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General Lee Pitts

General Lee Pitts, 67, a former Halls resident employed by Imperial Guard Service in Memphis, died Nov. 21st, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, west of Halls, Hudson Funeral Home, of Dyersburg, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Debrah; two brothers, Eternal Pitts, of Halls, and Thomas James Pitts, of Alamo; and two sisters, Kathryn Pitts and Ida Mae McCadney, of Gates.

Robert H. Conner

Robert Harold Conner, 64, of Adamsville, father of Anthony Bruce Conner, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Shackelford Funeral Home in Savannah, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery in Hardin County.

A welder, he had retired from 25 years in the Army, including Vietnam War service.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Pickens Conner, three other sons, Jeffery and Ricky Harold Conner, of Adamsville, and Dale Conner, of New York; a brother, Terry Bruce Conner, and two sisters, Betty Johnson and Brenda Duncan, all of Savannah; six grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Anniversaries

Dec. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis.

Dec. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Criffield.

Dec. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hilliard.

Dec. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Best, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Carmack.

Dec. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rose.

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Marriage Vows Nearing



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She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Midkiff and the late Bob Midkiff, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dawson, of Gates.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Halls High School.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Helton and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Odegaard, all of Ripley.

He is employed by S&R in Ripley.
After the wedding, the couple will reside in Halls.

Kills 1st Deer



JOSHUA MCCRAW, ten-year-old son of Angela Smith, of Gates, and Tim McCraw, of Dyersburg, killed his 1st deer November 20th in Smithville. Joshua was hunting with his dad when he killed the deer, which weighed fifty pounds.

JASON VASILKO TRAINED 1999 graduate of Ripley High School, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

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½ cup toasted walnuts

- Cream together sugar and margarine. Mix in banana, egg and vanilla. Stir in flour and baking powder until just moistened.
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The Ash Can School was a group of American artists active from 1908 to 1918. Their work featured scenes of urban realism.



The most popular type of radio station in the U.S. is country music. One quarter of all commercial stations broadcast country music.

BANK OF RIPLEY awarded their 4th Annual Educational Mini-Grants with a total of over \$16,500. Julie Neal, Gail Shelton, Terry Smith, and Cindy Smith, of Bank of Ripley, have completed the last tabulations and have chosen the winners.

In August, the bank offered its 4th annual "A to Z" Educational Mini-Grant Program at the county-in-service meeting. It was made available to all classroom teachers in Lauderdale County. Seventy-three teachers applied for the grant with request up to \$300. Each of the eight schools in Lauderdale County had teachers participating.

Marsha Chambers, Wanda Clark, Baris Douglas, Seal Elder, Lisa Hankins and Susan Williams scored the applicants.

Presentation of the awards began the last week of October. Various members of the Bank of Ripley traveled to each school making the presentation to the winners. Each school will showcase their programs in May 2000.

Craig Fitzhugh, President of the Bank of Ripley, commented, "The mini-grants will allow our teachers to try new ideas and methods or purchase much needed support material. The applications showed great innovation and creativity and will greatly enhance the student's learning. We are pleased to be able to provide this program."

From Halls Elementary School winners include Joyce Avery, Diane Carmack, Donna Dabbs, Kathy Dye, Pam Green, Kay Hansford, Beth Meeks, and Rita Norvell. Halls Junior High, Dana

Incrocci. Halls High School, Betty Warren.

From the Lauderdale Optional High School, Jimmy Clendenin, Jackie W. Jones, and Shirley Robinson and Dennis Strayhorn.

Ripley Elementary School winners were Sharlene Angelton, Dian Akin, Kori Burkhead, Jill Carpenter, Ilene Davenport, Joy Deming, Vicky Elder, Heather Eskridge, Andrea Gibson, Misty Hall, Iva Jarrett, Sandy McLemore, Norma Pearson, Angela Sanders, R. Dawn Steelman, Betty Thomas, Lillie Treadway, and Kathi Wilder.

Ripley High School was Susan L. Farris, Beth Ann Newman and M. Sargent.

Ripley Primary School was June Bates, Kim Blackstock, Jennifer Brandon, Debbie Brewster, Marilyn Craig, Chloe Garner, Brenda Harrell, Ernestine C. Henderson, Linda Jetton, Heather Kennedy, Joanne Lewis, Barbara Mann and Lesley Olds, Elaine Parker, Pam Reviere, Brandi Rickard, Donna Thompson, Debora D. Tyus, Amanda Wade, April R. York, and Frances T. Young.

Lauderdale Middle School winners were Mary Ellen Carnell and Holly Hunter, Anita Christman, Holly Fisher, Melissa Harper, Angela Herron, Cindy Hilton, Susan Hume, Virgie Jaquess, Steve Littlejohn, Rose Lummus, Lori Martin, Cheryl McLemore, Carla Moody, Theresa Pennington, Suzanne Ryan, and Nancy Strantz.



THERESA WAKEFIELD, of 164 South Jefferson, Ripley, holds the U.S. flag raised Tuesday on the flag-pole she donated to the new Lauderdale County Library in Ripley in memory of her late husband, Hobson Murrey Wakefield (1930-1984).

U.S. Rep. John Tanner had the flag flown over the nation's Capitol on Nov. 9th.

With Mrs. Wakefield were, from left, her children, Verlon Murrey Wakefield, of Ripley, and Terry Ann Shea, of Germantown.

To the right of the flag-pole were County Executive Rozelle Criner, who raised the flag, and State Rep. Craig

Fitzhugh, presenting a state flag flown over the state Capitol Nov. 22nd.

Watching were, from right, the Assistant Librarian, Wanda Clark, and the Librarian, Marilyn Useton.

Criner and Fitzhugh spoke in appreciation of the gift of the flag-pole when it was near elimination from the plans, in order to meet funds available.

Hobson Murrey Wakefield was born July 10, 1930, to Mary Frances Turner and Leonard Jack Wakefield. After attending Ripley schools, he was graduated in 1952 from the University of Mississippi, where he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and served in the Army during the

Korean war. He returned to wed Theresa Ann Rainey, of Ripley.

Active in Ripley Church of Christ, he was a Master of Ripley's Masons and president of the Ripley Shrine Club.

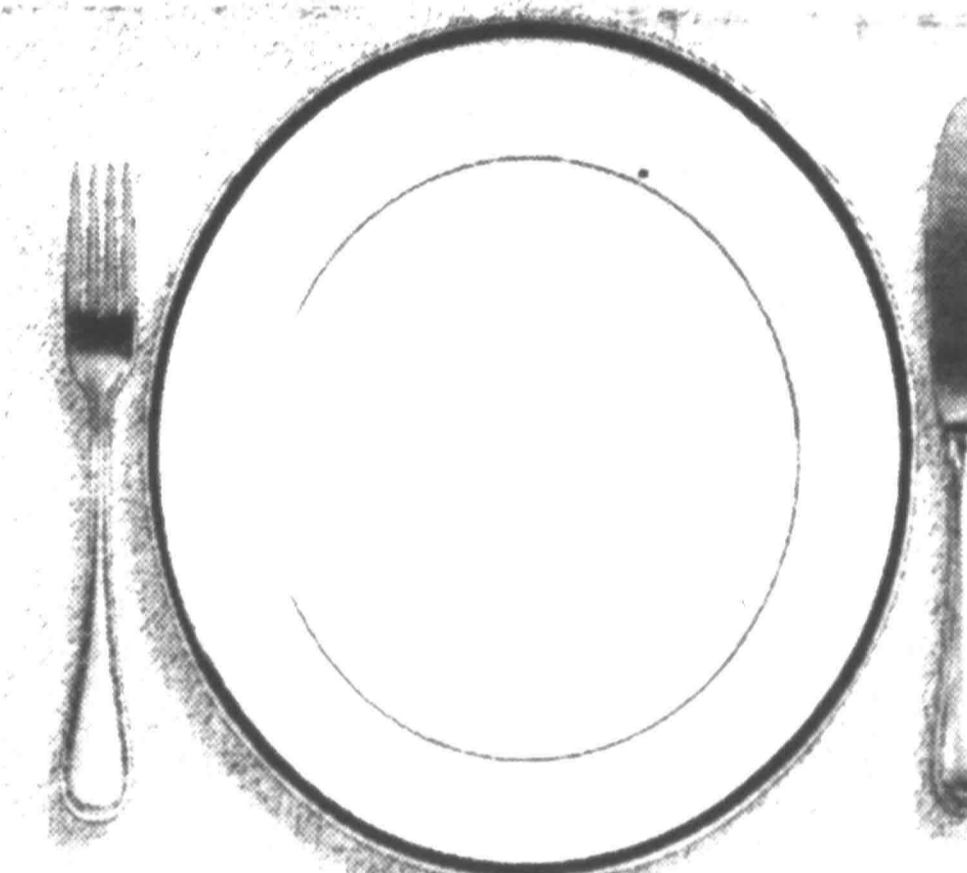
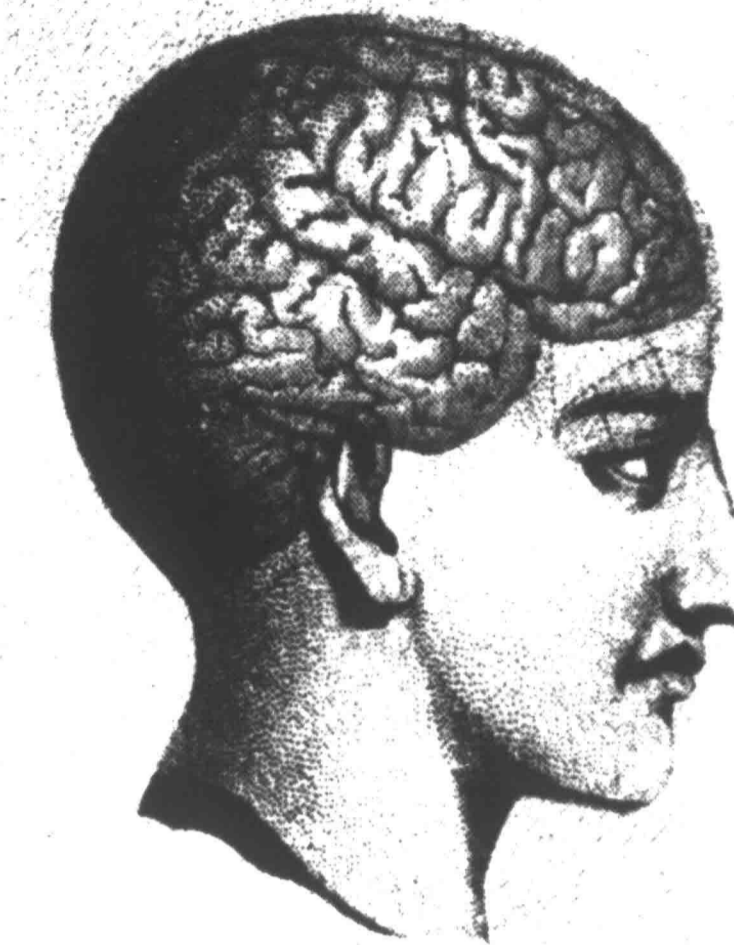
He served on the Lauderdale County Court and its Industrial Committee and chaired the Advisory Board of the County's health care facilities.

An ardent supporter of Ripley High School athletics, he founded, with his brother, Gordon, the Verlin Wakefield Sportsmanship Award presented each year by the RHS coaching staff.

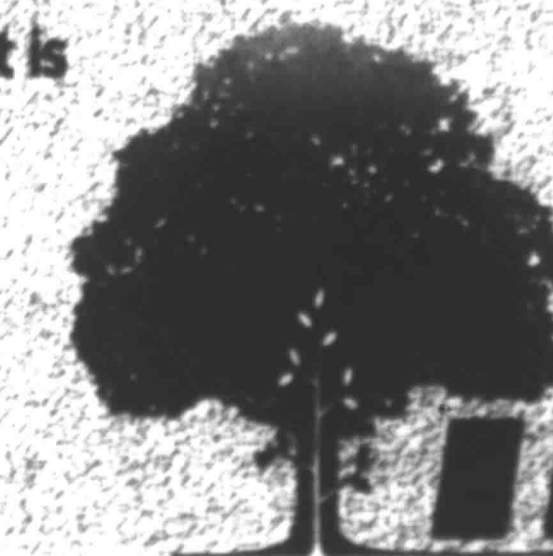
Criner and Fitzhugh expressed gratitude for his life and for the flag-pole, a gift befitting his military, civic, and public service.

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JERRY EMMONS, President of the Halls Booster Club, received a check Tuesday from, from left, Zina Hamlet, Shirley Robison, Angie Ezekiel, and Jodi Edwards, of BankTennessee, for the Halls High School Booster Club. BankTennessee supported the team with a \$25 donation for each touchdown.

Marriages

Nov. 19 - Brain Keith Goodman, 21, to Tina Christine Lieurance, 23, by Bishop Noah G. Spain.

Nov. 29 - Jeffrey Wayne Brown, 36, to Audry Elaine Wilcox, 29, by Willard Norvell.

Graduate



BILLIE MORRIS, right, graduate of the 3rd annual Leadership Lauderdale Class, was presented the "Most Creative Thinker" award Tuesday, November 23rd at the graduation ceremonies, which were held at the Rolling Hills Country Club. The award, was voted on by fellow class members and awarded by Mayor Webb Banks, of Brownsville, who was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremonies.

Graduates of the 1999 Leadership Lauderdale Class were Christene Anderson, Alonzo Beard, Robyn Brantley, Jayme Ann Buntin, Janice Craig, Sam

Davis, Seal Elder, Keith Kluttz, Johnnie Matthews, Bob McCullough, Jimmy Meeks, Donna Moore, Jeff Moore, Billie Morris, Jamie Reynolds, Sondra Reynolds, Jamie Sweat, Judy Tyree, James Tyus, and Ron Weir.

They each completed a five-month class, which consisted of an opening reception, six informative sessions on various aspects of the county, and the graduation ceremonies.

Anyone who is interested in the Leadership Lauderdale Program can contact the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce.

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Mrs. Reynolds

Betty Ruth Reynolds, 47, of Gates, sewing machine operator for S&P Apparel in Dyersburg, died Monday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery.

She was a member of Elon Baptist Church near Halls.

She leaves her husband, Elvis W. Reynolds; two daughters, Britney Reynolds, of Gates, and Angela Marie Agee, of Halls; her parents, the William Blakleys, of Halls; four brothers, Rodney and Jimmy Dale Blakley, of Halls, Mike Blakley, of Ripley, and Larry Blakley, of Dyersburg; a sister, Louise Eaton, of Bon Aqua; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Pickens

Ruth Keltner Pickens, 74, Halls bookkeeper, died Sunday, of heart blockage, in Canterbury Place in Dyersburg.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Grace Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Thomas Auford Pickens, she leaves a son, Thomas, Jr., of Milan; a daughter, Patricia Ferland, of Johnsonville, S.C.; two sisters, Betty F. Burks, of Nashville, and Veddie Lou Brown, of Smithville; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Cedric Taylor, Jr.

Cedric Taylor, Jr., 2-day-old son of Kim Floyd and Cedric M. Taylor, of Halls, died Thursday of last week, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital, of birth complications.

Services were held Saturday in Trinity Church at Gates, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include five brothers, Cedarius and Jamal Taylor, of Dyersburg, and Crandon Flody, Dexter Flody, and Tristan Robinson, of Halls; a sister, Myah Taylor, of Dyersburg; and his grandparents, James Taylor, of Halls, Ann Taylor, of Henning, Linda Johnson, of Ripley, and Tyrone Floyd, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Carl Fisher

Delores Lea Fisher, 60, of 2079 Hwy. 88 west of Halls, widow of

Carl O. Fisher, died Friday, of kidney failure, in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg.

Halls Funeral Home arranged rites at 2 p.m. Monday in Ellyston Funeral Home in Glenville, W. Va., with burial in the Cedarville, W. Va., Cemetery.

She leaves four sons, Carl, Jr., and Edward Lee Fisher, of Halls; Albert Fisher, of Lorain, Ohio, and Johnny Dale Fisher, of Elyria, Ohio; a daughter, Loretta Diane Debrovich, of Parma, Ohio; three brothers, Allen

Gregory, of Elyria, and Randy and Raymond Gregory, of Glenville; four sisters, Sandra Clevinger, of Dyersburg, Janice Clouser and Phyllis Marks, of Elyria, and Pamela Wilhelm, of Orrville, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lewis Weeks

Lewis Weeks, 72, of Finley, father of Joann Bates, of 1040 Wilkes Road, Gates, and of Sheila Warden, of 1530 Mill Creek Road, northwest of Halls, died Saturday,

of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Rehobeth Cemetery at Roellen.

He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, two sons, Danny Lee Weeks, of Roellen, and Lewis David Weeks, of Dy-

ersburg; two other daughters, Sandra Weeks, of Finley, and Beverly Brooks, of Dyersburg; a brother, Grady, of Tiptonville, four sisters, Lucille Carroll, of Finley, and Betty Cox, Clara Campbell, and Lillian Hamm, all of Dyersburg; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Puppies have 32 temporary teeth, which they begin to lose when they are about five months old. Adult dogs have 42 teeth.

NOTICE

Delta Human Resource Agency will be accepting applications for the Emergency Heating Program beginning Monday, December 6, 1999. Applicants who have already been approved for the Regular Heating Program will not be eligible to apply for Emergency Heating.

To be eligible to apply for Emergency Heating, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Household must have an official shut-off notice from one of its energy suppliers or a public housing or Section 8 tenant has received an eviction notice due to unpaid energy bills, or has less than one month's supply of home delivered fuel. **NOTE: DUE TO LIMITATIONS OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM NO DIRECT CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED FOR KEROSENE OR BOTTLED PROPANE GAS.**
1. Household has experienced uncontrollable circumstances during the 90-day period prior to application which have not allowed the payment of energy bills. These circumstances include but are not limited to:
 - a. One or more family members have been placed in layoff status at work.
 - a. Household's wage earner leaves the home
 - a. Death of a wage earner

Households with elderly (over 60) or handicapped members and with children six years of age or younger will not be required to meet the uncontrollable circumstances.

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Bring your sister / Bring a friend.

