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A Look Back

Call

APRIL 25, 1968

Chest X-Ray Coming May 16

"Mobile chest x-ray unit of West Texas Tuberculosis Assoc. will be in Matador May 16, it was announced yesterday by Bob Stanley, county chairman of the association.

Cost of the unit for one day in the county will be \$200.00, guaranteed by the Roaring Springs, Flomot, and Matador Lions Clubs. A minimum charge (or contribution) of \$1.00 per person will be made.

MAY 16, 1968

Trail Dust
by Douglas Meador

"Confidence is the most important element in any transaction. Without it doubt is given too much liberty."

Local family honored in Family Land Heritage program

The Wayland Moore family has recently been notified that their family agricultural operation has been accepted into the Family Land Heritage program, recognizing their efforts spanning over a century to keep the land agriculturally productive.

Then Commissioner of Texas Department of Agriculture, Rick Perry, stated, "Your family now joins a select group of Texans who represent the perseverance and ingenuity of our pioneer forefathers who settled and made their homes in our great state."

Perry issued an invitation for the extended family of Moore's great-grandfather, J. C. Lancaster, to join a small group of other families to receive a certificate on January 22 in a ceremony held at the LBJ Auditorium on the University of Texas campus in Austin. The family to be honored includes Lancaster's granddaughter, Bertha Clower Moore, her son Wayland Moore, his children Darrell Moore, David Moore, and Kim Moore Jeffers, and his grandchildren, Derek, Jonathan, Trevor, McAllister, and Pennington Moore.

Kentucky-born Jonathan Columbus "Lum" Lancaster and his wife Deliah Susanna "Sook" Speegle came to Motley County in 1890 from Erath County, bringing all their possessions in a covered wagon and driving their horses and cattle before them. When Lancaster filed on land along Hackberry Creek, their nearest neighbors were Lane and Maggie Lancaster. Wild turkey and antelopes abounded, but mountain lions still stalked their prey at night. With no town in the county and only the Matador Ranch Headquarters to borrow from occasionally, groceries had to be hauled from Quanah.

In the fall of 1897, Lancaster purchased land from the State of Texas. They lived in a dugout carved into the hillside by his own land, and by the following year he had dug a well on the place. By late 1900, two rooms built over the dugout made an attempt to accommodate the growing family, which would by 1902 include three boys and three girls: Jonathan

Lancaster, LZ Lancaster (Clower), LV Lancaster (Fleming), James Harvey Lancaster, Susie Lancaster (Seager), and Joe Speegle Lancaster.

As a stock farmer, Lum Lancaster raised cattle and horses and grew wheat, milo, corn, and sorghum. He was a member of the committee that organized Clements School, a small rural grammar school in eastern Motley County. He died in 1929.

His wife Sook was actively involved in the rural happenings of her community. She continued to operate the farm with some assistance from her children until her death in 1933. An 85 acre tract of land then passed to her son, Joe Speegle Lancaster. Joe, a service station operator in Matador, then sold the property to his brother Jim and wife, Ollie Lawrence Lancaster.

Jim operated the stock farm while he dayworked on neighboring ranches. Under his stewardship of good soil management, the land was never overstocked. He eventually sold the land to his grand nephew, Wayland Moore.

Continuing Jim's soil stewardship example, Wayland and his family constructed a terrace, planted wind strips, and laid out land. Improvements to the property included replacement fences, the installation of a submersible water pump, and the construction of a concrete stock watering tank. The badly deteriorating barn and windmill were torn down, and the lumber stored. These wide, well-cured boards, with the rich patina of the past, have now been recycled as stylish wall covering in the manufacturing business of Moore Maker, Inc.

For more information about the Family Land Heritage program, one may consult the vertical file at the Motley County Library where Betty Moore has deposited the family's application and the results of her research work, or contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, (512) 463-7653.



Family Generations

Pictured above are Bertha Clower Moore, (seated center) granddaughter of Mr. J.C. Lancaster; great-grandson, (Mrs. Moore's son), Wayland Moore, and his grandchildren, Trevor (left) and McAllister (right); standing left to right are Mr. Moore's grandson, Derek; son David, holding his daughter, Pennington; daughter, Kim Moore Jeffers; son Darrell; and grandson, Jonathan.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lancaster and children, Jonathan and LZ standing and little LV, sitting on Mr. Lancaster's lap, are pictured left. Later children were James Harvey (Jim) Lancaster, Susie Lancaster Seager, and Joe Speegle (Joe) Lancaster.



Roaring Springs City Council hear complaints of stray dog problems

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session January 11, 1999 in City Hall. Mayor Joey Thacker called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Present were Mayor Thacker; Council members, Mark Brannon, Kelly Keltz, and Lisa Simpson; City Water Manager, Robert Osborn; City Secretary, Cynthia Stafford; residents, Warner Sailsbury and Reba Swinney.

Absent were Mayor Pro-tem, Russell Alexander and council member, James Adams.

Warner Sailsbury attended the meeting to request space in the Roaring Springs Elementary School Building for the site of his Manufacturing Plant. Warner is in the process of obtaining a Provisional Plant for a device used in restaurant management. Warner has requested the use of two classrooms located near restroom facilities on March 1, 1999. He anticipates manufacturing will require approximately eight employees. Motion by Kelly Keltz, seconded by Mark Brannon, and carried unanimously to rent the two rooms closest to the restroom facilities. Rent will be \$50 for the first three months and \$100 for the months thereafter.

Reba Swinney attended the meeting to request something be done about stray dogs in the City Limits. The Council recognizes there is a problem and will contact the City of Floydada to see what is necessary to operate a dog pound. In the meantime a letter will be sent to the owners of the dogs regarding keeping the dogs restrained.

Councilwoman Lisa Simpson has received several complaints regarding 18-wheelers using Third Street. The City will contact the Texas Highway Department to see if there is a sign that can be utilized to deter 18-wheelers from using Third Street.

Bills were presented for payment. Mayor Thacker requested an amended budget be prepared for the February, 1999 meeting.

City Secretary, Cynthia Stafford, discussed the need for a Laser or Desk Jet printer. Motion by Kelly Keltz, seconded by Mark Brannon, and carried unanimously that Cynthia purchase a new printer.

Robert Osborn discussed the requirement by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a fence surrounding the Lift Station. Robert will purchase fence supplies from the City of Matador and Ross Graham will complete the project.

Robert reported a situation with the Parks' wanting to keep a continuous flow of water into their tank to avoid the line freezing during cold weather. When the Parks keep the

line running continuously, it creates air in the City's Main Line and causes the Chlorinator to malfunction. Robert has told Mr. Parks he will be responsible for keeping the tank full of water and has insulated the water-line from the wells to the tank to avoid freezing. Robert will look into other ways to correct the problem that will be acceptable to the Parks.

Robert discussed his continued problem with the IMHOFF tank and the oxidation ponds being too full. Robert will continue working on the problem by checking for infiltration into the sewer line and manhole lids from other sources.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on motion by Mark Brannon, seconded by Lisa Simpson, and carried unanimously.

Chamber and Museum to work together

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce and the Motley County Museum are exploring ways to help each other in the coming year.

