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Senator Haywood holds town meeting

by Marisue Potts

Texas Senator Tom Haywood appeared in a series of town meetings across District 30 last Wednesday, November 29. He appeared at the Motley County Library in Matador before a large crowd of interested citizens representing a myriad of special interest groups: veterans, schools, rural health, senior citizens, mental health, agriculture, and libraries.

Senator Haywood and his staff were welcomed to Motley County by Librarian Suzanne Abbott.

Patricia K. Green, local lay representative for West Texas Library Association, made a plea for direct aid to public libraries. As a state, she explained, Texas ranks 45th in the nation on expenditures for their libraries, which comes out to about 25 cents per person.

Saddled with the same funding

since 1990, libraries depend upon local fund raising to pick up about 90% of the tab. Green said what is needed is a state aid package. The senator responded that Texas usually ranks about 32nd in various rankings, and he appreciated the information and the data provided.

Other citizens brought concerns to the lawmaker's attention. C.W. Moore, a substitute teacher and husband of a teacher, asked that lawmakers consider a pay raise for educators. Bill Luckett, a long-time school board member, asked that those raises come with funding from the state, instead of imposing a heavy tax burden and ag-related businesses hit hard by drought and a dwindling population. Another school board member, Marisue Potts, expressed concerns about the rising costs of medical insurance for state employees and the self-employed and asked

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Fleeing suspect dies near Flomot

A fleeing suspect, Raul Lucio Jr., died early Friday morning, December 1, when his sport utility vehicle plunged off a 150-foot cliff near Flomot during a police chase.

The 24-year-old Plainview man was being chased by Plainview police after they received a call at 3:30 a.m. that Lucio was driving over residential lawns. Narcotics officers were looking at Mr. Lucio for possession violations, according to Plainview Police Captain Michael Carroll.

Police in patrol cars chased Lucio east on FM 2286 into Floyd County, Carroll said. Lucio's vehicle reportedly reached speeds of about 105 mph during the chase.

When the road went from paved to dirt and became rough, the pursuing officers turned off their emergency lights and broke off the high-speed chase but continued to slowly trail Lucio's vehicle.

Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, was notified at approximately 4:00 a.m. of the chase. He joined the search for Mr. Lucio at that time.

Police reports indicate that when Lucio neared Flomot, he drove through a ranch corral.

According to Sheriff Meador, "He apparently didn't know where he was going and went straight down off the cliff and crashed on Cogdell ranchland, near Flomot."

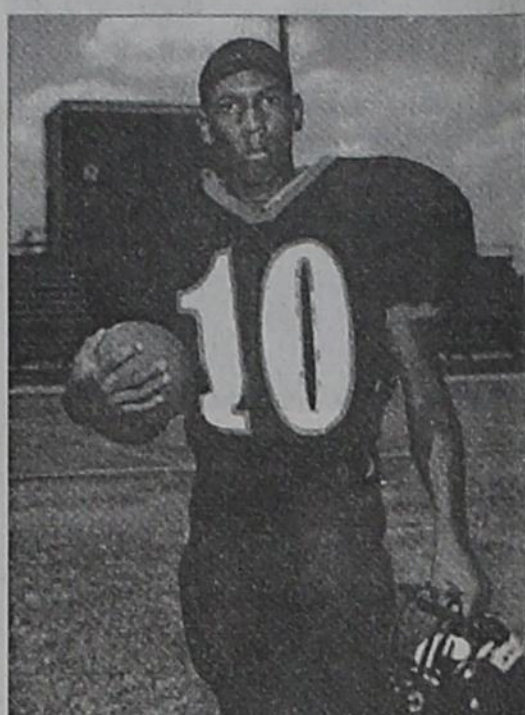
Lucio was pronounced dead at the scene.

No drugs were found in his car as of Friday afternoon, according to Plainview Police.

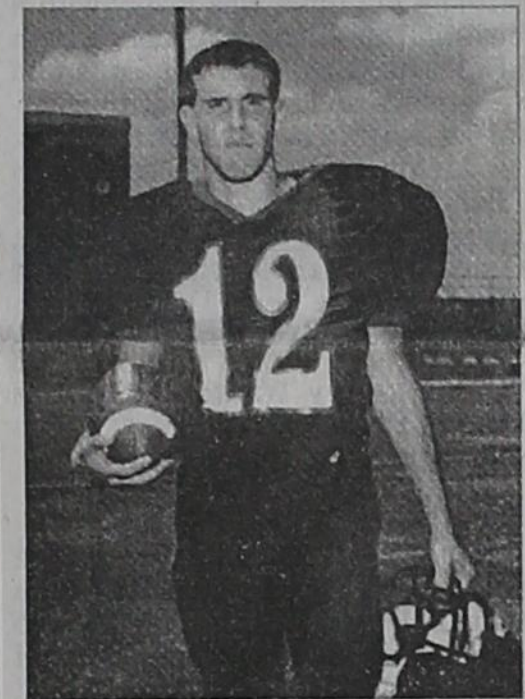
Lucio also had fled from police in August, and they arrested him after finding 2 pounds of marijuana and a stolen handgun in his garage, according to Police.

He was under indictment for those charges.

