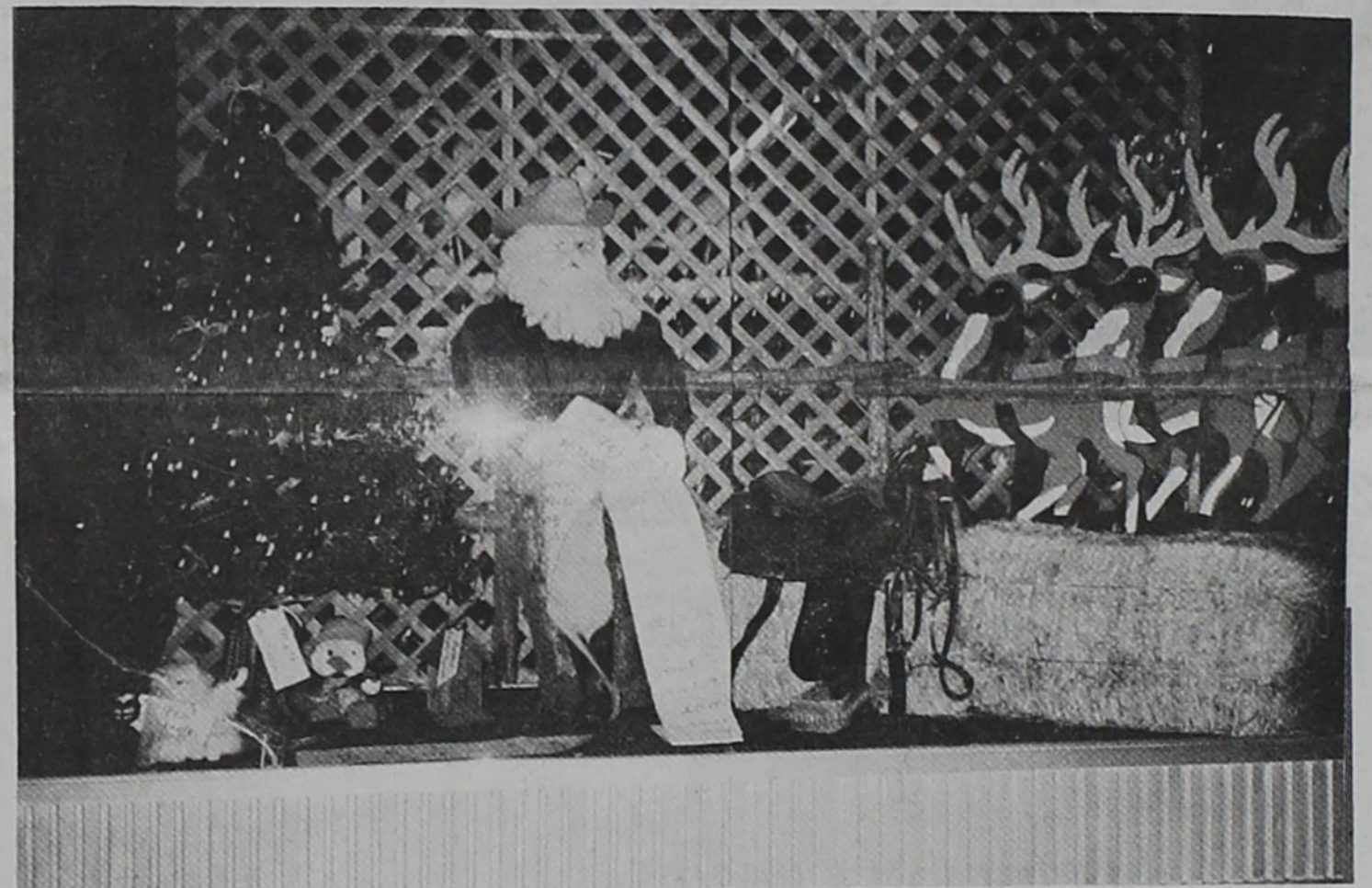
The Motley County Salvation Army Service Unit, administered by a local committee, stands ready to serve those county residents in need. Whether it is a natural disaster, such as a tornado, or providing toys and food for needy families at Christmas time, the Salvation Army is always there to help!

The local committee consists of Charles Keith, Chairman; Marihelen Wason, Treasurer; Jim Meador, Welfare Secretary; Ron Kelley, Felton Gilmore, Jerry Green, and Ruth Lee.

Please support the Salvation Army with your donations this holiday season!



ALL DISTRICT — Receiving 2-A All-District football honors are (back l-r) Keane Cruse, Sophomore, Honorable Mention Quarterback; Joe Mangram, Junior, Honorable Mention, Running back; Dayton Grundy, Sophomore, Honorable Mention, Linebacker; (front l-r) Aaron Green, Junior, Honorable Mention, Receiver; and Tyler Decker, Senior, Honorable Mention, Running back.



