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A Look Back

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Dumont 'Jumps Gun' in War Bond Drive

"Dumont, one of Motley County's smallest communities has "jumped the gun" in the 6th War Bond drive by far exceeding its quota in advance of the opening of the drive today. Dumont had a quota of \$1,650. Yesterday residents of the community had purchased approximately \$2,700 in bonds of the 6th War Loan.

Advance sales of War Bonds in Motley County totaled about \$85,000 late yesterday, according to Elmer Stearns, sales chairman."

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

Full Gospel Church to present Christmas program December 12

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will present their Christmas program Sunday night, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

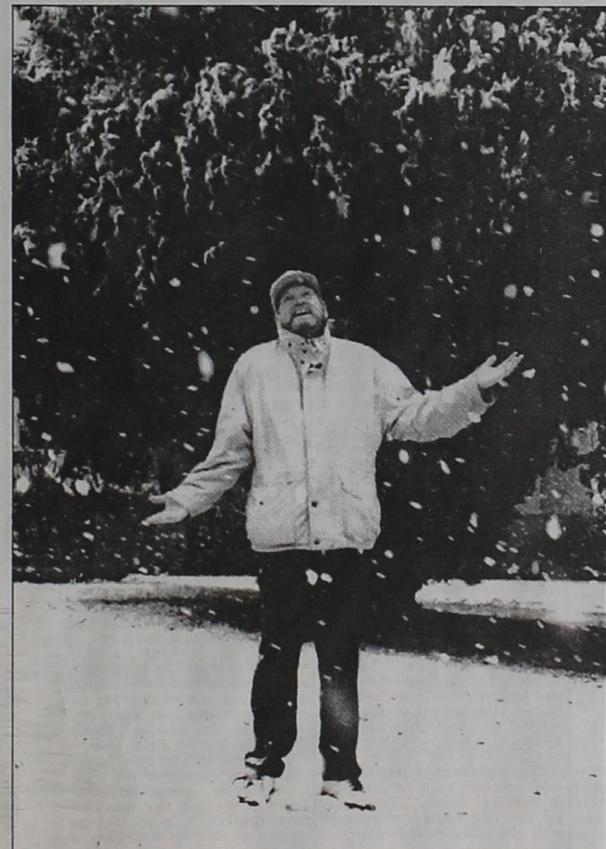
This year's program is entitled "The Old Lamplighter". Everyone is invited to attend.

Gin Report

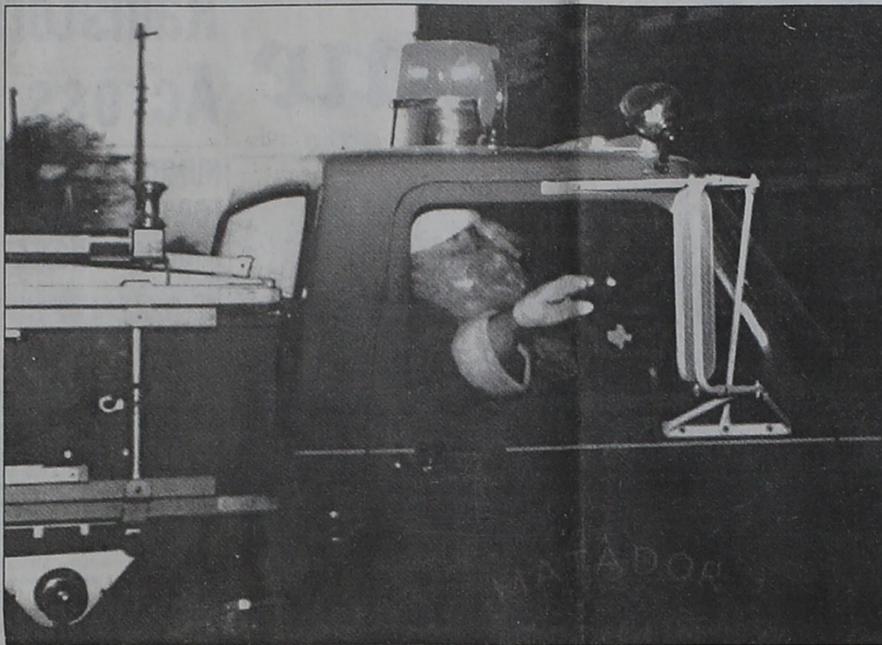
Ginning about half completed

Ginning in Motley County is about half complete. As of Friday afternoon, the following totals had been baled:

- Red Ball Gin, Roaring Springs, 3,000;
- Flomot Gin, Flomot, 1,502;
- Paymaster Gin, Quitaque, 6,000.



SNOW! WHAT'S THAT? Kenneth Ashley seems excited and bewildered by Saturday's snow. Kenneth, who grew up in Roaring Springs, has not seen the white stuff for 38 years, having lived in Costa Mesa, California. Kenneth has recently retired from the Postal Service and returned to Roaring Springs to live. He is the son of the late Carl and Edith Ashley, longtime residents of Roaring Springs. The big beautiful snowflakes didn't fall long enough for the much needed moisture in Motley County.



SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN

Santa arrives in Matador, courtesy of the Matador Fire Department on Thursday, December 2, to visit with the children of Motley County. Pictured at right, top, is Sarah Kreusel as she tells Santa what she wishes for this Christmas. Little Braden Mason, below right, gives Santa a good look over while he thinks of the things he wants for Christmas. Sarah is the daughter of Rex and Angie Kreusel and Braden is the son of Crawford and Marvinna Mason, of Matador.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

by Earlyne Jameson

The month of November did not have any measurable moisture in northwest Motley County. It was reported to be the driest November since 1962.

However, Saturday, December 4 was a winter wonderland and beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Rain was followed by large snowflakes that lost no time covering the countryside with a thick blanket of white. Temperatures dipped into the mid 20s. The needed moisture is appreciated for wheat and pastureland.

An area freeze November 24 is just what was needed for farmers with cotton still in the field. Although

much of the 1999 season is winding down, there are still fields across the region where farmers have been waiting for a killing freeze to terminate plant growth and help crop for

stripping. Other farmers chose to use defoliants. That is an expense some decided to forego, considering the dimly low price of lint cotton and the need to shave expenses.

Sheriff Jim Meador announces candidacy

Sheriff James B. "Jim" Meador has authorized the *Motley County Tribune* to announce his candidacy for re-election subject to the Democratic primary, March 2000 election. Sheriff Meador has served Motley County as Sheriff for two terms, beginning his first term in office in January of 1993.

Meador was born and raised in Motley County. He is the son of Dena Meador and the late Charlie Meador of Matador.

Meador has extensive training in Law Enforcement. He is a Texas certified Peace Officer, and has completed all intermediate courses as an intermediate Peace Officer. He has received certification in numerous law enforcement courses including intermediate arrest, search and seizure; family violence; highway drug

interdiction; intermediate child abuse and investigation; intermediate crime scene search; intermediate use of force, firearms training, and numerous other courses. He is a member of the Texas Sheriff's Association.

Meador is a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador and the Matador Lions Club. He and his wife, Carla, have one son and two grandchildren.

Meador stated, "It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Motley County as Sheriff. I will continue to be accessible to Motley County citizens and will work to make Motley County a better and safer place to live. I appreciate your support, and respectfully ask for your vote and continued support in the upcoming election."

County Agent hired for Motley County

Judge Laverna M. Price called a special session of the Motley County Commissioners' Court Monday, November 29, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. The session was called for the purpose of selecting a County Agent for Motley County. Three applicants for the position met with the Court at the regular session, Monday, November 8. Motion was made by Commissioner Donnie Turner and seconded by

Commissioner Franklin Jameson to hire Lonnie Jenschke for the position. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jenschke is currently employed as Assistant Agent in Brownwood, Texas. He will be moving to Motley County with his wife and five year old child. His position as Extension Service County Agent for Motley County will begin January 3, 2000.

