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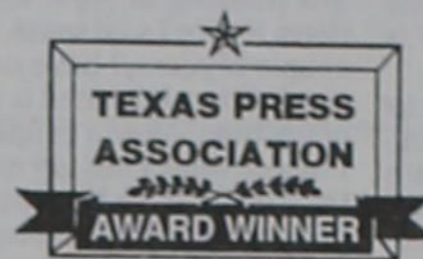
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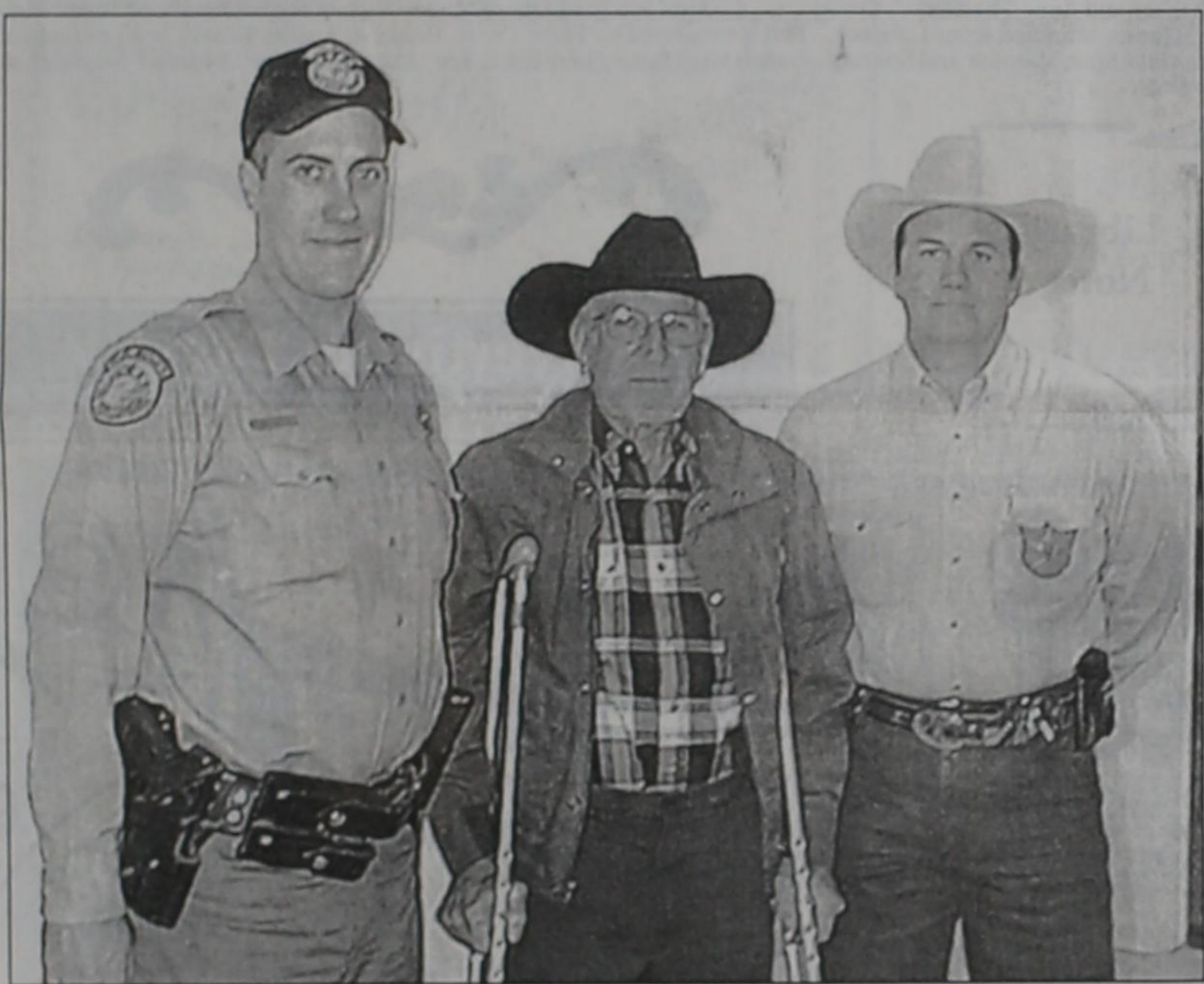


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LOCAL MAN RECUPERATING FROM HUNTING ACCIDENT — Roy Rowe, center, from Roaring Springs, was glad to be out and about on this recent trip to Matador to visit with Sheriff Jim Meador, right, and Game Warden Ted Davey at the Courthouse. Mr. Rowe is recuperating from a hunting accident which left him with a severely broken leg. Mr. Rowe and his wife were hunting north of Matador, November 17, when Mrs. Rowe shot a deer. Roy attempted to walk down the side of a peak to get the deer. With snow falling, and wet and slippery conditions, Mr. Rowe fell. Mrs. Rowe dialed 911, but was unable to give an exact location. Floyd County emergency were dispatched to the eastern part of Floyd County. When they were unable to locate the couple, Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, was notified. Mr. Meador and Game Warden Ted Davey were familiar with the area and located the Rowses soon after talking to Mrs. Rowe on her cell phone. Mr. Meador and Mr. Davey hiked up and down the hills to locate Mr. Rowe, and with the help of Motley and Floyd County EMS and Motley County Fire Department personnel, Mr. Rowe was carried off the peak. He was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital where he underwent surgery. He is now recuperating at home. Mr. Rowe said, "I have never been so glad to see anyone as when Sheriff Meador and Mr. Davey came over that hill."

