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A Look Back Coke

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FLOMOT TOPS COUNTY IN MOD FUND DRIVE

"Flomot community has topped the entire county in the 1962 March of Dimes fund campaign, according to county Judge Elbert Reeves, county chapter chairman. For many years a leader in the MOD movement, Mrs. Rose Turner, planned the Flomot program Monday night which brought the community's total to \$588.48."

NEW VEGETABLE CASE

"Spot Cash Grocery this week installed 22 feet of Hussman open refrigerated fruit and vegetable case. The two cases replaced former equipment of the store, offering better display of merchandise kept at correct temperature."

TRAIL DUST by Douglas Meador

"Accurate data concerning a man's greatness should be obtained from some source other than direct."

"If two can live as cheaply as one, they can watch television for the same price, unless, of course, they are influenced to buy different sponsored products."

"On the frontier of a man's secret thoughts, order is frequently restored by the practiced procedure of merely placing his hand to the holster containing a profound faith."

"One convenient thing about intentions is that their proceeds will forever remain tax exempt."

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

Museum board to meet

Museum board members and supporters will meet Friday, February 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Museum to discuss the past year's progress and the plans for the coming year.

Anyone interested in preserving the history of the families of this county and the rich heritage, please attend this meeting.

Booster Club to meet

The Motley County Booster Club will meet Friday, February 4 at 5:45 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

All Booster Club members and those who would like to join are urged to attend.

3M to perform at Full Gospel Church

Local singing group, 3M, will perform at the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs, Sunday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Saturday, February 5, at 7:00 a.m.

All men of the county, all denominations are invited to attend.

Texas Agriculture experiencing third drought in four years

Austin -- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said last week that the Texas agricultural industry is in the midst of its third drought in four years and is entering a crisis situation as most farmers and ranchers have not recovered from the droughts of 1996 and 1998.

"Many areas of the state have not received significant rainfall since last summer," Combs said. "1999 has ended as one of the driest years on record. And weather forecasts call for dry conditions to continue into the spring."

Livestock producers have been hardest hit by the drought. Stock tanks are drying up in many counties, and 71 percent of the state's ranges and pastures are in poor to very poor condition.

"Some ranchers are hauling water or moving livestock to other pastures," Combs said. "One rancher reported having to pay \$7 a head per month to water his cattle."

Current cattle prices are up from last year, but Texas ranchers may lose out if they have to liquidate herds because of lack of water, poor forage conditions and high hay prices.

Winter wheat, which is a major winter forage crop for cattle, has suffered significant losses. Because of drought conditions, Texas producers have planted 5.8 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. Ninety-one percent of the state's winter wheat crop is in fair to very poor condition.

If dry conditions continue through the spring, crop producers face a serious situation.

"The dry winter is taking many of our farmers into a spring planting season with no surface soil moisture and no subsurface soil moisture," Combs said. "We are six weeks away from planting corn in South Texas, and soil moisture is needed. If it

doesn't start raining, many areas of the state may not see any spring planting."

The Texas Department of Agriculture is taking action to provide relief with drought information assistance packets: one version for producers and one version for local officials who need to apply for emergency relief, Combs said.

TDA has sent the packets to county judges, county extension agents and local Farm Service Agency and Texas Farm Bureau offices. Farmers and ranchers may receive a copy of the producer information package by calling the agency's State Drought Coordinator Bill Breese at (512) 463-7517.

In addition, Combs said she is notifying state and federal lawmakers about the growing crisis.

"We have written our state legislators and the Texas congressional delegation to make them aware of the situation in our state. I have also urged our federal lawmakers to ensure federal drought assistance be provided in a timely manner."

"Drought aid voted by Congress in the fall of 1998 did not reach many producers until June 1999. For Texas producers, that was too late," Combs said. "I will continue to press the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Farm Service Agency to act quickly."

Currently, 75 Texas counties have been declared disasters due to drought and are eligible for disaster assistance. An additional 13 counties are in Washington awaiting approval. Combs has also requested USDA to grant a waiver for grazing on the 3.9 million acres of grasses and forages enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program in Texas.

"Not only will this waiver give our livestock producers access to additional forage, but there are also

much-needed water resources on this land," Combs said.

USDA has already denied the waiver for 10 Texas counties.

TDA's Hay and Grazing Hotline is receiving about two to three calls a day from ranchers needing hay, Combs said. The hotline has been updated to notify ranchers about available pastures for forage.

The hotline is toll-free at 1-877-429-1998 and also can be accessed through TDA's website at (www.ar.state.tx.us). Drought resources on the website are found under "producer information."

TDA also has available disaster relief loans through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Linked Deposit Program, which the Legislature granted additional lending authority to during last year's session.

"Thanks to efforts by the Legislature last year, the program has \$25 million authorized for loans, up from \$15 million," Combs said. "Farmers and ranchers also may refinance through this program if they have suffered a natural disaster, such as drought."

Combs said TDA will continue to work on providing information and assistance on disaster relief as the dry spell continues.

"Unfortunately, drought is inevitable in Texas. Our state has experienced serious drought in various regions for each decade of the last century," she said. "And it appears that the 21st century will be no different."

"If we don't get rain, we have a potentially devastating situation shaping up in Texas agriculture. The Texas Department of Agriculture will be on the front lines working with producers during these tough times," Combs said.



NEW ORGAN — The First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs now has a new organ. Church member, Lula Swim, is pictured here in the Church with the new musical instrument. Miss Swim, along with Mary Lumsden, and Don and Lu Largent of Roaring Springs, donated the organ to the church.

Heart Fund dollars are put to good use

by Earlyne Jameson

There's an old expression in West Texas used from time to time. It is called, "Lending a Helping Hand." Community projects have succeeded, because someone cares and has learned to love the joy of responding and caring.

Your help is needed in the month of February. In honor of National Heart Month the Motley County Heart Association, a community based organization, will have its annual Fund Drive during the month of February.

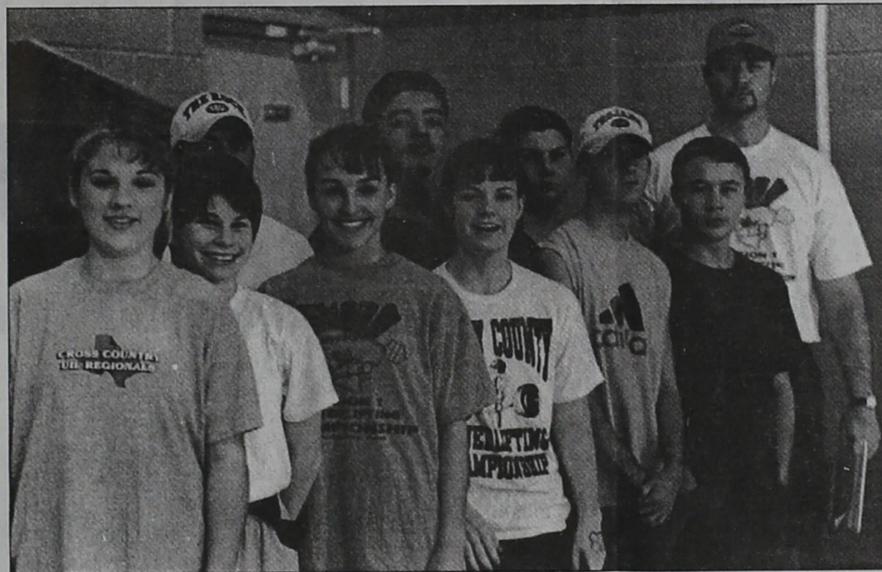
Lubbock is one of the top cardiology centers. With research at Texas Tech University, Texas Tech Health Science Center and the full gamut of cardiac services at Lubbock's three major hospitals, heart patients no longer have to leave Lubbock for any type of heart procedure. In future years, fewer people will suffer heart

attacks and fewer people will die with them. We will be... and we all are now in the debt of medical research. Your contribution is being used for a vital cause.

Dedicated volunteers serving on the Motley County Heart Association are Odessa Mullins of Roaring Springs, Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot, Judy Cooper of Matador, Myrna Blasingame at First State Bank in Matador, and Earlyne Jameson of Whiteflat. If you wish to give a donation or an AHA memorial, please contact any of the above.

We hope you will include the American Heart Association in your giving in February. Your support is a worthy investment for saving lives in Motley County and maybe even your own! We're fighting for your life!

