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Memories Of The "Old Time Religion"

By Lance Jameson

"Tis The Old Time Religion" brings back many memories for those who attended summertime revivals by lakesides, under Tabernacles and inside school houses and church buildings. Regardless of weather, these revivals would be held for at least ten days and even longer if they had good response.

Among the preachers who delivered the soul-searching sermons throughout Motley County at these early day church services were the Reverends J. V. Bilberry, R. M. Morris, R. L. Jameson, R. F. Dunn, C. D. Pipkin, W. H. Rattan, J. C. Quattlebaum, L. R. Stegal, J. C. Powers, Luther Bilberry and W. L. Williams.

The pews would be crowded in the one room

school house and small church building without the comfort of air-conditioning. Hand fans would be waving back and forth and children would be squeezed between adults. One man remembers as a boy, always being wedged between two of the fattest women in church.

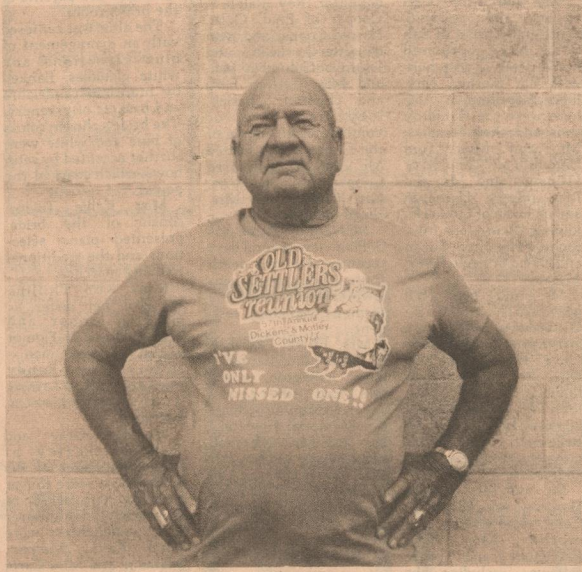
Under the cottonwood trees at the lakeside, you would see boys wearing straw hats and girls wearing pretty bonnets. With wistful expressions, they would look at the nearby water wishing they were holding a fishing pole or swimming.

The evening services lasted for many hours. Small children would be asleep and if the heads of the older children began to nod, an elbow in their ribs would jolt them awake.

The congregation would sing old time

favorites, "Church In The Wildwood", "When the Saints Go Marching In" and all of the verses of the invitational hymn. They would sit down to hear additional words from the visiting preacher, then sing the song again. If the closing prayer was like those of my great-grandfather, Rev. R. L. Jameson, it would be another sermon before the final Amen.

The love of God and of thy neighbor radiated at these religious services with many people going to the altar to profess their belief in God. The next night everyone would return with thankful and loving hearts and with melodious voices sing, "Tis the old time religion, it was good for my father, it was good for my mother and IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!"



I'VE ONLY MISSED ONE -- Gus Bird of Matador shows off a T-Shirt stating that he has only missed one of 57 Old Settlers Reunions. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird, Gus's parents, were among the early pioneers who organized the first Old Settlers, which was called the Motley-Dickens Countys Picnic and was held at Roaring Springs.

Old Settlers Days Set

The 57th Annual Motley-Dickens Countys Old Settlers Reunion is set for August 28, 29 and 30 at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs.

A western parade will kick off the activities at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Ribbons for different parade winners will be awarded immediately following the parade.

Texas State Senator Ray Farabee will be the principle speaker at the program, which will be held at the Tabernacle following the parade. The oldest residents present will be recognized and also the person who traveled the farthest. The Memorial Service for persons who have died since the last Old Settlers will also be held at this time. A business meeting is set for 1:00 p.m.

The Predicta Study Club of Roaring Springs will hold a Barbecue at the Depot for the noon meal and Walter Jones will be selling barbecue and other items at the Concession Stand for the three day event.

The rodeo is set for 8:30 p.m. each evening at the arena.

There will be two dances held each night. The Old Timers dance begins each night at 8:30 p.m. with music by Donnie Richards and the Young Folks dance begins at 9:30 each night with music by the Maines Brothers Band.

The 1980 Rodeo Queen will be crowned on Saturday night at the rodeo. The Queen is chosen by who sells the most tickets on the saddle to be given away Saturday night.



Barbie Durham Attends 4-H Citizenship Tour

Barbie Durham of Matador returned home last week from Washington, D.C., after completing the Citizenship-Washington Focus. A two week long experience in citizenship and leadership training at the National 4-H Center. Miss Durham was one of 66 4-H members from Texas, and 10 other states participating.

The program is designed to help young people understand the structure and function of our system of government, the heritage of our country's development and to prepare plans for active citizen involvement when they return home.

Using the Nation's Capital as a "Classroom," the program included a day on Capitol Hill to meet with members of congress and see the government in action. Field trips to historical and cultural sites as well as to federal agencies and community organizations were among the most informative and exciting parts of the week, according to Barbara.

They toured Monticello, Mount Vernon, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Cathedral, The Ford Theatre, Jefferson Memorial and Lincoln Memorial.

In workshop sessions at the National 4-H center, young people discussed contemporary issues and concerns and ways in which skills and knowledge gained during the week could be applied to the 4-H program here. They discussed ways to improve each others cities.

