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Kids' Camp in need of financial help

*Annual camp set
for July 26 - 30*

Kid's Camp is in need of financial help. With the rising costs and additional expenses the camp is facing this year additional funds are needed to operate the camp which will be held July 26-30. The camp will not receive grant money this year.

The camp, founded by Darleen Fletcher and sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, welcomes all children to attend for only \$5 per week. Scholarships are available for children who are not financially able to attend. Sponsors want to give every child wanting to attend camp to be able to do so.

It is expected that camp costs this year will total approximately \$4,500. About \$2,000 of that has been raised.

Again, this year the Science Spectrum of Lubbock will have their very interesting displays at camp. This event is the most anticipated by the children, but the cost of the display is \$400 more than last year. This may be the only chance that some children will have to visit the Science Spectrum, so camp organizers feel this is a necessary expense.

Other additional expenses which have not been encountered in years past, is the fact that service agencies have had rather severe cuts in their budgets, and with the high cost of gasoline the camp will now have to pay \$20 per day for these groups to attend.

Last year the American Legion volunteered to clean the center each day. This year there has been no one to volunteer, so organizers expect they will need to pay \$35-\$40 per day for cleaning.

If you would like to volunteer to help or to make a donation please contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336 or Corky Marshall at 348-7000. Donations may be mailed to:

KIDS CAMP
P.O. Box 71
Roaring Springs, TX 79256

All donations are very much appreciated!

Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, June 14. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith County Judge; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4 and Kate Hurt County Clerk. Also in attendance was Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as the reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace and Library. Commissioners approved the minutes, all reports and to pay all bills.

There were three line item transfers which needed the



River Rats...

At first glance one might think these kids are playing in a river, but actually this water flow was caused by downpouring rains which occurred last Wednesday evening. Three to four inches were recorded in some places within an hour. This picture was taken near the City Park in Matador where the water was running at a fast sweep through Ballard Creek which has been dry for sometime. Among those enjoying the water-fun were Jacob Blanco, Bryant Taylor, Austin Taylor, Reagan Elliott and Hailey Blanco, pictured left to right.

Bob's Oil Well derrick lights shine bright again

The lights on Bob's Oil Well derrick were shining Saturday night, June 12. Brian and Brent Marshall, electrical technicians on the restoration project, made a test run on the electrical system. A little bit of fine tuning and "Houston, we have lift off."

For Brian it is the fulfillment of a long time commitment. In April of 2001 he declared at a

Motley County Chamber board meeting that it was his heart's desire to see the lights of Bob's Oil Well shine again and he would volunteer his time and resources to that end.

Now Brian was born long after Bob's Oil Well hey-day, so he himself had never experienced the grandeur of the tourist stop, famous in the 1930's and early 40's for its innovative marketing, including a lighted oil derrick in a country very limited in oil production. A hard working young man with a dream to fulfill. Brian enlisted the help of his brother Brent, his father Kenneth Marshall, and friend and former employee Bert Darsey to begin the tedious and difficult job of climbing the tower, removing wire and fixtures, and then replacing them.

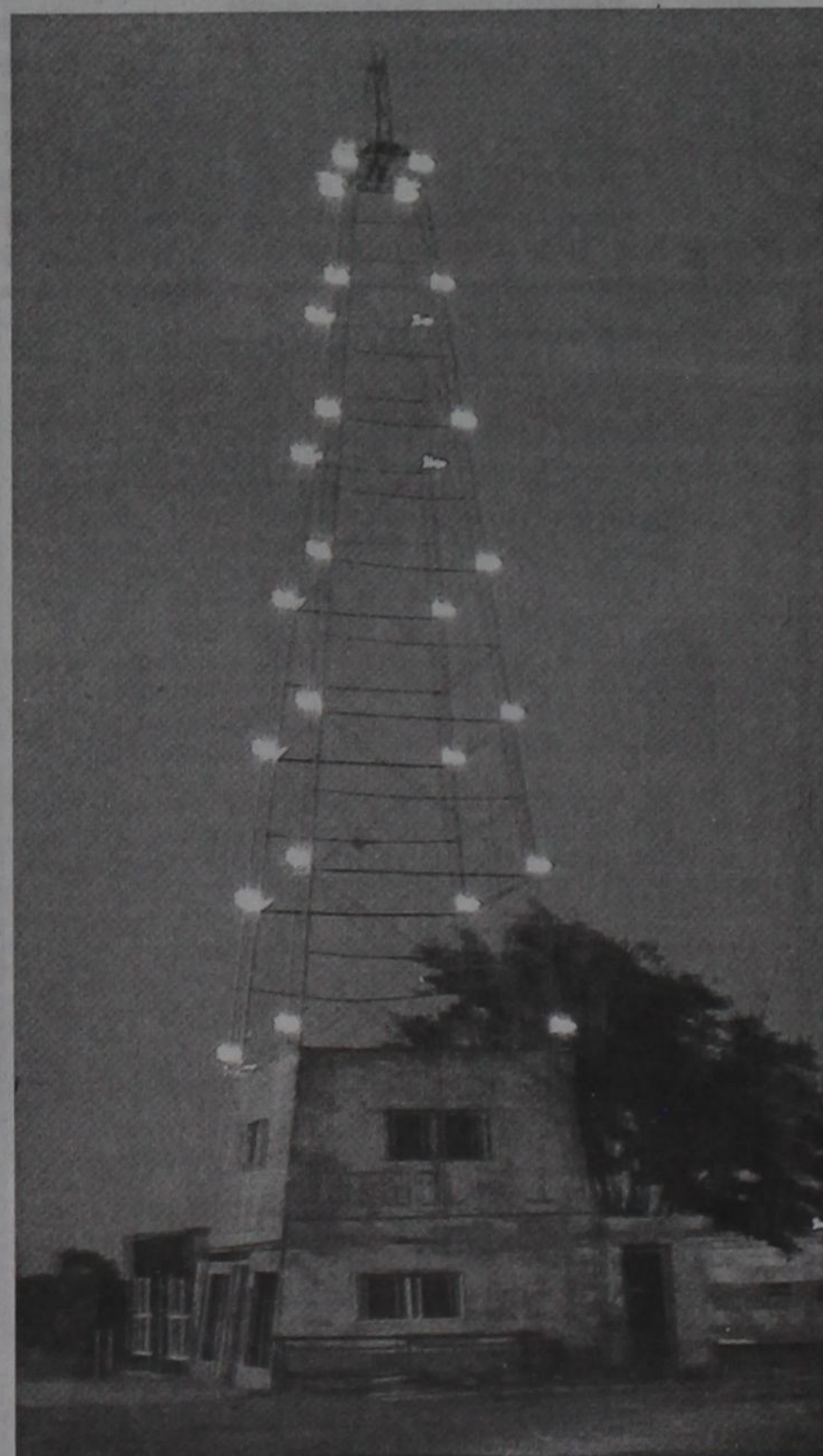
Strapping on a safety belt and climbing towers is not a new thing for the Marshall Brothers. They have been climbing towers for a family business since they were 13 years old. In the past twenty years, they have climbed substantial towers and swaying towers, in the calm and in the wind, in the heat and in the cold. But perhaps, no other tower has held the symbolic meaning that Bob's has. Brian would be the first to suggest it wasn't a big deal, but it sure was satisfying to see those lights burning.