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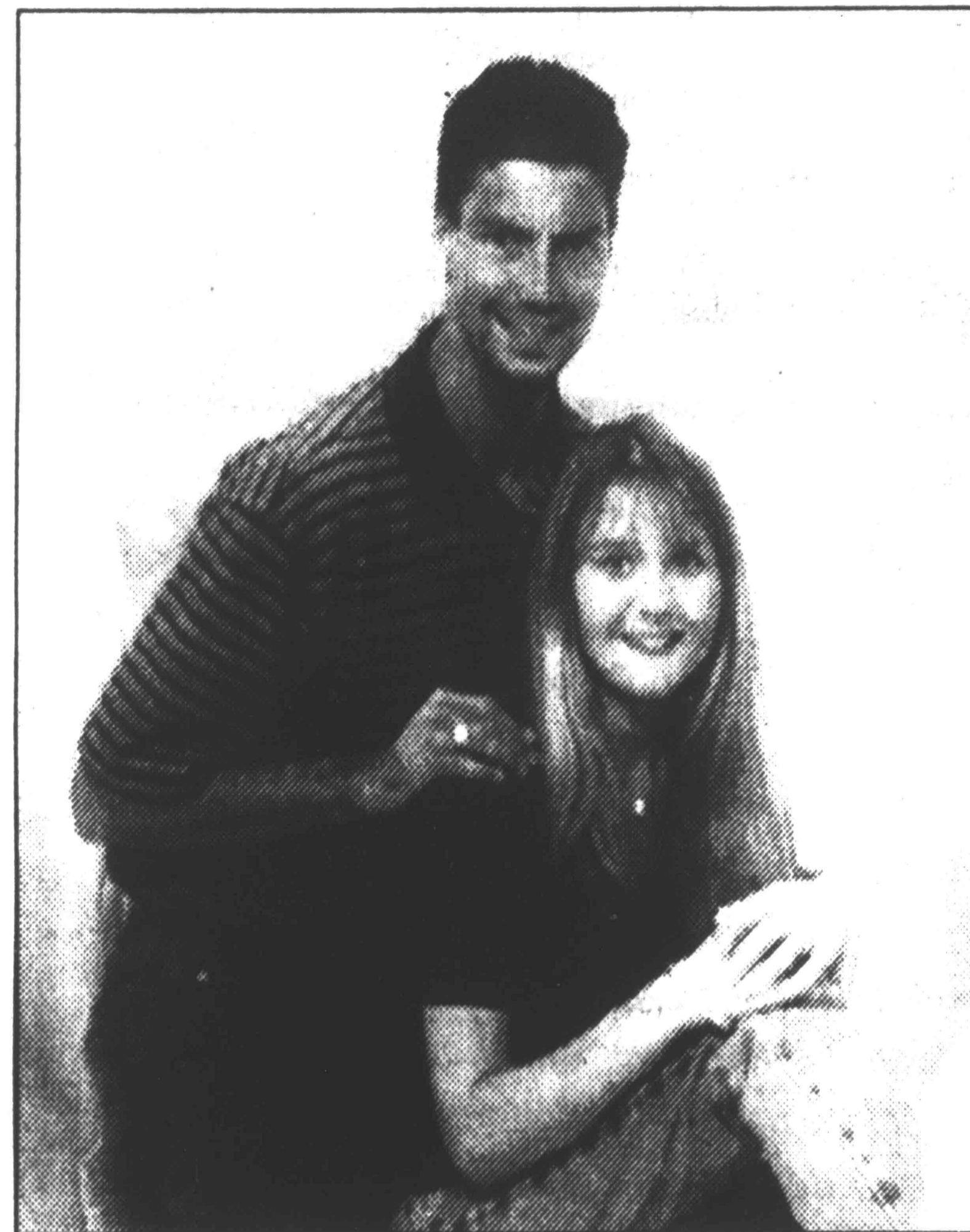
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To Wed In Gatlinburg



BRETT ALLEN GRANT, physical education teacher in Ripley Elementary School, will marry Melissa Darlene Riley at 5 p.m. Dec. 29th in the Precious Moment Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg.

He is the son of the Danny Grants, of Bells, and grandson of Max Grant, of Bells, Dorothy Pittman, of Alamo, and the late J. L. and Mary Britt.

A 1992 graduate of Crockett High School, he took a bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Tennessee in Martin in 1998.

Melissa is the daughter of the Michael Rileys, of Frog Jump, and the grand-daughter of the James Rileys, of Frog Jump, and the late Dorothy Moore, of Halls.

A 1998 graduate of Crockett County High School, she is employed by Goody's Family Clothing in Dyersburg.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Caleb, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, Joni Emerson, of Halls, and Jimmy Emerson were Thanksgiving guests of the Floyd Emersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders and son, David, of Ripley, Mrs. Lewis Mills, of Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Webster and son, Miles, of Central, and Mrs. Elaine Edward and children were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Ronnie Carmacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Jimmy Howards in Memphis.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, spent Wednesday through Saturday of last week with her parents, the Pharis Escues. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbitt, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, were Thanksgiving guests of the Pharis Escues. Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, of Memphis, Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, Mrs. Juanita Stanley, of Forked Deer, and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Joe and Jacob, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Jerry Apfells in Covington.

Mrs. Mike McNeill hosted a bridal shower for Jaimee Apfell Sunday afternoon. Friends from

Married in Memphis



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT T. MEEKS, JR. were married in Memphis November 27th in the presence of family and friends.

Mrs. Meeks is the daughter of Doris S. Hill and the late H. B. Hill, of Gates.

Mr. Meeks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Meeks, Sr., of Senatobia, Miss.

Memphis, Covington, and Ripley attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Koontz and children, Bryan Jr., Jason, Leanne, and Ethan, of Madison, Wis., and

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pierce, of Chicago, Ill., spent the holiday weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Koontz and

Birthdays

Dec. 2 - Danny Beard, Marilyn Craig, Luke Studard, Jeff Durham, J. W. Pipkin, Leah Simpson, Tony Wyrick.

Dec. 3 - James Hall, Beth Buckner, Pat Coffey, Muriel Sandlin, Bill Woodley, Hilda Sanders, Tamara Wright.

Dec. 4 - Charlene Meyer, Leland Gaines, Nancy Smalley, Steve Dew, Carlee West, Richard Jennings, Brenda Whitson, Clay Maclin, Kim Wilson, Angie Steelman, John Hickman, Nancy Hart, Eric Wright, Misty Johnson.

Dec. 5 - Owen Thurmond, Randy Paris, Jr., Kenny Pridmore, Kate Ewell, Mario Brooks.

Dec. 6 - Curtis McLemore, Susie White, Benny Jones, Lisa U. Ennis, Larry White, Sharry Sammons, Melanie Pugh, Kelsey Jordan.

Dec. 7 - Nina James, Rose Mary Jones, Jeff Belton.

Dec. 8 - Rachel Harmon, Edna Lane, Brad Simpson, Linda Jennings, Gary Wayne Steelman, Brenda Hilliard, Donna Pugh, Brandy Brasfield.

children, Bryan Jr., Jason, Leanne, and Ethan, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pierce, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry in Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, of Cordova, Ernest Jackson, of Ripley, and Joe Fincher, of Frog Jump, were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

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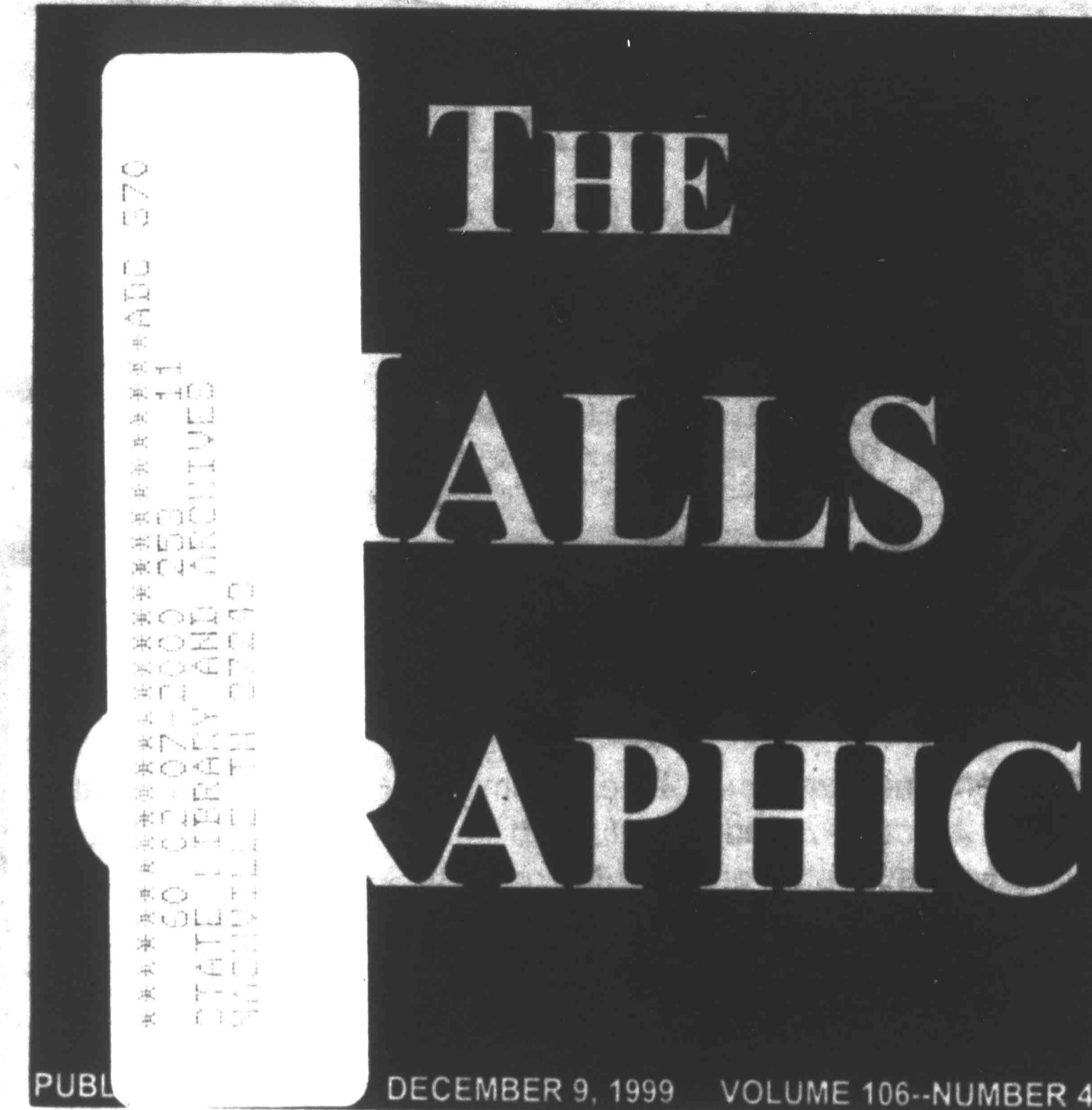
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Christmas At The Library



BILLIE MORRIS, left, President of the Friends of the Library, and Lynn Brackin, right, Secretary, have finalized the plans for Christmas at the Library, which will be celebrated Friday, December 10th from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and December 11th from 10 a.m. until noon.

Mrs. Morris said, "This is the first Christmas to be celebrated at the new Lauderdale County Library. We want to showcase the new facility."

Nativity Scene collections will be on display, including a glass collection owned by Assistant Librarian Wanda Clark, a handmade wooden scene by W. G. Chuck Hendren, and a handmade cloth nativity scene owned by Mrs. Fredonia Kirby.

A historical collection of Christmas menus and cookbooks will also be displayed.

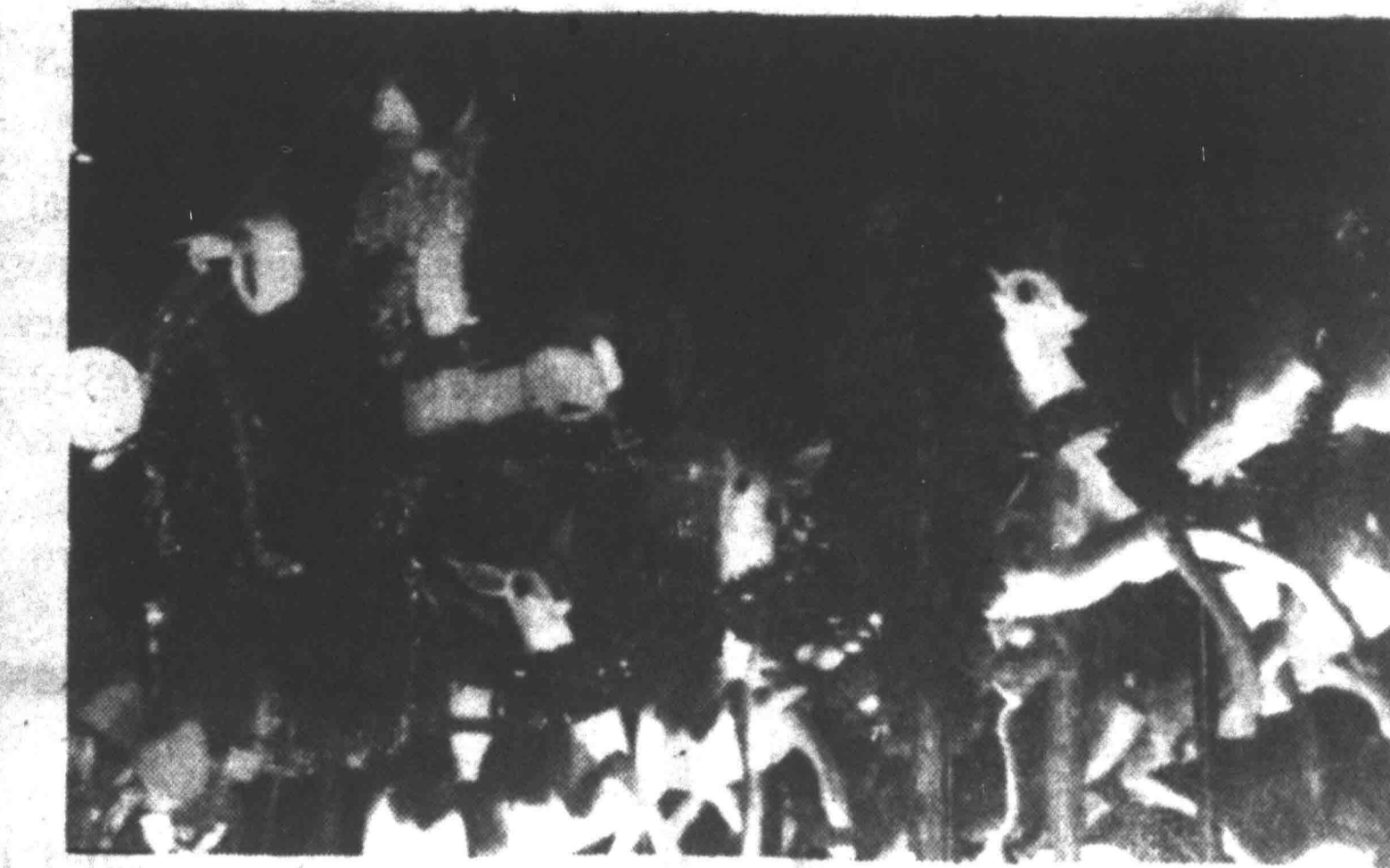
The FCE Clubs of Lauderdale County will provide refreshments. Kevin and Kim Connell have decorated the Library.

Holiday storytime will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 11th. The public is invited to attend the festivities.



RACHEL ANTHONY, Probate and Juvenile Court Judge, recently attended the Fall College of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, on the campus of the University of Nevada. Judge Anthony received one of only three scholarships to attend this training awarded by the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

While serving a second term as a member of the Executive Council, Anthony also serves on the Ethics and Legislative Committee of the Tennessee Council.



HALLS CHRISTMAS PARADE was held Nov. 30th in the cold night air and winners were announced afterwards. Winners included Mayor's Trophy, Animal Care Clinic.

Business and Civic trophies were awarded to Zion Baptist Church, first, and Concord Methodist, second.

Industry winners were Caterpillar PMC, first, and ERMCO, second.

Most Original, ERMCO was awarded first, and Animal Care Clinic was awarded second.

Antique cars; first Nelson

Young 1929 Model A Ford; second Joe Baker Oil 1920 Model T Ford.

Modified cars; Mike and Linda Perry 1953 Ford Pick-up, first, and Buck Vaughn 1994 Chevrolet Phantom Duelee (Modern).

Classic cars; Nelson Young 1996 Ford Mustang, first, and Joe Baker Oil 1960 Original Chevy El Camino.

Kathy Moore, first, Ed Hunter, second, and Lesa Hughes and Dusty DeLoach, third, won awards for their horses.

Halls' Senior Center Christmas Activities

Halls' Senior Center, 605 Airport Street, Halls, has scheduled several activities for the month of December. Upcoming activities include a Christmas Coloring Contest Dec. 10th, practice caroling, Dec. 13th, a program by the Halls Elementary School Dec. 14th, and Love is Shining Program in Covington, Dec. 15th.

For information call the center at 836-5444. Transportation is provided for all of Lauderdale County.

Ripley Bands Plan Christmas Concert

Ripley High School and the Lauderdale Middle School Bands will perform their annual Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12th in the LMS Gym. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

Each of the four bands will perform familiar Christmas music arranged in different ways as well as some that are unfamiliar. The bands are directed by Howard Luttrell and Joseph Nichols. The public is invited.

The Band Boosters will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13th at the Ripley High School Bandroom. Instead of a board meeting this will be a Christmas social. Any parent is invited to attend and bring a Christmas dish for refreshments.

Specialist



RUSSELL EDWARD REVIERE, son of Russell and Sammie Reviere, was recently certified as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization. This program was established in 1994 by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Reviere, of the Jackson law firm of Rainey, Kizer, Butler, Reviere, & Bell, met strict requirements to receive the award, including having the required years of experience in his field, establishing special education, and having positive recommendations

Title I Honors Given To Halls Elementary

Dr. Joan Hartman, supervisor of Federal Programs in Lauderdale County Schools, has been notified by the State Department of Education that Halls Elementary School has been named as a Distinguished Title I School.

The honor, given only to three schools in the state, is based on evidence of the school's success of the Title I program at the school, achievement data, community involvement, and awards the students and school have received.

Principal Pat Carmack, curriculum coordinator, Mrs. Phillis Barlow, Title I teachers and assistants, Mrs. Teresa Gooch, Mrs. Kay Hansford, Mrs. Jo-Anne Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Noblin, and Mrs. Pat Webb, and support of the parents and others in the community were instrumental in making the Title I program a success.

The school will receive the award at a banquet in Nashville in March.

RHS Club To Present Comedy Performance

The Drama Club of Ripley High School will present Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10th to the students and at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11th to the public.

The cast and crew, which consist of students in grades nine through twelve, have been rehearsing the show for six weeks. Cast members include Kristin Murphy, Timothy Cummings, David Cannon, Amanda Quafe, James Todd, and Daniel Quafe. The stage and technical crew includes Raheem Bhatti, Jeff Northcott, Eura Mann, Melissa Michaels, Stephanie Elder, Dwan Anderson, Haley Gibson, and Kim Cannon.

Tickets are \$3 and are available in advance or at the door. All proceeds will fund future productions.

from other lawyers, judges, and clients.

Reviere has also been approved for membership in the International Association of Defense Counsel and has been selected and approved as a federal mediator for the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

NOTICE - Chitosan 500 mg. Fat burner is now available at Arnold's Drug Co., 112 East Main Street, Halls, 901-836-7211.

NIGHTWATCH SERVICES

Halls First Assembly of God, 113 S. Halls St., will host "New Year's Eve Nightwatch" services beginning at 8 p.m. December 31st. The Rev. A. L. Land and the congregation invite the public to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

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R. T. Meeks Dies; Arkansas Banker

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Halls Funeral Home preceded burial in Antioch Cemetery for Robert Thomas Meeks, Jr., 58, vice-president of First National Bank in Sharp County, in northeast Arkansas, who died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in his home.

A Rotarian, he was a member of the Ward St. Church of Christ. He worked with Special Olympics.

He leaves his wife, Shirley Dean Hill Meeks; three sons, R. T. III and Caldwell Koptert Meeks, of St. Louis, Mo., and Logan Edward Meeks, of Denver, Col.; his parents, Robert and Daphne, and a brother, Charles Edward Meeks, of Senatobia, Miss.; three sisters, Pamela Meeks and Brenda Camp, of Senatobia, and Melody Steik, of Cabot, Ark.; and one grandchild.

Mrs. Morris

Jennie Rebecca Morris, 79, who was born in this county, Sept. 1, 1920, daughter of the late Clarence and Sadie Danvuson Cates, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in her home at 1057 Fleese in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Memphis.

