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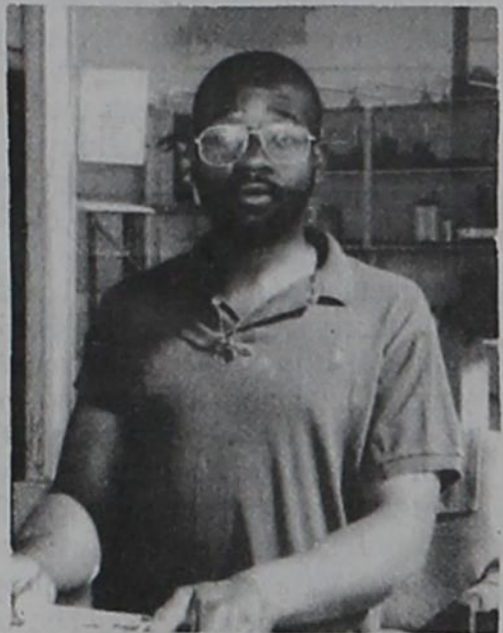
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



HERBERT SIMS

Herbert "Herbie" Lee Sims, son of Jimmie Graves of Matador, has returned to Matador after being gone for the past nine years.

Herbie is working as a serviceman or flat fixer at Martin Tire Service.

Herbie and wife, Polly, have a son Isiah, 6.

Herbie likes to go fishing when not working.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He who bestows his goods upon the poor, shall have as much again, and ten times more.

— Bunyan,
Pilgrims Progress, II

Around Town



Special Music Will be Presented at Methodist Churches

Three soloists from the Caprock area will be bringing God's message in song on different Sundays over the next five weeks at the Roaring Springs

and Matador United Methodist Churches. On Mother's Day this Sunday Terri Arthur will sing. She will be

followed by Randy Burman on Pentecost Sunday, May 26. Sarah Kelley will return to both churches on June 9.

Homecoming Set For October 18-19

The Executive Committee of the Motley County Ex-Students and Teachers Association met April 22, 1996. The date for Homecoming was set for October 18 and 19. All of you celebrating five and ten year and in-between reunions can now begin planning.

Pet Vaccination May 16

Dr. David Fuston from Childress will be in Matador to vaccinate pets for rabies and other diseases, Friday, May 17, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Matador Fire Station.

4-Hers will spray the pets for ticks and fleas after school.

Roaring Springs Cafe Guttled By Fire

A fire gutted the Roaring Springs Cafe last Thursday and sent three volunteer firefighters suffering from smoke inhalation to a Crosbyton Hospital. Don Baxter of Matador and Ron Braly of Spur were conveyed by Motley County Ambulance to Crosbyton Hospital, and later to UMC in Lubbock. Both were released at 4:30 a.m. Friday. Mr. Braly is still under a doctor's care.

Brice Jones of Spur was taken to UMC in Lubbock later that night. He was also released.

Emergency personnel were alerted to the blaze at 7:10 p.m. and had it under control by 8:30 p.m. Rodney Williams, Matador VFD Fire Chief stated that due to the Roaring Springs VFD being on the ball, the lack of wind, and the excellent water supply it was much easier to contain the fire to the Cafe area.

Other volunteer units that responded were from Matador, Dickens, McAdoo, and Spur.

The Cafe was declared a total loss. City Grocery and City Hall, which adjoin the Cafe, received minor smoke damage.

According to reports from the State Fire Marshall, Allen Neighbors, the fire possibly started from a light ballast. Due to the good fire walls, the walls of the Cafe are still sound.

The City of Roaring Springs is making plans to rebuild. Don and Lou Wittler, managers of the Cafe, have temporarily opened at the Depot in Roaring Springs.

In the early 1920's a portion of the east side of Roaring Springs burned and in 1926 the old drug store building, which was next door to Thacker Supply, caught fire and burned both businesses.

According to Buzz Thacker, the RCA/Victor Dog, a longtime fixture in Thacker Supply, was saved from burning in the 1926 fire.

In the early 1960's the Roaring Springs Theatre was completely destroyed by fire.

The fire attracted a crowd of concerned Motley County citizens.

Matador Volunteer Firemen responded to lightning fires Monday evening just after dark in the Northfield area. Fire Chief Rodney Williams said that due to the high humidity they were fairly easy to extinguish



Volunteer firemen fight fire at the Roaring Springs Cafe in downtown Roaring Springs last Thursday evening. When this picture was snapped, a blast had just occurred at the front entrance of the building, causing firemen to inhale to much smoke. The two firemen in the doorway at the time of the blast were not injured. They received oxygen and returned to fighting the fire. The building was completely gutted by the fire, but plans are underway to rebuild. Firemen from Roaring Springs, Matador, McAdoo, Dickens and Spur responded to the fire. (photo by Carla Meador)

Incumbents Come Out On Top In Election Race

There was a light turn-out for Saturday's elections with only 266 Motley County voters casting votes.

Only two candidates had opponents and both incumbents were re-elected for the City Council of Matador and the School Board.

Mayor Gary Lancaster received 138 votes and opponent Rodney Head received 55. Council members Shane Jones received 136 and Don Warren, 145.

There were three places to fill for

the Motley County ISD School Board. Darrell Cruse received 207 votes and Gale Stafford received 168 votes for the two 3 year terms. Marisue Potts received 176 votes and Pat Smith received 81 for one place for a one year term.

Motley County Hospital Board had three places to fill with three candidates seeking election. Ronnie Vandiver received a total of 199 votes; Charles Keith, 202; and James Gillespie, 171.



A tractor-trailer rig hauling fresh produce overturned at approximately 12:45 a.m. Monday morning at the curve east of Matador on US 62. The truck apparently veered off the highway causing it to overturn. The driver was penned in the cab of the truck until units from the Motley County Sheriff's Department, the Matador Fire Department and the Motley County Ambulance service arrived. He was transported to Crosbyton Hospital by ambulance, and released on Tuesday.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by flooding, hail, and high winds which occurred from May 25 through June 5, 1995 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Memphis, Mollie F. Moffitt said today.

