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# THE HALLS GRAPHIC

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## Creative Writing Plans



**HONORS ENGLISH STUDENTS** of Mrs. Gara Strong are pictured at the Veterans' Museum in Halls with Docent Sonny Higdon and the Jeep exhibit, during a recent visit as part of a project on World War II.

Mrs. Pat Higdon shared letters written to Mrs. Eltra Young, the director at the USO on Church Street, that were donated by David Medlock.

The class decided to begin a project of putting those letters in a book. The letters give the experiences of servicemen after they left the Dyersburg Army Air Base. According to student, Candi Layne, "we picked out those that grabbed our attention concerning the history of World War II."

## Reward Offered In Theft Of Bush Hog

Crime Stoppers of Lauderdale County will pay up to \$1,000 cash reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole a Bush Hog RTS 40, SN # 1200417, from Young's Parts and Equipment Feb. 25th.

To earn this reward call 635-4411 for a secret code number.

## SCD Will Sponsor Tree Give-A-Way

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District will sponsor a Tree Give-A-Way Day to commemorate Arbor Day March 5th at the new USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, Ripley.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Lauderdale Countians may claim Sawtooth Oak, Loblolly Pine, White Pine, Nuttail Oak or Pin Oak for their property.

A grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture makes possible the tree give-a-way.

## CAT TESTS AT TN TECH

The Practical Nursing entrance exam (California Achievement Test) will be given at the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. March 16th and 17th. Pre-register for the test before March 15th. Bring two forms of identification and \$10 cash to pre-register. If your previous CAT scores are more than two years old you must retest. Further information from 635-3368.

## Membership Banquet Set



**THE FABULOUS DELACARDOS** will provide entertainment at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet at 7 p.m. March 18th in the Ripley High School cafeteria. Tickets, \$8 each, should be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office. Reservations must be made and all tickets purchased prior to the event. In the past, each member received two complimentary tickets, this year all tickets must be purchased. Call the chamber office, 635-9541 to make reservations.

Members attending the banquet will be up-dated on programs and projects the chamber sponsored last year. Honorary members will be announced, door prizes awarded and doo-wop fun with the 'Delacardos.'

## FSA Disaster Program Extension Announced

According to Charlene Vonderfecht, county executive director of the Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency, "The Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program was extended through April 9th to allow ample time for the county office to accept applications from interested producers who suffered crop production losses."

All farmers suffering production losses in excess of 35 percent of the county expected yield or their established insurance APH (actual production history), are eligible for relief.

Call the FSA office, 635-7686, to set up an appointment and to find out what documentation is required to submit for loss evidence.

A payment limitation of \$80,000 per person applies to this program and persons with a gross income of more than \$2.5 million are ineligible.

## Halls Library Will Show Trelease Film

The Halls Library will have a free showing of *Reading Aloud To Children*, at 10 a.m. March 13th in the library.

The film, by Jim Trelease, shares the formula that the national commission on reading called the most effective method for raising a reader: Reading aloud to children. He says that children who read well can choose almost any profession as an adult and turn out to be a great asset for our community and needs no encyclopedias, no electronic machinery for the home, or even have a college degree.

The representative will be at Halls City Hall at 9 a.m., at Gates City Hall at 9:45 a.m., The Lauderdale County Courthouse in Ripley at 10:30 a.m. and at the Henning City

Hall at 11:30 a.m. Anyone with messages for Representative Tanner or help resolving a problem with a federal agency are urged to attend these meetings.

If unable to attend the meetings you may contact the office in Union City, 901-885-7070, Millington, 901-873-5690, Jackson, 901-423-4848, or Washington, D.C., 202-225-4714, to discuss your concerns regarding a federal agency, current event or public policy issue.

## Hot Air Ballooning



**SPACE WEEK ACTIVITIES** at Halls Elementary School included students looking on as a crew struggled in windy conditions to ignite and lift a hot air balloon off the ground Thursday of last week.

The balloon is owned by John Wade, of Best-Wade Petroleum Inc. in Ripley.

## Tanner Staff To Visit Lauderdale County

U.S. Representative John Tanner will send a member of his staff to Lauderdale County March 8th.

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### TEAM CAPTAINS MEET

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life will have a captains meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 8th in Ripley Elementary School.

In the U.S., a bale of cotton officially weighs 500 pounds.

The work of Franz Joseph Haydn includes pieces popularly known as "The Frog Quartet" and "The Bear Symphony."

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## SALE

March 13, 1999

I, Louis Craig, Sheriff of Lauderdale County, will sell to the highest bidder on March 13, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Lauderdale County Justice Center, 675 Highway 51 South, Ripley, Tennessee, the following seized vehicles and miscellaneous items:

- 1971 GMC Pick-Up  
VIN # KE134S130186
  - 1984 Pontiac Bonneville  
VIN # 2G2AR69H5E2203059
  - 1985 Chevrolet  
VIN # 1G1AW19X5F6215414
  - 1976 Ford, LTD  
VIN # 6U63H159220
  - 1984 Pontiac Bonneville  
VIN # 1G2AS69H2EB212893
  - 1979 Ford  
VIN # 9A63F168136
  - Other Miscellaneous Items
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## NOTICE OF SALE

On Friday, March 5, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., The Lauderdale County Bank will offer for sale at Public Auction the following items of property:

1996 Pontiac Grand Am  
VIN # 1G2NE52M8TM511428

Sale will be held at The Lauderdale County Bank, 305 S. Church St., Halls, Tn., and inspection of the property may be made during normal banking hours prior to the sale. All items are sold "as is" and the bank makes no warranty except that it has legal right to sell and convey title to said property. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any bid received.

## April Wedding Set



**KIMBERLY DAWN LATHAM**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Latham, of Ripley, will marry David Stanley Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shelton, of Ripley, at 2 p.m. April 17th in Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Ripley, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nelson, of Gates, and of Mrs. Herbert Latham and the late Mr. Latham, of Ripley.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie B. Shelton and of the late Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stanley.

A 1999 graduate of Volunteer Beauty Academy, the bride-to-be is a cosmetologist with Trimmers Hair Salon. A 1996 graduate of Ripley High School, the groom-to-be is employed with Marvin Windows.

The couple will reside at 13658 Edith-Nankipoo Road, Halls.

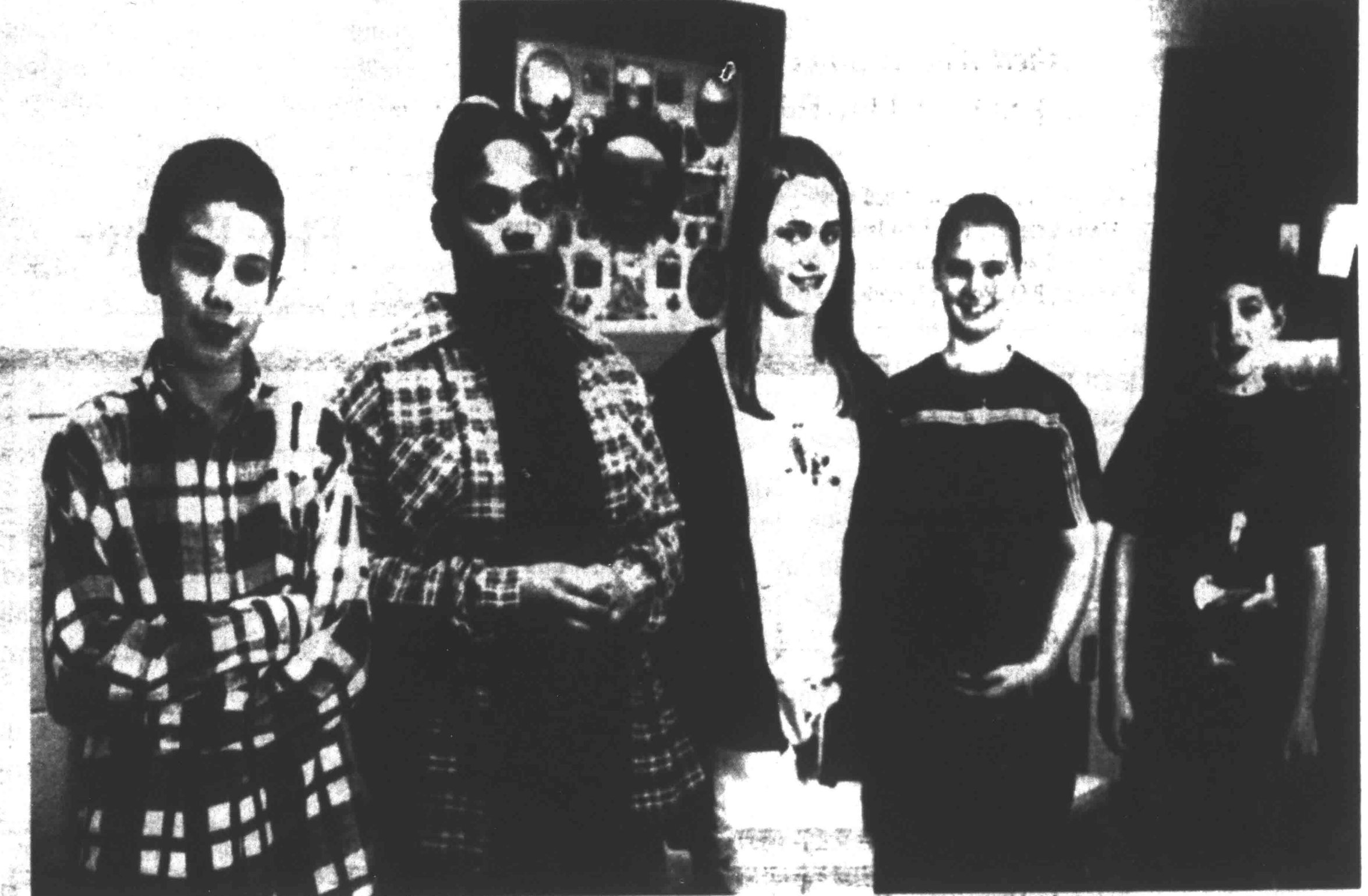
### Marriages

Feb. 14 - Danny Joe Midkiff, 18, to Jessica Marie Phillips, 18, by Rev. Rocky Gilliam.  
Feb. 19 - Mark Edward Parker, 29, to Miko Demoris Davis, 27, by Willard Norvell.  
Troy Lynn Ray, 26, to Candi Suelyn Conrad, 31, by Willard Norvell.  
Jimmy Owen Wray, 23, to Paula Ann Reynolds, 25, by Leonard Wakefield.  
Feb. 23 - Mark Everett Wyrick, 35, to Sandra Kaye Stover, 37, by Willard Norvell.  
Barry Louis Holland, 23, to Cindy Ann Tyus, 32, by Willard Norvell.

### GOSPEL SINGING

A gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dry Hill Church of God will feature the Reed Family, the public is invited.

## Plane Ride For Winners



**SPACE WEEK WINNERS**, in the shuttle throw and writing contest at Halls Elementary School, were, from left, Brice Carter, fifth grade writing contest winner; Nicole Bernard, fifth grade shuttle throw winner; Amanda Bell, sixth grade writing contest winner; Nicole Farris, sixth grade shuttle throw winner; and Joey Gillon, sixth grade writing contest winner; plus, not pictured, Josh Escue, fifth grade writing contest winner. They will all receive an airplane ride.

Other winners included, in shuttle throw, Mariah Bonds, kindergarten; Albert Nelson, first grade; Stacy Olds, second grade; Kiara Olds, third grade; and Tanea Person, fourth grade. Alternates were Monica Jackson, fifth grade; and Justin Nelson, sixth grade; Alternates in the writing contest were Jonathan Arwood, Troy Parish and Christine Lopez, all fifth grade students.

### Anniversaries

Mar. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle.  
Mar. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett.  
Mar. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs.  
Mar. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster.  
Mar. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

### Birthdays

Mar. 4 - Loretta Hammock, Jo Middleton.  
Mar. 5 - Jennifer Box Warren, Linda Harmon Rizzuto, Heather

Cherry, Tammy Terry.

Mar. 10 - Rita Gillon, Polly Adkisson, Troy Sinquefield, Zackery Flatt, Kim Vaden Hurt, Conner Stanley, Louise Ward, Randy Harris, Jacob Newman.

### Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Robert, Rhonda and Zach Harris are returning to their home this week on Pine Hill Drive in Halls. They have been out of their home since Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> when the tornado hurled one tree onto their roof, damaging three ceilings and two floors. Another tree broke a brick retainer wall. Twelve trees were cut as a result of the storm.

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# Green Eggs And Ham



FIRST GRADE STUDENTS of Cindy Lucas and Beth Meeks at Halls Elementary School participated in the second annual 'Read Across America' program Tuesday.

Students wore their Dr. Seuss hats to celebrate the characters' 95th birthday. Their teachers cooked them green eggs and ham.

Community volunteers came at 2 p.m. to read to students in their rooms.

Rolls  
Milk

**Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Barbecue on Bun  
Chicken and Noodles  
Crispy Okra  
Baked Beans  
Congealed Fruit Salad  
Applesauce  
Rolls  
Milk

**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Menu - School's Choice

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Ham and Cheese on Hoagie  
Hamburger w/Trimmings  
Oven Fries  
Carrot and Celery Sticks  
Fresh Pear  
Peach Slices  
Peanut Butter Cookie  
Milk

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Chili Pie  
Country Fried Steak  
Baked Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Fresh Apple  
Pineapple Chunks  
Rolls  
Milk

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Sliced Turkey w/Gravy  
Sloppy Joe on Bun  
Whipped Potatoes  
Steamed Mixed Vegetables  
Fresh Orange  
Apricot Cup

## Readers Speak

Editor:

Cane Creek in Martin was a wonderful place. Canterbury Place is even better. I want to thank you for your candy, fruit, visits, prayers, cards and letters. I was there several weeks and the mail came every day but Sunday I read and re-read my cards and letters. I may publish the ones Bettie Davis wrote. One was two legal-size pages, single-spaced. Both told me about the bridge club, who came, and high scorers. The last letter told of Nauline Jordan and Carolyn Carswell, visitors, playing together and winning high score.

It was awhile before Norine Pugh even knew I broke my leg. She wrote several times at Cane Creek and here. The bridge club is meeting with me here this week. Some of them have already been here to see me.

There are only three men here,

Mike Thurmond, Delbert Palmer and Bill Parrish. Most of you know Mike Thurmond. Delbert has two sons here, John and Tom Palmer. Mr. Parrish's son is head of Nu-Care here. They have four children in school here.

This is an assisted living place owned by the Methodist and Episcopal churches and costs about half as much as the nursing home; Barbara, who resides in Bradford, is the manager, Ann Rogers, of Halls, works here.

Nellie Baker and her son, Jeff, came to see me two weeks ago. Nellie and her sister, Betty Lawrence, of Kansas, plan to leave for Greece and Israel March 10th and return March 23rd.

There are two other ladies that live at Double Bridges. One of them is Finis McGarrity's granddaughter. The only thing wrong with the food here or at Cane Creek is they give you more than you can possibly eat. I have been trying not to gain weight all my life. They have dessert at noon and night. I try to eat it just one time.

Frances McNeil came to see me and brought me a carrot cake; Alice and Oliver Nunn brought me two African violets in a double pot; and Mary Elmore, of Memphis, and Naulene Jordan came and brought me an African violet too.

Jim and Elizabeth Horner, Jerry and Becky Ozment, Albert and Kay Fowlkes and Sam and Clara Nell Bradshaw are returning home from Vail, Colo.

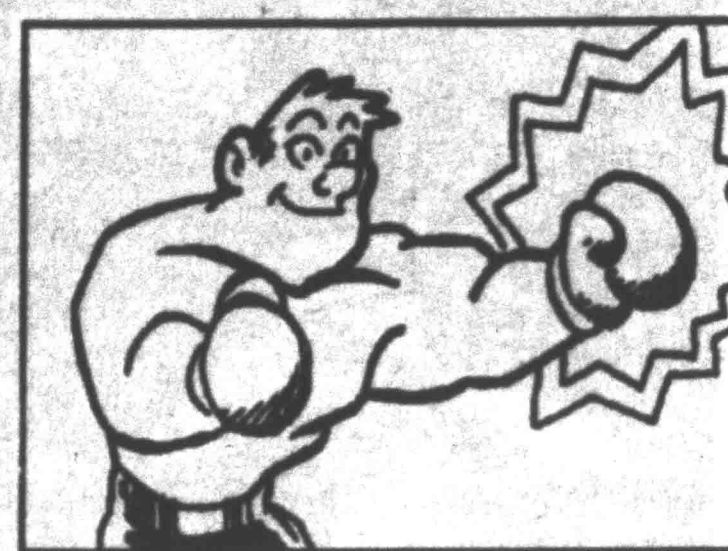
Mary Alsbrook

## Blankenship With USS Enterprise In Mid-East

Navy Petty Officer first Class Willie E. Blankenship, a 1979 graduate of Halls High School who joined the Navy in 1980, is assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. He is half-way through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea where he participated in Operation Desert Fox, launching missile attacks on military installations in Iraq after Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow U.N. teams to inspect Iraqi installations for weapons of mass destruction.

## Divorces

James Marvin Kiestler vs Brenda Maners Kiestler.  
Ronnie Crutchfield vs Alesia Sanders Crutchfield.



Three-time world welterweight champion Jack Britton competed in a record 37 title bouts.

