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A Look
Back
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TRAIL DUST
by Douglas Meador

"Misfortune is the lapidary of great destinies, yet, even a master artificer is powerless to design his subject if there be a fault in the material which is delivered to his workshop."

Around
Town
News Briefs of
Area Events

Matador First Baptist Church to sponsor Kids' Praise

Calling all Kids!! All children in the community are invited to a Kids' Praise party on Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all. All children two years old through sixth grade are invited to be a part of Kids' Praise.

Kids' Praise is sponsored by the Women on Mission of First Baptist Church, Matador.

American Legion to hold monthly meeting Monday

Fleming Post 337, The American Legion and Unit 337, The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its joint meeting for February on Monday night, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. There will be the normal delicious covered dish meal, so all members and County Veterans please come with your spouse and bring a "hearty" appetite. All County Veterans are encouraged to come to the meeting whether you are a member or not.

There will not be a special speaker or program this month to allow the Post and Unit to catch up on a busy business agenda.

Early voting to begin February 28

Matley County voters who would like to cast their vote early for the upcoming March 14th primary elections, may do so beginning February 28. Early voting will continue through March 10 and may be done at the Matley County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.

Local candidates involved in this election include Tempie Hutton, Matley County Attorney, Jim Meador, Matley County Sheriff, Elaine Hart, Matley County Tax Assessor, Franklin Jameson (Incumbent), and Carter Luckett, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Ronnie Davis and Sonny Russell (Incumbent), Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Voters may only vote in the Precinct where they're registered. Example, if you live in Precinct 2, you may not cast a vote for a Commissioner of Precinct 3. Your vote will not be counted.

In the primary election, you must vote in the Democratic or Republican primary. You may not cast a vote in both parties. In the General election, there will be one ballot and you may vote a split ticket if desired.

Chamber offers Matador lots for sale

A package of 27 Matador city lots are currently available for sale to the highest bidder. The Matley County Chamber of Commerce recently obtained title to the individual lots from a trust, Sanger Investment Limited of Dallas.

Ernest Specks, president of the trust, revealed in a telephone interview that the lots had been taken as collateral by the Sanger Brothers Department Store, later known as Sanger Harris.

"In the twenties the Sangers had a retail and wholesale operation and sold merchandise to smaller stores in small towns all over Texas," he said. "Merchandise was sold on credit with the lots as collateral. When the depression hit, Sanger Brothers acquired the individual parcels as payments or foreclosures on bad debts."

According to Specks, Sanger Brothers Department Store was the earliest major department store in Dallas. In the 60's they merged with A. Harris to form Sanger Harris, which evolved into The May Store and eventually Foley's.

Over the course of time, so many lots were obtained, especially in East

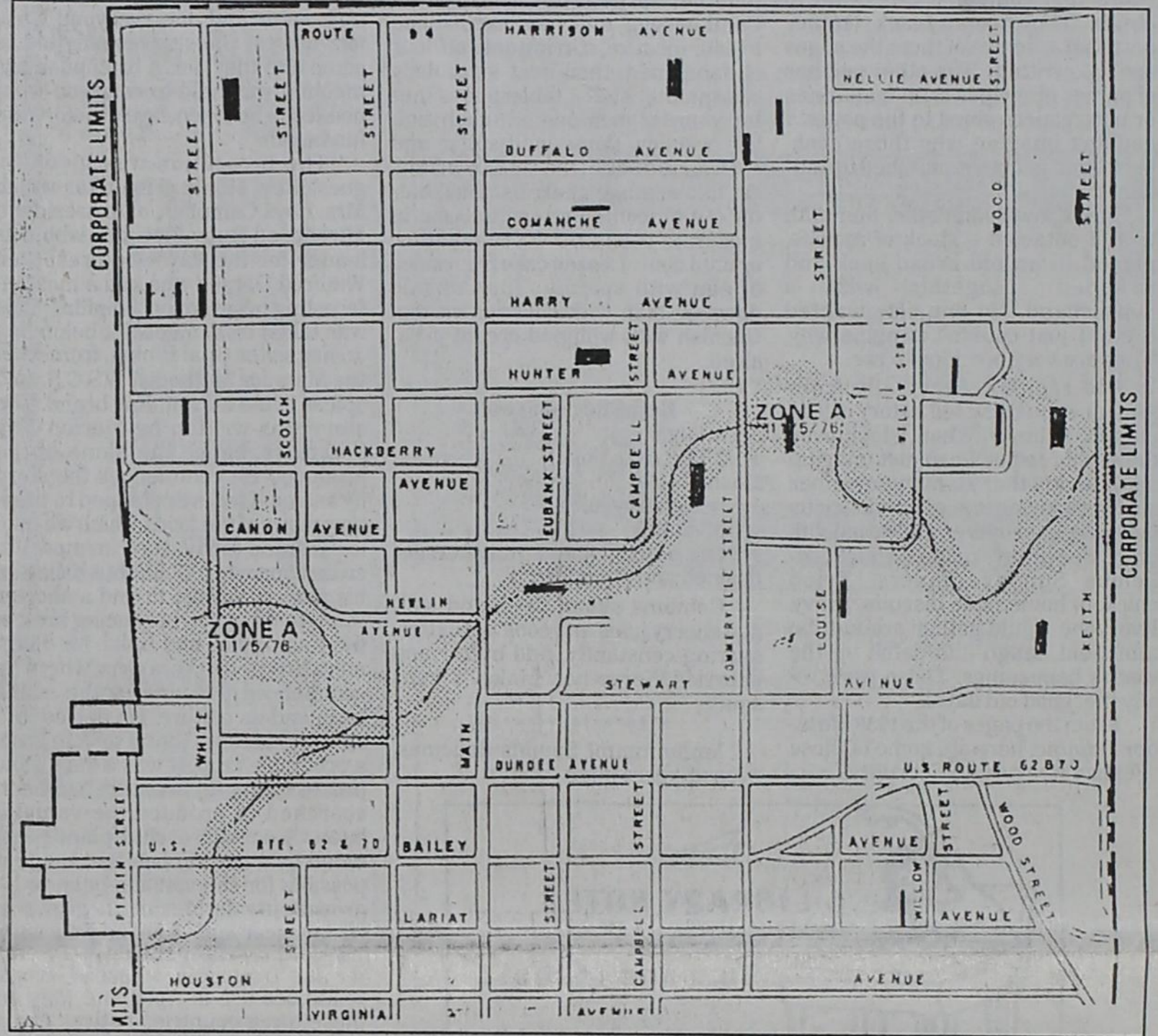
Texas, that a trust was created to handle gas leases and royalties. In the 80's and 90's overhead expenses had increased to the point that it was no longer feasible to hang on to the properties for the remaining mineral interest.

"What remained were not red hot items," Specks explained. "The remaining mineral interests had diminished and the trust decided to divest themselves of the properties."

Specks contacted Realtor Harry Hamilton, and he suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might find a way to turn the lots into a drawing card for development. The Sanger Investment Ltd. then turned the titles of the lots over to the Chamber.

Tax appraiser Brenda Osborn said that lots in Matador range from \$50 in the undeveloped part of town to \$1000 in the northern part of town.

Chamber president Rodney Williams said that the lots are being offered as a package and will be sold to the highest bidder. For more information, check out the website www.matleycounty.com or call the office at 806 347-2968 and speak to Barbara Armstrong.



Matador lots, indicated in solid black on above map, are being offer for sale by the Matley County Chamber of Commerce. The lots, a package of 27, are located in the Enterprise Zone.

Candidate filing off to slow start

With Monday, February 21, being a holiday and the first day for candidates to file for the May 6 elections, there seems to have been a slow start to the race, with only a handful of candidates showing interest as of Tuesday morning.

Local elections will include places on the Roaring Springs and Matador City Councils, the Matley County Hospital Board, and the Matley County School Board.

No one has yet filed for a place on the Roaring Springs City Council, which will have two places up for election, those currently being held by Gary Smith and Lisa Simpson.

Incumbent Don Warren is the only candidate who has filed for a place on the Matador City Council, which will have two council terms open, currently held by Shane Jones and Mr. Warren. The Mayor's posi-

tion, currently held by Gary Lancaster, will also be up for election.