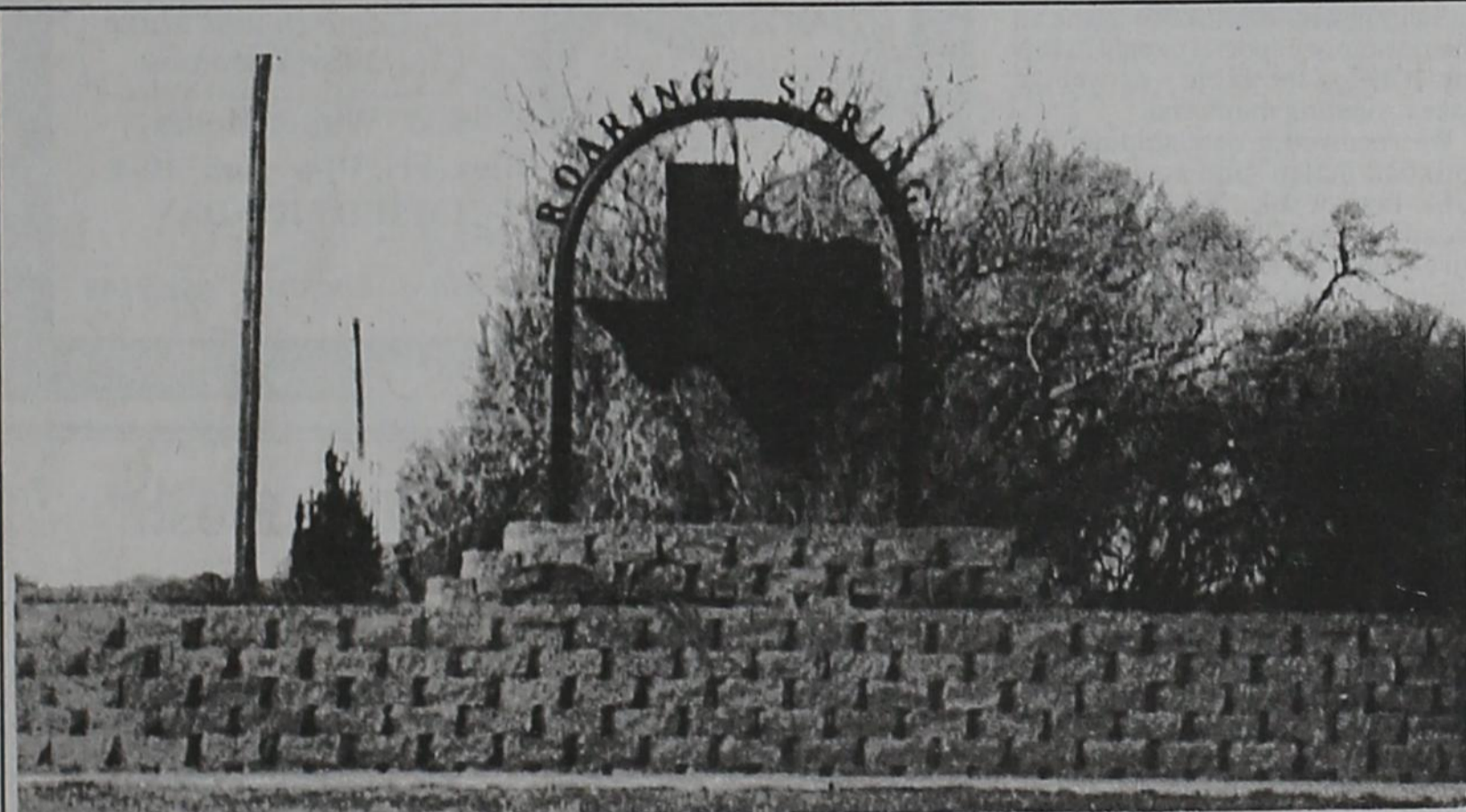
According to Chamber President Jeff Thacker, the Chamber needs office space, and according to the Museum President Wilburn Z. Martin, the Museum needs personnel to keep the museum open. Both organizations can see the benefits in a symbiotic relationship.

Details remain to be worked out, but Thacker and Martin are putting out the call for applications for the dual position which would initially

entail two afternoons a week or about eight hours a week.

Job skills necessary are competence in answering the phone, some secretarial skills such as filing, typing, computer use, and meeting and greeting visitors to the museum. The part-time position will be minimum wage pay and provide no benefits. However, the rewards will be in meeting interesting people and helping the chamber attract people to the county.

Applicants should contact either Thacker in Roaring Springs at (806) 348-7546 or Martin in the Flomot Community at (806) 469-5254.



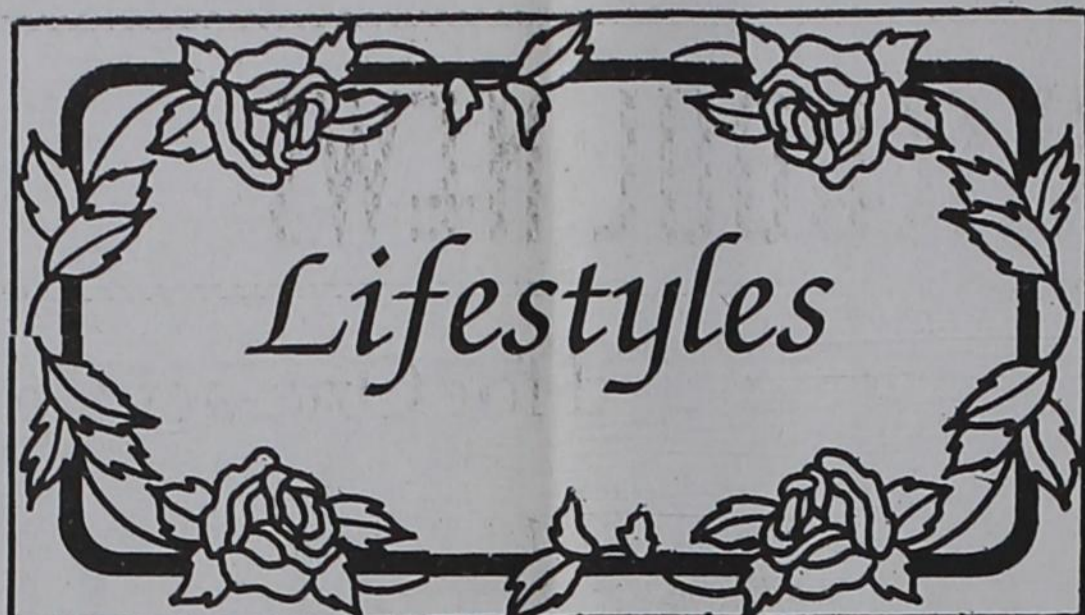
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS COMPLETED — These attractive signs were recently completed to welcome visitors to the towns of Roaring Springs and Matador. The state project was constructed by Four Seasons Landscape of Baird, Texas. The Roaring Springs is located at SH 70, south of Roaring Springs. The Matador sign is located east of Matador on US 62.



I recently ran across this poem that I had clipped and saved. After reading it again, I realized why I had saved it, and thought it would be something our readers would also enjoy.

"The Touch of the Master's Hand"

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid, good folks" he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"
"A dollar...a dollar...now two, only two...
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"
Three dollars once, three dollars twice, Going for three"...but no!
From the room far back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet,
As sweet as angels sing.
The music ceased, and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with a bow.
"A thousand dollars...who'll make it three?"
Three thousand once and three thousand twice
And going and gone." Said he,
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand...
What changed it's worth? The man replied,
"The touch of the Master's hand."
And many a many with a life out of tune,
And battered and torn with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage", a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on,
He's going...and almost gone?
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd,
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's hand.



"Women in the Arts" presented to El Progreso Club members

El Progreso Club met January 14, at Senior Citizens Center, for a prom of Fine Arts, their regular business, and a social hour.

Loys Campbell, President, conducted a business session, including news from the General Federation, State Federation, and regular business of El Progreso Club. Many vital issues are before clubwomen today.

Grace Campbell gave the invocation to open the program.