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### Quality Teachers Must Be Priority

By Superintendent Bobby Webb

As most of you know, teacher salaries in Lauderdale County have consistently been below the state average which is the primary reason we have difficulty in attracting and keeping teachers in our school system. According to the Tennessee Department of Education, the average annual teacher's salary in Lauderdale County last year was \$4,799 below the state average.

This is certainly not a new problem, it is one that our board of education and teachers' association has addressed for many years. During the 1989-90 school year, Lauderdale County teacher salaries were \$3,776 below the state average. This salary gap widened to \$5,118 in 1994-95, but closed to \$4,279 in 1995-96 when our teachers received a \$1,000 raise from a new 1/4 cent sales tax fund. Since then, the gap has widened by an additional \$520 to \$4,799. Even with the \$1,000 per teacher from the 1/4 cent sales tax, current teacher salaries are \$1,003 further behind the state average than they were ten years ago.

The reason for this is simple - local revenue for teacher salaries has not increased at the same rate as other school systems across the state. While all Tennessee teachers received the same salary increases

and limit your questions to the issue of school funding. We are fortunate to have many outstanding teachers in our school system, but many of them are retiring or accepting higher paying teaching positions in neighboring school systems. Lauderdale County

has always supported our schools and the education of our children. I believe that most of us understand the importance of keeping education as the highest priority of our local government. Education is something that will have long-term implications for our children and the economy of Lauderdale County. This is an issue for which we all must work together in order to resolve. The highest apartment residence is the 92nd floor of the 100-story John Hancock Center in Chicago.

To make the situation more disturbing, Secretary of Education Richard Riley recently reported that our nation will need approximately 2.2 million new teachers during the next ten years while fewer college students are entering teacher preparation programs. Many states have already initiated a nation-wide search for qualified teachers. Massachusetts recently began offering a \$20,000 signing bonus in an effort to recruit more teachers. With this growing national shortage of teachers and increased demand for better qualified teachers, we find ourselves in Lauderdale County at a tremendous disadvantage because our teachers are paid considerably less than the state or national average. Recruiting the best teachers and keeping our veteran teachers has become a very serious problem. During the next few weeks, I will explain how our school system is funded and what our alternatives are if we truly intend to attract and keep well-qualified teachers in our classrooms. If you have questions about how our schools are funded or local and state revenue allocations, please write your questions and bring or mail them to this newspaper. The newspaper has agreed to print your question along with my response. Please include your name and phone number in case there is a need for clarification

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**JORDAN CRIFIELD**, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crihfield, of Halls, was chosen as Halls High School Exchange Club Youth of the Month. She is pictured with Mark Davidson, left, and Harriet Cannon, right, of the Ripley Exchange Club.

With a grade point average of 4.0, she is ranked 3rd in her class.

A member of First United

Methodist Church, she is Conference Youth Leader, delivered Meals-On-Wheels, volunteered to help raise money for the Dream Factory, St. Jude Research Hospital, Cancer Society and others.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with plans to become a pediatric dentist.

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**ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS** in the '99 Rural Electric Essay Contest were, from left, John Allen Noblin, fourth place; Justin Meeks, third place; Leslie Kennedy, second place; and Van Phipps, first place. They will spend a week in Washington, D.C. this summer, complements of the local Rural Electric Co-Op.

gining Ceramics at 11:30 a.m. and Aerobics at 1 p.m., March 18th; Bingo at 10 a.m., Exercise Club at 11 a.m. and Craft Day Easter Project at 12:30 p.m., March 19th.

### Lauderdale County Activities For Seniors

The Senior Center, 605 Airport St., Halls, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with transportation for all Lauderdale Countians. Activities include the Walking Club at 10 a.m., Beginning Ceramics at 11:30 a.m. and Aerobics at 1 p.m., March 11<sup>th</sup>; Exercise Club at 11 a.m. and Craft Day, 12:30 p.m., March 12<sup>th</sup>; Reelfoot Lake for lunch at 9:30 a.m. and Walking club at 10 a.m., March 15; Walking club at 10 a.m., Exercise Club at 10:30 a.m. and Aerobics at 1 p.m., March 16<sup>th</sup>; Devotion with The Rev. Wade at 10 a.m., Exercise Club at 11 a.m. and St. Patrick's Day Party at 12:30 p.m., March 17<sup>th</sup>; walking club at 10 a.m., Be-

### New Coalition Aids Victims Of Violence

The Rev. Jim Alford, pastor of Ripley First United Methodist Church, was named chairperson for the newly formed Lauderdale County Domestic Violence Coalition. Other officers are Judy Martin, of the Lauderdale County Board of Education, vice-chairperson; and Marva Temple, of the Family Resource Center, secretary. Todd White is the representative for the Tina Turner Family Center.

The coalition was formed to help the community become aware of the problem of domestic violence. Lauderdale County receives more than 100 calls for service in response to domestic disputes per month. Victims of domestic violence do not feel the system protects them from further violence.

### New Van For Center



A 13-PASSENGER VAN for the Halls Senior Center, displayed by, from left, Eugene Pugh, Town of Halls Mayor, Louella Carter, Margerett White, Leora Abernathy, Gertrude Jones and James Tyus, alderman, was purchased through a grant from the State of Tennessee and matching funds from the Town of Halls. The State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, Section 53-10 grant program, provided \$22,925.60, the Town of Halls provided \$5,731 for the purchase of the van. The new van will not only serve the Halls area but will travel as far as Henning each day. Anyone 60 years or older, has a spouse 60 years or older, disabled, is eligible to use the van. Further information from Halls Senior Center, 901-836-5444.

Children present in homes with domestic violence are 50 percent more likely to be abused themselves. Law enforcement needs the help of the community in holding perpetrators of domestic violence accountable.

The coalition works closely with the Tina Turner Family Center as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and in helping the abusers.

Members of the coalition are available to speak to civic and church groups or other functions with an interest in gaining information about domestic violence, further information from Todd White at the center, 635-8782.

The coalition meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Tennessee Technology Center. The public is invited.

### Garrett Absolved In Beating Charge

James Prater, Jr., serving 17 years on two counts of rape of a child, filed a pro se complaint for damages against Gaston Garrett claiming that Garrett "beat him up" when he arrested him Sept. 7, 1996, and again when he was brought to the Lauderdale County Jail in Ripley. Prater alleged that as a result he lost the vision in his left eye.

Both parties consented to a non-jury trial by a United States Magistrate Judge and a trial was held March 1st. In a motion filed for summary judgment in this case Jan. 20, 1999, Garrett contended that, contrary to Prater's claim of serious physical injury, evidence showed there was none and his eye problems predated his arrest. The District Court agreed with Garrett. There was no

proof that Garrett ever beat Prater and no proof that Prater suffered any injuries related to his arrest or subsequent jailing.

### Baptists Hold World Missions Conference

Lauderdale County churches participating in the World Missions Conference include Calvary Hill, Curve, Halls First Baptist, Halls Westside, Macedonia, Mary's Chapel, March 14-17, New Mitchell Grove, March 14 and 21, Elon and Enon, March 18-21, and Woodville, March 20-21.

Furloughing International Missionaries from Africa, Germany, Australia and the Philippines will speak in the churches with North American missionaries and state missionaries. Day services will be held at 11 a.m. March 14-18 at Halls Westside Baptist Church.



**MRS. KAY MATTHEWS**, left, of Franklin, and her daughter, Lauren, arranged for her parents, Don, center, and Ruth Frary, of Prophetstown, Ill., to visit the Veterans' Museum in Halls. Mr. Frary is a World War II

and Korean veteran who flew Corsairs. Their favorite exhibit was the staff car but they gave the museum a thorough once over with video camera and regular cameras.

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## 1999 Waste Pesticide Collection Program

The Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection Program will assist farmers with disposing of unused chemicals from 8 a.m. to noon March 13th at the Farmers Co-Op in Brownsville and from 8 a.m. to noon March 20th at the Ripley Ag Center.

The program involves a series of collection events where farmers can dispose of waste pesticides free of charge at a designated time and location. State officials monitor the collection, receiving, identifying, sorting and preparing pesticides for transport by an authorized disposal service.

Farmers do not have to identify themselves but prior notice must be given to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture if the amount to be collected from one source exceeds 1,000 pounds. Commercial and industrial outlets may participate but must pay for the cost of disposal and make arrangements with the disposal service prior to the collection event.

Further information from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Groundwater Monitoring Program, 615-837-5523.

## Land Transfers

Mar. 1 -- Bethany A. Cunningham

C. Stanley to Jon Smith and Tonic Smith, Dist. 16, 5.05 acres.

Jerrie Horner Jackson to H & H Rental Company, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

Jerry L. Jones and Melinda C. Jones to Brenda Andrews, Dist. 2, lot.

Mar. 2 -- Tina Reeves to Eugene Currin and Shirley Currin, Dist. 12, lot.

Mar. 3 -- Lela A. Johnson and P.P. Johnson to David T. Johnson and Lela A. Johnson, Dist. 2, lot.

Jimmie Hensley Jr. and Tracie Hensley to Claudette Moody and Jerry Moody, Dist. 2, lot.

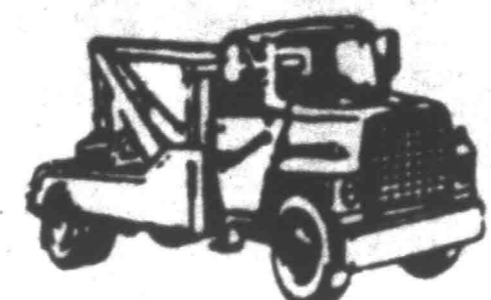
Mar. 4 -- Beverly Dunavant and Todd Dunavant to Jeremy S. Robinson, Dist. 3, lot.

The gentoo penguin can swim at speeds up to 17 miles per hour.

One word frees us from all the weight and pain of life: That word is love. —Sophocles

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## SALE

March 13, 1999

I, Louis Craig, Sheriff of Lauderdale County, will sell to the highest bidder on March 13, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Lauderdale County Justice Center, 675 Highway 51 South, Ripley, Tennessee, the following seized vehicles and miscellaneous items:

- 1971 GMC Pick-Up  
VIN # KE134S130186
- 1984 Pontiac Bonneville  
VIN # 2G2AR69H5E2203059
- 1985 Chevrolet  
VIN # 1G1AW19X5F6215414
- 1976 Ford, LTD  
VIN #6U63H159220
- 1984 Pontiac Bonneville  
VIN # 1G2AS69H2EB212893
- 1979 Ford  
VIN #9A63F168136
- Other Miscellaneous Items

They will be sold as is.

We reserve the right to accept or refuse any and all bids.

*Louis Craig*  
Sheriff Louis Craig

## Ms. Delta Royalty 1999



CONTESTANTS in the Ms. Senior Delta Pageant March 7th representing Lauderdale County were, from left, Louella Carter, of Halls, Hazel Williams, of Gates, and Lillie Mae Adams, of Halls. They participated in four areas of competition, including interview with judges and review of life philosophy, talent and modeling of formal wear.

Lillie Mae was crowned the 1999 Ms. Senior Delta and will compete in the Ms. Tennessee Pageant in Crossville, representing Lauderdale, Shelby, Tipton and Fayette Counties. She also won the Philosophy of Life competition.



A PROM FASHION SHOW, co-sponsored by Halls High School Marketing 2 class and the Project Graduation committee, will be at 7 p.m. March 16th in the gymnasium of Halls Junior High School. Heather Cox and Jordan Cribfield are shown modeling dresses from Halls Flower and Bridal Shop, with LaSaundra Keith admiring other dresses. Angela Pugh will be mistress of ceremonies. Louella won second place. Dresses at the fashion show.

## NOTICE

The Town of Halls is now taking applications for patrolmen/police officers.

Must be at least 21 years of age, have high school diploma or GED equivalent and no prior felonies.

Applications are now available at Halls City Hall.

We Are An Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Jews For Jesus At Eastland Church

Rob Wertheim, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus will present "Christ in the Passover," at 7 p.m. March 18th in Eastland Baptist Church, Ripley.

Founder and former executive director of Jews, Moishe Rosen, wrote the Christ in the Passover program in 1956. He says some of the most important elements of Christian doctrine, the Trinity, the principle of substitutionary atonement and salvation through a personal relationship with the Messiah are implied in the seder (Passover feast). The program helps churches appreciate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

According to Dr. Rosen, "Our message is not new, but we're telling it in a new way."

The public is invited.

Spencer, Jo Ann Tate, Nicole Ward and Heather Wyrick.

Tuxedos, from Mitchell's Formal Wear, will be modeled by Ladall Glynn, Brandon Lee, Eugene Pugh, Rhea Chipman, Dustin Gilliland, Joseph Brown, Rusty Kesler and William Carroll. Other male models will include Alan Meadows, Addison Hansford and Kenny Pridmore.

Modern Woodman of America will match proceeds for the event to benefit Halls High Project Graduation.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Lifeblood, Mid-South Regional Blood Center, will hold a community blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Mar. 11th at the First United Methodist Church, 145 S. Main St., Ripley.

## Dyer Baptist Association

# World Missions Conference

MARCH 14-21, 1999

Bogala	March 14 & 17	Beech Grove	March 18-21
Calvary Hill	March 14-17	Beech Grove Vlar	March 18-21
Curve	March 14-17	Calvary Chapel	March 21
Dyersburg First	March 17-19 & 21	Elon	March 18-21
Dyersburg, Second	March 14-17	Emmou	March 18-21
Fairview	March 14-17	Enon	March 18-21
Finley	March 14-17	Evansville	March 18-21
Halls First	March 14-17	Fl. Hudson	March 18-21
Halls Westside	March 14-17	Fowlkes	March 18-21
Hawthorne	March 14-17	Harmony	March 18-21
Hillcrest	March 14-17	Harvest	March 18-21
Macedonia	March 14-17	Miston	March 18-21
Mary's Chapel	March 14-17	Parrish Chapel	March 18-21
McCullough Chapel	March 14-17	RoEllen	March 18-21
MI. Tirzah	March 14-17	Springhill	March 18-21
MI. Vernon	March 14-17	Trimble First	March 18-21
New Mitchell Grove	March 14 & 21	Williams Chapel	March 20 & 21
Newbern First	March 14-17	Woodville	March 20 & 21
Southside	March 14-17	Zion Hill	March 18-21
Westside Dyersburg	March 14-17		

Weekday Meetings - March 15-18 - 11:00 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Halls Westside	Hillcrest	Newbern First	Springhill

Baptist Men / Boys Rally & Breakfast  
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## Saving Our Income



**PRIMARY NON-COMPETITIVE** Baker, Patti Butner and Melissa Robeson, wrote an eight minute play showing how characters earned, saved and budgeted their money for the future for their Odyssey of the Mind program.

They invented legal tender and three financial services for a family of penguins saving to go to Hawaii.

## Reshaping Shakespeare



**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM**, of Halls High School, Megan Jordan, Kara Steelman, Richard Scheopke, Joanne Scott and Eric Wright, competed in Region 2 tournament. With a problem to solve and eight minutes to present their solution to the judges, the team chose the problem of reshaping Shakespeare and setting it in another time and location.

## Environmental Challenge



**DIVISION I COMPETITORS**, in their skit with *Snail, Snail on the Stage*, to the tune of *Home, Home On The Range*.

## Mrs. Drumwright Has 94th Birthday

Mrs. Zela Mae Drumwright, of the Ripley Healthcare and Rehab Center, who will be 94 Mar. 12th will celebrate her birthday Saturday, March 13th with her family. Friends are invited to drop by for a visit from 2 - 4 p.m.

## Customer Service



**DIVISION II TEAM**, Brooke Barnes, Jennifer Buntin, Zach Camp, Robert Harris, Leigh Hastings, Bailey Hutcherson and Zak Kelley, coached by Rita Barnes and assisted by Tracie Kelley, wrote and performed a skit involving a sales transaction between two co-workers and a memorable customer for their Odyssey of the Mind program at Halls Elementary School. A clam and fish try to sell talent cream to two mermaids.

## County Author Will Speak At University

Author and educator, Robert Drake, a native of Ripley, will read from and discuss *The Home Place*, his critically acclaimed memoir of growing up in the Lauderdale County community of Woodville, at 3 p.m. Mar. 14th in the Alumni Center of the University of Memphis.

## Nelson Is Speaker For Male Forum

The Lauderdale County Male Forum, sponsored by the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Lauderdale County, will meet at 9:30 a.m. Mar. 20th in Holly Grove Baptist Church. The theme will be *The*

*Rightful Place of Man*. Speakers will include Chaplain Carl Nelson, an authoritarian on gang violence and prison ministry; Dr. Ruben

Green, president of the Tennessee School of Religious Studies; and Dr. Lawrence Barksdale, instructor of theology, Tennessee School of Religious Studies.

written a variety of books and articles on life in West Tennessee including *Amazing Grace*, *The Burning Bush* and *Survivors and Others*.

His appearance at the university is sponsored by the Friends of the University of Memphis Libraries, the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities and the University Store. Admission is open to the public without charge.



Teeth were cleaned in the Elizabethan era by rubbing them with a "tooth cloth" and then using a toothpick.

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 We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.  
 —Thomas Fuller

## Graduation For Second Leadership Lauderdale

The Second Annual Leadership Lauderdale Program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, concluded Tuesday, Feb. 23rd with the graduation ceremonies at Rolling Hills Country Club. Friends and family members of the nineteen participants, Chamber Board members, Leadership Lauderdale Alumni and members of the Board of Trustees attended the event. Mayor Webb Banks, of the City of Brownsville, was guest speaker.

