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# THE HALLS GRAPHIC

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## Congressional Art Winner



**PAUL HANSBROUGH**, left, with Congressman John Tanner, is the Lauderdale County winner of the 1999 Congressional Art Competition, which was open to all high school students in the Eighth District. District-wide judging of all county winners was held April 23rd at the Carnegie Center in Jackson. Paul is a student at Halls High School. His artwork, a color pencil drawing, was entitled "Grandfather."

Congressman Tanner hosted a reception following the judging to honor the finalists. Each county winner received a Congressional plaque.

## Blankenship Aids NATO Vs. Serbs

The Navy reports that Petty Officer First Class Willie E. Blankenship, son of Isadore Blankenship, of Gates, a 1979 graduate of Halls High School, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*, in the Adriatic Sea, supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's bombing of Serbia. He joined the Navy in January, 1980.

# Countians' Sister Drowned When A Tour Boat Sinks

Lana Jo Berry, 42, of Dyersburg, step-sister of Douglas Matthews, of 1531 Curve-Woodville Road, Ripley, and of Ollie Matthews, of Locust St., Halls, was drowned Saturday morning when a tour boat suddenly sank in Lake Hamilton, near Hot Springs, Ark.

A technician at World Color Press in Dyersburg, she met there Andrea Beasley, 28, wife of Tony Beasley and mother of Logan Beasley, 3.

With the Beasley family, she planned a weekend in Hot Springs. Work schedules prevented her husband, Collie Berry, 48, whom she married Aug. 17, 1985, from going.

Saturday morning, Tony went camping, the women and Logan, just before noon, boarded a "duck boat," *Miss Majestic*, to tour Lake Hamilton.

The amphibious vehicle, a relic of the World War II era, is owned by White & Yellow Duck Sight-seeing Tours, and was a popular tourist attraction.

A metal hull on wheels, it had a canvas roof fitted across the top.

The Coast Guard says hundreds of such boats are in use.

*Miss Majestic* passed a Coast Guard inspection Feb. 23rd.

But a few minutes after leaving the dock, when the boat was about 100 yards from The Landings condominium, its driver, Elizabeth Helmbrecht, 56, of Hot Springs, saw water rising in it and headed back toward the shore.

Within 30 seconds, the boat sank, trapping all but three or four of its 13 dead under the canvas

roof before they could plunge overboard.

Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Beasley, and Logan died in the tragedy.

Services for Mrs. Berry were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

Survivors include three sons, Kyle and Shane, of Dyersburg, and Russell Downing III, of Camden; two daughters, Bridgett Berry, of Lebanon, Ky., and Jessica Ferguson, of Trenton; her mother and step-father, Louise and Joe Byrd, of Samburg; her father and step-mother, C. M. and Winnie Crews, of Bartlett; two brothers, Andy Crews, of Samburg, and Chris Crews, of Bartlett; a sister, Amy Price, of Dickson; and four grandchildren.

## Drug Charges Hit Two Halls Youths

Eric L. Pike, 20, and Charlie L. Pilkington III, 19, of Halls, found guilty in General Sessions Court in Crockett County of possession of marijuana, were fined \$250 and court costs, and sentenced to 11 months, 29 days, all suspended except 48 hours, 10 days community service and supervised probation.

## DELEGATE SELECTION

The Tennessee Democratic Party has released the preliminary draft of the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan for the Tennessee process of selecting delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 2000. The convention will be held in Los Angeles, Calif., August 21-24, 2000.

The document is available for a public comment period of 30 days before it is finalized and presented to the State Democratic Executive Committee on May 22, 1999 for approval.

The document is available for public review by contacting Shea Harris, Lauderdale County Chairperson at 901-836-9008, or any State Democratic Executive Committee member, or by calling State Democratic Party Headquarters, 615-327-9779. The document is also available on the Party's Web site at: [www.tndemocrats.org](http://www.tndemocrats.org).

## CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Relay for Life will hold a Captain's Meeting at 5:30 p.m. May 6th at the Ripley Park. Everyone is urged to attend.

## Rotary Speaker



**ROZELLE CRINER**, County Executive, left, was introduced at Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates by Shea Harris, center, who was in charge of the

program.

Mr. Criner spoke about important needs for the county and upcoming projects. Also pictured with Mr. Criner is Garland Johns, club president.

# THE HALLS GRAPHIC

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## Divorces

Maurice Taylor vs Bridgette Yvette Taylor.  
Betsy Laura McAllister Sylvester vs Robin Scott Sylvester.  
Fletcher Richard Parrish vs Ruby Ann Pepinski Parrish.  
Sarah Harper Webb vs William Lynn Webb.  
Staci Lee Morgan Brannen vs Frank James Brannen.

## Land Transfers

Apr. 23 - Doris Sanders Ellis, Jane Sanders Little, James William Sanders and Tony Lynn Sanders to Brenda Richardson Sanders, Dist. 2, tract.  
Billy M. Harmon, Brenda Lynn Harmon, William M. Harmon, III, and Willie Mae Harmon to Lorraine L. Spencer and Michael W. Spencer, Dist. 10, 1,000 acres.  
Donna Sanders Ellis, Jane Sanders Little, James William Sanders and Tony Lynn Sanders to Seamon Taliaferro, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.  
The Keller Family Trust, H. Frank Keller and Patricia R. Keller to Todd Dunavant, Dist. 2, 7,330 acres.  
Apr. 26 - Edgar L. Jackson and

ridge, Heather Eskridge, John Eskridge, Joseph Eskridge and Lisa Eskridge to Donald Clevenger and Michelle Clevenger, Dist. 12, tract.  
Apr. 28 - James R. Wade, Jr. to Sara Vandergriff and William Vandergriff, Dist. 6, lot.

Apr. 29 - Mary Naomi Glissen to Bank of Ripley, Dist. 2, two tracts.

Dorothy Ables to Daniel R. Williams and Stacey Williams, Dist. 7, 0.760 acres.

## LOAN DEADLINES

Charlene Vonderfecht, Lauderdale County Farm Service agency county executive director, stressed an urgent reminder to all producers of the requirements for eligibility for the Loan and Loan Deficiency Programs. Eligibility requires all acreage of a commodity be certified.

May 15th is the deadline for certification of planted small

grains, fall seeded or spring seeded, such as wheat or oats.

Prices are not speculated to increase beyond the level of the county loan rate, therefore activity for the Loan and/or Loan Deficiency Program is expected to increase from last year.

Contact the Farm Service office at the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, for any questions or call 901-635-7686.

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## May Nuptials Set



**COURTNEY DAWN CONAWAY**, daughter of Gail Moore, of Halls, and Jim Conaway, of Jackson, will marry Allen Voss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voss, of Ripley, at 4 p.m. May 15th in First Assembly of God Church in Ripley, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Katherine Rickman and the late Raymond Conaway, of Morris Chapel, Ruby Demry, of Newbern, and the late Pete Webb, of Ripley.

A 1997 graduate of Halls-High School, Courtney currently attends Dyersburg State, majoring in nursing. She is employed at Dyersburg News and Dyer County Tennessean.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Daisy Stewart, of Halls, and the late Buford Voss, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Booker, all of Ripley.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, Allen is employed at M. A. Hanna Rubber Compounding in Dyersburg.

## Marriages

Apr. 20 - James Verlon Bates, Jr., 25, to Frances Gail Childress, 27, by Frank Stanifer.

Apr. 22 - Jimmy Lynn Williams, 42, to Belinda Ann Williams, 38, by Rev. Gary A. Green.

Apr. 24 - Philip Laudell Wells, 22, to Tracey Louisa Butler, 33, by Willard Norvell.

David Shannon Kissell, 19, to Angela Mae Greer, 19, by Robert L. Prince.

Danny Ray Scott, 33, to Natasha Sheree Rucker, 24, by James Sullen.

Apr. 25 - David Lee Fuller, 33,

to Seletta Ann Allen, 30, by Rev. Willie Dyson.

Apr. 29 - Darrell Jacob Conrad, 20, to Wendy Kay Buse, 28, by Willard Norvell.

## Birthdays

May 6 - Barbara Anthony, Roger Treadway, Beccah Mitchell, Jimmy Kiestler, Kayla Heath, Burl Carson, Gara Strong, Regina Stanley Castellaw, Scott Crowder, Vickie Jones.

May 7 - Matthew Reviere, Billy Maclin, Carla Ross, Lana Nichols,

## Young Author's Day



**HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** held its annual Authors' Day, Friday of last week with each hall and classroom decorated and activities being held.

Pictured in a 50's scene, from left, Laurie Adkins, Mrs. Phyllis Barlow, vice-principal; Pat Carmack, principal; and Joanne Jones are enjoying an ice cream treat.

Paul Jordan, Susan Simpson, Leslie Voss, Emily Terry Taylor.

May 8 - Parker Fullen, Nancy Etheridge, David Meeks, Jordan Crihfield, Kevin Jones.

May 9 - Jerry Shelton, David Jones, Leigh Ann Smalley, Annie Laura Jennings, Sophia Lorane Bonds, Alex Stanley.

May 10 - Gifford Walker, Elizabeth Nolen, James Tolene.

May 11 - Traci Ing, Darlene Burchett, Melissa Meadows, Rodney Hemby, Jr., Hollis Luton Belton, Patty Houge, Traci Bates, Fern Hardin.

May 12 - Shannon Griggs, Billie B. Kitts, Gordon Rice Taylor, Steve Martin, Susan Tolene.

## Anniversaries

May 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edens.

May 9 - Mr. and Mrs. David Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Terry.

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.

May 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Belton.

## Births

To Jessica Robbins and Major Dunger, Jr., of Ripley, an 8 lb. 6 oz. son, Hunter Len, April 27th in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg. Grandparents are Leonard and Joyce Robbins, of Ripley, and Major and Linda Dunger, of Halls.

## CARD OF THANKS

There are times when a simple thanks is not enough.

It just does not say completely what you feel! But lacking for a better word, we thank each of you for visits, cards, calls and most of all the prayers that certainly were heard and felt, for we know you care.

It will be a slow road to recovery for Lenard, but God has blessed us for bringing him this far.

Love To All,  
The Alstons

## DEAN'S LIST

Jana Elizabeth Lucas, of Halls, made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Lambuth University in Jackson.

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## Loosing Control



**HALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT** answered a call at 1:07 p.m. Monday to a home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hurt, 402 West Main Street, Halls. A 1986 Ford pick-up truck, owned by Morgan Steelman, of Halls, is

pictured on Wilson Street after a Halls High School student, traveling east on West Main Street, lost control, striking a tree and the house.

The four Halls High School students were transported to

Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and treated and released.

Charges of failure to maintain control, hitting a fixed object, no seat belt and reckless driving were filed.

### Poplar Grove

By Cleo Knox

Spring has blossomed and our yellow poplars are in full bloom. Talmadge Spry has been trans-

ferred to Madison County Hospital in Jackson. Anna Spry Link, of Bardstown, Ky., has been with her father this week.

Our sympathy to the family of Charles Smithson.

Patricia Plante, of Pawtucket,

R.I., visited her sister, Barbara Edenfield, for two weeks. Michelle Edenfield and Patricia enjoyed shopping for antiques and touring beautiful Tennessee while she was here.

Tony Wyrick, of Crockett

County, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alston Friday.

Mike Harris, of Dyersburg, was a luncheon guest Wednesday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis.

Florence McBride visited Hattie Belle Butler at Key Corner Friday.

Mrs. Cleo Knox visited Gladys Brandon in Friendship Retirement Home Wednesday of last week. Gladys is enjoying her three R's, reading books, rocking in her chair and the religious service once a month at the home. She enjoys visits from home.

Poplar Grove has three churches, the latest one, The Church of Jesus Christ, Hwy. 51, south of Mill Creek Rd., organized five years ago. The congregation started meeting in an old commer-

cial building and, under the leadership of Pastor Jimmy Carroll, renovated the interior and converted it into a beautiful place to worship.

### WESTBROOK TRAINED

The Marine Corps reports that Pvt. Daron W. Westbrook, son of Carliss J. Rice, of 4345 Forked Deer Rd., Gates, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

### FIRM HAILS 2 IN HHS

Addison Hurt Hansford and Angela Love Pugh, of Halls High School, have received certificates as Radio Shack/Tandy Scholars, for the top 2% of graduates.

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**RITA BARNES**  
Halls Elementary School

Rita received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee in 1979. She gained her Special Education endorsement from the University of Memphis in 1988. Rita teaches preschool at Halls Elementary. She has taught in Lauderdale County since 1984 and has nineteen years experience. She and her husband, Joe, have one daughter, Brooke, and three step-children, Joe III, Jimmy, and Georgia.



**ANDREA L. CHAISSON**  
Ripley Elementary School

Andrea received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from the University of Memphis in 1975. She also received a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from the University of Maryland in 1991. She teaches Reading Language Arts at Ripley Elementary. Andrea has taught in Lauderdale County since 1994 and has 24 years teaching experience. She and her husband, Larry, have two children, Tracy Douglas, of Ripley, and Stephen Chaisson, of Columbus, Ohio.



**EARL K. ANDERSON**  
Ripley High School

Earl received his Bachelor of Science degree in Science Composite (Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Earth Science, Life Science) from West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas in 1986. He has twelve years teaching experience and is currently teaching Chemistry, Physics, Principles of Technology I and II. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children, Sarah, Nathan, and Rachel.



**KATHY A. WADE**  
Ripley Elementary School

Kathy received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1970. She currently teaches at Ripley Elementary School as the Josten's Learning Lab Title One teacher. She has taught in the Lauderdale County School System since 1985 and has sixteen years teaching experience. She and her husband, John, have two children, Brian and Kelly.



**MARY B. JOHNSON**  
Ripley Primary School

Mary received her Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree from the University of Tennessee in 1977. She is currently teaching Kindergarten at Ripley Primary School. She has taught in the Lauderdale County School System for twenty-one years. She and her husband, Clifton, have two children, Monique and Lorna.



**DONNA P. SMITH**  
Halls High School

Donna received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee in 1979. She received her Library Science Certification from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1987. She is currently employed as the Library/Media Specialist at Halls High School. She has taught in the Lauderdale County School System since 1980 and has twenty years teaching experience. She and her husband, Steve, have two children, Allorie and Nathan.



**JEFF GOLSON**  
Halls Junior High School

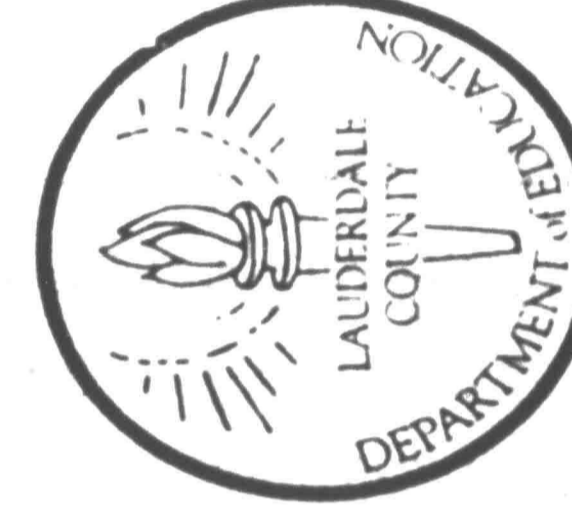
Jeff received his Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Freed Hardeman University in 1993. He currently teaches Social Studies at Halls Junior High School. He has taught in the Lauderdale County School System since 1993. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Zach and Grant Parker.



**NATALIE KAY BURNHAM**  
Halls Elementary School

Kay received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1971. She is currently teaching 5th grade math and science. She has taught in Lauderdale County since 1980 and has twenty-eight years teaching experience. She and her husband, Mike, live in Friendship.

***We salute these teachers on their outstanding achievement  
and their commitment and dedication to our children.  
Congratulations for a job well done!***



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## Local Citizens Recognized



**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE** held its annual banquet Thursday of last week at Ripley High School and named Annie Laura Jennings, second from left, Outstanding Woman of the Year, Larry McCoy, third from right, Exchange Club Officer of the Year, and Richard Jennings, second from right, Outstanding Man of the Year. Also pictured is at left, Ripley Police Chief Dennis King, keynote speaker and State Attorney General Paul G. Summers, third from left, and Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, right.

### ANNIE LAURA JENNINGS

Annie Laura Jennings has been a life-long resident of this county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas.

She is the sister of Jimmy, Larry, Richard, and "B. B." Douglas, all of Ripley.

She was graduated from Ripley High School in 1936.

She attended Memphis State College for a year before she returned to the county and married Leland Jennings, Henning farmer.

She taught Sunday School in Henning Methodist Church and was a Girl Scout leader.

The family moved to Ripley in 1970. Leland operated Jennings Realty and Auction until he died, of cancer, last year.

Mrs. Jennings became the first woman elected to a courthouse office. She is in her third term as Lauderdale County Register.

She is active in United Methodist Women, whose new project is Martha's Cupboard, a meal service for about 40 disabled and elderly.

She chaired the county unit of the American Cancer Society when its Relay For Life raised \$180,000 in 1997 and \$160,000 last year.

A lifetime member of the Junior Auxiliary, she is active in Rolling Hills Country Club.

She has served on advisory boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Lauderdale County Hospital, and the Tucker Center.

Her son, Al, resides in Memphis with his wife, Gina, and two children. He works in real estate.

A daughter, Melinda, resides in Ripley with her husband, Kenny Pletcher, and two children.

Another daughter, Emily, resides in Cowen with her husband, Brad Elkins, and a son, 2.

### RICHARD JENNINGS

Born Dec. 4, 1941, son of the late W. G. "Squeaky" Jennings and Nell Jennings, he was reared here and was graduated from Ripley High School in 1960.

He delivered for Turner Dairies, of Covington, for 18 years.

He has been the county's Circuit Court Clerk since 1981.

He has served four years on the board of directors of the Tennessee State Court Clerks Association, and was West Tenn president in 1995.

He coached Little League baseball for more than 20 years and was 1984-85 president of the RHS Band Boosters.

An Exchange Club member since 1981, he has served two terms as president.

He has served on the boards of directors for the Chamber of Commerce, the Professional Counseling Center, and Rolling Hills Country Club.

He and his wife, Renate, parents of Andrea, Beth, and Derek, Beau Bradford Simpson, are members of First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where Richard is active in the Men's Comeback Sunday School Class and the Men's Group.

He enjoys golf, camping, and following UT's football program since 1981.

### CAPT. LARRY MCCOY

Born and reared in this county, he was graduated from Ripley High School in 1967. He attended Dy-

### Louis Ray Uselton

Louis Ray Uselton, 62, of 301 Dennis Drive, Ripley, a welder, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, in his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He was born in Haywood County, April 19, 1937, son of the late George and Julia Ray Uselton.

He was a member of Conner Assembly of God.