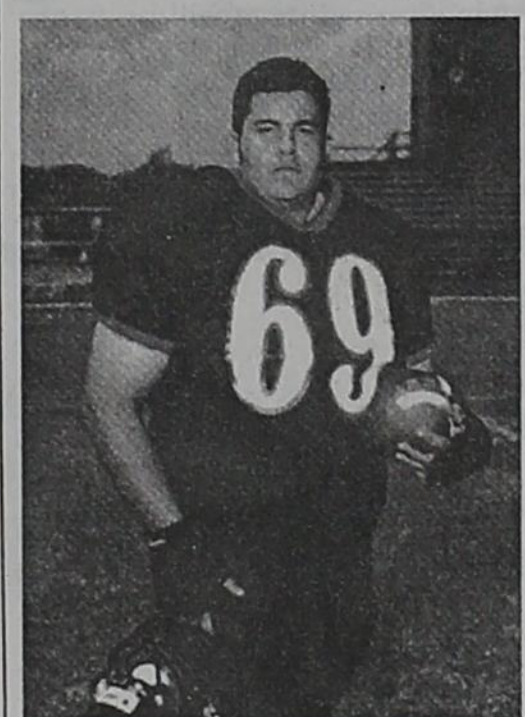
15 Matadors receive All-District honors



Jermaine Hendrix



Benjamin Ridgley



Julio Davila



Brandon Lee

Motley County Senior, Jermaine Hendrix, was named Overall Most Valuable Player for the District 6-A 2000 All-District Football team.

Named to the Academic All-District Team, receiving all "A's" in all subjects for both the first and second six weeks, was Chantry Meyer, a Motley County Sophomore.

Other Motley County Matadors receiving recognition are as follows:

Offense - Ysef Alvarado, Jr., second team Running Back; Benjamin Ridgley, Sr., second team, Wide Receiver; Frank Martinez, Jr., second team Offensive Lineman.

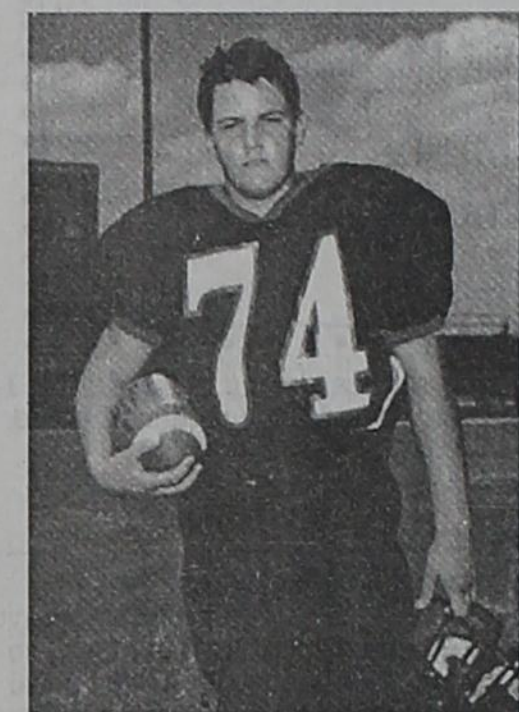
Defense - Casey Lawrence, Sr., first team Linebacker; Julio Davila, Soph., first team Lineman; Clint Cooper, Soph., second team Lineman.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Alex Salazar, Sr., Center; Chooch Meyer, Sr., Offensive Line-

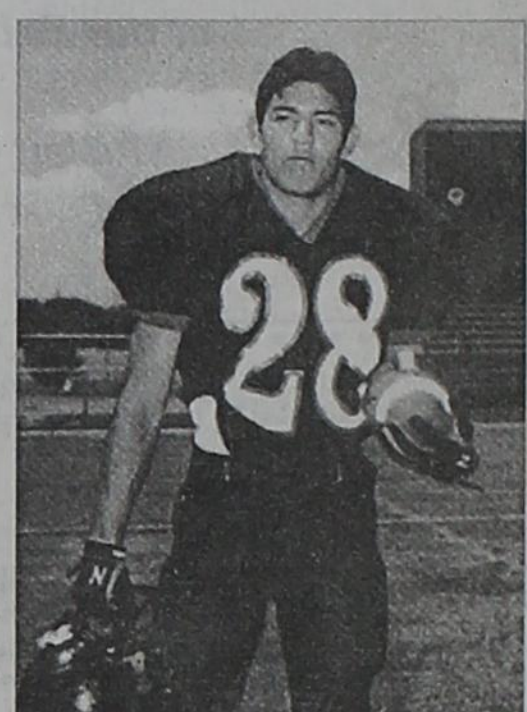
man; Brandon Lee, Sr., Secondary; Brad Baxter, Jr., Offensive Lineman; Shawn Marvel, Jr., Secondary; Jose Flores, Jr., Kicker; T.J. Christopher,

Soph., Linebacker.

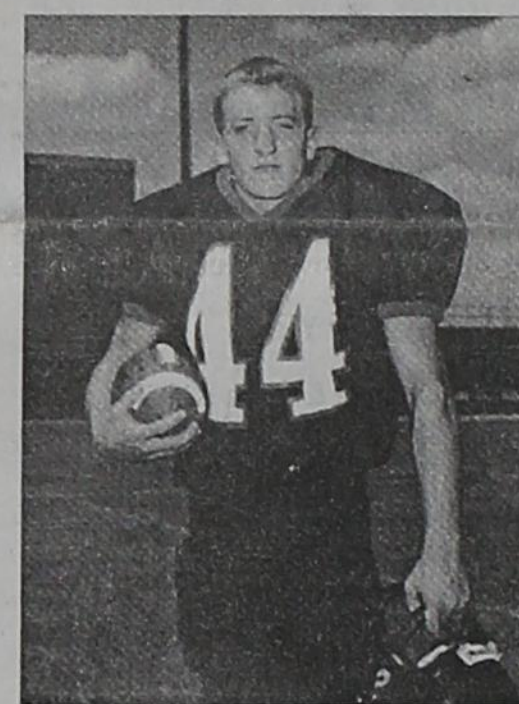
Other teams in the district are Paducah, Munday, Aspermont, Knox City and Crowell.



