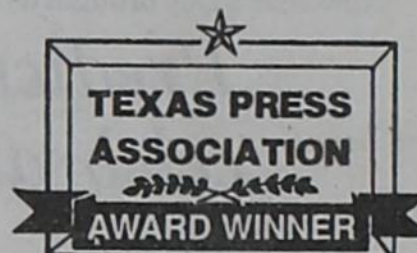


Peace in the New Year



WINTER SCENE — This beautiful winter scene was typical of scenes all over Motley County the day after Christmas. This picture was taken in front of the C.W. Moore home in Matador. Reports indicate from 6-10 inches of snow fell on Motley County Christmas week.



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Review of news happenings in Motley County for the year 2000

The Millenium Year of 2000 started off with a bang, as the nation celebrated with fireworks and parties and waited for a Y2K crisis that didn't materialize when the year's date rolled over from 1999. The year 2000 proved to be an interesting one, as a look back at *Motley County Tribune* files reveal.

January 6, 2000

Lonnie Jenschke of Stonewall was appointed County Extension Agent by the County Commissioners.

January 13

The School Board of MCISD voted not to extend Superintendent Rick Copp's contract. Commissioners' Court joined the Heritage Tourism Trail project to develop and promote regional and local historical, archeological and tourism sites.

January 20

Roaring Springs City Council adopted an ordinance to be included in an Enterprise Zone.

January 27

Matador City Council also adopted an Enterprise Zone ordinance. The Eternas Study Club spon-

sored a blood drive for Kaylee Woolsey, the young daughter of Les and Kim Woolsey.

February 3

Don and Lu Largent donated a (musical) organ to the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs.

Crop Disaster sign-ups continued as livestock producers and farmers were hard hit by the third drought in four years.

February 10

Motley County ISD received a \$50,000 technology grant to purchase computers and video conferencing equipment.

Museum meeting outlined plans for coming year and introduced Barbara Armstrong as joint Museum and Chamber of Commerce employee.

February 17

Dale Bumgardner, assistant ranch manager of The Matador Cattle Co., retired from Koch Industries after 28 years.

Austin attorney Jeanie Navarro met with land owners and cotton farmers in a fact-finding study concerning the state's inflated valuation on local property.

February 24

Cary Barnett, began his duties as the new Department of Public Safety officer and warned motorists to beware of deer and feral hogs on the roadways.

Sherri Thomas was chosen to participate in 2000 Summer Rome program for high school seniors in order to study on the Rome campus of the University of Dallas.

Twenty-seven city lots were offered for sale by the Chamber of Commerce.

March 2

The boys high school basketball team was defeated by the Jayton Jaybirds in bi-district play, 73-61.

Sean Rose, basketball senior, was chosen to participate in the People to People Sports Ambassador program, as well as the USA Amateur Athletic Assn. tournament and the All American Shootout, both in Austin.

March 9

S.C. "Teen" Burleson and daughters, Beverly and Carrla, received recognition from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage program in Austin for owning and operating property that has been in the family for 100 years.

The Library hosted story teller Lorelee Coolie and an overflow audience in the presentation of "Mollie Goodnight."

Two high school powerlifters, Brenda Gillespie and Rebecca Morris, advanced to state competition.

March 16

Commissioners adopted a ban on burning while local volunteer fire fighters helped fight a Floydada fire that consumed the First Baptist Church.

Voters elected a new commissioner for Precinct 1 as Ronnie Davis defeated Sonny Russell.

Matador City Council hired a new city secretary, Linda Perryman.

March 23

Motley County High School's One Act Play cast presented "The Beggar's Opera" at Paducah.

March 30

The School Board terminated the contract of the girl's basketball coach, Danny Copeland, in a called meeting.

Whiteflat Exes gathered at the Sr. Citizens Center in Matador for homecoming.

Several inches of welcomed rain fell across the county.

April 6

The Library received a \$30,000

grant to upgrade and increase Internet use.

Eighth grader Dumont Darsey, one of 1,000 in the U.S. recognized for their impact on their communities, was rewarded with a trip to Disney Land.

April 13

Kayla Copp's winning essay earned her a place on Lighthouse Electric's Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Because of recent rains, the County's burn ban was lifted. Volunteer Firefighters hosted a Wildland Fire School to teach fire control and protection to state firefighters.

April 20

Hundreds flocked to Flomot for the first annual Bluegrass Festival, produced by the Washington Cattle Co.

Quinn Hays advanced to state UIL contest in Ready Writing.

April 27

Fifty-three percent of Motley County residents have responded to Census 2000, as workers canvas the county.

May 4

The new Lions Club queen, Kayla Copp, was crowned at the annual show.

May 11

Three incumbent school board members, one Matador City Council and the Matador mayor were unseated in local elections.

A Senior Citizen Advisory Board was formed to establish guidelines to operate a senior citizens organization for all county seniors.

May 18

The 4-H Club sponsored the Mini-Olympics for very young athletes at the high school track.

Roaring Springs adopted a new sales tax resolution to benefit new and expanded businesses.

The Matador Eastern Star celebrated 100 years.

May 25

Ronnie Cox was honored as teacher of the year as students were honored at the Academic Banquet.

Rodney Williams was sworn in as the new Matador mayor and Fred Parson, as a new council member.

June 1

Jay Tomison was awarded the President's Student Service Award for outstanding service to the community.

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Newspaper rates to go up in wake of postal rate hike

The U.S. Postal Service is a little short of cash - about \$800 million shy - and its Rate Commission is turning to newspaper publishers for help whether they want to or not.

Pending expected approval by the Postal Service's board of governors, postage rates will be going up (again!) in January. The bottom line for Texas newspaper publishers will be a hit in the pocketbook.

In-county rate, the one that will affect most Texas newspapers, will be increasing 6.8 percent, and first class postage stamps will go up to .34¢.

This rate is somewhat less than the Postal Service had requested, but never fear, rates will go up again next year.

How will this affect the cost of your newspaper?

The *Motley County Tribune* has absorbed the last several rate hikes, while keeping the cost to the subscriber and newspaper purchaser the same. However, as postal rates have increased, so have newsprint costs, so printing costs have increased for newspapers.

At the same time, Legislation has relieved county, city and school governing bodies from advertising requirements that they publish certain advertisement at certain times of the year - thus cutting down on newspaper revenue. The *Motley County Tribune* has also recently lost a major source of advertisement revenue.

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Heat, drought, snow and ice make up Motley County's year in weather

by Earlyne Jameson

Motley County farmers battled hot and dry weather, insect infestations, skyrocketing costs and dismal harvesting conditions for the year 2000. This is the third in four years for a crop disaster in Motley County.

The early winter weather in November and December is in contrast to the county's extreme heat and drought conditions in the summer. Temperatures below normal, eight inches of snow, ice and fog caused delays in highway and air travel and the delivery of mail to county residents the last week in December.

Farmers and ranchers believe the benefits far outweigh the incon-

venience with good underground moisture and an unfavorable environment for the boll weevils.

We thank the National Weather Service Volunteers of Motley County for the monthly and total year end moisture reports.