Dorothy Day was the leader and introduced Lucretia (Mrs. R.E.) Campbell, the presenter of the program, "Women in the Arts". It was enlightening, interesting, and very appealing to the intellect in this studious pursuit.

There are so many art forms in our culture today, Mrs. Campbell confined most of her discourse to painting; using oil, egg tempera, or other mediums.

Women were excluded from the art of painting in America and abroad until late in the nineteenth century. They gradually gained recognition by great talent and perseverance, also, by a great love for the Fine Arts. Many noted artists emerged from this endeavor.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned Lella Cabot Perry's Sensations of Light, and color in her painting of "Lady with a Bowl of Violets", painted with oil on canvas, a very lovely portrait. Mrs. Perry studied with Claude Monet. She went to New York City to study at an early age when few women dared to venture forth alone. She became for miniatures. She painted many famous people of her time, including Mark Twain and Ethel Barrymore in 1905.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned many

other women in fine arts and concluded by giving a brief resume on Glenna Goodacker, a native of West Texas, who is acclaimed for her sculpture of the three figures, placed in the Memorial Park in Washington, DC. The sculpture is of two nurses attending a wounded soldier. It is a very beautiful object of art and is very teaching to the viewer. There is a maquette, twenty-four inches high of this sculpture of the one in Memorial park. This is at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock in the foyer to the recreational rooms over the parking lot.

In arts' long recorded history women have always made art in the domestic and the traditional fine art forms. The failure, however, of her peers and her community to acknowledge her work has forced the list of female artist to remain short.

Dorothy Day gave the inspirational thought, and club adjourned for the social hour.

The social hour was delightful with music, the food was delectable, and the buffet was laden with good food. The decor was incomparable, was a grand finale for a rewarding day.

Members present were Jeanne Adams, JoEtta Bumgardner, Loys Campbell, Grace Campbell, Lucretia Campbell, Dorothy Day, Jo Ann Dickson, Callie Giesecke, Joan Keith, Billie Koon, Pearl Patten, Opal Pipkin, Lola Pohl, Marge Moore, and Winifred Darsey.

The hostesses for the buffet were Jeanne Adams, Pearl Patten, Joan Keith, and Jo Etta Bumgardner.

The music was provided by Lola Pohl.

A Valentine party is planned for February 11 at the Senior Citizens Center at 11 a.m.

Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society meet

By Suzanne Abbott

The Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society met in the library Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Present were Georgia Witcher, Lea Peacock, Patricia Green, Suzanne Abbott, Betty Moore, Monte Wike, Noma Wike, Marjorie King, Marisue Potts, Joan Keith, Charles Keith, Lee Cook, and Beverly Witcher.

New officers for 1999 were elected. They are President, Lea Peacock; Vice President, Dixie Litteken; Secretary, Betty Moore; Treasurer, Georgia Witcher.

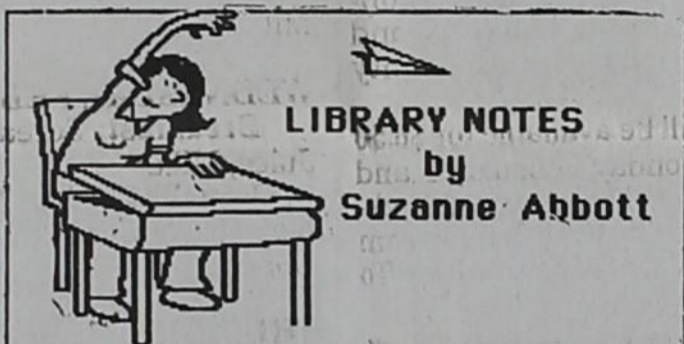
The Society's newsletter, *Sands of Time*, Volume 2, Number 1, was folded and addressed and mailed by members after the meeting. This is-

sue contains information about the Davidson family, including family information from Shannon Davidson's grandparents' family Bible. We thank Pauline Hand for this information. The newsletter also contains an astounding obituary of Daniel Cribbs, Ella Cribbs Keith's grandfather. We thank Joan and Charles Keith for sharing this for the newsletter.

This issue also continues the listing of the Flomot Cemetery and we thank Rita and Algie Groves for this work. And the continued listing of the Matador Cowboys and their payroll dates is also in this newsletter.

For more information on the Society and its activities, call the library at 347-2717.

This coming Thursday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library. The nominating committee of June and Bill Moss will present the slate of officers for 1999. We only meet



four times a year, and we need everyone to attend. Please mark your calendars "FRIENDS" for Thursday of the coming week at the Library.

You have read about *The Norton Reader* in Roaring Springs news by Rita Groves and Odessa Mullins. Rita decided that everyone should have the opportunity to read the great essays in this fine book so she bought it and presented it to the library. It is now ready to be checked out. Thanks to Rita for this donation.

We appreciate the donation from Franklin and Susan Jameson in memory of Zola Renfro. We thank all who remember special people in this way. It helps the library as well as makes a lasting memorial.

We received a new shipment of Christian fiction (and some nonfiction) last week. We have Max Lucado's *The Christmas Cross*. I don't know if we are late or early with that one. We also have *The Locket* by Richard Evans, *A Light in the Window* by Jan Karon and *At Home in Milford* by the same author. Many others that are similar are ready for you to read and enjoy.

The new "Cat Who" book is here: *The Cat Who Saw Stars* by Lillian Jackson Braun. We also have a new J.P. Jance: *Breach of Duty*; a J.P. Beaumont *Mystery*. Also new to the library is Patricia Cornwell's *Southern Cross* and William Bernhardt's *Dark Justice*. New books are arriving daily in the library. Come in and see these new goodies.

WORD of GOD

Fulfillment (New Testament)

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:4

All My Downs Have Been Ups
The Horrible Homemade Halloween Costume
The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm
Guidelines for Freelancers
by Nancy Robinson Masters
available at the
Motley County
Tribune

John Briscoe surprised with 80th birthday party

A surprise 80th birthday party was held Saturday, January 23, for John Briscoe at his home in Matador. The party was given by his family, Don and Pat Warren, Jane and Maurice Clifton, Joe Don and Kathy

Warren, Donna Kay, Haley and Donna Marie Solt, Jamia, Dan and Dub Diette, and Landy and Amy Clifton. John and Christine were surprised to have all their family together.

Lila Meador honored with 90th birthday celebration

A longtime resident of Matador, Lila Meador, was honored Saturday, January 16, with a celebration of her 90th birthday, which was January 14. The event was held in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Matador, where she welcomed friends and relatives of many years association in church and community affairs.

Hostesses for the occasion included her sister, Mary (Mrs. Jack) Crider of Odessa, and daughters, Donna (Mrs. Ken) Kirkland of Odessa and Dale (Mrs. Steve) Nance of Barksdale, Texas, and her daughter-in-law, Nancy (Mrs. David) Crider of Roswell, N.M. Freida (Meador) Maxey of Paducah, niece of the late Ben Douglas Meador, former Matador Tribune publisher, joined the group and attended to the registration of guests in an album given by Sondra (Stevens) Francis. Calligraphy printing by Lola (Mrs. Frank) Pohl included quotations from Mr. Meador's "Trail Dust" column and book.

Following fellowship and visiting, Mary Ann Woosley (Mrs. Milton) Edwards of Tahoka presided as Master of Ceremonies and introduced a time of reminiscence with her own account "This is your life...Mrs. Douglas (Lila) Meador" in which she detailed experiences while she and her brother, Clarence, were employed at the Tribune, always paying tribute to the Meadors for the good things that happened in their own lives. Clarence owns a printing business in Dallas, and Mary Ann is owner of Word Publications, including a monthly magazine, *Golden Gazette* labeled "Lubbock's Senior News". In an issue several years ago she again expressed gratitude to her former employers when each was presented a certificate designating "Pathway of Distinction" honoring senior citizens "who have made a strong impact on the lives of others in the Llano Estacado area." Sponsors were Methodist Hospital, Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital, and University Medical Center.