Leadership is a significant factor in the successful development of the community, guiding participants with new ideas and talents into leadership roles to help Lauderdale County face the challenges of the future. Members of the graduating class included Baris Douglas, Mark Drumwright, Mike Dunavant, Annette Fisher, Lisa Hankins, Betty Henson, Joe Hunsucker, Renate Jennings, Al Jones, Gerry Lovell, Annette Maxwell, Renee Nelson, Donna Pugh, Shirley Robinson, Bill Spiller, Bill Sweat, Elizabeth Thompson, John Thompson and Cindy Turner. To participate in the 1999 Leadership Lauderdale Class, call the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

## Readers Speak

Editor:

I am responding to an article that was published in your paper last week written by Lauderdale County School Superintendent Bobby Webb.

I share Mr. Webb's concern regarding our inability to recruit new teachers or keep our existing ones because they are offered better salaries in the surrounding county school systems. Since our teachers are underpaid, then surely Mr. Webb and his staff must be underpaid as well.

I believe Mr. Webb could help all the citizens of Lauderdale County to better understand this situation if he is willing to publish in your paper the amount of his annual salary and those of his administrative assistants. This disclosure would enable us to truly understand how unfairly all our teachers are being paid and why we are unable to retain them. Thank you

BIRDIE PIERCE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A PLAN OF SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT FOR HALLS AREAS OF ANNEXATION IN 1998.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen on a progress report for the delivery of municipal services in territories annexed in 1998.

Said hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-51-102 and 13-7-203 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated. Said hearing will be held at a regular session of said Board on Monday, April 5, 1999 BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M. AT HALLS CITY HALL.

Any interested party is invited to appear before the Board and inquire or comment on the contents of the report as presented. Areas of such annexation and the corresponding report are as follows:

### HALLS: 1998 ANNEXATIONS

- AREA "A"**  
Zoned R-1: PROPERTY WEST OF HIGHWAY 51, SOUTH OF HANSFORD ROAD.
- AREA "A"**  
Zoned R-3: PROPERTY BETWEEN GATE 6 ROAD AND HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH OF INDUSTRIAL ROAD.
- AREA "A"**  
Zoned B-1: PROPERTY WEST OF HIGHWAY 51, NORTH OF HIGHWAY 88.
- AREA "A"**  
Zoned M-1: PROPERTY EAST OF HIGHWAY 51 NORTH OF INDUSTRIAL ROAD.
- AREA "B"**  
Zoned R-1: PROPERTY INSIDE MITCHELL LANE.
- AREA "C"**  
Zoned M-1: PROPERTY SOUTH OF HALLS AT GATES BETWEEN DAVE WALKER ROAD AND HIGHWAY 88.

#### Area A, R-1

**Police and fire protection:** Patrolling radio response to police calls and fire protection by present personnel and equipment have been operative and available since the effective date of annexation.

**Water utilities:** Potable 2" water service has and continues to be provided by the Halls Utility Department. Consistent with the original Plan of Service, the City plans to supplement existing water service with 6" distribution mains and fire hydrants by October 2003 in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Halls Utility Department.

**Sewer utilities:** Sewer service is not yet available to the annexed area but plans consistent with the original Plan of Service have been made to install sewer service to the area by October 2005 in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Halls Utility Department.

**Electrical utilities:** Electric service has and continues to be provided consistent with the original Plan of Service by Ripley Power and Light Company in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Ripley Power and Light Company.

**Street construction and repair:** Emergency and routine street maintenance and reconstruction, surfacing and resurfacing of streets has been and continues to be provided by the City consistent with the original Plan of Service.

**Recreational facilities and programs:** City parks, recreational facilities and recreational programs have and will continue to be provided and available by the City consistent with the original Plan of Service.

**Street lighting:** The extension of street lighting along Hansford Road is expected to be extended to the annexation area within the next 18 months. The City considers such planned completion not to be a substantial delay of initial services specified for the area.

**Zoning Services:** The planning and zoning jurisdiction of the City and the classification of zoning was extended to the annexed area on the effective date of annexation consistent with the original Plan of Service.

#### Area A, R-3

**Police and fire protection:** Patrolling radio response to police calls and fire protection by present personnel and equipment have been operative and available since the effective date of annexation.

**Water utilities:** Potable 2" water service has and continues to be provided to the annexation area and 6" and 8" water mains are currently maintained along Highway 88 and Gate 6 Road by the Halls Utility Department. Consistent with the original Plan of Service, the City plans to supplement an existing 2" water service with 6" or 8" distribution mains and fire hydrants by October 2003 in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Halls Utility Department.

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**Street lighting:** The extension of street lighting along the east side of Gate 6 Road is approximately 80% complete and is expected to be extended to the balance of the annexation area by March 2001. The City considers such planned completion not to be a substantial delay of initial services specified for the area.

**Zoning Services:** The planning and zoning jurisdiction of the City and the classification of zoning was extended to the annexed area on the effective date of annexation consistent with the original Plan of Service.

#### Area A, B-1

**Police and fire protection:** Patrolling radio response to police calls and fire protection by present personnel and equipment have been operative and available since the effective date of annexation.

**Water utilities:** Commercial 8" water service with a vicinity fire hydrant is available to the annexation area along Highway 88. Potable 2" water service has and continues to be provided by the Halls Utility Department to the balance of the annexation areas. Consistent with the original Plan of Service, the City plans to supplement existing 2" water service with 6" distribution mains and fire hydrants by October 2003 in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Halls Utility Department.

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#### Area A, M-1

**Police and fire protection:** Patrolling radio response to police calls and fire protection by present personnel and equipment have been operative and available since the effective date of annexation.

**Water utilities:** Limited 8" water service with a vicinity fire hydrant is available to the annexation area along Highway 51. Potable 2" water service has and continues to be provided by the Halls Utility Department to the balance of the annexation area. Consistent with the original Plan of Service, the City plans to supplement existing 2" water service with 6" distribution mains and fire hydrants by October 2003 in accordance with the established policies of the City of Halls and the Halls Utility Department.

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## Quality Teachers Must Be Priority

Part II

By Superintendent Bobby Webb

During 1992 through 1994, Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter and a coalition of state educators, state business leaders and outside consultants determined what would be necessary for each of Tennessee's 138 local school systems to provide a Basic Education Program (BEP). This Basic Education Program was established and incorporated into state law entitled the *Education Improvement Act* in July of 1994.

This new basic education program required additional state funding to enable each school system to employ additional teachers and other school personnel, purchase technology, purchase educational materials and provide other educational programs to provide a sound basic education for each Tennessee student. These additional funds are provided to every school system from a statewide one-half cent sales tax distributed to local school systems on a per pupil basis with adjustments made according to the local wealth of the individual school district. Some school districts such as Shelby County, Madison County and Dyer County have higher property values and more retail stores in which to collect local sales tax than Lauderdale County. They, therefore, receive fewer state BEP dollars per student than Lauderdale and other counties which have a smaller tax base. Over the past six years, our local Board of Education has used these additional BEP funds according to state law and for the specific purposes the state legislature intended. The Lauderdale County Board of Education is specifically using our state BEP funds to employ 77 additional classroom teachers to lower pupil/teacher ratio as required by the new law; 14 education assistants; four guidance counselors; two district-wide supervisors; one technology coordinator; one librarian; two principals; five assistant principals; three school nurses; one school receptionist; six school computer clerks; two custodians; one school security guard; five maintenance personnel; one computer technician; one bus mechanic; one director of human resources; and one family resource center assistant. In addition to these positions, the board is using state BEP funds to increase our budget for textbooks, school maintenance, educational materials and supplies,

As our teachers retire or leave for higher paying salaries, we are forced to employ less experienced teachers - if we can find them at all! In fact, Lauderdale County is often referred to as a 'training ground' for new inexperienced teachers. As prospective industries examine our county, most seem to be genuinely impressed with the excellent school building we have built, the many quality educational programs we provide our students and the fact that all our schools are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. When they ask for the pupil expenditure and find that we are funding our schools far below the state and national average, they have to wonder how we can continue to provide a quality work force without the funds to keep quality teachers.

Next week I will provide background information about local revenues for our schools. In the meantime, please bring or mail your questions about school funding to this newspaper. Include your name and phone number in case I need to call for clarification. Your question and my response will be printed in the newspaper.

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school computers and educational software. While these new BEP funds have enabled our Board of Education to make tremendous improvements in our schools, the law specifically states that classroom and non-classroom improvement funds cannot be used to increase salaries. In order to increase local teacher salaries, local revenue must be used. During the 1997-98 school year, Lauderdale County received \$587 per student more in state BEP funding than the state average in Tennessee but the average local funding body in Tennessee provide \$1,956 per student while Lauderdale County provided only \$743 per student. Even with the additional share of state funds, we were \$3,041,734 below the state average in school funding. In fact, Lauderdale County ranked 129th of the 138 school systems in local revenue per student. Until we raise this local revenue of \$743 per student toward the \$1,956 state average, our school board will not have the necessary funds to raise local teacher salaries.

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## NOTICE

The Town of Halls is accepting bids on a STI-P3 4,000 gallon steel fuel tank.

Bids will be opened at the April 5, 1999 regular board meeting in City Hall.

For further information, contact Alan Cherry, Public Works Director, 940 Industrial Rd., 901-836-7379.

*We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Halls is seeking an individual to work in the Public Works Department. Duties may include meter reading, gas, water and sewer line repair and construction. Job requirements are Valid Tennessee Drivers License and a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications are available at City Hall.



## Guy M. Read III Is Auto Fatality

Guy M. "Monte" Read III, 48, of Memphis, brother of Cathy (Mrs. Kent) Cherry, of 218 W. Tigrett, Halls, died Sunday in Methodist Hospital in Memphis, of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Family Funeral Care, with burial in Memphis Memorial Gardens.

He had been a route man for Forest Hill Dairies.

A graduate of Catholic High School in Memphis, he served in the Army during the Viet Nam war.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Read, of Rosemark; his parents, Guy, Jr., and Carolyn, of Memphis; and four other sisters, Susan Fuller, of Collierville, Brenda Southerland, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; Debbie Orians, of Marietta, Ga.; and Karen Venditti, of Margate, Fla.

## Amanda Jacocks

Amanda Elizabeth Jacocks, 91, of Brownsville, retired Linotype operator for the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Upper Zion Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Nashville and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves a brother, Russell Jacocks, of 1257 Stanley Road, Gates, retired manager of the Forked Deer Electric Co-Operative; and a sister, Lettie Jacobs, of Slaughter, La.

## William Garrison

William "Clayton" Garrison, 69, of Halls, retired truck driver, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis, after a heart attack.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Nettie Jean Flowers Garrison; two sons, Joe

Clyde Garrison, of Covington, and Michael Edward Garrison, of Southaven, Miss.; a daughter, Teresa Garrison, of Dyersburg; a brother, Clyde, of Spring Hill; and two sisters, Beth Taylor, of Jackson, and Hazel Latham, of Paris.

## Harold Wells Jr.

Harold Ray Wells, Jr., 15, died of an accidental gunshot wound at his home in Jackson Wednesday of last week.

Services were at 1 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Cairo Cemetery in Crockett Mills.

He was a student.

He leaves his father, Harold Ray Wells, Sr., of Milford, Conn.; his mother, Rose Marie Ace Wells, of Jackson; a brother, Bruce Jermyen Acor, of Jackson; and his grandmother, Dorothy Reno, of Ripley.

## James R. Wallace

James Riley Wallace, 73, of New Johnsonville, father of Janie Pridmore, of 374 Bald Knob Road, Ripley, died Monday of last week, of respiratory failure, in Three Rivers Baptist Hospital in Waverly.

Services were at noon Thursday of last week in Karnes & Son Funeral Home in Dyer, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery at Dyer.

He was a carpenter.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, James F. Wallace, of Camden, and Bobby Wallace, of Troup, Tex.; two other daughters, Ann Wington, of Rutherford, and Teresa Edwards, of Dyer; nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

## Kate Karnazes

Kate Peery Karnazes, 98, widow of Angelo J. Karnazes, of Halls, died Monday, of heart failure, in Chester County Nursing home in Henderson.

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

She was born Feb. 26, 1901 in Boothspoint, to John C. and Alice Peery. She graduated from Unionville High School in 1919. She worked with her husband in his

restaurant business. After his death, she worked in the Halls School cafeteria.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Halls, where she served in the nursery department for many years. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of the congregation.

She lived with her daughter's family in Luray for 10-1/2 years before residing in the nursing home for the last ten months.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Eleanor Karnazes Taylor, of Luray; and a grandson.

## Beulah D. Cook

Beulah D. Cook, 82, of Stanton, mother of Bobby Cook, of Henning, died Monday, of heart failure, in Oakwood Manor in Dyersburg.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Charleston Cemetery.

She was the widow of Richard Cook.

Survivors include two other sons, Charles, of Covington, and James, of Fort Smith, Ark.; three daughters, Beulah Louise Burk, of Munford, Linda Faye Hale, of Covington, and Mary Inez Delaney, of Brighton; a brother, Floyd Gray, and a sister, Lula Austill, of Covington; 26 grandchildren, and 39 great-grandchildren.

## Mary Sweeden

Mary Baskin Laswell Sweeden, 70, of Covington, mother of Martha Ferrell, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Helen Crigger Cemetery.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Hollis Wayne Braddock, of Munford, and Ronald Braddock, of Covington; four other daughters, Mary Braddock, of Munford, Donna Keith, of Brighton, Lynn Fultz, of Covington, and Teresa Smith, of Atoka; five brothers, Billy and David Baskin, of Covington, Douglas Baskin, of Brighton, Herbert Baskin, of McKenzie, and Eugene Baskin, of Bangs, Tex.; two sisters, Patsy Wilkins, of Brighton, and Joan Farmer, of Blytheville, Ark.; 21 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

## Wm. LaRochelle

William LaRochelle, 68, father of Cindy Beasley, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of complications of Alzheimer's disease, in Royal Care of Ridgely.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Thursday of last week in Forest Hill Funeral Home East in Memphis, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery East.

A former Memphian, he had retired as a retail manager.

A veteran, he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Ridgely.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, a son, Jonathan, of Rhode Island; four other daughters, Becky Barlow, of Ridgely, and Christine Correa, Kara Lee Amaral, and Suzanne Dipaola, all of Rhode Island; and eight grandchildren.

## Larry J. Brent

Larry James Brent, 46, of Covington, father of Aaron Brent and brother of Wardell Brent, both of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 1 p.m. Sunday in Covington Church of Christ, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Mason Funeral Home in charge.

He was a machine operator.

Survivors include his wife, Joann Grandberry Brent, five other sons, Larry, Jr., Andrew, Anthony, Christopher, and Steven, all of Covington; two step-daughters, Cynthia and Tina Grandberry, of Ripley; four other brothers, Danny, Eddie, Jeffery, and Willie, of Covington; three sisters, Mary Brent and Dorothy Townsend, of Covington, and Geraldine Steele, of Memphis; and two step-brothers, Larry Adams and Richard Wynn, of Covington.

## Dossie Smith, 103

Dossie Gause Smith, 103, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of cardiac arrest, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, where she was a member of the Missionary and Mother Boards, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, in charge.

She leaves two nieces, Josephine DeBerry, of Ripley, and Clio Palmer, of Henning.

## David Combs

The Rev. David O. Combs, 64, of Key Corner, Brownsville, died of heart failure Mar. 8th in Baptist Hospital-Tipton.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Mar. 11th in the chapel of Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

He was born Apr. 6, 1934 in Tipton County.

He was a salesman for Tipton County Co-Op and pastor of South Tipton Assembly of God.

He served in the U.S. Army in 1956-1958.

He leaves his wife, Shirley Barnett Combs; a son, Wendell Combs, of Brownsville; a daughter, Debra Lynn Carmack, of Cicero, Ind.; his father, John D. Combs, of Munford; two brothers, Larry Combs, of Covington, and Gaylon Combs, of Munford; a sister, Elizabeth Branch, of Alaska; and two grandchildren.

## Mary Webb

Mary Alice Jones Webb, 94, of Ripley, died of heart failure, Mar. 9th in Covington Care.

Services are set for 3 p.m. March 11th in Yarbrough Funeral Home Chapel in Ripley, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She was born Jan. 30, 1905 in Ripley to George Washington Jones Sr. and Lula Lockard.

A florist for more than 40 years, she owned and operated Mary's Flower Shop in Ripley. She also owned Mary's Tots and Teens Wearing Apparel for more than 15 years.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Ripley Chapter 354 and served as Worthy Matron. She served as Mother Advisor of The Order of the Rainbow for Girls, an affiliate of the O.E.S.

She was a 60-year member of First United Methodist Church in Ripley.

The widow of Charles Harry Webb Sr., she leaves a son, Dr. Charles H. Webb, of Tullahoma; two daughters, Shirley Webb Smith, of Covington, and Marilou Webb Robison, of Ripley; a sister, Dixie Miller, of Ripley; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Decorating Techniques



GRAPEVINE WREATHS were decorated Feb. 25th at the Extension Office by 25th homemakers, including, from left, Joyce Wakefield, Dorothy Holcomb, Dean Davis, Louise Land and Katie Chisholm, using decorating techniques taught by J.C. Hendren, owner of the Holiday House. The event was sponsored by Do Sew FCE.

