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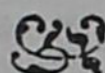
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A Look Back



APRIL 16, 1964

EXPLOSION STRIKES ELEVATOR AT TURKEY

"Three men were injured and extensive damage resulted when an explosion rocked Setliff Elevator in Turkey, Tuesday morning about 10:15 a.m. A fire which followed the explosion was quickly brought under control by the Turkey Volunteer Fire Department."

APRIL 26, 1951

This advertisement appeared in the Tribune on April 26, 1951.

Harry Willett & Co.

Spring dresses
\$8.95 ----- \$5.95
\$10.95 ----- \$7.45
\$16.95 ----- \$11.45

Memo: Army Twill pants - 29 to 38 waist - \$3.00

Around Town

YOUTH LOCK-IN

The Youth of First Baptist Church, Matador, are hosting a Lock-In, 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, April 24, through 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, at an off-site location. There will be music, games, videos, and FOOD. All youth of the community are invited to attend. Call Elaine Risser at 347-2345 or 347-2782 or see Youth Director Amy Parker for details, including location of the Lock-In and parental permission forms.

The Youth will have an "Alphabet Soup" Scavenger Hunt, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25. All items collected will be given to a needy family.

Rolling Plains PCA to hold 64th annual stockholders meeting

Rolling Plains Production Credit Association's 64th Annual Stockholders Meeting will be held in three sections on Tuesday evening, April 28, in Canadian, Thursday evening, April 30, in Childress and Friday evening, May 1, in Stamford. Registration and the meal will begin at 6:00 P.M. and be followed by a brief business session. Stockholders and guests will meet at the Canadian School Cafeteria. The city auditorium will be the site of the Childress session, and the Stamford meeting will be held in the High School Cafeteria.

The Association's Board of Directors has declared a patronage distribution based on 1997 fiscal year earnings. Total patronage is \$1,413,231 with 40% being paid at the three sessions of the Annual Meeting. This patronage returns 19 1/3 cents for the effective interest rate on borrowers' loans for the year to 7.48%.

Drawings will be held from members' registration cards until a total of \$400 is awarded in each session. Greg Claassen, Kansas ventriquist,

by Marisue Potts

A check from First National Bank of Floydada has kicked off a drive for funds to renovate the Motley County VFW Memorial 4-H Building in Matador. This first donation will be used as seed money to establish a fund to bring about needed repairs to the clubhouse serving the fifty-five members in the county.

Officers in the Motley County 4-H club, recently accepted a check on behalf of the bank which was presented by Chamber of Commerce secretary Charles Keith.

According to parent leader, Janie Campbell, the 4-H club currently uses the Senior Citizens building, the courthouse, the school, and individual homes to conduct their meetings. Their goal is to renovate the forty-eight year old building and make it useful in conducting training sessions covering such diverse projects as livestock judging, fashion design, sewing, food show preparation, and consumer buying.

Campbell envisions that the downstairs can be used on a limited basis

with the least amount of cost through painting, floor covering, repairs to the ceiling, and the donation of folding chairs and other furniture. However, it is anticipated that future renovation will include the remodeling of the kitchen and the two bathrooms upstairs, as well as the addition of a heating and air conditioning unit. Club members can do some of the work, but many of the repairs are beyond their capability.

Besides donations and memorials, the 4-H club is seeking project leaders proficient in fashion, dog grooming, pet husbandry, photography, rifle range shooting, and other topics. Campbell stressed that project leaders do not have to be a parent of a 4-H member. Educational and training information are provided through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service System. Other ways that adults can help include driving members to activities or supplying refreshments.

The 4-H motto stands for head, Heart, Hands and Health. County Agent Michael Lee, the local coordi-

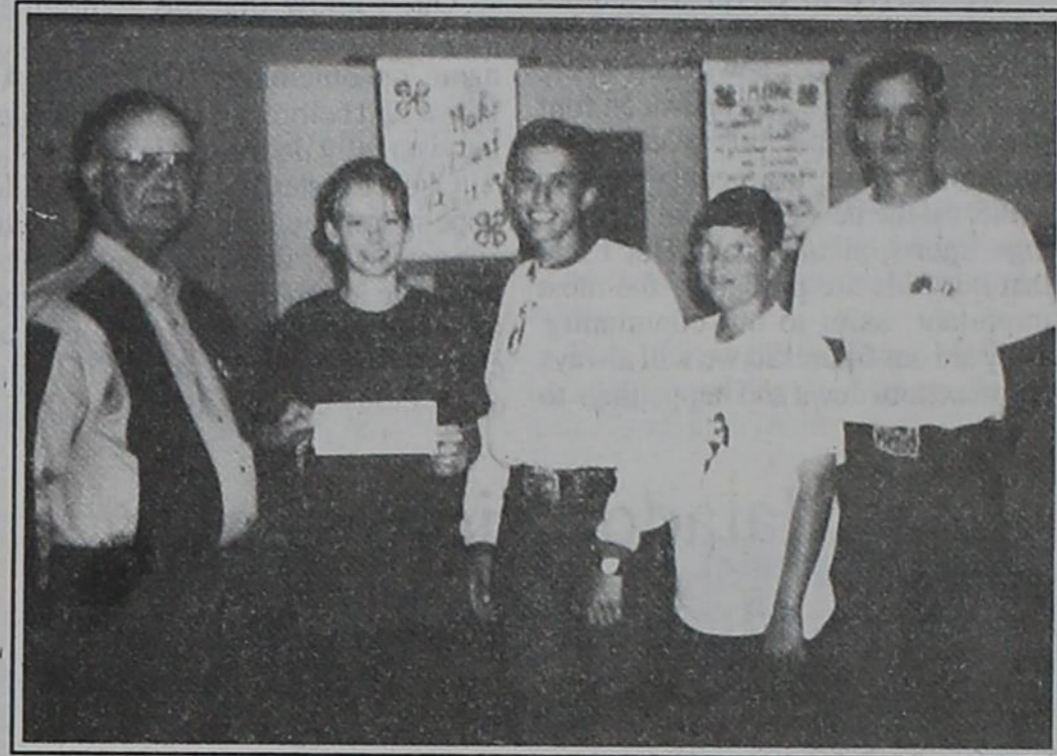
nator, explained that the organization is open to young people between the ages of 9 and 19. "4-H'ers not only attend meetings and events, but also go to camps, travel, host youth from other countries, show their work at fairs and compete at different levels," he said.

Members who recently competed at the District Fashion Show were Kittie Campbell, Sherri Thomas, and Emily Hurt. Colton Russell also made a presentation in consumer buying. Kittie placed first in her division and Sherri placed second in hers.