COWBOY SANTA — This Cowboy Santa, depicted in the window scene at Vickie's Floral in downtown Roaring Springs, is looking over the list of good little girls and boys. Santa has his reindeer ready for the ride on Christmas Eve, and he even has a saddle.

Area Churches Will Present Christmas Programs Sunday

First Baptist Church, Matador, will present its Christmas cantata, "Christmas Fantasia", on Sunday morning, December 15, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The all-music cantata contains many familiar Christmas selections, and will feature the Children's Choir on two of the songs.

Cantata director is Beverly Mars, and Children's Choir leaders are Brenda Osborn and Reneigh Burns.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this special worship service. There will be a nursery during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, but there will not be a nursery during the worship service. Children are invited to attend the service. There will

be a covered dish Christmas fellowship meal at noon, immediately following the Cantata.

The Roaring Springs Assembly of God Church would like to invite you to attend their Christmas program entitled, "Christmas" on Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be lots of food and good fellowship after the program, so make plans to attend.

4th Annual Library Fund Raiser, Granny's Tea Party December 15

The Fourth Annual Library Fundraiser, "Granny's Tea Party" will be held this Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

This yearly event for girls four years old and up benefits the Motley County Library. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

To make your reservations please call Joyce at 806-347-2793.

Girls - dress up in Granny's dress, hats, gloves, purse and jewelry and come to tea.

Christmas Dinner to be delivered

Floydada merchants and individuals will once again deliver Christmas dinner to shut-ins and elderly in Matador on Christmas Day.

If you would like to have Christmas dinner delivered to you or know someone who needs this service, please contact the Motley County Tribune, 347-2400.



STORE GETS FACELIFT — Matador Pay-N-Save Manager, Allen Mason, is pictured here on one of the isles in the store. Mr. Mason and Pay-N-Save employees have been working on the store giving it a new, fresh, clean look, with well stocked isles. Mr. Mason has added over 170 new products to the store. He invites everyone to come by and take a look.



Well, I don't have much room to write this week. But I just want to say what fun the Late Night Christmas shopping nights were last week, on Wednesday night in Matador, and Saturday night in Roaring Springs. There were so many people in each town, beaming with the Christmas spirit. Everything was festive with Christmas carols playing all over town. It was like a real Old Fashioned Christmas. What fun! Lots of people came by our Tribune office. Thank you to

everyone who came by, and if you didn't get a chance to stop by on that night, for Open House, please feel free to stop by any time.

Only thirteen days left until Christmas! We have one more paper this year! Hard to believe. Next week's edition will be our special Christmas paper. We will be closed the week of Christmas, for a little rest before we begin a new year. 1997 is only days away!

Holiday Cheer Abounds At Do Gooders Christmas Party

The Community Center in Flomot was filled with holiday cheer when the Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met for their annual Christmas party, Tuesday afternoon, December 3.

Hostesses, Mesdames Leona Degan and Christeen Gilbert had creative and colorful Christmas decorations throughout the building including a ceramic tree adorned with twinkling redbirds, a reindeer was positioned on each side and a smiling Santa Claus was in front of the tree.

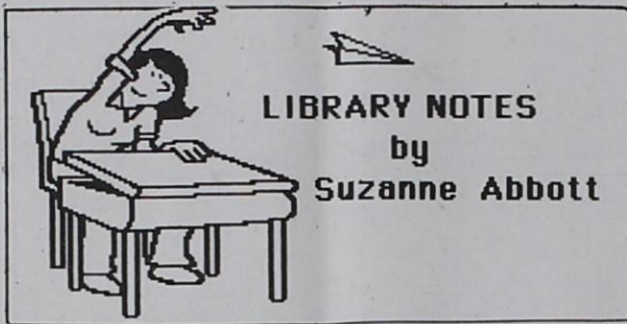
The refreshment table was laid with a Christmas designed fabric centered

with a huge candy cane and a winter basket filled with pinecones.

The ladies shared a good time when exchanging gifts and revealing the 1996 Secret Pal names.

Mrs. B. Rogers, president, presided at a brief business meeting. She announced they will elect new officers of the club for 1997 and draw for Secret Pal names at the January 7 meeting.

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Alma Shorter, Nada Starkey, Edith Washington, Judy True, Mary Jo Calvert, Jimmie Hunter, Barbara Payne, Christeen Gilbert, B. Rogers and Leona Degan.



The Friends of the Library have graciously agreed to pay the monthly charge for the extra telephone line needed to hook us up to the Internet. We appreciate the Friends and their hard work to make the money to make this service possible. This task is added to the many other ways they help the library, such as paying to have it cleaned and buying new books. We couldn't do without our many Friends.

We appreciate the donation to the Library by Georgia Witcher in memory of Herman McCleskey. We also want to thank Charles and Opal Johnson for the donation in memory of Ray Cruse. These donations represent a lasting memorial tribute to these special people.

Again the Library will be able to offer the magazine Guideposts thanks to Jim and Judy Cooper. We appreciate the Cooper's donation of this worthwhile subscription.