Carpentry work and window installation have been moving along with help from Paul Westbrook, Ken Jones, the brother-sister comedy team

Rodney Williams and Ronda Miller, her husband Terry Miller, paint splatterer Marisue Potts and pole sitter Ralph Powell. It may not be high entertainment, but it is an interesting way to spend a Saturday. To join in the fun and volunteer to be a part of a neat community project, call Shane Jones at Matador Variety, 806-347-2820.

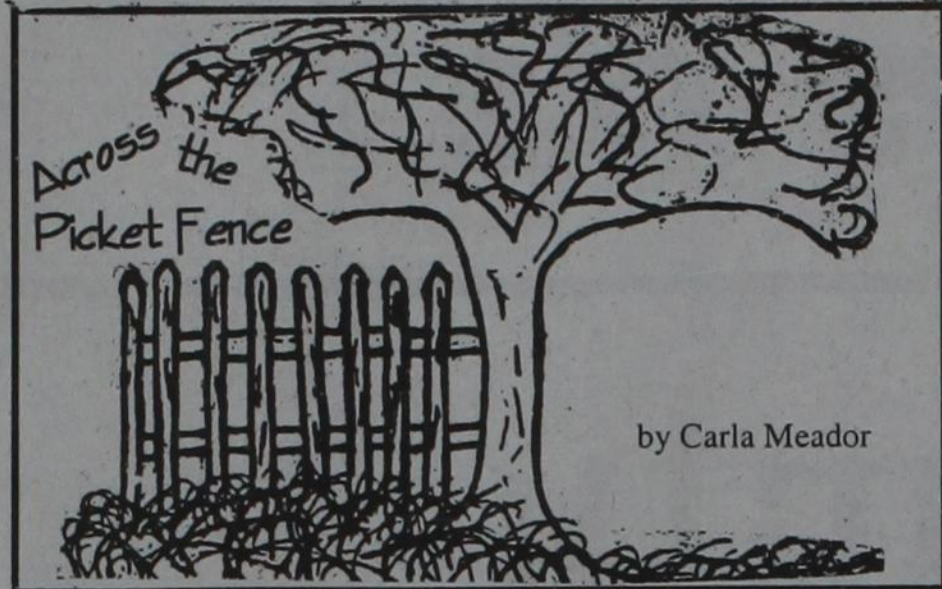
Donors to the restoration fund have shown a lively interest in the brick pavers to be placed in the driveway or centered around a historical marker in a memorial patio. Recent donations to the project include Rosemary Anderson of Seminole, in memory of her parents, Joe and Arlene Bloodworth; Payne Ranch of New Boston, J.E. and Melda Payne; Jerry and Pat Edwards of Palo Pinto;

Viola and Charles Keith of Georgetown, in memory of Charlie B. Keith who worked at Bob's in the late 1930's and 1940's; Donnie Jenkins and Karmen McCulloch of Levelland, in memory of Emmett B. Jenkins; Gary Markham of El Rancho de Trabajo near Manvel, William Waybourn of Linden, Virginia for Bill and Mildred Waybourn of Waybourn's Cafe; Furman and Beverly Vinson in memory of Oscar and Maud Vinson; Billy and Mozelle Gibbs Hand; Marihelen Wason, Stan and Dorothy Hanesworth, Terrye Bryant of Oklahoma City for Judy Renfro, notary.



Shining Bright
The derrick atop Bob's Oil Well shines bright once again after many years of darkness.

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Happy Father's Day! To most of us our daddies are the best above all. I know my daddy is! Do you know how Father's Day came about?

Sonora Louise Smart Dodd lived in Spokane, Washington. She was the oldest of six children raised by their father, William Jackson Smart, when their mother died during childbirth. Sonora honored and revered her father, and while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, in 1909, she determined there should also be a day to honor fathers.

Sonora gained local support and made her dream a reality, one year later, within her own city of Spokane, Washington. Sonora married John Bruce Dodd. She died March 22, 1978, several years after Father's Day became a permanent national observance.

In 1910 Sonora chose June 19th, as the day to celebrate Father's Day because that was her father's birthday. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA,

the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane on June 19, 1910.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1926 a National Father's Day committee was formed in New York City. In 1956 Father's Day was recognized by Joint Resolution of Congress. In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972 President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is celebrated in every part of the world - in the United States, Canada and most countries in Asia.

