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A Look Back



FEBRUARY 27, 1969

Trail Dust by Ben Meador

"A smouldering hate can become a blazeless fire that consumes friendship and produces contempt for the world in general."

FEBRUARY 27, 1969

Douglas Wilson To Join Gaines Extension Staff

"Seminole -- A new assistant County Agricultural Agent will join the Gaines County Extension staff on March 1.

He is Douglas L. Wilson, according to a joint announcement by Gaines County Judge. The new agent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Wilson of Matador."

FEBRUARY 27, 1969

Weekend specials at Spot Cash Grocery

Beef Roast
Chuck or Arm Round -- .59¢ lb.
Beef Ribs
Choice fresh cuts ----- .39¢ lb.
Maxwell House Coffee - .69¢ lb.
Libby's Pink 1lb. can
Salmon ----- .79¢

Around Town

News Briefs
of area events

Public School Week to be observed next week

The Motley County ISD Cafeteria will be observing Public School week by inviting you to participate in Parent/Grandparent visitation to be held on March 4-5.

Parents and Grandparents of PK-6th grade students are invited to eat Fajitas with us on Thursday, March 4. Parents and Grandparents of 7-12 graders are invited to eat Cheeseburgers and fries with us on Friday, March 5.

If assigned days are inconvenient for you to come eat with us, please feel free to come when it is convenient for you.

Please RSVP so that we can make preparations for you. Guest lunch will cost \$4.00 each.

Talent Show, Cake Auction set for March 4

The Annual Talent Show and Cake Auction has been set for Thursday, March 4. The event is sponsored by the Jr. Class.

All students in PK-12th grade, and anyone else, are invited to participate.

To be in the show, sign up with Mrs. Kelli Jackson at school.

Motley County
Jr. Livestock
Show
March 13

City Council in final stages of Landfill Expansion project

The Matador City Council met Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 a.m. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilwoman Shane Jones. Also present were City Secretary Seven Alexander and City Water Manager, Steve Barton.

Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order. Councilman James "Tootie" Meador gave the invocation. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Bills were paid.

Matador resident, Rev. Rex Kreusel, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Matador, attended the meeting to inquire about some property adjoining the Church property. This was discussed, with no decision made.

Mayor Lancaster ordered the City Election, with three Council places to fill. Council places currently held by Rodney Williams, James "Tootie" Meador, and Travis Jameson will be up for election in

May. Council discussed the budget. Council also discussed the Landfill expansion project. The expansion project is now in the permit process on the new land. It was decided to contact the Engineer to inquire as to where the project stands at this time.

Water Manager, Steve Barton, gave waterworks, wastewater and sanitation reports, and announced that TNRCC okayed the landfill inspection. Meeting adjourned.

Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program available through FSA

The Motley County FSA office is currently accepting applications for the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program. The program provides assistance to eligible producers who suffered losses for 1998 crops (single-year) or losses on crops in three of the last five years (multi-year) from 1994 through 1998. Farmers can receive payments under either the single-year or multi-year provisions, and USDA will make payments at the higher of the two levels.

The single-year (1998) crops with qualifying losses in excess of 35 percent of the expected production are

eligible for single year benefits. Single year provisions cover insured crops, uninsured crops, and non-insurable crops.

Under the multi-year disaster, insured crops will be compensated with an additional payment of 25 percent of the indemnities received during the period. For non-insurable crops the compensation will be an additional payment of 25 percent of the NAP payments received during the period.

The payments for the single-year and multi-year disasters will be pro-

rated if the amount allocated for each is exceeded. The payment limitation for 1998 single-year and multi-year benefits is \$80,000 per person. This payment limitation of \$80,000 per person will be applied before any national payment factors. Also, producers receiving benefits that did not insure all 1998 insurable crops will be required to purchase crop insurance for ALL crops in 1999 and 2000. The sign-up deadline is March 12, 1999. Please call the office at (806) 347-2671 for an appointment.

Motley County Commissioners meet in called session to discuss roads

The Motley County Commissioners' Court met in a special called session Monday, February 22, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. All Commissioners were present and County Judge Laverna Price. The session of court was called for the purpose of reviewing maps provided by Texas Department of Transportation to determine the

county road mileage for Motley County.

Each county-maintained road was inventoried for length and other attributes, using the global positioning system and a digital measuring instrument. A graphic map and a set of road logs were created for each county in the State of Texas.

The court found some county roads omitted on the map. The road mileage will be carefully checked in each precinct by the commissioners. All corrections will be made on the graphic map and road log and submitted to Texas Department of Transportation for approval. Court adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Matadors win Bi-District

Area playoff game this Friday night!



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS — The Motley County Matadors won the Bi-District title with their 53-51 win over Wilson Tuesday night at Idalou. In a close and exciting game, the Matadors came back after halftime for a victory. The Matadors will play their Area playoff game this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. against the O'Donnell Eagles at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Pictured above, with their Bi-District trophy, are team members (back l-r), Sean Rose, Keane Cruse, Brant Donaldson, Chase Carson, Jason Clauser, Jermaine Hendrix, Matt Easter, Dayton Grundy, Brad Marvel, Jason Barton, and Coach Robert Ridgley; in front are Casey Lawrence, Benjamin Ridgley, film man Robert Gillespie and stat keeper, Brenda Gillespie. A complete report of the game will be printed in next week's paper.



Mother & Daughter of the Year

Pam Thacker and daughter, Blair, were named Mother & Daughter of the Year at the Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet held last Thursday night at the School. The event, which is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, featured a style show from Dillard's Department Store in Lubbock. Mrs. Thacker teaches Second Grade at MC ISD, and Blair is a Senior high school student.

Filing date ends March 17 for local May Elections

Anyone wanting to file for the May 1st local elections may do so until 5:00 p.m. March 17. Reports are that no has filed for any of the positions available.

The City of Matador has three Council positions open, currently held by Rodney Williams, Travis Jameson, and James "Tootie" Meador.

The City of Roaring Springs has three places open, currently held by Kelly Keltz, Mark Brannon, and James Adams. There will possibly one other position open, the unexpired term of Russell Alexander, who recently resigned from the Council.

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees has two 3-year positions open, currently held by Darrel Cruse and Gale Stafford and one 1-year term, currently held by Marisue Potts, who was appointed to the Board after the resignation of Billy Wayne Denison.

