

Motley County Tribune



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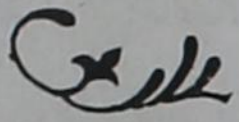
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A Look Back



NOVEMBER 17, 1955

Frivolous Norther
Makes Great Threat

"A frustrated blizzard which had threatened the Panhandle since Thursday, made its threat good about midnight Tuesday. Mercury that had been in the 70's most of the day, dropped between 30 and 40 degrees in a few hours time."

TRAIL DUST
by Douglas Meador

"Wisdom speaks often but our ears are attuned only to that which does not obstruct our will."

Early deadline for next week's paper

Due to Thanksgiving, next Thursday, November 25, we will have an early deadline for next week's paper. All news and ad copy must be in our office no later than noon, Monday, November 22. The paper will be printed and mailed out on Tuesday, November 23, instead of our regular Wednesday print day.

The Motley County Tribune staff appreciates your cooperation and wants to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

6-Man area play-off football game to be held here Friday

The 6-Man Area Play-off football game between Rochester and Groom will be held here Friday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Admission charge will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

Arts & Crafts Fall Bazaar to be held Saturday

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club will hold their Fall Bazaar this Saturday, November 20, at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. The Bazaar will open at 9:00 a.m. and will offer an array of gift items, as well as serve refreshments.

Be sure to come by and get a head start on your Christmas shopping and enjoy a treat.

American Legion Auxiliary to sponsor Bake Sale Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary, Fleming Unit 337, will sponsor a Bake Sale, Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in front of the Motley County Library in Matador.

Proceeds from the event will help to send a young lady to Girls State.

Steer Validation Sunday

Steer Validation for Motley County Jr. Livestock Show will be Sunday, November 21, 2:00 p.m., at Matador Ranch headquarters.

Churches to unite for annual Community Thanksgiving services

The churches of the communities will come together for special Thanksgiving services Sunday, November 21.

In Matador, services will be held at the First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the message being

delivered by Rev. Rex Kreusel, pastor of Matador First Assembly of God.

Fellowship and refreshments will be enjoyed after the services.

In Roaring Springs, services will be held at the Full Gospel Church,

beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Felton Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs will bring the message.

Everyone is invited to attend either or both of these messages.

Local FFA member receives National Award



RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD — Cody Timmons, former Motley County FFA member, received the highest award given by FFA at the National Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky in October. Cody is a 1998 graduate of Motley County High School and the son of James and Janice Timmons of Northfield.



ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION — Motley County FFA members, Chantry Meyer, Clint Cooper and Justin Jameson attended the National FFA Convention held in October in Kentucky. Also attending was their sponsor, Mr. Jim Cooper.

Cody Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Timmons of Northfield, received the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization at the 72nd National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky held October 27-30.

Cody, a sophomore at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, was awarded the American FFA Degree in a special ceremony on Saturday, October 30. The degree was conferred by Hosea Santiago, Southern Region Vice-President from Puerto Rico, and Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor. Less than one percent of FFA members attain the American Degree. Among the requirements for the American Degree are that each recipient must have received the State Degree, have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program and have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

Over 43,000 FFA members and guests from across the nation attended the convention which was held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. This was the first convention held in Louisville. For the past 71 years the national convention was held in Kansas City. The FFA made the decision to move to the present site due to the quality and size of the facilities available. Jim Cooper FFA Chapter Advisor attended the Convention along with Motley County FFA Chapter members Chantry Meyer, Justin Jameson, Clint Cooper and Cody Timmons.

While at the Convention, the members attended the Agricultural Career and Trade Show which hosted over 350 exhibitors that displayed materials and equipment from colleges, universities and industry throughout the United States. While at the Convention the members heard from speakers such as acclaimed actor, Danny Glover, worldwide adventurer, Jamie Clark, motivational speaker, Dave Roeser, and motivational humorist, Emory Austin. The group also attended the National Finals of the Creed and Prepared Public Speaking events.

While in Louisville the group toured Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby; the Louisville Slugger factory where Louisville Slugger baseball bats are manufactured; Calumet Farms, one of the oldest and most respected thoroughbred farms in the nation. While passing through Frankfurt, the capital of Kentucky, the group visited the final resting place of Daniel Boone and many civil war veterans and heroes at the state cemetery. Other sights the group saw included the Jefferson Davis memorial outside of Hopkinsville, Ky, the Mississippi River and the gateway arch at St. Louis, and the drive under McDonalds outside of Tulsa.

American Legion to host Thanksgiving Supper for County's Veterans

All Motley County veterans, their spouses, widows, widowers, etc., are invited to be the special guests of Fleming Post 337 and Fleming Auxiliary Unit 337 for a special Thanksgiving supper on Monday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Matador.

The holiday meal, prepared by members of the Auxiliary, is offered as a "Thank You" to honor all those who served in the armed forces and to their families who supported them. "We have so much to be thankful

for", stated Post Commander Jerry Green and Auxiliary President, Joan Keith, "and we want to let others know how grateful we are for their commitment to preserving peace in our wonderful country."

There is no charge for the supper, and anyone connected to a veteran is encouraged to attend. Mr. Green stated, "We look forward to meeting each of you on Monday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Matador Senior Citizen Center."

FFA members report on National Convention to School Board members

Motley County members, Justin Jameson, Clint Cooper, and Chantry Meyer and FFA Advisor, Mr. Jim Cooper, gave an informational and interesting report to the Motley County School board, on their trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Tennessee in October, when the Board met in regular session, Monday, November 8.

All board members were present for the meeting. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand and Bettye Stevens.

No one attended open forum. Mr. Hand gave the Principal's informational report and Mr. Copp gave an athletic update and the Superintendent's report which consisted of types of grants that had been applied for and/or received, attendance rates and information about the Spirit Rally, which was to be held November, sponsored by the Booster Club.

Items for board action included the following:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meetings.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved the 1999-2000 textbook committee.

— Approved the employee incentive pay for all staff members for December.

— Approved Update 61 Policies, legal and local.

— Approved the list of board-sanctioned student activities. A list of these activities are posted in the principal's office or in the lobby.

The board had a brainstorm session on student population declines and looked at possible changes for the future. Student population has declined 12-15 students per year for the last three years. If this drop in student enrollment continues, the board will have to look into different programs for the school. The board will discuss this further.

Roaring Springs Baptist Youth conducting can food drive

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church Youth is conducting their Third Annual Thanksgiving Can Drive. Can goods, boxed foods, non-perishable fruits and vegetables, and toiletry items (soap, bath tissue, kleenex, etc.) are being accepted and are very much appreciated.

Items will be distributed to the needy in Motley County the week of

Thanksgiving.

If you would like to donate something, you may leave items with Daphne Meredith at the Motley County Clinic. Items may also be left at the Motley County Tribune, or with Youth Group members, Andy Anson or Mylinda Gilmore, MC high school Juniors, or at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs.

Roaring Springs City Council explores possibility of Economic Development Sales Tax

The City of Roaring Springs is exploring the possibility of an Economic Development Sales Tax. Jeff Thigpen with West Texas Utilities of Childress, met with the City Council, Monday, November 8, to explain the benefits of such a tax. Revenue generated from an Economic Development Sales Tax would be used to improve the city. The Council decided to wait until after the first of the New Year to pursue this further. A Public meeting will be held at a later date to inform citizens of Roaring Springs about the Economic Development Sales Tax.

Mayor Joey Thacker called the meeting to order for this regular meeting of the Council. Council members, Venita Sedgwick, Kelly Keltz, Gary Smith, and Lisa Simpson were present. Also present were City Secretary, Zella Palmer, and Water Manager Robert Osborn. Council member James Adams was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Kelly Keltz gave the invocation.

The October 18, 1999 Council meeting minutes were approved and bills were approved as presented.



BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT SPIRIT RALLY — Motley County Jr. High and High School team members and Coaches were introduced to fans at last Thursday night's Spirit Rally. Pictured above are some of the Mavericks and Matadors as they lined up on the court to sing the School Song.



by
Carla Meador

There's a great old song from a classic Mary Poppins movie, "A Few Of My Favorite Things". This morning on the TODAY show, a new book was featured with the same name. The book lists favorite things from some famous people. It made me think that it would be a good idea to make a list of favorite things for myself.

I have a lot of favorite things, but of course, I'm sure you all know, and as every grandmother must feel, right at the top of the list, is seeing my little granddaughter and spending time with her. Another favorite thing - talking with my son. With his busy schedule, and mine, it's really hard just to get together and talk for a few minutes. I really miss that, so that is another favorite thing.

More favorite things -

Kittens and puppies,
Warm, fluffy slippers,
My big chair and ottoman,
An afternoon of shopping with my daughter-in-law,
Thursdays (because I can breathe again, another paper is com-

pleted)

Mondays (because I enjoy meeting the week with expectation and excitement to compile another week's paper)

Sundays (because the week just doesn't go right without Church)

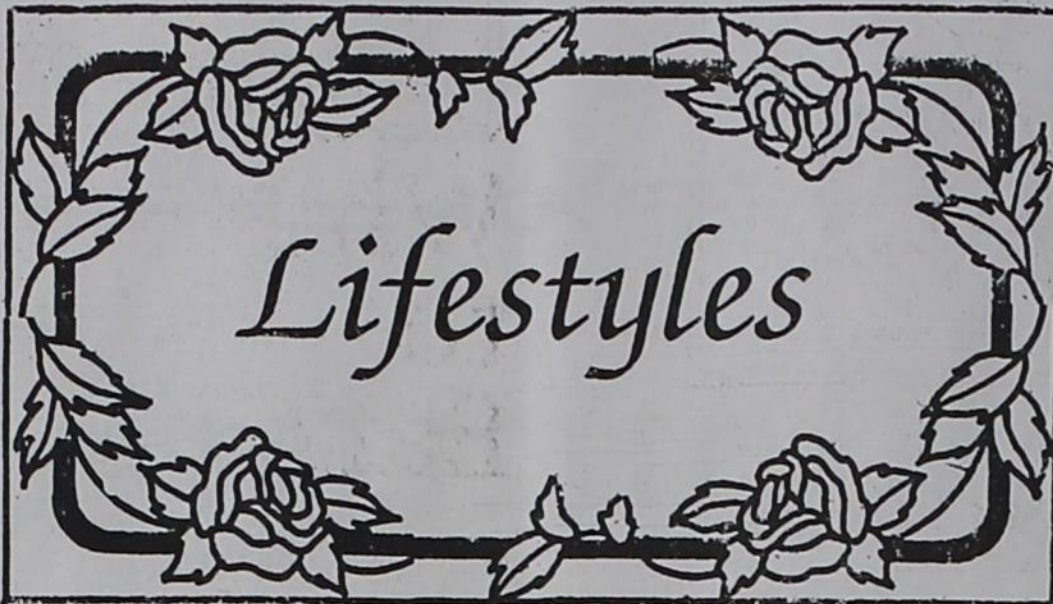
Visiting with a good friend, and enjoying a cup of tea.

The day before Thanksgiving when my sister and I always go to my Mom's, visit around the kitchen table, with the aroma of something delicious baking in the oven.

Watching a movie with my husband, (because there are very few evenings that he is able to be home)

Well, I really could make my 'favorite things' list quite long, but I'm going to run out of space. Make yourself a 'favorite things' list, and when something gets you down and you feel like everything is going wrong, just take out your list and read over it. I'm sure it will bring a smile to your face and make you feel better. Just thinking about and making my list has made me feel good.

