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Checks Aid Community



MARIE SUMROW, left, in upper photo, director of the Halls Public Library, received a check from Shirley Spiller, right, president of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates, Tuesday morning at Halls High School.

A check was presented to Ron Bales, left, in lower photo, assistant principal of Halls High School, by Shirley Spiller, right, for Project Graduation. Mr. Bales also received a check for Girls State. Shira Parish, center, president of the senior class, was chosen from Girl's State last year as a

delegate to Girl's Nation and traveled to Washington, D.C.

Senator Bill Frist Will Attend Town Meeting

U.S. Senator Bill Frist will attend a Medicare Roundtable in Covington April 6th, a Dutch treat luncheon/town meeting at noon, in Asbury Station Buffet and Grill at

Board Member 20th Paul Harris Fellow



KRISTEN MOORE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moore, of Halls, attended the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's 56th annual meeting in Nashville March 8th-11th.

Miss Moore was first sponsored by Forked Deer Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Halls to attend the 1997 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington D.C., then chosen to represent Tennessee on the Youth Consulting Board.

Youth Consulting Board members attended committee meeting of issues affecting electric co-ops and their members. They assisted exhibitors affiliated with NRECA participating in the Tech Advantage '98 trade show during the meeting.

Students spent a day touring in Chattanooga before the meeting. The tour began at the Raccoon Mountain Pumped Storage Facility, one of the Tennessee Valley Authority's most unique power production plants. They visited TVA's Power Business Center, the center of operations of TVA's transmission system emergencies.

The Youth Consulting Board sang in the Ecumenical Christian Worship Service at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. They participated in the first general session of the meeting by bearing their state flag. Following the ceremony, Youth Consulting Board members were introduced on stage.

More than 13,000 representatives from cooperative electric utilities across the nation attended the four-day meeting at the Nashville Arena and Convention Center. Keynote speakers included General Colin L. Powell, celebrity Naomi Judd and Arthur R. Miller and Bruce Bromley, Professors of Law at Harvard University.

787 Highway 51 South in Ripley and meet with area farmers in Brownsville. He will tour Pringle's Stadium in Jackson April 6th and attend a Madison County Town Hall meeting in the evening. He will meet with teachers and students at Whiteville Elementary School April 7th followed by a meeting with the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce.



LESLIE NEWMAN, left, accompanied by his wife, Joyce, right, was recognized at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates as the 20th Paul Harris fellow in the club. He also has 19 years of perfect attendance.

Mr. Newman was presented a certificate, pin and medallion stating "It is because of gifts like Leslie's that The Rotary Foundation can carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world -- improved living conditions, increased food production, better education, wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for the sick and disabled, new channels for the flow of international understanding and brighter hopes for peace."

Bill Dickens, coordinator of Relay for Life, to be held May 15th in Ripley, spoke to members about the 1996 success of raising \$109,000 and \$177,000 in 1997 for the American Cancer Society. He stated they have a goal of \$250,000 this year.

The Rev. Dale Whitlock, of Plantersville, Miss., who is conducting the revival at First United Methodist Church in Halls, and The Rev. Jerry Jetton, of First United Methodist Church in Halls, introduced by Jerry Stanley, were visitors to the club.

Herman Lewis, of the Bank of Halls, a long-time visitor, was made an honorary member.

Free Vaccines Offered At Health Department

The Lauderdale County Health Department, in observance of National Public Health Week, April 5th-11th, will offer free immunization from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 7th. This will include immunizations for infants, children, teenagers and adults routinely available through the Tennessee Department of Public Health. Anyone wishing to participate should be at the Health Department by 3 p.m. to register. Further information from Marsha Rice, R.N., nursing supervisor, 635-9711.

HJH Earns State Incentive Funds

Halls Junior High School earned \$7,353 in state incentive funds by achieving state-wide performance goals during 1996-97.

The award was given April 1st through special payment from the Tennessee Department of Education to the local school system.

To be eligible for the award, a school must have an attendance rate of 93 percent for grades 7-12; a promotion rate of 97 percent for grades K-8, and demonstrate a three-year average cumulative gain greater than or equal to 100 percent of the national average gain in each of five subject areas tests, math, reading, language arts, science and social studies.

BUSINESS EXPO

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce and The Ripley Merchants and Professionals Association will host a Business Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2nd in Lauderdale Middle School. Sponsors for the event include Ripley Power & Light, in cooperation with TVA, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale and Bank of Ripley.

This event is open to the public at no charge.

Any business or organization working in Lauderdale County may purchase booth space to display their service or products to the public. Professionally set-up booth spaces rent for \$100 for a 10' x 10' space which includes professional drapes, table, two chairs, wastebasket and identification sign. Door prizes will be awarded by vendors plus over-all door prizes. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Further information or to rent a booth, call Suzanne Davidson, executive director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541, or Don Connell, president of the Ripley Merchants and Professionals Association.

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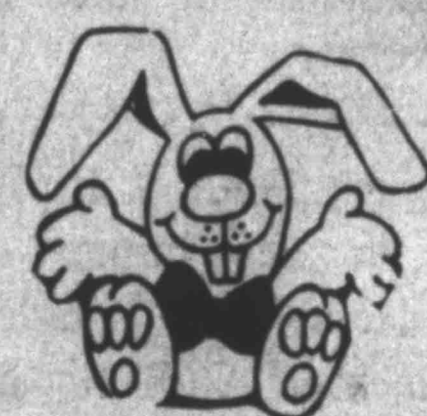
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Mr. and Mrs. Greg Crie field, of Starkville, Miss., were honored with a wedding party March 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hansford. Co-hostesses included Pat and Harry Adcock, Gary and Kay Baker, Billy and Wanda Brewer, Paul and Judy Henderson, Eugene and Mary Helen Pugh and James and Betty Warren.

Guests enjoyed an assortment of finger foods and cheeses. The couple received a chafing dish.

Births

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Archibald, George Terry and Chadell Gray, all of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bane, of Halls, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald, of Crockett Mills, Pauline Terry Dicks, and James L. Jones, both of Halls.

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April 3 -- Jodie Holder, Ryan Young, Megan McBroom, Renee G. Nelson, Larry Hawks.

April 4 -- Harrison Raines, Kara Steelman, Shane Harris, Melanie Keen Marvel, Loren Vaughn, Vanessa Williams, Caleb Steelman, Heather Fitzhugh, Jody Sorrell.

April 5 -- Gary Baker, Angela Douglas, Heather Midkiff, Angela Hargett, Molly Jack-son, Andy Johnston, Leroy Cohill.

April 6 -- Amber Davis, Glenda Davis, Missy Patton, Rodney Ward, Sondra Wright, Jason Young, Kathy Brooks, David Boone, Bobby Best, Christian Vaughn.

April 7 -- Marion Ward, Wanda Brewer, Joshua Smith, Caroline Cannon, David Elkins.

April 8 -- Ouida Belton, Staci Alexander, Thomas Terry, Nancy Mooney.

Marriages

March 18 -- James Henry Beke, 50, to Robin Janette Taylor, 41, by Richard Hackleman.

March 20 -- Thomas Lynn Rose, 43, to Carroll Len Williams, 37, by Comm. Billy P. Brandon.

March 21 -- James Scott Smith, 26, to Vicky Dianne Haynes, 23, by Franklin Paris, Jr.

March 28 -- Currie Parr, Jr., 47, to Linda Faye Hall, 43, by Thomas E. Sanders.

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Contravious Auddell Brent, son of Tiffany Lakeena Jones and Waddell "Bay" Brent, of Ripley, will celebrate his first birthday April 4th in the home of his grandmother, Belverly Winbush, in Ripley. Attending the celebration will be his sister, Chiara Aladase Wells, his godmother, Denise S. Winbush, his godbrother, T. C. Winbush, plus other relatives. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Charles Jones, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James V. Breat, of Covington. He is the great-grandson of Chief and Mrs. Roosevelt Farmer, of Henning, L. J. Mitchell, of Halls, and John L. Winbush, of Memphis.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Baker Alley was ill all night Tuesday of last week. His wife, Evelyn, told me that he chewed tums all night. He saw his doctor at the Halls Clinic as soon as it opened. He was sent to Jackson-Madison County General Hospital where the doctor did laser surgery on his gall bladder. He returned home Friday. His daughter, Jackie, and her husband, Bill Billings, of Rosland, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, came to spend the weekend. Mr. Billings is working on the dome being built in Atlanta. They moved there from Chicago, Ill. two years ago. Their three children have also moved to the area.

Attending services for Mrs. Sam Ethel Puckett in the chapel of Halls Funeral Home March 26th were Mrs. Bernard Puckett, Nancy, Ben and Olivia and June Homer, of Alamo; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tarwater and Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Owen, of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Don Puckett and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pratt, of Maury City; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nolen, of Alamo; Kay Knox, of Nesbit, Miss; Mary Elizabeth Hooper, of Proctor, Ark.; Sue Ellen Smith, of Millington; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams, of Brownsville; Steve, Harrison and Alison Brammell, Sue Vaden, Vick Vaden, Mary Jackson, Linda Burrow and Beth and Manning Pletz, of Memphis; and Douglas Tomlinson, of Friendship.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Watchmen will sing at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dry Hill Church of God. The public is invited.

Changes In Health Care For Veterans

In response to incorrect information distributed by others on the Internet, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is clarifying recent changes regarding veterans eligibility for health care.

Veterans Affairs is required by law to establish an enrollment system for healthcare services to be in place by Oct. 1, 1998. While veterans must be enrolled to receive care, it does not mean that veterans who have not applied for enrollment by that date will lose their eligibility for VA health care. Veterans can apply and be enrolled at the time they are in need of VA health care. Veterans who have received VA healthcare services since Oct. 1, 1996 will have an application processed automatically on their behalf.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven enrollment priority groups specified by Congress. Based on the priority they are assigned, the number of other veterans requesting to be enrolled and the funds available for VA health care. VA will determine how many veterans can be served. Veterans will be notified by mail beginning in late spring whether or not their application for enrollment has been accepted.

After Oct. 1, 1998, some veterans may still be treated without being enrolled. Veterans with service-connected disabilities may be treated for those disabilities and veterans who were discharged or released from active duty for a disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be treated for that disability within the first 12 months after their discharge.

Veterans who are classified as being service-disabled, with a rating of 50 percent or greater, will continue to be eligible for VA healthcare services without making application for enrollment.

While veterans in these categories do not have to be enrolled to be treated, they are urged to do so to help VA plan its services and allocate resources.

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. Other services include: diagnosis and treatment, rehabilitation, mental health and substance abuse treatment, home health, respite and hospice care and drugs and pharmaceuticals in conjunction with VA treatment.

Veterans accepted for enrollment will be eligible to receive care at any of VA's more than 1,100 service sites. While enrollment must be renewed every year, a veteran's enrollment will automati-

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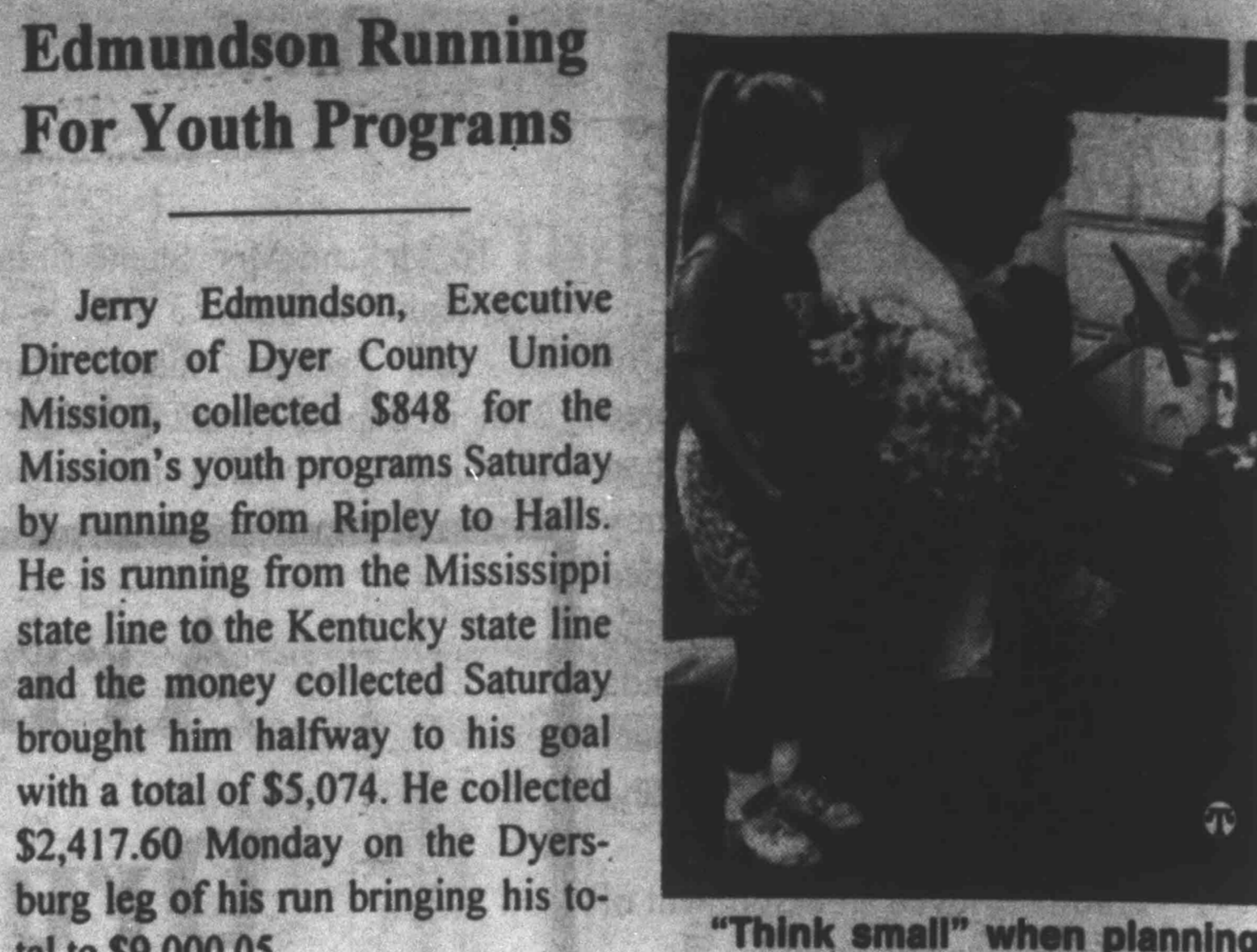
cally be renewed unless he or she chooses not to re-enroll or unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover. Certain veterans will be asked to provide income information annually in order for VA to properly classify them within the enrollment system as required by law.

