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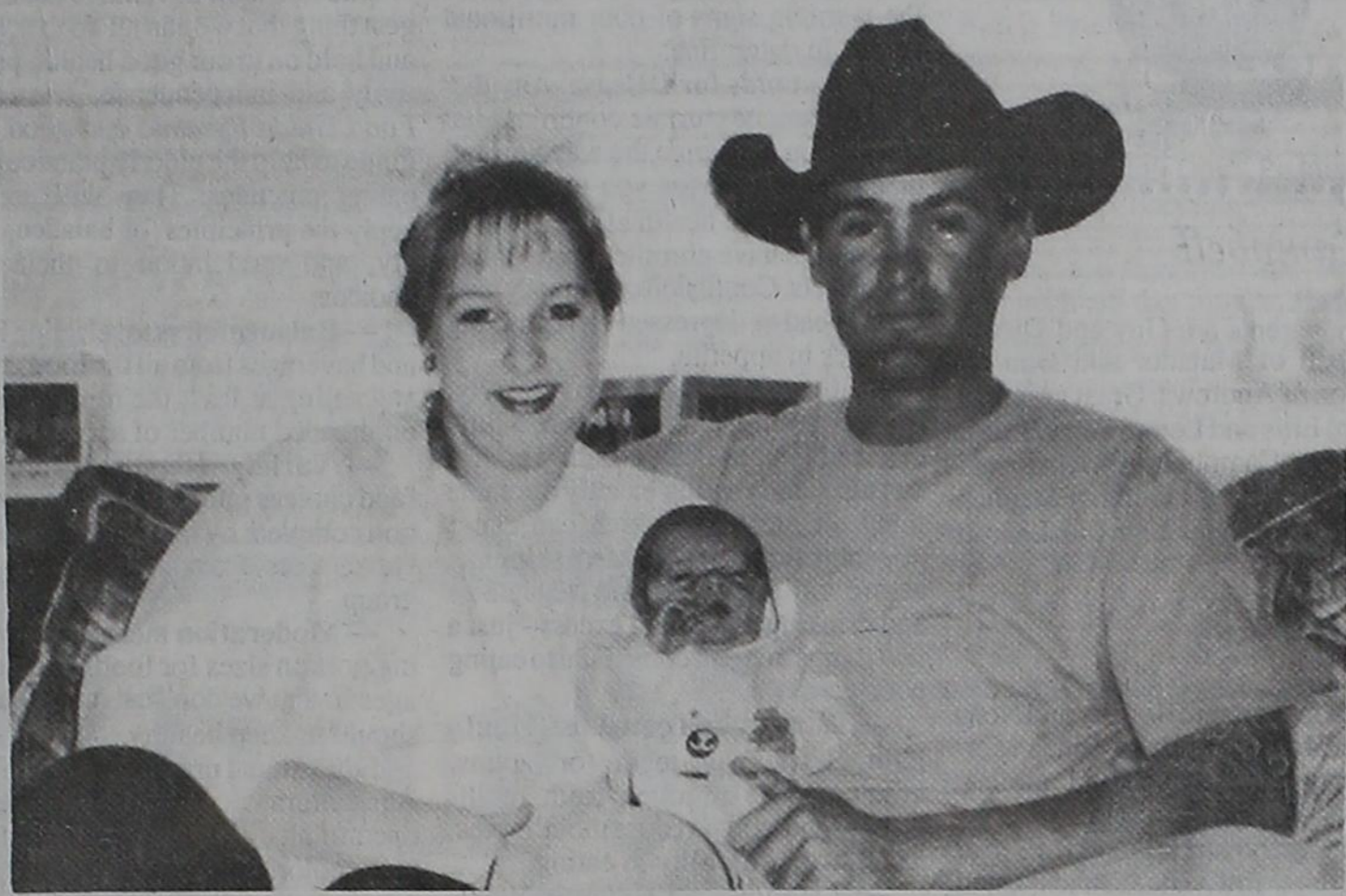
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FIRST MOTLEY COUNTY BABY OF 1996 — Little Hunter Heath Campbell sits contently with his Mom and Dad, Cory and Heath Campbell of Matador. Hunter was born Wednesday, January 10, 1996, making him the first baby born to Motley County residents in 1996. Hunter is the Campbell's first child.

Future of America's Food Policy Debated at Texas Farmers Union

How producers, consumers and the economy will fare in the upcoming farm bill debate will be the focus of the 92nd annual convention of the Texas Farmers Union (TFU). The state's oldest family farm and ranch organization will convene at the Radisson Mockingbird Hotel in Dallas January 26-27.

A "Farm Program Forum" will feature national and state experts in a lively discussion on the impact of farm programs and the international marketplace. "The dramatic impact of the policies under consideration in Washington affect every producer and consumer," said TFU President Joe Rankin. "This forum will provide definitive programs for protection of our nation's family farmers and ranchers and ensure a safe and reliable food source for the consumers." The session is set for Saturday, January 27 at 8 a.m. at the convention hotel.

The forum includes: Jack Norman, President, Texas Wheat Producers; Pat George, President, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers; Carl King, President, Texas Corn Producers; Steve Ballas, Texas Rice Producers; Dr. Carl Anderson, Cotton Marketing economist of Texas A&M University; Sherman Sides, Vice President, Southwestern Peanut Growers Association; and Richard Fleming, USDA Milk Market Administrator-Texas and New Mexico. The session will be chaired by National Farmers Union (NFU) Legislative Director Larry Mitchell.

Following the farm forum, a second session will address the controversial boll weevil eradication program. Woody Anderson, Chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and Clifford Smith, president of Sweep Out and a South Texas cotton producer.

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford), ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, will address the convention on Friday afternoon, January 26. Also Congressman John Bryant and Congressman Jim Chapman will speak. Lt. Governor Bob Bullock is scheduled to attend the convention.

