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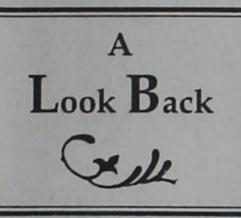
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WHISTLES FREEZE

"It was 'sure enough' cold Friday night. Raby Webb, manager of Higginbotham Bartlett Company, helped official a football game between Wellington and Quanah. The officials whistles froze up until they had to discard them and yell at the players, to finish the game."

November 19, 1959

SANTA SCHEDULES MATADOR VISIT

"Santa continues to use his reindeer but he is coming to Matador early next month riding a 30-ton elephant, one of the big animals used to move mountains of toys he must deliver Christmas Eve. He will lead the parade at 4 p.m. on December 3rd. Boys and Girls will get free rides."

Early deadline for next week's paper!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, next Thursday, November 26, the Motley County Tribune will be printed a day early. Deadline for all news and ad copy for next week's paper will be no later than noon Monday, November 23. News items may also be brought in on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Our office will be closed next Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

Also, work will begin on our annual Christmas edition of the paper the week after Thanksgiving. We hope to be able to make this year's edition very special. We will again offer our Christmas greeting card ads for sale to businesses and individuals. These very special Christmas greetings give you the opportunity to wish your friends and acquaintances a happy holiday season, without all the fuss of addressing envelopes, and purchasing postage stamps. If you would like more information on these greetings, please call our office, 347-2400.

Thank you for your cooperation, and may you all have a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Tribune to receive Letters for Santa

The Motley County Tribune has, once again, been authorized by Santa Claus himself to receive letters at our office. The letters will be printed in the paper and then forwarded on to Santa at the North Pole.

Letters may be dropped off in our mailbox in front of the office, or mailed to:

Motley County Tribune P.O. Box 490

Matador, TX 79244 All Letters to Santa must be received no later than Mor.day, December 7, to be printed in our Christmas edition. We understand that this is a very early deadline, but due to printing deadlines, it must be this early. All teachers are reminded to have your students write their letters and have to them no later than this date.



MISS MC SOUTH PLAINS — Karlicia Odham (right center) of Childress was crowned Miss MC South Plains at the First Annual Pageant sponsored by the Theater Arts Department of Motley County ISD. She was escorted by Brian Rodriguez. Haley Utter of Paducah was named Runner-Up. She was escorted by Terrence Moore.



JUNIOR MISS — Tobi Powell (left center) of Paducah was crowned Junior Miss MC South Plains at Saturday night's Pageant. She was escorted by Jacob Tucker. Kittie Campbell of Matador was named Runner-Up. She was escorted by John Wesley Stevens. Kittie is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell and John is the son of Steve and Bettye Stevens.



LITTLE MISS MC SOUTH PLAINS - Cheyenne Slover (left center) was crowned Little Miss MC South Plains at Saturday night's pageant. She was escorted by Shann Staggs. Cheyenne and Shann live in Paducah. Cheyenne is the daughter of Bruce and Laura (Grundy) Slover of Paducah. Cancy Cabler was named Runner-up. She was escorted by Zachary Montandon. Cancy and Zachary live in Lockney.



MISS LITTLE TOT — Jamie Gilbert, with her escort Lucas Taylor. Jamie and Lucas live in Paducah. Runner-up was Brittyn Helms, escorted by Trey Helms, of Floydada. Brittyn and Trey had already left when this picture was taken.

unite for Thanksgiving Services

Churches to

Churches will unite for the annual Thanksgiving Services to be held this Sunday night.

The Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving service will be held at 5 p.m. at the Church of Christ. Rev. Rod Skelton, interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs will bring the message. Special music will be provided by singers from First Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. Jeff Thacker will lead the congregational

The Matador Community service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Royce Jennings, transitional pastor at First Baptist Church will bring a message entitled "Giving Thanks in the Lord". Special music is being planned.

Refreshments will follow in the church fellowship hall. An offering will be received to benefit the Community Chest, Rev. Monte Wike will be in charge of the service. Marion Woodruff, Jeanne Adams, and Lola Pohl will be in charge of the music.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend either or both of these services.

Senator Hutchison tells Motley County residents: '1998 tough year for Ag, future looks brighter'

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison brought Motley County residents up to date Thursday on the extraordinary steps Congress took to address the agriculture crisis this year.

"The final 1999 Agriculture Appropriations Bill contained significant disaster relief for farmers and ranchers left high and dry by the drought assistance for the loss of crops and livestock losses," the Senator said. "At the same time we are working to provide significant tax relief for agriculture producers."

The agriculture appropriations package included:

* \$2.25 billion in total funding to address crop and feed losses.

* \$175 million for livestock feed

assistance. The bill also included \$1.65 billion in aid for loss of markets. That assistance will come in the form of one-time payments equal to 29 percent of a farmer's Agricultural Marketing Transition Act payments under the 1996 Farm Bill. It is available for cotton, wheat, corn, barley, oats, sor-

ghum and rice. "Earlier this summer I also successfully pressed Secretary Glickman to ease the rule for emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program land, and 94 counties were released for haying and grazing, including Motley County," she said.

sures. The future of the American port. farmer lies with expanding overseas markets and continued tax relief," the Senator said. "Lowering your taxes is critical. In the past two years we have previous meeting. begun to ease the tax burden that is squeezing America's farm families."

"We made income averaging for farmers permanent, a measure which I co-sponsored. We expanded the health insurance deduction to 100 percent for the self-insured and accelerated the phase-in of the \$1 million death-tax exemption," she said.

"We need more international agreements that will make other coun-

tries lower the barriers that keep our agriculture products out," she said. 'We also need to stop using agriculture as a weapon in international diplomacy. Except in the most extreme cases, imposing sanctions on another country that includes restrictions on agriculture hurts the United States

more than the other country." "We have to do much more to give

our farmers better access to the overseas markets that represent a huge potential demand for high quality farm products," she said.

See Agriculture Relief on page 5



U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Motley County Judge Laverna Price.

School Board approves Employee Incentive pay

The Motley County ISD met on November 9, at 7:30 p.m. in their regular monthly board meeting. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand, Coach Ronnie Payne, and Bettye Stevens.

No one was present for the open Mars.

The following informational reports were given:

Principal Bob Hand gave the cam-Coach Ronnie Payne gave the

Athletic Director's report. Superintendent Rick Copp gave "But these were emergency mea- the Superintendent's Formative re-

Items for board action:

Approved the expenditures and

- Approved the minutes of the

reviewed the financial statements.

Gillespie, Tommy Gleghorn, Bob Ridgely, Carrol Hays, and Beverly Approved employee incentive pay for December.

— Approved the textbook review

committee consisting of Rick Copp,

Bob Hand, Karen Davis, Pam

Thacker, Tonya Price, Terry Ferguson,

Ginger Gilmore, Paula Phillips, Kathy

Reviewed Update 59 (Legal) Policies from Texas Associations of School Boards and approved (Local) Policies from Update 59:

1. BP (local) Administrative Regulations 2. CRE (local) Insurance and An-

nuities Management Workers' Compensation 3. DEA (local) Compensation and

Benefits Salaries, Wages and Sti-

continued on page 5



If you haven't taken a drive from Matador to Roaring Springs and back, and looked at the beautiful colors, you have missed a real treat. When you are driving out of Roaring Springs, just as you're coming on to the bridge, look to the west, the colors are breathtaking! I think this must be one of the MC South Plains Pageant was held. most beautiful Falls we have had. It makes you stop and think how thankful we should be that God has given us such beauty to enjoy. It's like a wonderful gift He's giving us in reward for making it through that hot summer. Isn't God great?