The big fund project for the year is the all-event Junior Rodeo, which will take place on July 10-11. Help is being sought to fill positions for gatekeepers, tick-takers, horn wrappers, chute men, and many other odd jobs to run the top notch operation.

For more information on donating to the renovation, gifting memorials, or providing folding chairs or other furniture for the facility, contact Janie Campbell, 806-347-2657, or the Motley County Extension Service at 347-2733.

FNB Kicks Off 4-H Building Renovation Fund



DONATION PRESENTED — Motley County Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Charles Keith, left, presented Motley County 4-H officers, Shandra Jones, Scott Jones, Skylar Clifton, and Todd Thomas with a check from First National Bank of Floydada for renovations to the 4-H building.

Motley County School Board Meets

The Motley County School Board met Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Wayne Morren, and recorder, Bettye Stevens.

In Open Forum, Mr. L.B. Campbell was present to express his opinions about the Motley County School system.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The list of expenditures and finances were approved. Board also approved the Errors and Omission policy with Pipkin Insurance, which is a policy covering School Board members and employees of Motley County ISD.

Extra Curricular activity days were discussed. It was decided to allow administration to use these extra curricular days in the best way to benefit the students.

May 5 at 6:15 p.m. was set as the date to canvass votes and certify results of the May 2 School Board election. May 11 at 7:30 p.m. was set to re-organize the Board.

The board approved Kalli Hopper, Floydada student, as a transfer student to Motley County. The board also approved Kalli Hopper, Kimber Everett, and Jaren Everitt as transfer students for the 98-99 school year.

The board approved the Media Service contract with Region 17 and the Title I contract with Region 17 for the 98-99 school year. They also approved the technology plan.

Superintendent Rick Copp was appointed to the Region 17 advisory committee.

The board voted to move the regular board meetings to Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Board discussed the summary of

School Board team performance rating, which is a self-evaluation of the board.

The Board went into executive session at this time.

Out of executive session the board voted to give all para-professional employees a reasonable assurance contract.

Coach Ronnie Cox was re-assigned as Science/P.E. teacher. The board will begin advertising for a new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach.

The board discussed new rules that should be added to the athletic policies.

Larry Clifton was designated as a delegate to the TASB convention in September. Billy Wayne Denison was designated as an alternate.

Motley County ISD received a report from Hibbs-Hallmark workman's comp. That our school district saved \$26,000 having filed no claims.

Meeting adjourned.

El Progresso Club Wins First Place Award For Matador Mural Project

The Matador El Progresso Club won seven first place awards and one second place award at the 38th Annual Santa Rosa District Spring Convention held April 4. The local club was host to the convention. Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson, District President, was in charge of the meeting.

The Matador El Progresso Club won seven first prizes and one second.

The local club received one of their awards for their mural project, spearheaded by Mrs. Dorothy Day. The following is a copy of the letter, written by Mrs. Loys Campbell, which was submitted to the District.

"Clean Up and Paint the Town"

In September, 1996, a member presented "Clean up and paint the town" to the club. After discussion no action was taken, but it put the members of El Progresso to thinking.

In October of 1996 the members of El Progresso voted to sponsor getting some murals painted.

A "Mural Project" began at homecoming with donations of \$123.00 given. With this, an account was set up at the First State Bank.

In February of 1997 it was decided to send letters to the Motley County

Ex-Students.

In March of 1997 we had a bake sale and with other donations we had \$682.63.

A member, who is a computer whiz, did the letters and envelopes. With the help of husbands and self-sticking stamps we mailed 700 letters.

The money came in slowly at the beginning. Just when we were to be discouraged checks of \$100 and more began to arrive. We soon had enough to contact a mural painter from Morton, Texas. On June 25, 1997 this man came to begin work.

Of course, we did not think to take pictures before we started. We were so excited to have the murals started. On August 27, 1997 the man had ten murals on different buildings painted.

For money, we had taken in \$5209.90 and had spent \$4688.40.

We are working toward a new roof for the gazebo on the Courthouse lawn.

Approximately 2000 hours of volunteer work had been done.

When we began to get the murals, other property owners began cleaning and painting their buildings. There are several new awnings and new fronts that are really pretty.



RECEIVES AWARD FOR MURAL PROJECT — Matador El Progresso Club member, Dorothy Day, who spearheaded the Matador Mural Project, and Club President, Loys Campbell are pictured with the certificate of award and the letter of commendation they received at the 38th Annual District meeting.

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Motley County Matadors School News

HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST (All grades 90 or above)

HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Melissa Flores, Gavin Luckett, Andrew Martin, Courtney Motezuma, Nicholas Sanders, Eric Simpson.

First Grade: Cagen Denison, Justin Todd, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson Hollinsworth, Mayra Flores.

Second Grade: Isiah Archer, Mylissa Gilmore, Emma Knowles, Brady O'Pry, Stacy Perryman, Savannah Rose, Christy Smith.

Third Grade: Fannin Gwinn, Marc Henzler, Angelica Mendoza.

Fourth Grade: Ashlee Green.

Fifth Grade: Cody Cooper, Dakota Meyer, John Wesley Stevens.

Sixth Grade: Dumont Darsey, Aleda Ross.

Seventh Grade: Clinton Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Gillespie, Morgan Meyer.

Eighth Grade: Andy Anson, Skylar Clifton, Kayla Copp, Justin Jameson.

Ninth Grade: Rachelle Renfro.

Tenth Grade: Llan Barkley, Vanessa Easter, Kember Everett, Quinn Hays.

Eleventh Grade: Aaron Binder, Robert Gillespie, Kandi Keltz, Nesa McFall, Kristi Williams.

Twelfth Grade: Tanya Barkley, Tonie Bowden, Monica Clifton, Ryan Martin, Laura Mendoza, Jill Stanley, Cobey Turner.

Kindergarten: Cecil Carson, Patrick Ramsey.

First Grade: Ryan Rodriguez, Laura Martinez.

Second Grade: Jacob Blanco, Bradley Brown, Karrie Valdez, Makayla Warren.

Third Grade: John Martin, Gene Salazar, Martin Walker.

Fourth Grade: Chance Bingham, Lupe Gonzales, Jose Martinez, Colton Russell, Ashlee Sanders.

Fifth Grade: Kittie Campbell, Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Matt Henzler, Kenny Johannes, Veronica Mendoza, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, Thomas Rice, Obadiah Saldana, Andrew Knowles.

Sixth Grade: Angela Marvel, Amanda Hurt, Susana Mendoza, Joel Rieger.