A new book in the Library is Age of the Gunfighter. This book presents a

history, both in words and pictures, of the bad men of the West and of the lawmen that tamed them. The book also has beautiful color photographs of the weapons of the outlaws and the lawmen.

New books on tape include Hank the Cowdog in *The Case of the Hooking Bull*, Jane Austen's *Emma*, and *Jewels* by Danielle Steel. There are many more books on tape ready for you to check out.

We also have a new shipment of videos to check out. Included are *Paddington Bear*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, and Disney's *Mickey & the Gang*. There are also several animal videos, such as *Caribou*, *The Incredible Journey*.

You still have time to come to the Library and sign the Christmas card. This card will be published in the Motley County Tribune. You just sign your name, make a donation to the Friends of the Library, and your Christmas card worries are over.



WELL, CADE, WHAT DO YOU THINK? Little Gavin Luckett seems to be looking to big brother, Cade, for approval of Mom and Dad's gifts, while they were shopping in the Kid's Store, sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, during last Wednesday night's late night shopping in Matador.

Motley County Arts & Crafts Club Celebrates Christmas

by Winifred Darsey

Members of the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club ushered in the Christmas Season Monday, December 2, with a gala affair. Upon entering the Senior Citizens Center, a gaily decorated Christmas tree was the focal point.

The lovely green tree was decorated with red ornaments and topped with an angel made of red checked gingham.

Joy Archer was instructor for the day, teaching members how to paint and trim wooden angels, and having all things in perfect condition for the members to work with.

"Angels" seems to be the widespread theme for the Yuletide season this year and is a welcome one.

A Banquet was the setting for the noon luncheon, with tables arranged for banquet seating. A U shaped table, with bright red cloth and gold garland was a perfect setting.

The food was superb with Baked Ham for the entree instead of the traditional turkey. It was a wonderful interlude.

Members drew numbers for the gifts under the tree. Lucky for the ones who drew large numbers, and had the final choice, many gifts changed hands often, a beautiful white angel, a darling swag, a Santa for a door, birdhouses, mugs, jewelry and many others. It was a great party.

Members present were Geraldine Key, Bonnie Edmondson, Lorene Lancaster, Winifred Lee, Betty Simpson, Dorothy Day, Joyce Meredith, Pauline Hand, Dorothy Knight, Joy Archer, Una Simpson, Dora Watson, Marion Woodruff, Lana Copp, Dixie Litken, Loys Campbell, Betty Bostick, and Winifred Darsey.

Joan Patton and June Tilson were guests for the luncheon and favored with a small gift in appreciation for keeping the museum open on the Monday the Club holds its meetings.

Geraldine Key, club president, held a short business meeting.

It was a very happy day, as our Spanish speaking friends would say, "Feliz Navidad!"

Hostesses for the day were Geraldine and Dixie.

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A good way to prepare ourselves for the opportunities and challenges of this life is to get into the Gospels. It is in the four gospel accounts that we find our Lord Jesus. If we are to do as He did, then we of necessity must find out how He did it. In the reading of the gospel accounts we find how our Lord felt, acted, reacted and taught. We need to feel His compassion for others and to see people through His eyes. This will be an eye-opening experience for many of us.

Our emphasis is not only a reading of the life of Jesus, but also to acquaint ourselves with the Master's walk. Let me suggest the book of Luke as an excellent starting point.

In our reading and personal study time, let's remind ourselves that there is an "application time." The Bible says in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves."

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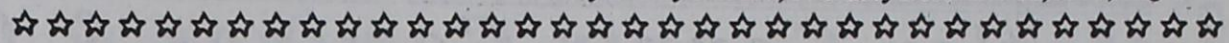
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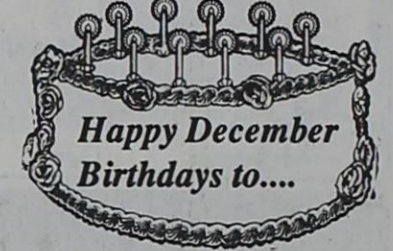


MC hall news



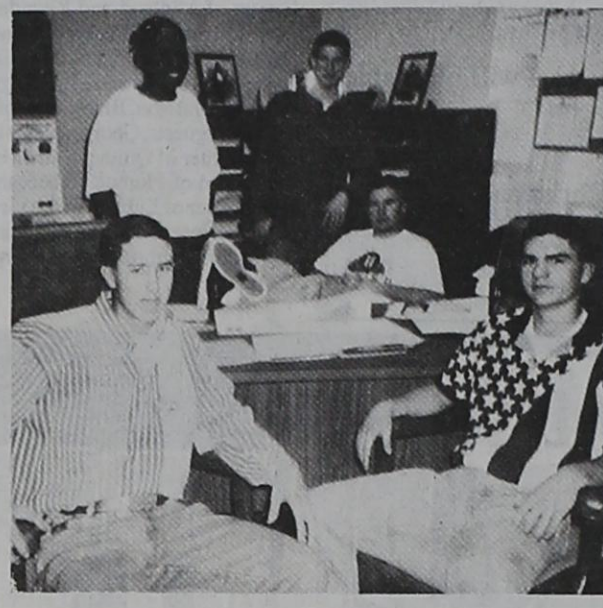
I WANT A CAR, AND JEWELRY, AND Only a few of the things on the Christmas wish lists for Candace Marvel, right, and Llan Barkley, when they visited with Santa. Candace and Llan are MC Freshmen.