Wife of Cleveland Morris for 61 years, she leaves two sons, Bobby, of Gloster, La., and Lee, of Lafayette, Ga.; two daughters, Kathy Milan, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Linda Jacobs, of Keithville, La.; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

John B. Clanton

John Billy Clanton, 64, of Friendship, the father of Michael Wayne Clanton and Patricia Solis, of Gates, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, at home.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

For 30 years, he had been a self-employed electrician.

He was the widower of Ruth Ann Clanton.

Survivors include three other daughters, Donna Sue Clanton, of Friendship, Carolyn Sisk, of Dyersburg, and Sharon Canada, of Ridgely; a brother, James Luther Clanton, of Yorkville; two sisters, Dorothy Ma-

ness, of Dyersburg, and Christine Arnold, of Tennessee; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Climer, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, and Weldon Baker, of Memphis, were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Wendy and Michelle Simpson, of Lightfoot, visited their grandparents, the Pharis Escues, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited their daughter, Mrs. Barry Jordan, and Mr. Jordan in Memphis Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

Our hearts have truly been touched by the ways so many have reached out to our family since the sudden loss of our loved one, Betty Reynolds. The calls, visits, food, flowers, and especially your continued prayers have meant more than words can express. We want to give a special thanks to Bro. Robert Prince and the members of Elon Baptist Church, employees of S & P Apparel and World Color Press Dyersburg.

Betty's Family

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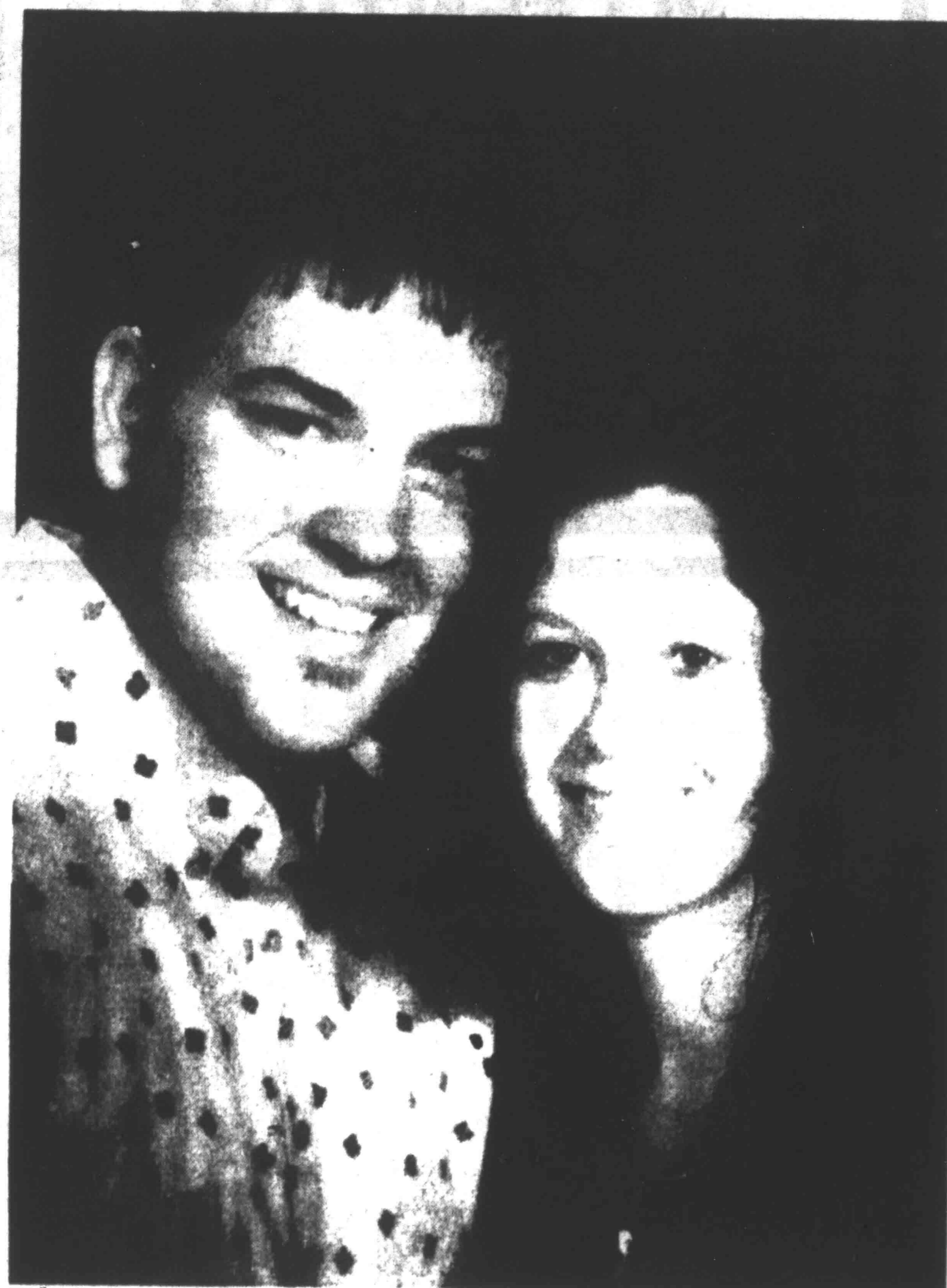
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December Vows Nearing Double Vows Exchanged



KELLY RENEE TILLMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman, Jr., of Halls, will marry **Charles Lanny Moore, Jr.**, son of Lanny Moore, Sr., of Ripley, and Rick and Patricia Buckner, of Brownsville, at 5 p.m. December 18th at the Courtsquare Wedding Chapel in Troy. All friends and family are invited to attend.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gailon Smith, the late Lawson Tillman, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parish, all of Halls, and Mrs. Barbara Sue Osteen, of Brownsville.

A 1996 graduate of Halls High School, the bride elect was editor of the school newspaper.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Houston Daniels, of Brownsville, and Mrs. Pattie Sue Moore and the late James H. Moore, of Ripley.

A 1993 graduate of Haywood High School, the groom-to-be was a member of the football team and Art Club President. He is currently employed by Slab to Stone in Gates as a Layout Technician.

The couple will reside in Forked Deer.



MR. AND MRS. TED M. CARTWRIGHT were married in a double ring ceremony at 6 p.m. December 1st at Central Assembly of God Church.

The bride, the former **Debbie Renee Swann**, daughter of Jean Gates, of Ripley, and James Swann, of California, was given in marriage by her nephew, Steven Burtle.

The groom is the son of Anne Cartwright and the late Everett Cartwright, of Ripley.

Tammi Conrad, of Ripley, the bride's sister, served as Matron of Honor. Gentry Cartwright and Meagan Cartwright, of Friendship, the groom's daughters, served as bridesmaids.

Adam Cartwright, of Friendship, the groom's son, served as Best Man. David Juarez, of Ripley, the bride's son, served as groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given by Tammi Conrad and Jean Gates in the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted M. Cartwright will reside at 1979 George Brown Rd. in Ripley.

Birthdays

Dec. 9 - David Williams, Harriet King, Debra Hargett, Chris Nelson, Jeffrey Davis, Carol Broadstreet, Robert Pipkin, Carolyn Deaton, Lori Booker, Rob Burks, Bret Malone.

Dec. 10 - Lynn Harmop, Scott Webb, Wendy Burks, Jack Henderson, Tiffany Beasley.

Dec. 11 - Micheal Cooper, Chris Wright, Terry Bentley, Laura Frazier.

Dec. 12 - Jean Tims, B. B. Douglas, Chris Broglin, Vera Connor, Erick Baker, Jessica Middleton, Jonathan Hilliard, Kathryn Pitts.

Dec. 13 - Joel Cummings, Willie Griggs, Kaylee Schroberger, Allison Marie Winn, Carol Anderson, Anthony Jones, Nita Harrell.

Dec. 14 - Billy Lankford, Rick Vowell, Laura Walker, Tyler Wood, Kathy Wiggins, Paula Bales.

Dec. 15 - Sarah Hutcherson, F. A. Blakely, Jr., David Langley Cove, Lacy Barnett.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Dec. 13th

Pizza
Cheesburger
Seasoned Fries
Carrot & Celery Sticks w Dip
Fresh Orange
Applesauce
Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 14th

Tacos w Trimmings
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Whole Kernel Corn
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Pineapple Chunks
Fresh Apple
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 15th

Chicken Nuggets
Entree School's Choice
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Peach Slices
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 16th
CHRISTMAS MEAL

Sliced Ham w Raisin Sauce
Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Peas
Combination Lettuce Salad
Rolls

dren and Norman P. Hendren, Dist. 2, 0.270 acres.

Manson Younger to Albert F. Lackey and Annelida L. Lackey, Dist. 6, lot.

Nov. 24 - John Timothy Arnold and Tina Ray Arnold to Pamela A. Max and Phillip W. Max, Dist. 6, tract.

Bank of Halls to Billy G. Newsome and Mary E. Newsome, Dist. 12, 5.500 acres.

Nov. 29 - Bank of Ripley to Ellen Barfield and Larry Barfield, Dist. 2, lot.

Fisher Enterprises, LLC and MKM Enterprises, Inc. to Suzanne M. Criswell and Timothy W. Criswell, Dist. 8, lot.

Jonathan Dean Hawkins, Jr. and Marion Spinelli-Hawkins to Anthony, Lankford, and Poston, Dist. 2, 42.500 acres.

Nov. 30 - Albert A. Thornton to Showers of Blessings Community Church, Dist. 2, 2.210 acres.

Dec. 2 - Bank of Ripley to Jeffrey W. Mitchell, Dist. 15, lot.

Nancy Washington Snorton to Vernerdean Thompson, Dist. 2, lot.

Land Transfers

Deborah Russell and Stephen Russell, Dist. 11, 0.450 acres.

Charles E. Mount, Jr., Joyce Mount, and Joyce C. Newman to Deborah Russell and Stephen Russell, Dist. 11, tract.

Deborah Russell and Stephen Russell to Burnie W. Norman and Katherine Norman, Dist. 2, tract.

Nov. 23 - Dolan G. Craig and Marilyn M. Craig to Lisa C. Hendren and Norman P. Hendren, Dist. 2, 8.140 acres.

Allen O. Chambers, Jr. and Marsha Chambers to Lisa C. Hen-

Nov. 19 - Annie Laura Jennings and Manson Younger to Manson Younger, Dist. 6, lot.

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Town of Ripley Industrial Development Board to City of Ripley Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Dist. 2, 4.960.

Nov. 22 - Charles E. Mount, Jr. and Joyce Newman Mount to

DSCC Schedules Its 4 Halls Gridmen Spring Registration On All-Reg. List

Dyersburg State Community College has scheduled registration for the Spring 2000 semester for its Dyersburg, Gibson, and Tipton centers.

Students attending the Tipton County Center in Covington will register for classes from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. January 4th. Class registration at the Gibson County Center in Trenton will be held from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. January 6th. Registration will be held on the main campus in Dyersburg from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. January 13th. Registration for new degree-seeking students also will be held January 13th at 8 a.m. at Dyersburg.

Day and evening classes begin on January 18th. For more information, call 286-3330 in Dyersburg, 475-3100 in Covington, or 855-1419 in Trenton, or visit their website at www.dsc.ccc.tn.us.

Tennessee Troopers To Hold Road Block

Tennessee State Troopers have scheduled a DUI roadblock Sat., Dec. 17th to check for intoxicated drivers and other traffic violations. Troopers will be out in various area of the county checking for violations.

COMPLETES COURSE

Marine Pfc. Daron W. Westbrook, son of Corliss J. Rice, of 4345 Forked Deer Rd., Gates, recently completed the Basic Food Service Course with Marine Corps Detachment, U. S. Army Quartermaster Center at Fort Lee, Va.

Halls High School placed four football players on the All-Region teams for Region 7-2A:

John Allen Noblin, line-man, on the first team (offense).

Kenneth Dixon, back, on the second team (offense).

Ryan Ward, end, on the second team (offense).

Will Wright, line-backer, on the second team (defense).

Union City, unbeaten in the region for three seasons, dominated selections by 7-2A coaches.

Of 12 first-team choices, half are expected back next season.

For the 10th year in his 18 years as Union City coach, Randy Barnes, Ripley High School alum-nus, was named Coach of the Year.

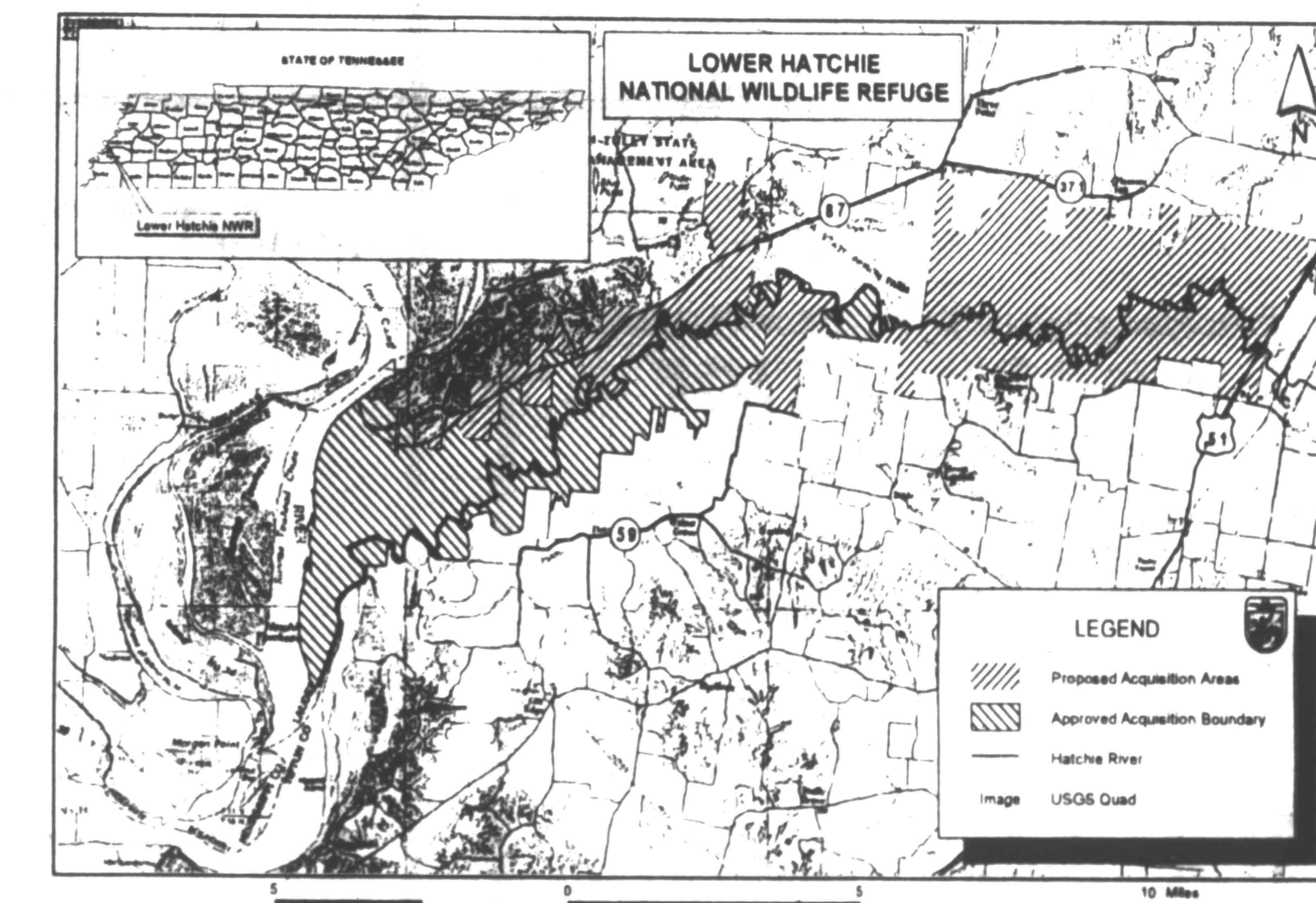
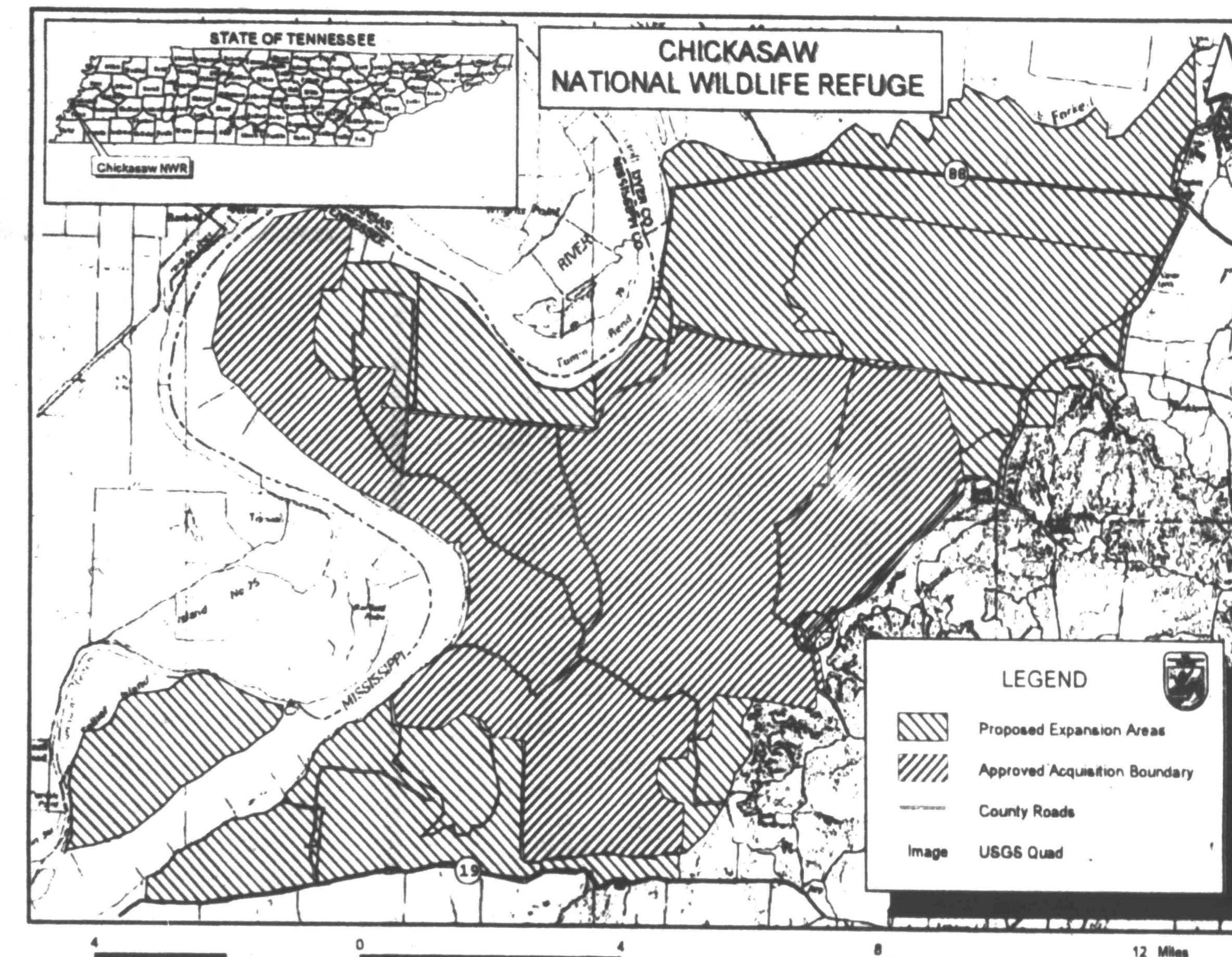
"ONCE UPON A CHILD"

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will perform "Once Upon a Child", a Christmas Cantata, at 6 p.m. December 19th and at 7 p.m. December 20th. Dr. Richard Bray, pastor of the church, and the congregation invite the public to attend.

