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A Look Back

Call

SEPTEMBER 19, 1957

Deputy Sheriff at Roaring Springs Gets Car, Radio

"Roaring Springs Deputy Sheriff S.A. Conway will receive the Sheriff's Department car and short wave radio formerly used by Deputy Sheriff Jodie Graham.

The announcement was made yesterday at the Roaring Springs Lions Club meeting, by County Judge Vance Gilbreath. He said Graham would be transferred to Matador where he would be needed to aid in policing the north part of the county."

Stanley Hospital

"Patients in the hospital this week include Mrs. R.L. (Bob) Jameson, and Bailey Eddleman of Quitaque, who have had a virus, and W.T. Martin of Turkey who is suffering from a heart condition."

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

Booster Club to sponsor Homecoming Street Dance

The Booster Club will sponsor a Homecoming Street Dance Saturday, September 25 on the east side of the Courthouse from 9:00-12:00 midnight. D.J. music will be provided, and there will be a concession stand serving cokes, candy and water.

There will be no charge for the dance, but there will be a charge for refreshments. Ages 7th grade through College are invited to attend.

Roaring Springs School Reunion Set for June 17

The Roaring Springs Ex-Students Association has announced that the School Reunion has been set for June 17, 2000. Association President, C.L. Marshall, asks, "Please mark your calendars now and pass the date on to all ex-students."

Chamber of Commerce to meet Thursday

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will hold their September meeting Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library.

Jr. Class to sponsor Homecoming fund raiser

The Junior Class of Motley County High School is offering you the perfect opportunity to show your school spirit. They will sell tickets for a spirit bag to be given away at half-time of the Homecoming football game on September 24. Prizes in the spirit sack include donations from Quality Discount Outlet, Matador Motor, Jo Barb Dee, Motley County Tribune, The Feed Trough, Alexander Fuel, The Rose Garden, Mane Place Hair Salon, Palmer's Service Station, Marshall Bros. Propane, Davis Fuel, Lowe's Supermarket, West Texas Utilities, Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, City Grocery, Vickie's Floral, Flomot Gin, and First State Bank of Matador.

Tickets may be purchased from any MC Junior Class member for \$1.00 per ticket. Tickets will be sold on Thursday, September 16 at the Motley County Jr. High football game and also at the Homecoming game. If you or your business would like to make a donation to the Jr. Class or have something you would like to have included in the Spirit Bag, please contact Brooke Decker at 347-2350, Ashley Stevens at 347-2809, or Leigha Burns at 347-2754.