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

Motley County Lifestyles

Mysteries of the Sea at the Library

Steven Keiffer of the Folklife Education Project in Tuscon, AZ, will present a program entitled "Mysteries of the Sea" at the Motley County Library on Thursday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. Children in grades K-6 are invited to attend. This program presents a colorful introduction to ocean life and ship lore. Towards the end of the presenta-

tion everyone in the audience pulls on thick ropes while singing sea shanties. Each child will receive a free whale tooth.

The Friends of the Library is sponsoring this program and there is no charge to attend. Refreshments will also be served, compliments of the Friends of the Library.

Pivots & Divots



by Mary

Ladies play day on Thursday, June 10, was for Most Pars on Odd Holes. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Liv, LaVoe, Geneva, Louise, Judy C. and Jean. Liv and LaVoe tied with 4 each. Playing 9 holes were Marihelen, Tommye, Nell, Tempie and Frances. Marihelen, Frances and Tempie tied with 1 each.

The Tuesday scramble, June 1st, had 25 players. Kay Heatly was closest to the pin on #6. Winners were: First - 28 - Alan Bingham, Bill Heatly and Kay Heatly. Second - 29 - Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Kenny Barton and Liv Barton. Third - 32 - Tommye Keith, Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover and Stan Hanesworth. Other players were: Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Robert Osborn, Dot Grundy, Rob Francis, Tempie Frances, Cody Dodson, Mike

Marshall, Kyle Moore, Brandon Moore, Geneva Wilson, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker and Geneva Wilson.

The Tuesday Scramble, June 10th, had 25 players. No one won closest to the pin on #3. The money will be carried over to next week. Winners were: First - 27 - Bill Tidwell, Billy Tidwell, Robert Carter, Bill Hoover and Gene Hoover. Second - 30 - Conway Clary, Jerry Johnson, Jeannie Johnson and Jim Robinson. Third - 33 - Alan Bingham, Tommye Keith, Bill Heatly and Kay Heatly. Others playing were: Mike Hancock, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Mike Marshall, Robert Osborn, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Carolyn Hines, Randy Martin, Geneva Wilson, Stan Hanesworth and Paul Westbrook.

Commissioners Court session from page 1

also informed the Court he had received inquiry for the county to invest in some form of courthouse security. No action was taken on these matters until further information and prices can be obtained.

The Judge had received two bids on one air-condition unit for the Courthouse. Hammond Sheet Metal gave a bid for \$4,425.00 for a system and installation. Lewis Drum HVAC gave a bid for \$3,500.00 for a system and installation. Commissioner Turner made the motion to accept the bid from Lewis Drum, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passed by full approval of the court.

Sheriff Meador informed the Court of his deputy's resignation. Matador Mayor Paul Westbrook met with the Court to inform them that the City of Matador had approved a supplementary law enforcement salary of \$1,250.00 a month for a second deputy. This supplement

is for a part-time deputy only if the county has a full-time deputy on duty. Hours of duty will be determined by Sheriff Meador as he is able to fill these two positions.

Need a little cooling off?



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Library Notes

by Suzanne Aboff, Librarian

We have received Dr. Phil's The Ultimate Weight Solution Cookbook. We also have a new cookbook called Sensational Smoothies. The smoothies book has recipes for cheese and chili dogs as well as cool fruit drinks.

New adult fiction includes Robert Parker's Double Play and Black by Chris Whitcomb. We also have Killer Smile by Lisa Scottoline and Good Year by Peter Mayle.

We had two exciting programs at the library last

Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, the art class participants made color wheels and painted sailboats. On Thursday, the Summer Reading Program featured a story by Mrs. Pam Thacker. The arts and crafts portion was directed by Betty Henry and the children made paper aquariums with real shells and starfish. Betty Moore and Ruby McGuire provided delicious refreshments. Also helping were Marihelen Wason, Annie Green and Ashlee Green.

Grandson graduates from Tahoka high school



James Eric Green

James Eric Green, son of Rickey and Jackie Green of Tahoka and grandson of Betty Bearden of Matador and Ted and Nelta Green of Plainview, graduated from Tahoka High School in May. He attended Tahoka schools for 13 years.

While in high school he participated in basketball and golf his freshman year, was on the National Honor Roll his junior year and the National Honor

Society his junior and senior years. He also took first place in an art contest his sophomore year and was involved in the First Baptist Youth group.

Eric plans to attend South Plains College and major in Graphic Design.

"...I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

John 3:3 (NIV)

Happy Father's Day!

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We put our faith to the test. Trusting God. A trust in Him to bring about the best for us in the circumstance or situation. When we have tried out faith then faith isn't just a concept any more. It has become truth in action.

Conquering faith is developed from testing our faith and seeing the faithfulness of our God. Faith never forgets the victories of yesterday that have been won through the Lord Jesus.