Mr. Hendren, a noted decorator, provided tips on using a variety of artificial greenery and moss, tips on clipping, spacing and gluing.

Bexar FCE Club will sponsor Pillow Making on a Budget, March 30th. Pre-registration is required, 635-9551.

## PRE-ANNIVERSARY MUSICAL

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at Lightfoot will sponsor a pre-anniversary musical for the Heaven Bound Singers at 2 p.m. Mar. 14th. Guest choirs will include New Hope Cherry, Mt. Pleasant in Ripley, Mt. Pleasant in Gates and Antioch Curve.

Pastor Willie Dyson invites all friends and co-workers.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Revival Gospel Singers, of Dyersburg, will sponsor a musical program at 6 p.m. Mar. 13th in the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Dyersburg.

The New Soul Searchers, of Humboldt, Traveling Wonder, of Huntingdon, the 3'C, of Hayti, Mo., The Heaven Bound Jr., of Jackson, the Heavenly Voices and the Heaven Bound Singers, of Ripley, Sunset Travelers, of Dyersburg, and will entertain.

## MID-SOUTH SPELLING BEE

Jennifer Broglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Broglin, of Halls, will represent Lauderdale County in the Mid-South Spelling Bee at 9 a.m. Mar. 13th at the University of Memphis.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Resurrection gospel choir's annual scholarship program will be at 6 p.m. Mar. 13th in the Little Theater at Ripley High School. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.

## Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

### How Are You Going To Keep Them Down On The Farm

Just when you think you are about to make ends meet, someone goes and moves the ends. If that has ever happened to you, I'm sure you would have a lot of sympathy for Rutherford County farmer John L. Batey, who recently had the federal government move the ends, plus add a spacer, on his farming operation.

John L. operates a 500 acre wheat, corn, soybeans, and hog farm near Murfreesboro. He has spent all of his life on his family's farm which has been a part of the Batey family for 192 years. His plans for the future of his farm have been those that most life-long farmers have. That is, to be a good steward of the land, save and build your assets, and some day leave the farm and its operation to your children.

After the death of his father five years ago, and the death of his mother last June, he began the process of settling his parent's estate with the hopes of keeping the farm in the family for generations to come. However, the IRS saw things differently. Just recently, they presented the Batey family with a gift-and-estate tax bill for \$250,000.

"We thought we had worked everything out over the years," John L. recently said. However, real estate values around the Batey farm have gone out of sight as

Rutherford County continues to be the fastest growing county in the state. Property that once sold for \$200 an acre now is bringing over \$5,000 an acre. There have been many opportunities for John L. to sell the family's century farm, but he doesn't want to. He wants to farm.

All the years of saving, developing the soil, and hoping for the next generation of Batey farmers, is now at risk because of a tax that penalizes people for doing a good job. However, John L. expects to be able to pay the IRS without selling the farm. He may have to dip into savings, sell off assets or even borrow money, but he wants the farm passed on to his three children.

Just like the Batey family other Tennessee farm families are faced with paying high taxes or losing their farms to pay taxes levied on estates after death.

Because of this unfair "Death Tax," Tennessee Congressman John Tanner, D-Union City, has proposed tax-relief legislation in our nation's capital in an effort to save family farms. His bill will reduce the rate of estate taxes by five percent over ten years, eliminating it completely for farmers and small businesses by 2011. Current law imposes up to 55 percent assessment on inherited property with values over \$625,000.

"In a lot of places in Tennessee, people have a taxable estate, but they don't have any money," Congress-

man Tanner recently told a group of reporters. "All of their money is in the equipment. A cotton picker can cost over \$200,000. So to pay the (estate) taxes, they have to sell off farm land or equipment."

The legislation, if passed, will provide needed relief for Tennessee's farm families who want to pass farms on to their children. It will face an uphill battle this year as budget dollars are sought after by numerous congressmen to pay for other projects. The fact is clear however, if farm families do not receive help from legislation such as Congressman Tanner's, their futures are in question, especially for young farmers.

It is already too late for John L. Batey. But, just maybe his story will help others make plans and get on board to kill the "Death Tax."

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### Will Marry In Gatlinburg



**ELIZABETH LENORE CRIEHTFIELD**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lynn Criehtfield, of Halls, will marry Alan Wade Hounshell, son of Pryce Hounshell, of Vanclave, Ky., and Janet Hounshell, of Lexington, Ky.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Thelma Hurt and the late Joe Hurt, and Mrs. Sylvia Criehtfield and the late Ed Criehtfield, all of Halls.

A 1994 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a master's degree in social work, the bride-to-be is employed with Hospice of the Bluegrass in Frankfort, Ky.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Hounshell, Sr. and the late Mrs. Lena Taulbee, of Breathitt County, Ky.

A 1993 graduate of Morehead State University with a master's degree in clinical psychology, the groom-to-be is employed with the Children's Review Program in Lexington.

Following a May wedding in Gatlinburg, the couple will reside in Lexington.

### Married In March



**MR. AND MRS. TIM BROYLES** were married March 6th by Herman Reviere.

The bride, Wendy Sylvester, is the daughter of Lois Sylvester, of Ripley. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Maners, of Ripley, and Shirley Stephens and the late John Henry Sylvester. She has two sisters, Misty and Stacy Sylvester, of Ripley.

The groom is the son of Tim and Linda Broyles, of Halls, and the late Sharon Haynes. He is the grandson of Gus and Betty Hargett, of Ripley, Estle Broyles, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Haynes, of Ripley. He has a brother, Tyler, and a sister, Angie Rhodes.

The couple will reside in Halls.

### Speaker



**SHEA HARRIS** presented a program on vocational service and a video about skin cancer at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates.

protecting significant natural elements including geological features, rare species, natural communities and endangered ecosystems.

The proposal now goes to the General Assembly for approval.

### Natural Areas Protection Adds Acres To Sunk Lake

Governor Don Sundquist unveiled a plan to add more than 4,400 acres of wilderness to Tennessee's Natural Areas Protection Program.

His plan would create four state natural areas and expand two designated preservations including the addition of 350 acres to the existing 1,333 acre Lauderdale County Natural Area at Sunk Lake.

The Tennessee Natural Area Protection Program in the Division of Natural Heritage administers a

system of state-wide natural areas,



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Sunday, March 14, 11:00 A.M. - Terry White

Sunday, March 14, 6:00 P.M. - Dr. James Porch

Monday Evening, March 15 - Carolyn Warford

Tuesday Evening, March 16 - Terry Buford

Wednesday Evening, March 17 - Lloyd Mixer

Monday through Wednesday services begin at 7:00 P.M.

**missions**



**SECOND GRADE STUDENTS** of Melissa Robeson at Halls Elementary School made quilts in honor of 'Black History Month.' They learned that quilts played an important role on the underground railroad.

### To Wed In Unionville



**STEPHANIE MARIE CATES**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Cates, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nelson, of Ripley, will marry Joshua Adam Sills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sills, of Halls, at 5:30 p.m. April 2nd in Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Unionville with Bro. Sam Webb officiating, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cates, of Halls, and the late R.C. Stanfield and Ruby Stanfield, of Brownsville.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-to-be attends the LPN program at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. She is employed with First Baptist Pre-School and Day Care in Halls.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Opal White, of Halls, and Mrs. Ruth Austin, of Brownsville.

A 1996 graduate of Halls High School, the groom-to-be is employed as a sales consultant with Dyersburg Ford Lincoln Mercury.

The couple will reside in Halls.

### Birthdays

Jones, Juanita Haynes, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward.

Mar. 11 - Joe Tidwell, Larry Reynolds, Zane Bernard.

Mar. 12 - Robert Mills, Stacy Fullen, Paul Childress, Frankie Spray, Lorene Pennington, Susanne Hurt Trout, Jamie Young, Alicia Gooch.

Mar. 13 - Jonathan Cummings, Debbie Brewster, Don Gaines, Virginia Williams.

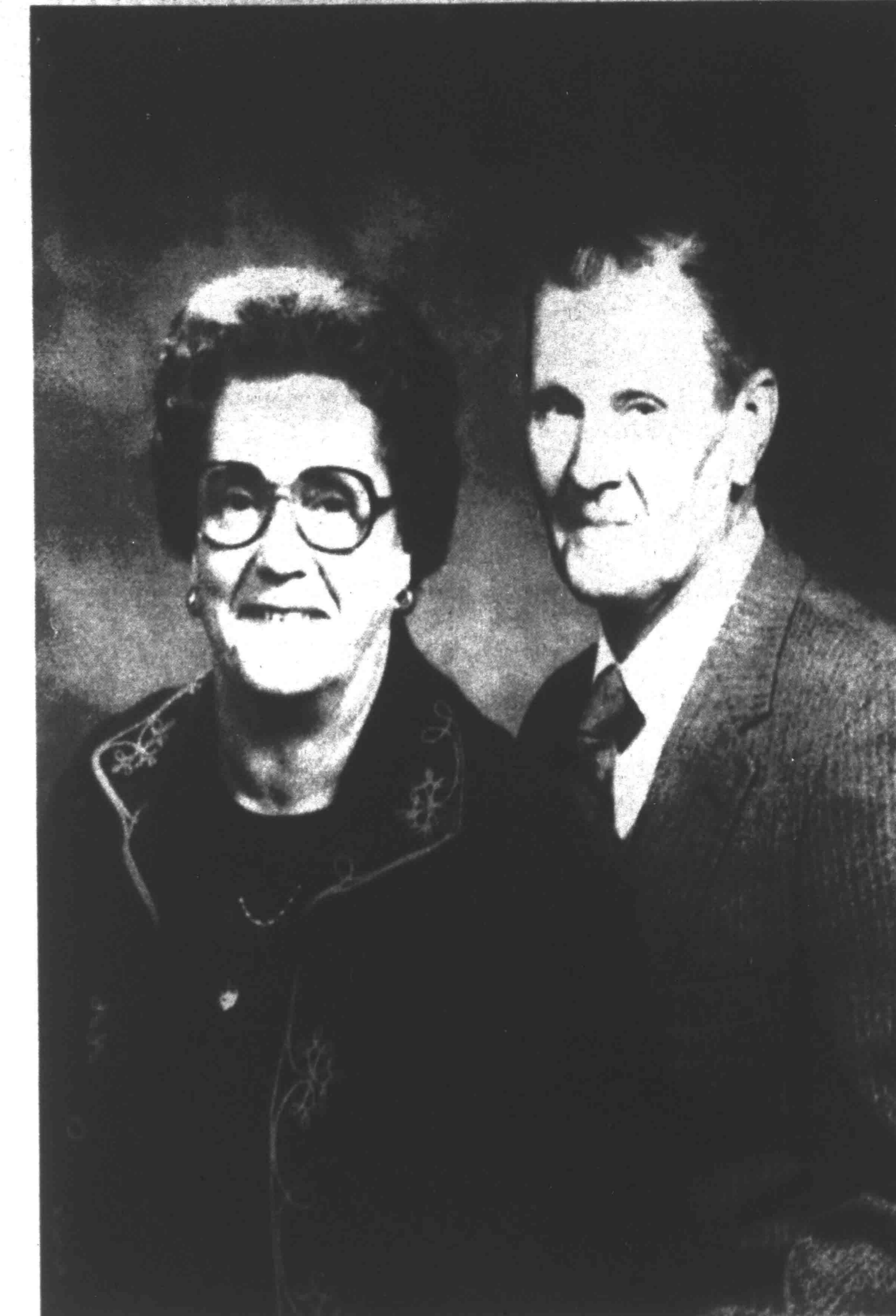
Mar. 14 - Jonathan Strahan, Bobby Webb, Tammy Carmack, Michal Pool, Caroline Mills.

Mar. 15 - Dr. Randall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Juanita Haynes, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward.

### Marriages

Feb. 22 - Lindsey Kuhron Stover, 41, to Phyllis Marie Fain, 45,

### 60th Anniversary



**Dr. And Mrs. Sorrell** Celebrate 50 Years

Dr. and Mrs. H.K. Sorrell, of Brownsville, will be honored by their children and grandchildren with a reception, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mar. 14th in the multipurpose room of the Brownsville Baptist Church, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, all family and friends invited.

### Plans Set For St. Jude Bass Classic

Mercury Outboards will join Ranger Boats, Union Planters Bank, Strike King Lures and Binswanger Glass as a major sponsor of the 1999 St. Jude Open Bass Classic.

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The St. Jude Classic is the oldest and largest charity fishing tournament in the nation with contributions to the hospital of more than \$1,260,000.

The 1999 tournament will be held at Sardis Reservoir May 30th. Entry fee is \$225 per two-man team if received by Mar. 31st, \$250 after. Entry forms available from local tackle and marine dealership or 1-888-816-1834.

### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, Jr., of Ripley, a 7 lb. 12 oz. son, Crockett Dale, at 8:45 p.m. Feb. 25th in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hury, of Halls, and Mrs. Frances Baker and the late Robert Baker, Sr., of Ripley.

**JUNIOR AND KATHRYN VOSS**, of Gates, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a luncheon attended by their sons, Larry and Edward, and wives last Sunday. The couple were married March 4, 1939. They have two grandchildren.

by Com. Billy P. Brandon.

Feb. 26 - Anthony Austin Tate, 22, to Tawana Leigh Warren, 21, by Willard Norvell.

Feb. 28 - Ronnie Lee Crutchfield, 33, to Theresa Ann Barna, 29, by Rev. Don Medford.

Mar. 1 - Mark Wayne Coker Sr., 29, to Carol Ann Pratt, 40, by Rev. Herbert Berger.

Donald Allen Layne, 36, to Mary Ellen Barnett, 35, by Willard Norvell.

Mar. 4 - Robert Wayne Boone, 29, to Tina Marie Kiestler, 28, by Willard Norvell.

### Anniversaries

Mar. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.

Mar. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dew.

Mar. 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voss.

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## Creative Writers



**ADVANCED PLACEMENT** English students at Halls High School, from left, Lana Hammock, Lucretia Cates, Jordan Cribfield and Kristen Mitchell placed in the creative non-fiction category in the 4th Annual Creative Writing Contest at Union University March 4th.

Kristen took first place, Lucretia and Jordan tied for second and Lana received honorable mention.

## Reception Welcomes New Administrator

Sunrise Care and Rehab for Lauderdale (formerly Lauderdale Health Care Center) residents and staff are honoring their new administrator, Johnny Rea, with a reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. March 16th in the front lobby.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edwards are parents of a baby son born Saturday morning in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Mrs. Mike McNeill, Mrs. J. D. McNeill, and Mrs. Jeff McNeill attended a stork shower for Mrs. Vicky Smith in Concord Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

## Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Leslie Puckett was honored with a birthday dinner at his home, Sunday, March 7th, to celebrate his 88th birthday. Thirty-six relatives gathered for the party hosted by his grandchildren, David and Lesa Puckett, Alison and Steve Brammell, Jeff and Deborah Puckett and his daughter-in-law, Monnie Puckett.

A pot luck dinner, reminiscent of the "good ole days" was served buffet style. After lunch, everyone enjoyed a piece of his birthday cake, decorated with a garden motif, to signify his love for gardening. The rest of the afternoon was spent taking pictures and sharing memories.

Present were his three great-grandsons, Josh Puckett, John Beasley and Harrison Brammell.

**Better late than before anybody invited you.**

—Ambrose Bierce

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**An empty stomach will not listen to anything.**

—Spanish Proverb

## Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale In Halls

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #167, of Halls Elementary School, will have a "Girl Scout Cookie" booth sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 13th at Jones' Warehouse Grocery in Halls and at E.W. James Supermarket in Ripley. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## GOSPEL SINGING

The Poe-Folks, of Walcot, Ark., The Reed Family, of Ripley, and the Joyful Sounds, of Halls, will be featured at a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 13th at the Halls Community Center. Everyone welcome. No admission, further information from, 836-0703.

## Divorces

John Charles Bates vs Lisa Kay Bates.  
Jennetta Shonte Lumumba vs Patrick Lumumba.  
Mary Janice Shelton McClure vs James Mattison McClure.  
Sonya Kay Arwood McBroom vs James William McBroom.  
Dana Ezekiel Riley vs William Anthony Riley.

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## Legislator Of The Year



**RICHARD DOUGLAS**, left, West Tennessee vice-president of Tennessee Development District Association, presents Representative Craig Fitzhugh, right, of Ripley, with the "Legislator of the Year" award from the Tennessee Development District Association at the annual meeting in Nashville Feb. 24th.

Development Districts deal with regional issues including planning and economic development coordination, transportation, solid waste, loans and grants for water and sewer systems, housing, tourism, SBA loans and air quality.

Joe Barker, TDDA President and Hardin County Executive, said, "We especially appreciate

the work Representative Fitzhugh has done to promote the needs of local governments by his work to continuously support the Development Districts in the legislature."

### USHER DAY PROGRAM

The Rev. Joe Dowell and the New Hope C.M.E. Church in Henning will host their annual Usher's Day program at 3 p.m. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Special guests will include Elder Alonzo Franklin Green and the Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ, of Halls.

The public, and all area ushers, are invited to attend.

## Thomas F. Shouse, III, Park Manager, Mourned

Thomas Franklin Shouse III, 57, park manager of Fort Pillow State Park, died of an aneurysm March 11th in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 2 p.m. March 14th in Garner Funeral Home, with burial at 2 p.m. March 15th in Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Friends of Fort Pillow, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a colonel in 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Heavy Artillery Companies 6 and K CSA (Re-enactment). He was an air force veteran of Viet Nam.