The Motley County Hospital Board will have two positions open, currently held by Charlie Johnson and Deb Jones.

If you would like to run for one of these positions you may file for the City Council positions at the respective City Halls; Hospital Board with Bettye Stevens at School; Motley County School Board at the Superintendent's office at School.

Senate proposes \$25 million to assist Boll Weevil Eradication

Austin -- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs applauded a proposal by Senate Finance Committee Chairman bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, for emergency appropriations of \$25 million for boll weevil eradication. The direct state funding would help offset the enormous costs producers incurred during last year's severe drought.

The proposed \$25 million emergency appropriation to the Texas Department of Agriculture could be utilized during the current fiscal year to help continue boll weevil eradication efforts underway in the state. In addition to Ratliff's proposal, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has legislation pending that would authorize a state-funded, cost-share program for boll weevil eradication.

"Cotton is the state's top cash crop earning more than \$1.5 billion a year in direct cash receipts," Combs said. "Sen. Ratliff, Sen. Duncan and the Texas Legislature understand the problems of drought and boll weevils that have plagued our cotton farmers. Our producers have been losing their competitive edge to growers in other southern states which have not experienced drought and where boll weevil eradication has been completed, resulting in lower production costs.

"It is of utmost importance that eradication be as successful in Texas as it has been in other states such as

Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas," Combs said. "These other states received a 30 percent direct cost share from the federal government to offset the cost of their program. The federal share has now dropped to 10 percent so state assistance will help make up some of the difference to complete this critical program in Texas."

In addition to the proposed direct emergency appropriation, Combs is proposing to lend over \$100 million in low-interest funds from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which will reduce the cost of boll weevil eradication.

"If we are able to decrease the estimated \$100 an acre program by \$20 with direct funding, I am hoping to further reduce the cost of the additional \$80 through the low-interest loan program."

"The money to lend for eradication is already available so this proposal is good for farmers and taxpayers alike," the commissioner said.

"With help from the Texas Legislature with an emergency appropriation and an additional low-interest loan from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, our cotton growers can continue to be leaders in this nation at producing fiber," Combs said.

Texas produces about 30 percent of the nation's cotton.



Have you ever heard of writer's block? Well, for the past few weeks I have had a real bad case of it. I guess my mind has been preoccupied with other things, and this column seems to be the last thing I can think of to write when I'm working on the paper. Sometimes, especially the past few weeks, I hurriedly type it up on Wednesday morning, just before I must leave to get the paper printed! I hope it hasn't been too bad and I do so hope everyone who reads it, gets some kind of enjoyment out of it, even if it's a big chuckle about how bad it is that week.

Anyway, my main objective in writing this column is to stay in touch with my readers. A weekly letter to friends, I guess you could say. And you know how it is when you start to write a letter, there is just not that much happening sometimes.

Letter writing is not one of my better habits. I'm better with cards, that are already prepared with a nice little verse. Then you can just add a few lines and there you have it, a nice little letter. My cousin and I have exchanged letters since we were old enough to write, I guess. I still have one that I received from her when we were about six or seven years old. It starts out --

Dear Miss Lady, (Miss Lady is how she, my sister, and I referred to ourselves when playing house, dress-up or the other little girl games).

How are you? I am fine. I was just thinking about you. Can you come for tea?

How is your baby doll? Mine is fine.

Love,
Miss Lady

I will cherish that letter forever. Sometimes we forget that whatever we put down in words can last a long, long time, and can be read by many. So, I think, writing is an important task, whether it be in a column, a letter, or a whole newspaper!

My aunt Tinsey (Mildred is her real name), but we all refer to her as Tinsey, because she is a tiny lady, could write the most interesting letters. This tiny lady has a heart as big as Texas. A native Texan, she lives

in Bakersfield, California, and has for many years, but is a Texan through and through, as you can still tell from her speech, and her southern hospitality. She's a jewel!

Anyway, when she would write a letter to my granny (her sister), her mother (my great-grandma), or to my Aunt Audrey (also her sister), we all enjoyed hearing what Aunt Tinsey had to say. She would comment on the soap operas and other things, to make her letters sound like she was just right there talking to you.

When she comes to visit, we all have the best time. She has a sweet spirit and lights up the room with her presence. You can feel her sweet presence when you read one of her letters.

I can remember writing letters to my Granny when I was a little girl. Even though she just lived a few blocks away, I loved her, so that I would write her a letter, then hand deliver it.

Most letters would say

Dear Granny,
I love you. You are so pretty.
Do you love me.
Check

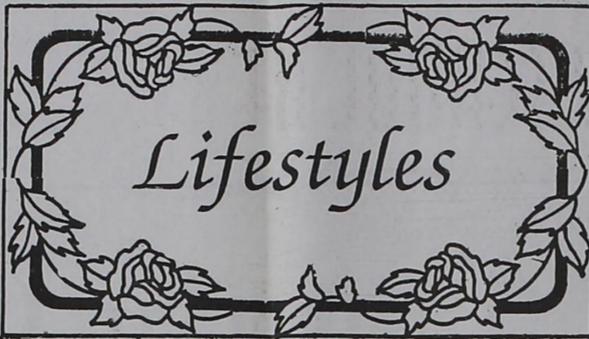
Yes
 or No

Love,
Carla

Guess what. She always checked Yes! Granny must have saved every letter she ever received from all her grandkids. When she died, her big, old family Bible was stuffed full of letters, pictures, and other items of memorabilia.

I have saved many letters through the years. Some letters and cards you receive are just too precious to throw away. Jim says I'm a pack-rat. I guess I am, in a way. I'm an heirloom nut. I just can't throw anything away that I think my son or daughter-in-law or granddaughter might want some day when I'm old and decrepit and can't remember why I saved it, but it might be of some importance to them.

Well, to have writer's block this week, I sure have filled up my space. I may have writer's block, but I can still ramble!



Predicta Study Club share evening of old fashioned fun

by Odessa Mullins

The Roaring Springs Predicta Study Club met Tuesday night, instead of the regular meeting night to be held on Thursday, so that Mothers and daughters could attend the Mother-Daughter banquet.