After Mary Ann's presentation, James Meador spoke about the "War years" during which the Tribune was mailed to the boys in service, free of charge, and Helen (Mrs. Marvin) ter

Patton volunteered her services getting the paper ready for mailing.

Several others added comments in tribute to the Meadors, including Joan (Mrs. Charles) Keith, Counselor of Motley County School, who was formerly in charge of scholarship awards. Of the many received in 1997 was one honoring Douglas and Lila Meador from Karen Elliott House, an executive of the Wall Street Journal, President of Dow Jones International, and Pulitzer Prize winner in 1984. She was born in Matador to Bailey Elliott, and the late Ted Elliott; is a 1966 graduate of Matador High School, and former employee of the Tribune during and following high school, until she enrolled that fall in the University of Texas at Austin. Many former students of MHS have contributed to the scholarship.

A display of pictures made during Mrs. Meador's lifetime were attached to the heart-shaped lace paper doilies, mounted on blue sheets of display cardboard and included her 1926 graduation class in Caruthersville, Missouri, together with a picture wearing her graduation dress, which was made by her mother, and which she also wore for her wedding in 1929. The dress was also displayed alongside the pictures.

A beautiful birthday cake was served with coffee and delicious punch before the once-in-a-lifetime celebration came to an end, with several guests arriving before too many had departed.

Karen Elliott (Mrs. Peter) Kann of the Wall Street Journal, and daughter Petra had arrived from their home in Princeton, New Jersey to spend the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Bailey Elliott, and when they were notified about the celebration, they came at once to mix and mingle with former classmates and of course, all other friends including Mrs. Meador.

Others from out of town included Jack Crider, Ken Kirkland, and son, Koby of Odessa, joining the other members of the family, David and Nancy Crider of Roswell, N.M. An almost too-late surprise guest was Carla (Mrs. Robert) Goodwin of Brownwood, Freida Maxey's daughter.

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"The Word Became Flesh"



The day Christ was born was the day the vastness of eternity was squeezed into a mere moment of time. Our Lord, the great "I AM", the Eternal One, became a captive of time. He who had lived from everlasting to everlasting was reduced to living moment-by-moment and breath-by-breath.

God took the dust of this earth and the clay of the ground to make mankind. And as a potter would shape a lump of clay, God set His mighty hands upon the clay and fashioned mankind. One day Jesus was born, our Lord left the spiritual realm and took on flesh and blood. The Potter did the inconceivable. He left His wheel and climbed into the clay.

That is why the birth of Jesus is so significant. God took extreme measures that day. He did it all for you and me. The day Christ was born was the day hope was born in the hearts of all men and women.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Radio Announcements K-96 FM
Daily - 10:15-10:30 and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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The communities we serve.



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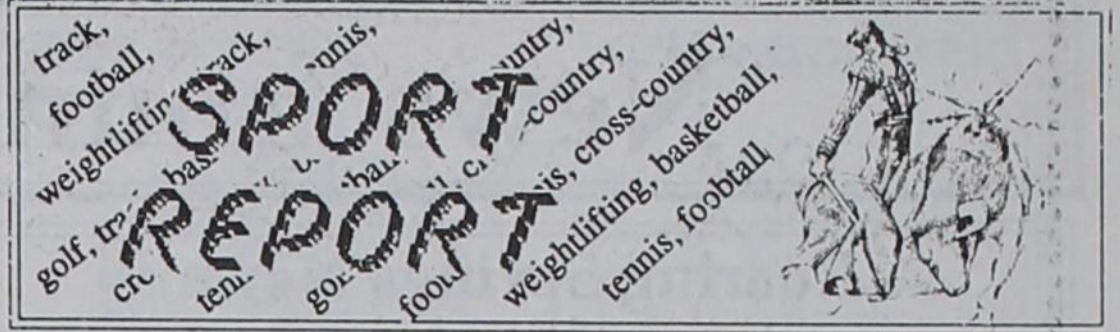
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MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Robert Gillespie, President, seated; Kaci Risser, Student Council Representative; Dayton Grundy, Vice-President; Jason Barton, Secretary/Treasurer; and Brad Marvel, Reporter, (pictured left to right).

Props needed for One-act Play Directors asking for help

The directors of Motley County's UIL contest play, **GREENSLEEVE'S MAGIC**, published by the Dramatic Publishing Company, need your help. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Jackson are looking for wrought iron "settee", a small round table, and a small "occasional" chair to complete the stage setting of the play. Thanks to Colleen Baxter and Carolyn Rose, some of the pieces have been collected. However, these additional pieces are needed to complete the set. The setting of the play is in a palace garden in the Medieval era. Although

wrought iron lawn furniture may not be precisely authentic, it is certainly easier to carry than stone or concrete benches. They prefer not to have family heirlooms or really expensive pieces; although great care will be taken with borrowed items, accidents do happen. The items will be needed at least until the end of March, and longer if the play continues to advance. If you have any of the items needed, please call the school at 347-2676, Mrs. Hays at 347-2416, or Mrs. Jackson, 347-2889.

Motley County Powerlifters compete at Abernathy

Six students went to their first powerlifting meet on Saturday, January 16, at Abernathy. It was a definite learning experience for each one of them. They learned how to judge the beginning weight they should attempt, how a powerlifting meet is conducted, and how much high energy food they really need to take with them. Most of all, though, they learned that they can successfully compete in this event. Powerlifting consists of three different lifts, under specific conditions. The lifts are the squat, the bench press, and the dead lift. Kember Everett, Rebecca Morris, and Ashley Stevens competed in the 132 pound woman's class. Rebecca lifted a total of 390 pounds; Ashley lifted a total of 365 pounds, and Kember lived a total of 295 pounds.

Robert Gillespie, Casey Lawrence, and Chooch Meyer competed, also. Casey competed in the 132 pound class and successfully lifted a total of 520 pounds. Robert competed in the 198 pound class and successfully lifted 550 pounds. Chooch competed in the 181 pound class and successfully lifted 880 pounds which placed him 8th in his class, missing a medal by 20 pounds. These young men and women practice after school and watch their diets closely in order to maintain their weight class. Although powerlifting is an individual sport with each athlete striving to improve his personal best, everyone of these athletes encourages and helps every other athlete. These students are to be commended for their hard work and dedication.

Scholarships available from TFWC

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is now accepting applications for 14 scholarships, totaling \$13,000, to be awarded in May. Applicants may be male or female, any age, married or single, and any race. Applicants must have completed at least one semester with a minimum of twelve (12) hours in an accredited college or university. The exception is the 1903 University of Texas at Austin Scholarship which is open to freshmen as well as upper classmen. Applicants may be pursuing Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate degrees. Scholarships available for 1999-2000 are for music majors or minors (\$1000), art majors or minors (\$1000), any major (\$500), and for students at the University of Texas at Austin (\$1000).

Applicants will be selected on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership qualities, life goals and financial need. Applications may be obtained from area federated women's clubs or from Bettye Green, PO Box 1367, Tahoka, TX 79373, phone 806/998-4080. Deadline for submitting applications is March 15.

Mother-Daughter Banquet set for February 18

The Annual Mother-Daughter has been set for February 18, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Eternas Study Club and will be held in the Motley County School Gym. Tickets will be available for \$6.50 per person, Monday, February 1, and will continue until February 16. Tickets may be purchased at school from Carolyn Johnson at school or New To You in Matador.