Watch for HEARTSCORE on CBS, The Early Show in February, 2000.



MOTLEY COUNTY POWERLIFTERS — Competing at a meet in Childress last Saturday are Motley County Powerlifters, (pictured left to right in front) Rabecca Morris, Brenda Gillespie, Kember Everett, Ashley Stevens, Brandon Lee, and Bo Long; at back are Alex Salazar, Tony Salazar, Chooch Meyer, and Coach Danny Copeland. Several team members were unable to attend, and a complete team picture will be printed when available. See related story on page 3.

photo by James Gillespie

Lions set annual show

The Matador Lions Club Board of Directors have set the date for their annual Lions Show and Candy Sale for April 25, 2000.

Lions Club members have started selling tickets for \$25 each.

The grand prize will be \$2,000, 2nd prize is \$1,000, 3rd prize is \$500, 4th prize is \$100, with three other prizes of \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The ticket is also good for a one-person entry to the show and you

need not be present to win.

Please contact a Lions Club member now for your ticket — the odds are much better to win "big" money than the lottery!

Potential voters may register until February 14 Early voting February 28 - March 10

Those would who like to vote in the upcoming March 10 Primary Election, still have time to register. The last date to register to vote in this election will be February 14.

Early voting will begin February

28 and continue through March 10.

Local candidates involved in this Primary Election include Tempie Hutton, Motley County Attorney; Jim Meador, Motley County Sheriff; Elaine Hart, Motley County Tax As-

essor; Franklin Jameson (Incumbent), and Carter Luckett, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Ronnie Davis and Sonny Russell (Incumbent), Commissioner, Precinct 1.

2000-02 athletic alignments announced

Athletic alignments for the 2000-2000 school years have been released for publication to the *Motley County Tribune*. They are listed as follows:

FOOTBALL, Region I, District 6:

Aspermont, Crowell, Knox City, Motley County, Munday, Paducah.

BASKETBALL, Region I, District 6: Patton Springs, Guthrie, Jayton, Motley County, Spur.

February is
BLACK
HISTORY
month

Monica Clifton & Tanner Smith exchange wedding vows

Marriage vows were exchanged by Miss Monica Rae Clifton and Tanner Ray Smith at 7:30 p.m. January 15, 2000. Gerald Bedwell of the Plainview Church of Christ officiated the double ring ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Matador. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of Floydada.

The altar area of the church was decorated with a candelabra entwined with sprengeri fern, roses and chrysanthemums of the bride's chosen colors of burgundy and white. Reserved pews were marked by white satin and tulle bows with red roses, white lilies and sprengeri fern cascading from the center. Guest pews were marked with white satin bows.

Mike Porter of Dickens provided music for the special occasion. The ushers, Skylar Clifton, brother of the bride, and Jonathan Simpson of Floydada lighted candles, while Mike sang "Everything I Do". The traditional Wedding March was played as the bride walked down the aisle and during the ceremony a special song, "You Had Me From Hello" was performed.

Her father, Larry Clifton, presented the bride in marriage. The bride wore a formal gown of Ivory Satin and Battenburg sheath with a sweetheart neckline. The bodice and long fitted sleeves were adorned with white pearls and sequins. The long train featured lace cutouts also trimmed with sequins and pearls. Her fingertip veil flowed from a pearl and rhinestone tiara. She carried a bouquet of deep red roses, baby's breath and long burgundy ribbons cascading amid the greenery. Attached to the ribbon of the bouquet was an opal brooch of blue hues, brought from England during World War II from the bride's Paternal Grandfather as a gift to his mother. This served as something old and something blue. Something borrowed was a pearl necklace from longtime friend, Eva Barkley, her dress was new. She wore a penny with the date 1979, the year of her birth, in her shoe.

The groom was handsomely dressed in black tails with a black vest and tie to complete his attire. He

wore a red rose boutonniere.

Miss Leah Cruse of Flomot, attended her cousin as Maid of Honor. She wore a formal gown of burgundy velvet enhanced by chiffon insets to the knee and a chiffon drape accentuating the low cut back. She carried a single white rose arranged in baby's breath greenery and tied with a burgundy ribbon.

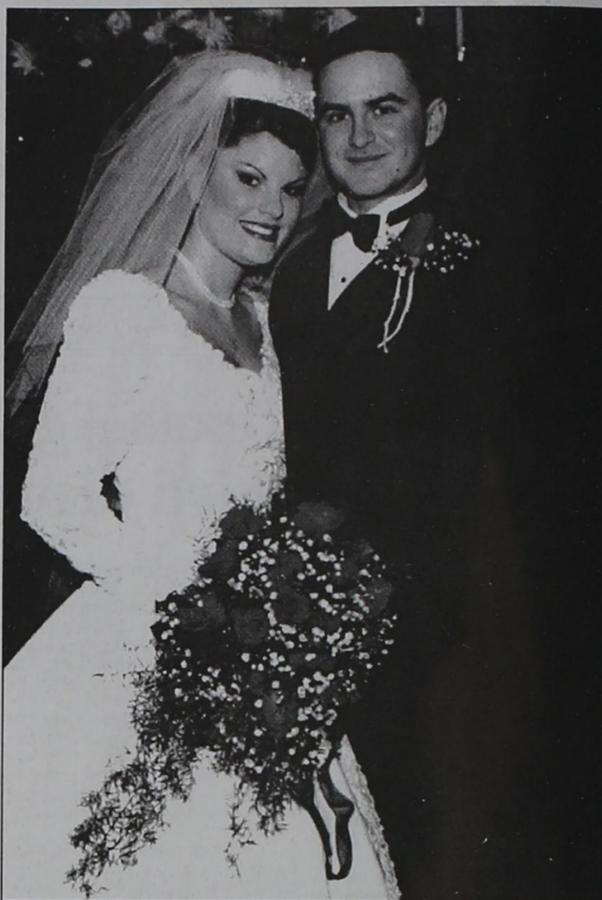
Skeeter Smith, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. He was attired in a black tuxedo with a burgundy cummerbund and tie, and a white rose boutonniere.

Flower girls were Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat and Allison Seward of Goldthwaite, cousins of the bride. They wore miniature wedding gowns of white satin with a tulle overlay; the bodices were covered with pearls and tied with long satin sashes. Halos of baby's breath were worn in their hair.

Tory Patton of Silverton, cousin of the bride, was the trainbearer. She wore a white satin gown with tears of ruffled chiffon covering the shirt and forming the sleeves, the bodice was accented with pearls. Tory also wore a baby's breath halo. Connor Thigpin of Childress, was the ring bearer. He dressed in the same black tuxedo attire as the older men. Kim Clifton of Comanche, cousin of the bride, registered the guests.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's four tier cake was topped with a white lace heart and adorned with fresh red roses, the bottom tier being small cakes surrounding the large third layer. Serving the cake was Rebekah Jameson of Matador. Meagan Clifton, cousin of the Bride, presided at the silver punch service. The centerpiece was a brass candelabra entwined with fresh flowers. Battenburg lace tablecloths with white satin bows and flowers also trimmed the table. Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Carol Ann Turner, Mrs. Susan Jameson, Mrs. Lou Anne Jameson, Mrs. Brenda Cruse, Mrs. Brenda Osborn, and Mrs. Clara Mangram.

Serving at the groom's table were Tamarah Burson of Lockney and Brenda Kitten of Lubbock. The groom's table featured an Italian Cream Cake representing the groom's hat, silver and crystal candlesticks and a silver coffee ser-



Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith

vice. Mike Porter entertained with music at the reception as guests were served.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a winter white linen pant suit. The sleeveless top was embellished with flowers and sequins. Completing the outfit was a winter white leather jacket trimmed with fur at the collar and cuff. She wore a white rose corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith hosted a rehearsal dinner at the fellowship hall on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Whitaker of Dickens catered the delicious meal. A western theme was carried out with redingham table covers, spurs, black-eyed Susan flower arrangements and votive candles. Members of the wedding party and their families attended.

The bride is a graduate of Motley County High School and attended Texas Tech University. The groom is a graduate of Monterey High School,

attended Texas Tech University and is engaged in farming near Floydada.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will make their home on the family farm near Floydada.