Jim Stockton, Whiteflat: Dec., 0.65; total for 2000, 25.04 inches.

Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot: Dec., 0.90; 2000 total, 22.59.

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: Dec., 0.88; 2000 total, 19.96.

Kelly Meyer, Matador: Dec., 0.80; 2000 total, 21.60.

Betty Simpson, Northfield: Dec., 0.87; 2000 total, 21.73.

American Legion to hosts Soup-R Saturday

American Legion Fleming Post 337 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 337, will orchestrate the first ever SOUP-R Saturday, January 20, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

This winter outing for Veterans and their family members, friends and neighbors will get underway at 10:00 a.m. The road crew from the VA Hospital in Amarillo will be on board to check blood pressure, give shots,

and attend to other health matters of participants. You do not have to a veteran to get in on this deal. Everybody is welcome!

Meanwhile, a blood drive will take place outside in the United Blood Services bus. A goal of 25 donors has been assigned. It would be a shame if this modest goal is not met!

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OFFICIALS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE — These elected officials took the oath of office, Tuesday, January 2, in a swearing-in ceremony performed by County Judge Laverna Price. Pictured are (standing left to right) County Tax Assessor-Collector, Elaine Hart; County Attorney, Tempie Hutton; Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador; (seated left to right) Ronnie Davis, Commissioner Precinct 1, and Franklin Jameson, Commissioner, Precinct 3.



God bless they year!
Thy coming in, thy going out,
Thy rest, thy traveling about,
The rough, the smooth,
The bright, the dear,
God bless thy year!

Happy New Year to everyone! I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas. What a beautiful Christmas, with all the snow. Although I know it was treacherous driving for those traveling, it made for a pretty Christmas scene. I was certainly thankful that I had the week off. It was a good week to stay home by the fire, put away Christmas decorations, rest, and just enjoy being at home, which I did very much! Jim didn't get much rest, though. He was out working accidents most of the week, all hours of the day and night. There were several slippers and sliders, thankfully none serious.

After thinking we had all the outside decorations taken down and put away, things keep popping up. Isn't that the way it always is? Seems like everytime I step outside or drive in the driveway I notice a piece of greenery or a wreath we missed, so we may look in holiday style for a while.

New Year's Day brought us a new

Predicta Study Club celebrates Christmas

by Lula Swim

The Predicta Study Club of Roaring Springs held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. LaVoe Thacker on Tuesday night, December 19. Mrs. Pam Thacker and Mrs. Joyce Smith were co-hostesses. The house had Christmas and western-style motif throughout. Mrs. Joyce Smith gave each one a toy soldier for a favor.

Mrs. Ossie Lee Brown gave the

friend. A dog! The last thing we needed, of course. She a pretty thing, part Border Collie, I think. I feel so sorry for her. Someone must have dropped her off, knowing there's a soft heart living on that corner. I just can't resist petting and feeding her. Drop off dogs are sometimes the best pets! Our Lab we have had for nine years now, was a drop off. She's a member of our family and we wouldn't take anything for her.

I'm hoping to find a good home for the new addition, before I get too attached, which is happening rather quickly, I must admit. I am a real pushover when it comes to unwanted animals. That statement does not mean I want any more! So please don't bring me your castaways.

The last time we made a trip to the animal shelter in Lubbock, I left in tears. We were looking for my little dog which was stolen in October. No luck. But if you are looking for a pet, that's the place to go, there are some beautiful, pedigree dogs just waiting there in cages. It's really sad.

I seem to be just rambling this week, so I guess I'll quit and get this paper put to bed. I sincerely do hope all our readers have a very blessed and joyful new year.

opening prayer. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker read a Christmas prayer. Carols were sung, and gifts were exchanged.

A delicious table of goodies were enjoyed by Mrs. Ossie Lee Brown, Mrs. Nona Long, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Miss Lula Swim, guest Mrs. Dennis Letekeman, and the hostesses, LaVoe and Pam Thacker and Joyce Smith.

Soup-R Saturday

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While the health and blood drive business is going on, a high-stakes domino game will be unfolding on the premises.

Then, at high noon, the best homemade soups in Texas will be served along with side eats and beverages.

Games of chance and skill will continue after lunch. The whole blow-

out gets wrapped up when names are drawn for prizes. Word is, these prizes will include some home-grown beef and other local products.

Members of Post 337 and Auxiliary Unit 337 Executive Committees will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, at the Senior Citizens building to complete plans for SOUP-R SATURDAY.

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The New Year is Upon Us!



The months of the old year are gone and here we are in the year 2001. We have endured the challenges of months passed and are therefore confident in the Lord that we are able to rise to whatever this new year brings

In this new year we will seek to cultivate a desire for knowledge. Knowledge of the Holy One. We will grow to know our Lord better and we will purpose to do His will as we learn of it through study of the Scriptures.

We believe that we ought to be evangelistic in nature and our mission for the new year will be to live Christ, to preach Christ and to be useful to all as we have opportunity. Our confidence will be firmly placed in Jesus. For we believe that He is the Son of God, that He is the head of the Church and that He speaks to His followers through His Holy Word.

Whatever the new year holds for us, we will anticipate it with the understanding of our Lord's promise found in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." May the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace..." in the year of 2001.

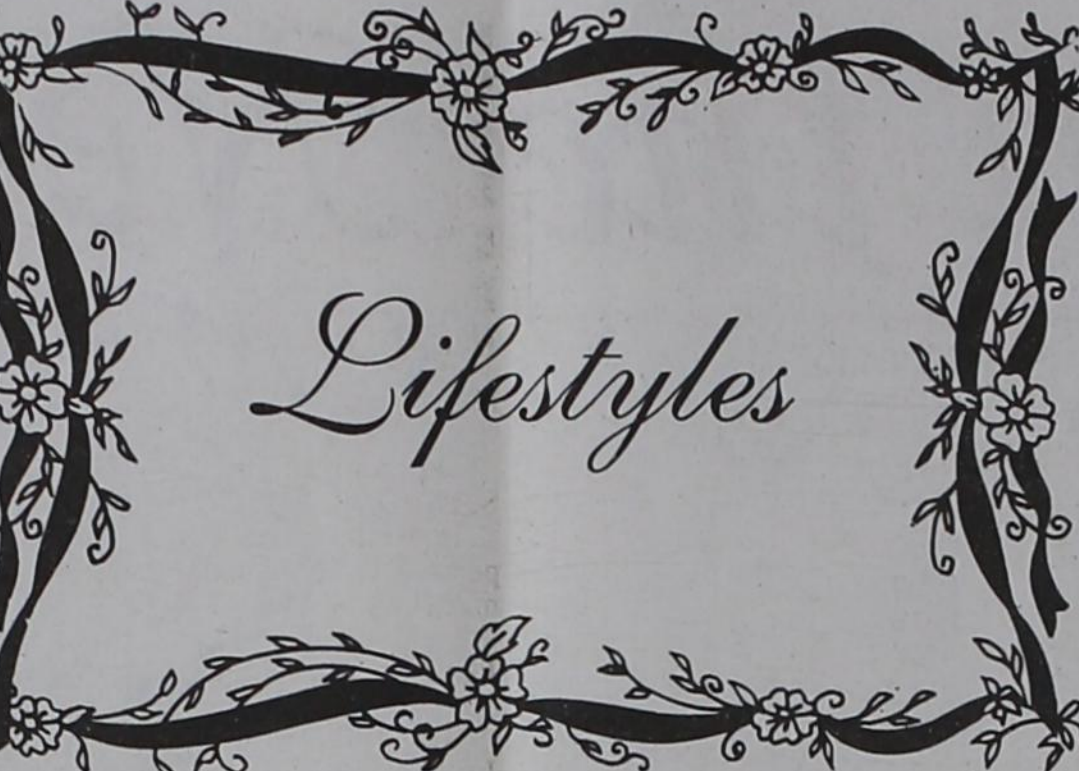
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Arts & Crafts club enjoys annual Christmas party

