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Another Motley County Neighbor



L.V. DAMRON

L.V. Damron works for Seigler Funeral Home in Matador. She was born and raised in Matador and graduated from high school here. She was married for 20 years to Mose Damron. He passed away in 1989. She worked for the railroad, the Federal Government and the state of California as secretary for many years. She returned to Motley County from California in 1964.

She has one daughter and son-in-law, Jonnie Marie and Ed Hirt of Council Grove, Kansas.

In her spare time, L.V. enjoys church and club work and working crossword puzzles.

Thought for the week

"If you cry 'Forward!' you must without fail make plain in what direction to go. Don't you see that if, without doing so, you call out the word to both a monk and a revolutionary, they will go in directions precisely opposite?"

— Chekhov

A Look back in Time

March 14, 1935
County Board organized to plan W.P.A. Project.

Harry Campbell selected as Chairman

January 11, 1940
Davidson Due Here For Visit

Shannon Davidson who rode horseback from Nocona to Oakland, CA early last year to win the Pony Express race, was expected in Matador yesterday or early today.

January 18, 1940
Young Burglars Apprehended
Chicago Boys Loot Western Dry Goods Company

Two brief careers of crime starting in Chicago on Thanksgiving night brought to an interlude in the Cottle-county of West Texas when Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman of Dickens arrested John Walsh, 16, and Roy Rehder, 15.

February 22, 1940
Area Digs From Heavy Snow
Worst Blizzard For Two Decades Strikes

Howling out of the north with a fury equalled only to two known predecessors a blizzard struck this area Friday morning to continue until Saturday night.

The heavy snow, estimated to range from 8 to 12 inches, followed a slow drizzling rain Friday morning.

A bit of information ...

Local resident, Boyce Hart, was full of curiosity the last couple of weeks, wondering when the old rock building next to Bob's Oil Well was built.

Boyce came to the Tribune office and searched through old Tribune paper files until he hit paydirt. The old building, the Cook Shack Cafe, opened for business September 25, 1946. The cafe, also known as the Cook Shack Cafe, adjoining Bob's Oil Well, was closed and used as a tire storage room.

Now - wonder when the cafe closed?

57th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Saturday

The 57th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, March 8, 1997 at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. The Livestock Show is sponsored each year by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects. By caring and feeding their livestock through-

out the feeding period, youth have the opportunity to learn responsibilities and increase their knowledge of the livestock industry.

During this year's Show, there will be 10 steers, 75 hogs, 14 lambs and 14 rabbits exhibited. In addition, a Pee-Wee Swine Showmanship Show will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third grade.

Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador will be serving breakfast to exhibitors, donors, and local residents from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared

by local volunteers.

Thank you to Lowe's Pay-N-Save in Matador, all the volunteers and donors for their continued support and dedication to the Motley County Junior Livestock Show.

There will be a concession stand open throughout the Stock Show.

Donations of \$1.00 are being accepted for a drawing of a \$500 gift certificate from Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs. The proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the Premium Auction. Anyone interested in the gift certificate may contact a Motley County 4-H or FFA member and/or a director of the Motley County Junior Livestock Association. Directors for this year's Show are Billy Wayne Denison, Craig Turner, Bruce Lefevre, Tommy Gleghorn, Don Baxter, and Mark Seigler.

Everyone is invited to attend the Show and Youth Premium Auction to

help support the youth of Motley County.

SHOW SCHEDULE

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.: Breakfast, Courtesy of Pay-N-Save.

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.: Swine Weigh-in

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.: Steer and Lamb Weigh-in

8:30 a.m.: all swine, steers and lamb must be in at Show Barn and weighed.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.: Rabbit Check-in

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Heifer Check-in

9:00 a.m.: Sign-up for Pee Wee Showmanship.

9:45 a.m.: Pee Wee Showmanship Contest: Sponsored by Motley County Farm Bureau.

10:00 a.m.: Swine Show

11:30 a.m.: Lamb Show

12:30 p.m.: Rabbit Show

1:00 p.m.: Heifer Show

2:00 p.m.: Steer Show

3:30 p.m.: Youth Premium Auction.



GETTING READY—Misty Thomas was getting her calf ready for the 57th Annual Jr. Livestock Show to be held Saturday when this picture was taken. Misty is one of only three seniors showing animals this year. Others are Kasey Parks and Darryn Perryman.

Chamber of Commerce kicks off Membership Campaign

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce kicks off the 1997 Membership Campaign on March 1 with the mailing of membership renewal notices. Please support the Chamber and its sponsorship of the Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days Celebration as well as other 1997 Chamber

activities by renewing your membership as soon as possible.

Any Motley County business or resident who is not currently an active Chamber member should consider membership during 1997. Your membership will help to promote, strengthen, and improve the economic

development and business environment in Motley County. Applications are available at most county businesses and from Chamber board members. Any questions should be directed to Jeff Thacker, President; Rodney Williams, Vice-President; Sondra Francis, Treasurer; or Charles Keith, Secretary.

Green Thumb Salutes The Abilities of Older Workers



GREEN THUMB EMPLOYEES — Odessa Mullins, Judge Laverna Price, Suzanne Abbott, H.A. (Hash Agency), pictured in front left to right; Florence Gallagher (Program Aid/Job Developer), Tressie Warren, Georgia Witcher, George Brinsfield, Castulo Gonzalez, Bobbie Brown, H.A. (Hash Agency), standing left to right.

Shannon Davidson Planning Committee Meets

The Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days Planning Committee met last Monday night, February 24, to plan and coordinate the final phases of the celebration that is scheduled for June 20-22, 1997.

Charles Keith and Jerry Green provided updates on the endurance rides, the ranch-horse race, the corporate sponsorship campaign, and the publicity plan. Sub-committee assignments and activities were discussed as were specific activities in the communities of Matador, Roaring Springs, and Flomot.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Library. Any interested community member is encouraged and invited to attend.

March Subscriptions Due

March Subscriptions are now due. Please check the back page for your name.

Thank you!

For over thirty years, Green Thumb, Inc., has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through local community service employment and training projects. As viable manpower resources for their community-based organizations, participants maintain their independence as productive members of society. Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

Each year *Hire the Older Worker Week* spotlights the contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities, and experience. According to Diane Cowan, program director, "During this important week, March 9 through 15, let us recognize and highlight the work force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future."

Green Thumb, Inc. encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during **HIRE THE OLDER WORKER WEEK, MARCH 9 THROUGH 15**, but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business!

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb, Inc., P.O. Box 7898, Waco, Texas, 76714, 817/776-4081.

See Proclamation on page 6

59th Annual Mother- Daughter Banquet Set For March 25

The 59th Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet has been set for March 25, 1997. It will be held in the Motley County School gym at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available at the school from Tonya Price. The price of each ticket is \$6.50. You can also

purchase tickets from Debbie Denison. If you would like to "sponsor a daughter" please contact Tonya Price 347-2676 or Debbie Denison, 347-2783. Plans have been underway for some time now and the night is sure to be a night of fun.

Matador Committee meets tonight to plan Shannon Davidson activities

The Matador Sub-Committee of the Shannon Davidson Pony Express days Celebration will meet tonight at 7 p.m. (Thursday, March 6), at the Senior Citizens Center. The committee will be discussing activities to be scheduled in the Matador area during the celebration. Rodney Williams and Shane Jones will chair this meeting,

and ask that representatives from all Matador clubs, organizations, and churches be present to discuss the activities that are being considered by their membership. If anyone has any question, please contact Rodney Williams at 347-2857 or Shane Jones at 347-2820/2215.

New Business in Matador



NEW BUSINESS IN MATADOR — Motley County Chamber of Commerce President, Jeff Thacker, left, and member, Roy Hobbs, right, present Lou Anne Jameson, proprietor of new Matador business, "Main Street", with a plant as a welcome to the Motley County business sector. The new business which is a Cafe, serving specialty sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, 'special of the day', and more, is located next door to First State Bank on Main Street, in the old drug store building. The decor features the original wood booths, and other antique items. Plans are to open a gift shop, inside the Cafe, soon.



My space is limited this week, so I won't get philosophical or anything. I must tell you that I appreciate those of you who tell me you like my column. That makes me feel like I'm doing something right, part of the time, anyway. I appreciate your comments.

This Saturday will be a very busy day for most Motley County youth and their parents. It's the big Jr. Livestock Show! My son, Jeremy, always showed animals for the stock show. It was good experience for him and for me. My niece and nephew, Sean and Shea, show animals every year, also. This year, they are showing lambs. It's been fun to watch them walking them down

the highway beside my house. Those little lambs are not very tame. They have a mind of their own. Last year, Shea's lamb discovered a button on her vest, and kept trying to pull it off with his teeth, during the show. Shea kept smiling, while all the time keeping this rather rambunctious lamb under control.