One of the best parts of the experience was being able to share ideas with 4-H members from across the country.

In route to and from Washington, D.C. the group toured Colonial Williamsburg, Vicksburg, Alabama Space and Rocket Center, and in Huntsville, Alabama.

They also spent a day in Nashville, Tenn., where they toured Graceland and the home of Loretta Lynn. They also spent a day at OpryLand.

The Citizenship-Washington Focus is conducted by the National 4-H Council in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service at the State Land-Grant Universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Barbie's participation was funded by local organizations. She would like to thank them all again for their donations.

More information on 4-H can be obtained by writing or calling Extension Agent Jerry Cummins.



'LOVE THAT WATERMELON' -- At a Spirit Rally held Tuesday night on Burlson Field, faculty, cheerleaders, football players, coaches and Pep Club Officers were introduced to the Motley County fans. The rally was sponsored by the Motley County PTA and the Pep Club. Dell Bearden was presented a gift by the cheerleaders, for her work in helping paint signs and work for the team and pep club. Following the rally, watermelon was enjoyed by all.

(Photo by Mary Renfro)



Women's Softball Tournament Results Are Announced

In a recent Women's Softball Tournament held here and sponsored by a local team, "The Angels," Childress won first place, Clarendon captured second and Ralls was third. The Matador Angels received the Sportsmanship award.

Team members on the Angels are Bobby Brown, Debbie Buckelew, Debbie

Martin, Debbie Taylor, Linda Davis, Maggie Marshall, Julie Bell Martin, Janice Taylor, Frances Taylor, Tonie Gonzales, Bonita Moreno, Darlene Thomas, Mae Thomas,

Darla Gwinn, Juanita Zarate and Mitzi Christopher. Team sponsors were Floyd Hardin, Matador Ranch, Jameson, Bob

Burns and Neff Oil Co.

The ladies would like to thank Mr. Johnson, Bill Durham, Ricky Lawrence, Steve Burns, Lester Campbell, Grady and Jean Phillips and Billy Wason and each and every one who helped in any way to make this tournament a success.



BARBIE DURHAM At Opry Land in Nashville, Tenn.



TYPICAL OLD SETTLERS -- Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barton, Leora and Dick pose with A. L.'s work horses in the fall of 1910. Background shows normal farm and ranch scene in the county at the turn of the century.

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Dorcas Group Meets For Bible Study

The Dorcas Group of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society met Tuesday, August 19 with Mrs. Edgar Lee, for Bible Study.

Mrs. Lee taught the lesson from the book of Malachi, as outlined in the Royal Service magazine, and the Calendar of Prayer for missionaries was read. Refreshments of cake

and punch were served to Mesdames Velma Fulfer, Cecil Shelton, Bill McCaghren, Alvin Stearns, Bill Dunning, Stuart Dixon, and Audrey Price, and Miss Rachel Patton.

The previous meeting of the group on August 12, was at the home of Mrs. Bill Dunning, who gave the program on Mass Media in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Mrs. Campbell Attends District TFWC Meeting

A called meeting of the executive board of Santa Rosa District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was conducted Tuesday, August 19, by Mrs. Harold Campbell, president, at the Canton Restaurant in Vernon.

Plans were made at the meeting, for the district's fall board meeting and workshop which will be held October 11, in Matador, with the Memphis clubs assisting El Progresso Club as hosts. The meeting had originally been set at Memphis.

Mrs. Campbell was accompanied to Vernon by Mrs. L. B. Campbell, treasurer and Mrs. Douglas Meador, secretary. Other members of the board attending were Mrs. Erwin Soell of Iowa Park, president-elect, Mrs. Joel Ellett, Burk Burnett, 1st vice president, Mrs. Worth Shawver of Seymour, trustee, and Mrs. W. Baxter Johnson of Vernon, TFWC Scholarship Chairman. Also present were Mrs. Earl Watson, past president, and Mrs. Deryl James, both of Iowa Park.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Grapevine visited last weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clements and R. D. Margaret Scott accompanied her children and her neice to visit their grandmother Elga Evans from Wednesday until Sunday. Her daughter Katherine accompanied the children home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carter and children, Scott and Christi of San Saba have returned home after a visit here with her mother, Mrs. John Hamilton. Also here were the Hamilton sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton and children of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton and children of Lubbock. Joining them were Mrs. Richard Hamilton, Suzan and David of Eagle River, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mantooth of Cape Girardeau, Mo., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Olive Russell, and also with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Russell. They formerly lived in Bellevue, Ill., before moving to their new address.

Mr. and Mrs. Shands Harcrow of Hughson, Calif., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Berryman and other relatives, including her brother, Mutt Berryman, sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stafford of Roaring Springs, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCaghren.

Mrs. Helen Sanders of Goodland, Kansas and Mrs. Don T. Martin of Hereford were houseguest Tuesday through Thursday of their aunt, Mrs. D. E. Pitts Sr. They also visited another aunt, Mrs. W. B. Wason, their sister, Mrs. Arthur Cooper and their houseguests, and other relatives and friends.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper the first part of last week were two sons and a daughter, Rev. Ralph E. Cooper of Enid, Okla., Harold Cooper and twin daughters, Leah and Laurie of Columbia, Md., and Mrs. Carlton Earp and children Charley, Joey, and Traci of Pomona, Calif. Some of the Coopers also visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper and Mrs. Virgil Cooper.