Harold Bob Bennett, State ASCS Director, and George Ellis, Farmers Home Administration Director, will speak at the convention updating the convention on program initiative of

their respective agencies. Gary Condra, Administrator, Texas Agricultural Mediation Program will speak on finance. NFU President Leland Swenson will close the convention with a banquet address Saturday night, January 27.

"We are entering a crucial era for

our nation's family farmers and ranchers," TFU President Rankin said. "The choices we make on our food and fiber policy this year will determine our course into the next century, so we encourage widespread participation from our producers and consumers."

Matador City Council Members Meet

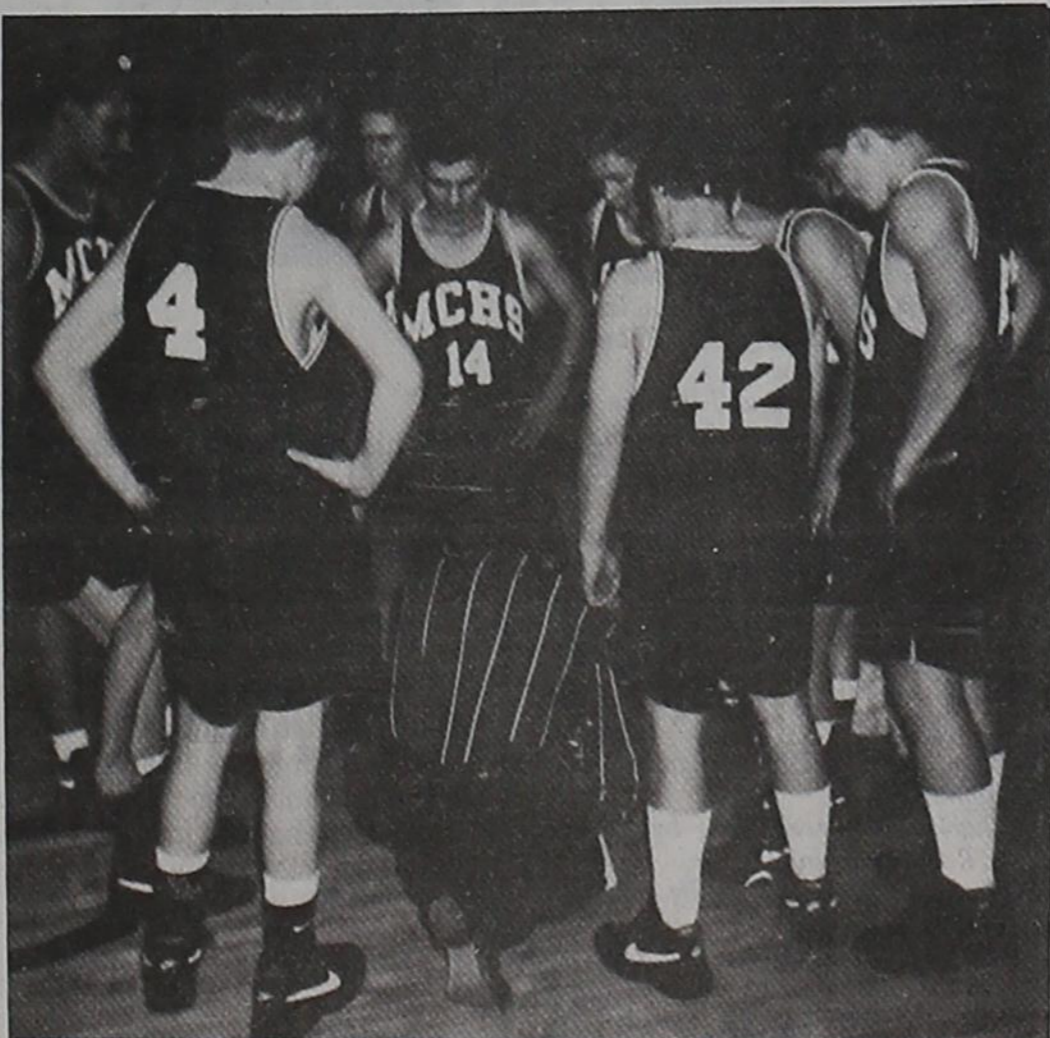
The Matador City Council met Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 a.m.

Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order. The minutes and bills were read and passed.

Jim Whitefield, Executive Vice President and General manager of

CapRock Telephone Co-op, Inc. asked the City to consider and prepare a Franchise Agreement between CapRock and the City of Matador.

Whitefield also stated they hoped to be in full operation by March. Meeting adjourned.



GETTING INSTRUCTIONS — The Motley County JV Boys Basketball team receives instructions for play during time out at their game against Lorenzo Tuesday night. They lost their game, 43-27. Other scores are as follows: JV Girls, won, 45-33; Varsity Girls, lost in overtime, 50-45; Varsity Boys, lost, 62-48. If you haven't attended a MC basketball game yet, you're missing a lot of action. Support the Matadors!!

Chamber of Commerce Members Discuss Plans for the New Year

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting Thursday, January 11. They re-elected the same slate of officers for 1996 - President, Jeff Thacker; Vice President, Brian Marshall; Secretary, Charles Keith; Treasurer, Sondra Francis; Directors, Michael Clawson, Darrell Cruse, Billy W. D-nison, Roy Hobbs, Larry Hoyle, Brent Marshall, Marisue Potts, and Laverna Price.

The Board drew names for the first Board members to have a 3 year term, ending in January 1998. They are Larry Hoyle, Brian Marshall, Roy Hobbs and Laverna Price.

Discussion about the 1996 membership drive was held. They decided to send out forms to present members to be renewed, then to run a membership form in the Motley County Trib-

une same as last year.

Charles Keith volunteered to be the Chariman of the Shannon Davidson Pony Express Day if it is okay to postpone it until 1997. Everyone felt this would give the committee more time to plan for a better celebration.

Michael Clawson was made Chairman of the Awards Committee for the 1996 Chamber Second Annual Banquet.

Several announcements were made by President Thacker as follows:

— An advisor for West Texas Utilities of Abilene is coming in February.