A 'favorite things' list is a good thing!



Mozelle Montano featured guest at Do Gooders meeting

Mrs. Mozelle Montana of Vernon, Extension Agent at Large, was the featured guest at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, November 9th. It was held at the Community Center in Flomot.

She presented a program on Christmas Traditions. She stated, "Holiday traditions unfold, friends and family gather and cherished memories are shared. Rich tales are told and passed on to a new generation." During this season of cheer, she encouraged families to take the opportunity to record these special events in a unique way.

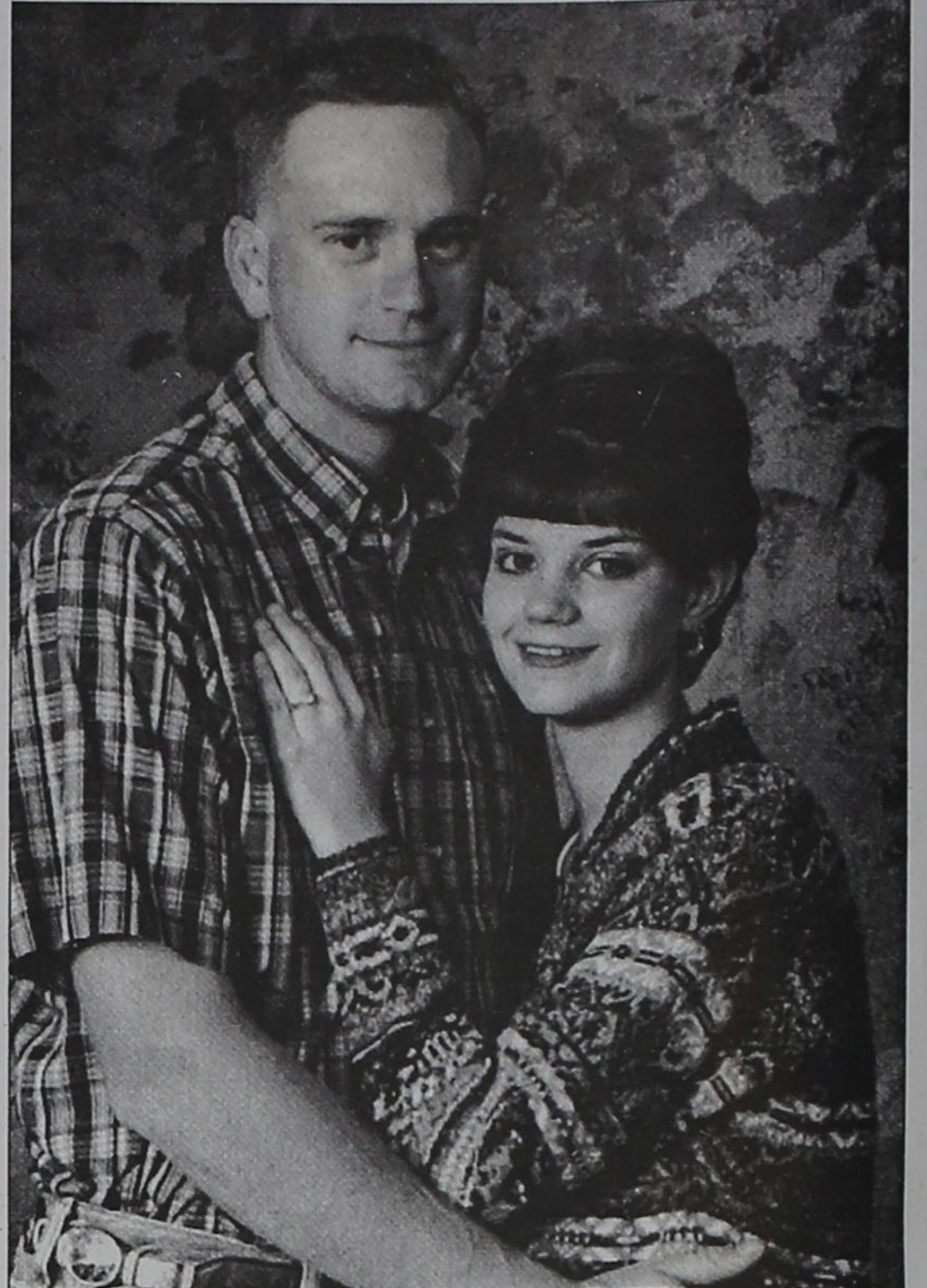
She had two Christmas stockings she had made for each of her sons when at a young age. Each year, she added an important memento to the socks so they could remember a happy occasion in their lives. She hangs them on her hearth each Christmas. They can not have them as long as she is able to add treasured memories to the socks. She also suggested having one photo al-

bum for holiday events.

Mrs. Montana then told about the Santa Claus collection she had on display. Those attending were impressed by the variety of sizes, designs and materials used in each one.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Connie Franks, in the absence of Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd who was ill, read the minutes. She reported the Club made \$406.32 profit at their annual Bazaar. In other business, they voted to draw new Secret Pal names and elect officers for the year 2000 at the December meeting.

A cornucopia overflowing with fruit and nuts flanked by a turkey centered the table laid with a crocheted cloth. Mesdames Edith Washington, Mary Jo Calvert and Erma Washington presided at Thanksgiving designed appointments and served chips, dips, fresh veggies, pumpkin roll and cookies with spiced and iced tea and coffee.



Greg Kitchens & Jill Stanley

Wedding Plans Announced

James and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, formerly of Matador, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jill to Greg Kitchens, son of George and Patsy Kitchens of Snyder. Jill, a 1998 graduate of Motley County High School, is a sophomore Elementary Education major at Texas Tech University and is employed at Comet Cleaners. Greg, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, is a junior Ag. Education major at Texas Tech University and is employed by C P Masters. Greg and Jill will be married on June 3 at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Look Who's New

James Bryce Bennett

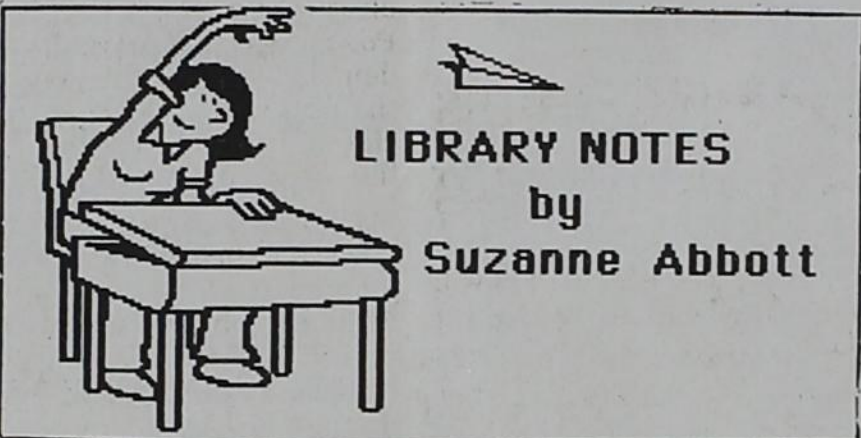


It's a Boy!! Bo and Brandee Bennett of Ballinger, Texas announce the arrival of James Bryce Bennett.

Bryce was born November 10, 1999 in San Angelo, Texas, weighing 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces.

The Bennett's also have one daughter, Bonham Jade Bennett.

Grandparents of the two are Jimmy and Sandra Bennett, Ballinger, Joel and Debra Spray, Matador. Great-grandparents are Jim and Wanda Stockton, Frances Mitchell and Pansy Spray of Matador, Faye Welcher of Lubbock, and Fred and Sybil Brandon of Roaring Springs.



LIBRARY NOTES

by

Suzanne Abbott

We had a very productive meeting of the Friends of the Library Thursday. Present were Patricia Green, Georgia Witcher, Suzanne Abbot, Joan Keith, Rita Groves, Lindy Stafford, Judy Renfro, Charles Keith, Pearl Patton, Mary Lumsden, Algi Groves, Betty Moore, Gerry Jones, Winifred Lee, Opal Johnson and Earline Vaughn. A nominating committee of Charles Keith, Joan Keith and Rita Groves, was appointed to report at the February meeting. The Friends of the Library will serve refreshments at the Matador Late Night Shopping evening in December, as well as preside at a used book sale.

Items new to the library include a CD of John Grisham's *Runaway Jury* and an audio tape version of Charles Kuralt's *America*. We appreciate the donation of these two items by Synthia Stafford. We also have a fascinating book about the great sports

teams of the century. This book, *Greatest Teams: The Most Dominate Powerhouses*, contains many large color photos of the teams and individual players.

New books in the library include one that was reviewed in last Sunday's paper, *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel. This easy-to-read biography includes correspondence between Galileo and his daughter, Maria Celeste. The author has the ability to make technical explanations seem easy and interesting at the same time. If you like biography, you will enjoy *Galileo's Daughter*.

Another interesting new book at the library is *Foods that Fight Pain* by Dr. Neal Barnard. This book includes menus and recipes as well as lists of foods that help patients withstand pain. These and many other new books are arriving daily at the library.

Eternas Study Club plans events for Late Night

by Tara Cline

Plans were made for Late Night Shopping when Eternas Study Club met Monday, November 15. Club members discussed the Kiddie Store and contacting Santa. The Club elected to sell tickets for a prize of \$100. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and can be purchased from any club member. The winner will be drawn at Late Night Shopping, December 2.

Members enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Denise Ford and Tara Cline consisting of chicken spaghetti, salad, and a special cheesecake. Wilda Dixon called the meeting to order. Rhonda McCleskey brought the door prize and Annette Hollinsworth was the lucky winner. Roll was called and minutes from the previous meeting were read. Denise Ford read the treasurer's report and Wilda Dixon read a letter from Caprock District president, Loretta Tekell.

In other business, Committees were set up for the Mother-Daughter Banquet, which is set for February 21, 2000. New member nomina-

tions were accepted, and that concluded the meeting.

Get Ready for Thanksgiving!

Save Precious Time, Make a Charitable Donation AND Help Send a Deserving Young Lady to

GIRLS STATE
in
Austin, June 2000

Sponsored by the

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Fleming Unit 337, Matador

BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 20, 1999
9 a.m. - 12 noon
Motley County Library

More On Prayer



Prayer is more than a vehicle that transports us to the generosity of God. Prayer is a verdict that declares our personal recognition of God and our personal readiness to serve God. Prayer is a vision that transcends the world around us and escorts us to the throne of God. Prayer is an echo of faith that trusts God with every circumstance and reverberates that trust throughout every area of our lives. Prayer is a viaduct through which the Spirit of God flows. Wayne Norton gives these thoughts to the power and purpose of prayer.

Prayer is a vitality that ushers a freshness in to our spiritual life. Prayer is a voyage that finds us walking with God. Prayer is a victory that overcomes the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Prayer is a validation of our salvation and a verification of our sanctification.

Prayer is a vacancy of self-will that invites occupation by God's will.

Prayer is a visa to God's supplication that has been authorized by the Father, assured by the son, and appropriated by the Spirit.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:33-34

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.



SPUR TRADE DAYS

Saturday, November 20: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 21: 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Spur Area Chamber of Commerce presents

Rusty Hudelson's KNIGHTS OF THE WEST

November 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Palace Theater
All Seats \$8.00

Visit the
Classic Car
Show in the
a.m.

- 40 to 50 Vendors
- Good Food
- Entertainment for kids

Sponsored by the Spur Area Chamber of Commerce. For a vendor space or questions, contact Randell or Fernella @ 806-271-3466.

MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

What's to Eat?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, Tater Tots, Pickles, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Apple, Cookie, Milk.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Theater Dept. to present "Precious Lives" program

The Motley County ISD Theater Department will present four short plays on Tuesday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. Each play attempts to teach a lesson regarding drug and alcohol abuse. The plays, THE FRIENDS OF JULIA DARK, LIFE REFRAINS and TO ABSENT FRIENDS, feature students and teachers in scenes which portray realistic situations encountered daily. Poems and songs performed by students with tapes will be included in the program. No admission will be charged. All interested members of the community are urged to attend.

MC Basketball action has begun!

Matadors end football season with big win

by Rickey Lawrence

The Motley County Matadors ended their season on a high note against Lorenzo Friday night, November 5, by defeating the Hornets, 59-0. This gave the Matadors a 4-6 overall record and a 3-2 district slate which placed them in 3rd place, behind Petersburg and Valley.

The Matadors were led on offense by Ysef Alvarado who rushed for 131 yards in 11 tries and scored 3 touchdowns. Jermaine Hendrix rushed 13 times for 193 yards and three touchdowns and also went 4-5 passing for 144 yards and one touchdown. That TD toss went for 77 yards to Brant Donaldson, who also caught another pass for 12 yards. Sean Rose had 2 catches for 55 yards. Chase Carson, who had 23 yards rushing on 4 carries also scored a TD, and Benjamin Ridgley accounted for the other score and had 63 yards on 5 carries.

On defense the Matadors had another good game. They held Lorenzo scoreless all night and had 19 players who recorded at least one tackle on the night. MC was led by Matt Easter who had 12 tackles,

Casey Lawrence who recorded 11 tackles, Ben Ridgley and Tony Salazar who had 8 tackles each.

The MC Matadors had only 4 seniors this year - but those four guys did a great job leading this team and are going to truly be missed next year. We just want these four young men to know how much we enjoyed and appreciated what they did this year. The four senior captains were Dusty Jackson, Sean Rose, Brant Donaldson and Jerod Rieger. "Guys - you done good!!!"

The end of year stats wound up like this for MC offense: Jermaine was 67 for 129 yards passing for 1137 yards, 8 touchdowns and 6 interceptions. Chase Carson was 1 for 4 passing for 33 yards and one touchdown. Rushing was led by Jermaine with 128 carries for 1053 yards. Ysef had 116 carries for 791 yards; Ben had 38 rushes for 310 yards; and Chase had 32 carries for 201 yards.

In receiving the Matadors were led by Sean Rose with 23 catches for 485 yards. Brant Donaldson had 23 catches for 436 yards and Chase Carson had 7 catches for 95 yards. Ben had four catches for 29 yards and Ysef had 8 catches for 64 yards. The Matadors total offensive output was

3592 yards for a 359 yard average per game, while they held their opponents to only 264 total yards per game.

In scoring, the Matadors were led by Jermaine with 100 points; Ysef with 50; Brant with 30; Ben with 16; Chase with 14; Sean with 12; Jose with 10; Dusty, T.J. and Matt with 6 each.

We don't have complete individual stats for defense but what we do have shows the Matadors were led in tackles by Casey Lawrence with 74; Sean Rose with 72; Matt Easter with 69; Chooch Meyer with 59; Ben and Chase with 55 each and Dusty with 40.

The Matadors were led in interceptions by Jermaine with 3; Dusty, Brandon Lee, Chase, Casey and Ben each had one. Ben also had two fumble recoveries while Casey, Dusty, Jose and Chris each recorded one.

Whatever the final totals are - one thing is plain - the Matadors had a good season and hopefully will have even better ones in the future. Hopefully this time next year we will be writing about the District Champs and play-off bound Matadors!

School to dismiss for Thanksgiving

Motley County ISD students will be dismissed from School next Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Texas American Legion opens 2000 Speech Scholarship Program

Don Simon, commander of The American Legion, state of Texas, announced today the organization's 2000 High School Oratorical Contest. The program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. It also helps students think and speak clearly and intelligently and prepares them for acceptance of the responsibilities of American citizenship. Scholarships are awarded to winners of post, district, division and national contest. National contest win-

ner awards amount to: 1st place, \$18,000; 2nd place, \$16,000; and 3rd place, \$14,000. Each state winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school.

For information concerning the contest and entry forms, local high school students should contact Jerry Green, Commander of American Legion Post 337, or Robert Hand, Principal of Motley County Schools.

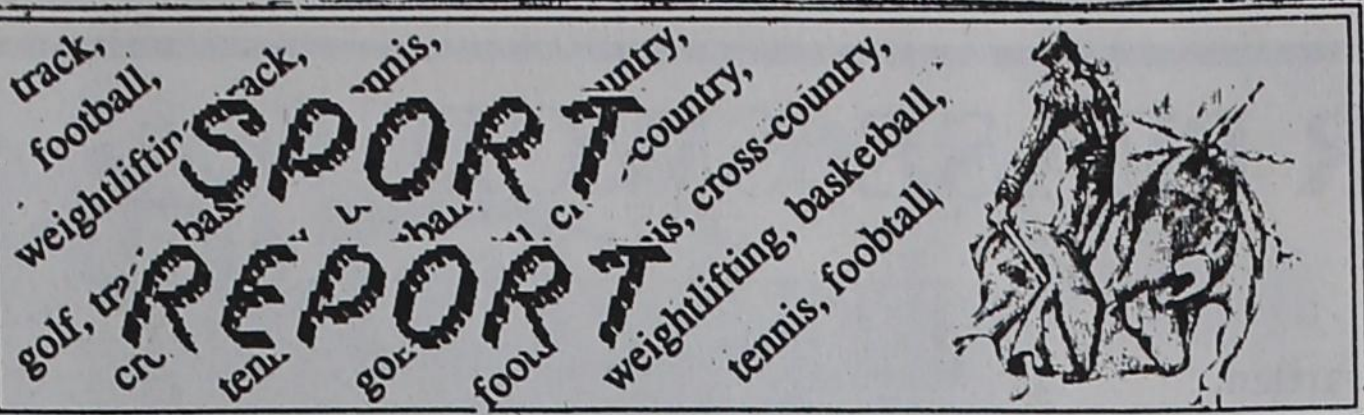
High School Senior Scholarship competition

Kerrville Applications for scholarships in the arts have been mailed to accredited high schools throughout Texas. The competition is open to any high school senior student, under age 21, enrolled in an accredited Texas high school. The applicant must plan to continue their studies in an accredited college or specialty school. Deadline to submit the application is February 1, 2000.

Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively are awarded. Merit recognition is also given. A student may enter in the following categories: fiber, glass, graphics/drawing, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture or wood.

In addition to the scholarships, the winning works are displayed during the 29th Official Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair in Kerrville. This event will be held May 26 - 29, 2000, on Schreiner College campus. Only carefully selected Texas artisans who produce original handmade works are on site. For more informa-

tion, contact your local high school, TACEF, P.O. Box 291527, Kerrville, TX 78029-1527 or web site www.tacef.org.



SPRIT RALLY FUN — Motley County seniors, Miranda Palmer, Sean Rose, Candace Marvel and Kember Everett, and Junior Scott Jones, enjoy the Basketball Spirit Rally held last Thursday night.

HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST (all grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Christian Brooks, Brett Fletcher, Danielle Gwinn, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, Nayo Santos, Alexandria Mathis.

First Grade: Colby McCleskey, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker.

Second Grade: Gavin Luckett, Eric Simpson, Hunter Smith.

Third Grade: Tamra Ashley, Kayla Hollinsworth, Cade Luckett.

Fourth Grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose.

Fifth Grade: Fannin Gwinn, Cameron Jeffcoat.

Sixth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green.

Seventh Grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Annie Green.

Eighth Grade: Dumont Darsey, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Tenth Grade: Andy Anson, Kayla Copp, Justin Jameson.

Eleventh Grade: Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker, Scott Jones, Benjamin Ridgley, Ashley Stevens.

Twelfth Grade: Lian Barkley, Vanessa Easter, Kember Everett, Quinn Hays.

First Grade: Colton Ashley, Hailey Blanco, Samantha Easter, Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Christopher Saenz, Shelby Womack.

Second Grade: Sam Fletcher, Melissa Flores, Andrew Martin, Courtney Moctezuma.

Third Grade: Andrew Davila, Shane Marks, Laura Martinez, Justin Todd.

Fourth Grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Bradley Brown, Danielle Ho-Gland, Blake McPherson, Christy Smith, Karrie Valdez.

Fifth Grade: Michael Brown, Marc Henzler, Angelica Mendoza.

Sixth Grade: Cody Byrd, Matthew Martin, Jose Martinez, Colton Russell.

Seventh Grade: Kattie Campbell, Veronica Mendoza, John Stevens.

Eighth Grade: Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angela Marvel, Susana Mendoza, Mandi Ream.

Ninth Grade: Cassie Campbell, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Moore.

Tenth Grade: Skylar Clifton, Courtney Hays, Shandra Jones, Brandon Moore.

Eleventh Grade: Jermaine Hendrix, Brandon Lee, Christopher Paul, Rachelle Renfro, Denise Shannon.

Twelfth Grade: Anna Christy, Dusty Jackson, Janell Kilmer, Ryan Moore, Miranda Palmer, Todd Thomas.

HONOR ROLL (all grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Reagan Elliott, Cody Martin.

Set short term goals and you'll win games. Set long term goals and you'll win championships.

—Joe Paterno

New Throws, Pillows & Wall hangings by Thomas Kinkade and many other new Christmas items arriving daily

The Windmill Matador - 347-2233

Time Out

by Dale Gibson



District 4

Final Season Standings

TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	AVG	OPP
Turkey Valley	7	4	278	188	25.2	17.1
Petersburg	5	6	246	234	27.3	21.2
Motley County	4	6	240	203	24.0	20.3
Spur	4	6	136	279	13.6	27.9
Lorenzo	2	8	129	330	12.9	33.0
Crosbyton	1	9	159	390	15.9	39.0

Last week's results: Bi-District playoffs - Springlake-Earth 37, Turkey Valley 7; Nazareth 31, Petersburg 8.

This week's schedule: Season is over.

Realignment - it's anybody's guess

Coaches around the state are beginning to guess what the UIL's realignment might look like for the 2000-2002 school years. I know that Kopperl (District 23) is looking to go to 6-man football next year and, according to an article in Saturday's Amarillo Globe News, so do the Turkey Valley Patriots (District 4), which lost a bi-district game to Springlake-Earth last week.

On the other end of the scale, reports show Blue Ridge (District 19) and Jarrell (District 27) have reported ADMs in the 190s.

Please report your latest ADM by calling me at (972) 257-9716 or fax the number with any comments to (972) 570-1439 or email the numbers to dale2@airmail.net and I will publish them and any suggestions or comments you would like to convey. The discussion may heat up.

Open Thanksgiving Day

11:00 - 2:00

Ham, Turkey & Dressing and all the Trimmings



Friday Night Fish Fry

Saturday Night Mexican Buffet

\$6.95

All-You-Can-Eat!