To apply for enrollment, veterans should call, write or visit their nearest VA healthcare facility. Most facilities have designated special enrollment coordinators to assist veterans and their families and to answer any questions they may have.

H.H.S. HONOR ROLL

Halls High School students on the Principal's List, with a grade point average of 95 - 100, for the fourth six-week grading period were 9th graders, Deanna Coonts, Daniel Hogeland, Megan Jordan, Denise McAlister, Will Morris, Jami Kay Nolen, Kim Shands, David Simpson, Leah Simpson and Kara Steelman; 10th graders, Jessica Broglin, Katie Cook, Allison Fisher, Jackie Hutcherson, Amber Jackson, Leslie Kennedy, Crystal McCaslin, Justin Meeks, John Allen Noblin, Emily Olds, Robert Rodgers and Ricky Terry; 11th graders, Brandon Akins, Colby Baker, Heather Cox, Jordan Cribfield, Lana Hammock, Addison Hansford, Alan Meadows, Molly Meeks, Angela Pugh and Jodie Spencer; and 12th graders Adam Akin, Jennifer Baker, Julie Baker, Beth Climer, Allison Ford, Amanda Goodman, Jerrell Malone, Kristen Moore, Shira Parish, Kisha Piphus, Amanda Pugh, Tonya Sheraden, Natalie Smith, Justin Spoon and Leslie Voss.

Gold List students, with a grade point average of 90 - 94, were 9th graders Brian Bentley, Vance Brewster, Brian Campbell, Natalie Hart, Leah Heater, Ashley Hutcherson, Candie Layne, Randall Mann, Amber Newman, Samuel Stenson, Amy Taylor and Mary Younger; 10th graders, Angie Bernard, Derek Claybrooks, Hilda Gutierrez, Lakenia Halliburton, Angela Laws, Van Piphus, Amber Sauber, Skyler Smith and Deanna Washington; 11th graders Krissy Bowers, William Carroll, Lucretia Cates, Lacy Curington, Bradley Harrell, Brandy Layne, Robert McDearman, Kristen Mitchell, Catessa Moses, Eugene Pugh and Nicole Ward; and 12th graders Randolph Buford, Jason Colvin, Jackie Conrad, Amanda Henry, Jessica Hilliard, April Jetton, John Lazure, Kenny Lussier, Scott Meacham, J.B. Moody, Steven Stanley, Steven Vaughn and Dana Young.



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—Ambrose Bierce

EASTER PROGRAM

The youth of the Trinity, Curve, Woodville Charge of the United Methodist Church will present an Easter program at 6:30 a.m. April 12th in Trinity United Methodist Church. A worship service by The Rev. Nelson Roberts will follow. The public is invited.

Know your cholesterol numbers!

You've probably heard of good cholesterol, bad cholesterol, and total cholesterol, but do you know how they affect your overall health?

LDL-CHOLESTEROL is commonly referred to as "bad" cholesterol. High levels can lead to heavy buildup on your artery walls and can cause heart attacks.

HDL-CHOLESTEROL is the "good" cholesterol. It is believed that high HDL-cholesterol may actually help clear away the bad LDL-cholesterol.

TRIGLYCERIDES are fats in your blood that increase after you eat. High triglyceride levels in combination with high LDL-cholesterol levels can increase your risk of heart disease.

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL is the number you often receive from your doctor. It is derived from your LDL, HDL, and triglyceride readings, but what exactly does this number mean to you? It is important to ask your doctor what each of your readings are and what your goals should be.

(NAPS)—Most Americans are not doing enough to combat cholesterol, despite better education and a wider availability of cholesterol-lowering drugs.

According to the recent Lipid Treatment Assessment Project (L-TAP) study completed in 1997, 62 percent of patients being treated for high cholesterol by primary care physicians did not reach recommended target levels.

"Physicians and patients need to be more aggressive with cholesterol-reduction treatments," said Dr. Thomas A. Pearson of the University of Rochester School of Medicine, who presented the study at the American Heart Association's annual scientific sessions in Orlando, Florida. "If the patient is not at target, the physician should consider whether the current regimen is adequate."

Treatment regimens in L-TAP included lifestyle modification, lipid-lowering medications available at the time the study was conducted or a combination of both.

Pearson and his colleagues surveyed 619 primary care physi-

cians across the U.S. over a nine-month span. They analyzed 4,888 patients who were being treated for high cholesterol, and the levels were compared to guidelines set by the National Institutes of Health's National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP).

"Target levels are provided by NCEP to guide physicians and patients in reducing risk. Despite this knowledge, we still have an alarming gap between treatment targets and treatment success," Pearson said.

In this study, among patients with coronary heart disease, 83 percent did not reach recommended LDL cholesterol levels of 100 mg/dL or less. Among patients with two or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease, 63 percent did not reach recommended levels of less than 130 mg/dL, and among patients with one or no risk factors, 32 percent did not reach the recommended level of less than 160 mg/dL.

The cholesterol study was funded by Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company, and Pfizer Inc.

Stork Shower



LISA (MRS. BRAD) WIDNER was honored by co-workers at the Lauderdale County Bank in Halls Tuesday evening of last week with a baby shower.

Raines, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stanley.

April 7 -- Mr. and Mrs. Tim Graham.

Abstract art is the kind where you are not distracted by reality.

Anniversaries

April 2 -- Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

April 3 -- Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Vaughn.

April 4 -- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cohill.

April 5 -- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Layne.

April 6 -- Mr. and Mrs. Ken

L.C.S.C.D. ELECTIONS

According to James Nance, executive secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee, the terms of Vernon McBride, III, Dennis Lee and Dallos Burrough, members of the Board of Supervisors of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, will expire March 31st. Mr. McBride III, Mr. Lee, Mr. Burrough, Al Jones, George Meadows, Julie Olds, David Queen, Ronnie Roberts and Barry McWilliams were nominated for these positions. An election will be held to fill these three positions.

An advisory committee of leaders has set the election for April 7th with the vote to be taken from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cook Implement in Halls, Flippin Co-Op, Ripley Tractor Company, FSA Office and Ripley Farm Center. Landowners holding legal title to lands within the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District are eligible to vote.

17TH SIGN-UP FOR CRP

According to Vernon McBride, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, the USDA is accepting applications for grassed waterways and filter strips under the 17th sign-up of the Conservation Reserve Program.

This program is a voluntary approach to improving the nation's natural resource base by reducing soil erosion, encouraging wildlife habitat and improving water qual-

ity. They offer ten year contracts that provide annual rental payments to landusers. Further information from the local office of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service of the Farm Service Agency.

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Mrs. H. L. Griffin, Retired Teacher

Olivia Griffin, 95, who taught in Forked Deer School for 40 years, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were next day in Eureka United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of the Haywood County Retired Teachers Association.

She was the widow of H. L. "Skinny" Griffin.

She leaves two sons, Tommy, of 6464 Forked Deer Road, and Hugh "Buddy" Griffin, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Betty Woodard, of Memphis; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Leroy May

Virginia Louise May, 78, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Grace Bible Baptist Church near Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Garner's Ripley Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Leroy May, she leaves two daughters, Anita Emerson, of Halls, and Linda Samples, of Memphis; two brothers, Leonard and Walter Escue, of Memphis; two sisters, Dorothy Smith, of Memphis, and Betty Dodson, of West Memphis, Ark.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. C. P. Meyer

Virginia "Gin" Meyer, 80, the widow of Carl P. "Doc" Meyer, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Ripley Healthcare.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Fulton Baptist Church.

She leaves three sons, Billy E. Meyer, of 412 Lovelace Crossing Road, Henning, Homer E. Meyer, of 3332 Arp-Central Road, and Ronald H. Meyer of Brandon, Miss.; three daughters, Brenda Conrad, of Ripley, JoAnn Jennings, of Henning, and Peggy Covey, of Maywood, Nebr.; four sisters, Mary Frances Sanders, Ruby Crowder, Velma Billings, of Covington, and Geneva Selph, of Memphis; 22 grandchildren; and 55 great-grandchildren.

Patrick Langley

Patrick Allen Langley, 60, of Memphis, son of Mildred (Mrs. Hubert) Langley, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of pancreatic disease, in Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Garner's Ripley Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

An electrician for the Illinois Central Railroad, he was a member of Holmes Road Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Virginia Lipe Langley; a son, Terry, of Southaven, Miss.; a daughter, Sherry Moody, of Memphis; a brother, Hubert Langley, Jr., of Columbia; three sisters, Janet Dew and Rose Vasilko, of Ripley, and Linda Lovejoy, of Lisbon, Ohio, and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Coleman

Ollie Mae Coleman, 75, of 164 St. Luke Road, Gates, retired from employment with Tupperware in Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Brownsville, with burial in the Cemetery of St. Luke Baptist Church, where was a member of the choir and of the usher board. Rawls Funeral Home, of Brownsville, had charge.

Widow of Aubrey Coleman, she leaves a daughter, Marietta Burnett, of Ripley; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Lee Otis Griffin

Lec Otis Griffin, 75, of 389 King, Ripley, died Monday of last week, of cardio-respiratory arrest, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in Morrow Cemetery. Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

A Navy veteran, he had retired from The Brewery in Newark, N.J.

He was a member of the City of Ripley's Beautification Committee.

He leaves his wife, Minnie M. Griffin, two sons, Richard, of Houston, Tex., and Ronald, of Racine, Wis.; a daughter, Gail Griffin, of Lakewood, N.J.; three brothers, Clinton, of Ripley, James, of South Bend, Ind., and Willie, of Detroit, Mich.; four sisters, Ruthie and Willie B. Henning, of Ripley, Ada Sanders, of Brownsville, and Hattie McCargo, of East Orange, N.J., and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. McCaslin

Essielene B. McCaslin, 83, widow of Hallet Brown McCaslin, died Monday, of pulmonary arrest, in Oakwood Manor in Dyersburg.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of Hale's Point Baptist Church near Halls.

She leaves five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ester Smith

Ester Jewell Belton Smith, 93, of 803 A Park Meadows in Halls, died March 28th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. March 29th in Westside Baptist Church of Halls, of which she was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home had charge.

She was born Nov. 2, 1904 in Halls to Robert C. Belton and Mollie Cunningham.

She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

The widow of Dave W. Smith, she leaves two sons, Warren H. Smith, of Somerville, and Dave Smith, of Mooreville, Miss.; two daughters, Martha Short, of Gates, and Katie Arnold, of Canadian, Okla.; 21 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Waddell

Ophelia S. Waddell, 78, mother of Hollis Jean Belton, of Halls, died Monday of last week, of complications from Alzheimer's disease, in Wesley At Dyersburg.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday of last week in McMillan Funeral Home in Booneville, with burial in Tusculumbia Cemetery in Prentiss County, Miss.

She was a member of Smith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include one other daughter, Barbara Kay Nunnelly, of Booneville; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

German Mann

German Mann, 93, of Milwaukee, Wis., former Riplian, died March 17th in St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee, after a stroke.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday of last week in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves a son, James, and three daughters, Barbara and Louise Tomes and Doris Britt, of Milwaukee; 24 grandchildren; and 65 great-grandchildren.

Malissa Sanders

Malissa Alene Sanders, 94, of Highway 88 East, Halls, died March 24th in Crockett County Nursing Home.

Services were at 11 a.m. March 27th in the Chapel of Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery.

She was born June 12, 1903 in Covington to Tom and Annie Hill Thompson.

She was a member of the Church of God of Maury City.

The widow of Oscar Roberts Sanders, she leaves a son, William H. Sanders, of Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters, Gladys Whitehead, of Alamo, Dollie Deaton, of Jackson, and Faye Williams, of Hernando, Miss.; a sister, Julie Brown, of Osceola, Ark.; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Readers Speak

Editor:

I don't understand why everybody is so surprised by what happened in Jonesboro, Ark. and asking why. Our nation and society have turned from and forgotten God. They have legalized (put their approval on) alcohol, gambling, killing babies, have taken prayer out of schools and enacted lotteries (gambling) to fund our governments and are even saying that character and morality don't count. This is certainly sending the wrong message to our children and people. Some of our parents are more interested in making another dollar (materialism) than they are spending their time with and teaching their children right from wrong. The exposure of violence and talk show filth on the television is not helping. It is not child delinquency it is adult. The liberal news media and the president are already suggesting man-made laws and cures. God and Christian training have not been mentioned. Their answers and explanation are to divert the blame from where it belongs. The Bible has the answers and to quote a couple: *Train up a child in the way it should go and when it gets old it will not depart from it.* "When there is no guidance the people fall."

DAVID HURT

Sick And Ailing

Frewl Buffaloe, of Gates, is in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Mrs. Nelson Teaches Geneological Research

The Key Corner Chapter of the National Society, daughters of the American Revolution, met March 23rd in the home of Mrs. Steve Carmichael in Dyersburg. Co-hostesses were Mrs. W. D. Michaelcheck, Mrs. E. D. Alexander, Mrs. Green Smitheal, III and Mrs. W. U. Ross.

Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, of Memphis, spoke about geneological research and challenged each to research four to eight new family lines back to the Revolutionary War period. She distributed examples of sources to use to document the lineage including death certificates and cemetery records, censuses, estate records, marriage licenses and records from military service.

Mrs. M. V. Williams, Jr., Chapter Regent, reported on the State Conference where Key Corner Chapter received several awards. Mrs. White Huffstutter, National Headquarters liaison, read the President General's "Bill of Responsibilities," and Mrs. Bill Sorrell, National Defense chairman, reported on the Social Security program.

A Nominating Committee comprised of Mrs. Raymond Newbill, Mrs. William A. Adcock, Mrs. W. I. Thornton, Mrs. Sorrell and Mrs. Carmichael were appointed to report at the April meeting. Mrs. Adcock was appointed to present the DAR medal to the Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet at the ROTC Banquet at Dyer County High School.

The death of Mrs. P. C. Rhea, the last surviving charter member of the Key Corner chapter, was reported and memorialized by a gift to the Dyersburg Union Mission.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Mr. and Mrs. Bitsy Smith, of Curve, spent Saturday night with the J. D. Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newman and children, Michael, Justin and Holly, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Margaret Atkins, of Halls, spent the weekend with Gerda Hardy.

Ithmer Kissell entered Baptist Hospital East in Memphis Thursday of last week for a check-up and treatment.

Floyd Freeman is doing fine after eye surgery week before last. Carl Tillman visited him Saturday.

If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.