Odessa Mullins went early and got the refreshment table ready with Valentine decorations, only to return at 7:00 p.m. to find there was no electricity in the building. After several men came to check things out, a loose wire was found to be the problem. Since everything was all ready, the meeting went on as planned, lit by oil lamps and battered power lamps, to make a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

The members were greeted by president LaVoe Thacker calling the

meeting to order with "Welcome to Y2K". President Thacker gave the devotion, Janice Brown called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. L.V. Damron gave the financial report. A short business meeting, discussing the TFWC State Convention to be held in Lubbock this year, was held. Predicta Study Club will host the Saturday meeting.

With no other business, meeting adjourned. Refreshments of dips, crackers, cake and cookies and punch was served by hostesses Janice Brown and Odessa Mullins to LaVoe Thacker, Pam Thacker, Joyce Smith, Lula Swim, L.V. Damron, Grace Zabielski, Ossie Lee Brown, Dorothy Lee, and Callie Giesecke.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting by the old fashioned lamp light.

Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society meets

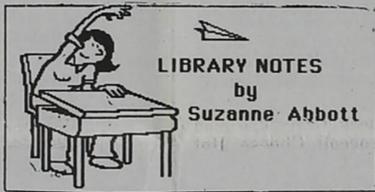
by Suzanne Abbott

The Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society held its regular meeting Tuesday, February 16, at the Motley County Library with Lea Peacock, President, presiding at the business meeting. Joan Keith presented the program in which she demonstrated how to make an oral and visual family history on video. Mrs. Keith showed a video of her family. The video contained old photographs with voice overlay presenting family history to accompany them. The end result was a priceless

keepsake to be cherished by all generations.

Members present at the meeting were Lea Peacock, Betty Moore, Rita Groves, Suzanne Abbott, Lee Cook, Joan Keith, Charles Keith, Georgia Witcher, Beverly Witcher, Noma Wike, Monte Wike, and Donna Kennedy.

At the March 16 meeting, the society members will travel to do research in the genealogical section of the Kent County Library in Jayton. If anyone is interested in this trip, please call the library at 347-2717 for details.



Read For Your Life! To heighten public awareness of the importance of libraries, books, and reading, the Texas Library Association urges all Texans to "Read For Your Life". This awareness campaign features radio, television, and Internet ads as well as a set of posters featuring prominent Texans. In the Motley County Library you can see some of these posters featuring Laura Bush, the wife of our Governor, George Bush; Robert Earl Keen, a Texas musician; Chuck Norris, Texas Ranger; and Ricky Williams, UT running back.

We encourage you to come in and look at these celebrities urging you to read. While we are glad to have the posters (free from Texas Library Association) and the awareness campaign, we think that Motley County residents already know the importance of libraries, books, and reading. This fact shows in the statistics from the first three months of our fiscal year when we checked out 1,499 books and had 1,229 people visit the library. We are proud of our Motley County readers.

We appreciate the donation to the library from Kewpie Duncan in memory of Zola Renfro. This donation will make a lasting memorial to Mrs. Renfro.

New books in the library include a book of poetry by Childress poet Cora Gail Gunn Trent. This book The

Spice of Life, features "down home" philosophy about every day things.

Another new book is Robin Lee Hatcher's *The Forgiving Hour*. New books arrive almost every week at the library. Come in and check out one to enjoy.

Memories of old friends In observance of Black History Month

by Mary Meason

Since this is Black History Month, I feel I must write something about my black friends. But the sad part of it is that I have outlived most of them and have written about most of them in the past years.

But Algaree and Walter Jones, Mable Barrett and husband, Ray, C.C. (Red) Beck and his wife Johnnie May, (Eugenia and Walter Mitchell, Lorene and Sam Price, Pauline Richardson and husband Roscoe Smith are some of my oldest and dearest black friends, but so few of them are still alive.

Red Beck worked for me on the farm all during the war. He taught me to do things that I never would have known without him.

Who can't remember eating some of Walter Jones' delicious barbecue. He was well-known in this area for his superb cooking. His wife, Algaree is still a respected citizen of Matador.

Those remaining alive that I remember so well are Algaree, Pauline and Roscoe, Jessie T. Sims and wife, George and Clara Mangrum, Renomia Campbell, Jimmie Dee "Witt" Smith, and Jessie Mae Brown. Some have moved away and I have no idea where they are.

Renomia Campbell used to work for me. She was always so sweet and kind and was a good friend.

Jessie T. Sims is at everyone's beckoned call for plumbing.

Jessie Mae is one of the quickest and most efficient people I have seen.

She works hard for several people in town, keeping their houses clean as a whistle. She can make the most delicious chocolate pie I have ever eaten.

Clara Mangrum is always ready to help anyone out when needed to prepare for a special occasion. She is well-known at school, working in the Cafeteria, preparing nutritious and tasty lunches for our children.

About two years ago Bobbie Lou Thompson came by to see me. I hadn't seen her in years and I don't know whether she is still alive.

Pauline and Roscoe Smith are well-respected citizens of Matador. They are always available to help others when needed.

Jimmie Dee "Witt" Smith is known by everyone in Matador. He attends most every sporting event.

Fannie Thompson worked for my mother over 64 years ago. I was still at home, teaching school in Matador, for the huge salary of \$60.00 a month! Fannie was the funniest person I have ever known. Her knack for butchering the King's English was always a source of entertainment.

She was so good and kind and she adored my mother. She was a wonderful cook and taught me many, many things about cooking.

Minnie Charles worked for me after my mother died. She could do more work in one day than I could do in three days. She was a jewel!

If I have missed any of my black friends, it isn't their fault - it's to be blamed on my 88 year old memory!

Grandson named to Dean's List

Dale Peacock of Anahuac, grandson of Billy and Lea Peacock of Roaring Springs, has been named to the Dean's List at the Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas for the fall term with a grade point average of 3.73.

Dale has been named Photography Editor for the School's newspaper, "The Husky" and does other part time jobs as well.

Dale is a graduate of Anahuac High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peacock of Anahuac.

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The Windmill

Kobbi Risser receives Bachelors Degree

Kobbi Kai Risser, a 1994 graduate of Motley County High School in Matador, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in communications (photojournalism) from The University of Texas at Arlington in December.

