

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING RIDE — This picture was taken in August, 1939 at the Morckel Turkey Ranch at Floydada. Little girls are sisters, Nancy (front) and Karen Buchanan, and the little boy is David Badgett. This picture appeared in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram, December 24, 1939. It was printed in color as part of the paper's Amateur's Art Gallery. J.T. Hatch of Floydada was the photographer. Nancy Buchanan Hagood of Floydada, is the mother of Janie Campbell of Matador. Karen Buchanan Bedell, of El Paso, is her aunt. David Badgett once owned a business in Matador. It is unknown where he now lives.



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A Look back in Time

NOVEMBER 21, 1968
Best Crop In Years Moving
From Fields

"The best crops in years, perhaps in history, of Motley County, is beginning to move from the fields. A total crop will not equal the thirty-five thousand - bale 1949 crop.

November 27, 1947
COMMUNITY JOINS IN
UNION SERVICES

"Thankful Texans of various religious denominations attended the Union Thanksgiving services held at the Matador Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Sermon was by Rev. Clifford Potts, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Clear Roads Should Abound Over Thanksgiving Holidays

Austin - Most Texas highways should be open during the Thanksgiving holidays with few delays caused by highway construction.

Perhaps the best news is for motorists traveling Interstate 45 through Corsicana, where significant delays occurred last Thanksgiving. The highway is no longer reduced to one lane in each direction and motorists should have minimal, if any delay.

Highways where there could be construction-related delays include:

North

— I-44 through Wichita Falls.
— U.S. 287 through Clarendon in Donley County is reduced to one lane in each direction.

— U.S. 83 through King County has narrow lanes with shoulders in use for travel lanes.

— U.S. 82 through Benjamin in

Knox County has narrow lanes with shoulders in use for travel lanes.

South

— I-35 between San Antonio and New Braunfels in Comal County has no emergency shoulders through a seven-mile lane expansion project.

— I-10/East Freeway through Houston eastbound and westbound ramps to U.S. 59 northbound closed until Dec. 15. Detour to Runnels Street turnaround.

— I-10/Katy Freeway through Houston eastbound from I-45 to Taylor Street has two inside lanes closed until Feb. 1998.

— I-45/Gulf Freeway through Houston southbound at Farm-to-Market 518 has one middle lane closed.

— I-45/North Freeway through Houston southbound from Airline Road to Crosstimbers Road will have

two inside lanes closed from 6 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 29 only.

— FM 865/Cullen Boulevard through Houston northbound and southbound from Meadow Park Lane to Sunbeam Street is reduced to one lane in each direction.

East

— I-20 through Gregg County at the Sabine River, traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. Detours are possible.

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Granny's Tea Party Date Set

The Annual Library Fund Raiser, "Granny's Tea Party" has been set for Sunday, December 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

This annual event is for girls ages 4 and up, to dress up in their Granny's hats, dresses, gloves, jewelry, etc. and have tea and cakes at a real old-fashioned tea party. Reservations and a \$5.00 donation are required. Please call Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 to make your reservation.

All proceeds benefit the Motley County Library.

Christmas Paper Deadline Coming Up

The deadline for the annual Motley County Tribune Christmas edition is coming up soon! The Christmas edition will be our December 25th edition, Christmas Day, but will be printed on Tuesday, December 23rd. But the deadline for all Santa Letters, special Christmas stories, pictures, etc. will be Friday, December 12. All regular news copy, ads, etc. for that week must be in no later than Monday, Dec. 22, and would be better if some items could be in on that Friday.

We realize that this sounds very confusing, and we apologize for that, but due to Christmas falling on a Thursday, and early print dates, we have no other choice in order to get everything done for that issue. We appreciate your cooperation!

Late night shopping set for December 4

The night that everyone looks forward to each year to get them in the Holiday spirit and offers a night of bargain shopping at home, Late Night Shopping, will be held Thursday night, December 4.

Most Matador businesses will be open late, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., offering special drawings for discounts, savings on gift items, refreshments and more.

The Motley County Booster Club will have a Stew Supper in the

American Legion Building from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. They will be serving stew, cornbread, cobbler and drinks for only \$4.00. All proceeds will be used to sponsor the All-Night Drug-Free Graduation Party held in May. The booster club would like to invite everyone to come eat a delicious supper and support our youth at the same time.

Watch for more details on this night of fun in next week's paper.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!

Santa Claus will be coming to town Thursday, December 4 during Late Night Shopping in Matador. He will arrive at the American Legion Building (downtown) at 5:30 p.m. and will be there until 9:00 p.m.

Come and tell Santa what you want for Christmas and get your picture made. You can also shop for Mom and Dad at the Kiddie Store while you wait for Santa. There will be Horse and Buggy rides around town, too!

Santa Claus authorizes Tribune to receive Letters

Hey kids! Santa has officially authorized the Motley County Tribune to accept letters to him. You can mail your letters to —

Santa Claus
c/o Motley County Tribune
P.O. Box 490
Matador, TX 79244

Letters may also be put in the mail box in front of the Tribune office.