City Attorney advises Council on renting upstairs rooms

Tom Hamilton, Attorney for the City of Matador, spoke to the City Council when they met in regular session, Thursday, December 13. Mr. Hamilton spoke to the council concerning renting the upstairs portion of City Hall. He stated the City has the authority to act on anything that betters the community, such as parks and golf courses, but that other endeavors that could possibly compete with private industry should not be attempted. The City can rent the facility to the Chamber of Commerce

or Market Matador and it can be rented to someone who has an overflow for meetings, family reunions, and overnight use. Mr. Hamilton suggested putting together a brochure and advertising on the internet to promote county businesses. Anyone who rents the facility will be responsible for the water, electricity, and maintenance. The facility can also be used for any governmental function. Karen Allison from Grant Works in Lubbock, explained to the council that applications will be taken for the

HOME Program after the first of the year. These applications will be scored and ranked in Austin. City employees and elected City officials will have no say in the granting of monies for these home improvements.

Mayor Williams presented a Resolution to hire Grant Works for the administrative duties of the HOME Project. Shane Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and Fred Parson seconded the mo-

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More funds needed to complete Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session November 12. Those attending were Mayor Joey Thacker, Mayor Pro-Tem Corky Marshall, Council members Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, Amy Perryman, Gary Simpson, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City

Secretary Zella Palmer. Minutes of the October meeting were approved and bills were approved to be paid.

Corky Marshall reported that a lot of work had been done at the Veterans Memorial and that it is looking good, but more funds are needed

to complete the work.

Council discussed signs to be placed outside the city limits, advertising businesses in town. Alex Crowder presented a sketch of a proposed sign, which was very impressive.

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2001 - A Year to Remember

With the end of 2001, we look back at the events marking the year. 2001 brought many changes for our country. The events of September 11 will forever be carved in the minds of every American. Everyone will remember where they were and what they were doing when the planes crashed into New York's twin towers and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., marking one of the greatest tragedies in our country's history.

The events of September 11 brought a new war for armed forces of our country. A war against terrorism. Americans found a new love for their country, a new sense of patriotism. Red, white and blue have become the colors of choice, with flags flying from most homes, businesses, and even cars. Most who didn't know the words to "America the Beautiful" or our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" now sing the words to those songs and other patriotic tunes, with a deep sense of loyalty and love for our country.

A new found trust in God has flowed through our nation. Expressions of this trust have been voiced on TV, radio and in our schools.

It is certain that the events of September 11, 2001, has made a significant change to our country and will forever cut into the minds and hearts of all Americans.

On a much lighter note, 2001 will be remembered locally as the year of the Beetle. The ugly, big, black literally invaded Motley County and surrounding areas in June. Downtown sidewalks were covered with bugs! Not a day went by for several weeks, that it was not necessary to sweep, swat, stomp and smell the creepy critters.

Motley County Tribune employee, Cassie Campbell, took a journey back through the papers of 2001 and compiled these headlines which were only some of the items making news in Motley County.

January 4: Heat, Drought, Snow and Ice made up Motley County's weather. Motley County farmers battled hot and dry weather, insect infestation, skyrocketing costs and dismal harvesting conditions in 2000.

Motley County Matadors defeated the Valley Patriots 53-39.

January 11: Gates Grant buys new computer for the Motley County Library. The library received a check from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for \$4,773.00.

Lady Mavericks Get Big Win Over Patton, 35-18.

Emergency CRP Grazing Extended Due to Weather.

January 18: Matadors Get District Win Over Spur, Jayton.

Jr. Class Sponsors Donkey Basketball.

Mavericks Hold Great Win Record - Undeclared in 6 Games.

January 25: Motley County ISD To Host Shattered Dreams Program.

Matadors Continue District Play, Undeclared.

February 1: Jr. Girls Team Ends Season With Perfect Record.

Mavericks Undeclared in District Play.

53rd Annual Mother - Daughter Banquet Set.

February 15: Matadors To Play For Bi-District.

Upsetting loss brings Lady Matadors Season to an end. The Lady Matadors lost to Jayton for a 3-way

tie for District.

February 22: FFA and 4-H gear up for 61st Annual Livestock Show.

Matadors Season Ends with Bi-District loss to Whitharrel, 56-49.

March 1: Brenda Gillespie competes at Regional Powerlifting Meet.

Kayla Copp wins trip to Washington.

March 8: Weather Report - Motley County experiences a variety of weather in February, ice, snow, sleet,

rain and hail with temperatures to negative numbers.

Brittany Donaldson is Crowned Lions Club Queen.

Brenda Gillespie Qualifies for State.

March 15: Motley County Shows Drop in Population.

Motley County students exhibit animals at Jr. Livestock Show.

4-H Receives Education Grant.

March 29: Denise Shannon plays

in All-Star games in Amarillo.

Fire Department hosts 2nd Annual Fire School.

April 5: Whiteflat Homecoming.

Fern Henderson Celebrates 100th Birthday.

Lady Matadors, Brittany Donaldson, Rebecca Morris,

Courtney Hays, Chasity Holman, Shandra Jones, and Denise Shannon

were named to the All-District team.

April 12: Superintendent reports on students' success.

Motley County students compete at district UIL meet - Science and Spelling team qualify for Regional.

April 19: Motley County Golf Teams compete at Regional.

Seven tennis team members advance to Regional.

Whiteflat Mercantile building demolished.

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Two more candidates enter primary race

Two more candidates have entered the race for the March 12, 2002, Primary Elections. Timmy Brooks of Roaring Springs has filed as a candidate for Commissioner Precinct 4. He joins candidates Russell Alexander, and J.N. Fletcher, incumbent. All three men are running on the Democratic ticket.