Hall and Motley County, two of six in Texas, recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the natural disaster.

Mrs. Moffitt said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mrs. Moffitt said.

Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 15, 1996 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mrs. Moffitt said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA in Memphis is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



DEE LITTEKEN

Motley County Has New Game Warden

Dee Litteken is the new Game Warden for Motley and Cottle Counties. He comes to Motley County from Bosque County where he was Game Warden for 12 years. He began his work as a game warden in Clay County. Before that he was a Police Officer and a Sheriff's Deputy for eight years.

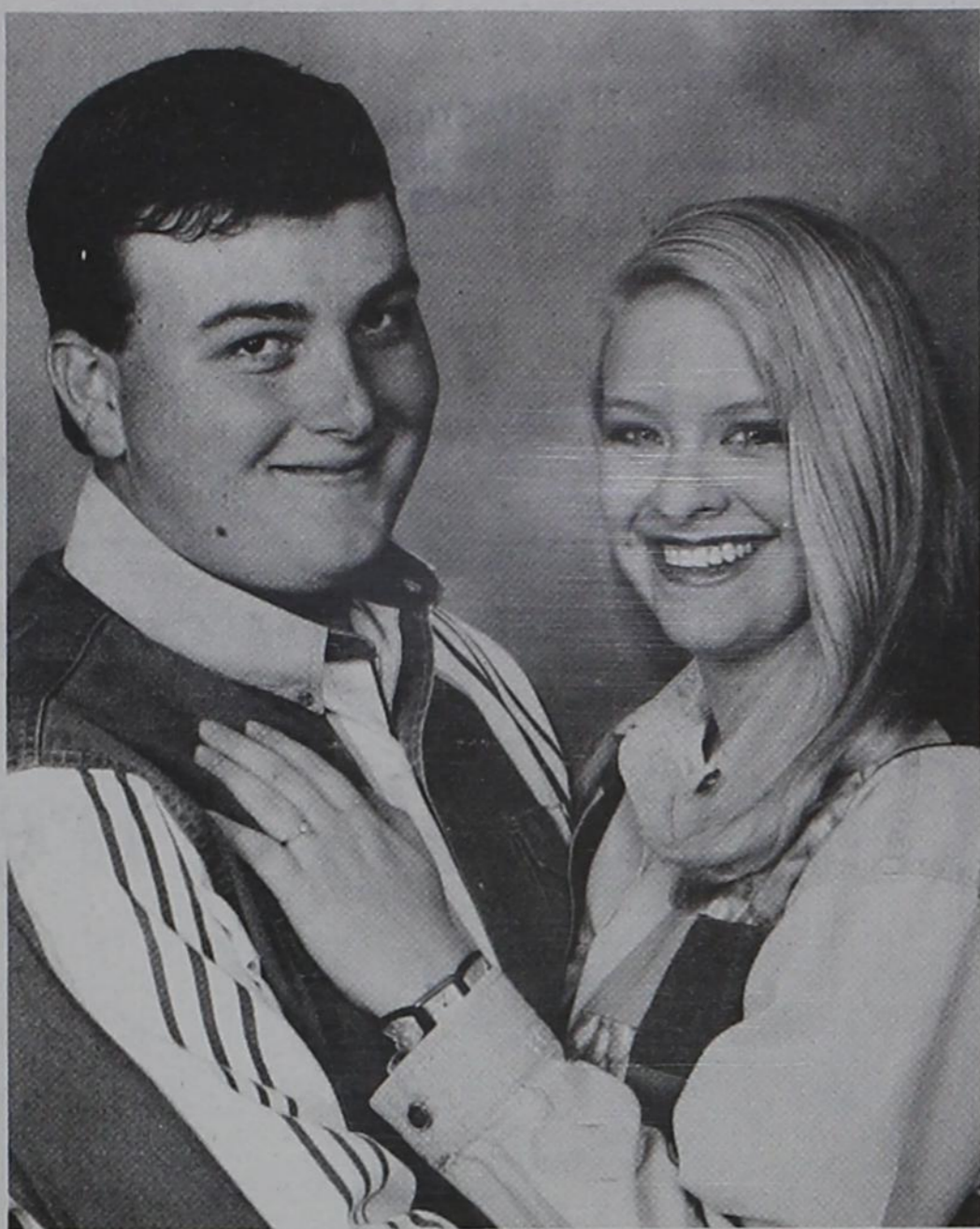
His wife, Dixie, will be joining him when they find a house. Mr. Litteken stated that he is "proud to be in Matador and Motley County."

PRAY FOR RAIN!



TIME OUT FOR PRAYER — Some Motley County residents took time out to pray last Thursday for National Day of Prayer when they met on the courthouse lawn. National, State and Local officials, School board, school system, home and families, men of the county, and requests for much needed rain were among the prayers said.

Engagement Announced



JEROMY JAMESON and DANIKA DUDLEY

Scott and Cindy Jefferies of Floydada, and Darrell Dudley of Big Springs, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Danika, to Jeromy Jameson of Northfield, son of Franklin and Susan Jameson of Northfield.

Danika graduated from Floydada High School in 1995 and is currently attending South Plains College.

Jeromy graduated from Motley County High School in 1994 and will graduate in May from South Plains College.

They plan to be married July 20th at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Cathey Turner Named To US Achievement Academy

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Cathern Turner has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in Education.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American college students.

Cathern, who attends Lubbock Christian University was nominated for this national award by Joyce Hardin, a professor at the school.