***** Last week was a very busy week. First of all the Veterans Day program, which was held at School, was great. The event was held a day late, on Thursday because the Sojourners already had an engagement on Veterans Day, which was actually great for me, because I could not have attended on Wednesday. The kids did a good job hosting the event. The Color Guard posting of the Flags was beautiful, and the Sojourners program was very interesting. There were several Veterans attending. I was glad to be able to attend this event.

That afternoon, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was at the Courthouse for a town meeting. Mrs. Hutchison gave a very interesting talk some students from school. I was glad the kids attended. And so was Mrs. Hutchison, as she commented. She was also very complimentary of one of Motley County's own, Daniel Alexander, a Law student at SMU. Daniel had worked in her office, and she was quite taken with him. Daniel were offended.

Isn't this a gorgeous Fall season? is the son of Alvin and Seven Alexander of Matador.

Saturday was another busy day, with the Motley County Arts & Crafts Fall Bazaar that morning. They had a lot of neat handmade items and homemade baked goodies for sale.

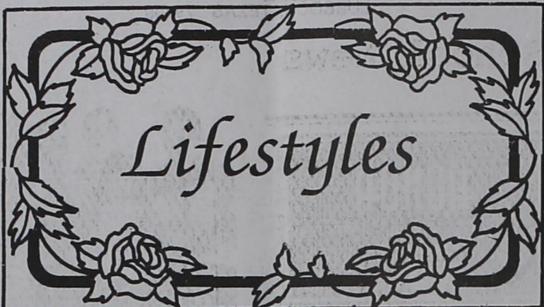
That night the first annual Miss That was the first pageant of any kind I had ever attended. It was quite interesting. There were a lot of very pretty girls. And Jane Thacker gave a good performance.

So, as I have said before, anyone who says there's nothing to do in Motley County, must be crazy!

I must give an apology to those that were offended by this column a few weeks ago, when I mentioned the President's scandal, Apparently I offended someone when I referred to the President as 'that man'. I apologize for that! I meant no disrespect! I revere the title of the United States President. But I must admit I think that our "Mr. President' has caused the disrespect among the American people, himself.

I will be the first to admit that I am not a political genius. But I do not think I am politically dumb, either. I will admit that I have my TV tuned to TBN more than CNN. But I certainly don't think that makes me a traitor! I to a crowd of interested citizens, and love our country, I respect our politicians. I wish I understood more clearly some things about our political world. And maybe, as a newspaper publisher/editor, I should. But I certainly do care about the events of our world.

Again, I'm sorry to those who

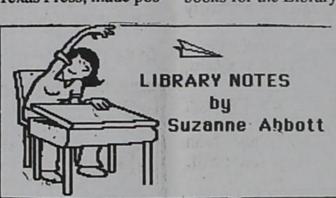


Library to receive new books

recently informed that they are among fifty Texas libraries selected to receive \$220 worth of books from the University of Texas Press, made pos-books for the Library.

The Motley County Library was sible by a grant from the Tocker Foundation in Austin.

Librarian Suzanne Abbott was provided with an order form to choose



Week before last, I went to a very good meeting of librarians in Lubbock for two days. Joan Patton, Winifred Lee, and Betty Moore helped keep the library open the two days I was out, and I really appreciate their willingness to work in my place. We also appreciate the donation to the library made by Gerry Jones.

We have a new shipment of the Texas Capitol Ornaments in the library. If you didn't get the ones you wanted from the first shipment, you can get them now. We have all three years in addition to a few of the little display stands. We appreciate everyone who helped us "sell out" the first shipment. When you purchase one of these ornaments at the library, you help fund Texas Capitol renovations and you help the library, too.

We appreciate the donation by Joel and Debra Spray in memory of Lillie Mae James. Also, we thank Jimmie and Wayne Hunter for their donations to the library in memory of J.D. Palmer, Tommy Wilson, and Frank Montgom-

Thanks to Charles Keith and to the Motley County History Museum for the outstanding Veterans Day display. The museum loaned us some really interesting items, and Charles brought them to the library and helped arrange them. He also put some of his own things into the display, including his impressive sabers.

We have many new books in the library: Wyman Meinzer's beautiful Texas Sky, featuring breathtaking photographs of our dynamic sunsets and sunrises, Max Lucado's newest, Just Like Jesus and a new book for the younger set that I won at my librarian's

meeting. It is called Snake Alley Band and has cute color illustrations and lots of fun "sound" words.

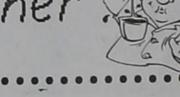
We also have a copy of Simple Law Texas Wills & Trusts Form Book. This is a loose-leaf book with fill-inthe-blank forms for wills and trusts. You may make copies of these forms for the usual \$.20 a page.

I know you will enjoy reading these and the other new books arriving daily at the library.



ply South" at the Spur Art Guild show in the Oil Still Life division. Betty's painting is on display at her shop, The Windmill, in Matador.

Cooking Corner



Mallow Topped Sweet Potatoes

3 cans (15 ounces each) sweet potatoes, drained 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted

1/4 cup orange juice 1/4 cup brown sugar ½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 25-30 JET-PUFFED® Marshmallows (regular

Heat oven to 350°F. Pour sweet potatoes in a 10x6-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. In separate bowl, combine all ingredients except marshmallows. Mix thoroughly. Pour mixture over sweet potatoes. Top with marshmallows. Bake 18-20 minutes or until marshmallows are lightly browned. Makes 8 servings.



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club members are pictured here standing in front of their beautiful handmade snowflakes, just one of the items available for purchase at their Annual Fall Bazaar held Saturday. Also pictured are little Hanna Alexander and Lexie Osborn, standing in front.

Look Who's New

Autumn Lashey Woolsey

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Woolsey 1/2 inches long. of Spur wish to announce the birth of weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces and 19 Spur.

Proud grandparents are Darrell a daughter, Autumn Lashey. She was and Judy Woolsey of Roaring Springs born Wednesday, November 11, 1998, and Manvel and Beverly Herrera of

Brayden Harris Campbell

Campbell born on November 2,1998 at 7:15 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Campbell of Dougherty and Dennis Luz, N.M. Great-great grandmother Party Set for

Wesley and Tracy Campbell of N.M. Great-grandparents are Vance Dougherty are pleased to announce and Betty Campbell of Dougherty, the birth of their son, Brayden Harris Phil and Juaneal Krambeck of

Amarillo, Gertrude Harris of San An-Grandparents are Wes and Lynn tonio, N.M. and Dorothy Miller of La

and Margene Harris of San Antonio, is Bessie Glover of Floydada.

Cambree Brianne Glover

Cutter Glover is proud to an- Brian and Shanna Glover of nounce the arrival of his new baby Lazbuddie. sister, Cambree Brianne. Cambree 19 inches long. Proud parents are Lancaster of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Gary and was born October 31 at 8:05 p.m. at Carolyn Lancaster of Matador and Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She Jerry Don and Donna Glover of weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was Lazbuddie, and proud aunt is Wendy

Denison, Don and Oleta Wyatt of Grannie's Tea December 6

The Annual Grannie's Tea Party has been set for December 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

This annual affair is a fund raiser to benefit the Motley County Library. All girls, ages 4 and up are invited to attend. Dress up in grannie's hats, gloves, and accessories for an afternoon of tea and cakes. A \$5.00 donation and reservations are required. Please call Joyce Campbell, 347-2793, for more information about this fun event.