Bobby Fletcher of Matador has filed for Commissioner Precinct 2. Also running for this position is incumbent Donnie Turner of Flomot.

Mr. Turner is running on the Democratic ticket and Mr. Fletcher is a

Republican candidate.

Other candidates are as follows: Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith,

Republican; and Gale Stafford, Republican.

Motley County Clerk, Kate Hurt, Democratic ticket.

Motley County Treasurer, Eva Barkley, Republican.

Motley County Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, Democratic.

January 2 was the last day to file as a candidate for the March Primary Election.



CITY RECEIVES AWARDS — Matador City Water Superintendent, Steve Barton, displays two certificates recently awarded the City of Matador by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Outstanding Operation of Waste Water Treatment Facilities and Outstanding Operation of Public Drinking Water Facilities. Mr. Barton received the awards from the West Texas Regional Water Utilities School.



Well, another Christmas has come and gone. This year I was so overwhelmed with work at the office, that I just didn't have time to really get wrapped up in the beauty of the season. I love Christmas and I enjoy making gifts, decorating, baking and all that good stuff, but I sure didn't get a lot of that done this year. One thing I did manage to do a lot of is eat, eat, and eat!

The highlight of Christmas for us is spending time with our grandchildren. Morgan, 4, and Judson, 2, are just at the right age to make Christmas fun. They have so many relatives who love them so much, that they really raked in the gifts. But opened each one with excitement, a gleam in their eyes, and a smile on their face.

While visiting at our house, they loved playing with the Nativity scene. It was a joy to me to know just how much they know about the Nativity. They called each figure by name -

baby Jesus, Joseph, Mary, the wisemen and the shepherd boy. Morgan commented, "Meme, baby Jesus is not a baby anymore, so now his name is just Jesus." Of course, as her grandmother, I thought that was so sweet!

Now that 2002 is upon us, some are thinking of New Year's resolutions. Notice I said some. For the past couple of years, I have not made any resolutions. I decided it was a waste of my time. After a couple of months I forget what I set my mind to do in the New Year, so I just threw out that notion. And the resolution to lose weight, I don't even make that one anymore. Seems like just when I decide I am going to diet, I crave everything edible and eat more than I did when I wasn't dieting. So no more dieting.

I would like to wish all my readers a very wonderful New Year. I pray that each one of you will be blessed greatly and feel the love of God in your lives everyday.

Look Who's New

Allyson Leeann Vinson

Beverly and Furman Vinson announce the arrival of their seventh great-grandchild. Allyson Leeann was born December 10, 2001 to Dana

and Crystal Vinson. Grandparents are Roger and Doris Vinson, Mildred Cantrell and Jim Cantrell of Lubbock.

Haley Diane Milam

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Haley Diane Milam. She was born at 11:06 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is her

two year old sister, Emily, grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot, Mrs. Lenda Milam and Bill and Brenda Milam of Gainesville; great grandparents, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot and Mrs. Doris Wilson of Gainesville.

Happy 90th Birthday, Elsie



WE LOVE YOU!

"Season's Greetings to all our Readers"



This is our first article for the calendar year of 2002. Where did 2001 go? It now belongs to the pages of history. We think of all the things we wanted to accomplish in 2001 and some of them we did get done.

I want to thank all our readers for the kind words offered to encourage me in writing of these articles. The thoughtful notes and expressions of your enjoyment have been a source of delight to me. Many thanks.

We are in a fun time of the year. The excitement felt by our children of the community is contagious. Perhaps you, along with me, share in the children's anticipation of what the holidays bring. Family time, warm hugs, moist eyes and a genuine feeling of well-being. The good food is also something that is eagerly anticipated.

There is something else. Coming with the close of the past year is also reflections on the year passed. The months of 2001 have gone by and with their passing opportunities, challenges and some heartaches. The past year has brought us an awareness of danger and of those who would bring us hurt and suffering.

For Judy Ann and myself may we wish you the best during this holiday season and may the coming year bring you happiness and a closer walk with the Lord.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs, K-96FM

Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am



Christmas Brunch celebrates holiday with patriotic theme

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker entertained the ladies of the area with a lovely Christmas Brunch, Saturday, December 15. She chose for her theme this year, a continuity of Patriotism throughout the house, intertwined with Christmas decor. It was an outstanding theme and stirring the patriotism of everyone who attended.

On arrival guests were impressed with the charming lawn and house decorations and the comely figures of a boy and girl seated on twin benches as though in a garden, with "God Bless America" printed on a large, red, white and blue wreath in keeping with the theme on the wall of the house behind them.

The entry was bright and pretty with wreaths, lights, poinsettias, wall hangings with some of the red, white and blue added. This gave the guests an idea of what was in the offing. The den and dining area were breathtakingly beautiful, with carousels, lights, poinsettias, red and white greenery, candles, and an aroma of "spice and everything nice."

The focal point of the living room was its lovely Christmas tree, with lights, with red, white and blue trim. The tree-top angel carried an Ameri-

can Flag, an antique. A beautiful and unusual wreath decorated with American flags from different eras of American History, beginning with a flag of the first thirteen colonies and ending with our flag of today, was another focal point of the room. It made one stop and think what a great significance our flag is.

The dining table was lovely with cream colored cloth edged with Christmas trees. The centerpiece was an ensemble of Christmas candles of several sizes, flanked by gilded poinsettias and greenery. The food was delicious - sandwiches, spiced chicken wings, pigs in blanket, several Mexican treats, candy, cookies, spiced punch and coffee.

A tour of the house was a special treat with every room, picture and wall displaying lights, and greenery. A spiral Christmas tree enhanced the office and a darling circus carousel. It was almost unbelievable.

