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## A Look Back Call

MARCH 30, 1978

Trail Dust  
by Douglas Meador

"Duty is so obvious that to evade it may leave an etched image on the conscience.

"Politeness is the emblem of a gracious heart."



### Rainfall Totals

Rainfall received in  
Motley County last week:  
Whiteflat: 3.70  
Flomot: 3.66  
Northfield: 4.17  
Roaring Springs: 3.83  
Matador: 3.74

### Election set for May 6th

## Roaring Springs Council to ask voters for Economic Development tax increase

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session on March 20, 2000. All council members were present, except Gary Smith. Also attending were City Secretary Zella Palmer and Water Manager Robert Osborn. The February 14, 2000, Council meeting minutes were approved as written, and bills approved as presented.

The council adopted an ordinance calling for an election to be held May 6, 2000, to adopt an Economic Development Sales Tax, Part 4A, and Part 4B under the Development Corporation Act 1979, Article 5190.6 V.T.C.S. Information from the State Comptroller's Office reveals that the 4A tax is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, and cities must use the tax revenues to focus on these areas. Cities may use the money raised by this sales tax to acquire land, buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements.

This type of sales tax may be used for distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, commercial development and expansion in depressed areas, among others.

On the other hand, information from Comptroller Rylander's office says that the 4B tax provides cities with a wider range of the use of the tax revenues because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for quality of life improvements, includ-

ing economic development.

Cities may use this sales tax for a wide variety of projects, such as facilities for sports, tourism, entertainment, parks, concessions, water improvement and sewers, as well as affordable housing. To develop new businesses or expand existing ones, a city may provide recycling facilities, streets, drainage, demolition of existing structures, among others. Before spending 4B sales tax, a corporation is required to hold at least one public hearing on the proposed project.

City voters must approve any special, dedicated tax, and that is why a city election has been called. With adoption, sales and use tax must be increased or decreased in increments of a minimum of 1/8 of 1 percent and a maximum of 1/2 percent. Cities may limit the duration of the tax and the use of the funds. Using sales tax revenue for economic development is a common technique used by many surrounding towns.

According to City Secretary Palmer, the purpose of the sales tax in Roaring Springs is to promote manufacturing and industrial development and to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for quality of life improvements, including economic development. The increase in tax would be 1/2 of 1 percent under Part 4A, and 1/2 of 1 percent under Part 4B.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

## Whiteflat exes to gather for annual Reunion



WHITEFLAT SINGING SCHOOL

WHITEFLAT SINGING SCHOOL, year unknown

Whiteflat exes will gather for their Annual Reunion this Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. Mrs. Frances Dixon, secretary of the Whiteflat Homecoming Association, welcomes all ex-students, residents and friends. The day of reminiscing will begin at 9:00 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon, followed by a business meeting. Mrs. Dixon says, "Come early, stay late, and help make this a special time for all." See related picture and more pictures on page 4.

## Trip to former Soviet Union a rewarding experience for Roaring Springs woman

by Marisue Potts

A series of "coincidences" convinced Cynthia Stafford to join her sister-in-law on a missionary trip to Russia in late January. Scripture passages, devotionals, sermon messages from a guest speaker at her home church, Roaring Springs Methodist, and even subtle suggestions in everyday life pointed the way for the Roaring Springs bride of 2 1/2 years to do something she might think out of character for the impish and mischievous Cynthia, to go on a missionary trip.

The Josh McDowell Ministry, a division of Campus Crusade International, had even secured a sponsor to pay the trip expenses of \$4,000. "Every closed door was opening," Stafford relates in her talks to various church groups, including the Methodist Churches of Roaring Springs and Matador and the Full Gospel Church of Roaring Springs.

So on January 22, 2000, she joined 330 North Americans in delivering humanitarian and spiritual aid to pre-arranged sites in Russia, Belarus, and the Ukraine. Besides 400,000 pounds of food, they delivered messages of hope along with countless teddy bears, gospel bracelets, bibles, and toothbrushes. Breaking into smaller groups of about 30, they visited orphanages, hospitals, and pris-

ons. The trip came at a time when the three countries were overwhelmed with economic disasters, government turmoil, and skimpy harvests.

"Russia is in a desperate situation. The government can't support its people. People are starving in the streets, but they are surrounded by this incredible architecture," she said as she pointed to photographs showing the richness of cathedrals such as St. Basil's which are actually adorned with gold.

In a nation where 300,000 men and women of the clergy had been slaughtered for their Christian beliefs, icons representing Jesus, Mary, and The Lord still abound on public buildings and archways. In a land once dedicated solely to the Orthodox Church, the outreach programs of the Baptist and the Pentecostal Christian Center are quite active. Christians meet in their homes and form small groups called cells. The mission of the Christian Center is a cell group in every building. (In a "small" town of 500,000, there are no single, private homes, but families live in a flat inside a large building.) But, recent advances in freedom to worship may be jeopardized, because, according to Stafford, recent news from Russia indicates that Pentecostal worship has been

outlawed.

Stafford's crew, traveling by bus and heavily layered against the Russian winter and the ice forming on the inside of bus windows, visited eight orphanages which house anywhere from 92 to 300 children each. "We were relieved about the condition of the orphanages. The children were loved and well cared for. They were dressed comparable to the other children in the schools they attended. We were the first group to talk to the children. The director was an atheist, but he allowed us to talk to them. He listened, and that, in itself, was reward-

ing."

Some children in the orphanages were available for adoption, and those not adopted by Russians may become available for international adoption. However, by age 7 a child is no longer considered for adoption because he is trainable. "Each child keeps a portfolio (of his drawing skill), and they shared them with us. Their skill is amazing. The artistic ability of a four year-old child is comparable to teens here." The children go into different tracks of education, but by

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## No Hospital Board election Several candidates file for May 6th elections

The Motley County Hospital Board will not hold an election, Saturday, May 6, 2000. There are three places up for election and only three candidates have signed up for these places. Incumbents Dianne Washington and Ronnie Vandiver have signed up to retain their places on the Board. Also signing up for Hospital Board is Matador resident, C.W. Moore.

The Matador City Council will have two places up for election and the position of Mayor. Incumbent Gary Lancaster is seeking re-election. Also signing up for this position is Rodney Williams.

Seeking a place on the Council are Incumbents Shane Jones and Don Warren; and challengers Gene Chapman and Fred Parson.

The Mayor's position is also up for election on the Roaring Springs City Council. Joey Thacker has signed up for re-election. There are two places on the Council, with three candidates vying for election. Candidates are Vince Taylor, Gary Simpson and Corky Marshall.

In conjunction with the Council election, the City of Roaring Springs

will hold an Economic Development Sales Tax election, to increase taxes by 1/2 percent under Part 4A of the Development Corporation Act 1979, Article 5190.6, and an increase of 1/2 percent under Part 4B of the Act.