No one has filed for a position on the Matley County Hospital Board, which will have three places up for election. Terms held by Dianne Washington, Ronnie Vandiver and Charles Keith will expire.

Four candidates have filed for a place on the Matley County School Board. Douglas Campbell, Bobby Williams and Marisue Potts of Matador and Coy Franks of Flomot have filed for three places up for election, currently held by Larry Clifton, Ben Grundy and J.D. Russell.

Those wishing to file may do so until 5:00 p.m. March 22 at the City Offices for City Council, the Superintendent's office for School Board, or with Bettye Stevens at the School for the Hospital Board.

Greece is theme for annual Mother-Daughter banquet

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on February 28 at 7 P.M. promises to entertain and tantalize the taste buds with a Grecian theme.

Travis Williams of the Cactus Theatre of Lubbock will present a one-man show along a 50's theme. To add to the fun, girls and their mothers are invited to wear clothing depicting the 50's era, but the choice is optional.

The menu will include parmesan

chicken, sour cream potatoes, garden salad, cheese rolls, lemonade or tea, and chocolate fudge sundaes.

The Eternas Study Club will host the event to honor girls in the 4th through 12th grades and their mothers, or grandmothers, or other mentors.

According to teacher Tonya Hoyle, if a young lady would like to attend and does not have a mother escort, a suitable substitute will be provided.

Local student chosen to participate in Summer Rome Program

Sherri Thomas of Matador has been chosen to participate in a 2000 Summer Rome Program for High School Students sponsored by the University of Dallas. The particular program Sherri wishes to participate in is called Shakespeare in Italy. It takes place on the Rome campus of the University of Dallas, and seeks to combine the genius of Shakespeare's plays with faculty-led tours through Rome, Assisi, Venice, and Florence in order to introduce students to the literature, history, philosophy, and art of western civilization. In order to ensure that students reap a lasting benefit from their travels, the program has been built into a college course which awards three hours of credit. The daily schedule includes several hours touring the city, along with two hours in class. The remainder of the day is reserved for studying. Traveling in and around Rome is extensive and includes tours of such sites as the Pantheon, Roman Forum, Colos-

seum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, and the Borghese Museum.

In order to be accepted into this program, Sherri had to submit an application and recommendations from two teachers. The selection process is quite competitive, and it is an honor to be accepted. However, the cost of the program is fairly expensive, and although partial scholarships are available, she must raise the remainder of the funds to participate on her own. She has a part-time job, but this will not provide enough to pay for the trip.

If you would like to help make Sherri's trip possible, contributions may be made by contacting her at PO. Box 664, Matador, Texas 79244.

Sherri is a sophomore at Patton Springs High School in Afton. She is the daughter of Ray and Susan (Copeland) Thomas of Matador, and the granddaughter of Bob and Wanda Copeland of Afton and Mae Thomas and the late Clayton Thomas of Matador.

Beware: Deer sightings turn into road kill

by Marisue Potts

As the foothill country of the rolling plains turns into wildlife havens, deer and feral hogs are attracted to highway right-of-way for the grazing opportunities. More sightings may mean more road kill, more danger and more damage.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Cary Barnett cautions Motley County motorists to be especially careful when driving from dusk to dawn or 30 minutes before and after when deer graze close to the roadways.

"Avoid driving during those hours when you are more likely to be tired and your vision is not as good," he said.

"If you see buzzards or crows, honk; it will scare them off. But, if you see deer, don't honk. It will just panic them to run into the line of traffic." Barnett attributes 50% of the ac-

cidents reported in the county to be caused by collisions with deer or cattle. Since 1998, 19 deer and ten cows have figured in a variety of reported accidents across U.S., State, and county roads. However, many of these accidents are not reported because the damage is less than \$500 or insurance coverage is unavailable.

Besides accidents reported to the DPS and the Sheriff's office, the Texas Department of Transportation answers many calls to remove deer from highways or right-of-ways.

Douglas Campbell, Maintenance Engineer of the Matador TXDOT office, notes that approximately 30 roadkill deer have been removed during the fall-winter season.

"We've seen the most activity east of Matador near Swenson Hill. Around 20 (dead) deer have been picked up in the flat where they are attracted to the green grass and

weeds." Five or six deer have been picked up west of Matador, three north of town near the Malcolm Jameson homestead, and three west of Roaring Springs.

Campbell explained that deer crossing signs are not always feasible. The various locations of roadkill or trail crossings change with the seasons and the available forage. Also signs that have been placed have often been stolen or vandalized.

Feral hog crossings or feeding areas also pose a hazard for motorists. For example, near Paducah pigs have rooted up highway right of way.

According to Trooper Barnett, although it is relatively rare, feral hogs, when hit by an automobile, can wreck the undercarriage. "Drive carefully and stay alert," he urged.

See picture on page 5.

Roaring Springs Reunion plans made

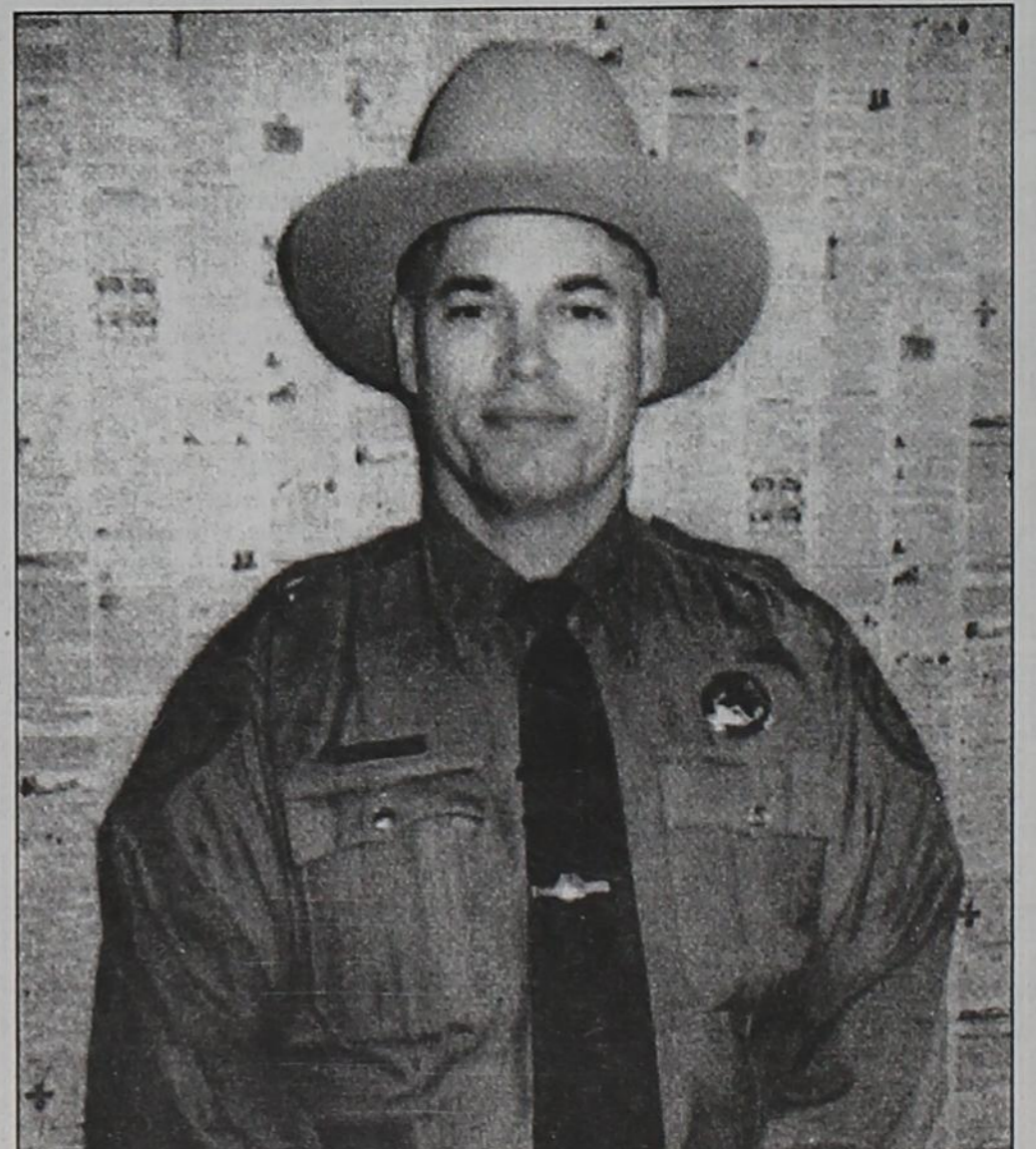
The Roaring Springs Alumni Committee met Friday, February 11 at the home of Corky and Monta Marshall in Roaring Springs to discuss the upcoming school reunion, to be held June 17, 2000 at the new Roaring Springs Community Center.