Seventh Grade: Cassie Campbell, Amanda Sands.

Eighth Grade: Jessica Gutierrez, Courtney Hays, Shandra Jones, Shawn Marvel, Brandon Moore, Luke Runge, Mistelle Young.

Ninth Grade: Hillary Decker, Jermaine Hendrix, Scott Jones, Casey Lawrence, Rebecca Morris, Benjamin Ridgley, Ashley Stevens.

Tenth Grade: Andy Jones, Candace Marvel, Ryan Moore, Jerod Rieger, Richard Thomas.

Eleventh Grade: Blaine Cruse, Amanda Englert, Kaci Risser, ShaVonne Taylor, Blair Thacker.

Twelfth Grade: Kimberly Ashley, Bobby Fritzer, Aaron Green, Joe Gutierrez, Rebekah Jameson, Rosalva Mendoza.

Local Bike-A-Thon Planned For May 2

The St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-Thon will be held Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. The Bike-a-Thon will be held at the Motley County Schools. St. Jude's is a cancer research hospital located in Memphis, TN. Approximately 5,000 children are currently being treated at St. Jude's and no family is ever asked to pay for treatment. St. Jude's is also the leading research center for the

study of childhood diseases.

Locally, participants will be asking businesses and individuals to sponsor them as they ride. All money earned goes directly to St. Jude's. Volunteers are needed to help the morning of the Bike-A-Thon. Adult helpers will ensure the safety of all riders. If you can help or for more information, please contact Judy Cooper at 347-2338.

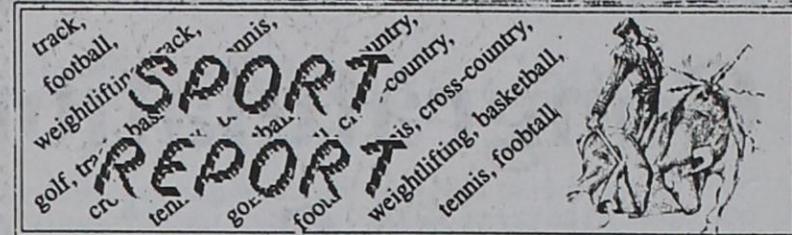
Little Dribblers Tournament Now In Progress

Full Concession Stand Open

The Motley County Booster Club will sponsor a Little Dribblers basketball tournament this week. A full concession stand will be available, serving Barbecue Sandwiches, Frito Pie, homemade Brownies and Rice Krispie bars. Taco Salads will be served Friday night and all day Saturday. Games were played on Monday

and Tuesday of this week and will also be played on Thursday and Friday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Teams are made up from grades 3-6. Come out and support our little athletes. Proceeds from this tournament will go to the end of the year drug free graduation party.



Lady Matadors Run In District Meet

Two Qualify For Regional

by Coach Kim

The High School Track teams finished the 1998 track season last Friday in Paducah at the District meet. Each first or second place finisher will advance to the Regional Meet to be held in Levelland, May 1-2, 1998. Motley County has two athletes who will represent MC in this meet. They are Kandi Keltz, Jr., and Tonie Bowden, Sr.

Kandi qualified in the High Jump placing 2nd with a jump of 5'0". Tonie advanced in the Shot Put with a throw of 30 1/2" also placing 2nd. Both will compete at 12:00 on Friday, May 1.

Other Lady's who placed at the District meet were Senior Jill Stanley, 4th, 1600m Run; Tonie also placed 3rd in the Discus; Sophomore, Candace Marvel, 5th, 3200m Run; and Fresh-

man Charity Bartlett, 5th, 800m run. Several girls made the finals of the meet but did not place.

Other members of the Lady Mats track team who competed in the meet were Junior, Kristi Williams; Freshmen Rhonda Ashley, Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker, Elizabeth Ho-Gland, Erica Johnson, Rachelle Renfro, and Ashley Stevens.

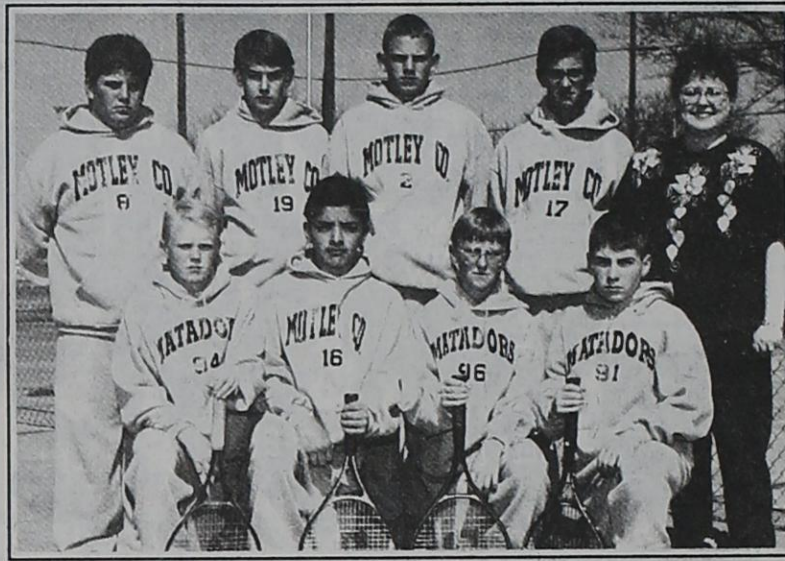
ShaVonne Taylor, Tammy Nipp, LouAnn Salazar and LeAnnndra Wallace were also members of the team, but were unable to participate in the meet.

The girls worked hard this season and improved every meet. They are to be commended for their improvement.

Don't forget the Regional Meet in Levelland on May 1 at noon. Good luck Kandi and Tonie.



JR. HIGH GIRL'S TENNIS TEAM — Pictured standing left to right are team members Rachael Smith, Sherri Thomas, Coach Trisha Ridgley, Kelsi Wallace, Courtney Hays; (seated l-r) Cassie Campbell, Brittany Donaldson, Lacy Carson, Brittany Moore, Kayla Copp, Brenda Gillespie, Leslie Taylor, Misty Young, and Amanda Sands.



JR. HIGH BOY'S TENNIS TEAM — Pictured standing left to right, William Ho-Gland, Luke Runge, Deke Baxter, Andy Anson, and Coach Trisha Ridgley; (kneeling l-r) Shawn Marvel, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore, and Justin Jameson.

What's To Eat?

MONDAY, APRIL 27
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Pickles, Fruit Salad, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Pinto Beans, Mixed Salad, Cornbread, Sherbet Cup, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
Breakfast: Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Mini Sub Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30
Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Country Steak, New Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 1
Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Fruit, Cookies.