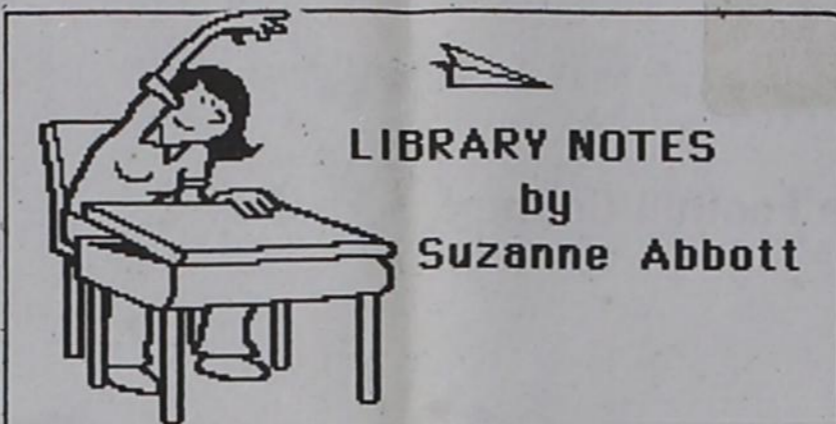
Cathern will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and

appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or director.

Cathern is the daughter of Linda Perryman. The grandparents are Omar Parks of Roaring Springs. She and her husband, Craig, live in Matador.



Today, Thursday, May 9, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. I hope that everyone will be able to attend.

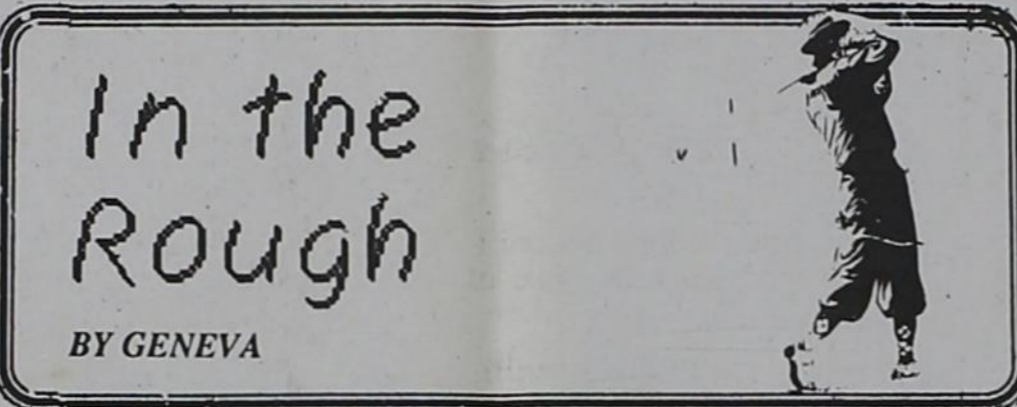
The Motley County Library now has books on audio cassette tapes for you to check out. These tapes come through the West Texas Library System, of which we are a member, and we will receive a new shipment every two months. These books on tape may be checked out for two weeks just like the books. We have a great variety of types of books on tape. We have John Grisham's The Rainmaker, Jude Deveraux's Mountain Laurel, Stephen King's Misery, and Hank the Cowdog and Monkey Business just to name a few.

If you have memorized the scenery between here and Plainview or be-

tween here and Childress or Lubbock, you might like to listen to a book on tape as you drive. If you know someone who can't see very well, that person might like to listen to a book on tape. Come in and check out one of these audio-books. We have a book to fit almost everyone's taste.

A new book in the Library is the new comprehensive edition of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn. This edition contains, for the first time, omitted episodes that were in the newly discovered, first half of Twain's manuscript. Included in this book is a reproduction of part of this manuscript in Twain's handwriting.

Don't forget the Friends meeting today, and don't forget to come in and check out a tape so you can listen to your favorite book.



TUESDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE April 30

Winners with a score of 29 were Van Francis, Chip and Ellen Smith, Roy Grundy.

First and second played off on card. Second with a score of 29 were Alfred and Louise Barton, Dortha Grundy and Garland Cartwright.

Third with a score of 30 were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Rob Francis and Gene Brannon.

Garland Cartwright got closest to pin on #6, 7 ft. 5 inches.

Others playing were Ken Marshall, Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Howard Edmondson, Mark Brannon, Warner Sailsbury, Homer and Cleo

Martin, James and Frances Moss, Mary Lou and Dr. Pat Williams, Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Ronnie Vandiver, and Geneva Wilson.

LADIES PLAYDAY Thursday, May 2

18 hole players were Louise Barton and LaVoe Thacker. They each won a ball (tie).

9 hole afternoon and morning players were Leona Terry, Lucretia Campbell, Mary Lou Williams, Olivia Barton, and Marihelen Wason.

Leona Terry won the ball.

Clarendon College LVN Program Accepting Applications For Fall Semester

Clarendon, Texas -- Applications are now being accepted for the 1996-97 Clarendon College Licensed Vocational Nursing Program. The class will be offered on the main campus of Clarendon College.

LVN applications are available at Clarendon College. Anyone interested must submit an application by May 10.

Applicants are required to take a pre-entrance examination. Dates for the exam will be given to those individuals turning in applications. For an application please call Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571.

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Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly A. Logsdon
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics

HARVEST MORE MONEY WITH HOME PAYMENT INCREASES

The American Homeowners Association is encouraging homeowners to lower their cost of home ownership as much as \$200 to \$2,000 a year with a few financial management exercises.

Check your property tax appraisal. Property values have declined in many areas over the past few years. The National Taxpayers Union estimates that as many as 60 percent of home owners are over assessed for property taxes. Every property owner can appeal to the local assessor, yet fewer than 2 percent ever do. Making an appeal doesn't have to be a confrontation. What you need are facts about comparable sales in your neighborhood or area of the county.

Local Realtors have market information about homes and property that sold during the past three to twelve months. Even if property values have not declined, it may be worth checking the tax assessor's records about your property. Make sure the number of rooms, total square footage and the size of your lot are accurately recorded. Mistakes can be made unintentionally when entered into tax records.

One sure way to lower housing costs is to accelerate your mortgage payments. If your lender will allow you to do so, pay half of your monthly mortgage every two weeks. You will be making 26 payments, equal to 13 monthly payments rather than 12 monthly payments. If that option is not open to you, divide your monthly mortgage payment by 12. Paying this amount as an extra principal payment each month will be the same as making the bi-weekly payments, and will help you pay off a 30-year mortgage in between 18 and 22 years.