Mrs. D.I.W. Birnie was in Plainview several days recently after the death there, of her brother-in-law, Frank Eiring, a former Matador resident.

Mrs. Darrel Marshall returned home Saturday from Arlington where she had emergency appendectomy in Arlington Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jameson and children were at Six Flags Over Texas, on Tuesday, when Mrs. Marshall became ill and was taken to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stevens visited in Irving during the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Roy Stevens, and with his sister and family there.

P.S. Young Homemakers To Have First Meeting

The Patton Springs Young Homemakers would like to invite every woman in the Patton Springs (Afton and Dickens) area to come to the first meeting of the Patton Springs Young

Homemakers. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Patton Springs Homemaking Cottage.

Skinner - Phillips Vows Are Pledged Recently

Marriage vows uniting Miss Norma Kay Phillips and Merton Walter Skinner were pledged in a double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, August 8, in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Gary Hillyard, pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Phillips of Matador. Mr. and Mrs. R. Skinner of Quitaque are parents of the bridegroom.

The altar was centered with an arrangement of blue carnations and white gladioli, flanked by branched candelabra and baskets of greenery. The bride's chosen colors of blue and white were further accented by satin bows which marked the pews.

Miss Kellie Taylor, cousin of the bride, presented piano selections and the traditional wedding marches.

Miss Kim Phillips attended her sister as maid of honor and Tommy Ross of Flomot served as best man. Ushers were Randy Hunter of Flomot and David Green, Matador.

Heather Gray and Patricia Farley of Quitaque, nieces of the bridegroom were flower girls. Kenneth Jackson of Matador was ringbearer and candelighters were Mrs. Kelly Meyer, Matador and Miss Carol Skinner, Quitaque, sister of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white organdy over satin. The princess neckline bodice of re-embroidered lace was studded with pearls. The gown was fashioned with bishop shadow sleeves and empire waist overlaid with lace, and skirt with deep pleated edge with re-embroidered lace, over a three-flounced hemline. Her veil of illusion was attached to a cap of lace and seed pearls and she carried a bouquet of blue and white carnations and baby's breath.

Miss Phillips wore a floor-length dress of blue polyester, tied at the waist with blue ribbon. Her white picture hat also featured blue ribbon and she carried a long-stemmed white carnation. The candlelighters wore similar dresses with

white ribbon at the waist, and white carnation corsages. Blue print dresses with blue ribbon at the waist and neck, were worn by the flower girls.

A reception in the basement Fellowship Hall of the church, followed the wedding ceremony. Miss Debbie Phillips, cousin of the bride served the wedding cake. The three-tiered cake was decorated with cherubs, hearts, turtle doves and wedding bells and topped with a miniature bridal couple. Blue carnations decorated the corners of the tiers. Miss Jackie Bearden presided at the crystal punch service. The table was laid with a white organza cloth and decorated with the bride's bouquet and white tapers in crystal holders.

Miss Melea Taylor, cousin of the bride, presided at the silver coffee service at the bridegroom's table, and Miss Kellie Taylor, served the chocolate cake. The table was laid with an ecru cloth with blue underlay, and featured a large blue candle for decoration.

Guests were registered by Miss Lucretia Johnson of Flomot. For travel when the couple left on a wedding trip to Lubbock and Carlsbad, N.M., the bride wore a plum colored sheer polyester dress with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner will reside at 605 Lakeside in Carlsbad, where he is employed at Potash Mines of America. The bride is a 1980 graduate of Motley County High School. Following his graduation here in 1979, the bridegroom attended A&M University for a semester.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception included the bridegroom's parents and other relatives from Quitaque: Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Farley; also the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Partridge of Afton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crite and family of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Skinner and family from California and William H. Skinner of Tulia.



MR. and MRS. WALTER SKINNER

Roaring Springs News

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bethard have recently returned from Ft. Camel, Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee. They returned with Mrs. Gabriella Lewis and children. Her husband is on a tour of duty in Germany. She will reside in Roaring Springs until his return.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yeates visited in Lubbock recently with their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Yeates and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Yeates.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yeates attended memorial services for Ira Bradford in Spur last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Konsdorf and their son, Paul and his wife, with their children, Angela and Zeb of Modesto, California visited in the home of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Miller.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bradford of Madera, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goolsby and James Micheal of Guthrie, Okla. Mrs. J. D. Palmer and Jerry Goolsby attended the funeral services at Spur, Wednesday afternoon for Ira Bradford, brother of Virgil Bradford.

Visiting Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer and M. D. Goolsby were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Scotty of Dumont, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Colley of Clyde, Mrs. Christene Colley of Abilene, Mr. Hub Goolsby of Rotan, Mrs. Elsie Willett and Bonnie of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bradford of Madera, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Peacock visited in Dumas with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Tabias and family and then drove to Angel Fire and joined Mr. and Mrs. Mike Peacock, Jon Mike and Michelle and drove on to Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock and Justin flew in from Sheridan, Ark.,

and met them there. Also, Mrs. Bill Dunn from North Highlands, Calif., joined them. They all visited Disneyland. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock then visited in Mesa, Ariz., and planned to Amarillo and drove home.