High School Tennis Teams Compete At Zone

by Coach Trisha Ridgley

On April 14, 1998 our Varsity Tennis team participated in the North Zone competition. Those playing in the meet were as following: Boys singles: Ryan Martin and Aaron Binder, Boys doubles: Aaron Green, Brad Marvel, Sean Rose and Scott Smith. Girls Singles: Kasi Risser and Leigha Burns. Girls doubles: Blair Thacker, Kandi Keltz, Rebecca Morris and Ashley Stevens. Alternates were Jill Stanley and Candace Mar-

vel. They played very well. Our team of Brad Marvel and Aaron Green won their first match, 6-0, 6-1 and continued play in the Championship Bracket. They took third place in Zone. Everyone that played in the Consolation Bracket that afternoon won at least

one match. All in all Motley County should be very proud of this year's tennis team, and we are looking forward to next season.

We have good kids here at Motley County ISD and I want to thank the parents for their help and support.

Write in your heart that every day is the best day of the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Just Received New Prints by Tom Ryan, Wayne Blaze, Tim Cox, and Windberg

Store Hours - Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 - 5:00

Saturday - 9:30 - noon

Closed Mondays

Dry Cleaning Pickup Tuesdays & Fridays

The Windmill

downtown Matador — 347-2233



Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.

You are cordially invited to attend the

59th Annual Membership Meeting

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Thursday, April 30, 1998 at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Headquarters Highway 70 East at Floydada, Texas

Health Fair from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Registration will be from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

A catered meal by Denny's Hens & Fins beginning at 5:30 p.m.

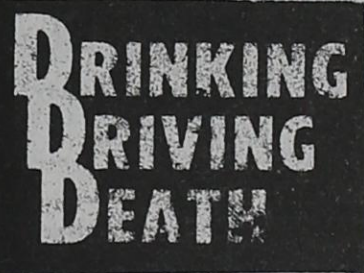
Entertainment by Brady Rasco

with "Magic By Russell" for children's entertainment

Business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Directors will be elected and prize drawings held

\$500 Grand Prize



LONE STAR 4

Hwy. 287 & 83 Childress, TX

Monday - Ladies Night - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Bargain Night - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday night - Free Small Popcorn - 7 p.m.

Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.

Saturday - 4:30 & 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.

Sunday - 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 28 - 30

THE BIG HIT - R

MERCURY RISING - R

MY GIANT - PG

ODD COUPLE II - PG13

BOOTH SPACES AVAILABLE!

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are selling spaces for a FLEA MARKET for May 2, 1998 at the Community Center.

Spaces are only \$10.00 each and measure 12' x 12'.

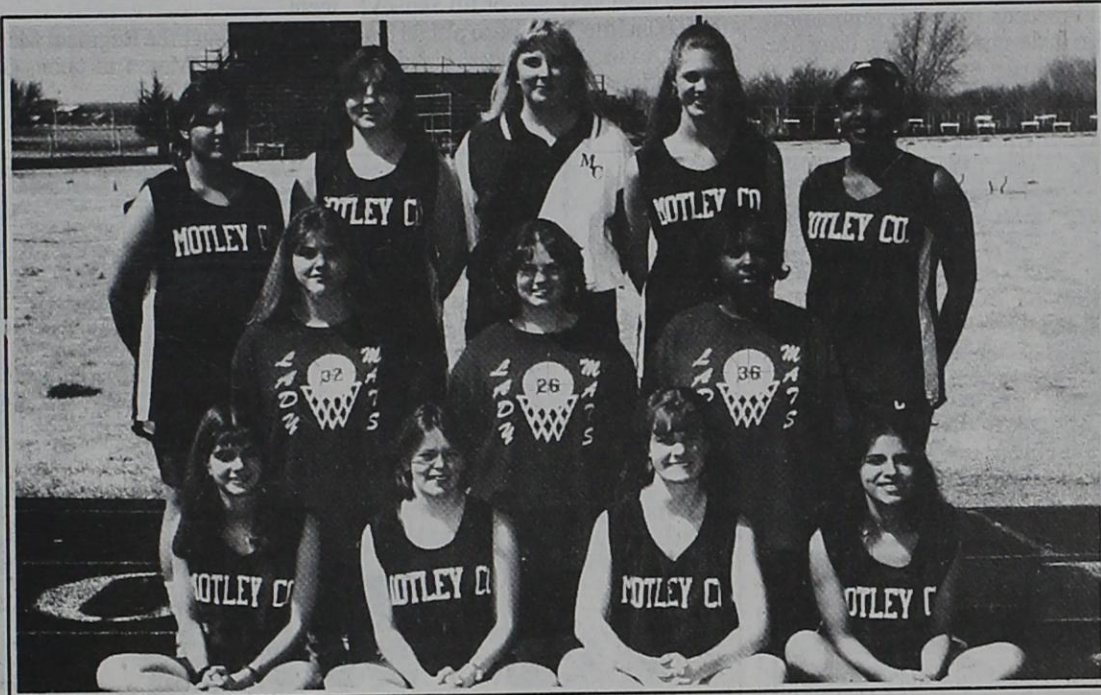
Gather up your garage sale and join us!

FOR INFORMATION CALL 348-7965

Congratulations to all of Motley County's Spring Sport participants!