He leaves his wife, Marie Cannon Uselton; three daughters, Kathryn Taylor and Tracie Hensley, of Ripley, and Julie Wright, of Halls; three brothers, John W. Uselton, of Ripley, George Uselton, Jr., of Memphis, and Wesley Uselton, of Dresden; and seven grandchildren.

### Mrs. Hargett

Lottie Hargett, 90, widow of Cordie Hargett, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Sunrise Care in Ripley.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

She was born in this county, Aug. 22, 1908, daughter of the late Charlie and Laura Pugh Coker.

She leaves two sons, C. R. Hargett, of Ripley, and Ozzell Hargett, of Halls; three daughters, Jennie Casey, Margie Goodwin, and Mary Lemons, and a sister, Aimee Sue Vowell, of Ripley; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

### Mrs. Dhority

Veona "Ma" Dhority, 90, widow of Hubert Dhority, of 249 Cook Road, Halls, died Friday, of heart failure, in her home.

Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Enon Cemetery near Halls.

She leaves a son, Hennis Dhority, of Dyersburg; two sisters, Fannie Hanton, of Halls, and Ither Mae Myers, of La Belle, Fla.; a granddaughter, who looked after her, Connie Duvall, of Halls; three other grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### 'Perry' Williams

Joseph "Perry" Williams, 85, of 505 W. Tiggert, Halls, retired home builder, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Gates Cemetery.

A former Halls alderman, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Halls.

He leaves his wife, Violet Neely Williams; a daughter, Perrylyn Cherry, of Ripley; a brother, Roy H. Williams, Jr., of 767 Wilkes Rd., Gates; a sister, Virginia Conrad, of Jackson; two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

### James H. Escue

James Howard Escue, 59, of 1818 Kimbrough, Covington, who was born in this county, June 27, 1939, son of Hubert and Hattie

**HALLS FIRST BAPTIST PRE-SCHOOL** students raised \$11,188 for St. Jude in a Trike-A-Thon Apr. 19th. The three year old class, in upper photo, from left, Kelsey Latham, Sierra Seratt, Mandy McClellan, Lindsey Bore, Devin Castelli, Michelle Hughs, Seth Dancy, Emily Garrett and Destiney Newman, is taught by Mary Fitzhugh and Mandy Spiller. The four year old class, in lower photo, from left, Hayley Gillion, Haley Turnbow, Justin Gilliland, Matthew Clark, Hayden Hogue, Zach Harris, Emilee Moore, Lindsey Elmore, Alex Stanley, Sarah Spiller, Aaron Williams, Robert Hill, Bryan Nelson, Hali Conrad, Kristen Kelly, Emily Shands, Reagan Jacobs, Parker Brown and Jerry Emmons, is taught by Cathy Escue and Mary Jane Belton.

Howard Escue, died Friday, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a salesman for Jerol Hopkins Ford in Covington.

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

He leaves his wife, Anna Marie Escue; three sons, Richard, of Covington, Bill, of Dyersburg, Jim, of Nashville; two step-daughters, Andrea Patrick and Sarah Burlington, of Covington; two sisters, Yvonne Wade, of Ripley, and Jo Reynolds, of Southaven, Miss; and six grandchildren.

### Myrtle Parks

Myrtle Eugene Parks, 75, of Apopka, Fla., sister of Thoret Williams, of Halls, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Sunbelt Healthcare in Apopka.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Curry & Son Funeral Home, of Dyersburg, in charge.

She was a retired bookkeeper.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Pettigall, of Nashville; another sister, Rose Maschinot, of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

### Felix Turnbow

Felix Turnbow, 71, of Dyersburg, father of William Turnbow and Linda Sanderson, of Halls, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

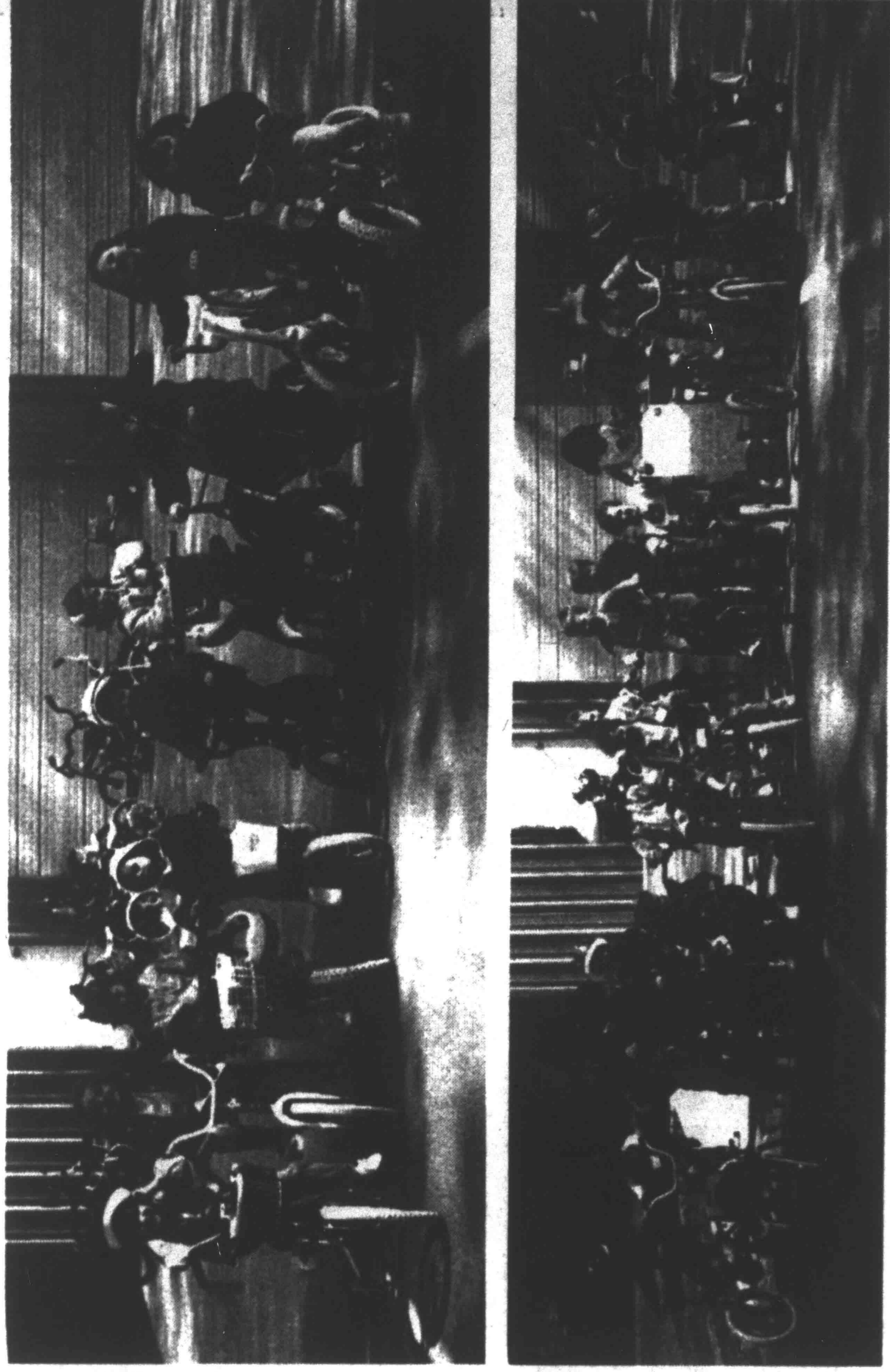
Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

A retired carpenter, he was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Mildred Louise Turnbow.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Turnbow; another daughter, Kathryn Murphy, of Mayfield, Ky.; two brothers, Robert, of Dyersburg, and Joe W. Turnbow, of Decatur, Ala.; two sisters, Betty Chilcutt, of Dyersburg, and Helen Azin, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## St. Jude Trike-A-Thon



## Annual Junior High Showcase

Halls Junior High's annual Fabulous Fridays Showcase, is set for May 14th. Exhibits highlighting recent projects and field trips will be on view as in the past. Parents and the public will have the opportunity to examine displays showcasing a recent school-wide toy drive and car wash for St. Jude Hospital, the students and teachers' trip to deliver their contributions, a Beale Street walking tour, a visit to Graceland and the Elvis Presley Café, a ceramics class with senior citizens, Kindergarten Kindness, scrap booking, computer workshops, sports clinic, soil and water testing, Mr. Wizard, school newspaper and video workshop, wreath making and pie baking.

This year's added addition will feature "Focus on Fitness," a first time health fair for HJH students. Incoming seventh graders and members of the Senior Citizen's Center will also attend. "Focus on Fitness" will feature approximately thirty exhibitors from across West Tn. The health screenings, from 9 a.m. till 12 noon, will include blood pressure, scoliosis, hearing, dental, vision and height/weight. Other participants will cover such topics as nutrition and a healthful snack tasting, physical fitness, automobile safety, mental wellness, backpack safety, hazards of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, emergency tips and skin care.

Students will complete written quizzes and compete for generous door prizes. The day will culminate with the HJH talent show at 1 p.m.

## Senior Citizens' Fabulous Friday

Halls Senior Citizen Center participated in Fabulous Fridays with Halls Junior High School seventh and eighth grade students. Those attending a Ceramic Workshop were Amanda Gillion, Juanita Finch, Aubrey Hart, Ashley Hudson, Lucky Elrod, Shawn Johnson, Crystal DeLock, Reba Coker, Dr. Simmans and Billie Kitts. Senior volunteers were Margaret White,

## Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson of Alamo, and Jimmy Emerson were Sunday dinner guests of the Floyd Emersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders accompanied Mrs. Lewis Mills and Mrs. Flossie Holcomb to Cartfish Galley in Dyersburg Saturday night celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Carmack's mother, Mrs. Mills.

## NOTICE

### ORDINANCE 99-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF HALLS MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SITE DESIGN STANDARDS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS REQUIRING THE FACADE OF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ORIENTED TOWARD AND PARALLEL WITH THE PROPERTY ROAD FRONTAGE IT IS TO BE BUILT UPON.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-201 and 13-7-202 a zoning ordinance has been adopted for the Town of Halls, and,

WHEREAS, the Halls Municipal Regional Planning Commission has recommended the following amendments to the Municipal Zoning Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-203, a public hearing was held before this body, the time and place of which was published with fifteen days advance notice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF HALLS:

SECTION 1. That the Halls Municipal Zoning Ordinance, Article III, "General Provisions," be amended with the addition of the following new Section P:

SECTION P. **Building Orientation:** In all Residential Districts, front Building facades shall extend parallel to the front property line common to a public right of way of the lot or parcel on which it is to be built, placed or otherwise situated. Frontage for irregularly shaped lots shall be administratively determined by the Building Inspector, subject to challenge to and interpretation by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage after second and final reading, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

March 1, 1999

Passed First Reading

May 3, 1999

Passed Second Reading

Eugene Pugh

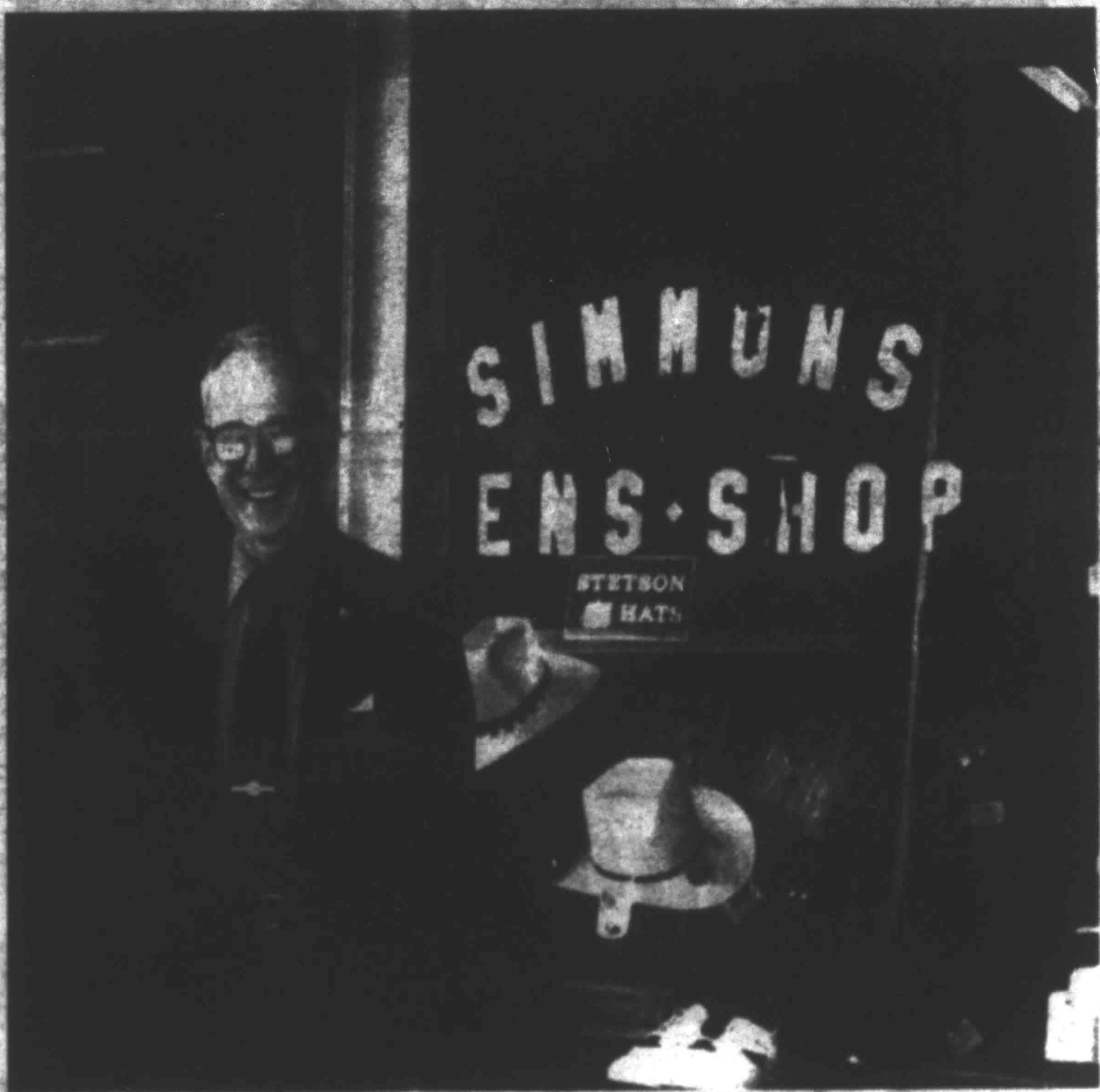
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# THE HALLS GRAPHIC

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## 50th Year In Business



**TOMMY SIMMONS**, 67, owner of Simmons Men's Shop, at 107 E. Main Street, in Halls, will start his 50th year on May 14th. The business was started in September 1939, by his father, the late Thomas H. Simmons, Sr., and his mother, the late Emma Sue Simmons. Mr. Simmons, Sr. died of a heart attack in February, 1943 at age 36. Emma Sue took over the store operation after Thomas, Sr. died. Tommy started working at the store in 1941 as a boy, after school and on Saturdays. He graduated from Halls High School in May 1949 and began at the store full time with his mother. Mrs. Simmons died of a heart attack at the store in November, 1965 at age 58

### HHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Halls High School Athletic Boosters will hold their final meeting of the '98-'99 school year

## Barbecue Benefits Veteran's Museum

Arnold Field will host the first Drive-In, Fly-In from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15th. Barbecue plates with the fixings will be available for a \$5 donation per plate or an \$8 donation for all-you-can-eat. Plates for children, 12 and under, are \$3. Carry-outs will be available. Call 836-7400 to place your order. All proceeds will benefit the Veteran's Museum.

at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 17th at the school. All parents of athletes are urged to attend, including the parents of upcoming freshmen, as officers will be elected for the upcoming year and plans for the club's activities for the '99-'00 school year will begin.

## Haywood Crash Claims Student

Samantha Leigh Barns, 17, a student in Ripley Vo-Tech, was fatally injured Wednesday of last week when a 1987 Honda Accord, driven northeast on Nunn Road, between Durhamville and Nut Bush, left the rain-swept and muddy road near Nut Bush and struck a tree.

She was apparently alone in the vehicle. Officers were alerted at 9:45 p.m. but believe the accident had occurred much earlier.

Twenty minutes were required to free her body from the wreckage.

Highway Patrolman William Baxter says she was not wearing a seat belt, but he adds that it would probably not have saved her.

Services were at 10 a.m. Friday in the cemetery of St. Paul United Methodist Church at Durhamville, with Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a member of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

She leaves her mother and stepfather, Leigh Ann and Jack Johnson, of Ripley; her father and stepmother, Shade Michael Barns and Leigh Ann Barns, of Memphis; a brother, S. M. Barns II, a stepbrother, Johnny Johnson, a half-sister, Leach Vivian Barns, and three step-sisters, Brenda, Linda, and Teresa Johnson, all of Memphis; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, of Ripley.

### USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by DHS and USDA, will distribute USDA commodities between 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 19th at the following sites:

Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson Street, Ripley; Rice Park, Watkins Street, Ripley; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport Street, Halls; and Palmer-Turner Community Ctr., 655 Church Street, Henning.

All eligible clients must bring proof of income to the site. Commodities will be given on first come first served basis.

This month's distribution will consist of two large grocery bags with a weight of approximately 55 lbs. You must have someone to carry the bags to your car.

## 2-County Chase Kills 12-Yr.-Old, Injures 4

Lindsey Brooke Holcomb, 12, of 190 Jo-Ann, Ripley, was fatally injured, and three other occupants of a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro were injured when it was struck from behind, on Hwy. 87 west of Henning, about 11:36 p.m. Saturday, by a driver who was under hot pursuit for speeding through Covington.

The Highway Patrol reports the Camaro, with no seat belts worn, was driven by Lindsey's aunt, Wanda Epps, 45, of 158 Barry White Lane, Ripley, who with another passenger, Paul Webb, 32, of the same address, was sent to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis. Lindsey's brother, Timothy, 10, was dismissed next day from Lauderdale County Hospital.

The Patrol says Bryan H. Dowdy, 34, of 1132 Hwy. 179, Covington, drove the 1996 Chevrolet MLS which struck the Camaro as the Camaro was turning left into a private drive, about a mile west of the intersection of Hwys. 87 and 51.

Dowdy was sent to the Med but has been dismissed.

Covington police, reporting Dowdy wanted in Covington, pursued him and radioed for help from Lauderdale County.

Four Henning officers and three cars of sheriff's deputies responded.

Pursuers say Dowdy was chased from his turn left, off Hwy. 51, onto Cooper Creek Rd., the first road west of Hwy. 51 before its intersection with Hwy. 87.

The chase led to Cherry and back east on Hwy. 87.