Miss Lula Swim returned home on Aug. 4th from a three week tour that took her to Montreal and Quebec, Canada and tour of the New England states. She also attended the American Hemerocallis Society Nation Convention in Boston, Mass. Upon her return she attended the funeral services for her aunt, Mrs. Nannie Alderson of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCleskey visited over the weekend in Hereford with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon McCleskey, Gary, Al and Dana. The group had a picnic at Palo Duro Canyon, Sunday.

Visits Mother Mrs. B. N. Smallwood, the former Kay Lewis, is visiting her mother Mrs. W. A. Lewis. She drove her mother to a reunion of the late C. B. Owens and Velma Sibley Owens families at the Lions Club in Clarendon, Sunday, August 17. Mrs. Owens was Mrs. Lewis's sister. One hundred and ten uncles, aunts, and cousins of the eight Owens children hosted the event. The noon meal was catered and then the group enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies before leaving. Most of the people were from Texas though some were from as far away as Idaho.

Mesdames Smallwood and Lewis were in Floydada, Wednesday for a medical appointment, and while there they visited Mesdames Edna Hunter, Ora Gilliland, Esther Peck, Edith Bassett, and M. D. Freeman. The ladies spent Tuesday in McAdoo attending to business and visiting friends.

Mrs. Smallwood will return home by bus Thursday.

"Fields are won by those who believe in the winning."
Thomas Wentworth



Down Home Values

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Bausch & Lomb Saline Solution
8 oz. \$1.39

Daily Cleaner
1 1/2 oz.
or
Lens Lubricant
1/2 oz. \$1.79

Aqua Fresh Toothpaste
4 1/4 oz. \$1.29

Polyvisol Circus Shapes Vitamins
Regular or with Iron
100's \$3.69

Arrid Extra Dry Antiperspirant
or
XX Extra Dry Antiperspirant
4 oz. \$1.49

Polident Tablets
60's \$1.69

Desenex Spray Powder
2.7 oz. \$1.69

Ointment
.9 oz. \$1.39

Powder
1 1/2 oz. \$1.09

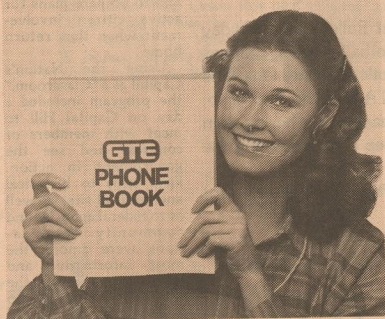
Dexatrim Extra Strength
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Dartmouth College, founded in 1769, began as a school for educating New Hampshire Indians.



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Whiteflat News

HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jess F. Zarate and family honored their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Armando Barrera of Hereford on their eighth wedding anniversary with a party in their home from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 16.

A barbecue chicken supper, punch, champagne and cake were served. Guests attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Chano Munos and family of Edinburg; Mr. and Mrs. Naugro Fierro of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chavira of Lakeview; Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Sainz, Fabian Hernandez and sons, Joe and Raul and Marcelino Ramirez of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Alvaro Cisneros, Mrs. Roy Moreno and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Zarate, Mrs. Agelita Zarate, Miss Estela Zarate, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Guerrero, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Castulo Gonzales of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramirez, local residents.

Dan Bevers of Amarillo and his mother, Mrs. John Bevers of Wellington visited Mrs. Malcolm Jameson and Melba, Tuesday.

Rev. Ralph Cooper of Enid, Oklahoma visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Wednesday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Barton of Floydada, Mrs. John Barton visited Mrs. Quanita Owens in Turkey, Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Martin during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gilbreth and Kathy of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador and Mr. and

Mrs. Mike Davis of Frith, Morris Stephens accompanied his mother, Mrs. Joe Stephens of Matador to Hereford, Thursday to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brandon. Her grandson and family, Col. and Mrs. Ramey Joel Brandon, who are being transferred from Virginia to Alaska, met her at his parents home and visited until Tuesday. Other family members joining them at the Brandon home to visit, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stephens of Tulia, Mrs. Grace Stephens of Paducah and her granddaughter and son, Mrs. Bobby Burns and Jay of Hereford who Mrs. Stephens is visiting.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Darsey and Bert were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Goodwin of Afton. Mrs. H. R. "Skeet" Jameson and son Shannon were in Lubbock, Tuesday where she attended a SPHS, Inc. Resource meeting and an American Heart Assn. meeting. Shannon attended to business at Texas Tech where he has enrolled for the fall semester.

Mrs. L. M. Cox accompanied her granddaughters, Cary and Cory, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, who had visited here last week, to their home in Marfa, Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Ralph Stapleton and son, George D. this week and attending the funeral services of Mrs. Mollie Jones, Tuesday were Mrs. Willie Blair and daughter, Nina of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Dorward Elmore of El Paso, Mrs. Maxine Mullins of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brock of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Pace Cramer of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon visited Sunday and Monday in Wheeler with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Risner.

In the Rough

By Hazel



LOW NET ON HOLES

Louise won the ball Thursday with low net on four selected holes. Others playing were Winifred, Kathryn, Tommy, Dorothy, Laverna and Loys.

Bertha, Judine and Lila joined the players for covered dish lunch at the Savings and Loan Community Room. Tommy's new quiche recipe proved to be the "piece de resistance" and all other dishes were declared equally tasty as

the bunch went back for seconds.