But, most importantly all letters must be in by December 12 to enable us to print them in the paper and forward them on to Santa at the North Pole.

County Bridge Replacement Aided By State Funds



DUMONT BRIDGE — This long county bridge located near Dumont will soon be rebuilt. The bridge is approximately 450 ft. long, but will be shortened some when refurbished.

(TxDOT photo)

Efforts to replace a damaged county road bridge in Motley County got a boost today from the state.

The Texas Transportation Commission committed \$350,000 to help replace the County Road 105 Bridge at the Pease River just southeast of Matador.

The bridge has been closed since August due to structural damage caused from a fire, forcing traffic to be de-

toured to a temporary low water crossing. The structure is an essential route connection for many of the Motley County citizens.

Construction on the new bridge could begin as early as next summer, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"TxDOT is pleased to be able to respond to the county's request for

emergency consideration of this structure for the off-system bridge program," said David Casteel, district engineer for TxDOT's Childress district. "It is always a pleasure to work

with Judge Price and the Commissioner's Court of Motley County in providing transportation improvements to the area."

ONLY 28
DAYS 'TIL

CHRISTMAS!





Happy Thanksgiving! Wow! A lot has happened since last Thanksgiving! But yet, it seems like it was only yesterday. We have a lot to be thankful for again this year, as we do every year. But the most blessed event was the birth of the most precious little girl there ever was - our beautiful little granddaughter, Morgan. We are so thankful for the joy she brings to our lives.

I know everyone has something very special that are thankful for, and yet there are some people this holiday season, who are trying hard to think of something to be thankful for. There are a lot of lonely and sad people out there, and my heart and prayers go out for them. I pray that God will bless them with His special comforting touch this holiday season.

As you probably know by now, since I have printed other things from *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, I really like this book. The following is also from that book.

THE RULES FOR BEING HUMAN

by Cherie Carter-Scott

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period of this time around.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called Life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the

lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.

3. There are no mistakes, only lessons.
Growth is a process of trial and error: Experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".

4. A lesson is repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.

5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.

6. "There" is no better than "here". When your "there" has become a "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here".

7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.

8. What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.

9. Your answers lie inside you. The answers to Life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen and trust.

10. You will forget all this.



We have a number of "thank you's" today. As usual, Motley County residents, both present and former, have come through in fine style for the library. We had a wonderful crowd for Nelda Laney's Capitol Renovation program, and we thank all who attended. We also appreciate those Friends of the Library members who brought goodies to serve at the reception. We had a lot of wonderful food. Thanks, too, to Jerry and Patricia Green for coming in on Saturday and moving furniture and setting up chairs for the program.

We have another new county history book in the Library. We thank Alvin Lynn for ending 100 Moore Years A History of Moore County, Texas. This will make a great addition to our growing collection of Texas county histories. Thanks, also to Evelyn Garrison for calling this book to our attention.

The Rev. Tom Sanders of California has sent us a gift subscription to the magazine *Biblical Archaeology Review*. This is a very popular magazine with our patrons and we appreciate this renewed subscription.

Lee Peacock has donated some new books to the Library's genealogical collection and we appreciate her continued interest and support. Beverly Vinson also donated some new books to the library's genealogical section as

well as three new crochet books. We thank Beverly for these welcome donations.

The Motley County Genealogical Society met at the Library last week and then adjourned to the home and fabulous family history collection of Monte and Noma Wike. We appreciate the Wikes' opening their home to the Society's members.

Coming up at the Library is the annual Friends of the Library Christmas Greeting Project. You can send your greeting to all your friends and family by signing the Christmas card at the Library. This card will be published in the Christmas issue of the Motley County Tribune, and Eureka! Your Christmas card problems are taken care of. We ask that you drop a donation in the can when you come in to sign the card.

Last year the proceeds from the Christmas card bought some new large print books for those of us who can read a little more easily if the letters are big. A good time to sign this card will be the Matador Late-Night Shopping event. The library will be open that night for checking out and turning in books and videos, making copies, browsing the Internet, signing the Christmas card, and just visiting.

Come by the Library to see Beverly and Furman Vinson's collection of White House Christmas Ornaments.



Family and Consumer Sciences News

by Arla Felts, Extension Agent

One of the best things about this time of the year is that most families plan more time for each other. Family life can be strengthened and enriched by first having the desire to make it better and then taking the initiative to change practices that are needed to be changed.

How close are your family members? What do you consider when giving your answer? Are you truly kindred spirits? Some families are always together but never know where they stand with each other. Communication - true communication - is almost non-existent.

What things do you consider to be important that you do together? Is going and doing the only thing you do with family members? Many families consider that they are very close since they are together "all the time". They may have proximity of body but be very, very far away in spirit.

