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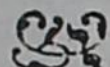
107 YEARS

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## A Look Back



July 27, 1939

### HEALTH IMPROVES: STOPS PENSION

"My health has improved to where I can walk and I wish you would take me off your pay roll as it may help someone else that cannot work." So read a letter received Tuesday at district offices of Texas Old Age Assistance Commission in Wichita Falls. That is the real American spirit, commented J.R. Atlee, District Supervisor.

July 27, 1939

### SCOUT TROOP TO SWIM MEET

"Members of the Matador Scout Troop #60 met with the Spur Scout Troop, #35 for a district swimming meet at Spur yesterday.

About 12 scouts from Spur and 14 from Matador attended the contest, which was followed by a watermelon feast provided by the host troop.

## County Chamber banquet to feature aviatrix, author



Nancy Robinson Masters will speak at the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held August 6.

An entertaining and motivational speaker, Nancy Robinson Masters, will present the keynote address for the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Motley County High School in Matador.

Masters, a licensed pilot, is the only woman to twice receive the U.S. Air Force's Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. She is the author of ten books, including *All My Downs Have Been Ups*, and *Spirits in the Sky, the Story of the Airplanes of World War II*.

Her award-winning books for children, *The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm* and *The Horrible Homemade Halloween Costume*, draw heavily on her childhood experiences of growing up on a hard scrabble, drought-plagued cotton farm in West Texas. In her talks and presentations, Masters credits much of her success today to the values, patriotism and work ethic instilled in her by her parents, particularly her mother, during those difficult years.

In addition to her career as a free lance writer, with over 3,000 articles other credit, Nancy works as an independent consultant for schools and

businesses, presenting her "Top Gun" programs to motivate students to become better readers and writers. She also presents staff-development training for teachers and business leaders and seminars for anyone interested in writing for publication.

Masters will return to Motley County on September 12 when she will present a writers' workshop for Wanna Be Western Writers at Mott Creek Ranch (806-983-1372).

She resides on a farm in the Elmdale community near Abilene, handy enough to pump fuel at the airport built by her husband, veteran aviator Bill Masters. But, according to Nancy, her most important life's

work is "teaching second graders in Sunday School."

Rounding out the evening's program the Chamber will present awards for the year and recognize outstanding individuals or businesses. Dinner music and entertainment will be provided by the 3M Company of Matador, while Virginia Salsbury of Cafe RS in Roaring Springs will be the caterer for the event.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 per person, available in advance from any Motley County Chamber of Commerce member, president Jeff Thacker, (806-348-7546), or Secretary Charles Keith, (806-347-2283).

## Chamber membership keeps growing

Hearty congratulations are extended to the following businesses and individuals who have extended their commitment to helping Motley County by renewing their membership in the Motley County Chamber of Commerce.

Kenneth Abbott, Suzanne Abbott, Ronnie Bailey, Kay Bailey, Inez Bailey, Mary Ellen Barton, Randy Barton, Bonita Barton, Nell Berryman, Wade Berryman, CSR PolyPipe, Bundy Campbell, Wes Campbell, Betty Campbell, Vance Campbell, City Grocery, Dahl Clower, Jim Cooper, Judy Cooper, Bill Crenshaw, Brenda Cruse, Darrell Cruse, Tommie Cruse, Davis Fuel,

Billy Denison, Debbie Denison, Spencer Dixon, Wilda Dixon, Jerry Edwards, First State Bank of Matador, James Fish, Fran Sales & Service (Odessa), Sondra Francis, Vann Francis, Garland Rattan Ranch, Jerry Green, Patricia Green, Algie Groves, Rita Groves, Darla Gwinn, James Gwinn, Harry Hamilton, Hamilton Brothers, Boyce Hart, Martha Hill, Karen Elliott House, Earlyne Jameson, Skeet Jameson, Jarrett Jameson, Charlie Johnson, Bill Jones, Mary Jones, Charles Keith, Charlie Keith, Joan Keith, Viola Keith, Keith Brothers, Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co.,

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## Motley County to receive over \$27,000 from State Tobacco settlement

Motley County's allotment will be \$27,057 from the state's tobacco settlement. The tobacco industry will pay Texas \$17.6 billion over a 26 year period, to cover the costs of health care caused by tobacco use, according to preliminary estimates released by state officials.