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**
 Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.
 Lunch: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Breadsticks, Dessert, Milk.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**
 Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.
 Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Pickles, Dessert, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**
 Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon & Eggs, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Chips, Hot Sauce, Cake, Strawberries, Milk.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**
 Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.
 Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**
 Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
 Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple, Milk.



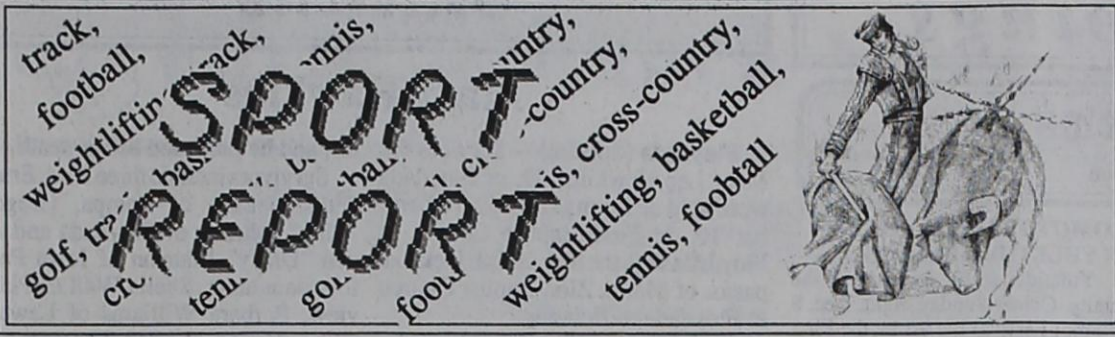
Students: LeeAnn Weatherford, Leslie Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Clinton Cooper, Darryn Perryman, Tammy Nipp, Monica Cifton, Natasha Ramirez, Marc Henzler, Pete Espino, Jessica Gutierrez, Cody Timmons, Crystal Christopher, Justin Todd, Ty Barclay, Isiah Archer.
 Staff: Clara Mangram, Kim Alexander.

CORRECTION
 Justin Todd was left off the Distinguished list when the list was recently printed in the paper. Justin is a Kindergarten student.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — President, Ryan Martin, seated right; Cobey Turner, Vice President, seated left; Aaron Green, Secretary/Treasurer, relaxing at desk; Scott Smith, Reporter, standing right; and Margaret Mangram, Parliamentarian, standing left.

 Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged with Mankind.
 —Rabindranath Tagore



Lady Matadors On Winning Streak

by Coach Kim

JV
 The Motley County Jr. Varsity Lady Matadors got a big win over Crosbyton, 41-28, when they played them December 3.

Sam Osborn was leading scorer with 14. Kim Ashley added 8; Nikki Timmins, 7; Blair Thacker, 6; Nesa McFall, 3; and Llan Barkley, 2.

Leading rebounder was Kim Ashley with 8. Llan had 6; and Sam had 6. Blair had 4 assists, 6 steals and 2 FTO's. Sam had 3 assists. Nikki and Kim had 4 FTO's.

VARSITY
 The Lady Mats defeated Kress, 62-49, November 26, giving them an overall record of 3-2. Dodie Morris was leading scorer with 22 points. Kasey Parks added 18; Leah Cruse, 9; Tonie Bowden, 8; Kristi Williams, 3; Margaret Mangram, 2.

Leading rebounder was Kasey with 11. Leah got 10 and Tonie, 8.

Kasey got 8 of 10 freethrows, 80%; Dodie, 6 of 8 FT, 75%. Dodie had 6 assists and 7 steals. Brandi Jameson had 5 assists. Kasey had 8 steals.

The Ladies got a big win over Crosbyton, 72-44, December 3. Kasey was leading scorer with 28. Leah added 15; Dodie, 13; Kandi Keltz, 5; Tonie, 5; Brandi, 4; and Kristi, 2.

Kasey was leading rebounder with 12. Tonie got 8 and Leah 7.

Kandi was 2 of 2 from the floor for 100%. Leah was 67% from the floor (6 of 9). Kasey, 16 of 20, (80%). Dodie, 6 assists, 6 steals, and 3 forced

turnovers. Brandi forced 5 turnovers. Tonie, 4 assists and 4 steals.

The Ladies defeated Memphis, 44-40, in the first round of the Valley Tournament, December 5. Kasey led the score with 21 points. Leah added 11; Dodie, 4; Tonie, 4; Kandi, 3; and Brandi, 1.