This is an excellent time for a "value check". Are you truly living your values related to your family? What can you do to make relationships closer and or meaningful? The answer to all

these questions are difficult to express. During this Thanksgiving season we need to remember to give thanks for family members where ever they are and what ever they have done.

A good way to check our own gratitude level is to make a list - a WRITTEN list - of things related to each family member for which we are thankful and something that they have done for you that no one else has ever done. The list will speak volumes about who YOU are. It may also help YOU to heal some long term pain and enter the Thanksgiving with a more grateful heart. Another great benefit of having such a list is that some days when you think no one cares or when you feel hurt toward that person, you can read your list and remember that you truly do have many things for which to be thankful.

Let us give thanks. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or natural origin.

El Progreso Club Discusses Adult Literacy Problem

El Progreso Club met November 13, 1997 at the Senior Citizens Center with the following present: Mrs. JoAnn Dickson, Mrs. Patricia Green, Mrs. Debbie Martin, Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner, Mrs. Loys Campbell, Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Mrs. Joan Keith and Mrs. Grace Campbell. The meeting was called to order by president-elect Loys Campbell with the usual business being taken care of. The Federation Report was given by the District President, Mrs. JoAnn Dickson concerning the Fall Board Meeting held in Seymour in October, with seven El Progreso members attending. Loys Campbell was elected interim-president to finish the year's activities.

The leader for the afternoon was Patricia Green who commenced the afternoon with a patriotic bent with the group pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag, repeating the American's Creed and then singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America". She told of the awesome sight of the Air Force Academy this past weekend when she and her husband had the privilege to attend the football game between the Air Force and Army and what a thrilling experience to be in that atmosphere during the Veterans Day celebration. Mrs. Green introduced Mrs. Joan Keith, from the Motley County ISD who spoke on Adult Literacy and Continuing Education.

Mrs. Keith has 30 years experience in the Literacy of Adults having done much of that work in the schools in Southern California. She dealt with people from 14 to 64 years of age on the West Coast in the Adult Literacy program. She cares deeply about the program of the adult population and of their plight for learning. In the dictionary definition, literacy is the ability to read and write. Just that. It is adult literacy in an enlarged sense that has caused such great concern. Reading and writing are among the basic intellectual skills that everyone needs to function effectively in an advanced society - to earn a living wage, exercise the responsibilities of citizenship and deal with the challenges of everyday life. In today's society, reading and writing are not the only intellectu-

ral basics required. Some would add mathematics. Most people cannot function effectively in our society unless they can read, write and speak English. Studies show at least twenty to thirty million adult Americans have not mastered basic literacy skills. They cannot read and understand the newspaper, balance a checkbook, use a bus schedule or in some cases, speak the English language.

Nationally, Texas ranks third in the nation behind California and New York in the population of adults who lack a high school diploma. In Texas an

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1 in 10

Is there someone in the course of your life that you have forgotten to thank? Is there someone who needs a little encouragement, a word of gratitude for their efforts?

Thanksgiving, one of our national holidays, is not far away. We can hardly wait for the holiday from work, the opportunity to see family, to feast upon delicious family favorites. Yet, folks are still waiting for our thanksgiving, our offered gifts of gratitude to them.

Twenty centuries ago, Jesus, the Son of God, was walking through the human experience. One day, close to Jerusalem, he came across ten lepers. The nationality of the entire group is unclear, but we know one of them was despised Samaritan. Recognizing Jesus, perhaps only as healer, they called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Jesus simply said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." Miraculously, on their way, they were totally healed. But sadly, only the Samaritan returned: "He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him" (Luke 17:16). Why did the others call Jesus Master?

Take this week and survey your life. Ask God to bring instances to your mind when you completely forgot to thank someone who has helped you along the way. Such help may have been curial to your purpose, it might have simply been an encouraging word or gesture. Perhaps you were just one in a group that received the favor. Whatever the case, big or small, make an effort to thank at least one person you failed to thank earlier. That one will be surprised, delighted, and thankful. Try it and see!

Remember: let "each of us" be the "one" in ten who is always grateful.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Worship - 9:00 a.m.

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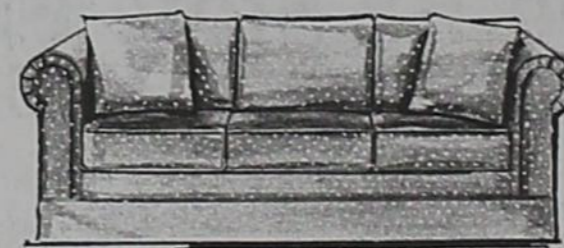
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ANNUAL REPORT UPPER PEASE SWCD