HOURS:

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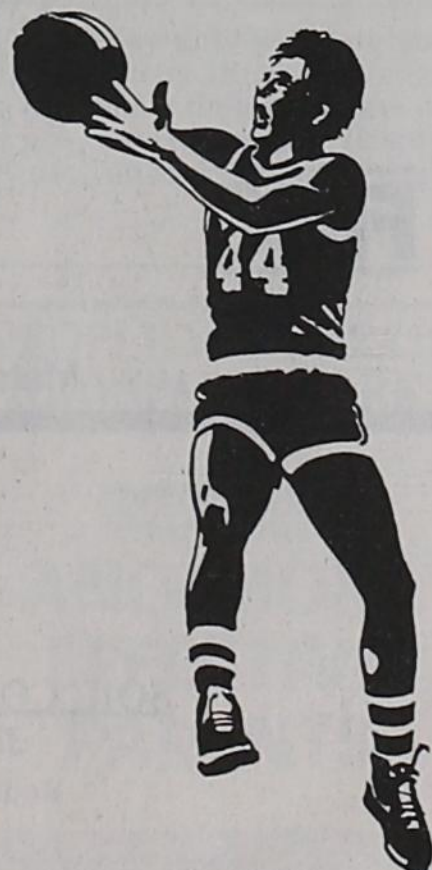
6:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY - 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

La Nita's Cafe

Downtown Roaring Springs

348-7205



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FREE Motorola StarTac 3000*

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ANNUAL REPORT UPPER PEASE SWCD



Motley County Conservation Reserve Program

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) within the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is nearing the limits of the program. Currently the district has 166 CRP contracts on 30,003 acres. The current contracts are in all stages of development ranging from completed to not yet begun. Another sign-up is anticipated early in the year 2000. Most of the contracts are environmentally friendly and provide for erosion control, wildlife habitat and off-site environmental benefits. To meet the need for off-site benefits and wildlife habitat many of the contracts that were previously in CRP are being replanted to native grass and native forb species. This has created significant workload for the producers for CRP contracts, NRCS personnel and SWCD personnel. Severe drought in the summer of 1998 hindered the development of some CRP contracts but most producers were able to get back on track this year and will finish development of their contracts soon. Replacing previously planted monoculture stands of weeping lovegrass or yellow bluestems has proved to be a real challenge. As usual though, most Motley County producers have made excellent progress and will, in the end, yield a quality CRP contract that will meet the goals of the program.



Resource Conservation and Development

The Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a sponsor of the Four Winds Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) council which has a goal of assisting rural communities maintain, develop and improve the quality of living within the area. The Four Winds RC&D is a thirteen county rural area with similar problems and goals. RC&D has been highly successful in areas where people used the RC&D to meet some of their needs and goals. The local RC&D council, comprised of local sponsors, recently appointed C.W. Moore to replace J.N. Fletcher as the council representative to the Four Winds RC&D. The local sponsors are the Upper Pease SWCD, First State Bank of Matador and Motley County. The RC&D is not a "give away" program but rather a system for local people to use to help themselves. RC&D has many resources available to those who desire to use them and who are willing to follow up on desired needs and goals. The TC&D program is a part of USDA/NRCS and is administered through the local NRCS office. The coordinator for the Four Winds RC&D is Danny Lambreth located in Knox City.

Workload Analysis 1999 and 2000

The Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been and currently are participating in a national process to determine the workload of needed conservation throughout the nation's soil and water conservation districts. The workload analysis (WLA) is being done in conjunction with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and will provide a comprehensive picture of the environmental and conservation needs of each district with an analysis of the personnel available to address the needs. Budget cuts in the agricultural section of the federal budget process have left districts with the need to set priorities at the local level and address only the most severe problems and the problems identified at the local level as a priority. This locally led process has been moving slowly for the past two years but, recently has gained momentum and has become a priority item for local districts. The WLA is being done nationwide and the first national data was recorded last year. Additional data will be gathered for 2000 and again in 2003. This system will assist districts and NRCS in prioritizing their limited resources and personnel into the areas that are identified as most needed and sensitive environmentally.

Directors:

H.R. Jameson, James Bearden,
Coy Franks, Gale Stafford, James Timmons

Upper Pease SWCD Highlights and Activities 1999 Fiscal Year

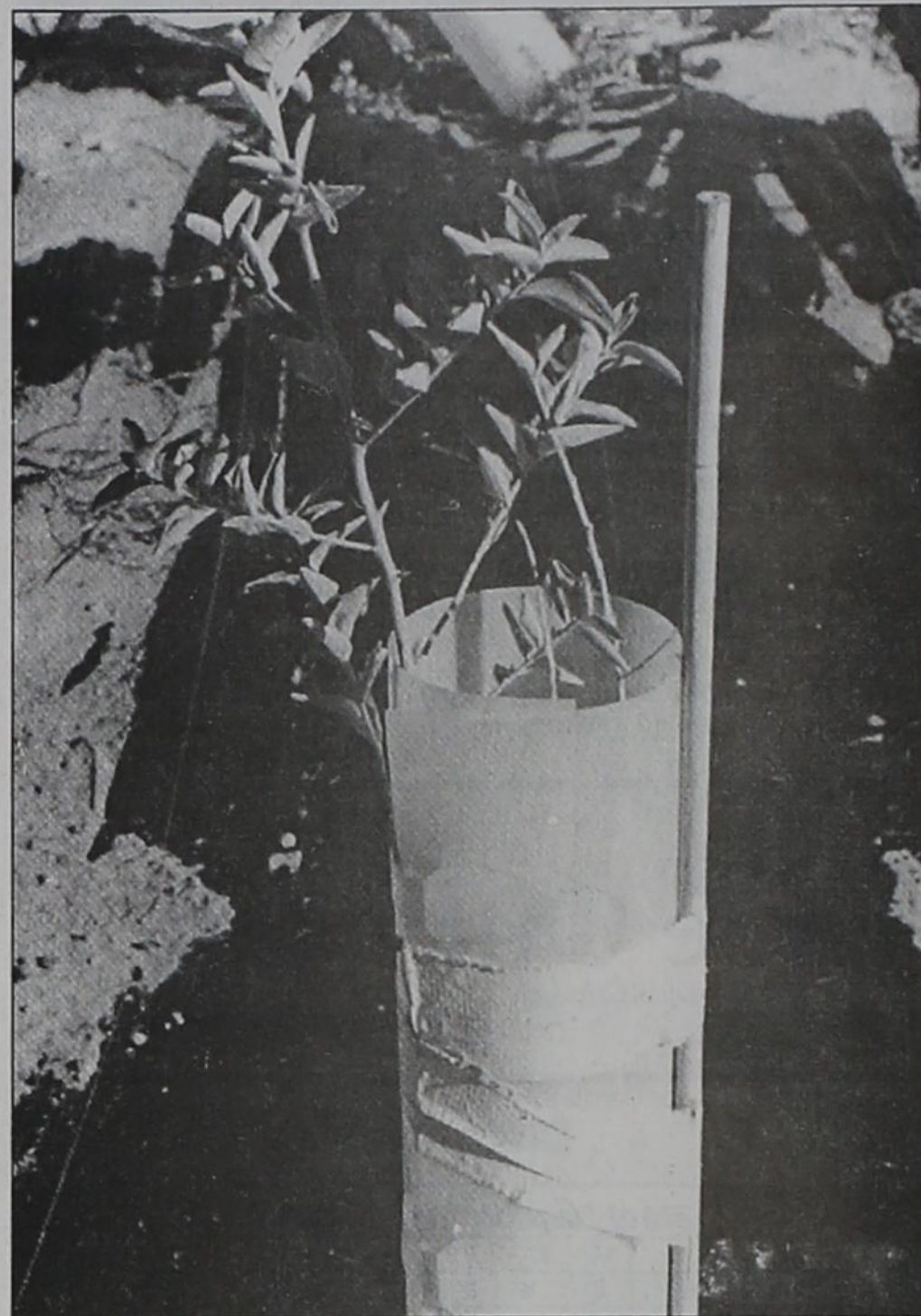
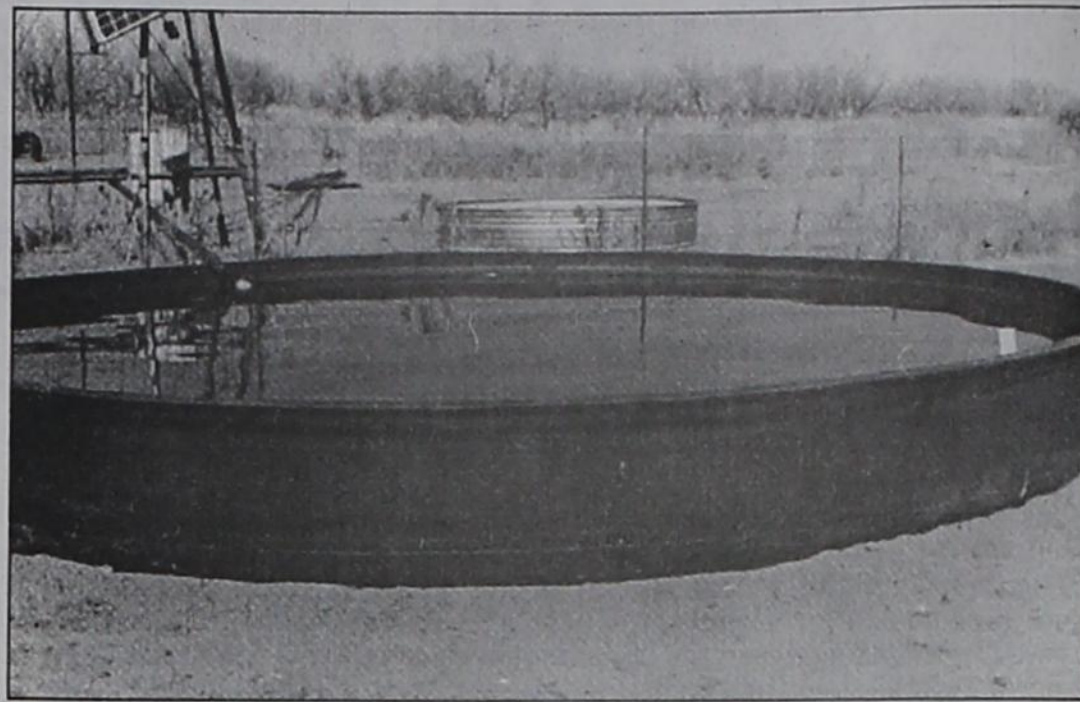
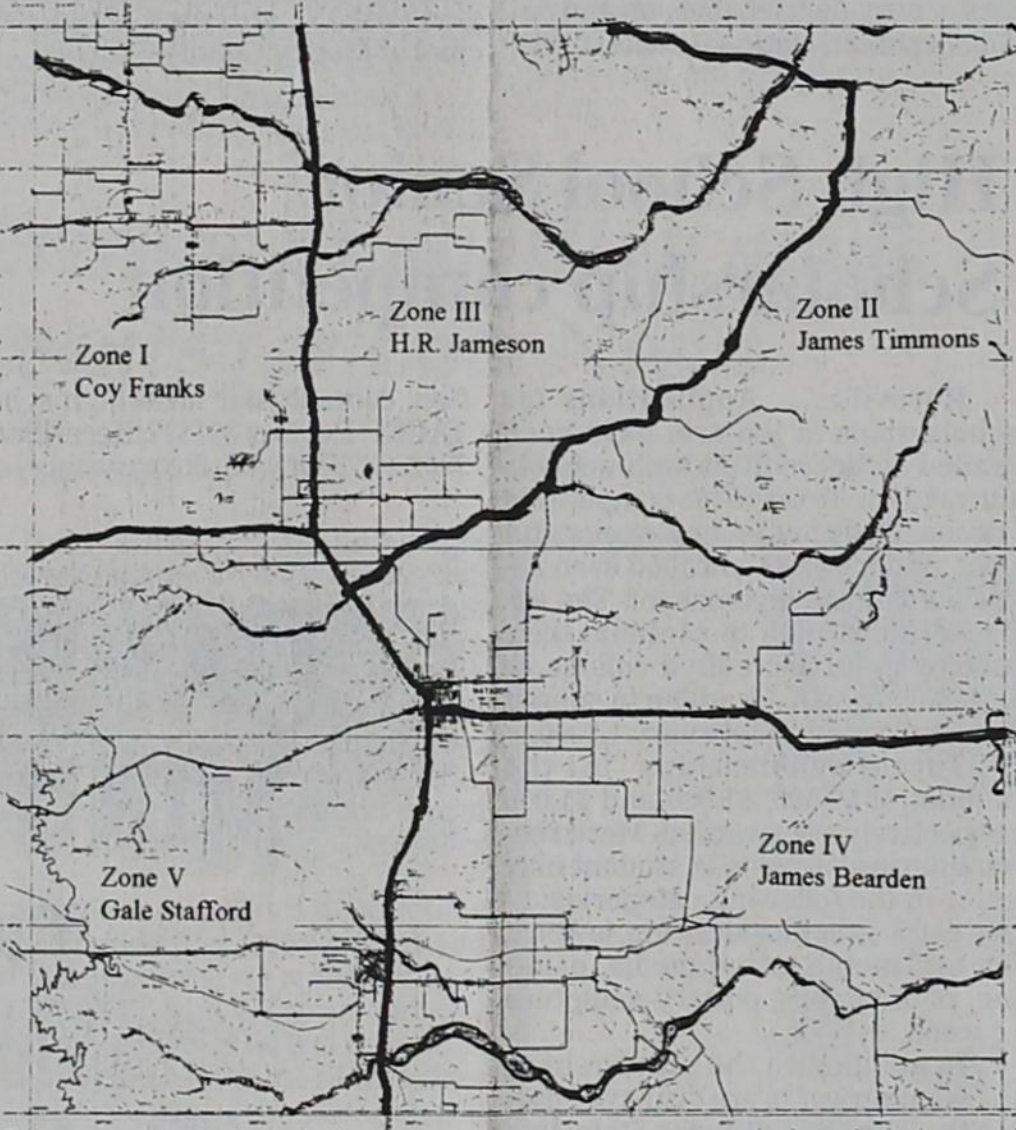
SWCD activities include:

- Sponsored essay contest
- Sponsored poster contest
- Sponsored windbreak seedling program
- Sponsored drip irrigation demonstration and sales
- Sponsored soil moisture monitoring equipment sales
- Sponsored Soil Stewardship activities
- Attended South Plains Association of SWCD's meetings
- Co-sponsored county meetings on conservation provisions
- Co-sponsored Newsletters with NRCS
- Participated in state technical assistance funds program
- Participated in state Subchapter H funds program
- Received maximum state matching funds
- Provide clerical assistance to NRCS staff
- Provide district technician to NRCS staff
- Supported and participated in area SWCD awards program
- Sponsor local 4-H awards program
- Sponsored work group meeting on locally led conservation
- 100% membership in NACD and state association
- Contributed full amount to State SWCD Information program
- Provide NRCS with high quality equipment:
 - Laser Level
 - Office Copier
 - Computer software for publishing newsletters
 - Total station surveying equipment
- Provide grass drill for producers
- Participate in Four Winds RC&D meetings
- Sponsor of Four Winds RC&D
- Completed RC&D projects as submitted
- Published one annual report
- Provided an active information program for cooperators
- Sponsored teacher workshop
- Participate in Conservation Tillage Survey
- Represent the cooperators in the district by direct Communications with Congressmen and Senators
- Participated in EQIP development process
- Attended State Soil and Water Conservation Meeting
- Participate in CRP process with Farm Services Agency
- Support NRCS in team building process
- Participate in Work Loan Analysis with NRCS

Accomplishments of the Upper Pease SWCD and The Natural Resources Conservation Service 1999 Fiscal Year

Standard Terraces	10,000 feet
Water Storage Facilities	one
Livestock Pipeline	128,268 feet
Brush Control	8,000 ac.
Prescribed Burn	39

Great Plains Conservation Program	1 contract on 2,250 ac.
ACP/LTA Contracts	1 contract on 3,429 ac.
EQIP Contracts	5 contracts on 6,413 ac.
FSA/FACTA Conservation Plans	524 tracts on 92,115 ac.
CRP sign up No. 18 resulting in	166 total contracts
WHIP Contracts	4 on 804 ac.



Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that is available to local producers with the intent of providing both technical and financial cost share assistance to develop and improve wildlife habitat. Currently in the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) there are four such contracts on 804 acres. These contracts include practices such as wildlife corridors, herbaceous wind breaks, prairie restoration, ponds, brush management, wildlife watering facilities, livestock water storage's, wildlife upland habitat management and native wildlife food plantings. The contracts are for a period of five years and blend well into most management schemes. The sign-up for WHIP is competitive and although the sign-up is yearlong there is only one or two times during the year when contracts are approved. WHIP contracts are flexible and promote both the benefits of habitat improvement but also good stewardship of the land. Additional information about WHIP can be obtained through the NRCS office.

TECHNOLOGY

The latest addition to new age technology in Motley County is GPS or Global Positioning Systems. GPS is the most current tool available to NRCS employees in the development of topographical maps for use in planning and certification of conservation practices. Global Positioning Systems use Satellites to locate and record elevation, distance, latitude, longitude, number of satellites being used for calculations and degree of accuracy. Satellites, which broadcast their position on a continual basis, are tracked by the ground GPS unit and this information is used to verify and record the ground readings. GPS is a compliment to the already in place Topcon Total Station Surveyor acquired by the Upper Pease SWCD in 1997. The Total Station and the GPS systems allow NRCS personnel to use the most advanced and accurate means on the market to assist landowners carry out conservation practices. These instruments can be used for terrace construction, fencing, water handling measures and other practices on the farm or ranch.

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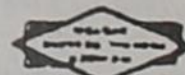
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QUILT DISPLAY — Members of the El Progresso Club display some of the beautiful quilts that were featured at their recent meeting. The ladies brought quilts, some very old, to display for members. Pictured above are, left to right, Lucretia E. Campbell, Lana Copp, Lois Campbell, Callie Giesecke, Pearl Patten, Lorene Lancaster, Billie Koon, and Gerri Jones.

Local 4-H'ers to participate in District Food Show

Motley County 4-H members are making final preparations for the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show. It will be held Saturday, November 20 at the Wichita Falls Wichita County Multi-Purpose Events Center - MPEC Exhibit Hall in Wichita Falls, Texas.

In the Food & Nutrition Project 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid in the daily diet. They learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance, as well as acquiring and demonstrating skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part

of the Texas A&M University System. A total of nine 4-H'ers from the county will compete in the District Show. They are Colton and Shane'a Russell; Justin Todd; Stachia Baxter; LeAnnra, Kelsi and Brett Wallace; and Charli and Mandi Ream.

Entrants from 25 counties will compete in Senior, Intermediate and Junior Divisions. Each Division has four food classes: Main Dish, Fruit and Vegetable, Bread and Cereal and Nutritious Snacks. Contestants in the District events are all winners of the County Food Show. Senior winners in each category of the District Food Show will advance to the State 4-H Food Show next June in College Station.

County Extension Agent Mozelle Montano said the contestants will report to the MPEC Exhibit Hall in

Wichita Falls at 9:45 a.m., November 20. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Pictures will be made before judging begins, so contestants need to be on time for set up and photos.

Special Beef Awards will be given by the Santa Rosa Cattle Women and Wichita Area Cattle Women.

The dishes will be on display from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. and the public is invited to view them. Ribbons and awards will be presented during an Awards Ceremony at 1:45 p.m.

"Cookbooks containing all the recipes prepared in the District Food Show will be available for purchase for \$4.00," said Barbara Frangman, Wichita County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences and Chairman of the District Food Show Committee.

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HOLIDAY BAKING

Most of us have favorite recipes for festive holiday baked goods that we always like to make. You may also enjoy experimenting with new recipes. How can you possibly manage to get all your holiday plans accomplished with the schedule you have? Try not making the family favorite, even though no one may mention how much it means to them...until you don't make it! So you basically have three options.

Bake all night before the event.
Bake early the day of the event.
OR bake the first free day before the event.

With the first two options, your food will be fresh, but you'll be tired. With the third option, you'll be fresh but your food may be stale. Or, possibly unsafe to eat. There is another way.

Instead of baking to a frazzle, bake ahead and freeze foods to avoid last-minute hassles. If you're in doubt about whether or not a food will freeze well, it's always a good idea to give it a trial run. Try making and freezing a small batch earlier in the season and see if you're satisfied with the results. Or experiment with a small amount this year and apply what you learned next year.

Remember: Commercial manufacturers have equipment and ingredients not available to home bakers and can successfully freeze many products you can't. Also, commercial products contain preservatives that permit longer storage both in the freezer and at room temperature.

It is important to use freezer containers or wrappings that are moisture-vapor-resistant. Here are some general guidelines.

Suitable freezer wrapping materials include freezer paper, plastic freezer bags, plastic wrap designed for freezer use and extra heavy or heavy duty freezer aluminum foil.

Check wrapping labels for specific information about whether the wrappings work for freezing. For example, not all plastic wraps are designed for freezer use. It's important to use materials intended for freez-

ing as they're most likely to keep moisture out and are less likely to tear or come unwrapped in the freezer.

FREEZING GUIDELINES

Freeze food at 0 degrees F or below. Avoid overloading your freezer with too much food for freezing at one time. Leave space between packages so air can circulate around them. Then, when the food is frozen, stack or move the foods closer together.

It's hard to give an exact recommended storage time for specific foods. While a food will remain safe indefinitely at 0 degrees F, the quality declines over time.

During freezing, the water in food freezes and the resulting ice crystals can affect the texture of foods. Baked goods low in moisture freeze well with little change in their texture. This includes breads, rolls, cakes, cookies and pie crusts, as well as high-fat frostings. These same types of foods thaw rapidly and easily at room temperature.

Baked goods higher in moisture content and containing eggs or dairy products...such as cheesecakes, etc...should be thawed in the refrigerator. These products could cause food-borne illness if they're kept at room temperatures for more than two hours. (This includes total cooking and serving time.)

Thaw most baked goods in their freezer wrapping to prevent drying out and condensation of moisture on the surface. For quickest thawing and to help prevent condensation, thaw on a wire cooling rack to allow air circulation. Allow about 24 hours for most refrigerator thawing.

Some foods can be heated directly from the frozen state. Be sure your container is rated as freezer-to-oven or microwave safe by the manufacturer before baking it.

Check directions on plastic freezer bags, manufacturers of some bags advertise that you can "defrost" and "reheat". You are also advised to be careful if reheating foods high in fat or sugar, these foods reheat

quickly and may cause the bag to melt. Opening the bag one inch to vent is recommended and be careful of steam buildup which can burn when handling.

As a general rule of thumb, use a PRE-HEATED oven when reheating baked goods or heating unbaked frozen foods. This helps avoid over browning and/or drying out baked products.

By preparing ahead of time, you'll have more time to spend with your families, and the next baking you do may be making special cookies with your children for gifts to others.