Chantry Meyer



Ysef Alvarado



Casey Lawrence



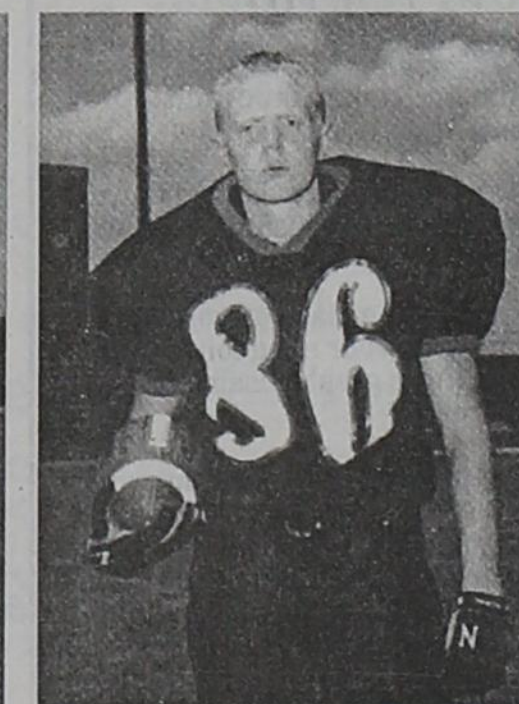
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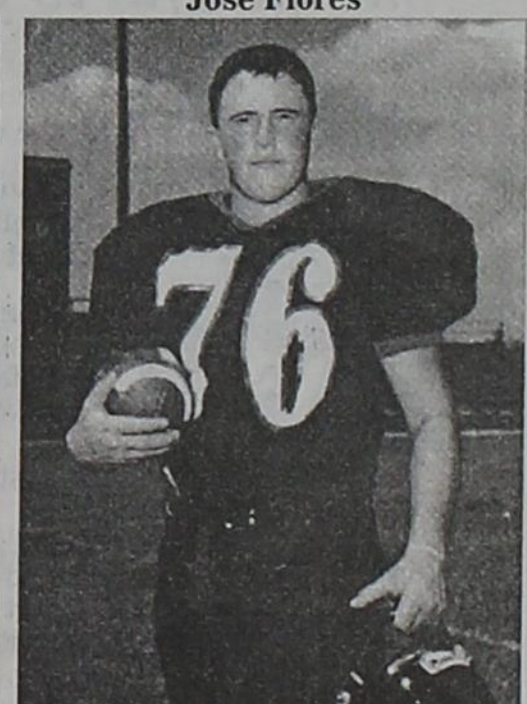
Alex Salazar



Jose Flores



Shawn Marvel



Brad Baxter

Santa Claus will visit Matador Thursday

Local businesses to stay open late!

Christmas shoppers will be in for a special treat on Thursday, December 7, when Santa arrives atop a bright red fire truck at an undisclosed secret destination in downtown Matador. The firemen will deliver Old Saint Nick to Diane Washington's office at the corner of Main and US 70 for visiting with children from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. After photographs with Santa, kids may make

gift selections for under a dollar at The Kiddie Store, sponsored by the TFWC Eternas Study Club.

From 6 until 9 p.m. merchants, individual vendors, and the Library are offering bargains galore and delicious refreshments to attract shoppers for an evening of old fashioned Christmas spirit. Everyone is urged to re-discover Christmas at Late Night Shopping!



OPEN HOUSE — Dana Graham is pictured at the recent Open House held at her Roaring Springs business, Graham Supply. Dana and husband, Ross, became the new owners of the eighty-year-old business in September, when they purchased the business from the Thacker family. Mrs. Graham has made some changes, added new merchandise, but offers the same friendly, hometown service the Supply store gave its customers for the past eighty years. The Grahams extend a welcome to everyone to stop by.

November brings January pattern of weather

by Earlyne Jameson

A combination of untimely snows, rains and freezing temperatures in November brought a pattern of weather normally seen in January. The lack of rain during the summer months have sharply reduced income for the cotton and peanut farmers in

Motley County.

Very few cotton strippers were in the field the past week as a majority of the farmers are contacting their insurance adjusters. Strong north winds and freezing temperatures were companions in the month of December.

November total monthly moisture reports by Motley County National Weather Service volunteers are: Kelly Meyer, Matador, 2.10; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 1.51; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.04; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 2.00; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 1.35.

First Baptist Church
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, Dec. 10
2 performances
11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.



Can you believe there are only 18 days until Christmas? Where is the time going? I am not prepared! This is one of my busiest times at the paper, seems like I live here. I never get home during daylight hours. I wish it were possible to have more time at home, time with my grandbabies to make cookies, and do all kinds of fun Christmas things with them. Maybe someday soon!

Remember Late Night Shopping this Thursday (tonight)! It is very important that we all do our shopping at home! As a local business owner, I know how much your Christmas shopping business is needed. Motley County has a lot to offer! Take the time to browse through our local

shops and just see for yourself. I bet you could find something for everyone on your list!