The Motley County School Board will have three places open for election. Seeking election for a place on the Board are Douglas Campbell, Marisue Potts, Coy Franks, Bobby Williams, Pat Smith, and Incumbents Larry Clifton, Ben Grundy and J.D. Russell.

Early voting will be held April 19 through May 2 at the Motley County Clerk's office in the Courthouse for School Board, and at the City Hall offices for Matador and Roaring Springs Councils.

Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6 for the regular election. Residents may cast their votes for School Board at the Courthouse in Matador; City Hall for Matador City Council; the Depot in Roaring Springs; the Community Center in Flomot; or at the Cemetery building in Northfield.

## Coach's contract terminated in called School Board meeting

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees moved to terminate the employment of Danny Copeland, girl's basketball coach, at the end of his probationary contract period, when they met in a called meeting, Monday evening, March 27.

All board members were present for the meeting. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp and Prin-

icipal Bob Hand.

Local residents, Kelli Jackson, Donnie Jackson, Brenda Browning and Lee Browning attended open forum. Mrs. Jackson expressed her and Mr. Jackson's concerns about the girls' coaching problems. Mr. and Mrs. Browning expressed their support for the girl's basketball program and coach.

## US Census Bureau offers assistance for completing forms

The Census Bureau has long realized that reliability of data increased when individuals can respond directly to a written questionnaire. The Census Bureau will establish approximately 40,000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers where individuals can get the assistance they need to fill out their own questionnaires through out the country. The QACs are designed to the following

four objectives:

- To assist persons needing assistance with completing their census questionnaire;
- To provide assistance to those with language barriers to complete the questionnaire;
- To assist persons who believe they did not receive a questionnaire; and

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MISSION GROUP — Cynthia Stafford, (kneeling at left) and her Mission group visit an Orphanage in Ivanovo, where approximately 90 children live. Mrs. Stafford's group of four delivered friendship gifts, Bibles, books and Teddy Bears to the children. The children pictured are ages 6-10.



The Cathedral of St. Basil the Blessed in Moscow, just one of the beautiful sights Mrs. Stafford visited while on a Mission trip to Russia in February.



With the arrival of Spring, I thought you might enjoy this poem, written by former Matador resident, Janelle Jackson Shirley. I printed it a couple of years ago, but ran across it the other day, and thought it was so cute, you might enjoy reading it again, also.

**SPRING**

Spring has arrived upon the scene;  
Grass and trees are turning green,  
The earth is now a verdant floor.  
(Time to get out the lawn mower.)

Flowers burst forth as if on cue,  
Painting the world a vibrant hue.  
Colorful blossoms bold and bright.  
(Not mine...dandelions are white.)

Birds of spring now join the rest  
To build anew their family nest.  
Birdhouses abound with good intent.  
(Why do they prefer my dryer vent?)

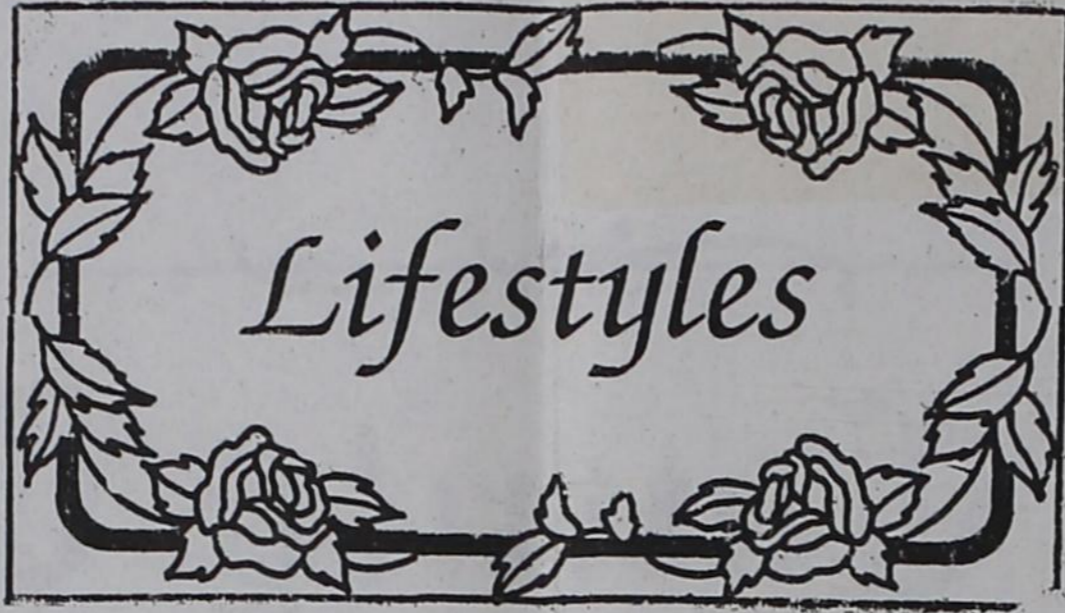
All little insects on the earth  
Know it's time for giving birth.  
Spring now brings a birthing room.  
(My backyard is the delivery room.)

Living things in Spring are rife,  
Earth brings forth affable life —  
Dragonflies, honeybees, ladybugs.  
(Also, ugly worms and slimy slugs.)

Beautiful creature the butterfly,  
Lovely to see as they flutter by.  
Flashes of color on gossamer wings.  
(I get nasty gnats...stingy things)

Spring promises a bright blue sky,  
Wispny white clouds wafting on high.  
Soft spring showers long overdue.  
(What we get is a tornado or two.)

The sounds of Spring fill the air.  
A symphony meant for all to share.  
I dare not silence Spring's voice.  
(But excuse me, if I don't rejoice!)



**FASHION SHOW WINNERS** — Pictured left to right, Shane'a Russell, Stachia Baxter, Charli Ream, Dumont Darsey, Mandi Ream, Cassie Campbell, Shandra Jones, Sherri Thomas, LeAnnra Wallace and Courtney Hays.

**Genealogical Society meets**

The Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society met last Tuesday in the Library. Present were Rita Groves, Marisue Potts, Charles Keith, Billie Koon, Lea Peacock, Patricia Green, Joan Keith, Lorene Lancaster, Joan Lawrence, Beverly Vinson, Betty Moore, Ruby McGuire, Beverly Witcher, Georgia Witcher and Suzanne Abbott.

Beverly Vinson presented the program which detailed the reasons to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Each of these organizations works to preserve history, whether it be a historical site, a collection of records, or the genealogy of individuals. What better way to encourage children's interest in history than to lead them back to an ancestor who fought in or served the American Revolution in some way. In each of these organizations, your ancestor does not have to have been a member of the military. He could have provided shelter or food to the military, and he would qualify as a patriot.