Remembering David from the pages of the Old Testament Scriptures, we find he fought the Bear and the Lion. This young shepherd lad defeated them in the strength of the Lord. He knew that his victories had nothing to do with his own strength, just his faith. Therefore, when he fought Goliath, he had faith, a faith that had been tested. God gave him the victory through his faith. We too, like David can remember where we have been in faith. It is necessary to get where we are going.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
Saturday, July 3!
Roaring Springs

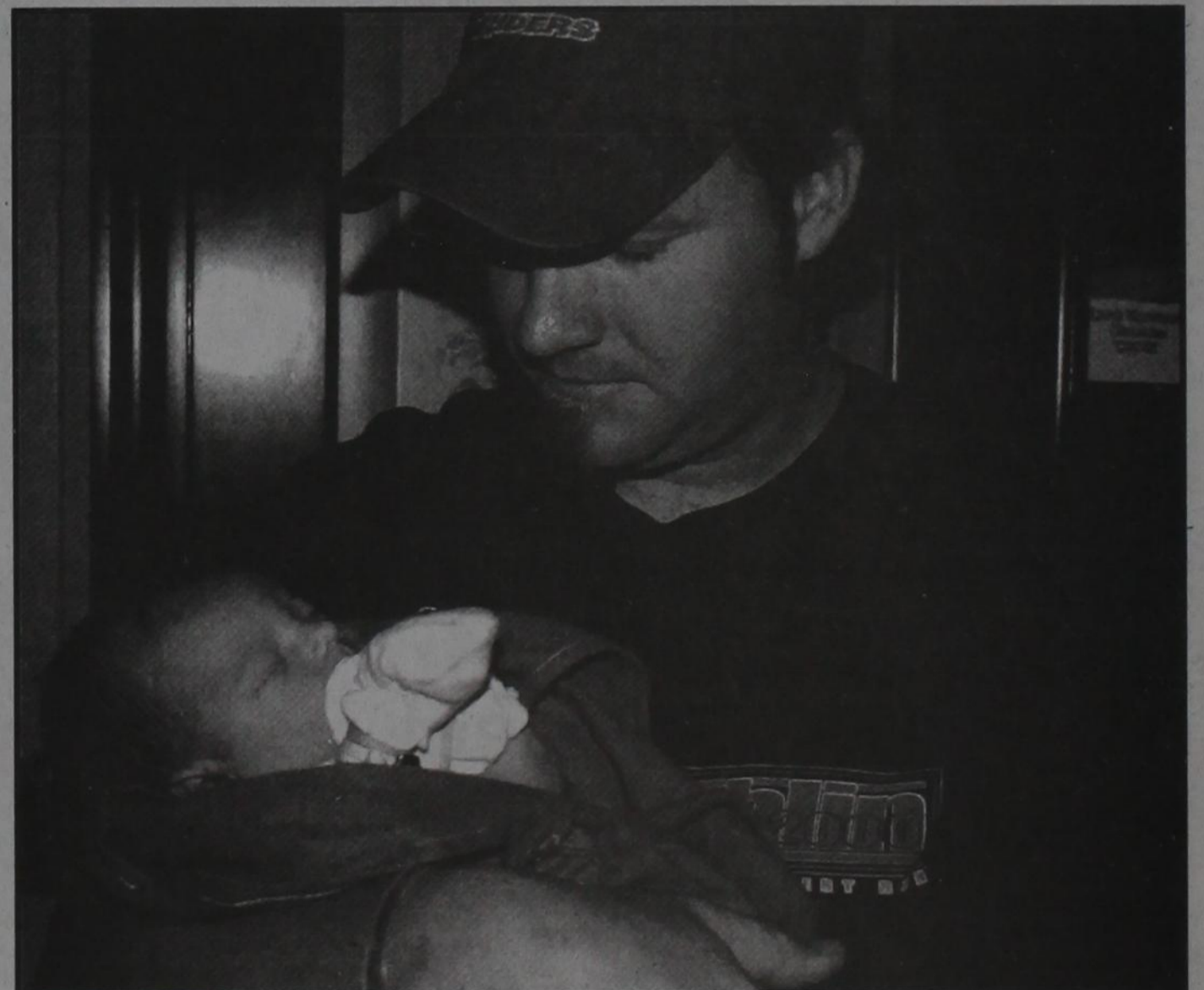
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I would like to take this opportunity to have you print a thank you to those responsible for our new Roaring Springs Veteran's Memorial Park in Roaring Springs.

We have all new playground equipment installed and a new sign erected.

I would like to thank the City Council and the board of the Part B Economical Development Tax for voting to furnish the money to buy the equipment.

Ken Abbott was in charge of ordering the equipment and designing the play area. He was on hand to help put the equipment and install it, and then he made the new sign designating the park as the Roaring Springs Veteran's Memorial Park. He deserves a big thank you from the community.

I would also like to thank the ones who furnished the labor to assemble and install this equipment. They were Ken Abbott, Alex Crowder, Dean McInroe, George Cline, Don North, Don Stuckey, P.K. Green and Steven Byrd. Robert Osborn brought and used the city backhoe; Dean Osborn brought the county dump truck and hauled in sand and hauled away debris; J.N. Fletcher furnished the fill sand; Jeff Braselton allowed us to use his tractor and posthole digger; Buzz Thacker brought coffee at coffee time; Russell Alexander furnished cokes for coke break. I also helped in this work.

We want to have a dedication party in celebration of the new addition to our community. Russell Alexander has volunteered to furnish and cook hamburgers June 19th in the park. We want to invite all who helped with this and all the kids and their parents to this dedication celebration.

Come and join us at the park at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, June 19th, for hamburgers and cold drinks. See you there!

In case of rain, we will have the celebration at the pavilion at the Community Center.

Corky Marshall

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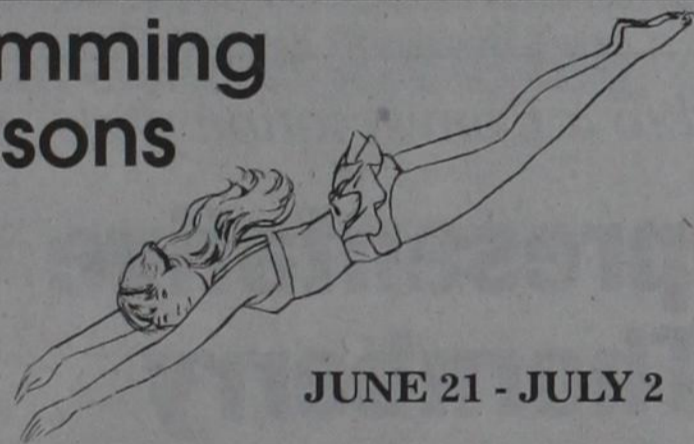
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LIGHTNING STRIKE — This big cottonwood tree in the yard of Pete and Bessie Jean Williams in Matador, was struck by lightning during last Wednesday's thunderstorm. The lightning hit at the top of the tree, burning and traveling down the tree, peeling off the bark and splitting at the ground, continuing through a root and hitting a fuse box on the side of the house. Fortunately there was no damage to the Williams' home.

