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MOTLEY COUNTY JR. HIGH LADY MAVERICKS — Pictured left to right, beginning at back, Coach Amy Bowles, Sabrina Osborn, Stacey Ho-Gland, Annie Green, Ashley Green, Kittie Campbell; (in front) Emily Hurt and Brittany Moore. The girls will play their last game Monday, February 5, here, against Patton Springs. So far this year the girls are undefeated.

Jr. High girl's team undefeated

The Lady Mavericks came out over Jayton, January 23, with a close win, 18-15. The girls are still undefeated with an overall record of 12 wins and no losses.

Brittany Moore was leading scorer with 6 points. Emily Hurt added 4; Kittie Campbell, 3; Sabrina Osborn, 2; Annie Green, 2; and Stacey Ho-Gland, 1.

Coach Bowles commented, "These young ladies are doing a good job of listening on the court and at time-outs. They are winning games because they are listening and because of effort. They don't quit!"

See boy's picture and complete basketball report on page 3.

Tumbling, PIP performances planned for last home games

Tuesday night, February 6, will bring an end to district basketball play for this year. The Motley County Matadors and Lady Mats will be taking on the Patton Springs Rangers. There will be three games beginning with the JV boys game which starts at 5:00 p.m.

Along with the great basketball action there will also be a special performance of tumbling by the Acrosports. These kids take tumbling at Spur from J Lyn Adams, but also include a number of Motley County and Patton Springs kids. The Acrosports will be tumbling between the JV boys' game and the Varsity girls' game.

Also performing Tuesday night will be the Motley County PIP's. The PIP's will show their stuff during

half-time of the Varsity girls' game. PIP's stands for Players in Progress and this program helps the kids learn basic basketball skills. If you have not seen them perform you need to be at the game Tuesday night. The action is sure to be enjoyed.

Along with all of the basketball, tumbling and PIP action, an autographed basketball will be given away to some lucky person. This basketball has been signed by all of the Motley County Lady Matadors and Matadors. This event is sponsored by the Booster Club and the proceeds will help with the end of year party for high school students.

Make plans to be at the Motley County Gym Tuesday night and support the youth of Motley County.

Motley County Heart Association plans February fund drive

In honor of National Heart Month the Motley County Heart Association, a community based organization, will have a Fund Drive during the month of February.

Following its introduction in the late 1960's of coronary bypass surgery and an open-heart surgery in Lubbock, cardiac care on the South Plains and across the United States

continues to save and prolong lives.

The Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock is now the third largest heart hospital in Texas. Dr. Donald Bricker, cardiovascular surgeon of Lubbock said, "We have just gotten better and better at what we do. Complications have progressively diminished. We are doing things continually to make ardiopulmonary bypass

less traumatic."

Cardiac surgery and medication have come a long way because of donations for research and education. It is a voluntary health agency supported by public contributions and donated time of volunteers. Those serving on the Motley County AHA are Odessa Mullins, Judy Cooper, Mary Jo Calvert, Myrna

Blasingame and Earlyne Jameson. If you wish to give a memorial please contact Myrna Blasingame at First State Bank or Earlyne Jameson.

AHA volunteer, Earlyne Jameson, stated, "In order to continue the work and success of the American Heart Association your help is needed. Your money is a worthy investment for self, family and society. We're fighting for your life!"

Longtime Tribune Editor, Publisher Dies

Longtime Editor and Publisher of the *Matador Tribune*, Lila Tipton Meador, passed away January 28, 2001, at the age of 92, at Camp Wood Convalescence Center, Camp Wood, Texas, where she had been a resident for the last year.

Mrs. Meador, along with her husband, Douglas Meador, were Editors and Publishers of the *Matador Tribune* for over 40 years, from 1933 until his death in 1974. Mrs. Meador published the paper for three years alone, before selling the business.

During the span of 40 years, the newspaper won numerous journalistic awards at Regional and State press conventions. Mrs. Meador had her own column "Pied Pinions" between 1940-1960. Mr. Meador's column, "Trail Dust" was a regular fea-



LILA MEADOR

ture in the paper, having won numerous awards, including Best Column in Texas, at the State Fair in 1934. His book, "Trail Dust" was later published.

The Meadors always hired young people, usually high school students, who went on to pursue journalistic careers. One of those young employees was Karen Elliott House, now a noted journalist, who is a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Lila's home was Matador for 71 years and for 70 years she was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Matador, where she played

the piano and later the organ. She also taught a Sunday School class.

After suffering a stroke in 1994, Mrs. Meador moved to Odessa to live with her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jack Crider. In December of 1999 she entered a Nursing home at Camp Wood.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Matador First Baptist Church. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Statewide leader to speak at FBC Women's Banquet

All women of the area are reminded of the banquet at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. Special guests speaker will be Debra Hochgraber, Women's Ministries Consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a statewide leader of Women Reaching Texas, an organization which exists "to involve more women from our churches in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The banquet, to be hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will begin with a salad supper,

and everyone is invited to "Bring a salad, and bring a friend!" Women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women, and anyone who is unable to bring a salad is asked to attend anyway.

In order to provide adequate seating, the hosts request that guests notify the church before Wednesday, February 7. To do this or to receive more information, call Elaine Risser (347-2345 or 347-2782), Ann Seigler (347-2744), or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).

Valentine Brag Page deadline is Friday

The deadline for the Valentine Brag Pages, which will appear in the February 8th issue, has been extended to Friday at 3:00 p.m. This special issue gives parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and others a chance to show off their special Valentine. The picture will be placed inside a heart, like the one pictured on page 3, with name, age, parents names, etc. Cost of a single heart is \$10, and a double heart will cost \$20.

Don't miss out on this chance to show off your special Valentine, and do a little bragging. Don't forget all pictures and information must be received by Friday afternoon.

Pictures may be mailed to the Motley County Tribune, P.O. Box 490, Matador, TX 79244. Please include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for return of picture.

WTU files request to increase fuel factors

Natural gas prices, which have continued to skyrocket over the last several months, have forced American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) subsidiary to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) on January 19, 2001, for permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. This request is necessary in order to reflect the current expected costs of fuel.

If approved as requested, the new fuel factor would increase the typical WTU residential customer's bill by \$10.65 per month beginning in March. The requested fuel factors will recover over the period March through December, 2001, an additional \$43 million in expected fuel costs.

"Natural gas prices in December 2000 were three-to-four times higher than prices during December, 1999," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas Regulatory Services. "Despite the fact that 43.4 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal, the sheer magnitude of the

continued increases in the price of natural gas since last summer forces WTU to request a fuel factor increase."