Dorothy and Louise challenged Laverna and Loys to an afternoon session of golf.

Loys read and displayed an invitation from Canyon CC to their Ladies Partnership Scramble September 25.

Hopefully Hazel will be back from vacation next week to give more details...especially on the Men's Tournament Sunday.

Lunchroom Menu

LUNCHROOM MENU Sept. 1 -- Sept. 5

Monday BREAKFAST
Orange Juice, Rice, Toast, 1/2 pt. Milk.

LUNCH
Turkey Roll, Corn, English Peas, Hot Roll, Butter, 1/2 pt. Milk.

Tuesday BREAKFAST
Apple Juice, Waffles, Syrup, 1/2 pt. Milk.

LUNCH
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Pork and Beans, Spinach, Hot Roll, Butter, Cobbler, 1/2 pt. Milk.

Wednesday BREAKFAST

Orange Juice, Bacon and Eggs, Hot Roll, Butter, 1/2 pt. Milk.

LUNCH
Beef Taco with Cheese, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, Fruit, 1/2 pt. Milk.

Thursday BREAKFAST
Apple Juice, Cheese Toast, 1/2 pt. Milk.

LUNCH
Hamburger with Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Onion, French Fries, Jello, 1/2 pt. Milk.

Friday BREAKFAST
Orange Juice, Toast, Cereal, 1/2 pt. Milk.

LUNCH
Pork Chops with Cream Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Syrup, 1/2 pt. Milk.

Social Security

By Virginia DeWitt

Question: I draw disability. Can I earn \$3720 also before it

affects my social benefits?

Answer: No. Any person drawing disability who returns to work should report to the nearest social security office immediately. The work has to be evaluated and it is possible that earnings of less than \$3720 in a year can affect the right to draw social security benefits.

Teleservice will save you time, energy and money! To file a claim for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments call collect, 806-293-4371. For assistance with other social security matters or Medicare call toll free 1-800-392-1603.

Flomot News

Mrs. Bessie Martin of Floydada and Mrs. Lennie Gilbert visited recently in Fresno, California with Mrs. Jewell Atkinson. They made the trip by plane from the Amarillo Airport.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cobb of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Liza M. "Ikie" Gilbert returned home Friday from a vacation trip to points of interest in Missouri and Arkansas. They enjoyed the Ozark country Shows in Branson and the tourist attractions at Silver Dollar City in Missouri and the Eureka Springs in Arkansas.

Mrs. Mollie Burleson of Floydada accompanied her sister, Mrs. Liza Jones and Mrs. Viola Calvert on a recent trip that included visiting in Girard, Georgia with Mrs. Calvert's son, Red Calvert. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Burleson continued to South Carolina where they met friends from Texas at Travelers Rest. They enjoyed the Barton Tour at Tigerville where the original Barton family first settled before moving to Texas. In Spartanburg, a Genealogist was the guest speaker at a dinner and told the early history of South and North Carolina. Mrs. Calvert joined them at the Sunday morning church services in Tigerville and they continued to North Carolina and toured the Smokey Mountains before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan, Shawna and Shay returned home Friday from a trip to Jacksonville, Alabama where they visited his sister and family, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilbert. They accompanied home the Gilbert's sons, Gary and Jeremy, who had visited the last month with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Degan and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Willow, Oklahoma, August 16-17 where Mr. Ross attended his Willow High School 1940 graduating class reunion. All six members of the class were present for their first reunion, held in the home of his ex-classmate and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. It was the first time since graduation that an ex-classmate from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania had seen her classmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited recently in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Corlas Leggett and in Brownwood with Mrs. Raymond Ross and son Odie. They also attended a Baker family reunion at Brownwood Lake before returning home.

Mrs. Wade Martin and her daughter, Mrs. Ervin Merritt of Plainview visited recently in New Home with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt, Aimee and Amber.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Bynum, Douglas and Jacquelyn of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bynum, Kani and Bart, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Amarillo, Tuesday to be with their niece, Rosita Johnson, who had surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital. They also visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Nall.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TANNER REUNION

The R. H. Tanner Family Reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31 at the Flomot Community Center in Flomot. A cordial invitation is extended to relatives, friends and neighbors to attend this annual event.



MR. and MRS. ED JAMESON

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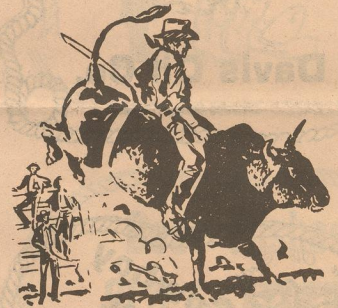
In honor of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jameson, their sons and families request the pleasure of your company at a Reception, Saturday, the sixth of September, Nineteen hundred and eighty, from four until seven in the evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jameson.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY

We pay Tribute to the

Pioneers of

Motley - Dickens Counties



INSURANCE PROBLEMS... WE'LL RIDE TO THE RESCUE

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BEST WISHES OLD SETTLERS

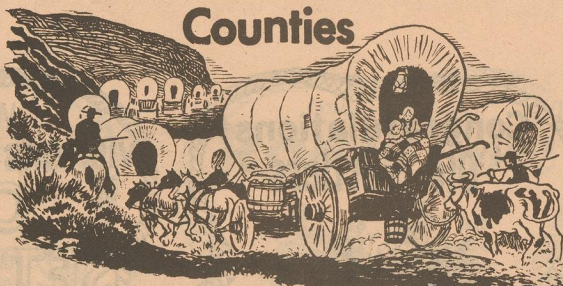


El Matador Travel Center Will Be Closed All Day Thursday OPEN Friday and Saturday Until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY

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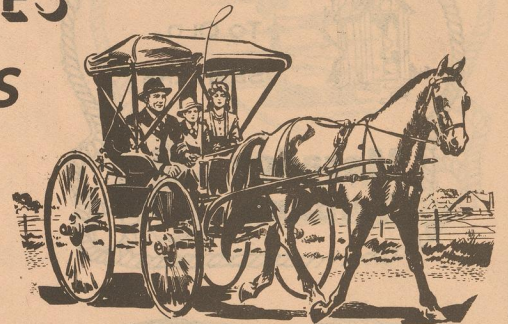
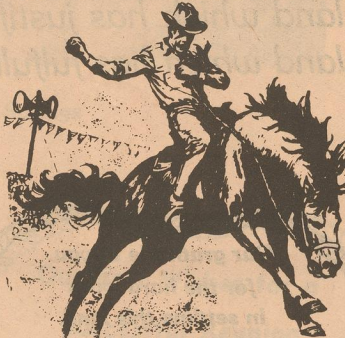
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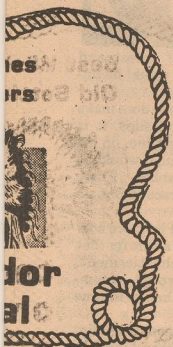
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Plainview Rites Held For Frank Eiring

Services for Frank Eiring, 86, of Plainview, former Matador resident, were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Lemons Memorial Chapel there, with Dr. Thomas Gee, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Plainview, officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Eiring died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 12 in Central Plains Regional Hospital in Plainview, after a lengthy illness, and where he had been a patient for the past year.

He was born in Collinsworth County but had lived most of his life in Plainview and attended Seth Ward College there. He married the former Beulah Echols in Matador. She passed away December 23, 1970. Their only child, Frances, (Mrs. Robert Horner) died November 8, 1971. Mr. Eiring and Mable

Piper Knight were married in 1972 in Plainview and she preceded her husband in death, July 14.

Mr. Eiring taught school in the Star Community and later was a cotton buyer for many years in Matador and Plainview until he retired in 1976. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a past worshipful master of the Matador Lodge. He also was a Shriner.

He was past member of the Federal Land Bank in Plainview and the board of directors of Central Plains Regional Hospital.

Survivors include a stepson, Doug Knight of Plainview; his son-in-law, Robert Horner of Lubbock; a brother, Mark Eiring of Plainview; three grandchildren, Marty Horner of Atlanta, Ga., Andy Horner of Chicago, and Nancy Horner of Lubbock and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Services Held For Ira Lee Slover

Funeral services for Ira Lee Slover, 84, of Daingerfield, were conducted Monday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church.

Officiating were the Rev. Johnny Williams, a retired Methodist minister from Lubbock, and Rev. Mark Rickman, pastor. Burial was in the Whiteflat Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Slover passed away on Saturday, August 16, after a brief illness in the Longview Regional Hospital. He was born on May 30, 1896 in Bowie, Montague County, Texas to the late Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Slover. He moved to Motley County in 1913 with his parents and family and farmed in the Whiteflat Community for a number of years.

He married the former Lennie Mae Williams at Whiteflat on June 23, 1927. In 1953 they moved to Valley Mills and in 1968 they moved to Daingerfield.

Mr. Slover was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lennie Mae; four sons, Cecil of Earth, Keith of Paducah; Gary of McGregor, and Ira Lynn of Big Sandy; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert (Wanda) Davis of Hubbard and Mrs. Lindal (Emma) Martin of Daingerfield; two brothers, Bill of Matador and Woodrow of Claypoole, Arizona; three sisters, Mrs. J. C. (Ona) Green Sr. of Matador, Miss Mary Slover of Matador and Mrs. John (Marion) Funderburg of Breckenridge; 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Juanita Carrie Lackey Services Held

Funeral services for Juanita Carrie (Cross) Lackey, 59, were conducted Tuesday, August 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Edwards Funeral Chapel in Fort Smith, Ark. Graveside services were at noon Tuesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery near Abbott, Ark.

Mrs. Lackey died in a Fort Smith, Arkansas hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Lackey is the daughter of the late Audy (Bull) and Euda Cross, who reared their children in Motley County.

Juanita is survived by one daughter, Penny Teague of Houston, Texas; one son, John Dodge of Rogers, Ark.; and one grandson of Rogers, Ark.; three

sisters, Mrs. Bob (Nadine) Cooper of Roaring Springs, Texas, Mrs. L. A. (Dorothy) Trotter of Barber, Ark., and Audry Cross of Fort Smith, Ark.; two brothers, J. C. Cross of Matador, Texas and Doc Cross of Plainview, Texas. Twelve neices and nephews and a host of other relatives.

Pallbearers were nephews Doug Scantling, Stan Scantling, Richard Cross, Steve Cross, Gene Turner and Bill Hartsell.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia



A man had slipped. It was not a deliberate sin, but a slip as might come to a person on any icy road or a dangerous mountain path.