1999 Homecoming to be celebrated next weekend

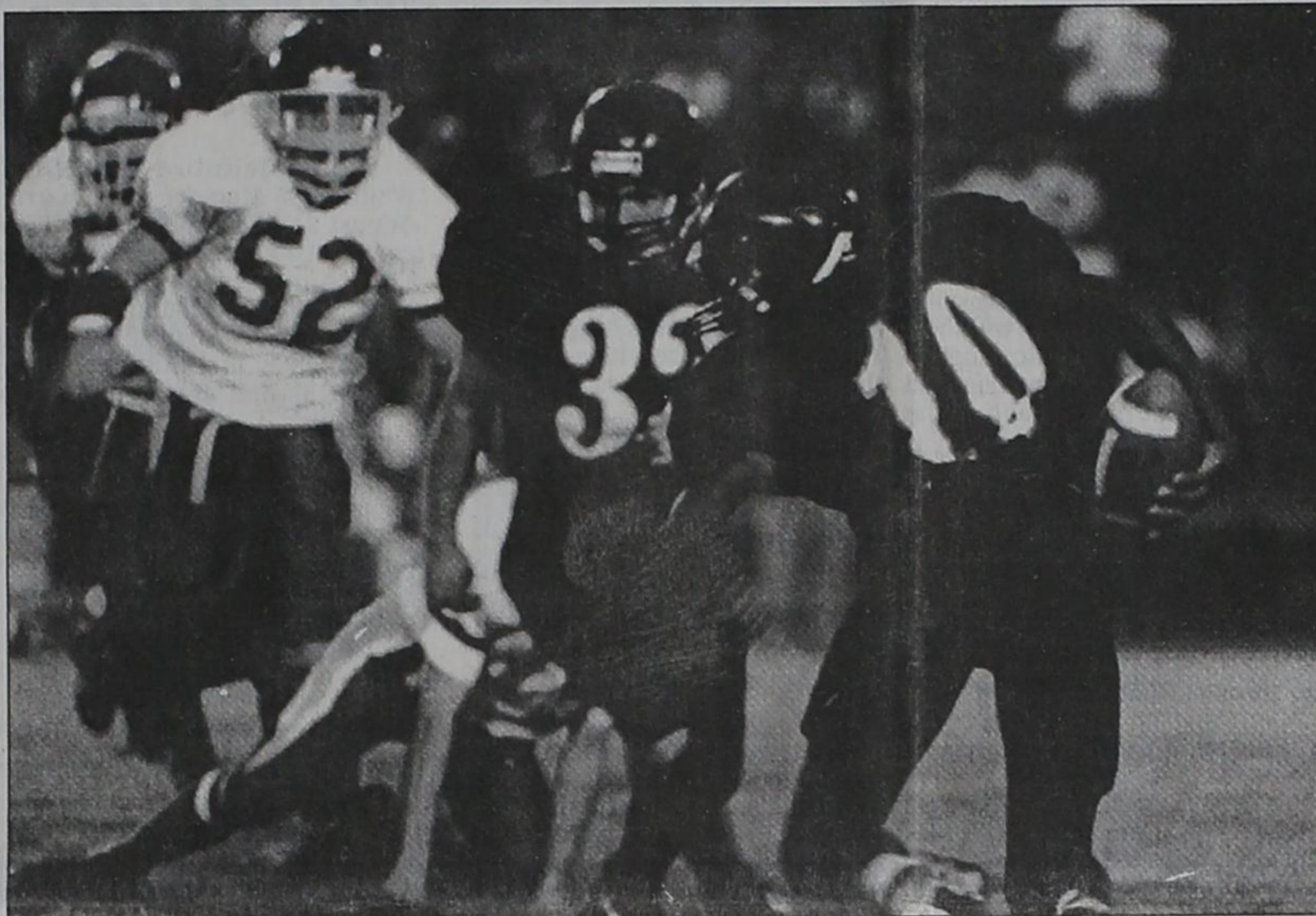
The Motley County Homecoming Celebration will be celebrated next Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25. The Matadors will face the O'Donnell Eagles at 7:30 p.m., Friday night. The 1999-2000 Homecoming Football Queen will be crowned during halftime.

Exes voted last year to make some changes for the annual Home-

coming celebration. The Saturday program will not be held this year, but will be held every other year, which means the program will again be held next year. Basically the Homecoming celebration will remain the same, except for the Saturday program. All school activities will still be held, classes will hold reunions, and

a street dance will be held Saturday night, September 25, on the east side of the Courthouse, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. The dance is being sponsored by the Motley County Booster Club.

If your class is planning a reunion, please bring notification and a class picture to the Tribune office, no later than Monday, September 20, for publication in next week's paper.



FIRST DOWN — Motley County Matador, #10, Jermaine Hendrix, carries the ball on a keeper against the Anton Bulldogs at Burseson Field last Friday night. The Matadors lost their first home game 21-13. See related story on page 3.

photo by James Gillespie

Thornberry to hold retirement security town meeting in Matador

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will host town hall meetings on retirement security in Dickens, King, Cottle, and Motley Counties this Saturday, September 18.

The forums, which are being held in cities and towns throughout the 13th Congressional District, are intended to give area residents a say in the national debate over Social Security and how we go about strengthening the system.