If the extra months principal payment each year is too stiff for your budget, prepay a set amount you can afford. Just \$25 a month paid on a 30-year, 8 percent fixed-rate mortgage could save you over \$23,000 over the life of the loan. Prepaying \$100 a month

would save almost \$62,500 in interest while making your home debt free 10 years quicker.

Shop for the best homeowners' policy by calling the Texas Department of Insurance (1-800-252-3439) for benchmark rates for your area of the state. The State Board of Insurance has divided Texas into 23 rating territories that reflect differences in geographic areas that affect loss rates from weather conditions and other occurrences. Each territory has a benchmark rate and a flexibility band. The Texas Dept. of Insurance keeps data on the percentage of rates in each region that are above and below the benchmark. This voice-mail service lets you have rate information for your region mailed to you that helps you locate companies that charge rates below the benchmark.

When your equity in your home reaches 20 percent of your mortgage loan, you are eligible to drop the private mortgage insurance that was likely required when you began the mortgage. To know if your equity is 20 percent of the mortgage, first work with local Realtors to find out the current market value of your home. Subtract the principal you still owe on your mortgage. The answer is your equity. If it is 20 percent of more of your original mortgage, write to your lender and provide the information with your request to drop the private mortgage insurance immediately. Private mortgage insurance may be from \$250 to \$560 a year. If you can drop it, your escrow payments should be lowered. This is money you can now pay into an interest-earning savings account each month, and you are on your way to harvesting more money.

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: A diplomat is a man who can convince his wife she looks frumpy in diamonds and fat in a mink coat.

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Do Not Hide The Gospel



II Corinthians 4:3: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." The apostle Paul proclaimed the simple truth of God's word with great sincerity and faithfulness. He understood the value of the soul for which Christ died.

The devil wants to keep us in the dark. What do you do when you enter a dark room? You turn on the light switch. We need to do the same spiritually. David, the sweet singer of Israel, said in Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." God's word is the light switch for the person in spiritual darkness.

Have you ever been asleep in a room and someone turns on the light? It takes a while for your eyes to adjust, doesn't it? Some do not like the word proclaimed because it is like shining a light in their eyes. It is unpleasant, but it is necessary if we are to "walk in the light". I John 1:7

"Your religion is all moonshine," a skeptic once remarked to a Christian. The answer flashed back substantially as follows:

"Thank you for the compliment. The moon reflects the light of the sun, the true Christians are simply reflectors of the Great Light of the world, Jesus Christ."

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

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Motley County School News

Motley County Golf Teams End Season With Regional Play

by Kay Bingham

The Motley County boys and girls golf teams have had a very successful year. Each team competed in tournaments at Floydada, Childress, and Memphis. The girls won first at Memphis and Leigh Pipkin and Laurie Hoyle placed as first and third medalists.

Knox City was the location of the Girls District Meet on April 1st where Motley County won 1st. Members of the winning team were Leigh Pipkin, Laurie Hoyle, Leah Cruse, Kasey Parks, and Tanya Barkley. Pipkin was first Medalist and Hoyle was third. Other Motley County competitors were

Nancy Martin and Chesle Parson. The Girls Regional Meet was held in Sundown on April 24th and 25th where the team finished fourth. Leigh Pipkin was third Medalist at the Regional Meet. Pipkin has played on District winning golf teams for all four of her high school years and Hoyle has placed on three.

The Boys District Meet was held in Roaring Springs at the Springs Ranch Golf Club on April 2 were Paducah came in 1st and Motley County placed 2nd winning them a trip to the Regional Tournament held in Levelland

on April 24th and 25th. Members of the Regional Team were Brad Thacker, Kevin Keltz, Jeremy Smith, Matt Woolsey and Keane Cruse. Other players for Motley County in the District Meet were Jason Barton, Aaron Binder, Bert Darsey, Tyler Decker, Robert Gillespie, Lee Jones, and Jeremy McWilliams. The Motley County Boys Team placed 6th at Regional. Thacker, Smith, and Keltz have played on winning District teams for 3 of their 4 high school years.

Senior golf members will certainly be missed next year.

Kathy Gillespie, Lindsey Williams Earn Awards

Several area high school teachers and students have won prizes in the 1996 Tandy Technology Scholars program.

The academic top 2 percent of graduating seniors are eligible for certificates recognizing academic achievements. Each school can nominate a teacher or student who has

excelled in science, computer science or math.

Teacher nominees winning certificates included Kathryn Gillespie of Motley County.

Student nominees winning certificates included Lindsey R. Williams of Motley County.

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves.

—Carl Gustav Jung



Quinn Hays, Tommy Hurt, LaShea Rose, Christina Smith, Kyle Cope, Samantha Davila, Maria Gallegos, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Jasmine Porter, Ryan Riggs, Christa Brooks, Andrew Rodriguez, Joshua Langer, Chooch Meyer, Holly McWilliams, Hope McWilliams, Sean Rose, Britt Pierce.



MONDAY, MAY 13

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Fruit, Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomato, Pepper, Onion, Pinto Beans, Chips, Sauce, Ice Cream, Milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Seasoned Fries, Dessert, Milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Breakfast: Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce Cake, Milk.



BOB CAT BADGES — Motley County Cub Scouts met Thursday night when some of the troop received their Bob Cat Badges. To obtain the Bob Cat badge a troop member must learn the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Receiving badges were Michael Arneel, Quintin Rose, Fannin Quinn, Marc Henzler, and John Martin. Pictured above are (back l-r) Kenny Johannes, Jacob Johannes, Colton Russell, Colby Ashley, Chance Bingham, Quintin Rose, Fannin Gwinn, Michael Arneel, John Martin, Marc Henzler, and Martin Walker.



Motley County FFA members are pictured here with Texas Agricultural Commissioner, Rick Perry. They served lunch to those who attended a special luncheon and meeting held last Friday.