Membership in these organizations insures that your personal genealogy is preserved. Even if your

children are not interested in their ancestors, your records will remain on file for future generations. The risk of losing them to the trash can is minimized by joining the DAR, the DRT, or the UDC.

It was pointed out that there are men's organizations that correspond to the "daughters" groups. You might wish to apply for membership in one of those for your son or grandson.

In July, the Motley County Genealogical Society will host a work session in which members and others who are interested will begin to fill out the necessary papers to join one or more of the organizations. Joan Lawrence, who has served as registrar for all three groups, passes along the following suggestions for beginning work on membership. Before the July meeting, you should secure certified/notarized copies of your birth certificate, your marriage license, and your husband's birth certificate. You will also need these same records for your parents, grandparents, etc., on back to the ancestor who served. You will also need certified/notarized death certificates. The library has lists of courthouses and other places where you may secure such records.

**Local 4-Hers to compete in District Fashion Show**

The District 3 4-H Fashion Show is set for Saturday, April 15, 2000 at the Jayton-Girard School in Jayton. Nine 4-H members from Motley County will compete in the event. The theme of this year's event is "Enchanted Kingdom of Fashion." The West Texas Utilities Company and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are sponsors for the District 4-H Fashion Show.

Each of the contestants won their division in the local county Fashion Show. The top individual in the Senior Division of each category will represent the District at the State 4-H Fashion Show, June 12-16, at Texas A&M University in College Station.

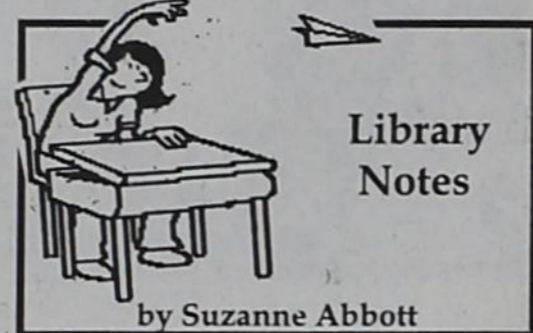
In the Junior and Intermediate Division, the contestants will be judged and the top five winners will be recognized.

Those participating in the Motley County 4-H Fashion Show were: Charli Ream, Mandi Ream, LeAnnra Wallace, Shandra Jones, Sherri Thomas, Shane'a Russell, Stachia Baxter, Dumont Darsey,

Cassie Campbell and Courtney Hays.

Entering the District event from Motley County will be Cassie Campbell, Casual Construction; Courtney Hays, Dressy Construction; LeAnnra Wallace, Formal Buying; Shandra Jones, Specialty Buying; and Sherri Thomas, Dressy Buying from the Senior Division. Those competing in the Intermediate Division will be Mandi Ream, Dressy Buying; Stachia Baxter, Dressy Construction; and Dumont Darsey, Casual Construction. Shane'a Russell will compete in the Junior Division of Popover Construction.

Twenty-five counties are included in the Rolling Plains Extension District. One Junior and one Intermediate in each of the five categories and one Senior entry in each of the four categories of the Construction Division and the four categories of the Buying Division are allowed per county. The District Fashion Show begins with registration at 9:30 a.m., judging at 10:00 a.m. and the style show and presentation of awards at 2:00 p.m.



New fiction at the library includes Janette Oke's newest, *The Sacred Shore*. This book is a sequel to *The Meeting Place* and is Christian Fiction published by Bethany House. The co-author for this book is T. Davis-Bunn.

Other new books are Lisa Scottoline's *Moment of Truth*. Scottoline is a female John Grisham, with settings in courthouses at trials. The Library has also received a new book by Jane Feather, *The Least Likely Bride*. Other new fiction books

received in the Library last week are Rick Riordan's *The Last King of Texas*, *Ghost Moon* by Karen Robards and *Day of Reckoning* by Jack Higgins.

In nonfiction, the Library received *Second Opinion: The Columbia Presbyterian Guide to Surgery* by Dr. Eric A. Rose. This book presents a picture of what to expect before, during and after surgery. It has diagrams of various surgeries and how they are performed.

*Your Miracle Brain* by Jean Carper lists "brain foods" for all ages. A book that is for parents is *Questions Children Ask and How to Answer Them*. This book presents four levels of answers for every age from preschool to 11-year-olds. Some of the questions for which there are answers include "Will I be safe in the dark?" "What is God?" and "Why can't I make friends?"

**Have a Great Week!**

**Russia**

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age 18, the boys are expected to go into the military.

As a special treat at the orphanages, Stafford and friends made pizza from scratch to serve the children. The Russian ladies of the kitchen were very interested in this new (to them) food and watched carefully while the Americans prepared it from food they had brought in their sixty-pound suitcases, half-filled with food, half with clothing.

The Russian diet, she found, consists of a filling, but boring, combination of bread, potatoes and beets, especially in the form of Borscht, a beet soup. Bread and salt together is a big deal to the Russians. "Fish on the street" at the fish market is a common sight, but beef, which is 100% imported, is out of reach of the lower classes. Imported or not, Stafford developed a new appreciation for McDonald's when they visited the popular hamburger chain in Moscow.

In the two prisons that Stafford's team visited, the Americans passed out gospel bracelets, bibles printed in Russia, 1300 toothbrushes in just one prison, and teddy bears to the children. (At one point in their trip, when they ran out of the cuddly stuffed animals, the local stores were scoured for more until no more teddies could be found.)

The prison they visited in Moscow was for women awaiting trial, mothers with babies. "In Russian, if you are awaiting trial, you are jailed. If you are a witness in danger, you go to jail for safe keeping. Women who are jailed can keep their babies if they are three or younger; after that, the children are sent to family members

or orphanages," she said.

The Ivanovo prison was for convicted women. They worked at sewing uniforms for the military in Kosovo. One woman, who was serving six years by Stafford's estimate, asked through an interpreter what the sentence would be in America for stealing a basket of eggs.

About the sixth day into the trip, due to a combination of homesickness and missing her husband David, jet lag, and her overwhelming Russian experiences, the usually in-control miss experienced a crying jag that wouldn't stop. However, it passed, and she rallied to finish the two-week trip. Toward the end of that time in Moscow, Cynthia enjoyed the extraordinary beauty of the cathedrals, a larger hotel room, cultural programs, a burger and fries at McDonald's, and a performance of *The Nut Cracker* at the Bolshoy Theater.

The young woman found Operation Carelift 2000 to be "the most spiritually rewarding experience" of her lifetime. Stafford also expressed an appreciation for things that Americans have grown to expect, well-stocked grocery shelves, convenience stores, fast food chains, and physical comforts. "The trip taught me humility and to be thankful for the blessings that God has given me my entire life," she said.