Christmas has arrived!



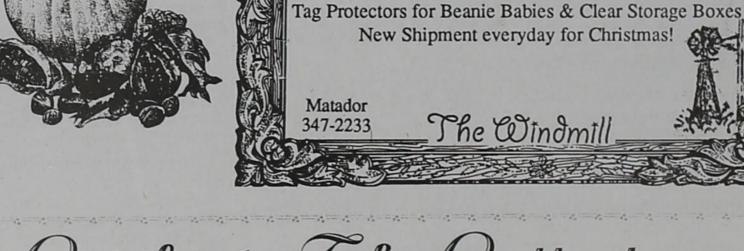
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"Decisions Determine Destiny"



Today you and I will make choices. My father is right who has taught me and others from the old adage that "decisions determine destiny." It is important that we make the right choices. Look through the Bible and see that over and over God's people who made the right choices were blessed by it and were a blessing.

Mary chose what was better and as a result she kept it forever. Moses, by faith, "chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time" (Heb. 11:26). And then there are the records of those who chose not to, like Demas.

Remember the words to the songs, "I Have Decided" and "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"? Go look them up again and be reminded of your promise to Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you realize that life is full of choices, but that you want to make the ones that will bring Him the most glory.

Determine now to make the choices that you can live with today, tomorrow and always.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

Motley County Matadors School News



7TH GRADE CLASS FAVORITES - Shea Rose and Quinten Rose. Shea is the daughter of Tony and Sherry Rose and Quinten is the son of Lisa Rose and the late Kenny Rose.



7TH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS — Angela Marvel, President, (seated); Eighth Grade: Cassie Campbell, Brittany Moore. Joel Reiger, Vice President (standing right); Dumont Darsey, Secretary-Treasurer. Not pictured is Amanda Hurt, Reporter.

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Kindergarten: Hailey Blanco, Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Jay Potts. Kyla Simpson, Alyx Smith, Adriann Walker.

First Grade: Gavin Luckett, Courtney Moctezuma.

Second Grade: Andrew Davila, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson, Justin

Third Grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Brady O'Pry, Savannah Rose, Christy

Fourth Grade: Fannin Gwinn. Fifth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green.

Sixth Grade: Cody Cooper, Annie Green, Veronica Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Leah Payne, John Wesley Stevens, Kittie Campbell, Clay Cooper.

Seventh Grade: Dumont Darsey. Eighth Grade: Clinton Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Ninth Grade: Kayla Copp, Jus-

Tenth Grade: Leigha Burns, Rachelle Renfro, Ashley Stevens. Eleventh Grade: Llan Barkley,

Kember Everett. Twelfth Grade: Amanda Englert, Robert Gillespie, Kandi Keltz, Nesa Palmer, Kaci Risser.

> HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Samantha Easter, Colby McCleskey, Anna Montezuma. First Grade: Cecil Carson, Mel-

issa Flores, Andrew Martin, Eric Simpson, Hunter Smith, Lori Rose Galvan.

Second Grade: Annie Hurt, Laura Martinez.

Third Grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Danielle Ho-Gland, Malcomb O'Daniel, Stacy Perryman, Karrie Valdez, Brenda Mendoza, Blake Smith.

Fourth Grade: Marc Henzler, John Martin, Angelica Mendoza, Gene Salazar, Martin Walker.

Fifth Grade: Jose Martinez, Jose Ramirez, Colton Russell.

Sixth Grade: Matt Henzler, Stacey Ho-Gland, Emily Hurt, Sammy Galvan, Esmeralda Mendoza, Dakota Meyer, Brittany Moore, Natasha Ramirez.

Seventh Grade: Amanda Hurt, Angela Marvel, Susana Mendoza, Ryan Payne, Mandi Ream, Joel

Ninth Grade: Andy Anson, Skylar Clifton, Courtney Hays, Shandra Jones, Brandon Moore, Sherri Thomas.

Tenth Grade: Brooke Decker, Matthew Easter, Scott Jones, Benjamin Ridgley, Denise Shannon.

Eleventh Grade: Brant Donaldson, Vanessa Easter, Quinn Hays, Janell Kilmer, Ryan Moore, Jerod Rieger, Dusty Jackson.

Twelfth Grade: Ty Barclay, Jason Barton, Blaine Cruse, Dayton Grundy, Blair Thacker, Kristi Will-

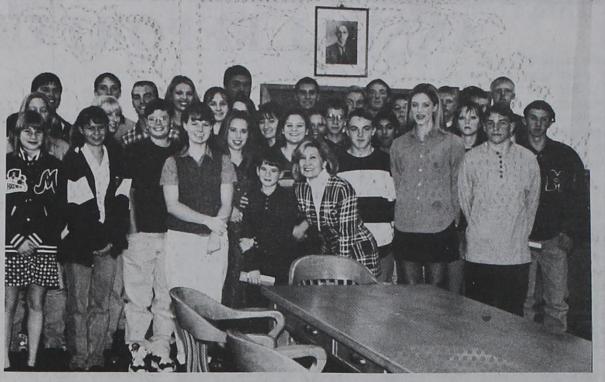
Pageant Pictures Available

Pictures of Miss MC South Plains Pageant entrants are available for \$2.00 each for those who did not order the night of the Pageant. Contact Carroll Hays at school if interested.

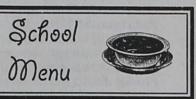


PEOPLE WHO READ **NEWSPAPERS ARE**

> **STUDENTS GRADES**



U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (center) standing next to Dumont Darsey, member of the Motley County Gifted and Talented, surrounded by other Gifted & Talented students and members of the high school Government class. Senator Hutchison talked with the students when she held a Town Hall meeting at the Courthouse last Thursday afternoon.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Breakfast: Sausage, Waffles,

Syrup, Milk.

Lunch: Mexican Casserole, Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Juice Bar, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls,

Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Apple, Peanut butter cookie, Milk.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Thanksgiving Holidays

The Thanksgiving Holidays for Motley County students will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th, and buses will run at that time. Classes will resume at the regular

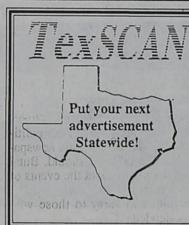
time on Monday, November 30. Jr. Class to sponsor

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Since this is the Thanksgiving season, the Junior Class will be really thankful if you will support them in a Bake Sale to be held Saturday morn-ing, November 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. They will have tables full of goodies in front of City Grocery in Roaring Springs and Lowe's Pay-N-Save in Matador.

There will be cakes, pies, and possibly some breads. If you would like a special cake, bread, or Hungarian coffee cake, call Chelsea Read (after school hours) at 347-2837.





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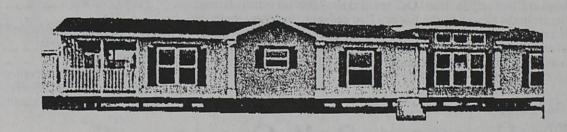


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CRP - Emergency Haying and Grazing

and grazing of existing CRP land was approved through November

30, 1998. Many producers took advantage of this opportunity to use the additional forage. The owner of the CRP contract gave up 25% of the annual rental payment for the right to graze or hay the CRP acres.