It's really fun to watch the little PeeWee division. Those little kids are smaller than the animals, but they really do a good job and gain some valuable experience for future shows.

If you don't have anything to do on Saturday, go to the Livestock Show. You will probably have a good time.

Look Who's New



Taylor 'Chase' Bentley

Chad and Penni Bentley of Amarillo are parents of a daughter, Taylor 'Chase', born at 6:53 p.m. February 13. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are Stan and Lynda Fogerson of Abilene. Great grandparents are Bailey Elliott of Matador and Sylvia Fogerson of Silverton.

Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are being formed; his blood is being made; his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His name is today.

—Gabriela Mistral

El Progreso Club Celebrates Valentines Day

Thursday, February 13 El Progreso Club celebrated Valentines Day with their annual Baked Potato luncheon and Bingo party. It was such a good group of happy celebrants looking forward to the meal and then the "white elephant" prizes to be had from the prize table.

The tables had been gaily decorated with red streamers, candy hearts, both chocolate and those with the sentimental verses on them. There was a large balloon bouquet of red and white and with Happy Valentine on one of the larger ones.

Members and guests arrived to hear the program at 11:00 a.m. and then partake of the baked potatoes with varied toppings and desserts of all kinds with cherries in all of them.

The meeting was called to order by club president, Mrs. Sue Seigler, conducting what business needed to be seen after, and turning the program over to Mrs. Pearl Patten, who was leader for the day. She, in turn, presented Mrs. Beverly Vinson, who gave a short program from the *New Yorker* magazine, entitled 'Hot and Cool', with the topic of what clothes to wear during which season. This one took place in New York, on a park bench on upper Broadway in September. This person was confused by the clothes people were wearing in September. When we see those in t-shirts work with light flowered cotton mini-skirts and heavy black tights; a corduroy apron dress work without a shirt; cream-colored linen shorts with thick, long-sleeved navy turtleneck, a tank top and leggings and a polar-fleece shirt jacket; a sleeveless blouse, a long plaid skirt and black suede loafers; a leather jacket, shorts, and knee-socks; a crisp navy suit; navy stockings, and flimsy little sandals that were obviously meant for Spring. At this time of year, people dress as if they'd lost their minds. It's hot, but it's Autumn. It's sunny, but it's chilly. You're sick to death of your summer clothes, but it's too warm to wear what you've bought for winter. Sensory-wise, all this is an experience of pure chaos. Nothing quite makes sense when it comes to your clothes. The article continues, "The day I too was on Broadway I was a picture of chaotic thinking; a dark-brown wool boucle jumper, no shirt, sandals. This was no insane outfit and was not an impulsive pileup - actually clothes had been changed three times before stepping outside.

The first attempt was a pink shirt printed with little black sea horses, a short black cotton skirt, and black sling-backs. These came off as they were too beachy. Next a long-sleeved black top and trousers were too hot and gloomy. The combination of wool and bareness was chosen out of desperation and realization that what was needed was for me to hedge my bets. The weather that day was about seventy-three degrees, sunny, windy, and dry.

"Global warming or something has made it mild enough to wear cotton in the winter, but air-conditioning has made most inside spaces so cold in the summer that I never go anywhere without a cotton sweater tucked in my handbag where in the winter, the heat in the building is so torrid a heavy wool sweater hasn't been worn since coming to New York."

The popularity of synthetics is probably the result of all the climatic turmoil because synthetics have no inherent thermal properties; they adapt to whatever weather, actual or man-made, you are wearing them in. Polar fleece being one instance. It is plush, spongy, totally artificial material that weighs nothing and conveys no quality of warmth or coolness; in fact you can wear it in the most bitter weather or in the hottest heat. It looks neither filmy and light nor hearty and warm. These days you can't dress for the seasons because they don't really exist, you can only dress for the events.

A few notes were made concerning the Santa Rosa Spring convention to be held in Iowa Park on March 15. The Bingo was a fun thing to have with much excitement for the prizes on the table. Those in attendance were members: JoEtta Bumgardner, Dorothy Day, Grace Campbell, Sue Seigler, Loys Campbell, Pearl Patten, Patricia Green, Callie Giesecke, Lola Pohl, Beverly Vinson, JoAnn Dickson, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Marge Edwards, and Joan Keith. Guests were Jeanette Case, Greta Smallwood, Dixie Luitken, D'anna Russell, and Judy Cartwright.

Note: The next meeting of El Progreso will be to celebrate the birthday of TFWC's 100th birthday and El Progreso's 70th year. Please come, bring a guest, and help celebrate on March 21st in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church.

Pearl Patten closed the meeting with a devotional from *The Upper Room*.

Arts & Crafts Club Meets for Crafts & Luncheon

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club met February 3 at the Senior Citizens Center for a long awaited program.

The program, a workshop on making a jacket using an ordinary sweat-shirt, filled all expectations.

Betty Simpson, assisted by Loys Campbell, taught the lesson. They presided at the sewing machines. The results were exceptional, with pretty and charming jackets, a very nice addition to any wardrobe.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon. Hot breads, vegetables, meat, salads, dessert, and others. The chilly weather outside added to the pleasure inside.

Lorene Lancaster presided at the business meeting in the absence of the

club president, Geraldine Key. Dockets were appointed for the month, plans for club participation in the Shannon Davidson Celebration were discussed.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Joyce Meredith, Pauline Hand, Audrey Jones, Barbara Marvel, Dorothy Knight, Winifred Lee, Bertha Stearns, Lorene Lancaster, Betty Simpson, Vee Gordon, and Winifred Darsey.

Decima Green and Little Miss Hannah Rose Alexander were visitors.

Joy Archer was hostess for the day. The club sent condolences to Geraldine Key and family over the loss of her mother, Mrs. Edna Waybourn.

Delta Kappa Gamma Has 59th Birthday

The Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma of the Gamma Eta, Professional Education Sorority, observed their 59th birthday Saturday, March 1 in Matador.

Hostesses, Mesdames Carol Ann Turner, Lindy Stafford and Chelsea Read served a luncheon and birthday cake befitting the occasion. It was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ruby Cook of Crosbyton presented a program on a Birthday Tribute. Presiding at the monthly business meeting was the president, Mrs. Brenda Karr of Dickens. They attended from Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Mot-

ley, King, and Kent counties.

Candlelight Ceremony Unites Keri Shorter and Kevin Sehon



Mrs. Kevin Sehon (nee Keri Shorter)

The marriage of Miss Keri Lynn Shorter, daughter of Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot and Kevin Frank Sehon, son of Margaret and Frank Sehon of Wolforth was solemnized Saturday evening, January 9, 1996 in the home of her parents. The Rev. Nathan Mulder, Baptist minister, officiated in an impressive double ring ceremony.

The fireplace with a crystal vase of white gladiola and lilies decorating the mantle formed the background for the ceremony with floor baskets of lilies and gladiola and cathedral tapers in branched candelabra completed the arrangement.

Escorted and presented in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a L'Amour wedding dress of white chiffon and lace, fashioned with a fitted bodice of Venice lace. The sleeves were designed with lace motifs, Valentine lace and pearls. Rows of pearls outlined the sweetheart neckline and deep scooped back. Lace also formed a slight sweep train on the A-lined skirt that fell to the floor from an empire waistline. A satin band embellished with pearls held her fingertip Mantilla veil of silk illusion. She carried a bouquet of lilies, roses and gladiola accented with a satin tulle bow atop a Bible that was carried by her mother at her wedding.

Carrying out tradition, the bride wore the wedding bands of her maternal and paternal grandmothers, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Alma Shorter, Mrs. Martin's diamond bracelet and Mrs. Dottie McWhorter's pearl necklace and earrings for something borrowed. She wore a blue garter, her wedding gown was new and she slipped two pennies and a silver medallion of her paternal great-great grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Shorter, in her shoe for good luck.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. Kathy Shorter sang, "Hold On To The Yes."

The bride's table was laid with a lace cloth over forest green centered with a floral arrangement. The wedding cake was encircled with emerald lace greenery.

Wedding guests were grandparents, herb and Geneva Martin and Everett and Alma Shorter of Flomot and Mrs. Mary Sehon of Wolforth; Mrs. Christi

Milam of Petersburg; Cindy Shorter, Chad Calvert and Kellie Sehon of Lubbock; Mrs. Kathy Mulder of South Plains; Mrs. Kathy Malone and daughter, Tara, and his parents, Margaret and Frank Sehon of Wolforth.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Ropesville. Following her graduation from American Business College, Mrs. Sehon has been employed by Dr. Dorothy McWhorter of Lubbock. Mr. Sehon is a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech and is self employed.