"There are a lot of plans being talked about in Washington as to how we go about strengthening Social Security and ensuring the retirement security of each and every Ameri-

can," Thornberry stated. "I think it's important to hear what people in our area have to say as well, which is one of the reasons I'm hosting these meetings."

As he has done in each of his first two terms in office, Thornberry is holding the town meetings in each of the 38 counties he represents. During his first two terms, Thornberry held a total of 95 town meetings. The times and locations of the September 18 meetings are as follows:

Saturday, September 18 —
9:00 a.m. - North Dickens County Senior Citizens building, 511 Montgomery, Dickens.
10:45 a.m. - Guthrie Community

Center, 2nd Street (across from the rodeo grounds), Guthrie.

1:00 p.m. - Paducah Community Center, 711 Richards, Paducah.

2:45 p.m. - Billie Dean's Cafe, 1224 Bailey, Matador.

"Listening is a very important part of my job," Thornberry stated, "The more I know about what people are thinking about retirement security and the other issues we face as a country, the better I'll be able to represent their views in Congress."

Thornberry added that area residents who would like more information about the retirement security town hall meetings are encouraged to call his office at (806) 371-8844.

Roaring Springs City Council votes to contribute to Trapper salary

The Roaring Springs City Council voted to contribute on a per acre basis to the salary of the County Trapper when they met for their regular meeting September 13. Cynthia Stafford met with the Council to discuss this matter.

Mayor Thacker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Kelly Keltz gave the invocation. In addition to Mayor Thacker and Councilman Keltz, also present at the meeting were Council members Venita Sedgwick and Gary Smith, City Secretary Zella Palmer and Water Manager Robert Osborn. Council members absent from the meeting were James Adams and Lisa Simpson.

Minutes from the August 16 meeting were accepted as written. Bills were approved to be paid.

Council also discussed putting up signs at the dumpsters and placing a notice in the paper for those out of the City Limits who wish to use the dumpsters.

The City will purchase barrels to have for those who wish to purchase a barrel, and choose to burn their trash.

The City adopted a 1999-2000 Budget. After a discussion about the tax rate, a motion was made to adopt the tax rate for 1999 of .41853. This rate will not be an increase in taxes for the average household.

Commissioners appoint Tempie Hutton County Attorney

Motley County Commissioners appointed Tempie Hutton, Attorney at Law, to the office of County Attorney for Motley County when they met in special session August 9, 1999. There was some question as to the eligibility of Ms. Hutton, because she had not lived in Motley County for six months.

When Commissioners held their regular meeting, Monday, September 13, Judge Laverna Price reported that she had checked with Jim Allison, Attorney for the Texas Association of Counties. He stated that the appointment of Ms. Hutton is legal. The Court will wait to swear her in until her six month residency has been established.

All Commissioners were present for the meeting. Also attending in addition to Mrs. Price, was County District Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

Invocation was by Judge Price. Minutes of the July 21, 1999 emergency session, the August 9 regular session and the August 9 special session were approved.

All bills were reviewed and approved. Reports from the Treasurer, Tax Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace, Animal Damage Control report and the Library were reviewed and approved.

The court was unanimous in approval of payment for Notary fees in the amount of \$92.00 for DPS officer Mark Gumaer.

The Court approved the second Monday in each month as the date the Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session.

Mozelle Montano, Family and Consumer Science Agent for Motley County presented a brief discussion on plans for future programs and invited the public to attend a workshop at Vernon Regional Junior College. The special seminar is "Breaking Through the Barrier of Alzheimers Disease and other Disorders". Mrs. Montano is employed by Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Sheriff's Fees will remain the same for the year 2000 as they are for the year 1999. The vote was unanimous by members of the court.

Attorney Brent Hamilton met with the court on a matter concerning delinquent taxes. The court approved a correction to be made.