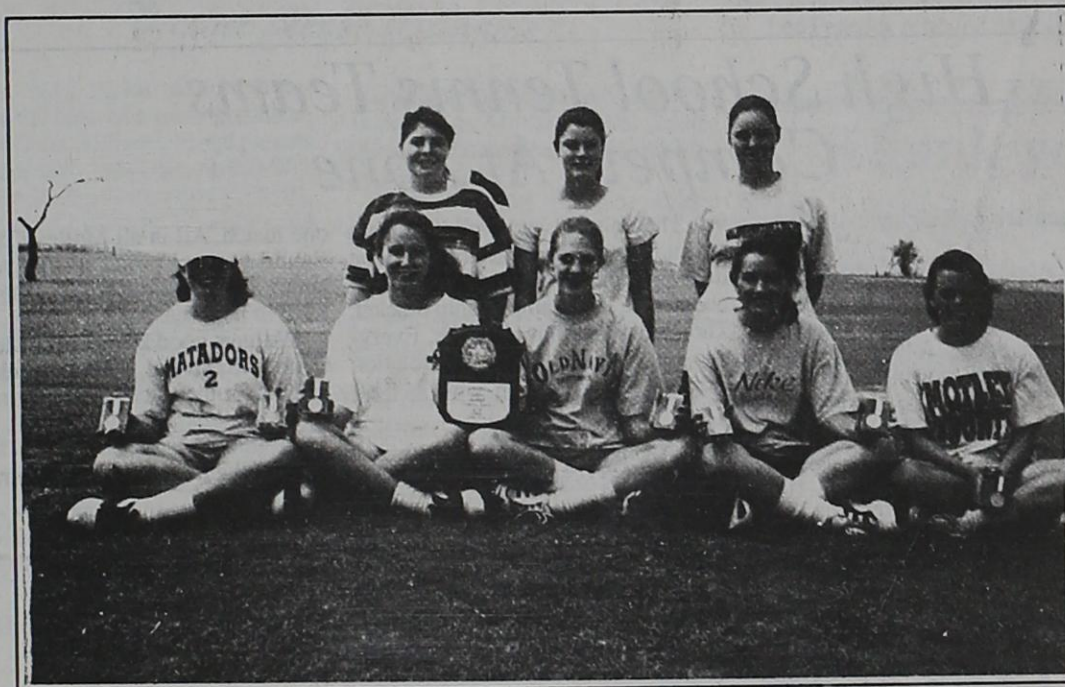
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS — Pictured at back left to right, Brad Marvel, Sean Rose, Coach Trisha Ridgley, Scott Smith, Aaron Green; (seated l-r) Rebecca Morris, Tonie Bowden, Jill Stanley, Ryan Moore, Ashley Stevens, Blair Thacker, Aaron Binder, Miranda Palmer, Kandi Keltz, and Leigha Burns.



High School Girls Track — Pictured at back left to right are Elizabeth Ho-Gland, Rhonda Ashley, Coach Kim Alexander, ShaVonne Taylor, Erica Johnson; (middle row l-r) Tonie Bowden, Rachelle Renfro, and Margaret Mangram; (seated l-r) Jill Stanley, Brooke Decker, Ashley Stevens, and Lou Ann Salazar. Team members not pictured are Kristi Williams, Candace Marvel, Leigha Burns, Kandi Keltz, and Charity Bartlett.



High School Boys Track Team — Pictured standing left to right, Coach Ron Cox, Brad Marvel, Joe Gonzalez, Chase Carson, Andrew Rodriguez, Joe Mangram, Jermaine Hendrix, Matt Easter, Robert Gillespie, Sean Rose, and Coach Ridgley; (in front l-r) Benji Rodriguez, Gene Clark, and Scott Jones. Team members not pictured are Benjamin Ridgley, Aaron Binder, and Alex Salazar.



High School Boy's Golf Team — Pictured at back left to right are Brant Donaldson, Dayton Grundy, Keane Cruse, Jason Barton, and Chase Carson; (front l-r) Benjamin Ridgley, Casey Lawrence, Jason Clauser, and Robert Gillespie.



High School Girl's Golf Team — Pictured in front left to right are Rachelle Renfro, Tanya Barkley, ShaVonne Taylor, Llan Barkley, and Brooke Decker; at back left to right are Rebekah Jameson, Monica Clifton, and Vanessa Easter.

Good Luck at Regional to our Golf Teams & to Kandi & Tonie

WE SUPPORT OUR TEAMS 100%

- Motley County Tribune
- First State Bank
- Rose Garden Floral & Gifts
- Palmer Service Center
- Tommy's Garage
- Matador Motor
- Matador Variety
- The Windmill
- Production Credit Association

- Vickie's Floral
- Paymaster Gin
- Red Ball Gin
- Cap Rock Telephone
- Caprock Cellular
- Higginbotham-Bartlett
- Quality Discount Outlet
- Guys & Gals
- Main Street
- Kathy's

- New To You
- Flomot Gin
- Dickens Electric Cooperative
- CSR PolyPipe
- Thacker Jewelry
- Thacker Supply
- Meredith Construction & Gas & Supply
- City Grocery
- Alexander Fuel

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The following article was sent to me. It is of concern to all veterans. This is not a joke. I contacted the V.A. offices and was told that this is true.

The President of the United States recently signed into law a bill that affects all veterans. This law states in effect that if a veteran has not registered at a Veterans Affairs Hospital since October 1, 1996, then on October 1, 1998, he or she will lose all medical benefits for life.

The V.A. is also prohibited from notifying veterans about the new law. The information must be disseminated via word of mouth or by letter.

The V.A. recommends that everyone eligible for benefits come by their office, and sign prior to the October 1st deadline, regardless of whether they have received treatment at a V.A. Hospital since October 1, 1996. This way no one will slip through the

cracks.

When visiting the V.A. to sign up you will need your DD-214 and you will need to complete a form that is available at the V.A. The form will only take about five minutes to complete.

If you cannot locate your DD-214, go to the V.A. office and they can help you obtain a copy.

By accomplishing these simple procedures you will maintain your veterans' benefits. Ph. 800-827-1000 Texas Veterans Out Reach, Ph. 806-796-7900, Lubbock, Texas.

Veterans may go by the following address in Lubbock to pick up a form: VA Out Patient Clinic 4902 34th St. #10 Room 101B Lubbock, TX 79410.

Thank you for helping get this important news out.

Fred Grant

DPS phases in six-year driver licenses

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Department of Public Safety extends license expiration dates.

Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license offices.

"Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day."

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal licenses will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification

cards will be valid for six years.

Driver license fees will remain \$4 per year, but totals will vary during the transition period based on expiration date. Licensees will pay \$16 for four years, \$20 for five years and \$24 for six years.

This new driver license program implements House Bill 1200, which was passed during last year's legislative session. DPS simultaneously is implementing several other new driver license laws. Changes include:

- DPS-issued identification cards will cost \$15 for six years. However, citizens age 60 or older will be able to pay \$5 for identification cards that will be valid indefinitely.
- The fee structure will change for licensed motorcycle operators.

Previously, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses with "Class M" motorcycle operator certification.

TxDOT District Complex Preliminary Plans Submitted

DDI Architects, Inc. of Wichita Falls have submitted preliminary plans to the Texas Department of Transportation for the new District Headquarters Complex to be built in Childress. The construction of the new complex in Childress was approved last year by State Officials.