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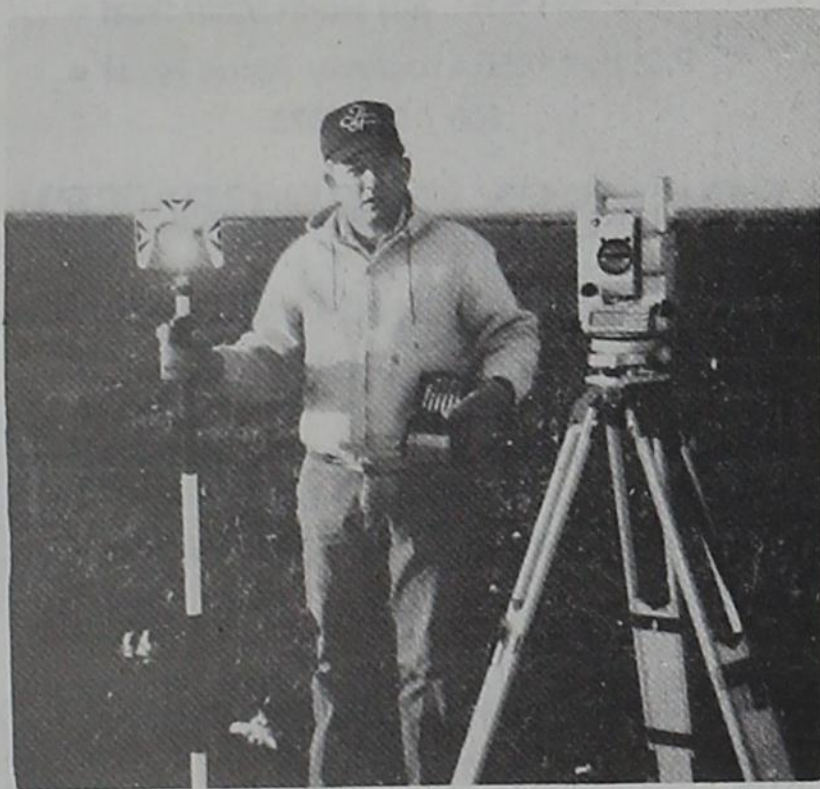
CONSERVATION OLDIES

Soil and water conservation has been a major concern for county leaders and concerned businessmen for many years in Motley County. Range seeding, conservation tillage, terrace construction and others have been the center of activity and hours of discussion throughout the years. Priorities may have changed, however the USDA continues to provide up to date, modern advances in technology. Shown above are a group of ministers, USDA personnel, county officials and landowners during a Soil Stewardship tour. The date was April 27, 1967. How many of these young men can you name?



WINDBREAK TREES

Windbreak trees have been used in Motley County for the past 50 plus years to control wind erosion and conserve energy. Windbreaks properly located and spaced around small or large fields will prevent damage to cotton or other sensitive plants. A windbreak tree ten feet in height will provide protection to these plants at least 300 feet downwind. Windbreak trees can also be used around the home to reduce the effects of West Texas windstorms. These trees will reduce the cost of heating the home in the winter by protecting from cold winter winds as well as providing needed habitat for the many birds and mammals common to Motley County. Many varieties of windbreak seedlings are available to choose from with many being visually attractive for homestead use. Windbreak seedlings are available again this year from the Upper Pease SWCD. Contact NRCS personnel to discuss windbreak seedlings or windbreak plantings. Contact Jackie Binder, SWCD SCT, to purchase or order seedlings.



NEW EQUIPMENT

The Upper Pease SWCD in partnership with the Duck Creek SWCD received a grant from the Texas Water Development Board for the purchase of new surveying equipment to be used by NRCS personnel. The equipment is state of the art total station surveying equipment to be used by NRCS personnel. The equipment is state of the art total station surveying equipment and included electronic recording will greatly facilitate the field work of SWCD and NRCS personnel and will provide producers with more accurate engineering data leading to reduced soil erosion and improved water use efficiency.

Accomplishments of the Upper Pease SWCD and The Natural Resources Conservation Service 1997 Fiscal Year