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A 1999 graduate of Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, West-brook was promoted to his present rank after finishing the 11-week course.

Major Expansion Planned



COMMUNION

The Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will celebrate Holy Communion on Christmas Eve from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The Rev. Fran Vickers and the congregation invite the public to attend. Holy Communion will be served and the sanctuary will be available for meditation.

For more information, call The Rev. Fran Vickers at 836-0400 or 836-5503.

THE CHICKASAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, in upper photo, part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has planned a major expansion containing approximately 31,480 acres in Lauderdale County, adjacent to the current area. The Service plans to acquire the land of 127 land-owners through fee title purchases. This would involve acquiring less than 1 acre to 6,000 acres from each landowner.

The Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, in lower photo, also plans an expansion, to the

north and east of the current refuge. The property will expand the boundary by approximately 12,052 acres in both Lauderdale and Tipton Counties. 97 land-owners, with 1 to 2,200 acres and twenty tracts greater than 200 acres, will be affected.

The proposed expansions are to protect, enhance, and manage habitat for migratory birds and endangered wildlife, bottomland hardwood forests, the refuges' watersheds, and other environmental causes.

James Bradford

James Bradford, 77, of Covington, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ in Halls, of which he was a member, H. H. Hudson Funeral Home in Dyersburg in charge.

A World War II Army Veteran, he leaves his wife, Eula Bradford, a son, James L. Bradford, of Covington; three daughters, Charlotte Boyd, of Halls, Ida Taylor, of Toledo, Ohio, and Rita Payne, of Dyersburg; four brothers, Eddie Bradford, of Halls, Fred and Olyon Bradford, both of Gates, and W. H. Bradford, of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters, Mary Lipford and Louise Beckwood, both of Chicago, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

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Shakylan Gooch

Shakylan Mikhail Gooch, 6-month-old son of Veronica Gooch, of Halls, and Frank Wilks, of Brownsville, died Monday of last week, a crib death.

Services were at noon Friday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington.

Survivors include three sisters, **Shakya Gooch** and **Freonica and Jasmine Wilks**, of Halls; his grandparents, **Minnie and Zannie Gooch**, of Halls, **Frank Wilks**, of St. Louis, Mo., and **Minnie Blair**, of Brownsville; and his great-grandparents, **Alice Gooch**, of Ripley, **Anna Dewalt**, of Gates, and **Marietta Blair**, of Brownsville.

Roosevelt Jones

Roosevelt Jones, 78, retired farmer, of Halls, died Monday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion MB Church, with burial in its cemetery, Bledsoe/Thomas Funeral Home in charge.

A member of Mt. Zion MB Church, he leaves his wife, Clara Jones, of Halls, two sons, Richard C. Jones and Willie L. Jones, a

Johnsons Grove Road, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was active in the West Tenn. Bird Dog Field Trials.

He leaves his wife, Jerry Dale Scarborough Privett; a son, Tony, of 13032 Johnsons Grove Road; a daughter, Sherry Lynn Peters, of Friendship; a sister, Irma V. Heath, of Alamo; and four grandchildren.

Darrell Privett

William Darrell Privett, 59, a farmer, of 13078 Johnsons Grove Rd., south of Hwy. 88 in southwest Crockett County, died Tuesday of last week, of pneumonia, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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Willard Keeling

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Rites were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in Cryer Funeral Home in Obion, with burial in Zion Cemetery.

A member of Rehobeth Church of Christ, he was the widower of **Ada Grace Keeling**.

Survivors include two sons, **Joseph Harling** and **W. R., Jr.**, of Minnick, east of Ridgely; two other daughters, **Valerie Bevis**, of Newbern, and **Mary Simrell**, of Cloverdale, east of Ridgely; a brother, **Bill Keeling**, of Minnick, and three grandchildren.

Jackie Watts

Jackie Clyde Watts, 43, of Halls, died Monday, of heart disease, in Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Services were set for 1 p.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Antioch Cemetery near Halls.

A member of the Church of Christ in Halls, he worked in construction until the time of his illness.

Survivors include his wife, **Michelle Belew Watts**, a son, **Jordon Lewis Watts**, his mother, **Maurica Lovelace Lewis**, two brothers, **Tommy Watts** and **David Watts**, and a sister, **Lois Watts**, all of Halls, and another sister, **Mary Scabet**, of Ripley.

Birthdays

Dec. 16 - **Teresa Thurmond**, Mrs. Ruth Chism, John David Box, Kevin Williams, John Allen Noblin, Zachary McBroom, Randy Burns, Sarah Beth Warren.

Dec. 17 - **Joann Nelson**, Jessie Galloway, Sandra Burnham, Charlie Wyrick.

Dec. 18 - **Ruby Jackson**, Peyton Meyer, Amber Bivens, Caleb Wright, Mike Martin, Wayne Kitts, William Kitts, Bertha Northcott.

Dec. 19 - **Michael Fullen**, Stephen Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, Paula Henderson, Joshua Edwards, Darlene Palmer, Danny E. Cates, Holly Crook, Linda Ward Felts, Ben Ewell, Justin Northcott.

Dec. 20 - **Jeffery Etheridge**, Scotty Rambo, Amanda Britt, Allen Voss, Rebecca Carmack-Summer.

Dec. 21 - **John Gaddy**, Tim Hearnberger, Breanna Buckner, Alesia Craig, Erin Hutcherson, Marvin Terry, Hunter Mountjoy, Madison Hamlet, Sue Ward, Shelby Hurt, Marlon Devon Taylor.

Dec. 22 - **Christy Hamilton**, Jerry Smith, Joyce Avery, Kim Summar, Chisholm Vaughn, Justin McGaritty.

Land Transfers

Dec. 6 - **John B. Anthony** to **Kelly C. Daniels** and **Montgomery M. Daniels**, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Angela Akins and **Terry Adkins**, Sr. to **Deborah Ferguson** and

Alan Fisher, Dist. 12, lot.

Clemer Lavelle Mooror to **Rosie Lee Comb** and **Clemer Lavelle Mooror**, Dist. 1 14. 383 acres and 2.179 acres.

Doris Arnold and **Sammie L. Arnold** to **Heather Eskridge**, **Joe Eskridge**, **John Eskridge**, and **Lisa Eskridge**, Dist. 12, tract.

Dec. 7 - **Joy Yarbro** to **Jackie Owen Walker** and **Jennifer J. Walker**, Dist. 17, lot.

James C. Massey and **Margaret D. Massey** to **Carol M. Davis**, Dist. 2, tract.

Jane C. Cnihfield and **Marquis L. Cnihfield, Jr.** to **Rhonda Thomen**, Dist. 12, tract.

Dec. 9 - **Billie M. Jefferies** and **George Wallace Jefferies** to **James E. Ray** and **Michael L. Ray**, Dist. 2, tract.

Jeanenne Marie Sondgeroth and **Ralph David Sondgeroth** to **Julie M. Clark**, Dist. 7, 2,959 acres.

Drake Enterprises, Inc. to **United Inventory Service, Inc.**, Dist. 17, 7,300 acres.


Marriages

Dec. 4 - **Scotty Wayne Martin**, Sr., 28, to **Jessica Leann Davidson**, 21, by **Paul Duncan**.

Dec. 5 - **Dexter Bernard Dewalt**, 28, to **Krista Deashion Jones**, 25, by **Pastor Dexter G. Monagne**.

Dec. 7 - **Dickey Berkeen Utley**, 31, to **Jeana Shea Webster**, 18, by **Willard Norvell**.

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Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 13-7-203 notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2000 in City Hall. The hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed rezoning from R-2 to R-3 of a corridor of property along both sides of Church Street north of Tigrett Street.
A full copy of the amending documents may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES KESTLER will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, December 19th at the home of Larry and Gwen Kiestler at Curve.

Hosting the event will be their

children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to attend this celebration of James and Bertha, who were married in 1939 in Ripley by The Rev. James. L. Sullivan.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Voss, of Hartsville, Phillip Voss, of Belleville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen, of Mobile, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gilliland, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gamett, of Hopkinsville, Ky., daughters Rachel and Holly Baker, of Camden, Wanda Baker and son, Drew, of Ripley, Richard Voss and son, Michael, of Halls, and Mrs. Marie Furr, of Woodville, were dinner guests of Mrs. Mabel Voss Saturday. Junior Voss, of Gates, visited Saturday afternoon, and Mrs. Mary Lou McMahan, of Ripley, visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Virginia Conrad and Mrs. Jim Cole, of Jackson, were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. R.

H. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry and Mrs. Violet Williams, of Ripley, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams last Thursday night.

Mrs. Jack Johnson, of Waverly, visited the Floyd Emersons Saturday. Mrs. Emerson and Mrs. Johnson attended the Christmas program at Maranatha Church at Toulon Friday night.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughters, Lori and Amanda, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her parents, the Pharis Escues.

Mrs. Steve Willis and son, Daniel, of Nesbit, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack visited their daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Howard, and Mr. Howard, in Memphis Saturday.

Anniversaries

Dec. 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Mills.

Dec. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. David Young, III.

Dec. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hines.

Dec. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Durham.

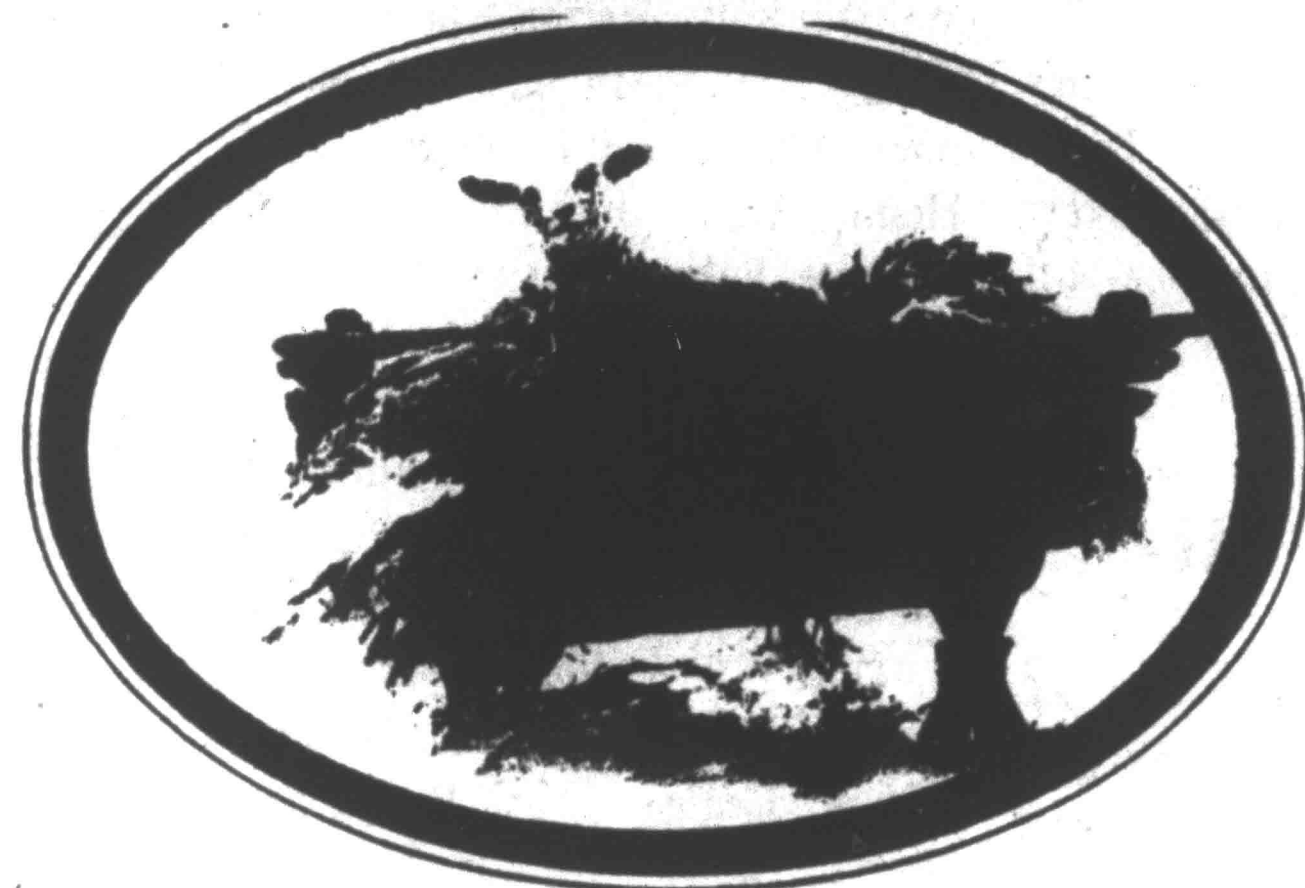
Dec. 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wheeler.

Dec. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex

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Self-existent Son of God, from heav'n He came to earth.

Mary had the little Lamb - He sleeps in yonder stall.
Virgin born, He came in love, to save man from the fall.

Mary had the little Lamb. He came to set men free.
Scorned, rejected, crucified - He died on Calvary . . .

Mary had the little Lamb. Men placed Him in the grave -
Thinking they were done with Him. To death He was no slave!

Mary had the little Lamb - returning as foretold -
The world will watch in wonder, and the heavens will unfold.

When our Savior comes again to reign on earth from Zion,
It won't be as a silent Lamb, but as a roaring Lion.

May these thoughts of Him
bring peace and
contentment to you today
and in the New Year.

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Holiday Party



COLBY BAKER, seated, and Rex Haynes, standing, of Halls and the Helen Tucker Adult Developmental Center attended the Annual Traditional Marshmallow roast December 16th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nunn.

Birthdays

Dec. 23 - Alan Douglas, Helen Pollard, Jim Keller, Amanda Taylor.

Dec. 24 - J. W. Hilliard.

Dec. 25 - Judy Cummings, Sheri Mitchell, Jonathan Gaines, Tammy Kiestler, J. A. Dunaway, Bailey Hutcherson, Joe Eskridge, Terry Burns.

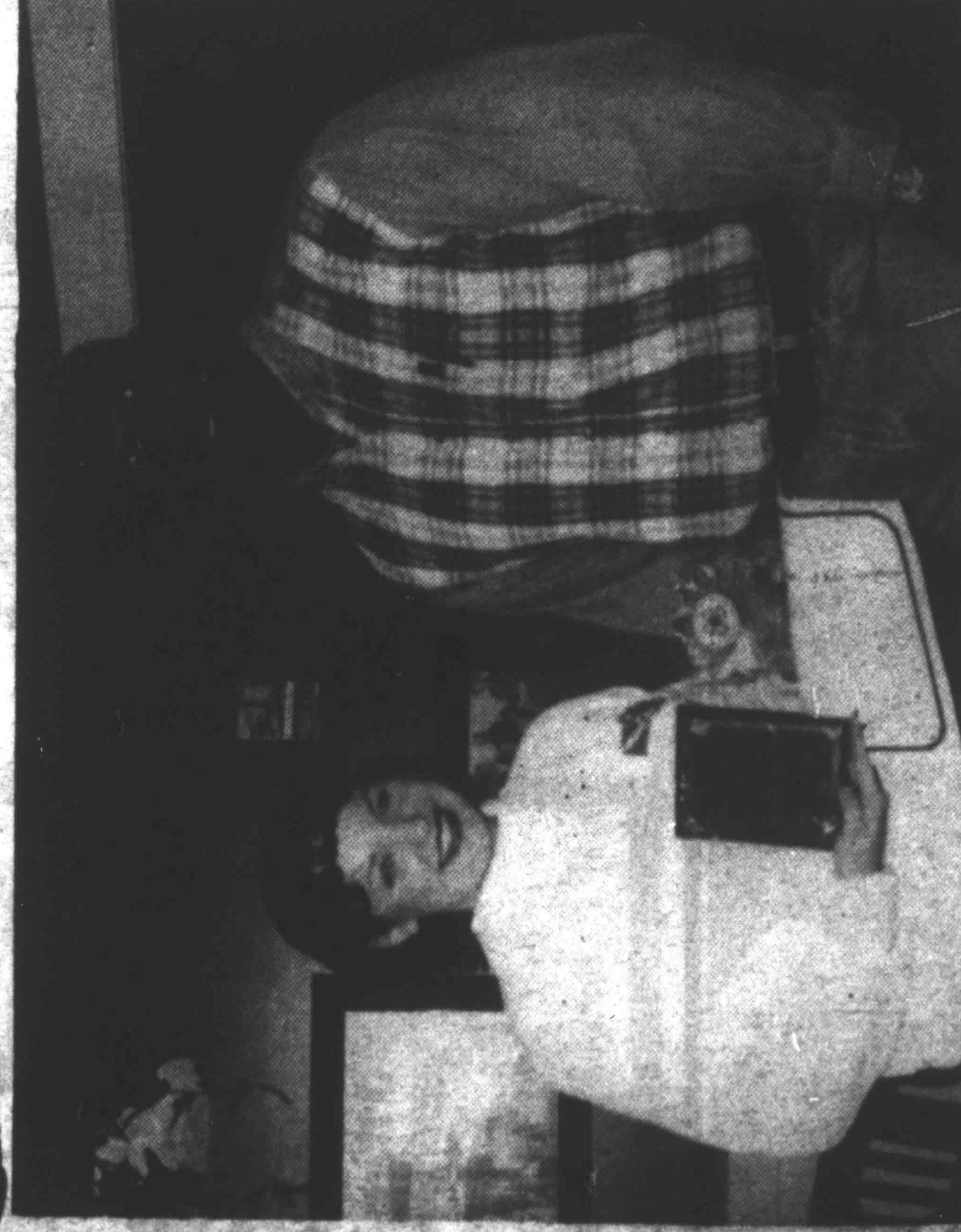
Dec. 26 - Jimmy (Chico) Hill, Jennifer Reynolds, Stacy Paris, Grant Dew, Joe Lovelace, John Reece, Jr., Dawn Pease Orman, L. Q. Russel.

Dec. 27 - Joan Sigman, Norman Hendren, George Rose, Chuck Porter, David Ream, Marie Swanner, Lillian Howard, Lynn Ward.

Dec. 28 - David Cook, William Reynolds, Larry Carden, Dustin White, Carolyn Williams, Frankie Hutcherson, Martha Crowder.

Dec. 29 - Patricia Galloway, Greg Mitchell, Maurice Gaines, Missy Raye Miller, Arthur Bentley, Jennifer Akin, Katelyn Cherry, Amy Roberson.

Awarded



ERIN STEELMAN, a Senior from Halls High School, was awarded a plaque and certificate from JC Dupree, Jr., UT Agricultural Extension Service agent, for her outstanding achievement in 4-H.

Erin, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steelman, won the Level II Swine Project to be one of only two Lauderdale County 4-H members in the last twenty-five years to qualify to attend the National 4-H Congress. She won the Level I Swine Project at the State 4-H Round-Up held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, for which she received the Silver Tray and a \$500 scholarship. She was se-

lected for the Vol State Award, which is the highest honor a 4-Her can achieve.

The National Congress, held November 26th through December 1st in Atlanta, Ga., chose for its theme "Make the Difference". Erin stayed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and attended the International Dinner, where 4-H members sampled foods from all over the world. Some of the keynote speakers for the event were Scott Holtenbeck, Paralympic Gold Medalist, Ted Turner, Vice-Chairman of Time-Warner, Inc., and Heather Renee French, Miss America 2000.