But, most of all, she expressed an appreciation for the freedoms that we take for granted: free speech, the right to assemble and worship as we see fit, and the right to a speedy and fair trial — even if the mother steals a basket of eggs to feed her family.

The Josh McDowell Ministry is currently recruiting volunteers to serve in the former Soviet Union for a ten-day humanitarian aid project in mid-July. For more information, contact Josh McDowell Ministry at (972) 907-1000, extension 1400.



(NAPS)—For information on current efforts to reduce tobacco use, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco).

For information about a new web site that educates visitors on how they can reduce and prevent their risk of preventing colorectal cancer, visit [www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm](http://www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm).

Americans of Irish descent can now find out more about their ancestry by visiting Local Ireland at [www.local.ie](http://www.local.ie).

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The soul of a journey is liberty,  
perfect liberty, to think, feel, do  
just as one pleases.  
—William Hazlitt  
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**"Living Sacrifices"**



From the opening pages of the Bible we read of individuals who brought sacrifices to God. There is the account of Cain and Abel as each offered their gifts before God. We read where Abel offered God the newest and the best from his flock. Precious Lambs with value and potential. Why the youngest and the best? Would it not be reasonable to sacrifice something that is of lesser value and is more easily replaced? Perhaps something like potatoes and onions?

In Hebrews 11:4, "By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did." Although it may have made no logical sense, Abel was willing to do as God said on the basis of faith in God. The clear implication is that Cain was not willing to make his offering on that basis.

Would we offer a gift to God that is genuine sacrifice or would we give in to the temptation to offer God merely some of what we have in abundance and can easily replace. According to Paul's teaching in Romans 12: 1-2, all life must be set before God as a sacrifice. In the light of the mercy of God, it becomes our "reasonable service."

Sacrificial living and giving is not some effort to meet an explanation or even to satisfy our own needs. Rather it is the way of expressing one's faith in God and our love for Him.

**Roaring Springs**  
**Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

**Gospel Meeting**

**with Carroll Sites**

**April 2-5**

**Sunday (Class) - The Key to True Greatness**  
**(AM) - Five States of Man**  
**(PM) - Who Then Can Be Saved?**

**Monday - When All Else Fails - Read The Instructions**  
**Tuesday - Why Men Are Lost**  
**Wednesday - After Death - What Then?**

**Everyone is cordially invited to attend!**

**Matador**  
**Church of Christ**

# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Monday morning coffee drinkers enjoying coffee, blueberry muffins and a variety of breads, at the home of Callie Giesecke, March 27, were Mrs. Ruby McGuire, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Miss Lula Swim and the hostess, Callie Giesecke.

Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten and Mary Lumsden were in Lubbock Monday of last week for Mrs. Palmer's doctor appointment.

Guests of Vera Mitchell, last Friday,

were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and her mother Mrs. Seigler of Paducah. Also visiting were Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield.

Odessa Mullins attended the TFWC Convention in Lubbock, Saturday, at the Holiday Inn South. She stayed the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roller and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullins on Sunday. She also kept an appointment with her optometrist on Monday.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten shopped in Lubbock, Monday.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

### THURSDAY, CLEANING DAY

This is Thursday, Cleaning Day, according to Isabel Wolsey and her pioneer mother. "Cleaning Day is the worst one of the week!" I'd complain every Thursday. My opinion didn't "carry water" with my folks, who usually mixed metaphors by adding, "Getting you to do something is like pulling teeth."

"But I mopped this floor just last week."

"When you live on a farm, it should be mopped everyday. Besides, company's coming."

"Why?"  
"Your aunt and uncle."

I groaned. This aunt was "Gertrude" to Uncle Dave, but "Gertie" - or "The Best Housekeeper in Town" - to everyone else. Their upcoming visit precipitated frenzied woodwork wiping, window washing and lace-curtain-stretching. Dad freshly blackened the coal stove, then pulled up the carpet, dragged it outside, draped it over the clothesline and whacked it nearly threadbare.

"Cleaning is a waste of good time," I muttered while kneeling next to a scrub brush and soap pail on the now-bare floor. Mom broke into my thoughts. "Some day you'll have your own place. You'll want to make your husband proud he has an orderly house to come home to." Then, she

added gently, "Cleaning it is a good wife's duty."

"Not for me. When I grow up, I'm never going to clean. Spider webs and dirt can keep growing for all I care."

Marriage, two sons and six grandchildren later, I've eaten those words over and over. I've learned something else, too, during the intervening years. The place where my family and I live is not the only home in need of continual cleaning. (End of story).

Isabel's conclusion is: "My heart's home is where you wish to live, dear Father. Keep it clean by the power of Your Spirit."

Next week, if the editor doesn't tire of my ranting, you will learn about Mending and Sewing Day.

Kewpie Duncan, of Aspermont, was a Sunday visitor in Roaring Springs, arriving just in time for services at the little Methodist Church she loves, even though she is a Baptist. She came to take aunt and uncle, Rita and Algie Groves to lunch at LaNita's Care where she never sees a stranger. She enjoyed visiting there with Forrest Campbell and Mr. Tipton. Forrest's wife, Jerry, was a special friend to Kewpie who visited her grandmothers, Mrs. A.B. Groves and Mrs. C.C. Renfro in Matador.

Center(s) in your area. The hours of operation have been determined to make the center accessible to as many as those needing help in completing their questionnaires.

The location(s) and hours in your area are as follows:

County Courthouse  
100 Ave. NW  
Childress, TX 79201  
Hours: Tuesday and Thursday,  
5:30 - 8:30, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday, 1-5.

To call for assistance:  
English: 1-800-471-9424  
Spanish: 1-800-471-8642  
Chinese: 1-800-471-9401  
Korean: 1-800-471-9131  
Vietnamese: 1-800-471-7913  
Tagalog: 1-800-470-9897  
TDD: 1-800-471-8330

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited recently in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall and Chancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay accompanied home grandchildren, Kyler and Karlee, to Clifton last Friday after their visit during the Spring holiday. They visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, and enjoyed the soccer game in which Kyler competed. En route home, they visited overnight Sunday, in Terrell with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay and house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay of Ringling, OK.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and Mary Ellen Barton were in Lubbock, Wednesday for dental and medical appointments.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Sunday, were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin of Whiteflat. Mrs. Cruse officially registered 3.66 inches of rain this week.

Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Alma Shorter, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Kathy and Clois

Shorter attended the area Sunday Singing Sunday afternoon, held at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Also attending were the minister and wife of Flomot Baptist Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains. Kathy and Waydette were featured singers.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited the weekend in Lubbock with her father, Clyde Rogers and sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat and Art Green visited in Matador, Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green who moved to their new home in New Deal, Sunday.

Seab Washington attended the Dyson Family Blue Grass Festival in Sayre, Oklahoma, Saturday. Several of the bands performing the good musical entertainment will be in Flomot, April 13-14 for a Blue Grass Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were in Lubbock, Friday where they enjoyed entertainment with daughters and grandchildren, Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Wolforth and Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Lubbock.