Tribune to close Christmas week

Paper will skip a week of publication

The Motley County Tribune will once again be closed the week of Christmas, December 20-24. There will not be a paper published that week.

The annual Christmas edition will be published next Thursday, December 16. This special edition will feature Christmas stories and greetings from area businesses, churches and individuals.

The New Year's edition will be published December 30, which will be the last Motley County Tribune printed for this century. With this

county paper being established in 1891, Motley County has had a newspaper for 108 years.

As we prepare to enter a new millennium, we will strive to continue to publish a paper that our readers can be proud of, and continue the rich heritage which began so many years ago.

May we take this time to extend a blessed holiday season to all our readers and thank you for understanding our week off without a paper. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Motley County Arts Department to present Christmas program

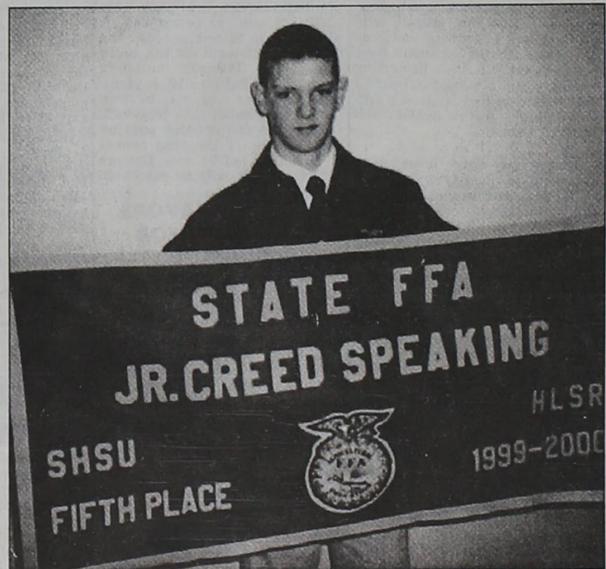
The Motley County ISD Theater Arts Department will present "Christmas in Vaudeville", a series of comedy skits, monologues and poems on Thursday, December 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held in the Motley County High School gym.

In addition to other events, Quinn Hays, Dumont Darsey, Rebecca Morris, Charity Bartlett and Kalli Hopper will provide musical entertain-

ment. Santa Claus will also make a visit.

Refreshments will be part of the \$2.00 ticket price for students and adults. Tickets for pre-school age children will be \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to costume the ULL One Act Play in the Spring.

For further information, please contact Carrol Hays or Kelli Jackson at school, 347-2676.



PLACES AT STATE — Clint Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper, competed in the State FFA Leadership Development Events held on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, on Saturday, December 4. Clint finished fifth in the Greenhand Creed Speaking contest. To qualify for State, Clint finished first in the Greenbelt District contest on November 6 and first at the Area I contest on November 20. Clint is a member of the Motley County FFA Chapter and a ninth grader at Motley County High School.

Millennium Memories

To celebrate the end of this century, the Motley County Tribune will print a front page from the past in each week's paper in December. We hope you will enjoy looking back at a piece of Motley County history.

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TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR


Strong threads from the long-rotted garments of my childhood have failed to perish in the dust and rubbish of consumed years. They were spun from the ecstasy of yellow buttercups about my bare feet and purple lilacs in my mother's tender hands. The spinners of dreams still weave their eternal fabrics when soft, new winds turn the mills of spring but the patterns are too pensive for the cloaks of men.

When we make excuses we are gift-wrapping failure and sending it to ourselves.

Fumes of the caustic years had destroyed the youth from the little old lady's face. Her hair was straight and thin and grey; all the beauty had faded from her eyes. Her cheeks were hollow, creased by a thousand wrinkles, like tiny waves on the face of a wind-touched pond. Once delicate hands trembled like brown leaves dangling from autumn trees. None were left to remember the beauty of her flashing eyes and the sunlight in her yellow curls, queen of a thousand square miles of prairie. Destiny's sloshing sea had flooded the valley of dreams where the tall cowboy first kissed her soft lips, standing by the gate, long after the dance had ended. All the music had become silent; the sound of chiming spurs, but a ghost of memory.

Some men have the gift of romancing with the truth until its features become so attractive that the public accepts a prevarication at the expense of judgement.

Recently an agricultural expert provided me with scientific advice on the restoration of my mint bed. He feels, however, that it will require periodical inspection, especially through the summer months.

Shadows of white spring clouds drifted aimlessly across the hills and a bob white whistled confidently in the clump of hackberry trees whose roots held like grey fingers in the crumbling bluff. In the bed of the creek I felt the soft, cool sand between my toes and walked slowly until I reached the dusty cow trail leading out across the grassy little valley. I had avoided the ridge since the previous spring when I found the body of the old brown mare. Her hoofs had panned out half-moons in the turf; her eyes had been open and glassy. Bleached bones were now scattered about the site. Red and purple wild flowers were growing between the white ribs and a turtle dove was nesting in the protecting shadows. In my boyish heart I felt that God had written a fitting epitaph for a gentle and faithful animal.

Misery not only loves company but frequently will go out of its way to provide suitable entertainment.

Human society through eons of experience measures a man by the size of his heart, rather than his height and weight. Little men often wear large size garments.

Billy Smallwood Is Winner In Cattle Judging

Billy Smallwood competed with 150 boys Saturday at Texas Technological college, Lubbock, to win top place in the vocational agriculture students beef cattle judging contest. Comprising all departments of Vocational Agriculture, students were present from the north Texas border, south to Alpine. Matador crops team included Wayland Moore, Roy Taylor, Bodie Keith. The livestock team included Billy Smallwood, Kenneth Thompson and Jerry Warren. The boys were accompanied to Lubbock by their vocational agriculture instructor Bill Moss.

Trades Day Hour Changed

Weekly "Appreciation Day" trade event, sponsored by Matador business and professional firms, will be held at 4 p. m. each Saturday instead of the former hour of 3 p. m., it was announced this morning by Henry Pipkin, employed by the group as secretary and collector of funds.

The change in the hour was made because of longer summer days and will probably remain through the summer months.

JUNIOR CLASS TO PRESENT COMEDY

The Junior class of Matador High school will present their class play, "Just Ducky", a comedy in three acts, Friday (tomorrow) night, April 29, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Admission prices will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of the junior class.

Cast of characters is as follows: Mr. Maxwell, Sappo Giesecke; Mrs. Maxwell, Joy Martin; Betty Lou, Pauline Blevins; Bernadina, Wanda Graham; Wilbur, Wayland Moore; Hercules, Norman Neighbors; Connie, Mary Helen Stephens; Craig Moore, Albert Morris; Mr. Moore, Garland Rattan; Del Marshall, Joaquin Hays; Aunt Mary, Joyce Reynolds; Miss Mayne, Bonnie Hughes. The play, directed by Bill Moss, promises an evening full of entertainment, and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy the everyday antics of the average American family.

City Opens Flower Planting Program

Many former weed and trash-covered areas of Matador have been planted in flower seeds by City Water Superintendent Herman Stanfield and two-man crew of city employees (See April "Reader's Digest" page 109).

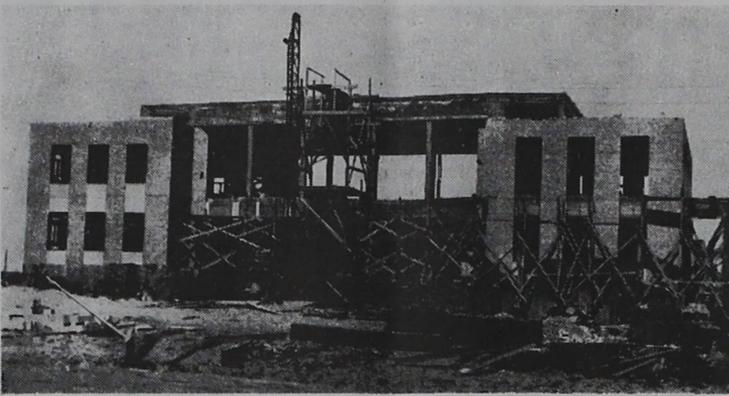
As a further drive against ugliness, Mayor Douglas Meador urges citizens to cooperate in planting flowers in the vicinities of their homes and business places, on areas where weeds and trash have cluttered the landscape in past summers. Several unsightly lots along the highway could be improved at small trouble and expense and the beautification drive will be extended in an attempt to improve the entire city's appearance.