Services for Lindsey were at 2 p.m. May 11th in Ripley First United Methodist Church, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her parents, Willard and Edie Wilson, of Ripley, and Billy Holcomb, of Henning; a brother, Timothy Holcomb, of Ripley; and her grandparents, Roston and Roberta Scoggins, of Maud, Okla., and Louis and Virginia Holcomb, of Henning.

## Police Department Make Halls Arrest

Terry Lee Johnson, 18, of 202 Cedar St., Halls, and Bob Spivey, 20, of 1327 Moss St., Dyersburg, were arrested and charged with reckless endangerment and aggravated assault following a shooting, responded to by Halls Police Department, about 8 p.m. April 21st according to Police Chief Joe Pursell.

Patrick Damper, of Willow Creek Apts., Ripley, interviewed by Sgt. Ralph Newman at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, later that night stated he was chased and shot at by Terry Lee Johnson and Bob Spivey on Cedar Street, Halls.

Both men were placed under a \$30,000 bond with Johnson now in the Dyer County Jail for violation of parole and Spivey out on bond.

### CRIME STOPPERS

Parents, if your child has information, which you think could be true, involving some incident which may occur at school or on the bus which could cause injury to another child or teacher, call CRIME STOPPERS at 635-4411. If your information prevents the injury of our children or teachers, CRIME STOPPERS will pay up to \$1,000 reward for their safety. You will not be required to talk to the police or appear in court. Your identity will remain anonymous.

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## Land Transfers

Apr. 29 - Mary Naomi Glissen to Bank of Ripley, Dist. 2, 2 tracts. Dorothy Ables to Daniel R. Williams and Stacey Williams, Dist. 7, 0.760 acres.

Apr. 30 - Charles N. Griggs, Sr. to Loretta M. Thomas, Dist. 6, tract.

May 1 - Daniel C. Jarrett and Iva Mai Jarrett to B & B Partners, Eddie Barnett and Lynn Barnett, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

May 3 - Anthony, Lankford and Poston, LLC to Christine C. Jackson, Dist. 2, 5.000 acres.

Donna K. Goforth and Jimmy Wayne Goforth to Dorothy Kiestler and William Kiestler, Dist. 14, 2.021 acres.

May 6 - John Floyd Sanders,

man spent the weekend at their home on Kentucky Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris and children, Lindsey and Robert, of Halls, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis Monday evening of last week. Mike Harris, of Dyersburg, was also a guest.

Mrs. Louella Knox spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Smithson, in Halls.

Barbara Davis, of Millington, was a Saturday luncheon guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Alston. Davis Alston, of Halls, and Charles Burns, of Curve, visited Sunday.

Talmadge Spry remains in a Jackson hospital.

Bret Cook and children, Roth and Eden, and Mrs. Anita Heath and daughter, Leah, of Dyersburg, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holford Swanner.

Sr. to Ashley Childress and Lisa Kay Childress, Dist. 7, 1,000 acres.

Mike Bullard to Mike Bullard and Bobbie Carol Curran, Dist. 6, 61, 070 acres and 0.250 acres.

James Pipkin to Bertha T. Duvall and Guy F. Duvall, Jr., Dist. 15, 2,000 acres.

## Poplar Grove

By Cleo Knox

Mike Chipman, of Louisville, Ky., Karen and Ashley Nichols, of Memphis, and Mrs. Dorsey Chip-

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1999-2000

The Lauderdale County Board of Education has issued the calendar for the 1999-2000 school year. The following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. This year, a refrigerator magnet with this information will be available to parents at no cost, when they register their child.

### Schools Open-Aug. 10, 1999

Aug. 6	Fri.	Inservice for Teachers
Aug. 9	Mon.	Inservice for Teachers
Aug. 10	Tues.	Registration Day for Students-Abb. Day for Students, Full Day Teachers
Aug. 11	Wed.	Inservice for Teachers (No Classes)
Aug. 12	Thurs.	First Full Day for Students
Sept. 6	Mon.	Labor Day (No Classes)
Oct. 14	Thurs.	Regular Student Day/Parent-Teacher Conference 4-7 p.m.
Oct. 15	Fri.	Parent-Teacher Conf. 9-12 (No Classes)
Nov. 24-26	Wed.-Fri.	Thanksgiving (No Classes)

Dec. 17	Fri.	Day Before Christmas Break-Abb. Day
Dec. 20-30	Mon.-Fri.	Christmas Holidays (No Classes)
Jan. 3	Mon.	Inservice for Teachers
Jan. 4	Tues.	Inservice for Teachers (No Classes)
Jan. 5	Wed.	Classes Resume
Jan. 17	Mon.	Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)
Feb. 21	Mon.	President's Day (No Classes)
Feb. 24	Thurs.	Regular Student Day/Parent-Teacher Conference 4-7 p.m.
Feb. 25	Fri.	Parent-Teacher Conf. 9-12 (No Classes)
Mar. 17	Fri.	Inservice (Make-up) (No Classes)
Mar. 27-31	Mon.-Fri.	TCAP Testing
Apr. 3-7	Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break (No Classes)
Apr. 21	Fri.	Good Friday (No Classes)
May 25	Thurs.	Administration Day (No Classes)
May 26	Fri.	Report Card Day - Last Day - Abb. Day

## TELECONFERENCE

The next Marketing Club Network Teleconference is scheduled

for 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 14th at Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Office. Although this is a busy time for

farmers it is also a critical time for implementing a marketing plan.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Carl Anderson and Dr. Mark Waller, of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Anderson will cover the cotton market, while Waller will discuss the grain market.

For more information about the teleconference or about developing a marketing plan, contact the Lauderdale County Extension office at 635-9551.

The only "wild card" team to win the World Series was the Florida Marlins in 1997.

# Visiting Armadillo



JANET BAKER and her first grade class at Halls Elementary School is pictured with their special guest, Selena, a stuffed armadillo.

The class has been working on a computer Internet project and "Selena" came here from Ft. Worth, Tex. by way of Canada, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana and left Tuesday for Florence, Ala. and then return to Ft. Worth.

Students e-mailed coordinating classrooms to let them know Selena arrived safely and recorded activities in their journal. They also made a scrapbook and read books.

## H. E. S. HONOR ROLL

Students on the Honor Roll at Halls Elementary School for the 5th six week grading period include on Principal's List, third grade, Christi Meeks, Tiffani Casey, Jeremy Fitzhugh, Autumn Hutchison, Britney Moore, Chris Hardy, Randi Crockett, Rachel Carter, Paige Ellison, Nathan Sadler, Heather Spangler, Britney Bane, Haley Burks, L. J. Cates, Aaron Dannelly, Emily Sailsbery, Teresa Wright, Cody Dew, Dakota Douglas, and Dakota Reaves; fourth grade, Alex Aitken, Laura Bree Burns, Rachel Clark, Kristin Crinfield, Anna Claire Hartman, Hailey Watts, Rachel Isak, and Sara McBroom; fifth grade, Rachel Fitzhugh, Caitlyn Hurt, Allorie Smith, Chaseton Dudas, Ashley Taliaferro, Zach Webb, and Sara Beth Warren; sixth grade, Joey Gillon, Ashley Adkins,

Brooke Hogue, Brook Barnes, Meagan Leavitt, Sara Wright, and Jennifer Buntin.

Students on the Honor Roll from third grade include, Derek Chipman, Amber Seiber, Justin Dees, Jessica Jackson, Kiara Obie, Justin Brown, Brittany Bradford, Darius Campbell, Trevor Eison, Sandy Benjamin, Nathan Johnson, Cassie King, Jessica Millner, Cody Prestidge, Phylia Richmond, Samantha Henson, Kristy Lee, Meekia Reynolds, Kayla Thrash, Kevan Ward, Darius Ivory, Paulita Edmondson, Amber Henson, Cody Hutcheson, Bobby Walker, Nicole Tate, Aaron Nelson, Tony Hudson, Morgan Latham, Kera Wiley, and Tyler Fitzhugh; fourth grade, Steven Cowart, Davida Delock, Katrina Lumley, Mary Williams, Kyle Ray, Darla Smith, Justin Terry, Bobbi Younger, Ashley Blakley, Krystal Ward, Jeremy McBroom, Rebekah Angotti, Crystal Belew, Travis Burns, Tiffany Gitchell, Kaleb Hamlet, Michelle Meeks, Ben Woodley, Abby Ashmore, Chad Hardy, Jennifer Layne, Kristene Sebourne, Andrea Thompson, Zack McBroom, Kyron Mack, Quila Smith, Matthew Stanley, J. B. Tharpe, Brent Cain, Jennifer Cox, Tyler Daniels, Tyler Dial, Cory Heath, Mallory Hogue, Christina Hutcherson, Roger Jetton, Leah Ward, and Heather Fitzhugh; fifth grade, Nicole Bernard, Zach Camp, Mildred Everth, Robert Harris, Tony Reditt, Robert Richmond, Tina Shands, Marty Wright, Brice Carter, Chelsea Crockett, Eric Edwards, Kristie Fincher, Zak Kelley,

Josh McBroom, Shan McCadney, Amy White, Janelle Patrick, Steven Shands, Justin Hanks, Janica Humphrey, Amanda Lumley, Audra Smith, Mary Ward, Jessica Casey, Josh Rose, Kim Bentley, Kimberly Blackwood, Jeremy Hudson, Shanyelle McKinney, Joseph Miller, Monica Jackson, and Megan Robinson; sixth grade, Bailey Hutcherson, Jeremiah Jones, Leigh Hastings, Erin Shands, Jeremy Paige, Jessica Bentley, Toni Ray, Eric Spangler, Alex Perry, Brandi Patrick, Rachel McCaslin, Jessica Matthews, Ben Hutcherson, Wesley Allen, Chris George, Travis Johnson, Erin Crichfield, Nichole Farris, Samatha Wright, Gary Sanderson, Shannon Rushing, Elizabeth Goodman, Derrick Simmons, and Amanda Bell.

## Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Mrs. Susie Summar remains ill in her home. Guests this week are her sister, Bessie Summar, husband Ann Ford, of Gary, Ind. Bessie, Van and Betty Ann visited Bessie's niece and Betty and Van's cousin, Pat (Mrs. Jim) Hughes, and Mr. Hughes Saturday night. Betty and Pat had not seen each other in several years. Betty and Bessie also visited in the homes of Clyde Summar, Jr. and Jerry Don Sum-

# Painting The Town



THE HALLS HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB was busy Saturday morning with a project called "Paint the Town." Twenty-six volunteers painted 911 address numbers on the curb in front of 158 homes on Tigrett and Main Streets in Halls. The club plans to set another date early this summer to continue this project.

Mar. Mrs. Hughes visited another cousin, Margaret Thornberg, of South Carolina, in Mrs. Carmen Smith's home near Ripley Sunday morning. Mrs. Thornberg was a Mother's Day luncheon guest of her son, Steve Koonce, and Mrs. Koonce in Ripley.

Dee and Doris Hughes and Eugene and Betty Hughes, of Central, Peggy Esra, of Dry Hill, and Jim and Pat Hughes visited Mrs. Gracie McCloud in Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Ripley Mother's Day.

James Summar has been ill and, to make matters worse, dropped a heavy piece of farming machinery on his foot receiving serious injuries.

Kevin and Debra Newman, of Covington, visited Kevin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes, Friday and they shopped in Dyersburg. The Keith Gay family visited Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Saturday afternoon.

Rickie Summar is improving in a Memphis hospital.

## OLE MISS GRADUATE

Holly Ann Cogbill, of Halls, was among 1,590 candidates for graduation from the University of Mississippi at the conclusion of the spring semester. Holly Ann's intended degree is bachelor of arts in education.

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# 50th Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD EMERSON, of Gates, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 23rd in Concord United Methodist Church. Family and friends will host the event, no gifts please.

## Birthdays

May 13 - Richard Webb, Jennifer Dudney, Jerry Buckner, Michael Galloway, Tammy Carroll, Emilee Moore, Amy White.

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom Garner, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Castellaw.

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb.

May 16 - Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vicki Heath, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Mary Ella Baker, Sissy Steelman, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton.

May 17 - Sidney McKnight, Miranda Anderson, Beth Langley, David Nunn, Robin Porter, Tammy Mountjoy, Eileen Byrd, Mary Nola Meeks.

May 18 - Bryan Elkins, Tim Etheridge, Billy Hawkins, Leland Ward.

May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Megan Crain, Rosalinda Dionicio, Sylvia King.

# Bridal Shower



MEEKA REYNOLDS, second from right, fiancee of Mario Hayslett, and Tamara Reynolds, second from left, fiancee of Torie Patrick, all of Halls, were honored with a bridal shower May 1st at Asbury Station.

Iva Jarrett, of Brownsville, center, was hostess.

Guests enjoyed fresh fruit and vegetable trays, club sandwiches, Key Lime and Strawberry Twirl pie and ice tea.

Special guests were Willie Rhea Patrick, left, mother of Torie, and Cathy Jarrett, right, mother of the brides-to-be.

Connie Joe Davidson, 51, by Com. Billy P. Brandon.

May 4 - Brent Adam Stultz, 30, to Pamela Darlene Davis, 35, by Willard Norvell.

## Marriages

May 1 - Tony Wayne Boston, 44, to Charlotte Jo Parker, 49, by Kamail R. Campbell.

Joseph Wayne Craft, 38, to Clarice Yevette Craft, 36, by Rev. Dwayne A. Hood.

Donald Cyril Trippett, 53, to

## Anniversaries

May 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Booker.

May 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nichols.

May 15 - Mr. and Mrs. John

Eskridge, Mr. and Mrs. John English.

May 16 - Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Howard.

May 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks.

May 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Malone.

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# Curve Baptist Host Two F. C. E. Clubs

The Curve-Woodville and Gates F. C. E. Clubs met together for Jane Connell's program on "Food Irradiation" May 4th in Curve Baptist Church Activities Building. The groups learned how this process is not to be feared, but is quite useful for making foods safer to eat and preserves color, flavor and texture of fruits and vegetables. It also helps food have a longer shelf life.

Each club had separate business meetings.

Dorothy Holcomb brought the devotion by reading a poem. "Be Still and Know that I Am God."

Eleven members and one guest, Kathy Ross, answered roll.

Bonnets were made for delivery to Ripley Healthcare and a lye soap making demonstration was planned. "Raise-A-Reader" packets were made ready for delivery.

Both groups enjoyed a potluck luncheon.

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**Gilbert G. Long**

Gilbert Gerald Long, 67, of 560 Jeff Webb Rd., Ripley, retired from employment with Marvin Windows in Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Covington Manor.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He was born in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 10, 1932, son of the late Lawrence and Helen Gregory Long.

He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He leaves his wife, Jo Ann, three sons, Rocky Campbell, of 550 Jeff Webb Rd., Ripley, Michael Long, of St. Louis, Mo., and Jerry Long, of Indiana, four daughters, April Long, Carol Pipkin, and Susie Camper, of Ripley, and Barbara Wilkins, of St. Louis, a brother, Leroy, of St. Louis, and 10 grandchildren.

**Joseph R. Carroll**

Joseph Rozelle Carroll, 77, of 159 Trader Lane, Ripley, retired meat cutter, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were at noon Saturday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, of which he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was born in this county, March 13, 1922, son of the late Robert C. Carroll and the late Laura Grigsby Carroll.

He was a member of the Food and Commercial Workers Union, the Service Employees Union of Chicago, Ill., and the Hope Cancer Support Group of First United Methodist Church in Ripley.

He leaves four sons, J. R., Jr., of Chesterton, Ind., Keith, of East Chicago, Ind., Robert, of Griffith, Ind., and Kevin, of Flower Mound, Tex., a daughter, Janet Gasperson, of Merrillville, Ind., a brother, Robert O. Carroll, of California, two sisters, Susie Summar, of 511 Butner Rd., Ripley, and Bessie Summar, of Gary, Ind., and nine grandchildren.

**Bobby Riddick**

Bobby Gene Riddick, 63, of Friendship, father of Robert Riddick, of Ripley, died Monday, of heart failure, in his home.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday

**Mrs. Pulliam**

Alma Jean Pulliam, 66, of Saulsbury, mother of Jo Nimmo, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday of last week in Shackelford Funeral Home in Bolivar, with burial in West Memorial Cemetery at Saulsbury.

A former Memphian, she had retired as a production employee of Harman Automotive.

She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Pulliam, Jr., two other daughters, Candy Pulliam, of Henderson, and Penny Chandler, of Weatherford, Tex., a son, James "Bubba" Phillips, of Bartlett, her mother, Beulah Burse, of Saulsbury, two brothers, Aubrey Turner, of Memphis, and Jerry Turner, of Millington, a sister, Margaret Woosley, of Louisville, Ky., six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

**Mrs. Tom Smith**

Francis Geraldine Smith, 83, of Henning, widow of Tom Smith, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

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

She leaves five sons, Charles and Marvin, of Henning, Phillip and Ronnie, of Ripley, and Ray, of Memphis, six daughters, Ann Peyton, of Henning, Charlene Pilcher, Elizabeth Tillman, and Jean Conrad, of Ripley, Judy Garner, of Atoka, and Sharon Russell, of Memphis, two brothers, Eugene Sanders, of Ripley, and Lynn Sanders, of Florida, two sisters, Larue Head, of Chattanooga, and Inez Locke, of Chicago, Ill., 26 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren.

in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery.

He had retired from employment with Anderson-Hickey Mfg. Co. in Halls.

He was a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Ann Adams Riddick; a sister, Sybil Wiggins, of Halls; and one grandchild.

**Dorothy Burchett**

Dorothy Burchett, 67, of Covington, sister of Mary Bernard, of 1170 Hwy. 88 East, Gates, died May 1st, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in Canaan Grove Baptist Church at Mason, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Thomas Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a son, Michael, of Jackson, two daughters, Darlene Burchett and Sherry Taylor, of Covington, three brothers, Joe and Nathaniel Taylor, of Covington, and Rozella Taylor, of Indianapolis, Ind., four other sisters, Sarah and Virginia Taylor, of Memphis, Belle Taylor, of Indianapolis, and Marie Taylor, of Hempstead, N.Y., four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Davenport**

Jewel Davenport, 88, of Halls, retired dry cleaner employee, died May 2nd, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Cleaves Temple CME Church in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thomas Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her husband, J. B. Davenport; three sons, Ronnie and Tony Lowery, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Thomas Davenport, of Rockingham, N. Y.; and five daughters, Mattie Robertson, of Halls, Joyce Davenport and Ernestine Dabbs, of Parsons, Beverly Davenport, of Nashville, and Bonita Lowery, of Indianapolis.

**Milford S. Byrd**

Milford S. Byrd, 56, of Covington, brother of Carolyn Dew and Linda Jarrett, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

He was a painter for Maintenance Plus.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Stuart, of Covington, a daughter, Shelley Fore, of Mason, and three brothers, Jerry, of Covington, Troy, of Memphis, and Bobby, of Birmingham, Ala.