Bridal Courtesies

Mrs. Keri Sehon was honored with a bridal shower, Saturday, February 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Karen Davis of Matador.

Hostesses for the courtesy in addition to Mrs. Davis were Mesdames Kay Bingham, Brenda Cruse, Susan Jameson, Judy Cruse, Tommie Cruse, Deidra Clifton, Joanie Stephens, D'anna Russell, Lindy Stafford, Carol Ann Turner, Donna Hoyle, Lou Anne Jameson and Connie Hurt.

Mrs. Susan Jameson and Mrs. Carol Ann Turner presided at the crystal punch and silver coffee service. The table and decorations featured the honoree's chosen colors of burgundy, forest green and navy blue.

Assorted canapes, cookies, sausage balls, mints and nuts were served with punch and coffee. The hostess gift was a bread making machine and the centerpiece.

Among the out of town guests were the honoree's sister, Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg who registered the guests, her mother in law, Mrs. Marg Sehon of Wolforth, mother, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and grandmothers, Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin, all of Flomot.

The bride was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning, February 22 held in the home of Mrs. Renae Viaille of Lubbock. Other hostesses were Mesdames Eva Cortez, Gwen Mandrell and Dottie McWhorter.

Special guests were her mother, Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot, mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Sehon of Wolforth and her grandmothers, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Alma Shorter of Flomot.

THE WINDMILL
Now taking orders for that special Easter Basket
Hint: Make your house smell like Spring by burning votive candles. Come in and see our large selection, such as Peach, Strawberries & Cream, Spicy Rose, Peony, Green Apple, & Honeysuckle.

Good Luck!
Motley County Livestock Show
Matador Floral
Downtown Matador 347-2711

"A Temporary Abode"
This world is not our home. Our God has not designed us to live on this earth forever. This world is our temporary abode. While we must live in this world physically, we need to be determined to live beyond it spiritually.
Our hope, our real home, our treasurers are "laid up beyond the azure blue." We, as the people of God, are committed to Jesus Christ, not to this world. This world is both a challenge and a threat. What a challenge we have before us in taking the message of Jesus to the many, many people of this world. Yet this world can be a threat to us as it offers many things that can draw us away from our commitment to live godly.
The Bible tells us that both God and Demas loved this world. God loved and gave His only begotten son. (John 3:16). Demas loved and became one with it. (II Timothy 4:10). This world is not our home. Indeed we are just passing through. May we be followers of God and not followers of Demas.
Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 9:00 a.m.

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What would it take to make a nature lover out of your child? Try these tips:

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 - Put up a birdfeeder
 - Go camping
 - Plant a backyard wildlife habitat
 - Encourage wonder
 - Go fishing
 - Go on a bug hunt
 - Get to know your local nature center
 - Read *Ranger Rick* together.
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SPORT REPORT



KASEY PARKS
All District - MVP
TABC All Region 2nd Team

LEAH CRUSE
All-District

DODIE MORRIS
All-District

BRANDI JAMESON
All-District
Honorable Mention

KEANE CRUSE
All-District

AARON GREEN
All District - Honorable Mention

Kasey Parks was also voted onto the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-Region 2nd Team by coaches from the Region. Leah also received votes for this honor.

District 12-A Girls All-District Team: Kasey Parks, MVP, Motley County, Senior; Wanda Poteet, Paducah, Jr.; Leah Cruse, Motley County, Sr.; Elly Bradshaw, Chillicothe, Sr.; Cara Powell, Valley, Sr.; Sarah Littlecreek, Chillicothe, Soph.; Jennifer Kajs, Crowell, Sr.; Rachael Richards, Paducah, Jr.; Nancy Swinney, Paducah, Sr.; Dodie Morris, MC, Sr.; Brianna Sperry, Valley, Sr.; Honorable Mention, Brandi Jameson, Motley County, Sr.

District 12-A Boys All-District Team: Jason Poteet, Paducah; Henry Kendricks, Chillicothe; Andre Gaddis, Valley; Clearance Thomas, Paducah; Joe Blevins, Chillicothe; Jeremy Taylor, Valley; Brad Flemmons, Paducah; Keane Cruse, Motley County; Eric Rekieta, Paducah; Brandon Dishman, Crowell; Luke Williams, Chillicothe; Honorable Mention, Aaron Green, Motley County.

All-District Basketball Teams Named

by Coach Kim

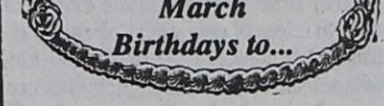
The All-District Teams for District 12-A were chosen by the coaches after District play ended. Coaches could vote for any player who was not a member of their own team.

The Motley County girls were well represented on the team. Kasey Parks was voted Most Valuable Player for the District. Leah Cruse and Dodie Morris were All-District and Brandi Jameson was Honorable Mention.

For the boys, Keane Cruse was All-District and Aaron Green was Honorable Mention.

MC hall news

Jr. Class Talent Show, Cake Auction a Success



Talent Show Winners Announced

The Motley County Junior Class held their annual Talent Show and Cake Auction, Monday night, March 3, at the school gym.

Students: Leigha Burns, Kyle Brandon, Quintin Brandon, Margaret Mangram, Brittany Donaldson, Jacob Johannes, Jason Clauser, Cassie Campbell, Jermaine Hendrix, Vanessa Easter, Toni Bowden, Kasey Osborn, Andy Anson, Kelsi Wallace, Mylissa Gilmore, Brandon Moore, Sherri Thomas, Eric Gutierrez, Kayla Copp, Tamra Ashley, Ryan Moore.

Winners for the Talent Show are as follows: 1st place, Amanda Hurt, Emily Hurt, and Brittany Perryman; 2nd place, Aleda Ross; 3rd place, Colton Russell and Chance Bingham.

Overall the Cake Auction was a tremendous success.

The Junior Class would like to thank all the audience, participants, and specially Mrs. Neely, Coach Neely, Betty Stevens, Mr. Copp and Mrs. Turner for doing a great job. Those purchasing cakes were Joel Reiger, City Grocery, Roaring Springs, Larry Hoyle, Johnney Turner, Cooper boys, LaVoe Thacker, Travis Jameson, Tommie Jo Cruse, Shea Rose, Thacker Jewelry, Jeff Thacker, Nova Turner, Eva Barkley, Deidra Clifton, Coach Kim, Pauline and Billy Hand, Kathy Gillespie, Jane and Coach O'Pry, Tom and Aleda Ross, Clint, Cody, and Clay Cooper, Kay and Alan Bingham, Margaret Stanley, Shelly and Coach Cox, Wayne Morren, Sonny & Dorothy Russell, Buzz Thacker, Thacker Supply, Beverly Darsey, Tommy Gleg-horn, Lou Anne Jameson, Main Street, Red Ball Gin, Larry Clifton, CSR PolyPipe Corp., Roaring Springs, Higginbotham, Donnie Jackson.

Donations were made by Judy Cruse, CSR PolyPipe, Roaring Springs, Buzz Thacker, Thacker Supply, Joan and Charles Keith, and Nova Turner.

The Jr. Class would like to thank everyone again for the successful Talent Show and Cake Sale.

Congratulations to...

Heather Turner, class of '95, who has been elected State Treasurer of the Texas Association of Family & Consumer Service.

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RED BALL
GIN
Roaring Springs

MOTHER GOOSE DOT PUZZLE

Who is the man who invariably finds things dull?
The Answer is 11

THE GRINDER

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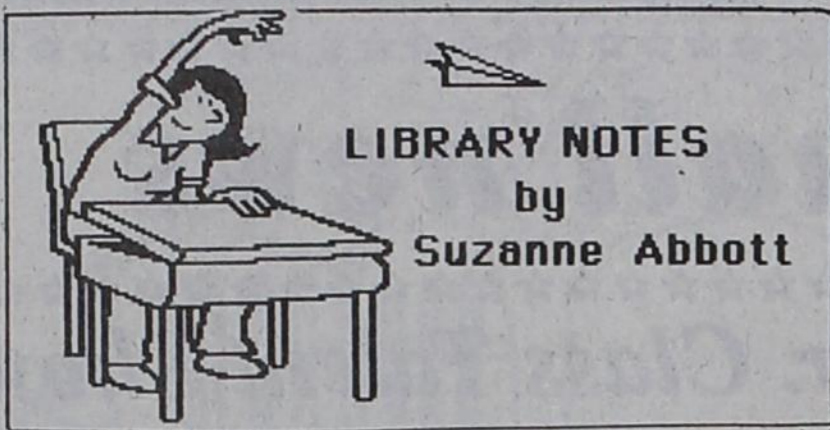
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LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

A new shipment of videos arrived at the Library last week. As usual there seems to be a video to suit all tastes. One that sounds especially interesting is *The Song of Sacajawea*, the tale of the young Native American woman who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition across the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. Background music by David Lindley captures the essence of the new frontier. Just in time for St. Patrick's Day we have a video by National Geographic called *Ballad of the Irish Horse*. This video captures a romantic portrait of the Irish people and their magnificent horses.