## Whiteflat News

### OVERHEARD

There's no place quite as precious as the land of our childhood home, humble or grand. Even as we grow and roam onward, the cradle of our upbringing retains a special magic, hovering as it does there in the secure apex of our hearts.

### ATTEND TFWC CONVENTION

Spencer and Wilda Dixon were in Lubbock this weekend. Wilda attended the executive committee meeting Friday night and the convention Saturday of the Caprock District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. It was held at the Holiday Park Plaza Hotel. Wilda is the district treasurer of the Club. They returned home, Sunday.

Adrian Risner of Wheeler and Mrs. Frances Dixon visited last weekend in Tuttle, Oklahoma with his daughter and her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClusky and daughter, Hannah. Mrs. Dixon returned home Monday.

Hal Martin of Matador accompanied his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin to Plainview Thursday morning where she had cataract eye surgery at the Covenant

Hospital. They returned to Plainview Friday morning for her check-up. She is doing fine.

Visiting Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Sunday were Jack Samford of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador.

Mrs. Frances Dixon and Mrs. Kathryn Martin joined members of the First Baptist Church Women's Sunday School Class of Matador, Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lana Copp for a Mexican luncheon and an afternoon of enjoyable games.

Jim Stockton reported 3.70 inches of good spring rains this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson met her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland in Sagerton and visited during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre. They also visited Mrs. Mozelle Manske, Mrs. Frances Clark and houseguest, Mrs. Lada Anderson of Houston. They attended the Hee Haw Show Saturday night at the Sagerton Community Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were recognized for achieving their 51st wedding anniversary (March 24) with an amusing anecdote followed by resounding laughter at the capacity filled auditorium.

## Matador News

Reba Burkes was released from the Cardiac Care Unit of Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center on Thursday, March 23,

after spending 10 days there. She is recuperating at home.

# Memories of old Whiteflat customs

by Earlyne Jameson

Do you remember years ago when at Sunday and holiday luncheons the men were always fed first? Those who grew up in the Whiteflat community recalled the women of the family waited the table and made sure the men were treated royally. Then, when the fathers and uncles finally trooped out to the wooden floored front porch to smoke, drink another cup of coffee or play domino games, the women sat down to eat.

All this time, the youngsters were waiting their turn. They would really be hungry as they waited. Sometimes they would nibble a cold biscuit left over from breakfast.

Chickens were the chief source of meat and were always cooked for special occasions. Visitors were always welcomed for Sunday noon meals.

One man remembers he and his younger brother when they returned home from the Sunday morning church services, would catch chickens for their mother to cook for lunch. By the time the kids were allowed to sit at the table, all of the "pully bones" were gone. He said he didn't know what white chicken meat tasted like until he was thirteen years old. Others chimed in that chicken legs and wings were all they ate, but there always seemed to be plenty of turnip greens left in the bowl. They never thought to complain or question this

old family custom.

The families always had nice tablecloths. The dishes were purely functional. A lot of them were of the "oatmeal" variety that came free in boxes of oatmeal. They had rather buy chickens or milk cows than buy dishes that matched. They did not recall much about the silverware except it was also mismatched.

One woman told that she had a special plate her grandmother always let her use. It had bluebirds circling the rim. When she got a new girl cousin who wanted her bluebird plate, she was younger and screamed louder so she got the plate!

The family custom was challenged by an infusion of fresh blood into the families. They didn't want their little darlings starving on the sidelines while adults indulged themselves with the best, hottest food. So the custom caved in and kids were eating first.

Strangely, even with kids eating first, they said they were never quite as hungry and mealtimes were not as much fun. Adults today say they are the ones who end up with the chicken legs and wings.

They do not know anyone who follow these old Texas customs anymore, but they will never forget them. Memories of those meals and the waiting for them in houses that are "long-gone" from the Whiteflat area will remain forever.

Don't forget the Whiteflat Reunion, April 1, 2000!



WHITEFLAT FRIENDS — Alvin Garrison, C.D. Garrison, L.M. Cox, Betty Sue Knoy Mathis, Dorothy Jean Casey Risner, Dorothy Mae Cox Russell, Peggy Jean Spray Martin.

## Census

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To answer general questions about the census.

The Census Bureau will furnish each QAC with Language Assistance Guides in 49 languages, plus a large print guide, to help respondents complete their official Census 2000 questionnaire. A Census 2000 Language Identification Flash card will also be available to assist QAC staff in determining which language guide is appropriate to assist the respondent.

