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I-69 Plans Grow South From Ky.

U. S. Interstate Highway 69, set to run through Lauderdale County from upper Michigan to the southern tip of Texas, moves a small step closer to completion April 17th, when the state Dept. of Transportation holds a public meeting, 5-7 p.m., in Union City High School.

The meeting will present, for comment, three possible routes for I-69 between the western end of the Purchase Parkway, at Fulton, Ky., and 22 to 27 miles to Troy, Union City lying about half-way.

Charlie Graves, of DOT, expects a route west of Union City and east or west of Troy.

Building through Troy would destroy Troy, Graves says.

Costs of the Kentucky to Troy segment are estimated at up to \$126,000,000 for construction, up to \$10,500,000 to purchase rights-of-way, and relocation costs for five to 36 residences displaced by the plan.

It would be at least 2003 before any contracts are let.

The next leg of I-69 would be from Troy to Dyersburg.

MISS HALLS PAGEANT

The Halls Community Club will sponsor the annual Miss Halls Pageant at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 8th, in the Halls High School gymnasium.

Interviews earlier in the afternoon, along with street dress and evening gown competition, will determine the winner for Miss Halls 2000.

Jennifer Pittman, a past beauty pageant winner, will be mistress of ceremonies and provide a portion of the entertainment, along with Melissa Hurt, a senior at Halls High School.

Honored



DAVID PAT CARMACK, principal of Halls Elementary School, received the 1999-2000 Rotary Club Vocational Award Monday from the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates for his focus on the community and concern for the teachers and students of his school.

Carmack was born in 1947 to Winston and Pauline Carmack, one of eight children. He attended Gates School from 1953 until 1957, when he began to attend Curve school. A 1966 graduate of Halls High School, he continued his education at the University of Tennessee at Martin, receiving a bachelor of science degree in social studies in 1969.

In 1970, Carmack met and married his wife, Diane. They have two children, Rebecca and Vince.

He began his teaching career at Arp School in 1969, and became principal of Halls Elementary in 1973. He continued his education at the University of Memphis and received a masters degree in education.

For a number of years, he has joined with the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates in presenting their District 6760 Drug Abuse Prevention Coloring Book contest.

Person of the Year



WILLIAM G. "BILL" KELLY, Jr., left, was presented the Person of the Year award by Cindy Ream, first vice-president of the Junior Auxiliary of Ripley - Lauderdale County. The award was presented at the auxiliary's annual Charity Crown Ball Feb. 26th.

A native of Gates, Kelly is a graduate of Halls High School and Lambuth University with a bachelor of arts degree in piano and music education. He has done graduate work at University of Memphis and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill., where he was a pupil of world-renowned pianist, Ruth Slenczynska. In 1971, he studied organ with Evelyn Terrell in Santa Barbara, Calif.

He taught piano for Dyersburg State Community College from 1971 - 1985 and has been the organist for Ripley First United Methodist Church for 32 years. Kelly is a member of the National

Guild of Piano Teachers and has been an adjudicator for the guild ten years. He was guest pianist in a master class at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music in 1981 under the direction of pianist, Joseph Kalichstein, and has also performed in master classes of the late Sidney Foster. He has performed on Memphis television and radio programs.

Kelly has given recitals in Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and in 1982, he made his New York debut as a pianist-composer in Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall and the Riverside Church. He maintains teaching studios in Dyersburg and Ripley.

He performs frequently and is accompanist, coach, and mentor for many vocalists in the Mid-South and is currently teaching music education at Halls Elementary School.

Shaw Says Filing Vs. Fitzhugh Ill-Advised

Johnny W. Shaw, of Bolivar, radio station owner, says he "was advised, in error" to file Monday of last week to oppose, on the Aug. 3rd ballot, the re-election of State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, in District 82.

"It has never been," Shaw says, "nor is, my intention to become a candidate for the 82nd District."

Shaw has pulled his name from the 82nd Dist. ballot.

Confusion arises from a law-suit filed in 1994 by the Rural West Tennessee African-American Affairs Council to add a black-majority district in West Tennessee.

U.S. Dist. Judge Jerome Turner, of Memphis, approved the suit Monday, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Turner's decision.

It creates a new District 80 of parts of Hardeman, Haywood, and Madison Counties, in which Shaw has filed to run.

The state is seeking a U.S. Supreme Court stay because of the short notice to candidates.

Tuesday, Fitzhugh was unopposed for re-election in District 82.

Dead-line for any opponent to file is this Thursday, April 6th.