Fuel costs are an expense of generating electricity, which WTU must pay to fuel suppliers. WTU does not make any profit of fuel costs as the PUCT request that these costs be passed through to customers at the price paid by WTU.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When the actual cost of fuel exceeds that which customers are paying in their monthly bills, then WTU undercollects the costs of fuel used for the generation of electricity. When fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factor used to determine the fuel charge portion of customers' bills.

Without the increase in fuel fac-

tors, WTU projects that it will under-recover fuel and purchased power costs by approximately \$43 million for the period from March through December, 2001. Consequently, WTU is requesting permission to adjust the fuel factors used to calculate the fuel, change portion of customers bills. At some point over the next few months, WTU likely will have to request permission to recover through a surcharge amounts that the company has under-recovered over the

last several months.

AEP is a multinational energy company based in Columbus, Ohio. AEP owns and operates more than 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity, making it one of America's largest generators of electricity.

AEP provides retail electricity to more than 9 million customers worldwide with major assets, in the U.S. and holdings in select international markets.

Motley County Producer meeting set for February 6

The Motley County Farm Service Agency will hold an informational meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

This meeting will provide information concerning the 2000 Crop Disaster Program, the 2000 Livestock Assistance Program and the 2001 Non-insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP).

The program will highlight changes in the Crop Disaster Program along with additional information concerning the Livestock Assistance Program.

New Legislation has substantially changed the 2001 Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). This program covers crops planted that are not insurable, forage crops and perennial grasses.



ICE TREE — Trees, power lines, and just about everything else was coated with ice last weekend, when Motley County received freezing rain and sleet Saturday and Sunday. Notice the Roadrunner sitting in this tree. A big thaw occurred on Monday with warmer temperatures and high winds.



Another part of a legacy came to an end this week. Mrs. Lila Meador, co-editor and publisher of the Matador Tribune for over 40 years passed from this life on Sunday, January 28.

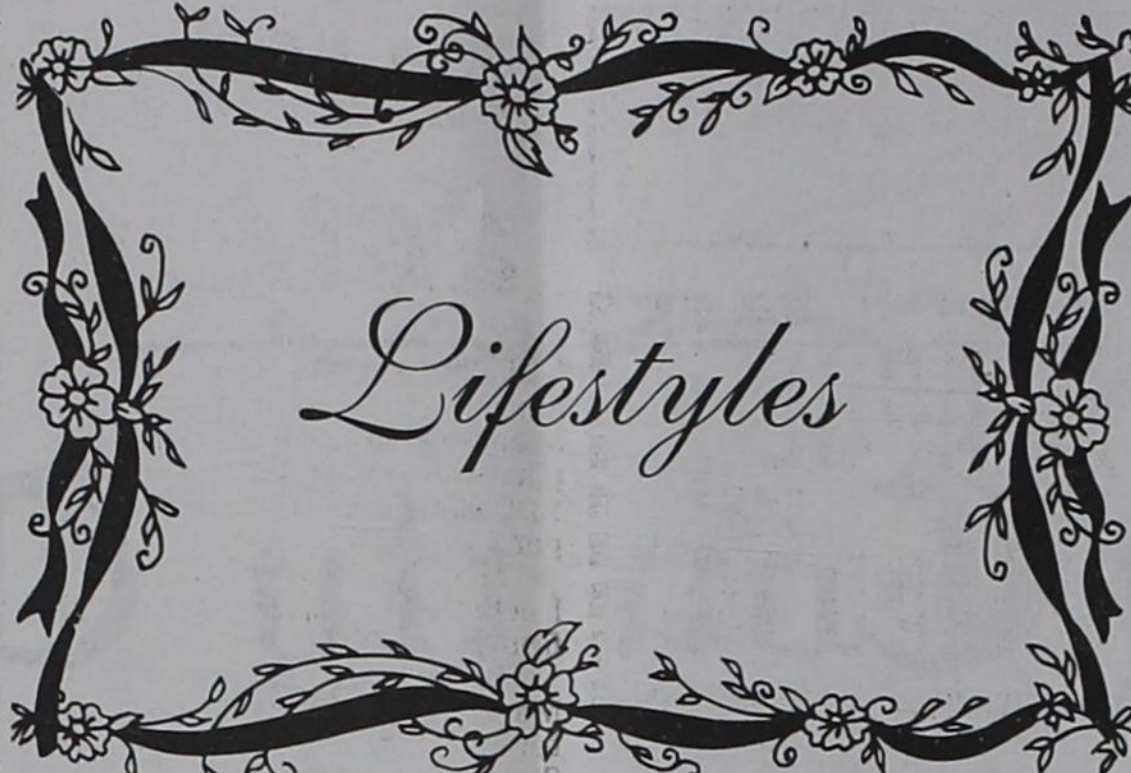
Ben and Lila Meador were legends in this county. I never had the privilege of knowing Mr. Meador on a personal basis, as I was still a teenager when he passed away, but I will never forget seeing him at every event, taking pictures and notes.

I did come to know Lila, and considered her a good friend. I guess you could say that I looked at Lila as somewhat of a hero, a role model. A precious little lady, with a quiet, sweet demeanor. When she still lived in Matador, she came by the newspaper office quite often. She still wrote several news articles for the paper while living here, and they were always very neatly typed. She typed everything on an old manual typewriter. She offered bits of advice on putting the paper together, but always with a sweet, kind manner. She would say, "Ben always did things like this..." I was never offended by anything Mrs. Meador had to offer as advice. After all, she should know.

Lila was a part of my family. Mr. Meador and my husband are cousins. And I feel honored to publish this newspaper as a Meador. To carry on a tradition. I have tried to meet the same standards as the Meadors did for so many years. I must admit there hasn't been a week go by, that I haven't thought of Lila while putting the paper together. I knew each paper would be inspected when she received it. And what better inspector would you want? What an honor I felt when Lila complimented the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Meador will always be remembered in Motley County. They will always be a part of the history and honor of this county. Their spirit will always live on in this newspaper and I will strive to continue the tradition they started so many years ago.

When someone special passes from this earth and goes on to be with the Lord, I envision what they must be doing in Heaven. I imagine Mr. and Mrs. Meador, reunited, and publishing the "Heavenly Times," with a mansion for their office and Angels for their employees.