Late Night Shopping always brings a spirit of Christmas to the area. It's neat to see the downtown area full of cars and shoppers on the sidewalks. It makes you think of the song, "City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style - in the air there's a feeling of Christmas." I love that song - "Silver Bells." I love all Christmas songs. In case you haven't come to the conclusion yet, I love Christmas!

May God bless each of you with a love and joy for the season, and may we all recall to mind the real reason we celebrate Christmas - Jesus!

A Note of Thanks

Special thanks to the people of Motley County and others for their support of our Fall Bazaar.



Motley County
Arts & Crafts Club

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and flowers while I was in the hospital in Lubbock, and the calls since I have returned home. May God bless you.

Ruby Hipp

Heart filled thanks

I would like to thank all who have been so thoughtful during my dad's long illness. Your words of concern and understanding has meant so much to me and my family. Your memorials in his honor, the cards, floral gifts, food, telephone calls and visits have been of great comfort, since his death. To those who attended his memorial service, I will always remember your presence and forever be grateful.

Love,
Frances Hobbs and family

To our many friends in Motley County:

We love you and miss you - however, we are enjoying our new home at the Park Place Assisted Living Center in Georgetown. Please call, write or come by to visit us soon.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Charlie & Viola Keith
101 FM 971, Suite 306
Georgetown, TX 78626
(512) 869-0543

We would like to thank everyone in the community for the cards, flowers, food, visits and most of all your prayers. It is a blessing to live in such a wonderful town, that is small in size but large in love and heart, and where people are so kind. We consider each of you to be a special blessing to our family.

Thank you!
Craig, Cathey,
Cassidy and Carley

A special thank you to all those who sent flowers, food, memorials and cards to our homes. To the dear friends who served our families the delicious meal at the Sr. Citizens Center and to the ladies who prepared the meal. A very special thank you to Rev. Rickey Lawrence for the beautiful words of comfort. To Pat Seigler and Nathan Shannon, the preparation and courtesy you've shown to us will never be forgotten. And to mother's grandson, Ricky Carson, for music and song. It was beautiful, and she would have been very proud.

Thanks again,
The families of
Dorthea Grundy
Jimmie Jameson
Lona Gaylor
Lee Alan Chaney

If Worship has ceased to be meaningful to you, try this....



1. During the week take a little time to pray for the worship services.
2. If you have any grudges, hatred toward your fellow man, or other sinful attitudes, correct them.
3. Upon entering the place of worship, begin meditating on your need for God in your life, and those great blessings He has bestowed already.
4. When the song service starts, join in heartily and sing with the spirit and the understanding.
5. If it is the Lord's Day, then give special care to thinking about the Lord's Supper - its purpose and meaning. Also, when the offering is taken, meditate on this as a part of your expression of worship to our great Father. In connection with your giving, express thanks to God for having prospered you to this degree.
6. While listening carefully to the sermon, keep searching for ways to apply it in your own heart and life first, and then to others in the most helpful ways.
7. When the service is over, express your Christian friendliness first to visitors and strangers, then to other members before becoming "incommunicado" with your own special group of friends.
8. Leave the service determined to walk a dedicated life with Christ.

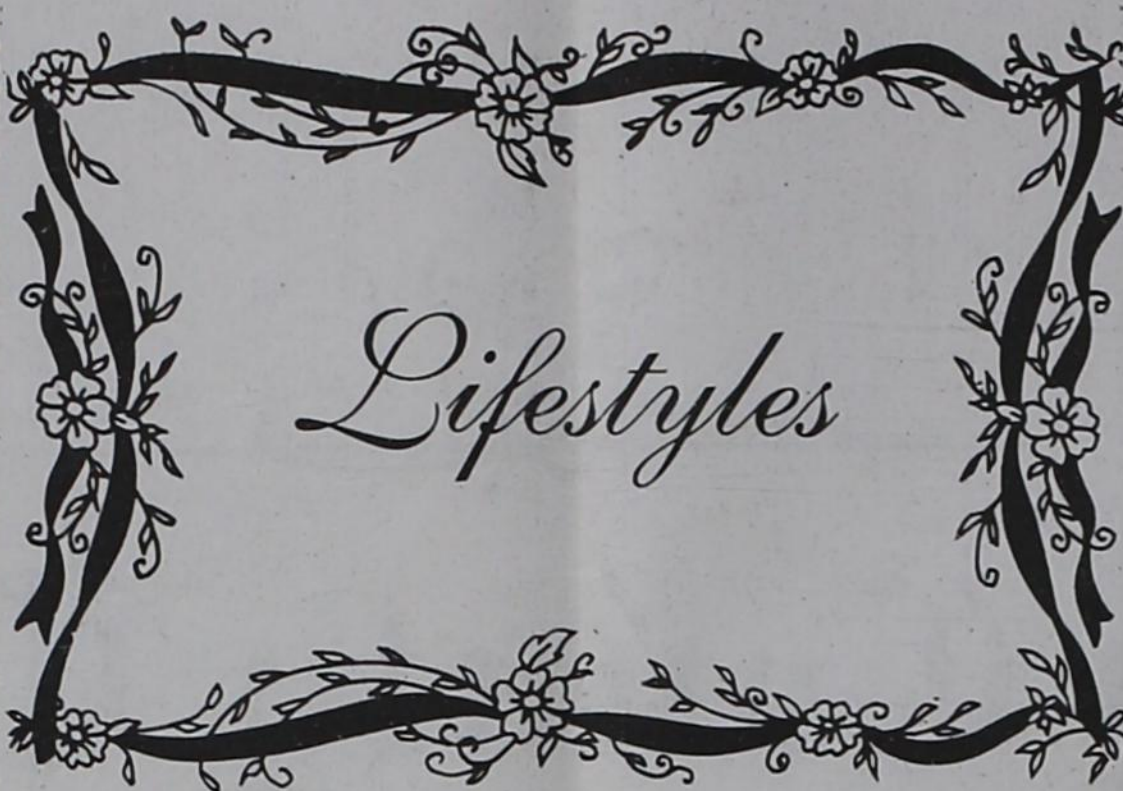
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Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.