—G.K. Chesterton

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HHS Tennis Teams



TENNIS TEAMS at Halls High School include, in upper photo, the boy's team, in front row, from left, Adam Camp, Collins Voss and Will Bird; and, in rear, Paul Hansbrough, Brandon Lee, Addison Hansford and Robert McDearman.

The girl's team, in lower photo, includes, in front row, from left, Dana Young, Erin Steelman and Rachael Robert, and, in rear, Jordan Crihfield, Melissa Hurt, LaSaundra Keith and Katie Cook.

Matches will be played at 4 p.m. April 2nd with Trenton at Halls; at 4 p.m. April 14th with Union City at Halls; at 4:30 p.m. April 16th with Martin Westview at Martin; at 4:15 p.m. April 20th with Covington at Halls; at 3:30 p.m. April 21st with Crockett County at Halls. The tournament will be from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. April 25th at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Land Transfers

Mar. 20 -- Geneva Crihfield, L. Crihfield, and Talmage L. Crihfield to Donna Beard, Roger Craig Beard, Sarah Beard and William Hank Beard, Dist. 2, 29 acres.

Town of Gates, Board of Mayor and Alderman to Perry Jackson and Sue Jackson, Dist. 17, lot.

George Nabert to Dr. Joel Ray Flynt and Laura W. Flynt, Dist. 2, .826 acre.

Mar. 23 -- Jere Seeley to Robert W. Jones and Shelia M. Jones, Dist. 2, .34 acre.

Joseph R. Gonyaw and Judith A. Gonyaw to Belinda Hilliard and Ryan Hilliard, Dist. 6, 3.366 acres.

Mar. 24 -- Union Planters Bank of West Tn. to Virginia Simmons, Dist. 2, lot.

Ann Chipman and Billy Chipman to Mary Crawley, Dist. 2, .14 acre.

Joseph R. Gonyaw and Judith A. Gonyaw to Mike Stephens and Stephanie Stephens, Dist. 6, 5.00 acres.

John Brazier and Michelle Brazier to Daniel R. Beard and Joy Beard, Dist. 2, .44 acre.

Mar. 25 -- Beulah Jean Sneed to Lanis Lambirth and Linda Lambirth, Dist. 13, 11 acres.

Mar. 26 -- Joann Crihfield to Christi Hurt and Joseph C. Hurt, Dist. 12, lot.

EASTER CANTATA

Halls First United Methodist Church will present an Easter Cantata, *Hallelujah! Praise The Lamb*, at 7 p.m. April 4th and at 4 p.m. April 11th. The church choir will be accompanied by an orchestra. The public is invited.

School Safety Issues Addressed In Nashville

State Representative Craig Fitzhugh, reporting March 26th from Nashville, stated that we've had our share of violence in Tennessee schools and last fall began working on a legislative initiative to address school safety issues.

The "Safe Schools Act of 1998", passed by the House last week, will make a state grant available to every school system in the state to address the issue of school safety.

Local school systems may use the funds in a manner that best fits local needs, as long as the money is earmarked for school safety. Schools could purchase metal detectors, hire security personnel, provide conflict resolution training or develop educational awareness programs to help teachers and students spot impending violent situations and take preventive measures.

The amount of money each school system could receive would be determined by using the current Basic Education Program funding formula, usually 75 percent state, 25 percent local match.

Schools must provide a safe haven for learning and social development. A community focus on school safety will help prevent a cycle of violence that threatens our children as well as future generations.

The House Finance Committee approved a proposal for a referendum to consider a constitutional convention on a state lottery. The executive director of the General Assembly's Fiscal Review Committee told lawmakers that a state lottery would add \$150 million a year in new state revenue. If passed by the full House and Senate, then signed by the Governor, voters could decide as early as November whether to call a convention to consider removing the constitutional ban on lotteries.

A House Judiciary subcommittee voted to require courts to order the use of ignition interlock devices under three new conditions: 1) persons arrested and pending trial for driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent or greater, or for persons who refused to be tested; 2) the court determines that a first time DUI offender has an alcohol problem requiring treatment; and 3) an offender has a second or subsequent DUI conviction within five years of a prior conviction. An ignition interlock device connects a vehicle ignition system to a breath-alcohol analyzer and prevents the vehicle ignition from starting if a driver's blood alcohol level exceeds the calibrated setting on the device.

Legislation approved this week

by the House Finance Committee will provide consumer access to comprehensive profiles of more than a dozen types of health care professionals including medical and osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, dentists, nurse practitioners and mental health professionals. Consumers may access the information by calling a toll-free telephone number or Internet search.

The Tennessee General Assembly passed and sent to the Governor legislation to crack down on companies engaged in the practice of "slamming," switching customers from their preferred phone company to another provider without consent. House Bill 2908 prohibits slamming and penalized companies \$100 per day for each violation. The companies are also required to return all charges and fees wrongfully billed to the consumer during the slammed period.

The Federal Communications Commission receives more complaints about slamming than any other telephone-related topic -- more than 16,000 complaints last year. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority reported 352 slamming complaints in our state last year, up from 65 in 1992.

House Bill 2908 also addresses a new problem called "cramming." A consumer is "crammed" when they are unknowingly sold a product or service by a third party and unwillingly billed through their local exchange carrier. These extra services sometimes take the form of calling cards or voice mail service, they are often difficult to identify on a phone bill.

Crammers often disguise the selling of these products by having the customer register for a sweepstakes where he or she must sign a card or piece of paper. The signature is used as an authorization for purchase of a company's goods or services and allowing payment for the product to appear on the consumer's primary phone bill.

The bill also required the TRA to provide a website where consumers with Internet access may file slamming complaints 24 hours a day. The on-line complaint form asks the consumer for basic information such as name, address, phone number, the name of the utility and the nature of the complaint.

It is important to check your monthly phone bill carefully. Check for any unfamiliar names or charges you cannot identify. If you find that you have been slammed or crammed, notify the TRA immediately. The regulatory authority will take action on individual complaints. If you do not have access to the Internet contact the TRA by calling 1-800-342-8359, ext. 160, or write them at 460 James Robert-

son Parkway, Nashville, Tn. 37243. Further information from U.S. State Representative, 1-800-449-8366, ext. 1-2134.

Divorces

Kimberly Diane Robinson Champion vs Michael Wayne Champion.

James Douglas Fisher vs Connie Ward Fisher.

Connie Sue Watson Bailey vs Michael Bradley Bailey.

Brian Tucker Stovall vs Rachel Dawn Clem Stovall.

Charles K. Hurt vs Kimberly Vaden Hurt.

Roy Francis Smith vs Marilyn Joyce Ennis Smith.

Billy Russell Gibbons vs Kimberlee Rae Harriman Gibbons.

Sandra Darlene Sanders Wright vs William Henry Wright, Jr.

Lynda Ammons Akins vs Danny B. Akins.

Lisa Monecke Grissett Hoffman vs Michael Scott Hoffman.

Ollie Matthews Jr. vs Susan Matthews.

Vion Teresa Allison Tyler vs Kenneth Allen Tyler.

Concord Locals

By Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited the David Murrays in Dyersburg Saturday night.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her parents, the Pharis Escues. Mrs. James Simpson, of Lightfoot, visited Saturday.

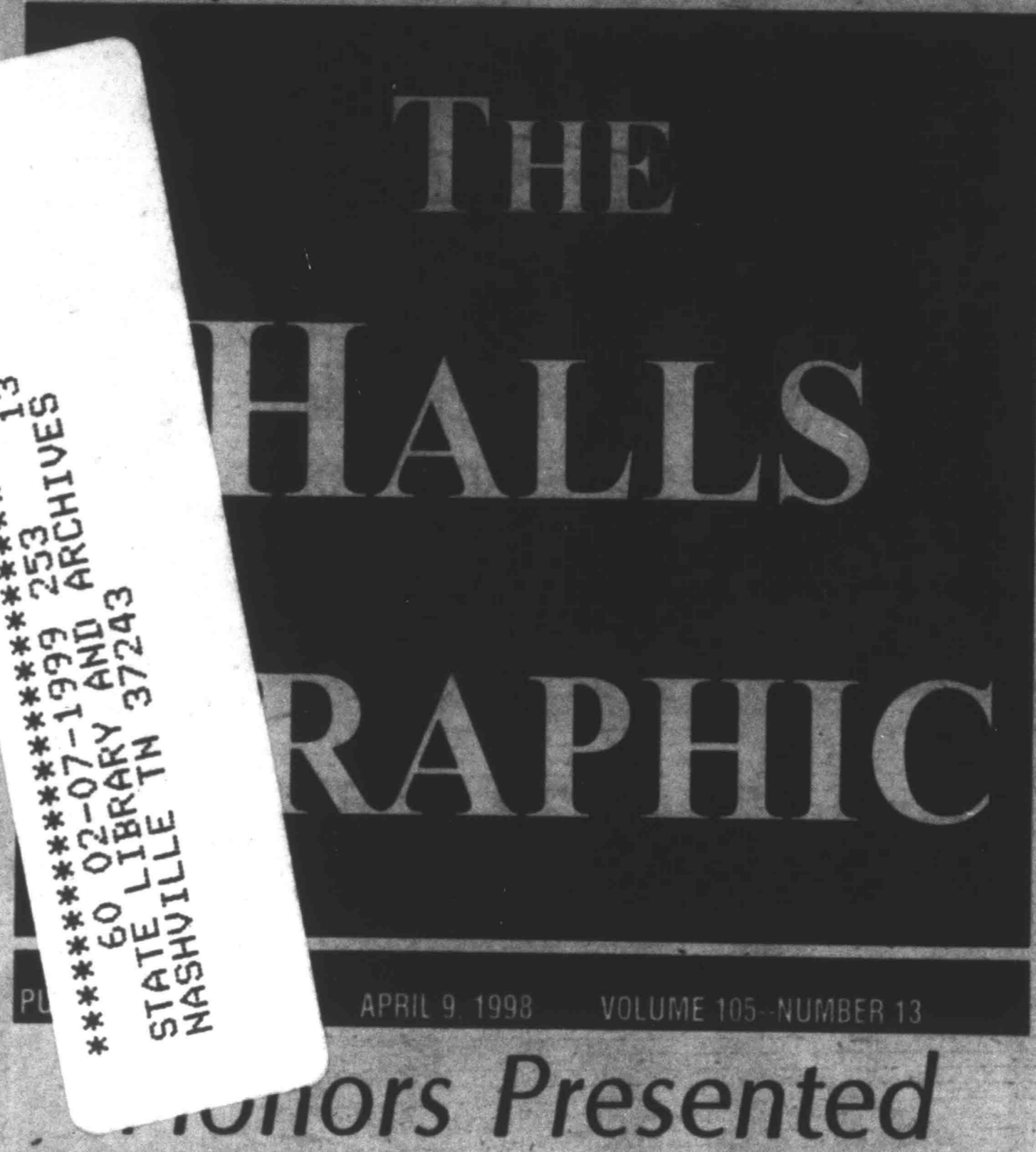
Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Tuesday of last week to see her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were dinner guests Monday of last week of the Weldon Heaths in Alamo. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hartman, of Columbus, Miss., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson and grandsons, Ben and Austin, of Cordova, were Saturday dinner guests.

COUNTY BEAUTY PAGEANT

The Miss Lauderdale County Teen Beauty Pageant, for ages 13-15, and the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County Pageant, for ages 3-5, will accept walk-ins the day of the pageant.

The deadline for entries was changed to April 3rd. Entry forms may be picked up at Ripley Chamber of Commerce, Bank of Halls or Lauderdale County Bank of Halls. Entry fee is \$20.



PAT HIGDON, of 719 W. Main, Halls, was named the County Chamber of Commerce Woman Of The Year in the Chamber's annual banquet Thursday of last week.

Pat, wife of Bernard Mitchell "Sonny" Higdon, has taught in Halls High School since 1974. Their daughter, Michelle, is also a teacher.

Mayor of Halls, 1987-89, she manages Arnold Field in Halls and has organized and headed the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Assn. and the Veterans Museum in Halls. She co-ordinates the wildly successful annual Air-Sho on Arnold Field.

Born in Dyer County, she attended the Unionville and Holicie Powell Elementary Schools and Dyersburg High School before taking a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and a master's degree from Memphis State University.

She taught in Little Rock schools before joining HHS. She was instrumental in building the Halls Community Center and has served as its president.

She has chaired the Halls Library board and has directed the choir in First United Methodist Church in Halls.

JAMES R. FITZHUGH, of 137 South Alpine, Ripley, was saluted Thursday of last week, in a Chamber of Commerce banquet, as the Ripley Rotary Club's Citizen Of The Year.

Jim, born in Dyer County, Jan. 26, 1923, attended Dyer County schools before his family moved to Ripley. He became a sophomore in Ripley High School and was graduated from it in 1941, after having played basketball and football under the late Coach Irvin "Tiny" Kneec.

He earned the nick-name "Big Foot," because, according to the late Chester Hamby, his feet, on the basketball court, arrived before he did.

He attended Memphis State University and the University of Toledo while serving as a bomber pilot in World War II.

A week late from the war, for an elaborately planned wedding, he was forgiven by his bride, Frances Craig, who married him the day he appeared, and neither of them has ever looked back.

He went into business earning 15c a day delivering newspapers.

But on Dec. 10, 1945, he became a clerk in Ripley, in charge of air conditioning (opening windows in the morning and closing them in

Miss Halls Royalty



JORDAN CRIHFIELD, third from right, was chosen queen in the Miss Halls Beauty Pageant March 28th at Halls Junior High School. Tracy Millner, left, was chosen Miss Congeniality, by contestants. Other winners included, from left, Heather Cox, alternate; Heather White, third maid; Gwen Johnson, first maid; and Dana Young, second maid.

Jordan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crihfield, of Halls; Tracy is the daughter of Tommie Drumwright, of Halls; Heather Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cox, of Concord; Heather White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry White, of Halls; Gwen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, of Halls; and Dana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Young, of Gates.

Gates Home Burns



industry -- Ripley Mfg. Co.)

Though passing along active management of the bank to his son, State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, Jim remains a keen pay-roll hunter.

As chairman of the County Industrial Board and a member of the Ripley Economic Development Board, he is using his wide contacts in the business world to seek to lure desirable pay-rolls here.

THE DENNIS HUMPHREYS home, on Huntington Street in Gates, burned early Monday morning. The Gates Volunteer Fire Department responded just after midnight Sunday. The home was still smoldering Monday morning.

The Halls Fire Department responded to a fire alarm just after midnight Friday to an apartment at 802 East Park Meadows, Halls. The apartment, owned by Wesley Housing, was occupied by Delbert Gitchell.