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club opened the Christmas season, Dec. 4, with a most fantastic party and dined on turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

The center was decorated with Christmas decor: a beautiful red Christmas tree, banquet table with a garland of pine cones, candy canes, and Joyce Meredith's collection of antique dolls, a most beautiful setting for a great holiday.

The paper-bag contest was new and exciting. The paper grocery bags became lovely objects of beauty. Some had Santas, trees, angels, ornaments, and one had real packages glued on. Mrs. Nan Lumpkins won the prize for the most beautiful bag. It was dusty rose with tan checks, trimmed with lace and cards.

The Christmas luncheon passed the standard for Christmas food. It

was wonderful. It was a happy hour. The gift exchange was pleasant with everyone receiving a nice gift in the pretty bags.

Members present were Joy Archer, Sharon Allen, Betty Bostick, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Dorothy Day, Edna Eades, Vee Gordon, Gerri Jones, Billie Koon, Dorothy Knight, Geraldine Key, Lorene Lancaster, Leola McKelvey Donaldal Litkeman, Linda Ruhl, Winifred Lee, Shirley Smith and Winifred Darsey, and guest Mrs. Nan Lumpkins, sister of Betty Bostick and daughter of Mrs. Eades.

The next meeting, which will be held January 8, will be a class on paper quilting.

Hostesses for the Christmas Party were Loys, Vee, Joyce and Winifred D.

El Progreso club members celebrate Christmas at the Campbell Ranch

by Beverly Vinson

El Progreso Club members met on Thursday, December 14, at the Harold Campbell Ranch home for their annual Christmas party and luncheon. It was a beautiful fall day, nippy but clear, for all to enjoy the time together. Hostesses for the day were Grace Campbell, Joetta Bumgardner, Loys Campbell, Lou Walker, and all club members provided delicious food.

The home was decorated for the holiday season with traditional Christmas tree, with gifts brought by the club members for exchange later in the day. Articles of the season were on tables, railings, furniture and entry walk. Tables were set on the sun porch and the kitchen area, with foods of choice on the sideboard. Turkey and dressing, ham, and other dishes, with desserts galore and hot spiced punch and coffee to fill and sate the appetites of the group.

The invocation was given by Beverly Vinson, after which all went to the kitchen to fill plates and enjoy the meal.

After tables were cleared and dishes were done, a most enjoyable program was presented by JoAnn Dickson, something she has done for the club since 1984. Her programs are always different. She didn't have a new one this year so wrote one (what a talented lady!) It is a Christmas fable: "Jasmine's Story." Mrs. Dickson is a cat lover, therefore the tale involved a cat, Jasmine. It was written in all reverence and meant to be accepted in good faith by all who believe the Christmas story and use their imagination as to events that might have taken place that wonderful, glorious night in the stable of the

Rate Increase

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The Tribune has not changed the subscription or ad rates since 1989. Recent changes have forced The Tribune to make some hard decisions - which have forced this newspaper to pass some of these costs on to our customers.

Effective immediately subscription rates will increase as follows:

In county - \$21.00 per year; out of county - \$22.00 per year. Those over 60 may still deduct \$1.00. Newsstand prices will remain the same, .50¢ per copy.

Display advertising will increase as follows:

Motley County - \$2.40 per column inch.

Out of County (in Texas) - \$2.90 per column inch.

Classified rates will increase as follows:

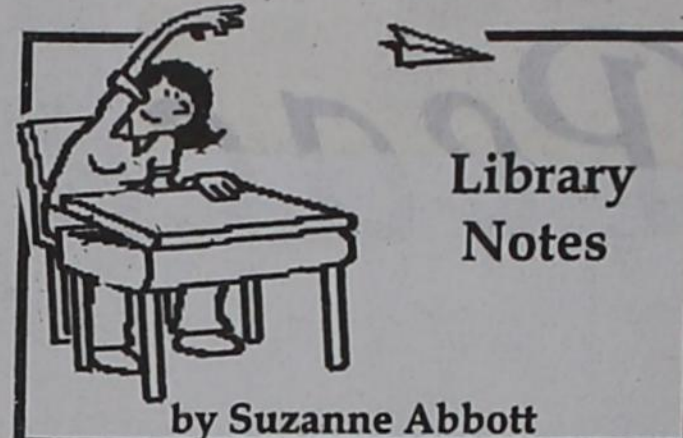
\$4.50 for the first 20 words, and .10¢ per word over 20.

Thank you notes - \$6.50 for the first 50 words, and .10¢ per word over 50.

Happy Birthday boxes - \$20.00 for standard 2x4 size. \$22.00 with picture. Birth Announcements - \$10.00.

Anniversary, wedding, engagement announcement or story - \$20.00 with picture. (Without picture - price will be determined by the amount of space used.)

We deeply regret that this price increase has become necessary. We do appreciate our readers and advertisers and hope that your patronage will continue. Thank you.



We appreciate the memorial donations to the Library that we received last week. Dude Barton made a memorial to Leora Scrivner.

Charlie and Opal Johnson made donations in memory of Wynona Gilbreath and J.W. Pritchett. Jake and Marge Edwards sent a donation in memory of Wynona Gilbreath. Harold and Grace Campbell made donations in memory of James Smith and Reba Burkes. We are grateful for these donations which make a lasting memorial and help the Library at the same time.

We thank the Reverend Tom Sanders for the subscription of *Biblical Archaeology Review* that he has presented to the Library. This is a beautiful and very informative magazine that our patrons enjoy.

New books in the Library include Richard North Patterson's *Protect*

and *Defend* and Jonathan Kellerman's *Dr. Death*.

We also have three new books for children that were purchased by funds raised by Joyce Campbell's Grannie's Tea Party. These books include Jane Yolen's newest, *How do Dinosaurs say Good Night?* Also in this group of books is an enchanting pop-up book called *The Wide-Mouthed Frog*. And, we also have a delightful book for all ages by Robert Munsch, *Love You Forever*.