Operation Roundup awards \$20,000 in scholarships

LUBBOCK - Operation Round-Up, a program supported by the members of South Plains Electric Cooperative, awarded \$20,000 in scholarships as a demonstration of the cooperative's commitment to its local communities. Twenty local students each received a \$1,000 award for the 2004-2005 school year. These students were selected from a total of 66 applicants on their scholastic records, school and community service activities and financial need. The recipients include: Melissa Allen, Cotton Center; Renee Andrews, Slaton; Megan Balke, Friendship; Rustin Buffington, Lubbock-Cooper; Drury Buxkemper, Lubbock-Cooper; Sunny Glosson, Jayton-Girard; Brittany Henry, Lubbock High; Danielle Martinez, Roosevelt; Lindsay McNeil Spur; Megan Muscatell, Jayton-Girard; Krista Perkins, Cotton Center; Britny Robertson, Spur;

Diana Saenz, Cotton Center; Katie Trimble, Childress; Jacob Tucker, Paducah; and Joshua Watson, Abernathy.

Several thousand members of South Plains Electric Cooperative voluntarily participate in Operation Round-Up, an innovative program to provide funding for many worthy projects here in our local communities. It's administered by the South Plains Electric Trust, a 10 member board of area leaders serving on a voluntary basis. Current South Plains Electric Trust board members include: President Sam Owings, Lubbock; Vice President Jean Sonnemaker, Spur; Treasurer Donna Campbell, Lorenzo; Secretary Linda Black, Lubbock; Buddy Baldrige, Jayton; Gloria Grawunder, Shallowater; Wayne Mathies, Levelland; David Miller, Lubbock; Jori Parks, Paducah; and Henry Rieff, Hale Center.

Dear Carla,

There are at least 3 households (in the Hall family) reading your paper weekly and all have commented their surprise in the issue that has come up for Jim. Al and I experienced an unexpected work situation that came up some years ago and can truly understand your pain and disappointment in a most unfair judgement. As the prophet of old said, "...were it not for His mercies new every morning, I would be consumed..." Great is His Faithfulness." (My paraphrase).

It is sad that something so petty can be so hurtful and I should think those who brought the action deeply regret it now.

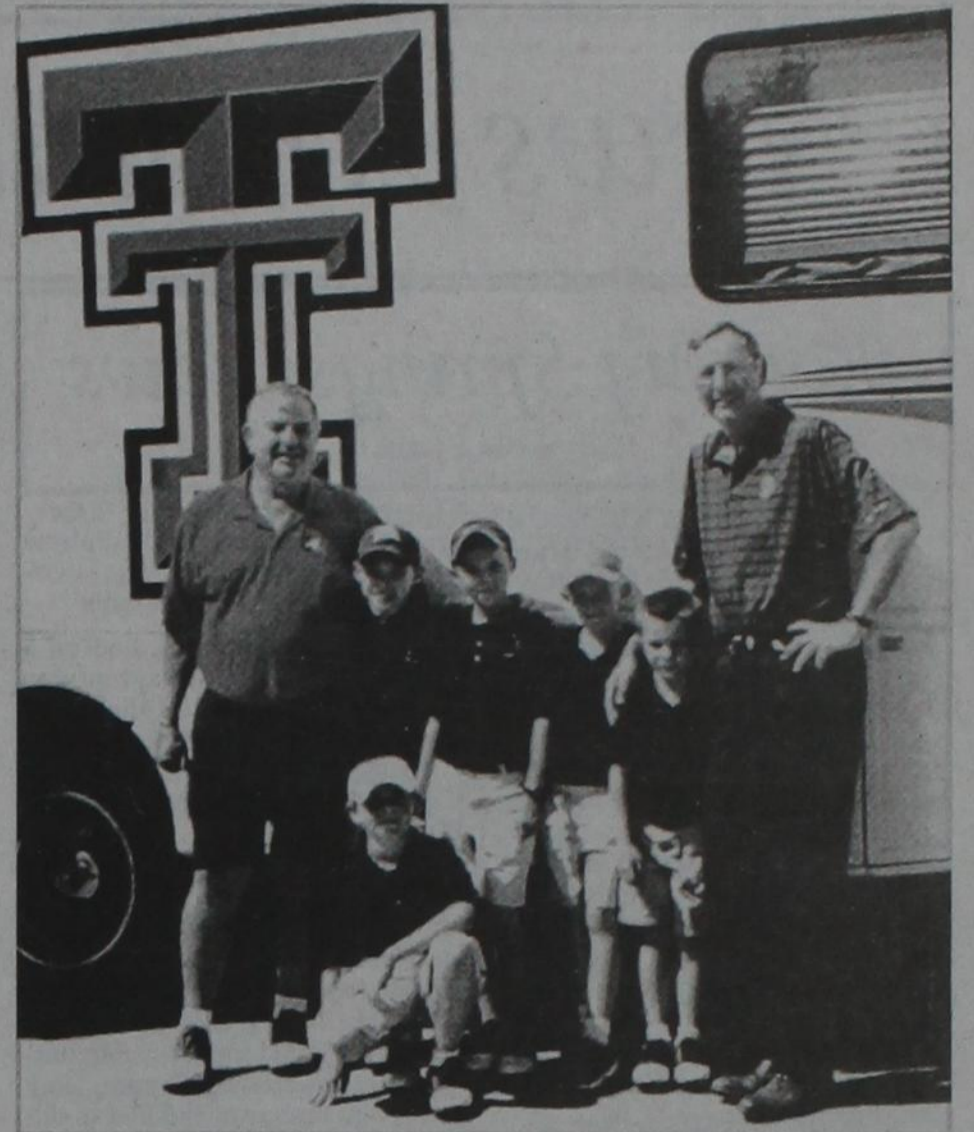
The amount which has to be returned would not even begin to cover health insurance for a year and although it is costly I am sure your disappointment is even more grieving.