The noon meal will be catered. LaNita's Cafe will be open all day and will serving a Mexican Buffet in the evening.

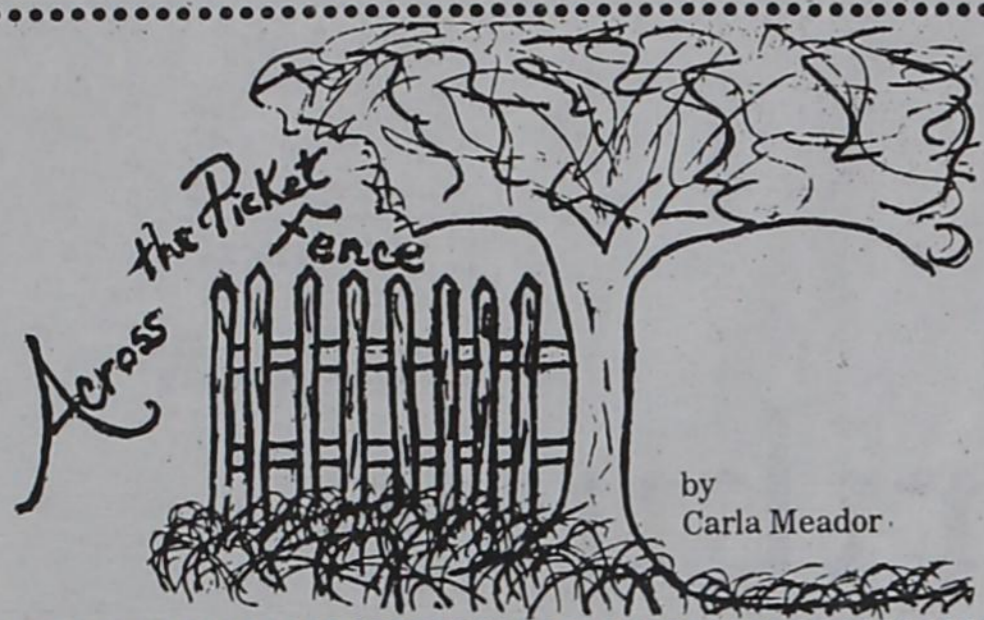
Gordon Harmon will be the emcee for the program. Bud Glen will provide music. Several local alumni will host receptions in the afternoon for their schoolmates. These will likely be done in 5-year segments.

Arrangements are being worked out with the Roaring Springs Ranch Club to allow alumni to tour the swimming pool, picnic area, creek and other favorite spots. This has not been finalized yet. Anyone wishing to go swimming, camp or play golf will need to be a guest of a local member.

There will be one more newsletter before the reunion with more details.



NEW DPS OFFICER — Cary Barnett began his duties as a new DPS (Department of Public Safety) Officer in Matley County the first of February. Mr. Barnett and his family, wife, Kathy and 3-year-old son, Justin, come to Matley County from Red River County in East Texas. He has been a DPS officer for five years. The Barnetts are very happy to live in Matley County and feel the county is a very friendly place to live. They are attending church at the Matador Church of Christ and becoming an active part of the community. We welcome them to Matley County.



While going through the old 1938 papers for the "Look Back" column this week, I found some old recipes under the headline "Festive Recipes for February". Now old recipes are right up my ally.

I love to look through old cookbooks. Sometimes I'll start looking for a particular recipe and find myself lost in page after page of ingredients. I most enjoy the very old cookbooks, the antique ones. I love to go to estate sales or garage sales and look through the cookbooks. I purchased some at the estate sale of Roberta Jameson a few years ago. Three of the most wonderful cookbooks that you could ever want to obtain. They are all black, leather notebooks. In two of them the pages are typewritten. The other one has clippings of recipes from magazines or newspapers glued to the pages. I couldn't imagine why those cookbooks had not been snatched up earlier.

When my grandmother Meredith died, I obtained a stack of recipes, placed in an old bread sack and wrapped together with a rubberband. No one else wanted them. I just couldn't imagine why. They are very precious to me.

Old recipes, especially from someone you knew, tell a story of that person, I think. When I look over those old recipes I can just imagine my grandmother standing over her stove preparing one of her delicious meals for her children and grandchildren. She always made the most delicious Sunday dinners. Fried chicken, homemade biscuits, gravy. Everyone would gather around the table, eat, laugh and catch up the week's happenings. Those were really the "good old days".

From the pages of the 1938 *Matador Tribune*, here are some of those "Festive Recipes for February."

Cherry Upside Down Cake
 1 1/4 c. sifted cake flour
 1 1/4 tsp. double-acting baking powder
 1/4 tsp. salt
 4 TBS. softened butter or other shortening
 1 egg, well beaten
 1/2 c. milk
 1 tsp. vanilla
 4 TBS butter
 1/2 c. sugar
 1 1/2 c. pitted and drained red cherries, fresh or canned.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar and sift together three times. Add butter. Combine egg, milk, and vanilla; add to flour mixture, stirring until all flour is dampened; then beat vigorously one minute. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in 8x8x2 inch pan or 8-inch skillet, over low flame; add sugar and cook and stir until thoroughly mixed. On this arrange cherries. Turn batter out on contents of pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 50 minutes, or until done. Loosen cake from sides of pan with spatula. Turn upside down on dish with cherries on top. Garnish with whipped cream if desired.

Red Cherry Sauce
 3/4 c. sugar
 1 1/2 TBS cake flour
 Dash of salt
 1 c. red cherry juice
 1 TBS butter
 1/2 cup pitted, canned red cherries, drained and cut in half.

Combine sugar, flour, and salt; add cherry juice and cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add butter and cherries. Serve hot. Makes 2 cups sauce.

 Yummmmm! Sounds delicious, even 62 years later.



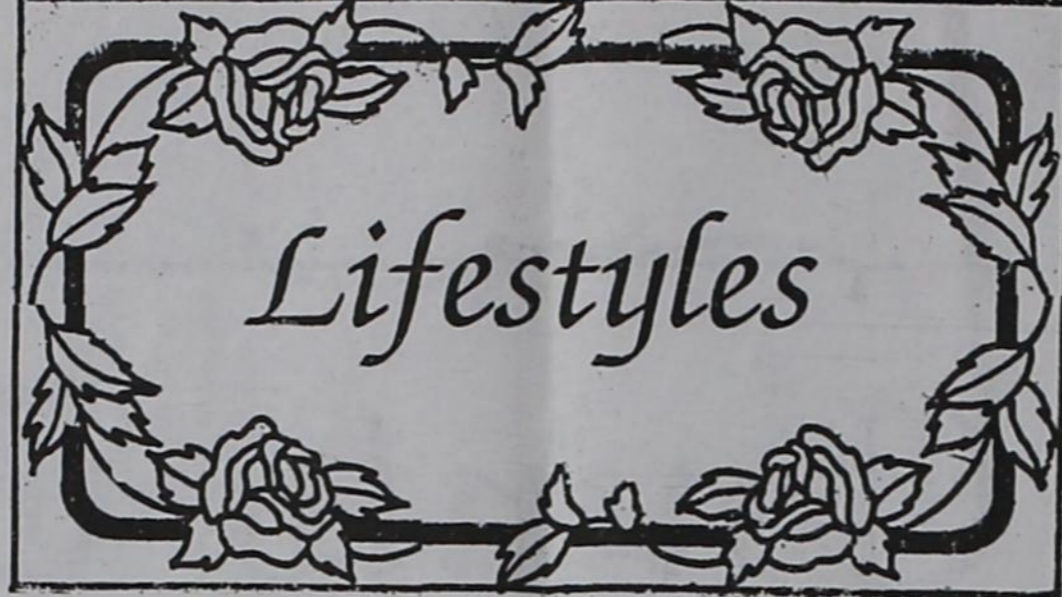
We appreciate the donations that the Library received this past week. We thank Rita and Algie Groves for their donations in memory of Ruth Stafford, Clayton Thomas, Ruby Myles, Boyce Hart, Edna Campbell, Milton Brooks, and Ruth Baker. We also thank Skeet and Earlyne Jameson for their donation in memory of Margaret Stephens. Thank you to Jo Scott for her donations in memory of Brenda McKeen, Milton Brooks, and Ruth Baker. We also thank Rex Carson for the Stephen King Library that she donated to the Library.