Ms. Risser graduated in a class of 1,216 during a fall ceremony held in UTA's Texas hall and was one of 213 in the College of Liberal Arts to

earn a degree. Eighty-four communications majors earned their degrees during the ceremony. Ms. Risser was on of the fall honor roll at UTA. She also has an associate of arts degree from South Plains College in Levelland.

She is the daughter of Fred and Elaine Risser of Matador.

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"No Distractions"



Every Christian must realize the importance of serving the Lord without distraction. Jesus reminded us that "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Mat. 7:14). Paul, that great apostle said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27). "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Mat. 10:22). We must be steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work

of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58). The point is, if we are faithful unto death we will receive a crown of life. (Rev. 2:10).

John wrote, "To him that overcometh will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father, in his throne" (Rev. 3:21). Truly, if we are to serve the Lord with a single-eye devotion we will not be lulled by the distractions of this world.

The life of a Christian is a challenging one which requires our total effort. We must always be aware of the distractions and shun them as we walk down the path of righteousness. It will be this way that we please the Lord and walk in His favor.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

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MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



1998-99 PIPS — Coached by D'anna Russell and Judy Cooper, this year's PIP group are pictured above beginning at back left to right, Brittany Moore, Chance Bingham, John Wesley Stevens, Colton Russell, Cody Cooper, Rachael Bartlett, Clay Cooper, and Dakota Meyer; middle row, Justin Todd, Shane'a Russell, Jesse Moeringer, Kayla Hollinsworth; front, Colby McCleskey, Ky Christopher, Sarah Ferguson, Jonathan Osborn, and Jay Potts. Players performed their basketball skills during half-time at various games through the season.

photo courtesy of D'anna Russell

MCTV to be presented March 4

The Jr. Class will present its annual Talent Show and Cake Auction in the format of MCTV, not to be confused with MTV. This special event will be Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Each adult paying admission will be given a voting ballot for all divisions. You decide which talent is tops! Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

For your enjoyment this year, special "commercials" will be presented throughout the show. Also, word is... look for some "unique" performers. Little surprises everywhere.

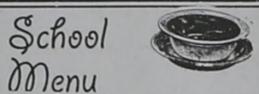


HUGS & HAPPINESS — There were plenty of smiles of happiness and hugs to go around after the MC Matadors win over Wilson Tuesday night. The Matadors will play for Area at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. against O'Donnell.

Matadors BEAT O'DONNELL!



HONOR ROLL



DISTINGUISHED LIST (All grades 99 or above)

Kindergarten: Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Alyx Smith, Adriann Walker.

First Grade: Cecil Carson, Gavin Luckett, Eric Simpson.

Second Grade: Andrew Davila, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson, Justin Todd.

Third Grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Brady O'Pry, Savannah Rose, Christy Smith.

Fourth Grade: Fannin Gwinn.

Fifth Grade: Chance Bingham.

Sixth Grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Annie Green, Leah Payne.

Seventh Grade: Dumont Darsey.

Eighth Grade: Clint Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Cruse, Chantry Meyer.

Ninth Grade: Kayla Copp, Justin Jameson.

Tenth Grade: Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker, Ashley Stevens.

Eleventh Grade: Llan Barkley, Kember Everett.

Twelfth Grade: Robert Gillespie, Kandi Keltz, Nesa McFall, Kaci Risser.

HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Hailey Blanco, Samantha Easter, Anna Moctezuma.

First Grade: Melissa Flores, Courtney Moctezuma, Hunter Smith, Sam Fletcher.

Second Grade: Laura Martinez.

Third Grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Danielle Ho-Gland, Stacy Perryman, Brenda Mendoza, Blake Smith.

Fourth Grade: Marc Henzler, Angelica Mendoza, Martin Walker, Cameron Jeffcoat.

Fifth Grade: Ashlee Green, Jose Martinez, Colton Russell.

Sixth Grade: Kittie Campbell, Matt Henzler, Emily Hurt, Veronica Mendoza, Dakota Meyer, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, John Wesley Stevens.

Seventh Grade: Angela Marvel, Susana Mendoza, Ryan Payne.

Eighth Grade: Cassie Carpbell.

Ninth Grade: Andy Anson, Skylar Clifton, Courtney Hays, Shandra Jones, Brandon Moore, Sherri Thomas, Kelsi Wallace.

Tenth Grade: Matthew Easter, Scott Jones, Rachelle Renfro, Benjamin Ridgley, Denise Shannon.

Eleventh Grade: Vanessa Easter, Quinn Hays, Andy Jones, Ryan Moore, Miranda Palmer, Jerod Rieger, Todd Thomas.

Twelfth Grade: Keane Cruse, Dayton Grundy, Kristi Williams.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Green Salad, Crackers, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

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

Lunch: Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Okra, Onion, Cornbread, Dessert, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: (Parent Visitation Day PK-6) Chicken Fajitas, Pepper, Onion, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips, Hot Sauce, Pinto Beans, Ice Cream Cup, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

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

Lunch: (7-12 Visitation) Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

Texas celebrates National FFA Week

Austin - Texas FFA members join thousands of other high school students across the country in observance of National FFA Week, February 22-26, 1999. The National FFA organization is made up of more than 450,000 students preparing for leadership roles and career opportunities in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The organization has over 7,000 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

The Texas FFA was chartered in 1929 and currently has the largest membership in the national organization with 975 local chapters and 55,521 members. Texas FFA membership represents approximately 13% of the national membership total. The Texas FFA Association headquarters is located in Austin and in 1997-98 presented over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to members.

There are approximately 1,500 agriculture science teachers in Texas who serve as advisors for the local FFA chapters. More than 100,000 high school students are enrolled in agriculture science and technology classes where they not only learn about the importance of agriculture science, but also gain valuable skills through participation in career development events, leadership development events and supervised agriculture education projects.

Go Matadors!!