Speaking of St. Patrick's Day, come by the Library to see the pretty display case arranged by Winifred Lee. It appeals to the Irish in all of us. Thanks to Winifred for her willingness to use her artistic talent for the Library.

March must be the month for state

agencies to send out information on services available to the public. Just this week the Motley County Library received information from the Crime Victims' Compensation Division of the Attorney General's Office, The Texas Department of Insurance, and the Public Library's Learning Disabilities Initiative.

Each of these agencies have provided a variety of materials that explain the services that they provide. For example, the Learning Disabilities Initiative features LD ONLINE for anyone interested in the various types of learning disabilities and how to recognize and work with them. This service is on the Internet and has information and activities for both adults and children. The staff at the Library can help you hook up to this agency and many others on the Internet.

Thank You For Reading The Motley County Tribune!

In support of our youth and their projects!
Good luck at the Stock Show!
BILLIE DEAN'S RESTAURANT

Family and Consumer Sciences News
by **Arla Felts**,
Extension Agent

The warm days in February and early March of Spring. It is a perfect time to begin some organization of closets and chest to make the transition easier. Except for clothing of a sentimental nature, garments now worn during the last few years should be recycled. These means either re-design or re-new them for wearing or give them to a benevolent organizations that will. Cluttered storage makes stress each day and cleaning in general a bigger chore than is necessary.

This year fashion statements are simplified - uncomplicated, understated looks which can easily be enhanced with design, color, and special fabrics. A glance at store windows, magazines, and newspapers give clues to the beautiful spring colors.

Muted watercolor graphics of floral and seaworld images are seen. Many of the floral designs resemble botanical prints that have been used in home furnishings. Tropical motifs are here and there reflecting ethnic plaids, animal designs, and plant life.

Trends in fabric include man fab-

rics, especially sheer, lightweight goods - voile, batiste, organza, organdy and sateen. Compact and open-work knits, denim, chambray, twills, linen, and poplin.

Youth in the country have an opportunity to learn more about the clothing scene. The 4-H Clothing and Textile Project is about to begin. Some of the objectives of the project are to build self-confidence and poise by enhancing personal appearance, develop skills in wardrobe planning and in purchasing clothing and accessories, store and care for clothing properly, make clothing for themselves and others, and understand fibers, yarns and processes for making fabric.

This project is open to any interest young person. Those wanting additional information may contact the County Extension Office in the Courthouse.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Going to the Mat for a Balanced Budget Amendment

As this is being written, the U.S. Senate is engaged in an historic debate over a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It is unfolding as one of the most suspenseful, most defining moments of our times.

Will Congress deliver a Balanced Budget Amendment as the American people have demanded? Will we win this struggle we have undertaken on behalf of generations to come?

I and many of my colleagues have been fighting for this amendment through more than one Congress. This time we are determined to go to the political mat to make balancing the federal budget a reality.

Meanwhile we continue to spend, to live beyond our means, to accumulate debt at a breath-taking rate. For more than 50 years Congress has been afflicted with a near-fatal case of "other people's money" syndrome — it's always easier to spend other people's money than your own. Unfortunately, "other people" is us.

Because I have seen how hard it has been for Congress and the President to agree on how to achieve this balanced budget, I want to prohibit future Congresses from ever mortgaging the future of our children.

A Constitutional amendment is the only way to force the federal government to balance the budget each and every year. That there is such serious, organized opposition to the amendment is a sure indicator we are debating a measure which threatens the status quo.

Some argue that the Balanced Budget Amendment will tie the government's hands (which many Americans have come to believe wouldn't be a bad idea at all). Other opponents of the Balanced Budget Amendment wonder, "What if there's a war or an emergency?" Here is the short answer to such a Chicken Little argument: The amendment incorporates a safety valve — to be triggered in times of national danger or dire emergency. Congress can enact an unbalanced budget with a three-fifths vote. In times of war, only a majority is required.

Nor does the Balanced Budget Amendment threaten the nation's retirement security. The real threat to retirement security for all Americans is our mounting debt. If we continue on this course, awash in red ink, we risk not being able to meet our obligations in the future or taxing our people at an 80 percent rate in the future.

What have we to offer instead?

* Lower interest rates that encourage private investment. In the absence of federal budget deficits, real, non-residential investment could jump by 4 percent or more.

* Robust economic growth. By 2005, inflation-adjusted Gross Domestic Product would increase by \$170 billion. This translates to about \$1,000 additional disposable income per household at today's prices!

In plain terms, a balanced budget would mean lower interest rates, cheaper mortgages for home buyers and lower car payments. With our budget in balance, working Americans will have an easier time sending their kids to school or buying their first home.

A balanced budget doesn't just mean a better future for our kids — it also will put more money in the pockets of working Americans today. This is what is at stake.

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Open Spaces, Fewer Faces

With most residents gone, group of Texas counties struggles to survive

by Scott Parks
Staff Writer of
The Dallas Morning News

NOTE: The following article was printed in the Sunday, Feb. 23 edition of *The Dallas Morning News*. The article speaks of small Texas towns, featuring Paducah, Guthrie, Knox City, Benjamin, Roaring Springs and Matador and Dickens. Following is what was written about Roaring Springs and Matador.

Still Hanging On

Go north out of Dickens on two-lane State Highway 70. Pass 25 miles of mesquite, scrub oak and an occasional farmhouse surrounded by peanut or cotton fields. Then, you come to Roaring Springs, a community of 260, people in Motley County.

Turn left at the abandoned brick school building and head into downtown, which consists of a main street lined with store-fronts - some neat and occupied, others vacant and in disrepair.

Roaring Springs community schools closed in 1972. All Motley County kids go to school in Matador, the county seat a few miles up the road. Most of the 12 counties have only one school district.

Conventional wisdom in West Texas is that a town will die after losing its schools. Many once-thriving farm communities withered away to a small church and a cemetery after the schools closed.

"To exist 25 years after the school closing is incredible," said Joe Th-

acker, mayor of Roaring Springs.

Those well-versed in local lore say the Thackers, another of those indefatigable pioneer families, are responsible for Roaring Springs' survival.

Mr. Thacker, 49, left home to attend college and eventually wandered to New Mexico where he learned to make jewelry.

He returned to Roaring Springs in 1979 and began manufacturing gold jewelry in an old downtown bank building. Bolstered by contracts with military post exchanges and major jewelry companies, the company became one of the most successful small businesses in the United States, according to *Inc.* magazine.

Thacker Jewelry also established retail outlets in Lubbock and San Antonio.

"We've been successful, but we couldn't have made it if we were dependent on this area in any way," said Mr. Thacker, an easy-going man with bushy salt-and-pepper hair sticking out from under his ball cap.

The Thacker family also owns the local cotton gin and the only hardware-furniture store in town. Mr. Thacker's brother, Jeff, runs the general store and chairs the county school board.

U.S. census data says 3,863 people lived in Motley County in 1950. The population dropped to 1,532 by 1990.

So, does Mr. Thacker believe there will still be a Roaring Springs 40 years from now?

"No one can answer that question," he said. "I try to be optimistic. People would move back here in a minute if they could maintain the same standard

of living they have in the city."

Dana Graham, also born and raised in Roaring Springs, was a mortgage company executive in Grand Prairie. After some family difficulties in 1991, she and the company worked out a deal for her to move back to Roaring Springs and still keep her job.

Using telephone, fax and computer, she would telecommute.

"I think we were surprised that it worked out so well," she said. "We never missed a beat, but they eventually sold the company and I quit."

Mrs. Graham, 37, now works for Thacker Jewelry.

"Not everyone is fortunate to get to come home," she said.

Mrs. Graham's two children go to school in Matador.

Rick Copp, school superintendent, came to town at the beginning of the 1994-95 school year. He counted 276 students that year.

Now, Mr. Copp is in his third year. Enrollment was down to 240 in mid-February.