Some of his associates were discussing him. One urged swift punishment, not a prayer, or pardon, or a helping hand. "After all," he shouted, "God has given us eyes." "Yes," admitted another kindly, "but He has also given us eyelids."

There is an element of hardness in many people. They are good, but not gentle; straight, but not sympathetic. You could not go to them and sob out your

confession of defeat and failure. They would be unsympathetic.

But when one does make a mistake and slips, it is our duty to get him on his feet again. And it would do well to remember, "There but for the grace of God go I."

We should be more concerned about a cure for that one, not chastisement. True love would accomplish more than a tongue lashing.

When someone does slip, let us lovingly and humbly help him up and back onto the right path, remembering the next time it might be one of us who is in the wrong.

Services Held For Mrs. Ida M. Martin

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Mae Martin, 87, were conducted Saturday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly of God Church, with Philip Hilton, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Born on December 29, 1892 in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, the former Ida Mae Crowder married Jessie James Morris in Oklahoma in 1910. In February of 1922, Mr. Morris passed away. On December 16, 1922, she married the W. Y. (Bill) Martin at Soaper, Oklahoma. In 1924 they moved to Motley County and lived in the Whiteflat area for many years. On August 29, 1972, Mr. Martin passed away. For a while, she lived in Matador and then lived with her daughter in California until a few years ago

when she returned to this area.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Matador.

Mrs. Martin is survived by five sons, Bruce Morris of Chester, Okla., Cecil Morris of Flagstaff, Ariz., Ray Martin of Kingsburg, Calif., Edgar Martin of Prosser, Washington, and Joe Martin of Pleasanton, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Walter (Bertie) Jameson of Vallejo, Calif.; two brothers, Virgil Buchanan of Phoenix, Ariz., and Feliz Buchanan of White Oak, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Bertie Jones of Atoka, Okla.; 25 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J. D. Spray, Tommy Doran, James Simpson, J. E. (Gid) Simpson, W. L. Trigger Holt and Frazier Watson.

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By J. L. Boren, Jr., President-Elect
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Rites Held For Kenneth Jeffers

Services for Kenneth A. Jeffers, 66, of Vernon, formerly of Matador, were conducted Saturday morning at the Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel there. Burial was in San Angelo, where he had lived a number of years before moving to Vernon in May.

He died Thursday, August 21, in a Vernon hospital emergency room after an apparent heart attack.

He was born Feb. 23, 1914, in Motley County, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jeffers. He graduated from Matador High School in 1932, and was married to the former Pearl Rigsby, who passed away two years ago. For several years Jeffers owned and operated the former Simpson Drug Store here and later was employed by West Texas Utilities Co., in Childress. He retired last spring as sales manager after 30 years with the company.

He married Joyce

Drake on May 23, in Crowell, Texas and at that time moved to Vernon. Mr. Jeffers was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jeff of Plano, and Joe of San Angelo; a step-daughter, Diane Caldwell of Quanah; three brothers, George of Paducah, Jim of Carrollton and Joe of Pampa, and six grandchildren.

Attending the rites from Matador was Floyd Hardin.

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2nd Notice -- Meeting to Adopt Tax Rate

Notice Of Tax Increase

The Commissioners Court proposes to increase your property taxes by 60 percent.

A public meeting to vote on the increase will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 1980, at 8:00 p.m. in Commissioner's Court Room, Courthouse, Matador, Texas

The Commissioners Court has considered the proposal and voted in a meeting of the Commissioners Court as follows:

FOR the proposal to increase tax rate:

- Judge Billy J. Whitaker (Chairman)
- John M. Russell
- Milton Brooks
- Bill Jameson
- Bill D. Washington

AGAINST the proposal to increase tax rate:

None

ABSENT and not voting:

None

Graveside Rites Held For Mrs. Mollie Jones

Graveside Services for Mrs. Mollie E. Jones, 83, were conducted Tuesday, August 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Flomot Memorial Park. Burial was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Rev. Gary Hillyard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Matador, officiated.

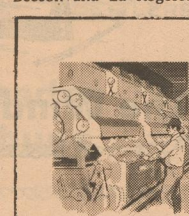
Born at Killeen, Texas on December 19, 1896, the former Mollie Creola Elmore moved to Motley County with her father, the late D. S. Elmore, in 1916. On March 9, 1917, she married C. B. (Casey) Jones at Flomot. Mr. Jones passed away on March 28, 1966.

Mrs. Jones had lived in Matador since 1952. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ralph C. (Bill) Jones of Matador; two daughters, Mrs. Duane (Joyce) Markham of New Deal and Mrs. Jehu (Melba) Beeson of Kress; two brothers, D. D. Elmore of Denton and D. S. Elmore of El Paso; five sisters, Mrs. Teak Stapleton of Flomot, Mrs. Willie Blair of Abilene, Mrs. Wilma Brock of Stephenville, Mrs. LaVerne Hopsin of Burnett and Mrs. Maxine

Mullins of Grand Prairie; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. They were Jerry Jones, John Thacker, Larry Bynum, Jackie Bynum, Gary Beeson and Ed Rogers.