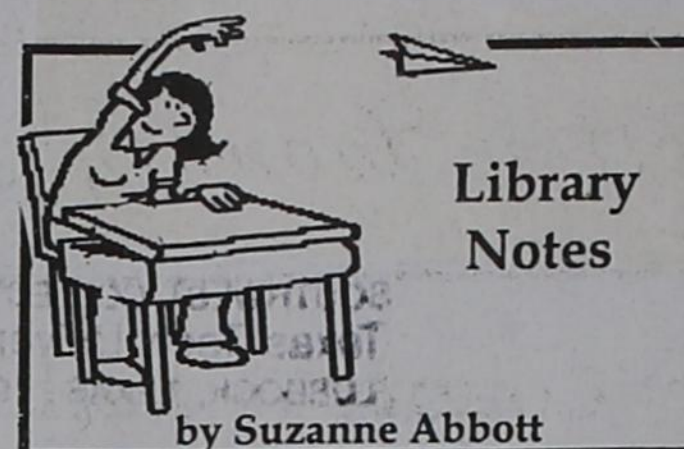
January Mad Hatter tea parties come to an end

The Mad Hatter (aka Betty Moore) hosted the last of the January tea parties at the Motley County Library Friday and this one was particularly notable because of the history of the several of the hats worn by the ladies attending. Betty Luckett wore one of her mother-in-law's hats, a straw with lovely flowers. Olivia Barton wore an embroidered silk cloche, a roaring twenties hat, that belonged to her husband's grandmother.

Two hats belonging to sisters-in-law "sat side-by-side" at the tea party. Patricia Green wore a beaver derby belonging to Lois Bird and Barbara Armstrong wore her mother's black felt hat. Catherine Bird and Lois Bird were sisters-in-law. The Lucketts, the Bartons, and the Birds were early settlers and are longtime residents of Motley County.

Attendees at this last party enjoyed iced cookies in the shape of a tea pot, two flavors of pound cake, scones and jelly, and fresh fruit. The tea tables were decorated with Betty Moore's beautiful Blue Willow tea pots and a beautiful book, *Time for Tea* by Mary Engelbreit, donated by Carla Meador.

Two gentlemen joined the ladies for tea. Dennis Letkeman, a Canadian who winters here in Matador, sported a wide-brimmed black leather hat. Wayburn Mitchell wore a very appropriate visor cap. Others participating in the tea party, besides those mentioned, were Marihelen Wason, Jeanette Case, Georgia Witcher, Dorothy Knight, Donald Letkeman, Jerry Watson, Annette Hollinsworth, Jo Trammell, Suzanne Abbott, Lula Swim and Vera Mitchell.



Today, Thursday, February 1, at 4:00 p.m., in the Library, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library. Please try to be there. We want to see all our Friends. Dues are due and may be paid at the meeting.

We greatly appreciate the memorial donations that we received this week. Margaret and James Stanley sent donations in memory of Coke Barton, Winifred Lee, and Algie Groves. Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Abbott presented a donation in memory of Winifred Lee. D.A. and Ruby McGuire made donations in memory of Algie Groves and Winifred Lee. James Bearden gave a donation in memory of Algie Groves. Keith and Joan Patton gave a donation to the Library endowment fund in memory of Algie Groves. Earline Vaughn also sent a donation in memory of Algie Groves to the Library endowment fund. All of these memorials are important to the Library and they are lasting memorials for special people.

Winifred Lee will be missed here at the Motley County Library. For years she kept the display case looking artistic and interesting. She would always help with the crafts for the summer reading program. What-

ever was needed, whether it was refreshments for the kids or help with the book sale or help in the Library. Winifred cheerfully got the job done. What a loss for all of this community.

Well, the tea parties are over for a while. The Mad Hatter will come back, maybe in a different form, but we will have more tea parties later. We thank all those who attended. Everyone entered into the spirit of the events and we had a lot of fun. We thank Betty Moore, Patricia Green, Jeanette Case, Ruby McGuire and Georgia Witcher for providing refreshments. We especially appreciate the self-appointed crew: Marihelen Wason, Opal Johnson, Betty Moore and Georgia Witcher.

Carla Meador presented the Library with a copy of Mary Engelbreit's *Time for Tea* in honor of the Mad Hatter Tea parties. This lovely book served as a table decoration for the last party. We appreciate the gift of this book and it will be on the shelf soon.

See you this afternoon at the Friends of the Library meeting.

Breast Screening Clinic set for February 14th

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador, on February 14, 2001.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the

Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.



News from the Lions

by Penny Pipkin

The Matador Lions Club will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Among the agenda items on this week's program is the beautification project being planned at the east entrance of Matador. The already in place City marker will be spruced up to present a neat and attractive welcome to the City of Matador. If you would like to be a part of this project, please call C.W. Moore, 347-2999, and plan to attend this week's luncheon.

Here is another example of the Lions at work in the world: Vick Chen, a young French girl, was a smiling baby with beautiful large eyes. Her parents began to observe,

however, that she was not reacting to noises. Initial tests indicated she suffered severe deafness caused by a complete malformation of the inner ears. Life would prove difficult for her without assistance. Her parents contacted the Lions of District 103-1W and the girl was admitted to a school specially designed for language and integration into mainstream society. In the years that followed she learned how to express herself, pronounce words and lip-read, and to avoid dangers that were presented because of her deafness. She even learned to communicate in English. Who assisted the Lions in founding and managing this school? The Lions Club International Foundation.

Local students named to Wayland's President's List

Kimberly Jenschke and Erin Jones of Matador were named to the President's List for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist University in

Plainview. To qualify for the honor, students must carry at least 12 semester hours and achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

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For the God-fearing, the watchword is "holiness." This word has almost lost its usage in society today. The politically correct are not going to promote. The ungodly are not going to encourage its use. Nor will the profane ever emphasize it. Only God's people will be able to do that. The only way our society will become familiar with the word is through the people of God speaking and living it in their lives.

In order for us to do that, we each must take responsibility for our practice of "holiness." There is no room for either blame or excuses. Yes it is hard to live in a society that likes to blame everything and everyone else rather than take personal, individual responsibility for their actions. But the people of God can practice holiness - maybe it will help the world around us to do that also.

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Motley County School News

Motley County Powerlifters begin competition

The Motley County Powerlifting team attended their first meet at Childress on Saturday January 27. There are nine members of the team this year. They are Brenda Gillespie, Brandon Lee, Brandon Martin, Rebecca Morris, Alex Salazar, Lorenzo Salazar, Tony Salazar, Ashley Stevens, and Leslie "Sis" Taylor.

The meet at Childress was a good first meet for these lifters. It gave the experienced lifters the opportunity to get back in rhythm. It gave the novice lifters the opportunity to get over their first meet jitters.

All nine lifters gave good effort and tried very hard. Unfortunately,

the weather did not cooperate. The teams who lived west of Childress all chose to leave the meet early due to the ice. The team returned to Motley County before finishing the meet. Therefore, there are no qualifying scores for any of the lifters.