We appreciate the support from Grannie's Tea Party, and we thank Joyce Campbell, Janie Campbell, Cassie Campbell, and Kittie Campbell for all the work they put into it. We also appreciate all those who attended. Come by the Library and see photographs of the young ladies in their finery as they sip "tea" out of china cups.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Library on Fridays

The Motley County Library invites all ladies (with hats, please) to join the Friends of the Library on Fridays for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, beginning on Friday, January 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Different kinds of tea and an assortment of crumpets, scones and biscuits will entice visitors to stay awhile and visit. A different theme from Alice in Wonderland will be used each week.

Although costumes are not suggested, hats are considered essential for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Come join the fun at the Library.

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Motley County School News



Motley County Matadors defeat Valley Patriots for 53-39 win

The Motley County Matadors got a big win over the Valley Patriots, December 19, for a 53-39 win, giving them an overall record of 6 wins and 5 losses.

Jermaine Hendrix led in scoring with 18 points, followed by Casey Lawrence with 14. Chris Paul added 9; Benjamin Ridgley, 5; Ysef Alvarado, 4; and Clint Cooper, 3.

Chris Paul and Ben Ridgley led with rebounds, grabbing 6 each. Jermaine Hendrix pulled down 5; Brad Baxter, 4; Clint Cooper, 3; Casey Lawrence, 2; and Brandon Lee, 1.

Casey was 3 for 3 from the 3 point line. Ben led the team in assists.

Jermaine had 4 steals. Chris did a great job on the offensive boards.

Coach Ridgley stated, "This was a solid game, with great team defense. Ysef Alvarado, Brandon Lee, and Brad Baxter played a great game. Limited the amount of shots Valley took, kept them off the offensive glass. We finished things better but still did not shoot freethrows well. This we must do. Allowed only six fieldgoals in the second half, and none in the third quarter."

The JV team had a close loss, with a final score of 34-33, giving them an overall record of 3 wins and 4

losses.

Frankie Martinez led in scoring with 12 points. Others adding to the score were Brandon Moore and T.J. Christopher, with 7 each; Brad Baxter, 4; Shawn Marvel, 2; and Lorenzo Salazar, 2.

Shawn Marvel led with rebounds, pulling down 8. Frankie Martinez grabbed 5.

Brandon Moore had five steals. Coach Ridgley commented, "We played great defense. We must learn to make good decisions. Too many turnovers. Too many missed freethrows."

Motley County 2000 news in review

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Dumont Darsey received All State Musician award at State Junior Festival in Fort Worth.

June 8
Motley County students party all night at Project Graduation, a drug-free, alcohol-free event sponsored by the Motley County Booster Club.

June 15
In a reversal situation, the Motley County School Board voted to renew Superintendent Rick Copp's contract.

Casey Lawrence attended Boys State in Austin while Brant Donaldson played in the annual Greenbelt Bowl in Childress.

June 22
Over 400 register for Roaring Springs homecoming, which recognized seven former teachers and Cora Mitchell, class of 1918, as the earliest graduate.

Two new members, Corky Marshall and Gary Simpson, were added to the Roaring Springs City Council.

June 29
Rachelle Renfro attended Girls State in Seguin, Texas, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

July 6
A group of Italian students from the People to People Ambassador program visited in the homes of local residents, visited ranches, watched a roping, and had a picnic at the Springs.

Abundant rain, up to seven inches in the Flomot area, fell in June.

July 13
The Jr. Rodeo commenced for the 26th time to a crowd at the Roaring Springs Old Settlers arena.

July 20
School Board members toured the newly installed Distance Learning Lab for on-line communications.

Roaring Springs City Council passed two resolutions regarding a water/sewer grant.

July 27
Kid's Camp Director, Darlene Fletcher, received a \$10,000 grant from the CH Foundation in Lubbock.

Five FFA members received state awards at annual convention.

Sean Rose participated in All State, All American, USA Jr. National

Championship Basketball tournament in Madison, Wisc.

August 3
The Chamber of Commerce banquet featured singer and entertainer Junior Vasquez from the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock.

The Motley County Parent Teacher Organization was formed to improve parental involvement in the schools.

August 10
The Chamber of Commerce honored Thacker Supply as business of the year, celebrating 80 years of service to the community.

August 17
Commissioners faced problems with county health insurance plan.

August 24
Eighty-year-old Thacker Supply was sold to Ross and Dana Graham, with take-over on September 1.

The Old Settlers Reunion kicked off for the 77th time with a rodeo and dances, but no carnival.

August 31
The Matador Cowboy Reunion drew a record crowd of 220, honoring about 60 cowboys who had worked for any of the Matador Ranch organizations.

Erin Baker of Spur was crowned Old Settlers Rodeo queen.

The Old Settlers Reunion business meeting produced lively discussions and two newly elected board members, Corky Marshall and Marisue Potts, and Jeff Braselton for the advisory board.

September 7
Drought plagued the area. Rainless skies robbed the county of dryland crops.

Library received a \$5,025 Tocker grant to purchase computer desks and chairs.

September 14
Motley County ISD received a "recommended" award on TAAS tests.

The Roaring Springs City Council pledged to enforce clean-up ordinance.

September 21
The Matador Assembly of God Church was vandalized and burglarized.

Motley County exes gathered for homecoming at school.

September 28
Motley County ISD teachers, administrators, and staff passed the District Effectiveness and Compliance audit with flying colors.

The Rowdy Bunch performed at homecoming. Rebecca Morris was crowned homecoming queen.

October 5
September was recorded as the driest month since 1956. It had been 74 days since the county received moisture.

Shane'a Russell, Kelsi Wallace and Colton Russell received top honors at the 4-H Banquet.

October 12
Calico's Treasures offered a new service, a decorating studio.

Matador City Council adopted a new tax rate.

October 19
D.M. Coddgell placed \$10,000 in the Motley County ISD scholarship fund, on behalf of the Martha Ann Coddgell Scholarship Fund.

Roaring Springs City Council appointed a board to oversee the Economic Development Sales Tax.

October 26
A county-wide forum with guest speakers discussed hunting and leasing possibilities for economic development.

The School Board accepted the resignation of Principal Robert Hand, who will be going to Odessa ISD as Director of Career and Technology.

November 2
Cross County runners, Scott Jones, Brenda Gillespie and Ben Ridgley, qualified for regional meet.

November 9
Motley County voted Republican with 514 of 643 voters casting their ballot for George W. Bush.

Scott Jones qualified for the State Cross County meet in Round Rock.

October rainfall of around two inches broke the long running dry spell.

November 16
Matador Mayor Rodney Williams met with County Commissioners to discuss economic development.

Well-executed Veterans Day program drew praise for patriotic effect.

November 23
Miss MC South Plains Pageant was held at the high school gym, naming winners in four divisions.

What's Cooking?

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Salsa, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza (Cheese & Pepperoni), Green Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Pickle Spears, Lettuce, Tomato, Potato Chips, Apple, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Breakfast: Hot Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Stuffed Potatoes, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Ranch Dressing, Crackers, Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Breakfast: Biscuits, Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Orange, Milk.

November 30
UIL competition featured 55 elementary and junior high students. Christmas decorations went up with the help of Devin Perryman and Kenneth Marshall.