GO MATADORS!
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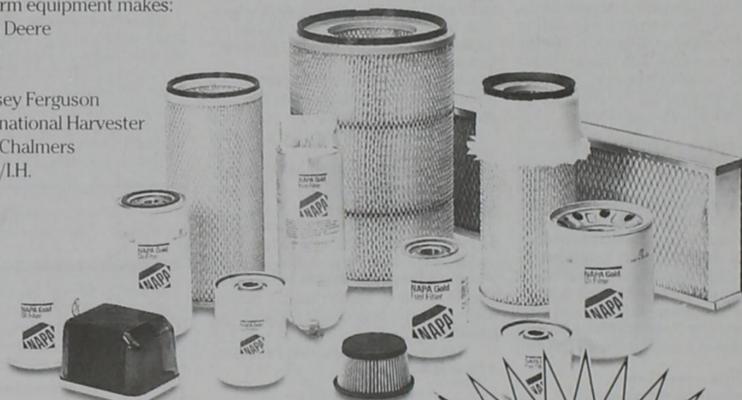
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Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Rev. and Mrs. Rod Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long and Odessa Mullins attended the Caprock Association Evangelism Conference at First Baptist Church in Floydada last Wednesday night. Dr. Coffie from the State office in Dallas brought the message.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Adams Friday night were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda of Matador and local resident, Zella Palmer. The James Palmers spent the night with his mother, Zella Palmer. They came Friday morning to attend the funeral services of Karlene Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bearden and children of Meadow spent the weekend with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Bearden and Cindy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell of Paducah and her mother, Mrs. Seigler of Wichita Falls visited his mother, Vera Mitchell, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Veda Lou Kopecky of Midland, visited her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roller of Lubbock spent the weekend with Odessa Mullins. Visiting with his sister, Margie Payne and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodnight of Floydada visited Thursday with cousins Daisy Smith in Matador, Odessa Mullins and Dorothy Lee in Roaring Springs.

Pearl Patten and Jo Etta Bumgardner made a business trip to Lubbock, Monday.

Margie Payne visited recently in Lubbock with her sisters, Ruby Nichols and Elsie Payne.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

A call to Viola Keith for a date to visit with her and Charlie in the afternoon Saturday really paid off. Arriving promptly at 4:00 p.m., we were met at the porch door by Charlie trailing his oxygen hose that allows him to walk all over the house. Viola had coffee and three kinds of Girl Scout Cookies ready to serve. Weakened by pneumonia, Charlie has now walked all the way to the barn with his therapist, and is in good spirits as he gains strength. Frances Hobbs has been out to give him a haircut, and Viola is learning how to do grocery shopping. They are a marvelous couple. How we do treasure these pioneers!

Ray Zabielski was taken to University Medical Center for emergency surgery last Monday to stop bleeding from a ruptured artery. He is back home after two nights in the hospital and was scheduled to go back for a consultation on Monday.

Sonny Russell had entered UMC the same day with a heart condition. We understand that he is back at home now, following treatment to stabilize the condition. Best wishes for recuperation go out to these two valuable citizens.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Wesleyan Guild met Wednesday evening February 17 at 7:30 in the home of Miss Lula Swim. Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer. Vice President Debbie Martin presented handmade yearbooks listing officers for 1999 to the President Pearl Patten, V.P. Debbie Martin, Secretary Callie Giesecke, Treasurer Imogene Swim, and Reporter Lula Swim. Regular meetings are each first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order, and Callie Giesecke brought the Devotional, "Why I Love Him", after which she read the minutes of the previous meeting. The business discussed was on sending help to a worker in Indonesia.

Chelsea Read continued the study on Indonesia with stories of the lives of women who live there. It was noted that every member was present. Other than those named, in attendance were Billie Clifton, Mary Lumsden, Imogene Swim, Lea Peacock, Darleen Fletcher, JoEtta Bumgardner, Grace Zabielski, Jeanne Adams, and a visitor, Rita Groves. Noma Wike, gave the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be March 3 with Darleen Fletcher as Hostess.

BAPTIST BREAKFAST

Roaring Springs Baptist Church hosted a community breakfast Saturday. The fellowship hall was filled and the food was exceptionally good - Hot biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, milk, and jelly. It may have been the women and children were invited, but it was a fine get-together. A passel of good friends out early. It was nice to be invited. Happiness is being included and welcomed.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERTA

Roberta Jameson was unique. She was loyal, kind, a Christian, and a wonderful musician. She was quiet, well-groomed, efficient, punctual and helpful both in her professional duties and her vocation as Church Musician.

She brought to mind I Corinthians 13:8, "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." Her services were concluded with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven". I sang with scepticism, but felt sure that before I am turned away, maybe I will be allowed just to say "Hello" to Roberta again.

Pass it on! This is refreshing. (Handed to me by Shirley Barton - It may have come over the internet, but you need to read it again.)

At age 6 - I have learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing Silent Night.

Age 7 - I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

Age 9 - I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back.

Age 13 - I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up.

Age 14 - I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheer-

ing someone else up.

Age 15 - I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me.

Age 24 - I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of Advice.

Age 26 - I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's greatest pleasures.

Age 29 - I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me.

Age 39 - I've learned that if someone says something unkind to me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

Age 41 - I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

Age 44 - I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little card.

Age 46 - I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others.

Age 47 - I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies.

Age 49 - I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

Age 50 - (How about that? We're learning faster!) I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

Age 52 - I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas lights.

Age 53 - I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

Age 58 - I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life.

Age 61 - I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage.

Age 62 - I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 65 - I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very BEST you can, happiness will find you.

Age 66 - I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

Age 72 - I've learned that everyone can use a prayer.

Age 73 - I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several.

Age 82 - I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 85 - I've learned that everyday you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

Age 92 - I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

SMILE!

You wouldn't believe how proud it makes me to know a gift subscription has been sent to Billie Nichols because he likes to read the Roaring Springs News. When we were very young my Nichols brothers were often asked if they and Billie were related. We always responded that we didn't know. We didn't. We grew up without knowing Grandparents. Robert Meason, whose mother was a Nichols, teased me by claiming kin to me when we were in Elementary School. I should have been proud.

We knew nothing about our ancestors except that told us by our parents. "At 85 I have learned ... that to 'dig up one's ancestors', may not always have pleasant results. You may be more saddened than elated at the results of your labor.

However, I have learned to love and understand those unknown grandparents, and have already received a reminder of our Nichols Reunion in Perry County, AL where William Nichols brought a large family from Newberry, SC and settled at Spratt, AL about 1826. My Nichols Gr-Gr-Grandmother's name is engraved on a bronze plaque as a charter member of the Ephesus Church where the reunions are held. The sheer number of descendants made me turn to other hobbies, but I still want to preserve the pioneer stories of this area.