Small plots planted in flowers by Superintendent Stanfield and his crew will receive regular waterings, usually in hours after work on Saturday afternoons. At present string fences have been erected to protect the planted flowers until they gain sufficient size to be noticed. A narrow strip of soil between the curb and sidewalk on the south side of the Masonic building, along U. S. Highway 70, is planted in flowers and will be protected by a small iron pipe rail. Cost of the rail is being paid by the Tribune. If the pipe proves a nuisance before the flowers get started, it will be removed.

BAR GROUP FAVORS INCREASE PAY FOR DISTRICT JUDGES

Members of the Caprock Bar Association (Floyd, Crosby, Motley, Dickens, and Briscoe counties), meeting at the Crosbyton Methodist church Tuesday evening, went on record as favoring an increase in the salary paid district judges. The group opposed a recent suggestion by the Texas bar association for the appointment of judges on the court of appeal. A banquet was served by the Methodist ladies of Crosbyton.

Principal address was made by W. P. Walker. At the business meeting L. D. Ratliff, Jr., of Spur was named president, Howard Trawek of Matador vice-president and L. A. Wicks, Jr., of Spur was named secretary-treasurer. Attending from Matador were G. E. Hamilton, Howard Trawek and Farris Fish. Attorney Hamilton extended an invitation to the association to hold its next meeting in Matador.



DREAM OF SPLENDOR is rapidly becoming a reality as workmen rush the construction of Motley county's new quarter-of-a-million dollar courthouse. When completed, it will be one of the most modern courthouses in West Texas. The structure of brick, steel, stone and concrete, will be completely fireproof. Basement engine room will produce temperature according to requirements. Both heating and cooling system is effected through same insulated ducts. Contractors believe the building will be ready for delivery by August 1, altho contract date is considerable later. Present inadequate business buildings on the southwest corner of the square used for county office quarters, will be sold by the county when the new building is completed.—(Photo and Engraving Courtesy Lubbock Avalanche).

Vets Urged To Enter Trade School Classes

Free Training And Pay Is Provided

A SURVEY indicates that many Motley county World War II veterans are failing to avail themselves of the liberal provisions allowed in the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The situation was brought to a focus here Tuesday night at a meeting of the Motley county school board with a member of the Children's Veterans Administration. Only two Motley county Vocational School classes are functioning while neighboring counties (population compared) have more than double the enrollment.

According to Coordinator Varner McWilliams, 24 students are now enrolled in the agriculture class and 15 students are enrolled in the welding class, which started April 8. The agriculture class was started two years ago with 14 students. The school (in all counties) is operated under the direction of the Veterans Bureau, through the State Board of education and under contract with the county school board.

The government pays single veterans \$75 monthly while studying agriculture, allowing \$97.50 per month for married veterans and \$105 per month with one or more children.

Pay for the welding students is \$90 per month for single vet-

erans, \$105 per month for married veterans and \$120 per month for one or more children.

The school receives for operation expenses, teacher salary, tools and materials, \$23 per month for agricultural students and \$28.50 from welding students. Welding classes are held here at night and students must be engaged 25 hours weekly. In agriculture students must put in 12 1/2 hours weekly and the balance of the time is spent on their farms exercising approved farming practices.

At present a second class of welding is being organized and 14 prospects have signed to enter. Mr. McWilliams declared, "The present welding class is being instructed by Arvel Muse.

Provided sufficient enrollment can be secured other trade and industries courses are available, including auto and tractor mechanics, cabinet making, furniture repair, body and fender work, refrigeration, watchmak-

Services Held For Harvey Campbell

With the sounding of taps following a three-gun salute by a Navy-Marine guard, the body of ex-serviceman Harvey Campbell was laid to rest in East Mound Cemetery Sunday afternoon. He passed away Saturday in the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, where he had been a patient for the past several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Clifford Potts. Pallbearers were ex-servicemen Melvin Meason, Dick Groves, Tom Newman and Raby Webb.

The flag which draped the casket was presented to a sister, Mrs. Earl Green of Amarillo. Other survivors include another sister, Mrs. Milton Thacker of Plainview, two brothers, Hollis of El Paso and Robert Campbell, formerly of Plainview; his step-mother, Mrs. Myrtle A. Campbell, a half-sister, Mrs. Marie Conner of Sacramento, California and a half-brother, Joe E. Campbell of Matador.

Gordon Harvey Campbell was born at Matador, Texas, January 13, 1905 and died April 23, 1949 at the age of 44 years, 3 months, 10 days.

He was reared in this community and was christened in infancy at the Methodist church, and professed his faith in later life. He was inducted into the U. S. Army May 4, 1942 and received his discharge April 26, 1944. While stationed at Yuma, Arizona in 1943, he was married to Miss Vivian Eggleston.

He had been seriously ill for several months and had received treatment in Dallas, as well as in Amarillo.

SERVICEMAN TRANSFERRED Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lacy and family left here last week for Tuscola, Texas where he was transferred as serviceman with the West Texas Utilities Co.

Filling Mr. Lacy's place here as serviceman is, Robert Young of Turkey. Mr. Young with his wife and son, moved here last week to make their home.

ing, machinists and others.

Vets Urged To Enter

Attitude of the county school board was voiced yesterday by County Judge and Ex-Officio County Superintendent C. W. Giesecke. "We are slipping behind other neighboring counties in providing our veterans with this valuable training and at the same time allowing them to draw pay while learning," Judge Giesecke declared. "The G. I. Bill of Rights is liberal and it is the duty of everyone to urge veterans to receive their share of the benefits. Motley county taxpayers will pay their share of the costs of the program and the veterans should have their share of the benefits. Roughly the program means that each class (classes are limited to 25) will receive \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually in government money, including tuition, materials and other provisions. Most of the money will go to the veterans as pay for the time they spend in learning a valuable trade.

"We have been assured ample teachers for all the classes organized in the county and the board seeks the cooperation of interested ex-servicemen, civic leaders and businessmen in every community. The classes can not be organized until sufficient veterans have signed for the courses."

Veterans interested in the program may apply to Mr. McWilliams or to Judge Giesecke's office for complete information.

New Street Lights Are Being Erected

Matador's new street lighting system will soon be in operation. Poles and the new type lamps have been placed throughout the project which includes the full length of Main street's paved area, to the school buildings and north to the Methodist church. Eight of the highest-powered street lights (two to the side) will circle the courthouse square where Motley county's new courthouse building is under construction.

Bridge across Ballard creek at the north edge of the business section on Main, will have adequate lighting. In the business area the present lighting system which is being replaced, will be improved with about four times as much light, according to representatives of the West Texas Utilities Company.

The utilities company is erecting the entire new system without cost to the city, except the monthly use of electricity for operation.

ATTENDS MEETING

City Water Superintendent Herman Stanfield Tuesday night attended the regular monthly meeting of Caprock Water Works and Sewer Association at Spur.

Barbecue banquet was served picnic style, in the open. A motion picture projected on the side of a brick building was included in the program.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Rainstorms Sweep Across Panhandle

NUMBERS ORDERED FOR CITY STREET MARKING PROJECT

An order was placed Friday with the Toby Manufacturing Company of Dallas for \$90 worth of numbers as the first step in the Lions Club-sponsored plan to mark all business and residential streets in Matador.