He leaves his wife, Paula Kay Fair Shouse; a son, Johnny James Shouse, of Halls; a daughter, Patricia Leann Watkins, of Halls; a brother, Robert Wayne Shouse, of Nolensville; a sister, Patricia Cook, of Hartsville; and three grandchildren.

## Betty Lou Hendren Is Homicide Victim

Betty Lou Harrison Hendren, 59, of 146 Halliburton St., Ripley, died of an apparent homicide Saturday morning in her home. Her body was found around 12:15 p.m. Her husband, Johnny Mac Hendren, had been involved in an automobile accident on Highway 209 and authorities were en-route to inform her of the accident. When officers checked the home, they found her body.

According to Ripley Police Investigative officers, Donnell Baltimore and Terry Jordan, she died of a gunshot wound to the left upper part of the skull from a small caliber hand gun.

A suspect is in custody and the death is still under investigation according to Chief of Police Dennis King.

Mrs. Hendren was a housekeeper at Lauderdale Healthcare.

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

Mr. Hendren remains in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis in serious condition.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Keith Mathis, of Bolivar; a daughter, Sharon Mathis Ferrington, of Orlando, Fla.; her mother, Olivia Sullivan, of Rochelle, Ill.; two brothers, Dennis R. Harrison, of Rochelle, Ill., and Danny W. Harrison, of Covington; and a sister, Mary Dew Kelly, of Ripley.

## Annual Heart Fund Drive



**HEART FUND TELETHON** co-chairpersons, Judy Conrad, left, and Leslie Jackson, right, are gearing up for the American Heart Association's telethon Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley will be the phoning center and will be televised from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ac-

ording to Judy, you may receive calls from now through the 23<sup>rd</sup> since phones will be scarce for volunteers on this date. She urges everyone to give generously to this cause. Heart disease is the number one killer in the state. Last year 21,708 Tennesseans died of heart disease and stroke.

## Immunization Needs Changed For Students

Effective July 1, 1999, children entering kindergarten must show proof of adequate immunization against Hepatitis B, an infection of the liver which can lead to chronic infection and liver damage including cirrhosis and liver cancer. The Hepatitis B vaccine is a series of three shots given over a period of four to six months. Those children enrolling in kindergarten in Tennessee schools this fall should begin their series of shots now.

Children entering kindergarten, fourth, eighth and twelfth grades or those entering college this fall will be required to have two doses of MMR, measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, to enter school.

Clinics are set for 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 7th and from 3 to 6:30 p.m. April 29th. Further information from the health department, 635-9711, or your physician.

According to Audrey Jones, R.N., of the Lauderdale County

Health Department, "This second dose of MMR has been recommended in the past to insure all children are immune to the diseases, especially to measles. It's now the law. Approximately 95 percent of children receive sufficient protection from one dose of MMR, but, that leaves thousands of children unprotected. "The two-shot schedule began in 1989 in response to a three-year measles epidemic that resulted in more than 11,000 people hospitalized," she said. "This requirement for the second shot is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's national measles eradication program."

### THE LAST SUPPER

A dramatization of The Last Supper will be presented by members of Atoka United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at the site of Halls First United Methodist Church, former recreational building of Tupperware. The public is invited.

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## Land Transfers

Mar. 5 - Barbara A. Carmack and Ronald N. Carmack to Ronald Neal Carmack Jr., Dist. 17, .6232 acre.

C.B. Oakley and Naomi Oakley to Marian Barr, Blue Ribbon Wire Cloth Products and Daria Robertson, Dist. 3, lot.

Dwight Shoemake and Janet Shoemake to Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner, Dist. 17, lot.

Anthony, Lankford and Poston,

Mar. 10 - Martha Virginia Thompson to John M. Thompson, Dist. 7, 1.48 acres.

Martha Virginia Thompson to Lewis Terry Thompson, Dist. 7, 7.22 acres.

Brian Bratschi and Kim Bratschi to James T. Grigsby and Janice K. Grigsby, Dist. 3, lot.

Mar. 11 - Bank of Ripley to Mike Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

James Ross Dickens and

LLC to Dawn Hemby and Rodney Hemby, Dist. 2, lot.

Fullen Company Inc. and Fullen Gin Grain and Store, Inc. to NPC Restaurants LP, Dist. 2, lot.

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to William B. Simpson and Barbara J. Wilson, Dist. 2, lot.

Mar. 6 - Berta Mae Coleman to Dexter L. Coleman, Dist. 2, lot.

Mar. 8 - Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Mary Y. Lockett and William H. Lockett, Dist. 2, .8502 acres.

Mar. 9 - Laura G. Goff and Naamon C. Goff to James M. Vanness and Ruby Vanness, Dist. 2, .16 acre.

Earl Barbee to Sonja Barbee, Dist. 2, lot.

Burrell Lynn Kissell and Timothy Michael Kissell to Leamond Arthur, Dist. 9, 10.00 acres.

Robert M. Cherry to Davis M. Sanderson and Doris Sanderson, Dist. 2, lot.

Mar. 18 - Bruce Davis, Pat Wiggins, Mark Cunningham, Nathan Tolene, Angie Bernard, Rodney Blakley, Kristy Cnihfield, Jean Cannon, Carolyn Land.

Mar. 19 - Ruby Duvall, Mike Lewis, Doyle Craft, O'Neil Cannon, Matthew Walker.

Mar. 20 - Hazel Dickens, Ray Langley.

Mar. 21 - Sue Drumwright, Bobby Hart, James A. Davis, Richard Deaton, Delene Craig, Ron Goforth, Amanda Harrison, Stephanie Mooney.

Mar. 22 - Joe Simpson, Richard Lazure, Craig Fitzhugh, Melissa Wood, Reg Carmack.

Mar. 23 - Sonny Higdon, Emilee Wright, Rita Cates, Charolotte Cove.

Mar. 24 - Kellie Tutor Haislip, David Edwards, Frances Harrell, Brian Parker, Mary Ann Still, David Edwards, Nick Choat, Rosemary Jones.

Programs at the Senior Center, 605 Airport St., Halls, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. offers Mon.-Fri. the following:

Mar. 22 - Walking Club, 10 a.m., a trip to Shoney's for breakfast and the Dyersburg Mall, leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 23 - Walking Club, 10 a.m., Exercise Club, 10:30 a.m., Aerobics, 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 24 - Devotion with The

## Birthdays

Rev. Greer, 10 a.m., Exercise Club, 11 a.m., National Women's History Speaker, 12:30 p.m.

Mar. 25 - Baptist Home Health blood pressure checks, 9:45 a.m., Walking Club, 10 a.m., Aerobics, 1 p.m.

Mar. 26 - Bingo, 10 a.m., Exercise Club, 10:30 a.m.

## GRACE BAPTIST MUSICAL

The Masters, of Finger, will sing at 7 p.m. March 20th in Grace Baptist Church at Central. The public is invited.

## County Schools Will Review Disaster Plans

Principals of Lauderdale County schools will meet at 10 a.m. March 25th in the board room of Ripley Elementary School. Each principal will bring one member of their Crisis Management Team and participate in a practice 'table top' disaster situation, developed by Charles Bryant, of Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Crisis Management manuals will be reviewed.

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## 50th Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. NESBERT JACKSON, of Ripley, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, with a reception, from 2 to 4 p.m. March 21st in the Activity Building of First United Methodist Church in Ripley, hosted by their children, Judy Conrad, Lynnwood Jackson and Amy McBroom, all of Ripley. Family and friends are invited, no gifts please.

## Marriages

Mar. 5 - Stephen Wayne Marbury, 25, to Pamela Renee Hudson, 23, by Willard Norvell.

Mar. 6 - Timmy Wayne Broyles, Jr., 20, to Wendy Kay Sylvester, 19, by Herman Reviere.

Larry Franklin Pratt, 37, to Theresa Marie Rivers, 38, by Willard Norvell.

Mar. 7 - William Otto Richter, Jr., 64, to Barbara Fay Strawn, 61, by Rev. Neal Chatham.

Mar. 8 - Michael Edward Taylor, 28, to April Spring Horner, 18, by Willard Norvell.

Mar. 9 - Shane Wyatt Langlois, 28, to Terribeth Jenkins, 23, by Willard Norvell.

## Anniversaries

Mar. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maclin.

Mar. 20 - The Rev. and Mrs.

## Luncheon Re-Union



LADIES of the 1948 graduating class of Ripley High School including, in front row, from left, Mary Kate Hutcheson Wyatt, La Nelle Ray Gay, Dot Ungerecht, Elizabeth Parrish Vigus and Josephine Parrish; and, in rear, Jean

Anthony Williams, Norris Chipman Wheeler, Betty Kirkpatrick Chipman, Audria Poe Etter, Marie Williams Henry and Jane Smith Casey; plus, not pictured, Dorris Conrad Ungerecht, Irene Greer Chambers, Pansy Newman

Day and Doris White Brown, met for a luncheon Friday at Asbury Station. After 51 years, they enjoyed a good time sharing memories and catching up on the past and present.

Mar. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor.  
Mar. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Blakley.

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Jeremy Miller  
Crash Victim

Jeremy Fitzgerald Miller, 20, of Savannah, recently of Ripley, was fatally injured about 12:48 a.m. Wednesday of last week when his 1987 Ford Thunderbird left State Hwy. 128 at Savannah, crashed, and rolled over.

He was sent to Hardin County Hospital in Savannah.

Services were at 1 p.m. next day in the Nixon First Pentecostal Church near Savannah, with burial in Wesley's Chapel Cemetery in Hardin County, Shackelford Funeral Home in charge.

An auto mechanic, he leaves a sister, Sandy Faye Benjamin, of Ripley; his mother, Judy Fay Brown Miller Beckham, his stepfather, Don Beckham, his grandparents, Andrew Brown and Marie Shubert, and five other sisters, Chrystal Miller, Brenda Couch, Ellie Mae Cook, Judy Ann Davidson, and Sherry Bishop, all of Savannah; and four brothers, Jerry Lynn Miller and Jerry Wyatt Miller, both of Savannah, and Jerry Lee Miller and Jerry Wise Miller, both of Jackson, Miss.

Sandra Harper

Sandra Case Harper, 28, of Fulton, Ky., step-sister of Jarrod Spicer, of Gates, died March 5th in Fulton, of a gun-shot wound, apparently self-inflicted.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday of last week in White-Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, with burial in Terrace Hill Cemetery there.

Survivors include her husband, Larry, two sons, Brian J. Barner, of Union City, and Kevin Dale Case, of Martin; her mother, Shirley Jean Lubellier Case Spicer Huey, of Troy; her father, John Case, and a sister, Rhonda J. Hicks, of Hayti, Mo.; and another step-brother, Jason Spicer, of Troy.

James Thurmond

James Harold Thurmond, 52, of Bridgeton, Mo., formerly of Gates, died of cancer Mar. 14th in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Mar. 17th in Colliers Funeral Home in

St. Ann, Mo., with burial in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery there.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was a purchasing agent for U.S. Motors in St. Louis.  
He leaves his wife, Marilyn Mueller Thurmond, of Bridgeton, Mo.; two brothers, Bobby Thurmond, of Halls, and Wymond Thurmond, of Gates; and his mother, Grace Thurmond, of Bells.

Wilton Sumerlin

Wilton Russell Sumerlin, 79, of Maury City, died Mar. 13th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Mar. 14th in Maury City Funeral Home, with burial in South Fork Cemetery, Maury City Funeral Home had charge.

He was a retired farmer, an army veteran of World War II and a member of Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church.

He leaves two sisters, Evelyn M. Wyrick and Hazel Alston, both of Halls.

'Pete' Ratliff

William Ray "Pete" Ratliff, 54, of Dyersburg, brother of Susie Waller, of Ripley, died Friday, of cardiac arrest, in his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview.

He owned and operated Ratliff's Cleaning Service.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, his mother, Edna Ratliff, and his son, Tommy, of Dyersburg; two brothers, Johnny, of Trenton, and Robert, of Madera, Calif.; four other sisters, Betty Zedlitz, Cathy Bell, and Loretta Lawson, of Dyersburg, and Jean Elder, of Tiptonville, and a granddaughter.

Emmie Jones

Emmie Jones, 91, of Henning, mother of Ripley Primary School principal, Al Jones, died of cardiac arrest Mar. 11th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday in El Canaan Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in the church cemetery. Thompson's Funeral Home had charge.

She leaves another son, Howard

Jones, of Henning; a brother, John Cherry, of Milan; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Earley Conatser

Earley B. Conatser, 77, brother of Lucille Dennison and Jenny Fincher, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Healthcare, Brownsville.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery near Gates.

He had been a production foreman and an avion coach.

Survivors include two sons, Earley, Jr., of Gadsden, and E. B. Conatser, of Brownsville; and five daughters, Betty Anthony, Brenda Louise Davis, Linda Johnson, and Sandra Henderson, of Brownsville, and Kathy Newman, of Memphis.

Lorene Harris

Lorene Harris, 71, of Henning, died of heart failure Mar. 11th in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 1 p.m. March 15th in St. Stephen Baptist Church in Covington, with burial in New Hope Cemetery at Cherry, Thomas Funeral Home had charge.

She was born Mar. 20, 1927 in Covington to Frank Hall and Mae Ella Dowell Hall.

She was a homemaker.

She leaves her husband, James H. Harris, of Henning; three sons, William Hall, of Marysville, Calif., James Harris, of Memphis, and Jerry Harris, of Brighton; twelve daughters, Mary V. Ingram, of Detroit, Mich., Shirley Hundley and Elzola McKennie, of Chicago, Ill., Irene Dye, Sandra Harris and Denise Smith, all of Ripley, Josie Chambers, of Memphis, Martha Morgan and Jannie Norfolk, of Henning, Debra Wright, of Cherry, Vanessa Barnes, of Kennesaw, Ga., and Mae Lue Haynes, of Coffeeville, Kans.; a sister, Josephine Elkins, of Covington; 27 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Campbell

Elizabeth Campbell, 82, of 21 Dancyville-Eureka Road near Stanton, sister of Floyd Lee Taylor, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday

in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Providence Cemetery in Madison County, west of Jackson.

She was the widow of James Robert Campbell.

Survivors include a son, Robert Taylor Campbell, of Somerville, and a daughter, Hilda Ann Ellington, and five sisters, Gladys Campbell, Doris Land, Nell Austin, Quay Gibson, and Sue Ludwig, all of Brownsville.

Billy Earl Sanford

Billy Earl Sanford, 59, of 2703 Hobe Webb Rd., Ripley, employed by MagneTek in Ripley, died Sunday, of cancer, in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Grace Cemetery at Central.

He was born Feb. 4, 1940, son of the late John Lewis Sanford and the late Dixie Halfacre Sanford.

He was an Army veteran.

He leaves two brothers, David and Ralph Sanford, both of Ripley.

Betty Fearn

Betty Fearn, 65, of Memphis, sister of Franklin Davis, of Ripley, died Monday of last week, of Alzheimer's disease, in the Johnson-Hobson Nursing Home, Memphis.

Services were at 9 a.m. Friday in Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in Memorial Park.

She was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Romine, of Pensacola, Fla., and Kenneth Romine, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two other sisters, Peggy Mahoney and Sue Roberts, of Germantown; and three grandchildren.

Wm. Kevin Spray

William Kevin Spray, 28, of 80 Long Hole Rd., Ripley, died Sunday, of lung disease, in Bowld Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Grace Cemetery at Central.

He was born Nov. 2, 1970, son of the late Johnny Spray.

He leaves his wife, Michelle June Spray, his mother, Peggy Frye Spray, two sisters, Amy Spray and

Jennifer Spurlock, and his grandparents, J. C. and Maggie Spray, all of Ripley, and a daughter, Amber Nicole Spray, of Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Anton Leak

Anton Leak, 87, of Ripley, died of pneumonia Mar. 14th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for noon, Mar. 20th in Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, in Ripley, with burial in St. Luke Cemetery in Gates, Thomas Funeral Home in charge.

He was born June 1, 1911 in Brownsville to Dave Leak and Laura Bynum Leak.

He was a farmer and an army veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife, Sadie Leak, of Ripley; three sons, Joe A. Leak, Willie D. Leak and Roger Leak, all of Ripley; three daughters, Helen E. Payton and Debra Leak, of Ripley, and Linda L. Taylor, of Henning; a sister, Earline Townsend, of Harvey, Ill.; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Shield

Mary Ann Craig Shield, 58, of Mt. Prospect, Ill., formerly of Ripley, died of cancer Mar. 15th in her home.

Services are set for noon Mar. 20th in Walnut Grove Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her husband, Milton Shield, of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; three sons, James "Terry" Fusco, of Streamwood, Ill., David Shield, of Boston, Mass., and Mikkel Shield, of Mt. Prospect; a daughter, Susan Lee, of Mt. Prospect; her father, James Hiram "Bud" Craig, of Ripley; her mother, Betty Brown Mohr, of Schaumburg, Ill.; a brother, James Robert Craig, and a sister, Pennie Craig Kirby, both of Ripley; and four grandchildren.

Joan Turner

Joan P. Turner, 100, of Chicago, Ill., died of cardiac arrest Mar. 16th in a Chicago hospital.

Services were set for 3:30 p.m. Mar. 20th in Holly Grove Baptist Church, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary had charge.