ANDREA ROBESON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Robeson, of 2459 Asbury

Glimp Road, won the Ripley Rotary Club's Youth Of The Year award in last Thursday's annual banquet of the County's Chamber of Commerce.

A senior in Ripley High School, second in her class, she is president of the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club, editor of the year-book, vice-president of the Beta Club, secretary of Future Teachers of America and of Quill & Scroll, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Show Choir, and the Science Club.

A tennis team member for four years, she co-captained last fall's varsity football cheer-leaders.

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Cynthia Lewellyng vs John Steven Lewellyng.
Marry Ann Jarrett Currie vs

Martha Gail Corbin McPhail.
Candi Owen Conrad vs David Heath Conrad.

Charlotte (Ashmore) Buckner vs Marvin Christopher Buckner.
Michelle Condalezza Maddox Kyle vs Isaac Kyle.

Robert Logan Tims vs Tammy Hayes Tims.

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A Banner For HHS Tigers



LADY TIGERS, of Halls High School, kneeling, LaShonda Jackson, left, and Heather Cox, right, in front row, from left, Anna Holcomb, Tessio Irons, Amber Sadler, Jami Nolen, Natalie Smith, Sara Heater, Leslie Voss and Molly Meeks; and, in rear, second from left, Lakenia Halliburton, Crystal McCaslin, Emily Olds, Leah Heater, Amber Newman and Coach Jimmy Meeks; plus, not pictured, Candice Frazier, received a banner from Mike Moore, left rear, of Union Planters Bank.

will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 14th in the Halls High School cafeteria. Mary Jo Cribfield, guidance counselor, will preside. Principal Andy Pugh will speak about high school requirements.



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SUNRISE SERVICE
Halls Westside Baptist Church will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. April 12th. The Rev. Stan Anderson will preach the message, Billy Brewer will lead the music. The public is invited.

Parents Of Eighth Graders To Meet
An eighth grade parent meeting

THANK YOU

There is no way we can express our gratitude for the concern everyone has shown during Johnie's hospital stay and since his return home. God has truly blessed us by giving us such loving and caring family and friends. Your visits, calls, flowers, food, cards and offers to help in any way is deeply appreciated. You have prayed with us and for us, encouraged and supported us in everyway possible.

A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Jackson Madison County Hospital for their care and concern.

We know the Lord has a path for everyone to follow. He is the only one that knows what the future holds. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

Friends are so wonderful to have and we are fortunate to have so many. Thanks for caring. May God bless each of you.

The Johnie Ford Family

Youth Leadership



ANGELA PUGH, second from left, and Jonathan Hilliard, second from right, both of Halls High School, attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's (TECA) annual Youth Leadership Seminar March 23rd-25th at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Nashville. They are pictured with Bret Carmack, left, operations superintendent, and State Representative Craig Fitzhugh, right.

menties and pursue a public office. "Money doesn't mean everything in campaigns," Rep. Newton stated, "Ideas do matter."

The eleventh graders were recognized and greeted by the Senate's State and Local Government Committee and by the House of Representatives' Education Committee during meetings at the Legislative Plaza.

Nelda Bishop, general manager of Forked Deer Electric Cooperative, stated, "The Youth Leadership Seminar helps students to learn by experience."

Outstanding students representing 22 electric cooperatives in Tennessee were selected to participate in the seminar due to their interest in government and their leadership abilities, according to Joe Jackson, TECA director of youth and member relations.

Their activities began with an overview of the legislative process. They heard Walter Haynes, TECA's Director of Government and Public Affairs, discuss the legislative process; an address by Rep. Chris Newton, of Turtle-town, who participated in the Youth Leadership Seminar in 1988. He encouraged students to be an active part of their com-

Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pugh, of Double Bridges, and Jonathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard, of Nankipoo.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Bears May Have Become More Important Than Humans

As more and more people become involved in protecting our environment and society works to protect endangered species from humans, sometimes I become a little concerned when I step on a bug or pick a flower. I never know if the bug I kill or the flower I pick is an endangered species that could reward my actions by placing me in jail.

William Perry Pendley, president and chief legal officer of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, told a story recently that caused me to be even more concerned about harming some of nature's creatures.

Late on the night of September 9, 1989, John Shuler of Dupuyer, Montana, heard the sounds of grizzly bears in his yard. He grabbed his rifle and ran outside. When Shuler saw three bears near his sheep pen, he fired into the air causing the bears to flee. Shuler then turned to go into his house, only to be confronted by another grizzly bear. It rose on its hind feet, spread its paws, and let out a roar. Believing that he was in mortal danger, Shuler shot and fatally wounded the bear.

The story of how a rancher survived a grizzly bear attack should have been a one day story, if that! It might have made the news as far away as Great Falls, Montana, some 90 miles distant, but probably not.

Instead, Shuler's story is nationally known. It has been reported in too many newspapers to list, including *The Wall Street Journal*, and has been the subject of two "That's Outrageous" reports in *Readers Digest*. Everyone has heard, if not of John Shuler, then of his incredible tale.

The reason is, when

under a fine that would have destroyed them. Their case is just one that shows how far our federal laws on endangered species has gotten out of wack, as well as those who

administer them. As Pendley said while telling this story, "John Shuler's story reveals not only that environmental radicalism now pervades the federal government, but that

its lawyers seek, not justice, but victory. It is a tragic day when our government values animals over humans and winning over obeying the law."



Most Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. In Eastern Orthodox churches, the celebration may take place later.



In many European countries Easter is called Pascha. The word comes from the Hebrew word pesah or Passover, the festival which Jesus celebrated shortly before he died.

Shuler notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the attack and what he did to defend himself, the FWS charged him with violating the Endangered Species Act and demanded that Shuler pay a fine of \$8,000.

Following a hearing, an administrative law judge (ALJ) from the U.S. Department of the Interior ruled that Shuler's belief that his life was in danger was a reasonable one. However, the ALJ declared that Shuler could not claim self defense since he had "introduced himself into the zone of imminent danger, his own yard. The ALJ fined Shuler \$4,000.

Shuler appealed to an Ad Hoc Appeals Board which not only upheld the ALJ's ruling, but found another reason for rejecting Shuler's self defense claim: Shuler's dog, which had alerted him to the bear's presence by going "on point," had "provoked the bear." The Board increase Shuler's fine to \$5,000.

Finally, in October 1996, seven years and a month after surviving the bear attack, Shuler was able to file his lawsuit against the federal government in court. He charged that the holdings of the ALJ and the Board conflicted with well-settled principles of law: that self defense is well recognized; is a defense under the ESA; and gives an individual the right to use deadly force when that person believes his or her life is in danger. Shuler also argued that the law is well settled that people may carry weapons on their property and may use those weapons when their lives are in danger.

On March 17, 1998, Shuler's long legal purgatory came to an end. The U.S. District Court for the District of Montana ruled for Shuler, vacating both his conviction and fine.

After nearly nine long years, Shuler and his wife were able to get out from

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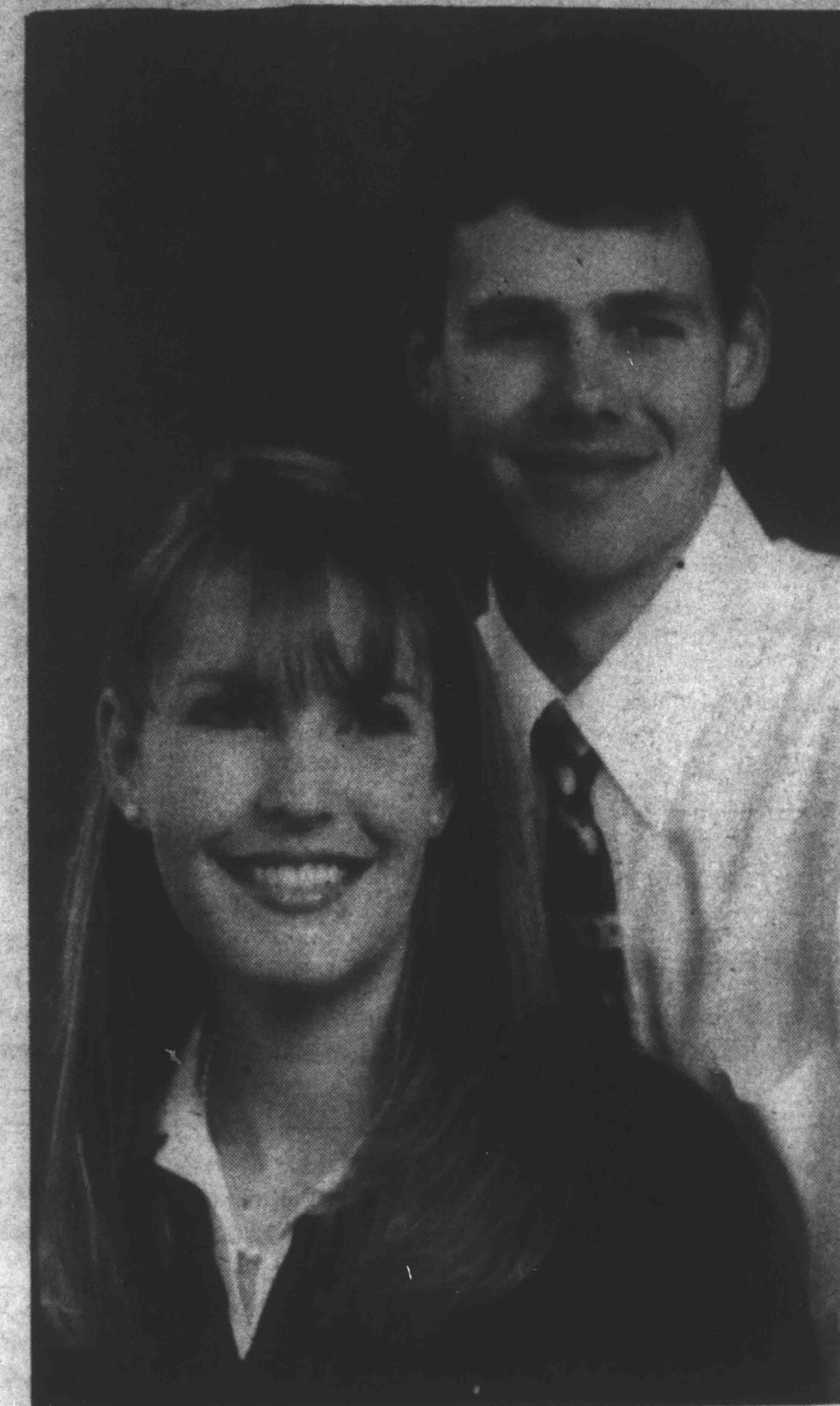
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Columbia Wedding Set



BRANDEE LEE WEBSTER will marry Edward Anderson Porter May 16th in Bigbyville Methodist Church in Columbia.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Webster and Cynthia L. Webster, of Columbia. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bam Webster, of Columbia, and of Mr. and Mrs. Armond Harris, of Lawrenceburg.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Porter, of Ripley. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lelon Edwards and the late Mr. Edwards, of Ripley, and of the late Rev. and Mrs. John Porter.

A 1995 graduate of Columbia Academy, the bride-to-be is a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin majoring in child development.

A 1994 graduate of Halls High School, the groom-to-be attends the University of Tennessee at Martin where he is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He will earn a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business in May. He is self-employed.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Halls.

Nine Teams Attend Girl Talk Too Session

Girl Talk, Too, sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service during the month of March, was attended by nine mother daughter teams. The four two-hour sessions were designed to encourage healthy discussion within the family about sexuality, values and decision making. The abstinence-based program prepared young ladies to make informed decisions when cir-

cumstances present themselves.

Sue Dorsett, Health Educator, with the Health Department, joined Extension Agent Jane H. Connell in teaching the sessions.

"Our ultimate goal," according to Mrs. Connell, "is to help these girls get through their teen years without an unwanted pregnancy. At the same time we want the girls to be aware of sexually transmitted disease and their long-range consequences."

The next *Girl Talk* program, for girls 10-12 years, will be held this fall.

Marriages

March 21 -- Brandy Dallas Pilcher, 21, to Whitney Lynnette Little, 18, by Rev. Larry G. Jackson.

March 28 -- Jason Smith Young, 19, to Tracey Renee Garrett, 19, by Raymond E. Young.

Marvin Wayne Cook, 32, to Diana Marie Walker, 24, by Rev. J. Scott Prince.

March 29 -- Robert Lewis Hayes, 53, to Deborah Elaine Schafer, 45, by Afi Jemima Maule.

March 30 -- John H. Bradford III, 39, to Kelly Renee Cox, 29, by Thomas E. Sanders.

David Henry Mitchell, 62, to Nona Rena Pilkington, 34, by Herman Reviere.

March 31 -- Charles Wayne Murray, 37, to Maurine Lewis Daniel, 34, by Herman Reviere.

April 2 -- Hilton Dean Vaughn, 21, to Amy Cheree Malar, 20, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Birthdays

April 9 -- Gerald Thurmond, Mitch Anderson, Beth Cunningham, Mike T. Webb, Jessica Danley, Gary Crowson, Lynn Grantland.

April 10 -- Joe Mason McDowell II, Tracie Taylor, Katherine Anthony, Penny Pickard, Willard Norvell.

April 11 -- Jeff Fitzhugh.

April 12 -- David Jennings, O.E. Dunaway.

April 13 -- Jean Belton, Jona-

than Scarce, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley, Dennis King, Kathy Spoon.

April 14 -- Doug Nelson, Kathy Sills, Jan Holder, Jessie Belton, Tracy Angotti, Donna Galloway, Brandon Harrison, Hunter Hill Ratcliffe, Steve Sanders.

April 15 -- Tommye Fisher, Ricky Burns, Craig Tucker, Loretta Thurmond, Rebecca Cain, Johnny Stephens, Jeremy Maxwell, Syble Moore.

Anniversaries

April 9 -- Mr. and Mrs. Gene

Rose. April 10 -- Mr. and Mrs. Owen Walker.

April 11 -- Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wayne Dudney.

April 13 -- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Terry, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamlet.


April 14 -- Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carpenter.

April 15 -- Mr. and Mrs. Brent Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pick-

ings. In Greek Orthodox churches, Christians receive fragrant bay leaves on Palm Sunday. The leaves are used in cooking during the year.

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AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC to provide the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR), now required for all children entering kindergarten, fourth, eighth and twelfth grades, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18th.