State officials and the industry wound up their negotiations late last week. The settlement is more than \$2 billion higher than the industry originally said it would pay the state.

A clause in the original settlement guaranteed Texas equal treatment with any state that got a better deal from the industry. After Texas announced its settlement with cigarette makers in January, Minnesota hammered out an even more lucrative settlement that

the industry must now match.

In January 1999, there will be an initial per capita distribution of \$300 million to counties and hospital districts.

In this distribution, preliminary estimates are that Briscoe County will receive \$34,810; Hall County will receive \$68,966; Dickens County, \$45,407; Kent County, \$17,838; Floyd County, \$150,066.

Rep. Pete Lancy said that in addition to the initial lump sum payment, a Permanent Trust Account will be established and funded over a four-year period by \$1.8 billion. Income from this permanent fund will be distributed to the counties and hospital districts on a pro rata basis in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed

health care expenditures for indigent health care.

Because future distributions will be on a cost-reimbursement basis, each county will have to document its unreimbursed health care expenses.

This historic agreement will provide substantial benefits to county taxpayers without the uncertainty and expense of lengthy litigation.

These payments are available to all local governmental entities with indigent health care obligations, regardless of whether they are parties to the lawsuit. In the state of Texas, county commissioners courts are expected to provide at least 10% of their annual budget for indigent care.

"This trust account will provide a substantial, perpetual source of rev-

enue to help offset the cost of providing health care. This approach to managing the funds will ensure that the payments we receive today will provide lasting benefits for future Texans," Lancy said.

Legislative leaders met last Saturday with the counsel for the counties and hospital districts that intervened in the tobacco settlement and Judge Jim Meyers, a court-appointed mediator.

As a result of that meeting, an agreement was reached. It includes the stipulation that the motion for sanctions against the governor and several legislators must be withdrawn before this agreement is finalized.

## School Board hires new girl's basketball coach in called meeting

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, July 27 for a called meeting to interview applicants for Girls' Basketball Coach, to fill the position previously held by Coach Kim Alexander.

Bryan Barnes and Danny Copeland were interviewed. The board voted to hire Danny Copeland of St. Joe, Texas as the new girls' basketball coach for Motley County High School.

Meeting adjourned.

## Two killed in early morning accident

Two men were killed early Tuesday morning, July 28, when the 1984 Ford Pickup they were driving veered from the roadway in the curve of the highway striking a tree.

The two men were traveling west on US 62, approximately 8 miles west of Paducah when the accident occurred at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Codi Williams, 21, of Lubbock, and Daniel Munoz, age unknown at newstime, of Spur were killed instantly. Both men were wearing seatbelts. Mr. Munoz was driving the vehicle.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Mr. Williams is a former resident of Matador. He attended school at Motley County ISD before moving to Lubbock. He is survived by his grandparents, W.C. "Rosie" and Valta Deaton, and two brothers, Leslie Lester and Peyton Lester, of Matador; his mother, Dorothy Williams of Louisiana; an uncle Jack Williams of Matador; an uncle Vernon Nipp of Roaring Springs.

Services for Mr. Williams are pending with Seigler Funeral Home in Matador.

Services for Mr. Munoz are pending at Spur.

## 75th Annual Old Settlers Reunion set for Aug. 27-29

The 75th Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo is set for August 27-28 and 29. The parade will kick off the celebration in downtown Roaring Springs at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 27.

There will be three big days of rodeo excitement, dancing, a carnival, drawing for a handmade Alvin Durham saddle, and the crowning of

the Rodeo Queen will highlight the annual event. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be the featured performers at the Young Folks Dance, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band with Frankie McWhorter will be featured at the Old Folks Dance, beginning at 8:30 p.m. each night.