She altered clothing as a living. She leaves a niece, Mrs. Mary Holcomb, of Henning.

Auto Crash Claims  
Jeffrey Scott Gibson

Jeffrey Scott Gibson, 34, of 1590 Asbury Rd., died at 8:04 a.m. Tuesday from injuries received at 9:40 p.m. Monday in a two car accident on Asbury-Glimp Road. He lost control of his 1995 Ford Taurus, traveling east, on Asbury-Glimp Road, at the intersection of Old Glimp and Asbury-Glimp Road. His vehicle collided with a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by James E. Wood, Jr., 43, of 74 Guy Lane, Ripley.

According to Tennessee Trooper Denny Mitchell, Mr. Wood stated he saw Mr. Gibson going sideways in the bend. The car broad-sided Mr. Wood's pickup and Mr. Gibson was ejected from his car.

He was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and air-lifted to Regional Medical Center in Memphis where he died.

Mr. Wood was not injured.

Louise Biggs

Louise H. Biggs, 87, of Cleveland, died Mar. 12th in her home.

Services were at 11 a.m. Mar. 15th in the chapel of Fike Funeral Home, with burial in the Benton Cemetery.

The widow of Broughton Biggs, she was a native of Polk County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland and graduated in 1975, at the age of 65, from Lee College.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the confederacy.

She leaves a son, Tom Biggs, of Cleveland; two daughters, Joann Crain, of Ripley, and Mary Stottemyer, of Sarasota, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, Bradley County Div., P.O. Box 5033, Cleveland, Tn. 37320, or the American Diabetes Association, Tn. Affiliate, 4205 Hillsboro Rd., Suite 200, Nashville, Tn. 37215, would be appropriate.

John Johnson

John H. Johnson, 82, of Gates, died of cardiac arrest Mar. 1st in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Mar.

3rd in the Thompson's Mortuary chapel, with burial in Strayhorne Cemetery in Gates.

He leaves a brother, Robert Johnson, of Omaha, Neb.; and friends who cared for him, Emma Coleman, Katie Liggins, and Dwight Napper, all of Gates, and Darlene Ross, of Ripley.

Mary G. Scott Mourned,  
Former Bank Employee

Mary Griffin Scott, 88, retired public relations representative for the Bank of Ripley, died of heart failure Mar. 15th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Mar. 17th in Maplewood Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church for more than 60 years, where she was a member of the Needlework Guild. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and founding member of the Wednesday Book Club I.

The widow of Adam Marley Scott, Jr., she leaves a son, Adam Marley Scott, III, of Jackson; two daughters, Mary Marley Pipkin, of Ripley, and Elizabeth Turner, of Memphis; a sister, Martha Bartlett, of Memphis; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Vernedia Shaw

Vernedia Livingston Shaw, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Henning, died of heart failure Mar. 12th in her home.

Services were set for noon, Thursday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home has charge.

She was a member of Faith and Hope Society and a member of St. Mark's Mother Board and Nurses Guild.

She leaves three sons, Eugene Shaw Sr., of Henning, James L. Shaw, of St. Louis, Mo., and Jimmy Shaw, of Hammond, Ind.; four daughters, Magnolia Bates and Sally Bell Moore, of Henning, Annie Mae Pace, of Detroit, Mich., and Earnestine Burton, of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Annie B. Garrison, of Newbern; 38 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 125 great-great-grandchildren.

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RESOLUTION

March 12, 1999

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has called from our midst, on February 19, 1999, our beloved friend, stockholder and director, Clyde P. Younger; and

WHEREAS, in his passing, we have lost a most wise, loyal and respected director, who devoted his full energies to the betterment of his community, his farming interest, and this institution; and

WHEREAS, his life brought great credit to his family, his church, and his associates. He was born and grew up in Nashville and was on the UT football team 1932-1933.

He was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

He served his country with honor during World War II and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army when separated from the service; and

WHEREAS, all of us realize that we have benefitted from having had the privilege of working with such a respected and gentlemanly individual as Clyde;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the stockholders, directors, and staff of the Bank of Halls, express our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to his daughter, son, family and his many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to his daughter, Anne Younger Gianotti, his son, Dr. Clyde P. (Pat) Younger, and copies be published in the Halls Graphic, The Lauderdale County Enterprise, The Lauderdale Voice and the State Gazette, and a copy be spread on the minute book of the Bank of Halls.

## Three Arrested Marketing Guns

Officer Terry Davis, patrolling the east end of the county on Ross Road Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, observed three men taking firearms from a vehicle and showing them to two males. Officer Davis stopped to investigate, because of burglary Mar. 9th in the Wesley Duvall Jr. home on Jeff Webb Rd., where several firearms were taken, and the three men fled on foot.

Charges were as follows:

Chad Brisco, 18, of Ripley, according to Kenny Nelson, criminal investigator Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept. two counts of aggravated burglary, two counts of theft over \$1,000, bond set at \$4,500.

Charlie Pilkington, 18, of Ripley, theft over \$1,000, bond set at \$2,500.

Shane Carrigan, 18, of Ripley, formerly of Illinois, theft over \$1,000, bond set at \$2,500.

In connection with this was a burglary Mar. 4th at the Janet Gibson residence on Jimmy Woods Rd. Electronic items, televisions, stereo, radios, etc. were taken. Items from this crime were found at a home in Dyersburg, and Corey Walker, 18, of Ripley, pending charges of aggravated burglary and theft over \$1,000. Bond set at \$4,500.

Hearings are set for Mar. 18th.

## Response To Question Of Administrative Salaries

By Bobby G. Webb

I want to thank Birdie Pierce for the response to my newspaper articles and question about the superintendent's salary and administrative assistants' salaries. I am happy to furnish this information.

In regard to my salary, the Tennessee State Board of Education annually sets the minimum salary schedule for every county school superintendent in Tennessee and provides for this salary through the State BEP funds. The 1998-99 annual salary for the Superintendent of Lauderdale County is \$76,282. State law requires that each county employ a superintendent of schools with a minimum annual salary determined by the State Board of Education.

In regard to the second question, the Lauderdale County Board of Education employs no administrative assistants. As far as I know,

only a few of the larger school systems, such as Memphis, Knoxville and Nashville, employ administrative assistants or assistant superintendents. Our Board of Education does employ district-wide supervisors, just as most other Tennessee school systems do. The purpose of these district-wide positions is to centralize some duties in order to reduce the number of positions that would be required at each school. Instead of employing purchasing agents for each of our schools, one district-wide person is employed to arrange for bids and make purchases for every school. Instead of employing personnel directors, safety directors and disciplinary hearing officers for each school, our board employs one person to handle all of these duties for all of our schools. Instead of employing instructional supervisors to monitor and assist teachers with effective classroom instruction, administer state testing, select appropriate instructional materials, and fulfill a multitude of state and federal mandates, our board employs one county-wide supervisor to work with our elementary schools, one who works with our high schools, and one who is in charge of all educational materials, equipment and supplies, including textbooks. Our board also employs only one county-wide supervisor of special education to serve all eight of our schools. Over 1,000 of our students currently receive a variety of special education programs and services as required by Federal Law.

Based on student population, the State Board of Education annually calculates the number of school system positions earned for each school system in the state. During the 1998-99 school year, Lauderdale County earned eight system-wide BEP supervisory positions while we employ only six.

As far as their salary is concerned, the system-wide supervisors earn the same base salary as a classroom teacher with the same degree and years of experience, plus a supplement of \$4,000 to \$7,000 annually (depending upon their years of experience). This annual supplement is more than our assistant principals are paid and less than our principals are paid. During the summer months we conduct staff training, interview prospective teachers, conduct summer school programs, schedule students for the fall, and conduct safe schools training, etc. In order to accomplish this, our principals and system-wide personnel are employed to work during the two summer months at their same monthly salary as the other ten

months. At this time, I cannot tell you for certain whether this \$4,000 to \$7,000 annual supplement range is above or below state average. I know of several counties in our area that pay more than this but I do not know how we compare state-wide. The Superintendent of Dyer County Schools is currently compiling various salaries in West Tennessee school systems and I have asked for a copy of this report when completed.

Now that I have tried to answer your question about the Superintendent and system-wide salaries, you need to understand that the Basic Education Program is designed to provide new state improvement funds so that school systems can employ additional personnel and programs in addition to existing personnel and programs. The law specifically forbids local school systems from using these new state BEP funds to replace local school funds. This is called "supplanting" funds. Therefore, even if existing county-wide positions were reduced or eliminated, we could not use these funds to increase teachers' salaries. Since local school systems are not allowed to use state BEP funds to raise salaries, local funds must increase in order to provide local raises in teacher salaries. Even with the \$1,000 raise our teachers received from the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax in 1995-96, we have not kept up with other school systems in salary increases for teachers.

No other profession makes as lasting an impression on a person as that of a teacher. Studies have shown that when people, many years later, are asked about the impact various teachers have had on their lives, the effect is dramatic.

Whether or not you believe local teachers deserve to earn as much as other teachers across the state - the fact remains - over the next ten years, it is estimated that 2.2 million new teachers will need to be hired to fill America's classrooms because of rising student enrollment and accelerated teacher retirements. This inevitable teacher shortage will put Lauderdale County in the position of either (1) not filling positions with properly trained teachers, or (2) employing teachers that no one else wants. Don't let anyone tell you that money doesn't matter - it always has and always will make a difference in any profession. School systems and all other organizations that pay higher salaries can choose the best employees. For the sake of our children and our economic growth, we must attract and keep the best teachers.

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## Brigadoon



NATALIE DEAN, of Halls, a student at Dyersburg State Community College, is appearing in Gibson County's Nite Lite Theatre's musical production of *Brigadoon*, written and arranged by Lerner and Lowe.

Performances are March 18th through March 21st at 7:30 p.m. p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. in the Peabody High School Little Theatre, Highway 45 By-Pass, Trenton. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students through twelfth grade. For reservation call Westwin, 901-855-1032.

## Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Patterson Cunningham, of Gates, a son, Willie Patterson Cunningham, Jr., Feb. 9th in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg. He has a brother, Timothy Sanders. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jackson, of Gates.

## County Cracks Down On Litter Law Violators

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department litter crew is amassing 1,200 to 1,400 pounds of litter per day on our county's highways. Officers are obtaining names from this and illegal trash dumps, then citing offenders into court. About 15 to 20 litter cases are heard each month with fines from \$200 and 14 hours community service, for the first offense, to a \$500 fine and 40 hours community service for the second. The law that went into effect July 1, 1998 also states that a \$100 reward for information leading to a person found guilty of violating the litter law can be collected.

## DAR Plants Tree



FORT PRUDHOMME CHAPTER of the Daughters of the American Revolution, from left, Jean Spence, Liz Craft, Wanda Clark, assistant librarian, Judge Janice Craig, president, and Carlee West and Inez Douglas, planted a tree on the site of the new library Tuesday of last week.

## Livestock Assistance Program Sets Deadline

According to Charlene Vonderfecht, county executive director of the Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency, the Livestock Assistance Program will end Mar. 25th. Farmers suffering pasture losses in excess of 40 percent of normal for grazing, between Aug. 1998 and Nov. 30, 1998, could be eligible for relief. A payment limitation of \$40,000 per person applies to this program.

Payment for the Livestock Assistance Program are expected to be made Apr. 12th.

The Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program was extended through Apr. 9th. 1998 crop losses in excess of 35 percent may qualify.

Further information from 635-7686.

## Farmers Are Working To Make A Difference

Vernon McBride, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District board of Supervisors, says this week is National Agriculture Week, a week to pay tribute to the agricultural community for their contributions to our society.

He points out that one American farmer provides food and fiber for

## Homes For 9,000 Trees



GEORGE MEADOWS, front left, member of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and Earl West, front right, volunteer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, assist landusers with the SCD tree day. The tree day was held Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> as part of the National Arbor Day celebration. "Over three hundred Lauderdale County landowners received White pine, Loblolly Pine, Nutall Oak, Sawtooth Oak and Willow Oak," said Vernon McBride, chairman of the Lauderdale County soil

Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He said 9,000 trees were distributed to assist landusers in Lauderdale County with erosion control and land beautification.

"The trees were provided," continued McBride, "by a grant to the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture earlier in this fiscal year." E.W. James Supermarket donated containers used for individual tree seedlings for distribution to Lauderdale Countians.

129 other people in the United States.

Mr. McBride noted that farmers in the United States do an excellent job of soil and water conservation. Comparing 1982 and 1992 soil loss information, farmers saved 900 million more tons of soil in 1992. This is enough topsoil saved in a year to fill a convoy of dump trucks wide stretching from Los Angeles to New York.

Controlling erosion not only assures the land will be productive

for a longer period of time, it also reduces the amount of soil, pesticides, fertilizer and other substances that move into the nation's water.

Mr. McBride reminds people of Lauderdale County that farmers are working to make a difference.

It is circumstance and proper timing that give an action its character and make it either good or bad.

—Agesilaus

## Co-Op Art Mall Seeks Visual Art

The West Tennessee Association of Artists is seeking artists in the West Tennessee area to join in a co-op art mall to promote and sell visual art. All media welcomed.

Artists may exhibit, sell, instruct and hold workshops. All work will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the West Tennessee Association of Artists.

Further information from Feist Art Studio and Gallery, 121 North Main Street, Ripley, or call, (901) 635-1891.

## Turkey Season Opens April 3

The 1999 Tennessee Wild Turkey season will open April 3rd and continue through May 7th, with a bag limit of one bearded turkey per day, not to exceed two per season.

Turkey hunters set a new record in 1998 by taking 16,181 turkeys state-wide. Leading turkey harvest counties across the state last spring were Lincoln with 462, Hawkins with 505, Humphreys with 442, and Dickson with 572 birds. Region I (West Tennessee) counties harvested 3,081 birds for the 1998 season.

Floods along the Mississippi River five of the last six springs have damaged turkey reproduction and caused declines in those areas. Several Wildlife Management Areas in the river counties, Shelby Forest, Anderson Tully, Ernest Rice, Moss Island and Wolf River plus Lower Hatchie and Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuges, will be closed to all turkey hunting this year.

The 1999 Tennessee Wild Turkey Guide is available at all license agents and TWRA offices.

Fishing, from sunrise to sunset, will open in the National Wildlife Refuges in West Tennessee March 16th. Fishing and boating regulations will be enforced. Current information from Chickasaw NWR, (901)-635-7621; Cross Creeks NWR, (931) 232-7477; Lower Hatchie NWR, (901) 635-7621; Hatchie NWR, (901) 772-0501; Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWR, (901) 538-2481; and Tennessee NWR, (901) 642-2091.

## Rotary Speakers



RON GOFORTH, left, in charge of the program for the Monday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates, introduced three officers, of the Halls High School Interact Club, from, second from left, Jordan Cihfield, president, Melissa Hurt, vice-president, and Chrissy Bowers, treasurer, who spoke about a project they have completed and a 'paint the town' project they are planning. They were accompanied by Mary Joe Cihfield, Interact advisor, second from right, and welcomed by Garland Johns, right, Rotary Club president.

week of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hilliard, of Halls, visited them Wednesday afternoon of last week and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hartman, of Columbus, Miss., were Sunday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack visited their daughter, Mrs. Eileen Byrd, in Somerville and another daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Howard, and Mr. Howard in Memphis Sunday afternoon.

### Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

### Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Blank Williams, of Halls, was a dinner guest Tuesday of last

Harold Baker, of Jackson, visited Tommy Simmons and old friends Friday. Raybon and Myrtle Chambers

visited Mr. Chambers' sister, Noveline Rodgers, at Oak Ridge Manor and Mary Alsbrook at Canterbury Place, Sunday afternoon.

Mary Horner, of Jackson, Miss., spent spring break last week with her parents, Jim and Elizabeth Horner, in Dyersburg, and with her grandmother, Mary Alsbrook, at Canterbury Place.

Ann Lancaster and Jimmie

Walker, of Dyersburg, had lunch with Naulene Jordan Tuesday of last week.

Honor Clement, daughter of Donna and Harold Clement, of Alamo, and granddaughter of James and Frances Paige, of Halls, had a biopsy on her knee at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis Thursday of last week.

Mary Horner, of Jackson, Miss.,

spent spring break last week with her parents, Jim and Elizabeth Horner, of Dyersburg, and with her grandmother, Mary Alsbrook, at Canterbury Place.

Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity. —Hippocrates

## ATTENTION

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# BIG SWEEP!