— Plans will be made for Spring Clean up and possible County Flea Market.

It was discussed if the Chamber could accept a gift of land.

Meeting adjourned.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



JENNIFER ADAMS

Jennifer Adams of Roaring Springs owns and operates Diamond J Transportation, a freight broker company, on Hwy. 70 in Matador, next door to PCA.

Jennifer and her husband, James, have one son, Dylan James, 16 months old.

In her spare time she enjoys playing with Dylan, working in the yard, and shopping.

LION news and notes

Taking Pride In A Healthy Community

The Matador Lions met Tuesday, January 16, with 24 members and six guests present. Four members of the South Plains Lions Club in Lubbock attended.

Boss Lions Dr. Pat Williams welcomed the visiting Lions and made announcements, one of which was the date of the Annual Pancake Supper, January 30 or February 13.

Tony Rose of the Motley County EMS (Emergency Medical Service)

spoke on the progress of the EMS.

Rose stated they have an ECA class now in progress with five new students and several recertifications.

He announced the Hospital District has received a \$25,000 grant toward the purchase of a new ambulance. They are still applying for other grants and will accept any donations.

After questions and answers, meeting adjourned.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the love of money is the root of all evil.

— I Timothy 6:10

Congressman Thornberry Meets With Motley County Residents

Congressman Mac Thornberry of the 13th Congressional District of Texas met with approximately 22 citizens at Billie Dean's Restaurant Saturday, January 13 at 6 p.m. Congressman Thornberry explained the delima

over the Balanced Budget Bill and some of the problems as the Farm Bill is also in this BBB where cuts made can hurt. He stated there was a 15% cut in foreign aid. He doesn't see any changes to be made in NAFTA.

Some of the items he has voted against were sending troops to Bosnia. Some of the other changes being made for the EPA to be out of more areas and to put more common sense in the needed items.

They did pass the funding for the Meals on Wheels program and not for the National Endowment of the Arts. He stated that there will probably not be a major overhaul of the tax system until after the next election.



Motley County Judge, Laverna Price, and Congressman Mac Thornberry.

MC FHA TO SPONSOR SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Motley County FHA will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at the Concession Stand on January 23, 1996. The cost for a ticket will be \$4.50 for an adult, \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Meals will be sold at the door for \$5.00 all ages.

The meal will be served between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For ticket information contact the Home Economics department at Motley County High School. The phone number is (806) 347-2676.

The plate will include: Salad, Spaghetti with sauce, Bread, Brownie, and Tea.

Licensed Private Applicator Training and Testing to be held in Turkey

A Licensed Private Applicator Training and Testing will be held on Monday, January 22, 1996 at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 12:00 noon. The test will be given immediately following the training.

The training will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Briscoe, Hall and Motley Counties. A Texas Department of Agriculture representative will be on hand to administer the test.

As a licensed private applicator, an ag producer can purchase and apply

federally restricted and state limited chemicals. They are also qualified to supervise the use of these chemicals by a non-licensed employee. Any producer who has not obtained their private applicator license or currently holds an expired license is encouraged to attend. A \$50.00 license fee is required after successful completion of training and test.

To register for the training or for questions regarding a private applicator's license, please contact Michael Clawson, Motley County Extension Service, at (806) 347-2733.

Barbara's Bylines

Christmas has come and gone but the memory still lingers in my mind. This was a dream come true Christmas.

One of my Arnold (my Mother's family) cousins and I were talking last year about our next Christmas together. I mentioned someday I'd like to have Christmas in the mountains. Well that seemed to have started the plans.

On December 24 we left for Red River, N.M. My Aunt Frances from Paris rode with Bill and I, Jason, Lyndee and Leanne in their car, and the other nine people flew into Albuquerque and drove to Red River.

We had a lot of fun cooking and eating together and getting to all visit. My cousin, Tom, and the younger generation did some skiing, some of us just enjoyed the snow by watching. Leanne did her first skiing and then she took her first snowmobile ride. The day we went to Ski Rio, Leanne rode with her Papa (Bill), my Aunt Frances rode with me, her first ride, too. My cousin, Suzy, and her stepmother Erna, and Mike and Linda Cosgrove all went to the top of the mountain, what a beautiful sight.

Everyone enjoyed Taos, the Museums and shops and Art Galleries and the delicious food.

The ride home was fun. My cousin Linda, and Aunt Frances, and Bill and I stopped in Cimmaron, N.M. and toured the St. James Hotel (the famous haunted hotel), we didn't see any ghosts.

The only bad part of the trip was the end. We arrived home to find out two of our cats had been left in the house for four days without food or a litter pan. Thanks to Mary Renfro they were let out and most of the mess cleaned up!

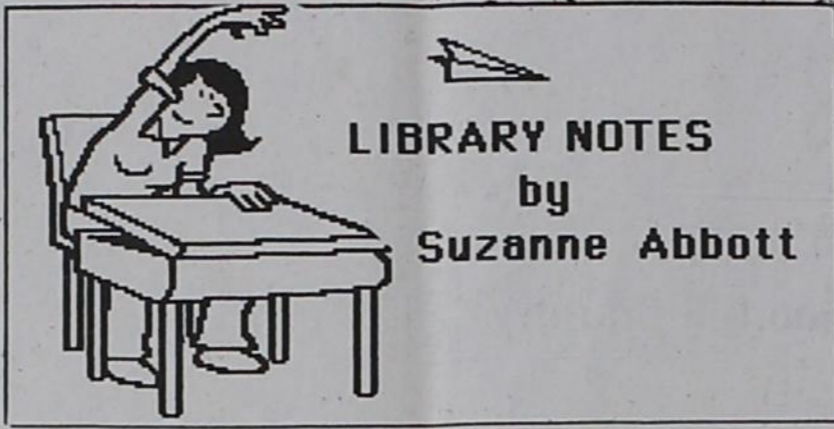
My cousins, the Cosgroves, arrived back in Maryland on New Years Day night to find their dog was left in their kitchen for several days and also a cat got closed up in their bedroom. This was not a good holiday for pets.