Guests included grandparents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Smith of Floydada, Lyndell Roberts of Lubbock and friend, Jo Wester of Floydada. Grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Mrs. Tommie Cruse of Flomot and Mrs. Billie Clifton of Roaring Springs. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifton of Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Clifton, Kim and Meagan of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. Landy Clifton of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Seward and Quaid of Goldthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Payne of Mertzon, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thigpen, Mrs. Charlie Johnston, Alyssa Love, all of Childress, and Mrs. Donald Love of Paducah.



Sometimes it seems like everyone you talk to has something bad to say about someone. It really gets you kind of down, doesn't it? It makes me start wondering why we sometimes seem to have so much animosity in our little county. One thing for sure, we don't lack for critics around here. I guess I seem to be on a Soap Box this week, but I think it's time we all stopped to smell the roses around here and be thankful for the place we live in and the people who live here. I guess that's my little bit of criticism this week. But it's the truth. We need to try and all get along and love each other.

Sister Melannie Svoboda spoke of criticism in her book *Everyday Epiphanies*. She had this to say:

"Someone once asked Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia who his spiritual advisor was. The Cardinal replied, 'Just about everyone in the archdiocese!' The truth is, most of us will never lack for advisors or critics. All we have to do is say or do something, and they are sure to appear.

For some of us, criticism is hard to accept. Franklin Jones probably summed up how many of us feel about receiving criticism: 'Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.'

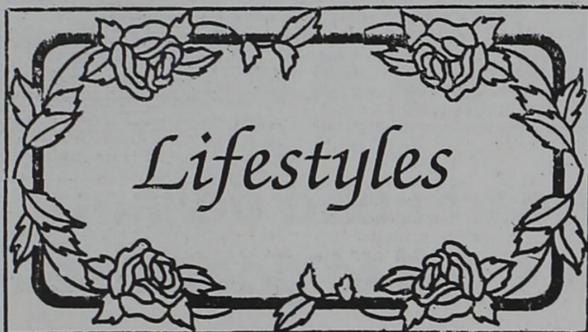
Some of us go so far as to get very

defensive about criticism, saying with Benjamin Disraeli, 'It is much easier to be critical than correct.' Or we side with Kenneth Tynan who said, 'A critic is someone who knows the way, but can't drive the car.' (Take that, you critics!)

But in our better moments we realize that constructive criticism can be a very worthwhile thing. More than that, it can actually be salvific. Norman Vincent Peale once said, 'The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.' Criticism reminds us that we need feedback from others to help find our way in life.

How would I define criticism? Relying on St. Paul, I'd say criticism is 'speaking the truth in love' (Eph. 4:15). But when we do offer our criticism, we must humbly remember: we are speaking the truth as we see it. None of us has a monopoly on truth.

Mother Janet Stuart, a nineteenth-century English nun, wrote, 'To accept criticism is one of the greatest lessons to be learned in life.' I would add, so is learning to give criticism honestly and humbly. This is a grace to pray for: that we may learn to accept and give criticism graciously.'



Today, Thursday, February 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the Library there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We need all our friends at the Library.

We appreciate very much the memorials that the library received last week. We thank Ruth and Orville Lee for the donation in memory of Boyce Hart. We also thank the James Stanley family for the donations in memory of Ruth Stafford and in memory of Boyce Hart. We thank Pansy Spray for the donation to the library in memory of Ruth Stafford. Donations such as these help keep the library's collections up-to-date.

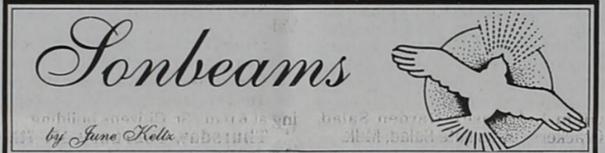
The library has received a shipment of new large-print Romances. This new group of books includes a Grace Livingston Hill novel called *Bright Arrows*. Also we have Emilie Loring's *Rainbow at Dusk*, Catherine

Coulter's *Magic*, *The Haunting of Grey Cliffs* by Nina Coombs Fykare, *Kay Hooper's Eye of the Beholder*, and *A Lyon's Share* by Janet Dailey.

For all the J.A. Jance films, we have her new novel of suspense, *Kiss of the Bees*. This book by Jance has a new set of characters and promises to be just as good as the earlier books. Also, new to the shelves is Nelson Demille's *The Lions' Game*. This book is an epic story of breathless pace, heart-pounding suspense and chilling fear. It is full of terrorists, anti-terrorists and a hero who is a contract agent of the federal government. All of these and other new books are ready to be checked out from the Motley County Library.

The library has received most of the IRS Tax forms now if you need them.

Don't forget the Friends of the Library this afternoon.



A divine phenomenon is happening in the Church world today that the news media has not reported. It is more exciting than a sunset, more mysterious than the ocean floor; but just as tangible as the earth beneath our feet.

An anointed, dedicated woman of our day has been called by God to teach on the power of praise and worship. As she obeys, joyously expounding on the written word, gold dust falls on her head, her feet and her clothes.

Scoffers will forever be prisoners of their own doubts and unbeliefs. They build a box for God and when He breaks out of the confines of their enclosure they declare, "It can't be God. He doesn't do things like that and besides until I see it I won't believe it." If our mind is saying "nay", there is more. It is now falling on entire congregations not many miles away! The gold dust has been tested by experts who found it to be 100% pure gold with no alloy. Friends are gathering it from the floor, folding it in tissue, and sending it to friends.

Being aware that the enemy has a counterfeit for the true things of God; for he is a liar and a deceiver, I ran to the Word for assurance of authenticity. What I discovered was a hidden (at least to me) scripture, in Job 28: 5-6, with a dynamic teaching on wisdom. It tells us that beneath our need of daily bread which God provides out of the earth, there is a greater need more difficult to recognize and embrace, "WISDOM". It is tied together with stones, sapphires and yes, GOLD DUST.

"As for the earth, from it comes bread, but underneath it is turned up as by fire; its stones are the source of sapphires, and it contains gold dust." The entire chapter is a discourse on wisdom.

The sapphire is corundum, a hard mineral that can be synthesized to be used as an abrasive. Much to our dismay, our creator allows stones to be an important part of our daily existence. When the fire intensifies under these unwelcome trials, tests and persecutions, these stones may become beautiful sapphires that draw closer to God — that would be wisdom. The other choice would be to allow the abrasion to make us bitter and angry with God, giving Satan a victory that he had intended which always robs us of peace and joy.

What then is the meaning and purpose of the gold dust that may or may not at the Lord's discretion fall on you? It is the residue from our faithfulness to Him as we draw from His strength and faithfulness to withstand the abrasive tests of life. It is a

manifestation of His great love and wisdom showered down upon a needy people. It is again "grace" — giving us what we don't deserve.



Show off your special Valentine!

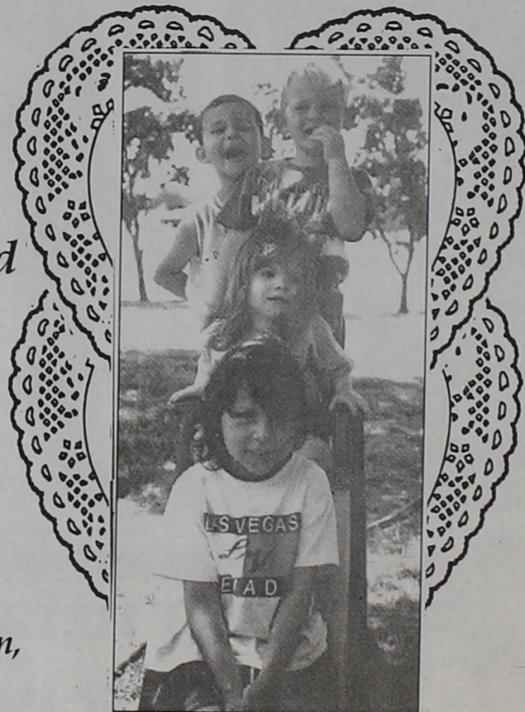
Bring us a picture and we'll put it in a heart!
The one pictured is a double heart.

Single Heart - \$10
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To be printed in the Feb. 10th edition

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Deadline is Noon, Friday, Feb. 4th



A STACK OF VALENTINES!
Parker Meredith
Jonah Meredith
Morgan Jones
Angelica Meredith



Jesus Christ is....



The complete revelation of God to man. We need not look for anything else. All claims made by man to a fuller knowledge than that which is revealed through Christ are false.