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Land Transfers

March 24 - Betty Pegg and Larry Pegg to Clarence Keeley and Julia Keeley, Dist. 2, lot.

Bonnie Mustion and Michael Lynn Mustion to Christopher Barbee and La Keisha Davis, Dist. 2, lot.

Anna Judkins and James M. Judkins to Carline J. Judkins and Merton E. Judkins, Dist. 6, lot.

Bobby Ward to Hanna Kay Hutcherson, Dist. 16, lot.

Marine T. Williams to Mary Francine Smith and Robert Smith, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Brian Todd Martin, Dist. 8, 649.800 acres.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Letetia Leigh Martin Irrevocable

Trust Agreement and Patricia Meeks Martin Patrick, Trustee, Dist. 8, 649.800 acres.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Larry Wayne Patrick and Patricia Meeks Martin Patrick, Dist. 8, 649.800 acres.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Spencer Curtis Kaaz Irrevocable Trust Agreement and Victoria Meeks Kaaz, Trustee for Spencer Curtis Kaaz Irrevocable Trust, Dist. 8, 4 tracts.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Gloria Meeks Carmack, Jason Lyle Carmack, Randall S. Carmack, and Stephen Lyle Carmack, Dist. 8, 405.750 acres.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Roberto Kaaz and Victoria Meeks Kaaz, Dist. 8, 4 tracts.

Emmett Eugene Meeks to Bailey Frances Carmack Irrevocable Trust Agreement, Gloria Meeks Carmack, Trustee, and Jason Klye Carmack, Trustee, Dist. 8, 405.750 acres.

March 27 - Bonnie C. Wallin to

Rusty Kirby, Dist. 10, 2,500 acres.

Daniel R. Beard, Joy Beard, Jesse Edwards, Linda Edwards, Cindy Greaves, and Tom Greaves to Ripley Hearth LLC, Dist. 2, 1,110 acres.

Rebecca Alston to Elaine S. Alston and Gaylon L. Alston, Dist. 14, lot.

Dawn T. Carmack and Curtis R. Carmack to Carmen La-Quinta Brown, Dist. 23, lot.

Analine Scallions and D. A. Scallions to Scott Dyson and Ruby Jackson, Dist. 2, 1,360 acres.

Mary E. Kissell to Danelle-Kissell and Terry Kissell, 6,000 acres.

March 28 - Anna Y. Moody and James E. Moody to Craig Farms LLC, Dist. 5, 4 tracts.

Betty Ann Jackson and Larry Russell Jackson to LaDonna Jones and Patricia Taylor, Dist. 2, 5,000 acres.

Daniel M. Belton and Sheri A. Belton to Thomas G. Wright, III, Dist. 16, 1,000 acres.

Odis Scoggins and Patricia Scoggins to Ken Sutton, Dist. 2, lot.

William Eugene Hendren to Barry J. Diggs, Dist. 9, 200.00 acres.

Barry J. Diggs, Hales Point Properties, and William Eugene Hendren to Anne Roberson and Thomas Eugene Roberson, Dist. 9, 200.00 acres.

Anne Roberson and Thomas

Eugene Roberson to Barry J. Diggs, Hales Point Properties, and William Eugene Hendren, Dist. 2, 17,573 acres.

March 29 - Beverly Dunavant and Todd Dunavant to Cindy

Wysocki and Larry Wysocki, Dist. 2, 3,670 acres.

Anthony, Lankford, and Poston LLC to Barry J. Akins, Dist. 2, 7,286 acres.

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Exchange Speakers



PAUL AVERY, in upper photo, right, Chairperson of Relay for Life 2000, was a featured speaker at the Ripley Exchange Club meeting March 16th at Asbury Station restaurant. He discussed details of the upcoming Relay, which is scheduled for May 12th. Betty Chipman, left, club member, welcomed him to the meeting.

Halls Air Show Coordinator, Pat Higdon, in lower photo, right, was also featured as she spoke of the upcoming Air Show, scheduled for August 26th-27th on the Halls Airbase. Pictured with Higdon is Beverly Green, Exchange Club member.

Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.
—Mark Twain

Participating





TERRY JANDA, of Gates, in rear, fourth from right, was among 30 participants in a research and grant writing course offered by the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin March 24th.