Eighth Grade Planning Meeting

All eighth graders and their parents are invited to a special meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Keith will discuss the importance of timely planning for future career goals, and Mr. Copp will present the schedule of classes for the 1996-97 school year.

Students, together with their parents, will plan their basic program for the next four years, and everyone is expected to attend this most important meeting.

Meeting And Concert At School

A public meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Motley County School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 1996. The purpose of the meeting is to provide for parental involvement and input into special programs, and to ensure these programs are coordinated with regular instruction. Parents of students in special education, and the Schoolwide Title I are especially invited.

Following these meetings the Motley County High School Choir will present their Spring Concert. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Darryn, who attends Motley County High School, was nominated for this national award by Jim Cooper, Agricultural teacher at the school.

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Darryn is the son of Linda Perryman of Matador and the grandson of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs.

Youth Mini-Olympics to be held in Matador, May 18

Motley County 4-H is sponsoring a Mini-Olympics for area youth on Saturday, May 18th at the Motley County Football Field in Matador. The track meet will start at 10:00 a.m. and is open to all area youth from Pre-K to 6th grade. The youth will compete based on their grade with separate boy and girl divisions in each grade.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per participant. With the \$5.00 entry fee, the youth can enter 1 or all of the events. The events include: 50, 100, 200, 400, and 800 meter dash; 400 and 800 meter relay; long jump; jump rope; and baseball throw. There will be special running events for Moms and Dads.

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each event and participation ribbons will be given to all participants. All area youth are invited to attend the Mini-Olympics and enjoy the fun. For an entry form or more information, please call Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733 or Barbara Wallace at (806) 347-2784 after 6:00 p.m. Deadline to enter is May 17th.

WORD of GOD

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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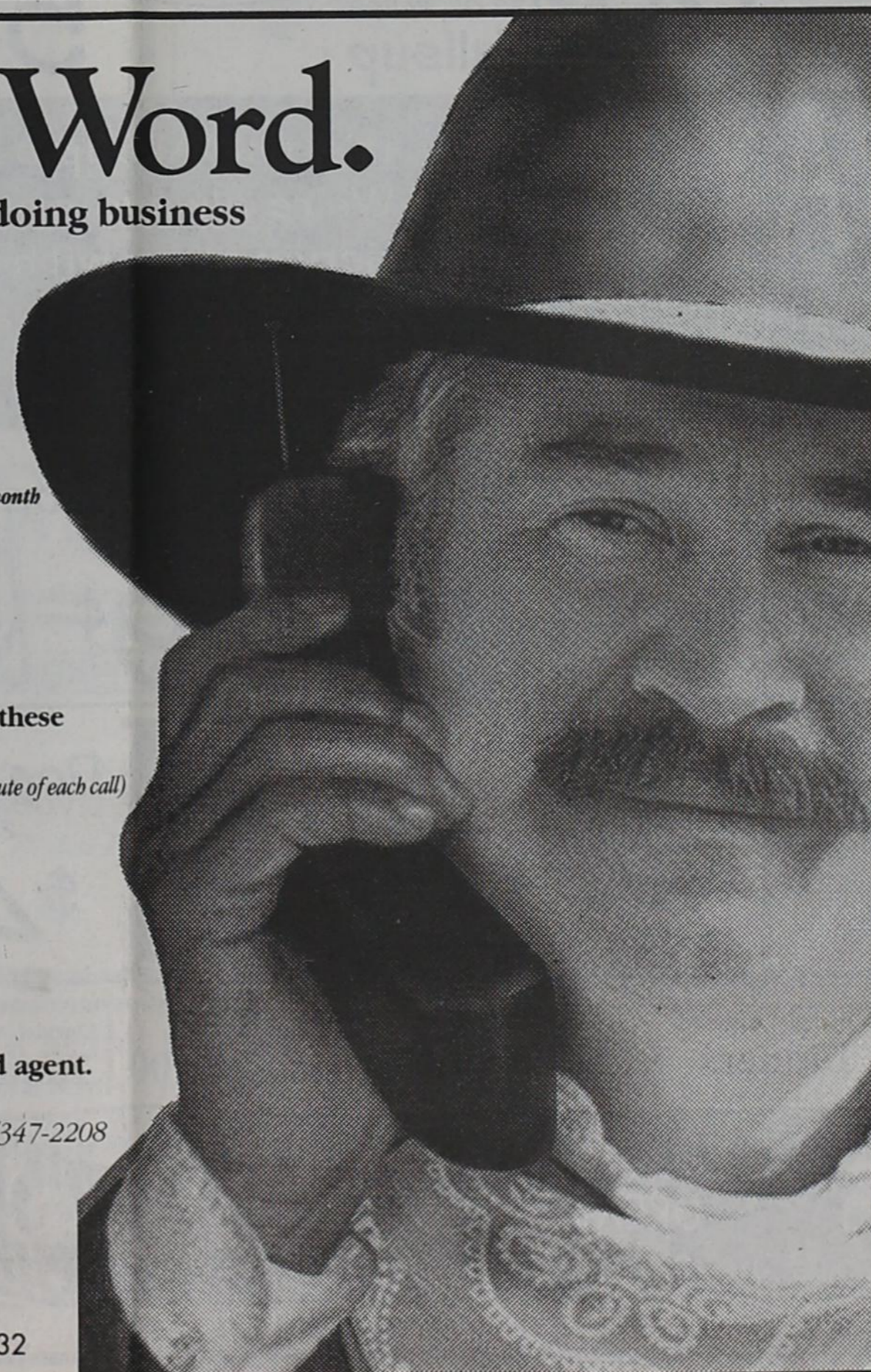
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Texas Residents Couldn't Pay Volunteers What They're Worth

"The people in Texas couldn't afford to pay volunteers what they are worth," said Charles "Boo" Walker, section head for the Texas Forest Service (TFS) Fire Control Department, Lufkin.

Walker is referring to the thousands of Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) that the TFS works closely with throughout this state.