## Governor requests drought disaster declaration for entire state

AUSTIN -- Governor George W. Bush is asking the federal government to grant disaster status to an additional 176 counties stricken by drought. If the U.S. Department of Agriculture grants the Governor's request, all 254 Texas counties will be under a drought disaster declaration.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of

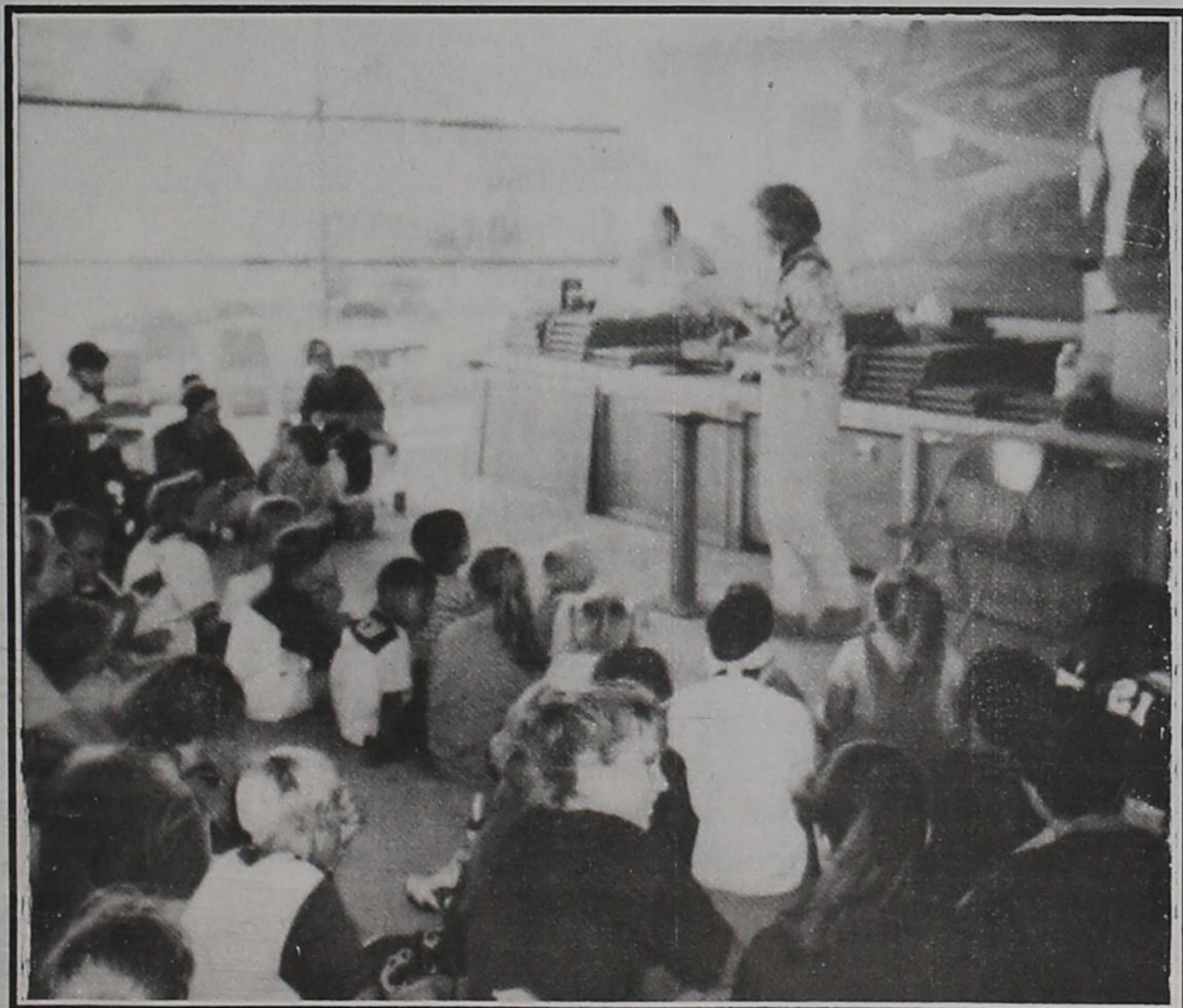
Agriculture Dan Glickman, Governor Bush describes the economy emergency caused by above normal temperatures and severe drought conditions. If the request is granted, Texas farmers and ranchers will be eligible for emergency loans to cover losses suffered under the drought. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service esti-

mates total losses will be \$1.5 billion statewide. "I'm asking the federal government to expedite the declaration for all Texas counties because Texas needs immediate assistance," Governor Bush said.