The court reviewed all line items of the 1999-2000 FY Proposed Budget. The proposed budget will be filed later this week in the Motley County Clerk's office. The proposed budget will be available for inspection.

School Board sets tax rate

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees adopted the 1999-2000 tax rates to be set at \$1.24697 when they met in the regular meeting, Monday, September 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present for the meeting. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand, and Bettye Stevens.

No one was present for open forum. The board had met in a called meeting immediately before this meeting, to discuss and hold a public hearing for comments about the 1999-2000 budget and proposed tax rate. There was no public participation.

Mr. Hand gave the Principal's informational report and Mr. Copp gave an athletic update report and the Superintendent's report. Other items for board action included approving the minutes of the previous meetings, approving the expenditure report and reviewing the financial statements.

After hearing comments from

Brent Hamilton, Attorney from Plainview, representing delinquent tax case; Brenda Osborn, Appraiser, and Elaine Hart, Tax Assessor, the board agreed to join the County Commissioners and the Hospital Board in modifying a case of delinquent tax values.

Board Discusses Prayer

In a previous meeting, the Motley County School Board had discussed allowing Prayer before football games.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has stated that any district that allows prayer recited over a loud speaker before a sporting event violates the establishment clause.

On the advice of school council, Schwartz and Eichelbaum, Attorneys of Austin, the board decided it would be to the school's best interest not to allow a Prayer to be recited before a sport related event. The board decided to observe a moment of silence before each game.

Matador City Council discusses Grant possibilities

The Matador City Council discussed grants available to the City with Brian Grimes, a representative from Grantworks when they met for their regular meeting, Thursday, September 9. Mr. Grimes informed the City that a grant is available to run sewer lines to some homes currently not on sewer in Matador. This grant can be funded up to \$250,000, the City would have to match 10% of the grant, or \$25,000.

He also told Council members of a Texas Housing Rehab grant to assist the low to moderate income, elderly, and handicapped with renovatoin of their homes.

Council also discussed a planning grant, which would enable the

City to obtain new city maps, at a cost of \$2500 to the City.

Bids were opened for Depository bids. Bids were received from five banks. Doyle Rose made the motion to accept the bid from the First State Bank in Matador. The motion was seconded by James Meador, and was passed unanimously.

Council adopted the 1999 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .3370/\$100. A Resolution was adopted giving Mayor Lancaster the power to sign landfill documents.

Fence damage to the Lisa McClure residence was discussed. No action was taken.

The possibility of using City land as roping arena was discussed. No action was taken.

Motley County Business Chamber members now on Web

by Barbara Armstrong

The Chamber recently sent out letters to businesses to review the Website ads or listings. These need to be read and approved or changed as soon as possible. These will be placed on the Chamber 'website' for only the \$25 years membership fee.

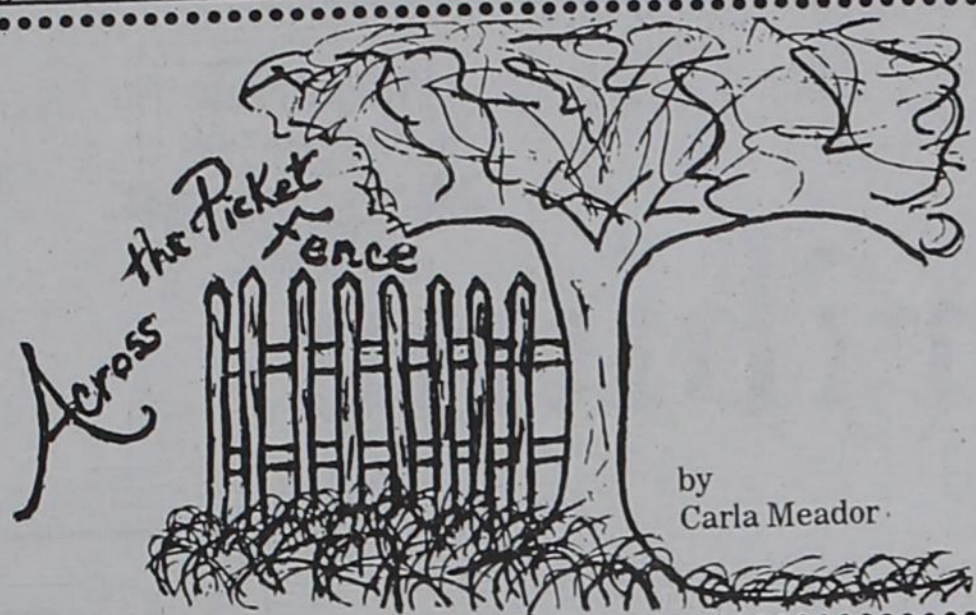
If you have not received one of these letters and you want your business listed on the 'Website', we will be glad to add your business. Just contact the office and your information will be given to Dumont Darsey, the Webpage designer.