The Light of the World. All the spiritual light that shines in the world comes from Christ. The light of Christians is a reflected light. Our lives are hid in Christ with God. Let us keep our self in the background and Christ in the forefront.

The Mediator. All of our prayers, service, sacrifices and worship are to be offered "in His name." There is no approach to God except through Christ our Savior. If we forget Him or ignore Him, we cannot come to God.

The King. We should be loyal subjects of His kingdom. We cannot be loyal to him except by being submissive to His will. To respect and honor His will is to respect and honor our King.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Motley County School News

Motley County Debate team brings home fifth place title

The 1999-2000 Cross-Examination Debate team members are Skylar Clifton and Brandon Moore. This is the second year for both debaters to participate in UIL competition.

Skylar was able to work a Debate I class into his schedule, which has been very advantageous, as it has provided much more in-school time to research UIL debate topics and develop drafts of the team's affirmative and negative speeches.

Brandon and Skylar both attended the UIL Super conference at Texas Tech on Saturday, September 25, where they heard very informative presentations by Mike Morrow, CX Debate Coach from Quitman High School, and by Marty Ludlum of Power Punch Publications. Sponsor Beverly Darsey and her husband Robin accompanied Brandon and Skylar to Lubbock.

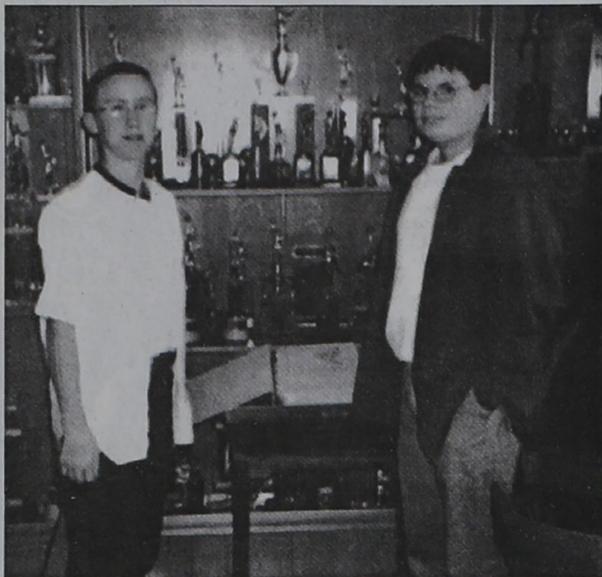
After Christmas, Brandon joined Skylar in preparations for this year's competition. They organized their files, practiced their speeches, made "jillions" of briefs cards, and went over all the "what not to do in a debate" items to prepare for competition.

In order to be eligible to advance from district to state, teams from districts with fewer than 8 teams have to complete 8 practice rounds by the end of district competition. To prepare for that possibility and to get some much needed practice, a day-long debate was set up on Monday, January 10, in Motley County's multipurpose room with 2 teams from Benjamin. Felton Gilmore served as judge. Skylar and Brandon went up against each of Benjamin's teams twice — taking the affirmative twice and the negative twice.

After having lost their first 3 rounds against Benjamin's two teams, Motley's team won its affirmative case in the fourth round.

That practice debate with Benjamin helped to prepare the team for the District CX Contest, which was held in Whitharral on Thursday, January 20. Brandon and Skylar were again accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Darsey to the competition.

At Whitharral Motley's team won 2 of their 3 preliminary rounds, putting them into a tie, which had to be broken by total speaker points. Motley's 134 total speaker points



Brandon Moore, left, and Skylar Clifton, Motley County's Debate team.

were just 4 points short of enabling them to compete in the semifinals. However, later that afternoon Skylar and Brandon received their 5th Place ribbons at the Awards Ceremony.

We congratulate Skylar and Brandon for the 5th place win in competition with 9 other teams from Whitharral, Meadow, New Home, and Ropes!

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos (Egg, Sausage, Cheese), Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Breakfast: Sausage, Pancake, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Santa Fe Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato,

Veggie Sticks, Crackers, Chilled Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Broccoli, Cheese, Potatoes, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Dessert, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dogs, (Chili & Cheese), French Fries, Pickles, Fruit Salad with Topping, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Stuffed Baked Potato (Ham & Cheese), Garden Salad, Crackers, Watergate Salad, Milk.

4-H Record book training

There will be a record book training February 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador. Brad Davis, District 3 4-H Specialist, will present information on how to complete a record book. Make sure that you bring your note pads and pencils, there will be a lot of information that will be helpful in completing a record book. Completing this record book will be very helpful in filling out scholarship applications for college and to win several 4-H awards. Surrounding counties have been invited to come and participate in the training. We will be able to get ideas from other 4-H'ers and to make new friends.

Everyone needs to make an effort to make this record book training. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet and ask our 4-H specialist questions.

Valentine Brag Page deadline February 4th!



Friday, February 4: Varsity basketball, here, vs. Guthrie (2 games) Fort Worth Stock Show

Saturday, February 5: Motley County JV Basketball tournament. Fort Worth Stock Show

Monday, February 7: Census Testing, 2 p.m., multi-purpose room.

Tuesday, February 8: Varsity Basketball vs. Patton Springs (2 games)

Saturday, February 12: Powerlifting at Petersburg.

Monday, February 14: Valentine's Day. Snow Day, Holiday Board Meeting at 7:30

Tuesday, February 15: 4-H Meeting at 6 p.m., Sr. Citizens building.

Thursday, February 17: 7th Grade Pizza Party at Plainview.

Tuesday, February 22: TAAS

Wednesday, February 23: TAAS

Thursday, February 24: TAAS

Friday, February 25: Houston Stock Show

Saturday, February 26: Houston Stock Show

Powerlifting at Colorado City

FHA Reg. at Midland

VALENTINE BRAG PAGE DEADLINE FEBRUARY 4!

SPORTS



HIGH SCHOOL

The Motley County Matadors defeated Patton Springs, January 21, with a final score of 67-47. Brant Donaldson led in scoring with 18, followed by Chris Paul with 15; Casey Lawrence, 14; Sean Rose, 8; T.J. Christopher, 4; Ben Ridgley, 4; Brad Baxter, 2; Brandon Lee, 1; and Clint Cooper, 1.

Sean Rose led with rebounds with 10. Clint Cooper had 7; Casey Lawrence, 6; and Ben Ridgley, 5.

Casey Lawrence was 4 for 4 with freethrows. Chris Paul was 5 for 5, and Ben Ridgley was 2 for 2. Sean Rose, Casey Lawrence, Brant Donaldson, Chris Paul, T.J. Christopher, and Brad Baxter all shot over 50% from the field. Brant Donaldson had 4 steals and 4 assists.

Coach Ridgley commented, "We shot the ball well from the floor and freethrow line. The bench led by Scott Jones and Brandon Lee played extremely well."

The Matadors lost to Silvertown, January 25, 52-37.

Ryan Moore and Brant Donaldson led in scoring with 12 each. Sean Rose added 5; Chris Paul, 4; Casey Lawrence and Ben Ridgley, put in 2 each.

Brant Donaldson and Sean Rose led in rebounds, with 10 and 9 respectively. Casey Lawrence grabbed 7 and Ben Ridgley and Chris Paul each grabbed 6.

Ryan Moore shot 50% from the floor as did Chris Paul. Casey Lawrence and Chris Paul were 100% with freethrows. Casey Lawrence had 5 assists, and Ben Ridgley had 5 steals.

Coach Ridgley stated, "We missed a golden opportunity here. We played good defense executed the offense, but did not put the ball in the hole. We got a little rattled and it cost us. But the Matadors did play hard."

The Lady Matadors also lost to Silvertown, 34-47. Rabecca Morris led in scoring with 8 points, followed by Courtney Hays and Anna Christy with 7 each; Ashley Stevens, 6; Miranda Palmer and Kember Everett, 2 each; and Denise Shannon and Chasity Holman, putting in one each.

Shandra Jones led with rebounding grabbing 14. Anna Christy followed with 11; Miranda Palmer and Denise Shannon, 4 each; Ashley Stevens and Rachelle Renfro, 2; and Courtney Hays and Chasity Holman, 1 each.

Stevens was 50% 2-4 and Morris was 100%, 2-2. Shannon had four steals and Stevens had 3.