By the time this paper comes out, it will probably be old news that Jerry Green and PK. are HOME.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Health Screening Clinic Scheduled in Flomot

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot is sponsoring a Health Screening Clinic conducted by the Home Health Care of Floydada, Tuesday, March 2 at the Community Center in Flomot. The screenings will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Among the screenings offered will be for diabetes, blood pressure and low blood sugar.

Everyone is urged to take advantage of this rural medical service.

Fire in Flomot

A controlled burn-off fire jumped over the designated acreage around 3:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15 on the Ronald Clay farm east of Flomot. The Flomot, Matador and Quitaque Volunteer Fire Departments responded before the fire was brought under control.

It was estimated about 125 acres burned over and above the proposed burn area. The fire truck and those from Flomot who fought the fire were Fire Chief, Seab Washington and volunteers, Jack Starkey and Cody Barclay.

Grandson Earns Medals

Jason Cloyd of Memphis, grandson of Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot and Mrs. Janice Russell of Turkey, earned medals in recent Weight Lifting Contests.

In Shamrock, February 13, Jason returned home with a gold medal in his weight division with a total of 655 lbs. In Squats, he lifted 230 lbs; Bench Press, 135 lbs and Dead Lift, 310 lbs.

When competing in Weight Lifting in Dumas, February 20, he won a bronze medal in his division with a total of 675 lbs. Squats, 235 lbs; Bench Press, 130 lbs. and Dead Lift, 310 lbs.

He competed against many schools in the northern Panhandle including Amarillo. He has qualified for the Regional Meet in Weight Lifting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Lubbock, Friday with his father, H.G. Hunter, who is recuperating from a recent accident at Carillon Apartments. They also visited her sister, Mrs. Melba Jo Shelton at the Heritage Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo from Monday until Thursday, Feb. 22-25 for medical tests and treatments. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid and in Canyon with son and wife, Michael and Connie Starkey.

Attending the funeral services of John Gilbert in Anson, Friday were Wilburn and Trula Martin of Flomot, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and Mrs. Christeen Gilbert, Truman Merrell and L.B. Monk of Quitaque.

Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Silverton and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd visited in Plainview, Friday.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Trula Martin visited in Lockney last Monday with Mrs. Wanda Lane.

L.T. Starkey and Floyd Starkey of Ralls visited the weekend with Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Dane Degan of Lubbock visited Thursday with his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Raymond Martin of Lockney visited last Monday with his sister, Mrs. Edith Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the Rusty Huddleston, "Nights of the West" performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Friday night.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were B.T. O'Connell and son, George of Nevada, Texas.

Art Green visited in Matador, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Flomot.

Fred Stinson of Paducah visited Saturday with his sister, Viola Stinson and Mary Ellen Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview, Wednesday for her dental appointment. En route home, they visited in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. John Speer, who accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter enjoyed the "New Talent Night" presented at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Thursday night.

Visiting Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers was grandson, Dane Degan of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Kyle and Karlie of Clifton visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Is the Post Office losing money on first class mail with so many folks E-mailing? We still say nothing can replace a personal, hand written letter.

Boy Scouts Compete in Pinewood Derby

The Commanche Trail District of the Boy Scouts of America had district Pinewood Derby races Saturday, Feb. 20 in Floydada. The competition was open to all Boy Scouts ages 6 to 11.

All the contestants raced using cars made of pinewood blocks. They raced on wooden tracks 32 feet long.

Cade Luckett won a first place trophy in the Wolf division; Colton Russell won a Webelos trophy for placing third and Danielle Gwinn, a third place trophy in the Outlaw division.

Others competing and earning a par-

icipation medal were Fannin Gwinn, Marc Henzler, Gavin Luckett, Lupe Gonzales and Jacob Johannes.

Accompanying them to Floydada were Mrs. Darla Gwinn, scout leader, Mrs. D'Anna Russell and Bill Luckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were in Stephenville this weekend attending to business and visited their son, Cobey, a student at Tarleton University.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Roaring Springs, Friday with Ms. Lula Swim. Visitors in her home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador and Jack Samford of Afton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited in Matador last Friday and Saturday in the Gwinn home with Aly Gwinn of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin was in Lubbock, Monday for medical tests.

Matador News

John M. "Sonny" Russell had cardiac surgery this past week in Lubbock. He is reported to be doing fine.

Frank Torres returned home from Lubbock this week following surgery. He is recovering just fine.

Charlie Johnson had recent cardiac surgery in Lubbock. He has had a good recovery.

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Obituaries

Karlene Cross

Funeral services for Karlene Cross, 59, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Michael G. Crowley, Minister. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Cross died late Monday, Feb. 15, at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton, Texas.

The former Karlene Smith was born January 24, 1940, at Dumont, Texas. She graduated from Matador High School in the Class of 1958. She was married to Jim Cross in 1962. They lived in Wyoming and Nevada for several years prior to returning to Matador in 1981. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Smallwood, and by a brother, Stanley Allen Smith, and is survived by her husband, Jim Cross of Matador; one son Audie Cross of Elko, Nevada; two daughters, Tonda Dale of Las Vegas, New Mexico and Loretta Weeks of Battle Mountain, Nevada; two brothers, John Smith of Dumont, Texas and Keith Smith of Paducah, Texas; and ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Kilmer, Dale Bumgardner, Guy Campbell, Vaden Hayes, James Gwinn, and Franklin Jameson.

Ralph W. Moore

Funeral services for Ralph W. Moore, 65, of Lubbock, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Dennis Zahn, of Liberal, Kansas, and Michael G. Crowley, local minister. Military graveside rites were conducted at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Services were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Moore died late Thursday at his home in Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

He was born January 21, 1934 in Gatewood, Missouri. He was married to Lois Jannette Anderson on November 24,

1951, at Salem, Arkansas. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1972, and later worked as a prison guard and in heavy equipment maintenance. He had been a resident of Lubbock for the past 20 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Janna Wagner of Lubbock; one son, Jerry R. Moore of Georgia; his mother, Hester Moore Hopkins of West Plains, Missouri; one brother, Raymond Edward Moore, West Plains, Missouri; and one sister, V. Ruth Brewer of West Plains, Missouri; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

John Gilbert

Funeral services for John Gilbert, 69, of Anson were held Friday, February 19, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Anson. The Rev. Bob Evans, pastor and the Rev. Lee Welch, former pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery under direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

He died February 16, 1999 in Anson General Hospital.