Kasey and Tonie led with rebounds, each grabbing 12. Good job of controlling the boards.

Leah Cruse was 100% from the line, 2 of 2. Leah had 3 assists. Kasey and Tonie each had 3 steals.

In the second round of the tournament, the Ladies defeated Kress, 66-51.

Leah led in scoring with 20 points. Kasey added 19; Dodie, 13; Tonie, 6; Brandi, 5; Kristi, 3.

Kasey led with rebounds grabbing 12. Brandi had 10; Dodie, 5; and Leah, 5.

Dodie had 9 assists. Brandi, 8; and Leah, 6. Leah also had 4 steals.

The Lady Mats made nine 3 pointers in this game. Leah had 4; Dodie, 3; Brandi, 1; and Kristi, 1.

The Ladies won the Championship of the Tournament by defeating Shamrock, 57-53.

Kasey was leading scorer with 21. Dodie scored 11; Brandi, 9; Tonie, 6; Leah, 5; Kandi, 4; and Kristi, 1.

Kasey led with rebounds grabbing 9. Leah had 8 and Tonie, 6.

Brandi got one of one from the floor, 100%. Kandi, 2 of 2 from the floor, 100%. Leah had 5 assists; Dodie 5 steals. Kasey got 6 of 9 from the floor, 67%.

The girls will travel to Memphis on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a Tournament. Play begins Thursday at 12:30.

Chiefs Overpower Matadors

by Billy Green

The Matadors traveled to Crosbyton on December 3 and fell to the Chiefs 66-44. Scoring for the Matadors were Aaron Green, 20; Keane Cruse, 10; Ryan Martin, 5; and Josh Lee, 4.

On December 5th the Matadors were in action in the Patriot Tournament at Valley. Our Matadors lost to the Memphis Cyclones in their first

game 58-48. Scoring for the Mats were Aaron Green, 24; Ryan Martin, 8; Josh Lee, 7; Joe Mangram, 4; Keane Cruse, 3; and Cobey Turner, 2.

In the second round the Matadors were matched up against the Kangaroos of Kress and fell to the Roos 71-54. Leading the scoring in the game was Aaron Green with 20 points. Keane Cruse added 11; Ryan Martin and Joe Mangram, 7; Scott Smith, 6; and Cobey Turner, 3.

The Matadors played Lakeview on Tuesday night.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
 My mama is helping me write this letter because I am only one year old. I like to watch Winnie the Pooh on T.V. I will leave you some of mama's candy on Christmas eve.

Love,
 Parker

Dear Santa,
 My name is Angelica Meredith. I am three years old. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a baby doll and some other toys. Please don't forget my little brother, Jonah. He is 2. He's been pretty good, too. He wants a truck and a lot of other toys. We will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
 Angelica & Jonah

Dear Santa,
 Hi. My name is Shea Rose. I am eleven years old. This year for Christmas I want a Karaoke machine, clothes, a chair that folds out into a bed, and money. Thanks for the things you brought me last year. I'll leave you a coke and cookies.

Love,
 Shea

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Motley County Comings & Goings

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Julian Zabielski was home for Thanksgiving with his parents, Ray and Grace Zabielski. Friday he drove his mother to Mansfield to visit with daughter, Beverly Shorter, and family. Bunni Zeilinger, Zachary and Brooke from Longview, Texas came Friday evening. On Saturday everyone attended a wonderful baby shower for Jennifer McCoy and baby. Julian returned to Jacksboro. Grace returned on Tuesday afternoon by plane. Ray met her at the airport.

Miss Lula Swim was met at Dickens Saturday afternoon, for her birthday by her brother, J.T. and wife, Imogene, as she returned from a bus tour to Branson, Missouri. She left Saturday of last week. They saw seven good shows. Branson is famous for good shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney Christmas shopping in Lubbock Tuesday leaving early in the morning.

Bruce Lefevre helped his son, Billy, move to Dallas where he has been transferred by the company for which he works.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten had over the Thanksgiving Holidays her children and friends. Those eating Thanksgiving dinner were Mrs. Lola Pohl, Mrs. Reba Burkes of Matador; Mrs. Pauline Finks of Perryton;

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen, Robert and Raby, and Roger Browning of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan, Bryce and Jane of Quitaque; Todd Reagan of Silverton; Natalie Meyers of Amarillo; Kacey Cameron of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burkes of Wickenburg, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Matt and Micah of Lovington, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica, and Lisa of Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton; Angie Burkes of Dalhart; Jerry Don Sedgwick of Claude; and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sedgwick of Roaring Springs.

Grady Webb was taken to Lubbock Methodist Hospital last Thursday, Dec. 5, where he remains in the Cardiology department for treatment. His wife, Mary, is home for a few days resting. You might like to send him a card to Cardiology Associates of Lubbock, 4010 22nd St., Lubbock, TX 79410.