Coaching the powerlifting team this year is Coach Amy Bowles. They practice before school. Coach Bowles stated that she was proud of the lifters for the effort they gave on Saturday, not only on their lifts but also to work together to wrap knees and put on lifting shirts. Coach Bowles and the lifters are looking forward to their next meet in Clarendon.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Breakfast: Hot Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Burritos, Chips, Salsa, Corn on the Cob, Cookie, Peaches, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit or Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Apple, Peanut Butter Brownie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Breakfast: Cereal, Muffins, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend Veggies, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Fruit or Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Strawberries & Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Sliced Turkey, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Sliced Carrots, Celery Sticks, Bread Slice, Honey, Milk.

Costumes, set pieces needed for One-Act Play

Rehearsals for the Motley County One-Act contest play are underway. "A Rose For Emily," based on a short story by William Faulkner, is set in the 1930's. The cast, crew and director are currently looking for furniture and accessories that might have been found in the upstairs sitting room of a Southern mansion. Internet research reveals that wicker furniture with padded seat cushions upholstered in dark prints was quite popular. Other styles popular were wooden chairs with padded seats, floor lamps and side tables. A "love-seat" or two or more chairs would finish out the set nicely.

In addition to furniture other items that are needed include a corn sheller, wooden crates, an old trunk and period clothing. As always, play members ask that you not loan anything that has any real monetary or sentimental value. Special care of any items used will be used, but accidents do happen. Contact Carol Hays at 347-2676 or 347-2416 if you have any of these items.

MC basketball action continues

The Motley County Mavericks had a big win over Jayton, January 22. The final score was 44-18. Seagram Sims led in scoring with 14 points, followed by Matt Henzler with 13. Colton Russell added 6; Clay Cooper, 5; and Cody Cooper, 2.

Matt Henzler shot 83.3% from the freethrow line. The team shot 75% from the freethrow line.

Coach Ridgley commented, "The Mavericks had a great fourth quarter. Chance Bingham and John Stevens did a great job getting the offense going with some nice passes."

The high school JV boys lost a close game to Spur, January 26. At the end of the game the scoreboard read, 33-36.

Shawn Marvel was leading scorer with 12 points. T.J. Christopher added 9; Frank Martinez, 5; Quinten Rose, 4; and Brand Moore, 3.

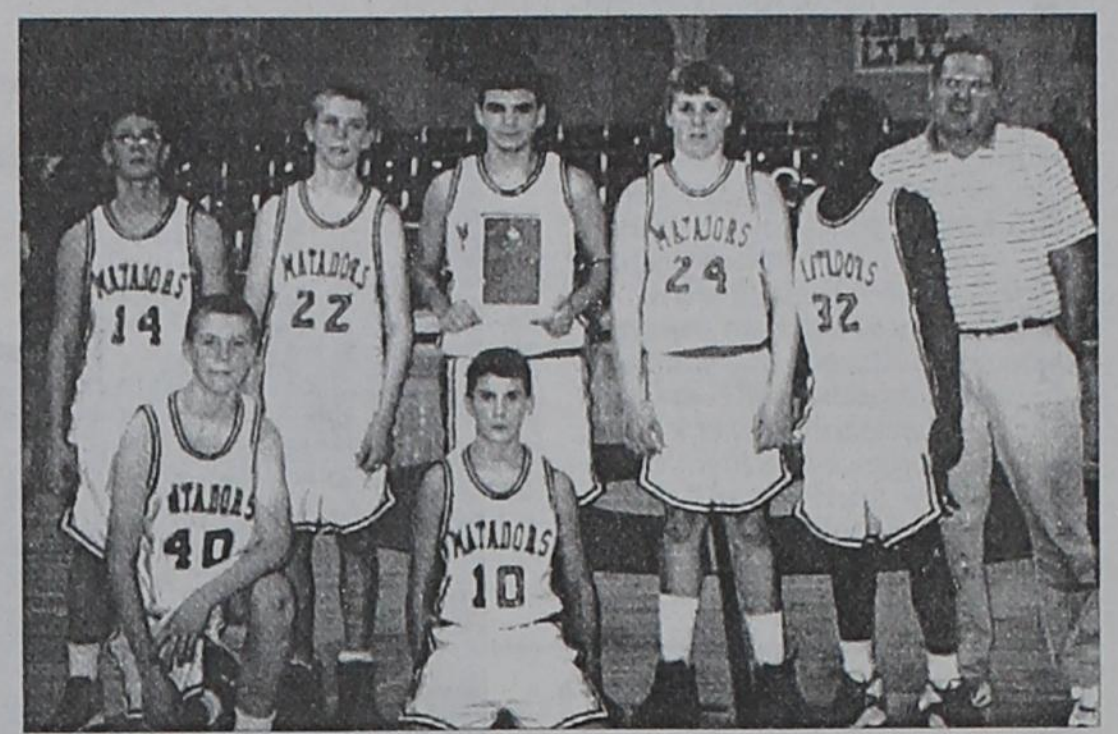
Shawn was also leading rebounder with 9. Quinten Rose grabbed 5.

Frank Martinez had 4 steals. Coach Ridgley stated, "We shot poorly from the field and freethrow line. The boys hustled and stayed in the game, but just did not finish. Shawn played a very good game."

The Varsity boys defeated Spur, January 26, 57-49. Chris Paul led in scoring, putting in 15. Jermaine Hendrix added 10 points; Brad Baxter, 9; Benjamin Ridgley, 8; Clint Cooper, 6; Tony Salazar, 4; Casey Lawrence, 3 and Brandon Lee, 2.

Chris Paul led with rebounds, grabbing 11. Clint Cooper had 9; Jermaine Hendrix, 7; Benjamin Ridgley, 6; and Brad Baxter, 5.

Other impressive stats included Brad Baxter's 5 for 5 from the freethrow line. He was 100%. Clint Cooper and Tony Salazar were also 100% with freethrows. Casey Lawrence was 75%. The team shot



JR. HIGH BOYS — Pictured left to right (back) Matt Henzler, Clay Cooper, John Wesley Stevens, Colton Russell, Seagram Sims, Coach Robert Ridgley; (front) Cody Cooper and Chance Bingham.

75% from the freethrow line. Chris Paul had 5 steals. Ben, Brad, and Jermaine had 3 steals each. Benjamin had all eight points the fourth quarter.

Coach Ridgley commented, "These young men just found a way to win. They hit their freethrows, 14-17 in the fourth quarter. The kids off the bench were terrific! Tony, Ysef, Brad, Brandon Lee. With this win we guaranteed ourselves a play-off game for the third year in a row. That game will be held February 19 or 20. Way to go, Matadors!"

The Lady Matadors came out over Spur, January 26, defeating them 41-37. This win gives the Ladies a District record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

Rebecca Morris led in scoring,

putting in 10. Ashley Stevens added 5; Courtney Hays, 5; Brittany Donaldson, 4; Chasity Holman, 4; Shandra Jones, 4; Lisa Perryman, 3; Denise Shannon, 3; and Rachelle Renfro, 3.