December 7
Fifteen Matadors received All District football honors. Senator Tom Haywood held a town meeting at the Library. A suspect fleeing from Plainview eluded police until he turned down the wrong road and crashed through ranch fences to plummet to his death at the edge of the Caprock.

December 14
Grannie's Tea Party, hosted by Joyce Campbell, entertained young ladies and raised money for library's children's department. Late Night Shopping drew Santa and a good crowd to bargains and treats.

D'Anna Russell received an award for the best tasting Hot Sauce at Country Christmas in Quitaque.

December 21
Matador Lions distributed food boxes to the needy, using canned foods collected by students at the high school.

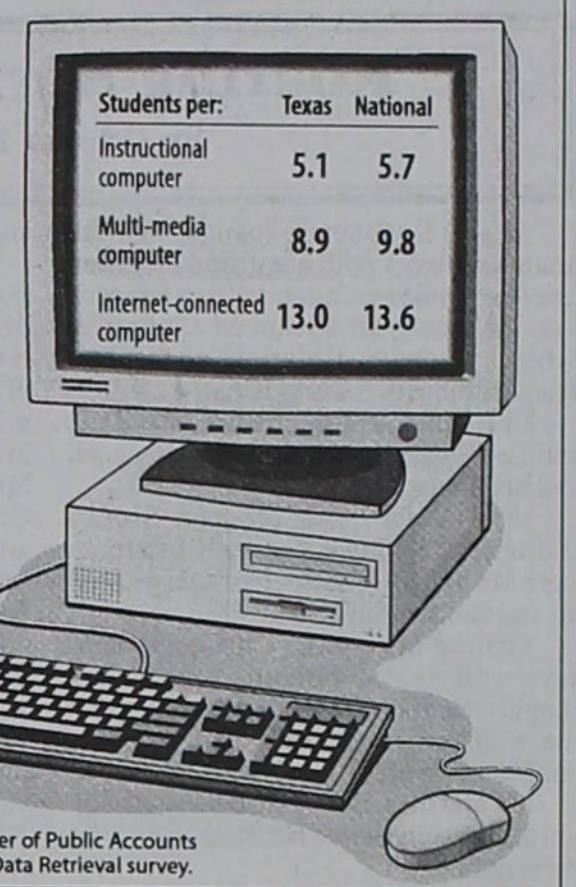
Meals were delivered to shut-ins by "Spirit of Christmas," based in Floydada but serving the region.



Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas students' access to computers above average

Computers are readily accessible to students in Texas classrooms. Seventy-seven percent of fourth-grade classrooms in Texas have computer access, and fewer students share each computer than the national average.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and 1998-1999 Market Data Retrieval survey.

Box Tops contest extended to March 1, 2001

In order to allow Motley County students and the community to collect as many Box Tops for Education as possible, the PTO is extending the contest deadline to March 1, 2001.

The winning group will receive lunch at Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador.

Don't forget to clip, save and deposit the box tops in collection boxes

at First State Bank, Lowe's, V&S Variety and New To You in Matador. In Roaring Springs, LaNita's Cafe and Graham Supply are also supporting additional boxes. Or send them to school with your child.

Questions/comments contact Mary Ann Potts @ 806-983-3400 or Kim Jenschke @ 347-2023.

Leah Cruse named to President's honor list

Leah Cruse, senior student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, was on the President's Honor List for the 2000 Fall Semester. She had a 4.0 grade average. Her major is Early Childhood. She has also been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor So-

ciety and initiated into the Phi U National Honor Society of Human Science. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot and the granddaughter of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Mrs. B.L. Peacock spent a week in Anahuac, Texas, with her granddaughter, Lee Ann, while her father Patrick Peacock was attending an advanced Computer School in London, Ontario, Canada. She also visited with Sharon King.

Christmas visitors in the home of Bill and Lea Peacock were Patrick Peacock and his fiancé, Sharon King.

Visiting with Mrs. Modean Brooks and others relatives during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin and Keith Brooks of Del Rio.

Visiting during the Christmas holidays with Janice Perryman were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Traywick of Tyler. They spent a week visiting other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fritzer and baby son of Houston visited his mother, LaNita Perryman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica and Lisa of Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton, Angie Burkes of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque, and local resident Dudley Allen had lunch and spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten.

Visiting with Zella Palmer during Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spikes, Shelby and Shanna of Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Palmer and Seth of Matador; Miranda Palmer of Crowell; and Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Dylan, Ty, and Stormy, local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield came to accompany her mother, Vera Mitchell, on Friday before Christmas, to spend the holidays with them. They brought her home the next Friday.

Odessa Mullins spent from Tuesday until Saturday, before Christmas, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital with a blood clot. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins were with her most of the time. The Lester Mullins' brought her home and visited during Christmas. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins, Michael, Christopher, Brandy and friend, Mick, and Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Mullins, Amanda, Stormy and Marshall of Midland. The Lester Mullins' spent the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Mullins, Josh and Nickolas of Lubbock visited with his grandmother, Odessa Mullins, Saturday

night.

Miss Lula Swim was hostess to the coffee drinkers at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall on Monday morning, January 1. There was a table full of goodies. Those enjoying the coffee and visiting were Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mr. J.N. Fletcher, Mr. Corky Marshall, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Donna Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Pearl Patten, and the hostess, Miss Lula Swim.

Miss Lula Swim accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder to Lordsburn, N.M., to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Rick Parker, Amber and Jamie. They returned home Tuesday.

Hoyle Moss recently notified Devonne Dillard of an E-mail address to find high school classmates' addresses, dates of class reunions, etc. Mr. Moss says that Roaring Springs is listed on this site. The address is: <http://www.ClassMates.com>

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Methodist Wesleyan Service Guild had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Callie Giesecke on Wednesday night, Dec. 13. Christmas carols were sung and a special song presented by the Rev. Monte and Noma Wike was enjoyed. Rev. Wike gave the opening prayer for the delicious potluck meal.

Gifts were exchanged and those enjoying the party were the following:

Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Miss Lula Swim, Mrs. Dorothy Lee and the hostess, Mrs. Giesecke. Mrs. Pearl Patten gave the closing prayer.

Lula Swim attended a Christmas party for postmasters at Bryan's Steak Barn recently. Former Roaring Springs postmasters attending were Mrs. Diane Wallace, now postmaster of Ralls, Mrs. Naomi Lawrence of Turkey, Mrs. Tammy Salinas, Mrs. Linda Hill, and Miss Lula Swim. Miss Swim spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swim. On Sunday, J.R. had lunch at LaNita's Cafe.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

First Thursday is potluck lunch day for Roaring Springs Senior Citizens, and we hope to have Odessa back with us. To find anyone who served so well with such dependability as Odessa would be difficult. We have no membership fees; neither can we have pay for such a leader.

A road runner spent several nights and days on a rafter high against the honeysuckle vine on the back porch. After four nights and three days of the coldest weather, he came down and hasn't been back. I formed a respect for road runners, or chaparral cocks, members of the cuckoo bird family, as a child, and enjoy having them around. They will kill and eat rattlesnakes. We put some food for him in a heavy antique cup that was a treasured item. I thought it would be heavy enough to stay on a ledge below the roadrunner's perch.