He was born in Flomot, January 13, 1930. He is the son of the late Marlin Thomas and Mattie Watson Gilbert. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1948. He married LaRay Bennett February 8, 1951 in Cornith community in Jones County. They lived in Flomot until moving to Cornith community in 1953. They moved to Anson in 1969.

Mr. Gilbert was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon. He also served as an Anson city councilman, as a former president of Anson Tiger Booster Club and on the Jones County Fair board.

A sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Tammi Gilbert of Anson; two grandchildren, Laura and Zachery; a sister and brother-in-law, Inez and J.C. Moss of Anson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lottie and Artie Gilbert of Flomot and D.M. "Ikie" and Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Nona Anglin of Anson.

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Farm & Ranch News

Ranching in Hawaii

by Chris Bachaus

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by Dale and Carol Redd, residents of the Horner Lake community. The Redds are visiting in Hawaii with friend, Chris Bachaus, who wrote this article. After attending Florida State University, Mr. Bachaus went west to work on ranches in Montana, Northern Nevada, Southern Arizona, Eastern Oregon as a buckaroo, riding for several famous brands before settling in Central Oregon in the mid-80's.

He and his wife reside in Maui, HI, where he teaches in the public school system, shoes horses with Maui Paniolos Henry Silva and Glen Souza, and helps on the Haleakala Ranch. He has had articles published in Western Horseman magazine.

Texas claims ownership to one of the largest land areas in the U.S. - Hawaii one of the smallest. But, the two places have more in common than you'd think: A regional identity and loyalty to its own, a past history of sovereignty and independence, and, a long and colorful ranching history.

In the Hawaiian Islands, cowboys are called paniolos, a name of unknown origins, but most likely a Spanish derivative of 'espaniolas' - a key to understanding the evolution of cowboy work in the Islands, and in Texas.

In the 1840s the first horses arrived as gifts for King Kamehameha I, but the Kingdom was busy trading sandalwood to the Orient, and had no use for them at the time, nor the cattle that had been gifted to him a few years earlier; he decreed they be turned loose on the mountains so they could multiply. And multiply they did.

By the 1860s livestock had become a nuisance to the Polynesians and something had to be done. The native sandalwood was gone and the Kingdom was broke. The obvious solution was to harvest the wild cattle, but native Hawaiians weren't too keen on the idea, and outside help was needed if the cattle industry was to be established. Enter the vaquero, the prototypical cowboy of North America and come to find out, the Hawaiian Islands too.

Record keeping wasn't a strong suit in Hawaii at this time, so the actual names of the three Mexicans who came to Hawaii and began teaching the islanders how to ride and rope are lost to us. We do know that their reputation as horsemen and cattlemen spread quickly, and with gifts and purchases of land to outsiders by the King, the cattle industry began to boom.

At first the market was for hides - mostly shipped to South America - and, more specifically, to Chili. About the same time, whaling ships began refitting in the islands, on their way to the hunting grounds off the coast of Japan. While in Hawaii, captains loaded aboard salted beef and



HAWAIIAN CATTLE DRIVE - Haleakala Ranch Manager, Greg Freil, pushes cattle (Mauka) up the desert floor, with the resort town of Kihei and the blue Pacific in the background.

water preparing for their arduous, but lucrative, journey North.

As cattle numbers increased, rock walls were erected around native taro patches and the port city of Honolulu in an attempt to keep free ranging cattle from destroying crops and disrupting commerce. Back then, Hawaii was as western a place as anything Hollywood and the history books could portray.

As the industry progressed, large and diverse ranches began to form, the foremost of which is the Parker on the island of Hawaii. The Parker, as old and venerable as any on the U.S. mainland, continues a rich and proud tradition of ranching headquartered in the mountain side community of Kamweala. But ranching is suited to other islands as well.

On Maui, 40,000 acres of paradise are owned and operated by the Haleakala Ranching Company. Established in 1888, the ranch runs commercial cattle from sea-level to 9,000 feet, and much of the country is more reminiscent of Old Mexico than one

might think. Prickly pear cactus (pinini) and mesquite (Kiawe) cover much of the lower country. This is the winter range for the HRC, while the upper mountain pastures are saved for summertime grazing.

As the cycle of ranching progresses through the year: Calving, branding, doctoring, pregnancy-checking, and eventually weaning, the paniolos go about their work with a distinctive and unique style of technique and language. Though the saddle resembles those of Old Mexico, and the skin rope riata too, the long-handled machette (piole) and ornamental Wiamea bits are unique to the islands. And so is the language.

Though Hawaiians were not the first cowboys out here in the Pacific, they took to the trade in earnest and as time progressed, became the keepers of the old ways of ranching, giving the culture its own special set of words to describe the work: pi (hurry), Kane (bull), Wahine (cow), koku (help). Along with the Hawai-

ian, other ethnic groups added to the puzzle: Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Puerto Rican, and foremost, the Portuguese, who adapted their own Old World cattle raising techniques to the Islands.

When Haleakala Ranch is finished weaning, calves are vaccinated and prepared for shipping. But, in Hawaii, the idea of 'shipping' means shipping. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Association has a Co-op of ranches that participate in a program to transport cattle back to range lands in the West - even as far as Texas - to market their calves. Using 'cowntainers', shipping containers that have been retrofitted with their own water and feeders for the sea-born journey, the Coop ships sail to either Seattle or L.A. From there, the calves are transloaded onto trucks and sent to the Pacific Northwest, Great Basin, or the Southwest depending on feed availability.

Modern marketing techniques such as this, combined with a strong ranching tradition, make ranches like Haleakala a strong contender in today's beef industry. Though Hawaii is one of the smaller of the fifty states,

COW POKES By Ace Reid

"What do you mean a financial statement? I ain't tryin' to buy the bank - jist want a little feed!"

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Cotton News

DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH 18

The final phase of the 1998 Crop Loss Assistance Program began February 1 and will continue through March 18.