Mrs. Thacker was assisted by Joyce Smith, Donna Hoyle, Pam Thacker and Anne Thacker.

Guests attended from Lubbock, Amarillo, Spur, Matador and Roaring Springs.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donation to the library of a gift subscription to *Biblical Archaeology Review* by the Reverend Tom Sanders. This magazine is a beautiful, informative periodical that everyone enjoys. We appreciate very much this gift.

New to the library is a group of books by Dale Brown. If you like stories about the machines of war and about spies and intrigue, you will like Dale Brown's books. We also have some other new books by several well-known authors, such as Judith McNaught, Danielle Steel and Sidney Sheldon. These books are new to our library.

New for kids of all ages is a dog story by Avi called *The Good Dog*. This is set in the Colorado mountain town of Steamboat Springs and involves a wolf and its encounter with civilization. Another wonderful dog story is *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. These two books are found in the juvenile section of the library, but every dog lover of any age will enjoy these delightful stories.

The next book discussion will take place January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The book to be discussed is *The Village Horse Doctor: West of the Pecos* by Ben K. Green. The library has several copies of this book, so come by and check out a copy to be ready to help us discuss this warm, funny book. If you like James Herriot's books, you will appreciate *The Village Horse Doctor* even more

since it is set in West Texas. Clint Burns will be the discussion leader.

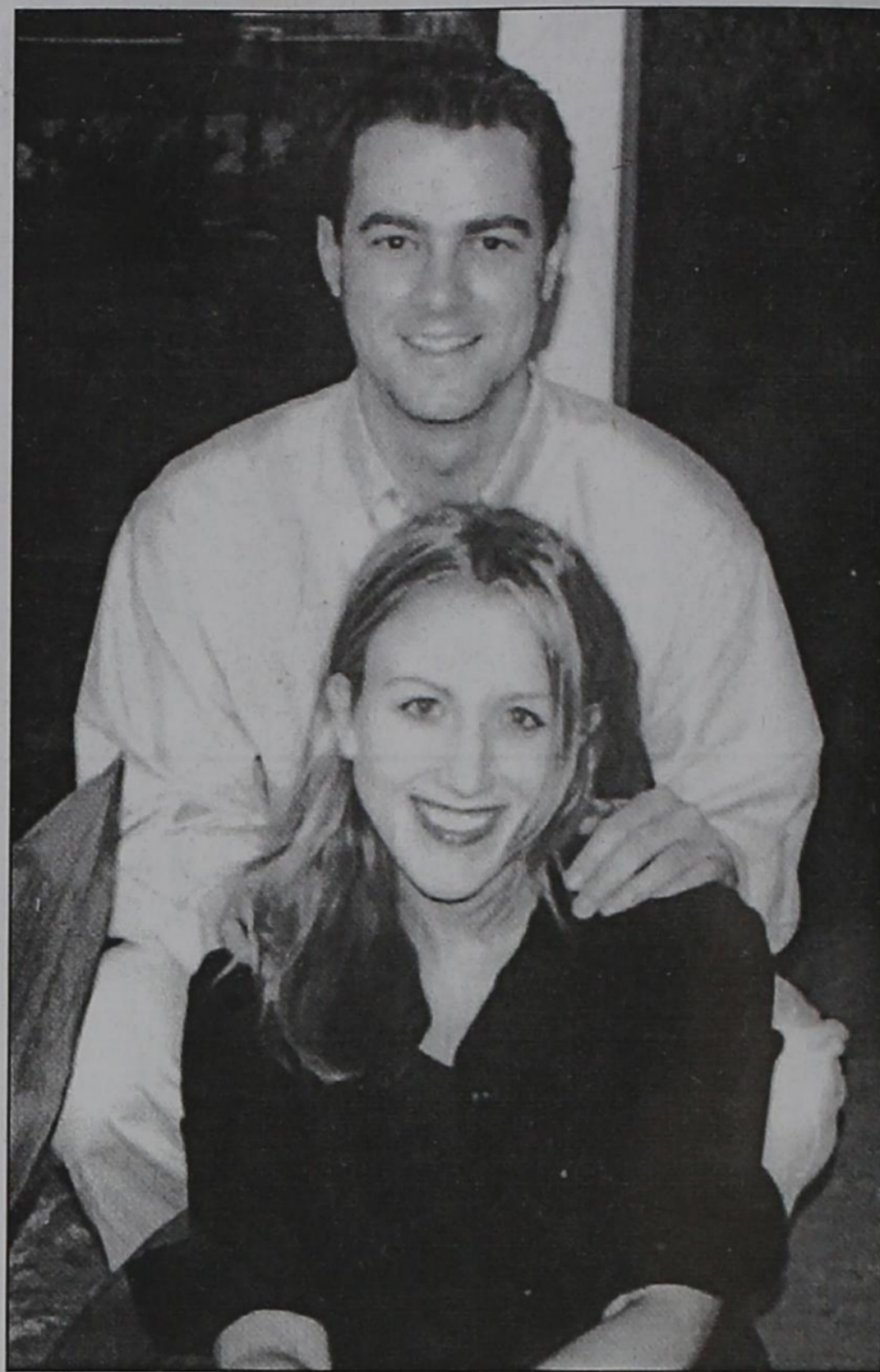
Predicta Study Club members celebrate the season with party

The Roaring Springs Predicta Study club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Tuesday night, December 17. Mrs. Pam Thacker and Mrs. Joyce Smith were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Joyce Smith read the story "A Cup of Christmas Tea." Mrs. Odessa Mullins read a story, "It is Easy to Smile When Someone Cares."

Christmas carols were lead by Mrs. Callie Giesecke.