Producers made application for the haying or grazing with the Farm Services Agency and then developed a haying or grazing plan with the

Farm ponds, terraces, diversions, standard and parallel terraces, waterways, pipe outlets and other conservation practices exist through-

out Motley County as a reminder that we should protect and conserve

our natural resources. Practices are constructed in order to provide

wind or water erosion control on fragile land and to conserve natural

resources. All practices require maintenance in order to remain and to

function as designed. Whether you own a set of terraces or a pond for

cattle and play, these structures will continue to provide the protection

they were designed for if properly maintained.

Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Due to the drought conditions within the district emergency having

ANNUAL REPORT UPPER PEASE SWCD

Directors:

H.R. Jameson, James Bearden,

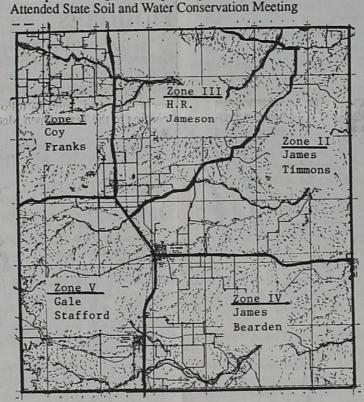
Coy Franks, Gale Stafford, James Timmons

Upper Pease SWCD Highlights and Activities 1998 Fiscal Year

SWCD activities include:

Sponsored essay contest Sponsored poster contest Sponsored windbreak seedling program Sponsored drip irrigation demonstration and sales Sponsored soil moisture monitoring equipment sales Sponsored Soil Stewardship activities
Attended South Plains Association of SWCD's meetings Co-sponsored county meetings on conservation provisions Co-sponsored Newsletters with NRCS Participated in state technical assistance funds program Participated in state Subchapter H funds program Received maximum state matching funds Provide clerical assistance to NRCS staff Provide district technician to NRCS staff Supported and participated in area awards program Sponsor local 4-H awards program Sponsored work group meeting on locally led conservation 100% membership in NACD and state association Contributed full amount to State SWCD Information program Provide NRCS with high quality equipment:

Laser Level Office copier Computer software for publishing newsletters Total station surveying equipment Provide grass drill for producers Participate in Four Winds RC&D meetings Sponsor in Four Winds RC&D Completed RC & D projects as submitted Published one annual report Provided an active information program for cooperators Sponsored teacher workshop Participate in Conservation Tillage Survey Represent the cooperators in the district by direct Communication with Congressmen and Senators Participated in EQIP development process



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UPPER PEASE SWCD AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE 1998 FISCAL YEAR

Livestock Pipeline	350 feet
Livestock Well	1 No.
Brush Control	3500 ac.
Planned Grazing Systems	7 for 6500
Prescribed Burn	_ 1 No.
Great Plains Conservation Program	2 contracts on 2,439 ac.
ACP/LTA Contracts	1 contract on 3,429 ac.
EQIP Contracts	5 contracts on 6,413 ac.
FSA/FACTA Conservation Plans	524 tracts on 92,115 ac.
Compliance Status Daviews	16 on 7 839 ac.

CRP sign up No. 16 resulting in _____ 139 total contracts



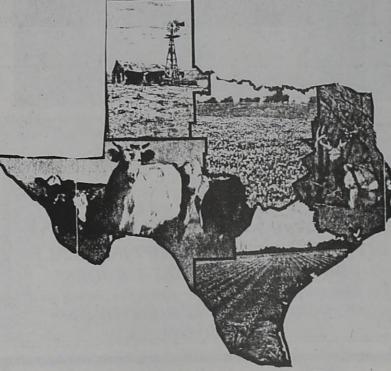
Contour Buffer Strips

Buffer strips (formerly known as wind strips) for wind protection are still common throughout the district. Also beginning to be present are buffer strips for water. Buffer strips, under certain conditions, may be eligible for the Conservation Reserve Program continuous sign-up. The continuous sign-up is different than the regular CRP sign-up and is a specialized program for small, and environmentally sensitive areas. Buffer strips continue to be effective in reducing erosion and being environmentally effective within the district.



Brush Management

Brush Management still continues to be an important practice within the SWCD. Control of mesquite and other species can be effective with either mechanical treatment, aerial spraying or, gaining new popularity, individual plant treatment (IPT). IPT can be applied in rangeland, pasture land or CRP acres and is a very effective and cost efficient method of application. For mesquite control a very popular mixture is a solution of 1/2% Reclaim and 1/2% Remedy with surfactant and dye. Results from the IPT application have been very successful. Some producers are using IPT on CRP acres that have been accepted back into the new CRP. Application with IPT is highly variable, with producers using ATV's, small tractors, pickups, backpacks, and even hand sprayers.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is available in the district and currently there are six active EQIP contracts being carried out. The EQIP covers a broad scale of needs for producers offering traditional conservation practices but also incorporating the needs of wildlife and other environmental issues. The program begins with a needs assessment, then progresses into the planning phase, then moves into a ranking and bid phase and is completed with the application phase. Producers may receive cost share payments as well as incentive payments during the application phase. The EQIP replaces the retired programs of GPCP and ACP. Applications for EQIP may be made at any time during the year.

Upper Pease SWCD. Windbreaks can be established around homesteads or field boundaries to reduce damage from West Texas wind-storms which occur throughout the year. Shrub planting on new Con-servation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are becoming very popular. Shrubs such as Aromatic Sumac, Flame leaf Sumac, Hackberry, Russian Olive and Shumard Oak are also available for establishment. These shrubs as well as the Eastern Red cedar are excellent varieties to use for enhancement of native wildlife. Quail, Deer, Turkey, Squirrel and Pheasant can benefit greatly by the placement of these plants in motts or other suitable arrangements in CRP as well as other areas

Windbreak Seedlings are being used now as they were in the dust bowl days to reduce the effects of blowing dust in Motley County. Wind-

breaks using trees such as Eastern Red cedar, Austrian pine, Ponderosa pine and Pinyon pine are available for establishment through the

for the benefit of these wildlife species.

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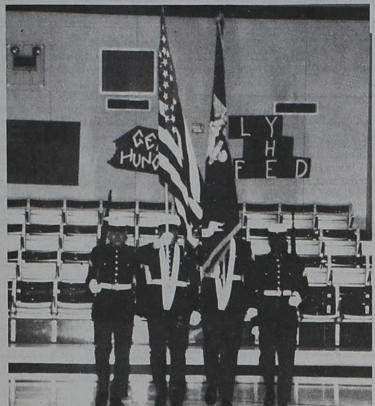


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Veterans Honored

Motley County Veterans were honored with a program at school Thursday, November 12. Pictured at right are the Veterans saluting the Flag as they were being posted by the Color Guard, (middle). In the picture below, the Sojourners of Lubbock, presented a very interesting program on historical Flags.



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The Agriculture Relief Package is divided into 3 parts:

There are 3 types of assistance for

ter assistance, who did not purchase to begin November 23 and run crop assistance, will be required to through January 9. purchase crop insurance for the next payments out.

(\$875 million) will be available to ment or a multi-year loss payment. provide assistance to those producers According to USDA, a disaster plan who have suffered a multi-year crop should be finalized the first week in

C. Livestock feed assistance (\$200 million) will provide cost share billion. assistance to livestock producers who

School Board

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4. DHC (local) Employee Standards of Conduct Sexual Harrassment/Sexual Abuse 5. DK (local) Assignment and

Schedules 6. FN (local) Students Rights and

Responsibilities

7. FNC (local) Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Conduct

8. FNCJ (local) Student Rights and Responsibilities, Sexual Harrassment/Sexual Abuse

9. FO (local) Student Discipline Policy GRA (local) - Relations with Governmental Entities - Local Governmental Authorities, was tabled until further research on the individual policy could be finished.