Former resident named to Who's Who Among Teachers

Rosemary Bloodworth Anderson, retired third grade teacher, has been included in Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2000, from Lovington, New Mexico. This is the second time she has attained this honor, having been named in 1992 also.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Whiteflat, Texas, graduated in 1949, from Matador, Texas, graduated in 1949, from Matador High School. She received her degree from Texas Tech in 1953 with a B.A. in Applied Art. Further education came from College of Southwest and Eastern New Mexico University.

She was selected Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1979-80; New Mexico Outstanding Conservation Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1993. She was a member of N.E.A. and L.E.A. during her teaching years.

Mrs. Anderson and husband, Reggie, reside in Gaines County, Texas. They are the parents of Robin Zinter of Port St. Lucie, Florida; Joel



Rosemary Anderson

Anderson, North Hollywood, California, and Wayne Best of Hobbs, New Mexico. They are proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

El Progreso club meets

by Winifred Darsey

The El Progreso Club celebrated Veterans Day, November 9, with an awe inspiring program.

Billie Koon was program leader. She introduced Deborah Martin, the presenter for the program, who presented Gerald Pipkin, a navigator on a tanker for the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

During his tour of duty, he made movies of their operation in this Theater of War. He ran these films for the club which included the refueling process in the air, pictures of the countryside, the Gulf of Tonkin and the populace. It was thrilling to watch planes flying hundreds of miles an hour and refueling at the same time.

The program was concluded with the song, "God Bless America," accompanied on the piano by Pipkin.

Billie Koon gave the closing prayer and a quotation, "One of God's greatest treasures is a friend."

The club adjourned and was favored with refreshments by the hostess, Ruby McGuire.

The tea table was lovely with a beautiful cornucopia fashioned from grapevine, filled with fall fruits and vegetables and accented with colorful fall leaves. The food was delicious.

Members present were Sharon Allen, Freida Burns, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Joetta Bumgardner, Grace Campbell, Marge King, Dorothy Day, Billie Koon, Deborah Martin, Ruby McBride, Pearl Patten, Opal Pipkin, Penny Pipkin, Lou Walker, Jerry Watson, Winifred Darsey, Patricia Green. Mrs. Green sold poppies for the Veterans.

Christmas Party

A Ranch Home Christmas will be held at the ranch house of Grace Campbell on December 14, 2000. Jo Ann Dixon will present her original story for "A Texas Christmas Past." An exchange of ornament gifts and a covered dish dinner will be served. (Members are reminded to bring recipes). Hostesses will be Grace Campbell, Lu Walker, Dorothy Day, Joetta Bumgardner, Loys Campbell, and all members.



Library volunteer, Ruby McGuire, Texas Senator Tom Haywood, Le-gionnaire Luther Green, library lay representative Patricia Green, and Librarian Suzanne Abbott shared information and concerns about library funding and state governmental affairs at a town meeting in Matador on November 29.

Senator holds town meeting

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that a state plan for co-insurance be considered.

Winifred Darsey had questions about water policy; the senator expects that legislation will be enacted to prohibit the interbasin water transfer. He said that right of capture has historically been the rule and he believes that it will continue to be the rule.

Jerry Green, representative for a large contingent from the American Legion's Fleming Post, had questions concerning veterans' affairs.

Lucretia Edwards Campbell expressed concerns about the Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) programs. Local physician supporting rural health, Dr. Pat Williams revealed he had been a page in Austin as a young man and received invaluable experience; the senator urged his constituents who wanted a son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter to serve as a page to contact him.

Senator Haywood has had Parkinson's disease for about six years. He walks with a cane and is assisted by his aides. However, his physical limitations neither hinder his ability to get right to the heart of a matter and its perceived solution nor do they dull his sharp wit. In his prepared statement, he said that it is the intent of the upcoming 77th Legislature, which begins in January, 2001, to make government smarter, cut red tape, become user friendly, and fine tune time-cogs.

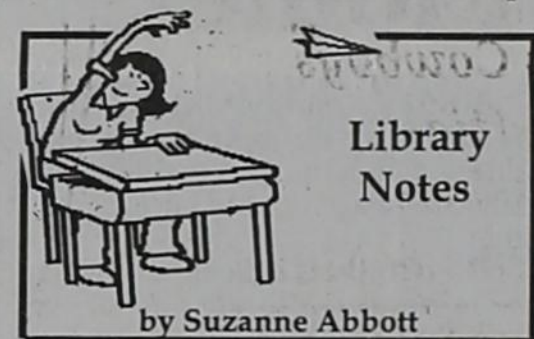
He expects continued progress in rural health, the agriculture industry, and education. Education made up

about 45 percent of the total budget in the 76th session. With Senate Bill 4, pay raises, assistance to build new facilities, and enhancement for Head Start, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs, and early identification of reading difficulties and intervention became reality. Senate Bill 445 provided for health insurance for a significant portion of the state's uninsured children who live with families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

As co-chair on ag policy, his interests include water, pest eradication, protection of private property and ag land. He also serves on the interim committees on State Affairs, which deals with transportation, and Natural Resources, which deals with groundwater conservation, storage of low-level radioactive waste storage, and oil and natural gas production. He believes the oil severance tax bill will be a tough bill to pass. Covenant marriages and civil liability protection for chambers of commerce are issues that are expected to be addressed.