As of today, two Texas counties, Terrell and Glasscock, have been

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## Kids' Camp days full of fun



Kids' Camp days are full of fun and learning projects. These kids are listening to Mrs. Joyce Hunter as she tells a story during a story-telling session on Tuesday. Sixty-five kids and twenty counselors brave the heat each day to participate in the annual camp sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers. The week long camp will end on Friday.



Although I love my home, I love this country, and I will never be called a hometown traitor, this week I have really been wondering why the early day settlers ever stopped in this part of the country.

We returned from a glorious vacation to the mountains this weekend, and when we drove back into this part of the country, I just wanted to turn the car around and go back to the cool.

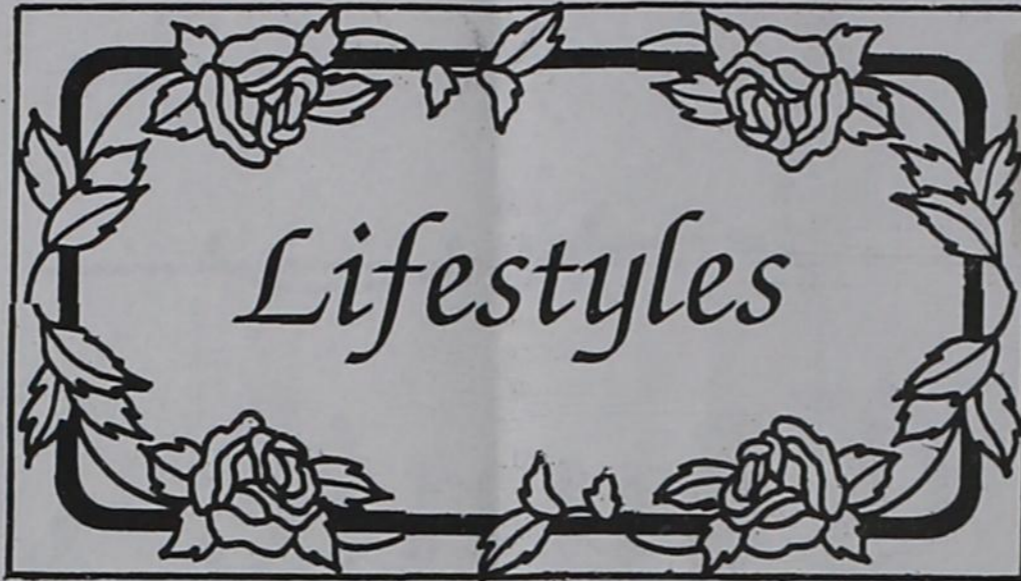
We drove to Santa Fe, New Mexico last Monday. While there, we toured the most beautiful churches. If you have never toured the Santa Fe churches, you really must try to make this trip one of your top places to see. I'm sure you have all heard of the spiral staircase with no nails or center support hold. It is amazing! It had to have been built by an Angel. The feeling of the presence of God is so obvi-

ous in those beautiful churches.

After our Santa Fe jaunt, we drove to Ruidoso. It was so cool and beautiful. It rained everyday we were there. The high temperature was about 80, and the low was around 45. All of the locals said that all the Texans were just walking around in the rain, getting soaked. Jim and I found this rather enjoyable, also. It felt so good!

The last part of our trip was an overnight visit with the kids in Lubbock. I know I've said it before, but our little Morgan is just so wonderful. She's growing so fast and changes everytime we see her. She's so much fun!