F. Approved partnership agreement with Texas Rural Systemic Initiative. A contract with West Texas A&M that allows small rural districts to join together and be on the cutting edge of new programs in Math and

Other items discussed were the regulations and rules to follow according to the Texas Open Meetings

1) Disaster Relief \$2.575 billion. lost their 1998 supply die to the There are 3 types of assistance for drought. Secretary Glickman has total discretion as to how this will be A. 1998 disaster payments (\$1.5 administered. Most likely, it will be billion) will be available to assist pro- through some sort of cost-share producers who have been hit by crop gram available to livestock producers losses in 1998. Secretary Glickman who lost their 1998 feed supplies to has been granted broad authority to disaster. For example, one of the procreate and implement a disaster programs he could use is the Disaster gram. Payments will be available to Reserve Assistance Program (DRAP). producers for all crops. Secretary This assistance is provided in the form Glickman has the authority to deter- of cash reimbursement up to thirty mine eligible crop loss, loss thresh- percent of eligible purchased feed. olds, payment limitations and pay- Sign-up at the nearest FSA office for ment rates. Recipients of 1998 disas- livestock feed assistance is expected

Producers cannot receive a 1998 two years. USDA is in the final stages disaster payment along with a multiof formulation a program to get these year loss payment. However, producers can receive livestock feed assis-B. Multi-year disaster payments tance along with either a disaster pay-November.

2) Market Loss Assistance \$3.15

There will be a one-time payment to producers who are eligible for freedom to farm contracts payments called Agriculture Market Transition (AMTA) payments. The purpose of the payment is to partially compensate producers for loss of markets in 1998 due to circumstances like the economic instability of our trade part-

ners, unilateral trade sanctions and a

failure of the government to pursue trade opportunities aggressively. The payment will be equal to 50% of the AMTA payment that the producer received in FY 1998. These payments are available for cotton, wheat, corn, barley, oats, grain sorghum and rice. The first wave of these payments were mailed out on November 5.

3) Tax Relief

Health Insurance Deductability -The bill allows for the full deductability for healthcare premiums by 2003. Currently, the percentage deductability is 45%. This will move to 60% in 1999-2001, 70% in 2002, and 100% in 2003. and 100% in 2003.

Income Averaging - The bill makes "income averaging" a permanent part of the tax code. Income averaging allows farmers to pay taxes on the average of their last three years'

Five year net operating loss carryback - This will allow farmers and ranchers to carry-back a net loss up to 5 years back. This tool works in reverse to income averaging and may result in taxpayers receiving a tax re-

Income deferment - Under this provision, tax liability will only occur when farmers actually receive the AMTA payment. Under current law, producers may have incurred this liability when they were simply eligible for the payments.

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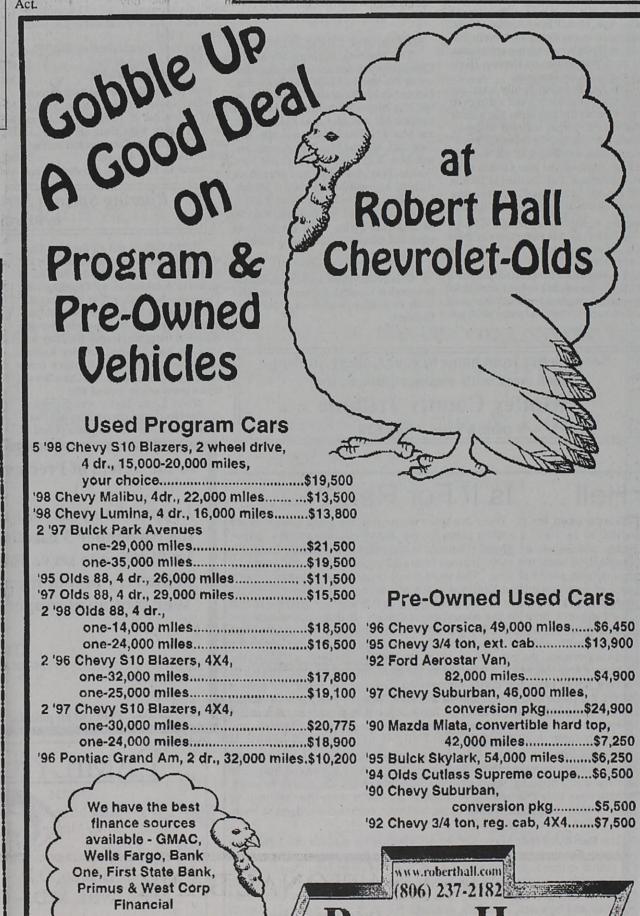
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH CONDUCT CAN DRIVE

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Youth, directed by Mrs. Daphne Meredith, conducted their second annual Can Drive last week, Those participating were Andy Anson, Shane Marks, and Parker Meredith. They wish to express their thanks to everyone who donated items to the drive. *********

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Algie and Rita Groves celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary by making a trip to Plainview to have lunch and a good visit with longtime friend, Virgie Marshall Clower Bannister. Our gift to ourselves was a new car. The last time we started to the Lubbock air terminal, it was necessary to get out in the rain and bring two bags into the cab of Truck. Also, it will be nice to have a place to stow groceries when we are grocery shopping. We first thought of getting an extended cab truck, but, alas, I couldn't step up into one. The friend who sold us a car was so nice to us, I let him keep the stirrups I had installed on Truck.

Having taught 55 Alive Driving Courses for AARP, we are well aware of the hazards senior citizens face as they age - poorer vision, hearing loss, slower reflexes, and arthritic joints, among others. So we bought a white Ford Taurus, and were given a frozen Turkey, so Thanksgiving dinner is assured!

I Remember Amy Some of my earliest and most pleasant memories of School Days at the old 3-story red brick building at Roaring Springs are of Mr. and Mrs. Dink Holt, who took special care of all the school kids. They were always on hand and visible and available. Somehow I associate cookies with Mrs. Holt. In the Hardeman County History, The Last Frontier by Bill Neal, I found this account of the Holts.

"Dink Holt and his wife, Nettie Meyer Holt, came to Hardeman County in a covered wagon in 1896. They had married in Albany, Texas and had six children: Olen, the only one living in Hardeman County; Birtie (Mrs. Tom Park) is deceased; Anna Lou Holt Green and Jessie Holt Freeman live in Roaring Springs; Mina Agee lives in Meeker, CO and Dempsey Holt lives in Shingle Springs, CA.

The Dink Holt family lived north of town on a farm in the Plainview community. In 1917 they sold the farm and then moved to Colorado for a short time and then to Roaring Springs ... "

I remember Amy Freeman Havis as Merl Freeman's sister. Merl's wife was Jessie Holt. They led me to the story of The John Rutledge Havis family (Of Such as These 4 Traweek, page 267), where Herman Havis, was inset with a family photograph. Now, I'm wondering if John Rutledge was the father of Melvin and Maurine Havis who were my classmates. The story was written by Herman Havis who married Amy Freeman.

The Jim Freeman family were our neighbors on the north when we moved to the Roaring Springs farm. Jim's sister Rosa Mae Freeman married Marshall Clinton Formby, Sr., the father of "Potts" Formby who was Editor of La Ventana, the Tech Yearbook the year a bunch of us Roaring Springs "kids" started to Tech in 1931. Amy "belonged" to Roaring Springs. One of its "ladies" whose life was a shining example to try to follow. I hope to find out from this story, more of these folks, so many of whom "left tracks" for us to follow.