When the numbers arrive (probably this week) the campaign will be started to sell them to home and business owners. With the proceeds the club will order the cast aluminum street markers which will be erected on 2-inch side, 1-4-inch thickness angle iron, set in concrete. The erection will be made by the city.

Lions teams will be allocated blocks (in both business and residence sections) in which to sell the numbers. The price will be \$2.50 for each home or business door facing the street. It is estimated that approximately \$1,000 worth of the street markers will be needed, and that 400 sales of house (or business place) numbers will be made.

The Lions Club has advanced the money for the house numbers and when the project is completed the club will be reimbursed for the loan. The entire project is voluntary. No one will be obligated to buy a set of numbers and contribute to the civic movement of marking the streets.

Bond Drive Announced

Motley county has been assigned a quota of \$22,000 in series "E" savings bonds during the treasury department's "Opportunity Drive" which opens May 16 and continues through June 30. Announcement was made this week by County Savings Bond Chairman Howard Trawek, after he had received the quota in a letter from Nathan Adams of Dallas, chairman of the Texas advisory committee.

The national quota in the drive is \$1,040,000,000. The Texas quota is \$36,950,000.

"All quotas, including ours, apply only to the sale of "E" bonds," Mr. Trawek declared. "In this drive we want to place more savings bonds in the hands of the average people, who, with the proceeds of their thrift, can enjoy opportunities and advantages not otherwise possible.

"At the same time, by their investments in savings bonds, they are helping to manage our national debt in such a way as to more nearly assure a strong economy in our country."

FARMERS USING FERTILIZER TO AID CROP YIELD

A farming practice common to most of the agriculture area of the world has reached Motley county. Several farmers in the county are using commercial fertilizer to restore lost production of their soils.

First farming fertilizer advertisement ever to appear in the Tribune, is in this issue. Braselton Implement Company of Roaring Springs is advertising a mechanical attachment for two-row (and four-row) planters for the distribution of fertilizer beside seed beds. S. J. Braselton said he has already sold eight or nine of the two-row sets (price \$35.50).

He said tests show the soils of Motley county to be high in potash content but deficient in phosphate and nitrogen. Formula being used is 16-20-0 and requires 100 pounds to the acre. Cost of fertilizer at Roaring Springs is \$4.55 per 100 pounds. Braselton said some farmers were trying two-rows fertilized and two rows without fertilizer to test the worth of the soil builder. The cost of this type of fertilizing is only about \$2.25 per acre.

The implement dealer said he sold two car loads of fertilizer in Roaring Springs two years ago and that some farmers were well pleased with the results.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin and family, Cecil, Jimmy and Mary Margaret, visited Sunday in Abilene with their son and brother, John Houston, who is a student at Abilene Christian College.

City In Darkness For Brief Period

Matador was in darkness for approximately 15 minutes early this morning as the result of rain and thunder storms sweeping across the Texas Panhandle. Tribune electric regulator stopped at about 1:55 a. m. The Tribune news press stopped midway on impression while a "run" was in progress.

For the second time since its completion last fall the big power line from Turkey installed by the West Texas Utilities Company brought a group of circuit towns out of darkness in an emergency. Altho the power transmission line is used regularly by the utilities company to carry current each way in the "circle" of towns, its worth was reflected when a power failure (believed to be between Monday and Crowell) left half a dozen or more towns in darkness. A previous emergency use of the new line was made during past winter ice storms.

Most of Matador, sleeping peacefully, was unaware of the power failure, exception being the "night slaves" in the few open business places, and WTUC local manager D. C. Bradley and trouble-shooter Freddie Welling.

Both of the utility company employee's homes are equipped with an electric (battery operated) bell system. The instant there is a power failure the bells begin to ring. They have 13 1/2 minutes to dress and reach the power substation (if the failure is prolonged) to pull the main line switch.

The entire system is controlled by automatic switches. Last night an automatic switch at Estelline made four attempts to restore power (about 30 seconds apart). The automatic switch then waited 13 1/2 minutes before making another attempt. Welling had already reached the switch and opened it. In the meantime manager Bradley had contacted the Quana power dispatcher by telephone and later talked to Paducah. He was instructed to charge the line to Paducah and call back. Within a few minutes all the towns had their service restored, after the automatic switch had waited 13 1/2 minutes and again charged the line out of Estelline. It was assumed the failure was caused by lightning as service had been impaired for brief intervals as the storm swept eastward.

Again perfectly timed aerial irrigation through rainfall fell across a wide section of the Panhandle, "repolishing" the already bright wheat crop outlook and benefitting young row crop fields. Range conditions could hardly be more ideal.

Driver of a massive westbound truck which halted in front of the Tribune plant a few minutes after the power failure, was trying to find the door of Weybourn's (all-night) cafe with his flashlight. He said he had driven through rain, wind and hail all night.

Estimate of the rain which changed from all-day mist yesterday, at midnight was about one-half inch.

Plans For Flower Show Announced By El Progreso Club

El Progreso Study Club will again hold a flower show, and the date for the affair has been set for May 12. It was announced this week. The show will be held in the Legion hut.

The flower show last year proved so successful and popular that a similar exhibit was planned for this year. The displays will again be placed in three classifications: Home grown, or domestic, unusual, and wild flower arrangements. In addition, a new feature will be three classifications (same as above) for miniature entries. These entries will be for smaller arrangements than the regular entries, and anyone desiring additional information may contact either Mrs. Freeman Thacker or Mrs. Marvin Brotherton.

The show will be open to the public, and anyone in the county may enter flowers. It is the desire of the club that many arrangements will be entered by women other than members of the club.

All entries must be in not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on the day of the show, as the judging will be done preceding the opening of the show at 3:30 p. m., the committee in charge of arrangements announced further.



The Christmas season is in full swing. Late night shopping was fun last Thursday. Especially watching the little children visit with Santa Claus. Some cried and some laughed, one cute little boy gave Santa a big hug, some had long lists and some didn't know what they wanted. But they were all so cute.

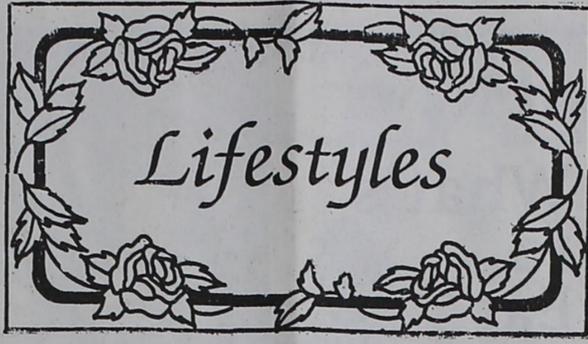
I guess Late Night shopping really kicks off the Christmas spirit in Matador. The streets were full. It was like you would imagine a street scene from days gone by.

I had the chance to watch the Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the sun, it is so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon

movie, "Yes Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus" the other night. I just love that movie! Although I have read that story many times, and we have printed it in our Christmas edition some years back, I don't think I had really heard the words of the Editor's reply to Virginia until watching the movie the other night. So in celebration of this special season, I will reprint these letters in my column this week.

Did you know that this is true? It was first printed in the *New York Sun* in 1897.



El Progreso Club members enjoy quilt display, history

El Progreso Club met November 11 at Senior Citizens Center for a very interesting and impressive program.

Club President, Mrs. Joe Campbell, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. for business. Reports were given including the Santa Rosa Fall Board Meeting, held at Seymour, October 23.

Mrs. Billie Koon, was program leader for the day. She introduced the members, who had brought quilts to display and give a brief history. It was wonderful to see these treasured heirlooms made by great grandmothers, grandmothers, mothers and other beloved relatives or friends. Some quilts were elegant appliques, others with intricate designs, others were the serviceable type, all were lovely workmanship and some could be dated as far passed as the late nineteenth century.

Quilting has always been an enjoyable work of art. Before the industrial revolution and the advent of modern conveniences, it was a necessity for the home. Many hours were spent in their construction. Quilting Bees were well attended and enjoyed as a social gathering lasting, sometimes, most of the day.