Powerlifters compete at Childress meet

Nine Motley County Powerlifters attended the powerlifting meet in Childress on January 29. Once again each lifter gave very good effort and most increased their totals from the first meet.

There were thirteen teams and one hundred fifty lifters at this meet. Only three 1-A schools attended this particular meet. The majority of the other teams were 3-A and 4-A

schools. In powerlifting, the lifters are separated only by weight classes and not by school classification. Our powerlifters, who participate in more than one sport, do an excellent job of competing against lifters who concentrate their training and energies on powerlifting.

The Motley County Powerlifters who competed at Childress are listed below.

Weight Class	Squat	Bench	Dead Lift	Total	
BOYS:					
Brandon Lee	114	225	155	275	655
Tony Salazar	132	225	120	260	605
Bo Long	148	350	150	325	825
Alex Salazar	165	315	210	250	775
Chooch Meyer	181	350	200	350	900
GIRLS:					
Brenda Gillespie	97	160	75	180	415
Kember Everett	132	150	85	190	425
Rabecca Morris	132	175	80	185	440
Ashley Stevens	148	215	80	210	505

Once again the girls were all grouped together and the Schwartz coefficient was used to determine the top five lifters. Although our girls were in Second and Third place in their weight class, they were not in the top five once the coefficient was applied.

Brandon Lee placed second in his weight class and received a medal.

Each powerlifter encouraged the others. They worked as a team to

make sure knees were wrapped and benching shirts were put on and off. The lifters work well as a team. When the time comes to lift, each concentrates and does the best he/she can.

Each lifter knows that whether or not they advance to the Regional Meet depends how their totals compare to the other lifters in the weight class in Region 1. This is the largest region in the State; therefore, advancing to the Regional Meet is quite a feat.



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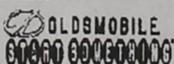
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'98 Chevy Pickup - Short wide-bed, V/6-Auto, one owner, nice.....	\$12,950
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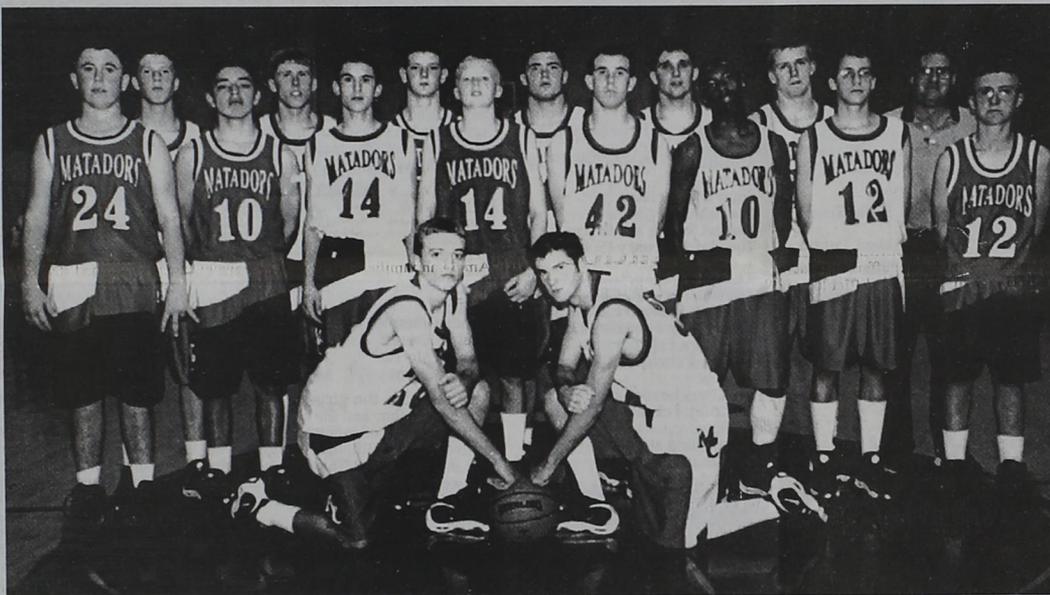
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Brad Baxter, Chris Paul, Tony Salazar, Sean Rose, Scott Jones, Clint Cooper, Shawn Marvel, Matt Easter, Benjamin Ridgley, Brant Donaldson, Jermaine Hendrix, Chase Carson, Ryan Moore, Coach Bob Ridgley and Brandon Moore, pictured left to right. In front are Casey Lawrence, left, and Brandon Lee.

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Local American Legion officers attend mid-winter conference

Jerry Green, Commander and Charles Keith, Adjutant of Fleming Post 337; and Joan Keith, President and Patricia Green, Treasurer of Auxiliary Unit 337, attended the 2000 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and Department Executive Committee Meeting, January 26-30 at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin.

They attended workshops on legislative affairs, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, membership and organization, public relations and fund raising, as well as the Department Executive Committee meetings where important policy decisions were made.

A highlight of the conference was

the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday morning which was based on the "Four Chaplains Service". National Commander Al Lance, who is the

Attorney General for the State of Idaho, spoke to both the Legion and Auxiliary members on Sunday prior to adjournment.

Patton Springs Accelerated Reading class treated to lunch

Patton Springs Accelerated Reader third six-weeks contest winners recently enjoyed a tasty luncheon at LaNita's Cafe in beautiful downtown Roaring Springs. Chicken strips, salad, and french fries were consumed appreciatively while forty students dined as guest of Superintendent Larry McClenny. Mr. McClenny was honoring the students for their reading endeavors.

Every six-weeks, the top fifteen Accelerated Reader (AR) point earners from grades 2-6, the top fifteen AR point earners from grades 7-12, and the most improved in each grade from the second to the twelfth are invited to an outing, or to "sup with the supt."

The third six-weeks winning students were:

2nd grade, Timothy Ward; 3rd graders, Kaitlyn Cash, Tia Freeman, Alicia Gloria, John Hodges, Kayla Kautz, Shaye Long, Taelor Norrell,

Patricia Sanchez, Kelsey Stokes; 4th, Chelsea Conaway, Michael Farmer, Victoria Gloria, Hector Guterrez, Carlos Herrera, Machala McClenny, Keeley Simpson; 5th, Kara Cash, Nicole Freeman, Justin Reding; 6th, Magen Gilbert; 7th, Timothy Bowman, Sable Garcia, Jennifer

Henderson, Susanne Johnson, Ryan Burge; 8th, Kory Braselton, Robert Forno, Jeremy Freeman, Austin Haliday, Jennifer Hooton, Mason

Pierce, Bernadette Sanchez, A.J. Zarate; 9th, Reagan McClenny, Lacy Sith; 10th, Elizabeth Mahuron; 11th, Renee Zarate, Clif Hall; 12th, Amber Atkinson, Stephanie Johnson, and Chad Kennedy.

Accompanying Mr. McClenny and the students were teachers, Kelli Cash, Cristy McClenny, D'Ann Pierce, and AR Coordinator Wilita Burkes.



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WANTED: A MODERN TAX CODE

Any student of American history knows that the only constant our country has known since its founding is change. Our free and open society is our greatest strength because it rewards those who spur changes for the better.

In contrast, bureaucracies are built upon steadfast adherence to the past. Nowhere is this more true than within the tax code. Our economy and lives have evolved during the era of dynamic technological change that closed the 20th century, but the tax code too often lags behind.

Let's look at one example: the marriage penalty tax.

According to the U.S. Census Department, in 1940 women comprised one-quarter of the work force. By 1997, women were almost half the labor force. This significant change has reshaped our economy and culture for the better. So, how has the tax code responded? With feet of clay.

More than ever, both partners in a married couple are working. Yet today's tax code actually punishes them. The standard deduction for single taxpayers is \$4,300. But for couples filing jointly, the standard deduction is \$7,300—\$1,300 less than if the couple were unmarried and filing separately. Half of all married couples—21 million in all—are unfairly taxed for being married. Most make less than \$50,000.

Eliminating the marriage penalty tax is one of my top priorities.

Let's take a look at another way in which the tax code must be modernized to better reflect changes in our economy and culture.

Today's law does not provide for sufficient pension planning for individuals—mostly women—who interrupt their careers to raise their families. In particular, there is no provision allowing "catch-up" payments to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) and employer-sponsored 401(k) plans to cover time spent off the payroll.