Jim Freeman's mother lived just north of the Jim Freemans, and she used to let me spend the night at her house. I remember her sunny kitchen and warm welcome.

I was always looking for grandparents, not having known any. It would be nice to know Merl Freeman's relationship to Jim's family. It would add to the Family Histories for the genealogical collection in the Motley County Library. I hope someone can contribute to the family record sheets I have started on the Havis and Freeman families, or call my attention to errors.

******** Betty Rudder, daughter of Mrs. Verdie Neighbors called me last night to give me Verdie's address: Lockney Care Center, 401 N. Main, Box 1060, Lockney, TX 79241. Verdie will enjoy visitors when you

Mary Lou Martin drove to Crosbyton last Tuesday to have lunch with her husband, Billy, who is employed at Lowe's Grocery Store in the Meat department. She visited all the local folks in the hospital and with Ora Stonecipher at the Crosbyton Care Center.

Odessa Mullins kept a dental appointment in Floydada Wednesday and had lunch with cousins, Robert and Evelena Goodnight, driving on to Plainview visiting daughter-in-law, Marie Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell tended to business in Lubbock Tuesday and visited their daughter and husband.

Odessa Mullins spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Roller in Lubbock and kept a doctor's appointment Wednesday morning. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins of Hereford, met her at the doctor's office.

Devonne Dillard spent Friday night with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Fish in Lubbock and tended to

business Saturday. Zella Palmer accompanied granddaughter, Jennifer Adams, to Lubbock Thursday for little Ty's checkup after surgery last week.

GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Methodist Guild met in the home of Grace Zabielski on Wednesday night, November 4, with the President Pearl Patten in charge. Jeanie Adams gave the opening prayer. Noma Wike was in charge of installing new officers. Those installed were Pearl Patten, President; Debbie Martin, Vice President; Imagene Swim, Treasurer; Callie Giesecke, Secretary.

Pearl Patten was in charge of the pledge service. Billie Clifton gave the closing prayer. Those attending and enjoying refreshments were Noma Wike, Giesecke, Imagene Swim, Jeanie Adams, birthday, Pearl Patten, Lula Swim, Chelsea Read, and the hostess, Grace Zabielski.

METHODIST CHURCH LUNCH The Roaring Springs Methodist look healthy enough to me."

Church enjoyed their annual Pot Luck dinner at the home of Lula Swim, Sunday, November 15. Those attending were Rev. Tuesday, November 17 at Baptist, St. An- Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended Sena-Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin, Lola Pohl, Steve Byrd, Pearl Patten, Natasha, Cecil and Joe Rameriz, and the hostess Lula Swim. After the delicious meal and fellowship they had a business meeting.

Lula Swim visited with Freda Keahey last week in Crosbyton Care Center. Also with Ora Stonecipher and Mineola

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Hell . . . Is It For Real? (Part 1 of 2)

Words used for it. There are three words that the Bible uses that are translated as 'Hell', a waiting place for the departed souls of men: Sheol, Hades, and Gehenna. Sheol (Hebrew) is the place of the dead. Generally thought to be under the earth, a place where all souls, good or bad, went for an unknown period of time. This word is not usually translated to mean a place of punishment but simply a place of waiting. (See Psalm 16:9,10) Hades (Greek) the place for departed spirits of the 'lost' but also those that were believer's prior to the ascension of Christ. It does not denote the physical grave nor is it the final region of the 'lost'. It is the intermediate state between death and the ultimate hell for those that are disobedient to the Lord's commands the lost (Rev 1 18,20.13) Gehenna, Geenna (Greek) the ultimate or final Hell which is reserved for the devil, his angels, and those that choose not to obey the Lord's commands found in the Bible. Literally it means the place of burning, named after the valley of Ben Hinnom (son of Hinnom), also known as the valley of Topheth located outside of Jerusalem where children were sacrificed by fire to the pagan gods. Molech and Chemosh (Matt 5 29 30 10 28)

II. Exactly What is Hell? Hell is a place of eternal separation from God Those who find themselves in this place will be eternally separated from God and have NO hope for salvation. It is not as some cults currently teach. People have only this one life in which to accept or deny the teachings of Christ Man is appointed once to die and then comes the judgment (Heb 9 27) (See II Thes 1 8 9)

III. The Reality of Hell Many want to believe that no matter what they do in life God, because He is Love, would never send them to Hell. The truth of the matter is that Hell is an actual place that was created by God for satan and his angels, but this is also the eventual location for those that chose to disobey or disregard God's Word. God is a God of love but He is also a God of justice and holiness, therefore, although He loves us and doesn't want to punish us. He must hold us accountable for our sin. (Jeremiah 31.3.30)

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Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SISTER-IN-LAW

Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin received word that her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ruth Gilmore Waters, 78, of Marina, California passed away November 11, 1998 in her home. Funeral and burial services were held in Riverside, California, Monday, November 16.

Her husband, Avon Waters, former resident of Flomot, preceded her in death, October 23, 1997.

Survivors include one son, Gary Waters of Marina Valley, Calif,; two grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one lunch. great great grandchild.

Mrs. Martin was unable to attend the

services due to her health. ***************

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon and Mrs. Teresa Willey of Turkey visited during the weekend with their parents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Ruth was in Lubbock, Monday at St. Mary Hospital to be with her niece, Mrs. Shannon Jones of Carlsbad, N.M. and her husband, Earl Jones who had

Tom Ross attended the funeral services of his cousin, Ross Malone held Monday, Nov. 16 at the First Baptist Church in Vernon. Mr. Ross died Friday, 11 p.m. in the General Hospital in Wichita Falls following a lengthy illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were luncheon guests in Floydada, Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. John Speer. They were in Plainview, Monday for dental appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited in Childress, Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner. They celebrated Cam's 9th birthday with decorated cake, gifts and

Roger Lee visited in Lubbock, Sunday with the Wendall Morris family, who was at the bedside of Mrs. Nelva Morris, a

patient in ICU at Methodist Hospital. Dickie Cloyd and son, Jason of Memphis visited his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, Sunday. Jason was recently awarded \$100 for being a qualified carrier of the Amarillo Globe News. Mrs. Cloyd attended Plainview, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter joined daughter, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and cousin, Mrs. Joely Ewing Beam of Springlake-Earth in Abernathy Friday night to attend the bi-district football game between Petersburg and Springlake-Earth. Springlake-Earth won the exciting game 26-20 after three overtimes!

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson town hall meeting in Matador Thursday afternoon. They met Mrs. Leona Bell and friend, Lynn of Amarillo in Tulia, Saturday for

Mrs. Martin Ross and mother, Mrs. Eunice Grooms of Dallas visited Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter. They enjoyed touring the area including Caprock State Park.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson were in Lockney and Plainview, Wednesday for medical appointments and in Lubbock, Friday for cardiac appointments. Sten, Dave and Phil Wigley of Lub-

ing the weekend. TANNER CLAY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

bock visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross dur-

A fun filled afternoon was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay when they celebrated the birthday of their son, Tanner. He blew out his five candles on a BATMAN birthday cake and ooh and ahh when opening his gifts. Refreshments

of cake, icecream and punch were served. Special guests were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle

and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot. Others attending besides his brother. Kelsey and sister, Sarah were Vivian, Stuart, Savannah, Isaac, Chambray and Ketch Smith, Pat, Tina and Walker Carson, Delene, Cole, and Katelyn Brown, Jacey and Carson Proctor, Chancy, Lisa and Tyler Campbell, Billy Neal, Lacy, Luke, Chisum and Shelby Shannon, Susie Shannon, Koree, Payton and Jessie Price and Grant and Rebecca Wheeler, all of Turkey; Lauren Young, Laura, Rosa and to buisness in Matador, Thursday and in Niyo Mendoza of Quitaque and League Clay of Flomot.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A young reporter was interviewing a Gordon of Matador. Billie Clifton, Dorothy Lee, Callie sprightly senior who had reached his 99th

> interview, the reporter said," I hope I can with Cindy and Billy Green, Annie and come back next year and talk to you when Ashlee and Edna Ruth and Luther Green. you reach 100."