Also on the trip home Linda brought along her book-on-cassette, "The Murder on the Orient Express". This was fun to listen to as we crossed the miles of nothing.

Linda also provided us with a book on "My Favorite Quotations" by Norman Vincent Peale - to use in the paper. One quote in the book is:

"It is wonderful to be young, but it is equally desirable to be mature and rich in experience."

— Bernard Baruch 1870-1965



LIBRARY NOTES by Suzanne Abbott

The Library has a new shipment of videos for you to check out. Included in this group is a video called *Awesome Trains* and one called *Awesome Motorcycles*. Other video titles are *Tom Sawyer*, *The Chaparral Prince*, and one in Spanish, *El Pozo Magico*, *The Magic Well*. Also we have a video about Beverly Cleary's character, Ramona. Ramona is seen in two stories on this video, *Mystery Meal* and *Rainy Sunday*. These and many other new videos are ready to be checked out from the Motley County Library.

It is time to pay your Friends of the Library dues for 1996. The dues are \$4.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family, and \$20.00 for a supporting membership. Our Friends of the Library are invaluable to us through the year, and we appreciate each one who

is a member. The Friends organization buys new books for the Library, pays to have the Library cleaned, purchases new equipment, and generally supports the Library and its programs. We could not do without the Friends. You may pay your dues at the Library or you may mail them to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 557, Matador, Texas 79244.

Come by the Library and pick up one of our new, colorful "Warm up to books" bookmarks.

We received another shipment of new paperbacks last week. This group contains more 1996 westerns and two romance novels: *Heroes and Lovers* by Lucy Kvalder and *Fern Michaels Wish List*. More new books are on their way, so watch for new selections arriving daily at the Library.

Look Who's New.....



Hunter Heath Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Campbell of Matador would like to announce the arrival of their son, Hunter Heath Campbell, born Wednesday, January 10 at 4:57 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long at birth.

Hunter is a sixth generation H.H. Campbell.

Dillon Lane McCleskey

There is a brand new baby at Colby's house! Colby McCleskey, 3 1/2, is the proud brother of Dillon Lane, born Thursday, January 11 at 5:53 p.m. at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long at birth.

Parents of the children are James and Rhonda McCleskey of Roaring Springs.

Grandparents are Guy and DiAnn Campbell of Matador and Don and Dee Cox of Andrews. Great grandparents are Ellis and Leona Terry, Harold and Grace Campbell of Matador and Vernon and Madge Gunn of Stephenville and Fred and Lou MacLean of Corpus Christi.

Grandparents are Rodney and Nona Long of Roaring Springs, Linda Morris Crump of Clarendon and the late Elgie McCleskey.

Great grandparents are R.C. and Callie Gisecke of Matador and Pic and LaQuita Cox of Hedley and Jimmie McCleskey of Hereford.

Motley County Arts & Crafts Club Members Meet

by Winifred Darsey
Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met January 8 for the first meeting of

the New Year. A painting class, covered dish luncheon, and planning for the next meeting.

Bonnie Edmondson was instructor for the day. Painting on shirts was the theme for the class. Many pretty shirts were the result of the class, a lovely flower motif adorned each shirt, and these will be ready for Spring showing, when the first Robin shows up.

President Joy Archer called for business. Docents were appointed for museum, and plans for the next meeting, February 5.

Betty Simpson will teach a class on making Valentine T-shirts, all members are to bring a red or white shirt, sharp scissors, those with portable sewing machines can bring them.

Members present were Joy Archer, Geraldine Key, Verde Neighbors, Pauline Hand, Joyce Meredith, Winifred Lee, Bonnie Edmondson, Dorothy Knight, Erin Jones, Opal Pipkin, Lou Ann Jameson, Lorene Lancaster, and Winifred Darsey.

Museum Donations



The Motley County Historical Museum gratefully acknowledges the 1995 tributes given in support of its efforts in preserving the colorful history of Motley County in Memory or Honor of the following individuals or families:

Bill Brooks, Tudd Garnett, Rosa Spray, Bob Cooper, Gordie Washington, Clarence Jinks, Duetta Graham by Bill Palmeyer, Rt. 1, Box 3, Meridian.

Andrew Jackson and Florence May McCarty by Una Simpson, Northfield.
Tutt Garnett by S.C. and Lou Burlison, Quitaque.

The family of Thomas Edgar Cammack by Grace McDowell, Lubbock
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Emmett Jenkins by Donnie Jenkins and Karmen McCulloch, 120 Linda Lane, Levelland.

Charles and Irene Long by Charlie Long, Roaring Springs.

Mary Hamilton Meason by Jean Hamilton Straub and Dean Straub.

Carl Tardy, Stuart Dixon, H.A. Sepsens, Lillian Thacker, Johnny Phillips, Maye Hays, and Richard Martin by Bill Palmeyer, Rt. 1, Box 3, Meridian.

James Rufus Moore, Velma Burlison Moore, Irvin F. Fish, Ada Bourland Fish, J. Farris Fish, and Bernice Moore Fish by Dr. James R. Fish, 2534 Country Road 782, Woodland Park, Colo.



Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly A. Logsdon
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics

DETERMINE YOUR HEALTH STATUS

Nutrition directly influences health. Some 85 percent of older Americans have chronic disease and conditions which may benefit from nutritional assistance even though health professionals rarely look for symptoms or signs of poor nutritional status in older adults.

The Nutrition Screening Initiatives (NSI) Initiative, a multi-disciplinary project of the American Dietetic Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the National Council on the Aging, began national nutrition screening in health and medical settings.

The target audience of older Americans for this initial nutrition screening initiative emphasizes the fact that this is the most rapidly growing segment of the United States population of disproportionate risk of poor nutritional status. In fact, research suggests that specific deficiencies exist in as many as 50 percent of independent-living elderly in the United States.