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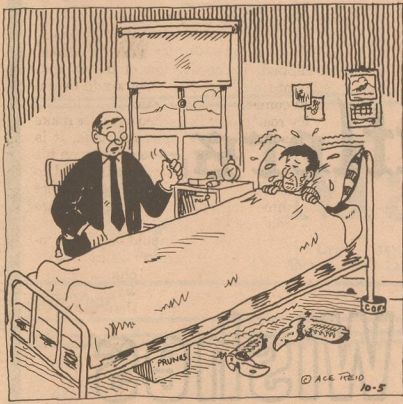
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May God bless each of you in our prayer.
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Miss Mary Slover
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We are grateful to each of you for your concern and thoughtfulness. The prayers, flowers, visits, food, cards, and phone calls let us know that you care. May God's blessing and peace be yours.

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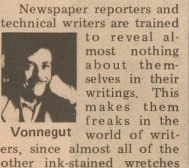
Notice Of Meeting To Form Booster Club
An organizational meeting to form a Motley County Booster Club will be held Monday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and help support this effort.

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HOW TO WRITE WITH STYLE

By Kurt Vonnegut
Author of "Slaughterhouse-Five," "Jailbird," and "Cat's Cradle"
This article is a part of a series prepared at the request of International Paper Company to help all Americans read better, write better and communicate better.



Newspaper reporters and technical writers are trained to reveal almost nothing about themselves in their writings. This makes them breaks in the Vonnegut world of writers, since almost all of the other ink-stained wretches in that world reveal a lot about themselves to readers. We call these revelations, accidental and intentional, elements of style. These revelations tell us as readers what sort of person it is with whom we are spending time. Does the writer sound ignorant or informed, stupid or bright, crooked or honest, humorless or playful? And on and on.

Why should you examine your writing style with the idea of improving it? Do so as a mark of respect for your readers, whatever you're writing. If you scribble your thoughts any which way, your readers will surely feel that you care nothing about them. They will mark you down as an egomaniac or a chowderhead—or, worse, they will stop reading you. The most damning revelation you can make about yourself is that you do not know what is interesting and what is not. Don't you yourself like or dislike writers mainly for the way they choose to show you or make you think about it? Did you ever admire an empty-headed writer for his or her mastery of the language? No.

So your own winning literary style must begin with interesting ideas in your head.



1. **Find a subject you care about**
Find a subject you care about and which you in your heart feel others should care about. It is this genuine caring, and not your games with language, which will be the most compelling and seductive element in your style.

2. **Do not ramble, though**
I don't ramble on about that.

3. **Keep it simple**
As for your use of language: Remember that two great masters of language, William Shakespeare and James Joyce, wrote sentences which were almost childlike when their subjects were most profound. "To be or not to be?" asks Shakespeare's Hamlet. The longest word is three letters long. Joyce, when he was frisky, could put together a sentence as intricate and as glittering as a necklace for Cleopatra, but my favorite sentence in his short story "Eveline" is this one: "She was tired." At that point in the story, no other words could break the heart of a reader as those words do.

4. **Have the guts to cut**
It may be that you, too, are capable of making necklaces for Cleopatra, so to speak. But your eloquence should be the servant of the ideas in your head. Your rule might be this: If a sentence, no matter how excellent, does not illuminate your subject in some new and useful way, scratch it out.

5. **Sound like yourself**
The writing style which is most natural for you is bound to echo the speech you heard when a child. English was the novelist Joseph Conrad's third language, and much that seems piquant in his use of English was no doubt colored by his first language, which was Polish. And, lucky indeed is the writer who has grown up in Ireland, for the English

parts of a machine. The teachers did not want to turn me into an Englishman after all. They hoped that I would become understandable—and therefore understood. And there went my dream of doing with words what Pablo Picasso did with paint or what any number of jazz idols did with music. If I broke all the rules of punctuation, had words whatever I wanted them to mean, and strung them together higgledy-piggledy, I would simply not be understood. So you, too, had better avoid Picasso-style or jazz-style writing, if you have something worth saying and wish to be understood.

6. **Say what you mean to say**
I used to be exasperated at such teachers, but am no more. I understand now that all those antique essays and stories with which I was to compare my own work were not magnificent for their datedness or foreignness, but for saying precisely what their authors meant them to say. My teachers wished me to write accurately, always selecting the most effective words, and relating the words to one another unambiguously, rigidly, like

7. **Pity the readers**
They have to identify thousands of little marks on paper, and make sense of them immediately. They have to read, an art so difficult that most people don't really master it even after having studied it all through grade school and high school—twelve long years. So this discussion must finally acknowledge that our stylistic options as writers are neither numerous nor glamorous, since our readers are bound to be such imperfect artists. Our audience requires us to be sympathetic and patient teachers, ever willing to simplify and clarify—whereas we would rather soar high above the crowd, singing like nightingales.

8. **For really detailed advice**
For a discussion of literary style in a narrower sense, in a more technical sense, I commend to your attention *The Elements of Style*, by William Strunk, Jr., and E. B. White (Macmillan, 1979). E. B. White is, of course, one of the most ad-mirable literary stylists this country has so far produced. You should realize, too, that no one would care how well or badly Mr. White expressed himself, if he did not have perfectly enchanting things to say.

I am not urging you to write a novel, by the way—although I would not be sorry if you wrote one, provided you genuinely cared about something. A petition to the mayor about a pot-hole in front of your house

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