State Farm Service Agency personnel have only just received their briefings this past week and will not be able to begin briefing the district and county personnel in their own states until about February 1. The end result is that producers wanting an early appointment will probably have to wait at least another week.

The delay will not have any lasting effect since final decisions on payment factors will not be made until after sign-up ends March 12. In preparing for their FSA visit, producers are advised to make every effort to gather any production information they will need beforehand.

A call to the appropriate county FSA office to find out what may be needed is advisable.

New information regarding the final program provisions developed by FSA have been sketchy for anyone outside the Agency, however several important points are known.

All producers who had 1998 losses greater than 35 percent of NAAS county yields or their insurance APH will be eligible to receive assistance.

and Texas one of the larger, they both share a strong ranching tradition based on the most basic of cowboy traditions. Watch for the AC brand on the Texas grasslands, and, if you find it, say Aloha to the cattle from the islands, and know they were handled by as good a crew of cowboys as rides today.

1998 Claims: Can be filed on ALL crops (insured, noninsured, and non-insurable). Claims will be paid as follows:

Insured crops - 65% of crop insurance price election
Uninsured crops - 60% of crop insurance price election.

Non-insurable crops - 65% of NAAS five-year average price.
Yield Options: Producers will have the ability to select the higher of either National Agricultural Statistics Service County average yields or their insurance APH yield.

Multi-year Claims: Producers with losses on insured crops in three or more years between 1994-1998 (regardless of crop) will be eligible for assistance equal to 25 percent of the TOTAL indemnities paid in those years. A producer who did not farm in 1998 can qualify under the multi-year provisions for losses between 1994 and 1997.

Crop Insurance Premium Discount: A discount estimated at between 25-35 percent will be available to all purchasers of any level of crop insurance greater than CAT in 1999. Producers will not have to buy coverage at a level higher than current insurance levels (unless they purchased CAT in 1998) in order to qualify for this incentive.

Eligibility: Producers with gross 1997 income above \$2.5 million will not be eligible for assistance under this phase of the disaster program.
Payment Limits: An \$80,000 per entity payment limitation will be imposed on all loss payments. A separate payment limit of \$80,000 per person applies to the insurance premium incentive.

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- 2-John Deere 283 Cotton Strippers & Balancers
- 1-John Deere 33 Cotton Stripper, DT, PTO

EQUIPMENT

- 1-John Deere 1418 Shredder, 4 row, DT
- 1-John Deere, 8 row, 71 Flax Planter, FGB, on
- 1-RAC, DSB, 4 row, HFW, CC Dkt Pushers
- 1-NC 800, 8 row Planter, 4x7 Bar, Barring Of Disc, DDO, PWD, 2 set GW, 3 pt, FGB
- 8-John Deere 71 Flax Planter Units, FGB, DDO
- 1-NC 8 row 285 Planter DDO, PWD on S&S
- DSB, 3 pt, GW, FGB
- 1-John Deere 8 row 71 Flax Planter, Rowweeder
- 1-Kruse 21 R Tandem Disc Plow, DT, CC, HFW
- 1-RAC 8 row Disc Bldgr, DSB, GF, HFW, 3 pt
- 1-RAC 8 row Stackcutter, Dual Stackcutter Units
- 1-RAC 8 row Cultivator HFW, DSB, 4 GW, 3 pt
- 1-RAC 8 row Rowweeder, Hyd on DSB, 3 pt
- 1-8 row Sweep Plow, 8 ROC, DSB, LTM, 3 pt, 2 set GW, HFW

EQUIPMENT CONT

- 1-Hancock 7 pt, Elevating Dkt Scraper, New Chains
- 1-Tye 21 R Grain Dkt, 10' space, GW, 3 pt
- 1-Coultaster 28 R Field Cultivator, DT, FW
- 1-RAC 18 shank Chiselweep Plow, 3 pt, GW
- 1-8 row Hyd End Rowweeder, HFW, 3 pt
- 1-Hamby 7 row Sweep Plow, DSB, LTM, GW, 1x3
- 1-S&S Chiselweep Plow, 15 shank, 3 pt, GW
- 1-John Deere 400, 8 row, Rotary Hoe, 3 pt
- 2-John Deere 400, 8 row, Rotary Hoe, 3 pt
- 1-John Deere BW 14 R Tandem Disc Plow, DT, DD
- 1-AM 14 R Tandem Disc Plow, DT, CC
- 1-S&S 7 row Tool Carrier, Hamby PTO Rowweeder
- 1-RAC 7 row Lister, on DSB, 3 pt 8 w, w/Markers
- 1-John Deere DKA Grain Dkt 18-10, Levers, Rub
- 1-Sam Stevens 17 row Sandflghter, 3 pt, HFW
- 1-Hamby 8 row Rotary Hoe
- 2-John Deere Van Brunt 16-8 Drain Drills
- 1-NC 145 4x18 Moldboard Plow, Rollover, 3 pt
- 1-14 18m Moldboard Plow, Rollover, 3 pt w/scraper
- 1-John Deere 8 row Buster Planter, 3 pt, 8 WD
- 1-S&S 20 R Field Cultivator, 3 bar, 3 pt, GW
- 1-Noble 21 R Field Cultivator, 3 pt, 2 GW, Mulcher
- 1-Noble 21 R Field Cultivator, 3 pt, 4 GW, Mulcher
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- 1-Noble 14 R Mutch Rake, Long Arm
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- 1-5D 4 row Gang Rotary Hoe, 3 pt
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- 1-John Deere 2 row Shredder, 3 pt
- 1-Starting 4 Bottom Pack Fur Moldboard Plow
- 1-Alfa Chalmers 6 R Stack, Adj, 3 pt
- 1-Post Hole Digger, 3 pt, PTO unknown
- 1-Alfa Chalmers 3-18" Moldboard Plow, Rollover
- 2-Alfa Chalmers 4 row Cultivators, 3 pt
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God Bless,
 Jim Cross
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Thank you is such an insufficient word to describe all the wonderful things people have done for us since we came home from the hospital. Friends, relatives and neighbors have kept us in 'goodies' and your cards, phone calls and visits have cheered us. Deb Jones, Beverly Barton and Kim Woolsey have patiently and professionally looked after our health needs. A special thanks and appreciation to the Motley County Ambulance attendants who took us to the hospital. Thanks to all of you.

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