Children enjoyed identifying whose dress or shirt scraps were pieced into different blocks. A feeling of nostalgia prevailed bringing

happy memories of those who made these priceless items.

Billie Koon gave the inspirational thought by reading many thoughts on friends. She closed the program with a quotation from the current yearbook; by Frank Crane, "A Friend is a person with whom you dare to be yourself."

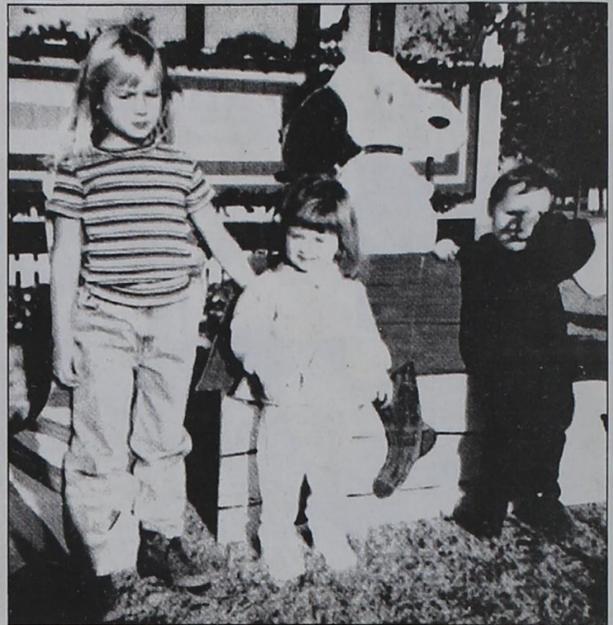
Mrs. Pearl Patten and Mrs. Callie Giesecke were hostesses. They served sandwiches, pinwheels of ham and cheese, chip, nuts, mints, coffee and punch, from the beautifully decorated tea table, dressed with white cloth and a fall arrangement of leaves and fruit.

Members present were JoEtta Bumgardner, Grace Campbell, Lucretia Estes Campbell, Lois Campbell, Dorothy Day, JoAnn Dickson, Callie Giesecke, Gerri Jones, Billie Koon, June Jennings, Ruby McBride, Marge Moore, Pearl Patten, Lola Pohl, Noma Wike, and Winifred Darsey.

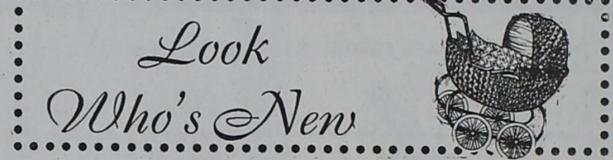
Mrs. Lorene Lancaster was guest of the club and displayed some lovely quilts.

The December meeting will be held at the Campbell Ranch Home of Grace Campbell. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be a covered dish luncheon and an exchange of Christmas tree ornaments.

Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson will bring the Christmas program.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS — These little ones were helping their Moms, members of the Eternas Study Club of Matador, decorate the town last week. They are (left to right) Sarah Ferguson, Kaitlan Price, and Logan Ferguson.



Look

Who's New

Dixon Eli Marshall

Macie Marshall would like to announce the arrival of her little brother, Dixon Eli.

Eli was born Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 12:21 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Parents of the children are Brent and Jana Marshall of Matador.

Grandparents are Scott and Jane Johnson of Lubbock, Ken and Mary Marshall of Matador. Great-grandparents are Corky and Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs, Mrs. C.D. Baker of Lubbock, Mary Risinger of Spearsville, L.A., Ollie and Willene Smith of Dallas. Great-great grandparent is Virgil Scott of Lubbock.

Julianna Ashley

Larry and Lola Ashley of Lake Forest, California would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Julianna.

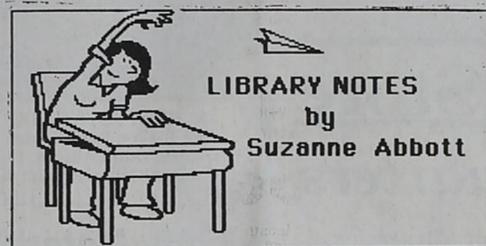
She was born at 11:54 p.m. Monday, December 6. She weighed 7

pounds 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Kenneth Ashley of Roaring Springs and Donna Ashley of Costa Mesa, California.

"Faith goes up the stairs that love has made and looks out of the windows which hope has opened."

— Charles Spurgeon



LIBRARY NOTES

by

Suzanne Abbott

Memorials are so very helpful to the Library and we appreciate each one that is received. We thank Virgie Bannister for the donation in memory of her sister Tressie Warren. We also thank Ruby and Herman Ellithorp and Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott for their donations to the Library in memory of Tressie Warren. Donations such as these make a lasting memorial to a special person.

We thank everyone who visited the Library on Matador's Late Night Shopping night. We had over 125 visitors to the Library. They were all eating popcorn, drinking cider, watching a Christmas video, buying books, buying Texas Capitol ornaments, and, most of all, visiting with friends. Ruby McGuire spent all Thursday afternoon working to decorate the Library and it is beautifully festive and then, if that were not enough, Ruby stayed all evening and served refreshments. Her husband, D.A. ran the vacuum after it was all over for the evening. We appreciate the McGuires very much.

Also, we thank Earline Vaughn, Patricia Green, Gerry Jones, and Jo Scott for their help on this fun evening. Jo and Earline covered the front. Patricia and Gerry sold tons of books. And as a result of all their work, I just sat back and enjoyed everything. Thank you ladies for making the Late-Night Shopping event a success.

I want to thank Jo Scott, Patricia Green, and Winifred Lee for filling in for me when I had to be away from the Library last week. We are so fortunate to have such a great group of Friends who are willing to work for

the benefit of the Motley County Library.

New books in the Library include two more little books shaped like vehicles. Adding to the motorcycle and tractor we now have a school bus, which tells about all kinds of buses and a monster truck. We thank Ruby and D.A. McGuire for purchasing these two unusual books for the kids' section of the Library.

We have Mary Englebreit Crafts to Celebrate the Seasons ready for you to check out and make something colorful for Christmas. Other new books are arriving daily; come in and check out one.

The book sale and the sale of the Texas Capitol Ornaments continue at the Library. Come in and see these great bargains.

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"Pseudos....Lying"

One word for lying is the Greek word "pseudos", from which we get our word "pseudo," someone who or something which is false, a sham, or unreal. It describes anything or anyone involved in calculating to deceive another. The deliberate intent is to deceive. On the other hand, it is possible to be truthful with the intention of hurting another person. The Bible teaches believers to be truthful in love.

The word "lie" has strong meaning for believers. Romans 1:25 speaks of those who had "ex-changed the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator..." People not wanting to worship God and submit to Him are lying to themselves, to God, and to others to get them to do the same thing.

Colossians 3:9 says, "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices." Telling lies does not belong to the spiritual wardrobe of the Christian. Neither does living a lie. Titus 1:2 tells us that our hope is in God, "who does not lie", and who "promised before the beginning of time." Lying is not part of God's nature.

Rev. 14:5 says about those who had died for the cause of Christ that one of their character traits was that "No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless." They were open books of honesty for God and everyone else to read. What a difference in enabling us to live for the Master.

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Daniel Antonio Cervera, son of Daniel and Evangelina Cervera, of Floydada, was born October 30, 1999 at 6:39 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. Grandparents are Pablo Antonio and Estella Salinas and Victor and Maria Cervera, all of Floydada

Ruben James Marmolejo, son of Albert and Marie Marmolejo, of Floydada, was born November 2, 1999 at 2:56 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. Grandparents are Guadalupe Marmolejo, of Floydada. Victor DelToro, of Pearsall. Paulba Marmolejo, of Lubbock. Rebecca Diaz, of Floydada.