Letters from Mrs. Ruth Sweat, former elementary teacher in the '50's when her husband Paul Sweat was School Superintendent. Mr. Sweat died several years ago. She now lives in a retirement home at Big Spring. Their eldest son, Marcus, lives in Waco. Butch and his wife live in Midland. They have a son and daughter.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DELAYED

Guests of Mrs. Edith Washington Thanksgiving day were Max and Gayle Washington of Anton, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner of Childress, Cara Franks, student at Texas Tech, Connie and Coy Franks and Cory, Seab and Dianne Washington and Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot The Todd Washington children visited Thursday night and Friday night with their grandparents, the Seab Washingtons.

Gwen, Tim, Dustin, Shae Lynn, and Peyton Mandrell of Lubbock visited from Thursday night until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rebecca visited during the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin.

Mrs. Dona Browning returned to her home in Rising Star, Tuesday after her visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Cruise.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson joined family members Thanksgiving day in Matador in the home of brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. France Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter and H.G. Hunter of Quitaque were Thanksgiving day luncheon guests of Brad and Anita Carter in Lubbock. The Wayne Hunters, H.G. Hunter, Anita and Rebecca Carter visited at the Barcelona Courts that afternoon with David, Rhonda, Greg and Ross Hunter of Midland and Rhonda's family, Mrs. Carrie Dell Dickerson and Clinton Dickerson of Silverton. Saturday, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were Mr. and Mrs. Brad Carter of Lubbock and houseguests, George Pualos of Greece, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton of Flomot. Rebecca and Virginia Carter of Lubbock who visited in the Hunter home from Thursday until Saturday were accompanied home by the Brad Carters.

FLOMOT FESTIVAL RINGS IN YULETIDE HOLIDAYS

The Yuletide spirit enveloped the Community Center Sunday night, Dec. 8 at the Flomot Festival hosted by the First Baptist Church. They provided a night of musical entertainment, good food and a religious message to signify the start of the holiday season.

The warmth of music kindled hearts when the featured guests, Nelson Dotson, band director at Floydada Schools, his wife and two sons presented instrumental melodies of Christmas with three trumpets and a flute. They received a resounding applause.

The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church, welcomed everyone and read Bible scriptures. Herb Martin gave the opening prayer and L.E. Shorter the closing prayer.

Gold luminaries reflecting the Little Town of Bethlehem scene with a gleaming star overhead were placed intermittently on tables laid with star sprinkled white cloths. Adding to the beautiful decor, candy canes were at each place setting.

Including families and friends over 40 attended the celebration from Quitaque, Petersburg, Turkey, South Plains, Whiteflat and Flomot.

Kevin Sehon of Lubbock was omitted from guests Thanksgiving day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry Clay of Garland, Lori and Kevon Kliebrink and Kyler and Julie Clay of Lubbock. They also visited League Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Fish Wilson of Quitaque, Stanley Burleson of Cedar Hill and M.C. Jones were in Guthrie, Oklahoma recently to attend the finals in the Steer Roping events.

Wendell Morris suffered a broken arm, Wednesday following an accident when hooking up a trailer to his pickup. He received medical treatment at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor and Tory of Silverton, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star and Fannin and Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat visited Mrs. Tommie Cruise, Sunday.

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Sunday.

Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Floydada, Thursday for medical appointments and to attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris visited recently in Breckenridge with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris and Lane. They attended Tommy's graduation ceremony from Law Enforcement School held in Abilene.

Mrs. Jack Starkey was in Lockney, Wednesday for a medical check-up. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch visited Mr. and Mrs. Starkey during the weekend.

Mesdames Geneva Martin, Alma Shorter, and Kathy Shorter enjoyed Country Christmas in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Jeffrey of Colorado Springs, Colorado visited the past week with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin. They also visited in Plainview with her mother, Mrs. V.D. Tiffin and in Silverton with brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tiffin.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson were in Floydada, Friday for Mary Ellen a dental appointment. They visited Mrs. Mollie Burleson before returning home.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The geography teacher asked Johnny to describe the English Channel.

"I don't know the answer. We don't get that station on our TV set," was his reply.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Frances Dixon were granddaughter, Kobi Risser, student at University of Texas in Arlington and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser and Kaci of Matador.

Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs. Juanita Cooper joined her daughter and family, Kay and Ken Dunnam and Kourtney of Amarillo in Tulia Sunday night for supper and to visit.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin were in Plainview, Wednesday for her an optical medical appointment. They enjoyed the Festival Celebration in Flomot Sunday night.

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner attended an Alphabet Phonics Workshop, Friday held at the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Lubbock. She visited her daughter, Heather, Texas Tech student, before returning home. She attended the Flomot Festival Sunday night.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper was in Roaring Springs, Monday to attend a birthday luncheon at RS Cafe honoring Ms. Lula Swim and Ray Zabielski. Others attending were Mesdames Billie Clifton, Doris Neff, Grace Zabielski and Pauline Hand.

Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Bristow of Brownwood visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Matador News

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Jack and Decima Green spent Thanksgiving with Gordon and EIWanda Simmons and family in Big Spring.

Obituaries

Mary Hawkins

Floydada (Special) -- Services for Mary Lee Hawkins, 59, of Floydada were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, at First Baptist Church in Floydada with the Rev. Ralph Jackson, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Floydada, officiating.

Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Thursday, Dec. 5, 1996 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Feb. 22, 1937, in Henderson. She married Robert Hawk-

ins, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest "Ed" Johnson of Pampa, Gregory "Chip" Johnson of Floydada and Aldon "Duffy" Johnson of Iowa Park; four daughters, Shelia Wall of Plainview, Barbara Williams of Lawton, Okla., Vivian "Lynn" Thompson of Matador, and Eunice "Sandy" Johnson of Floydada; three sisters, Ann Hawkins of Plainview and Lucy Burks and Jimmie Minnill, both of Floydada; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary McCallie

Boys Ranch (Special) -- Services for Mary Ruth McCallie, 50, of Boys Ranch were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 9, at Boys Ranch Chapel with Steven Singleterry, chaplain, officiating.

Burial will be in Boys Ranch Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

She died Friday, December 6, 1996. She was born in Matador. She married Jack McCallie Jr. in 1968, in Matador.

She taught English at Boys Ranch schools.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, Jack III (Trey) and wife Vanessa of Amarillo, Tony of Canyon, and Charlie of Boys Ranch; five sisters, Carlene Colwell of Fort Worth, Joyce Morton of Cleveland, Texas, Daphne Edwards of Houston, Glenda Martin of Dumas and Gail Noland of Floydada; and two brothers, Lonnie Lynn of Childress and Alvin Lynn of Dumas.

The family suggests memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo 79101; or to call Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

Robert Dickson

Services for Robert M. Dickson, 79, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 6, at Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. David Wallace, pastor of Summit Baptist Church; Felton Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church in Matador; and H.A. Hanks, pastor of First Baptist Church in Andrews, officiating.

Masonic graveside services conducted by the Matador Masonic Lodge were in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Dickson died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996, at Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Lexington, and he moved to Lubbock from Matador in July 1996. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939. He was a Mason, and he received his 50-year

membership pin from Houston's Holland Masonic Lodge 1. He was a worshipful master of lodges in Anson and Matador. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church, and he was a member of Lubbock's Summit Baptist Church. He married Jo Ann Narciso in 1940 in Houston. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He retired from Blue Cross-Blue Shield in 1978 as a provider relations representative. He served as an administrator of hospitals in Breckenridge, Sherman, Denton and Coleman.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Margaret Stanley of Matador and Patsy Tipping of Andrews; and five grandchildren.

Ruth Hale

Floydada (Special) -- Services for Ruth Hale, 77 of Lubbock were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 9 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clark Williams, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Carr's Chapel Cemetery under direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada. She died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born Oct. 31, 1919 in Turnersville. She moved to Floydada and attended McCoy schools. She moved to Lubbock and graduated from Texas Tech and Methodist School of Nursing. She was a volunteer for

Contact Lubbock, and she was a member of First United Methodist Church of Floydada. She married Roy Hale on Dec. 27, 1936, in Petersburg. He died March 8, 1978.

She was a retired registered nurse, and she was a certified grapho analyst.

Survivors include four sons, James of Floydada, Barry of Roaring Springs, and Dan and David, both of Lubbock; a brother, Bill Snell of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.

Thank You

The family of Herman McCleskey would like to say thank you to each and everyone who brought food to Daisey Smith's home on Sunday and to the First Baptist Church on Monday, the ladies who so graciously served the family and cleaned up afterward. To Pat for taking care of the arrangements and to Rev. Felton Gilmore for the message of comfort he brought, for flowers and cards, and especially your prayers. May God bless each of you in your need.

Mrs. Rene McCleskey
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Mr. and Mrs. Al McCleskey & boys
Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCleskey & girls
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I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during my recent hospitalization and return home. All the many acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. God bless you for your concerns.

Darrell & Judy Woolsey

Words can never express our heartfelt thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to our family during the illness and the loss of Robert Dickson.

To Chip Smith, Joe Smith, Wes Campbell - you made his dream come true by making the trip to Lubbock to present him with his 50-year Masonic pin while he was in the hospital.

To Billy and Terree Donaldson - you will never know how much your friendship has meant to us. Just knowing we can call for anything is more help than we can ever tell you. Also, thank you for treating Jill as your own.

To Chip Smith, Pat Smith, Wes Campbell, Tommy Assiter, James Meador, Harold Campbell for the graveside Masonic service.

To Billy Donaldson and Fred Risser for leaving your jobs to help serve as pallbearers along with Patsy's friends.

A special thank you to everyone who traveled to Lubbock for his funeral. Your attendance was so appreciated and such a comfort to us.

We thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and all the encouragement we have had during his difficult time. We love all of you.