Gifts were exchanged with a show & tell. Those enjoying the delicious refreshments and the fun were guest, Mrs. Geneva Wilson of Matador, and members Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. L.V. Damron, Mrs. Grace Zabielki, Mrs. Nona Long, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Miss Lula Swim and the hostess, Mrs. Buzz Thacker.



Paul Barton & Brooke Baker

Engagement Announced

Kenny and Olivia Barton announce the engagement of their son, Paul, to Brooke Baker, daughter of Corley and Susan Baker of Sudan. The wedding will take place in Kauai, Hawaii January 18, 2002.

Paul is a graduate of Motley County High School and Texas Tech and is employed by Farm Credit Banks in Austin. Brooke is a graduate of Sudan High School and Texas Tech and is employed by Dell Computers in Austin.

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Senior Citizens Center off to good start

When plans were first made to start a Senior Citizens Meal Program last summer, the Motley County Senior Citizens Advisory Board made a commitment to keep the public informed of the center's endeavors.

Eva Barkley, Director, Adam McKinney, Cook, and Rose Martin, Aide, began their duties when the Center was first opened on October 1, 2001 and have proven very efficient in their respective jobs. Georgia Witcher, Green Thumb worker, joined the Center's staff in mid-November and has been an asset to the Center.

An average of 40 senior citizens per day have attended the 3-days-a-week meal program. Many new friendships have been made and old ones renewed as everybody gathers for food, fellowship and fun.

The advisory board is planning another fund-raiser for the coming year to keep the Center's meal program in good financial standing.

It has been requested that the Center be open one night a week for games of choice and refreshment. We feel this will be received among our seniors to promote socializing, one of the goals set by the board, and to provide an atmosphere where everyone

will feel welcome and comfortable.

For the homebound seniors the Center provides home delivered meals. Seniors who are temporarily incapacitated can receive a home delivered meal. Approximately 14 seniors receive meals delivered to their homes in Matador and Roaring Springs. The board would like to thank the many volunteers who have donated their time to make this service possible. Volunteers who deliver weekly to Roaring Springs include Jo and Walter Trammell, Pearl Patten, Tom and Lorine Jordan, and Betty Bearden; Joyce Campbell and Sondra Francis have also helped with deliveries in Matador.

We look forward to the New Year and many new activities and welcome every individual age 60 and over and their spouses, regardless of age, and other eligible clients under the age of 60, which include individuals with disabilities who reside with older eligible individuals.

The Center's success has been largely due to the community's participation as a whole and we would like to thank everyone who has donated their time, money, and goods,

in particular the Marshall Brothers for helping with the installation of the gas line, Higginbotham-Bartlett for the use of their fork lift when unloading the new equipment for the Center, the City of Matador for their loan of the storage trailer and their help

with putting up the handicapped signs, and the Highway Department for grading and putting down reclaimed asphalt on the south and east side of the Center's parking area.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To our many friends, we wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for remembering us with Christmas cards.

Jake & Marge Edwards

We would like to thank everyone who helped make Cora Mitchell's 100th Birthday special. Your friendship is appreciated.

The family of Cora Mitchell

During the last several weeks I have suffered with Cancer and your concerns for me have been wonderful. The cards, cookies, flowers, food, words of encouragement and most importantly your wonderful prayers. Prayer is a wonderful thing, for the Lord is everything. I believe the Lord is my refuge and strength in time of trouble, disappointment, heartache and grief. Thank you all again and may your good intentions be rewarded.

Alfred Barton Jr.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all that attended our candlelight service at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church on Christmas Eve.

Members of the First United Methodist Church, Roaring Springs

To all our "under the Caprock" folks —

Again we thank you for all your prayers. All of our tests came out A-OK. Please accept this means of wishing you a very special New Year. We love you, as always.

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Matador City Council

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It passed 5-0. Another Resolution was presented to establish policies and procedures for the HOME Project. Doyle Rose moved to accept this Resolution and Bert Darsey seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0 to accept.

November bills were reviewed by council members and motion was passed to pay all bills.

Minutes from the November 8 meeting were reviewed and passed. Council discussed purchasing a drop-box. After some discussion it was decided to look into the costs.

Mayor Williams discussed with the Council about installing street lights at different locations around town. A total of 19 lights need to be added. Bert Darsey moved to add the lights and Fred Parson seconded. Vote was 5-0 to add the lights.

Mayor Williams informed council members that Kenneth Marshall wants to buy Lots 29-32 in Block 95

from the City. The lots are located east of the Matador Housing Authority and will be used for an economic development venture. Fred Parson motioned to sell the lots and Bert Darsey seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Council went into closed session at 8:03 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported they are working on the second pit at the landfill and hope to have it completed in the near future.

Council members reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Rodney Williams, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, City Secretary Linda Perryman, City Attorney Tom Hamilton, Grant Works representative Karen Allison, and Council members, Shane Jones, James Watson, Doyle Rose, Fred Parson and Bert Darsey.

WORD of GOD

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

— John 15:7

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Visiting Modean Brooks during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brooks of Del Rio. They also visited other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan James of Comanche spent Friday night with her grandfather and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins. Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Mullins and Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins and Christopher of Midland visited them Saturday. Christmas day guests were Jessie Cruz, Virginia Rodriguez, Martha Rodriguez, Paul and Rojas, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Torres, J.D., J.R., Emilio and Andy, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Torres and Emily of Lubbock; Robert Manriquez and Vera Cruz of Arlington; Christopher Lara of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Odell, Kevin and David of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview and local resident Odessa Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell and Mrs. Seigler of Paducah visited Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell. They brought her lunch and spent the day. Visiting from Friday until Sunday were her great-grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McCalley and two daughters of Ridgewood. Visiting on Sunday were granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hunt of Midland.