"The only way to turn things around is to get some industry in here," he said. "Only so many people can work on a ranch."

Statistics tell the story

Look at these statistics to get an idea of just how momentous the rural-to-urban shift in population has been in Texas:

— Rural farm population in 1930: 2.34 million, or 40.2 percent of the state's people.

The advanced age of rural people also exacerbates the population drain. Ten percent of the people in Texas

are over 65, according to census data. But in the 12-county region, the elderly population is at least double the state average. The over-65 population runs as high as 26 percent in Motley County.

Motley County Judge Laverna Price, a 70-year old widow, earns \$10,200 a year as county judge. She has lived in Motley County all of her life.

"It is just a ghost of what it used to be," she said. "Back in the '50s, we had three or four dry goods stores. Now everybody goes to shop in Plainview or Lubbock."

Matador has no hospital. A semi-retired doctor sees patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Matador had two hospitals 40 years ago.

Mrs. Price said sick people sometimes move away to be closer to hospitals. Their families often bring them back to Matador to bury them - for financial as well as sentimental reasons.

"It's a whole lot cheaper than in big cities," Ms. Price said.

The low cost of living also brings some retirees back to Motley County, Ms. Price said. "But it's the children we really need."

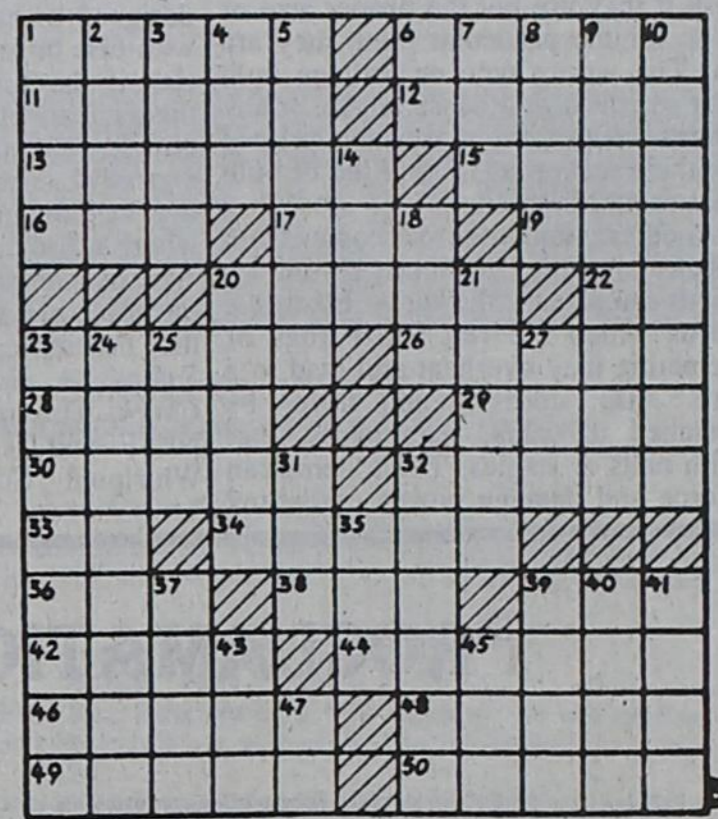
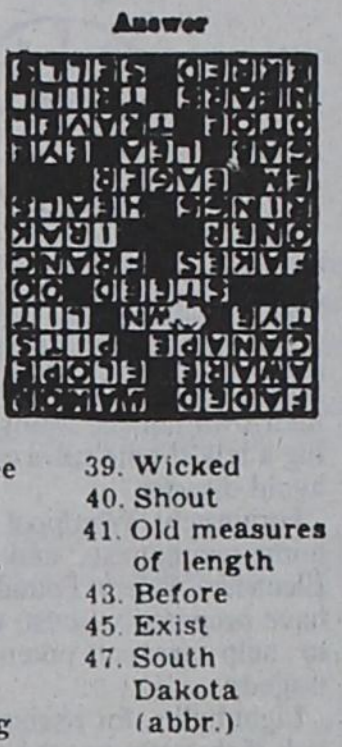
Talk of the past brings bittersweet memories.

"It's been a good life here," she said. "I don't think I've missed anything we did have some good years when we had all the people."

"It's sad to see all the vacant buildings," she continued. "You always remember your childhood and think things are still the same in your hometown, but they aren't the same here."

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and unto his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless His name.

Psalm 100:4

Better Business Bureau Report

A national alert has been issued to advise consumers about the Stimulator, a pain killing device allegedly made from gas grill igniters, that is being actively marketed and distributed despite actions by the federal government to prohibit further sales.

The Stimulator and related product, the Xtendor have NOT been approved by the Federal Drug Administration and further, federal marshals seized approximately 16,000 Stimulators

from the marketing company, Universal Management Services of Akron, Ohio as a result of a complaint by the FDA alleging that the device required FDA approval prior to being sold. The

products are being sold through commercials featuring Evil Kneivel and actress Lee Merriweather as well as through advertisements in airline and other magazines. There have been numerous consumer complaints filed at the BBB/Akron alleging non-delivery, non-receipt of requested refunds and ineffectiveness of the product. Our best advice is exercise caution!

Over the recent holidays, we all heard about the children that had gotten their hair or fingers caught in the mouths of the dolls they had received for Christmas. In response to concerns related to the Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime Kids dolls, Mattel, Inc. with

cooperation of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission voluntarily announced a refund program for all dolls purchased since the toy's introduction in the fall of 1996. Mattel is offering consumers a full cash refund of \$40. The company also withdrew the product for all retail shelves and will discontinue distribution of the 'french-fry' eating dolls. To receive a \$40 refund, which includes estimated shipping and handling costs, the dolls must be returned to the Mattel Distribution Center, 14310 Ramona Ave., Chino, California 91710 or consumers may call Mattel at 1-800-335-1700. If you need further information, call the BBB at 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890.

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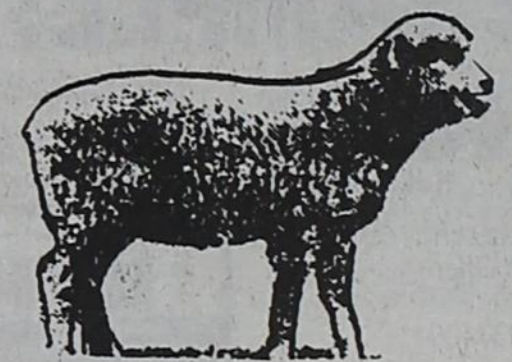
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The statistics are shocking: Every year thousands of Americans are injured or even killed by electricity in their own homes. Many times following a few simple rules can help people avoid disaster.

Fortunately, Whirlpool Corporation's home economists and the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF) have prepared a host of safety tips to help prevent potential electrical tragedy.

Light bulbs, for example, can pose a risk if they are not the proper size or type for the particular lamp they are in. The wrong type or wattage bulb can overheat and cause a fire. Many newer lamps have a warning printed on their sockets as to the kind of bulb that should be used.

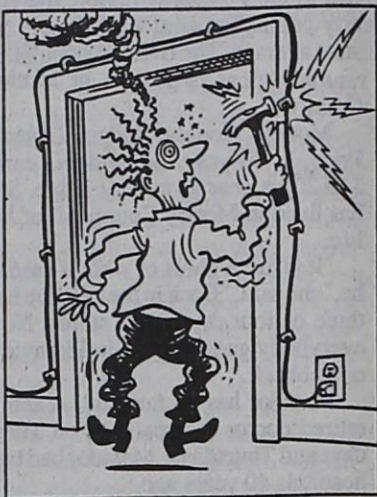
Another common threat comes from electrical cords. Furniture resting on cords can damage the wires. Electrical cords which are run under rugs or carpeting may overheat and lead to a fire. Also, cords should never be attached to walls, baseboards, etc. with nails or staples. These items can pierce and damage power cords and

create fire and electrical shock hazards.

Seek out other possible electrical dangers around the home by performing a simple hand test on outlets and switches. Any that are unusually warm or hot to the touch may indicate that an unsafe wiring condition exists. Contact a professional electrician as soon as possible.

Finally, homeowners should never defeat the purpose of fuses by installing larger fuses than the box was designed to handle. Homes equipped with fuse boxes can face a serious fire risk if the fuse in the box is rated higher than what was intended for the circuit. The larger fuse will permit excessive current to flow and could overload the house wiring to the point where a fire could begin.

Those interested in more information on home electrical safety can obtain the brochure: *Plug Into Electrical Safety, A Home Electrical Safety Check*. This report was prepared by NESF and is available free from Whirlpool Corporation. Write to:



Appliance Information Service, Whirlpool Corporation, P.O. Box 405, St. Joseph, MI 49085.