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Farm & Ranch News

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COTTON NEWS



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Steadily gaining ground, the 1996 High Plains cotton crop continues to turn heads. Producers, close to having 90 percent of the crop harvested, continue to report outstanding yields.

Early projections of 3 million bales could even prove slightly low after converting actual bales to the 480-pound standard used for statistical purposes. Current estimates indicate as many as 2.9 million bales could be processed by the United States Department of Agriculture's Cotton Division offices in Lubbock and Lamesa.

The Cotton Division is responsible for evaluating each bale produced and assigning values for specific fiber qualities. All U.S. cotton is evaluated using a combination of High Volume Instrument (HVI) classing equipment and human classers.

HVI measurements are used for measurable characteristics such as length, micronaire and strength and human classers determine the color and leaf grades assigned to each bale.

Calculating the number of corresponding 480-pound bales from 2.9 million "running", or actual, bales requires adding between 3 and 5 percent to the bale figure. This adjustment is necessary because "running" bales typically weigh more than 480 bales.

"What a turn-around from the crop we expected to produce back in the middle of the summer," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "There were very few who ever thought we would produce this much cotton after the terrible start we experienced as a result of drought conditions."

"It appears that this year's crop is going to shatter the average yield mark of 555 pounds per harvested acre we set in 1993."

Should the classing office estimates prove correct and the area harvests the 2.4 million acres estimated by USDA in November for Texas crop reporting

districts 1-N and 1-S, per acre yields could average between 597 and 609 pounds per harvested acre.

Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S are typically used as a yardstick of High Plains production.

It should also be noted that a small number of bales classed at the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices are received from outside the 25-county growing area.

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The son of Tom and Jan Hamilton, he joins his father, Graddy Tunnell, H.M. LaFont, and Bill LaFont in the law practice. The firm also bears the name of the late Marshall Formby.

Hamilton was officially sworn in as a practicing attorney at a ceremony at the State Capitol on Nov. 18.

He attended law school at Texas Tech University and is the fourth generation of lawyers in his family.

His father attended Baylor Law School and joined the LaFont, Tunnell, Formby & Reep Law Firm in the same building in 1966. Tom's father, John Hamilton, attended the University of Texas Law School and joined his father in practice in 1929 in the First State Bank Building in Matador.

Toms grandfather and Brent's great-grandfather, G.E. "Judge" Hamilton, studied law on his own and took the bar exam after serving as an apprentice in a firm in Abilene in 1897. He practiced in Matador until the age of 90.

Brent Hamilton is a graduate of Plainview High School and Texas Tech University School of Business with a degree in Petroleum Land Management.

While in school he was involved in the Plainview 4-H Club. He worked on his family's farm and ranch during the school year and spent summers in Kanai, Alaska working on a commercial salmon fishing operation operated by his uncle, Dick Hamilton.

His wife, Cari, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Hall of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Elmo and Mary Nell Hall of Petersburg.



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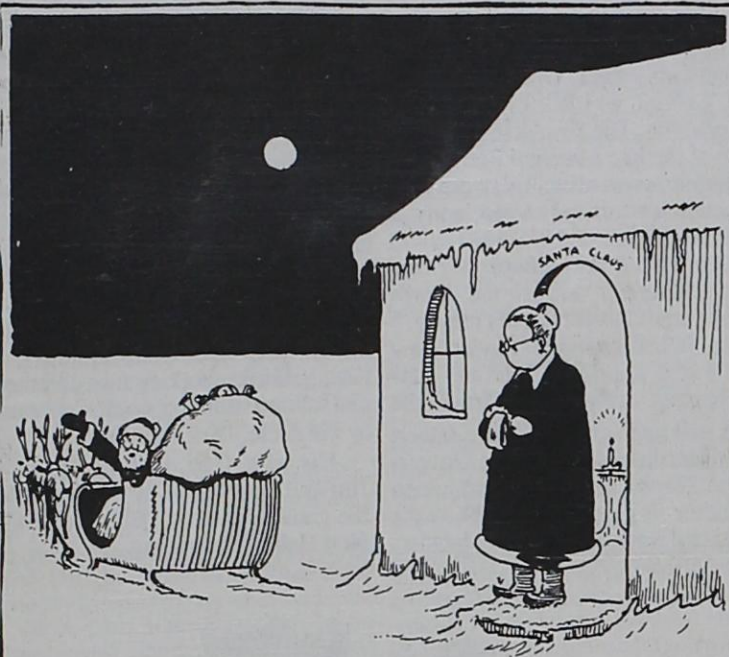
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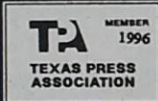
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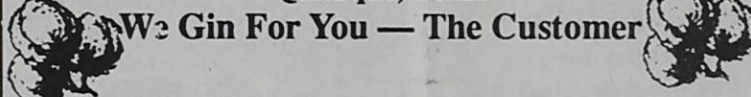
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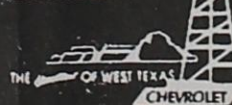
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