Through it however, you have found many to come along side and express their disgust in such action and their support of a job well done ... too often unsaid. As a result of this, hopefully the community will rally and Jim's position will be honored with more respect and expressed in a monetary way.

As always, I appreciate your Christian values in putting out a fine paper.

(I can't help but think of Jesus' teaching regarding the letter of the law ... to be enforced in love).

Albert and Norma Hall
Seattle, Washington



GOLF LESSONS — Christian Brooks (front), Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn, Reagan Elliott, and Bryant Taylor (left to right) are pictured above with former Texas Tech football coach Spike Dikes, left, and Terry Dear, a former PGA tour member. The boys recently attended golf lessons at Meadow Brook golf course in Lubbock. Mr. Dear was the instructor. In addition to learning to perfect their own developed swing, they also had a lot of fun. They enjoyed Golf USA who put on a show for all major brands of clubs of which the kids got to try out. They also enjoyed the Texas Tech Red Raider Open, in which all Tech coaches including former football coach Spike Dikes participated. The boys had posters signed, pictures taken and putting instructions before enjoying ice cream at the Tech bus with Coach Dear and Spike Dikes. The entire five weeks was an awesome experience not only for the kids but for the parents as well. As one mother put it, "The most important lesson we learned is to keep it fun."

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Turkey Heritage Foundation to present John Walker and Warm Country Heart Band

The Turkey Heritage Foundation will present John Walker and the Warm Country Heart Band with special guest start, D.C. Barlow at the Gem Theater, June 26, 2004, in downtown Turkey, Texas.

The distinctive country piano style John has come from the inspiration of Floyd Cramer. Members of the band are Jack Grouble of Granbury on drums. Jack was the drummer for Boots Randolph, Chet Atkins and Floyd Cramer for 15 years. Cecil White from Lubbock will play lead guitar and sing. Cecil

has been performing in Branson, Missouri for several years. Michael Grace from Turkey plays bass guitar. He keeps everyone laughing and is an outstanding bass guitar player.

D.C. Barlow grew up on a wheat farm near Perryton, Texas. His mother died when he was eleven and his dad took on the task of raising six children. He encouraged all six to play music. D.C.'s music career includes winning Outstanding Bandsman, Perryton High School; 1st Choir Alto Saxophone in the Texas All-State

band; Outstanding Bandman, West Texas State University Buffalo Band; Bachelor of Music Education degree from West Texas State University and a Master of Arts in Music degree from West Texas State University.

You don't want to miss this show! It will be fantastic! Show time is 7:00 p.m. and you may call 806-423-1420 or 806-423-1113 for more information. The cost of the show is \$8.00 and all proceeds go to the improvement project for Gem Theater. The Turkey Heritage is a non-profit foundation.



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 - 8.) By entering, each contestant or their representative acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound to them.
 - 9.) Decisions of the concert organizers are final.

News Around the County

MOTLEY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEWS & VIEWS
by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

MEREDITH REUNION
The first annual Meredith family reunion was held Saturday evening and Sunday at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Family members enjoyed barbecue sandwiches and all the fixings Saturday night. After supper they enjoyed listening to local band, The Great Unknown, of which Yancy Meredith is a member.

On Sunday, a morning singing and worship service was held before a pot-luck lunch was served. That afternoon, visiting and looking at old pictures, dominoes and other games were enjoyed.

The family agreed unanimously to meet at the same time, same place next year.

Visiting Mrs. Vera Mitchell recently has been Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sasser of Yellowville, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Goss of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Arnel Webb of Atlanta, GA.

Mrs. Lana Copp and Miss Lula Swim were in Floydada on Wednesday.

Mrs. Pete Osborn and Mrs. Billie George Roller of Plainview

visited recently with their sister, Mrs. Cleo Watson, and nephew Larry Watson of Austin, who is visiting his mother for a few days.

Mrs. Lea Peacock hosted a meet & greet coffee Friday morning June 18 for Mrs. Russell Alexander. About 24 ladies attended.

Rev. Paul Stearns has been appointed to serve the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches another year.

Mrs. Paige Barnes and daughter of Hawley and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Matador visited Mrs. Cleo Watson and Larry Sunday.

About fifteen ladies from the Bible group had an enjoyable outing to see the cross at Groom. They had group prayer at the foot of the cross. Several ladies offered prayers. They had lunch in Clarendon. Mrs. Clint Burns is the leader of the Bible group.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker visited last week in Abilene with their son and wife, John and Jana Thacker, from Wednesday until Saturday. They also visited with granddaughters, Melanie and Matt Paul and daughter Berkley; and Amy Thacker and fiance' Chris Smith, all of Abilene.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
We suggest a letter writing tradition be adopted for Father's Day. Now is a good time to start thinking about writing a letter to Dad.

People who have lost their fathers know what a precious opportunity will not be missed today by people whose fathers are still with them. It may mean more than they would ever know.

RAIN AND MORE RAIN
Mrs. Tommie Cruse reported 3.90, Doyle Calvert 4.00 and Clois Shorter 3.80 inches of rain in 45 minutes time Wednesday, June 9th. Others reported 2.00 to 2.50 inches of rain in area and in Whiteflat.