Lauderdale County School Nurses, in upper photo, from left, Paula Criffield and Leita McBroom, will join the Lauderdale County Health Department Public Health Nurses, from right, Audrey Jones, Leigh Ann McNeil, Birdie Pierce and Marsha Rice, and other staff members to give the MMR vaccine only on Saturday. Students must be at the health department by 1:00 to register at the front desk. No other immunizations or services will be provided.

Health Department Support Staff, in lower photo, in front row, from left, Lynn Lee, Lisa Stricklin, Carol Manns and Elizabeth Jellison; and in rear, Cathy Taylor, Teresa Walker and Sharon Wood; plus, not pictured, Gail Seymour, will assist with this free MMR vaccine clinic.

"This second dose of MMR has been recommended in the past to insure all children are immune to the diseases, especially to measles," stated Mrs. Rice, nursing supervisor with the Health Department. "It's now the law beginning July 1, 1998."

According to Mrs. Rice, about 95 percent of children receive sufficient protection from one dose of MMR. "But, that leaves thousands of children unprotected," she added.

Further information about new immunization requirements from your physician or the health department, 635-9711.

Land Transfers

March 16 -- Cathy Bourgeois, Becky Byrum, Wesley Byrum, Cathy Byrum Parish and Gerald Parish to Randy Lankford, Dist. 2, lot.

March 17 -- Joyce H. Newman and Leslie B. Newman to Becky J. Bell and Billy J. Bell, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

Iva Prescott to Betty Prescott and Billy Prescott, Dist. 16, lot.

Donna Buckner and Jerry W. Buckner to David C. Staggs and Martha E. Staggs, Dist. 14, 2.7 acres.

March 18 -- James Garland Johns and Millie I. Johns to Joyce E. Newman and Leslie B. Newman, Dist. 12, lot.

March 30 -- Mark T. Czecholinski and Martha Czecholinski to Nancy M. Layne and Sammy Gale Layne, Dist. 2, 7.00 acres.

April 1 -- William Durham Drake to Dartha M. Ballard and James R. Ballard, Dist. 1, 28 acres.

Ora Jackson to Lounger Shanks, Dist. 12, lot.

Thomas M. Scott Jr. to Frank H. Keller and Patricia R. Keller, Dist. 2, 216 acres.

Randy Lankford and Vicky Lankford to Michael M. Barnes, Dist. 2, lot.

Rick Ring and Shiela Ring to Norene Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

Anthony, Lankford and Poston, LLC to Thomas Jeffrey Rone and Tracey M. Rone, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

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Easter Basket Winner



MRS. TOMMYE FISHER, left, of Halls, winner of the April 3rd drawing for this Easter basket at the Lauderdale County Bank in

Hughes. Mrs. Parish visited in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes visited the Harry Jones family in Ripley Saturday.

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 13th No School Parent Teachers Conference

Tuesday, April 14th Cheeseburgers w/Trimmings Pepperoni Pizza Oven Fries Fresh Vegetables w/Dip Mixed Fruit Cup Applesauce Chocolate Brownie Milk

Wednesday, April 15th Sliced Ham On Hoagie Bun Country Fried Steak w/Gravy Macaroni and Cheese Steamed Carrots Pear Half Cherry Cup Rolls Milk

Thursday, April 16th Sliced Roast Turkey w/Gravy Hot Dog Whipped Potatoes Steamed Mixed Vegetables Jello w/Fruit Orange Slices Milk Rolls

Friday, April 17th Spaghetti or Lasagna Green Beans Slaw Peach Cup Fruit Cocktail Rolls Milk

Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Mrs. Kimberly Summar Edgell, of Halls, was honored Saturday night with a bridal shower in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Martin, in Halls.

Mrs. Tammy Gay spent Friday with her father, Jim Hughes.

Mrs. Cathy Parish, of Halls, and Mrs. Pat Hughes shopped at The Rose Garden in Covington Friday and lunched out. Kevin Newman, of Covington, spent Thursday of last week with his mother, Mrs.

Scoggins and Jack Scoggins, Dist. 2, lot.

April 2 -- Charlene Burns, Ricky L. Burns, Thomas L. Burns to Donna Burns and Randy Burns, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

Carolyn Mitchell to Gina Johnson and Richard Johnson, Dist. 7, lot.

Gerald Davis Lawson, Joseph Allen Lawson, W.B. Lawson, Ainslie T. Young Jr. and Judith Lawson Young to Gerald David Lawson Jr., Gerald Davis Lawson Sr. and Sara E. Lawson, Dist. 2, 57.01 acres.

Geraldine Eison and Geraldine Eison to Frankie L. Adams, Freddie Allen, Ernest J. Eison, Leveell Eison, Nathaniel Eison, Ray Eison and Shirley J. Irons, Dist. 17, 1.0 acres.

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Re-Union For Hellens Bluff School Affiliates

Hellens-Bluff School re-union will begin at 10 a.m. April 26th in Halls Community Center on College Street in Halls.

Former students, teachers and staff are invited to bring a covered dish and pictures to share.

The Hellens-Bluff School was located at Chestnut Bluff near Halls until the late 1940's.

Further information from Joe Heath, (901) 388-6777.

County Jail Freed Of Federal Order

U.S. Dist. Judge Jon P. McCalla, of Memphis, has found that Lauderdale County has complied with his order to provide proper jail facilities and has released the County from special supervision by his court.

Sheriff's Dept. To Host 'ATV Pull'

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department will host an ATV (4-Wheeler) Pull at 2 p.m. April 19th at the Ripley Bit and Spur Club arena, rain date April 26th. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life to be held May 15th.

New Pastor For Church Of Christ.

The Rev. Trent McManus, of Benton, Ark., where he served 5-1/2 years as youth minister, will be the new pastor for Halls Church of Christ.

The Rev. McManus, and his wife, Christy, will reside at 715 West Main Street in Halls. Christy will finish her schooling in education at Memphis State.

An Economic graduate from Indiana University, The Rev. McManus earned his master of arts degree in religion from Harding Graduate School of Religion.

The son of Windell and Violet McManus, of Jeffersonville, Ind., The Rev. McManus is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McManus, of Trimble, and Christine Bates, of Union City. His brother, Craig McManus, resides in Union City.

Marcie Thornton Takes Cheerleader Scholarship

According to Judy Rayburn, director of admission, Marcie Tenille Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wesley Thornton, of Halls, was awarded the Cheerleader Scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin beginning in the 1998 fall semester. She plans to major in elementary education.

Further information on scholarships or student financial assistance from (800) 829-UTM1.

County Helps Ripley Lure A Big Pay-Roll

The County Commission voted unanimously Monday to give the City of Ripley up to \$150,000, if required, to enhance the city's speculative building, south of Ripley, to locate a top-drawer industry employing 170 to 250 workers at wage rates above \$8.00 per hour.

The City has erected a shell building north of Hwy. 19 By-Pass, west of Hyde Road, but has requested County aid in completing the site to meet the prospective industry's needs.

County Commissioners elected Jerry Crook, of 1890 Hwy. 371, to succeed the late Carey Gaines on the Board of Equalization.

Board members re-elected were Samuel Lee, Robert Riviere, Dwight Shoemake, and Charles Vlar.

Commissioners approved a proposal by County Execu-

tive Rozelle Criner to use current low interest rates to re-finance some county bonds, at a saving to county tax-payers of approximately \$350,000.

Living History Event At Fort Pillow Park

There will be a barbecue contest at the picnic area from 10 a.m. until

4 p.m. Saturday at Fort Pillow State Park.

Demonstrations of Civil War camp life and living conditions, firing of cannons and muskets and military drills may be observed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 9 to 3 Sunday.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday outside the Museum, Interpretive Center. Sunday services will be held at the Confederate Camp.

There will be a skirmish at 3 p.m. Saturday and a tactical battle at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Sutlers will sell their wares and the Park Gift Shop will be open both days.

Check Presented



BRENDA CARTER, left, Mayor of the Town of Gates, presented a \$200 check Tuesday afternoon to Ezell Robinson representing the Center's building fund. Shirley Helen R. Tucker Center in Ripley. The donation is for the Dancy, right, City Recorder, on hand for the presentation.

Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Cathy Parrish, of Halls, visited Pat (Mrs. Jim) Hughes one day last week. The Keith Gays and children, Jimmy and Dillan, visited in the Hughes home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Dalpha Ann Pagley, of Melrose Park, Ill., called her cousin, Pat, Saturday night to wish her a happy Easter. Mrs. Hughes was in Memphis Monday to see her doctor. Dee and Doris Hughes, of Central, were Sunday supper guests of Pat and Jim. Dee has been ill the past month.

Mrs. Tammy Gay celebrated her birthday Saturday.

Keith Gay was scheduled to have back surgery one day this week.

Ron and Dot Townsend, of Memphis, Ruth Ann Dean, of Cordova, Cheryl Jackson and daughter, Sarah, of Senatobia, Miss., and Kathy Montgomery, of Dyersburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Leggett last week. Mrs. Leggett is spending a few days this week with the Ron Townsends.

Victor Newman, of Covington, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes, was ill last week with the chicken pox. Victor and his sister, Amanda, are enjoying spring break this week. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes' other grandchildren, Jimmy and Dillan Gay, returned to school this week after spring break.

Marriages

March 29 -- Marlon Duan Johnson, 21, to Shana Letral Cooper, 23, by Eld. L.C. Hayslett.

April 2 -- Edward Randall Stephens, 18, to Samantha Leigh Barns, 16, by Thomas E. Sanders.

April 4 -- James Payton Smith Jr., 53, to Linda Lee Bratcher, 39, by Rev. Willie L. McCadney.

Wallace McGaughey, 34, to Sandra Anita Sanders, 34, by Rev. Tom Sanders.

Sick And Ailing

Ruth Baker is having tests in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg.

About ten percent of Americans over 50 live in retirement communities.

Rotary Special Awards Will Marry At Frog Jump



EUGENE PUGH, right, in upper photo, received the 1998 Vocational Service Award Monday from Shirley Spiller, right, president of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates at the weekly luncheon meeting. David Nunn spoke to members about the many accomplishments of F. E. (Eugene Pugh, Jr.), Mayor of Halls, who has served the farming and agricultural community for more than 33 years. The Mayor's wife, Mary Helen Pugh, and daughter, Elizabeth Pugh Thompson, attended the presentation.

Shira Parish, right, in second photo, received the 1998 Youth Leadership Award from Mrs. Spiller. A senior at Halls High School, Shira plans to attend Spelman College following graduation. Charlotte Ammons, left, and Michelle Pattat, right, of the Lauderdale County Council of Arts Dinner Theatre, performed a scene from *Nunsense*, their new theatrical production to be presented April 17th, 18th and 19th.



TAMMY LEE TIMS, daughter of Mrs. Alice McBride, of Halls, and Robert Tims, of Ripley, will marry Bradley Scott Shell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shell, of Ridgely, at 2 p.m. May 2nd in Archer's Chapel Methodist Church at Frog Jump without formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Geraldine Tims and the late Sam Tims, of Brownsville, and of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archibald, of Frog Jump, and the late W. T. Carmack, of Dyersburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Ray Heath and the late Maggie Heath, of Halls.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Deloris Shell and the late Henry Shell, of Ridgely, and of Mrs. Annie Bargery, of Dyersburg, and the late Pete Bargery, of Ridgely.

A 1987 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-to-be was a four-year annual staff member, a DECA member, and FHA Club and Library Club member. She is a graduate of International Correspondent School and received a Medical Office Assistant degree from Dyersburg State Community College. She is studying to be a pharmacy technician.

A 1990 graduate of Lake County High School, the groom-to-be is employed with Colonial Rubber in Dyersburg.

The couple will reside in Ridgely.

Married In Gatlinburg Truck Pull To Aid Center



MR. AND MRS. JASON S. YOUNG were married at 6 p.m. March 28th in Heartland Little River Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg.

The bride, Tracy Renee Garrett, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garrett, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ellis, of Gates. She is the granddaughter of W. B. Sanders and the late Mrs. Sanders, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Garrett, all of Ripley.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Young, of Halls, and Cindy Graves, of Dyersburg. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Young, of Halls, and Mrs. James Smith and the late Mr. Smith, of Dyersburg.

The bride is employed with Tennessee Electroplating in Ripley.

The groom is employed with Young Parts and Equipment in Halls.

They will reside in Friendship.

Birthdays

April 16 -- Kristen Nicole Hinton, Ray Hurt, Sandra Steelman, Justin Jones.

April 17 -- Roland Henderson, Faye Braden, Pat Smith, Michelle Vaughn, Jimmy Davis, Owen Toomey.

April 18 -- Jean McDearman,

Jeremiah Jones, Patience Correll, Brian Bailey, Joshua Williams, Tommy Adkins, Laura Jennings, Taylor Rene Moore, Sandra Dyson, Tina Arwood.

April 19 -- Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, Jamie Jones, Houston Haynes, Hannah Kelley, Laura Layne, Martha Land, Ronald Miller Sr., Amy Sue Vowell.

April 20 -- Donna Burns, Jenni-



GARY VANSTORY, president of Tennessee Big Iron, looks over the Bit and Spur Riding Arena in Ripley in preparation of the Truck Pull at 7 p.m. April 25th.

Trucks from Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri will participate in nine classes of trucks: Stock Class; Small Block Hobby; Big Block Hobby; 5,800 lb. Prostreet 4x4; 6,200 lb. Prostreet 4x4; 5,800 lb. Prostreet 2x4; 6,200 lb. Prostreet 2x4; 5,800 lb. Prostock 4x4; and 6,200 lb. Prostock 4x4.

In the stock class, any person with a 4x4 truck can sign up.

All proceeds for this event will benefit the Exchange Club/Tina Turner Family Center. Tickets may be purchased at all area banks and the Chamber office in Ripley. Further information from Ron Goforth, 635-3488.

for Walker, The Rev. Randy Jetton, B.J. Graham, Roy Cook III, June Sapp, Chandler Bolton, Sarah Brassfield.

April 21 -- Jean Ward, Paul Meadows, Logan Edwards, Stacey Winn, Kieth Jackson, Bill Caldwell, Nathan Sadler, Gregg Webb, D. A. Scallions.

April 22 -- Lucky Humphreys, Catherine Carpenter.

Anniversaries

April 16 -- Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt.

April 17 -- Dr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder Jr.

April 19 -- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Abbot, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Trosper.

April 22 -- Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell.

Births

To Jeff and Crystal Belton, of Edith, a son, Robert Andrew, April 8th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital. He has a sister, Audrey, 3-1/2. Grandparents are Carmon and Frances Belton, of Edith, and Dale Clark, of Ripley. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Crabb, of Curve.

The Japanese celebrate two yearly doll festivals, the Girls Festival on March 3 and the Boys Festival on May 5. During these celebrations families display dolls that have been handed down for generations. Through the dolls, children learn about their country's culture and history.