For freezer paper, check directions for which side of the paper is placed next to the food. Unless directed otherwise, the plastic coated side goes next to food. Secure freezer paper with freezer tape.

Rigid freezer containers include plastic, glass and ceramic containers labeled suitable for freezing. Foil pans work well for freezing foods that you'll reheat in the oven. You can bake food in foil pans and then freeze it in the baking pan. Cover pan tightly with freezer-quality foil, paper or plastic wrap, or a plastic bag. Plastic freezer/microwave safe containers are a good choice for foods you'll reheat in the microwave.

CAUTION: Carefully read manufacturer's directions about safe handling when using glass or ceramic dishes labeled freezer/microwave/oven safe.

Choose a container that fits the amount of food you're freezing. If there's greater than about 1/2 inch space between the surface of a baked product and the top of the container, wrap the food with a layer of freezer wrapping before placing it in the container. This helps prevent moisture loss, and frost collecting on food.

Some containers aren't suitable for freezing. For example, milk and cottage cheese cartons aren't moisture-vapor-resistant enough for freezing.

PACKING FOOD FOR THE FREEZER

Thoroughly cool baked goods before freezing or they'll become soggy. Place food on a wire cooling rack to allow air to circulate around the food and promote faster cooling. For food safety reasons you may need to complete cooking perishable foods like cheesecakes in the refrigerator. The recommended time for holding perishable foods at room temperature (includes both cooling and serving) is 2 hours.

Pack food compactly and try to get out as much air as possible. The quality of food declines much faster when excess air is left in the package. Wrap well and seal tightly to keep moisture out.

"Freezer-burn" when the surface of the food appears light colored and dried out, occurs when moisture on the surface evaporates. Proper cooling, air removal and moisture-vapor-resistant packaging, a tight seal and an appropriate length of storage time help prevent freezer burn. While food with freezer burn is safe to eat, the quality is lower.

Label each package with the type and amount of the contents and the date it was frozen. Consider dividing and labeling foods according to events. You may wish to keep a separate written list of frozen holiday baked goods. With everything that is on your mind this time of year, it is easy to let certain items slip from your mind.

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Matthew 5:44

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(NU) - The United States has one of the best health care systems in the world, yet major disparities exist between the health status of the overall population and that of the socioeconomically disadvantaged groups: African-Americans, Hispanics and Latinos, American Indians, and Pacific Islanders. These groups are especially at risk for asthma. However, many primary care physicians and internists are still not aware of the National Institute of Health's guidelines on asthma.

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I Chronicles 29:13

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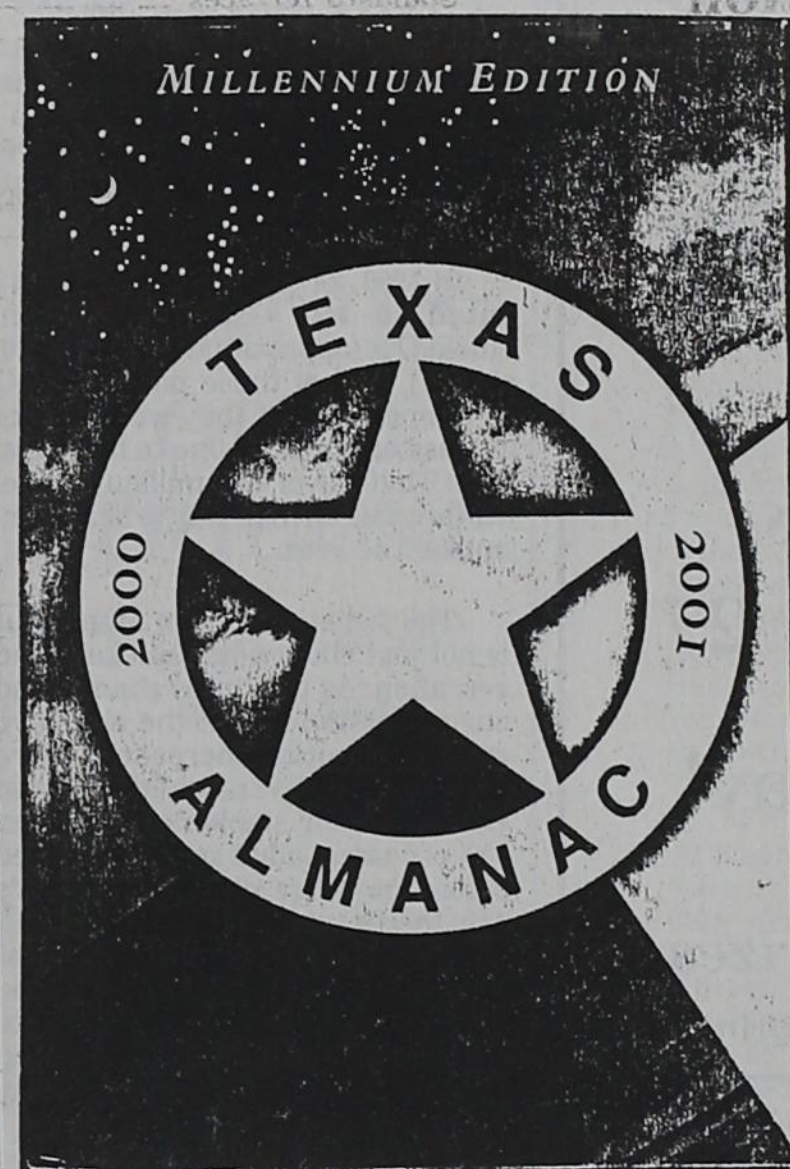
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GRANNY'S TEA PARTY — Mrs. Joyce Campbell's grandchildren enjoyed the first Granny's Tea Party, held in 1991. Pictured left to right are Cassie, Brett, Kitiie, and Jo Beth Campbell.

Annual Granny's Tea Party set for December 5

Granny's Tea Party, an annual fund raising event for the Library, has been set for Sunday, December 5. Girls, ages four and up, are invited to attend the affair, to be held at the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador. A donation of \$5.00 each will treat girls to an enjoyable afternoon of tea and cakes.

Girls are encouraged to wear

their 'Granny's' hats, gloves, dresses, etc. for a real 'dress-up' event.

The annual event, which enables the Motley County Library to purchase children's books, was first held in 1990, and was started as a tea party for Mrs. Campbell's grandchildren. She made the tea party a Library fund-raiser in 1991, and has continued the tradition each year.

Grandson Earns Eagle Scout rank

Thomas "Shea" Overman, the 15-year-old grandson of Walter and Jo Trammell of Roaring Springs, recently earned his Eagle Scout. He is the son of Jerry and Tina Overman of Lubbock. He has an 18-year-old brother, Trevor, who is a freshman at Texas Tech.

Shea is currently a sophomore at Lubbock High School where he is in the LEAP honors program. He is on the Varsity Gymnastics Team. He has competed nationally in tumbling and trampolining for several years. He is a member of the Southcrest Baptist Church where he attends regularly with his family.

Shea began Scouting as a Tiger Cub at Nat Williams Elementary Pack 504. He earned his Arrow of Light in Pack 511 and crossed over to Troop 157.

He has held leadership positions of Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol

Leader and Patrol Leader. Shea has always looked forward to the summer camps at Lake Murray; especially exciting was when he was tapped out for Order of the Arrow. The 1999 Canada Trip to Bisset, Manitoba, was an exciting challenge and a great accomplishment for Shea. He served on staff at the 1999 Summer Camp and participated in the Order of the Arrow Ceremony.

Shea's Eagle Project was to refurbish the baptistry at New Home Baptist Church. This involved sanding, scraping, and wire brushing the metal baptistry to remove the old finish and rust. Cleaning the work area of the dust and residue was a major task. The baptistry was then resurfaced with Aqua Pon epoxy paint which required a respirator mask and power ventilation. The church was very pleased with the results.

Smokers urged to quit on annual Great SmokeOut

On November 18, 1999, the American Cancer Society's 23rd Great American SmokeOut will help millions of smokers kick the habit, and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American SmokeOut is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally-recognized day when smokers are asked to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer. Because we know that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 47 million current smokers) want to quit smoking completely, we will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

In 1998, 24% of smokers participated in our Great American SmokeOut (approximately 11,280,000 people), and of those participants, 19% reported that they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later. That's over two million people who are well on their way to healthier, smoke-free lives.

The Great American SmokeOut is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, we're working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 80% of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American SmokeOut is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to our children the social influences. This year, a website just for youth has been developed and will assist kids in making healthy choices.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A good way to get children to see reading as a fun and rewarding experience, is the software-based system, *Scholastic Reading Counts!*, which works to motivate, measure and improve student reading by bringing together books, computer-based quizzes and dynamic achievement goals.



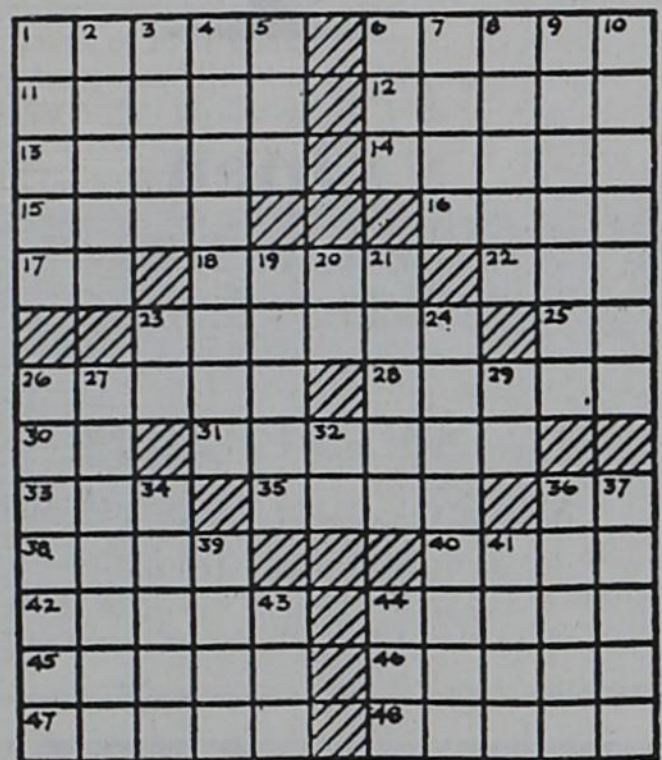
Pickle lovers may be pleased to know that Vlasic recently unveiled the world's largest pickle—one big enough to cover an entire hamburger.

The Cargo Pockets backpack is available from Liz Claiborne in putty, black, khaki, sky or yellow in a brushed twill fabric. For more tips on fashions and accessorizing, see the Liz Claiborne web site at www.lizclaiborne.com.

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 6. Part of a golf club
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 16. Leave out
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 18. Flower
 22. High card
 23. Autumn ground covering
 25. Land measure
 26. Erect
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 30. In a higher place
 31. Burns slightly
 33. Wheel projection
 35. Frosted
 36. Pronoun
 38. Nibble
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 44. Man's nickname
 45. Part of hi-fi set
 48. Bring upon oneself
 47. Missile weapon
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 21. Coarse, grass-like plant
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 26. Fails
 27. Honest (slang)
 29. Like
 32. North Carolina (abbr.)
 34. New England state
 36. Not ground, as a gem
 37. Cubic meter
 39. Excuse
 41. Indian of Peru
 43. Blunder
 44. By way of



MAIN STREET MATADOR — The Street Sign project is now complete and signs have been erected on each street in Matador. Local resident, Kenneth Marshall, donated his time to complete the project.