HAS SURGERY Mrs. Juanita Cooper had back surgery

during surgery were daughter and hus- ing in Matador Thursday afternoon. band, Kay and Ken Dunnam and brother, Arthur Harmon of Amarillo.

Guests in her home, Sunday before and Tim Jennings.

going to Amarillo, Monday were Jack Samford of Afton and Vee and Harold

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kath-Closing his notebook at the end of the eryn Martin visited in Matador, Sunday Cindy had returned home from Lubbock "Why not?" the old timer replied. "You where she had been with her mother, Mrs. Nelva Morris of Flomot, a patient in ICU at Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. C.D. Garrison of Matador and thony's Hospital in Amarillo. With her tor Kay Bailey Hutchinson town hall meet-

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings are visiting in Haskell with son and wife, Donnice

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens News by Rita Groves

Baked Turkey and all the trimmings were prepared by Odessa Mullins for the potluck lunch enjoyed by the Seniors in an early celebration of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 5 at their regular meeting. After singing of the welcome song led by Mrs. Mullins with Jeannie Adams at the piano, Happy Birthday was sung for Vera Mitchell, Shirley Barton, and a visitor Maxine Bridges from Gladewater, Texas. President Ossie Brown read a poem on the joys of life.

Nurse Laura Taylor was present to register blood pressure readings and blood sugar tests. Billie Clifton said a prayer of ways welcome.

Thanks and asked a blessing for the delicious meal enjoyed by those already named and Jo and Walter Trammel, Lula Swim, Tom Adams, Sheila Lefevre, Zella Palmer, Steve Byrd and Rita Groves. Missed were Carl Barton who was out of town, and Algie Groves at home with alight case of flu.

Please keep in mind that Seniors get together for lunch and fellowship the first Thursday of each month. A Christmas tree and gift exchange is being planned for December 3rd meeting. Come and bring a friend. Newcomers and visitors are al-

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Obituaries

Amy Havis

Havis, age 96, of Slaton were held Tuesday, November 10, at 11:00 a.m. in First Baptist Church with Dr. Cleve Kerby, pastor, officiating and Rev. Robert Moore, retired minister, assisting. Burial was at 3 p.m. that afternoon in Roaring Springs Cemetery, under the direction of Englunds Funeral Service.

Mrs. Havis died Sunday, November 8, 1998, in Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born March 31, 1902 in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

She had graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1918. She had married Herman Havis on September 7, 1928 in Roaring Springs, Texas. She had been in the Cotton Gin business in Lub-

(Slaton) -- Funeral services for Amy bock, Roaring Springs, and Southland and Banking business in Lubbock before her retirement. She moved to Slaton in 1975 from Southland. Her husband preceded her in death on June 24, 1974. She was a member of the Slaton Garden Club and the First Baptist Church.

> Three daughters survive Mrs. Havis, Charlotte Andrews of Denver City; Carolyn Lane of Lubbock; and Barbara Robbins of Idalou; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Grace Meece of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The family suggests memorials to Meals on Wheels, 240 West Lynn, Slaton, Texas 79364 or to the Roaring Springs Cemetery Association, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256.

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KEITHS WELCOME **NEW ARRIVAL**

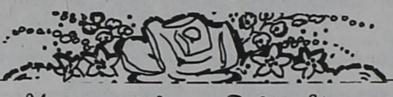
Charles and Joan Keith have motored to College Station to attend each of Texas A&M's home games this season, but last Friday, November 13th, was a most memorable journey.

Changing their route so they could drive through Temple, they stopped at Scott & White Hospital to visit daughter, Liz, her husband, John, and their one-hour old daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Schmalstieg. "Tori" joins her brothers, Jack, age 6, and Ben, age 3, and is resting comfortably at their country home 10 miles north of Georgetown.

Proud grandparents are Charles and Joan, Julia Keith of Richardson, and Edith Schmalstieg of Sinton. Super proud greatgrandparents are Charlie and Viola Keith. This Sunday, Charles and Joan will

return to Georgetown to spend the holiday week with the happy family, giving thanks for another healthy and happy grandchild - their fifth. And, of course, they will attend the traditional A&M - T.U. game next Friday in Austin prior to their return to Matador on Sunday, November

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pipkin, Scottsdale, AZ and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walton and children, Mitchell and Parker of Colleyville, Tx visited November 7 in the home of Mrs. W.N. Pipkin and Gerald Pipkin enroute to Pampa, Tx to attend the wedding of a niece Miss Amy Cross. Mrs. W.N. Pipkin recently returned from a 10 day visit in Arizona.



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By Ace Reid

Search for Schweitzer saddles is mounted

By Marisue Potts

From what began as a quest for information about his own Schweitzer saddle, writer Bruce McGinnis of Amarillo has been drawn into documenting the life and times of a Matador saddle maker, H.H. Schweitzer.

An intensive search for information and whereabouts of all the saddles crafted by Houston Schweitzer from 1922 to 1956 is underway by the longtime Amarillo College professor. McGinnis, the author of Fences, Sweet Cane, and Reflections in Dark Glass, the Life and Times of John Wesley Hardin, is currently writing a book about the famed saddle maker and his accomplishments.

According to McGinnis, there is a certain mystique about the reputation of Schweitzer, that far surpasses even the fine workmanship of the selftaught craftsman who began by restringing and repairing saddles for Matador Ranch cowboys. "When people start talking about H.H. Schweitzer, there is an awe, a sense of reverence, that comes into their voices," he said.

Indeed, after Schweitzer was featured with a full page in a 1940 Life Magazine article about the Matador Ranch, he became something of a celebrity, as well as a lonely hearts gobetween. Young women wrote scores of letters to the only name and place mentioned in the text, H.H. Schweitzer, Matador, Texas, in hopes that they might exchange letters and possibly meet a real live cowboy. McGinnis is curious. Which cowboys on the Matador Ranch received such letters? And do any of the letters still exist? Did any of the letters lead to a

Through material provided by the family and interviews with Bert Schweitzer, who worked with his fa-ther for several years under the stamp of H.H Schweitzer & Son, McGinnis is well along in his research on the book. However, many concrete facts about Schweitzer's life remain elu-



Lewis Bostick and S.C. Burleson line Schweitzer saddles in the name of research for writer Bruce McGinnis, who was recently in Matador for interviews about the famous saddlemaker.

open his ship in the tin building in Matador, and exactly when did he move into the brick building behind the Masonic Lodge?" he asks. "When was the Poinsettia tooling first used? Where are Catalogs 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9? And where is the final order book? How many cowboys from ranches in surrounding counties ordered Schweitzers? How widespread was memory of France Barton. It features his reputation?'

himself is trying to match as many of Barton's death when his chest was the existing saddles of the 1600 made crushed by the small nickle-plated with their original handwritten notation in the order book. To this end, he hopes to interview as many people as possible and get photographs of them with their saddles.