Holiday Closings Set For Area Businesses

The Lauderdale County Enterprise and The Halls Graphic office will close early Thursday for the holiday and reopen Monday at the regular time.

Bank of Ripley will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25th and Monday, Dec. 27th.

The Lauderdale County Bank in Ripley and Halls will close at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24th and open during their regular hours, Dec. 27th. They will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 31st and open Monday, Jan. 3rd at their regular time. Ripley's branch will not follow the schedule published in their Christmas advertisement. The time listed was last year's schedule. We apologize for any confusion.

First Citizens National Bank will close at noon Dec. 24th and open Monday, Dec. 27th with regular hours the remainder of the week, but will be closed Sat., Jan. 1st.

Union Planners Bank will close on Friday and reopen Monday at their regular time. They will be closed Sat., Jan. 1st for New Year's Day.

Offices in the Town of Halls will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23rd and 24th for Christmas and Dec. 31st for the New Year's holiday.

The U. S. Post Offices will be closed Saturday with no mail delivery that day.

Regular garbage pick-up in the city will be collected on Thursday instead of Friday for both Christmas and New Year.

MEETING

The Lauderdale County Board of Education held a called meeting December 14th and decided unanimously to offer a contract to Dr. Bobby G. Webb, the current Superintendent of Schools.

Christmas Lights Seen at Newmans

Approximately 250,000 Christmas lights can be seen at the home of Carl Newman in the Curve community. He has decorated most of his road, Harvey Newman Rd., with lighted ships, planes, Christmas trees, and other displays.

Newman, who began decorating in July, made all of the displays himself. His grandson, 2-year-old Tyler, helped him. Supplies have been donated by local businesses, and people from several states have left broken lights for Newman to fix and use.

Newmans' Winter Wonderland, which was featured on Memphis' Channel 3 TV, has been on display since December 3rd and will be lit up every night until Christmas. Santa Claus has been there every Saturday night, and children have left letters in his mailbox.

Anyone who wishes to see the lights should take Highway 209 (old Hwy. 51) 7 miles south of Halls or 7 miles north of Ripley and turn east at Curve-Woodville Rd. Drive 1 mile and turn left. The lights can be seen from nearby roads.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Haller Lodge No. 564 F. & A. M. recently elected and installed its new officers for the year 2000. Officers elected include Terry L. Bentley, Worshipful Master, Tommy Nix, Senior Warden, Mike Olds, Junior Warden, Charles Bowers, Treasurer, T. H. "Tommy" Simmons, Secretary, Bill Blankenship, Senior Deacon, Holford Swanner, Junior Deacon, Jas. P. Durham, Senior Steward, James Ross, Junior Steward, Richard "Dick" Spear, Chaplain, and Billy Hawkins, Tiler.

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 must rescue this helpless child from evil.
 He took the pearl and laid it in the hand of the girl and said "Daughter, this is the ransom. It is the last of my treasures which I had hoped to keep for the King."
 While he spoke, the darkness of the sky thickened and the shuddering tremors of an earthquake ran through the ground. The houses rocked. The soldiers fled in terror.

Araban sunk beside a protecting wall. What had he to fear? What had he to hope for? He had given away the last of his tribute to the King. The quest was over and he had failed. What else mattered?

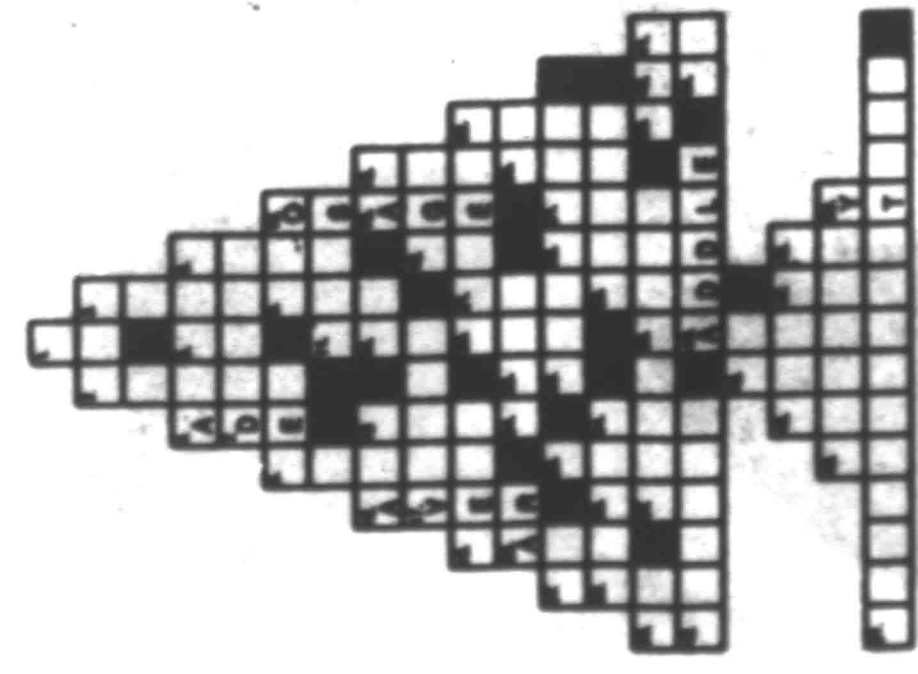
The earthquake quivered beneath him. A heavy tile, shaken from a roof, fell and struck him. He lay breathless and pale. Then there came a still small voice through the twilight. It was like distant music. The rescued girl leaned over him and heard him say, "Not so, my Lord; for when saw I these hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw I these a stranger and took thee in? Or naked and clothed thee? When saw I these sick or in prison and came unto thee? Thirty-three years have I looked for thee; but I have never seen thy face, nor ministered unto thee, my King."

The sweet voice came again. "Verily I say unto thee, that inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

A calm radiance of wonder and joy lighted the face of Araban as one long, last breath exhaled gently from his lips. His journey was ended. His treasure accepted.

Christmas Crossword

Clue's cross filled in a few letters we could help them!



- Across
- Corn on the cob
 - Hardly the month for Christmas
 - Same as before
 - Boy's nickname
 - Where animals are kept
 - Groups of Cub Scouts
 - Army Post Office (abbr.)
 - Article
 - Advertisement
 - One of Santa's reindeer
 - In the past
 - In this place
 - Sidewalk material
 - A land measure
 - Christmas (French)
 - Direction (abbr.)
 - Man's nickname
 - One of Santa's reindeer
 - Another reindeer
 - Drops from eyes
 - Roman numeral for six
 - Santa's team
 - Flow back
 - Fidels
 - To confuse
 - Year (abbr.)
 - Lake in California
 - Scrooge was
 - Holiday greeting
- Down
- Company (abbr.)
 - Name of reindeer
 - Another reindeer
 - A drink
 - Right (abbr.)
 - A water bird
 - So. American animal
 - Kind of tree
 - Name of reindeer
 - Affirm
 - Ox (pl.)
 - Another reindeer
 - Part of verb "to be"
 - Associated with angels
 - Happy
 - Short
 - Operation (abbr.)
 - Sur
 - Plural of foot
 - Want
 - Boy's name
 - Woman's title
 - To bind
 - Virginia (abbr.)

A Special Season

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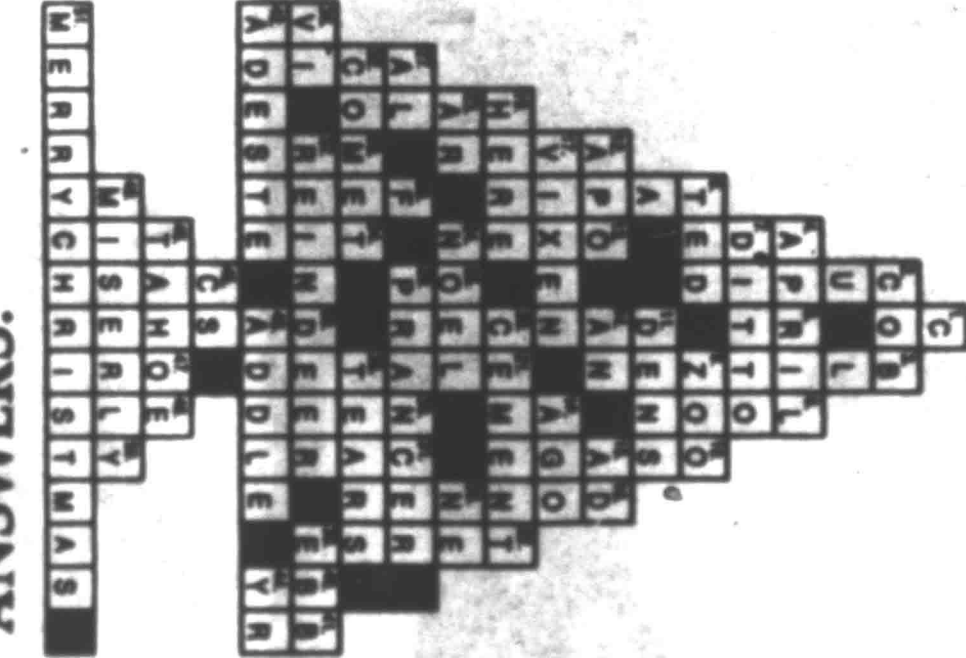
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ANSWERS:



- Another reindeer
- Beside
- Brother (abbr.)
- Needed to buy gifts
- A twitching
- Official Rules Institute (abbr.)
- Elevated Railroads (abbr.)
- Mine
- An element (abbr.)



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Christmas

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Thanks for bringing us so much joy with your visits!

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Land Transfers

Dec. 10 - Robin Taylor to Michelle Fitzhugh and Scott C. Fitzhugh, Dist. 17, tract.
 Frances Hutcherson and Wiley Hutcherson, Sr. to The Conservation Fund, Dist. 9, 273.663 acres.
 Dec. 13 - Janet Via to John Carroll, Dist. 3, 2,000 acres.
 Dorothy S. Woodard to Mary Ruth Oliver and Robert M. Oliver, Dist. 2, 8,000 acres and 1,000 acre. Allied Properties, LP to Ervin Lee Harris, Dist. 2, 0.246 acres.
 Glendora H. Clevenger to Shirley Brown and Nadine Terry, Dist. 12, lot.
 Union Planters Bank NA to Louis Minner and Shirley Minner, Dist. 11, 3 tracts.
 Dec. 14 - Nolan Crmer, Edward Embrey, and Virginia Walker to Eugene White, Dist. 14, 418,000 acres.
 Dec. 15 - Joe B. Osteen and Ora Rudine Osteen to Carrie L. Joseph and Stanley D. Joseph, Dist. 2, 0.300 acres.
 Diann Rigby and Elmo Len Holmes to Jackie A. Fancher and Richard A. Fancher, Dist. 3, 2,720 acres.
 Dec. 16 - Todd Duнавant to

Christopher T. Glenn and Pamela H. Glenn, Dist. 2, 3,660 acres.
 Gates Banking and Trust to Regina D. Ford, Dist. 7, 2,000 acres.
 Lisa C. Hendren and Norman Harrison, Dist. 2, lot.
 Hendren to Michael S. Fullen, Dist. 2, lot.
 Ross G. Hamb to Bertha Harrison, Dist. 2, lot.

The Season of

Cheer

When winter spreads its gentle mantle of white over the countryside, everyone warms with the spirit of this happiest of seasons.
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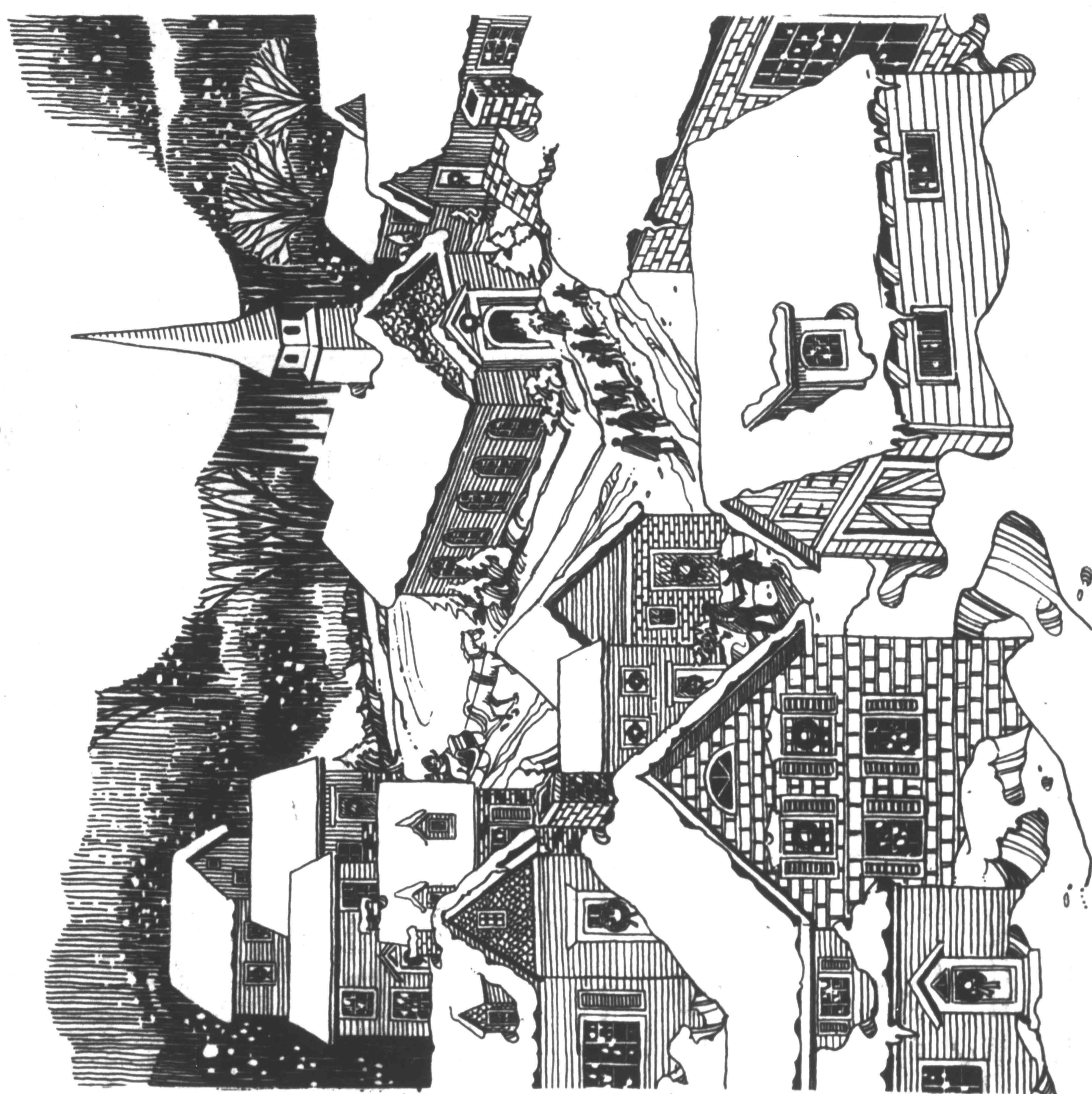
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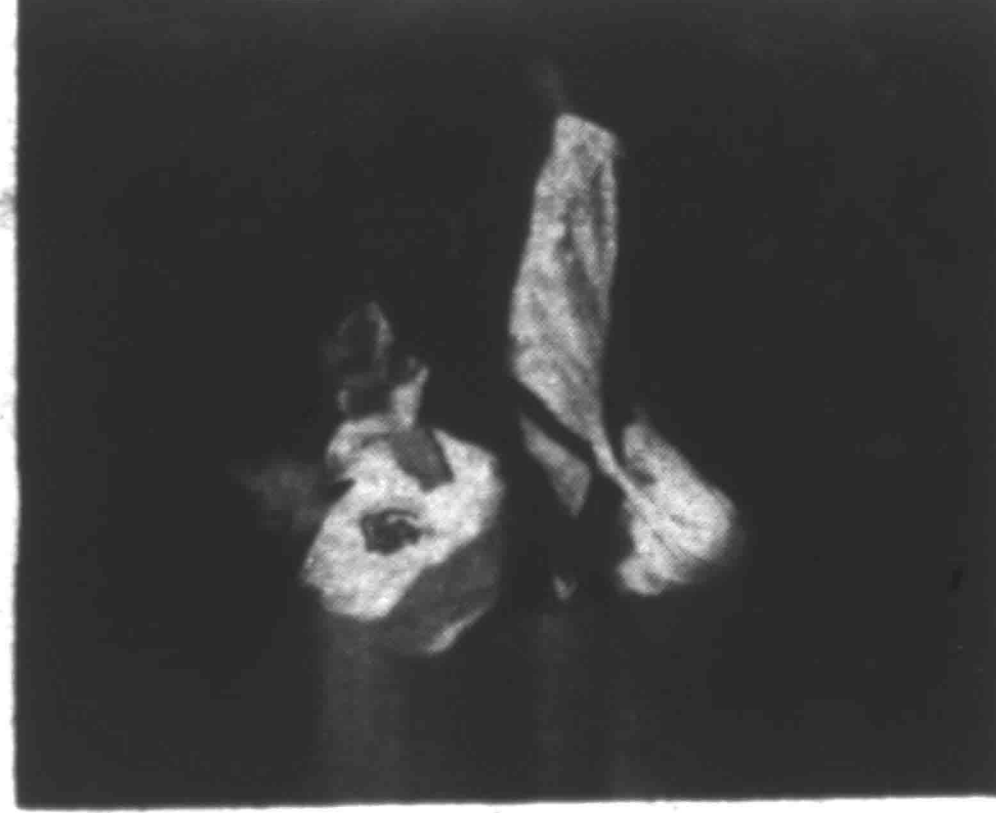
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Max Arnold, Jr., age 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Arnold, of Jackson, formerly of Halls, won 3rd place in sparring competition in the 6, 7, & 8 Year Old Division of Tackwondo World Championships held last June in Little Rock, Ark. In July, Max Jr. was awarded his black belt in ceremonies held at Tackwondo of Jackson. Max, a first

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James Alexander Barbee, 29, to Tarshia Comelia Currie, 28, by Rev. Joe L. Dowell.

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James Garland Baggett, 20, to Michelle Balsamo Chan, 24, by Willard Norvell.

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Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel
Jerry Carmack and Mrs. Addie Webb, of Jackson, were Sunday supper guests of the Ronnie Carmacks.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson entered Jackson Madison General Hospital last Tuesday for heart tests. She returned home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Caleb, Lori Emerson and daughter, Taylor, and Joni Emerson, of Halls, visited Mrs. Emerson Saturday and Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack and Mrs. Elaine Edward and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders Saturday in Ripley.

Mrs. Joe Jackson and grandchildren, Austin and Nichole, were dinner guests of the R. H. Williams Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Webster Heath, of Alamo, were breakfast guests Saturday.

Anniversaries

Dec. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Montell Sandlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Moore.

Dec. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie McBroom.

Dec. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil Cannon.

Dec. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott.

Dec. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrell.

Dec. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell.

Dec. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Troutt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Land, Mr. and Mrs. William (Shayne) McKee, III.

Annie Conyers

Annie Elizabeth Conyers, 95, aunt of Mack Conyers and Barbara Gilliland, of Halls, and of Helen Larson, of Arlington, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Crockett County Nursing Home in Alamo.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lebanon United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, with burial there, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

William L. Maley

William Lyons "Mickey" Maley III, 42, of Memphis, step brother of Gary Allen, of 314 Park Halls, died Friday, of complications from diabetes, in Atlanta, Ga. Rites were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. Anne Catholic Church in Memphis, with burial in Memorial Park, Canale Funeral Directors in charge.