Those of you who have received letters please read the ads or listings and return or call the office (leave a message on days the office is not open) as soon as possible. You may also view the ad on the 'website', www.motleycountychamber.com. The following businesses are new

members and are on the 'Website': Ag Credit of Texas, PCA; Davis Oil; Thayer-Washington CPA; Feed Trough Steakhouse; First State Bank, Matador; Flomot Gin, Inc.; Garland Rattan Ranch; Gillespie Communications; Hamilton Brothers; Tempie Hutton Law Offices;

Keith Brothers; Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co., Inc.; Koch Industries; Lee's Insurance; Marshall Brothers; Matador Lions Club; Matador Motor & Implement, Inc.; Matador Variety; Moore Maker Inc.; Motley County Tribune; Mott Creek Ranch;

Palmer's Service Center; Potts Composites, Inc.; Quality Discount Outlet; Red Ball Gin, Inc.; Roaring Springs Ranch Club; H.C. Smith Farms; Turner Farms; Washington Cattle Co; Harry Hamilton; First National Bank, Floydada; and KSRW-FM Radio.



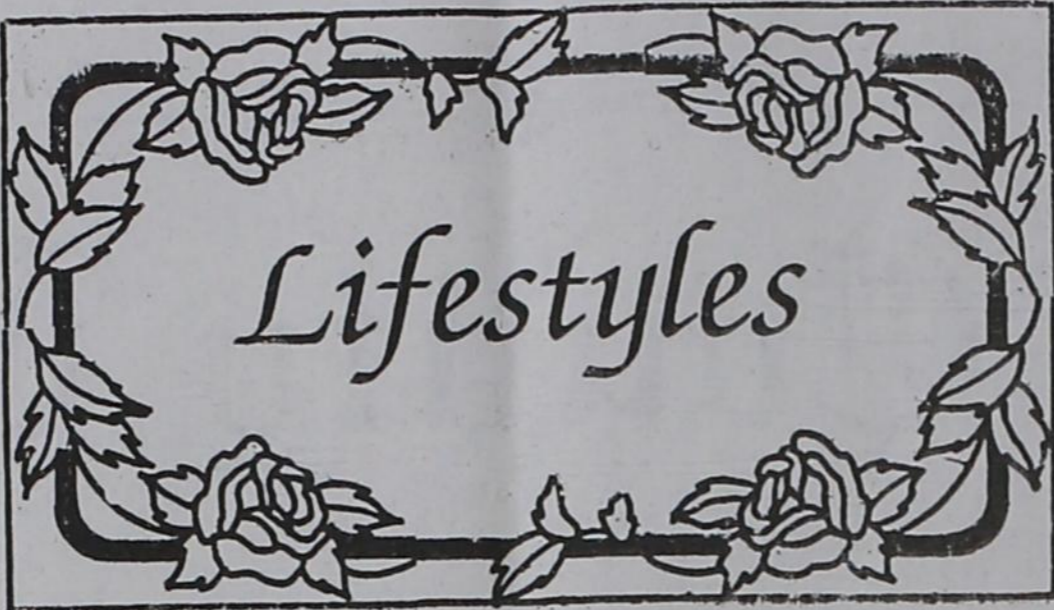
Ever had one of those weeks when everything seems to be unorganized and disarrayed? Well, this has been one of those weeks for me. I was so far behind on the paper this week, and just couldn't seem to get things together. I had in mind what I would write for my column, but with very limited space, it will have to wait until next week, when hopefully I will have a little more room. There is a little poem that I enjoy reading as a prayer, so I thought this would be a good week to share it. Maybe this is the week that it's supposed to be here....