The Friends of the Library and the Museum have an exciting afternoon planned for everyone on March 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Library. The story of Molly Goodnight will be presented by Loralee Cooley and cowboy guitarist Don Minkley. Refreshments will be served and the door prize will be the beautiful Texas Star, the 1999 Texas Capitol ornament. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

New books in the library include the best seller *Body for Life*. This is an excellent exercise book and will be of interest to all who wish to maintain a strong, health body. New fiction includes best sellers *Gap Creek* by Robert Morgan and *Saving Faith* by David Baldacci. Also on the shelf is John Grisham's newest, *The Brethren*.

New in the Easy Section of the Library is an outstanding counting book called *Somewhere in the Ocean*. Also for the younger reader is a story about a pig who goes to a "Dude" ranch. It is called *Clarence Goes Out West and Meets a Purple Horse*. The attraction of kids books for kids of all ages are the beautiful illustrations in full color, and both of these books are magnificent in that respect.

Come by and look at the "Molly Goodnight" display case. It was put together by Patricia Green and Ruby McGuire with items from the Motley County Historical Museum and from the Abbott museum that is situated in a mesquite patch south of Roaring Springs.



In observance of Black History Month
A fond remembrance
of friends

by Mary Meason

Last week, when it finally occurred to me that February is the month that we honor our black friends, I decided I would like to write about some of my friends in Motley County.

I have gotten so old that I've outlived many of my black friends, but some of the younger people are still with us. But many have passed away or have moved to be closer to their children.

Renomia Campbell worked for me years ago and she is still here. My son used to call her "Nomy." He was always so quiet and very pleasant when she was at my house. I'm always so glad to see her.

Clara and George Mangram are among the few who are still here. Clara never worked for me but she gave her help when she was needed. One time my sister-in-law needed help in her home, so I went to Clara's house and asked her if she could go help my sister-in-law. She readily agreed to be of help. A person never forgets someone like that. George used to go to our farm at Roaring Springs and pick up the cotton that the stripper dropped out at the end of the turn rows.

It seems I have known Pauline Richardson forever and her husband, Roscoe Smith, also. Pauline was always busy helping someone. Now she is in poor health. She never worked for me, but we have always been friends. I'm so glad she had the Cruise that her children gave her. I asked Roscoe why he didn't go with her. He said he wasn't about to get out on that water.

Jessie T. Sims, I'm sure has been under nearly every house in Matador. When I would call him for a plumbing problem, he wasn't long in coming to my aid. I don't know his wife, but I must say she has the nicest "telephone" voice I've ever heard.

Algae and Walter Jones have almost become a fixture in Matador. Before Walter passed away, Algae helped him prepare food for many different occasions in Matador, and they and their good food will never be forgotten.

Everyone knows Jimmy (Wit) Smith. He can be seen in different places in Matador. He picks up aluminum cans and makes some extra money. He always has a smile and a good word to say to those he meets.

Jessie Mae Brown is a friend I'll never forget. She worked for Marion Woodruff when their younger daughter was just talking good. She always called Jessie Mae, "Messie Mae".

Sometimes I slip and still call her "Messie Mae".

There are four black people who are very special to me. Fannie Thompson really worked for my mother, but that was before I married. Fannie loved my mother so much that she never held back on correcting anyone. One time my Mom told me to do something and I was busy doing something for myself, so I said "In just a minute." Fannie came to where I was and said, "You get up and go to what your Mamma wants you to do. Don't tell her, 'in a minute'." Fannie never held back for anything where my mother was concerned. I suppose that Fannie was about the first black person to attend the Methodist Church in 1936. Our family saw to it that she attended my mother's funeral service.

Minnie Charles worked for me. After my mother had died, I was living at home with my dad. We always called her "Charles". She was a well educated lady. She could do more work the fastest of anyone I have ever seen. She would clean every room in our two story house and cook three meals a day.

My dad said, "I don't like to talk around Charles." I asked him why he felt that way. His reply was, "Because she speaks such correct English."

Eugenia Mitchell, the school teacher here, was my son's favorite person. She babysat with him when he was little, and he really loved her. When she fixed his lunch she would ask him to give thanks. He would say, "Not yet." He would always give thanks after he had eaten.

Eugenia moved to Denton so her youngest child could go to college. He became a brain surgeon.

C.C. "Red" Beck. I'll never forget him. He had worked for my husband's family, when Melvin volunteered for the army and left me with forty hogs and thirty-five or forty cows and the farming to do, along with my school teaching job.

I knew absolutely nothing about farming, but Red came to my rescue and moved to our farm to teach and help me. I learned, but it was difficult. I learned to use a Farmall tractor and a Ford tractor. Heading maize was one thing I didn't mind doing.

I certainly sympathize with farmers. They deserve everything they ask for! Farming is really hard work. Now farmers have to do everything the government tells them to do.

It seems that our black friends are dying or moving away. We will miss them much more than they realize.

El Progresso club
members enjoy game day

by Beverly Vinson

When dawn broke on Thursday morning, February 10, 2000, members of El Progresso club were getting ready to enjoy a day of fun, food and Bingo! The Senior Citizens building was the center of attraction and had been gaily decorated in the Valentine motif as this is the club's annual affair and one everyone looks forward to. Guests were invited to come and they did. A brief business meeting was held to carry on what needed to be taken care of before the fun began.

The invocation was given by guest Rev. Monte Wike after which Mrs. Loys Campbell, club president, introduced Ruby McGuire who was leader for the day. She presented Winifred Darsey who had a most interesting program on "Vanilla." This was taken from a booklet belonging to her sister Opal Pipkin, from when the Matador Methodist W.S.C.S. sold spices of the Marion Kay brand. The story was written by Marion Kay Summers, hence the name of the products. He commences the story by asking if we ever stopped to think how many of the foods which we take for granted today were unknown to civilization when Columbus sailed on his famous voyage to find a shorter route to the spice-producing area of the East Indies and India. Mr. Summers traveled to Vera Cruz where he commenced his search for the vanilla bean and its culture. He delved into all the processes that it took to grow a profitable crop. It was a long, slow process until all avenues had been searched to produce the vanilla bean. A certain orchid plant pollinated by a certain bee that made it possible for the vanilla bean to be grown outside Mexico. It grows in Madagascar and Tahiti as well, with the growing seasons being in November and December, whereas crops in Mexico are in April and May. In these three countries natives use a small stick to hand pollinate the Plainifolia Orchid, one blossom at a time. Beans must be picked at the proper time of maturity. Americans consume 75% of the vanilla beans grown in the world. Just as the cattlemen of the west brand their cattle, so is the vanilla bean branded by the owners. Beans are cured with several processes taking place before

shipping out. The beans are percolated just as coffee is percolated. As competition became more keen, some manufacturers began "cutting" their vanilla to undersell their competitors and the Government had to set up minimum standards. Pure vanilla extract contains less than 35% alcohol and must meet the same standards, but is listed as a "flavor". Today pure vanilla is used by drug manufacturers as flavoring in medicines, also in perfume production, in soft drinks as Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola. Pure vanilla was first discovered by the white man in the court of Montezuma, used in conjunction with the cocoa seed to make a chocolate drink. It was this combination which started vanilla on the road to popularity.