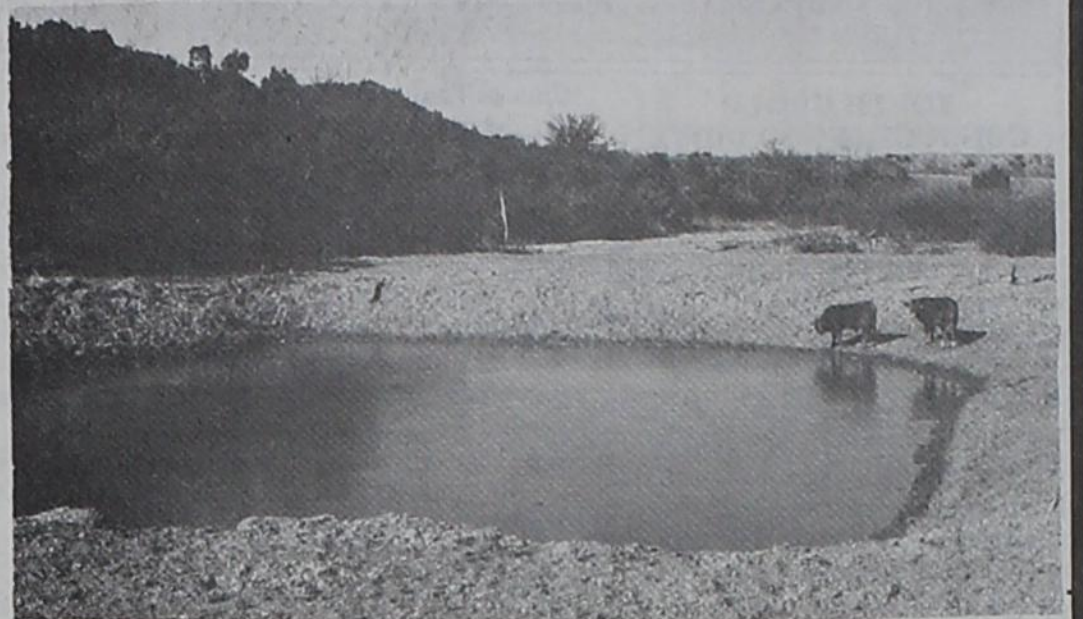
Standard Terraces -----	31,500 feet
Pipe Outlets -----	3 - 15' & 24"
Water Storage Facilities -----	3 No.
Livestock Pipeline -----	5,000 feet
Livestock Well -----	1 No.
Pasture Planting -----	250 ac.
Brush Control -----	3800 ac.
Planned Grazing Systems -----	6 for 3500
Prescribed Burn -----	1 No.

Great Plains Conservation Program - - - - -	5 contracts on 3,951 ac.
ACP/LTA Contracts -----	2 contracts on 6,658 ac.
EQIP Contracts -----	4 contracts on 6,331 ac.
FSA/FACTA Conservation Plans -----	524 tracts on 92,115 ac.
Compliance Status Reviews -----	16 on 7,839 ac.
CRP sign up No. 15 resulting in -----	42 contracts

Upper Pease SWCD Highlights and Activities 1997 Fiscal year

SWCD ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Sponsored essay contest
- Sponsored poster contest
- Sponsored windbreak seedling program
- Sponsored drip irrigation demonstration and sales
- Sponsored soil moisture monitoring equipment sales
- Sponsored Soil Stewardship activities
- Attended South Plains Association of SWCD's meetings
- Co-sponsored county meetings on conservation provisions
- Co-sponsored Newsletters with NRCS
- Participated in state Subchapter H funds program
- Received maximum state matching funds
- Provide clerical assistance to NRCS staff
- Provide district technician to NRCS staff
- Supported and participated in area awards program
- Sponsor local 4-H awards program
- Sponsored work group meeting on locally led conservation
- 100% membership in NACD and state association.
- Contributed full amount to state SWCD Information Program
- Laser Level
- Office Copier
- Computer software for publishing newsletters
- Total station surveying equipment
- Received grant from Texas Water Development Board
- Provide grass drill for producers
- Participate in Four Winds RC & D meetings
- Sponsor in Four Winds RC & D
- Completed RC & D projects as submitted
- Published an active information program for cooperators
- Sponsored teacher workshop
- Participate in Conservation Tillage Survey
- Represent the cooperators in the district by direct communications with Congressmen and Senators
- Participated in EQIP development process
- Attended State Soil and Water Conservation Meeting



INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is now available to producers for cost share activities on the farm or ranch. Cost share is the term applied to the sharing of expenses to establish approved conservation practices. Needed or required conservation practices are determined by you with recommendations by the NRCS and proposed in the form of an incentive contract. Upon acceptance of the contract, work can begin with you and the USDA sharing in the installation and cost of the approved practices. NRCS will provide cost share, job supervision and all needed technical specifications to complete the practices as prescribed in the conservation contract. Cost share percentages are currently set at seventy-five percent of the cost being provided by USDA, and the remainder by the producer. Some of the approved practices include new terrace construction, farm ponds, livestock pipelines, brush control, cross fences wells, water storage facilities and many others. NRCS personnel can provide all needed information on the availability of funds, requirements of the program, and the ranking process required in order to be accepted into the EQIP program.



WILDLIFE PLANTINGS

As a result of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Program interest has been on the increase for the use of wildlife habitat plantings and wildlife corridors. The use of plantings to improve and increase habitat is both ecologically pleasing and provides much benefit to local wildlife, including deer, quail, squirrel, pheasant, wild hogs, songbirds, and migratory wildlife. Planting normally will be made with a protective mat to reduce competition and conserve moisture, and a rodent guard to protect the seedling. Wildlife packets can be purchased through the local soil and water conservation district as well as other needed materials.