But, I guess I'll have to admit, after all this great, cool fun, it really was good to be home. Even though it's hot and dry, there's no place like home!



## Library Inherits Books



Motley County Librarian, Suzanne Abbott, works through the many books the Motley County Library recently inherited.

The Motley County Library has inherited all of the books and book cases belonging to Amarillo attorney, Joe Harlan. Mr. Harlan passed away March 13, 1998, and the executor of his estate notified the Library in May of this inheritance. Mr. Harlan's will reads, "To the Motley County, Texas, Library at Matador, Texas, (I give, devise, and bequeath) all my books and book cases, in honor of my deceased wife, Doris Mullins."

To date, no connection between the Library and Mr. Harlan or his wife can be found. Joe Harlan was born in Oklahoma and raised in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He was a successful trial lawyer in Amarillo for many years. His wife, Doris Mullins Harlan, passed away a few years ago. Her background is not known to the executor of the estate in Amarillo. If anyone knows anything about the Harlan-Mullins connection to Motley County, please call the Library.

There are 19 book cases, 1,214 volumes of books. The books are in good shape and many are very nice collector's editions. Hopefully, some of these books will be processed for check-out very soon.

The Library gratefully accepted his inheritance, taking possession of the books and book cases on July 21, 1998. Five Motley County residents donated their time, effort, and gasoline to go to Amarillo, pack up the books, load them and the book cases, and return to Matador with them. Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Charlie Johnson, Patricia Green, and Kenneth Abbott performed this hot, dusty task, and their willingness to do this for the Library is greatly appreciated. Rita

and Algie Groves helped in the Library along with Georgia Witcher so that Suzanne Abbott, Librarian, could go with the work crew. Mrs. Witcher, her grandson Jonathan Kays, and

Matador resident, Jimmy Witt, helped the crew unload and stow the books in the Library. Their helpfulness is also appreciated.

## Drought Disaster

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designated disaster areas by the federal government. Requests from seventy-six counties are pending.

The Governor is also concerned about the risk of fire and the ability of volunteer firefighters to do their jobs. He has written to the heads of each state agency, urging them to grant paid leave to volunteer firefighters who respond to rural emergencies. "I encourage all agencies to support their personnel who take on this vital community service role," Bush said. "Their response to ongoing fires helps to protect the lives and property of all Texans." Approximately 40,000 volunteers serve as the primary fire fighting force for rural Texas.

Motley County is listed among the 176 Texas Counties to be requested for USDA Drought Assistance.

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## Church News



### Rev. Royce Jennings to serve as Interim Pastor for Matador First Baptist Church

Rev. Royce Jennings has recently been called by First Baptist Church, Matador, to serve as interim pastor and to guide the church through an intentional interim period. Bro. Jennings is a retired minister who pastored several churches in Colorado. He and his wife, June, make their home in Littlefield, but he will

be in Matador every week Sunday morning through Wednesday evening. He will also be here at other times on occasion.

On Sunday morning, August 9, the church will vote on a Transition Team to help lead the congregation through this interim period.

### First Baptist Church youth return from Possum Kingdom Mission Trip

Youth from First Baptist Church, Matador, recently returned from a short mission trip to Possum Kingdom, July 17-19, where they worked along side the staff of Possum Kingdom Resort Ministries (PKRM) to minister to campers. Through their puppet ministry, the Matador youth led two children's Bible studies. They also visited and invited campers to attend three worship services and then participated in the services. A planned

work project to paint a building being constructed for use by PKRM was not possible, since the building had not yet reached that phase. There was also some left for swimming and fishing. Those attending were Brandon

Moore, Miranda Palmer, Kaci Risser, Sherri Thomas, Kelsi Wallace, and LeAnnra Wallace. They were accompanied by Phillip Sharp and Youth Director Amy Parker.

### Local youth attend Baptist Youth World Conference

Dixie Campbell and Youth Director Amy Parker accompanied Kaci Risser to Houston, July 22-26, to represent First Baptist Church, Matador, at the Baptist Youth World Conference. This conference, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, is held every five years around the world. This is the first time in 25 years for it to be held in the US, and it will not be held in this country for another 25 years. Over 7,500 high school and college-aged youth, and their leaders, from

around the world were present. They met daily in family groups of 25, community groups of 300, and in one large group each evening for worship. There were also workshops, cultural exchanges, and exhibits.