SORORITY NOTES

Members of Xi Lambda Omega Sorority held two teenage pregnancy workshops, one in Ripley and one in Dyersburg, with a total of 42 young adults attending. The goal of the workshop was to help teenagers understand the consequences of motherhood, including the time demands of babies, and the change in lifestyle for the parents. Addressing the groups were

members, Atha Campbell, Marine Bowers, Earlene Halliburton, Julia Keeley, Elaura James, and Joanne Holcomb, all of Ripley, and Shirley Smith, Sandra Lanier, Nettie Thomas, and Vernita Turner, all of Dyersburg. They spoke of issues such as sexually transmitted diseases, birth defects, and other related subjects. The sorority also donated more than \$6,000 in charitable contributions during its Founders Day Observance. They made donations to Relay for Life, the Dyersburg and Ripley chapters of the NAACP, Rice Park, New Generation Youth Choir, the Tina Turner Abuse Center, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and others. Area donations were made to Lane and Lemoyne colleges.

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That's My Opinion and It Ought To Be Yours

To get the attention of today's youth concerning law enforcement, several county jails have allowed class tours of their facilities by second and third graders. The idea is to show this impressionable age of school children how bad a jail can be. The plan is to make the children want to remain good citizens and avoid incarceration.

During one of these school field trips to a Tennessee county jail, a group of third grade children had just finished their tour and were enjoying ice cream provided by the local sheriff. The children were doing usual children things. They were playing and enjoying the treat of being out of school, all except one little girl.

Standing over to one side away from the other youngsters was a pretty little blond haired and blue eyed girl who was in deep study looking at the reward posters on the wall. She was giving her full attention to the ten-most-wanted section of the display and had a very concerned look on her face.

The sheriff had noticed the child and slowly made his way over to where she was looking at the posters. As he approached the little girl, she never took her eyes off the vicious looking individuals on the wall.

He asked her, "Is there something bothering you little girl?"

Changing her attention now to the face of the sheriff, in all her innocence she

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

answered him, "Are all these people really mean and loose in our town?"

Hoping to remove some of her fears the sheriff answered her question with authority by saying, "Yes, but don't you worry. We will catch them real soon and they will be behind bars where they will not bother anyone."

The little girl turned her attention back to the reward posters and continued to lick her ice cream cone. She then looked back at the sheriff with a great deal of thought in her face and said, "Why didn't you just keep them here when you made their pictures?"

Oh, the innocence of a child. They seem to see the simplicity of a problem that we adults attempt to make continually complicated. Her idea makes a lot of sense to me.

For the last few weeks, the news across this state has been the possible execution of two convicted murderers. I use the term possible execution because no one knows in our current day's judicial system if the executions will be carried out or not. It doesn't matter that it has been 20 years of courtroom battles, a jury conviction, as well as numerous stays issued, we continue to see the pictures of these individuals in our living rooms each evening.

Enough is enough. It is time to make the names and the faces of murders go away from our society and serve the sentence that they have been given. Don't make them TV and newspaper celebri-

ties. If you do the crime, you serve the time.

We are all promised a swift process of justice after committing a crime. However, that should also apply for the victims. Let them go on with their lives and have their final closure. Today's law system seems to make the victims suffer more than the criminal.

Just like the little girl said, why not keep them after you make their picture? That's my opinion and it ought to be yours.

ST. JUDE ROAD BLOCK

Mrs. Betty Jones, of Henning, will coordinate a fund raising event on Saturday, April 15th, for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The road block will be next to Mid-Way Market in Henning.

For further information, call Mrs. Jones, 738-5991.

FARM SERVICE NOTES

The Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency has announced that the 1999 Oilseeds Program was extended through April 14th. The agency requests that all producers who received applications to sign and return them.

The office is now accepting appointments to certify cotton acreage for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program. To schedule an appointment or for more information call 635-7686.

Anniversaries

April 6 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stanley.

April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Tim Graham.

April 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lewis.

April 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale.



BILL FRIST

U.S. Senator Tennessee

Reassurance in the Care of Others

More than 13 million children in America under the age of six spend some part of their day in day care. In Tennessee alone, 254,000 children are enrolled in child care services. With these large number of children receiving child care services we need to work to make these settings safer while improving the health of children in child care settings.

In recent years, the potential danger in child care settings has been evident in Tennessee. From across the country, we hear disturbing reports of abandoned, mistreated, and unnecessarily endangered children.

While this has prompted a good deal of discussion about the issue, it's clear that more must be done to improve the health and safety of children nationwide. A 1998 Consumer Product Safety Commission Study, for example, revealed that in 1997 alone, 31,000 children ages four and younger were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries sustained in child care or school settings and, since 1990, more than 60 children have died in child care settings. The study further revealed that two-thirds of the 200 licensed child care settings investigated exhibited safety hazards, such as insufficient child safety gates, cribs with soft bedding, and unsafe playgrounds. With over 6,000 child care facilities throughout Tennessee, parents deserve the reassurance that their children are protected.