After the program, the group enjoyed large baked potatoes with the many toppings served from the beautifully decorated table in the red and candy heart setting. Another table held several Valentine desserts to conclude a happy meal with friends and guests. Tea and coffee were also served throughout the afternoon. The "girls" who came just to enjoy the meal and had to return to work missed a great afternoon of trying to outnumber those numbers on the cards to get to select a "white elephant" gift from the table loaded with prizes brought from the homes of the members. Door prizes of Valentine candy were given throughout the afternoon as guests and members had registered as they entered the door, given a heart shaped paper with a number on it. When the number was drawn the lucky person got a pretty candy heart memento.

Those attending were Jeanne Adams, Debbie Martin, Noma Wike, Ruby McGuire, Loys Campbell, Lucretia Campbell, JoEtta Bumgardner, Lana Copp, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Patricia Green, Gerry Jones, Marjorie King, Billie Koon, Lola Pohl, Grace Campbell, JoAnn Dickson and Beverly Vinson. Guests were Kim Jenschke, Rita Groves, Marge Edwards, June Jennings, Greta Smallwood, Elaine Hart, Judy Cartwright, Linda Perryman, Shonda Elliott, Lynn Campbell, Shirley Smith, D'Anna Russell, Eva Barkley, and Rev. Monte Wike.

Arts & Crafts Club news

by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club met February 7 at the Senior Citizens Center for a workshop, luncheon, and regular business meeting.

Betty Bostick taught the workshop on how to paint with lead on glass. This form of painting is outstanding in texture and color.

Sun-catchers are the category these paintings would be classified as. They bring color and beauty to any room or decor. It was a delight to bring beauty out of a plain piece of glass.

The covered dish luncheon was a joyful hour, with good food and good friends.

The business meeting was short, but productive. There were plans made for future programs.

The program or workshop for March will be taught by Vee Gordon on the construction of birdhouses. The houses will be ready to paint. Each member will bring the decorations for their birdhouses.

The hostesses for the day were very outstanding, with finger food and pretty decorations. They were Gerri Jones, Lana Copp and Pauline Hand. All members agreed they were "hostess with the mostess."

Members present were Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, Dixie Littiken, Dorothy Knight, Linda Ruhl, Edna Eades, Elsie Thacker, Shirley Smith, Joyce Meredith, Billie Koon, Winifred Lee, Betty Simpson, Winifred Darsey and the three hostesses and teacher.

The next meeting will be held March 6 at the Senior Citizens building. See you there!

The City Council of
Roaring Springs

Would like all interested citizens of Roaring Springs to attend an informational meeting on a possible 1/2 cent Sales Tax Election. This meeting is an open forum to learn the details about the benefits as well as any concerns regarding this sales tax.

When: Monday, February 28, 2000
6:30 PM

Where: Roaring Springs Depot

Representatives from West Texas Utilities will be on hand to discuss how this tax has affected other communities in the area and state.

"The Demise of the Church"



Recent research has revealed that 60 percent of the church's membership is over 65 years of age. What is the message in those figures? Simply stated it is that if this continues, the church will die as old age claims its members.

Somehow we have arrived at the conclusion that if we only could recapture what those first century churches had our churches would never die. But history would show us in error. What happened to churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus or even Philippi? They aged, they stagnated and they died. Why?

The answer for those churches of the first century is the same for us today. Churches die because the members become so busy at their own business no time is found for God's business. Churches die because we work at our jobs, we work in the yard, we even work at "having a good time." This leaves us with very little time for the Lord's work.

No, not any of us wants the Church to die. We can prevent it. If the congregation of which you are a part lives, it will live because you live. Because you work with and for it. This also will stimulate others to make the time to live and work for the Lord. For if the church dies, that generation will die also... "then cometh the judgement."

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
 Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

"But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

Applying for student financial aid quick, easy

Millions of students applying for federal student financial aid this year will find the process easier and faster than ever before, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the nation's largest source of college student aid. In addition, tax credits of up to \$1,500 per student for tuition expenses paid last year are available for 1999 federal income tax filers.

"Streamline forms have cut paperwork significantly," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "With electronic filing, a student's aid application can be processed in a matter of hours. Further more, tax credits can make college or training courses more affordable and reduce the amount of income tax families owe."

This year, an estimated \$51.4 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study opportunities will be awarded to some 8.4 million students out of 10 million applicants. Even students who are not financially needy enough to qualify for grants or federally subsidized loans are eligible for loans at interest rates lower than those offered by commercial lenders.

Following are some facts that potential applicants may find useful:

- **Applying for federal aid is free.** Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in the process. Students can file electronically or on a paper application. Most state and institutional aid eligibility is determined by the FAFSA, so students should start there. Students are also encouraged to talk to the financial aid directors at the schools they hope to attend to learn about financial aid package and other sources of assistance. Students can obtain a FAFSA at high school guidance offices, libraries, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at 1-800-433-3243 (TDD 1-800-730-8913).

— **Electronic filing is faster, less error-prone.** An estimated 12 to 14 percent of paper applications are returned for errors, adding time to the application process. By filing electronically, students can avoid delays because the software immediately identifies errors and allows for on-the-spot corrections. FAFSA on the WEB is now available to students to apply electronically through the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA on the Web can be accessed with many popular browsers, including Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer. Help is available by calling the customer service hotline at 1-800-801-0576 (TDD 1-800-511-5806).

— **Reapplying for aid simplified.** Reapplying for aid is simpler than ever. Students simply add a minimal amount of new information on the 2000-2001 renewal form and update any information that has changed since 1999-2000 (family size, for example). Students can also re-apply electronically by using the renewal version of FAFSA on the Web. For renewal filing over the web, students are given an electronic access code of PIN that serves as the student's signature. Parents will still have to sign if the applicant is a dependent. Check with the school financial aid administrator for questions about the renewal paper or elec-

tronic FAFSA or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center.

— **PIN numbers now available.** The department will mail a PIN (personal Identification number) to new students who apply for aid in the 2000-2001 award year. The PIN can be used to access the student's account information online, access renewal FAFSAs, and take the place of the student's signature for FAFSA on the WEB applications in subsequent years. Beginning March 6, students can make corrections to an aid application through the Internet.

Other useful tips:

- print carefully and clearly using only blue or black ink or pencil; no other colored ink accepted;
- have the student's Social Security number ready;
- use W-2 forms and carefully estimate tax information if federal income taxes have not yet been completed;
- be aware of deadline dates for the schools to which you are applying. While students have an 18-month window to apply for federal aid, some schools have early filing dates for their own institutional aid that may be based on federal aid eligibility (a list of state deadlines is included in the FAFSA instructions);
- some schools use only the federal form. Others have a separate form for institutional aid so be sure to check with the school;
- do not report parents when answering the question, "how many students in the family are attending college?" but do report oneself even if attendance is less than half-time, and other family members who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program and who are enrolled at least half-time;
- the forms are processed by computer, so do not attach additional materials and write only in the marked spaces on the application, never in the margins;
- be sure to sign the application or separate signature sheet for electronic filers (except electronic renewal filers who are independent) and have a parent sign if required.

In addition to federal grants, loans and work-study, families can take advantage of education tax credits; up to \$1,500 for the HOPE tax credit for each student enrolled in the first two years of college or vocational school; and up to \$1,000 for the Lifetime Learning tax credit for those beyond the first two years of study for students enrolled in vocational, college, graduate and professional schools, or adults taking classes part-time to improve or upgrade their job. These credits can be claimed by eligible taxpayers when they file their 1999 tax returns. In 1998, 4.7 million families received \$3.4 billion in education tax credits.

To take advantage of the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS form 8863 with their federal tax return. For more information, call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040, read IRS publication 970 or visit the U.S. Treasury Department's website at www.irs.gov

A Note of Thanks

I would like to say "Thank You" to those who have helped us during this trying time with my wife's illness. Mitzie and I are very grateful to be living in a community that helps one another when sickness or other catastrophes happen. We wish to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food.