**Mrs. Spencer**

Nelle Mae Johnsey Spencer, 78, of Jackson, mother of Ronald Johnsey, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Hopewell Cemetery at Medina, Smith & Sons Funeral Home, of Jackson, in charge.

She was the widow of Lawson Watts Spencer.

Survivors include a sister, Sue Hudoff, of Atlanta, Ga., two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

**Mrs. Hood**

Mrs. Celia Lovern Hood, 43, of 12766 Hwy. 87 west of Henning, a counter at World Color Press in Covington, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley, after a heart attack.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was born in this county, Aug. 22, 1955, daughter of the late James Lewis Lawson, Sr.

She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church at Munford.

She leaves her husband, Jimmy Lee Hood, a son, James Michael Winslett II, and her mother, Dorothy Jean Harrell Lawson, of Henning, a daughter, Marjorie Bernice Dixon, of Conway, Ark., three brothers, J. L. Lawson, Jr., of Memphis, Philip Irvin Shands, of Henning, and Wallace Dewayne Shands, of Bartlett, a sister, Bonita Jean Moore, of Rolling Prairie, Ind., and four grandchildren.

**James T. Spry**

James Talmadge Spry, 82, of 2240 Poplar Grove Rd., Halls, died at 1 a.m. May 11th in General Hospital in Jackson.

Services were set for 4 p.m. May 13th in Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Spry was born March 22, 1917 in Maury City to the late James Ollie and Vera Cleek Spry. A farmer, he was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian and an Elder for 40 years. He was an army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Arvern Stacy Spry; a daughter, Anna Carrol Link, of Owenton, Ky.; a sister, Evie Maie McDaniel, of Alamo; and two grandchildren.

**William G. Lewis**

William Guy Lewis, 82, of 1384 Edith-Nankipoo Road, retired from employment with Ford Motor Co., died Friday, of heart failure, in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in the Garden of Memories in Tampa, Fla.

He was born in Irwin County, Ga., Jan. 30, 1917, son of the late Noel Joseph Lewis and the late Iva Elnor Ellis Lewis.

An Air Force veteran, he was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Bertha Louise Lewis; two daughters, Nancy Leggett, of Memphis, and Katharine Quave, of Tampa; and seven grandchildren.

**Charles E. Haley**

Charles Edward Haley, 60, of 965 E. Tigrett St., Halls, employed by Colonial Rubber Co., died at 9:45 a.m. May 10th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Halls Funeral Home, with burial in South Fork Cemetery near Halls.

Mr. Haley was born March 4, 1939 in Dill, Ark. to the late Carson Mayfield and Bessie Vernon Haley.

He leaves his wife, Jackie Hayes Waldner Haley; a son, Gerry Haley, of Halls; a daughter, Shelia Butler, of Tiptonville; four stepsons, Don Back, Rick Back, and Bob Back, all of Denver, Colo., and Randy Hayes, of Halls; two stepdaughters, Sheree Ward, of Dyersburg, and Sandy Thayer, of Munford; four brothers, Ernest Haley, of Bonicord, and Donald Haley, Wesley Haley, and Cecil Haley, of Friendship; a sister, Betty Reynolds, of Friendship; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**SPRING CONCERT**

The Ripley High School Band Department will present their final concert of the year at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13th in the Ripley High School Little Theater. Admission is free, with donations accepted.

The concert will feature the RHS Concert Band, the newly formed RHS Jazz Band and a percussion ensemble, which is made up of percussionists from Ripley and Halls High Schools.

The RHS bands are directed by Howard Luttrell and Joseph Nichols. The public is invited.

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By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

## Road Rage Caused By Lack of Grease

This morning I started my day just as I have done for the last few years. Showered, shaved and consumed a breakfast consisting of bran cereal, whole wheat toast, and skimmed milk. True, my breakfast is not the type I grew up consuming, but it is what the doctor ordered after finding my blood pressure elevated on a visit to his office.

After finishing my breakfast, I proceeded to drive to work in the same manner I always do, except today, for some reason, I was more aware of other drivers. Everyone seemed to be more intense and tried their best to be the one in front of the line. It didn't matter what speed I drove, it was too slow for most of the folks behind me.

One lady passed me on a double yellow line and blew her horn as she went by. Another got right on my bumper and was so close I could read her lips in my rearview mirror. And what she was saying described my driving in a language that would require a case of Ivory soap to ever clean those words out of her mouth. I was doing the speed limit, but evidently not fast enough for those who followed me.

The further I drove, the more drivers I encountered with the same attitude. Before I knew it, I was also gripping the steering wheel, gritting my teeth, and trying to be the leader of the pack. I wasn't late, but there was no way I was going to let those clowns, who got their drivers license

from a mail order catalog, get in front of me or slow me down.

After passing everything in site and gloating to myself on how I was way ahead of everyone else, something got my attention in the road ahead. It was black and tan, and contained enough blue lights on top of it to attract every UFO in the universe. You're right! It was a Tennessee Highway Patrol car coming my way.

It's amazing how quick your foot will hit the brake and your heart will rise in your throat whenever you see one of those. A hot flush came over my body and I made a quick promise that if he didn't stop me, I would never speed again. Expecting his blue lights to come on, I began to think of ways to explain to my wife why I got a ticket and how it was the fault of all of those other drivers who made me drive this way.

As I approached the trooper I was relieved to see him not turn on his lights, but to continue to drive on by. My prayers had been answered and I vowed there on the spot to always be an upstanding example of Tennessee's most perfect driver.

As I drove on to work, I began to wonder what has made our society such terrors on the highway. What today causes so much road rage and aggressive behavior?

I remembered a slogan that was very popular a few years back that said, "You are what you eat." Maybe that is what is causing our problem. Everyone is eating bran muffins, skim milk and juice for breakfast and it is causing us to be just plain irritable in the morning.

Back when we all ate bacon, ham, eggs biscuits, gravy and drank real milk, it

seemed there was very little road rage. Maybe our diets are lacking grease. Our grandparents used lard for everything and you never heard about road rage back in the horse and buggy days. They were just glad to get to wherever they were going.

Maybe applying a little grease in our diets could help calm us down. Equip patrol cars with food storage containers. Instead of writing someone a ticket in the mornings for going too fast, just give them a ham and biscuit made with real lard. It would make me feel better and would be a lot easier to explain to my wife.

So, eat more pork, eggs, and drink milk to keep the rage down in your life and the Highway Patrol out of your rearview mirror. Who knows! It just might work.

## FARM SERVICE

Charlene Vonderfecht, County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency for Lauderdale County, reports that the Commodity Credit Corporation has issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to invite comment from all interested parties on reductions of Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) payments that were affected by the planting of fruits or vegetables in violation of section 118 (b) (1) of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7218 (b) (1)).

Comments must be received on or before June 2nd to be assured consideration and should be directed to Sharon Biastock, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0517. For further information call Sharon at (202) 720-6336.

The first scheduled passenger airline service began in 1914, just 11 years after the invention of the airplane.

## County Commissioners Appropriates Monies

County commissioners approved \$488,166 for roof repairs at Ripley High School, Lauderdale Middle, and Halls Elementary Schools.

A request for \$71,100 for bulldozer repairs at the county landfill and moving the county animal shelter to the landfill, with up to \$50,000 for its re-location, was also approved.

A resolution for the late P. B. Bridges, long-time commissioner, was passed. The county also has applied for a \$98,355 truancy grant.

## Graduate



HEIDI PRESCOTT, daughter of Joe A. Prescott and Mary Bennis Prescott, of Memphis, and granddaughter of the late Clarence T. and Annie Lois Prescott, of Halls, and Bill and Rose Bennis, of Tucson, Ariz., graduated from the University of Memphis May 7th with a bachelor's degree from the Lowenbury School of Nursing.

Marjorie Gaines and Amanda Langley, of Ripley, Debbie Ward Beard and Lynette Boone, of Halls.

Christopher Neil Roberson, of Ripley, was presented an award for making the Dean's List for three consecutive terms and a Distinguished Graduates Award.

Scholarships were presented to Stacey Cox, of Gates, Natalie Dean, of Halls, Cheryl Edwards, of Henning, and Eva Miller, Alicia Richards and Michael Sheetz, of Ripley.

Patsy Cnihfield, of Ripley, was presented a Faculty Promotions Award.

## RETIRED TEACHERS

At the retired teachers meeting May 4th, a memorial service was held for nineteen retired teachers who died during 1998 and to May, 1999.

New officers were elected: Mrs. M. M. Johnson, president; Mrs. Liz Craft, vice-president; and Mrs. Alvira Harris, secretary.



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## Club Speaker L. R. Viar, Jr., 82; Ford Dealer Here



Lon R. Viar, Jr., 82, of 324 Kirkpatrick, Ripley, former Ford dealer in Halls and Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, after a stroke.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley.

He and his brothers, Charles O. Viar, of 2730 Viar Rd. Halls, and the late Wilson Viar for many years owned the Knob Creek Farm.

They operated two Ford agencies. L. R. managed Townsend-Daws in Halls. Wilson managed Ripley Motor Co. while winning elections for the Ripley mayorship.

L. R. served on the County Court (now the County Commission) for many years.

After some landscaping work here, he moved to East Tennessee and became a building contractor.

After moving to Memphis, he suffered two light strokes before he moved to Ripley.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Central Church in Memphis, a Mason, and a Shriner.

He was the widower of Mary Walker Wells Viar.

Besides his brother, he leaves a son, L. R. III, of Memphis, three daughters, Ann (Mrs. Wesley) Young, of 15 Martin Rd., Ripley, Judy Viar, of Memphis, and Becky Grimes, of Franklin, two sisters, Montine Robertson and Virginia Austin, of Halls, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



LARRY WHITE, president of White and Associates/First Citizens Insurance, announced Monday the merger with Halls Insurance. Shirley Spiller, owner of the Halls agency since 1991, will remain as president of the company.

Spiller began her insurance career with the Halls agency in 1983, selling lines of general insurance. In 1986, the crop insurance division was introduced and is now the highest volume crop insurance agency in the State of Tennessee.

In addition to the wealth of experience that Spiller brings to White and Associates/First Citizens, Nita Harrell, Dorothy Cantrell, Brenda Hines, Connie Perry, and Bill Spiller will also remain with the agency. Customers will continue to receive the highest level of professional service they have grown to expect from Halls Insurance.

Spiller said she made the decision to join with White and Associates/First Citizens Insurance, LLC because of their reputation

for service and the large number of excellent insurance companies which they represent. They are now in a position to offer insurance for any need customers may have. Pictured, in front, from left, are Larry White, Shirley Spiller, Katie Winchester and Bill Spiller; in second row, from left, Brenda Hines, Connie Perry and Dorothy Cantrell; in back, from left, Barry Ladd and Nita Harrell.

## Registration & Open House At FPC School

First Presbyterian Christian School is pleased to announce the addition of a pre-kindergarten program. The program is designed for children four years old. Parents can choose from a half-day or full day option. The five-day week program, emphasizes Bible, phonics, letter and number recognition, writing and is part of the Bob Jones Curriculum. FPC School is now accepting applications for this program as well as their kindergarten through eleventh grade classes. The school is an inter-denominational school, which emphasizes the Bible through all its classes.

The staff and teachers will be happy to answer any questions, call 285-3727.

## Lauderdale Schools' Last Days of Classes

There will be no school in Lauderdale County on Monday, May 24th. This will be an administrative day for staff. Buses will pick up children at the regular time Tuesday morning and buses will leave school at 8:30 a.m. to return children home. Report cards may be picked up Tuesday morning from 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. at your child's school.

Openings are still available in the half-day and full day 4-year old program. A second section of kindergarten and third grade classes have been opened. First, second and fifth grade classes are already full. The eleventh grade has twelve students and FPSC will add a twelfth grade the following school year.

Extra curricular activities include basketball, tennis and golf. In addition to band and music programs, drama is offered as well. With computers in each classroom, the students have hands-on working knowledge of the computer and keyboard.

FPSC is an inter-denominational school; the staff and student body represents over 40 churches, with students from Tip-ton, Lauderdale, Obion, Lake and Dyer Counties. Full accreditation through the ACSI is being sought and the process will be completed by April, 2000.

The staff and teachers will be happy to answer any questions, call 285-3727.

## NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Lauderdale Newcomers Club will hold its monthly luncheon at the Komatsu plant cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 21st.

All newcomers and club members are invited.

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## Land Transfers

May 7 - Iuta Nolen to Robert Johnson, Jr. and Wanda J. Johnson, Dist. 17, 2 lots, 0.700 acres.

Jonathan Childress and Melissa Webb Childress to Donna Kay Goforth and Jimmy Wayne Goforth, Dist. 12, lot.

Donna S. Cotton, McArthur and Newbaker and Kevin McArthur to Donna S. Cotton, Dist. 12, 4 lots.

May 8 - Beth Anderson, Betty F. Anderson, Peter Kevin Anderson and William T. Anderson, Jr. to the Cornerstone Full Gospel Church, Dist. 2, tract.

Dwight Rains and Margaret Rains to Stephanie L. Rains, Dist. 3, tract.

Billy G. Chapman to Joseph D. Frieze and Gina M. Wood, Dist. 3, 5,000 acres.

May 11 - Bertha Amos to Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner, Dist. 2, tract.

May 12 - Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner to John V. Snead and Rose S. Snead, Dist. 2, tract.

Allied Properties, LP to Joyce Henning and Junior Henning, Dist. 2, lot, 0.460 acres.

May 13 - Dennis Patterson and Teresa Patterson to Michael D. Cherry, Dist. 6, tract.

Jeff Benthall and Martha A. Benthall to Freeman L. Perreault and Tena W. Perreault, Dist. 2, lot, 0.344 acres.

## Readers Speak

Editor:

Saturday, May 15, 1999 marked a special day for the Curve Community. We are planning to build a park and community center, on the former site of Curve School, which will be beneficial not only to Curve, but also to the people in surrounding communities. Our first fund raiser was held on May 15th. We feel it was a great success for two reasons. The first reason is we raised a nice amount of money for our project despite all the other worthwhile fundraisers going on. The second will be a little more difficult to explain to those of you not in attendance.

The people of Curve have always been a unique group, and Saturday proved that they still possess the same qualities. Saturday found friends and families working together doing their parts to make what seemed an impossible task become a success.

In this busy world where everyone works and everyone has a million things to do and places to be, it is amazing to find a community where people will take the time and literally stop what they are doing to

try to improve the community in which they live. Curve has proven to be this kind of place.

To the people of Curve, we say, "Good job, your hard work and dedication has placed Curve among one of the best communities in Lauderdale County." To our friends and neighbors in surrounding communities, we say, "Thank you," your support is very important to us. To those of you who missed the event on Saturday, May 15th, keep your eyes open and ears alert. We will be having other fundraisers in the near future.

DAVID FORD,  
President,

Officers and Board Members of the  
Curve Community Center

## Birthdays

May 20 - Brandon Lee, Jane Y. Conrad, Kathy Wade, Blake Tucker.

May 21 - Helen Gean, Cyndi Jones, Hayden Watts, Robert Belton, Stan Young, Curtis Barcroft, Bill Jones, Daniel Martin, Steven McKinnie, Shelia Crowder.

May 22 - Charles Hurt, Hannah Elizabeth McKee, Talmadge Crowder, Mark Holder, Candice Frazier, Caitlyn Gitchell, Ben Barcroft, Jan Burlison, Dee Ballard, Brad Studard, Gene Hawks.

May 23 - Steve Fullen, Nathan Griggs, Matt Harper.

May 24 - Eric Ellis, Barry Hay.

May 25 - David Kesler, Ashley Blakely, Lauren Cherry, Mike

Land, Cody Tutor, Caroline Walker.  
May 26 - Abe Taylor, Linda Meeks Mitchell, Phillip Hurt, Sharon Langley, Laura Buckner.

## Concord Locals

By Louise Fennell

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Simpson and daughter, Leah, spent from Thursday of last week until Sunday in Chattanooga. Leah attended the HOBY'S Youth Leadership Conference.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to the Rehab at Baptist Hospital Germantown Tuesday of last week. Mrs. McNeill had surgery on her leg, returning home the next day.

Mrs. Don Allen, of Mobile,

Ala., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss.  
Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Caleb, of Memphis, visited the Floyd Emersons Sunday afternoon.

## Divorces

Rebecca Tart Austin vs Gary Lonzo Austin, Jr.  
Kathleen Marie Keltner Prater vs Harold Edward Prater.

Heather Diane Shelton Hopkins vs Jacob Wayne Hopkins.

Teresa Dee Land Williams vs Jonathan Parker Williams, Jr.

Stacey Marie Stephens Royster vs Duane Eddy Royster.

## HALLS TO FLUSH FIRE PLUGS

Halls Mayor Eugene Pugh says Halls Fire Plugs will be flushed at 6 p.m. Monday, May 24, 1999.

The operation could cause some discolored water up to 24 hours.

The operation will help prepare the town in the event of an emergency requiring the use of fire plugs and determine if any plugs require maintenance.

Anyone with questions may call Halls City Hall, 836-9653.

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## Westside Baptist Nuptials Set



TANYA MICHELLE SEAT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Seat, of Halls, will marry Dempsie Walter Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Nelson, of Ripley, at 4 p.m. July 10th in Halls Westside Baptist Church in Halls. Music will begin at 3:30 p.m., a nursery will be provided.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lorene Butts, of Water Valley, Miss., the late Calvin Seat, of Dyersburg, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lemons, of Halls.

A 1994 graduate of Halls High School, Tanya was a 1997 graduate of Dyersburg State and is currently attending the University of Memphis. She is employed by The Learning Tree Preschool in Dyersburg.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nelson, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harrison, of Barr.

A 1994 graduate of Ripley High School, the groom-elect attended the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is employed by United Parcel Service in Dyersburg.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

## Marriages

May 1 - Emanuel Yancy, Sr., 61, to Lillie Mae Johnson, 65, by Rev. Eugene Henson.

May 7 - Christopher Jerome Whitley, 28, to Felecia Francine Snipes, 24, by Willard Norvell.

May 11 - Bruce Thomas Logan, 27, to Stacey Marie Royster, 24, by Willard Norvell.

May 12 - Jeremy Wayne Tillman, 22, to Christina Dee Marino, 19, by Willard Norvell.

## District 16A Champs



HALLS LADY TIGER SOFTBALL TEAM is number one in District 16A. Tournaments were held in Trenton last week as the Tigers were proclaimed the champions. Tigers were 11-0 in district games. The Lady Tigers are, in front row, from left, Julie Pickard, Crystal McCaslin, Molly Meeks, Heather Cox, Candice Frazier and Amber Sadler; in

back row, from left, Jackie Elliott, asst. coach, Leah Heater, Amber Newman, Laura Frazier, Joanna Scott, Kristen Throgmorton, Allison Jennings, LaShonda Jackson and Teresa Mills, coach.