The cup disappeared. When the weather permits, I hope to find it. It was a reminder of a very dear friend whose husband worked for the railroad that came through Quanah, where this cup had been used in the original Depot Cafe. The roadrunner left without even saying good-bye when the sun came out long enough to melt the snow a little. Ice formed in three to four foot long icicles, several inches in diameter, when water melted from a roof next door.

We stayed in and ate hot tamales on Christmas Day, a tradition among some Hispanic friends. These tamales were a gift from niece Kewpie Duncan of Aspermont by air express, packed in a styrofoam box in ice! We watched our favorite Monday night programs, preceded by Charlie Brown's Christmas. The Kennedy Center Awards Program was fantastic. It was a pleasure to hear the music and watch the dancing to the Rock and Roll Jazz that kept a lot of teenagers happy during the 50's. President Clinton

would have liked to join his contemporaries on the stage during the finale. It was great.

There was time to read Christmas cards and letters twice and answer some of them. We are thankful that a 1000 piece Jigsaw puzzle was among our gifts. We will be very happy when things get back to normal. We have eaten far too much Christmas chocolates.

REMEMBERING LLOYD L. FULKERSON

This morning we are sorry the rites for Lloyd L. Fulkerson must be held during such weather, but Lloyd went on ahead last Thursday, Dec. 28, at a Paragould, Ark., nursing home. His body was brought "home" for burial. His obituary states that daughter Roma Joe Laird lives in Paragould, so Lloyd had several years near her.

Lloyd's grandparents David Anthony Fulkerson and Sarah Elizabeth Dunlap were born in Pinocle, Ark., and married there Oct. 9, 1883. According to Lila Meador's story in Eleanor Traweck's book, *Of Such As These*, the couple started to Texas in a wagon train with Sarah's parents. When they reached the Red River, the parents decided to return, but the young Fulkersons came on to Texas. Sarah never saw her mother again. David Fulkerson operated a Toll Bridge between Matador and Paducah when they first came on from Collin County.

Lloyd and Lillie Fulkerson came back to Matador to school reunions for many years and were always one of the first couples to arrive. They enjoyed coming back and visiting with family and friends, and we looked forward to having them. Their children Hubert, Bruce, George, and Roma Jo were contemporaries of our sons, although younger. We remember them well.

group enjoyed Christmas Eve dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meador, and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Jones, Morgan and Judson, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koon visited during the Christmas holidays in Portales, N.M. with her aunt, Mrs. Lucille McNabb.

Mrs. Greta Smallwood visited during the Christmas holidays with her daughters and families, Debbie and Neil Haralson and children in Garland and Lisa and Allen Morrow and children in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Russell were in Lubbock, Dec. 28-29 for his cardiac medical tests. He had an angioplasty performed before returning home.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited Dec. 22-26 in Castroville with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Megan, Aleda Elaine, Cheyenne and Ciara.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse for a family dinner Christmas night was her houseguest, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Seward, Allyson and Quaid of Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse and Branson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton and Skylar of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor, Tory, Teah and Tally of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat; Leah and Keane Cruse of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse, Roegan and Talon and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick of Flomot.

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert and Christopher of Dumas; Justin Calvert of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster; Ashley Calvert and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Art Green and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms were guests Christmas Eve of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Helms, Hayley and Zane of Memphis. Other guests were Mrs. Annetta Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Helms, Callie and Sunny and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Phillips, Autumn and Kelby of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Helms and Mrs. Seratha Pearce and Katie of Amarillo. Art visited Christmas Day in Matador with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green, Aaron, Ashlee and Annie.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick celebrated Christmas Eve night in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador. Other visitors were Charla, Bennie, Shahala and Kaycee Marricle of Snyder and Mark, Kathleen and Dalton Wason of Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and houseguests, Mrs. Dona Browning and E.J. Browning of Rising Star, and Mrs. Darla Gwinn of Whiteflat and Mrs. Deidra Clifton of Turkey attended the funeral of Mrs. Nita Jean Puckett, 65, of Memphis, held at the Church of Christ in Turkey, Friday morning.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were son and families, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere of Black Hawk, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Connor and Chancey of Midland, and his father, Raymond Kendall of Flomot.

Holiday visitors of Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna of Warner, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gladson of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Covy and children of New Orleans, Louisiana; Tonya Gladson of Aspen, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cyfert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and children of Lubbock and Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary; Dane Degan and Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel and Shawna Degan of Lubbock;

Brooke and Natalie Rogers of Milton, Tennessee; and Kaylyn Rogers of Albuquerque, N.M.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter during the holidays were daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Calvert of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Milam and Emily of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Wolforth, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin celebrated Christmas, Dec. 23, in Borger in the home of daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Other guests were the Martin's grandchildren of Panhandle: Cole Martin, student at Texas A&M in College Station, and Lindsay Martin, student at South Plains College in Levelland.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clarey, Caleb and Mickey of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks of Bastrop, Cara Franks of Dallas, and Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger; and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock. They visited Christmas Eve with Mrs. Edith Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson and her mother, Mrs. James May of Quitaque, attended the funeral services of C.W. May, 75, of Memphis, held in the Memphis Funeral Home Chapel Friday afternoon. Burial was in the Newlin Cemetery. Mr. May died Christmas Day at the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Visiting during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon, Robert Lee and friend Candi of Lubbock; Ernie Lee, Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kellan, Kacie and Micah of Turkey; Jason Lee of Amarillo and Roger, Josh and Brandon Lee of Flomot.

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

Visiting Mrs. Edith Washington, Sunday, Dec. 31, for a belated Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner of Childress.

Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin enjoyed a sisters' get-together supper Friday night at the Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah was her family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Metcalf and daughter of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Jones and daughter of Stephenville.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton; Julie Clay of Lubbock; Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington and sons of Canadian; and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Walker and Ryleigh of Turkey.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones were Michael and Candy Kern and children of Plano and Salt Jones of Calgary, Canada. They also visited other relatives and friends in the area.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The future is not some far-off thing. It comes quietly one day at a time. The past cannot be changed, the future is still in your power. As we enter a new year may you have peace, understanding, love and eternal hope to face whatever may lie ahead.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited Friday, Dec. 22, in Amarillo with daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam. On Saturday morning, she enplaned to Granbury and visited during the Christmas holidays with her other daughter and family, Pat and Lynn Minton, Cheryl and Ben Rockwell, Elizabeth and Andrew of San Antonio. She returned to Amarillo on Friday and following a medical appointment, Jack Samford of Afton accompanied her home. He had visited during the holidays in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Ray King, Kiki and Cody.

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were Heather and Scott Blount of Abernathy, Cobey Turner, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Janell Kilmer, student at SPC in Levelland, Mike Montague of Amarillo and Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, mother of Mrs. Turner, who is recuperating in the Turner home following a recent illness.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and son, Ryan, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, Saturday night, Dec. 23, were his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and her houseguests, Mrs. Sharon Davis and Kristy of Fritch and Mrs. Carol Gilbreth, Kathy and Susan of Sundown. The families visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday, Dec. 24, in the home of Mrs. Josie Martin. Others attending the holiday luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Martin of Iraan; Mr. and

Obituaries

Virgil Skaggs

Services for Virgil J. Skaggs, 97, of Lake Palo Pinto, formerly of DeLeon, were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 26, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Pete Bradfield officiating.