WORD of GOD

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:36

PROCLAMATION

Thousands of older Texans offer employers the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of hard work and dedication. Our mature population is both willing and able to put that knowledge and expertise to work for the benefit of our great state.

Texas is proud of the contributions made by our mature workers in today's society and we must maintain and strengthen this valuable resource in our labor force of the future.

For over thirty years, the Senior Community Service Employment Program, through organizations such as Green Thumb, Inc., has provided older Texans with training and employment opportunities to showcase their strengths, their wisdom, and their productivity.

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Cub Scouts Compete In Pinewood Derby

The Motley County Cub Scout organization held their annual Pinewood Derby, Tuesday, February 25, in the First Baptist Church basement.

Eight boys competed, Fannin Gwinn, Martin Walker, Colton Russell, Chance Bingham, Jacob Johannes, Colby Ashley, Quintin Rose, and Kenny Johannes.

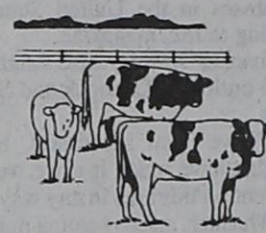
There were three contest - Best Looking Car: first place, Quintin Rose; second place, Fannin Gwinn; and third,

Chance Bingham. Fastest Car: first place, Quintin Rose; second, Fannin Gwinn; and third, Martin Walker.

Cubbiest (most handmade by the boy): Colton Russell, first; Jacob Johannes, second; and Kenny Johannes, third.

Martin Walker earned his Bobcat Badge and it was presented to him after the competition.

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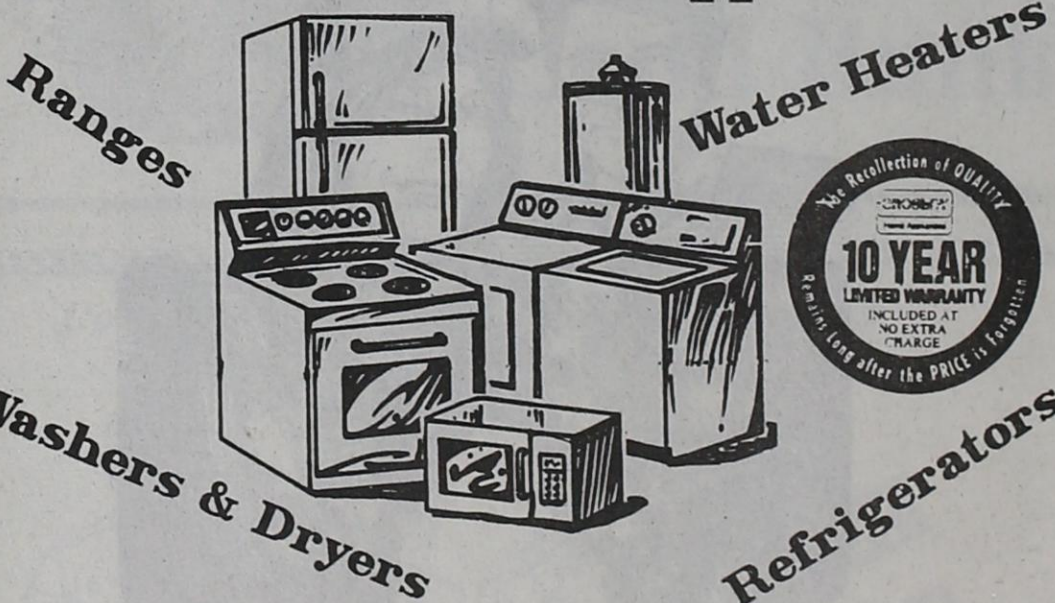
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Roaring Springs Kids Camp Committee Update

The Kids Camp Committee met on February 26 in the home of Darleen and J.N. Fletcher to review a program presented by Russell and Carla Van Hoose of Denver City for possible inclusion in the programming for Kids Camp, scheduled for July 14-18, 1997.

Russell, Director of Youth Ministries for the First United Methodist Church of Denver City, presented a program that is designed to raise the self-esteem of our youth, and that will be presented by members of their high school youth group as part of their mission outreach to younger children.

Additional agenda items included arts and crafts programming, sports, a "grand finale" play presentation, discussion of a grant proposal, a review of the registration and medical release forms, and free bus transportation that will be provided by Spur and Motley-County School Districts, for their students only from the main school campus to the Kids Camp. Children who are not enrolled students at either of these two districts must provide their own transportation to the camp.

Since this year's camp will be limited to only 90 campers, everyone is

encouraged to enroll as soon as the registration forms are distributed.

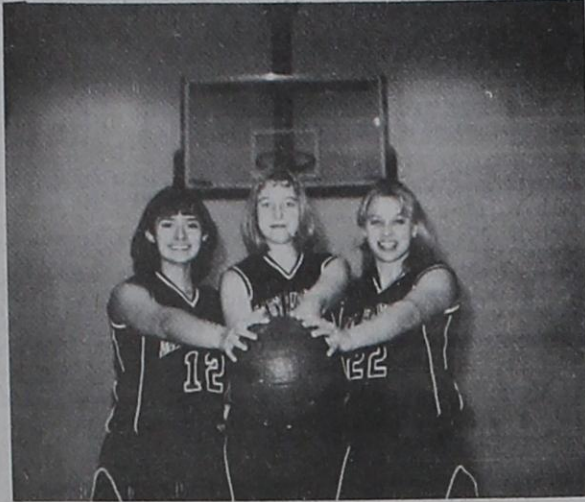
In addition to the guest presenters, committee members in attendance were hosts Darleen and J.N. Fletcher, Kenneth Abbott, Lana Goodman, Patricia Green, Joan Keith, Chris Kelley,

and Jo Trammel. Interested volunteers are invited to attend the next meeting,

scheduled for March 18 at the Fletcher home, or to call Darleen Fletcher at 348-7284 or Charles Keith at 347-2283.

Donations for the Matador Mural Project may be made at the First State Bank in Matador.

All donations are appreciated!



The 1996-97 District 13 A Girls Basketball All-District players were selected recently. Representing Patton Springs on the 2nd Team were Junior Tonya Rutledge, right; and Sophomore, Shellie Setser, center. Tiffany Katuz, left, made Honorable Mention All-District. Congratulations ladies, and good luck next year.

Patton Springs Lady Rangers Complete Basketball Season

The Lady Rangers just recently completed their 1996-97 basketball season. They finished with a 2-21 record, but that does not mean they did not have a successful season. The girls improved so much throughout the year that it can be successful from that point of view.

There were no returning starters from last year's team and only one letterman returning, Tonya Rutledge. With no seniors and only one returning letterman the Lady Rangers were without experience. What they lacked in experience they made up in hard work, but the experience factor was a little too hard to overcome this year.

Junior Tonya Rutledge led the team in scoring and rebounding. She was second in assists and steals. She was named 2nd team All-District. Sophomore Shellie Setser led the team in scoring during district and was second blocked

shots. She was named 2nd team All-District. Sophomore Tiffany Kautz led the team in assists and three point shooting. She was an Honorable Mention All-District pick. Sophomore Lucy Arpero led the team in steals and field goal percentage. Freshman Stephanie Johnson was the second leading scorer and rebounder this year. Sophomore Angie Ramirez led the team in blocked shots and was second in field goal percentage this year coming off the bench. Junior Erika Adcock led the team in free throw percentage coming off the bench. Junior Mandi McWhorter, Junior Cherokee Woolley, Sophomore Joy Anderson, and Freshman Amber Atkinson split time between varsity and junior varsity this year.

Next year should be an exciting and more productive year for the Lady Rangers.

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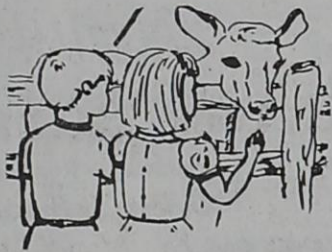
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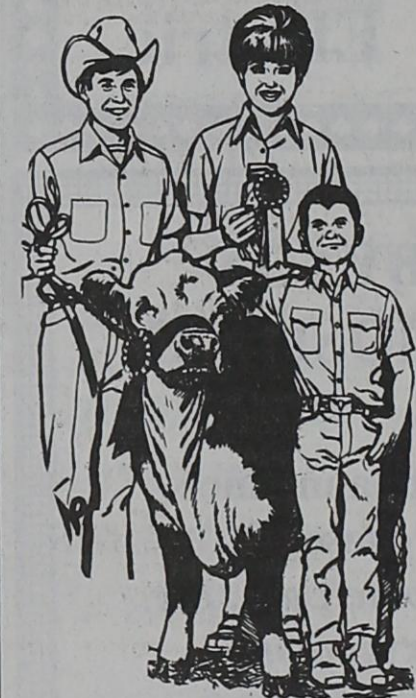
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Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green kept doctor appointments in Lubbock last week. They also spent two days in the home of their daughter, Cris Davis. They also spent 3 days in Shallowater with son, Jimmie Don and Donna to work on their home they are moving to Lake Ivie in April.