The Census Bureau is establishing Questionnaire Assistance

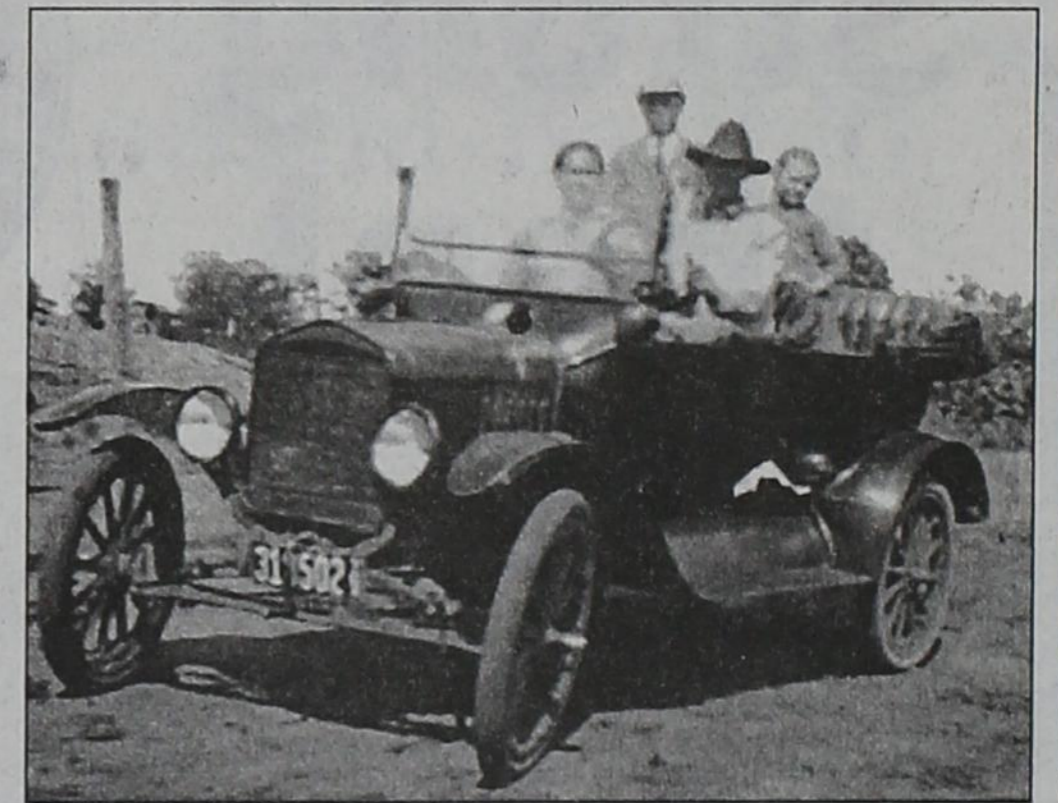


The Littleton Rattan family in early 1911, about 10 years after they moved to Motley County and Whiteflat, from Parker County, in December, 1900. Back row (l-r) Mae Rattan Lisenby holding Electra Lisenby Irwin, Minnie Rattan Casey, Maude Rattan Shands holding Earl Shands, Nathe Shands, Willie Rattan and Demps Rattan. Front row - Floyd Rattan, Blanche Lisenby Ross, Mollie Lisenby Montgomery, Etta Mae Shands Swanson, Littleton Rattan holding Ronald Shands, and Mary Elizabeth Rattan.

## Welcome home Whiteflat Exes!



8th Grade Graduation, 1944: Gwendolyn Wilkinson, Norma Chloe Casey, Annette McWilliams.



Reese Gullett and family

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8TH OR 9TH GRADE, 1935-36 — Pictured at back (left to right) Bruce Browning, unidentified, Odessa Elmore, Viola Jameson, Murrell Watson, Corinne Wilkinson, Eugenia Garrison, Jean McInroe, Elva Rhea Willis. In front are Stuart Dixon, Dean McInroe, Harold Renfro, Rhenard McCary, J.C. Murphy and W.R. Tilson.

# Motley County School News

## CLASS OF 2000 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



TAMMY NIPP

Age: 18  
 Birthdate: 12/13/81  
 Place of Birth: Waco, Texas  
 Nickname: Nipper  
 Parents: Foy and Linda Nipp, Vikki Nipp, Mary Ann & Jimmy Weeks  
 Brothers & Sisters: David Nipp, Sarah Johnson, Dillon, Dixon and Dimmy  
 Favorite Past Time: Being with my boyfriend (Kyle) and friends, reading and watching movies. I also like to watch Haily and Jacob Blanco.  
 Favorite color: Clear and Pink  
 Favorite Food: Smothered Potatoes  
 Best Movie I ever saw: Armageddon  
 Favorite Song: Jet Plane  
 Favorite musical talent or group: Third-eye Blind  
 Favorite style of clothes: Lucky Brand  
 Best Place to Hang Out: Bert's house, Franny's front yard and Spur.  
 Best memory of school years: Selling ads for yearbook, and June 27, 1996. Oh yea, welding in Ag.  
 Favorite teacher throughout school (elementary through high school): Algebra, Mrs. Read; Keyboarding, Mrs. Darsey; and Mr. Taylor.  
 Favorite subject: Government/Economics & Home Ec.  
 Who do you most admire and why: Frances Brandon, because she's been a good friend, and she has always been there for me.



QUINN HAYS

Age: 17  
 Birthdate: 5/4/82  
 Place of Birth: Shamrock, TX  
 Nickname: Big Quinn, Mr. Hays  
 Parents: Vaden and Carrol Hays  
 Brothers & Sisters: Courtney Hays  
 Favorite past time: Being with friends, working in the yard and with computers.  
 Favorite color: Black  
 Favorite food: Chicken fried steak, taters, and gravy  
 Best movie I ever saw: Notting Hill, Varsity Blues  
 Favorite song: "Heaven" by Warrant  
 Favorite musical talent or group: AC/DC, Clint Black  
 Favorite style of clothes: T-shirt and jeans  
 Best place to hangout: Wherever my friends are  
 Best memory of school years: Being a Senior  
 Favorite teacher throughout school (elementary through high school): Mrs. O'Pry, Coach O'Pry, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Turner  
 Favorite subject: Computers and Accounting  
 Who do you most admire and why: My parents, because they have been there for me when they were busy with something else.

## What's to Eat?

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.  
 Lunch: Tamales, Salsa, Pinto Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.  
 Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Juice, Milk.  
 Lunch: Delayed April Fool's Day Lunch! Sack Lunch Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Pickles, Fruit, Milk, Dessert.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
 Lunch: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Peach Cobbler, Potato Chips, Milk.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.  
 Lunch: Chef Salad (Ham, Cheese, Egg), Baked Potato, Crackers, Watergate Salad, Milk.

## MC Powerlifters place at State

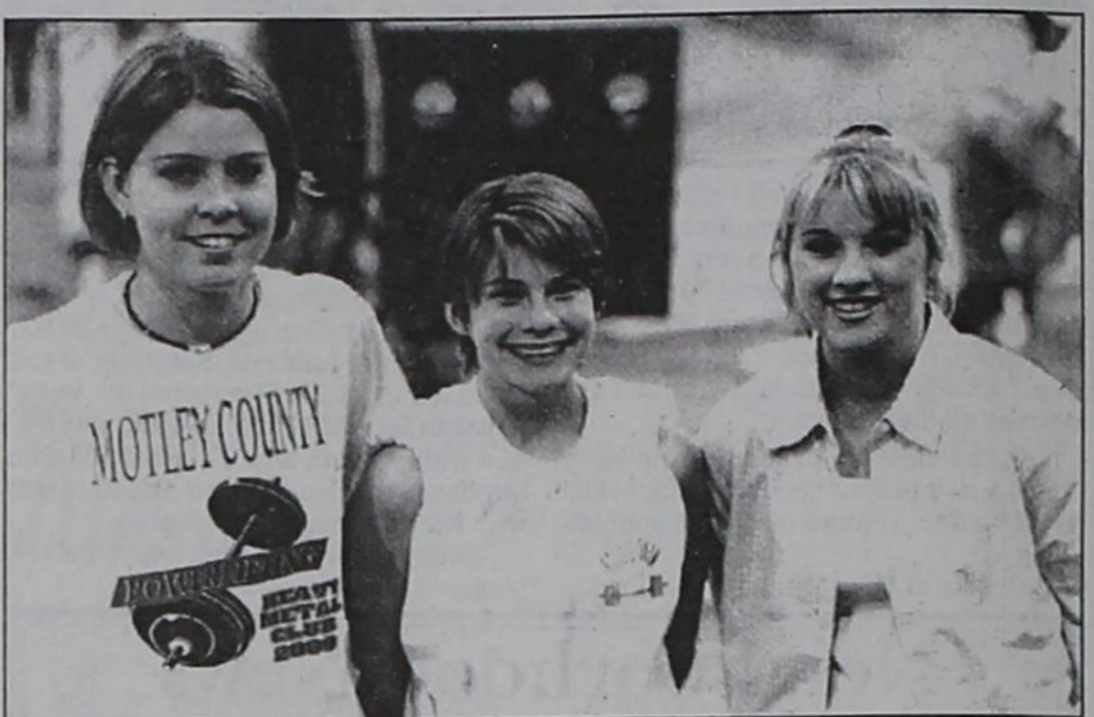
Two Motley County powerlifters, Brenda Gillespie and Rabeca Morris, placed at the State meet, held Friday, March 24 in Killeen. On Thursday morning, March 23, the school suburban left for Killeen and the writing on the windows said it all: "Macho Women" are "State Bound" and "Get Up Off These Lifting Skills." This is exactly what Brenda and Rabeca did.