He had formerly been employed by Delta Air Lines.

A graduate of St. Michael's School and Christian Brothers High School, he was an all-star player for the Bill Sprou American Legion baseball team. Survivors include a son, Ryan Edward Maley, and a daughter, Melissa Lynne Maley of Apex, N.C.; his mother, Marilyn M. Maley, of Memphis, two sisters, Sandra M. Horn, of Memphis, and Maggie M. Pool, of Dallas, Tex.; another step-brother, Christopher Allen, of Woodstock, Ga.; a step-sister, Marilyn Greer, of Russellville, Ky.; and his grandfather, William L. Maley, of Memphis.

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Sheriff

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Rozelle Criner
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Richard Jennings
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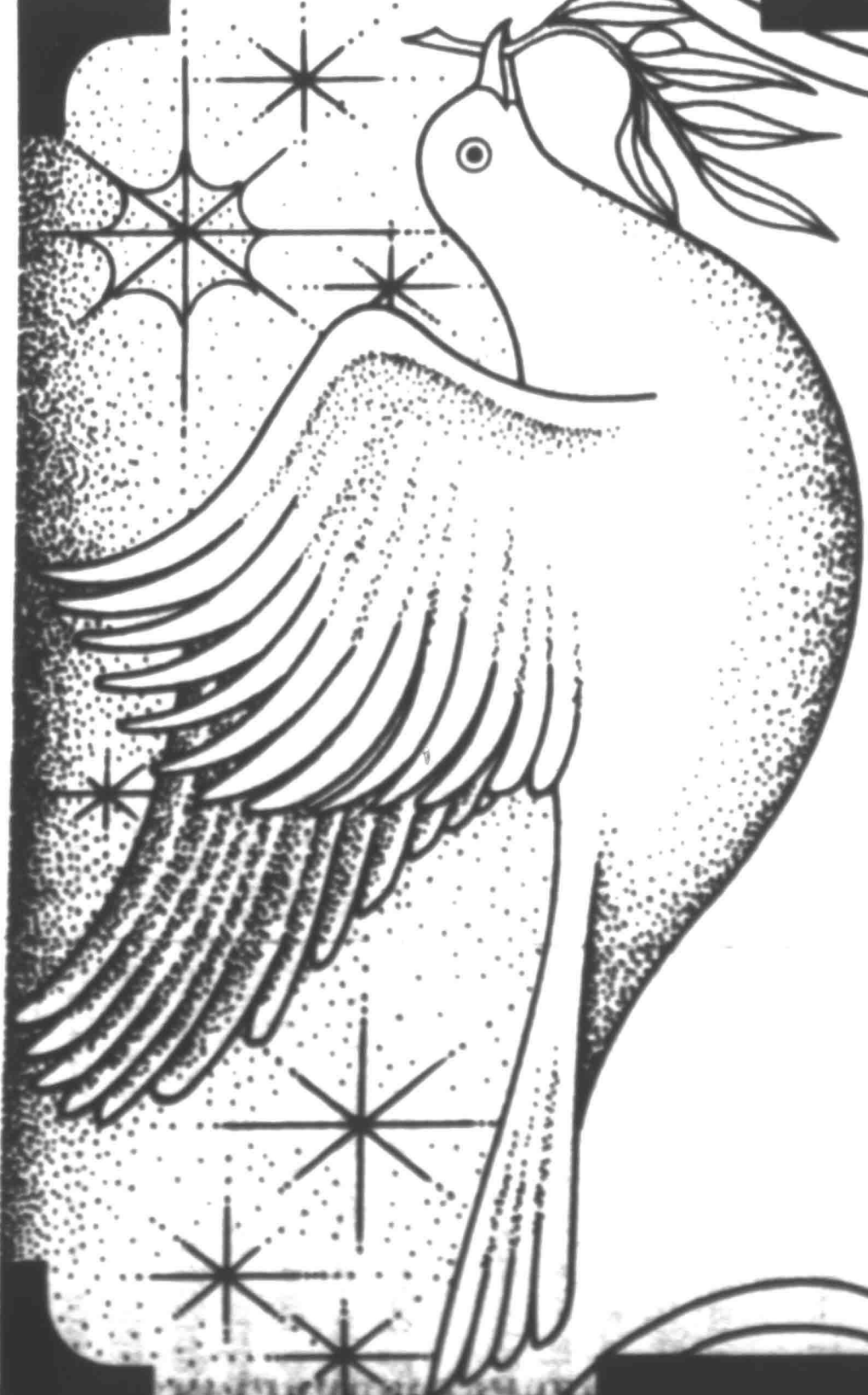
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Paul Meadows
Trustee

Divorces


John William Ballard vs. Joyce Ann Allen Ballard
Edie Scoggins Wilson vs. Willard D. Wilson
Gina Floyd vs. Stephen Floyd
Jamie Crowder Scarbrough vs. Henry Dwayne Scarbrough
Joan Wilder Brown vs. Charles Michael Brown.




Peace, Love and Joy

Peace, joy, love and faith... may all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours. Thanks for the pleasure of seeing you.

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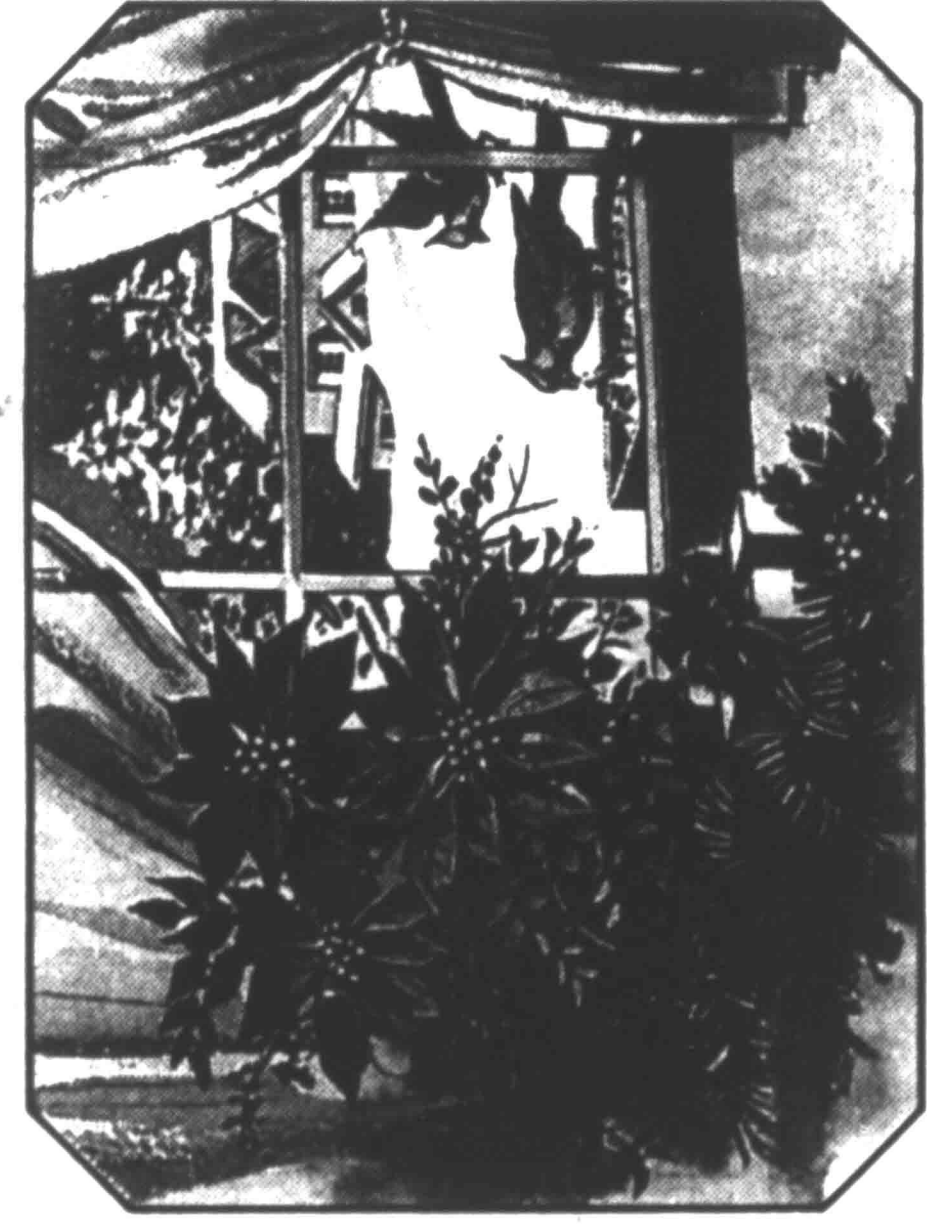
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The Other Wise Man

Henry Van Dyke

The other wise man's name was Artaban. He was one of the Magi and he lived in Persia. He was a man of great wealth, great learning and great faith. With his learned companions he had searched the scriptures as to the time that the Savior should be born. They knew that a new star would appear and it was agreed between them that Artaban would watch from Persia and the others would observe the sky from Babylon.

On the night he believed the sign was to be given, Artaban went out on his roof to watch the night sky. "If the star appears, they will wait for me ten days, then we will all set out together for Jerusalem. I have made ready for the journey by selling all of my possessions and have bought three jewels—a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. I intend to present them as my tribute to the king."

As he watched, an azure spark was born out of the darkness, rounding itself with splendor into a crimson sphere. Artaban bowed his head. "It is the sign," he said. "The King is coming, and I will go to meet him."

The swiftest of Artaban's horses had been waiting, saddled and bridled in her stall, pawing the ground impatiently. She shared the eagerness of her master's purpose. As Artaban placed himself upon her back, he said, "God bless us both from failing and our souls from death."

They began their journey. Each day his faithful horse measured off the allotted proportion of the distance, and at nightfall on the tenth day, they approached the outskirts of Babylon. In a little island of desert palm trees, Artaban's horse scented difficulty and slackened her pace. Then she stood still, quivering in every muscle.

Artaban dismounted. The dim starlight revealed the form of a man lying in the roadway. His skin bore the mark of a deadly fever. The chill of death was in his lean hand. As Artaban turned to go, a sigh came from the sick man's lips. Artaban felt sorry that he could not stay to minister to this dying stranger, but this was the hour toward which his entire life had been directed. He could not forfeit the reward of his years of study and faith to do a single deed of human mercy. But then, how could he leave his fellow man alone to die!

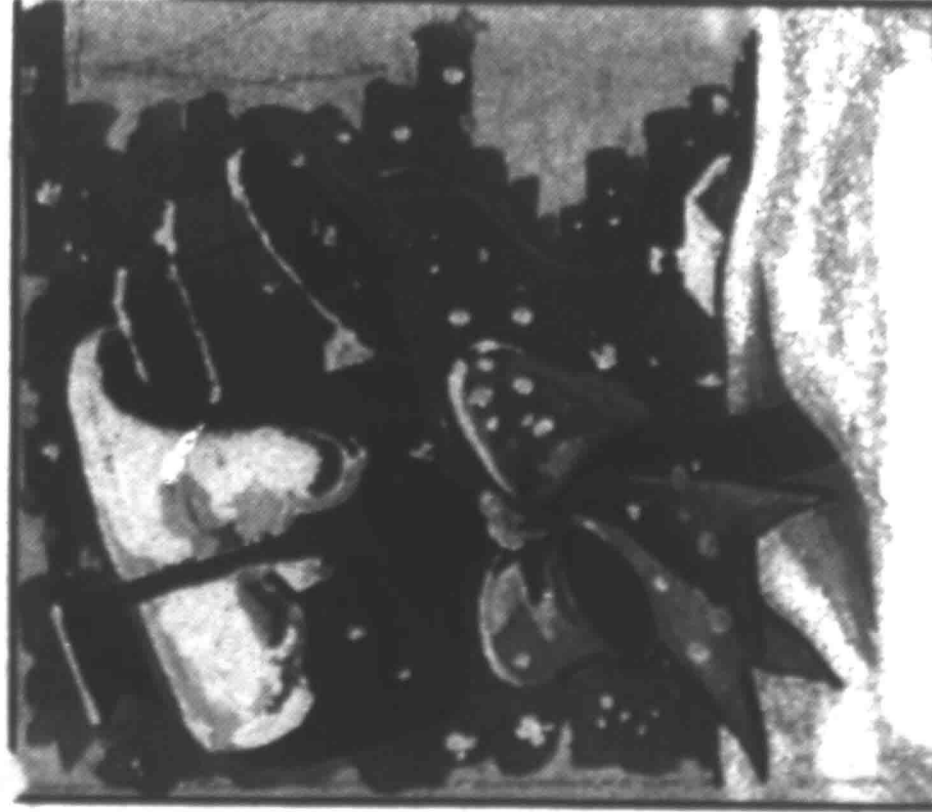
"God of truth and mercy," prayed Artaban, "direct me in the path of wisdom which only thou knowest." Then he knew that he could not go on. The Magi were physicians as well as astronomers. He took off his robe and began his work of healing. Several hours later the patient regained consciousness. Artaban gave him all that was left of his bread and wine. He left a potion of healing herbs and instructions for his care.

Though Artaban rode with the greatest haste the rest of the way, it was after dawn that he arrived at the designated meeting place. His friends were nowhere to be seen.

Finally his eyes caught a piece of parchment arranged to attract his attention.

It said, "We have waited till past midnight, and can delay no longer. We go to find the King. Follow us across the desert."

Artaban sat down in despair and



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and had secretly fled. It was whispered that they were going far away into Egypt.

As Artaban listened, the baby reached up its dimpled hand and touched his cheek and smiled. His heart warmed at the touch. Then suddenly, outside there arose a wild confusion of sounds. Women were shrieking. Then a desperate cry was heard, "The soldiers of Herod are killing the children!"

Artaban went to the doorway. A band of soldiers came hurrying down the street. The captain approached the door to thrust Artaban aside, but Artaban did not stir.

His face was as calm as though he were still watching the stars. Finally his outstretched hand revealed the giant ruby. He said, "I am waiting to give this jewel to the prudent captain who will go on his way and leave this house alone."

The captain, amazed at the splendor of the gem, took it and said to his men, "March on. There are no children here."

Then Artaban prayed, "Oh, God, forgive me my sin. I have spent for

men that which was meant for God. Shall I ever be worthy to see the face of the King?"

But the voice of the woman, weeping of joy in the shadows behind him, said softly, "Thou hast saved the life of my little one. May the Lord bless thee and keep thee and give thee peace."

Artaban, still following the King went on into Egypt seeking every where for traces of the Little family that had fled before him. For many years he followed Artaban in his search. We see him at the pyramids. We see him in Alexandria taking counsel with a Hebrew rabbi who told him to seek the King not among the rich but among the poor.

He passed through countries where famine lay heavy upon the land, and the poor were crying for bread. He made his dwelling in plague-stricken cities. He visited the oppressed and the afflicted in prisons. He searched the crowded slave-markets. Though he found no one to worship, he found many to serve. As the years passed he fed the hungry, clothed the naked,

healed the sick and comforted the captive.

Thirty-three years had now passed away since Artaban began his search.

His hair was white as snow. He knew his life's end was near, but he was still desperate with hope that he would find the King. He had come for the last time to Jerusalem.

It was the season of the Passover and the city was thronged with strangers. Artaban inquired where they were going. One answered, "We are going to the execution on Golgotha outside the city walls. Two robbers are to be crucified, and with them another called Jesus of Nazareth, a man who has done many wonderful works among the people. He claims to be the Son of God—and the priests and elders have said that he must die. Pilate sent him to the cross."

How strangely these familiar words fell upon the tired heart of Artaban. They had led him for a lifetime over land and sea. And now they came to him like a message of despair. The King had been drawn from his hand to the service of humanity. Would he now fail again? One thing was clear, he was already dying. Could he be

the same one for whom the star had appeared thirty-three long years ago!

Artaban's heart beat loudly within him. He thought, "It may be that

I shall yet find the King and be able to ransom him from death by giving my treasure to his enemies."

But as Artaban started toward Calvary, he saw a troop of soldiers coming down the street, dragging a sobbing young woman. As Artaban paused, she broke away from her tormentors and threw herself at his feet, her arms clasped around his knees.

"Have pity on me," she cried. "And save me. My father was also of the Magi, but he is dead. I am to be sold as a slave to pay his debts."

Artaban trembled as he again felt the conflict arising in his soul.

It was the same that he had experienced in the palm grove of Babylon and in the cottage at Bethlehem. Twice the gift which he had consecrated to the King had been drawn from his hand to the service of humanity. Would he now fail again? One thing was clear, he

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Have a Very Merry Season!



May your heart be as light

As the smiles are bright;

May your friends be as warm

As a hearthside song;

May good cheer abound,

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TennCare Officials To Monitor System

The Bureau of TennCare, the state's health care program for people who are Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, or uninsurable, has stated that no problems are expected during the conversion to the year 2000. As a precaution, bureau officials will be closely monitoring all information systems at the stroke of midnight.

"Our federal oversight agency has given us "low risk" status for conversion to the Year 2000," said Finance and Administration Deputy Commissioner John F. Tighe, who is Acting Director of TennCare. "We'll have our top computer people here for the night to monitor information systems, but they expect to have an uneventful New Year's Eve." The Bureau's Information Systems Division has tested and re-tested its readiness for the conversion to the year 2000.

Although the area of greatest computer dependence at TennCare is pharmacy, Tighe said there is no reason for any concern about the ability to obtain medication. Tighe said that even if there were problems, the Bureau has confidence that pharmacists would work with them through any problems that arise because of their commitment to do what's right for TennCare members.

TennCare serves 1.3 million Tennesseans.

Winner



LESLIE ANTOINETTE McCADNEY, daughter of Willie McCadney, of Gates, recently won the 1999 National Miss American Teen Photogenic Contest, which is sponsored by American Coed Pageants, Inc. The contest was held November 23-28 during the national pageant activities at the Hilton Resort at the Disney Village in Florida.

GRANT RECEIVED

The United Way of the Mid-South received a \$4,000 grant from AT&T. The grant will be used to support 100 not-for-profit programs in Lauderdale, Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton Counties in Tennessee, Crittenden County in Arkansas, and DeSoto, Tate, and Tunica Counties in Mississippi.

Reelfoot Eagle Tours Scheduled To Resume

Reelfoot Lake State Park, located in Tiptonville, will conduct daily Bald Eagle and Waterfowl tours beginning January 2nd and continue the tours until March 12, 2000. The tour dates coincide with the return of the winter population of the eagles, waterfowl, and other migratory birds.

Last year, more than 150,000 people visited Reelfoot Lake State Park during eagle season. Approximately 100 to 200 eagles and thousands of waterfowl and other migratory birds are expected to be in the area during this time.

To accommodate the influx of visitors to the park, the Airpark Inn and Restaurant will also reopen January 2nd with the noon meal. The inn, which is constructed over the lake, provides rooms. The restaurant will provide three traditional Reelfoot Lake meals and specialize in catfish and Tennessee country ham.

All tours will require a reservation and a \$3.50 per person charge, will begin at 10 a.m. and will depart from the Airpark Inn and Restaurant complex. Regular programs about Reelfoot Lake, area wildlife, and the eagles will be held at the Inn each Saturday night.

For more information about Reelfoot Lake State Park, eagle tours, the restaurant, and motel rates and reservations, call 901-253-7756 or 1-800-250-8617.