Burial was at DeLeon Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn.

He died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000.

He was born March 30, 1903, in Rock Bluff Community in Comanche County. He attended school in Rock Bluff. He married Myrtle Turner on May 30, 1920, in Rock Bluff. She died May 7, 1981.

He owned and operated a grocery

store in Rock Bluff and later, one in Matador. He moved to Abilene in 1950 and moved to Lake Palo Pinto in 1994. He also farmed and was a member of Second Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include a son, McElton of Lake Palo Pinto; two daughters, Geraldine Allen of Streetman and Billie Huggins of Lake Palo Pinto; a brother, Vernon of DeLeon; three sisters, Elsie Robinet, Marie White and Bernice Farley, all of DeLeon; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Artie J. Dennis

Memorial services for Artie J. Dennis, 89, of Lubbock, were held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock. Officiating were the Rev. C.H. Murphy of Conroe, Texas, the Rev. Terry Sanders, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock, and Alex West of Houston.

Interment was in Whiteflat Cemetery near Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Dennis died early Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

He was born October 26, 1911, in Saint Jo, Texas, and grew up in the Spade community. He was married to Minnie

Kathleen Stephens on June 21, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. He moved to Lubbock in 1952, from Hale Center.

He was a sales manager for an International truck dealership in Lubbock from 1952, until his retirement in 1973. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife; one sister, Jewell Hurt of Lawton, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorials to Meals-On-Wheels in Lubbock, or to a favorite charity.

Lloyd Fulkerson

Services for Lloyd L. Fulkerson, 89, of Paragould, Arkansas, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador with the Rev. Clydell Chapman officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

He died Thursday, December 28, 2000, at a Paragould nursing home.

He was born July 24, 1911, in Erath County. He married Lillie Witcher on Feb. 3, 1931. She died Aug. 28, 1995.

He was a longtime resident of Matador prior to moving to Odessa in 1950. He moved to Paragould from Odessa in 1995.

He was a retired oil field pumper and a charter member of Northside Baptist Church in Odessa.

Survivors include three sons, Hubert of Alvin, Bruce of Marysville, CA, and George of Amarillo; a daughter, Roma Jo Laird of Paragould; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Grace Casey

Services for Grace Casey, 84, of Lubbock, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Peter L. Fritch officiating.

Services were under direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000. She was born in Jones County. She moved to Lubbock and was a graduate of Lubbock High School and a school of nursing there.

She had been employed by St. Mary of the Plains Hospital from 1941 until re-

tiring in 1982, except for a period of time in the early 1950s, when she was employed by the Stanley Hospital in Matador.

She married Arthur N. Casey on May 30, 1948, in Lubbock. He died on April 8, 1996.

Survivors include her son, Bill of Lubbock; a sister, Kathryn Ballenger of Lubbock; two brothers, G.W. Brunson and Ralph Brunson, both of Lubbock; and a granddaughter.

D.M. Cogdell Jr.

D.M. Cogdell, Jr., died on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, near his home in Floyd County as a result of a single car automobile accident. He was 78 years old. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. A graveside service was held at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder at 4:00 p.m., following the funeral service.

Cogdell was born on September 20, 1922, at his grandparents' home in Jones County to the late Mr. D.M. Cogdell Sr., and Mrs. Johnnie Kate Oldham Cogdell. He had resided in Floyd County since the early sixties. He grew up on ranches in Kent and Cottle Counties. He attended high school in Snyder and college at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and at Texas Tech. He graduated from the United States Navy V-12 Program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, for officer training in World War II. He served on active duty in the Navy as an officer aboard a combat vessel for an extended tour of duty in the Pacific. He was a member of the National Cutting Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Texas & Southwest Cattle Raisers Association and the First United Methodist Church.

Cogdell was a well-known rancher, oilman and philanthropist, who generously supported many charitable activi-

ties throughout the area.

Cogdell's significant ranching heritage dates back to the turn of the century when his father, D.M. Cogdell, Sr., began ranching near Abilene. During his more than 60 years of active ranching, Cogdell continued the family's ranching tradition by acquiring and operating many Panhandle area ranches in several different counties.

He is survived by two daughters, Connie Delle Cogdell of Lubbock and Carol Cogdell Courtney and her husband, John Patrick Courtney of Houston; a brother, Billy Cogdell of Silverton; and two grandsons, John Cogdell Courtney and David Martin Courtney.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Ann Cogdell and Joni Sue Cogdell Bowden Stiff.

The family suggests memorials to the Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 E. 4th St., Lubbock, TX 79403; Humane Society, c/o Lubbock Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 2000-Animal Services, Lubbock, TX 79457 or to a favorite charity.

Honorary pallbearers were Todd Beedy, E.A. Birdwell, Fred Cardinal, Louis Reid Cardinal, Bob Cave, Con Floyd, Dick Hart, Babe Jones, J.W. Lindley, Scott Lindley, Ed McCormick, Sam Middleton, Tommy Riley, Mike Smith and Jack Westbrook.

"REMEMBERING REBA"

by Buddy Allen

Gone are the lines of wisdom and wit, There will be no more versus or rhyme.

For as the word says, Everything has a time.

But do not think you will not be sorely missed, though your presence here was just for a little while.

The memories though are what matters most.

So now we say farewell, as it seems we often do

Rest well beloved until we get to Heaven too.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank Motley County EMS for their fast response and wonderful care during our father's recent heart attack. Also, a special thanks to Shawn and Shonda Elliott for taking care of our kids.

Brenda Ferguson and family
Carla Bailey and family
Richard and Lynda Hudson

We would like to say thank-you to the First Baptist Church for their hospitality and the meal, and to Seigler Funeral Home for their service.

The family of Lloyd Fulkerson

I would like to say thank you to everyone who called while I was in the hospital and when I got home. Thank you for the flowers and cards and to Bobbie for calling the ambulance, and to the ambulance crew - they are tops!

Odessa Mullins

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

—Ed Howe

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Farm and Ranch News

Rural lender exceeds \$5 billion in loan volume

Austin, Texas -- The Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest rural lending organization in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas, has exceeded \$5 billion in loan volume for the first time in its 83-year history.

The announcement highlighted the third quarter financial results of the Tenth District, which currently is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), 16 Federal Land Credit Associations and 12 Production Credit Associations.

Gross loan volume totaled \$5.063 billion at Sept. 30, 2000, a 5.5 percent increase from the \$4.798 billion loan volume reported at December 31, 1999, with increases occurring in both the long-term mortgage portfolio and the short-term agricultural portfolio.