The acronym or word determine will be used to help them remember the warning signs of poor nutritional status. In determine:

— D stands for Disease. Any disease, illness or chronic condition that causes you to change the way you eat, or makes it hard for you to eat, puts your nutritional health at risk. Four to five adults have chronic diseases that affect eating. Confusion or memory loss, feeling bad or depression can cause big changes in appetite.

— E stands for Eating Poorly. Eating too much as well as too little can lead to poor health. Eating poorly can also mean eating exactly the same thing all the time, which can cause poor nutritional health. Meal skipping, eating too few fruits and vegetables and drinking alcohol in excess - just a few things that can contribute to eating poorly.

— T stands for Tooth Loss/Mouth Pain. Unhealthy teeth or gums, missing, loose or rotten teeth or ill-fitting dentures can cause mouth sores, resulting in difficulty in eating.

— E stands for Economic Hardship. Costs of living increases and living on a fixed income can make it hard to have enough money to spend on foods. Most older Americans have incomes of less than \$6,000 per year.

— R stands for Reduced Social Contact. At least one third of older adults live alone. Being in a social setting has a positive effect on morale,

well-being and eating.

— M stands for Multiple Medicines. About one half of older Americans take multiple medicines every day. The more medicines taken each day, the more likely side effects such as increased or decreased appetite, change in taste, constipation, weakness, drowsiness, diarrhea, nausea and others. Even taking too many vitamins or minerals a day can act like a drug and cause harm.

— I stands for Involuntary Weight Loss/Gain. Extreme weight loss or gain is an important warning sign that should not be ignored. It can also signal poor health.

— N stands for Needs Assistance in Self Care. Although most older people are able to eat, one in five have trouble walking, shopping, buying and cooking food, especially as they age.

— E stands for Elder Years Above Age 80. Many older adults can lead full productive lives. Age, however, increases the risk of frailty and health problems. That's why checking your nutritional health frequently makes good sense.

The nutrition advantage is the biggest thing that we can all do to achieve and hold on to our good health, productivity and independence. The USDA Food Guide Pyramid is a good food guide to help the elderly practice good eating practices. They will need to apply the principles of balance, variety, and moderation to their food choices:

— Balance refers to selecting foods and beverages from all the food groups and eating at least the minimum recommended number of servings daily.

— Variety refers to keeping our food choices interesting and our nutrition complete by making many different choices from within each food group.

— Moderation means remembering portion sizes for foods and beverages so that we don't eat more than we should to keep healthy.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: You know you're getting older when the happy hour is a nap!

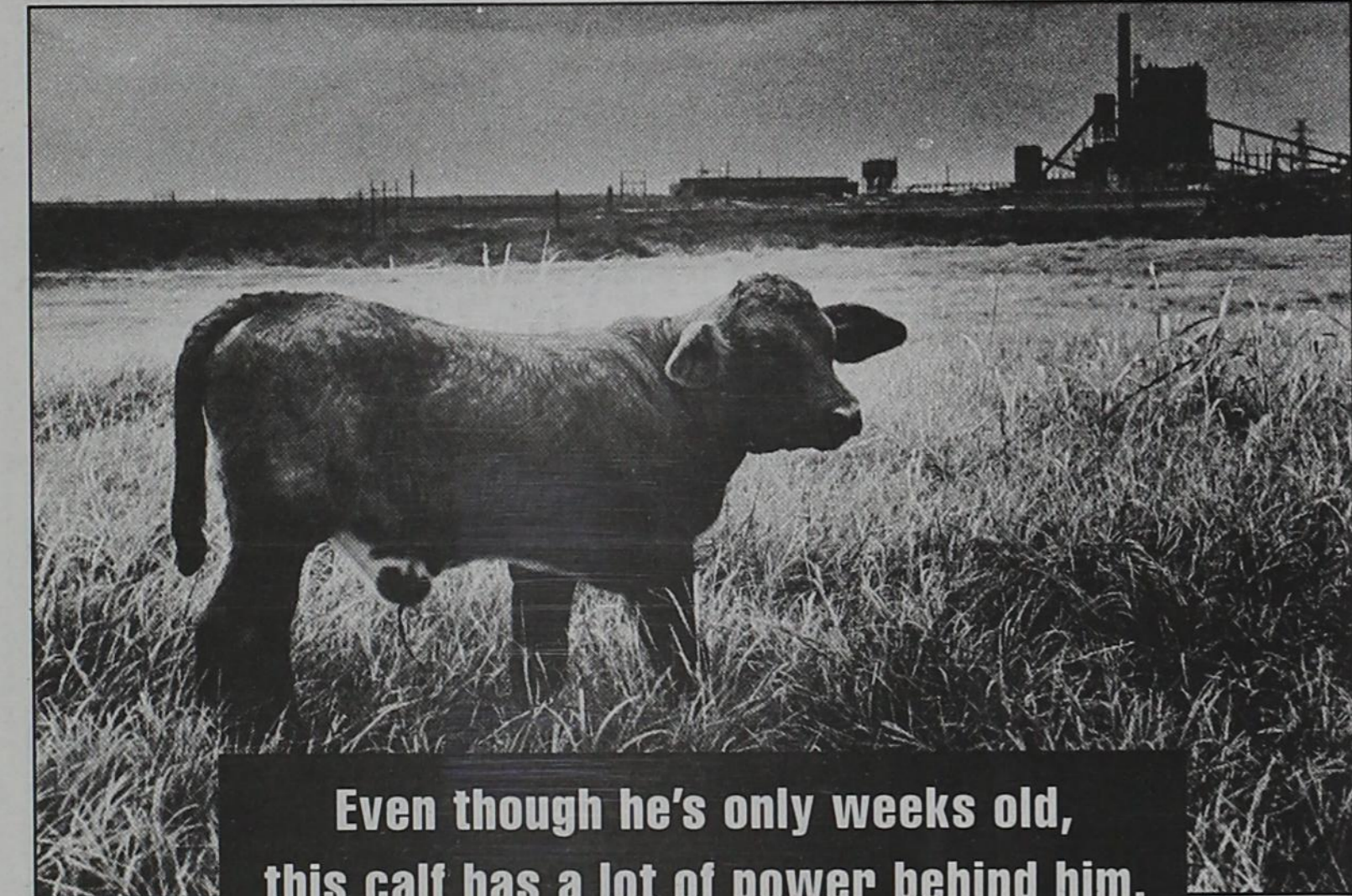
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Meeting the electricity needs of Texans today is a real challenge. While maintaining respect for the environment, we must balance cost and reliability without becoming dependent on any one fuel.