Growth Plan Limits Cities' Annexations

The County Commission and the boards of the county's four incorporated cities will be asked in their January meetings to adopt a Growth Policy Plan, prohibiting future annexations by a city of property without a vote of the residents of such property.

The plan includes an exception for Henning to annex some areas north and south of its present city limits.

Cities rejecting the plan will no longer be eligible for any state grants.

Around West Tennessee--

Another Reelfoot Eatery In Flames

Bobby Boyd, whose Boyette's BBQ on Reelfoot Lake burned Dec. 15th, says a \$200,000 loss was insured. He plans to re-build and re-open April 1st.

About 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 15th, an Obion Countian reported a small fire at the rear of the log structure, with a green tin roof, and alerted Boyette's Dining Room, also a Boyd property.

With no fire plug available, 20 firemen from three cities couldn't save the building from a stiff south-west wind.

The blaze was a few hundred yards west of the Lakeview Dining Room, re-built after it was destroyed by fire in September, 1998.

Whiteville Cops In Turmoil

Whiteville (pop. 1,174), west of Bolivar, on Dec. 19th had eight police officers and two 1999 Fords.

The officers did not include Greg Brown, whose high-speed pursuit in April ended in an accident, miles from Whiteville, in which a 30-year-old woman was fatally injured.

Mayor James R. Bellar says that after that incident, police were clearly warned about out-of-city pursuits.

Dec. 19th, officers Tracy Jones, 31, and Tracy Traylor rear-ended the Fords in pursuit of a burglary suspect, far outside Whiteville's city limits.

Mayor Bellar fired both; all but one of the other officers resigned, no crime wave resulted, and new officers have been employed (\$9.25 per hour).

Autopsy Users Get Knife

The Shelby County Medical Ex-

Halls High Coach Resigned Position

Ike Taylor, Halls High School's head football coach, has resigned his position as head football coach after six years.

Halls Principal Andy Pugh held the post until 1993, when Taylor took over the post, after coaching at Halls for 23 years, Ripley for four years, and Osceola, Ark., for six years.

Taylor will remain at Halls as a teacher, where he teaches driver's education and physical education.

Until a replacement is found, Taylor will handle spring practice and off-season conditioning with assistant coaches Mike Blackwood and Al Bradford.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Cemetery Rd., Henning, will hold Watch Night Worship services beginning at 9 p.m. December 31st. The Pilgrim Rest choir will perform along with guest choirs from other churches such as New Hope C.M.E. Church, St. Matthew Baptist Church, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Canaan Baptist Church, and Antioch Curve MB Church. The Heaven Bounds Singers, of Ripley, will be special guests.

aimer, to whom this county's Examiner, Dr. Joe Hunt, sends bodies for autopsy, when deaths need verification, is upping its charges Jan. 1st from \$650 to \$1,500.

The fee does not include the county's cost for transportation of the body to and from Shelby County.

Shelby says an autopsy actually costs about \$2,000.

Obion County is exploring alternative costs in Nashville, Paducah, Ky., or other states.

Maurice Ballard

Maurice L. Ballard, 81, of Covington, step-father of Shirley Lemons, of Ripley, died Saturday, of complications of diabetes, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Randolph Cemetery.

He was a retired Covington policeman and Fort Pillow prison guard.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Ballard; a step-son, Carl Richardson, of Memphis; four brothers, Harold, of Brighton, Howard, of Burlington, and Roy and E. J. Ballard, of Munford; and two sisters, Evelyn Pickard Griffin, of Covington, and Dorothy Craig, of Munford.

Mrs. Shelly Baker

Bessie B. Baker, 87, of 11903 Hwy. 88, Halls, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in the West Tennessee Skilled Nursing Home in Jackson.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, where she was a member of United Methodist Women. Burial was in the church's cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her husband, Shelly Baker, two daughters, Jeanette Morris, of Jackson, and Barbara Turman, of Rockford, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Elbert D. Franklin

Elbert D. Franklin, 81, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Garner Funeral Home with burial in Grace Cemetery.

The widower of Eva Dell Franklin, he was a retired truck driver, a Methodist and World War II Army veteran.

He leaves two daughters, Anita Franklin, of Tulsa, Ok., and Diana Spradling, of Lebanon, Mo.; two step-sons, Lynwood Herron, of Lowell Herron, of Southaven, Miss.; two step-daughters, Linda Sappington, of Southaven, Miss., and Judy Walton, of New York; several grandchildren; and a niece, Shirley Kelley, of Ripley, who cared for him.

This obituary is re-published to

Mrs. Cunningham

Lessie Lou Cunningham, 86, of 54 McCasin Drive, Ripley, widow of Forrest Cunningham, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday in Garner-Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery near Ripley.

She was born in McNairy County, Aug. 13, 1913.

She was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

She leaves three sons, George Hopkins, of Ripley, Owen Hopkins, of 434 Central-Curve Road, Ripley, and Harry Hopkins, of 93 Beech, Halls; a daughter, Iris Goodwin, of Gates; a brother, James Robison, of Ripley; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Geraldine Tipton

Geraldine S. Tipton, 88, of Covington, died Monday of last week, of cardiac arrest, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were at noon Friday in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Henning, where she was a member, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

A niece, Selena Day, of Ripley, looked after her.

Gerald W. Ogren

Gerald Wallace Ogren, 58, of Halls, a carrier for the *State Gazette*, Dyersburg's daily newspaper, died Friday, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in New Haven Cemetery at Ridgely.

A Navy veteran, he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy Gibbons Ogren; two sons, Jason, of Valparaiso, Ind., and Richard, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Jessica Ogren, of Hobart, Ind., and Shannon Simko, of Lake Station, Ind.; two step-sons, Jeffrey Gibbons, of Dyersburg, and Michael Gibbons, of Memphis; three brothers, Bill, of Chicago, Ill., David, of Kalispell, Montana, and Thomas, of Corsicana, Tex.; two sisters, Janice Dale and Judy Barnard, of Mercer, Wis.; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

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Birthdays

Dec. 31 - Beth Bailey, Evelyn Spray, David Rose, Jr., Rufas Lowrance, Philip Herron, Mary Patterson.

Dec. 31 - Ashton Gaines, Brent Tucker, Ken Sutton, Caitlyn Hurt, Sarah Callender, Violet Burks, Jamie Holder, Ashley Adkins.

Jan. 1 - Louis Craig, Martha Thornton, Liz Craft, Joy Beard, Emma Bonds, Perrlyn Cherry, Gertie M. Davis, Janet Hurt, Jimmy Haynes, Kathryn Dunigan, Olgie Patrick.

Jan. 2 - Alexis Bolden, Lee Hunter, Billie Ann Hendren, Alan Jordan, Marvin Searce.

Jan. 3 - Amy McLemore, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Jenny Hendren.

Jan. 4 - Renee Swales, Craig Crawford, Tom White, Suzanne McFall, Beth Stover, Reba Crowder, Irene Brasfield.

Jan. 5 - Bob Pasley, Pam Rizzoto, Colby Baker, Anna Carol McDowell, Bobbi Younger, Heidi Strong, John Thomas Sammons, Chris Hurt, Deborah Layne.

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Cleveland Morris

Cleveland Eddie Morris, 82, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Friday, of heart failure, in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

He was a retired Teamster.

He was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Jennie Rebecca Morris.

He leaves two sons, Bobby, of Gloster, La., and Lee, of Lafayette, La.; three daughters, Cora Mae Pruett, of Memphis, Kathy Milan, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Linda Jacobs, of Keithville, La.; a sister, Addie Maie Boyd, of Memphis, 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Double Chocolate Cookie Milk

Thursday, Jan. 6th

Country Fried Steak
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Peach Slices
Fruit Cocktail
Rolls
Milk

Friday, Jan. 7th

Vegetable Beef Soup
Hot Dog
Orange Slices
Crackers
Cookie
Milk



BILL FRIST

U.S. Senator Tennessee

Education: Quality Should Always Come First

During budget negotiations between Congressional leaders and the Administration, President Clinton touted the inclusion of a program to reduce class size as a victory for education. Using focus-group politics, the President boasted that his plan to hire 100,000 educators will lead to smaller classrooms and improved learning. But in the broader view, it could very well lead our nation down a narrow road paved with bureaucratic red tape and an increased number of unqualified teachers.

The concept to hire more teachers isn't a bad idea. Studies have shown that smaller class size does improve learning. President Clinton actually based his proposal on Tennessee's Project STAR study, which reported that students in smaller classes outperformed those in larger classrooms. But class size is only a small piece in the bigger puzzle to improve America's education system, not the catapult that will launch us into educational excellence.

Tennessee's own William Sanders, a professor at the University of Tennessee, has pioneered the "value-added" system of measuring the effectiveness of a teacher. His research demonstrates that teacher quality has a greater effect on student performance than any other factor - including class size and student demographics. He goes on to say that, "When kids have ineffective teachers, they never recover."

Congress wanted to allow states and localities to use the \$1.4 billion at their discretion for either hiring new teachers or training new or existing ones. Yet, the President insisted that the total sum be spent solely on hiring new teachers without regard for the needs of the schools or the quality of the teachers. At a news conference, he even commented that federal money for new teachers does not belong to local school districts and went on to say that, "It's not their money."

As we all know, schools today have a variety of different needs. While some schools would certainly profit from more teachers, other schools districts may not have the space to accommodate additional classrooms. More teachers could also mean lower quality standards for new teachers. Reviewers in California, another pioneer of the smaller classroom concept, have expressed concern about the merits of the approach and the effectiveness of adding new teachers without additional training.

Before hiring the 100,000 teachers the President has proposed, we should first decide what effect it will have on education -- will it succeed in its goal of better learning or is it simply a concept, at the taxpayer's expense, that focuses on quantity instead of quality? Instead of devoting taxpayer funds to a Washington-style remedy, shouldn't we empower our states and localities with the funding and tools they need to successfully prepare our youth and educators for the challenges they will face in the 21st Century?

It's time that Congress and the President give local schools the authority to do what's best for education in their community. Congress was successful in allowing school districts to use 25 percent of the \$1.4 billion in federal funding for teacher training or other expenses. Although this is only a small step toward returning more federal funding to our localities, it is a step in the right direction and a push toward more localized control.

We should never play Russian roulette with our children's education. Nor should we be cavalier with taxpayer dollars when supporting federal education programs. Recognizing that federal dollars belong to the American people, I will fight to see that education funding is given to the local schools and communities and that quality and not quantity are the deciding factors when choosing how we allocate your hard earned money.

Anniversaries

Dec. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Deno Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Poynter.

Dec. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Prutt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Carmack.

Jan. 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCoy.

Jan. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. John Wade.

Jan. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendren.

Jan. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, Jr.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

The Erle Kissells, of Dry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kissell, and daughter, Lauren, of Woodville, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones, Dale Jones and daughter, Tina, of Chisholm Lake Rd., Mrs. John Wilson and sons, Bradley and Chris, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Jones, and Shelly Woodard and daughter, Shelby, of Ripley, had Christmas dinner with Pauline Kissell.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hardy and daughters, Alicia and Anna, of Lithonia, Ga., Ann Kitchens and son, Jake, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Hardy and children, Chad, Mallory, and Katy, of Nankipoo, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stokes, of Curve, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hardy during Christmas.

New Mitchell Grove Baptist Church members and guests held their annual Christmas dinner and program Sunday of last week. Santa was on hand to talk to the children and present a gift.

Floyd Freeman visited his brother, Dan, in Dry Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Ricky Freeman visited her mother in Jackson.

Add egg, egg white, brown sugar, oil and vanilla; process until smooth. Add reserved flour mixture with chopped chocolate and apricots. Pulse until just combined.

5. Spread batter into pan in an even layer. Sprinkle with almonds.

6. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in the cen-

ter comes out clean. Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely.

7. In a small plastic bag, microwave remaining white chocolate on medium heat until melted, 1 to 3 minutes. Cut off the tip of one corner of the bag and drizzle melted chocolate over cooled brownies. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.



Apricot and White Chocolate Brownies

Serves 24

1 cup dried apricots
3 fl. oz. water
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1½ oz. white chocolate
1 ea. large egg
1 ea. large egg white
½ cup light brown sugar, packed
1 tbsp. canola oil
1 tsp. vanilla extract
¼ cup sliced almonds

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly oil a baking pan (9"x9") or coat with nonstick spray.

2. In a small saucepan, combine half the apricots and water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.

3. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, b. powder, b. soda and salt. Finely chop two-thirds of the white chocolate and remaining apricots and set aside.

4. In a food processor, puree reserved cooked apricots with any remaining cooking liquid.

Tournament Winners



THE CRUSHERS, a Halls Jr. Tiger Volleyball League team, recently won the league's end-of-season tournament. Members of the team are, in front from left, Shacretia Foster, Paulita Edmondson, Randi Crockett, Christy Meeks, in rear, Coach Karen Meeks, Bobbi Younger, Michelle Meeks, Chelsea Crockett, Raven Barlow, Haley Watts, and Coach Donna Watts.

Five teams of approximately fifty girls in grades 4-6 participated in the league, which is coordinated and coached by volunteers. This early exposure to the sport of volleyball allows the girls to develop the skills that they will need to participate competitively at the Junior High level.



KAYLA NYCOLE BROGDON, daughter of Missy Brogdon, of Halls, and Kevin Brogdon, of Ripley, celebrated her first birthday December 21st with a Winnie the Pooh party at the home of her grandparents, Jimmy and Brenda Patton, in Halls. Kayla is also the granddaughter of Margie Brogdon, of Ripley, and the great-granddaughter of Mary Frances Erwin, of Halls.

Land Transfers

Dec. 20 - Eugene F. Huegerich, Hal E. Hunter, III, and Thomas Wieland to Ripley Motel LLC, Dist. 2, 1.033 acres.

Thomas Funeral Home US Bankruptcy Court, Glardes Thomas US Bankruptcy Court, Landon Thomas US Bankruptcy Court, and Laura A. Williams, TR to Raymond Proctor, Dist. 2, lot.

Thomas Funeral Home US Bankruptcy Court, Glardes Thomas US Bankruptcy Court, Landon Thomas US Bankruptcy Court, and Laura A. Williams, TR to Hattie F. Garrison and Sammie Garrison, Dist. 2, 1.000 and 11.800 acres.

Dec. 21 - Billie Jean Baker to Frank Currie, Dist. 3, 2 tracts.

Wright Richard Reditt to Jean Canette Reditt, Dist. 17, tract.

Edward Colbert Gause to Bobby Bonds, Dist. 2, 4.172 acres.

Dec. 22 - Louise Brock Kaiser to Carolyn E. Kelly and William M. Moore, Sr., 5.000 acres.

Billy Willis and Teresa Willis to Christina Jackson Robeson and David Brandon Robeson, Dist. 2, tract.

Dec. 23 - Allied Properties LP to Jessie Edwards and Linda Edwards, Dist. 2, 13.630 acres.

Dawn Buckner, Jeff Buckner, and Missy Buckner to John H. Dillard and Sue B. Dillard, Dist. 2, 14.000 acres.

Peggy M. Hartman to Danny Wilson and Linda Wilson, Dist. 17, 3 tracts.

Marriages

Dec. 18 - Lee Bradley McAllister, 32, to Joy A'aine Quick, 19, by Rev. Gary A. Green.

Dec. 21 - Alan Clay Pittman, Jr., 22, to Misty Lynn Taylor, 23, by Willard Norvell.

Dec. 23 - William Roderick Thompson, 41, to Shelia Elaine Craig, 31, by Willard Norvell.

Divorces

Linda Inez Robinson vs. Johnny Lee Robinson.

Lewis T. Rogers vs. Eva Brown Rogers.

Debbie Bereiter Walsh vs. Joseph Michael Walsh.