Stay-at-home parents cannot accumulate as much in retirement savings as they could had they worked outside the home. Or they must remain at work so they can keep participating in their retirement plans when their hearts tell them they would rather be at home.

That's just not fair. The government's tax code ought to be encouraging people to save for retirement because Americans aren't saving enough today. According to Treasury Department statistics, half of all American workers are not covered by a retirement plan.

And the participation of women in retirement plans lags behind that of men. According to a recent study, 52 percent of all women ages 25-54 participated in retirement savings plans compared to 58 percent of men the same age.

It is my goal in 2000 to close this gap while encouraging all Americans to save more for their retirement. Under legislation I will be introducing, spouses who are in-and-out of the workforce will be able to make up payments towards retirement once they return to work after the age of 50. I will push hard for Congress to consider this legislation in 2000; a similar provision was unfortunately vetoed by President Clinton last year.

Changing the tax code to help people increase their retirement savings is important. That is why I fought hard to get the Homemaker IRA plan passed into law three years ago. The law now allows stay-at-home spouses to set aside up to \$2,000 every year for retirement just like those who work outside the home have been able to do.

The tax code must be brought into the 21st century. Changing it to help American families build better retirement savings is a good start.

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Facts on Texas bats

More bats per square mile than any other state

More species of bats (32 of the 45 found in North America)

Largest urban bat population (1.5 million living under Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge)

Largest bat colony in the world (20 to 40 million in Bracken Cave outside San Antonio)

Bat viewing areas

1. Congress Avenue Bridge, Austin
2. Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area, between Fredericksburg and Comfort
3. Colorado Bend State Park, near Bend
4. Eckert James River Bat Cave Preserve, near Mason
5. Kickapoo Cavern State Natural Area, between Brackettville and Rocksprings
6. Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area, near Rocksprings
7. Big Bend National Park, south of Fort Stockton
8. Beneficial Animal Teaching Station, Mineral Wells

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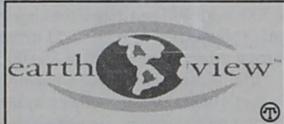
How Do Your Opinions Compare With Others

(NAPS)—How does your opinion on environmental issues compare with others your age and in a different age group? These results from a recent survey commissioned by National 4-H Council will help you find out.

The survey found that:

- Teens are more environmentally concerned than most adults realize. 35 percent of teens said they worry a lot about the environment. But only 22 percent of adults are aware of that worry.
- 63 percent of teens and 64 percent of adults agree that most government leaders aren't sufficiently concerned about the environmental challenges we face.
- 45 percent of teens and 32 percent of adults agree that the greatest barrier to improving the environment is lack of concern among Americans.
- 65 percent of teens and 53 percent of adults have volunteered to work on behalf of the environment.

Interestingly, one of the most striking findings of the EarthView Survey is that teens and adults generally agree with each other on the environmental challenges we



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face—and how ready we are to meet them. The accomplishments of many teens and adults involved in the 4-H Environmental Stewardship Program are strong examples of the positive actions that can be taken when we all come together to do something about the environment.

To see the complete results of the EarthView survey, order copies of the EarthView brochure and learn about national opportunities and resources, visit the National 4-H Council website at www.fourhcouncil.edu/ycc/earth/link.htm.

The EarthView Survey was conducted to determine the environmental attitudes of teens (ages 13-18) and "baby-boomer" adults (aged 40-55).

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Ephesians 4: 31-32

Local FFA members to exhibit top animals at 2000 Houston Livestock Show

Eight FFA members from Motley County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 18 - March 5, at the Astrohall in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of livestock competition, beginning Feb. 24. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first week of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 18.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Showing animals from Motley County are FFA members Skylar Clifton, Clay Cooper, Clint Cooper, Cody Cooper, Kayla Copp, Andy Paul Jones, Chris Paul, and Todd Thomas.

More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding

sheep, goats, llamas, ostriches, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow, and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 1999, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$5,399,375, including a record \$550,000 for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

"We're always looking to improve our Show," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "We're proud of being the world's largest livestock show, but we also want to be the best. Due to the overwhelming interest, we have expanded the steer show to three days, March 1-3, and have increased market barrow premiums, which will award an additional \$127,000 to exhibitors."

In addition to world-class livestock competition, the Show plays host to one of the premier horse shows in the country. The Houston Cutting Horse Contest kicks off 20 consecutive days of horse show competition beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15. The National Cutting Horse Association championship finals follow Feb. 17-20, as well as competition in seven different breeds of horses:

Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Miniature, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, plus donkeys and mules.

The 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicks off on Feb. 10, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, slated for Feb. 10-12, in the Astrodome parking lot. Go Texan weekend is Feb. 11-12, including contests, the downtown rodeo parade and the rodeo run.

Ticket prices for the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are \$12 and include admission to the

horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association events), livestock show, carnival, all shopping, food and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo.

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As we enter the new millennium as major goal should be to stay as healthy as possible. One in 8 men and one in 4 women develop osteoporosis over the life span. At 35 a woman's battle against bone loss begins, and intensifies with menopause and throughout the life span. The process can begin earlier in families with a genetic predisposition to the disease or in cases where medications such as steroids have been a part of medical treatment. However with new "user friendly" mobile units for measuring bone density and new methods of combating the disease, the good news is we can now "Kiss Osteoporosis Good-bye."

According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, osteoporosis can be detected as early as teenage years and is a disease that occurs over the life span. Although we have always considered it to be a disease of "little old ladies", it has been found in all ages and in men as well as women. Fractures due to decreased bone density can occur in younger individuals however, the most obvious is the full blown disease seen in the elderly. New healthcare policies across the nation reflect the priority of the individual to become his or her own manager of health with self referral, medicare, Medicaid and group health insurance reimbursement for this test.

Prevention and early detection of all diseases is imperative, particularly with osteoporosis in order to assess and reverse this silent dis-

ease. Osteoporosis and side effects surrounding the hip fracture has been named the number one killer of elderly females. A fracture is often followed by surgery, rehabilitation and permanent residence in the nursing home until death. Pneumonia can often follow the fracture due to the immobile condition. The ultimate outcome is loss of independence and an altered life style. The quality of life of the elderly in the families who are often the caretakers can be dramatically affected. Because osteoporosis is a genetic disease, the lifting of the elderly parent can often cause fractures. Therefore multigenerational testing in families is recommended for grandmothers, daughters and granddaughters, as well as male family members.

In the past, osteoporosis was perceived as a relentless process that could not be reversed and that the best we could hope for was to slow down the rate of bone loss. Many believed that if they faithfully took calcium supplements, did some aerobic exercise and took their estrogen that osteoporosis could be prevented. Despite these preventive measures, at least 1.2 million women suffer fractures each year as a direct result of osteoporosis and the numbers appear to be increasing. Therefore, being informed as to the status of the bone density and dealing with individualized care and major factors in addressing this invisible disease.

We now know that early assessment and awareness of osteoporosis can be achieved through new testing of the heel. This reading provides a

score to allow the patient to know their status. The reading "you are normal for your age" may be very bad news. In the past many of our elderly were victims of fractures which were felt to be an inevitable outcome of aging. We can now prevent and reverse osteoporosis through nutrition, exercise, hormone replacement therapy and with new pharmaceutical agents. It is now a reversible disease if detected early.

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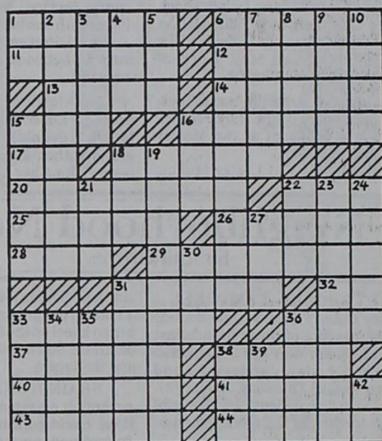
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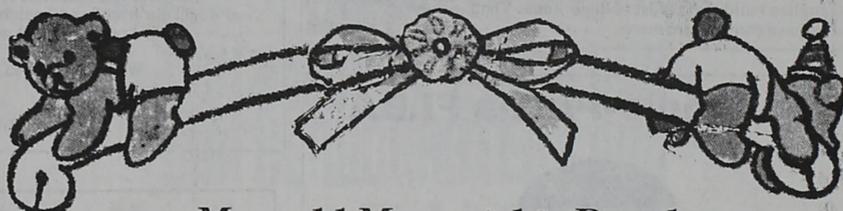
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DeAsiah Michelle Bates, daughter of Kristi Mossey and Daphon Bates, of Floydada, was born January 5, 2000 at 11:16 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Pat Mossey, of Denison, and George Mossey, of Austin and David and Deborah Bates, of Denison.