Both girls weighed in as early as possible Thursday afternoon, and both of them successfully made their weight class on the first attempt. After sighs of relief and leaps of joy, it was time to go eat, even though it was not yet supertime. Coach Bowles allowed the girls to choose where they wanted to eat and did her best to insure they had a relaxed evening.

Bright and early Friday morning, they went to Ft. Hood's Abrams Gym for the twelve hours of competition. There are six regions in Texas and ten weight classes. Three hundred eighty-one lifters participated in this meet. Every girl at the meet tried to lift more than ever before. The competition within each weight class was intense, as was the pressure and desire to succeed. Lifters and coaches worked together to develop a strategy that would be successful.

Generally, the first lift in each category was less than the lifter's maximum, the second lift was the maximum, and the third lift was an attempt at a new maximum. In addition to this strategy, coaches and lifters had to remember that this was the state competition and the judges were very strict.

Coach Bowles worked with both the girls very well. She asked for their input as to how they felt and what they thought they could lift. She also



STATE WINNERS — Motley County Powerlifters, Brenda Gillespie, center, and Rabeca Morris, right, with their Coach, Amy Bowles.

gave them suggestions. The three of them worked well together and developed what turned out to be a successful strategy for each.

Rabeca Morris weighed in at 125.3 pounds which qualified her for the 132 pound weight class. Rabeca squatted 175 pounds, benched 110 pounds, and deadlifted 180 pounds, for a total of 465 pounds. Brenda weighed in at 93.5 pounds to successfully qualify for the 97 pound weight class. She squatted 180 pounds, benched 75 pounds, and deadlifted 200 pounds, for a total of 455 pounds.

At the State Meet, the girls are ranked according to the top five overall in each weight class and then are ranked by school classification. Rabeca was fourth in the 132 pound Class 1A lifters and was twenty-seventh overall. Brenda was second in the 97 pound Class 1A lifters and was awarded a silver 1A State Runner-up Medal. Brenda was nineteenth overall.

Both girls did an excellent job of representing themselves and Motley County at the State Meet. They gave their best effort at every lifting attempt. There were moments of great emotional elation when a lifting attempt was successful, and there were moments of emotional agony when an attempt was unsuccessful.

Coach Bowles was very proud of both girls. It was a big accomplishment to qualify for State, and it took tremendous effort and concentration to do as well as they did at State.

Brenda, Rabeca, and Coach Bowles should all be complimented for their hard work and a job well done!

## Miss Rolling Plains pageant winner to take home \$1,000 scholarship

**CHILDRESS** -- The 2000 Miss Rolling Plains Pageant winner will take home a \$1,000 college scholarship according to pageant coordinator Kathleen Townzen.

The pageant, hosted by Miss Texas Yanci Yarbrough, is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, with the location to be announced. It is just one of several events included in the Rolling Plains Heritage Festival.

Contestants will have a full day Saturday beginning with registration at 9 a.m. and followed by the Festival parade at 10:30, interviews with judges and a brunch. Winners will be crowned that evening with Miss Rollins Plains taking home a \$1,000 scholarship.

Miss Yarbrough will speak at the brunch, serve as mistress of ceremonies at the pageant and also perform.

Pageant divisions, corresponding age categories, and price of entry fee follows:

Little Miss Rolling Plains, ages 5-8, \$25 entry fee.  
 Junior Miss Rolling Plains, ages 10-13, \$35 entry fee.  
 Miss Rolling Plains, ages 14-18, \$50 entry fee.

Winners of the Little Miss and Junior Miss will take home Savings Bonds.

There is a limit on the number of entries in each category and spaces will be filled in the order in which they are received.

Young ladies wishing to enter in any of the three divisions may send a request to Miss Rolling Plains Pageant, 910 Ave. K NW, Childress, TX 79201, call 940-937-2607 or Fax to 940-937-8836.