October Sales Tax Rebates up 5.8 percent for the year

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent a total of \$175.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, Friday, October 8, a 1.2 percent increase over the \$173.6 million allocated in October 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.8 percent ahead of last year.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September.

"Though the first annual Sales Tax Holiday on August 6 through 8 suspended state and local sales taxes on clothing and shoes, the Texas economy is so strong that August sales tax revenues increased in more than half of Texas' cities. Sales tax rebates for the year-to-date are running well ahead of last year for most cities," Comptroller Rylander said.

October sales tax rebates included \$161.7 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 6.3 percent higher than for the same

period in 1998.

Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$14 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are virtually identical to the first 10 months of 1998. Another \$5.5 million went to 44 special purpose districts around the state.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$1,482.34, compared to \$1,119.45 last year; a 32.41% change. 1999 payments to date are \$19,311.13, compared to \$19,168.00 for 1998; a 0.74% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$2,875.40, compared to \$420.59 for last year; a 583.65% change. 1999 payments to date have been \$14,486.10, compared to \$12,519.76 for 1998, a 15.70% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, November 5. The allocation will be made a week early, due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

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POSTING OF THE COLORS — Motley County Veterans carry flags to post the colors at the beginning of the Veterans Day program held at school last Thursday.



MOTLEY COUNTY VETERANS — Pictured above are Motley County Veterans who attended the special Veterans Day program held at School last Thursday. The program, sponsored by the Motley County Student Council, recognized Veterans attending the program.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to say thank-you to everyone for the flowers, food, cards and prayers during my recent surgery. God Bless.

Linda & Leslie

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Members of Fleming Post 337, the American Legion, and Fleming Unit 337, American Legion Auxiliary, extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff and students of Motley County Independent School District for their outstanding cooperation and participation in the beautiful and moving Veterans Day Program on Thursday, November 11. Special thanks to Robert Hand, Principal, Shelley Cox and Cathey Turner, Student Council Advisers, for their coordination of the students and organization of the entire program. Veterans affairs and education are the two main programs of the American Legion, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to help our youth learn about the responsibilities and pride in being a citizen of our great country.

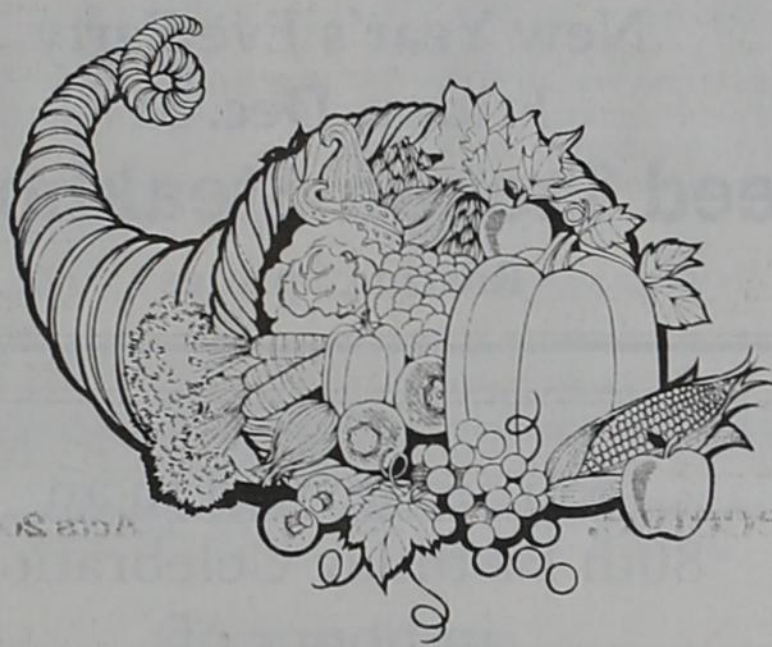
Billy and I would like to thank everyone who called or visited me while I was in the hospital. Thanks to the Ambulance crew, Tony, Sheila and Cindy. You were great. I thank the Lord everyday for our precious family, who called two or three times a day. Bless you all.

Billy and Faye

Our new paved parking lot looks terrific, but this could not have been possible without the generous, loving donation of a lot on the north side of the parking lot by Virginia, Luther and Edna Ruth Green. Thank you to the Green family for the love shown to the First Baptist Church.

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~ A Salute To Veterans ~

By Tom Edwards
November, 1999

Here's to the Vet, lest we forget.
He answered duty's call, and gave his all.

From Bunker Hill to Valley Forge,
the making of a nation, he did forge.

Then Antictam and Bull Run,
brother against brother,
father fighting son,
a war which both sides had to lose,
no matter which side won.

Then across the way, a "little fray."
From the trenches, to Belleau Wood,
and Sopwith Camels, made of wood.
At first surprised, he soon understood.
From mounted horses, to tanks crawling,
and massed forces, the gassed calling.
No honor in combat, and that is that.
He sailed back here, from "over there",
secure at home, much more aware.

Then Pearl Harbor, and their sin,
to Tokyo bay, and Berlin.
From Iwo Jima, Philippine, and Okinawa,
The carrier, submarine, and Tarawa.
From Corsair, Hellcat, and Flying Fortress,
To Spitfire, Mustang, and Superfortress
From Battle Wagon, to the bridge, at Remagen,
and over time, across the Rhine.
From Normandy, The Bulge, and Kaserine Pass,
over the "Hump", to the Atomic Age - at last.
From Arizona's throe, to the deck, of "Big Mo".
He came home fast, to a grand parade.
All wars were past, his dues were paid
Peace at last, forever made!

Then Thanksgiving, almost to, the Yalu River,
to Chosin, Pusan, Taegu, and Imjin River.
From Inchon, and the Yellow Sea,
to the bridge, at To-Ko-Ri.
From Porkchop Hill, to Easy Queen,
a test of will, degrees of mean.
From prop job, to Saber Jet.
He was a vet, in a war never declared -
not even yet.

Then Vietnam, where he lost his innocence,
and Cambodia, in due obedience,
where his government, in every instant,
declared his presence, non-existent.
From the Delta, to the Highlands,
from the jungle, to the lowlands,
From peasant yard, to Montagnard.
From Saigon, Pleiku, and Hue,
to Khe Sanh, and Cam Rahn Bay.
From the Huey's door, to the Phantom's roar.
Skyraider strike, to '52 night.
From ambush, to firefight.
A single shot at night,
to the tracers' deadly light.
From booby trap, punji stick, and other folly,
to the Ia Drang Valley, Tet, and firebase "Charlie".
Never before, in history's mission
was artillery invited, on his own position.
He learned to cry, and how to die.
He learned to yell, and rang the bell.
Yes indeed, war is hell.
He learned to pray, and how to say,
"Yea tho, I walk through the valley."

At Saigon's fall, he quietly wondered,
have my leaders, so wrongly blundered?
Why were we, needlessly plundered?

Through it all, he did ask,
have I rightly done my task?
Why did I come back alive,
when so many, didn't survive?
In the dark of night, he sometime faces,
a fleeting desire, to take their places.

When peace at last, finally comes,
he still hears, the distant drums.
And his heart, sadly raps,
every time, he hears taps.

From a revolution won,
to civil war, that neither won,
but defined a nation, to become.
To two world wars, proudly won,
to a "police action", under the gun,
to Vietnam - ill begun,
with no chance, to be won.

He came home, all alone.
His welcome home, simply shown,
when he was, spat upon.

Like those before, he went with honor,
but unlike yore, was dealt dishonor.
Yet through it all, he stood tall.
Still under a cloud, he stands proud.
He'll never recall, he saw it all.
Now he looks, at "The Wall."

He answered the call,
and when sent, he went.

And of late, to Kuwait.
Could it be, a lesson learned,
but at what cost, to those spurned?
And at the cost, of all those lost.

He'd still answer, the bugle's call,
and once again, give his all.
But now he's looking, to the sky,
to meet his Master, bye and bye,
and his comrades, who did die.

So, here's to every Vet,
and for some, long overdue.
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

GRANDSON SELECTED AS FINALIST

Scott Zabielski, student at UCLA in Los Angeles, California, was recently notified that he had been selected as one of the ten finalists to create a nationwide commercial for Coca Cola. Scott and the other ten finalist will each be given \$5,000 to create their idea for the commercial, which will be aired in movie theaters nationwide, if selected.

Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raworth Zabielski of Naperville, Ill., and the grandson of Ray and Grace Zabielski of Roaring Springs.

Those enjoying coffee, carrot cake, cinnamon rolls, banana nut cake and brownies at Lula Swim's home on Monday were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Jeff Thacker, Joyce Smith, Ruby Hipp, Jeanie Adams, Lea Peacock, Pearl Patten, Billie Clifton, Mary Lumsden, Dorothy Lee, Grace Zabielski and the hostess, Lula Swim.

Joyce Meredith accompanied Jackie and Shirley Smith of Matador to Clovis, New Mexico, Friday of last week, to visit their cousins, Lavelle and Vera Ashley and Tim Ashley.

Visiting for the weekend with Brenda McKeen was her son, Michael McKeen, Debbie and Ryan McMinn and Laci Tupin, all of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell had lunch with his mother, Vera Mitchell and sister, Gaynell Sasser, Thursday. They accompanied his sister to Lubbock after lunch to her daughter's home, Lanita Sedgwick, where she will return home by plane to Yelville, Ark. She spent a week with her mother celebrating her 96th

birthday.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten shopped and visited in Lubbock, Friday.

Robert and Evelyn Goodnight of Floydada visited with Odessa Mullins and Dorothy Lee. They were returning home from a trip to Virginia enjoying the scenery. They reported the colors were beautiful.

Leon and Loretta Burton of Levelland and Linda Evans visited Saturday afternoon with their aunt, Odessa Mullins. The group had supper at LaNita's Cafe before they returned home.

Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins attended the basketball game at Valley school Tuesday night. Mrs. Palmer's granddaughter, Miranda, is a member of the high school girl's varsity team.

Tom Jordan is recuperating at home after spending from Monday until Wednesday in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Charles and Louise of Lamesa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan. They are longtime friends.

WESLYAN GUILD MEETS

Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild met in the home of JoEtta Bumgardner in Matador Wednesday night, Nov. 10. Pearl Patten was in charge and gave the opening prayer. The devotional was given by Billie Clifton on "Hurt". Chelsea Read brought the Bible Study.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Pearl Patten; Vice-President, Debbie Martin; Secretary, Callie Giesecke; Treasurer, Imogene Swim; Reporter, Lula Swim.

Darlene Fletcher gave the closing prayer. Refreshments were served by the hostess, JoEtta Bumgardner.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

ROARING SPRINGS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MEET

Second Tuesday night November 9, RSCV met in regular session at the community building at 7:30 p.m. with Jo and Walter Trammel as hosts and Darlene Fletcher presiding. Others present were Grace Zabielski, Pearl Patten, Lula Swim, Lea and Bill Peacock, Suzanne and Ken Abbott, Algie and Rita Groves, Steve Byrd, J.N. Fletcher, D.A. Maguire, Mary Lumsden and Jerry Green.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Suzanne Abbott, and approved, and D.A. McGuire's treasurer's report was read, discussed and approved. Tree gifts were received and greatly appreciated from an anonymous donor of cash, Virgie Bannister, and J.N. Fletcher. The nominating committee will report at the January meeting. Walter Trammel was appointed chairman of a maintenance committee with members Billie Clifton, Pearl Patten, Kenneth Abbott and Jerry Green.