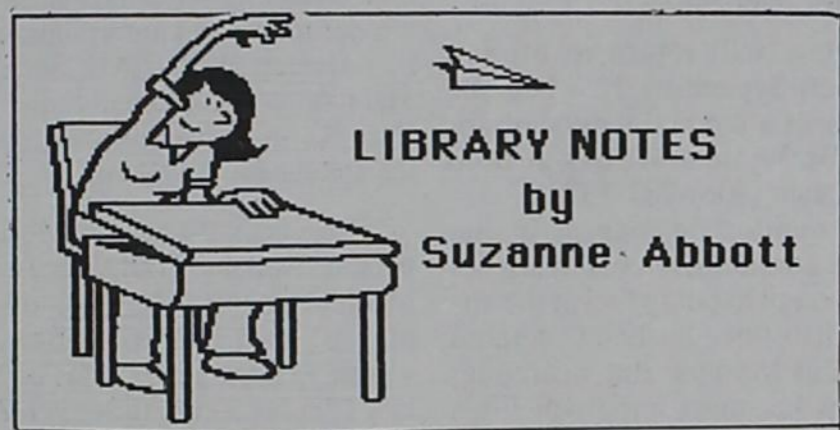
Kaci sang in the conference choir, and Amy served as a Family Group leader (with 50, rather than 25, group members). The Matador group was sent to the conference by the local church, through donations from church members.

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Three new books in the Library deal with treasure hunting. We would all like to find a treasure, and these books by Charles Garrett tell us how. One, dealing solely with finding coins, is entitled *The New Successful Coin Hunting*. Another, *Let's Talk Treasure Hunting*, tells how to find all kinds of buried items such as relics of wars and early-day civilizations. Finally, *Ghost Town Treasures, Ruins, Relics and Riches* lists ideas and tips for searching old town sites or sites of long-gone buildings. Come in and check out one of these books, and maybe you'll find a treasure - of course, you would share with the Motley County Library, wouldn't you?

From "Saddlebags", the newsletter of the Texas Panhandle Library System, come 10 tips for raising a reader:

1. Sounds are key. Read to your

new baby, anything from magazines to food labels.

2. As your baby grows, simple picture and story books will delight and stimulate.

3. Visit the Library regularly and let children select their own books.

4. Make the bedtime story a family event. Even older children enjoy the right books.

5. Include poetry! Short verses are perfect for short attention spans.

6. Have children read aloud to you while you work around the house.

7. Read about people, places, or things that interest your whole family.

8. Keep lots of reading materials at home, with children's books on low shelves.

9. Let your children see you reading. Talk about your books.

10. Give books as gifts so your children learn that books are special.

## Look Who's New



### Chancey Rae Kendall

Cory and Janet Kendall of Midland are happy to announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Chancey Rae Kendall. She was born Wednesday, July 22, 1998 at 2:14 p.m. at the Memorial Hospital in Midland. She

weighed nine pounds, twelve ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Travis and Linda Kendall of Flomot and Johnny and Pam Thompson of Midland.

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## "The City"



The city under the city! A city of 6 million people - and it's underground! And of all things, it's under the city of Paris, France. It's called the City of The Dead. Without giving all of the background and history, there are the bones and skeletal remains of some 6 million people piled up in a maze of walls, entry ways, designs within the "walls" of bones all stacked and preserved in a very grotesque way.

The commentator on the television program that presented this "story" said that it was interesting that one of the largest "cities" of people in the world, larger even than the city above it, had a population of only dead residents. I wasn't even really aware that it really existed until it was pointed out in this program.

On the other hand, there is another city within a city, and it is not below the ground, and it is not made up of dead citizens. Its numbers I'm not too sure of, as far as population goes. It's not a grotesque "city" it's a beautiful one. Unless someone points it out, the average person in any other city will never know it is among him or her. It even exists among us. It's the City of God.