Long-term loan volume increased by \$139.7 million or 3.5 percent from year-end 1999 to the \$4.121 billion reported at Sept. 30, 2000. This increase is attributed primarily to competitive loan pricing, strong demand for real estate and generally strong economic conditions. The short-term loan portfolio grew by \$125.7 million or 15.4 percent over the same period to total \$942.3 million at Sept. 30, 2000. A stronger cattle sector, expansion in the integrated processing and marketing business, and increases in point-of-sale financing and loan participation volume contributed to the increase in the short-term loan portfolio.

"This spectacular growth in new loan business is partly a reflection of the relatively strong economy and improved livestock industry," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "But it is also the result of our lending associations' concerted efforts to provide new financing options to meet customers' needs."

The quality of the district's loan portfolio also improved during the third quarter. At Sept. 30, 2000, overall acceptable credit quality was 97.5 percent, compared to 96.6 percent at December 31, 1999.

Total high-risk asset volume decreased by \$16.3 million or 18.2 percent to \$73.3 million at Sept. 30, 2000, from \$89.6 million reported at year-end 1999. This was due largely to a \$15.4 million decrease in nonaccrual loans over the nine-month period.

District net income of \$23 million for the third quarter of 2000 was unchanged from the net income reported for the third quarter of 1999. Net income of \$64.8 million for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2000, increased 3.5 percent from the \$62.6 million reported for the same period in 1999.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations are cooperatively owned by their customers, whose equity in the financing co-ops totaled \$1.044 billion at Sept. 30, 2000. The combined assets of the bank and associations totaled \$5.548 billion at quarter-end. Together these lending institutions had nearly 56,000 loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and rural home owners and landowners in the Tenth District's five-state region.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$388 million and \$1.048 billion for the three and nine months ending Sept. 30, 2000, respectively. This compares with combined net income of \$342 million and \$934 million for the same periods last year.

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



NORTH WEST TEXAS COTTON CONFERENCE SET FOR JAN. 16

Crop producers can improve their cotton production and marketing skills, and learn more about minimum tillage and pest management by attending the Jan. 16 North West Texas Cotton Conference in Childress. The conference is a joint effort of the Extension Service in Childress, Hall, Cottle, Collingsworth, King, Motley, Hardeman, Donley counties and the District 3 Extension Agricultural specialist from Vernon.

This conference offers producers a wealth of knowledge on several important topics. It will be held in the City Auditorium in Childress. Those who attend can earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for their private or commercial pesticide applicator licenses.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Speakers at the conference will cover these topics:

- Cotton Market Outlook; Shawn Boyd, National Cotton Council
- Crop Insurance Update; Dottie Sampley, Risk Management Association
- Cotton Minimum tillage; Danny Davis, Dryland No-Till Cotton Producers
- Minimum Till Panel Discussion; Danny Davis, Burt Dockery, Bruce Inman, Johnny Lindley
- Pesticide Applicator Laws-Regulations; Don Rennie, Extension pesticide specialist
- Spray Drift Management; Brent Bean, Extension agronomist-Amarillo
- Boll Weevil Eradication update; Larry Smith, Texas Boll Weevil Foundation
- Cotton Pest Management and Production Projects on the Northern Rolling Plains; Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist-Vernon.

We are working with Congressman Mac Thornberry's office in hopes of getting the congressman as our keynote lunch speaker. Producers should be especially interested in

the presentations by Shawn Boyd, Dottie Sampley and Danny Davis, but all of our speakers will provide information and insights on situations that Rolling Plains producers encounter every season."

The conference cost is \$5.00 which includes lunch. Producers can obtain more information on this event by calling the Motley County Extension office (806-347-2733), or by contacting Hall, Cottle, Collingsworth, King, Childress, Hardeman or Donley County Extension offices.

IS BRUCELLOSIS REALLY ABOUT WHIPPED?

According to information from Dr. Buddy Faries, Texas A&M Extension Veterinarian, there are only two herds in the United States, one in Texas and one in Florida, currently under quarantine for brucellosis.

Forty-six states are officially certified free, and Oklahoma and Missouri are close to achieving that status. Those of you who have been around for awhile know that control programs for brucellosis have been going on for well over 30 years.

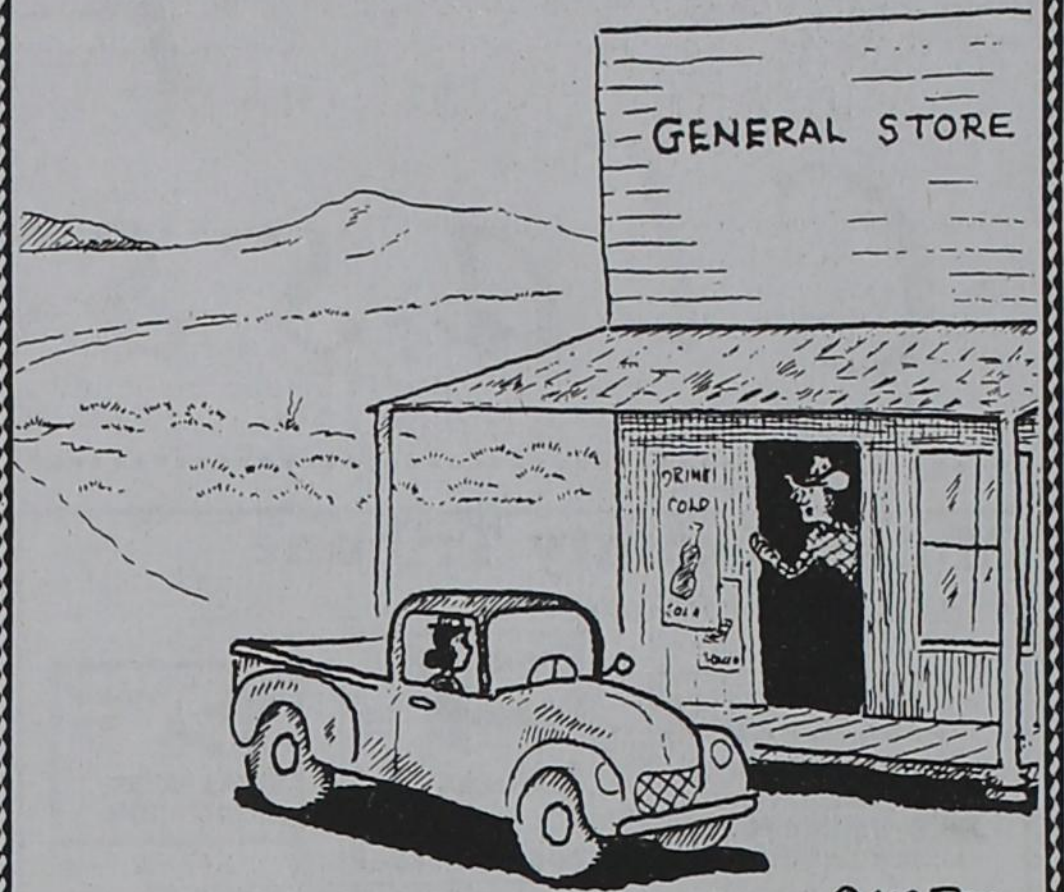
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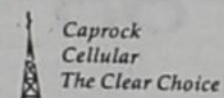
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