## DEPLOYMENT COMPLETE

Navy Petty Officer 1st class, Willie E. Blankenship, a 1979 graduate of Halls High School, completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Blankenship's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

During the deployment, Blankenship's ship traveled more than 50,000 miles to participate in two high profile operations, Operation Southern Watch and Operation Desert Fox.

While deployed, Blankenship and fellow crew members had the opportunity to visit Souda Bay, Crete; Cannes, France; Livorno and Trieste, Italy; Antalya, Turkey; and the United Arab Emirates.

Blankenship joined the Navy in January, 1980.

## Anniversaries

May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Cherry.

May 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson.

May 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Broglin, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chipman.

May 25 - Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitson.

May 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kiestler.

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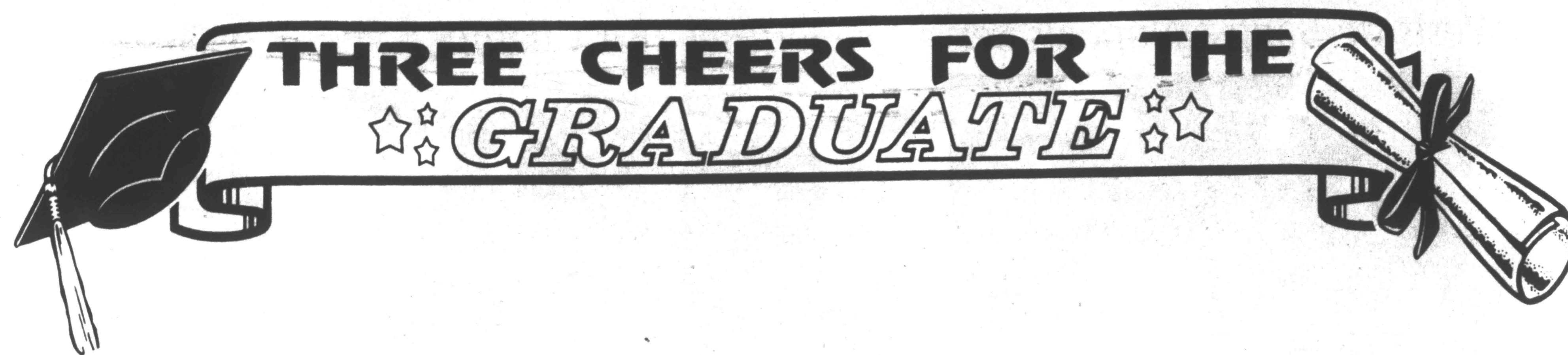
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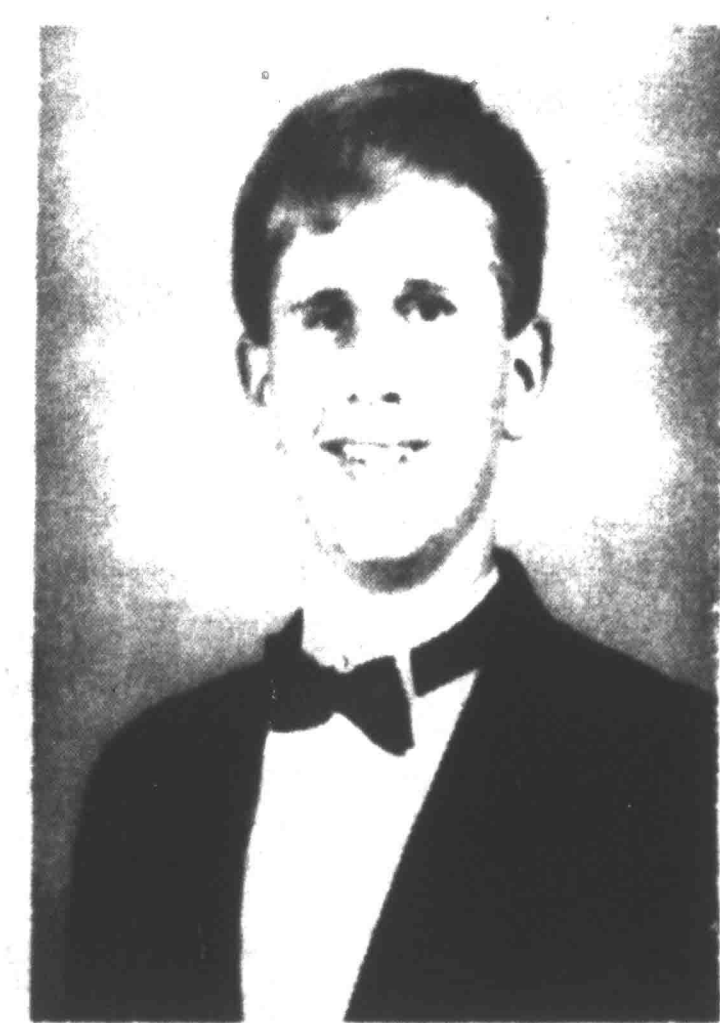
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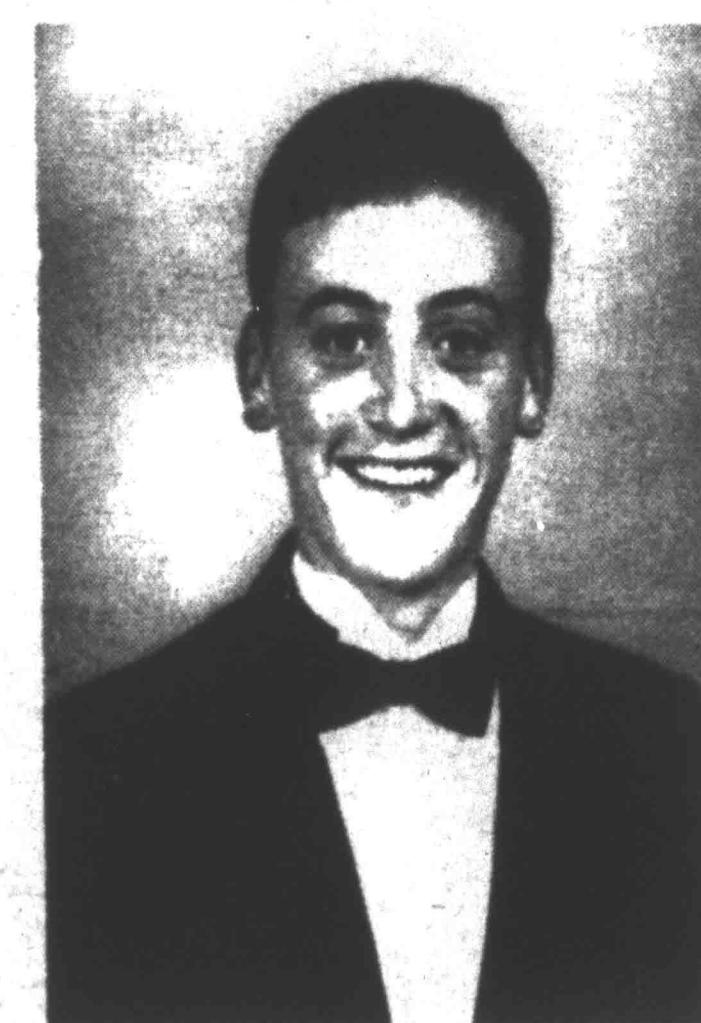
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Lana Hammock  
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William Carroll  
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Bradley Harrell  
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Nicole Ward  
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April Permenter  
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Brandon Akins  
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<p><b>Tipton Farmers Co-Op</b> 2040 Industrial Rd., Halls 836-5912</p>	<p><b>Headquarters Hair &amp; Nail Salon</b> 468 So. Church St. Halls 836-7599</p>	<p><b>Gates Banking &amp; Trust</b> 54 Wardlow St., Gates 836-7741 Member FDIC</p> 
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<p><b>Gates Quick Stop + Restaurant</b> 836-9569 Downtown Gates Don and Brenda Ward, Owners</p>	<p><b>Halls AMOCO Quick Stop</b> 372 So. Church St., Halls 836-9115</p>	<p><b>Young's Parts &amp; Equipment Co.</b> 836-7316 140 Entrance Rd. Halls</p>

**Paul Irvin Taylor**

Paul Irvin Taylor, 58, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., father of Lori (Mrs. Jeff) Martin, of 479 Dogwood Trail, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of Lou Gehrig's disease, in Palm Beach Gardens.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church in Kenton, with burial in Sunnyside Cemetery, Karnes Funeral Home, of Kenton, in charge.

Formerly of Kenton, he had been chief operating officer for Cadillac Rubber Co.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Lake Park, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Leanetta "Ann" Taylor, a son, Scottie, of Loudon, another daughter, Vickie Dershem, of Holland, Mich.; his parents, Rufus and Nellie Taylor, of Kenton; two brothers, Carlos, of Jackson, and Glenn, of Oak Lawn, Ill.; a sister, Brenda Allen, of Kenton; and six grandchildren.

**Mrs. Herron**

Scrap Ballard Herron, 93, died Tuesday of last week, of kidney failure, in Ripley Healthcare.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery.

She was a member of the Ripley Church of Christ.

She was the widow of Frank Herron.

She leaves a daughter, Elsie Faulkner, a sister, Lillie Hoskins, and a nephew who looked after her, G. K. Ballard, all of Ripley.

**Lewis Griffin**

Lewis "T. Pinner" Griffin, 76, of 177 Spring, Ripley, retired from Ryan Steel Co. in Chicago, Ill., died Thursday of last week in LeBonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Mt. Zion CME Church at Orissa, of which he was a member, with burial in Walker Cemetery in Haywood County, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves a foster son, Timmy Norfolk, and three foster daughters, Denise Preston, Kimberly Currie, and Odella Barnes, of Ripley, a brother, William Jim Griffin, of Detroit, Mich., eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

**Everlena Dowell**

Everlena Dowell, 70, of Covington, mother of Tyrone Muex, of 260 Willie Paris Road, Ripley, died Monday of last week, of cardiac arrest, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Covington, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was a member of Covington's Church of God in Christ. Survivors include three other sons, Eddie, Michael, and Willie Muex, and four daughters, Marilyn and Peggy Muex, Elizabeth McGee, and Jeanette Horne, all of Covington; three brothers, Richard Muex, of Louisville, Ky.; Joe Muex, of Gary, Ind.; and Robert Muex, of Flint, Mich.; three sisters, Smith Ann Muex and Fannie Burrell, of Covington, and Freddie Mae Lovett, of Indianapolis, Ind.; 28 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

**Edd Tetleton**

Edd Tetleton, 80, of Halls, retired custom mixer for Colonial Rubber Co. in Dyersburg, died Thursday of last week in Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg, after a heart attack.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Jimmie Sue Tetleton; three sons, Dalton Tetleton, of Jacobs Sub-Division, Halls, and Eddie and Orren Tetleton, of Dyersburg; two daughters, Patricia Atwell, of Dyersburg, and Diann Dickey, of Hickory Flat, Miss.; a sister, Lottie O'Neal, of Dyersburg; 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**CORRECTION**

Samantha Leigh Barnes, 17, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident April 5th, was a student in Ripley Optional High School, not Ripley Vo-Tech, as reported last week. We regret this error.

**Concord Locals**

By Louise Fennell

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson,

**Halls Locals**

By Mary Alsbrook

Douglas Cherry is recuperating at home after surgery at Jackson-Madison County Hospital last week.

Barry and Irene Lamb, of Murfreesboro, who have been studying the genealogy of the Carruthers, Newton and the Jordan families, had lunch with Naulene Jordan week before last.

Norene Pugh entertained her Thursday bridge club last week. Dorothy Stutts and Ava Leary, of Dyersburg, were visitors to the club.

Spence Horner, of Vail, Colo., is visiting his parents, Jim and Elizabeth Horner, of Dyersburg, his sister, Mary Horner, of Jackson, Miss., and his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Alsbrook.

Nellie Baker and son, Jeff, of Gates, and Virginia Dare Williams, of Friendship, visited friends at the Canterbury Place in Dyersburg Wednesday of last week.

Neil and Mary Martha Dyer accompanied a group from Dyersburg to Branson, Mo. week before last.

of Alamo, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Caleb, of Memphis, and Jimmy Emerson were Sunday before last dinner guests of the Floyd Emersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lewis Smith flew to Tempe, Ariz. April 21st to visit their daughter, Mrs. Donna Meacham, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Young and daughter, Danny Carol, of Forked Deer, and Mr. and Mrs. William Belton and daughter, Jessie, and Mrs. B. R. Cook and daughter, Katie, of Halls, were Sunday before last dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Joe and Jacob, attended the F. A. State Convention in Gatlinburg from Monday until Wednesday of week before last.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, of Memphis, spent weekend before last with the Pharis Escues. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and daughter, Melanie, of Nesbit, Miss., and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of

Lightfoot, were Sunday before last dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack visited Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders in Ripley Sunday afternoon before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack visited Mr. Carmack's sister, Mrs. Lindell Mitchell, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis Saturday before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks and Kristina and Eric Edwards, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMahan and Marilyn Craig and daughter, Sarah Beth, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, of Dyersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Howard, of Bartlett, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burks and family, Mrs. Jimmy Sue Burks, Mrs. Sue Young and Angela Burks were Sunday before last dinner guests of Mrs. Willie Burks.

**Woodville Locals**

By Pat Hughes

Pat and Jim Hughes rushed Pat's father, James Summar, to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale last week with respiratory and heart problems. Mrs. Tracy Hertog and Miss Tresa Summar spent some time with their grandfather. Mrs. Summar stayed with her husband in the hospital.

Rickie and Shelia Summar have returned home from Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis where Rickie was a patient for three weeks.

Pat Hughes had foot surgery Wednesday of last week at Riverside Surgery Center in Dyersburg. Kevin and Debra Newman, of Covington, visited in the Hughes home Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were Saturday barbecue supper guests of the Newmans and children, Amanda and Victor. Tammy Gay and sons, Jimmy and Dillan, of Wiseman Lane, visited in the Hughes home several times last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parish and grandson, Justin, of Halls, visited Pat and Jim Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes visited Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Summar Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Algie Summar, Van Summar, Danny Summar and Betty Ann Ford have returned to their home in Gary, Ind. after a short stay with Susie Summar after attending funeral services for Besie and Susie's brother, Joe Carroll, of Whitefield.

Larry Wayne Lemons was involved in a motorcycle accident

**Poplar Grove**

By Cleo Knox

Mrs. Lois Brandon was a Mother's Day dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis near Halls. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Owens, of Newbern, visited Mrs. Brandon in the afternoon.

Visitors in the Lenard Alston home last week were Mrs. Yvonne Climer and Mrs. Mildred Hines, of Halls, and James and Thalia Knox, of Eureka Springs, Ark. The Alstons were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Davis in Millington.

This community was saddened by the death of Talmadge Spry last week, who had lived at Poplar Grove for over 50 years.

Mrs. Louella Knox has moved to Halls.

Bret Cook, of Sadie Hilliard Road, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Holford Swanner.

Karen Nichols, of Memphis, visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McBride, Jr. and daughter, Lindsey, of Dyersburg, visited Mrs. Florence McBride Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Taylor and Cleo Knox attended Mrs. Knox's Hatcher Cousins monthly dinner in Paragould, Ark. Tuesday evening of last week with guests from Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee. A good time was had by all talking about their family roots.

last week requiring several stitches on his arm.

Jim Hughes visited his brothers, Eugene and Dee Hughes, and their wives at Central Thursday of last week. He visited W. J. Minner on Wiseman Lane and his mother, Mrs. Gracie McCloud, in Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Friday afternoon.

Call 635-3544 if you have news.

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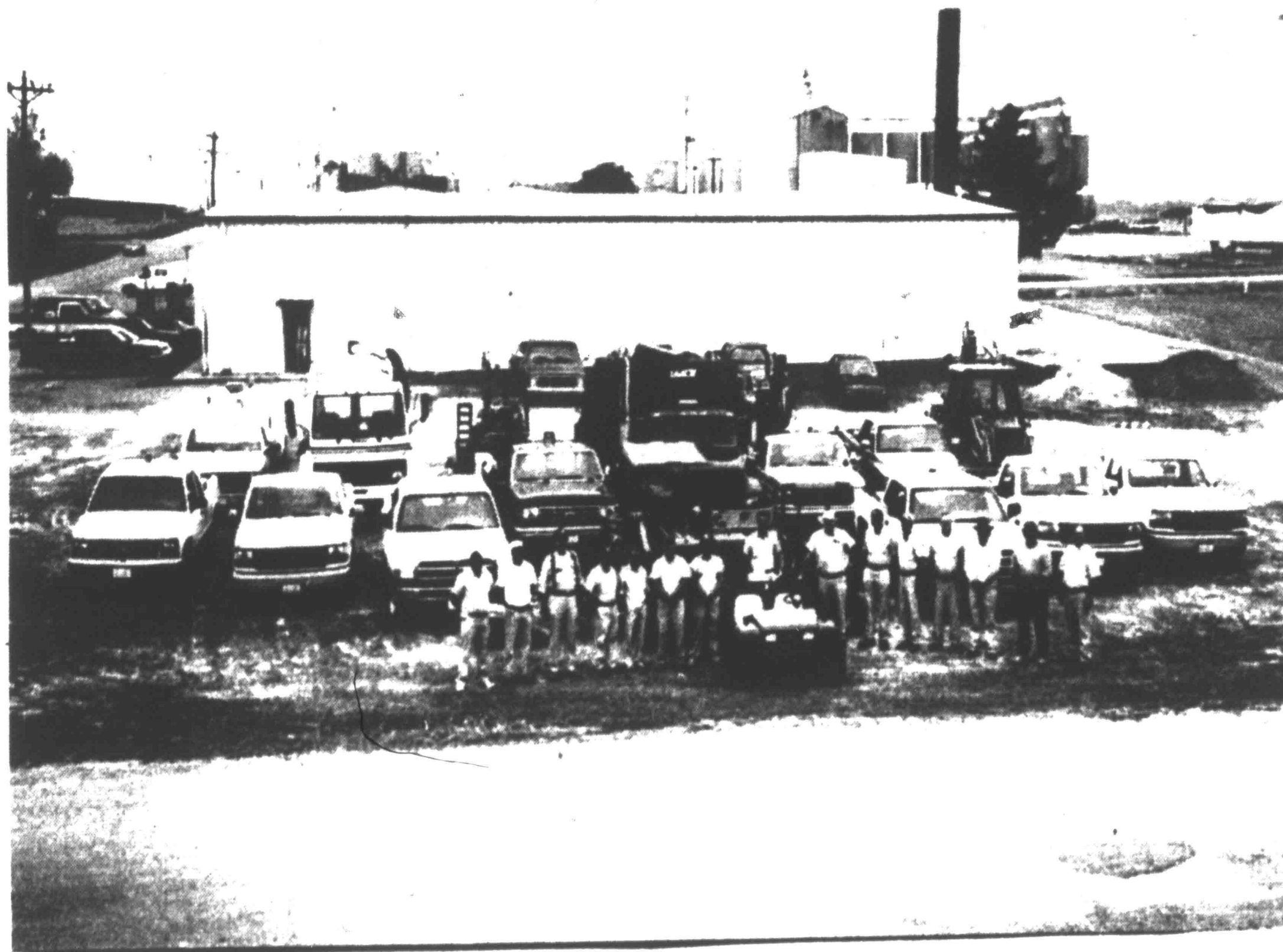
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# THE TOWN OF HALLS CELEBRATES PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



**EMPLOYEE**

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

Alan Cherry	10 yrs.
David Buckner	20 yrs.
Walter Bates	12 yrs.
Gerald Parish	20 yrs.
Tim Nelson	16 yrs.
Eddie Bishop	13 yrs.
Windell Sweat	5 yrs.
Robin Lemons	8 yrs.