Leon and Loretta Burton had early Christmas Saturday, December 23. Guests were Scotty, Tammy, Misty, and Miranda Burton and Matthew of Memphis; Randy, Cynthia, Lacie, Dustin and Chris of Levelland; Linda Evans and Kevin Hart of Lubbock; Debra and Doyle Lee from Tahoka; Robbie and Rob Haney and Shryle Smith and daughter from Slaton; Lendon Haney, Greg, Netta, Mandy, Bryce and Dylan Haney from Lubbock; and her mother, Avis Haney of Muleshoe.

Cody Bird of Belch Springs and his dad, Rob Bird of Ft. Worth spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent went to Boyd Friday and spent the night with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shaw. They drove to Runaway Bay and had lunch with his daughter, Cathey Fostel on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Martin had an early Christmas, December 17, with their son and family, Billy, Jade and Kinzie of San Angelo. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke for lunch Christmas day were David, Kathy, Jake and Hailey Blanco, Brian, Nancy and Rivers Marshall of Matador.

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday morning, December 31, were Rev. Paul Stearns, Bill and Lea Peacock, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Cleo Watson, Larry Watson, Reva Sweeney, Corky Marshall, Lula Swim, J.N. Fletcher, and Barbara Peacock of Biloxi, Miss.

Visiting Onie Bell for Christmas was her sister, Loletta Busby of Plainview.

Mary Lumsden spent Christmas day in Lubbock with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

Visiting Bill and Lea Peacock for Christmas were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Anahuac, her mother, Lucille Fox of Crosbyton, and her

son, Randall King of Lubbock; and Barbara Peacock of Gautier, Miss.

Christmas guests of Zella Palmer were Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda Palmer of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Palmer and Seth of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Ty and Dylan of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spikes, Shelby and Shanna of Rotan.

Christmas holiday guests of Odessa Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins and Christopher of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Mullins and Marshall of Midland, Linda Evans and Kevin Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Lee of Comanche, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten during Christmas were her children, JoAnn Reagan and Bryce from Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes from Aiton, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen and Darrin and Jared from Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wayne Parker, Tara, Erica and Lisa and friend, Heather, from Boyd, Angie Burkes of Lubbock, Shelly Palmer, Matt and Micah of Lovington, N.M., and Margaret Shaw of Roaring Springs.

Visiting Venita Sedgwick and Jerry were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGee, Audie and Katie and husband and three children of Lake Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cook, Judd and Cody of Eunice, MO.

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday, December 24, were LaVoe and Buzz Thacker, Corky Marshall, Cleo Watson, Rev. Paul Stearns, Joyce Smith, Dean McInroe, Reva Sweeney, Walter Trammell, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Larry Watson, Cleo Watson, J.N. Fletcher, Lula Swim, Mary Lumsden, and Rita Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim attended funeral services at McKinney for their double cousin, Ms. Christine McCollam.

Christmas dinner was served at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship hall to about 16 people and four plates were carried out. It is hoped the event will become an annual affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Delton Brown and grandson of Crowell visited Lula Swim Saturday evening.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild met in the home of Mrs. Pearl Patten on Wednesday, December 12, with Mrs. Patten in charge. She gave the opening prayer and blessed the food. Mrs. Chelsea Read read a Christmas story of The Tale of Three Trees. Mary Lumsden gave a reading "What Is God Like."

After a delicious meal those attending enjoyed exchanging gifts with a show and tell.

Those attending were Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. JoEttta Bumgardner, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Miss Lula Swim, and the hostess, Mrs. Pearl Patten.

The next meeting will be held January 9.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and grandson, Cole Martin of Panhandle, a student at A&M University in Bryan, were guests Dec. 23 of their daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger. Other guests were Mrs. Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper and son of Borger.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay in Lockney Christmas eve.

Mary Ellen Barton was a guest of Mrs. Eugenia Barton of Matador Sunday, Dec. 23 at a family celebration where 40 family members attended. She was among the guests Christmas day in the home of Judy and Butch Renfro of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Dec. 24-25 in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss and Mrs. LaRay Gilbert.

Guests Christmas night at a family celebration in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton and Skylar, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse and Branson of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Cruse of Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Tory, Thor, Teah and Tally of Silverton; Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane, Leah, and Derrick, Donnie Cruse, Roegan and Talon of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cara Franks of Canyon, Sorrell Schmidt and Cary Franks of Lubbock. Other guests in their home Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary, Micky and Caleb of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee and Ernie of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Robert Lee of Lubbock, Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kellan, Kacee and Micah of Turkey, Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon of Flomot and Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington of Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary, Micky and Caleb of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock, Leonard Johnson of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot. They also visited Mrs. Edith Washington.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Breck, Lucretia and Britany Dockery of Vernon, Neil and Kayla Guest of Turkey and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.

Guests of Mrs. C.W. Starkey during the holidays were all of her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long of Winnewood, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna of Warner, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George of Lewisville, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve and grandchildren of Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnie Starkey of Flomot and Lola Jenel Starkey of Clyde.

Visitors during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Mesquite, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited Christmas eve day in Roaring Springs with her mother, Mrs. Jo Scott. They continued to Childress and visited overnight with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay, and Conner. They visited Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington and visitors that night in her home were Mrs. Todd Washington and children of Childress.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers during the holidays were Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Tyler, Billy Hand of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers and Hanna Alexander of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Coy McKay of Vernon.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Glen Calvert and Dustin Reed were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Sheila and Jerry Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. Other guests at a holiday luncheon, Saturday were Lou and Morris Degan of Medicine Mound, Stanley and Donna Degan of Calgary and Shay and Jimmy McDaniel of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited during the holidays in Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray and in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Otlie Gray.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton, Julie Clay, Neal Edwards and Caden of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Sarah, Kelsey and Tanner and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Conner of Midland, Richard March of Westminster, California and Raymond Kendall, resident at Lockney Care Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton, Julie Clay, Neal Edwards and Caden of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Sarah, Kelsey and Tanner and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross Christmas eve and day were Mrs. Ruth Williams of Quanah and Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wigley visited in Castroville from Dec. 26-29th with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Cheyenne and Ciara. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wigley visited overnight Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross and returned to respective homes, Sunday.