School Menu

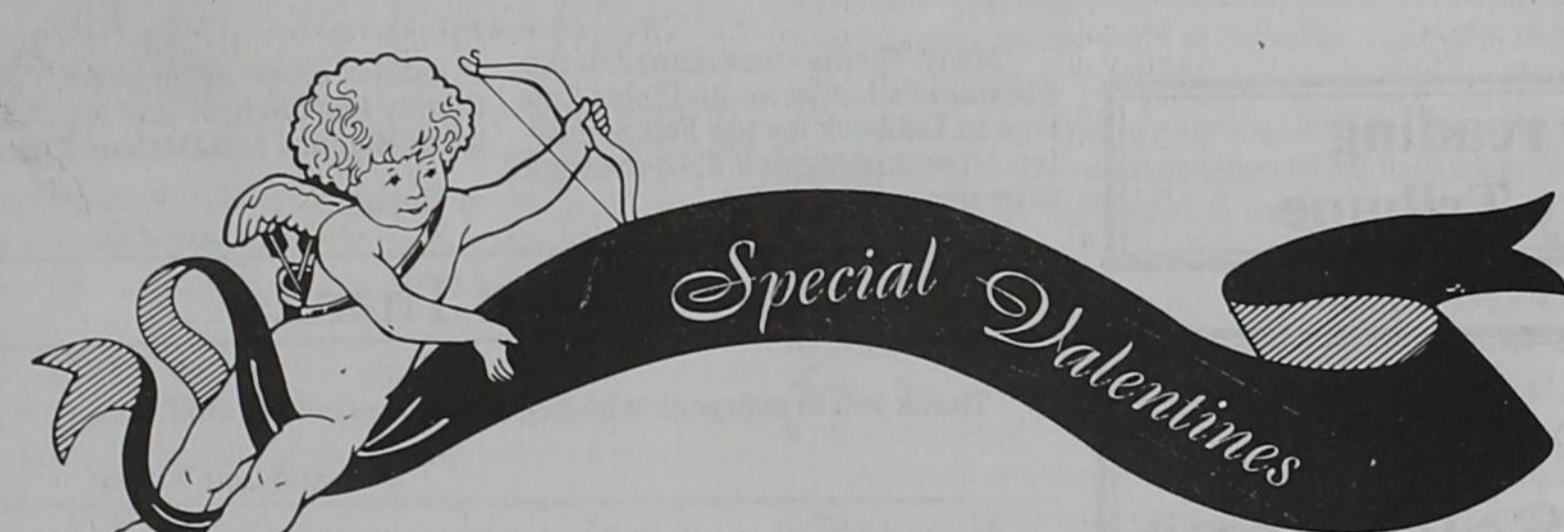
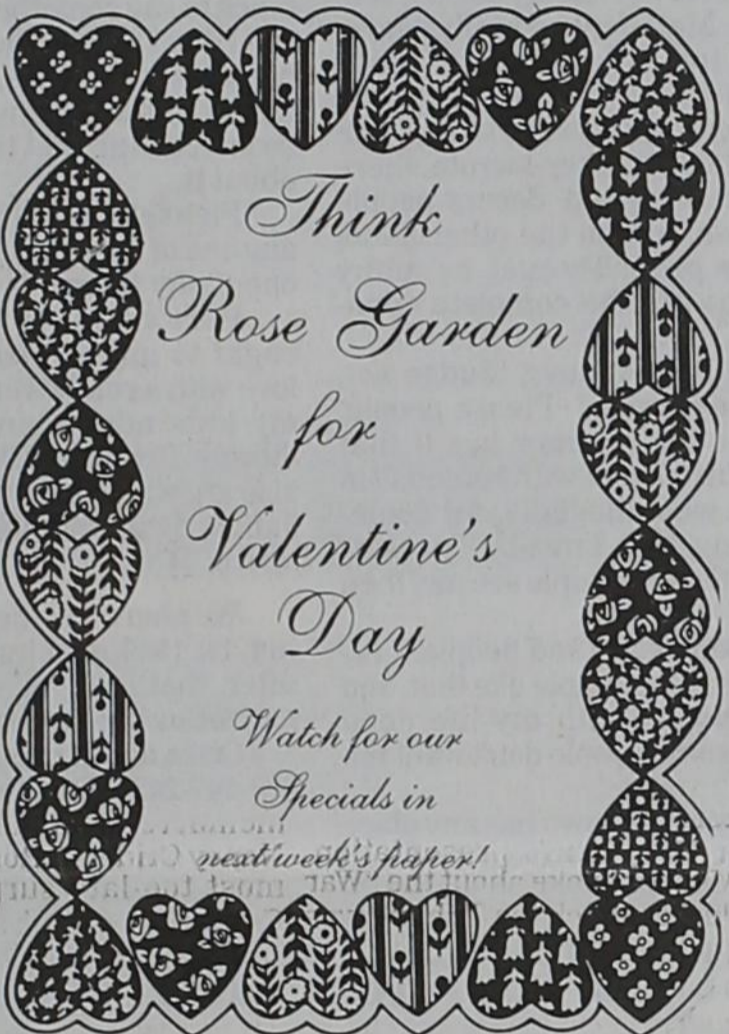
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tuna, Bologna, Cheese, Pimento Cheese, Ham & Cheese, or PBJ Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Apple Crisp, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Garden Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, French Fries, No Bake Bars, Milk.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Country Steak, Green Beans, New Whole Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

HOOP NEWS ...

by Rickey Lawrence

On Tuesday, January 19, Motley County played four home games. The Varsity teams played Guthrie and JV played Floydada JV. The Lady Mats JV played first and won by the score of 49-29. Courtney Hays was leading scorer with 16. She was followed by Kember Everett with 13, and Shandra Jones with 9. Kember and Shandra also were leading rebounders with 6 each. Courtney and Leigha Burns pulled down 4 a piece. Kember and Leigha also had 7 steals each. The Lady Mats JV record for the year stands at 8-3. Two of those three losses had come from this same Floydada team, so this made this victory more satisfying for the Lady Mats. Good job girls!

win and 2 losses. The last game of the night saw the MC boys Varsity beat the Guthrie boys Varsity by the score of 48-43 and run their season record to 12 wins, 9 losses but more importantly, it brought their district record to 2 wins and 1 loss. Keane Cruse led the scoring with 16, followed by Brad Marvel with 11, and Jason Barton with 9. Dayton Grundy was leading rebounder with 11; Keane had 9; and Jason and Brad pulled down 7 each. Brad also had 4 steals for the night. Last Friday, January 22, the MC Varsity teams traveled to Patton Springs for two district contests. The Ladies played first and came away with a 69-32 victory. Kandi Keltz was leading scorer with 13 followed by Shandra Jones with 10 and Sam Osborn and Kristi Williams with 9 each. Kandi also led in rebounding with 8, followed by Shandra, Sam and Denise Shannon with 4 each. Denise also had 10 steals on the night. This victory even the Lady mats district record at 2-2. The MC Boys Varsity played next and won by the score of 52-26. Keane Cruse was leading scorer with 15, followed by Brad Marvel with 8, Jason Barton and Sean Rose with 7 each. Keane was also leading rebounder with 13, Brad had 8, and Dayton Grundy pulled down 5. This victory gives the Mats a 3-1 District record and a share of the top spot. There are still some good games left to see. Both these teams still have a shot at making the play-offs so get out to a game and show your support.