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Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsobrook

Dr. and Mrs. David Dyer and children, Neil and Brandon, of Brentwood, spent Easter weekend with Dr. Dyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dyer.

Carmon and Frances Belton have bought the May Cherry home on Locust Street from Jerry Buckner. Frances told me that their children, Carmon Reece and Jean Belton, were adding a bathroom, central heat and air-conditioning, other repairs and painting. Frances said they would not be able to move back to Halls for several months.

Charlie Coulter, of Atlanta, Ga., spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Alsobrook.

Approximately 100 people attended a memorial service for the late James (Jimmy) Thomas Connell at Old Liberty Cemetery at Johnson Grove April 11th including Langston and Helen Pugh Griffin, of Memphis, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Horner, of Dyersburg, and Mrs. Charles Alsobrook. Nancy Connell Crenshaw and her husband, Dr. Tom Crenshaw, of Humboldt, invited everyone to the Crenshaw Barn in Gibson County for a barbecue lunch.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beard, of Roellen, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Joe and Jacob, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McNeill and Jaime were Sunday dinner guests of the J. D. McNeills.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carmack and Mrs. Winston Carmack were in Nashville Thursday of last week. Mrs. Winston Carmack visited a friend, Mrs. Mattie Schipanir.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMahan, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Howard, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davis, of Dyersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burks and Mrs. Patsy Wright were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Willie Burks.

Kenneth Emerson, of Brownsville, visited the Floyd Emersons Friday. Mrs. Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Monday of last week for a check-up with her doctor.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her

parents, the Pharis Escues. Mrs. Escue and Robbie Ann attended the Passion Play in Archer's Chapel Methodist Church Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., and Mr.

and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, were dinner

guests Monday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. Caren Fincher, of Frog Jump, was a dinner guest Tuesday of last week and Mrs. Mary Jane Rice, of Dyersburg, was a Friday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Williams in Halls. Mrs. R. H. Williams attended the Passion Play in Archer's Chapel Methodist Church Saturday night.

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With Spring Comes Our Usual Rituals

Ah! Spring is finally here. No more stoking the fire, wearing heavy coats, cold bathroom floors, and scrapping ice from your windshield. Now we can enjoy flowers blooming, spring showers on a tin roof, warm temperatures, fresh air blowing thru our windows, and mowing grass once again. What? Did I include mowing grass as one of the wonderful rituals of spring. Please excuse my rambling, and the insult to many of you who find mowing the grass a different type of ritual. To many of you its a ritual of sacrifice and torture that could be only enjoyed by a person who has overdosed on dandelion pollen.

This year, as I rolled out the "ole trusty" mower, (the word trusty is used here as a joke), I wondered just what this year's mowing experiences would be. Would it be another year of watching the engine of my riding mower blow up sending numerous internal mower parts all over my yard as it did year before last? Maybe it will be another year like last year of me wrapping the blades of my brand new mower, which I had to buy after the engine blew on the other one, around a hidden tree stump in the front yard. The answer came sooner than I thought. The mower had a flat tire.

After taking two days to get the tire repaired, I began to mow my yard. For some reason, spring grass is tough and very juicy. When you get

through cutting the yard it has the look of a picked chicken.

Those of you who have those picture perfect lawns, I am sure yours turns out much more attractive. However, that's why you call your mowing area a lawn. It looks like a lawn straight from Good Housekeeping, but I don't have a lawn. I have a yard. It looks like a yard, complete with crabgrass, sticks and mole runs. My philosophy is if it is green let it grow. When I cut the grass, I have to send the women and children to safety and wear a helmet. Neighbors close their shutters and bring their animals inside to avoid the dangers of flying objects.

I grew up on a farm where the yard was a place that surrounded the house and was not suitable for hay. If it had been, I am sure my father would have let it grow and round baled it. I'll never forget the time he ran the fertilizer spreader over the front yard when he was fertilizing the fields for the annual hay crop. We almost mowed ourselves to death just trying to keep up with its fast growth. At night you could almost hear it pushing up through the ground. Since that time, I have had a phobia about fertilizing a yard.

This year I am calling in reinforcements to help me win the war against rampant grass. Does the product "Roundup" ring a bell with any of you? This amazing little product is going to give me plenty of time-off from being bounced to death by my mower. Simply spray it around the base of your trees and just zip on by.

Yes, Spring is here and it

will not be long before we will be enjoying summer. However, summer does bring on another problem with mowing. Summer is hot! The weather service is predicting that La Nina will be here, which means we could have hot and dry weather. Maybe this will slow the grass down or at least give you an excuse to not mow. If that does not work, there will be plenty of "Roundup" at your local Farmers Co-Op.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 20th

Corn Dog
Sausage Pizza
Oven Fries
Vegetable - School's Choice
Applesauce
Fruit Cup
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, April 21st

Country Fried Beef Pattie w/Gravy
Sloppy Joe On Bun
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Congealed Fruit Salad
Fresh Grapes
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, April 22nd

Sliced Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Chile Pie
Baked Potato
Lima Beans
Peach Cup
Cherry Cup
Milk

Thursday, April 23rd

Turkey Noodle Casserole
Entree - School's Choice
Fried Okra
Green Beans
Pear Half
Strawberry Congealed Salad
Rolls
Milk

Friday, April 24th

Tacos w/Trimings
Sandwich - School's Choice
Whole Kernel Corn
Vegetable - School's Choice
Peach Slices
Fruit - School's Choice
Milk

Dorothy Belton

Dorothy Marie Belton, 68, of Leapwood, formerly of Halls, died of pneumonia Tuesday in Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis.

Services were set for 1 p.m. Thursday in Harden Graveyard Baptist Church in Leapwood, of which she was a member, with burial in Mars Hill Cemetery near Leapwood, Halls Funeral Home had charge.

She leaves her husband, Thomas Neal Belton; three sons, Randy, of Covington, Timothy, of Bartlett, and Brady Glenn, of Admsville; six daughters, Sonya Broussard, of Mont Belvieu, Tex., Janet Howard, of Savannah, Dana Dunwoody and Lydia Belton, of

Memphis, Vickie Bradley, of Brighton, and Candy Farrar, of Cordova; two brothers, Gordon Robinson, of Counce, Tex., and

Royce Robinson, of Dallas, Tex.; and two sisters, Margaret Jackson, of Halls, and Pauline Greason, of Gates.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Mrs. John Wilson, of Memphis, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, the Ithmer Kissells. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newman and children, of Olive Branch, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burroughs, of Chicago, Ill., Gerta Hardy, Ward Hardy and the Kissell children.


Ann Reagan, of Halls, and her parents, the Ward Hardys, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hardy and daughters, Alicia and Anna, in Lithonia, Ga. They visited Calloway Gardens and other points of interest in and near Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newman, of Olive Branch, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dyles, of Horn Lake, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burroughs, of Chicago, Ill., and Margaret Atkins, of Halls, were guests of Gerda Hardy during the Easter weekend.

The J. D. Smith family gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sutton in Covington for their Easter celebration.

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Announces



MICHAEL W. WHITAKER, of Covington, announces his candidacy for Governor of the State of Tennessee.

A 1967 graduate of Rhodes College, he took his law degree in 1970 from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

In private practice, at 120 East Court Square, Covington, Mr. Whitaker has served as District Attorney General, 16th Judicial Circuit, Assistant Law Examiner, a lecturer in Police Officer Standards Training, a member of the Tennessee Racing Commission, a member of the Tennessee Democratic Party Executive Committee and of the Democratic Party Finance Council.

Mr. Whitaker is a member of Tennessee Trial Lawyers, American Trial Lawyers, and Tennessee Bar Association, Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mr. Whitaker and his wife, Sharon North, have two children, Aubrey and Cole. He is a Dixie Youth baseball coach, a Certified U.S.A. Boxing Judge and plays Shelby Recreation Basketball.

"Whether you favor the death penalty or not, the fact remains that the system itself cannot be fixed," said Mr. Whitaker. "It's costing us millions of dollars better spent in curbing gang violence and protecting our aging mothers and fathers. We're wasting tax money on a Tennessee electric chair that doesn't work while the Gangster Disciples spread across the state and my mother triple-locks her back door.

"It's time to get realistic about all this mess.

"First, we need to end this charade of having an effective death penalty system. Nobody's been electrocuted in Tennessee since 1960. We've had a presumably constitutional death penalty law for more than 15 years.

"Ninety-nine convicted killers sit on death row, many for more than a decade. We talk, talk and talk and nobody gets electrocuted, but we keep pouring

money down an endless rat hole. "For beginners, here's why the system can't be straightened out:

"1. Administration of the death penalty crosses both state and federal jurisdiction, which means there are six levels of courts plus clemency.

"2. 'Due process,' the term for quibbling over technicalities, is 'enhanced' in capital cases, meaning what would be 'harmless error' in a burglary case becomes 'reversible' in a death case.

"3. Because of federal involvement, money for consultants, experts, investigators flows like the Holston River in April.

"4. Lawyers are rewarded for delaying and frustrating the court system.

"Moreover, prosecutors don't even seek the death penalty in most cases. Tennessee is split up into autonomous judicial districts, with each district attorney deciding whether to seek the death penalty. Some DA's are aggressive and others not, and the public should understand that each DA, and that DA alone, will decide whether to seek the death penalty.

"As a prosecutor and as a defense lawyer, I've handled more homicides than I can remember. I've lived through 28 years of violence and the trials that follow. I may know more about stupid, mindless violence than anyone you will ever meet.

"From those years and present experience, I draw this conclusion: for many who richly deserve it, the death penalty is not sought at all. Getting the death notice is merely luck of the draw no matter how vicious the crime. This defeats the whole principle of uniform application of justice.

"For example, in the Harde-man multiple arson-murders a few years ago, I had two friends, Duke Roberts and Jesse Ed Cannon, bound and doused with peanut oil and with others, burned alive. The State deferred to the U.S. Attorney's office, which elected not to even seek the death penalty.

"I'm from a time and place where a number of my friends have been murdered. At the same time, a number of people I have loved have done the killing. Remember the sleeping teacher-coach who was murdered by his wife's fifteen-year old lover?

"That happened in Fayette County. Both the husband and wife were our family friends. The wife confessed to planning, pre-meditating, this horrific crime, but was given life.

Since 1982 there have been literally dozens of these homicide cases where the death was not even sought. The first factor is what the DA wants done, and the second, and maybe, more controlling, is what the family of the

victim feels about the death penalty.

"As a prosecutor, I've been there with those families, felt their warm tears, and heard their pleas that the State not seek the death penalty. When a mother, whose daughter was nearly decapitated by a shotgun blast, cries and tells the DA her family opposes the death penalty, he can't very well ignore her.

"People cry, 'Well, it's working in Texas and Florida so why can't we electrocute somebody here?'

"Well, first, it's not working any better in Texas or Florida. Few executions are carried out in those states in light of the hundreds, if not thousands, of like cases in that same period. The most recent execution was that of the 'Black Widow' in Florida. That woman had been sitting on death row for 12 years. She killed her husband 20 years ago.

"That's no better than our system.

"If a state's going to have a death penalty system, it should provide a rigorous and thorough trial within a year of the arrest and an exhaustive review on appeal and the whole thing over within two years.

"But for the reasons outlined above, this simply isn't going to happen. Period. Forget it. Let's be realistic.

"If the punishment is disconnected from the crime a decade or more -- even in those few years cases where death is sought -- the process has no deterrent value.

"And why should we make

celebrities out of scumbag killers? "The media have fallen in love with death row interviews, footage of people on their knees praying and carrying signs. Just let those people die behind bars, serving every cold day of life without parole.

"This whole hysterical focus on the death penalty has diverted the public's attention from two more important threats: Juvenile gangs run the streets not only in Memphis but out in small towns like Brownsville and Mason. Kids I coached ten years ago are now Crips. They're for real, empowered by the cash of the rock cocaine and armed like bandits.

"The second but quieter phenomenon is the growth of the pool of potential victims. Our population is aging. People live longer. They often live alone, widowed or co-dependents. They have possessions worth stealing, cars to jack and poor recall of detail to assist police.

"Where these two trends overlap in maturing but decaying neighborhoods, the lawless rule and the lawful buy more locks for their doors.

"The millions wasted on a death penalty would be better directed to fight gangs and to protect the homebound and aged who now live in fear.

In short, it's time we be honest with ourselves and quit strutting around, thumping our chests like we're doing something serious about fighting crime with this death penalty thing. Let's tell ourselves the truth: It's not working, won't work, can't be made to work and let's stop kidding ourselves."

Support Sought For CF Research

Great Strides, a 10K walk to cure Cystic Fibrosis, will be held May 2nd in Memphis. Participating in the walk will be Larry and Diann McBride, of Ripley, grandparents of William McBride, of Memphis, who was born July 30, 1997, and diagnosed with CF.

The McBride's seek support for CF research, checks should be payable to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and may be mailed to them at 774 Asbury Road, Ripley, or to the CF Foundation, 1028 Cresthaven, Suite 203, Memphis, Tn. 38119. Donations are tax deductible.

William, son of Brian and Allison McBride, of Memphis, and the great-grandson of Mack and Jean Parham, of Ripley, and of Mrs. Florence McBride, of Halls.

Cystic Fibrosis causes the body to produce an abnormally thick mucus which clogs the lungs and leads to fatal infections. It obstructs the pancreas, preventing enzymes from reaching the intestines to digest food. One in 29 people is a carrier of the gene that causes CF, more than ten million Americans carry the CF gene, every day CF claims a life, every eight hours a child is born with CF.

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1998 BASEBALL TEAM for Halls High School includes, in front row, from left, Justin Baker, J. J. Cox, Dale Taylor, Eugene Pugh, Carlton Abernathy and Bubba Lewis; in second row, William

Carroll, Brandon Akins, Ryan Ward, Terry Akins, Alan Meadows and Rhea Chipman; and, in rear, John Allen Noblin, Brandon Paige, John Lazure, Matt Booker, Ladall Glynn and Coach Mike Blackwood.

Illinois Man Stabbed In Club Boom Bostic

Lloyd Maclin, 20, of Illinois, was stabbed at Club Boom Bostic on Highway 51 near Dyersburg Sunday morning. He was transported to Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale in Ripley and from there, transferred to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Mr. Maclin stated that he did not realize he had been stabbed after a fight broke out in the club, until one of his friends saw the blood. He thought he had been kicked hard. The knife pierced his chest and hit his lungs. He is expected to remain in the MED for a week.