Natalie Rose Garza, daughter of Gilbert and Veronica Garza, of Floydada, was born November 11, 1999 at 2:40 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Grandparents are Jesus and Rosa Maria Castro and Juan and Lucia Nunez, all of Floydada.

Amy Monique Rodriguez, daughter of Cristina Rincon and Steve Rodriguez, of Plainview, was born November 11, 1999 at 11:24 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 11 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Roberto and Janie Rincon, of Plainview and Tearsa Rodriguez.

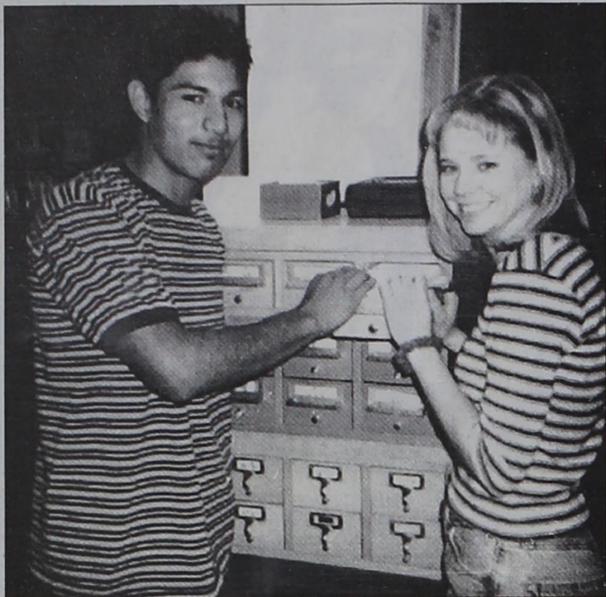
Christopher Seth Emert, son of Stephanie Emert, of Floydada was born November 16, 1999 at 7:29 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Grandparents are Vickie and Curtis Emert of Floydada.

Cody Wade Herring, son of Rick and Shanna Herring, of Plainview, was born November 28, 1999 at 9:04 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Grandparents are Pat and Richard Herring of Nazareth and Pam and Vince Brockman of Plainview.

Roberto Davila, son of Ruben Davila Jr. and Magali Davila was born November 28, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. Grandparents are Jose R. and Lorenza Briones and Ruben and Mariana Davila all from Rio Grande City.

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Motley County School News



SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES — Ysef Alvarado and Shandra Jones.

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Mini-Subs, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Potato Chips, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Corn on the Cob, Desert, Milk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Sticks, Homemade Bread, Red Velvet Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Apple, Vanilla Waters, Milk.

a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Teacher Workday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20-

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Christmas Holidays!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28-30

Varsity Basketball Tournament at Crosbyton.

What's Happening?



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Semester Exams, Periods, 4, 5, 6, Staff Christmas Party, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17:

Semester Exams, Periods, 7 & 8. Early out, 1:30. Basketball at Memphis (4 games). Elementary Music Program, 9:30.

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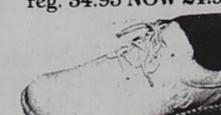
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JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM — Standing at back, left to right, Shea Rose, Manager, Sabrina Osborn, Coach Amy Bowles, and Amy Easter; (kneeling) Brittany Moore, Emily Hurt, Susana Mendoza, and Kittie Campbell; (in front) Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Amanda Hurt, Stachia Baxter, and Mandi Ream.



JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM — Standing, left to right, Kenny Johannes, Seagrim Sims, Joel Rieger, Luke Taylor, Britt Wallace, John Wesley Stevens, Cole Grundy, Lorenzo Salazar, Cody Cooper, Quintin Rose, Clay Cooper, Benjie Martinez, and Brandon Martin; (in front) Matt Henzler, Chance Bingham, Dumont Darsey, Chris McCarty, and Brady Timmins.

Lady Matadors compete in Valley Tournament

The Lady Matadors participated in the Valley Tournament, December 2-4. The Ladies lost to Plainview Christian Academy in their first game, with a final score of 42-49.

Courtney Hays was leading scorer with 15 points. Rabeca Morris added 10; Kember Everett, 7; Denise Shannon, 7; and Shandra Jones, 3.

Leading rebounder was Kember Everett with six. Three others with four rebounds were Miranda Palmer, Denise Shannon and Shandra Jones. Courtney Hays and Chasity Holman each had one.

Team freethrow was 4-11 and team shooting was 16-51.

Coach Copeland stated, "Poor shooting in second half was the factor for losing."

The first half shooting was 11-29; second half, 5-22.

The Ladies defeated Patton Springs, 51-38 for their second game in the tournament.

Leading scorer was Shandra Jones with 13. Courtney Hays added 11; Rabeca Morris, 8; Anna Christy 7; Denise Shannon, 6; Miranda Palmer, 4; and Kember Everett, 2.

Four players had eight rebounds each, Christy, Shannon, Hays, and Jones. Palmer had 6 and Morris, 1.

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Coach Copeland stated, "After losing to some good 2A teams (3,

Ralls, Post and Floydada), it feels good to win again!"

The Ladies defeated Lorenzo for their last game in the tournament, with a final score of 51-46.

Anna Christy led in scoring with 19 points. Courtney Hays added 16; Rabeca Morris, 9; Shandra Jones, 3; Denise Shannon, 2; Miranda Palmer, 2.

Anna Christy also led with rebounds, grabbing 11. Shandra Jones followed with 10; Shannon and Hays, 4 each; Morris, 2; Kember Everett, 1.

Team freethrow was 20-27. Great job! Morris was 5-6 freethrows, Hays, 6-7, and Christy, 7-10

Courtney Hays made the All-Tournament Team. The Lady Mats won consolation.

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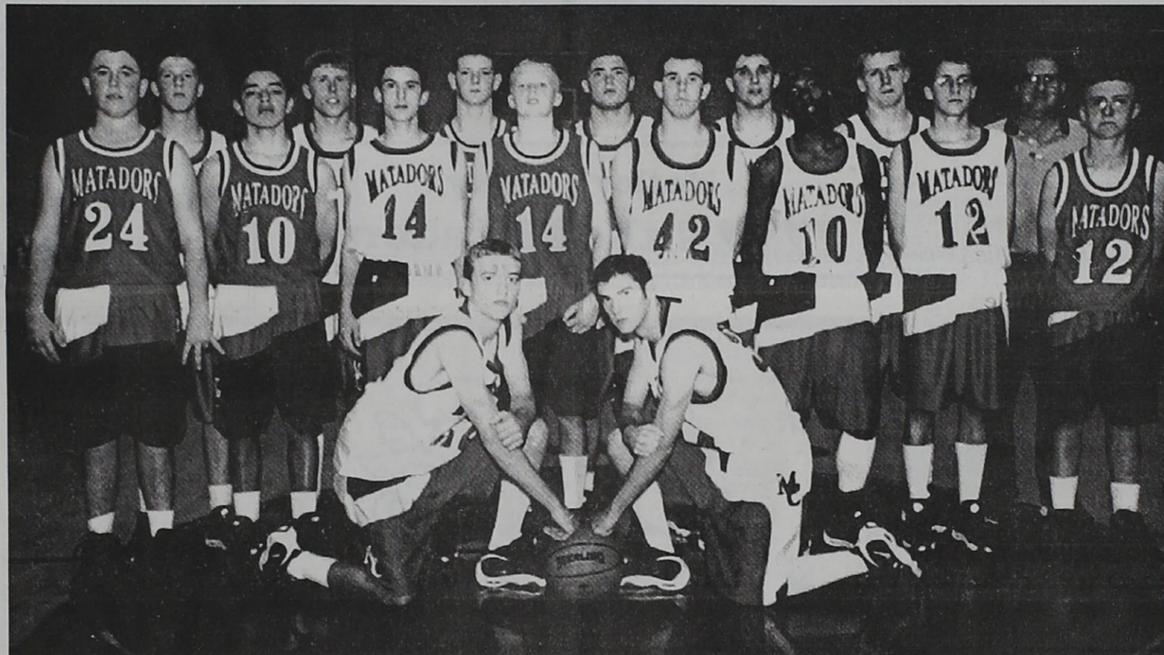


MATADORS

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MOTLEY COUNTY LADY MATADORS — Candace Marvel, Manager; Rabecca Morris, Kelsi Wallace, Coach Danny Copeland, Anna Christy, Rachelle Renfro, LeAndra Wallace, Manager, pictured left to right at back. Kneeling left to right are Cassie Campbell, Chasity Holman, Brittany Donaldson and Lacy Carson. In front are Courtney Hays, Denise Shannon, Ashley Stevens, Kember Everett, Miranda Palmer, and Shandra Jones.