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Keeping our commitment to the environment in mind, we are also making sure that we put things back better than the way we found them. The land reclamation program at this plant's mine is turning what was once a cactus and mesquite patch into a grassy, productive home for livestock and wildlife.



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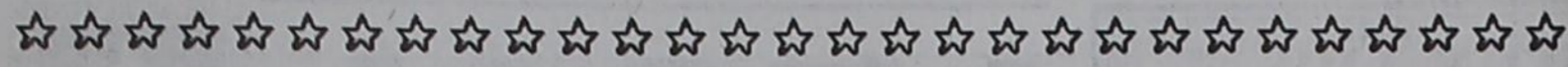
Our great God wants our lives to be beautiful. The reason is simple. God is glorified by beautiful things. A life lived in faith is a beautiful thing. I speak of that inner beauty that reveals itself in gracious character and good conduct. A beauty which is the result of close contact with the Scriptures.

This inner beauty is not something which comes easily or automatically. But rather it is the result of the difficult process of living this life by faith. The beauty of which we speak can never be purchased at the cosmetic counter or at the beauty shop. It comes from within the heart. A heart which finds its beat in the Son of God. How do we access this inner beauty?

The first step for us is to become a child of God, a Christian. This allows God to cleanse us from the ugliness of sin and to fill us with the beauty of holiness that is found in Jesus. The beauty of Jesus will captivate those who place their trust in Him and who will obey Him. Those who live in Jesus and who live according to His word will have the inner beauty that glorified our God.

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

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 9:00 a.m.



Motley County School News

MC Hoop News

by Coach Kim Alexander

JV LADY MATADORS

The Motley County Junior Varsity Lady Matadors lost to Silverton December 5, 20-59. Leading scorer was Kristi Williams with 6. Others adding to the score were Jill Stanley, 4; Kandi Keltz, 4; Sam Osborn, 2; Blair Thacker, 2; and Kim Ashley, 2.

Kristi was five of eight from the line.

The JV girls had a big win over Paducah, December 15, 54-28. Sam Osborn was leading scorer with 16. Kristi Williams added 12; Blair, 6; Kandi, 6; Margaret, 6; Tanya, 4; Jill, 2; Rebekah Jameson, 2; and Shavonne Taylor, 2.

Shavonne was 2 of 2 from the line, 100%.

The JV girls beat Valley, December 16, 45-26. Sam Osborn again led in scoring with 16. Kristi added 10, Margaret, 6; Kandi, 5; Jill, 4; and Kim, 4.

Margaret led with rebounds grabbing 7 for the Ladies. Tanya Barkley had five rebounds.

Kristi had 4 steals. Sam was 100% from the 3 point range (2 for 2). Kim was 100% from the line (2 for 2).

The girls lost to Floydada, December 16, during the MCJV Tournament for the Championship game, 41-55.

Kristi Williams led in scoring with 14. Margaret added 11; Tanya, 6; Kandi, 4; Blair, 3; Jill, 2; and Sam, 1. Kandi had 13 rebounds; Margaret, 9; and Kristi, 9.

Kandi was 100% from the line, 2 for 2. Tanya was 100% from the line, 2 for 2.

The girls placed second in the tournament.

The JV girls defeated Paducah, January 2, 47-37.

Kristi Williams was leading scorer with 19; Kandi added 10; Sam, 8; Blair, 2; Jill, 2; Tanya, 2; Kim, 2; Shavonne, 1; and Nesa McFall, 1.

Kandi had 9 rebounds and Kim got 4.

Kim was 100% from the line, 2 of 2. Kandi was 83% from the floor, 5 of 6. Blair and Kristi each had 3 assists. Kristi had 7 steals.

JR. HIGH LADY MAVERICKS

The Jr. High girls' combination team were defeated by Lakeview, January 4, 20-34. Rebecca Morris and Rachelle Renfro led in scoring with 5 each; Ashley Stevens and Denise Shannon each added 4, and Paizea Neal added 2.



MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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

Lunch: Tostados (Beef, Cheese), Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Breakfast: Breakfast Bagels, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chef Salad (ham, egg, cheese), Baked Potato, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

Lunch: Combination Pizza, Tossed Salad, Vanilla Wafers, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Baked Turkey, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Carrot Sticks, Hot Rolls, Fruit Salad, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

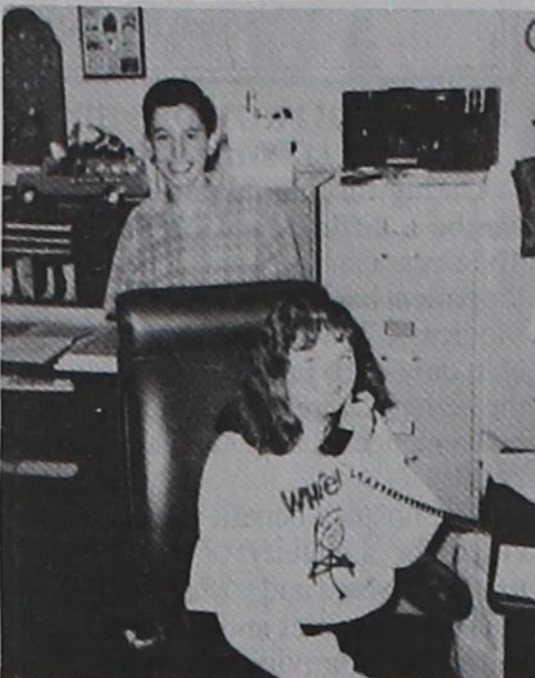
Lunch: Chili Dogs, Pickle, Onion, Tater Tots, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

grants, scholarships, and any other financial aid that may be necessary.