Dyer County Sheriff's Dept. dispatchers were notified about 3 a.m. Mr. Maclin was gone before they arrived. Bouncers stated they were trying to close the club when the fight broke out. Jody Eison, a bouncer, was cut three to four times with a razor. No one could give a description of the man with the blade and no one else was injured.

Just a month ago, club owner, Shirley Currin, and employee, Dwayne Bostic, were charged with operating and selling alcohol without license.

Sheriff Jeff Holt stated that both are scheduled to appear before Dyer County General Sessions Court April 27th.

Two persons were charged with drug possession in last month's raid.

To Israel



MELISSA TOLENE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, of Halls, was accepted to serve as assistant leader with Teen Missions International on the Hope School Holy Land team in Israel this summer.

Melissa's team project is to build a security wall around the Hope School in Beit Jala, on the edge of Bethlehem. More than 1,700 teens and 400 leaders will be involved in the work teams and evangelism groups taking the gospel around the world with Team Missions.

Melissa asks family, friends and neighbors to pray daily for spiritual growth, wisdom in leadership, good health and financial support for the teams in "this endeavor." "We are all hoping that they can say as Nehemiah did, 'So built we the wall and all the wall was joined together.'" Neh. 4:6.



ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH at Forked Deer held a ground breaking ceremony Tuesday morning for their new church. The old church burned during the ice storm in January. The Rev. Glenn Strickland led his members in the ceremony.

The congregation sang a hymn, said a prayer and had devotional before starting. Church members are expecting to be in the new church by July. It will face the Woodville Rd. and not the Forked Deer Rd. as the old church was positioned, and will

not be exactly on the same spot.

The congregation will continue to hold services up the road at their neighboring church, Eurika United Methodist Church, until the church is completed.

WHAT: Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration

WHEN: April 17th, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Halls Elementary School, in the gym

PARENTS NEED TO BRING:

1. Child's Social Security Card	3. Shot Record - Green Form
2. State Copy of Child's Birth Certificate	4. Physical - Blue Form

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Land Transfers

May 11 -- Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner to Carmon Belton, Carmon Reece Belton, Francis Belton and Jean Belton, Dist. 12, lot.
Lisa Hendren and Norman

Hendren to Sue Conti, Dist. 2, lot. May 13 -- Donna Marie Ogden to Carolyn DeWalt Taylor and Carolyn J. Taylor, Dist. 3, .27 acres.
Brenda Sue Wright Cates, Brenda Sue Thurmond and Chapman O. Thurmond to Brian Bailey and Laura L. Bailey, Dist. 16, 1.14 acres.

May 15 -- Charles M. Ennis and Phil Huffman to Calvin M. Cooper and Clara L. Cooper, Dist. 10, 79.73 acres.

May 16 -- Betty Shelton and C.L. Shelton to Catherine Shelton and Robert Shelton, Dist. 2, lot. Trustee of Grace Bible Church and Trustee of Grace Bible Church to Barbara L. Hickson and Jerry

Hickson, Dist. 17, 1.61 acres.
Renee G. Nelson and Ricky L. Nelson to James H. Webb Jr., Dist. 11, .5 acres.
Beth Latham and Dennis Latham to Bobby Lynn Littles, Dist. 3, 5.50 acres.



Grandparents buy one-quarter of all toys sold, according to *The New York Times*.

Outstanding Female Leader For Murray

Melissa Tolene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, of Halls, was selected as an outstanding female leader of Murray State University. A letter from Don E. Robertson, vice-president for student affairs, commended her for

"tremendous service to the university and the community" and expressed appreciation for her excellent work.

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Town of Halls is soliciting bids for playground equipment for Kevin Ward Memorial Park.

Opening of bids will be at 2:00 p.m. May 1, 1998 in City Hall. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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Readers Speak

Editor:

It seems like everywhere I go, people tell me about how "bad" the children of today are behaving. There is no doubt that a small percentage of our youth engage in inappropriate or illegal activities but the overwhelming majority are well-behaved and respectful young people who will become outstanding adult citizens. All the bad things that happen which involve youth are publicized to the point that we believe all youth must be "bad." Please consider some of the following myths and accompanying truths about our youth:

MYTH: Violent crime among youth is skyrocketing.

SUZANNE DAVIDSON, left, director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce in Ripley, was introduced at Monday's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates by Garland Johns, left, in charge of this week's program.
Mrs. Davidson presented highlights of this year's Tomato Festival.

TRUTH: According to the FBI, arrests for violent crime among young people climbed 65 percent between 1980 and 1994, but arrests for violent crime among adults between the ages of 30 and 49 increased 66 percent during the same time period.

MYTH: Schools are cauldrons of violence.

TRUTH: Between 1992 and 1994, in the entire U.S. there were

60 murders in school buildings. During the same period, between 4,000 and 6,000 children and young people were killed at home by their parents or caretakers.

MYTH: Teenage birth rates are out of control.

TRUTH: The most recent national statistics show a decrease in the teenage birth rate. Teenage birth rates are identical to those of adults, and poverty is the overriding factor. Six of seven teen mothers are poor before they get pregnant. Furthermore, their pregnancies are largely caused by adult males. Three-fourths of babies born to teenage mothers were fathered by men over age 19 and about half by men over age 22.

MYTH: Among all age groups, teenagers are most at risk of drug abuse.

TRUTH: According to the latest statistics, teenagers are least likely to abuse drugs. Persons aged 35 to 44 have the highest rate of drug-related deaths, five times that of 18 to 19 year olds.

MYTH: Teenagers smoke because of immaturity, peer pressure and tobacco ads.

TRUTH: Young people from homes in which parents smoke are three times more likely to smoke than others.

The message that runs through all these myths is that the youth culture is uniquely defective. Yet,

the truth is that the youth culture is heavily influenced by the adult culture. The concept of teenage problems ought to be modified because there really is no exclusivity in sex, violence, smoking or drinking. Rather, these behaviors are simply reflections of behaviors indulged in by adults and, to some degree, condoned by them for their own culture.

The youth of today are no dif-

ferent from the youth of all previous generations. They behave exactly the way adults teach them to behave by the actions they observe. It is the responsibility of all adults to teach our children to be honest, caring, responsible and respectful citizens through our words but mostly through our actions.

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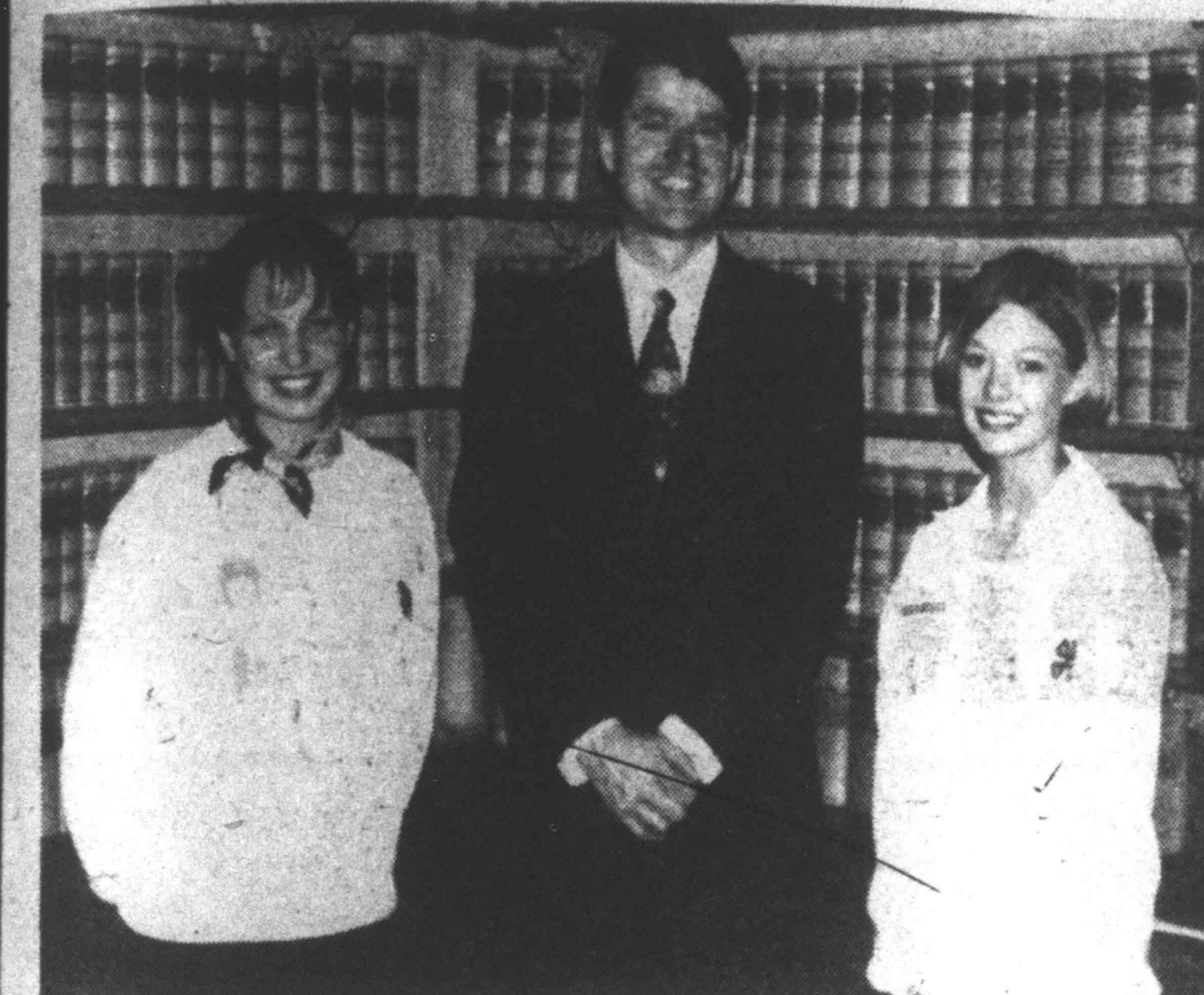
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At 4-H Congress



ERIN STEELMAN, left, of Halls, and Amanda Jones, right, of Henning, are pictured with Senator Tom Leatherwood in Nashville during 4-H Congress, March 29th-April 1st. Erin and Amanda sat in a house session with Senator Leatherwood and Representative Craig Fitzhugh. They voted on three bills, including the curfew and driver's license bill.

The normal one-hour session continued for three hours. The students were chosen for 4-H Congress from essays submitted through the 4-H program. The students said that 4-H is fun and does not stop after sixth grade. There are many opportunities for those who remain in 4-H. Many doors are open for students in 4-H.

Dyersburg Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Kimberly Summar Edgell, bride of Gerald Edgell, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Martin, in Halls. Ronnie and Donna Summar have a new granddaughter, Kamryn Leigh Pennington, born April 14th in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg to Kandi and Whitney Pennington, of Edith.

Forked Deer

By Mrs. Red Williams

The H. E. Jordans spent the weekend with the Donnie Pucketts in Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Puckett is the former Brenda Jordan.

The Johnny C. Emersons and the Floyd Emersons attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Woodrow Emersons at the Methodist Church in Brownsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duke, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. James Olhausen, Mrs. Howard Kess and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McHughes, all of Jackson, were dinner guests Monday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bird and son, Will.

Mrs. Tina Carmack honored Mrs. Mary Lee Vaden with lunch at Catfish Galley in Dyersburg April 17th to celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Demetra Williams and Mrs. Bobby Emerson visited Mrs. Ellie Clark in Ripley Friday.

Mrs. Red Williams shopped in

Student Of The Month



BETH CLIMER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Climer, of Halls, received an award from Susan Pipkin, left, and Mike Galloway, as Ripley High School Exchange Club Youth of the Month. With a grade point average of 97.75, Beth is ranked 4th in her class. She is a member of National Honor Society, Close-Up Club, FCA, Interact, Student Council, Marching Band and Pom Pom Squad. On the Principle's List, she is a M. L. Jones Scholarship recipient. She enjoys church activities, art and being with family and friends. She plans to major in fine arts education at Arkansas State University following high school graduation.

Charles, of McMinnville, spent Easter weekend with Mrs. Joe Hurt and other relatives and friends. Taylor and Kay Stamps and son, Stephen, and Ty and Melissa Stamps, of Collierville, spent Easter weekend with Mrs. Bill McGarrity and Thomas and Billie McGarrity.

Sam and Sandra Cihfield and daughters, Vicky and Dawn, of Memphis, spent Sunday with Mr. Cihfield's mother, Mrs. Margarite Cihfield. Elizabeth Horner, of Dyersburg, and Mary Alsbrook spent Friday with Rebecca Dayton in Memphis.

Hurt Hamilton, of Dyersburg, and her mother, Jean Hamilton, had a four day vacation last week in and around Lexington, Ky. They attended the horse races at Keeneland Track, visited the Land Between the Lakes and shopped in the area. Clay and Christi Hurt have purchased the Martha Jane Smerchek home on West Main Street.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Virginia Conrad, of Greenville, Miss., is visiting her brother, R. H. Williams, and Mrs. Williams a few days this week. Adam Fincher, of Frog Jump, was a dinner guest Monday of last week.

Mrs. Don Allen, of Mobile, Ala., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss.

The Floyd Emersons, Mrs. Juanita Stanley, Mrs. Ronnie Carmack, Mrs. Lewis Mills and Mrs. Wendell Sanders attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Woodrow Emersons in Brownsville Sunday afternoon.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Nunn returned home during the weekend after a visit with their son, Josh Nunn, in Johnson City.

Judy Newby, of Knoxville, spent Easter weekend with her mother, Jean Hansford, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Malcolm Smith and son,

William Pratt

William L. Pratt, 81, of Brownsville, died of heart failure Tuesday in his home.

Services were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Poplar Corner Baptist Church.

He leaves three sons, Bobby and William O. Pratt, of Brownsville, and Dr. Charles Pratt, of Jackson; two daughters, Demetra Pratt, of Collierville, and Virginia Brandt, of Tupelo, Miss.; a brother, Billy Pratt, of Friendship; two sisters, Louise Riley, of Maury City, and Amy Wilson, of Alamo; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

HES AUTHOR'S DAY

Young Author's Day will be held April 24th at Halls Elementary School. Cultural Diversity is the theme of the event. Students books will be displayed in the East Wing of the school.

The public is invited to view the student's work.

R.H.S. SENIOR PLAY

"Here Comes The Judge" will be presented as a Ripley High School Senior Production at 7 p.m. May 1st and at 2 p.m. May 3rd in the RHS Little Theater. Tickets, \$3, will be available at the door.