Brittany Donaldson was leading rebounder with 8. Denise Shannon had 6; Shandra Jones, 5; Courtney Hays, 4; Rachelle Renfro, 3; Ashley Stevens, 2; Rebecca Morris, 2; Lisa Perryman, 1; and Chasity Holman, 1.

Chasity and Denise had 2 steals each. Ashley, Rebecca and Shandra each had one. Brittany, Denise and Shandra each had one assist.

Coach Nordquist commented, "This puts the Lady Mats in second place. It was a great team effort. Be sure and catch one of their games. Guaranteed excitement!"

What's Happening

Thursday, February 1: Ft. Worth Stock Show.

Friday, February 2: Basketball at Guthrie, two games, 6:30 p.m. Ft. Worth Stock Show.

Saturday, February 3: Ft. Worth Stock Show.

Monday, February 5: Jr. High Basketball tournament, Patton Springs, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6: Basketball at Patton Springs, three games, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8: Women's Banquet at First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Shattered Dreams at 6:30 p.m. Parents at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9: Possible practice, basketball games, to be announced.

Monday, February 12: Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Rally at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Tuesday, February 13: Six Weeks Test

Girls' Basketball Bi-District.

Wednesday, February 14: Six Weeks test.

Thursday, February 15: Six Weeks test.

Friday, February 16: End of 4th six weeks.

Girls' basketball sectional tournament at South Plains College.

Saturday, February 17: Boys basketball at Burk Burnett.

Girls' basketball sectional tournament at South Plains College.

Powerlifting at Clarendon.

Tuesday, February 20: TAAS - W - Exit.

Boys' basketball, Bi-District. Shattered Dreams at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21: TAAS - M - Exit.

Report Card - Parent Conference, Early Out, 1:30.

Thursday, February 22: TAAS - R - Exit.

Houston Show.

Mother - Daughter Banquet at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Friday, February 23: Houston Show

Boy's basketball sectional tournament at South Plains College.

Reg. FCCLA at Lubbock.

Saturday, February 24: Powerlifting at Floydada.

Boy's basketball sectional tournament at South Plains College.

Reg. FCCLA at Lubbock.

Houston Show.

Sunday, February 25: Houston Show.

Monday, February 26: Houston Show.

Girl's Golf at Wellington.

Tuesday, February 27: Houston Show.

Boy's Golf at Wellington.

Wednesday, February 28: Houston Show.

No Kids' Praise scheduled for February

First Baptist Church Kid's Praise will not meet in February. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 7.

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MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Robert Ridgley, Brandon Martin, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore, Bradley Baxter, Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose, Clint Cooper, Jose Flores, Frankie Martinez, Shawn Marvel, Sergio Flores, T.J. Christopher, Kevin Elder, Ysef Alvarado, Arturo Flores, (front) Seniors, Benjamin Ridgley, Brandon Lee, Jermaine Hendrix, Casey Lawrence, and Chris Paul.

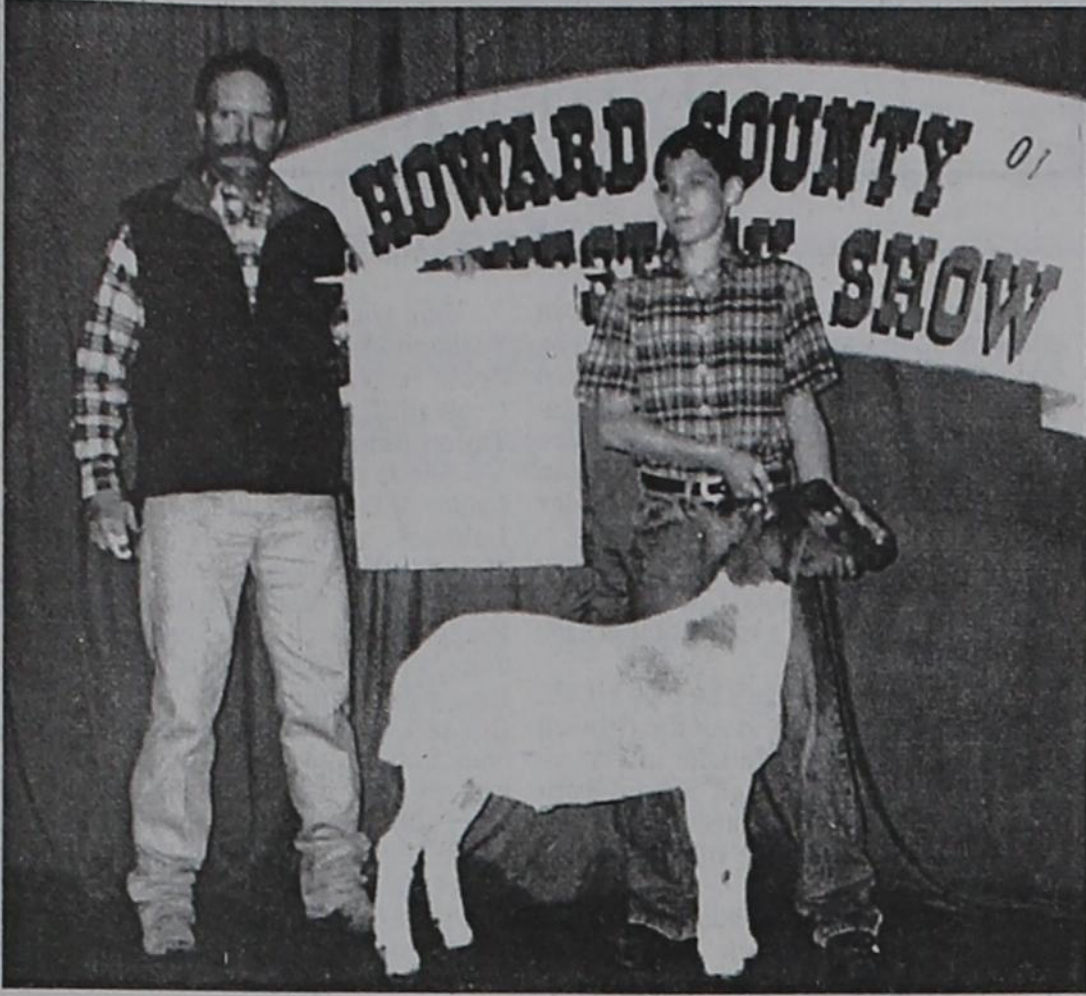
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January 16	Guthrie	Here	6:30 p.m.
January 19	Patton Springs	There	6:30 p.m.
January 23	Open		
January 26	Spur	There	4:00 p.m.
January 30	Jayton	Here	4:00 p.m.
February 2	Guthrie	There	6:30 p.m.
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- Kyle, Jeannie & Brittany Moore
- Jeff & Pam Thacker