All seniors should submit this form, even if they are not certain about attending college next Fall.



★ Students of the Month ★



December Jr. High "Students of the Month" were Scott Jones and Rachelle Renfro.



December High School "Students of the Month" were Lee Jones and Lindsey Williams.

major in Finance. Lee is the 18 year old son of Shane and Jerry Jones of Matador. He is a Senior at MC High School and he has an older sister, Lisa. Lee's hobbies and activities include playing football, hunting, anything outdoors, and building things. Lee's favorite food is Pizza and his favorite color is blue. He likes listening to "The Gambler" and his favorite movie is "Tombstone". Lee is involved in FFA, FCA and a member of the MC Volunteer Fire Department. Lee most admires John Wayne because "In his movies he made Americans feel proud to be Americans and he always wins." After graduation Lee plans on attending college at Texas Tech University but has not decided on his Major.

Junior High "Students of the Month" for December were Rachelle Renfro and Scott Jones.

Rachelle is the 13 year old daughter of Judy and James Renfro of Matador. She is a seventh grader at Motley County Jr. High and has an older sister, Renee. Rachelle enjoys watching her favorite movie, "Circle of Friends". Her favorite food is baked potato and her favorite color is white. Her favorite songs are "Always" and "Love Takes Time". Rachelle's activities include playing basketball, and hanging out with her friends. She is an active member of the Junior High Basketball team, a member of the FCA, and a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group.

The person Rachelle admires most is her sister, Renee, because, "She has achieved so many things that I would like to achieve in the future."

Rachelle plans to attend college at Texas Tech but is not yet sure about her major.

Scott is the 13 year old son of Casey

and Deb Jones of Matador. He is a seventh grader at MC Junior high and has a younger sister, Shandra, who is a sixth grader. Scott's favorite color is red and he enjoys eating steak. His favorite movie is "Lion King" and his favorite song is "Tell Me Why".

Scott's hobbies and activities include playing basketball, riding horses, and making leather projects. Scott is a member of the Motley County Jr. High Basketball team, a member of the Motley County 4-H and a member of the Paducah 4-H Horse Club.

The person Scott admires the most are his parents because, "They are both very strong in academics and other things."

Scott plans to attend college at Clarendon and then transfer to Texas Tech and major in Veterinary Science.

High School "Students of the Month" for December are Lindsey Williams and Lee Jones.

Lindsey is the 17 year old daughter of Glenda and Rodney Williams of Matador. She is a Senior at MC High School and has a younger sister, Kristi, who is a freshman. Her favorite color is forest green and she enjoys listening to her favorite song, "One Sweet Day". Lindsey's favorite food is fajitas and her favorite movie is "Backdraft". Lindsey's hobbies include spending time with her friends, listening to music and talking on the phone. Her activities include being active in ULL events, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of G.T., Youth Group, very active member of the LaArena yearbook and a member of Who's Who.

Lindsey admires her cousin, Paige Barnes, because "I know that she is always there for me no matter what I need. She is a very special person to me and has helped me in many ways." Lindsey plans to attend college and

PTO Teacher of the Week



CAROLYN JOHNSON This week's P.T.O. Teacher of the Week is Carolyn Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is an aide and bus driver at Motley County School. She and her husband, Arnold, live in Flomot.



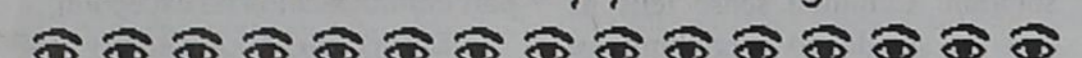
Congratulations to...

Brad Thacker, who has been accepted to the College of Business Administration with a declared major of Finance, at Texas Tech University.

WORD of GOD

Jesus said: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

See What's Happening



REMINDER SPECIAL MEETING FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS

Seniors and their parents will meet

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COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

What to do in 1996 is the question of the hour as cotton producers on the High Plains and across the nation try to make key decisions.

"Where we stand as a result of the recent budget impasse in Washington is creating a very difficult situation for many growers," notes Donald Johnson, Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) notes that producers gearing up for the 1996 season have had to put their plans on hold until they can figure out which set of rules they will be required to follow.

Several scenarios are possible given current circumstances, adds Johnson. Because no new farm legislation was passed by the start of the new year applicable farm programs are currently a mixture of different bills written at different times.

For today this is how things stand. Commodities such as wheat and feed grains have reverted to permanent farm law passed in 1949. Cotton, soybeans and peanut authority were extended under the 1990 Farm Bill in 1993 leaving these programs unchanged for the moment. Questions about exactly how these two programs can work together is still unanswered.

"Right now three things can happen," says Johnson. "First, a compromise can still be worked out on the currently proposed Balanced Budget bill containing the 7-year ag bill. Second, farm programs revert back to currently available legislative authority under the 1949 Act for wheat and feed grains and the 1990 Act for cotton, soybeans and peanuts. Third, the ag section of the Balanced Budget bill could be offered and passed as free standing legislation."

Johnson notes that without any clear picture of which path farm legislation will take producers may find their best alternative is to develop plans based on the 1990 Farm Bill.

At this time the following provisions have been announced for 1996 under the provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill.

Target Price: 72.9 cents
Loan Rate: 53 cents
Non-payment acreage: 15 percent
Optional flexibility: 10 percent
with an acre per acre reduction in paid acres

Producers should keep a close watch over the development of this process since a final decision about what program will or will not be effective for the 1996 crop year could be made at any moment.

Several other items of interest to producers along these same lines include the recent review of Federal Crop Insurance requirements and a change in the standard for Surface Roughening under Food Security Act (FSA) plans.