The Gumaers

The children of Louvaine Scaff appreciate all the kindnesses and the good food served to us in our time of sorrow in the passing of our grandfather, John Barton.

Roger, Tommy, Jane, Jill and Joyce

We would like to thank the First Baptist Church of Matador for the use of their church and to everyone for the words of concern, the delicious food, your cards, flowers and most of all your prayers during this time of the loss of our loved one. May God bless you at your time of need.

The family of Bobbie Ann Cole

Motley County School News

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Pickle, Rosy Apples, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Meat and Bean Chalupas, Grated Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit Cup, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Breakfast: Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Bread Sticks, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peanut Butter Cookie, Apple, Milk.

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4-H Clothing Project to meet

4-H Project leader, Janie Campbell, announced this week that the 4-H Clothing Project will hold their first meeting at 5:00 p.m. this Thursday, February 24 in the Home-making Room at the School. Jan Jones will be presenting a program covering three objectives related to the clothing project.

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ing buttons. Wrap the sewing notions in the fabric and tie with a string of cloth tie.

Homecoming Kit — 8 unbreakable shallow bowls (1 qt. Size), 8 unbreakable cups, 8 soup spoons, 1 large cooking spoon, 2 bath towels, 2 hand towels, 2 double bed sheets (at least 1 flat), 2 pillow cases, 1 lightweight blanket.

Send all new kitchen supplies and bedding; no used materials please. Pack in 12x12x16 carton.

School Kit — 1 blunt scissors, 2 pads of 8x11" ruled paper, 1 30 centimeter ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 6 unsharpened pencils w/erasers, 1 2 1/2 inch eraser, 12 sheets of construction paper, 1 box of 8 crayons.

Prepare a 12x14" cloth bag with handles and place the items in the bag.

Health Kit — 1 new hand towel, 1 new wash cloth, 1 new comb, 1 nail file or 2 emery boards, 1 bar of soap in original wrap, 1 toothbrush in original sealed package, 1 large tube of toothpaste/ no samples or travel size, 6 band aids.

Place the items in the hand towel and tie it with string or yarn; or put items in a zip lock bag. Do not add items not on the list.

Can get the 12x12x16 carton from a moving or storage company.

Layette — 4 cloth diapers, 2 shirts, 2 wash clothes, 2 gowns, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater, 2 receiving blankets.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge when the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild met in her home on Wednesday night, February 16. Mrs. Cheslea Read gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Mary Lumsden's devotional was on Prayer. Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. Mrs. Chelsea Read gave the bible study on the "Modern Interpretation of the Bible." A delicious meal was served to the following: Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Grace Zabelski, Mrs. Jeanne Adams, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Darleen Fletcher, Miss Lula Swim and the hostesses Mrs. Pearl Patten. Mrs. Patten gave the closing prayer.

Visiting Mrs. Vera Mitchell Friday were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Seigler of Paducah. Lester Mullins and Linda of Arlington visited his mother Odessa Mullins Sunday. They had lunch at LaNita's Cafe. Joe Martinez and Dianne Holman were in Crosbyton Monday for her a medical check up. The Monday morning coffee drinkers met with Callie Giesecke in Matador. They

were Lee Peacock, Pearl Patten, Mary Lumsden and Ruby McGuire. Lou and Don Largent and Cody Byrd shopped in Lubbock Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder drove to Los Cruces, N.M. Friday to visit with their daughter and family. Zella Palmer, Jo Trammell and Odessa Mullins attended the Caprock Evangelism Rally at the First Baptist Church in Floydada Wednesday night. They were joined there by the pastor's wife, Ginger Gilmore, Dan Barton and Lana Copp of Matador. They enjoyed Jennifer Young in Concert, "The World Through Music" and the message, "Gentle Evangelism" by Rev. Nathan Mulder. Geneva Dillard of Mustang, OK attended her aunt's funeral in Spur recently and came to Roaring Springs and spent the night with Billie Clifton. She also visited Ben and Devonne, Don and Marsha and with Dana Graham at their lunch hour at Main Street in Matador. Katie and Jim Wade spent the night with her sister, Billie Clifton, Tuesday night. They went to Northfield to see about graves at the Cemetery there, Tuesday afternoon. Billie Clifton attended a bridal shower for her granddaughter, Monica (Clifton) Smith last week in the Bar Wise Community.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Sandra Barclay reported a good turnout at the AED classes last Tuesday night at the Community Center. The paramedic conducting the session was Anthony Kingery of Silverton. Thursday night, Feb. 24, CPR written and skill tests were given at the Community Center by a certified CPR. Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited last weekend in Childress with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Clay, Conner and Cam. Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd had a medical appointment in Lockney, Wednesday and continued to Plainview on business. Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Arlington from Monday until Thursday with Mrs. Lula Cramer. They visited Wednesday in Granbury with his sister, Mrs. Nita Merritt. Seab Washington accompanied his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington to Amarillo, Wednesday and visited her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Light. Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended the birthday party honoring Fish Wilson on his 92nd birthday held in Quitaque Sunday afternoon. Art Green visited in Matador, Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green and houseguest, daughter, Virginia Green of Whiteface. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green.

tend a Family Outreach Workshop. It was held at the South Park Baptist Church. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and daughter and family, Derinda and Mark Patton, Thor, Tory Ann and Teah of Silverton were in San Antonio from Tuesday until Friday to attend the Livestock Show. Tory Ann's Berkshire hog was featured in the Swine division. They enjoyed the tourist attractions before returning home. B.T. O'Connell of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Sunday. Judy and Richard Rhodes of Conroe Lake visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and new son, Brian of Ropesville. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert is visiting in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Gwen and Tim Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton. Gwen had knee surgery, Wednesday, Feb. 16. Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday to be with their daughter, Bessie Reid, who had surgery at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, Wednesday. Joining them there was their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. They accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Amarillo and she visited son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Zelma D. Starkey. Emily Milam of Petersburg visited Tuesday and Wednesday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. She and her mother, Mrs. Dwain (Christi) Milam visited them, Sunday. Mary Ellen Barton had a dental appointment in Floydada, Monday.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

FRIENDS HONOR MARY HELEN CROSS

Mary Helen Cross, former Matador Methodist Minister, was honored at a Dutch Treat Lunch Saturday, February 19, when friends gathered for fellowship at Billie Dean's Restaurant. Lola Pohl hosted the affair and gave Mrs. Cross a handmade Valentine book in which guests registered. Billie Clifton asked a blessing before the meal, and Mary Meason entertained following with amusing tales of her life with her family in the early churches in Matador. Those enjoying the happy interlude, other than those already named, were Debbie Martin, Bonnie Edmondson, Darleen Fletcher and Rita Groves. Myrtle Overstreet graduated from Roaring Springs High School, along with me and Mike Hoyle. After we had raised several younguns' Myrtle and I became pen pals and exchanged letters intermittently for years. She had retired from teaching in Swearingen, Texas and had lost her second husband, so she was Myrtle Henry living at 4408 Wheeler in Fort Worth when I last heard from her. Through the Alumni School Letter, her daughter, Linda Webster, found my name and address and wrote to Palma and through Lea Peacock, Linda's letter of inquiry reached me. Happy day! I had missed Myrtle's warm letters for several years. Linda's address is 1114 Skylark Drive, Granbury, TX 76049. Myrtle is a now a victim of Alzheimers, but like many others she enjoys hearing and thinking of the past. Daughter Linda said she had enjoyed our correspondence, because it acquaints her with her mother's early days. You know how your mother will put you off, saying, "I'll tell you when I have more time, or when I'm older." I have sent some memory books to her with letters, pictures and other items that will recall to Myrtle the happy times she had in Roaring Springs, and the many friends she had here. It is characteristic of Alzheimers that the patient remembers the past and loves to hear about it. I sent Linda the information that her Overstreet grandmother had told Myrtle she was the first child born in Roaring Springs, in August of 1913, when Mr. Overstreet was with the "gang" building the railroad to Roaring Springs. The workers were housed in Tent City which may have been located between the present water tower and the Hwy. 70 bridge. Since I was born 3 miles south of Dickens City on the "Harvey Place" July 21, 1913, but since I didn't get to Roaring Springs until 1924, I can't verify that. Myrtle's brothers were Eurasia and Lee (Buddy), who was once our barber in Roaring Springs and may still live in Paducah. Are there those who will send a letter recalling old times that may bring a happy memory for Myrtle? Send them to the above Granbury address. Last week was an unusual week. I

asked another "hometown kid who made good," for permission to write about her family. She is Karla Leslie that you hear on Channel 13. She is a descendant of William Malberry Fulfer and Algier's cousin, Velma Groves. We knew Karla before she was old enough to be interested in who she was. Joe Meredith, who is reclaiming the old Nichols farm house, was asked to hurry with the new roof so it would rain. Today is the day, and it does look a little muggy outside, but as I have heard farmers say, "Let'er SLOSH!"