♥ HEARTPRINTS ♥

Whatever our hands touch —
We leave fingerprints!
On walls, on furniture
On doorknobs, dishes, books.
There's no escape.
As we touch we leave our identity.

Oh God, wherever I go today
Help me to leave heartprints!
Heartprints of compassion
Of understanding and love.
Heartprints of kindness
And genuine concern
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor
Or a runaway daughter
Or an anxious mother
Or perhaps an aged grandfather.

Lord, send me out today
To leave heartprints
And if someone should say
"If felt your touch,"
May that one sense Your love
Touching through me.



Methodist Church Mission Week September 15-19

by Rev. Monte Wike

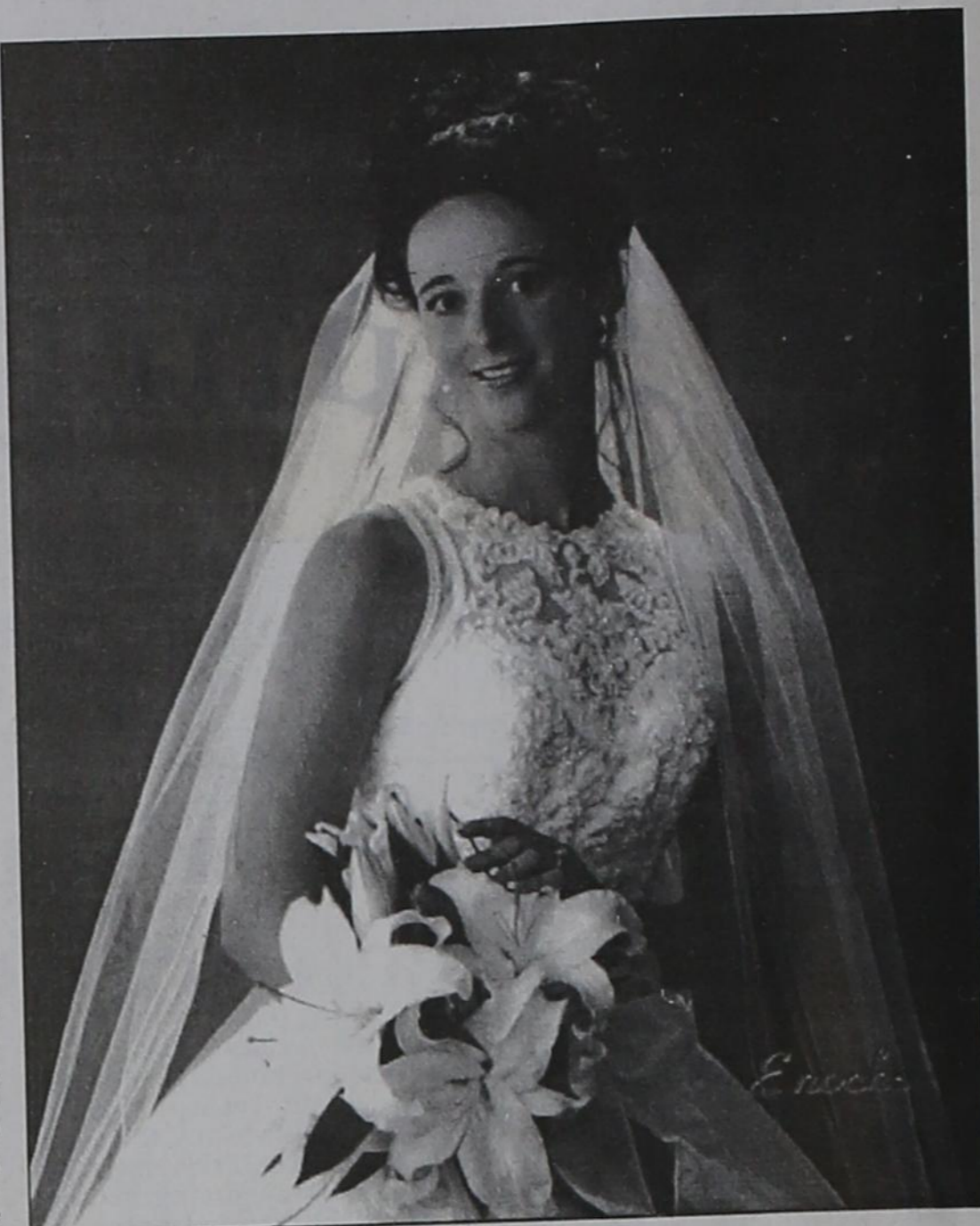
A Week of Mission emphasis began Wednesday, Sept. 15, with missionaries in every Methodist Church in the Plainview District. The Youth and Wesleyan Guild joined together for a pot-luck supper Wednesday night at 7:30 at First Methodist Church, Matador. The Youth heard the testimonies of Ben and Madeline Boadle, who have had extensive experience as home missionaries among the poorest of Appalachia. The Guild, in their second meetings of the fall, will be hosted by Noma Wike, and will hear of the volunteer work of Dr. Phillip Plunk, an Abilene Dentist, who has lead several medical teams into the interior of Guatemala. Dr. Douglas Wike, an Optometrist, son of Monte and Noma Wike, accompanied the team last year.