STRIPCROPPING FOR EROSION CONTROL

Windstrips are a proven means of controlling the effects of wind throughout Motley County. Windstrips can be of either grass or high residue producing crops and are generally planted on terrace ridges. Fields that are not terraced should have windstrips established at intervals determined by the texture of the soils in the field. Permanent grass strips are the most popular as they are fairly easy to establish and provide protection throughout the year. Windstrips that are in place prior to planting a cotton crop will provide excellent protection for young seedlings, while limiting the number of times a producer must replant or sand fight due to wind erosion damage. The cost savings of this protection will greatly outweigh the cost of grass establishment and the loss of revenue on the acres in grass. Windstrips will also assist in the maintenance of the terrace ridge. Terraces that are not farmed and are established to grass do not require yearly maintenance and therefore are a cost savings to the producer.

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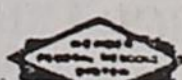
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Motley County Comings & Goings

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

YOUTH GROUP CONDUCTS FOOD DRIVE
The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church conducted a Food Drive for the needy for Thanksgiving during their regular meeting time last Wednesday night. They expressed their thanks to everyone who made a donation.

MISS SWIM HOSTS GUILD
The Guild met in the home of Miss Lula Swim Wednesday evening of last week with 17 present. Jeannie Adams opened the meeting with a prayer. Billie Clifton gave the closing prayer. This was the meeting for the installation of officers for next year. They were President Pearl Patten; Vice President, Debbie Martin; Secretary, Callie Giesecke; Treasurer, Imogene Swim; Reporter, Lula Swim. Others present were Suzanne Abbott, Eugenia Be- thard, Dorothy Lee, Lee Peacock, Chelsea Read, Noma Wike, and Grace Zabielski, and the hostess.

Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins went to Lubbock Friday for Zella to keep a doctor's appointment.
Bobby Fletcher of Los Angeles is visiting Cleo Watson, while finding a place to live. He and his wife will be moving here soon. Bobby and Cleo were visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday.
Sp. 4 Robert and Christy Fisk of Fayetteville, N.C. are here visiting her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pierce and Brett, and in Amarillo with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisk and

Chuck. They are stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and will return there after Thanksgiving Holidays.

Jennifer Adams and Zella Palmer went to Lubbock the first of last week to take Ty for a check-up. He received a good report.

The Community Thanksgiving Services at the Methodist Church. Sunday night was well attended and all churches had a part on the program. The Mt. Zion Baptist pastor, Rev. Wendon, brought the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock spent last weekend at Breckenridge at a Craft Show. Suzanne Abbott and Patricia Green spent several days in Lubbock the first of the week on business for the Library.

Mrs. Venita Sedgwick has her children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGee and Audie, who will be here over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Bobby Fletcher who grew up in Motley County but has made his home in California for several years has moved to Roaring Springs to make his home.

Grady Webb was taken by ambulance Friday night to Methodist Hospital. His wife, Mary, reports he is doing very well.

Mary Lumsden visited last Wednesday and went to Methodist Guild at Lula Swim's Wednesday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten Friday night was her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher went to Sugarland, Texas over the weekend, where J.N.'s daughter, Kim, was married.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, his father, H.G. Hunter of Lubbock attended a Parkinson Disease Community Thanksgiving dinner in Lubbock, Tuesday night. Special entertainment was by Laura Lewis and "Memories of Thanksgiving Past" by Kenneth Davis, a cowboy storyteller. H.G. Hunter returned home with them and visited until Saturday. They visited in Quitaque with friends, Friday.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson visited in Childress, Monday with Dr. and Mrs. Rickey Nall.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd met Mrs. Mary Cloyd of Tyler at Lubbock Airport, Thursday. After Mary's medical appointment, they enjoyed shopping and entertainment. They returned to their respective homes, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday and Friday for her cardiac treatment. They visited overnight Thursday in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson and Bill Glass of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan, and Andrew of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Lola Pohl of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were met at the Austin Airport last Thursday by grandson, Ross Hunter, a student at University of Texas. They visited the weekend in the home of daughter and family, Susan and Steve Smith, Allison, and Emily. Joining them to visit Saturday and Sunday were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and Greg of Midland. They attended the soccer tournament in which Greg competed. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were met at the Lubbock Airport, Sunday by

daughter, Mrs. Anita Carter. They visited H.G. Hunter and Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton of Prime Time Apartments returned with them to Floydada and they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Speer. Mrs. Shelton remained overnight and Mr. and Mrs. Speer accompanied her to her home in Flomot Monday afternoon where she visited until Thursday.

Mrs. A.D. Moseley of Lamesa, former Flomot resident, had recent surgery in Lubbock for ruptured appendix. She is home and recovering just fine.