Mrs. Carrol Hays returned home from Lubbock Sunday afternoon where she was a patient in Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Drue Nell Clancy of Shamrock, her mother, is visiting the family during her recuperation.

Charlie Keith had successful cataract eye surgery last week at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Joe Smith, a patient at UMC in Lubbock, was moved to a private room from the CC Unit this weekend. He is listed in stable condition.

France Barton is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and is listed in serious condition.

Furman Vinson had cataract eye surgery last week in Plainview. He is doing just fine.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

IN HOSPITAL

Pete Moreno was conveyed by ambulance early Sunday morning to the Lockney Hospital. He suffered a bleeding ulcer and at newstime is reported to be in stable condition.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. Viola Calvert, who was 90 years old Thursday, Feb. 27, had her birthday celebrated for a second time when friends came to her home that morning with cinnamon rolls, hot coffee and tea. She was honored with a party hosted by her children the previous Saturday night at the Community Center in Flomot.

Enjoying the get together were Mesdames Sylvia Lee Martin, Edith Washington, Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Mary Jo Calvert and Viola's houseguest, Mrs. Irene Carpenter of Augusta, Georgia.

Those enjoying the Nostalgia Night performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. Others joining them there were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sehon of Wolforth; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon of Ropesville; Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador; Kellie Sehon of Lubbock, and Mrs. Dwain Milam of Petersburg.

Mrs. Janice Russell of Turkey and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd visited in Clarendon, Thursday with Mrs. Russell's sister, Mrs. Julia Mulanax who had a grand opening of her floral shop, "The Country Bloomers". Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and granddaughters of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Iraan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lovington, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn attended the Jubilee held at the Church of Christ on Quaker Ave. in Lubbock Saturday night.

Mrs. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs visited last Monday with Mrs. Juanita Cooper.

Visitors, Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. T.W.

Jennings were son and grandson, Tim Jennings and Matt Jennings of Haskell.

Mrs. Kim Cloyd of Memphis and Mrs. Joyce Reed of Amarillo met them there and they also visited the antique and craft mall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter had lunch with H.G. Hunter at the Catholic Family Center in Quitaque, Saturday. They attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Johnson Saturday afternoon held at the Quitaque Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rabecca attended the boys' regional basketball tournament in Levelland this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the funeral services of Fred Row, Sunday afternoon in Clarendon. Mr. Row is the father of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rogers remodel a house they bought after losing their home by fire recently.

Those making and applying quilt blocks for the Do Gooders' club quilt Thursday and Friday afternoon at the Community Center were Mesdames, Trula Martin, Erma Washington, Wadetta Clay, Leona Degan, B. Rogers, and Mary Jo Calvert.

Dona Browning of Rising Star visited the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam of Petersburg visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Mrs. Ruth Lee attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Matador last Monday night.

Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended to business in Plainview, Friday.

Obituaries

W.F. Ragland Jr.

Hobbs, N.M. (Special) -- Graveside services for W.F. Ragland, Jr., 75, of Hobbs, N.M. were held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 28, 1997 in Prairie Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Stringer officiating.

Burial was under direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Ragland died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997 in Lubbock.

He was born March 25, 1921 in Roar-

ing Springs. He married Earline Ragland, and she died in May 1975.

He was a retired farmer. Survivors include a son, Ken of Hobbs; a daughter, Gloria Searcy of Granbury; two brothers, Harley of Ft. Worth, and Gil of Acuff; two sisters, Lois Thornton of Texas City and Frankie Rigby; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Derrik Alton Marshall

Derrik Alton Marshall, infant son of Mark Marshall and Joanna Knox of Amarillo, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Feb. 18, 1997 in Fairview Cemetery at Memphis with the Rev. James McGee officiating. Arrangements were by Spicer

Funeral Home of Memphis. Derrik was born Feb. 15, 1997.

Survivors include his parents; grandparents, Darrel and Margaret Marshall of Wheeler and Gaye Knox of Memphis; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Marshall of Matador and Delores Lumsford of Levelland.

Ruth Persons

Graveside services for Ruth Josephine Persons, 92, of Weatherford were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in Rest Haven Cemetery in Quitaque with Anthony Sisemore officiating.

Arrangements were under direction of Galbreath-Pickard Funeral chapel of Weatherford.

She died Sunday, March 2, 1997, at a Weatherford Nursing Center. She was born May 16, 1904, in Motley-

County and lived in Quitaque before moving to Weatherford four years ago. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Norma Hewett of Weatherford; a son, Tad of Richardson; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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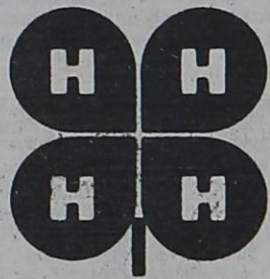
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ATTEND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Katheryn Martin, her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Newman of Spur to Odessa, Saturday to attend the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Osborn held in their home. Mr. Osborn and the former Doris Martin were married March 1, 1958 in Roaring Springs.

Others attending the family celebration were their three sons and families, Mr. and

Mrs. Brent Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Osborn and Gerald Osborn, grandson, Kelly Osborn, nephews, Ricky Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keith Martin, all of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and granddaughters of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Iraan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lovington, N.M.

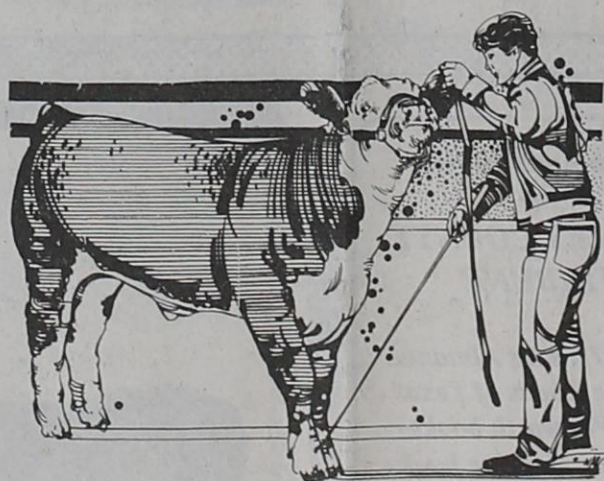
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COTTON NEWS



FROM PLAIN'S COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Extension Service Offers Landowners Help For CRP Decisions

New rules for the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), just announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, require prompt and serious economic decisions by landowners. These decisions will greatly influence agribusiness and the regional economies of several parts of Texas, say economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Thousands of Texas landowners face the decision to attempt to enroll or re-enroll in the CRP or decide what other use they will make of land not entering or returning to that program," said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Extension Service. "They must make these important choices quickly to meet the March 28 deadline for the first sign-up period under the new rules."

"To help landowners and producers reach these complex decisions, Extension Service economists and specialists in crop and livestock production and wildlife management have prepared a series of guidelines and other materials," Carpenter said.

These materials point out items each landowner must evaluate when con-

sidering alternative uses for the CRP land, and include a computer software program which will guide them through the decision process and reduce the time required to consider multiple alternatives. The publications are:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Final Rules - Questions and Answers.
- Background on the CRP Program as of January 1996.
- The CRP Decision Process
- Cattle Grazing on Land Formerly Enrolled in the CRP Program
- Returning CRP Land to Crop Production
- Wildlife Habitat Management on Former CRP Lands.

These publications and a computer program order form are available on the Worldwide Web at <http://AFPC1.TAMU.EDU> or from offices of Extension Service county agents.

The software program, "CRP Computer Program," will run on any IBM compatible computer with one megabyte of RAM, and DOS 3.3 or higher or Windows 3.1 or Windows 95. It costs \$25 and may be ordered by

sending check or money order made payable to "TAEX 222100" to Regina Linder, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Under the CRP, explained Drs. Steve Amosson and Jackie Smith, Extension Service professors and economists at Amarillo and Lubbock, the government entered into 10-year contracts with landowners to remove highly erodible cropland from production in return for an annual rental payment. "Other environmental, supply management and income support objectives were also included," Smith noted.