Sunday, September 19, Rev. Ernie McGaughey and wife, Marianna, will share in the worship services of Roaring Springs and Matador, their experience as volunteers for three months on the island of Bali. A covered dish dinner will be held in Matador after the worship services at which time they will show slides of their trip. Rev. McGaughey is a retired pastor living in Tulsa, and one of the great men of faith in the

Methodist Churches.

The impact of the mission week will be felt in a very material way for the Roaring Springs Methodist Church. Volunteer in Mission (VIM) teams will arrive from many area churches to work Saturday, September 18, from 8 to 5, to help complete work on the new Fellowship Hall. They will be installing electrical lines, hanging and taping drywall, and hanging a ceiling grid. They will also prep the Sanctuary building for paint, install a water line, and build a handicap ramp. Ken Abbott, Walter Trammell, (borrowed from First Baptist, Roaring Springs), Alex Crowder, Rodney Williams and Monte Wike will be heading up work crews in the various areas. About 75 volunteers of all ages are expected for the work day. They will be rewarded with a big home-cooked meal at lunch. Roaring Springs and San Juan in Plainview are the two Methodist projects targeted for VIM participation during the Plainview District mission-saturation event.

Youth are having a huge rally Saturday evening at Plainview, with Supper, music by Satellite Soul, and free access to all 25 missionaries who will be serving across the District. The week will close with a joint worship service in Plainview on Sunday evening.



Mrs. Dusty Whitaker
(nee Julie McEntire)

McEntier - Whitaker Exchange Wedding Vows

Julie McEntire and Dusty Whitaker of Matador were married August 21, 1999 in a beautiful ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Sterling City, with Dr. Shane Barnes officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. Brent Whitaker of Matador.