BARTON-BROOKS-COLE

We mourn the loss of friends John Barton, Edith Delores Brooks Smallwood, and Bobbie Cole, all members of families very dear to the people of Motley County. Last week we had to choose between attending Bobbie's or Delores' rites. Kenneth Dunning from Plainview was in charge of rites for Delores at 11:00 a.m. at East Mound Cemetery and services were being held at the same time at the First Baptist Church in Matador for Bobbie Ann Cole, the daughter of Walter and Algea Jones. We solved our problem by going to the rites for Delores, then waiting for the burial services for Bobbie Ann.

The day was beautiful. Seeing old friends was even more beautiful: to see the welcome on Algea's face; and get the great hug from Bobbie's sister, Evelyn, who was such a good friend to Becky, the daughter of my brother, Claudis Nichols, when both girls were working students at Tech; and to find Ossie Brown waiting to hold my hand as we walked across to where Pat Seigler was supervising the last rites for the daughter of the Joneses. It all brought back so many very good memories. There was the time that Walter and Algea helped us throw one of those great backyard barbecues for the high school kids. The memory is so dim, but I remember so well that the Joneses took over and made it a beautiful party.

Many moons ago when I was in grade school, and little girls were needed as "flower girls" to carry the wreaths, I was privileged to carry a wreath at the old Roaring Springs Baptist Church when the Brooks family lost a little daughter. I remembered that as I stood with the surviving Brooks daughters and their families at this graveside. Surviving sisters are Geraldene Skaggs, Genelle Carpenter and Pat Edwards all of Palo Pinto, TX, Alta Earle Price from Lubbock, Mary Ann Avara of Denver City, and Ruby Whitaker of Brownfield. As they spoke of their happy memories through the years, I remembered how faithful Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brooks had been to their community of neighbors in all their activities.

Monday was a perfect day for John Barton's rites at Matador. I am busy putting together a file on that great family for the Motley County Library. I want memories of these wonderful days kept for posterity.

Whiteflat News

OVERHEARD

It doesn't bother a public speaker too much when members of the audience look at their watches. It is when they shake those watches that shakes him up!

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. visited last Thursday with her daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon. They went to Fort Worth on Friday where Mrs. Hester visited Mrs. Janice Whittaker and Wilda and Spencer continued to Garland to visit his nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and son, Chance. They returned to their respective homes, Sunday. Mrs. Kathryn Martin visited in Roaring Springs Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin. Joining her there to visit

was her sister, Mrs. Raynita Newman of Spur. Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner were daughter and husband, Heather and Scott Blount of Aberrathy. Other guests at lunch, Sunday were Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot. Danielle and Fannin Gwinn, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, have been on the sick list. At newstime they were reported to be better. Mrs. Frances Dixon and Mrs. Kathryn Martin joined members of their Matador Baptist Sunday School class in the home of Mrs. Elsie Thacker, Wednesday for their monthly covered dish luncheon and afternoon entertainment.

Matador News

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edwards last weekend were daughter and granddaughter, Patti and Kristin Lane of Lubbock and grandson and wife, Grant and Shannon Edwards of Arlington.

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Obituaries

John B. Barton

Graveside rites for John B. Barton, 100, of Flomot, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 21, at East Mound Cemetery at Matador. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Barton died late Friday, February 18, 2000, at Kent County Nursing Home in Jayton, Texas. He was born October 30, 1899, in Motley County, and had been a lifelong resident of the Flomot and Matador areas. He was married to Josephine Martin November 19, 1918 at Matador. Mrs. Barton died April 10, 1972. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Louvaine Scaff, in 1998. He was a retired farmer and stockman. He is survived by one son, Blake "Bud" Barton of Floydada; one daughter, Betty Aldridge of Elk City, Oklahoma; one half-brother, Wilson Barton of Flomot; two half-sisters, Kathryn King of Matador and Leora Scrivner of Alpine, California; ten grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 34 great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Douglas Campbell, Donnie Cruse, Gid Simpson, Donnie Turner, Salty Jones and James Simpson.

Bobbie Ann Cole

Funeral services for Bobbie Ann Cole, 55, of Lubbock were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Tommie Wilson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Matador. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Mrs. Cole died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born May 8, 1944, in Matador. She graduated from Della Plains High School in Floydada in 1962. She was employed for over twenty years by Texas Instruments in Lubbock and later as a Teacher's Assistant for the Lubbock Independent School District. She was a member of the Parkway Church of Christ in Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Jones, and by a brother, George Dean Jones. She is survived by one daughter, LaFonda Cole of Lubbock; one son, Mack Cole, Jr. of Lubbock; her mother, Algea Jones of Matador; one sister, Evelyn Jones of Lubbock; and two grandchildren. Pallbearers were Charles Whitfield, Dwight Petties, Marion Thompson, Lester Campbell, Harold Brown, Clede Campbell, Joe Anthony Mangram and Melvin Pitts. Honorary Pallbearers were Jessie T. Sims, Roscoe Smith, Bus Seaphus, George Mangram and Louie Edwards.

Scottish Rite reunion named in memory of James "Chip" Smith

The 106th reunion of the Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies, has been named in memory of James "Chip" Smith, 32° KCCH, of Matador. The reunion will be held on Saturday, March 25.

The late Chip Smith is the son of Joe and Billie Dean Smith of Matador. He and his wife, Ellen, were killed in a tragic traffic accident in May of 1998. The couple were very active in the community and are survived by three children.



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Farm and Ranch news



ROAD KILL — This deer was hit near the gate of Jim Potts, west of Matador. Drivers are urged to use caution.

How work after retirement age may increase benefits

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
in Plainview, Texas

There are three ways you can increase the amount of your Social Security benefit even after you reach retirement age. Here's how:

If you begin receiving benefits before you reach full retirement age, we'll reduce your check by five-ninths of one percent for each month you are under full retirement age. According to the law, we can apply the reduction only to those months in which you receive a check. If you're still working, there may be some months in which you don't receive a check because your earnings exceed the annual earnings limit. (The 2000 limit for someone under full retirement age is \$10,080). In that case, when you reach full retirement age, we refigure your benefit to give back the five-ninths of one percent for each month you didn't receive a check.

As an example, let's say you started receiving Social Security when you turned 62 and the full retirement age for your year of birth is 65. We reduced your benefits by 20 percent (36 months times five-ninths of one percent equals 20 percent). A year later you returned to work for awhile and earned so much money that you didn't receive a Social Security check for nine months. When you reach 65, we will refigure your benefit, increasing it by five percent (five-ninths of one percent for each of the nine months you didn't get a check. From then on, your reduction will be 15 percent instead of 20 percent.

Here's another way to increase your benefit: If you continue working after you start getting benefits and your annual earnings are higher than the lowest of the years we used to compute your benefit, we'll refigure your benefit each year. We add in the higher year of earnings to see whether it will increase your benefit.

The third way to get a higher Social Security benefit is to delay your retirement beyond full retirement age — up to age 70. The percentage of increase depends on what year you were born and is based on a graduated scale. For example, if you were born in 1938, you receive a 6.5 percent increase for each year beyond your full retirement age that you delay sign up for Social Security. And if you're at the top of the graduated scale because you were born in 1943 or later, your benefit will be increased by 8 percent for each year you delay retirement.

Don't forget, when you continue working after you reach age 70 you don't have to meet the annual earnings limit. Your benefit will not be affected by the amount of your earnings. And each year, we'll refigure your benefits add in your additional year of earnings to see whether it will increase your benefit amount.