Should Governor Bush become the next U.S. President and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry moves into Governor's position, the 17 Republicans and 16 Democrats in the Texas Senate will have to elect a presiding officer. Haywood believes that Bill Ratliff or Sibley are likely candidates over the Panhandle's Teel Bivins.

Haywood concluded his lively town meeting with the statement, "I want to make the government work harder for you."



by Suzanne Abbott

We really appreciate all who came to meet with Senator Tom Haywood. Motley County had a great crowd to welcome him. Then, after lunch some of the people came back to help set up the book sale. We really appreciate the work that Betty Moore, Kathryn Russell, Jeanette Case, Winifred Darsey, Edna Ruth Green,

D.A. McGuire, Ruby McGuire, Gerry Jones, Loys Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Winifred Lee, and Patricia Green did to get us ready for the sale.

We have some new videos for children. We have three "Blue's Clues" videos: Blue's Big Treasure Hunt, Magenta Comes Over, and Blue's Birthday. We also have videos about Arthur, Little Bear, and Franklin. All of the younger set will enjoy these new, colorful videos.

See you Thursday night at the library.

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What's Cooking?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Salsa, Green Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Potato Chips, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: (Pre-Christmas) Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Celery Sticks, Sweet Potatoes, Homemade Bread, Red Velvet Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, Dessert, Milk.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Breakfast: Bacon or Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple, Milk.

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MC ISD testing, holiday schedule

Semester tests for Motley County students will be December 13, 14 and 15.

School will dismiss at 2:21 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14.

Christmas holidays for Motley County students will begin Friday, December 15, at 1:30 p.m. Busses will run at this time. Parents of town students will need to pick up their children at all of these early out times.

Because of UIL regulations, both gyms will be closed December 22-26. No one will be allowed in the gyms on these days.

Classes will resume at the regular time on Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

Only 18
days 'til
Christmas

MC Basketball underway Mavericks send Bullpups home with 2 losses

The Motley County Lady Mavericks, the junior high girls basketball team, squeaked by the Spur girls, 18-17, on November 11, in a scrappy Matador contest that came down to determination.

Coach Amy Bowles said the game was good and close, but when it came down to it, "These young ladies found a way to win."

Brittany Moore scored 11 points, supported by Sabrina Osborn's 3, as well as Kittie Campbell and Amanda Ashby's 2 points each.

It was up to the junior high boys' Maverick team to post a decisive win over Spur in a one-sided contest that resulted in a 44-10 victory.

Clay Cooper was the leading hoopster with 13. Colton Russell, who netted 10 was close behind. Matt Henzler posted 8; John Stevens, 5; Cody Cooper, 4; Obie Saldana, 2; and Chance Bingham, 2.

Russell, Stevens and Clay Cooper hit 100% from the line, but the entire team performed well on the boards and played a great defensive game.

MC Jr. High steals the honey from Jayton hive

The 34-28 victory was sweet for the Lady Mavericks on December 4 when they faced the Jayton Jr. High Hornets in Jayton.

Stealing the honey and the show were two young ladies who almost matched points at the net. Sabrina Osborn led the scoring with 13 points while Brittany Moore followed closely behind with 12. Kittie Campbell swished 5 points, while both Annie Green and Stacey Hoggland added 2 points. Ashlee Green played a good defensive game in the tough four-quarters game that required team work.

Giving up only 5 points in the second half, the MC junior high boys' team blew by the wingless and stingless Hornets at Jayton to post a 40-23 win in the second game of the season.

Matt Henzler hit the hoop for 16 impressive points, followed by Clay Cooper with 8, John Stevens with 6, Colton Russell with 5, Cody Cooper, 3, and Obie Saldana, 2. The Mavs played great defense, but practice at

the free throw line was evident. The team shot 8 out of 11 free throws, while Colton Russell netted a perfect 3 for 3.

Letters to Santa must be received by December 7

Letters to Santa must be received at the Motley County Tribune no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, to be included in the Christmas edition. All letters will be mailed to Santa at the North Pole as soon as they are typed.

Letters may be brought by the Tribune office, or mailed to the following address:

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Mrs. Callie Giesecke was hostess to the coffee drinkers in her home on Monday morning, Dec. 4. All kinds of goodies were enjoyed by Mr. R.C. Giesecke, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mr. Lea Peacock, Miss Lula Swim, Mrs. Pearl Patten, and the hostess, Callie Giesecke.

Pearl Patten spent several days in Boyd visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, and going to basketball games to watch her granddaughter play her first ballgame.

99TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED
Buzz and LaVoe Thacker and Joyce Smith went to Amarillo Thursday, November 30, to celebrate Cora Mitchell's 99th

birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowrance of Amarillo joined the group for lunch and later a birthday party in the Lowrance home. Mrs. Mitchell is a resident of Bivins Memorial Home in Amarillo. Cora is LaVoe and Mrs. Lowrance's mother. She lived and grew up in Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim were in a car accident on Thursday night. They were carried to Methodist Hospital.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten drove to Lubbock, Tuesday.