Thursday, March 25  
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 26  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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### WHAT CAN I DISPOSE? ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Building Materials
- Steel Poles & Fence
- Furniture
- Tree Stumps/Trunks
- Concrete, Dirt, Rocks
- Other Non-Hazardous Materials

### WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED?

- Hazardous Waste (Pesticides, Chemicals, Aerosols, Cleaners, Paints, Etc.)
- Tires
- Refrigerators and Air Conditioners (Because of freon)

### WHERE DO I PLACE IT?

- At the curb



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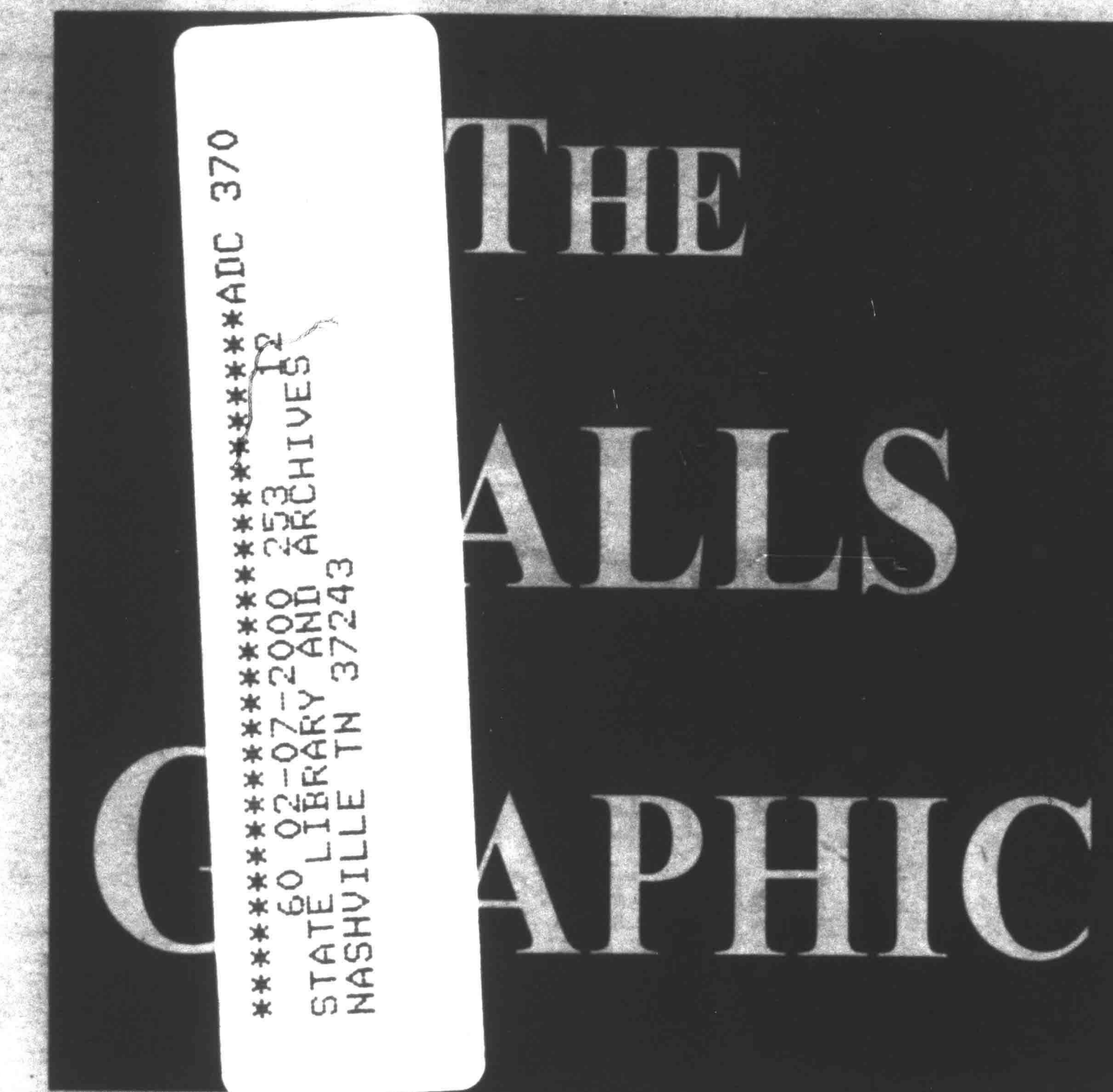


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RIPLEY AND HALLS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS have formed a combined band which will be called the "Lauderdale County Tiger Marching Band."

The combined bands will perform in a parade in Future Land in Epcot Center in Florida Friday, April 23rd.

The banner recognizes two major events in Lauderdale County, The Air Show in Halls and The Tomato Festival in Ripley. From left, band members Steven Harden, Matt Lemons and David Cannon of the Tiger Marching Band display banner.

Students have worked on various projects to raise the money necessary for the trip and have paid most of the money themselves. Several businesses have also contributed to this worthwhile and educational trip. There is still time to make contributions to the Halls or Ripley Band.

Directors are Howard Luttrell and Joseph Nichols of the RHS Marching Band.



THE HALLS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB will present "Robin Hood" with sword fighting, pageantry and medieval costumes, at 8 p.m. Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., 28<sup>th</sup>, and 7 p.m., 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Halls Junior High School Gym.

## New Directors



THE FEBRUARY meeting of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association introduced the new directors, from left, front row, Dot Craddock, Ray Nolen, Shirley Roberts, Bob Little, and Louis Wheatley, and second row, from left, Pat Higdon, Jean Spence, Tim Bivens, Sonny Higdon, Richard Charest, and Billy Bivens. Sonny, Richard, Billy, and Leroy Neal were named Honorary Directors for their support and dedication to the Veterans' Museum and the Association.

Other DAAB board members are R. T. Pollard, Jr., Jim Fitzhugh, Brian Vaughn, Everett Harrison, Roger Charest, Martha Crites, and Jerald Daws.

Much of the discussion centered around the plans for Air Sho '99, which will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's show is "The Year of the Fighters." Bombers have also been scheduled, but some unique fighters will fill the skies over Halls air show weekend.

## Bank Of Ripley Hosts County Art Exhibition

The county exhibition for the 1999 Congressional Art Competition will be on display the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Bank of Ripley, Congressman John Tanner announced Wednesday of last week.

County winners will be selected by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Those winners will compete on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in a District Judging to be held at the Carnegie Library in Jackson. The artwork of the district winner will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol along with winners from all the country.

## Cotton Pickers To Host Dance

"The Cotton Picker's" Relay for Life Team will be hosting a country-western dance from 7-10 p.m. Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Crockett Mills Community Center with music by "Rachel & The Country Flames" featuring Jerry Thompson and Bob Atchison. There will be concessions, cakewalks and homemade goodies.

Admission is \$5 with all proceeds aiding to the American Cancer Society.

### NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Newcomers dutch-treat lunch will be held at noon Friday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Olympic Steak House.

### EASTER SERVICE

Halls Community Easter Service will be held in Halls First Christian Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. The Rev. Andrew Brown, of Westside Baptist Church, will bring the message. An offering for Halls Union Mission will be taken. The public is invited to attend.

## Dyersburg Singer Returns For Award And Concert

The faculty and staff of Dyersburg State Community College will gather to honor alumnus Emily Cantrell, at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1st 1999.

Cantrell, an accomplished musician and performer with three CDs and an appearance in Robert Redford's hit movie "A River Runs Through It", is returning to her alma mater to perform a musical concert that evening. Her college has taken the opportunity to present an "Outstanding Alumnus" award to the singer/songwriter. Emily graduated from the college in 1974. She grew up in Nankipoo and graduated from Halls High School.

She will be performing original and traditional music with her husband and musical partner of 15 years, Al Cantrell. Together, they call themselves The Cantrells (the couple chose to use the name "Cantrell" when they married in 1985). Open to the public, the concert is at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center Auditorium of Dyersburg State.

They have been featured on Mountain Stage, Riders Radio Theater, Folk Sampler, E-Town and River City Folk, as well as numerous other nationally-syndicated radio programs. Their three critically acclaimed albums are on radio playlists worldwide and include the talents of Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas, Tim O'Brien and Riders in the Sky. Emily Cantrell's original songs have been broadcast world wide on "Voice of America."

Director Robert Redford heard the couple playing old time music at a party, and immediately offered them a job playing on-screen in his movie "A River Runs Through It." The couple appear in the "church picnic" scene, dressed in vintage 1929 clothing. Their fiddling and guitar playing establish the scene as children ride next to the watermelon next to the Yellowstone River.

Ticket information, call 286-3349

### FUND RAISER

A Womanless Beauty Revue at 7 p.m., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> in Halls Junior High School Gym will benefit the Relay for Life.

### GRASS FIRE

The Halls Fire Dept. and Gates Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a grass fire at the Donald Gooch residence, Church Rd., northwest of Halls, Monday afternoon.



MADISON HAMLET, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hamlet, of Halls, placed second in the state in the Wellkids program. Madison is a second grader in Halls Elementary School.

The program was started by Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Tennessee to encourage children to be healthy and support those who give children basic knowledge of wellness to prepare them for the future.

# THE HALLS GRAPHIC

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### Land Transfers

Mar. 15- Pam Fisher and Ronnie Fisher to Dana Figus and John Figus, Dist. 8, 1,002 acres

Charles S. Cherry and Cynthia B. Cherry to Jeff Blabaum and Charles S. Cherry Sr., Dist. 2, 2 Parc.

Charles S. Cherry, Cynthia B. Cherry, Burnie W. Norman and Kathryn E. Norman to Jeff Blabaum and Charles S. Cherry Sr., Dist. 8, .74 acres.

Danny Beard, Joy Beard, Cynthia M. Graeves, Tom Graeves, Harriet Land and Marvin Land to Brian Bratschi and Kim Bratschi, Dist. 2, lot.

Juanita Pitts to Elizabeth Tillman, Gregory Tillman and Joe Roger Tillman, Dist. 10, 1/2 acre.

Billy G. Griggs, Charles N. Griggs, Joe O. Griggs and Wanda Griggs Williams to Charles Griggs Revocable Living Trust and Griggs

States of America, Dist. 4, 70.00 acres.

Linda Marie Johnsey and Ronald L. Johnsey to Gary L. Herron, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

Jim Scott to Marcus Keeley, Dist. 2, 2 parc.

### TUTORS NEEDED

Adult tutors are needed for "Round-up II" (a tutoring enrichment program). This is a year round program that show students that parents read. Lauderdale County Family Resource Center needs your help teaching children to love reading.

The four sites are Halls Elementary, Ripley Primary, Ripley Elementary and Palmer Turner Center. For information, call 901-635-2352

### Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Ward Hardy visited Ike Childress in Gates week before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Newman and children, of Olive Branch, Miss.,

visited Gerda Hardy Saturday and Sunday before last.

Mrs. Ward Hardy was in Jackson Tuesday before last to see her doctor.

Dr. Calvin Hogue, a Baptist Foreign Missionary, was guest speaker in New Mitchell Grove Church Sunday before last.

Several relatives of Pauline Kissells visited her week before last.

Ward Hardy had a check-up with his doctor at Veterans Hospital in Memphis week before last.

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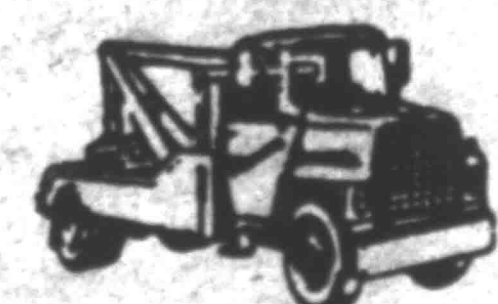
## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Halls is taking bids to repair storm damage to the Forked Deer Regional Library at 220 N. Front. Specifications may be obtained at 940 Industrial Rd. or by calling 836-7379. The Town of Halls reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 1999 at Halls City Hall.

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## Round-Up Day



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL kindergarten and first grade students dressed up in their western best Friday.

### Anniversaries

Mar. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Norflett Anthony III, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wakefield.

Mar. 26- Mr. and Mrs. Curry Alan Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims.

Mar. 27- Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Ferguson.

Mar. 29- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Jones.

Mar. 30- Mr. and Mrs. Ozell

MRS. DONNA DABBS' first grade class at Halls Elementary School planted spring bulbs Tuesday morning. A Bank of Ripley mini-grant enabled the class to enrich their study of plants as well as beautify their campus.

### Marriages

Feb. 27- Tommy Anthony Currie, 31, to Doris Janette Currie, 30, by Elder L.C. Hayslett.

Mar. 12- Cory Dwayne Willis, 20, to Julie Marie Helmick, 23, by Rev. Rocky Gilliam.

Larry Joe Ditto, 40, to Pamela Jo Lynch, 30, by Willard Norvell.

James Thomas Wood III, 20, to Samatha Kay Murley, 19, by Frank E. Weir.

Mar. 13- Terry Lee Holcomb, 43, to Trudy Alecia Burns, by Willard Norvell.

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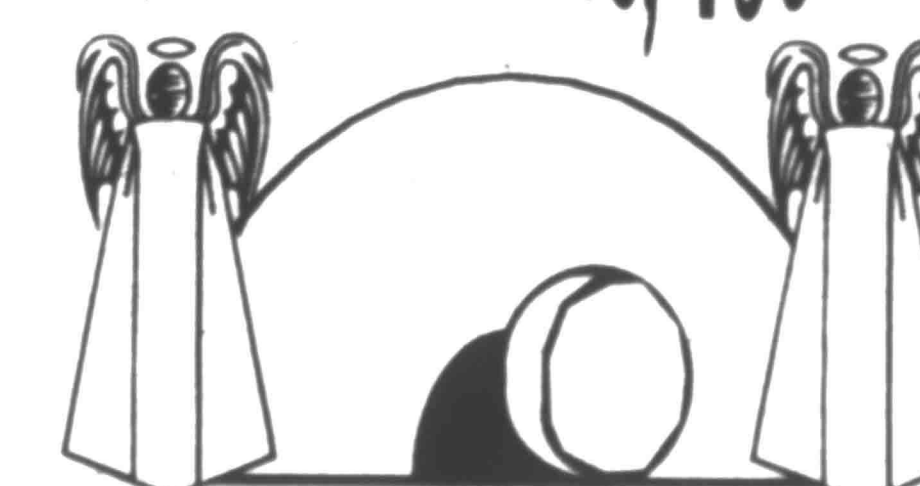
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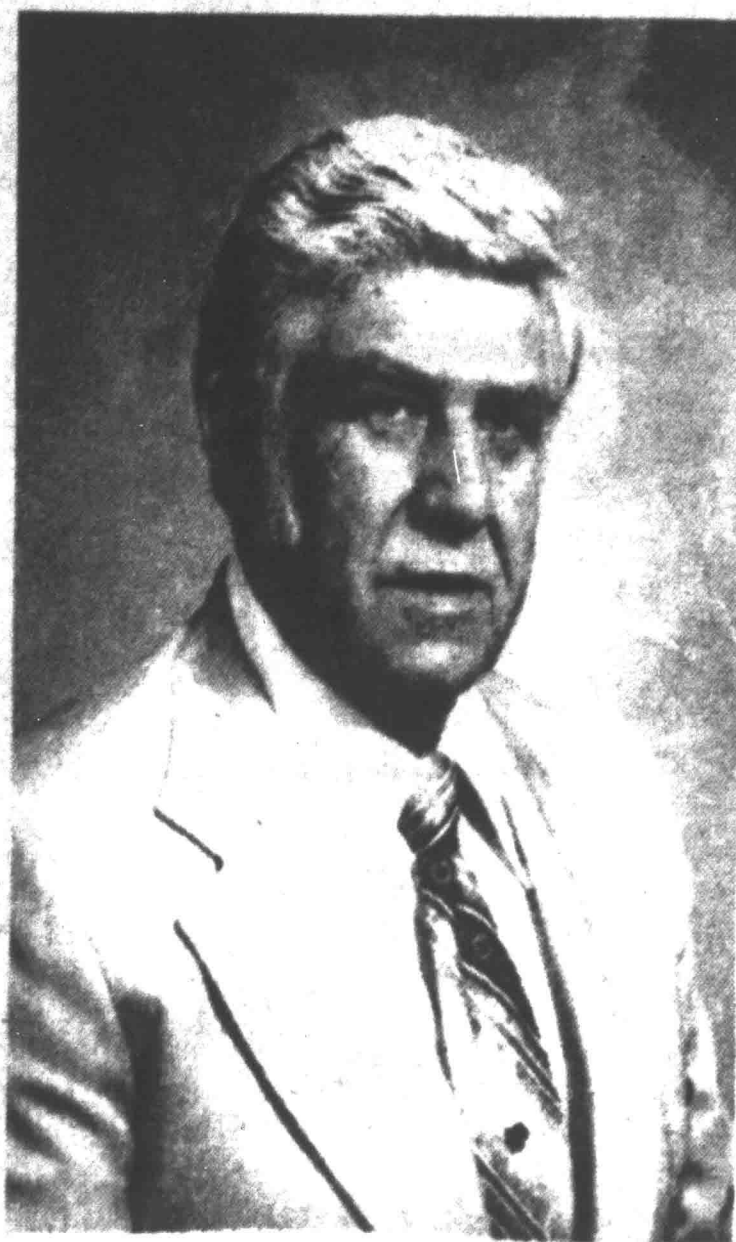
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## David M. Hunter, Ripley Merchant

David M. Hunter, 59, of 199 Jo-Ann, Ripley, owner and operator of D&L Outdoor Shop at 365 New Hwy. 51 South in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in the cemetery of the Trinity United Methodist Church at Nut Bush, of which he was a member.

He had served in the National Guard.

He leaves his wife, Bobbie Daniel Hunter; a son, David Burnham, of Ripley; two daughters, Belinda Williams, of Ripley, and Kathy Williams, of Brownsville; his mother, Frances Hunter, and a sister, Dianne Lane, of Ripley; and two grandchildren.

## Emery Kissell, Rabies Officer

Emery Jasper Kissell, 66, of 4026 Arp-Central Road, retired county rabies officer, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 4 p.m. Friday in New Life Fellowship Church, of which he was a member, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Mary Evelyn Kissell; a son, Terry, of Ripley; three daughters, Evelyn Scallions and Margaret Edwards, of Ripley, and Pam Moore, of Gates; three brothers, Bob and Myron Kissell and Bobby Haislip, of Ripley; one sister, Margie Willingham, of Jonesboro, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Harold Burgett

Harold "Buddy" Burgett, 75, of Memphis, father of Wayne Burgett, of Ripley, died Saturday, of cancer, in his home.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery.