For more information about retirement benefits, call or visit any Social Security office or call our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213, to ask for Retirement (SSA Pub. No. 05-10035). Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

GENERIC CERTIFICATES TO EASE SUPPLY PROBLEMS

With the U.S. cotton industry facing potentially damaging effects from building domestic supplies, the announcement that generic certificates would be available beginning February 22 came as welcome news to cotton producers across the Cotton Belt.

The alternative was shaping up to be some one million bales of cotton forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation. The reason for the potential forfeitures was producers no longer able to market the crop with the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) or marketing loan gains (MLG) to bridge the gap between the loan value of the cotton and significantly lower world market prices.

The cotton marketing loan program provides the mechanism, primarily the LDP and MLG, that keeps U.S. cotton competitive on the world market. Current farm legislation, however, caps the amount of benefit a producer can receive through this mechanism and effectively limits the producer's ability to compete in the international market place. Cotton subsidies provided by other countries typically keep world market prices significantly lower than U.S. growers can stand.

The availability of generic certificates will make a significant number of bales accessible to the market immediately and solve two pressing problems.

The first thing it does is keep the CCC from having to take control of loan cotton and then try to market that cotton on its own. Secondly, by allowing the cotton to go ahead and move to market, certificates will prevent the government from having to market cotton at the same time producers are trying to sell their 2000 crops.

Generic certificates will help reduce burdensome stocks from accumulating and also help producers realize a minimum level of price support on all of their production without having to forfeit cotton to the government.

The Secretary of Agriculture's decision to allow CCC loan redemptions with certificates conforms with 14 years of precedent and brings to light the important role certificates play in keeping commodities in the private sector and out of government stockpiles.

TDA TO HOLD ORGANIC COTTON HEARINGS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold a series of public hearings to gain feedback on proposed rules regarding the handling of certified organic cotton production within active boll weevil eradication zones.

The hearings will be held on February 21 and 22 at three High Plains locations and serve as the best opportunity for growers to voice their ideas to successfully accomplish boll weevil eradication while simultaneously protecting the interests for conventional and organic growers.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb. 24: Soil Fertility Day, Olive Liner Center, Plainview.
- March 6: House Agriculture Committee Field Hearing, Lubbock.
- April 6: PCG 43rd Annual Meeting, Lubbock.
- April 6-7: TCGA Convention & Trade Show, Lubbock.

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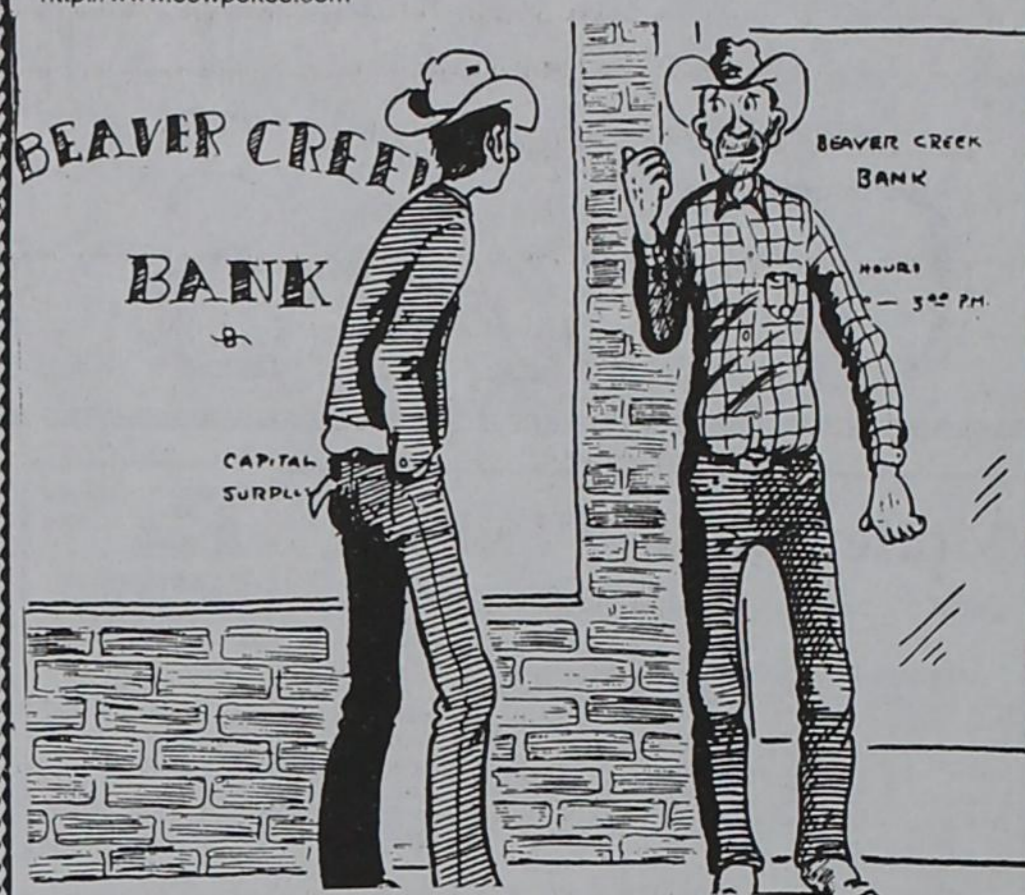
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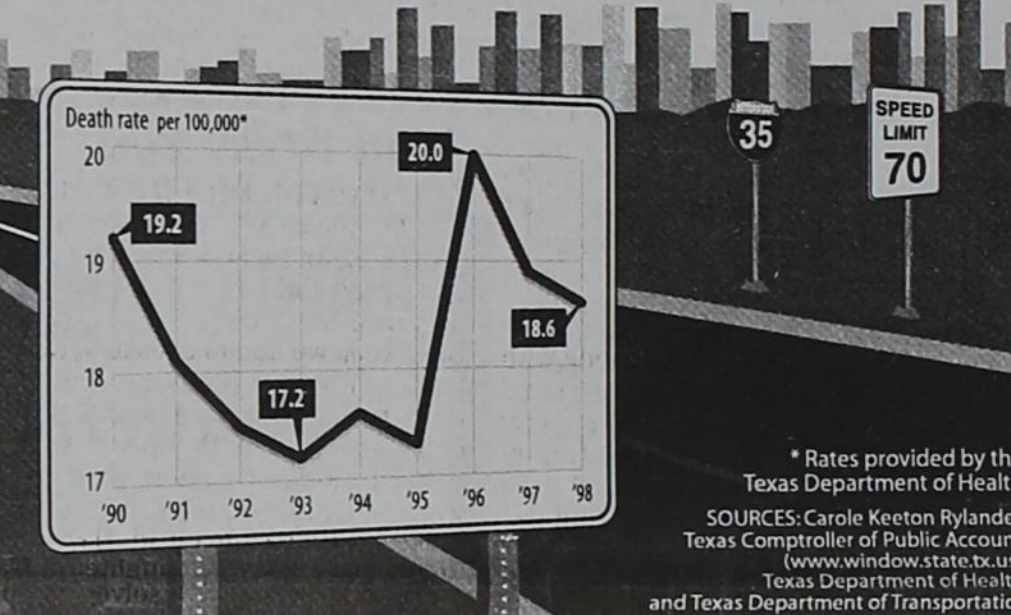
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The City of Roaring Springs will hold a City Council Election on May 6, 2000. Applications will be accepted to fill (1) 2-year term for Mayor and (2) 2-year terms for council members. February 21, 2000 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 22, 2000 is the last day for accepting applications. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Ballot position drawing will be conducted, at the Roaring Springs City Hall at 9:00 o'clock am., on March 23, 2000.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MINERVA RUTH STAFFORD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of MINERVA RUTH STAFFORD, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 17th day of February, A.D., 2000, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me at the address below given, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

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The City of Roaring Springs is now accepting bids for a blue 1990 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. Mail bids to the City of Roaring Springs, Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256. Bids must be in the City office by February 29, 2000. The City has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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GIRL SCOUTS COOKIE SALE
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