The president reminded us that camping fees went up to \$15 as of September 1, 1999. Arrangements for procuring additional chairs before the Roaring Springs School Homecoming in June, 2000, were discussed. Contributions for buying more chairs will be welcome. The need for other furnishings such as and ice machine, an extra kitchen sink and a water fountain were suggested as improve-

ments to be considered.

The angel tree will be used as a help in providing Christmas for children of the community. Contact Billie Clifton for further information at 348-7953.

Activities to look forward to are a bake sale November 20th in front of the Library in Matador and a Thanksgiving Supper for all veterans, their families and widows.

Pearl Patten will host the December meeting with an enchilada supper on Tuesday, December 13.

Today our hearts go out in sympathy to the many descendants in Dickens and Motley Counties of Virgie McMahan Powell. Our closest to Roaring Springs may be Gary and Jane Bridge, but a later story will name others who are our neighbors and schoolmates. I first knew Archer and Virgie when I was a child and visited my Aunt Velma Rogers in the Dry Lake Community. Take care; your descendants are like the widening circles formed when a pebble is thrown into a placid pool.

Congratulations to Algie and Rita N. Groves on the 64th Anniversary of their marriage on November 16, 1935. A quiet day was spent meeting the deadline for her column, and he was busy tending to C-Ranch matters. That's me and him.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

LEAH CRUSE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Leah Cruse had the honor of being inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10th held in the Ball Room at the Texas Tech University Center in Lubbock. She was recognized in the top 15% of junior and senior students in all fields of study at the 285 leading universities throughout the nation. Leah is a junior student at Texas Tech.

Attending her Induction was her mother, Mrs. Darrell (Brenda) Cruse of Flomot and her grandmothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot. Joining them for a celebration dinner in Lubbock following the ceremony was her brother, Keane Cruse and cousin, Shahala Marmille of Snyder, students at Texas Tech.

SERVICES HELD FOR SISTER

Memorial services for Nora Ellen Bullin Dunn, 91, of Redlands, California, former Flomot resident, were held Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hesperia, California. Brad Sylter officiated.

Survivors include a son of Derrill, California and a sister, Mrs. Velma Moseley of Lamesa, former resident of Flomot.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris hosted a welcoming party Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Flomot for new residents, Shannon and Amy Jackson and four year old daughter, Haley. They served refreshments of vegetable tray and dips, cookies, brownies and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson moved from Plainville to the former Wendell Morris home in Flomot. He is the owner of a Body Shop in Quitaque.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Attending the funeral services of Mrs. Letha Mulder, 82, of Floydada, Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 p.m., held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada were Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, and Mrs. L.E. Shorter.

Mrs. Mulder is the mother of the Rev.

Nathan Mulder of South Plains, the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Flomot.

Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Lake Conroe and Louis Shorter of Mansfield visited Monday and Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Also visiting them Tuesday were Mrs. Christi Milam and daughter, Emily of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones were in Branson, Missouri recently and enjoyed the entertaining shows and tourist attractions. They traveled the scenic route in the Ozark Mountains and before returning home attended the National Finals Steer Roping in Oklahoma City. Last weekend they attended the annual Roping Fiesta in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited from Thursday until Sunday in Arlington with Mrs. Lula Cramer. They enjoyed the Johnny High Music Review at the Arlington Theater, Saturday night.

Mrs. Edith Washington has received medical treatment at Mangold Clinic in Lockney this week for an inner ear infection.

Mrs. Ersie VanCleve of Dougherty is visiting her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey who had recent heart surgery in Amarillo. She is reported to be having a good recovery.

Mrs. Wayne Hunter was in Floydada, Monday for medical treatment for a knee injury. She and Mr. Hunter were in Quitaque Friday for massage treatment.

Mrs. Erma Washington, Mrs. Connie Franks and Cara Franks attended to business in Childress, Thursday.

Mrs. Keri Sehon of Wolforth and niece, Emily Milam of Petersburg visited overnight Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visiting them Saturday was Emily's mother, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg.

Weekend guests at a pre-Thanksgiving day luncheon Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert and son, Chris of Dumas; Ashley Calvert, student at San Angelo State University; Justin Calvert, student at A&M West Texas University in Canyon; and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton, and Sherlyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock. Mrs. Foster explained from Little Rock, Arkansas this weekend where she had and will be attending to business this month.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Returning home from a Sunday round of golf, the husband excitedly announced, "Honey, guess what, I birdied two holes in a row and beat my boss by seven strokes."

"Oh my, what did he think about that?" the wife asked.

"He got pretty excited," the man replied. "He thinks I should turn pro and join the tour...starting tomorrow!"

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Amarillo from Sunday until Tuesday with daughter, and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam. She had a medical appointment Monday with her orthopedist.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin visited in Fritch, Saturday with her daughter and family, Sharon, Mike and Kristy Davis. Mrs. Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin.

Matador News

Joe Smith, a patient at University Medical Center in Lubbock, was moved from the Intensive Care Unit to a private room Sunday. He is reported to be improving. His wife, Billie Dean returned home recently from Lubbock following surgery, Nov. 2.

Mrs. Faye Slover returned home from Crosbyton Hospital Sunday afternoon after being hospitalized Friday morning with respiratory complications.

Mrs. Eugenia Barton was hospitalized at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock from Nov. 9 to 15 following an accident in her home that required stitches to her injured forehead. She underwent medical tests for cardiac vascular symptoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer of Snyder visited Mrs. Lola Pohl and attended the Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church, Sunday.

Thinking about Christmas shopping?

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Obituaries

Virgie Powell

Memorial services for Virgie Powell, 89, of Spur, were held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 15, 1999 at the First Christian Church in Spur with Jack Alexander, pastor and the Rev. Larry Burton of Spur officiating.

She died Sunday, November 14, 1999 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born August 13, 1910 at Whitesboro, Texas. She married Archer L. Powell May 25, 1935 in Wellington. He preceded her in death January 9, 1980. She lived in Dickens County since 1918 coming from Whitesboro. She graduated from Spur High School in 1928. She taught school in the early 1930's in Midway in Dickens County and at Magic City in Wheeler. She was a member of the Spur

Ex-Student Association and a member of the First Christian Church. One brother, Bill McMahan, preceded her in death on August 28, 1989.

Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy and Donald Lee Wilson, Booker, Nancy and Randy DeShan, Dallas; Pat and Cliff Hightower, Spur; and Jane and Gary Bridge, Afton; eleven grandchildren, Dale Wilson, Clayt Bridge, Jay DeShan, Todd DeShan, Monte DeShan, Becca Bridge, Hillary Hightower, Hollye Martinez, Donna Jansma, Leesa Wiginton and Dinah Wilson-Reid; 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Spur Library or the Spur Ex-Student Scholarship Fund.

Marion Clayton Thomas

Crowley - Marion Clayton Thomas, 84, a retired service station manager, died Saturday, November 6, in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, at Baumgardner Funeral Home in Crowley. Burial was in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Marion Thomas was born June 3, 1915, Holcumb, Mo. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Crowley. He was

a former resident of Afton and Matador.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Willie Thomas, April 1, 1999.

He is survived by three sons, William Clayton Thomas of Matador, Charles Thurman Thomas of Crowley, Gerald Don Thomas of Springtown; sisters, Ivel Huder of Canton, Avery West of Wells Point; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."
Psalm 22:22

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H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, longtime SWCD Director, is retiring after 26 years on the Board.

Longtime SWCD Director retires

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson recently retired from the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation Board. Skeet served the SWCD board for over 26 years, starting his tenure in April of 1973 and retiring in October 1999. Skeet was awarded the Governors plaque at the November meeting of the SWCD for his service and dedication. The position of soil and water conservation director is an elected position and the board is a subdivision of the State of Texas government.

The board oversees local SWCD programs, sets priorities for the local

office, administers an education program on soil and water resources, provides personnel to USDA/NRCS, and promotes a voluntary approach to stewardship of our natural resources.

Skeet's faithful dedication will be missed by the local board. Throughout the years Skeet has attended many state and area meetings representing the people of the Upper Pease SWCD, and overseeing conservation programs within the district. Skeet is replaced by Ronald Clay of Flomot. Ronald began his duties in October.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

COTTON SEED ASSISTANCE STILL BEING SOUGHT

Plains Cotton Growers, along with cotton industry officials from across the U.S., continue to encourage the development of some form of cottonseed assistance program to help offset the lower than normal prices being offered for cottonseed this season.

PCG notes that the effort was bolstered this week with the delivery of a letter signed by 40 members of the House of Representatives. The letter, put together by the House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and Ranking Member Charles Stenholm, urges the Secretary of Agriculture to implement language included in the conference report of the FY2000 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

The conference report directs the Secretary to help alleviate the adverse effect that depressed cottonseed prices are having on producers. The letter points out that producers are being hurt by low cottonseed prices and are incurring a significant additional expense for ginning that is normally covered in full by their cottonseed sales.

HIGH PLAINS CROP BENEFITS FROM WARM OCTOBER

Reported yields are holding steady to slightly improved with an up tick in harvesting activity in the northern half of the Texas High Plains.

One month ago there was little to be optimistic about in the northern area as producers were faced with a late crop and a rapidly approaching freeze date. Mother Nature apparently had a different idea and the area enjoyed one of the warmest Octobers in recent memory. The ultimate beneficiary has been the producer with late cotton. Warmer than normal temperatures and continued heat unit accumulation have combined to fill bolls and add yield potential to the crop.

In a year when every pound counts, anything extra going to the gin is considered a blessing.

Quality-wise the 1999 High Plains crop is living up to the area's reputation as a supplier of high quality cotton. Beltwide cotton has been reported as being shorter and higher in micronaire than would normally be expected, although nothing so far has been outside of acceptable ranges.

To date the Texas High Plains has been echoing this trend. The good news for both growers and buyers is that as more of the area's irrigated crop is harvested and ginned these trends are moving back towards what would be considered normal.

Lubbock Cotton Classing Office figures through November 11 show color and staple length moving back toward the brighter, longer end of the spectrum and micronaire holding its own in the heart of the premium range. For the week micronaire at the Lubbock office averaged 42.74, slightly lower than the 43.13 season average.

Also last week staple length rose to a 32.9 average over the 32.69 season average. Color grades continue outstanding. So far 93 percent of the 691,869 bales classed at Lubbock to date grading 31 or better for color.

UP-TO-DATE COTTON MARKETING FIGURES

Here are the latest Step 2, LDP/marketing loan gain, and Outlook "A" Index Figures, updated for the week beginning November 12, 1999.

The table below summarizes the current effective payment rate for Step 2 Certificates and the currently calculated LDP payment rate/marketing loan gain effective this week, starting November 12, 1999. Also included is the Adjusted World Price calculated for the week ending November 11, 1999.

The LDP payment rate and the marketing loan gain for the week beginning November 12, 1999 are calculated by subtracting the AWP from the 51.92 Upland Cotton Base Loan Rate.

AWP, Step 2, LDP Rates

	Official Week Ending Nov. 11, 1999	Rates Effective Nov. 12, 1999
"A" Index	46.69 cents	N/A
US Low Quote	54.80 cents	N/A
AWP	32.81 cents	32.55 cents
Step 2 Cert. Value	7.20 cents	6.86 cents
LDP/Marketing Loan Gain*	19.11 cents	19.37 cents

* No Step 1 Action; N/A = Not Applicable
Source: National Cotton Council of America

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