Obituaries

Lewis Anderson Armstrong

Funeral services for Lewis Anderson Armstrong, 89, of Dallas, were held Sunday, December 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at the University Park Methodist Church in Dallas, with Rev. Noel Bryant and Tom Peel officiating. Services were under the direction of LyBrand Funeral Home in Wills Point. Mr. Armstrong died Wednesday, December 26, in Crosbyton.

He was born May 15, 1912, in Dublin, Texas, son of the late H.V. and Ella Whitfield Armstrong. He was raised in Dublin and graduated from Northside High School in Ft. Worth and married Loutitia Cox in Ft. Worth. At the end of World War II he moved to Dallas where he worked for Texas Bitulithic Company

as the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer before retiring in 1977. Lewis was a member of the University Park Methodist Church in Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Nallie and Ruth Cox of Edgewood.

Survivors include his wife, Loutitia Armstrong, of Dallas; son, Andy Armstrong and wife, Barbara, of Humble; daughter, Lindy Stafford and husband, Gale, of Matador; three grandsons and three great-grandsons.

If so desired, memorials may be made to the Waco, Texas Methodist Children's Home.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

There will be 53 Tuesdays in this year, 2002. It began on a Tuesday. Every year has 53 of the days on which it begins.

The world changed since Sept. 11, 2001. People see things in different ways now, good ways. Patriotism and a spiritual renewal have flourished in America and we hope it reflects an expression of gratitude and continues in 2002!

Jack Samford of Matador accompanied Mrs. Juanita Cooper to Amarillo, Wednesday where she visited until Saturday with daughter and family, Ken, Kay and Kourtney Dunnam. She had medical appointments Thursday and visited her brother, Arthur Harmon. Mr. Samford visited with daughter and husband, Vickie and Ray King in Canyon. Mr. Samford had emergency medical care Thursday night at the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo and was a patient until Saturday. He is at the King residence to be near his doctors for additional medical tests and reports.

Kellie Martin and son, Ryan, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, visited in Matador Dec. 22 with her father, Art Green and his guests, daughter and husband, Jean and Don Lewis of Vernon and son, Billy Green of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined family members at the Gwinn home in Matador for a Christmas eve luncheon. Others attending were Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Chelsea Holcomb of Childress, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited

from Sunday, Dec. 23 to Wednesday, Dec. 26 with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Christopher and Kristen of Lovington, N.M.

Guests in the home of Kellie, Hal and Ryan Martin Christmas eve were Jamie Pigg of Turkey, Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and her holiday houseguests, Sharon and Mike Davis and Kristy of Fritch and Carol and Nathan Gilbreth, Susan and Kathy of Sundown.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson Thursday were son, Lance Jameson and friend, Vickie Fennell of Vernon.

Mrs. Frances Dixon was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser in Matador Christmas eve day. Other guests were Kaci Risser, student at Wayland University in Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Risser and Kaci were guests Christmas day of Mrs. Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner visited Christmas eve and day in Silverton with her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach. Other guests were Janell and Cobey Turner, Heather and Scott Blount and Bob Lewis of Lubbock and Mike Montague and Mary Ann Lemmons of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stockton were guests Saturday night, Dec. 22 at a Christmas celebration at the home of daughter and husband, Debra and Joel Dean Spray in Matador. Other guests were Brandi and Bo Bennett, Jade and Bryce of Ballinger; Lindsey and Randy Westbrook, Kristy Williams and friend, Nick, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Abram and children of Lubbock, Freda and Paige Hughes of Quitaque, Paula and L'Ann Miller of Littlefield, Rodney and Glenda Williams, Lindee Jameson, Leann and Jamie of Matador.

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Matador News

Visiting Jim and Carla Meador and Dena Meador during the weekend were Doug and Natalie Meador of Houston, Doug Sr. and Barbara Meador of Ft. Worth, and Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock. The Meadors also visited Ray, Susan and Sherry Thomas.

Luther and Edna Ruth Green spent the Christmas holidays with their children and grandchildren at the home of their son in Keller. Joining them at the home of Andy and Gay Green were Dr. Tim and Dorothy Green, Jolie and Arturo Sanchez, and Jordan Green, all of Austin; Noel, Pat and Emily Scoggins of Round Rock; Virginia Green of Whiteface; Allison Scoggins and Katye Green, students at Texas A&M; Midshipman Adam Green of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD; and Marge and Edison Nuff of North Richland Hills.

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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

Senate halts Farm Bill debate

With the cessation of debate, Senate Democrats and Republicans are likely gearing up to face the music when they return home after Congress adjourns.

One thing is certain, few are going to be welcomed with open arms by their agricultural constituents after three weeks of unproductive speeches, debate and posturing prevented Senate completion of new Farm Program legislation.

In times past a lack of technology prevented most people from seeing and hearing the debate over important legislative issues. With the spreading availability of cable, satellite television and the Internet virtually everyone can judge for themselves who is speaking to them and who has been listening to them when they talk.

With harvest activities practically completed as winter approached, farmers and ranchers have been a rapt and attentive audience to the live Senate broadcasts emanating from Washington.