**EMPLOYEE**

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

Donny Noblin	9 yrs.
Ronnie Wyrick	3 yrs.
Ricky Huey	3 yrs.
Willie Halliburton	2 months
David Alston	19 yrs.
Otis Davis	3 yrs.
Danny Wallace	2 yrs., not pictured
Jason Stentson	2 yrs.
Neil Erwin	Part time

**HALLS PUBLIC WORKS FACTS**

Did you know that annually:

**IN THE GAS DEPARTMENT:**

- the Public Works safely delivers 170 million cubic feet of natural gas to its customers
- has 911 customers inside the city and 490 in Lauderdale and Dyer county
- maintains over 420,000 feet of main line and a 140,000 feet of service line of which some was installed as early as 1953
- continues to operate and maintain our gas system to Federal Safety Standards as required by the United States Office of Pipeline Safety

**IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT:**

- the Water Treatment Plant produces over 200 million gallons of safe quality drinking water
- has 1,088 customers inside the city and 973 in the county
- service customers in a three county area - Lauderdale, Dyer, and Haywood
- maintains 600,000 feet of main line, some of which inside the city was installed in 1928
- received a rating of 97 out of 100 on annual inspection



**IN THE SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

- treats over 150,000,000 gallons of wastewater, helping to keep our groundwater, streams, and rivers clean
- has 986 customers
- maintains a sewer collection system that has six pump stations, 210 manholes and over 80,000 lineal feet of main line some of which dates back to 1919
- continues to operate and maintain our sewer system to meet Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Department of Environment standards

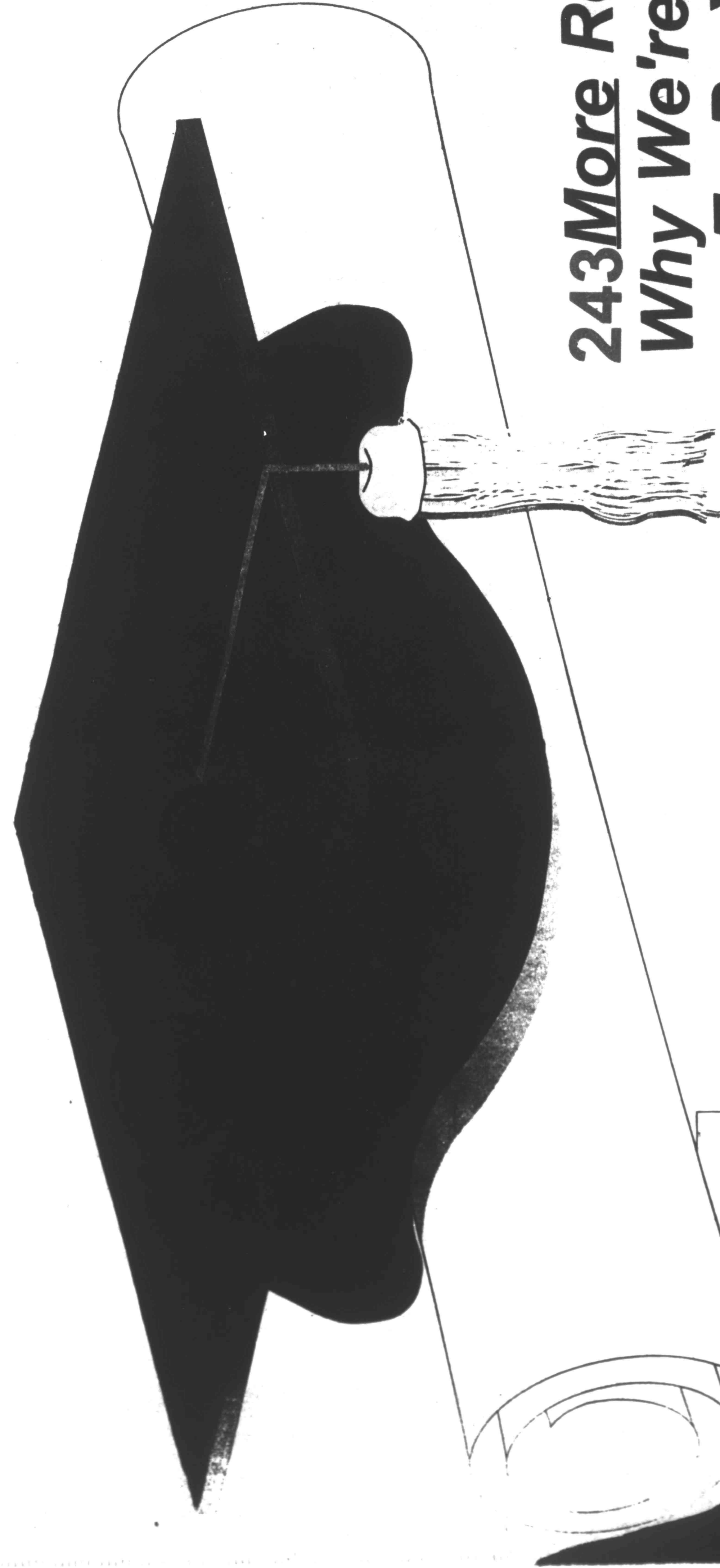
**IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT:**

- collects over 3.5 million pounds of solid waste
- has 914 residential customers and 128 commercial
- makes over 1,050 stops weekly

**IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT:**

- has over 35 lane miles of road and streets
- support over 550 street lights
- maintains over 300 signs such as stop, speed limits, etc.





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## Ripley High School

Christopher Bradley Ables  
Russell Edward Adkerson  
Tammie Rachel Ammons  
Sarah Mae Armstrong  
Kelly Annette Arwood  
Renata Jendale Atkins  
Jessica Lane Baker  
William Bradford Bartlett  
Dustin Kyle Beasley  
Donald Greg Benjamin  
Jeremy Dewane Biggs  
James Franklin Bonds  
Janell LaFaye Bonds  
Lakesha Cheran Bonds  
Sophia Lorane Bonds  
Melissa Lea Branitley  
Clifton Terrill Brown  
Kimberly Nicole Buck  
Tamara Denise Burnett  
Joseph Matthew Cabay  
Rebecca Ann Cain  
April Lynn Caldwell  
Denise Lynette Campbell  
Natalie Rae Carpenter  
Jimmy Russell Carroll, Jr.  
Mary Kathrine Casey  
Felecia Leigh Castellaw  
Tracy Diane Cates  
Jennifer Orlando Chaney  
Parker Lawson Chipman

Billy Ray Clay  
LaQuetha Shannette Cogshell  
Shandrea Arnette Cogshell  
Issac Cole  
Shannon Yolanda Cole  
Corey Conley  
Lawrence Madlin Cooper  
Daniel Jason Cox  
Kristen Kiestler Cox  
Melinda Dale Cox  
Shantia M. Crook  
Carmie Elizabeth Crowder  
Leslie Diane Crowder  
Jeremy Eugene Cullum  
Jonathan Maurice Cummings  
Quincy Dushun Currie  
Anna I. Dailey  
Jeffrey Wayne Daniels  
CaSaundra L. Dees  
April Diane Dowell  
Lisa Marie Dowell  
Justin Luke Elder  
Melissa Lynn Elder  
Wayne Scott England  
Lisa Kaye Farris  
Catrina Floyd  
Shauntra Sherrill Frazier  
Dana Rhea Freeman  
Steven Lawrence Friend  
Timothy Gale Fullen  
Kristy Michelle Fuqua

Ashley Cole Gay  
William Thomas Genesey  
Mark Dantony Glass  
Tracy Nicole Graves  
Cynthia Diane Groves  
Betsy Michelle Gwaltney  
Jessie Mae Halliburton  
Kenneth Bryan Ham  
Tallitha Beth Harkness  
Bertina Tonetta Harris  
Melinda Jane Harris  
Amias Germaine Hawthorne  
Chad Davis Henderson  
Erica Montique Henning  
Bobbie Leann Henson  
Jeffery Thomas Henson  
Tami M. Holcomb  
Joseph William Hopper  
Elizabeth Mae Hutcherson  
Aaron Newton Jackson  
Justin Merris Johnson  
Mary Monique Johnson  
Misty Renee Johnson  
Shakeisha Evetta Jones  
Brittany Ann Kiestler  
Kristy Marie King  
Douglas Bryant Land  
JoAnna Elizabeth Langley  
Sharon Michele Langley  
Jennifer Marie Latham

Lasonya Rochelle Sims  
Tawanna Shortell Smith  
James Michael Sonderman  
Terri R. Sonderman  
Evelina Suchacka  
Stacy Dawn Sylvester  
Jeffery Bryant Tate  
Rachel Danielle Taylor  
Kimberly Sue Thebeau  
Shandrea Javone Theus  
Christina N. Turner  
Felecia Ann Tyus  
Jason Alvin Vaselko  
Tanya Cherie Vaughn  
Jennifer Nicole Vest  
Crystal Gail Wakefield  
Michael Lynn Neal  
Brandy Lynn Wallace  
Kimberly Ann Walls  
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Shenika Nicole Wells  
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Kristal Marie Young  
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Robert Lee  
Sherry Lee  
Katrina Mae Lendermon  
Antonio Lewis  
April Michelle Long  
Jeremy Scott McAlister  
William Leslie Meadows  
Joseph Miller  
Benton Alan Mills  
Jonathan William Mills  
Brittney Chenean Monnon  
Jeremy Taylor Mooney  
Jimmy Lynn Morgan  
April Leanne Morris  
Michael Lynn Neal  
Jennifer Ann Newman  
Lisa Marie Owens  
Joshua Clint Parham  
Jon Nicholas Pavletic  
Breun Latrell Reed  
Matthew Paul Reviere  
Christina Marie Rogers  
Janessa Lynn Rose  
William Bradley Rose  
Kevin Lee Ross  
Vesolod Rostislavsky  
Tranall Rucker  
Courtney Elizabeth Sellers  
Ashley Gail Shackelford  
Charles Z. Silence

## Halls High School

Tiffany Abernathy  
Brandon Akins  
Terry Akins  
Colby Baker  
Cassandra Barnes  
DeAnna Bates  
Nicholas Bennett  
Vivian Bernard  
Matt Booker  
Krissey Bowers  
Brandy Brasfield  
Joseph Brown  
Lequite Campbell  
William Carroll  
Lucretia Cates  
Rhea Chipman  
Heather Cox  
Jordan Critfield  
Marc Cunningham  
Lacy Curington  
Christy Davis  
William Davis

Stephanie Dawson  
Keith Duncan  
Robert Finch  
Saniez Fisk  
Bobby Fitzhugh  
Candace Frazier  
Christie Gaines  
Jeff Garrett  
Dustin Gilliland  
LaDall Glynn  
Lana Hammock  
Paul Hansbrough  
Addison Hansford  
Bradley Harrell  
Richard Harrell  
Christie Harrison  
Annette Haynes  
Jonathan Hilliard  
Jason Hudson  
Jeffrey Hurt  
Tarus Johnson  
Kedra Jones  
LaSaundra Keith

Kenny Pridmore  
Angela Pugh  
Eugene Pugh  
Terance (Tee Tee) Reed  
Connie Robinson  
Heather Robinson  
Antonia Rogers  
Brandy Rogers  
Richard Schoepke  
Jodie Spencer  
Sarah Spencer  
JoAnn Tate  
Katrina Taylor  
Nathan Tolene  
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Heather Wyrick  
Brandi Young

## Congratulations Class of 1999

*We're equally proud of your teachers, schools  
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We wish you much success!*



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HHS Honor Students



**HALLS HIGH SCHOOL** ninth grade Top Ten Honor Students, in upper left photo, in front row, left, are Jerrica Barnes, Allyson Jennings, Holly Young, Julie Terry and Alicia Gooch; in back, from left, Julie Pickard, Kristina Deaton, Elizabeth Webb, Tyler Layne and Rachel Wilson; in lower left photo, tenth grade Top Ten Honor Students, in front, from left, are Megan Jordan, Deanna Coonts, Leah Simpson, Kimberly Shands and Rachel Dennis; in back, from left, Denise McAlister, Kara Steelman, David Simpson, Jami Kay Nolen and Mary Younger; in upper right photo, eleventh grade Top Ten Honor Students, in front, from left, are Brooke Newsome, Allison Fisher, Justin Meeks, Melissa Hurt and Crystal McCaslin; in back, from left, Leslie Kennedy, Kyle Terry, John Alan Noblin, Ricky Terry and Katie Cook; in lower right photo, twelfth grade top honor students, in front, from left, Molly Meeks, Lana Hammock, Jordan Cribfield, Nicole Ward and Brandon Akins; in second row, from left, Kristen Mitchell, Bradley Harrell, April Permenter and Angela Pugh; in back, from left, William Carroll, Addison Hansford and Alan Meadows.

St. Jude Math-A-Thon



**HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** raised \$2,755.40 for St. Jude Math-A-Thon. Students raising \$100 or more were, from left, T. J. Green, Bradley Belton and Tatum Carmack. Tatum was the winner of a dual cassette player/recorder for turning in the most money. Phillis Barlow was the coordinator.

Pugh, University of Tennessee Valedictorian, and Molly Meeks, Bethel College Athletic Scholarship.

Receiving Dyersburg State Community College Scholarships were Brandon Akins, Foundation Scholarships for Honors Students, \$1,700; Heather Cox, Cheerleader Scholarship, Full Fee; Lana Hammock, Scholarship, \$1,200; Bradley Harrell, Scholarship, Full Fee; Jonathan Hilliard, General Scholarship, \$800; Roger Meadows, Foundation Scholarship for Honors Students, \$1,700; Nicole Ward, General Scholarship, \$600; Randi Ward, Komatsu America International Scholarship, \$1,000; and Vivian Bernard, First Citizens National Bank Scholarship, Full Fee.

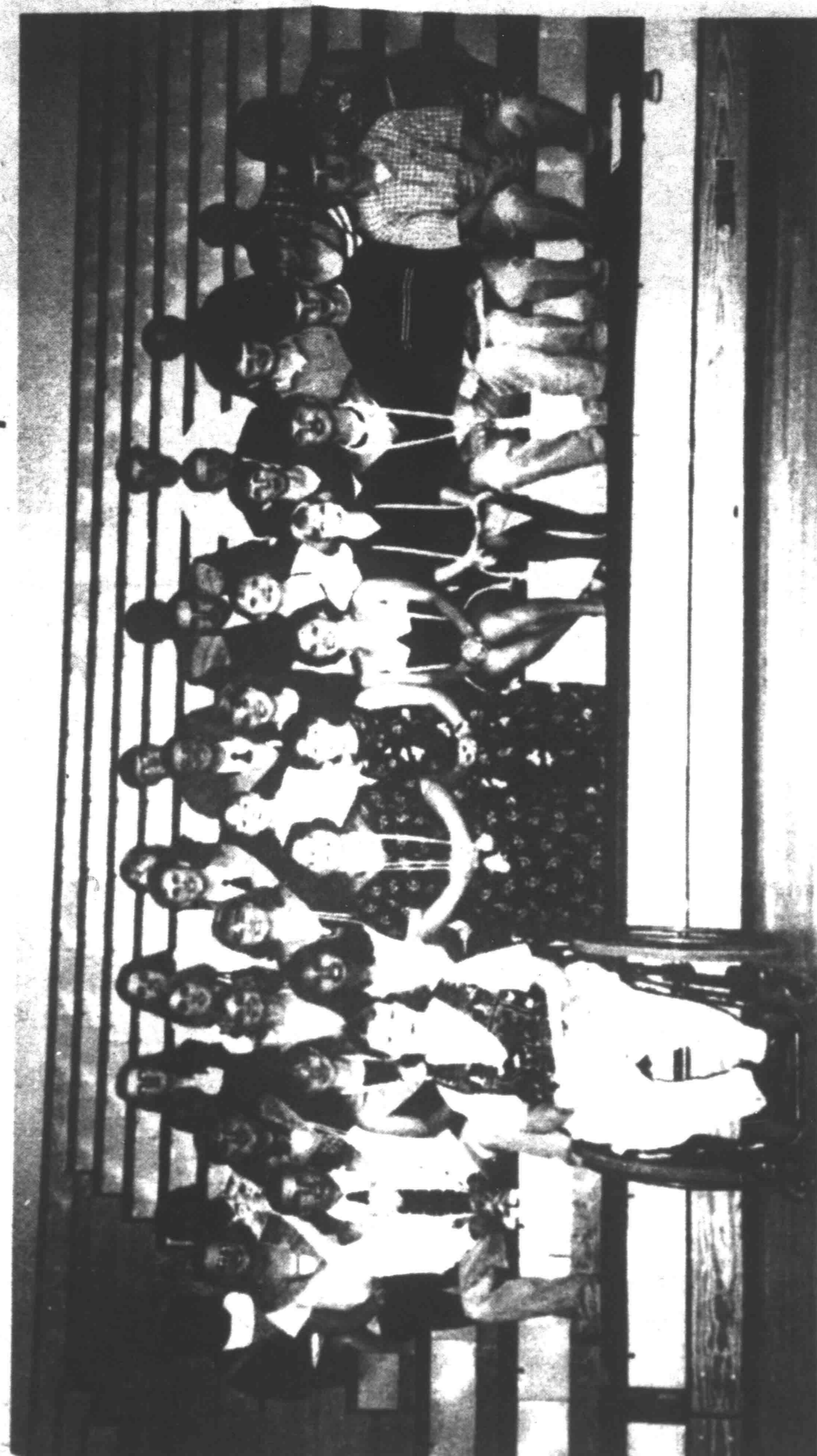
Receiving awards were, Terry Akins, Heather Cox, Dustin Gilliland, Paul Hansbrough, Rusty Kessler, Tina Luttrell, April Permenter and Angela Pugh, Art Award; Nathan Tolene, Computer Technology; April Permenter, DECA Louis Levy Award; Jordan Cribfield and Addison Hansford, Drama Award; Jordan Cribfield, Lana Hammock, Addison Hansford, Alan Meadows, Molly Meeks, Kristen Mitchell, Angela Pugh and Nicole Ward, English Award; Stephanie Dawson and Kedra Jones, Family and Consumer Science; Angela Pugh, French Award; Molly Meeks, Spanish Award; Angela Pugh and Addison Hansford, Math Award; Angela Pugh and Addison Hansford, Science Award; Kristen Mitchell, Social Studies; Angela Pugh, Ballfour Award; Jordan Cribfield, DAR, Lucretia Cates, Booker T. Washington; Jordan Cribfield, Principle Leadership

Halls High School 1999 Scholarships

Halls High School students receiving scholarships include, Jordan Cribfield and Addison Hansford, Arnold Academic Scholarship; Lana Hammock, Bank of Ripley; Alan Meadows, C.N. Armour Memorial Scholarship; Alan Meadows, Joe McNeil and Eugene Pugh, Tanner Trust Foundation; Bradley Harrell, Ross W. Dyer Memorial Scholarship; Alan Meadows, Joe McNeil and Eugene Pugh, Jon Moore FFA Memorial Scholarship; Jordan Cribfield and Molly Meeks, Junior Auxiliary; April Permenter, Key Corner Marketing; Jordan Cribfield, L.C.E.A.; County Council of Arts; Lucretia Cates, Jordan Cribfield, Ladall Glynn, Lana Hammock, Molly Meeks and Angela Pugh, M. L. Jones Memorial Scholarship; Lucretia Cates, Masonic Scholarship; Richard Harrell and Kenneth Toomes, Montgomery G.I. Bill; Jordan Cribfield, Ripley Exchange Club; Nicole Ward, Wai-Mart; Antuan Mann, Morning Star Beauticians Local Chapter #24; Jordan Cribfield, Lana Hammock and Angela Pugh, University of Tennessee at Martin, Nicole Ward and Robert McDearman, University of Memphis; Nicole Ward and Bradley Harrell, Halls-Gates Rotary; Addison Hansford and Alan Meadows, Middle Tennessee State University; Lana Hammock, Lambuth University; Nicole Ward, Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholarship; Bradley Harrell, Union University; Angela



Awards & Scholarships



Science Projects



**HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** displayed 70 sixth grade science projects in the science lab and judged them Monday. Five first place winners included, in front, Christopher Reynolds; in second row, from left, Jeremiah Jones and Jennifer Buntin; in back, from left, Justin Nelson and Ashley Adkins.