Alexandra Mariah Jimenez, daughter of Ruby Jimenez and Beronica Silva, of Lockney, was born January 7, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. Grandparents are Francisco and Emidia Borunda, of Hale Center and Ray and Sylvia Jimenez of Lockney.

Andrew James Castro Jr., son of Andrew and Angela Castro, of Floydada, was born January 8, 2000 at 12:10 p.m. He weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces. Grandparents are Aurora and David Rodriguez, of Floydada, and Joe and Estella Castro of Lockney.

Brittany Reann Marriott, daughter of Rebecca Marriott, of Plainview, was born January 20, 2000 at 12:13 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces. Grandparents are Mary Marriott, of Plainview and Ola Marriott, of Plainview.

Raymond Deontae Beavers, son of Felicia Clardy and Don Beavers, of Quitaque, was born January 25, 2000 at 3:08 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Raymond Clardy, of Plainview and the late Lillie Clardy and Kay Beavers, of Quitaque, and the late Joe Don Beavers.

Alyssa Jasmine Gutierrez, daughter of Michael and Angie Guterrez, of Lockney, was born January 26, 2000 at 5:52 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Dorothy Hooten, of Lockney, and Miguel and Alicia Alvarado, of Olton.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Pearl Patten was hostess in her home, Monday, January 31, for the coffee drinkers. She served coffee and donuts to the following: Mr. Jerry Sedgwick, Mrs. Venita Sedgwick, Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Miss Lula Swim, Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, and Mrs. Harriett Marshall of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Alvin Lynn of Amarillo spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock after giving a program at the Motley County Library.

Odessa Mullins and Lester Mullins

attended funeral services in Midland Thursday for June Weatherby, mother is his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stoney Mullins.

Lester Mullins of Arlington and Bobby Mullins of Plainview attended the funeral services for Milton Brooks and visited with the family.

Pearl Patten and Mary Lumsden drove to Lubbock Sunday afternoon for shopping.

Joe Martinez, Courtney and Anna drove to Lubbock International Airport Monday evening to pick up the girls' grandmother, Dianna Holman who had been visiting her parents in Michigan.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

BAKER - BROOKS - CAMPBELL

Motley County families and friends mourn the passing of three friends last week. Ruth Baker and Edna Campbell died on Wednesday, January 26 and Milton Brooks died Thursday, January 27. All three leave descendants who contribute to the welfare of the entire community.

Edna Renfro Campbell is the last of the C.C. Renfro siblings. Rites for were held in below freezing weather at East Mound Cemetery, but her nephew Don Carl Tardy, son of longtime Roaring Springs residents, Lee and Carl Tardy, brought a very warm farewell message.

Ruth Baker was the mother of LaVon Simpson and Mary Marshall, both of Matador. Mary and Kenneth Marshall, are the parents of the Marshall Brothers, "twins", who are grandsons of Corby Lee and Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs.

Milton Brooks came to Roaring Springs in 1924, the ten year old son of pioneers Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brooks, and remained to farm and ranch in the area. He married Mdean Warren in 1937 and many of their descendants are still living among us.

REMINDERS!

Roaring Springs Volunteers keep in mind the regular second Tuesday meeting at 7:30 p.m. February 8.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens meet today, February 3, at noon at the Senior's Citizens building.

Friends of the Library meet at the Library at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, also, and will discuss plans for the upcoming Molly Goodnight Program.

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4, is deadline for your Valentine message. Send a Valentine via Tribune.

The Super Bowl was Super! Neither

side lost! Seems it was more a game than a bone-crushing battle. Humbling to see a man kneel on the field to pray for a fallen comrade. Strengthens your faith in youth and the future.

BRAINSTORM! City Councils are accepting enterprise ordinance. Wonder if we could concentrate on putting the "prize" under our school system?

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

Among those supporting two of our very important institutions with their presence when Alvin Lynn, a member of the Texas Historical Society, brought a recent program on the Red River Wars to the Library were: Charlie and Viola Keith and son Charles Robert Keith, Gerry Jones, James Bearden, Patricia Green, Gail Noland, Keith and Joan Patton, Bill and Lea Peacock, Grace Zabielski, Bill and June Moss, Jake and Marge Edwards, L.B. and Lucretia Campbell, Dr. Pat Williams, Billie Slover, Luther Green, Charley and Opal Johnson, Garland Cartwright, Betty and Wayland Moore, Earlyne Jameson, Betty and Vance Campbell, Wes and Lynn Campbell, Carter Luckett, Bill Luckett and Cade and Gunnar Luckett, Kenneth and Suzanne Abott, Franklin and Susan Jameson, Ben Grundy, Lou Walker, Mark Stephens, Joel and Josh Kreuzel, Bill and Barbara Armstrong, Marisue Potts, Ray Powell, Algie and Rita Groves. A good time was had by all!

I chanced to meet a solitary soul recently who was doing laundry at the 'washateria,' and I remembered with nostalgia the pleasant hours spent visiting with friends at the laundromat in the good old days before home owned washing machines and dryers were considered necessities.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

OLD MAN WINTER MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE

Old Man Winter made his first appearance in 2000, Thursday, January 27, with a light snow, icy weather and a 14 degree temperature. With motorists battling icy road, Motley County schools delayed classes one hour.

Saturday morning, a heavy frost had the countryside sparkling like diamonds. The cold spell with below freezing temperatures lingered the remainder of the month. Only a trace of moisture in Flomot for the month of January and 0.19 reported in Whiteflat.

HONORED ON 95TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. C.W. (Bessie) Starkey was honored on her 95th birthday, Thursday, January 27 with a family luncheon. She was presented a beautiful heart designed cake, adorned with colorful flowers and the traditional birthday inscriptions, gifts and cards. She received numerous telephone calls from family members unable to attend because of the weather conditions.

Those sharing the happy occasion were Johnny Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mrs. Ersie VanCleve of Dougherty; Jerry Cypert of Lubbock; Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Okla.; Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla.; Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

Mesdames Long, Hanna, Gladson and VanCleve visited from Tuesday until Saturday and Johnny Starkey from Tuesday until Sunday. Monty George of Lubbock accompanied Mrs. Gladson to and from the Lubbock Airport.

Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Mrs. Janice Hughes with the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice in Plainview, attended an In Service Schooling held in Amarillo last week.

Danny Green and wife, Donna of Kyle, Texas visited from Wednesday until Saturday with his father, Art Green. Joining them Friday night to visit were Billy, Cindy, Ashlee, Annie and Aaron Green; Hal and Kellie Martin; and Luther and Edna Ruth Green of Matador; Ryan Martin of Stephenville; and Mrs. Alta Mae Rice of Plainview. En route home, Saturday, Danny and Donna visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stockton of Whiteflat and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green in Matador.

Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Donna and Stanley Degan of Kalgary were luncheon guests, Wednesday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque, former resident of Flomot, was conveyed by ambulance to Mangold Hospital in Lockney Thursday night and then transferred to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock suffering cardiac complications. Her daughters, Mrs. Judy Heiskell of Dalhart and Mrs. Kathy Blanton of Graham arrived Friday to be with her.

Visiting Wednesday with Mrs. Leona Degan were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary.

Don Green of Floydada, former Motley County resident, had a kidney transplant Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. At newstime, family report is that he is recovering just fine.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A man bought a grandfather clock and wanted to be sure it arrived at his home safely, so he was taking it himself. He walked out the door and a drunk stumbled down the sidewalk knocking the man and his clock down.

"Why don't you watch where you are going!" hollered the man. The drunk mumbled, "Why don't you wear a watch like everyone else?"

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin enjoyed a covered dish supper in Roaring Springs Saturday night in the home of her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and grandchildren, Keri and

Tiffany Martin of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Newman of Spur.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper was in Lockney Tuesday and Thursday for therapy treatments. She is pleased with the rehabilitation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited in Matador, Friday at the Gwinn home with Aly Gwinn of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended the informative historical presentation by Alvin Lynn of Amarillo held Tuesday night at the Motley County Library.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin accompanied by Art Green of Flomot were in Plainview, Wednesday for her an optical appointment.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all the people for their love and concern for Ruth Stafford. The First Baptist Church and women that fixed the meal. Many thanks. An extra thanks to Gale and Lindy. May God bless and keep all.