Chris Calvert, who is in the U.S. Marine Corp., was a luncheon guest Friday of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert. Chris is the son of Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas.

Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob this weekend were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth and her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray of Clyde.

Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrington, Virginia visited the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Tuesday, she visited in Ropesville with Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian. She visited overnight Thursday in Petrolia with Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. Christi and daughters accompanied Cindy to DFW airport Friday for her return trip home.

Sarah Clay of Panhandle visited the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers visited in Lubbock, Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers. Ronnie is recuperating from eye surgery.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot visited them Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited from Friday until Sunday in

Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross celebrated her birthday, Friday with lunch and entertainment in Plainview.

Brittany Dockery of Vernon, daughter of Lucretia and Breck Dockery, visited from Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 13 with grandparents, Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and in Turkey with aunt and uncle, Kayla and Neil Guest.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mrs. Tommie Cruse and among guests at a family luncheon Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco, Mrs. Mark Patton of Silverton and Mrs. Darla Gwinn of Whiteflat. They attended the bridal showers honoring Miss Lacy Carson of Lubbock, bride elect of Keane Cruse of Turkey, held Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C.D. Garrison of Matador and Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Tina Carson of Turkey. Keane's mother, Mrs. Brenda Cruse of Flomot and Lacy's mother, Mrs. Rex Betts of Morton were the honored guests. Many Flomot residents attended the showers.

Mrs. Dovie Davis and Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton of Flomot were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited in Petrolia, Sunday with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. They attended Emily's Baptist Church Bible School commencement Sunday night.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick were Leah Cruse of Lubbock and Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador. They attended the bridal shower Saturday afternoon of Lacy Carson of Lubbock given in the home of Mrs. Tina Carson of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnie Starkey attended the 80th birthday celebration of their aunt, Mrs. Lanell Starkey Sunday afternoon at the Community Center in Happy hosted by her children. En route, they visited in Canyon with Michael Starkey.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited from Friday until Sunday in the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They enjoyed attending the Watson family reunion held in Matador, Saturday. En route home Sunday, they visited in Roaring Springs with Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher.

Carson of Lubbock and Mrs. Mary Lou Grundy of Floydada. They attended the bridal shower honoring Lacy, bride elect of Keane Cruse of Turkey, held Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C.D. (Evelynn) Garrison.

Mary Jones visited in Abilene last week with her daughter and family, Jana and John Thacker, and granddaughters, Melanie and husband Matt and daughter, Berkley Paul and Amy Thacker and fiance' Chris Smith.

Weekend houseguests of Mrs. Debra Scott were Mrs. Rex Betts of Morton, daughter, Miss Lacy

Denise Lawrence receives Associates Degree from Clarendon College

The 100th Annual commencement ceremonies were held for 80 Clarendon College students on Friday, April 30, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

Denise Lawrence, of Roaring Springs, graduated with an Associate in Science degree.

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Thiry Long completes Nursing Program

Thiry Diane Long of Lubbock has successfully completed the Registered Nursing program at Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock. Graduation ceremonies were held Friday, May 28, at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Ms. Long is a 1993 graduate of Roosevelt High School in Lubbock. She attended Tarrant County College in Ft. Worth before attending Covenant School of Nursing.

Ms. Long is the daughter of Shirley and Robert Bland of Lubbock and Boyd and Laura Long of Roaring Springs.

Covenant School of Nursing (formerly Methodist Hospital School of Nursing), a member of Covenant Health System, is a

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When opportunity knocks, it does not use a hammer.

-- Mildred Cleghorn

Opportunity is knocking, and the Chamber is doing all it can to open the door and hustle it inside. One such opportunity is encouraging people from all over the world to come here, and we have had some successes you may not know about.

Cherry Asker from Stockholm, Sweden, was doing research on her family history. She knew her grandfather, Alec Ligertwood, had been a cowboy at the Matador Ranch, and she found the Chamber of Commerce website, so she requested information on the Ranch. She got the information, so she came all the way from Sweden to visit Motley County.

Cherry was so pleased with what she found here, the people and the place, that she told her cousin, Margot Osborne, in California, that she just had to come and see it all for herself. Margot's grandfather, Arthur G. Ligertwood, the brother of Alec,

had been the superintendent at the Matador Ranch. So Margot, her husband Tom, and her brother Eric Brown all came to stay at Granny's Bed and Breakfast in Roaring Springs for two weeks.

One of the high points of her visit happened while they were looking at a picture of Gilbert Guerrero, one of the cowboys at the Ranch, at Ken Young's studio. Ken saw Gilbert next door, so he slipped out and asked Gilbert to come in and meet them, which he agreed to do. Margot said it was like meeting a celebrity.

Family history research brought another family from Fort Worth here. They wanted to find out more about an inventor who had lived here.

So even though Motley County does not have extensive resources for tourists to enjoy, we can offer individuals and small groups enough to keep them busy for extended stays. The growing interest in family history is an aspect of the tourism trade we can serve.

NOTE OF THANKS

The Motley County Greenbelt Golf team would like to say thank you to Seven Alexander for monogramming our shirts this year. She did this as a favor to help us look better in representing our team and community. She also learned when Tina ask for something to multiply it by five. Thanks again for helping us to look like a team.

Motley County Greenbelt Golf team

I am so glad to be home and I want to thank each one of you for helping me get here. There is nothing like friends. You came to see me, you called, sent cards, added me to your prayers, brought me flowers, butterfinger blizzards, chocolate candy, chicken & dumplings, your special soups, you called and came by to check on me, brought my mail, or came by just to talk. So, you see this is why I am better - but I still need you to "circle by."