And while it is fair to say that most of us that were watching probably don't fully understand all of the rules and procedural goings on, we are able to digest the words that are spoken for, against and about farm programs and the needs of rural America.

Producers have made it clear that they were watching and will likely base much of their future sup-

port for candidates and parties on what they have seen in the days since the first of December.

That said they also understand, although without much enthusiasm, that while this opportunity has been taken from them there will be another day when Congress returns. The critical nature of Agriculture's problems will probably have intensified and highlight the need to finish the work the Senate abandoned earlier this week.

Congress, however, is not the only branch of government that will have to step up to the plate to assuage the fears and doubts that recent antics have produced.

Administration officials have apparently started their own efforts to reassure American agriculture that budget authority will continue to be there for a rewrite of current Farm law.

A letter sent to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest on December 21 thanking him for his efforts on the farm bill included the following promise: "The President has also been clear about the need for a generous farm bill in order to help farmers and ranchers through this difficult period. As a result, you have our commitment that the Administration will continue to support additional ten-year program funding of \$73.5 billion in accordance with the Congressional Budget Resolution."

Administration officials are

surely hoping that their word is good enough for producers and that they don't end up feeling the political fallout from this month's debacle in the Senate.

The fair question at this point is "What's next and where do we go from here?"

First and foremost it is important that producers to let up on their efforts to communicate both their needs and their expectations to Congress and Administration officials.

Plains Cotton Growers and other organizations will continue their efforts to complete a new Farm Bill. Only through a determined effort to keep the issue on the front burner will a Bill be completed in a timely fashion.

A big part of that message also needs to be that, because the last year of Freedom to Farm is globally recognized as inadequate to meet the

needs of a hurting Ag sector, new programs need to be agreed on and implemented for the 2002 crop.

Secondary to the goal of getting a new Farm Bill is the fact that if additional delays and disagreements prevent approval of legislation that can be implemented for the 2002 crop year, every effort will have to be made to develop a 2002 supplemental assistance package utilizing the \$7.5 billion in additional spending authority agreed to in the FY2002 budget agreement.

Above all growers, lenders, and industry suppliers must have the assurance that relief is forthcoming so that financial arrangements for the 2002 crop year can move forward.

Preferably that assurance will come in the form of a new Farm Bill that establishes a stable and predictable safety net for American agriculture.

2001 Headlines

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April 26: City of Matador Denied Water Grant.

Sonya Herrell named new Motley County ISD Principal.

Dumont Darsey advances to State UIL meet.

May 3: Dr. Pat Williams retires from Motley County Clinic.

Shattered Dreams Program gives students first hand look at results of drinking and driving.

Motley County students recognized for 100% TAAS reading.

FCS earns top rating.

May 10: Jury finds no negligence in 1998 TxDOT Accident.

April Showers dissipate before reaching Motley County. Motley County had received five inches of rainfall since January.

May 17: Burns, Stevens, Cooper named top MC students.

Thief takes US Flag.

May 24: Marci Bateman named Teacher of the Year.

May 31: Motley County Students honored at Annual Moving Up Ceremonies.

June 7: May brings rainfall.

Laney calls 77th Texas Legislature a Success.

Motley County students enjoy all-night party.

June 14: Support for Bob's Oil Well project expressed in letters.

Kayla Copp and Ysef Alvarado attend Boys and Girls State.

Jermaine Hendrix plays in Greenbelt Bowl.

June 21: Courtney Hays and Justin Jameson attend Farm Bureau Seminar.

June 28: Random throw of a dart landed a CBS news program in Matador for the second year.

27th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo set for July 13-14

July 5: Local 4-H'ers participate in District Horse Show.

Commissioner Franklin Jameson injured in tractor accident.

July 12: Jr. Rodeo kicks off.

Dr. Hannell is new doctor for Motley County Clinic.

Rev. Paul Stearns is new Pastor for Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches.

July 19: Kid's Camp has 100 plus kids.

Motley County ISD facing financial crisis.

Todd Thomas receives Best All-Around honors at Jr. Rodeo.

July 26: Kayla Copp and William Ho-Gland receive FFA Lone Star Degree.

Additional Stop signs to be erected in Matador.

August 2: Motley County hires coaches.

Clint Cooper selected as FFA state winner.

78th Old Settlers Reunion set for August 23-25.

August 9: July weather takes a toll on Motley County crops, with below average rainfall.

August 16: Study finds nursing home appropriate for Matador.

Senior Citizens meals to begin October 1.

August 23: 78th Old Settlers Reunion.

Matador Cowboys hold 8th annual reunion.

87-year-old Roaring Springs hotel being restored as a Bed & Breakfast.

August 30: Motley and Dickens counties meet for 78th Old Settlers Reunion.

Hannah Richardson named Old Settlers Queen.

Robert Gillespie named Summer Employee of the Year by TxDOT.

September 6: Recent rainfall a relief for Motley County residents.

New laws in effect.

Motley County EMS receives award.

September 13: America Attacked!

September 20: Motley County joins nation in mourning.

Courtney Hays crowned 2001 Homecoming Queen.

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Roaring Springs City Council

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The Council met for the December meeting, December 12, with a short agenda.

Those attending were Mayor Joey Thacker, Mayor Pro-Tem Corky Marshall, Council members Alex Crowder, Amy Perryman, Gary

Simpson, Water Manager Robert Osborn, City Secretary Zella Palmer. November minutes were approved and bills were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Alex Crowder reported that he has submitted another application to TxDOT for funding of the Depot Project. It will be January 2002, before the city will know if it will be the funding. He stated that the Depot has been checked for termites and it was found that termites have done a lot of damage to the structure.

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