A retired welder for Fox Equipment Co., he had served in the Army in World War II.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie L. Pinner Burgett; three daughters, Susan and Twila Burgett and Sherrie Harlan, of Memphis; another son, James, of Nashville; a brother, Jimmy, of Atoka; three sisters, Doris Truman, of Memphis, Kathryn Nearn, of Munford, and Burgett Pike, of Drummonds; and two grandchildren.

Jr., of Jackson; a daughter, Beth Blatt, of Brownsville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Kenneth L. Burks

Kenneth Lynn Burks, 59, of Gates, a cotton gin erector, died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He was a member of Concord United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Jimmie Sue Young Burks; three daughters, Angela Burks, of Gates, Susan Burks, of Memphis, and Lynne Stephens, of Dyersburg; his mother, Willie V. Burks, and a brother, Jimmy Burks, of Gates; two other brothers, C. L. "Pete" Burks, of Halls, and Bob Burks, of San Antonio, Tex.; four sisters, Patsy Wright, of Gates, Mary McMahan, of Ripley, Julia Davis, of Dyersburg, and Bettye Howard, of Bartlett; and five grandchildren.

## W. B. Leggett

William Bernard Leggett, 84, retired Ripley insurance agent, died Saturday in Appling Wood Heath Care Center in Cordova.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

He was born in Haywood County, Jan. 5, 1915, son of the late William Braden Leggett and the late Ruth Cleveland Leggett.

He was a member of Woodville Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy Cupp Leggett; two daughters, Dot Townsend and Ruth Anne Dean, of Memphis; a brother, Graves Cavanaugh Leggett, of Rosemark; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

## Services Mourn Collision Death

Jeffrey Scott Gibson, 36, of 1590 Asbury-Glimp Road, quality control manager for Tenn. Electroplating in Ripley, died at 8:04 a.m. Tuesday of last week, in Regional Medical Center in Memphis, of in-

juries received in a collision at 9:40 p.m. Monday of last week.

At Asbury-Glimp Road's intersection with Old Glimp Road, his 1995 Ford Taurus, east-bound on Asbury-Glimp Road, struck a 1993 Chevrolet pick-up driven by James E. Wood, Jr., 43, of 74 Guy Lane, Ripley. Mr. Wood escaped injury.

Services for Mr. Gibson were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pontiac, Mich.

He leaves his wife, Janet; three daughters, Haley Gibson, of Ripley, Crystal Donovan-Brass, of Clinton Township, Mich., and Nicole Donovan, of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; his mother and step-father, Thelma and Dave A. Moody, of Summerfield, Fla.; two brothers, William G. Gibson, Jr., of Oxford, Mich., and Edward C. Gibson, of Florida; three sisters, Nancy Wyant, of Summerfield, Dianne Yezbick, of Davisburg, Mich.; and Cynthia Abernathy of Pontiac, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

## McKinnis Aided Church, Singers

Otis "O. C." McKinnis, 94, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Monday of last week, of cardiac arrest, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at noon Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Strayhorn Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He was a deacon, trustee, and choir member in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at Lightfoot. He was a co-founder and soloist of the *Heaven Bound* singers.

He leaves his wife, Magnolia York McKinnis; four daughters, Charlene Tyus, Esther Harris, Mary Barnes, and Mary Manns, of Ripley; a grandson he reared, Otis McKinnis, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a friend who looked after him, Florence Winters, of Ripley; 13 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Mrs. Miller

Bess Sweet Miller, 82, of Memphis, mother of Lynn Brackin, of 256 Allen Cox Rd., Ripley, died Monday of last week, of complica-

tions from Alzheimer's disease, in Methodist Hospital North.

Services were at 11 a.m. Thursday of last week in Memorial Park Funeral Home, with burial at 3 p.m. in the Belen, Miss., Cemetery.

She was a member of Mullins United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Thomas Miller, another daughter, Laura Carmody, of Independence, Miss.; two sons, Stephen C. Miller and Bert Dargie III, and a sister, Katie Spencer, all of Memphis; 13 grandchildren, and 11 grandchildren.

## Mrs. J. R. Waters

Shirley A. McBroom Deberry Waters, 54, of Brookfield, Ill., sister of Debbie Byrd, of 1367 Central-Curve Road, and L. C. McBroom, of 2090 West Dry Hill Road, Ripley, died March 9th, at home, of complications of cancer.

Rites were March 12th in Community United Methodist Church in Brookfield. Burial was in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Brookfield, with Hitzeman Funeral Home, of Brookfield, in charge.

She was the widow of James R. Waters.

Survivors include a son, Shawn Deberry, of Evergreen Park, Ill.; two daughters, Patty Deberry, of Brookfield, and Debbie Gitchell, of Brighton; a step-son, James R. Waters; three other brothers, Calvin and Wayne McBroom, of Covington, and Leroy McBroom, of Montreal, Mo.; another sister, Linda Grant, of Millington; and 10 grandchildren.

## Virginia Rouser

Virginia Ella Rouser, 61, of Henning, a cook, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 1 p.m. Monday in Truth and Faith Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Thomas Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Sarah White, of Ripley; a son, Claudis L. Rouser, of Cleveland; a brother, Elmer C. Rouser, of Lawton, Okla.; four sisters, Carrie Moore and Pearlean Barnes, of Ripley, and Ivory S. Wesley and Mary White, of Memphis; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Chamber Present Awards



**MAYOR EUGENE PUGH, Jr.** of Halls, was named Honorary Member of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet Thursday evening of last week.

He and his wife, Mary Hellen, have three children, Leigh, Elizabeth and Eugene, III, and are grandparents of Ashley Ruth Douglas.

Born in Halls, Eugene has a long history of community and civic involvement.

At Mississippi State University he studied agriculture and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In February 1965, he returned to Halls with his Mississippi bride to farm with his father, who was killed in an accident three months later. At age 23, he became sole supporter of his mother and two younger brothers.

He is the president of Pugh Farms, Inc., and with his brothers, farm 5,000 acres in and

around the Halls area. They grow cotton, soybeans, corn, wheat and raise cattle.

He has served as Halls City Alderman for 28 years, and is now the mayor of his hometown, and has served on the Lauderdale County Commission for 24 years.

He is a member of Halls First Baptist Church and Sunday School secretary; a stockholder in Halls Gin Co.; a director of the Bank of Halls and a former co-op director. He was awarded Town of Halls Man of the Year in 1998, the Jackson State FFA Chapter's Regional Farmer of the Year finalist in 1998, Halls-Gates Rotary Club Man of the Year and the Vocational award in 1998.

He helped to build Criffield Park Ball Field, poured the concrete sidewalks there, oversees the Halls Cemetery and serves on the advisory board of the Forked Deer Basin Authority.



**MIKE AND DONNA MOORE** accepted the Chamber Honorary Award in memory of their son, Jon Michael.

The late Jon Michael Moore's parents, Mike and Donna, of Gates, accepted the Honorary Chamber Award (posthumously) in memory of their son. An aspiring young farmer and community leader, Jon Michael tragically died from illness on January 14, 1999. Though very young, he had accomplished so much during his lifetime, probably more during his short life span than most of us would in our lifetime. He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and had assisted the Chamber in various ways. For an example, most remember when his father, Mike, serving as chairman of the Tomato Festival, broke his arm the night before the opening prayer breakfast and ceremonies. As Mike entered the hospital for surgery, his children, Jon Michael and Kristen, though young, assumed the leadership responsibilities for their dad and completed the task at hand.

Jon had great love and respect for agriculture and became a partner with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore, in Moore Farms, a row crop operation in Lauderdale and Haywood Counties.

This young man was educated in the Lauderdale County school system and graduated with an honors diploma from Halls High School in 1996, where he was active in most of the clubs and activities at the school. His leadership abilities came from his participation in church, Concord United Methodist Church, and as a member of Halls FFA. He participated in numerous FFA activities and received numerous awards, both local, state and national. Jon served as the Halls FFA chapter Sentinel, secretary, and president. He attended state leadership camp, as well as the Washington FFA Leadership

## Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Ty Brasfield, of Halls, a 7 lb. 11 oz. son, John Tyler, March 15<sup>th</sup> in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis. Grandparents are Dorothy Clark, of Halls, and John and Faye Brasfield, of Troy. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Alma Coleman, of Troy.

**ROTARY CITIZENS OF THE YEAR ARE BILL AND SANDY DICKENS.** They exemplify the word "TEAM," said Billie Morris, presenter of the award. High school sweethearts, they married one year after graduation from South Side High School in Memphis. They moved to Ripley in 1991. He was employed in the local industry and she at worked for the Lauderdale County school system.

They have two children, Bill, who is a chaplain with the Air Force Reserves, and Terry, a teacher, and three grandsons.



The couple live in Mary's Chapel Community and attend First Baptist Church.

They have worked on a Lauderdale County event that has put Ripley on the map in a very positive way. For the last three years, they have chaired the Relay for Life Event of the American Cancer Society, helping to set records for being number one in the nation per capita for funds raised. They received the American Cancer Society's highest award and are members of the Hee Haw cast.

## Birthdays

- Mar. 25- Natalie Smith, Melissa Hicks, Kipper King, Cindy Goodman.
- Mar. 26- Kevin Wright, Nancy Carson, Ruth Martin, Jeff Criffield, Lisa Holcomb, Dan Walker.
- Mar. 27- Kay Nolen, Diane Noblin, Glen Privet, Ann Young, James Hilton Vaughn, Billy Elder, Miller Lane, Jackie Evans, Maurice Gaines III, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Cates.
- Mar. 28- Greg Baker, Robin Privett, Hana Katlin Jones, Ezell Robinson, William Zachary.
- Mar. 29- Brenda Ward, Adriene Brooks, Kay Gruggett, Pam Floyd, Shawnee Denay Burris.
- Mar. 30- Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swains, Corey Chalfield, Amy Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom.
- Mar. 31- Amber Sadler, Caleb Currie, Cary Porter, Clint McKinnie.

## Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Pat and Jim Hughes have recovered from the flu and Mrs. Hughes from gall bladder surgery. Cathy Parish, of Halls, honored Pat with a birthday lunch at the Olympic Steak House Wednesday of last week. Tammy Gay and sons, Jimmy and Dillon, visited her in the afternoon and Mr. Hughes took her out for dinner that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes visited Mr. Hughes' mother, Mrs. Gracie McCloud, in Ripley Healthcare and Rehab center during the weekend.

James and Margaret Summar had several guests during the weekend. Rickie and Shelia Summar saw their doctors in Memphis week before last. They had several visitors weekend before last after their dismissal from Memphis hospitals. Mrs. Susie Summar remains ill. Teresa Summar, of Dyersburg, was a luncheon guest Wednesday before last of her grandfather, James Summar, and Mrs. Summar. Woodville community mourns the death of a lifelong resident, Bernard Leggett, who died Saturday of cancer.

## GOSPEL SINGING

The First Indian Baptist Church on Carmack Road will be held at pet singing at 6:30 p.m. Saturday featuring a group from Philadelphia, Miss and other local singers. A pot-luck meal will be served at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival Services will be held at Maranatha Baptist Church, 3057 Forked Deer Rd. in Ripley, starting at 6 p.m. March 28<sup>th</sup>. Services for March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup> will begin at 7 p.m. Evangelist Dave Young will officiate.

## Concord Locals

By Louise Fennell

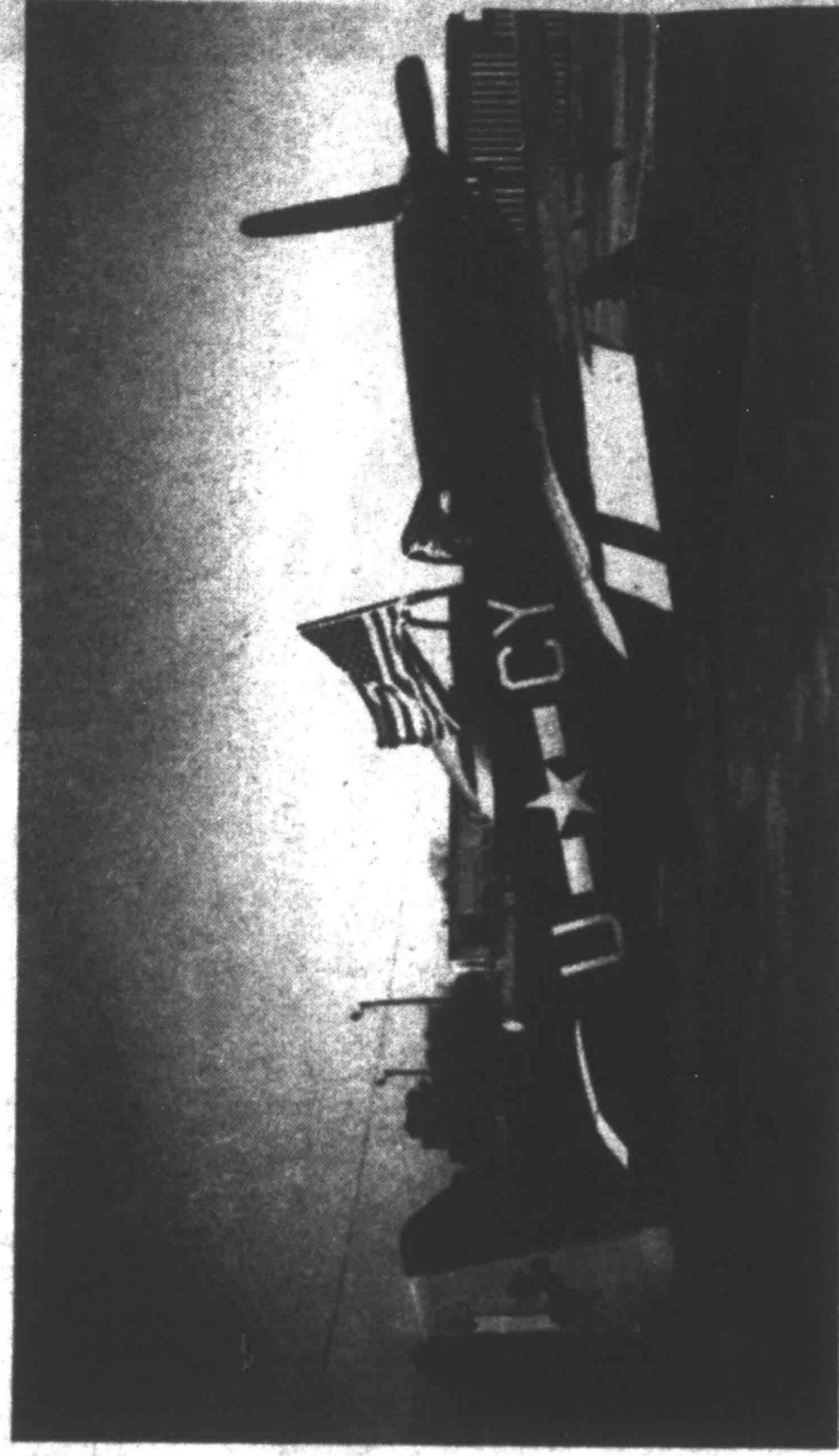
Justin Allen and Jenny Meacham, of Tempe, Ariz., spent last week with their grandparents, the Jimmy Lewis Smiths.

Joe Simpson, of Middle State



**TERRY AND PEGGY HOCKMAN**, of Malden, Mo., requested a morning tour of the Veterans' Museum Saturday morning. They are in the process of planning a local museum, and they wanted

to ask questions on how to begin. Sonny Higdon, Museum Curator, showed them displays and shared how the museum in Halls developed.



**P-51 "GUN-FIGHTER"** made a refueling stop at Arnold Field in Halls March 18<sup>th</sup>. The pilot Regis Urschief, Air Brig. General, Ret., said that he and Crew Chief Todd Fokken were taking the airplane from Council Bluffs, Iowa to Eglin AFB in Florida.

Urschief flies in air shows and supports the Confederate Air Force. Fokken works for the Army Corps of Engineers as an airplane mechanic. They had quite a welcoming committee. Unfortunately the plane cannot participate in Air Sho '99 on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.

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## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

- Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Fried Chicken
  - Corn Dog
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Green Beans
  - Congeeled Strawberry Fruit Salad
  - Appricots
  - Rolls
  - Milk
- Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Menu- School's Choice
- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - No School- Good Friday
- April 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring Break

## Brevities

By Charles Alsobrook

TheIma Hurt had knee surgery at Riverside Surgery Center in Dyersburg last week.

Ruth Hallman, of Cleveland, Ohio, a former resident of Halls and teacher in the Halls schools, writes of her granddaughters. Brennan Travis is in a graduate program and has a full-time job. Rachel Travis is in Belize, a country below Mexico, along with those little countries, Guatemala, etc. It's where the Maya civilization lived and that is what Rachel is studying. This will delay her graduation for a few months but this study will improve her resume.

Lucinda Burback, of Forest City, Fla., and Jan Allen, of Seminole County, Fla., spent last week with their grandparents, the Lucinda's mother, Mrs. Charles Alsobrook, and other relatives and friends.



# TACO BELL

## GRAND OPENING March 26th & 27th

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POWER 92 LIVE 11-2 27<sup>th</sup>

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