Mrs. Herb Martin and Mrs. Clois Shorter visited in Quitaque Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. P.M. "Tkie" Gilbert and their daughter, Mrs. Kathy Blanton of Graham. Mrs. Gilbert suffered a broken ankle recently and received medical care at Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

Kevon Kleibrink of Clifton and brother, Kam Kleibrink of San Angelo visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They accompanied home Kevon's son, Kylene, who visited here the past week.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. C.W. Starkey were Christopher and Jeremy Wylie of Midland, Monty George of Lubbock and Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger in Amarillo, Saturday and celebrated Mr. and Mrs. Martin's 49th wedding anniversary and Wilburn's and Marilee's birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. Martin returned home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton, and Kayla of Lubbock visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty-

Obituaries

W.E. "Bill" Ballard

Mr. W.E. "Bill" Ballard, age 75, of Whitney, Texas, passed away Saturday, November 22, 1997 at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco, Texas. He was born September 25, 1922 in Royce City, Texas to William Elton and Pansy Hamilton Ballard.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Ballard of Whitney, Tx.; son Pat Ballard of Red Oak, Tx.; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Boyd Melton of Erick, Ok; sisters Margie Martin of Baton Rouge, La. and Patsy Bailey and her husband, Vesta of McLean, Tx. and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Roy Ballard.

Committal service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at the Red Oak Cemetery with Rev. David Brown officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Boze-Mitchell Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

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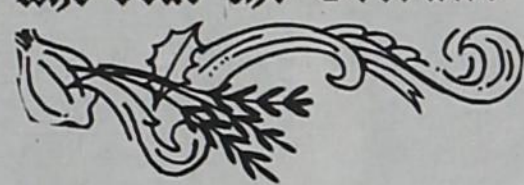
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OVERHEARD

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Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin were in Plainview, Tuesday for him a medical check-up following knee surgery. He received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jennings of Haskell visited Saturday and Sunday with his

father, T.W. Jennings and at the Lockney Care Center with his mother, Mrs. Jennings.

Kaci Risser of Matador visited from Saturday until Monday with her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Dixon. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser were out of town attending to business.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin. Other visitors were Jacky Martin and son, John of Matador.

Matador News

WOODRUFF'S RETURN HOME FROM MEDITERRANEAN TOUR

Marion and Glenn Woodruff returned home recently from a sixteen day Mediterranean Tour. Major tourist attractions were enjoyed in Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Venice.

They began the tour in Barcelona, the most important manufacturing and trading city in Spain. Among the tourist sites here were the Maritime Museum, cathedral and the Plaza del Rey, a courtyard surrounded by medieval towers.

They boarded the Pacivid Princess Ship and the first afternoon encountered a storm so were unable to tour Cannes in France. (Marion had toured here previously).

Highlights of the tour in Italy were the Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Vatican City, Roman Colosseum and the Sistine Chapel. They had a scenic bus ride of the Bay of

Naples and in Naples saw the artistry of carved cameos.

In Athens, Greece, the Greek Parthenon, a luncheon and an ancient display of art was on the agenda.

When in Turkey, at Kusadosi and Port Ephesus, they were impressed with the Biblical history of the ancient city Ephesus, about which apostle Paul wrote.

Before their flight home, they explored Venice, a cluster of small islands at the head of the Adriatic Sea. It is the third largest port in Italy. They saw skilled craftsmen make exquisite handmade lace and fragile beautiful glass. It was a memorable trip.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") for the purpose of being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §214(e) by December 31, 1997. Southwestern Bell's application is currently being considered in Docket No. 18100.

Southwestern Bell is required to obtain ETC status in order to receive Federal Universal Service Funds ("FUSFs") beginning January 1, 1998. 47 U.S.C. §214(e) requires the PUC, either upon its own motion or upon request, to designate common carriers as ETCs for service areas. Southwestern Bell seeks ETC status for its entire service area. Southwestern Bell has requested a minimum waiver for one year of the requirement to deploy toll control.

Persons who wish to comment or intervene in this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by November 20, 1997. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136, or use Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 to reach the commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477.

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Farm & Ranch News



Wildlife Habitat Tree Packets Offered

Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners. And whether it's deer in central Texas or quail and pheasant on the Plains, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are available to assist landowners in creating habitat.

Now is the time for landowners in Motley County to order wildlife packets from the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) before preferred species are sold out, says Ray Crager, Texas Forest Service silviculturist in Lubbock.

Since 1978, West Texas Nursery has been growing high-quality adaptable seedlings for two-thirds of the state to be planted as conservation windbreaks and wildlife habitat.

Four wildlife packets are available. Quail/Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bare-root deciduous trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of their labeled species. The packets include the following species:

Quail/Pheasant: Russian Olive, aromatic sumac, nanking cherry and plum

Deer: Shumard oak, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and fourwing saltbush.

Turkey: Hackberry, shumard oak, aromatic sumac and mulberry.

Squirrel: Little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange and bur oak.

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks on grassland, at right angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated crop land.

For example, on a dry corner five wildlife packets can be used to produce a four-row, right-angle wildlife planting. The outside angle, that farthest from the circular cropland, would

contain 1,250 feet (625 feet on each leg) of plum trees, the second angle, Russia Olive; the third inside angle, aromatic sumac; the fourth angle, that closest to the circular crop ground, nanking cherry.