Crop Insurance
At this time producers are still to purchase at least Catastrophic (CAT) policies for farm program participation. Failure to purchase this coverage could result in a producer being prohibited from participating in farm programs. Final sales closing dates for cotton are as early as January 15 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, but most other acres have a March 15 closing date.

FSA Plans
A new standard for Surface Roughening means producers with FSA plans in place now have the opportunity to use tillage to meet the requirements of their plan. The Surface Roughening Conservation Alternative standard may be used provided that enough moisture exists to carry out tillage practices such as breaking, chiseling, deep ripping or listing. Producers interested in adding the new standard to their plan should contact their county FSA office.

Social Security Tips

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager, Plainview

MEDICARE PROVIDES HELP FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

Caring for a terminally ill patient can be a difficult and stressful task. The stress can be eased, somewhat, if the patient has hospice coverage under Medicare. The special service, available only once in a lifetime, provides the highest degree of comfort care and convenience to the patient and his/her family.

The hospice benefit provides coverage for a variety of services not usually covered under Medicare. There are no deductibles and Medicare pays for services provided everyday by a hospice. This benefit also permits a hospice to provide appropriate personal care, including homemaker services and counseling. In other words, it's the special type of care that a terminally ill person needs.

A hospice may be a public agency or a private organization that provides care for terminally ill patients. It is not a hospital. The terminally ill patient can be cared for in their home or as an inpatient at the hospice. The hospice also provides respite care for the patient, so the home caregiver, usually a spouse or relative, can have a few days off. Respite care is limited to no more than five days in a row. There is no limit to the number of times respite care can be used during an illness.

A terminally ill patient can qualify for the hospice benefit and Medicare Part A will pay for hospice care if all three of the following conditions are met.

1. A doctor certifies that the patient is terminally ill.

2. The patient chooses to receive care from a hospice instead of a hospital.

3. Care is provided by a Medicare-participating hospice program.

In addition to doctor and nursing services, the hospice provides other Medicare covered services including medications, home health aide and homemaker visits, medical social services, medical equipment, short-term inpatient care (including respite care), and counseling for the patient and the caregivers.

The hospice benefit covers a seven-month period. This time can be continuous or, if the patient chooses, may be used in two 90-day periods, and then a 30-day period. If necessary, this time can be extended. The patient may stop the hospice benefit period, return to regular Medicare coverage, and then start the hospice benefit again, if another benefit period is available.

The patient pays \$5 toward each prescription, and 5 percent of the Medicare-allowed rate for respite care, approximately \$5. If a patient needs treatment for a condition not related to the terminal illness, Medicare continues to help pay for all necessary covered services under the standard Medicare benefit program.

If you are caring for a terminally ill person and have any questions about Medicare and the hospice benefit, visit or write your local Social Security office. You may also call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Our busiest times are early in the week and early in the month. If possible, it is best to call at other times.

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LEGAL MATTERS

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE OF DAN MORALES

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW INITIATIVES

AS THE NEW YEAR unfolds, we at the Office of the Attorney General pledge to continue to provide Texans with the best possible child support services. Through innovative initiatives, new legislation, and pilot projects, we are moving aggressively toward a new and refined system of establishing child support orders and collecting child support payments.

Re-engineering Child Support

We recently unveiled a proposal to streamline the child support enforcement program. Currently, about 95 percent of all child support cases are resolved without a contested hearing. Yet all cases must go through the courts, even all parties agree to a solution. Common sense tells us that we should do everything we can to lighten the load on our overburdened judicial system. Under our proposal, our child support staff would handle many tasks administratively that are currently being processed by Texas courts.

Expanding Caseloads

When the child support program was established in the mid-1970s, Texas courts could easily handle the caseload. But in recent years, we have seen tremendous growth in the number of child support cases — from fewer than 180,000 cases in 1983 to more than 750,000 cases this past fiscal year. This growth more than quadrupled the number of cases having to be resolved by the judges of Texas.

And there will be no slowdown anytime soon. At the current rate, more than 17,000 new cases come into our office every month. More than 96 percent of these come to the agency with no court orders.

New Procedures Mean Faster Service

To streamline the child support enforcement process, I have made the following seven recommendations:

Paternity Testing. The child support enforcement program should have the authority to order paternity testing. Currently, the program routinely files about 1,000 paternity actions per week, resulting in about 500 paternity hearings per week. If it were handled administratively, paternity

establishment would be faster and more efficiently.

Cut Needless Red Tape. There is no reason why courts have to be burdened with cases where both parents agree to sign child support orders. Why should a judge be held up by paperwork delays — often for weeks or months — simply to rubber-stamp an order already agreed to by both parties?

Find Non-custodial Parents Faster. By simply amending the Texas Family Code, the child support program could have more authority to gather information about a non-custodial parent's location, employment and ability to pay child support. With this reform, the program could go about the business of tracking down recalcitrant parents without waiting for authority from the courts.

Mandatory Mediation. As a viable alternative to costly and time-consuming litigation, mediation is fast becoming the preferred way to handle disputes. Child support enforcement is no exception.

Enforcement Authority. If the program had the authority to enforce child support orders, collections could be expedited by weeks or months. What kind of authority? Simply to initiate license suspensions, issue wage-withholding notices and file liens when necessary.

Increased Administrative Authority. By giving the program the discretion to determine which cases should be handled administratively and which should be handled by the courts, the program can operate more efficiently. Of course, due process would be preserved because either party could still appeal an administrative decision to a state district court.

Shift the Burden of Proof. If a party appeals a child support order, the burden of proof should be on that party to prove that the order is faulty. In a jury trial, for example, the party should be required to plead and prove his or her claim like any other litigant in a court of law.

The Goal: Helping Texas Children

By creating an administrative structure that compels parties to meet informally, without needlessly involving the judicial process, we can vastly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of child support enforcement. At the same time, every citizen will retain the right to appeal to a court of law in any dispute where the administrative structure fails to provide satisfaction.

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