While in Matador recently, he interviewed Charlie Keith at his ranch

News from the

County Agent

Motley County Extension Agent - J. Michael Lee

"Exactly when in 1924, did he H.H. Schweitzer. He also visited with Lewis Bostick, S.C. Burleson, and Dave Keith and took photographs of their Schweitzer saddle collection.

A visit to the Motley County Museum turned up four very distinctive saddles from different eras. The oldest was a 1927 saddle which was ordered by Millard Barton and donated to the Museum by Eugenia Barton in a crude, rectangularly-shaped logo Perhaps one of the most challeng-ing tasks McGinnis has set out for dently, the saddle was responsible for saddle horn in a horse wreck on the Al Barton ranch.

A second Schweitzer, one with a deep seat and a high cantle, belonged to U.L. Wilie and was donated by the Wilie Estate and Hazel Donovan. It has the more familiar oval logo of home about his recollections about H.H. Schweitzer, Maker, Matador, Texas, and features the hand tooling of the poinsettia pattern, which Schweitzer popularized.

> The third saddle displayed at the museum was ordered by Malcolm Jameson and has the rarer H.H. Schweitzer & Son logo, produced only during the short time Bert joined his father in the business. This shiny Schweitzer was donated to the museum by Frances Schweitzer Moss.

The fourth saddle, made toward by Slim Durham and used when he was a pickup man at rodeo bronc riding contests. Slim's Schweitzer is mounted on a saddle rack he made to 1372.

display the equipment needed in a cowboy's job, including padded chaps, ropes, bits, bridle, spurs, and

Since most of Schweitzer saddles were made for working cowboys, of special interest are the rare, fancy saddles made for customers such as C.R. Wilson of Paducah. The Wilson saddle, completed in 1947, was handtooled with a floral design set off with

silver and gold trimmings for the then fantastic sum of \$450. The owner's name, C.R. Wilson, was carved into the front of the cantle and on the back, his brand. After Wilson's death, the saddle was sold, but the family has

In addition, rumors persist about a saddle sold at a Plainview auction for a wealthy gun collector several years ago which went for an exorbitant amount. Naturally, McGinnis would like very much to locate either or both of these unusual saddles to be showcased in his publication.

ing college breaks, the college professor continues his search for any clues about Schweitzer and his artistry. People who have Schweitzer saddles or any information on the whereabouts of the saddles and other leather Motley County Museum, Rt. 4, Box "small farm" exemption is provided Kent Counties. In a normal year more 115, Floydada, Tx 79235, (806) 983- under the Texas Water Code, 26.344. than 3.5 million acres of cotton is

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Farmers and ranchers across the state of Texas are approaching an important deadline for the removal of non-exempt underground storage tanks (UST). Contrary to rumor there is NO planned extension of this deadline.

have not yet been upgraded to comply with new leak detection, corrosion, containment and overfill requirements are subject to fines after December 22.

The December 22, 1998 deadline day is rapidly approaching and many farmers are still confused about whether the UST's on their property have to be removed .

of the Texas Natural Resource Con- weevils were trapped in the 1,073 traps servation Commission (TNRCC) have gridded across 28 counties. The area goods, or anecdotes about the saddle maker are urged to contact Bruce explained that there IS AN EXEMP- trapped covered the entire High Plains TION for UST's (and any connected extending from Deaf Smith County in the end of Schweitzer's life, is a plain McGinnis, 3401 S. Lipscomb, Amasaddle with no tooling. It was ordered rillo, Tx. 79109, (806) 359-1007 aflors or less used for storage of motor south; from the New Mexico state line ter 6 p.m., or Marisue Potts of the fuel for noncommercial purposes. This eastward to Motley, Dickens and TNRCC officials also stressed the planted in the High Plains of Texas.

importance of having an accurate facility registration on file with them if UST's have been removed or modified to comply with the new requirements. Ammendments to facility registrations should be made as necessary as well.

Questions about UST's and whether or not they meet the small farm exemption criteria can be directed to the Owners of non-exempt UST's that Region 2 office of the TNRCC in ve not yet been upgraded to comply Lubbock by calling 806-796-7092.

1998 BOLL WEEVIL TRAP-PING PROGRAM CLOSES

The 1998 bollweevil grid trapping project conducted jointly by Plains Cotton Growers and Texas Agricul-tural Extension Service has come to

officials from the Lubbock office the last week in October, 604,452

Fall and Winter Months are Ideal for Planting

Trees and Shrubs
Finally Fall is here. The weather is becoming cooler after record-breaking heat this summer. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape. Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs "remodeling" or rejuvenating. Fall is the best season to plant,

surpassing even Spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of the fallplanted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses, pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they

are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your land-scape, be sure to get healthy, wellselling business year-round depend on plant. repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains. They can easily turn-out to be real headaches. A bargain is no good if it dies. The price tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to our soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is 6 inches of mulch around the base of it cold haray? Some nurseries have newly planted trees and shrubs. This this type of information on tags beside the plant. If not, ask for help or more information.

"Plan before you plant" is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment

after planting in the wrong place. A plan saves many planting mistakes.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember that a small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right:

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation, so don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball.

2. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.

3. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.

native soil removed from the hole, and roots and to eliminate any air pock-

5. Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then, go lightly. Heavy applications of fergrown plants. Always buy from a tilizer may burn and injure the root reputable dealer. Those in the plant system, and could possibly kill the

> 6. Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering every 7 to 10 days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember more trees and shrubs fail from over watering then from under watering.

> 7. Before calling it a day, add 4 to helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pink bark, compost, grass clippings, or leaves.

8. Some trees and shrubs may need to be pruned back, especially if root damage occurs before planting.

Fall is the best time for planting of time that will pay off in greater en- trees and shrubs. If more information joyment of attractive and useful home is needed, feel free to call Michael grounds, and in increasing the value Lee, County Extension Agent for of your home. It's much easier to Agriculture in Motley County at 347-move plants on paper than to dig them 2733.

Texas Forest Service sells Windbreak Trees, offers tips

the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a for a period, but a multiple-row windmanagement tool that effects every aspect of a farm or ranch, says a Texas Forest Service official.

Now is the time for Motley County landowners to order windbreak seedlings produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lub-bock, before preferred stock is sold out, says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester.

Windbreaks protect the soil, in-4. Backfill the hole, using only the crease land value and crop yields, and reduce livestock weight loss and death firm the soil around the plant. Water rate. But producing a high performthoroughly to settle the soil around the ance windbreak requires more than just planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a windbreak, landowners should determine: the area or structure in need of protection; tree species adaptable to the planting re-gion; and the planting dimensions of the break, be it a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

A planting dimension, such as proper spacing, prevents crowding and reduces tree stress, which also decreases insect and disease susceptibility thus extending the life of the windbreak. Generally, each tree row should be planted 20 feet apart with 10- to 25foot spacing between each tree within that row.

When designing a windbreak it is also recommended to plant multiple rows of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs. The purpose of the windbreak dictates the number of rows required.

Each row within a multiple row windbreak serves as a backup in case one row is lost to pest damage or other casualties. Generally, insects and diseases are confined to a species.

Also, within the multiple row structure a deciduous tree will provide early protection. Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreens, which are the backbone of multiple row wind-

Specie diversity in a multiple row With the second of the second windbreak also enhances aesthetics

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