"We rely on our cooperators, which are the volunteer fire departments out in Texas and rural areas, to supplement our forces if we get overwhelmed," Walker said.

But their relationship with the VFD's is a two way street.

The TFS Fire Control Department is charged with jurisdiction over any wildfires in Texas. According to Walker, their goal is to coordinate as well as supervise efforts with the VFD's.

Because the men and women of the VFD's have professions outside of fire-fighting, the TFS is responsible for providing them with the professional training and equipment. Departments are outfitted with supplies such as trucks, tractors, bulldozers or radio communication systems through grants or cost-share opportunities or with the military surplus which the TFS has access to.

In a potentially dangerous or out of control fire, the TFS, upon request, can assist the VFD's with additional man-power, equipment or just a different out-look on the situation.

For example, the TFS responded to a Motley County wildfire on January 29, 1996. With dry conditions, a switch in the wind direction and no fire break for 20 miles, Rodney Williams, Motley County fire chief, requested assistance by the TFS through his county judge and Department of Public

Safety (DPS) sergeant. "I knew I could go to the TFS and receive any kind of assistance that I needed. That's what prompted the call," said Williams, who also is a soil conservation technician for the Natural Resource and Conservation Service. Williams, with 24 active volunteer firemen, is responsible for protecting 1,056 square miles.

"We try to pride ourselves on being as professional as we can be and as trained as we can be. But we realize that your organization (the TFS) does this for a living. We know that we can call them and get the help."

Williams reported his need for assistance at 3:00 a.m. on January 29, Walker was contacted by 4:30 a.m. and flown into Lubbock from Lufkin by 2:30 that afternoon. The TFS sent Walker to scout out the fire and to see what the needs of the department were, as far as assistance.

"In some cases all it is that fire chief needs is somebody else that knows something about fire fighting, to give him a little technical advice. Most of the fire fighters around here have a lot of experience in fighting these types of fires and are very good and proficient at it -- they just need someone to reassure them they are doing the right thing," said Walker, who has been fighting fires for 18 years.

"Especially if the fire has gotten away from you two or three times, you start second guessing yourself and really questioning if you're doing the right thing or not -- usually you are and it's just a matter of the fire being overwhelming."

This Motley County fire burned 3,500 acres. The VFD was on the fire for 23 hours.

One resource the TFS can provide the VFD's in a wildfire is an aerial

view with a DPS helicopter.

"It's just unbelievable the amount of difference that it makes being able to look at it from the air. There are just places in this country and throughout Texas that you just can't see from the ground. It makes a lot of difference," Williams said.

Being above the fire in the aerial position allows the whole picture to be seen.

"It also helps you place resources. It's one thing to talk to an engine or tractor down on the ground and say 'go right or left' in your own mind thinking

you know where you are; and it's another thing to be up above them and see, and you can actually tell them 'take that road to the left and it'll take you right to the fire'," Walker said.

"It gives you complete perspective of what you're looking at."

Although the TFS is providing the professional and expertise needed in fire fighting, a price can not be put on the time and effort of the VFD's, nor their relationship to the TFS -- a relationship working to protect the state of Texas, its resources and its people.



January Oil, Gas Summary

According to information provided by the Texas Railroad Commission, a total of 1,159 original drilling permits were issued in March compared to 986 in March of 1995.

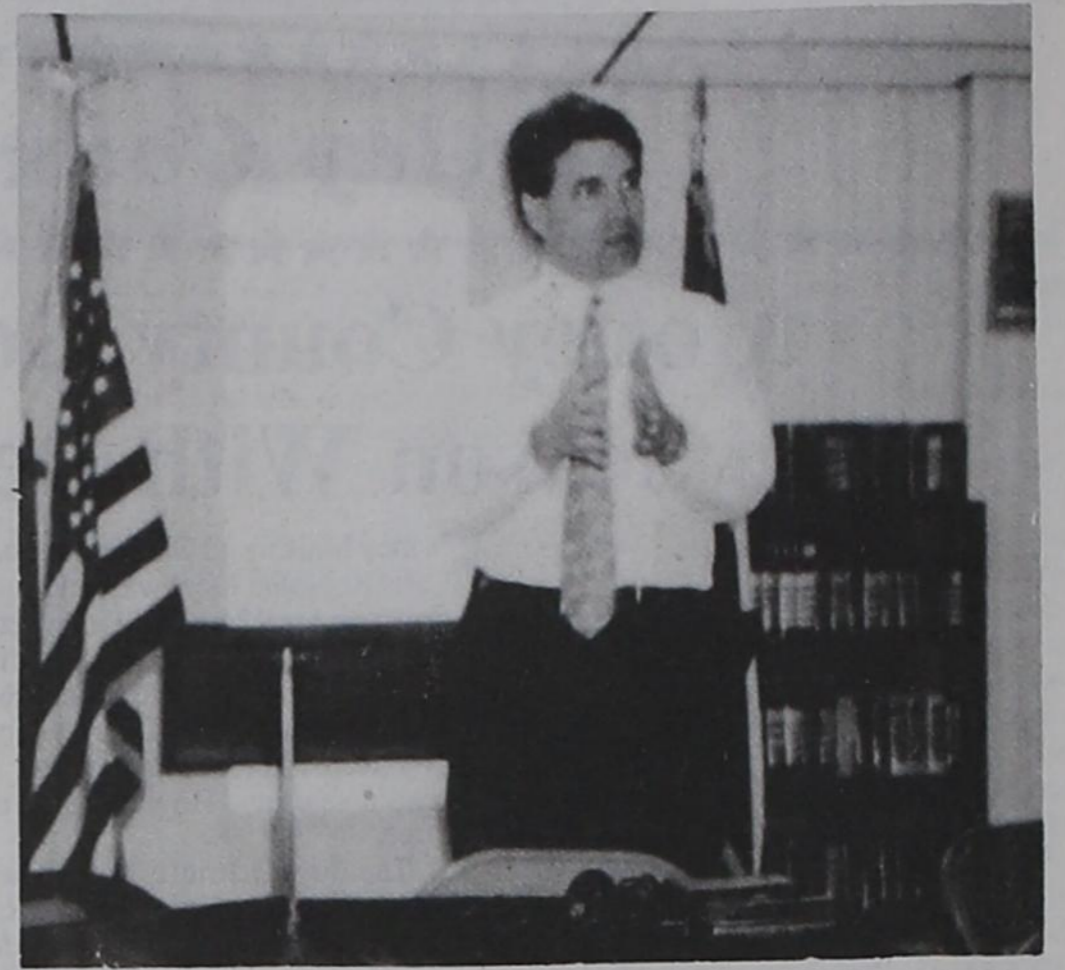
So far in 1996, there have been 2,956 drilling permits issued compared to 2,756 recorded during the same period in 1995. March permits included 464 oil, 255 gas 351 oil and gas, 53 injections, one service and 35 other