Brother and nieces,
Dearl "Caesar",
Pat & Denise McBride

THANK YOU

The family of Milton Brooks would like to say thank you to all our friends and neighbors who sent food and flowers and were there when we needed them.

We say thank you and God Bless you all.

The Brooks family

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Obituaries

Ruth Baker

Funeral services for Ruth Baker, 85, of Matador, were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the Full Gospel Church of Roaring Springs, and Rev. Rex Kreuzel, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church of Matador. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baker died late Wednesday, January 26, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Baker was born December 16, 1914 at Wynnewood, Oklahoma. She was married to Dee C. Baker on Dec. 16, 1930 at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Motley County since 1949. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Matador, and was active in the Matador Senior Citizens Organization.

She is survived by three sons: Durrell Baker of Lubbock, Kenneth Baker of Sweetwater, and Morgan Baker of Lubbock; four daughters, LaVon Simpson of Matador, Faye Mead of Lubbock, Thelma Boedecker of Plainview, and Mary Marshall of Matador; one brother, Gene Bollinger of Farmersville, California; one sister, Thelma Ray of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; 20 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Milton Brooks, 85, of Roaring Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, at the Roaring Springs First Baptist Church. Officiating was Rev. Felton Gilmore, pastor. Interment was in Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Brooks died early Thursday, January 27, at Crosbyton Care Center in Crosbyton.

He was born October 10, 1914 in Tom Green County, Texas. He had been a resident of Motley County since 1924. He was married to the former Mdean Warren on October 9, 1937 at Roaring Springs. He was a member of the Roaring Springs First Baptist Church, and served as a Deacon. He was a member of the Roaring Springs Lions Club, and had served as a Motley County Commissioner for twenty years. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bill Brooks, and is survived by: his wife; four sons, Stanley of Austin, Keith of Del Rio, Mickey of Grandview, Timmy of Roaring Springs; two daughters, Carolyn Moore and Janice Perryman, both of Roaring Springs; seven sisters, Ruby Whitaker of Brownfield, Delores Smallwood of Lubbock, Geraldine Skags of Palo Pinto Lake, Genell Carpenter of Palo Pinto Lake, Earle Price of Lubbock, Mary Ann Avera of Denver City, and Patricia Edwards of Palo Pinto Lake; 22 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, James Jr. of Clovis, N.M.; four daughters, Norma Townsend of Lubbock, Wilma Sartor of Salton, Leola Pierce of Clovis, N.M., and Joy Barlow of Friona; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Esteles Richardson, 90, of Friona were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, in Texico Cemetery with the Rev. Alvin Petty officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Farmer County Community Hospital.

She was born Oct. 9, 1909, in Big Spring. She married Otto Richardson on Oct. 11, 1931 in Turkey. He died Nov. 30, 1981. The family had lived in Roaring Springs for several years, where Mr. Richardson was pastor of the Flag Springs Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. She moved to Friona from Farwell in 1981. A daughter, Oleta Richardson, died April 16, 1955.

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Edna Campbell, 96, passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at the Hereford Care Center in Hereford, Texas.

Funeral services were under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford and were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2000 at East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Rev. Royce Jennings, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Matador, officiating.

Ms. Campbell was born September 24, 1903 at Kemp, Texas, the daughter of Charles and Susie Renfro. She worked in retail sales many years in Matador and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Matador. Ms. Campbell had lived in Hereford since 1998.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews including Don Tardy and wife Jan of Hereford; one son-in-law, Bert Schwitzer of Lubbock; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Matador News

Harry and Fran Campbell of Lubbock, Harold and Grace Campbell, June Keltz, Kelly Keltz, and Guy Campbell attended the funeral of Mrs. Campbell's niece, Edna James Morlan, at Denton.

Kristen (Edmondson) Haverland from Castle Rock, Colorado visited with her Dad and Grandma, Tom and Bonnie Edmondson from Jan. 19 until Jan. 22. They had their Christmas on Jan. 21.

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Farm and Ranch news



Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Assoc. returns \$1 million to stockholders

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Chairman of the Board of Directors, Jerry Oswalt announced the January 2000 payment to members. "This payment to our stockholders is the fourth consecutive cash distribution we have made. The Association is financially strong and we have enjoyed outstanding growth since 1997" according to Oswalt. "Our Cooperative structure allows us the opportunity to share profits through the patronage program; while at the same time building capital to maintain our financial strength."

"Our 1800 member-stockholders are realizing that there truly is Value

to Membership in the Association. Serving producers in the Panhandle and South Plains with the highest quality service at the lowest possible cost is, and will remain the goal of this Association," said Oswalt.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA has approximately \$150 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in 17 Texas Panhandle counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

COTTONSEED ASSISTANCE FINDS CUT BY USDA

What Congress provides, USDA can take away. That is apparently the case for the U.S. cotton industry that has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of much needed cottonseed assistance program funds approved by Congress last year.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that USDA has cut the amount of money being made available to the cottonseed assistance program by as much as 25 percent in order to comply with a congressionally mandated cut in spending for all agencies of 0.38 percent.

Unfortunately for cotton it appears that much of the USDA budget axe fell on the cottonseed assistance program and boll weevil eradication.

As it stands now USDA may well be close to announcing the regulations governing distribution of the slimmed down cottonseed assistance package as early as next week. The bad news is that instead of having some \$100 million to divvy up, the pot will likely contain only about \$75 million. The revision translates into \$7-10 per ton in assistance, less than what the industry had hoped for but still needed and appreciated.

Also hard hit was funding for the national boll weevil eradication program. This program, severely neglected by USDA over the past few years, had only been budgeted some \$17,757 million for FY2000 and some \$2.66 million was cut from that allocation. The cut could equate to a loss in funding for Texas of as much as \$700,000 this year.

Additional information concerning the cottonseed assistance program and rules covering issuance and availability of generic certificates will be published as soon as they are made public.

Cotton Crop Insurance Price Election Raised

The USDA Risk Management Agency has recently announced an increase in the maximum upland cotton price elections for '00 crop year. The change resulted in a five cent per pound increase across the board from the preliminary announcement made December 1 and will allow producers to choose a maximum price level of 59 cents per pound.

The initial RMA price elections

were changed after comment and input from Plains Cotton Growers and other cotton organizations to House Ag Committee staff members and RMA. PCG's input stressed the fact that the initial price election determination was not accurately reflecting the long-term value of the crop.

The new maximum price elections announced, by growing region, are: Southeast and Mid-South, 62 cents/lb.; Southwest and Desert Southwest, 59 cents/lb.; and San Joaquin Valley, 64 cents/lb. South Texas counties are included in Mid-South/Southeast regions Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso Valley counties are included in Desert Southwest region.

Growers who purchased crop insurance at the preliminary maximum price election will have their '00 coverage based on revised price election.

TDA Releases New Organic Cotton Rules

The Texas Department of Agriculture has issued proposed rules clarifying the handling of organic cotton acreage inside active boll weevil eradication zones.

The proposed rule will be open for public comment until March 12. Anyone interested in making a comment can obtain a copy of the rules from TDA and submit their written comments to:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Attention: Matt Brockman
P.O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711

In addition to the opportunity to submit written comment a series of public hearings on the proposed rules will be held, most likely during the week of February 14. A complete schedule of those hearings, times and locations will be included in "Cotton News" as soon as it becomes available.

Schedule of February Events

- High Plains Cotton Conference
- Feb. 11 - Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference, Hereford
- Feb. 22 - Sandy Lane Cotton Conference, Seminole
- Feb. 23 - 2nd Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock
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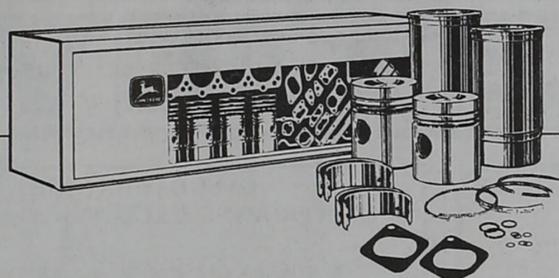
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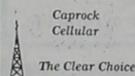
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