Toddler Revue Will Aid 'Relay'

The Toddler Revue, for ages one to four, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25th in Halls Elementary School.

Proceeds from the event will benefit "Relay For Life." Entry forms are available at Halls Elementary School. Entry fee is \$10.

Further information from Rita Barnes, 635-4925.

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Molly Peeler, Amelia Mau, Stephanie White, Blake Funderburk, Holly Arwood, Jeffrey Dycus, Sara Beth Byars, Nicole Griggs, Charlie Hammond, Angela Fortner, Robbie Hooper and John Crocker; second grader, Erika White; third graders, Adam Sipes, Brittany Smith and Lauren Kerr; seventh grader, Blake Smith; eighth grader, Emily Davison.

Students with all A's and B's include first graders, Emily Graves, Hayley Jankovsky, Kevin Muncrief, Samantha Roach and Adam Swims; second graders, Alyssa Dycus, Caleb Wright and Colton Woody; third graders, Sarah Har-

get, April Nichols, Josh Sims, Rachel Manning, Hillary Steelman, Anne-Ashley Swims; fourth graders, Sally Jo Turner and Zach Woody; fifth graders, Sara Arnold, Jordan Burkhead, Kayla Chessor,

Logan Criswell, Sara Jo Mason, Jessica Prater and Jill Sims; seventh graders, Lisa Walker, Adam Nolen, Tyler Lynch and Lindsey Rogers; ninth graders, Rhea Lynch and Tiffany Peeler.

FPCS HONOR ROLL

First Presbyterian Christian School students with all A's for the fifth six-week grading period include first graders, Nell White,

NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular monthly meeting of Mayor and Board of Aldermen will be held at 7 p.m. May 4th in City Hall.

There will be a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. concerning two ordinances on annexation.

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60th School Re-Union



THE CLASS OF 1938 from Nankipoo High School held their 60th school re-union April 18th at the Blue and White Restaurant in Ripley. Attending were, in front row, from left, Margaret Heathcott Chisholm, Jeff Koonce and Helen Cates Harrell; and, in rear, Edmonia Griffin Ashmore, Laura Smith Domm, Ona Webb Voss and Louise Thurmond; plus, not pictured, Beatrice Fowler, Frankie Davis, Tina Carmack, Bobby and Norma Harrell, Jean Carter, Lorene Pennington, Darrell and Ree Cates, Austin and Ethel Prescott, Warene (Mrs. Jeff) Koonce, Kate Rochelle, Ann Lazure, Murry Voss, Joyce Hempsey, Helen Gean, Addie Maie Boyd, Anna Mary Haynes, Birtus Smith, C. E. Morris and grandson, Tillman, Deanie Hutcherson and Katie Chisholm.

Bill West, Louise Best, Earline Cooper.

May 4 -- Paul Reynolds, The Rev. Rodney Alexander, Lita McBroom, Teresa Cates, Floy Miller, Benjamin Coleman, Marshall Jennings, Jean Burns, Grant Caldwell, Tina Shands.

May 5 -- Wren Nunn, Kerry Watson, Kathy Wells, Tatum Carmack, David Hunter, Carrie Criner, Billy Wayne Loyd, Steve Vandergriff, Jonie Emerson, Rachel Roberts, Virgie Tarpley, Brandi Young, Josh Sills.

May 6 -- Burl Carson, Gara

Stong, Regina Stanley Castellaw, Scott Crowder, Vickie Jones, Roger Treadway, Willie Winn, Barbara Anthony.

Cassandra Hope Gwaltney, 35, by Thomas E. Sanders.
Jerome Morgan, 34, to Pamela Yvonne Smith, 28, by Charles A. Hayes.
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Marriages

April 10 -- Paul David Burns Jr., 23, to Angela May Terry, 22, by Bishop Larry Burns.

April 18 -- Byron Keith Weathers, 31, to Patricia Vernell Rouser, 31, by Rev. Jimmy L. Smith.

William Robert Williams, 37, to

Birthdays

April 30 -- Becca Carmack, Lillian Kidd, Josh Puckett, Justin Middleton, David Stallings, Mary Fitzhugh, Patricia Box, Elizabeth Jane West, Lori Berkeley, Lauren Shelby Douglas.

May 1 -- Andy Crowson, Sonny Vaughn, Marie Woffard, Mary Beth Caldwell, Dr. Roy E. Crowder Jr., Deb Pickens, Frank Sanders, Roger Pease.

May 2 -- Amy Vaden, Auzie Harrell, Ray Shatley, Joanne Scott, Shira Parish, Trey Tillman, Billie Jane Gray.

May 3 -- Barbara Anderson, Stacey Warren, Chris Burrough,

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Winning Authors



YOUNG AUTHOR'S DAY was held Friday at Halls Elementary School with winners chosen in each grade. First place winners include, in front row, Josh Lents, kindergarten, for *Camping at Reelfoot*; in second row, from left, Rebecca Morris, first grade, for *All About Me*; Amando Flores, second grade, for *The Eagle Who Ate*

Eels; and Anna Claire Hartman, third grade, for *Sara and Mittens*; and, in rear, Sara Beth Warren, fourth grade, for *Space Mania*; Amanda Bell, fifth grade, for *Headlines U.S.A.*, and Sallye Rae Hartman, sixth grade, for *Tidbits of Stories*; plus, not pictured, Dustin Wright, pre-school, for *Where's The Bone*.

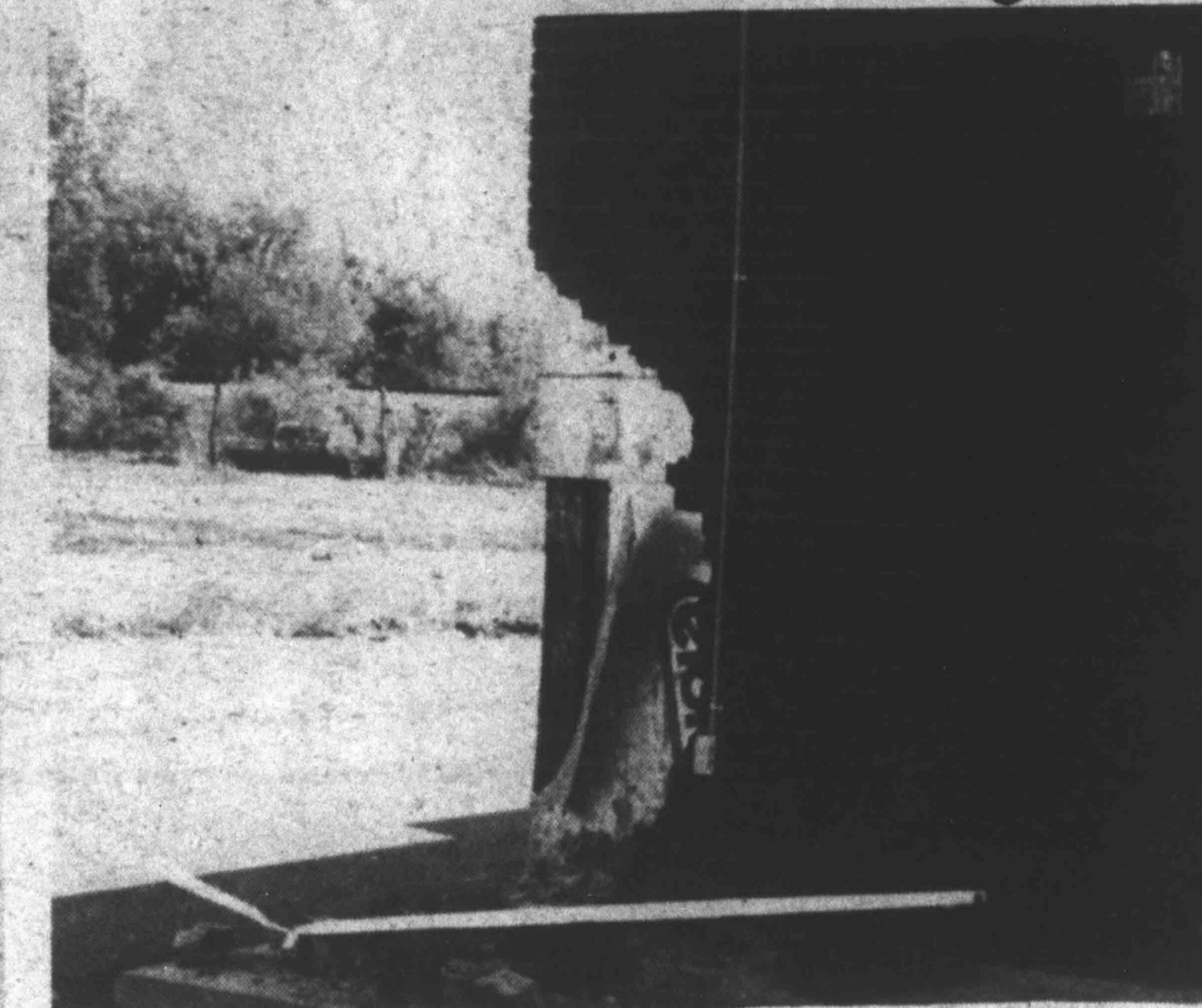
sixty foot tall hickory tree she began talking to her boyfriend about his plans for the day. You may ask me how I knew it was her boyfriend. Well, this lady didn't have any secrets. She talked so loud on that little bitty piece of plastic, if she had been outside he could have heard her without the phone.

She discussed what he was having for dinner, where they were going, how many affairs and divorces were happening in the family, and numerous other items that I was raised not to talk about in public. In fact, we were raised to keep our voices down when we were in the yard on a 156 acre dairy farm.

She talked for almost thirty minutes sharing all her family activities with the world. I was really hoping her battery would run down, along with everyone else in the room.

I grew up where you just didn't talk out loud without an important reason. Usually that reason had to include that the house was on fire or we were being invaded by a hostile army. It just wasn't polite to talk where other peo-

Restaurant Damaged



VINNI'S RESTAURANT on South Church Street in Halls was damaged on the left front corner at about 3:30 a.m. Friday night according to Officer Roy Smith, of the Halls Police Department. Cause of damage is under investigation.

Gospel Singing To Aid Relay For Life

A gospel singing at 7 p.m. May 2nd in the Rescue Squad Building at 6501 Curve Nankipoo Road will feature The Reed Family, of Ripley, The New Believers, of Ripley, and The Servants, of Memphis. An offering will be taken to aid Relay For Life. The public is invited.

subjects that would only pass public scrutiny.

In today's rush, rush society, party lines have been replaced by beeps and chimes that occur at the most inopportune times, but that's progress. However, the world seemed a little more calmer and protected when we had party lines. At least back then we didn't have telemarketers calling at supper time selling vinyl siding.

Seared Virginia Striped Bass
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 6 stripped bass fillets with skin
 6 cups winter greens such as baby Swiss chard, mustard greens, spinach, kale or radicchio

Vinaigrette Dressing (use bottled, prepared or combine 1/2 cup olive oil, juice of 3 lemons, 1 tablespoon fresh basil)

In a large sauté pan, heat oil over moderately high heat until it starts to smoke. Add fish, skin side down; sear for 1 to 2 minutes, or until crispy. Turn and cook over moderate heat 2 to 3 minutes until cooked through.

Divide greens among serving plates; top with fish. Add vinaigrette to sauté pan; heat until warm. Drizzle over fish and greens.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
 Tennessee Farm Bureau

The World Was Protected When We Had Party Lines

The other day, as I sat in a lobby on the campus of one of our state universities, waiting for my daughter to finish a campus visit, I discovered just how rude some people can be. Not that I have been shielded from the public, but I was readily made aware of how some people really don't care what other people think.

The lobby we were in contained the parents of other future college students waiting patiently and quietly for their children. Some of the parents were

reading, others were checking their eyelids for light leaks, and some were just pondering the cost of a college education for the next four years. The door to the auditorium where the students were being briefed was left open so the parents could hear from the lobby what was going on inside. All and all it was a right peaceful setting until one mother pulled from her duffel bag pocketbook a cellular phone. Within seconds she was pushing buttons that beeped so loud it woke one of the eyelid checkers from a very sound sleep.

In a voice that could knock hickory nuts from a

Royalty Chosen



THE TODDLER REVUE was held Saturday at Halls Elementary School with proceeds aiding "Relay for Life. One and Two year olds, in upper photo, from left, are second page, William Norman Lynch IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Norman Lynch III; second maid, Caroline Baynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Baynes; queen, Katelyn Cherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bengy Cherry; king, Nicolas Chase Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones; first maid, Kaitlyn Bane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Bane; and first page, Alexander Broglin, son of Kimberly Dewalt. Three and four year olds, in lower photo, are, first maid,

Jeddah Salera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Salera; first page, Malcolm W. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Moorre; king, Blake Fitzhugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, queen, Hali Conrad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Conrad; second page, Zachary Lauren Griggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griggs; and second maid, Samantha Rae Alley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Brown and Colin Alley.

TOWN OF GATES CENSUS

The Town of Gates is holding a special census. City employees will

take a head count to bring in extra state-shared funds to the Town. The extra funds will provide street paving and other benefits. Cooperation is appreciated.



The fish was the first animal to have a backbone.

Business Scholars



JACINDA CATES, left, of Halls, **Candy Alari**, center, of Union City, and **Toni Franklin**, of McKenzie, received William H. Baker Scholarships from the School of Business Administration at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Scholarships are awarded to students who have completed 60 hours of college credit, demonstrated scholarship and leadership ability, participated in extracurricular activities and shown promise of professional achievement.

Honored



WYLENE TYSON, of Gates, was presented a certificate of appreciation for her efforts as a volunteer at Halls Senior Center.

Store Manager Stages Robbery

William Tate Victory, assistant manager of E. W. James Supermarket in Ripley, has been arrested and charged with over \$10,000 theft Class C misdemeanor, after he staged a robbery Sunday night at the store.

Chief Dennis King reports that police received a call Sunday night around 9:30 from Victory who claimed he had been robbed and stabbed. Police arrived and he was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale with a stab to his stomach and two superficial cuts to one arm. After an intensive interagation by investigators, Terry Jordan and Dornell Baltimore, he admitted that he had made up the story and the wounds were self inflicted. He told the officers of the two locations where he stashed the money. Mr. Victory was released from the hospital and is being held under a \$10,000 bond at the Lauderdale County Justice Complex.

Sick & Ailing

Austin M. Prescott, of 2649 Curve-Nankipoo Road, is in Baptist Hosital Central in Memphis.



The first name of the Queen of Sheba was Balkis.

I'm no different from anybody else with two arms, two legs, and forty-two-hundred hits.

—Pete Rose