Under the new policy, each parcel of land deemed eligible for CRP will receive a bid cap, or maximum rental payment to the landowner, based on its environmental and production characteristics, Amosson explained. "Landowners must submit bids up to or below their established bid cap and will compete with all other bids for acceptance into the program," he said.

"Landowners have to make two decisions," Amosson said. "First, if eligible, what is an acceptable rental rate to rebid into the CRP? Second, if not eligible or accepted, what do you do with the land?"

"A myriad of interlocking questions must be analyzed to make these decisions," he said. "The right decision for one landowner may be totally wrong for another."

Some 36.4 million acres of U.S. farmland were enrolled 4.1 million acres, more than any other state and 11.4 percent of the national total.

"The CRP enrollment in Texas was concentrated in the western part of the Panhandle and South Plains," Smith noted. He said 25 of the 31 Texas counties with more than 50,000 acres in CRP are in that region. "Just those 25 counties account for over 2.2 million acres of CRP, or almost 55 percent of the Texas total."

The verification process is complete and the petition drive to revoke the High Plains Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program has fallen short.

"After more than a year of confusion and mistrust our focus following the announcement of the Recall petition results will be on rebuilding and redeveloping a good faith relationship with all High Plains cotton growers," says PCG Executive Vice President Doanld Johnson. "Hopefully, during the process of putting aside our differences we can refocus our energy on the serious problem that exists throughout this area."

Johnson notes that despite the fact that the Texas Supreme Court has yet to rule on the constitutionality issue, PCG is doing the preliminary work necessary for conducting the 1997 diapause spray program.

Official results from the High Plains Recall Petition were as follows:

- Eligible Voters - 21,581
 - Number required for Recall (40%) - 8,632
 - Number of Petitions received - 9,525
 - Number of Duplicate Signatures - 1,196
 - Final Petition count - 8,330
- Taylor County Judge Lee Hamilton, Chairman of the Petition Verification Committee, noted in his letter to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation that the verification committee halted its efforts on the remaining petitions because the number of petitions remaining, 8,330 was insufficient to require a recall election.
- "Whether or not all of the 8,330 petitions that were left following the removal of duplicate signatures would have survived additional scrutiny is not important at this time," notes PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker.
- "What is important" he continues,

"Is that we now make every effort to put aside our differences, solve our problems and work together to make the High Plains Boll Weevil Program the model for others to follow. Elimination of the boll weevil as an economically damaging pest on the Texas High Plains is essential to the future viability of the cotton industry in this area."


A meeting to discuss the physiological benefits associated with Ultra-Narrow Row Cotton (UNRC) production techniques has been scheduled for Thursday, March 13 at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Ave. Q, in Lubbock.

The meeting will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and feature a program highlighted by Dr. Dan Krieg. Also part of the program will be a report on UNRC research conducted during the 1996 growing season and a research cooperator panel discussion. Members of Cooperator Panel will be: Stacy Timmons, Lubbock; Lance Loudder, Dimmitt; Jimmy Wedel, Muleshoe; and Eric Vaughn, Farwell.

The meeting is open to all persons interested in UNRC production. The meeting is being sponsored by BASF. For additional information contact Russ Perkins at 806-892-2002 or Guy Bell at 806-353-5054.


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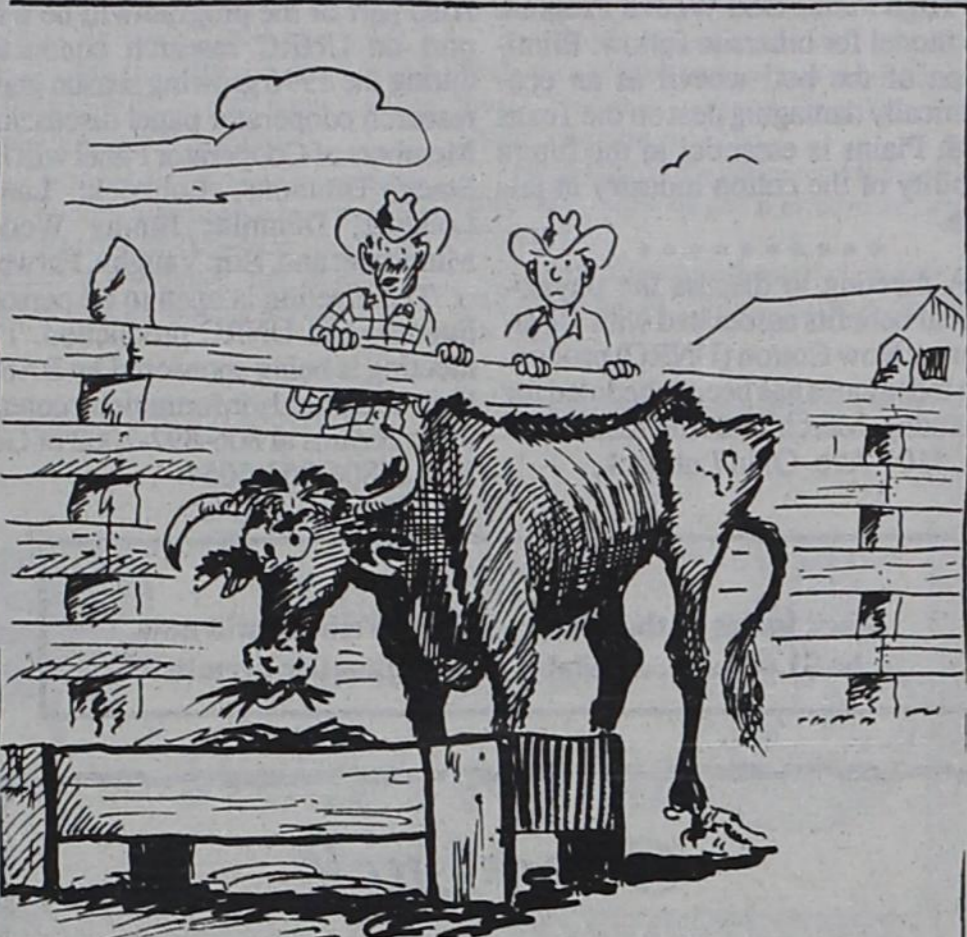
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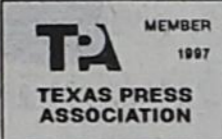
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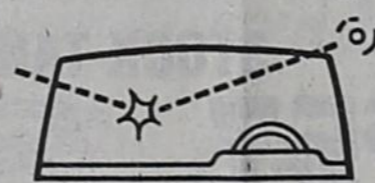
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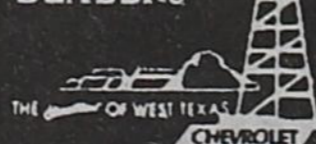
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Thank You

Dear Friends,

Once again the Hays family has weathered a crisis, thanks to the love and care of our friends in Motley County. Thanks must go first to Barbara Sharp, Gerry Jones and Faye Slover at the Clinic for their quick actions in contacting my doctor in Lubbock and calling the Ambulance. Thanks also to Barbara and Joyce Campbell for getting my car home. Although I remember nothing of the ride, thanks to Tony and Sherry Rose and Cindy Johannes for caring for me in the Ambulance. Kelli and Donnie Jackson have once again defined "neighborliness." Thanks to you for helping my mom with the kids and helping the kids chase lambs and doctor lambs. Thanks, Kelli, for taking a day off work to bring Mom to see me. It meant so much to her. Thanks to all of you for your cards, your calls, your visits, the food brought to our home and for your constant prayers. A special thanks to Mike Crowley for the numerous hospital visits and always having just the right words of encouragement. Living in Motley County and knowing all of you is one of the great blessings of our lives. Thank you.

Vaden & Carrol Hays

We sincerely thank the friends, neighbors, relatives and many others for the phone calls, get well cards, prayers, floral arrangements, home visits, sympathy cards and other acts of love, kindness and compassion shown to our dear Mother, Vesta, and the rest of the family during her illness. Special thanks go out to the Rev. Felton Gilmore of the Matador First Baptist Church and Rev. Rickey Lawrence of the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs for officiating the beautiful funeral service. Sincere thanks also go out to Penny Keltz for the beautifully sung hymns and for the pallbearers for their services

Thanks also to all of the wonderful people who provided food and refreshments prior to the funeral service. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to Hospice of Plainview, Home Health Care of Crosbyton, the Motley County Ambulance Services, East Mound Cemetery Association, the Seigler Funeral Home and other individuals who spent long hours with our Mother during her time of need.

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