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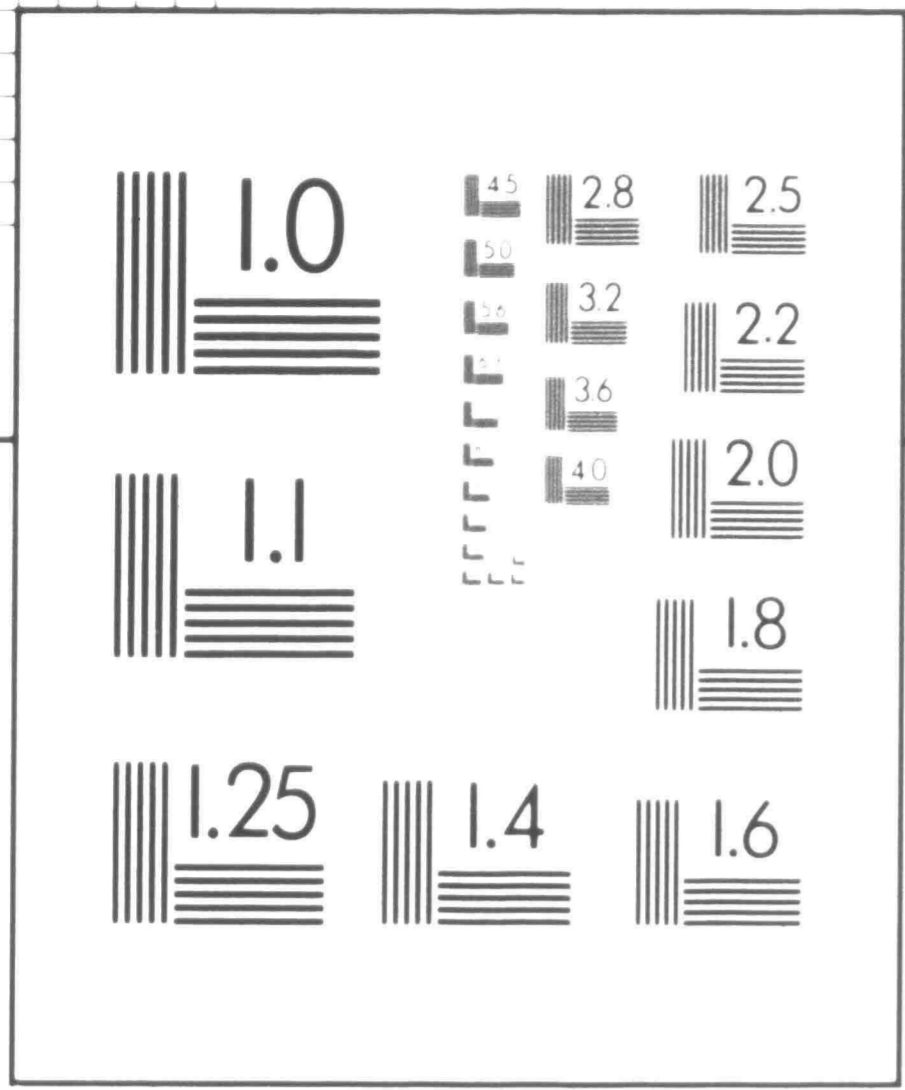
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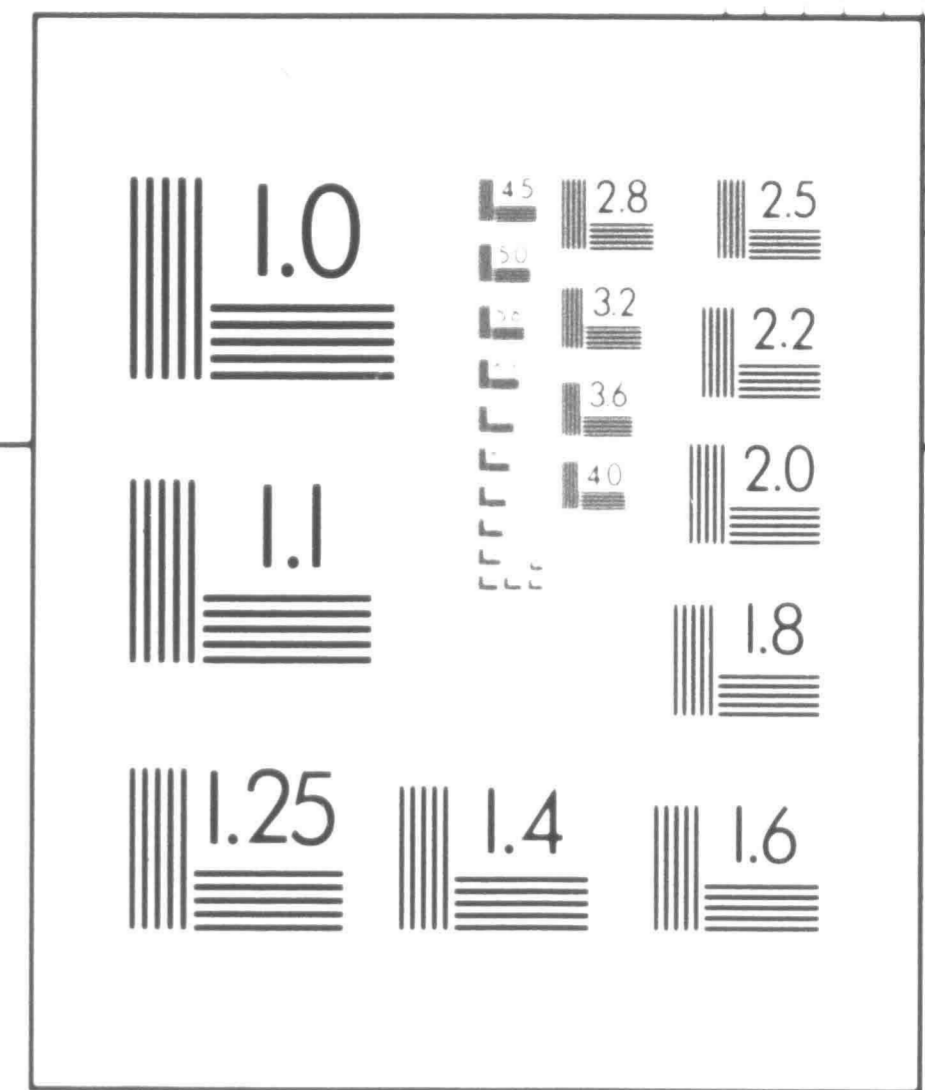
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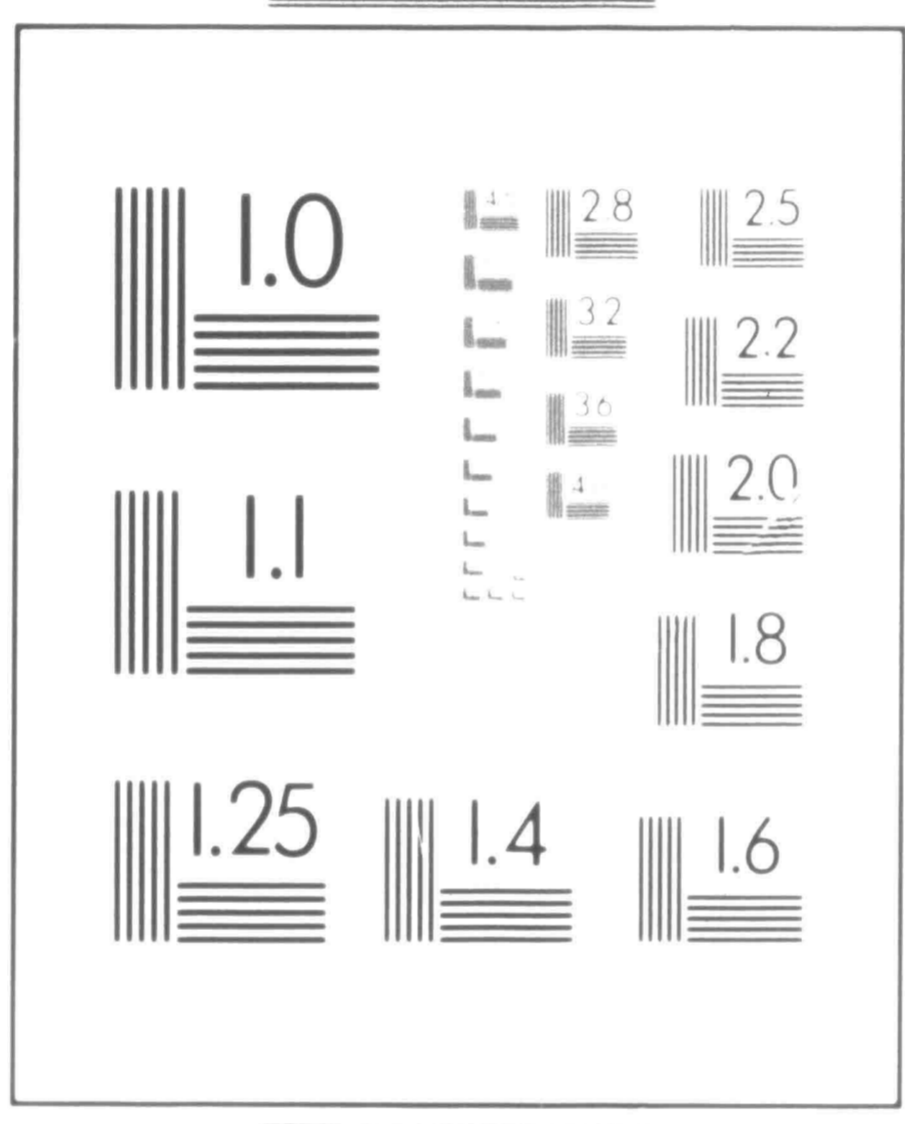
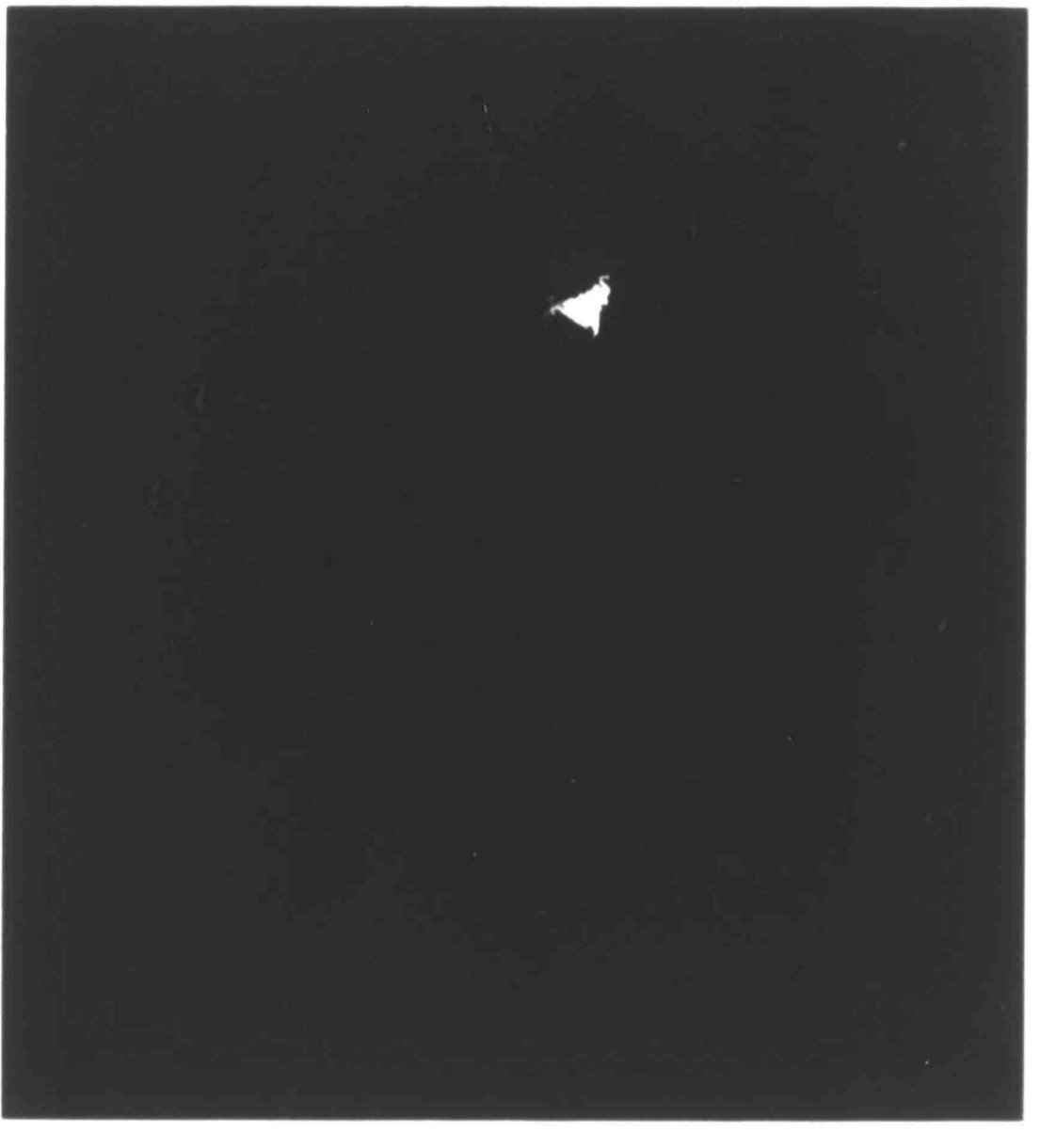
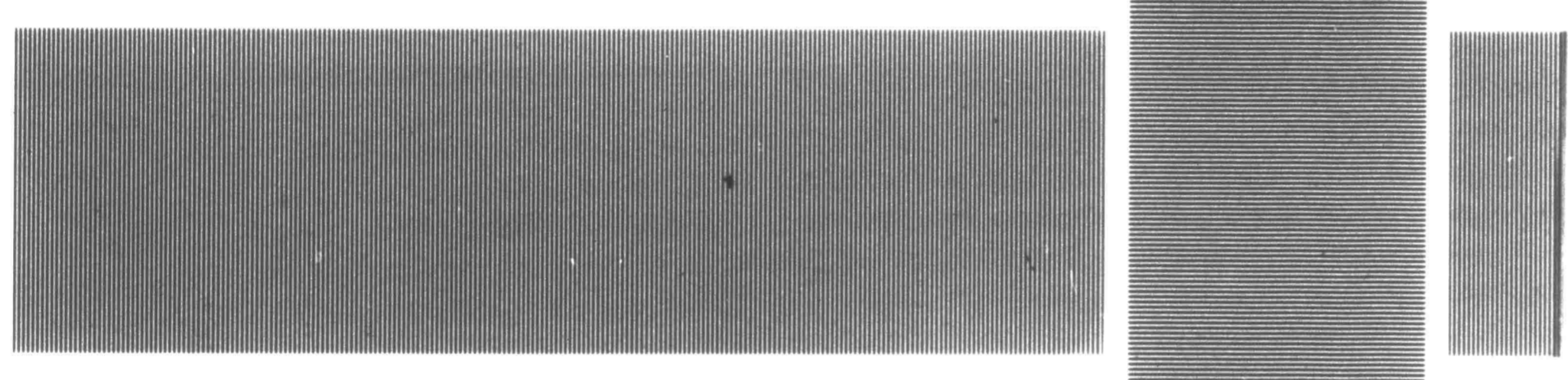
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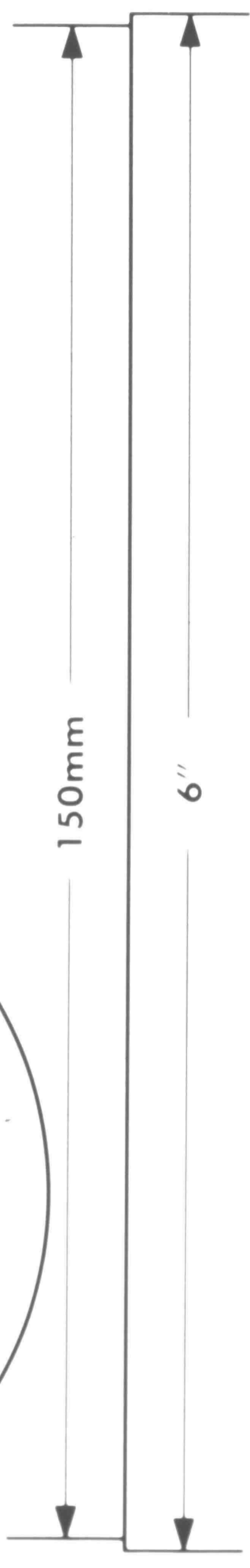
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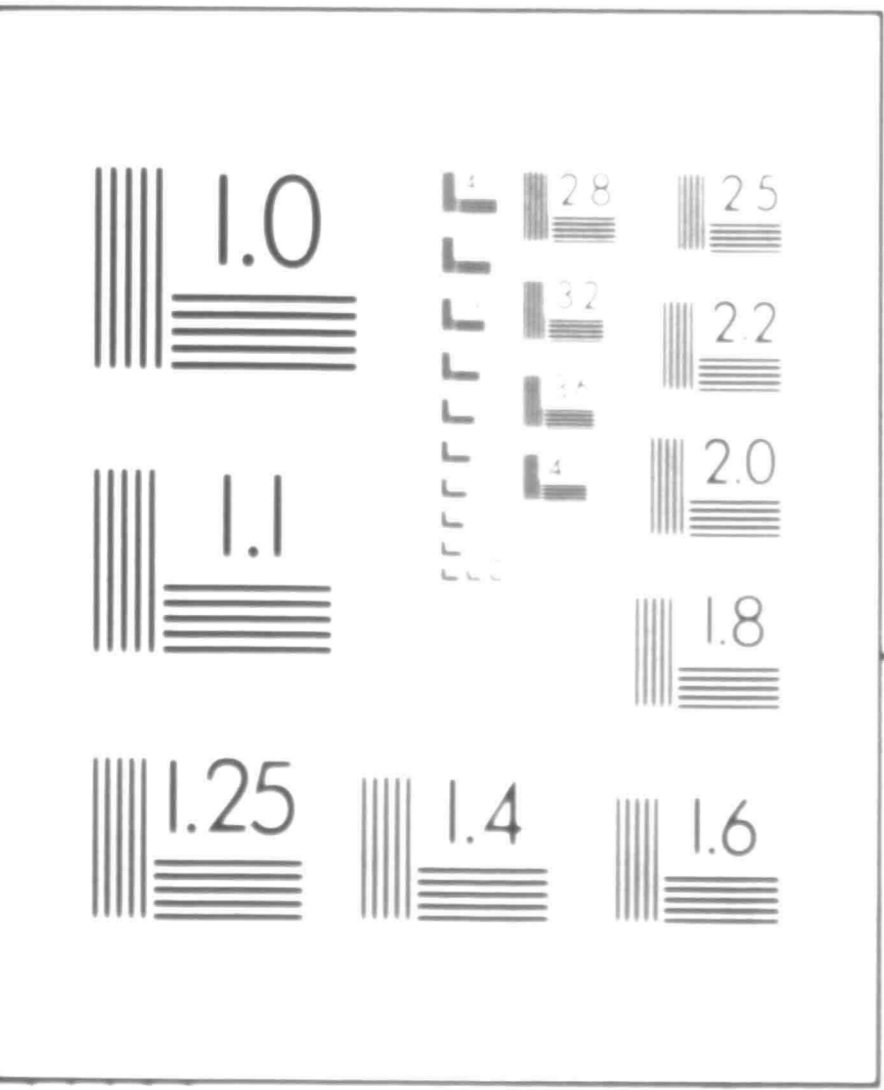
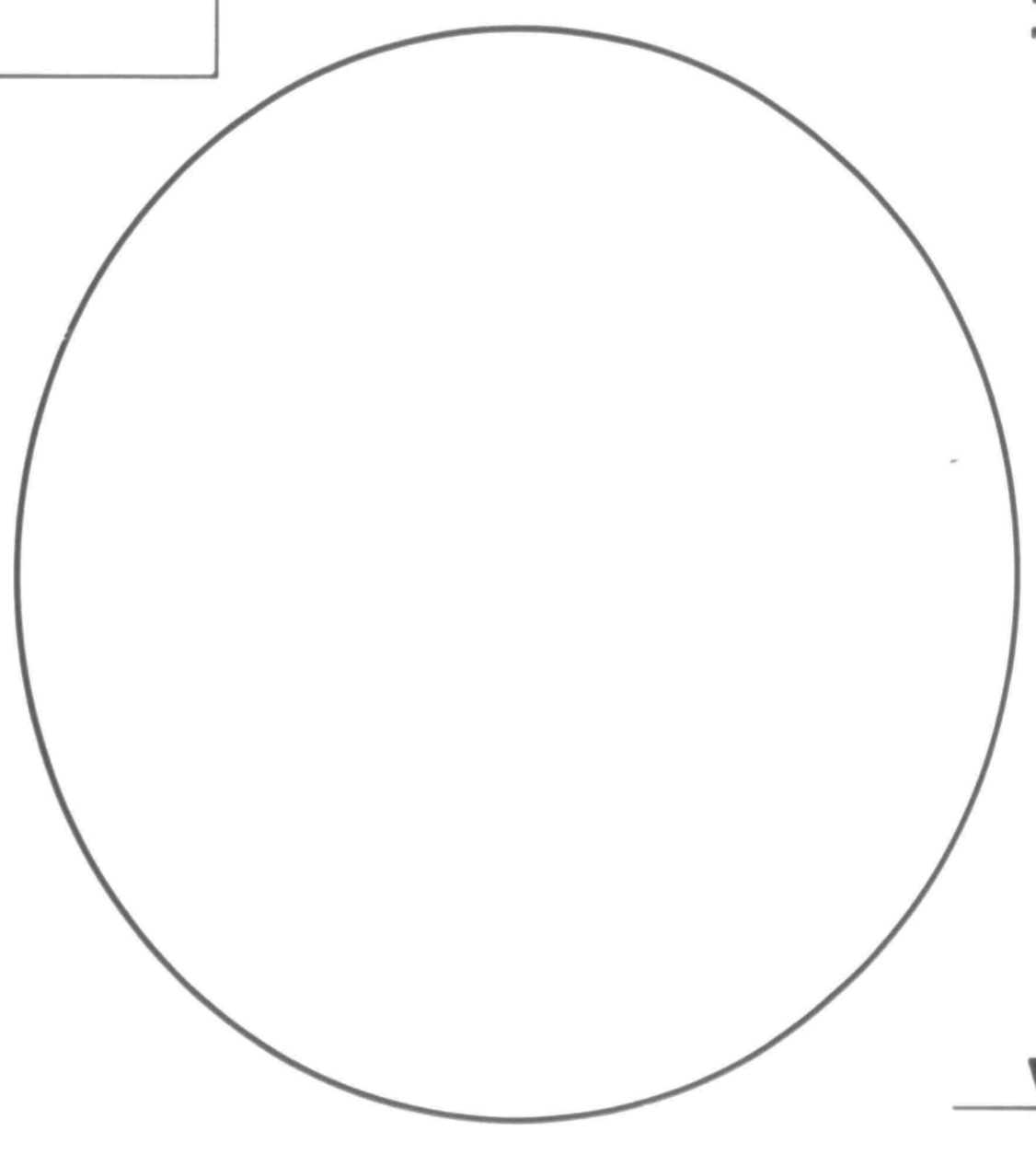
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