permits. Motley County Production for January 1996: crude oil, 11,965 barrels and 261 mcf of gas.

The top ten oil producing counties include Gaines, 3,164,080; Andrews, 2,675,737; Yoakum, 2,563,897; Ector, 2,262,403; Hockley, 2,195,897; Pecos, 1,941,242; Gregg, 1,682,906; Crane, 1,282,577; Midland, 1,106,746 and Upton, 944,355.

Thanks to the voters of Motley County who supported me in the recent School Board Election.

Pat Smith



Texas Agricultural Commissioner, Rick Perry, speaks to a group of Motley County citizens and guests to encourage them not to have a "we can't do that" attitude. He stated there are several options now for rural areas to encourage small business. Perry answered several questions. A delicious meal was catered by Virginia Sailsbury, and served by Motley County FFA members. This event was sponsored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce.

Self-Employed May Qualify For Reduced Income Taxes

An educational seminar addressing how self-employed farmers and small business owners may qualify to reduce 1995 tax bills by \$1,000 - \$2,000 will be held on May 11, 1996. There is no charge to attend the seminar.

According to last year's statistics, over 25,000 self-employed business owners reported an average tax savings of over \$2,000.00 by fully deducting family health insurance premiums as well as medical, dental and vision care expenses not covered by

insurance. The meeting, which is being sponsored by the Motley-Dickens County Farm Bureaus will be held at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and reservations are required. To make your reservation or receive information on additional dates and locations, please contact your Motley or Dickens County Farm Bureau office at 806-347-2880 or 806-271-3231 by May 10, before noon.

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Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

ATTEND WMU ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Odessa Mullins, Roaring Springs, Connie Allen and Bobbie Trull of Crosbyton, Theta Holt of Silverton, and Mary Beth Adamson of Turkey attended TASK Leadership Training for Association leaders in Waco Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4th. The ladies drove down Thursday and returned late Saturday evening.

Last Thursday night was a night of horror here as the Roaring Springs Cafe was destroyed by fire. It was a great loss to the entire community, not just to Lou and Don Wittler.

J.T. Swim had cataract surgery in Lubbock Monday and had a check-up on the surgery Tuesday. His wife accompanied him.

Miss Lula Swim left Sunday morning at 5 o'clock with a group of church people of this area for Juarez, Mexico to build a home for a homeless family. She went on a similar trip last year.

Jim Burton and Diana Hood of Lubbock helped their sister, Corey and husband, Billy Easter, clean up after the fire.

Shopping at Thacker Jewelry Store here last Friday afternoon were Mrs. Lucille Fox and Mrs. Ruth Griffin of

McAdoo. They also visited their longtime friend, Mrs. Roxie Lewis.

Miss Lula Swim and Mrs. Mary Lumsden visited Miss Freda Keahey in the Crosbyton Care Center one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burton, Corey Easter's parents of Lubbock came to help them clean up the smoke damage to the City Grocery store.

MARY KELLEY HOSTS GUILD

The Guild met with Mary Kelley Wednesday evening of last week with fourteen members joining her for the hour of study and fellowship. Billie Clifton opened the meeting with a prayer. Darleen Fletcher brought the devotional. The study leader, Chelsea Read, used the first chapter of Ecclesiastes, Amos, Deuteronomy, and the fifth chapter of Isaiah to present a lesson on "Wisdom and Folly" and "Wealth and Poverty".

Those enjoying the hospitality of the Kelley home were Suzanne Abbott, Jeanie Adams, JoEtta Bumgardner, Billie Clifton, Darleen Fletcher, Callie Giesecke, Mary Lumsden, Debbie Martin, Pearl Patten, Lee Peacock, Chelsea Read, Imogene Swim, Lula Swim, and Grace Zabielski.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

ARRIVAL OF GREAT GRANDSON

Art Green is happy to announce the arrival of a great grandson, Dakota Lawrence Lewis, born April 30, 1996 in Wichita Falls. He weighed eight pounds, twelve ounces and was 21 inches long.

His proud parents are Daren and Tiffany Lewis of Vernon. Grandparents are Donald and Jean Lewis of Vernon, Mickey and Sue Loyd of Holliday and Larry Beasley of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Darlene Rogers and son, Jimmy of Roswell, N.M. visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter, Keri and friend, Kevin Sehon of Lubbock.

Mark Clay and son, Mark Henry Clay of Rockwall visited the weekend with League Clay and other relatives.

Mrs. Kevon (Lori) Kleibrink and son Kyler of Lubbock visited Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Mrs. Glen D. (Laverne) Tiffin is a patient in the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. Mrs. A.D. Moseley visited her Saturday.

Mrs. Coleen Burns of Granbury returned home Wednesday after visited the past week with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Morris attended the AAU basketball tournament in Frenship, Saturday. Their granddaughters, Kiley Lane of Plainview and Rebecca Morris of Flomot competed in the games. Rebecca's Mom, Mrs. Pam Morris also attended the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday and again, Tuesday for Mrs. Starkey medical treatment and body scans. They visited in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and children and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner and Kelsey were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The most automated appliance in a household is a MOTHER!