The preliminary plans include the construction of a new main office; housing design operations, computer facilities, support operations and the construction contract office servicing the thirteen county Childress District. This office building will be the centerpiece of the complex and will be visible and easily accessible from US 287. Architectural elements of the main office are planned to include a free standing truss to signify the entrance. This entrance way element is being designed to mimic the historic truss bridge on US 83 north of Wellington at Pioneer Park and should add some local flavor to the building. Also included in the project is a district laboratory, a shop and warehouse-

ing facility and an area office and maintenance section facility. The complex is to be constructed at the northwest corner of the intersection of US 287 and FM 164 west of the city.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late June with TxDOT forces performing preliminary earth work activities. The contract for the building construction will go to letting in early Fall with construction to begin soon after. Construction is expected to take 14 months.

Plans are available at the current district office on Avenue F for public viewing and inspection. David Casteel, District Engineer, encourages interested citizens to stop by and look at the plans. Casteel states that he is pleased with the preliminary design and with the ability of the architect to work within the allotted budget.

Childress TxDOT engineers Terry Keener and Jim Freeman are overseeing this project locally for the State.

Safety Pays Huge Dividends For Motley County



SAFETY AWARD — Gary Martin, left, from Hibbs-Hallmark and Company presents Motley County ISD Superintendent Rick Copp with a certificate for safety.

Mr. Rick Copp, Superintendent, Motley County ISD, was recently recognized for their outstanding safety record by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas. The district has saved \$70,595 since September 1, 1993 because of their dedication to preventing work related injuries. More than 320 Texas schools are current participants in a program that focuses on employee safety and savings for the school district. This uniquely designed program was developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and is administered by CAS-Claims Administrative Services, Inc. Both companies, located in Tyler, Texas, currently provide workers' compensation to over 30% of Texas school districts. Since its inception in 1991, combined savings for participating school districts have exceeded \$49 million.

Motley County ISD was a Star award recipient, with actual losses for the district amounting to 24.92% of funds reserved for potential claims

expenses. Savings for the 96/97 school year totalled \$26,980.00. "Our self insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the greatest potential for savings for Texas school districts," said Barry Jones, claims Administrative Services, Inc. President. "Regular visits from our team of safety professionals assist each district in implementing strict safety policies and procedures."

Wesley Slade, Senior Vice President of CAS explained, "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the reasons for the success of the Association. District participation in HHC/CAS programs set the standard for school statewide, in reducing on-the-job injuries, as well as saving tax dollars. Taxpayers should be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of Motley County ISD are working to provide the safest working environment possible for their employees and to reduce the cost of worker's compensation to each participating district."

Local woman participates in National Medical Study

NOTE: The following article was taken from the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.

Among the thousands of women who enrolled in a national Breast Cancer Prevention Trial was Matador resident Eva Barkley, 50, mother of two. Mrs. Barkley joined the drug trial in Feb. 1994, and learned on April 6 that the study had produced dramatic results.

The research showed that the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen reduces the rate at which invasive breast cancer develops in some high-risk, women. The finding is a signal event in cancer research.

"The drug has been widely used for several years to treat breast cancer, but this trial is a landmark because it shows that the drug also curbs the disease from ever developing," said Dr. Catherine Renaghan, Lubbock surgeon and co-principle investigator for the breast cancer prevention research at the Southwest Cancer Center and

the Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center.

The Breast Cancer Prevention Trial was launched in April 1992 and became one of the largest cancer prevention trials ever, with more than 13,300 women nationwide enrolled.

Funded by the National Cancer Institute, the six-year study showed that tamoxifen cut cancer rates by nearly half among women at risk of getting the disease because of family history, precancerous breast lesions or age.

Women who enrolled in the drug trial were randomly assigned to take either a placebo pill or tamoxifen, and none of the participants knew until last week what they had received.

Mrs. Barkley was told that she had been taking a placebo throughout her 4-year enrollment. Nonetheless, she was glad to have participated, she said.

"I knew it could go either way, so I'm not disappointed at all," Barkley said. "I'm just glad that I could be a

part of it.

"I feel like I want to help and this was, of course, an opportunity."

Despite the remarkable results, Barkley said that she will not begin taking tamoxifen in the future, even though she qualified for the study based on a family history of breast cancer.

"I did qualify, but I don't feel like I want to be on a medication for five years if I don't have to be," Barkley said. "The only one who came up with breast cancer was my sister - my

mother never had cancer - and my sister had non-invasive cancer...so I don't really feel like it's a genetic thing in our family."

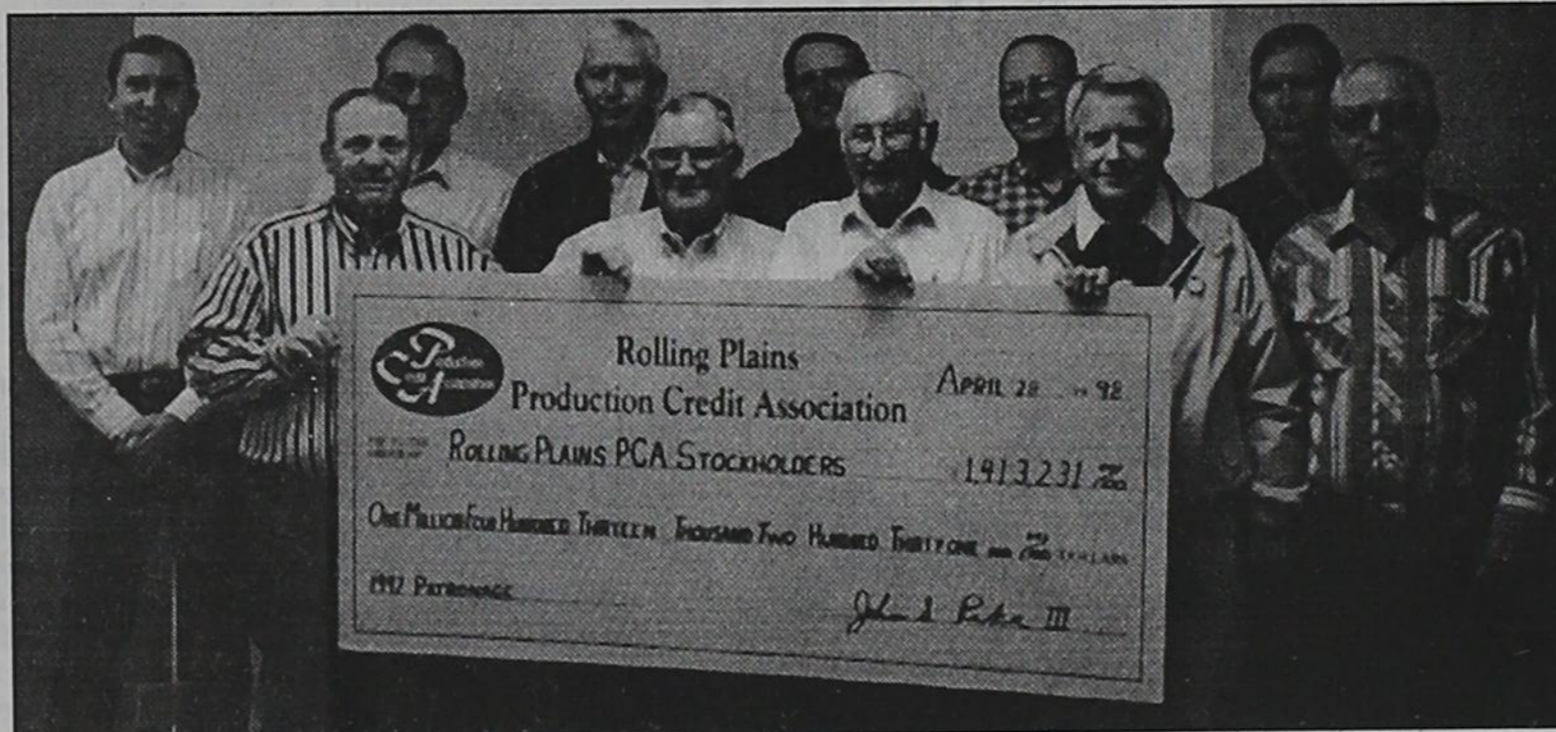
She added, "I think every situation is different, and it depends on your personal feeling. But if there is a medical necessity I would rethink my position and probably take (tamoxifen)."