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Brad Baxter, Chris Paul, Tony Salazar, Sean Rose, Scott Jones, Clint Cooper, Shawn Marvel, Matt Easter, Benjamin Ridgley, Brant Donaldson, Jermaine Hendrix, Chase Carson, Ryan Moore, Coach Bob Ridgley and Brandon Moore, pictured left to right. In front are Casey Lawrence, left, and Brandon Lee.

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BASKETBALL ACTION
 Friday, December 10 - Space - There
 Tuesday, December 14 - Valley - Here

If you would like to have your name or business listed on this Sports Page, please call our office at 347-2400

News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Joyce Smith spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Plano with her daughter, Michelle and Don Smith and granddaughter, Julie and Brian DePaolo from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock and family of Anahuac spent Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock.

Joe Martinez and Dianna Holman made a business trip to Plainview Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock drove to Lubbock Sunday celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary, having lunch at Red Lobster restaurant.

Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins shopped in Plainview Sunday afternoon. The Monday morning coffee drinkers

met at the home of Mary Lumsden this week for coffee and snacks. Those attending were Lee Peacock, Jeanie Adams, Grace Zabielski, Billie Clifton and Pearl Patten.

Doris Neff of McAdoo visited with Mary Lumsden Monday afternoon. She was on her way to Matador to the Patton Springs/Motley County basketball game to watch her grandson play.

Zella Palmer went to Valley School Friday to the basketball tournament.

Joe and Joyce Meredith accompanied their daughter, Carla Meador to Lubbock Sunday to visit grandson and family, Jeremy and Whitney Jones, daughter Morgan and new baby son, Judson.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

GREEN - MARSHALL

Many lives were touched this week, with the burials here of John Kelly Green and Tressie Marshall Warren. These are representative of our earliest pioneers in this area. Some of my first memories are of Myra and Duff Green, and of how my sister now Madge Virginia Nichols Renfro of Carrollton, Tx, among many other youthful visitors in the Green home, would tell of sitting at the feet of Duff Green during their childhood while he recounted the experiences of his youth to the young people who were always welcome in the green home.

To quote from part of Mary Green Webb's story of her parent's migration West. "My mother, Miss Myra Kelly finished high school at Cottonwood in Dickens County, through the influence of a cousin, Mr. Rob Forbis who lived there. She made the trip in a two wheel cart, drawn by a Spanish mule which was serving as mail transportation from Seymour to Dickens. Mr. Forbis made arrangements with his mother-in-law, who was my grandmother Green, to have someone meet the mail hack when it arrived in Dickens around midnight with the new Cottonwood "School Marm." My father was commissioned for this duty. He met the Hack two nights in succession before my mother arrived, and was very disgruntled at the inconvenience and loss of

sleep that she had caused him. To make a long story short, my mother and father met at midnight at Dickens, Texas, courted for one year, and were married at the Forcis Ranch at Cottonwood on Dec. 24, 1901. My mother taught school at cottonwood for two years, and when the community secured its first post office, she gave it the name of Afton, Texas.

My mother and father lived in a half-dugout on the south bank of Tongue River in Motley County for about a year while my father freighted lumber from Quannah to build their first home. Mama taught school at Flag Spring which was on the opposite side of Tongue River from their home. Her mode of transportation was a pony called 'Necktie' and a side saddle. She was paid thirty dollars per month." And I shall add that at times that was in script which she obtained by riding horseback to the County Seat of Matador.

The seven Green children were born and reared at the home on Tongue River. The children were Mervin, John, Mary (Webb), Sue (Maxey), Ruth (Kirksey), Nell (Stevens), and Nina (Sinclair). They all graduated from Roaring Springs High School. (For this we are indebted to Eleanor Traweeke's 'Of Such As These...') Survivors of John K. are three sisters Sue Maxey of Post, Nell Stevens of Gardenville, NV, and Nina Sinclair of Lubbock.

Matador News

Irene Welling had as her guests for Thanksgiving Peggy Jams from Arlington, Jim Welling of Midlothian, Ward Wilson of Richardson, Ronnie, Paula, Susan and Scott Welling of Amarillo, Frank and Renee Welling of Amarillo, Gary Welling of Dallas.

Mrs. Vernard Alexander and Mrs. W.N. Pipkin visited Mrs. Douglas Meador recently in the Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital in Midland.

Mrs. W.N. Pipkin spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Mesa, Arizona with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pipkin and Scott.

Visiting Sonny and Dorothy Russell for Thanksgiving were her brother, Maurice Cox of Grain Valley, MO and niece, Dea Coleman and children Zack, Makala and Ian of Cassville, MO; also Jesse and Caron Perkins of Snyder, Jeremy and Jessica Perkins, Lara Hicks and Mat Roy of College Station.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Payne had the pleasure during the Thanksgiving holidays of having their daughters and families visit them, Laveda and Steve Crawford and son, Christian, Mrs. Keisha Howerton and daughter, Kaylyn of Lipan; Susie and Tommie Mayfield and daughter, Kuchasha of Sulpher Springs and Nikea and Richard Clark of Weatherford. They enjoyed hunting deer and wild hogs.

Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart and sisters, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin visited in Clifton from Thursday until Sunday with Mrs. Clay's daughter and family, Lori, Kevon, Kyler and Karlee Kleibrink. They celebrated the birthday of Lori. They also visited in Granbury with Mrs. Coleen Burns.

Cody, Mandi, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger and Ty Barclay of Sweetwater visited the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Rob Ballinger and son, Brent of Canyon and Aaron Ballinger of North Carolina visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the entertaining 3M Gospel Concert, Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

Art Green is under medical optical treatment in Plainview. His daughter, Mrs. Joan Helms has been accompanying him

to Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Monday to visit Mrs. Dixie Campbell, who is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Eugenia Barton, a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Mrs. Barton has been moved from ICU to a private room, but is listed in serious, weakened condition.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter attended to business and shopped in Plainview, Monday.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughter, Emily of Petersburg, father, Clois Shorter and grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin enjoyed the 3M Gospel Concert, in which her mother Mrs. Kathy Shorter sang. It was held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Sunday night. Christi and Emily remained to visit overnight Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shorter.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the Christmas program held in the renovated Gem Theater in Turkey, Sunday night. Her grandchildren, Kelsey and Tanner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, performed in the play, "Wally's Christmas."

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Cooper of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes attended the funeral services of their brother, John "Red" Hughes, 78, of Lubbock and the graveside services in Quitaque, Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

If Mike Tyson wants to get back into boxing, he should join a Hockey team. However, he couldn't bite someone's ear off, because they wear helmets!

VACATION TRIP

Ms. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Juanita Cooper returned to their respective homes Friday night after a six day vacation trip to Missouri.

They toured Precious Moments in Carthage and continued to Branson. They enjoyed the variety of entertaining performances of Shoji Tabuchi, Barbara Fairchild, Hughes Brothers, Moe Bandy, Osmond Brothers, Yakov Smirnoff and The Rockettes.

Mrs. Lindy Stafford of Matador and

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner attended the Delta Appa Gamma, Professional Educational Sorority, Christmas party, Saturday. It was held at the Bed and Breakfast Smith House in Crosbyton.

Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin enjoyed the Christmas program held in the newly preserved Gem Theater in Turkey, Sunday night. Area children performed in the play, "Wally's Christmas" and Chris Barrett of Quitaque sang Christmas carols.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin attended the enjoyable 3M Gospel Concert held in the First Baptist Church in Matador, Sunday night. Also attending were Mrs. Frances Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon.

Motley County

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Obituaries

John Hughes

Services for John H. "Red" Hughes, 78, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, in Franklin-Bartley Chapel with the Rev. Roger Garrett officiating.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Quitaque Cemetery.

He died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at University Medical Center.

He was born April 11, 1921, in Love County, Okla., and had been a Lubbock resident since moving there from Matador in 1972. He was a retired oil field roughneck and had farmed when he was younger.

He was an Army infantry veteran of

World War II and was wounded during the Normandy invasion. He received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He was a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of Lubbock's VFW Post No. 2466.

He was preceded in death by a son, Danny Lee Hughes, in 1956.

Survivors include a son, John W. of Phoenix; three daughters, Patsy Sue Hughes of Sacramento, Calif., and Linda Jean Hughes and Kathy Marie Sharrah of Lubbock; a brother, Don "Butch" Hughes of Flomot; two sisters, Thelma Pierce of New Deal and Jean Cooper of Matador; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Nathan Pipkin

B. Nathan Pipkin, 73, of Amarillo and Midland, died Friday, November 12, 1999 at 10:30 p.m. at the Baptist St. Andrews Hospice Home in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 5 p.m. Monday, November 15, 1999 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo with the Reverend Norman Grigsby and Reverend John F. McClean officiating. Burial was held Tuesday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m. at the McAdoo Cemetery in McAdoo. Arrangements were under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Nathan was born December 29, 1925 at the family home in McAdoo to Lawrence Bush Pipkin and Hattie Norris Pipkin. Having graduated from high school in McAdoo, Nathan continued his education at McMurry College in Abilene, earning a BA. He then attended graduate school at Scarritt University in Nashville, Tennessee receiving a Master's Degree in Religious Education. He also worked toward a doctorate degree in

Christian Education from Vanderbilt University before beginning his career as a United Methodist professional educator.

He served his country as a sailor aboard the USS Fanshaw Bay during WWII experiencing nine major battles and holding one Presidential Unit Citation.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth, and both parents. He is survived by his wife, Shirley. They were married on August 12, 1995. He is survived by two sons, Lee Pipkin and his wife, Jan of San Angelo, and Scott Pipkin of Quinlan; step-son Chris Stephens and wife, Mary Ann, of Canyon. Other survivors include a brother, Lawrence Pipkin of Smithville; one sister, Emma Winegar of The Colony; two granddaughters, Sarah and Rachel Pipkin of San Angelo; and step-grandchildren, Rachel and John Stephens of Canyon; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as numerous friends.

David Odell Womack

David Odell Womack, 79, entered into rest on December 2, 1999 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

David is survived by his six children, Betty Lynn Hamilton of Watauga; Charles Womack of Alvarado; David Womack of Matador; Bobby Womack of Burleson; Alfred Womack of Kennedale; Jimmy Womack of Arlington; and his six step-children, James Leslie of Sandflat; John

Leslie of Mansfield; Jane Saterlee of Ft. Worth; Joan Dickerson of Ft. Worth; Robert Conner of Puerto Rico; and Richard Conner of Wynnboro. He had 22 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

David moved to Matador with his wife, Patricia, in 1989 from Alvarado.

Memorial services were held at the First Assembly of God Church in Matador Friday, December 3, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

I wish to take this opportunity to publicly express my appreciation to the Motley County Sheriff, Mr. Jim Meador. On Saturday, a friend and I were returning to Childress from Lubbock. When we stopped for gas, the car was accidentally locked with my cars keys inside. Sheriff Meador responded to our call for help in just a few minutes. While standing in the

very cold wind, he managed to unlock the car for me. Not only that, but he even proceeded to pump the gas for me! Sheriff Meador is a credit to your community. My friend and I are grateful for his kind assistance.

Sincerely,
Margie Robinson
Childress, Texas

Dear Mrs. Meador:

It has come to my attention that some residents may be unnecessarily upset. Therefore, I would like to address the issue of who pays the salaries for my employees.

As you are aware, I am the Motley County Special Prosecutor. I also have a civil practice here in Motley County, Texas. I have personally hired two individuals to work for me in my civil practice. D'Anna Russell and Eva Barkley both work for me and are not employees of Motley County. I am the sole person responsible for their wages and salaries. The Motley County taxpayers do not

pay any sums to either of them. However, Motley County reaps the benefit of my of my staff without any cost to the county since I direct my staff to write documents, deal with defense attorneys, answer the telephone, get out mail and many other various jobs regarding my role in prosecuting misdemeanors.

I hope that anyone who has a question as to the salaries of my staff, my salary as the Motley County Special Prosecutor or any other concern will feel free to contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely yours,
Tempie T. Hutton

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

—Thomas Jefferson

Farm & Ranch News



Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

COTTONSEED HELP APPROVED Rules Still Unclear

Producers got another bit of good news with the recent announcement of the implementation of a cottonseed assistance program for the 1999 crop year. Unfortunately since the announcement many producer questions have gone unanswered regarding the specific process that will be used to distribute the funds.

The cottonseed assistance program will be paid for with some \$100 million made available by savings that accrued from recently completed USDA programs.

It also appears that the preferred delivery system will be through the first handlers of the cottonseed, presumably the cotton gin, although payments could still be made directly to producers. Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) and other cotton industry leaders are supporting a delivery system utilizing the first handler of the cottonseed.

Final determinations should be issued soon so that producers and any other involved parties can begin the process of determining what will be required to document production and make application for the program.

At this time it appears that the amount of the payment will be in the neighborhood of \$10 - \$15 per ton.

The main impetus for the program is that cottonseed prices are at the lowest levels in recent memory and producers, who normally depend on seed sales to offset the cost of ginning their product, are typically incurring an additional \$5-\$15 dollars per bale in ginning charges on top of their other production expenses.

TBWED COMPLETES 1999 HIGH PLAINS OPERATIONS

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has halted the Fall diapause spraying operations in the three active High Plains boll weevil eradication zones as of November 31.

"(Spraying) activities wrapped up this week and we were pleased with the progress of the program through the summer," said Osama El-Lissy, Program Director for the TBWED. "We believe it will set us up for a good season next year with weevil populations drastically reduced. We have already started planning for next season and are looking forward to working with producers in all active zones."

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Christian farms approximately 5,000 acres of irrigated corn and cotton in Parmer County and was closely involved in the formation of the newly opened Parmer County Coop Gin near Farwell.

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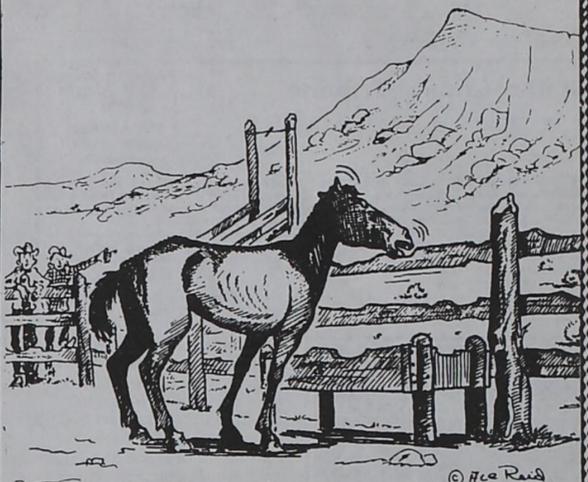
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The Womack and Leslie families

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Christine Briscoe

We would like to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, and phone calls during this trying time. And thank you to those who made contributions. We appreciate all the words of kindness and prayers given to our family.

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