Mrs. Hal Martin of Matador accompanied Mrs. Kathryn Martin to Lubbock, Monday for medical tests at the Diagnostic Clinic. Tuesday morning she and Art Green of Flomot met her daughter, Mrs. Nathan (Carol) Gilbreth of Sundown in Idalou. She accompanied them to Lubbock for Mrs.

Martin a medical appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited during the weekend in Matador in the Gwinn home with Mrs. Ray (Marilyn) Holcomb of Floydada, Mrs. Alvis (Gloria) Lee of Spur, Mrs. Josie Raetz of McAdoo and Aly Gwinn of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon are visiting in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended the memorial services of Reese Clark held at the First United Methodist Church in Sagerton, Sunday and the graveside services at the Memory Gardens in Stamford.

Matador News

Mrs. Liller Tanner of Tulia and Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart visited during the weekend with Mrs. Carolyn Ewing.

Gary Markham of Houston visited

recently with his brother, Larry Markham. He accompanied his father, Elvin Markham from the Floydada Nursing Home to a Care Center in Houston.

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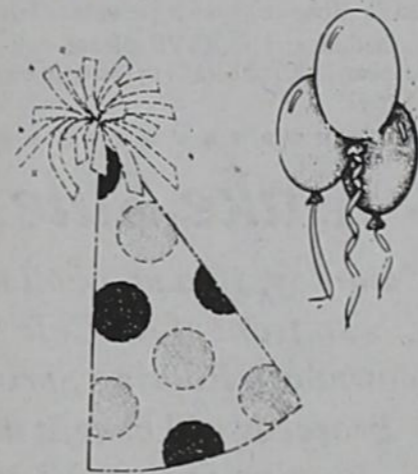
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Donald Shaw

Dickens--Services for Donald Ray Shaw, 62, of Dickens were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dickens Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Fields of Amarillo and the Rev. C.L. Atkinson of Afton officiating.

Burial was in Dickens Cemetery under direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

He died Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at his home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1933, in Lorenzo. He lived in Dickens most his life, and he married Ruby "Mickey" Hale on May 9, 1953, in Dickens. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and he was a member of the

VFW Post 7212 and the American Legion. He was a Baptist.

He was a cement contractor.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Doug Shaw of Watauga, Johnny Paul Wright of Haltom City and Bobby Joe Wright of Irving; a daughter, Diane Nelms of Dickens; four brothers Darrell of Weatherford, Dean of Slaton and Carl and Dennis, both of Vega; five sisters, Gustine Beaver of Yucaipa, Calif., Lillie Mae Griffin of Lake Stamford, Flora Lee Pernell of Vega, Marie Byrd of Dickens and Corine McDowell of Plainview; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

E.E. Stephens Jr.

Paducah -- Graveside services for E.E. Stephens Jr., 69, of Paducah were held at 11 a.m. Friday in Garden of Memories Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Crosby, pastor of First Baptist Church in Paducah, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Stephens died Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at his residence.

He was born July 5, 1926, in Buck Creek. He married Marianne Hamil-

ton on March 22, 1947, in Paducah. She died Nov. 22, 1995. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and he was a Baptist.

He was a retired farmer, and he was an oil field pumper.

Survivors include a son, Sherman of Paducah; two daughters, Charlotte Havins of Vernon and Laura Taylor of Roaring Springs; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mable Louise Jurgens

A funeral for Mabel Louise Jurgens, 75, a Carson City resident for the past six years, were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum, with the Rev. Elmer Woodruff officiating.

Mrs. Jurgens died Sunday at the Carson-Tahoe Hospital. She was born Jan. 3, 1921 in Munday, Texas, to Clifton Eugene and Lillie Mae Burgess Lowder.

She attended Whiteflat Schools all of her twelve grades.

She married Guy Jurgens in 1962 in Arcata, Calif.

Before moving to Carson City, she lived in McKinleyville, Calif.

Mrs. Jurgens was a Sheriff's Deputy in Orofino, Idaho. She worked in retail sales in California and then became a homemaker. Before moving to

Carson City, she managed a mobile home park in McKinleyville.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carson City.

She was also a member of the Republican Central Committee of Carson City.

Survivors are her husband, Guy of Carson City; sons, Marvin Calk of Florida and Larry Calk of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughters, Tamara Jurgens and Clea Ignacio, both of Carson City; sisters, Billie Mae Voris of Redwood City, Calif., Lorene Bell of Gardnerville and Georgia Luella Faulstich of West Point, Calif.; brother Clifton Lowder of Willits, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A committal service and burial was held at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden.

Gertrude Smith

Funeral services for Gertrude Groves Smith, 89, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Officiating was Rev. Greer Wilis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pecos, Texas, and Rev. Felton Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Matador. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith died Sunday in Odessa, Texas, following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 14, 1906, in Jones County, Texas, and moved to Motley County in 1917. She graduated from Matador High School in 1924. She was married to Bill Nelson in 1925. Mr. Nelson died in 1945. In 1947 she was married to Roy Smith, who died in 1985. She served as Motley County Treasurer in 1947 and 1958,

and operated a bakery with her husband for many years. She served as a Motley County Justice of the Peace from 1985 until 1990.

She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador since 1921, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, Roy Smith, and by a son, Bonner Nelson in 1993, and is survived by one daughter, Dorothy Nelson Melton of Odessa; four grandchildren; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Joel Spray, Richard Turner, Larry Hoyle, Leo Archer, Charles "Doc" Cross, and Kenny Barton.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Matador or to a favorite charity.

JONES AND CARPENTER FAMILY INFORMATION NEEDED

Wish to make contact with anyone with knowledge of Mary Melvina JONES CARPENTER, born 1842, Mississippi. Married 1860 Thomas Columbus CARPENTER. Died in Dumont, Texas area, 15 February 1925. Lived in Dumont/Paducah areas many years. Have info on CARPENTER family to share, need leads on JONES line - parents, siblings, etc. of Mary. JONES families still in area may be related.

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