Living in that City is so wonderful, being a part of the citizenship that belongs to heaven and will one day inherit fully that city "with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10), a city prepared for all of us who live by faith (Hebrews 11:16). The church isn't the building, it's the people of God. It's a citizenry that is so blessed and special. How much better to belong to the "City of Life" made up of the eternal living ones.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Michael G. Crowley, Sr. Worship - 9 a.m.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce

## Fourth Annual Banquet

Thursday, August 6, 1998

7:00 p.m. in the School Gymnasium

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# MC FFA members attend State Convention



Motley County FFA members, Robert Gillespie, Benjamin Ridgley, Todd Thomas, Rachelle Renfro, and Brooke Decker at the State FFA Convention in Ft. Worth.

Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the 70th Texas FFA Convention held July 14-17 at the Ft. Worth - Tarrant County Convention Center in Ft. Worth. The Convention started Tuesday evening with a vesper program presented by the state officer team. The program this year stressed the importance of God and family in the face of all adversity.

Bringing greetings at the opening session Wednesday morning was The Honorable George W. Bush, Governor of Texas. Keynote speaker for the convention was Guy Rice Doud, a former National Teacher of the Year. During the business session of the convention, members voted on two state FFA constitutional amendments. The first amendment was to assess Jr. FFA members state dues, and the second amendment was to include the state president as a voting member of the Texas FFA Advisory Board. Both amendments passed.

In a special session over 1200

Lone Star Degrees were conferred upon FFA members. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree awarded at the state level. Robert Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie, received this award, which is given to those members who excel in leadership, citizenship and SAEP projects.

One of the highlights of the convention was an appearance by the Nashville-based Country recording group, Ricochet. The former FFA members sang the National Anthem and gave words of encouragement to over 7,000 FFA members and guests. Rounding out the convention was the election of the new State FFA President, Brandon Hill of Arlington-Martin High School.

Those attending the convention from Motley County were Robert Gillespie, Todd Thomas, Ben Ridgley, Rachelle Renfro, and Brooke Decker. They were accompanied by advisor Jim Cooper and wife, Judy.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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## 98 team ropers compete in Burleson's pasture roping event



Burleson Memorial Roping Playday participants.

The Sunday, July 19, 1998 Pasture Roping at Burleson Arena, brought teamropers and spectators together for competition and entertainment. Ninety-eight team ropers sped into the open pasture in pursuit of their steers for a combination of the fastest time. Scott Stone, Plainview, and Mickey Beshires, Floydada, had the fastest time for the day, taking home the prize, spurs made by Wayne Dollar, of Hereford.

The 14th Annual Burleson Memorial began Saturday morning, July 18 for three divisions in the youth horse events. These young people slowly but surely finished their competition four events, flags, poles, potato and barrel races.

Winners for the day in the Pee Wee divisions in Pole Race were: Kaitlyn Cash, Tee Bateman, Klay Brock, Caycee Jones.

Potato Race: Tee Bateman, Brazos Williams, Kaly Brock, Karleigh Porterfield.

Flag Race: Tee Bateman, Kaitlyn Cash, Klay Brock, Caycee Jones, Karleigh Porterfield.

Winners in the Junior Division in the Pole Race were: Kelsi Gardner, Erin Baker, Kwail Brock, Tye Jones.

Flag Race: Cody Ware, Kelsi Gardner, Andrew Bateman, Lee Fortenberry, Kara Cash, Clay Ware.

Barrel Race: Lee Fortenberry, Kara Cash, Clay Ware, Erin Baker, Cody Ware, Kwail Brock.

Winners in the Senior Division in the Pole Race were: Dixie Bell, Tarran Forbes, Drew Baker, Tyler Phillips.

Potato Race: Tarran Forbes, Dixie Bell, Tyler Phillips, Bristi Gardner, Drew Baker, Tyler Phillips.

Barrel Race: Dixie Bell, Tarran Forbes, Drew Baker, Tyler Phillips, Bristi Gardner.