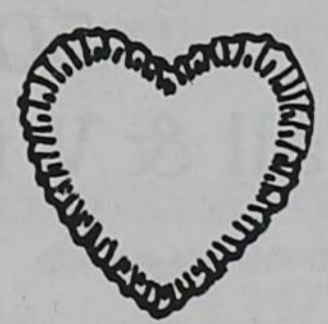
Show off your special Valentine!

Bring us a picture of your special Valentine and we'll put it in a heart like the one pictured.



Only \$10.00 per heart
Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 3

"College Sweetheart"
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

Melton Brooks has returned to the Crosbyton Care Center after having hip surgery at Methodist Hospital last week. His wife Modean is home, driving back and forth to see him several times a week.

Zella Palmer accompanied her granddaughter and sons, to Lubbock Tuesday, for the boys to see their doctor.

Vera Mitchell is spending Thursday until Monday in Littlefield with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss. She will attend church services Sunday at Sunset Avenue Baptist Church where Benny is pastor.

Word has been received that a former resident of this community, Oleta Watson of Floydada, is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She had hip surgery the first of the week.

ATTENDS BANQUET

Attending the Annual Caprock WUW Association Banquet for Pastors, wives, and staff at the Plains Baptist Assembly Monday night were Rev. and Mrs. Rod Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Luckett, Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins. Dr. Leonard Malone was guest speaker. There were 157 in attendance to enjoy a delicious steak dinner and a wonderful program.

Back to our trusty Collegiate 2nd Ed. of Merriam-Webster. Total confusion reigns. The definition for 'millennium' is a thousand years, specifically the thousand years mentioned in Rev. 2 when Christ will reign on earth. Judging from President (if he still is by Jan. 28th) Clinton's State of the Union Address, the millennium will be here next year if not before. The 2KY or is it 2YK? First, it should arrive at the end of 1999, then suddenly comes the information it will be January 1, 2001. Makes one wonder when the next presidential election will be, if the election expenses are already predicted as four million dollars each week for each candidate.

Some of us learned in the fourth grade that one can't carry or count a million dollars. Now we reckon in trillions. What went with the gold standard? Not to worry, all the computers are to shut off electricity and water, not to mention the Stock Exchanges. I love to read the children's and teenagers comments in the news; they fit my understanding better. We also learned in the fourth grade that to elect a president is a big waste of money. He (or she) won't have enough power to govern. There are so many things closer to home to be concerned about.

When you have the "flu", you may get a little light-headed, which is bad for me

because I'm liable to take off! Look forward to what may come out in this column about Sunday being a day of rest after Super Bowl Sunday. Be comforted. The Bible also states that Sunday was made for man. Man is never appreciated fully until he comes down with the flu.

As Tuesday noon is a deadline, we better come back to earth. The blessing that came this Monday was a card from Jennie Lou Jackson Murphy who has a new address. What a joy to hear from her.

She once was leader of our BYPU (Baptist Young Peoples Union?) at the Roaring Springs Baptist Church when I was a youngster. No doubt she was younger than the young people. She was a beautiful and trusted sponsor. She married lanky Garland Murphy who was one of the Murphy boys living on the farm when A.B. Nichols bought it and moved us to Roaring Springs in 1924. He became a teacher, bought a Ford with isinglass window curtains, and taught the Tee Pee Flat School. Jennie Lou has a face you never see without a smile on it, and a loving personality that makes her glow. We looked forward to seeing her each year at Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers Reunion; we hope she makes it again this year. It's always the FOURTH Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in August. The address on her card was 6565 Central park Blvd. #108, Abilene, TX 79606.

Senior Citizens remember that Thursday, February 4, is meeting day with a bring-a-dish lunch and fellowship. Welcome!

For stories of Curtis and Hortense Yeates Goodwin, refer to the last family history in Eleanor Traweek's books for the B.F. Yeates family on page 397. For the Brit Goodwin family the reference is to page 254 of the same history book of Motley County. We are so thankful for the preservation of these fascinating stories. Truth is stranger and more interesting than fiction.

Dickens County, Its Land and People, published in 1986 by the Dickens County Historical Commission has stories of the Goodwin-Yeates families, pages 130-131. One goal of Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society is to preserve family records of pioneer families. Beverly Darsey, Motley County School Librarian, and a granddaughter of Curtis and Hortense Goodwin, has done extensive research on both families.

See TEXAS HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE, page 8, the story on the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo for mention of Jimbo Humphries, well known at Cowboy Church Services in Motley County, also.

Charlie Keith at newstime is a patient in Covenant Medical Center (Methodist Hospital) in Lubbock under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Mrs. Wynona Gilbreath of Ralls, former resident of Matador, is hospitalized following a broken wrist.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

WEATHER REPORT

After a wind and sandstorm Thursday, Jan. 21, that had fields blowing away, the rain and snow flurries were a welcomed sight the following day, Friday, Jan. 22 in northwest Motley County.

Jim Stockton of Whiteflat registered 0.60 of moisture as well as residents west and east of Whiteflat. Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot, reported 0.30. Wilburn Martin, west of Flomot had 0.40 and Butch Hughes north of Flomot, had 0.50 of an inch of rain.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Furman (Beverly) Vinson is a patient in Covenant Medical Center, Lakeside (St. Mary's Hospital) in Lubbock following surgery Wednesday, Jan. 27. With her during surgery and hospitalization beside her husband were son and wife, Roger and Doris Vinson of Lubbock and daughter, Mrs. Linda Perryman of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited Thursday and Friday in Vernon with his sister, Mrs. Alene Barnes and houseguests, Mrs. Elsie Beard and Mrs. Darlene Hodges of Dallas.

Art Green visited in Matador, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and children. The Green family received word their brother, Phil Green, former Motley County resident, is a patient in Memorial Hospital in Lawton, Okla. listed in critical condition.

Mrs. Trula Martin, Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. B. Rogers were in Plainview, Tuesday to get quilt supplies. They and other members of the Do Gooders' Club have been piecing blocks during the week at the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited

in Childress, Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner.

Matt Washington of Matador was a luncheon guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Thursday.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited the weekend in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and E. J. and Mary Ann Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended to business in Lubbock, Saturday. They visited in Lockney, Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview, Wednesday, for her a dental appointment. They were in Floydada, Friday for him a medical appointment, and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. John Speer.

New residents of Flomot are Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton. They moved into the former Clayton Bond home and he will be an employee of Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd and Mrs. Janice Russell of Turkey visited in Memphis, Wednesday, with Kim, Dickie, and Jason Cloyd.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty were Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock.

Wendell Morris visited in Plainview, Friday and Saturday with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lane, Krysha, Amy and Kylie. They attended the Plainview J.V. girls basketball games held in Plainview, Friday and in Lubbock, Saturday. His granddaughter, Amy Lane, is the basketball coach for PHS freshman girls team. They defeated Clovis, N.M. team Friday and Estacado team Saturday.

Tom Ross was in Mangum, Okla. Wednesday, where he met with the Brinkman Book Committee working on historical data.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The man in an upstairs apartment yelled to the man downstairs, "If you don't stop playing that clarinet, I'll go crazy!" "Too late now," the other fellow yelled back. "I stopped playing an hour ago!"

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Mrs. Juanita Cooper joined Postal and ex-Postal employees and their spouses at Cafe RS in Roaring Springs, Wednesday, Jan. 20 at a birthday luncheon. Honorees with birthdays in January were Mrs. Pauline Hand and Mrs. Grace Zabielski of Roaring Springs and Harold Gordon of Matador.