RESERVE CHAMPION — Brady Timmins, son of Rick and Jelene Timmins of Ackerly, Texas, recently received the Reserve Champion prize for his goat at the Howard County Jr. Livestock Show held in Big Spring. Brady's goat was chosen from 117 others in the competition. Brady attends Sands High School. He and his family are former Motley County residents. He is the grandson of Charlie and Nancy Long of Roaring Springs.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Letter to the Editor

Correction to
Matador City Council News

Yes, the City of Matador is actively looking for new ways to retain businesses and attract new businesses to Matador. However, the article in the Motley County Tribune on January 25, 2001 was not correctly reported to the Editor. Mrs. Meador simply reported the news as relayed to her by the City of Matador. The article stated that the City discussed the possibility of building a Senior Citizens Center in Matador. As everyone knows we already have a very fine Senior Citizens Center. The Motley County Senior Citizens has been reorganized and is under the leadership of Jim Watson. Under his leadership, the Senior Citizens Center is alive and well in Matador.

The topic of discussion at the City Council meeting centered around the development of a plan to bring "Assisted Living" or "Nursing Home" facilities to Matador. Councilman Rose has begun discussions to bring this type of service to our city. As stated in the article, the City of Matador has met with USDA Rural Development personnel. The council will pursue

this project with the Motley County Hospital Board, County Commissioners and interested citizens. Suggestions may be directed to any city council person.

The Motley County Senior Citizens Organization is a valuable part of the City of Matador and Motley County. Jim is doing an excellent job with the center and he believes the seniors could possibly be well on their way to serving hearty meals to the elderly by October 1, 2001. Plans are progressing well for the implementation of this program by that date.

The City of Matador is aggressively pursuing every avenue available to assist business owners with expansion projects and new projects. Anyone who has any suggestions for the growth of Matador, I welcome you to discuss these with myself or another City Council person. Current council members are Shane Jones, Doyle Rose, James Meador, Fred Parson and James Watson.

Thank you,
Rodney Williams
Mayor

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Fire department elects 2001 slate of officers

by Craig Turner

The Matador Fire Department held elections for the year 2001 at their regular business meeting January 15. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Craig Turner; Vice President, Brent Marshall; Secretary, James Gillespie; Assistant Secretary, Chuck Ream; Fire Chief, Rodney Williams; 1st Asst. Fire Chief, Craig Turner; 2nd Asst. Fire Chief, Shawn Elliott; Fire Marshal, Steve Barton; Asst. Fire Marshal, Brad Jameson; Tail Twister, David Blanco; Asst. Tail Twister, Phillip Sharp; Reporter, Craig Turner; Certifying Coordinator, Shawn Elliott; Training

Officer, Fred Parson; Committee/Appointments/Entertainment, Don Baxter and Blake Barton; Finance, Chuck Ream and C.W. Moore; Truck Captains (first half of the year), Rodney Williams, Bobby Barton, Craig Turner, Steve Barton, Phillip Sharp, David Blanco, Shawn Elliott, and Brad Jameson.

In the business meeting, the department discussed communications and standard operating procedures of radios. The Shattered Dreams program was also discussed and the fire department's involvement in the program. The meeting was then adjourned for training. Brian Marshall taught the uses of ropes and knots in the fire service.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the blood drive at the school and for those who donated blood in my name. Everyone's continuous concerns and many acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.

Craig & Cathey Turner

On behalf of the Edgar Lee family, I would like to express our thankfulness for the beautiful memorials expressed for Winifred, and the meal at the Baptist Church. Also the beautiful service of Seigler Funeral Home. And last, but not least, for the people there in Matador that helped her live and enjoy the quality of life she enjoyed after she lost Ed. We all loved her, as she made us all feel special.

Blessings to all,
Johnnie (Griffin) Bray
for all the Lee family

The members of American Legion Fleming Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 wish to thank everyone in the community who participated in SOUP-R SATURDAY on January 20. Especially those who gave blood. Special kudos are extended to the folks from VA Hospital, Amarillo, and United Blood Services, Lubbock, for their contributions above and beyond the call of duty.

To the people of Matador:

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for the love and support shown towards us at this sorrowful time in our lives with the loss of our son and brother-in-law and uncle, Coke Barton. The gracious amount of food and kind words help ease our pain and sorrow. We feel very fortunate to have had Coke in our lives for the past 14 years. We will always keep him in our prayers. We will also thank God for the people of Matador who were so generous to us.

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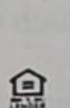
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall on Monday morning, January 29, were hostesses Lula Swim and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Grace Zabelski, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. J.N. Fletcher, Mr. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. Reba Swinney, Mr. Alex Crowder, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams.

There is so much flu around town this week and with the weekend snow storm, there was not much news to report. Pearl Patten and Jo Etta Bumgardner of Matador went to Plainview Thursday to take a sewing machine. They went back on Monday to get

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Graveside rites were as he would have wanted, except for the visiting snow and rain. Volunteers were called for to bear the casket; stepping forward were Wes Campbell, Corky Marshall, Howard Martin, Mark Gurnear, Masonic Brothers, with Gerald Pipkin and Larry Hoyle, classmates of Mike Groves.

We value the friendship and loyalty of every person who stood in the cold, or in any way made Algie's rites easier for his family - the women and men who brought food to the home or Fellowship Hall and served and cleaned up two meals for us, and those who visited then and later. Blessings were showered on us.

Algie's out-of-town relatives and friends present during the time were his brother, Dick Groves of San Antonio and sister Hattie Tee Tomlinson of Katy, Texas. Dick's daughter Lori Aidukas flew from Berkeley, California to drive her father and Aunt Hattie here. Hattie's son, Jerry Tomlinson and his wife, Denise, came from Lubbock. Three nieces, daughters of Avis Dooley, Linda Menikos, Myrtle Graham, and Barbara Kester were here from Ft. Worth and Arlington. Avis, an Alzheimers sufferer was not able to come. She is a classmate of Charlie Keith of Georgetown. A daughter of Madge Dooley Alyne and her husband John Becton of Grove Hill, AL and Alyne's sister, Kewpie Taylor Duncan of Aspermont were here.

Members of the Nichols family were the children of Ralph and Ruby Roller Nichols, Carroll Dennis Nichols, Rita Little of Lubbock and Vada Watt of Bryan. Virginia Martin remained in Lubbock with her mother who was hospitalized with a heart condition. Claud Nichols and his wife Eva and daughter Becky Barker of Quanah, were accompanied to Roaring Springs by their other daughter Brenda and her husband Weldon "Butch" Tabor and their daughter, Townly, a student at Tech. Quanah Masons, other than "Butch" Tabor were C.O. Jones, Jr., Bill Howard and a family friend, Larry Campsey.