Tina Williams, sixth grade science teacher, stated projects began in April.

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CROP REPORT DEADLINE

The Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency reminds farmers to call or stop by the agency to certify your acreage for eligibility for benefits for various programs the agency participates in such as the Loan and LDP's (Loan Deficiency

Program). The final date for certification of wheat or other small grains was May 17th, but the office will accept late-filed acreage reports for a minimal fee. Final date for certification of spring planted crops is July 15, 1999. For further information contact the Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency Office at the USDA Service Center at 301 Lake Drive or call 901-635-7686.

MSU GRADUATE

Greg Cribfield received his bachelors of business administration degree from Mississippi State University Thursday, May 14th. He graduated from the College of Business and Industry with a major in Banking and Finance. He plans to work with the Lauderdale County Bank and will reside in Halls.

All pledges are tax deductible. For further information, call Leigh Anne Husingh at 901-784-7173 or Pamela Thurman at 901-784-3908.

Early registration fees are due by May 22nd at a cost of \$10. You may also register on the day of the ride for \$12. The minimum pledge required is \$40 and this can be paid in advance or on the day of the

ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

The Jackson Cotillion Club will hold its 5th annual bike ride at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 5th. The bike ride will begin at Union University, 2447 Hwy. 45 By-Pass, in Jackson.

All proceeds will be donated to the West Tennessee Cerebral Palsy Center, which provides services for more than 200 children from all over West Tennessee. There will be four different



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## DHS "Families First" Benefits

The Lauderdale County UT Agricultural Extension Service and the Department of Human Services are joining together from June 1st through July 7th to help educate and train clients in the use of their new Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) debit type card. This program is for families receiving food stamps or Families First benefits.

Sometime around mid-June, clients will receive their EBT card in the mail; a few days later the client will receive their PIN number.

Two benefit assistants have been hired to assist with this six-week educational effort. Forty-one educational training sessions have been scheduled throughout the county to accommodate all clients.

At each training session, food stamp and Families First recipients will learn how to activate the cards, how to identify where the cards can be used, where to call when they have problems and when the benefits will be available each month. Clients will have the opportunity to practice using a card with a point of service (POS) machine, which will be similar to what will be used in grocery stores.

Food stamp and Families First recipients should receive a copy of the training schedule in the mail from the Department of Human Services; however the following may be helpful: 32 training sessions are scheduled at the Department of Human Services, 421 South Washington Street in Ripley; five at the Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport Street in Halls; and four at the Palmer Turner Community

## Crockett Indicates Weevils Near 50%

Mike Smith, Crockett County Extension Leader, reports 71 boll weevil traps in his county, mid-May, averaged 29 weevils (from one to 90 per trap), down from last year by almost 50%, possibly due to the cold snaps in December.

He still advises plans to make pin head square applications.

Smith says every weevil alive may multiply by 300 in 21 days.

## GOSPEL SINGING

Heavenbound, nationally popular southern gospel group, from North Carolina, will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3rd in First Assembly of God, 900 Williams Street, Newbern. The concert is free. For more information call 901-285-7010.

Center, 650 South Church Street in Henning.

Each recipient is encouraged to attend one of these training sessions before the July 1st roll-out date. After this date recipients will not receive food stamps or checks through the mail. They must use their EBT cards and PIN number.

The training schedule for the week of June 7th through 11th is as follows; Department of Human Services: June 7, 8 and 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. and June 10 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m. Halls Senior Center: June 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## Halls CloseUp Club Speakers



MAYOR BILL REVELL, left, of Dyersburg, and Mayor Eugene Pugh, right, of Halls, were honored guests of the Halls High CloseUp Club at the end-of-the-year banquet on May 6th at Abe's Rib Eye Barn in Dyersburg.

Parents and members of the club enjoyed Mayor Revell's presentation on I-69, the proposed route and the benefits it will offer for all cities located in the corridor for the highway, which has already been completed in Mexico and Canada. Mayor Revell has been instrumental in getting the proposed location in this area, and the progress must be constantly monitored and encouraged by those who want their communities to benefit from the international project.

The 1998-99 CloseUp president, Bradley Harrell and secretary, Lana Hammock, introduced the president, Brooke Newsome, and secretary, Natalie Hart, for 1999-2000. Other officers will be elected in August. Pictured with Mayors Revell and Pugh, from left, include Natalie Hart, Bradley Harrell, Lana Hammock, Brooke Newsome and Candie Lavne.

## Blankenship Tours Med, Arabian Gulf

Petty Officer First Class Willie E. Blankenship, son of Isadore Blankenship, of Gates, has completed six months' duty in the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf in the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*, based in Norfolk, Va.

Port visits included Cannes, France; Livorno and Trieste, Italy; Souda Bay, Crete; Antalya, Turkey; and the United Arab Emirates.

A 1979 graduate of Halls High School, Blankenship joined the Navy in January, 1980.

## Air Sho '99 In Top 20 Events

The Southeast Tourism Society, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., has selected Air Sho '99 at Arnold Field in Halls as one of their "Top 20 Events" for the month of August, 1999.

They began publishing the Top 20 Events eleven years ago. The major benefit to being a part of the select few is the advertising. According to William T. Hardman, president and CEO of the Society, "Television and radio stations in the U. S. and Canada have created excellent publicity for Top 20 Events winners. Over 400 newspa-

## Westside Baptist's "BBQ for Missions"

Westside Baptist Church in Halls, and its ministry called Northwest Tennessee Volunteers on Mission are holding their third annual BBQ for missions on two dates during the Memorial Day weekend.

At 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Saturday, May 29th at the Dyersburg Walmart parking lot, BBQ by the pound, BBQ sandwiches, chips and drinks will be available. Suggested donation for sandwiches is \$3 or \$6 by the pound, drinks and chips extra.

At 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday May 31st at Westside Baptist Church, BBQ by the pound, pulled, suggested donation of \$6, BBQ by the plate with fixings, \$5, BBQ by the sandwich, \$3, and BBQ by the whole shoulder, suggested donation of \$4.50 per lb.

The BBQ will be cooked fresh by the men of the participating

pers, magazines, radio and television stations, AAA's and others receive the Top 20 listings."

Air Show coordinator, Pat Higdon said that the CEO of Casey Jones Village in Jackson, T. Clark Shaw, was instrumental in helping to move the application in the right direction. Shaw is the society's vice chair for Tennessee.

This year is the seventh annual air show for Lauderdale County and continues to experience phenomenal success. Higdon attributes this to the "lack of rain during air show weekend, the support of area citizens, businesses and industry, and the outstanding dedication of about 50 volunteers." This year the show will be held on August 28th and 29th.

The group is also taking orders in advance for those wishing to reserve an entire shoulder or several pounds pulled. Orders may be placed by calling the church at 836-5193 in Lauderdale County or The Rev. Nathe Ozment at 285-2194 in the Dyersburg area.

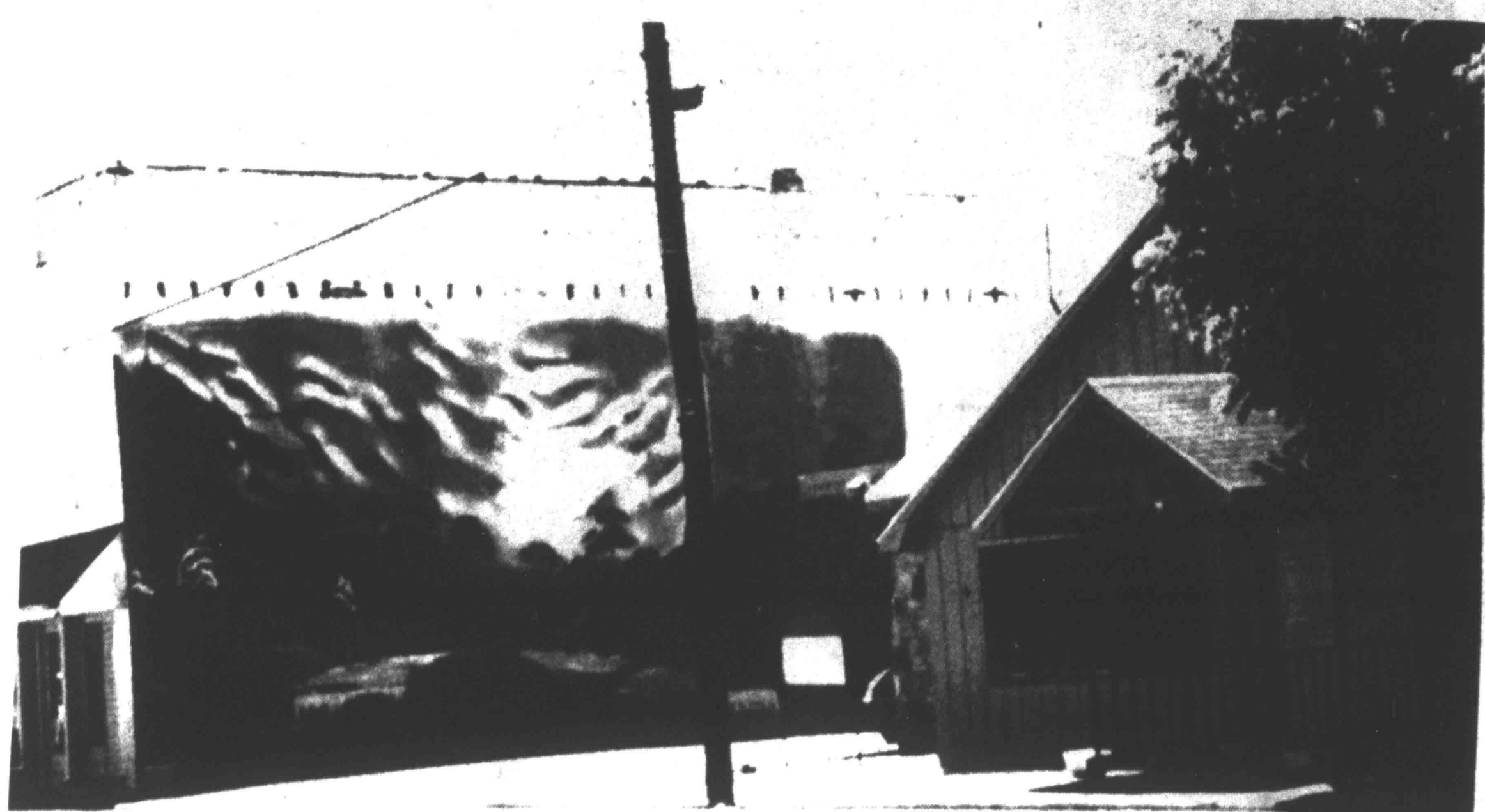
Approximately 45 volunteers from five different local Baptist churches will participate in three different mission projects this summer. All proceeds raised from the BBQ will be used for volunteer mission projects and will not go toward any regular church budget.

## DEAN'S LIST

Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro students appearing of the 1999 spring semester Dean's List include from Lauderdale County, Erick Baker, Mark Callender and Jay Gruggett. They qualified by maintaining a current semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and earning at least twelve semester hours.

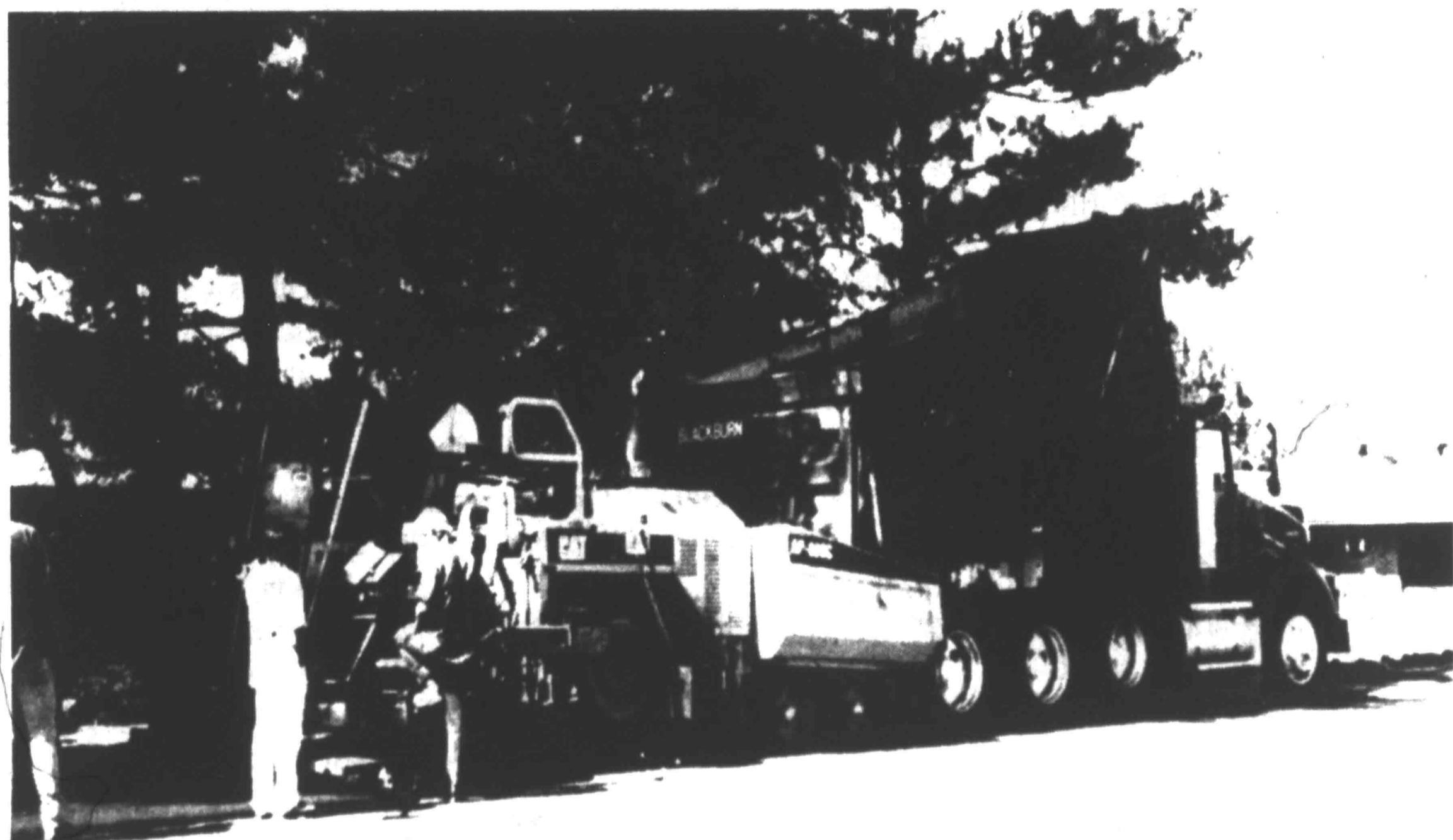


### Mural Painted



**BOBBY ALSTON**, of the Edith Gladys Crain, of Halls, completed a mural last week on a building just south of Halls General Home in Halls.

### Paving Work



**FRANK CLIMER AND SONS**, of Bells, under contract with the Town of Halls are paving several streets. The \$80,000 estimated total include, Industrial Road, 226 tons; Gate 6 Rd., 196 tons; Legion Road, 346 tons; Myers Street, 145 tons; East Tigrett Street, 789 tons; Hall Street, 327 tons; Ringer Lane, 80 tons; Love Street, 50 tons; Locust Street, 156 tons; and Keltner Street, 152 tons.

### FREE FISHING DAYS

Anyone may fish in Tennessee without a fishing license. June 12th. Youngsters 13-15 may fish without a license June 12th-18th.

People can protect themselves from poison ivy by following a simple rule: "Leaves of three, leave them be."

### Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau  
**It's  
Mater Plant'n Time  
In Tennessee**

A few years ago, there was a popular song released called "Home Grown Tomatoes." The song chimed all of the wonderful things about growing your own tomatoes, and very soon became the national anthem for backyard gardeners. Of course, we all know that the proper pronunciation for the bright

red fruit is "tomaters", when used in conversation among fellow "love apple" growers. And this time of the year the conversation is hot and heavy on who has their "tomaters" planted. During the winter, we have spent most of our dining time wishing for a homegrown "tomater." Not one of those white, hard things called a "tomato" from somewhere other than our garden, but a real "mater." There is a difference between a tomato and a



**MR. AND MRS. KEVIN CONNELL'S** home, 235 Lackey Lane, will be one of seven homes on the Home and Garden Tour from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. June 26th. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, tickets, \$6, may be purchased at the library and all local banks.