Odessa Mullins kept a doctor appointment in Crosbyton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barton drove from Levelland, Saturday, and took their aunt, Odessa Mullins, to lunch at LaNita's Cafe.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

VACATION TOUR
Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were on a vacation tour to Tennessee from Sunday, Nov. 27, to Sunday, Dec. 3.

In Pigeon Forge, Tenn. they enjoyed five shows, Louise Mandrell, Blackwood Quartet, Country Tonight, The Christmas Show and Lee Greenwood. In Gatlingburg, Tenn., the Christmas Gardens in the Smokey Mountains was an attraction of Biblical proportions. It is the number one religious attraction in the area.

Enroute home, they toured and viewed the spectacular Christmas lights of Rhema College in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited during the Thanksgiving holidays in Hale Center with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Carson and houseguest, Mr. Ross's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Anestad of El Paso.

Sue and John Porter of Austin were weekend visitors of her mother, Barbara and husband, M.C. Jones. This was their first trip to Motley County and among the tourist attractions they enjoyed was the

Caprock Canyons State Park.

Mary Ellen Barton visited on Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson, who returned to the Care Center in Floydada after being hospitalized at Mangold Hospital the past week.

Kim and Dickie Cloyd of Memphis and son, Jason, student at Clarendon Junior College, visited during the week with his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd. They put up cheerful Christmas decorations and lights inside and outside her home.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Tommie Beck of Turkey and Jackie Beck of Quitaque.

Visiting Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Wednesday were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey of Ralls. Visiting her during the weekend were Monty George of Lubbock and Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls.

Cara Franks of Dallas visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. She also visited in Matador with Lacy and Conway Clarey, Caleb and Mickey.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
I talk fast so I can remember what I am going to say. I woke up this morning with a running nose, but I'm not upset, because at my age, I'm glad something is still running!

Arthur Harmon of Amarillo visited from Wednesday of last week until Saturday in Matador with sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon. He visited from Saturday until Thursday with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper.

Mrs. Pat Moore of Matador and Mrs. Carol Ann Turner attended a Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority Educational Meeting held in McAdoo, Saturday at the First Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and son, Fannin, attended the music recital at the First Christian Church in Floydada Sunday afternoon in which daughter and sister, Danielle was a featured piano performer. Others attending were her grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Cruse of Flomot,

and aunts, Mrs. Josie Raetz of Matador and Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner were son, Cobey, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, and friend, Janell Kilmer, student at SPC in Levelland.

Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Aspermont, Sunday, with Mrs. Williedee King. She returned home recently following hip surgery and therapy and is reported to be doing fine.

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle, attended the Valley vs. Kress basketball game Friday night in which nephew and cousin, Derrick Cruse played. Also attending was his grandmother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, and his sister, Leah Cruse, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited during the weekend with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Obituaries

Lena Cook

Graveside services for Lena Cook, 88, of Matador, were held at 4 p.m., Saturday, December 2, in Roaring Springs Cemetery with the Rev. Rickey Lawrence officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

She died on Thursday, November 30, 2000, at Lockney Care Center.

She was born on March 27, 1912, in Quanah. She came to Motley County as a child and had been a lifelong resident of Roaring Springs and Matador.

She married Commodore Davis in 1930. He died in 1949. She married J.E. "Doc" Cook in 1952. He died in 1985.

She was also preceded in death by a little grandson, James Carson, who died April 23, 1965.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador and was past president of the Matador Senior Citizens organization.

Survivors include two daughters, Jimmie Jameson and Dortha Grundy, both of Matador; two brothers, Lee Alan Chaney of Denver and Calvin Chaney of Spokane, Wash.; a sister, Lona Gaylor of Abilene; six grandchildren; 13 great-



grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Leslie Jameson, Larry Jameson, Lynn Jameson, Terry Carson, Ricky Carson, and Lee Hurt.

Leora Barton Scrivner

Turkey -- Services for Harold "Pookin" Thrasher, 78, of Turkey were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at First Baptist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

He died Sunday, November 26, 2000, in Crosbyton.

He was born Dec. 3, 1921, in Turkey. He married Bettie Gilbert on Oct. 23,

1946, in Turkey. She died June 19, 2000.

He served as a Sea Bee in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal during World War II.

He was a transport truck driver for Panhandle Oil Company and was a school bus driver for Valley Schools.

Survivors include two sons, Calvin of Aztec, N.M., and James of Ralls; two daughters, Debbie Cagle of Flomot and Patty Kimbell of Estelline; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Harold Thrasher

Leora (Barton) Scrivner of Alpine, California, formerly of Motley and Floyd counties, passed away November 25, 2000, at Country Hills Health Care in El Cajon, California, after a lengthy illness.

She was born August 28, 1906, at the Barton Ranch, east of Flomot, Texas. She was a Southern Baptist.

She was a daughter of the late A.L. and Addie Barton. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.N. Scrivner, an infant son, and one brother, Dick Barton.

Survivors include two daughters and two sons-in-law, Milda and Logan

Morrison of Boulevard, California, and Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathryn King of Matador; and one brother, Wilson Barton of Flomot; and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held December 9, 2000, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Matador.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity, East Mound Cemetery or the First Baptist Church of Matador.