Sons of Madge Nichols Renfro were Melvin Renfro with whom Madge makes her home in Carrollton, and Dr. Robert Harold Renfro, Jr. of Houston. A niece, Sharon Brown, daughter of the late Birdie

it Ruby Hipp returned home Saturday from Lubbock after visiting with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hipp, for a week. After seeing a doctor there, she returned home with Mrs. Roy Rowe who spends the weekend in her home here.

SUPER BOWL PARTY
Joe and Joyce Meredith enjoyed supper and the Super Bowl game at the home of her sister, Shirley and Jackie Smith in Matador, Sunday evening. After a delicious Mexican buffet, some enjoyed watching the game, while others enjoyed watching a movie.
Others attending were Steve Smith, Jim and Carla Meador, Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose.

Nell Green, and her husband Maynard Brown of Spur were here assisting Rita from Sunday until Wednesday.

Pat and Kathy Stern Groves of Los Altos Hills, California and their daughter Kelly Rollefson of San Francisco, were accompanied her by Mike Groves, now of San Jose, California. Cortney Groves, younger daughter of Pat and Kathy, was returning to Willamette University in Salem, OR on Sunday, but wrote the requiem included in the service program expressing her grief at the loss of her "Grandat."
Many friends, too numerous to attempt to name, either by calling in person or by telephone, have helped us cope. Key Vaughn, a scout expressed his memory of Algie as "a tree to lean on" during his younger days.

Carroll Wayne Cooper called us as well as notifying his Las Vegas "neighbor", Hazel Green Gordanier so that she could call. Bill Parkey, a former pastor of Quanah, now Hobbs, N.M. and his wife Gayle have promised to come back to Roaring Springs, "the little town where they never saw a stranger," and visit with us all one day.

I am indebted to Linda Hotchco of Dickens for calling Jennie Lou Murphy of 6565 Central Park Blvd., #108, Abilene, TX 79606.

On my desk is the obituary for Drucilla Smith Barcliff of Santa Fe, N.M., who was born in Roaring Springs in 1922. Pending are services for Lila Tipton Meador, a much loved co-editor of the Matador Tribune for many years.
A note from C.H. Murphy and Raynita and Nora Belle Dunning, recalling days of the "Playhouse" and how much it meant to the teens of their days.

Waiting to be opened is today's mail from June Keltz, Clara Ragland of Dickens, Bonnie and Tom Edmondson, a note from Betty V. Ross, Aberdeen, S.D., the North Dickens Sr. Citizens menu from Tommye Keith, Jim and Carla Meador, and from Judy Lowery, Langley, AR, daughter of Hazel Ellithorp, and Hillie Markham. Wonderful tributes to an ordinary citizen — "a good Samaritan."

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—Joseph Joubert

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On or about December 4, 2000, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SPEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, and Gate City Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Childress, Texas, filed an Application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), reporting the acquisition of GCEC by SPEC. Copies of the report are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock Texas; at the offices of GCEC, 1900 Avenue C, NW, Childress, Texas; and the Commission's Central Records, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The report is also available electronically through the Commission's Interchange, which can be accessed through the Commission's web site, www.puc.state.tx.us.

The report to the Commission has been assigned Docket No. 23423. Persons with questions about this project should contact Bryant Higginbotham at SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas, (806) 775-7732, or James Driver at GCEC, P.O. Box 69, Childress, Texas 79201, (940) 937-2565. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment on the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention and comments is March 15, 2001, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by that date.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

HONORED ON 96TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was honored on her 96th birthday Saturday afternoon with a party in her home. She was presented gifts, cards, and a decorated cake encircled with eleven blue and pink blocks with the name of each of her children written in a block. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. L.T. Starkey of Ralls, made the cake. Fruit punch was served with the cake.
Children and families attending were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cybert of Lockney; Johnny Joe Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey, Wendy and Vanessa of Ralls; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, OK; Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot; Mrs. Phylis Gladson and daughter of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo and Christina Reid of Lubbock.

ATTENDS GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay attended the graduation ceremony, December 16, at Texas Tech University held at the Spirit Arena of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sheryl Barclay of Lubbock. She was awarded her degree in Human Science. Also attending were her husband, Lance Barclay and children, Colton and Kayla.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Rain, sleet and snow did not deter friends and family members from celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert Saturday morning. They arrived at her home with sunshine smiles, gifts,

cards, cake and cookies that was served with coffee.

Those attending the happy occasion were Mrs. Leota Johnson, Mrs. Iona Lane and Celia Johnson of Turkey and Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. B. Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of McAdoo enjoyed the performance of popular Doo-Wop Ensemble, The JD's Headlines Show, Friday night at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited overnight Wednesday with her sister and husband, Trula and Wilburn Martin. She attended a Postal System Meeting in Turkey, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam and Emily of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Wolfforth visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Mr. Milam attended a Power Lifting Meet held in Childress, Saturday. Brian remained to visit until Sunday when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon came to visit and accompany him home.

Mary Ellen Barton visited Tuesday in Floydada with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Johnny Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri returned home Monday after visiting the past week with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A friend recalled a time at Camp Blanding, Florida when his Sgt. Caylor was having bayonet inspection. He pulled the bayonet from a scabbard of the GI in front of him and noted just a speck of rust on the tip.

He stuck the bayonet right in front of the GI's nose and said, "Look at that! If you were to stick a guy with this, you'd give him blood poison for sure!"

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Juanita Cooper is a patient at St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital in Amarillo following surgery, Friday, Jan. 26th.

With her during surgery and hospitalization are daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunning of Amarillo and Jack Samford of Afton. Mr. Samford is visiting in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs.

Ray King.

PLACES IN GYMNASIUM MEET

Danielle Gwinn attended the Gymnastics Acro Spirit Meet held in Spur, Saturday. She placed 2nd in the Trampoline competition and 3rd in Floor Exercises. Entries from throughout the South Plains competed in the events.

Her mother, Mrs. Darla Gwinn and brother, Fannin accompanied her to Spur and enjoyed the event.

Due to the accumulation of ice, electrical outage was reported west of Whiteflat, Sunday and broken tree limbs. An unusual combination of weather during Saturday and Sunday included rain accompanied with thunder and lightning, sleet, snow and freezing temperatures in Whiteflat and Flomot.

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Obituaries

Lila Meador

Funeral services for Lila Tipton Meador, 92, of Camp Wood, Texas, will be held Thursday, February 1, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating will be Rev. Royce Jennings, pastor. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery, Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Meador passed away January 28, 2001 at the Camp Wood Convalescence Center. She had been a resident there for one year.