Tee Bateman of Spur won the buckle for the high point youth.

At the same time the youth were competing in the Burleson Arena, the Washer Pitchers were busy vying for the 1998 Championship under the hay barn. Steve Nall and Frank Hollenbaugh, both from Amarillo, went home with their 7th Memorial Belt Buckle. Frank and Steve have attended all of the 14 memorial washer pitch competitions.

Carl and Jonnie Alford, Circle A Cattle Company of Hereford, furnished the cattle for the Saturday and Sunday Team Ropings.

Andy Paul Jones of Roaring Springs, a yearly competitor, took home the Wayne Dollar Spurs as high money winner of the Saturday team ropings.

Cole Jackson, a 1997 Spur High School graduate from Afton, was the 1998 Dusty Burleson Scholarship recipient for Clarendon Ranch & Feedlot course at Clarendon Junior College. Cole is the son of Ike and Elaine Jackson and the youngest of three children. Cole was active in FFA and 4-H during his high school years. He was charter Star Farmer and won the Spur Fair project for four years in a row. He plans a future in Ranching and has purchased a few cattle to begin his herd.

As always the Burleson's appreciated those who came as spectators or competitors to help make this scholarship possible.

John Bleikner was assisted by two young people from the audience in drawing the names of 38 lucky winners of attendance prizes. Kaitlyn Cash, 7, of Dumont and Cole Clark, 5, of Spur drew the name of Doug Smith of Girard as the winner of the grand prize which was a choice of one of six major appliances. Congratulations to the Smiths on their selection of a dishwasher/microwave combination.

Prior to adjournment, President Ned Ward announced that incumbents, Preston Givens of the Spur area, Steve Cochran of the Peacock area and Mike Smith of the Afton area, were re-elected to three year terms.

Matador American Legion Post Conducts Summer Meeting

by Charles Keith

The American Post 337 held a meeting on Monday night, July 27, at the Senior Citizens Center with 11 members and 7 guests present.

Commander Jerry Green called the meeting to order with Charley Johnson giving the invocation and Adjutant Charles Keith leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then enjoyed a wonderful covered dish meal prepared by the ladies present.

After the meal, Dayton Grundy made a presentation on his trip to Boys State this June as a representative of Motley County. Dayton was sponsored by Post 337 to Boy's State. His presentation was very interesting and he answered many questions from those present.

A short business meeting was then conducted where several future projects were discussed. The next meeting will be on Monday night, September 28, 1998.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye criticize, it shall be measured to you again."

Matthew 7: 1-2

## Dickens Electric holds 58th annual meeting

Fortunately, the weather was mild compared to the extremely hot temperatures experienced recently as a crowd gathered on July 16th for the 58th Annual Meeting of Dickens Electric Cooperative. Those who turned out for the meeting were entertained with music, barbecue and information about their cooperative and even a chance to win a door prize.

Approximately 560 members and guests enjoyed music provided by the 3M Band from Motley County. 215 registered members, their families and guests enjoyed a barbecue catered by Johnny's Barbecue of Odessa, Texas.

President Ned Ward called the meeting to order and after introducing special guests gave the president's report.

Barbee Word of Bolinger, Segards, Gilbert 7 Moss presented the

financial report.

General Manager Ron Golden discussed changes in the electric utility business with the possibility of de-regulation. Large power marketing companies can and will offer lower rates, cash and prizes to get select customers to switch to their companies.

Administrative Assistant John Bleiker introduced Jason Lackey of Aspermont, who attended the Government in Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Jason gave a report on the tour of the Nation's Capital, calling it a "trip of a lifetime."

As a part of the youth presentation, Marketing - Public Relations representative Jennice Cargile gave a report on other youth activities that the cooperative is involved in, including the electric camp.

### A note of thanks

We would like to thank the Matador Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response and extinguishing our grass fire at Northfield.

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson

Thank you for the lovely cards, calls, and words of congratulations to us on our anniversary. You helped make our day a great one.

Bill and June Moss

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