Others attending the enjoyable celebration were Mrs. Vee Gordon and Callie and R.C. Giesecke of Matador and Ms. Lula Swim, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Ray Zabielski, and Hanna Alexander of Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Friday until Tuesday of last week in Ama-

rillo with daughter and family, Kay, Ken, and Kourtney Dunnam. They attended volleyball tournaments in which Kourtney competed, held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador visited in Amarillo, Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Jean Risser of Wheeler, a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital following brain surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings are visiting this week in Haskell with son and wife, Donnic and Tim Jennings. Mrs. Jennings is having dental work done in Anson.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Roaring Springs, Friday, with Ms. Lula Swim. She and Jack Samford of Afton visited in Aspermont, Sunday, with Mrs. Willidee King.

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

Obituaries

Jimmie Lee Harris

Funeral services for Jimmie Lee Harris, 74, of Matador, will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, January 30, 1999, at the Church of Christ of Matador, with Minister Michael G. Crowley officiating, assisted by Rev. Tommy Wilson. Burial will follow in the East Mound Cemetery, Matador.

Mr. Harris died Sunday, January 24, at the V.A. Medical Center in Amarillo.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Texas, and moved to Motley County when he was very young. He was a retired farm laborer and a member of the Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Varie Harris, and five brothers.

Survivors include two brothers, Bud Lee Harris of Dallas and Bennie Lee Harris of Clarendon; five sisters, Lillie M. Owens of Matador, Fern Day, Katie Mae Harris, Mae Ellen Butler and Mae Dee Harris, all of Clarendon.

His adopted family, Renomia Campbell and her children, Janie Brown of Las Vegas, NV, Georgia Davis of Muskogee, OK, Bobbie Brown of Matador, Dwayne Campbell, Clede Campbell, Brenda Campbell, Lester Campbell and Dwight Campbell, all of Amarillo; Audrey Campbell of Arlington, Charlie Campbell of Abilene, Yolanda Campbell of Houston, and Joe Campbell of Matador, plus numerous nephews and nieces and friends.

Pallbearers are Clede Campbell, Lester Campbell, Larry Pitts, Marion Thompson, Roscoe Smith, and Melvin Pitts.

Lottie Lorena Struve

Mrs. Lottie Lorena Struve, age 87, of Lewisville, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 23, 1999 in a Flower Mound, Texas Nursing Home. Mrs. Struve moved to Kerr County in May 1965. She was born August 23, 1911 in Rotan, Texas. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Ingram, a charter member of the Hill Country Promaders - Square Dance Club.

Mrs. Struve was married to Edgar Thomas Struve on April 9, 1949 in Abilene. He preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Eva Lena Henry.

Survivors are two daughters, Dorothea Jean Wade of Lewisville, Tommy Jo Steward of Lewiston, California; one brother, Jim Clements of Muleshoe; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Ben Smith officiating. Interment was at Nichols Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Kerrville.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Rumors, rumors, rumors, will they ever stop? Probably not, no, definitely not. Matador is a really peaceful town for the most part, until people in this town run off at the mouth. Now don't get me wrong, like I said in the last letter I wrote, there are very many good, decent people in this town; but on the other hand, there are probably just as many people who are the complete opposite.

In the Bible it says, "Judge not, lest you be judged." Please people, remember this! Rumor has it that because I'm friends with someone in this town who allegedly did something wrong, that I'm a bad person. Well, if that's how people see me, then so be it.

Busybodies are sad people. I really feel sorry for people like that. You see, I'm happy with my life once again, but some people don't want me to be.

Nobody in this town has any place to judge me, for they have not walked

in my shoes for even a 1/2 second. Tragedy hits hard and it's different for everyone, so please don't be so quick to say something bad about me.

I don't expect the rumors to stop, but like I said before, I'll be more than happy to talk to anyone if my life is so interesting that they want to hear about it.

Please! Don't think I'm mad at anyone of the people for judging anyone, I pity them.

Here's a bit of information that ought to interest someone; I fell in love with a really wonderful man and my kids adore him. His name is Jimmy Brent McClure of McAdoo, also known as Dusty. He is the son of James Brannon and Lili McClure, also of McAdoo.

We plan on being married February 14, 1999, and living happily ever after, that is, if people in this town can let us live in peace here.

Once again my phone number is 806-347-2454. Feel free to call!

Lisa Rose

Misty Thomas named to President's List

Misty Thomas was named to the President's List at South Plains College in Lubbock for the Fall Semester. Misty maintained a 4.0 average to be named to this list.

She is a 1997 graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Richard and Darlene Thomas of Matador.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped Tommy get the Golf Cart.

Don and Lou Wittler

We would like to thank all those who brought food, flowers, a kind word, or their presence to the funeral of Hortense Goodwin. Every thoughtful act, comforting card, and lasting memorial is so appreciated during this time. We extend our gratefulness to you all.

Delores Fox
Beverly Darsey & family
Gary Bridge & family
Nancy Hale & family

Write in your heart that every day is the best day of the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Matador News

Mrs. Calvin (Virginia) Nimmo is a patient in University Medical Center in Lubbock following surgery, Friday, Jan. 22. With her during surgery and hospitalization beside her husband are son, John Nimmo of Forney, and daughters, Dixie Johnson of Silverton and Kelly of Canadian.

Charlie Keith at newstime is a patient in Covenant Medical Center (Methodist Hospital) in Lubbock under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Mrs. Wynona Gilbreath of Ralls, former resident of Matador, is hospitalized following a broken wrist.

Heather Turner Blount awarded scholarship

Heather Ann Turner Blount received the Edna Anderson Heineman Scholarship for 1998-99. Heather is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is a 1995 graduate of Motley County High School and is the daughter of Johnney and Carol A. Turner of Matador. Heather and her husband, Scott, live in Lubbock.

Each year the College of Human Sciences at Tech awards almost \$300,000 in scholarships to worthy young men and women who wish to prepare for exciting careers. Awards range from \$200 to \$2000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development, family studies, early childhood, marriage

and family therapy, substance abuse studies, family financial planning, merchandising, fashion design, interior design, environmental design and consumer economics, food and nutrition/dietetics, family and consumer science education, restaurant hotel and institutional management (RHIM) and graduate degree studies.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. box 41162, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1162. Applications are due by February 15, 1999.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM October 1, 1998 TO December 31, 1998

FUND	1998		1999	
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 26,271.84	\$ 271,586.38	\$ 271,375.70	\$ 26,882.52
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 6,302.84	\$ 27,800.67	\$ 25,530.89	\$ 8,572.62
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 7,401.21	\$ 30,280.24	\$ 25,005.68	\$ 12,675.77
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 4,285.16	\$ 39,936.81	\$ 37,648.28	\$ 7,213.69
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 4,386.95	\$ 48,128.36	\$ 43,265.68	\$ 10,249.63
LIBRARY	\$ 4,214.24	\$ 3,500.50	\$ 4,078.59	\$ 4,642.65
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 8,022.07	\$ 18,488.70	\$ 17,546.84	\$ 9,973.93
BUILDING FUND	\$ 4,857.39	\$ -	\$ 573.35	\$ 4,284.04
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 38,278.88	\$ 20,411.14	\$ 67,009.29	\$ 11,680.73
ARREST FEES	\$ 10,006.72	\$ 4,024.00	\$ 8,433.03	\$ 5,597.69
BOND PROGRAM	\$ -	\$ 418.50	\$ -	\$ 418.50
BUT CHECK	\$ -	\$ 781.48	\$ 80.00	\$ 197.98
INVESTMENT	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 233,000.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 515,000.00
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TOTALS	\$ 428,234.76	\$ 716,233.45	\$ 528,441.71	\$ 614,716.50

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COUNTY OF MATLEY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED JOE E. CAMPBELL, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, TOOK THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING TRUTH AND CORRECT.