"If there was a lump discovered and it was positive for cancer, I certainly would fight it with this medication."

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Acts 20:35

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Farm & Ranch News



SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK — As an important part of preserving our natural resources, Governor George W. Bush declares April 26-May 3, 1998 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas. Members of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Soil & Water Stewardship Committee and representatives of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) witnessed and received the signed proclamation from the Governor in Austin. Standing from left to right are: Roy Freeman, Program Specialist, TSSWCB, Kenedy; Robert Buckley, Executive Director, TSSWCB, Temple; Charles "Buddy" Clark, Vice-Chairman, TSSWCB, Menard; Kenneth Brandenberger, Member, Soil & Water Stewardship Committee, Llano; John Earl Smith, Vice-Pres., Assoc. of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Quemado; Aurelio Medina, Chairman, Soil & Water Stewardship Committee, Crystal City; Governor Bush (seated). "Wonders of Wildlife" is the theme of this year's Soil & Water Stewardship Week and Texas' 216 soil and water conservation districts will participate in the annual observance.



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texans take great pride in our abundant natural resources and in our stewardship of them. We also depend on the ample production of the foods and fibers on our lands for our well-being. Responsible use and proper management of soil and water resources effectively ensures our quality of life and conserves our natural resources for future generations.

Throughout the Lone Star State, 216 soil and water conservation districts provide practical and democratic organizations through which landowners take initiatives to properly use and protect land and water. Under the leadership of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, these districts sponsor activities to raise awareness of residents' responsibilities for stewardship of the renewable resources that are vital to sustain us all.

I encourage Texans to join those who are working to be responsible stewards of our soil and water so that our economic prosperity continues and future Texans can enjoy the natural beauty and resources of our state.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
April 26-May 3, 1998,

Soil and Water Stewardship Week



In Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 11th day of March, 1998.

George W. Bush
Governor of Texas

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

—Carl Gustav Jung

Cotton



Texas cotton producers received some good news from the Environmental Protection Agency late April 10 with the announcement that carbofuran, marketed as Furadan 4F, would be granted a Section 18 specific exemption in 1998 under guidelines contained in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Growers utilizing Furadan will be limited to a maximum of two applications (0.5 lb. a.i.) per acre under the specific exemption.

According to the EPA decision a total of 1.8 million acres of Texas cotton could be treated with Furadan to control runaway aphid populations.

PCG officials have noted that it will be very important for growers, crop consultants and applicators to remember that Furadan is the product of last resort and whenever possible, and time is not a critical factor, that alternative control mechanisms should be tried first.

As with all Section 18 labels granted by EPA, this year's Furadan label includes a host of reporting and application requirements. Most of these requirements will fall on the shoulders of the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the certified applicators hired by cotton producers to apply the product.

Furadan will be available under this emergency exemption when there are documented aphid control failures by currently registered alternative products attributable to resistance. In the absence of documentation showing resistance producers will be allowed to use the product when alternative aphicides fail (less than 80 percent control) and aphid populations have again reached the recommended treatment level of 50 aphids per leaf.

Certified pesticide applicators will be required to apply or directly super-

vised the application of Furadan utilizing all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions as noted on the product label. In addition fields treated with Furadan must be posted with signs as required by EPA's Worker Protection Standards.

The biggest potential problem for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains is the limitation of treatments to only 1.8 million acres of cotton in the State. Heavy aphid infestations occurring in other growing regions before problems develop on the Texas High Plains could restrict the number of acres able to be treated late in the season.

Growers worried about notification requirements passed during the last session of the Texas Legislature need not worry. At this time normal farming operations carried out on private property are exempted from notification requirements under the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act.

Intended to provide underground facility owners a chance to protect their buried cables and pipelines the law in question provides a simple method of notifying underground facility owners.

Excavators operating at a depth greater than 16 inches are required to notify underground facility owners of upcoming excavation activities no more than 14 days in advance or less than 48 hours in advance of digging operations. An agriculture exemption does exist that says an exempted person may not be held liable for damage to an underground facility.

Excavators who are required to make notification or volunteer to make a notification for work to be done on private property associated with an agriculture operation can call the Texas Excavation Safety System at 1-800-344-8377.



FSA News

by Billy Wayne Denison
County Executive Director

May 15 is the deadline to certify your small grain acres. Although reporting these acres are not a requirement to remain eligible for the Production Flexibility Contract, the Agriculture Marketing Transition Act (AMTA) does require reports to be made by the applicable deadlines to remain eligible for the price support loans. Wheat could very possibly be eligible for loan this year with the weak market prices that we are seeing today. Also, anytime peanuts, fruits, and/or vegetables are planted, those acres must be reported to this office. Certifying non-insurable crops and/or forages such as hay, native and improved pastures, watermelons and peas are also impor-

tant to secure initial eligibility for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP). NAP replaced the old disaster and feed assistance programs that were administered to help offset losses generally experienced in Motley County because of drought. However, NAP is a program that can not be approved by Washington until ample evidence is provided to them that the county suffered at least a 35% loss per crop. This will usually mean that it will be after the disaster has occurred, and probably well into the next crop year, before a disaster designation could be granted. Upon receiving that designation, however, each applicant for assistance must have timely certified. A timely certification means that you reported to us the acres planted no later than 15 days after planting or for grazing forages such as small grain in the fall & winter or native/improved pastures, you report the acres before grazing. Timely certifications are encouraged, and are required for future unknown programs that may become available.