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# Farm and Ranch news



## News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

### IS IT TIME TO KEEP OR ABANDON DRYLAND WHEAT?

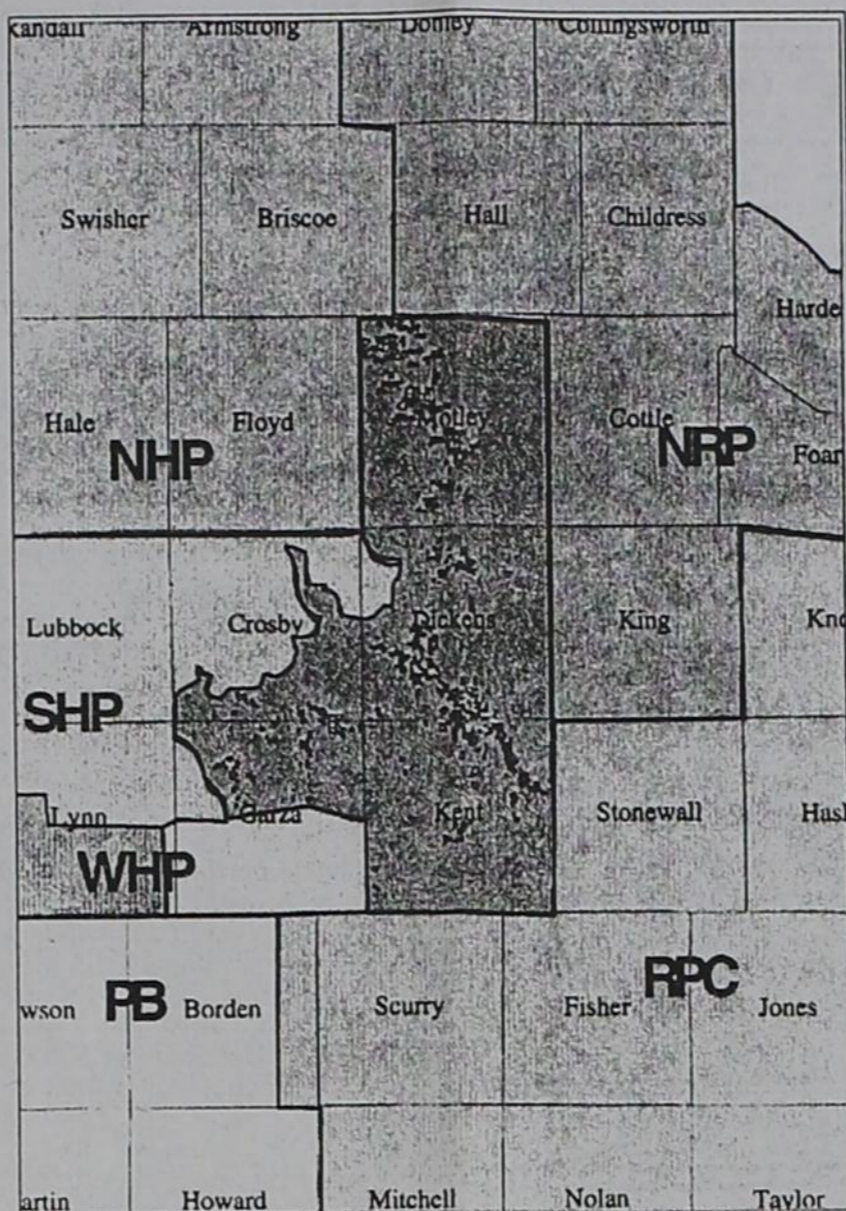
With drought and greenbugs causing damage to dryland wheat, farmers are starting to look at other options. Abandoning current dryland wheat may be the best alternative for producers who wish to have a strong summer crop. The longer the wheat remains in the field, the more moisture it uses to grow. This resource could be saved for a potential summer crop, and allow farmers to benefit more in the long run. The decision-making process begins by estimating wheat yield potential. This can be done by calculating the number of viable tillers and making some assumptions about seed number and size. In small wheat, the grower should only count tillers with three or more leaves. If the wheat has reached the second joint stage, tillers with five or more leaves should be counted. Average the counts from several places in the field to improve accuracy of the estimate. Once an average has been obtained, multiply number of tillers by point six-eight. These calculations provide a rough estimate of yield and actual results can vary considerably. However, ac-

tual yield results will depend on how much spring rain is actually received.

### WATER SMART LAWNS WILL MAKE AN EASIER SUMMER FOR HOME GARDENERS

As home gardening enthusiasts get ready for spring landscaping, they should consider lawns that will keep looking fresh all summer. Many of these lawn care techniques cost less than the typical lawn, and are much less work to keep up. Because of an abundance of native plants in our area, it is possible to design some very attractive landscapes. Extension specialist for environmental quality John Jacob gives some general advice on home landscaping for spring. Lawns must be mowed and fertilized constantly to maintain a flawless appearance. Mow the lawn as high as you can, and leave the clippings on the ground for nutrients. Keep from applying weed and bug killers until you see a real problem. Water lawns only when the grass starts to wilt. This will help prevent your community from rationing water in a drought. Finally, ask the nursery for plants that are adapted to the area, that can take both a drought and a flood every other year and still look good.

## TDA approves farmers' petition for boll weevil zone transfer vote



The dark shaded area indicates the proposed acreage in Motley, Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza counties to be moved into the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has approved a petition by area cotton growers to transfer from the Southern High Plains Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (SHP) to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (NRP). Growers east of the Caprock in Dickens, Kent, Motley, Crosby and Garza counties will vote on the transfer in May.

The move to the NRP Zone will bring area farmers help in fighting the boll weevils which have plagued area cotton crops. Last year the Southern High Plains Zone rejected a boll weevil eradication referendum. Many farmers in the Southern High Plains west of the Caprock have been able to combat the boll weevil, while producers in the areas east of the Caprock have failed in their battle.

"Down here we can't afford to fight them (the boll weevils), but we can't afford not to fight them," said Dickens County Agricultural Extension Agent Joe Ben Chote.

Chote said that farmers will have to get help for the sake of future cotton crops or there may be no crops in the future.

In a letter, dated January 14, sent to TDA Commissioner Susan Combs and accompanying the petition, members of the Concerned Cotton Growers of Motley, Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza Counties said that the petition had received 95 percent approval from growers in those counties. The petition contained 149 signatures from the five-county area.

Among the obtained 1999 planted cotton acreage estimates retrieved from the five counties' FSA offices, 94.6 percent of Motley County acreage was in favor of the petition. One hundred percent of the acreage in Dickens and Kent counties were for the transfer. 90.1 percent of Garza County acreage and 94.25 percent of Crosby County acreage were in approval for the petition.

The letter also stated that the approval level for landlords is running around 90 percent. The group told Combs in their letter that this lower percentage of approval was due to absentee landlords, or landowners who do not reside in the area and lease the land.

"This lower percentage is due to us not being able to physically meet with and get signatures from absentee landlords," the letter stated. "Time limitations restricted us being able to mail to many landowners, but we are convinced that when a vote is allowed, landlord numbers will be much higher."

Ballots will be mailed to producers in the five-county area the second week of May and will be due May 30, according to Chote.

A meeting, scheduled for May 3 at the Spur Community Center, will give farmers an opportunity to hear from those already in boll weevil eradication zones. Also present at that meeting will be Emory Boring, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Entomologist, who will speak on in-season weevil control. Chote said that more information will follow on the meeting as his office confirms the details.

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By Ace Reid

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## Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG'S 43RD ANNUAL MEETING LINE-UP CHANGES  
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has shuffled its speaker line-up for the organization's 43rd Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 2000 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The PCG Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Trade Show and Convention April 6-7 in Lubbock.

PCG's revised line-up will now include Keith Kelly, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Kelly will replace previously scheduled speaker Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service.

As FSA Administrator, Mr. Kelly

reports to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and is responsible for the Administration of farm commodity programs, agricultural credit programs, and certain disaster and Federal crop insurance programs.

The PCG meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and start the program promptly at 9:00 a.m. in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Agenda items include remarks from outgoing PCG President Don Langston of Lubbock, reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tullia.

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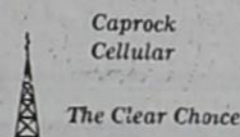
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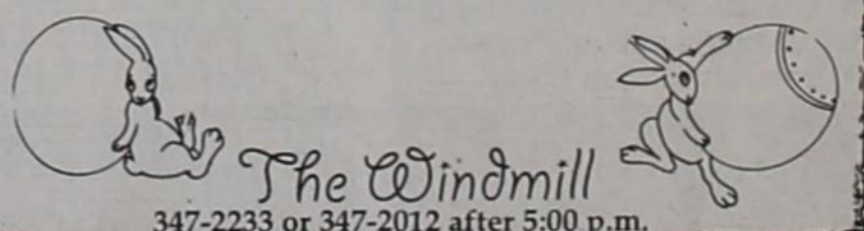
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