"tomater." A "tomato" is a fruit grown hundreds of miles away and has the consistency of a wet baseball. It is usually served in restaurants, ball parks, and any place you eat other than home. It doesn't have much of a taste, but serves the purpose until "tomater season comes around.

A "tomater" is a bright red, juicy fruit that has had our love and care for several months. That love and care has involved our nurturing those tiny seeds in our window sills, to planting the plant in the garden, putting aluminum foil around the stem to keep cutworms away, wrapping that plant with quilts during cold snaps, feeding the plant with only the best fertilizers, watching it grow daily, suckering it, dusting it for bugs, and finally picking a ripe "tomater."

Home grown "tomaters" are what summer is all about. There is nothing any better than a fresh "tomater" straight from your garden. They are great straight from the vine with a little salt. You can't beat "tomaters" and cottage cheese, but my favorite

method of consuming the tasty garden fruit is by making a "tomater" sandwich.

My summer wouldn't be complete without a fresh "tomater" sandwich every day or so. There are many ways to make one, but there is only one true country way to serve up your garden delights.

A country "tomater" sandwich has to be made in a orderly routine using mayonnaise, white bread (or lite bread as it is called in the country), and a fresh ripe "tomater" from the garden.

You place two slices of fresh lite bread on a plate. Next, take a kitchen knife and spread a good amount of mayonnaise on both slices of bread. Make sure the knife hits the sides of the mayonnaise jar so a click can be heard sounding from the jar. This doesn't help the taste of the sandwich, but it reminds you to buy more mayonnaise the next time you are at the store. It looks like a good "tomater" season this year and we wouldn't want to run low on mayonnaise.

Next, slice your home grown "tomater", avoiding the temptation to swipe a slice for now, into several thick slices. You should not be able to read a newspaper through any of the slices. This helps hold in the juice, and besides, if you wanted thin slices you could have gotten a "tomato" at a restaurant in town.

Add pepper and salt as desired. Place the slices on the lite bread and gently put the pieces of bread together. Ladies may want to cut the sandwich in a triangle, but real "Tennessee mater eaters" like their sandwiches whole to avoid the losing of any juice.

Bite into your sandwich and enjoy what summer is all about.

Happy "tomater" growing and I hope none of your "tomater" sandwiches drip down your arm.

### Coloring Contest Winners



**JESSICA TODD**, center back; June Dairy month chairperson for the county, is pictured with the winners of the June Dairy Month Coloring Contest conducted with first grades at Halls Elementary School. Winners included, from left, in front, Jessica Ellison, from

Barbara Anderson's class; Ashley Land, Martha Britt's class; Casey Crockett, Cindy Lucas' class; Nathan Bates, Tracy Taylor's class; Johnnie Nelson, Janet Baker's class; Angela Hanks, Beth Meeks' class; and Shelly Olds, Donna Dabbs' class.

Jessica, Ashley and Casey were named the top three winners overall and received certificates for free half-gallon ice cream from Turner Dairies in Covington. All participants received "Got Milk" pencils and refrigerator magnets. Jessica also visited Nita Taylor's 4th grade at Halls Elementary School and conducted Dairy Jeopardy with Dairy Trivia.



**LINDA WEEKS**, right, of Curve, and **Myra McLarey**, left, of Cambridge, Mass., college creative writing teachers joined forces to write a two part, 250 plus page, novel, "The Road to Eden's Ridge," of which the screen rights were recently picked up by United Artists according to "Variety Newspaper", dated May 13th.

The novel's first part deals with a soldier, who resolves to change his entire life and heads to Nashville. The second part deals with a young woman, who on her wedding day decides to alter her life and try to become a country and western singer in Nashville. From there, they meet and conflicting cultures encourage many ups and downs for the couple.

Though kangaroos can grow up to six feet tall, their young—called joeys—are just an inch long when born.



The killer whale is actually a dolphin.

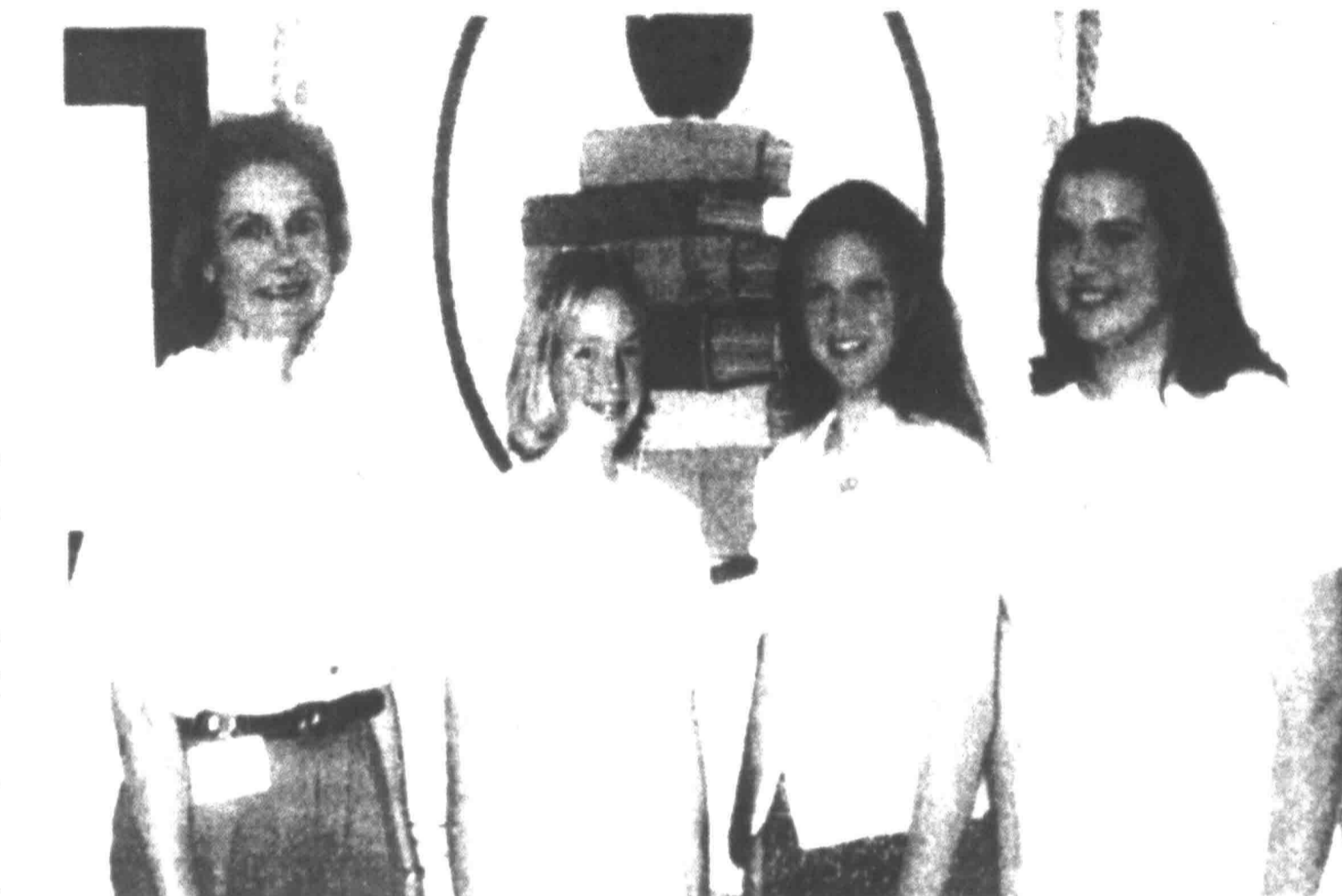
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### Agricultural Essay Winners



**LAUDERDALE COUNTY FARM BUREAU** sponsored an essay contest for seventh graders, entitled "What Agriculture Means To Me," in honor of "Ag Day," March 20th. Halls Junior High and Lauderdale Middle Schools participated and awards were presented on Awards Day at each school. In upper photo, second from left, Halls Junior High winners were Heath

Cowan, first place; Sallye Ray Hartman, second place; and Beth Sadler, third place; and presenting awards, Johanna Carmack, Farm Bureau secretary, left. In lower photo, second from left, Lauderdale Middle School winners were Rachel Freeman, first place; Kelli Neal, second place; Emilee Lemons, third place; and Mary Ellen Carnell, teacher, left.

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**John Kerby**

John Kerby, 33, of 219 S. Hazel, Halls, employed by MagneTek in Ripley, died Tuesday morning, of complications of pneumonia, in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg.

Services were set for Thursday afternoon in First Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kerby, of 95 Jan St., Halls; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kerby, of Concord Rd., near Gates; a brother, Mike, of Halls; a sister, Laticia Kerby, of Halls; and three half-brothers, Clay and Heath Conrad, of Curve, and Shannon Conrad, of Coldwater, Miss.

**Robert E. Lewis**

Robert Eugene Lewis, 63, of 711 West Main Halls, retired from employment with Heckethorn Mfg. Co. in Dyersburg, died Sunday in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg after a stroke.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls.

He was a Methodist. He leaves his wife, Maurice Etta Lovelace Lewis; three step-sons, David, Jackie, and Tommy Watts, all of Halls; a step-daughter, Mary Scabet, of Ripley; his mother, Arlene Slagle, of Waterloo, Iowa; two sisters, Carol Andrews and Marilyn Workman, of Fort Myers, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Jack Gause**

Frances L. Gause, 76, wife of Jack S. Gause, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, in her home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

A member of Woodlawn Baptist Church near Nut Bush, she had been an Avion Travel Club member for 25 years.

Survivors include a son, Fred N. Gause, of Brownsville; a sister, Bertha Jean Fennell, of Ripley; and two grandchildren.

**'Beany' Whitley**

Alford Fleming "Beany" Whitley, 79, father of Cindy Simpson, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

A retired salesman for Huffman Motors, he was Covington's City School board chairman for 25 years, 1969-95.

He had served First Baptist Church as chairman of deacons, vice-treasurer, and Sunday School superintendent.

He had served as president of the Covington Exchange Club and was a former member of the Covington Jaycees.

He had coached Dixie Youth.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Lewis Whitley; two sons, The Rev. James Alford Whitley, of Somerville, and Michael Lewis Whitley, of Collierville; another daughter, Pam Nix, of Covington; three brothers, Edward Fleming Whitley, Lester Larry Whitley, and George T. Whitley, managing editor of *The Covington Leader*, and a sister, Paulina W. Deverell, all of Covington; and five grandchildren.

**Mrs. Stewart**

Billie Louise Stewart, 70, widow of William Claxton Stewart, died Sunday of a brain tumor, in Sunrise Healthcare in Ripley.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Friendship Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Edward Earl Stewart, of 678 East Dry Hill Road, near Halls.

**Mrs. Ashford**

Kathleen Greaves Ashford, 80, retired interior decorator, died May 10th in Sunrise Healthcare, Ripley.

Rites were May 12th in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church near Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Van Ashford, she leaves two sons, Gene Leggett and Tom Greaves, and a brother, Rufus Smith, of Ripley; a sister, Flossie Robinson, of Gates; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**C. H. Norris**

C. H. "Rosie" Norris, 86, of Forrest City, Ark., father of Joe Norris, of Henning, died Friday, of pneumonia, in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery.

He was a farmer. He was the widower of Ora Beatrice Campbell.

Survivors include three sisters, Mildred Robinson and Myrtle Van-Fleet, of Illinois, and F. Lorene Donaldson, of California, and two grandchildren.

**Neal Paris**

Neal Paris, 85, of 1209 Hurricane Hill Road, south of Ripley, a retired farmer, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Concord Cemetery near Gates.

He was the widower of Lucy Mae Paris.

He leaves five sons, Eugene, Jackie, and Randy, of Ripley, and Glen and Larry, of Covington; seven daughters, Helen Paris, Carolyn Duncan, Evelyn Thomen, Laverne Maxwell, and Peggy Jenkins, of Ripley; Rose Baker, of Orlando, Fla.; and Linda Armstrong, of Peoria, Ariz.; a brother, Dave Paris, of Greenfield; 21 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

**Concord Locals**

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon in Concord Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Caleb, of Memphis, and Joni Emerson, of Halls, were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson visited Sunday afternoon and attended the anniversary party.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Voss, of Belleville, Ill., is visiting Mr. Voss' mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss. Mrs. D. L. Gilliland and son, Dwight, of Memphis, visited Saturday.

Mrs. Nelle Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Criner, of Ripley, visited the Mike McNeills Friday night of last week and attended the graduation in Halls.

Jeff Layne and son, Gage, of

Colona, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs and son, Taylor, of Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs. Walt Caudill, of Blue Grass, Iowa, spent the weekend with the Norman Laynes and attended the graduation in Halls Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burks attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Floyd Emersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and son, Jacob, attended the graduation in Halls Friday night.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Tori, of Memphis, visited the Pharis Escues Sunday and attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Floyd Emersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack and Mrs. Demetra Williams visited Mrs. Lindell Mitchell in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis Saturday.

Joe and Jacob McNeill spent the weekend with the David Smiths at Paris Landing.

Mrs. Pharis Escue spent Thursday night of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, in Memphis and attended her great-granddaughter, Melanie's, graduation in Senatobia, Miss.

Jerry Carmack, of Jackson, visited the Ronnie Carmacks Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Floyd Emersons Sunday afternoon.

**Brevities**

Mrs. Charles Alsobrook

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Settemire, of Quincy, Cal., visited Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dyer Monday. They came to Tennessee to research the Mitchell family. Carolyn Carswell visited the Dyers and Settemires. She was also interested in the Mitchell family history and their history in Crockett County.

Dorothy Stutts, of Dyersburg, was among those attending the Thursday Bridge Club last week at Alice Nunn's.

Jerald Daws and Bret Perkins, of Germantown, visited Tommy Simmons Thursday of last week.

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## 4-H Banner Clubs



LAUDERDALE COUNTY 4-H BANNER CLUB AWARDS were presented to the highest point 4-H Clubs in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Each grade competes against each other by participating in 4-H Club Contest and other club functions. Contests for the 1998-1999 school year were Create a Craft, 4-H Poster, Public Speaking and Recycled Pizza. Additional points were awarded for giving the Thought for the Day, 4-H Pledge, Song Leader or giving a Show and Tell or Demonstration. All clubs can earn

Bonus Points by participating in a Community Service Project.

In upper left photo, Mrs. Marion Elder's club at Halls Elementary School, won the 4th grade division, with 8.73 points per member which is the highest overall score for all clubs.

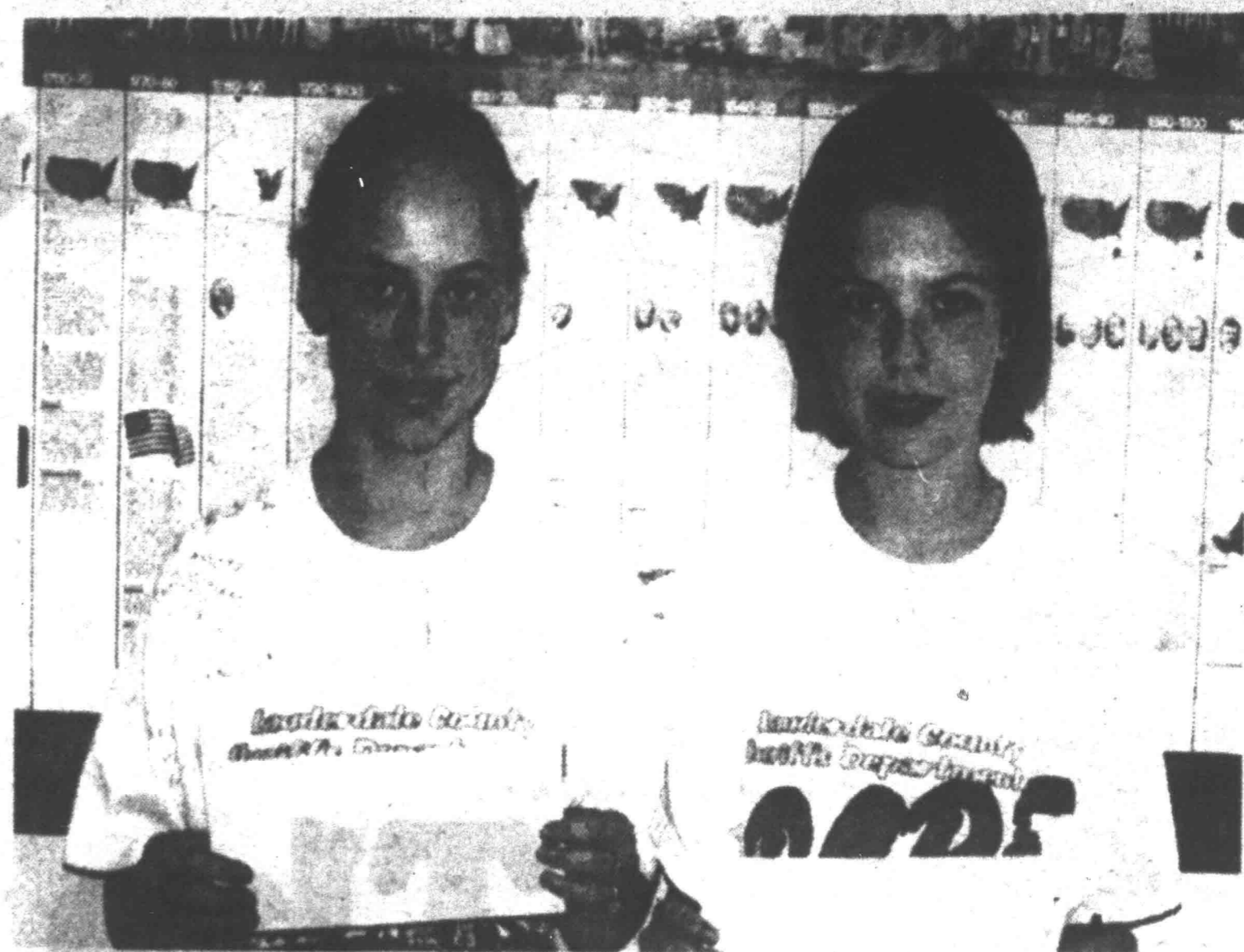
In middle left photo, Mrs. Barbara Hendren's club, HES, won the 5th grade division, with a score of 8.35 per member.

In lower left photo, Mrs. Tina Williams' club, HES, won the 6th

grade division with 8.13 points per member.

In upper right photo, High Individual Scorers' Award was presented to Gwinn Kilpatrick, left, of Mrs. Sheppard's club, and Jessica Bentley, right, of Mrs. Davis' club, both of HES.

In lower right photo, Drew Maclin, in Mrs. Martin's club in Lauderdale Middle School was also a High Individual Scorer. The top prize for these individuals is a free scholarship to 4-H Camp provided by the FCE Council.



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