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Farm and Ranch News

Motley County Stock Show validation December 16

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If you have a sheep or swine project, please let your advisor Jim Cooper or Lonnie Jensechke know where the project is so that we will

validate them on December 16. Please try to be with your project to assist with the validation process.

All Motley County Junior Livestock Show sheep and swine must be validated on this day, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be March 10, 2001.

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



4-H MEETING

There will be a 4-H Meeting, December 14, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., at the VFW Memorial Building. This meeting will also be the 4-H Christmas Party. The meeting will be very short, so we will be able to eat and open Christmas presents. The meeting and party will only last one hour, so please come and participate. If you are interested in participating in the Christmas gift exchange, bring a gift that is \$5.00 or less.

CEU TRAINING

Attention to all Private, Commercial and Non-Commercial License holders — this will be the last CEU meeting this year. There are several of you that need to renew your license this year. Make sure that you have 15 hours within the last five years. You must have your certificates from these meetings.

Topics will include: Weed & Brush Control, Livestock and Wheat Pest, and Laws and Regs.

Applicators will get 1 hour Laws & Regs., 1 hour IPM, 1 hour General.

The meeting will be December 12, 2000 p.m., in the Courthouse - District Courthouse.

5 HOUR TRAINING

If you are willing to travel, there will be a 5-hour CEU Training, Friday, December 19, 2000, Cross Plains Community Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Topics will include Laws & Regs., Integrated Pest Management and Chemical Selection for Target Species for Weeds and Brush Control. There will be a catered fish lunch served at noon.

Cost for the training is \$10.00 for those who pre-register by December 15, 2000. Thereafter will be \$15.00 at the door.

For more information and to pre-register, call Robert Pritz CEA - Agriculture in Callahan County at (915) 854-1518, or Lance Rasch, CEA in Coleman County at (915) 625-4519.

Change in operations successful for Land Bank

Pampa, Texas -- Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA announced that the move to direct lender status has proven successful based on end of year projections. The change to a Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) was approved by the board in late 1999 and by an overwhelming vote of the stockholders in April of 2000.

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank remains a part of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas; however, it now functions as a stand alone entity as opposed to being an agent for the Farm Credit Bank. According to CEO Robert Williams, Jr., "All Land Bank Associations in Texas will be direct lenders by January 1, 2001. But, there will be some variation in structure and services provided by each Association." Williams further explained, "Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank has chosen to remain focused on long-term mortgage lending. We believe that we can best add value to membership in the association by continuing to specialize in agricultural real estate loans."

The good report was echoed by Chairman of the Board, Jerry Oswalt. "Thanks to another good year for the Association, Panhandle-

Plains Federal Land Bank will be returning a significant payment to its stockholders. We have a four year history of rewarding our customers in cash for their business, and we are pleased to report that the rewards will continue in 2001." Oswalt explained that the board approved a stock retirement and an interest rate reduction for new loans and existing loans as they re-price. The stock retirement, paid in cash, is to take place in January.

Positive news has been limited this year due to drought conditions, low prices, and increased production costs. Interest rates have increased during the past year as well. Both Williams and Oswalt emphasized that Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank will remain a reliable source of low-cost, long-term credit.

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank directors include: Chairman Jerry Oswalt of Abilene, Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, Daniel Krienke of Perryton, Dean Burger of Pampa, Rusty Henson of Quitaque, Ervin Davis of Happy, Larry Fairchild of Adrian, Wayne Garrett of Gruver, Dennis Babcock of Groom, and Steve Brown of Floydada. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

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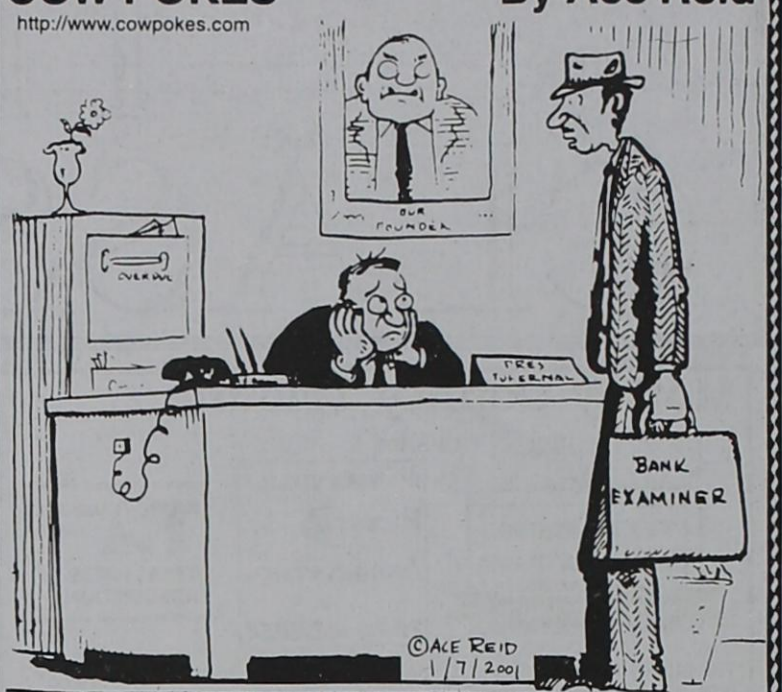
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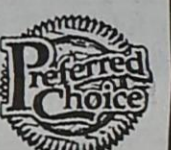
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