She was born January 14, 1909 in Colt, Arkansas to Andrew and Aletha Crowell Tipton. She moved to Matador in 1928 after graduating from High School from Caruthsville, MO. Her parents were already in Motley County, having moved there in 1927.

She met Douglas Meador in Matador and they married June 28, 1929 in Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her husband Douglas Meador, her father Andrew A. Tipton, her mother Aletha Crowell Tipton, a brother Burrell A. Tipton and a half-sister Virginia Hickson.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Crider of Odessa and Opal Fulkerson of Lubbock, and a cousin, J.W. Tipton of Matador; her nieces, Donna Kirkland of Odessa, Dale Nance of Barksdale, Nola Hasty of Robert Lee, Susan Hackey of Sugar Land and Paula Hepting of Harvey, La.; her nephews, David Crider of Roswell, N.M., Gerald Fulkerson of Lubbock, and Tony Junio of Indiana; also several great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jim Meador, Richard Turner, Roy Hobbs, Kenny Barton, Billy Osborn and Larry Hoyle.

The family has suggested memorials to the East Mound Cemetery Association at Matador or to your favorite charity.

Lyle Anderson

Hobbs, N.M. -- Memorial services for Lyle "Reggie" Anderson, 70, of the Higginbotham community near Seminole were held at 2 p.m., Friday, January 26, at Chapel of Hope Funeral Home with the Rev. Gorton Smith officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home of Hobbs.

He died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001.

He was born July 21, 1930, in Winfield, Kansas. He graduated from Roswell High School in 1948, and from Texas Tech in 1952 with a degree in agriculture. He married Rosemary Bloodworth on Aug. 25, 1953, in Whiteflat.

He attended Officer Cadet Training School in Newport, R.I., where he achieved the rank of ensign. He com-

pleted flight training in Pensacola, Fla., and completed jet training in Corpus Christi. He spent the remainder of his military service in Miramar, Calif., where he flew off the U.S.S. Essex with squadron VA 113 as a second lieutenant until his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1957.

He was a farmer for 27 years, went on to work for MC Hightower for 2 1/2 years and then worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Lovington until his retirement in 1999. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Robin Zinter of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Wryn Best of Hobbs; a son, Joe of Los Angeles; and four grandchildren.

Cal Farley

Turkey - Graveside services for Cal Farley, 27, of Turkey, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey. Rev. Melvin Clinton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Cal Farley was born on January 12, 1974 at Memphis, Texas. He passed away on Monday, January 29, 2001 at Silvertown, Texas, at the age of 27 years and 17 days. He attended Valley Schools. He married Genny Lynn on September 9, 1993 at Ama-

riilo, Texas. He was a cowboy and worked in well service.

Survivors include his wife, Ginny Farley of the home; a son, Cody Farley of Turkey; a daughter Katelyn Farley of Turkey; by his parents, Billy and Betty Farley of Turkey; by a brother, Wes Farley of Weatherford; by a sister, Suzie Meyer of Quitaque; and by his grandparents, Bill and Ida Farley of Turkey and Frances Mitchell of Matador.

Memorials may be made to the Cal Farley Love Fund at the Turkey Branch of the Memphis State Bank in Turkey.

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Farm and Ranch News

New zone manager named for South Plains High Plains Eradication Zone

(Abilene) - Patrick Burson, a Haskell native, has been named zone manager for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone.

Burson will oversee operations for the zone, which encompasses close to 1.2 million acres of cotton. Cotton producers recently approved the creation of the zone that covers Cochran, Hockley and Lubbock counties, along with parts of Crosby, Dickens, Lynn, Terry and Garza counties.

Burson, a fourth-generation farmer, graduated from Haskell High School in 1990 and studied agronomy and entomology at Texas Tech University from 1990-1992.

At Texas Tech, he assisted with research in the agronomy department.

He joined the Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation in 1996, working as environmental monitoring specialist in Haskell before becoming a field unit supervisor there in 1997. In 1999, Burson moved to Muleshoe to become assistant zone manager for the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone.

Burson is based in Lubbock.

The boll weevil eradication effort seeks to eliminate the most consistent threat to cotton production in Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture estimates that boll weevils cost Texas producers about \$50 million each year.

Eradication increases producers' yields, lowers the cost of production and drastically reduces the amount of pesticide used to control boll weevil infestations.



Food Check-Out shows food is a bargain

National Food Check-Out Day will be celebrated on February 7, 2001. This day represents the day by which the average American has earned enough income to buy his or her food for the entire year. In 2001, that is February 7, only 38 days after New Year's Day.

"Our abundant food is one of the great success stories in America," said Seab Washington, president of the Motley County Farm Bureau.

"Food Check-Out Day shows the great affordability of food in America. According to the latest statistics provided by the Agriculture Department, the average American devotes only 10.4 percent of his or her disposable personal income to pay for food.

(Other statistics that are available indicate that consumer spending for food is even lower than the 10.4 percent figure).

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Motley County Farm Bureau

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on Thursday, February 22, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Building - Matador Refreshments will be served

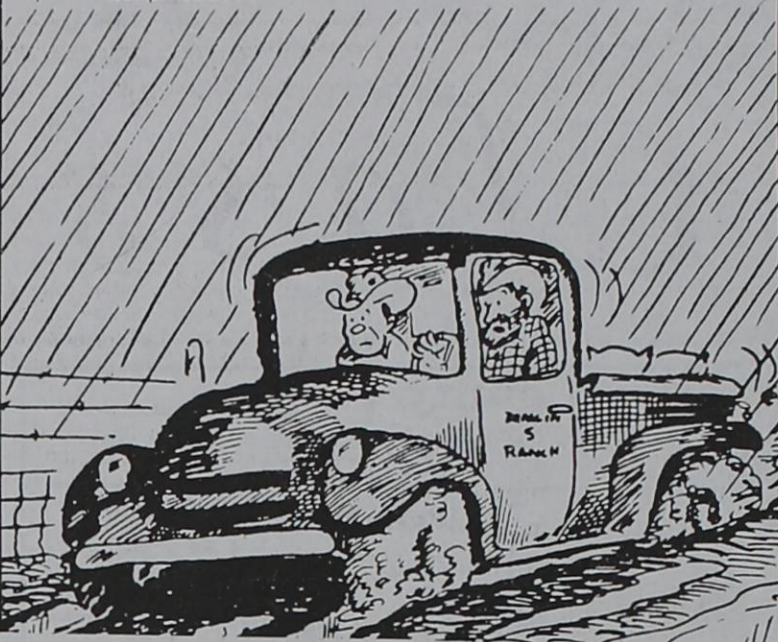
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