From May 4-May 29, there will be an EQIP Conservation Program sign-up. This is the new long-term conservation program to cost-share work on brush control, tanks, terraces, irrigation improvement, grass, waterways, ect. Funds are very limited, and controlled at the state level. Please contact FSA or NRCS for further information about signing up.

Just a reminder that fallow, non-planted acres that are under a PFC contract must be kept clean and free from weeds. Spot-checks are performed throughout the year to ensure compliance.

WORD of GOD

For those who ask the Lord for wisdom:

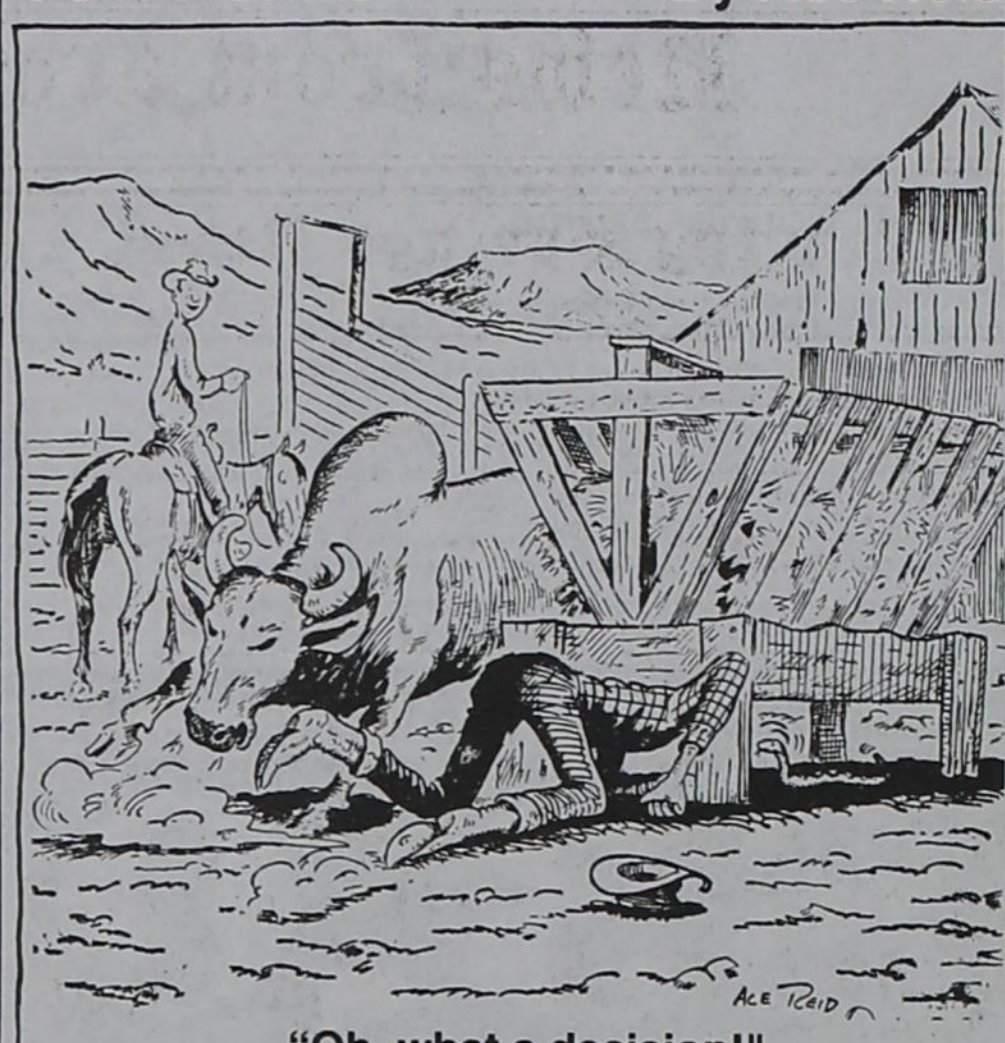
But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

God Bless You!

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh, what a decision!"

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Whereas the flight of an eagle, the song of a whip-poor-will, or the sight of a squirrel burying an acorn are enjoyed by all, and

Whereas the conservation district movement in America is promoting the protection of diverse wildlife species:

Therefore, I, Laverne M. Price, County Judge of MOTLEY County, in full appreciation of the value of our soil, water and wildlife resources, and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 26 through May 3, 1998 as

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in MOTLEY County, Texas.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this

15th day of APRIL, 1998

Laverne M. Price

County Judge of MOTLEY County

MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT

REPORT OF JOE E. CAMPBELL, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 TO MARCH 31, 1998

FUND	BALANCE		RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS		BALANCE	
	JANUARY 1, 1998	MARCH 31, 1998	JANUARY 1, 1998	MARCH 31, 1998	JANUARY 1, 1998	MARCH 31, 1998	JANUARY 1, 1998	MARCH 31, 1998
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 23,548.74	\$ 168,328.86	\$ 165,618.05	\$ 24,265.57				
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 5,948.87	\$ 12,882.12	\$ 11,846.78	\$ 7,878.22				
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 6,298.13	\$ 16,808.23	\$ 10,475.01	\$ 5,729.33				
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 6,830.58	\$ 15,058.83	\$ 14,246.88	\$ 7,542.31				
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 5,317.68	\$ 14,753.81	\$ 12,872.99	\$ 7,398.21				
LIBRARY	\$ 3,514.38	\$ 3,189.81	\$ 2,813.48	\$ 4,087.68				
LATERAL FUND	\$ 17,887.38	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 13,505.26	\$ 8,082.07				
BUILDING FUND	\$ 7,609.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,609.18				
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 10,844.24	\$ 12,846.20	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,309.44				
ARREST FEES	\$ 5,558.85	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 3,288.83	\$ 7,800.82				
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 391.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391.50				
HOT CHECK	\$ 886.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 886.48				
INVESTMENT	\$ 488,000.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 613,000.00				
TOTALS	\$ 679,854.48	\$ 321,835.87	\$ 300,201.87	\$ 801,288.88				

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED JOE E. CAMPBELL, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Joe E. Campbell
COUNTY TREASURER
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MOTLEY County
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