Serving their sister as Maids of Honor were Ginny McEntire and Monica McEntire. The bridesmaids were Amber Tarr of Ozona, Melinda Bodine, Amanda Bodine and Stephanie Gotcher. Candle lighters were Heather Gotcher and Rebecca Rawlings of Bronte. Flower girls were Kersti Wright and Mollie Hinderliter, cousins of the bride. David Whitaker of Matador

served his brother as Best Man, while the groomsmen were Talon Cruse of Flomot, Dayton Grundy and Scottie Palmer, both of Matador, David Watson of Floydada and Matt Woolsey of Spur. Ring bearer was Kobi Wright and Bell ringer was Cooper Hinderliter.

Guests enjoyed a dinner and dance at the Community Center immediately following the wedding.

The bride is a graduate of Sterling City High School and she will be joining the Whitaker family business in Matador. The bridegroom is a home school graduate and works with his brother and father in Matador.

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple resides in Matador.

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LIBRARY NOTES
by Suzanne Abbott

Monty Watson gave the Library a nice donation last week and we appreciate his thoughtfulness.

A new set of books on the Library shelves is a Civil War series. This set of books features the great battles of the War and is a great complement to the Civil War books that we already have.

We appreciate the donation by Emma Knowles of several really cute children's books. These books are colorful and fun to read for all of us kids.

Other new books include national best seller *Black Notice* by Patricia Cornwell. Kay Scarpetta fans will

welcome this new adventure that takes an international turn and leads the Virginia Medical Examiner across the ocean to France.

Faye Kellerman returns, thank goodness, to her original characters, Peter Decker and his wife Rina, in her newest, *Jupiter's Bones*. A new book by Catherine Coulter, *The Edge* also arrived last week and is ready to be checked out.

J.A. Jance's newest book, *Outlaw Mountain*, features her female sheriff, Joanna Brady. This is a mystery set in Arizona. History, romance, mystery, and children's books - something for everyone at the Motley County Library.

A good reputation is more valuable than money. —Publilius Syrus

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The most important question for each individual is built around a question. In Matthew 16, when Jesus asks in verse 13, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" there are several ideas offered. But the real question is in verse 15: "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?" He asked.

And what about you and me? If we've answered that, then we are to live like it. If we've not answered it, should we not get busy and do so before it's too late?

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Saturday, September 18th

AT 9:00 AM...
North Dickens County Senior Citizen Bldg.
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AT 10:45 AM...
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Guthrie

AT 1:00 PM...
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711 Richards Paducah

AT 2:45 PM...
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1224 Bailey Matador

For more information, please call (806) 371-8844

Pluck the Eagles!



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back) Coach Danny Copeland, Clint Cooper, Brant Donaldson, Matt Easter, Chase Carson, Jerod Rieger, Sean Rose, Ysef Alvarado; (next row) Dusty Jackson, Bo Long, Jose Flores, Justin Jameson, T.J. Christopher, Brandon Moore, Coach Jim Stewart; (next row) Coach Robert Ridgley, Casey Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Jermaine Hendrix, Tony Salazar, William Ho-Gland, Shawn Marvel, Chantry Meyer; (in front) Frankie Martinez, Ben Ridgley, Josh Lee, Alex Salazar, Chooch Meyer, and Fernando Martinez.



1999 - 2000 MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Lacy Carson, Rabeca Morris, head; (back l-r); Ashley Stevens, Janell Kilmer, Mascot, and Kember Everett, (center); Brenda Gillespie and Brooke Decker, (in front).

1999 Schedule

September 17	Ropesville	there	8:00 pm
September 24 *	O'Donnell	home	7:30 pm
October 1	Paducah	there	8:00 pm
October 8	Valley	there	7:30 pm
October 15	Spur	home	7:30 pm
October 22	Petersburg	there	7:30 pm
October 29	Crosbyton	there	7:30 pm
November 5	Lorenzo	home	7:30 pm

* Homecoming

Motley County Matadors
vs.
Ropesville Eagles
Friday, there, 8:00 pm



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