My love,
Billie Koon

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Only here can you find such caring and giving people! We feel very fortunate to have so many people thinking of Matt while he is in the hospital. We truly believe that Matt has been given his wonderful recovery from the power of prayer - Thank You! We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the love fund established at the bank.

Billy and Cory Easter and family
Lee and Misty Jones and family

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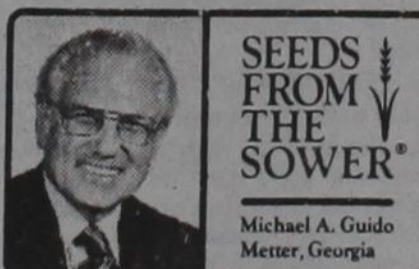
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Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



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June 6, 2004

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FCIC PROGRAM INTEGRITY

In an effort to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, FSA will be assisting RMA and insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. FSA will report all suspected cases of fraud of abuse to RMA. Producers may also report suspected cases of fraud, waste, or abuse to their local FSA or RMA office.

"I know that, whatever God doeth, it shall be forever; nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it..." Ecclesiastes 3:14

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Understanding Insurance Rules and Options Can Be A Tricky Proposition in 2004

LUBBOCK, June 11, 2004 By Shawn Wade

Scattered storms over the past week have provided more than a few producers with just what they needed in terms of moisture to either germinate recently planted seed or to keep young stands adequately supplied with moisture.

Unfortunately, those same storms brought some people more than they bargained for when they sent in their request for rain. As a result some producers are dealing with crop loss situations and the need to move forward with crop insurance claims on damaged or destroyed acreage.

Each year when these situations arise the potential for confusion exists as producers and insurance providers begin wading through the rules to determine what can or cannot be done and when.

While the 2004 crop year includes a new rule that applies to secondary crops and insurance coverage, the provisions that apply to appraisals on crops remain unchanged. For crops damaged or lost to adverse weather events, or that fail to emerge, the rules remain the same as they were in 2003.

The most confusing situations generally involve non-emerged seed. Over the past couple of years there have been several changes in the rules that apply to non-emerged seed and how acreage that is caught in this situation is treated.

For emerged crops the rules have not changed significantly for several years and allow for timely appraisal of damaged or destroyed acreage, especially if that damage occurs after the applicable final planting date.

Generally speaking any crop planted before the final planting date that emerges to a stand is eligible to receive an adjustment almost immediately after the loss event is reported to the insurance company.

In order to allow for a proper evaluation most appraisals are scheduled 3-5 days after the damage report is received. This allows the adjuster to see how well damaged acreage rebounds from the event.

The bottom-line for producers that have recently lost standing cotton to high winds, localized flooding or hail is that a minimal waiting period can be expected before an adjustment is made, but the process can be put into motion immediately after the damage report is submitted to insurance.

For producers that have cotton in the ground but do not receive adequate moisture to bring the crop to a stand, insurance rules are different and require a specific waiting period after the final planting date before an appraisal can be scheduled.

For non-emerged seed the current rule states that no adjustment can be made until after the end of an 8-day deferred appraisal period that begins at the end of the crop's late planting period. For cotton, that means that non-emerged acreage cannot be appraised for 23 days after the applicable final planting date.

For counties with a June 5 final planting date, insurance appraisals on non-emerged acreage will begin no sooner than June 28. For counties with a June 10 final planting date appraisals cannot begin until July 3.

In the past the additional waiting period after the 15-day late planting period has been revised by RMA. Whether or not a similar relief from the rules will be allowed in 2004 has yet to be determined although it appears the situation could develop that warrants such consideration.

New Double Insurance Provision Adds New Twist For 2004

While the rules that pertain to crop damage and appraisals have not changed from 2003 to 2004, there has been one important change that will affect producers who lose crops early in the 2004 season.

In 2004 growers who wish to plant a second crop on failed cotton acreage will have to make several important decisions that could impact the level of coverage they receive on their first crop.

The crux of the change involves the implementation of a new "double insurance" provision that was originally included in the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. The purpose for the new rule is to prevent a producer from collecting crop insurance indemnity payments for multiple crop losses on the same acre in the same crop year.

The final rule, as implemented, requires for the first time that growers who lose their first insured crop may only receive 35 percent of the calculated indemnity (and only pay 35 percent of the first crop premium) if they elect to plant a second insured crop on the same acreage.

In an attempt to provide more discretion to the grower that incurs an early season loss, Plains Cotton Growers and the National Cotton Council worked with the Risk Management Agency to craft an alternative that gives the growers more flexibility.

The result of that effort was inclusion of an option that the grower can exercise to receive 100 percent of the first crop indemnity if they elect not to insure a subsequent crop on the acreage during the balance of the growing season.

Growers that lose crops early in the season have the following options. They can: 1) **Opt not to take insurance on a subsequently planted crop.** This option is to be exercised on a unit-by-unit basis and the producer must make their insurance provider aware of their decision before the acreage reporting date for the second crop or when the claim is signed for the first insured crop; or, 2) **Insure the second crop, but decline to accept any second crop claim payment.** Producers who insure a second crop but later choose not to accept payment for a second crop claim will receive the remaining 65 percent of their first crop claim less the remaining 65 percent of the premium due on the first crop and 100 percent of the premium due on the second crop. Producers may decline to accept a second crop indemnity up until the time the claim check is cashed.

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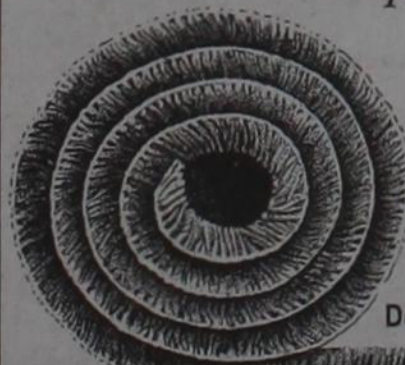
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