For best results, Crager recommends 10 to 25 foot spacing between each deciduous tree within a tree row; 6-foot spacing between each shrub within a shrub row; and 20-foot spacing between each row of trees.

To order wildlife packets and evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs for windbreaks contact the Upper Pease SWCD at 347-2263.



News from the County Agent

by Motley County Extension Agent - J. Michael Lee

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Motley County Extension Agent

Service will be offering a series of intensive, in-depth marketing training sessions designed to enable the participants to develop a marketing plan, evaluate all their marketing alternatives, and gain all the skills necessary to execute their marketing plan.

The Master Marketer Program applies the successful master volunteer concept to agricultural marketing

in combination with another successful educational tool - marketing clubs. Many marketing clubs in Texas have provided a practical, hands-on setting for many farmers to learn marketing skills. Though many clubs have succeeded, many others lacked what has been determined to be the key ingredient for success - a capable producer to be the leader. The best clubs have been those with good leadership. This program is designed to take interested, capable leaders and improve their marketing skills and confidence to a level where they can provide the leadership for a successful marketing club.

The Master Marketer Program participants will receive training in a series of four 2-day sessions, taught by 13 outstanding speakers from six states. Each participant must agree to share what he or she has learned by assisting the county agent in starting and leading a marketing club. The first two-day session will be held January 6-7, 1998 with the other three being held every two weeks thereafter (January 20-21, February 3-4, and February 17-18.)

The Master Marketer Program will be providing a select group of farmers and ranches the marketing education and training that will pay dividends that can directly improve their bottom line. These same producers will share this knowledge with other producers as they interact with them in a marketing club. As these master marketers pass on part of their new found skills, the investment in training by the Agriculture Extension Service and the other supporters of the program will be effectively spread to a much larger group. The goals of the program are to train about 60 area producers to a higher level than any previous programs have done and lay the groundwork for the formation of at least one marketing club in every county in the Rolling Plains area.

The registration fee of \$250 per person covers only a small portion of the total cost of the program. The course offers a wide range of topics aimed at enhancing marketing skills. Many of the topics will be approached from a real world standpoint using numerous case study examples and simulated problems. Most of the cost of the in-depth program is being paid by several sponsoring commodity groups and area agri-businesses.

The flexibility that is part of the new farm bill will bring with it a new level of price volatility and will necessitate a renewed emphasis on marketing skills. Producers who understand market forces and alternative marketing techniques will have a clear advantage in the future.

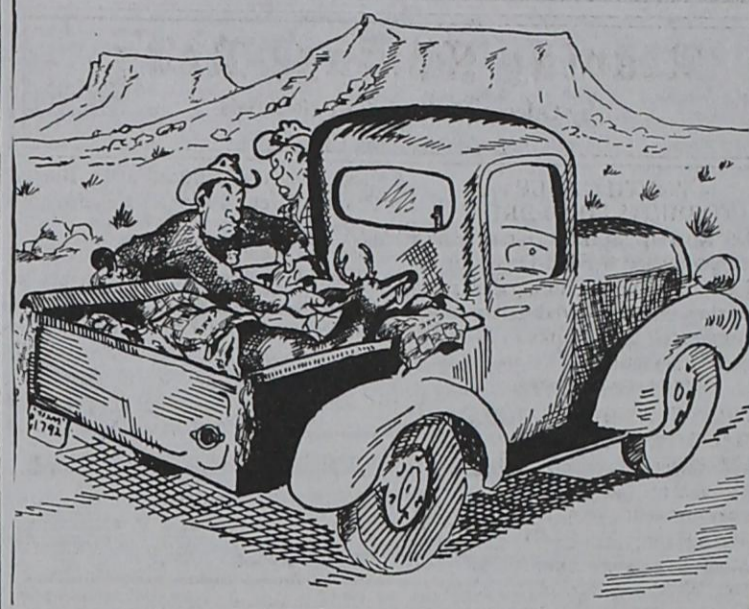
The first ever Master Marketer

Program was started in Amarillo in 1996. Since then, two additional programs have been held in Lubbock and Wharton. This year, the 1998 version will be held here at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, south of Vernon. The primary focus for this program will be cattle, wheat, and feedgrains. A second 1998 program to be held in Waco will focus on cotton, feedgrains, and cattle.

To register for the program, call Michael Lee, Motley County Extension Agent at 347-2733 or Stan Bevers, Extension Economist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at 940-552-9941. I have brochures that contain additional details about the program at the Motley County Extension office. Spaces will be available on a first come first serve bases with final deadline for applications being December 15.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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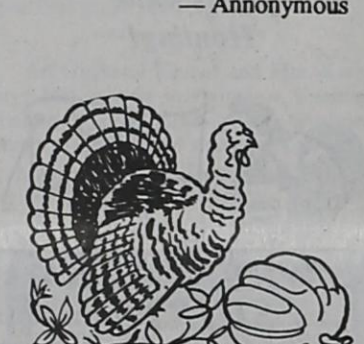
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