Notary Public

Farm & Ranch News

Boll Weevil Eradication informational meetings slated for Motley County

In preparation for the upcoming referendum, the Southern High Plains / Caprock Eradication Zone Grower Committee has scheduled a series of informational meetings to give cotton growers and crop-sharing landowners an opportunity to hear about and ask questions concerning the proposed boll weevil eradication program. The vote is being held to determine if cotton producers and crop-sharing landowners want to implement a boll weevil eradication program in the proposed Southern High Plains / Caprock Eradication Zone (SHP/C).

Representatives of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the National Cotton Council and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are scheduled to provide information about boll weevils and efforts of cotton producers to eliminate them.

Motley County growers and other interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting in Matador on Feb. 3, 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.

Other locations where meetings will be held in the proposed SHP/C eradication zone include:

All cotton producers and landowners, as well as others interested in the cotton industry are encouraged to attend any of the informational meetings. Meals will be provided by friends of the cotton industry. For information about the meetings, contact the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Abilene at (800) 687-1212 or (915) 672-2800.

The proposed SHP/C eradication zone consists of approximately 1.2 million acres in Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Motley, and portions of Lynn and Terry counties.

In the Feb. 26 referendum, cotton growers and crop-sharing landowners in the ten-county area will vote on the establishment of the area as an official eradication zone and the approval of a maximum assessment necessary to fund a program. Voters will also elect a representative from the proposed zone to serve on the 17-member board of directors who administer the eradication program in Texas.

Successful eradication has already been completed in Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia,

North and South Carolina, and Virginia. The states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Tennessee are also involved in boll weevil eradication

Project 2000 approved by TFB delegates

Texas Farm Bureau voting delegates approved a path for the state's largest general farm organization to follow into the new millennium at the 65th annual meeting in Lubbock recently.

Delegates approved Project 2000 to carry the Farm Bureau into the next century. President Bob Stallman said the program will allow Farm Bureau to serve agriculture better and achieve the goals of the organization into the next century. Stallman was reelected to his sixth consecutive term.

"This program will help farmers and ranchers tell the story of the vitally important role agriculture plays in the lives of their urban neighbors," Stallman said. "Agriculture and our organization will be stronger because of it."

Specifically, the program addresses the following initiatives:

- Review current Farm Bureau programs and services.
- Determine the needs of Farm Bureau members.
- Suggest programs, activities, and services to meet those needs.
- Recommend elimination, revision, or modification of existing programs to achieve savings to pay for new programs and finance them.

Project 2000 will be funded by a modest \$5 membership dues increase.

The committee suggested increased administrative assistance to county leaders; emphasis on Ag in the Classroom activities; public relations; and marketing and risk management educational opportunities for members. The group also favored the establishment of a Legal Defense Fund.

The farm bill and related items dealing with farm policy took center stage the last day of the convention. Delegates said they supported the concepts contained under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act), but said the act should be reexamined because of current economic conditions in agriculture.

Delegates also said more emphasis should be placed on risk management in the FAIR Act — specifically, more affordable crop insurance programs should be developed. The current program should be revised, they added, to contain adequate program funding, broader coverage at reasonable rates, price and yield protection, coverage for alternative crops, ability to insure for input cost, prevented planting provisions, and other specifics.

Also on the national level, delegates voted to:

- Enhance export competitiveness by utilizing various export subsidies so that international economic conditions have less impact on domestic prices.
- Recommend that the agricultural census be voluntary.
- Oppose Environmental Protection Agency Implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act unless actions are based on proven scientific facts.
- On the state level, delegates voted to:
 - Support local Soil and Water Conservation Districts' ability to provide technical assistance and incentives for voluntary soil and water conservation planning and implementation.
 - Favor a state funded program to eradicate the boll weevil.
 - Oppose national standards for pollution control. Rather, they said pollution control standards should be developed at the state and local level.
 - Recommend that Texas grown beef, lamb and goat meat be incorporated into the menus of Texas public schools and prisons.
 - Support the \$1.50 per \$100 cap on the tax rate for maintenance and operation of schools.

Donald Patman of Waxahachie was reelected as vice president of the organization. Delmas McCormick of Floydada was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

COW POKES By Ace Reid

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PHIL GRAMM
UNITED STATES SENATOR - TEXAS

DUTY, CONSCIENCE AND IMPEACHMENT
By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



From the beginning of the House's impeachment debate, I have believed that the best statement a senator could make was no statement at all, and I have tried to follow that approach. However, in the face of rising calls for the Senate to short-circuit the constitutional process by substituting censure for impeachment, I feel that it is necessary to express a view on how the Senate should proceed.

I strongly believe that the Senate's commitment must be to a fair, constitutional process and not to any given outcome.

It seems to me that the Senate has a clear, constitutional obligation to vote on whether the President is guilty or not guilty of the two articles of impeachment adopted in the House. Having been presented with articles of impeachment by the House, the Senate is now responsible for fully performing a difficult and historic function.

In the entire history of America under the Constitution, the Senate has never failed to vote guilty or not guilty on articles of impeachment.

In 15 such cases, the Senate held 15 trials and voted at the conclusion of every one. History's lone exception was a judge who resigned before the trial could be convened. Sometimes the Senate has voted guilty and sometimes the Senate has voted not guilty, but it has always voted.

The Constitution requires nothing less, and our duty and conscience should require nothing more.

I fear that punishing the President through a censure procedure in lieu of following the constitutional process would dangerously erode the foundations of our democracy. The framers of our Constitution selected impeachment as the only process available to Congress for dealing with presidential misconduct. They did so, I believe, to carefully separate legislative, judicial and executive powers. That bright line of separation has been crucial to the functioning of American democracy on countless occasions when one branch of government was sorely tempted to encroach on the authority of another.

We must not erode the Constitution in a way that is contemplated in censure because we must not open the door to punishment through censure every time a Supreme Court justice displeases one party or the other, or an administrative official offends Congress.

Finally, the effect of censure pales next to what has already occurred. No condemnation which the Senate could vote would carry the historical weight of the censure already embodied in the resolutions of impeachment. The Clinton Presidency stands indelibly tarnished, and will be remembered as such regardless of how a Senate trial concludes. Thus, a censure resolution is both superfluous and a poor precedent.

As much as everyone may wish to put this matter behind us, constitutional government has in the past and does now impose costs. The cost of adhering to the Constitution, however, has always been small compared with the benefit.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at gramm.senate.gov)

ISSUE

Boll Weevil Eradication

Cotton producers in Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Motley, Kent, Garza, Northern Lynn and Northeast Terry counties are being asked to decide by February 26, 1999 on whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. Cotton producers are urged to obtain the facts necessary to cast an informed vote.

GROWER EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

JANUARY 28 Morton - 8:00 am Cochran County Activity Building	FEBRUARY 1 Levelland - Noon Women's Building Hockley County Fairgrounds	FEBRUARY 2 Post - 8:00 am Citizens Bank Community Room	FEBRUARY 8 Tahoka - Noon Center for Housing & Community Development	FEBRUARY 9 Ralls - 8:00 am Chamber of Commerce Building
Idalou - 7:00 pm Idalou High School Cafeteria	Wolforth - 7:00 pm Frenship High School South Cafeteria	Spur - Noon Spur Community Center	Crosbyton - 7:00 pm Pioneer Memorial Building	Slaton - Noon St. Joseph's Parish Hall
FEBRUARY 3 Matador - 9:00 am Senior Citizens Building				

Get the facts, make your decision to vote yes or no, and vote. Your vote is important.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY FEBRUARY 26, 1999.

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