On March 9, I introduced a bill to support state and local efforts to improve the health and safety of children in child care. This legislation, "Children's Day Care Health and Safety Improvement Act," would authorize \$200 million to establish a state grant program supporting efforts to improve the health and safety of children. Each state's funding allotment would be based on the current funding formula used to compute the "Child Care and Development Block Grant." Using this formula, Tennessee would receive \$4.2 million for fiscal year 2001. Currently, Tennessee spends only \$200,000 on activities to improve the quality of child care providers, including health and safety activities.

These grants could be used for any number of activities, including the proper training and education of child care providers; more inspections and criminal background checks for day care providers; enhancements to improve a facility's ability to serve children with disabilities; transportation safety procedures to address the issue of children being abandoned in vans; and information for parents on what factors to consider when choosing a safe and healthy day care setting for their children. Additionally, the funding could be used to help child care facilities meet health and safety standards, like the proper placement of fire exits and smoke detectors, the proper disposal of sewage and garbage, and ensuring that play ground equipment is safe. It could also be used to employ health consultants to give health and safety advice to child care providers, such as CPR training, first aid training, prevention of sudden infant death syndrome, and how to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect.

As a father, I understand that a parent's number one concern is safety, protection and the health of their children. Parents shouldn't be afraid to leave their children in the care of a licensed child care facility. They should expect quality care and the reassurance that their children are safe.

If you would like to contact Senator Frist, please write to his Washington office at United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, call 202/224-3344, leave an e-mail message at senator_frist@frist.senate.gov, or visit his World Wide Web homepage at <http://www.senate.gov/~frist/>.



In 1996, those 60 and older represented 23 percent of the voting-age population and 23 percent of those who voted.

MARKETING NETWORK

The Marketing Club Network Teleconference will hold a meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thurs., April 13th in the Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Office, 217 N. Main Street in Ripley, sponsored by Ag-rimark and The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service.

Speakers will be Dr. Darrel Good, of the University of Illinois, on grains, and Dr. O. A. Cleveland, of Mississippi State, and Dr. Carl Anderson, of Texas A & M, on cotton. The weather, the planting intentions report, and USDA supply and demand numbers will be discussed.

For more information contact the Extension office at 635-9551.

RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Christian School will sponsor a 100 family rummage sale from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15th in the old Acred Shoe Store building in downtown Dyersburg's court square. All proceeds will benefit the school mission team as they minister to the people of Monterey, Mexico.

Birthdays

April 6 - Charles Carter Walker, Bobby Best, Kathy Brooks, Finley Green, Amber Davis, Glenda Davis, Sondra Wright, Jason Young.

April 7 - Amanda K. Lane, Kelly Crawford, Caroline Cannon, Marion Ward, Wanda Brewer, Billie Cihfield.

April 8 - Fronie Devault, Andrew Belton, Ouida Belton, Thomas Terry, Tyler Hyde, Cheryl Reynolds, Devona Temple Shaw.

April 9 - Chris Watson, Gerald Thurmond, Susan Chavers, Jessica Danley, Lynn Grantland, Robbie Lowrance, Mitch Anderson, Beth Cunningham, Gary Crowson.

April 10 - Deborah Morris, Katherine Anthony, Mackenzie Haislip, Willard Norvell, Joe Mason McDowell, II, Tracie Taylor, Penne Pickard.

April 11 - Jeff Fitzhugh, Delton Jackson.

April 12 - Hattie Florence, Todd Kent, Ann Dunavant, David Jennings, O. E. Dunaway, Rickey Terry, Sr.

Ribbon Cutting



THE WOODEN HANGER, a new fashion store located in Charlene's Colony of Shoppes, owned and operated by Kim Connell and Judy Mills, center, had a grand opening and ribbon cutting April 1st.

Lisa Hankins, Director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Ambassadors, and family and friends were on hand to help celebrate.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dick, of Union City, an 8-lb. son, Hayden Lee Dick, at 11:25 a.m. March 19th in Baptist Hospital Union City. He is the brother of Alyson, 10, and Madison, 3. His mother is the former Stacy Brown. Grandparents are the Frank Browns, of Union City, and Dewayne and Linda Dick, of Ripley. He is the great-grandson of Frances Brown and the late Frank P. Brown, of Union City, the late Shorty and Gladys Covington, of Union City, Alice Dick, of 802 Park Meadows Cove, Halls, and the late E. L. Dick, and Bonnie Lambert, of 805 Park Meadows Cove, Halls, and the late Earl Lambert.

COIN CONTEST

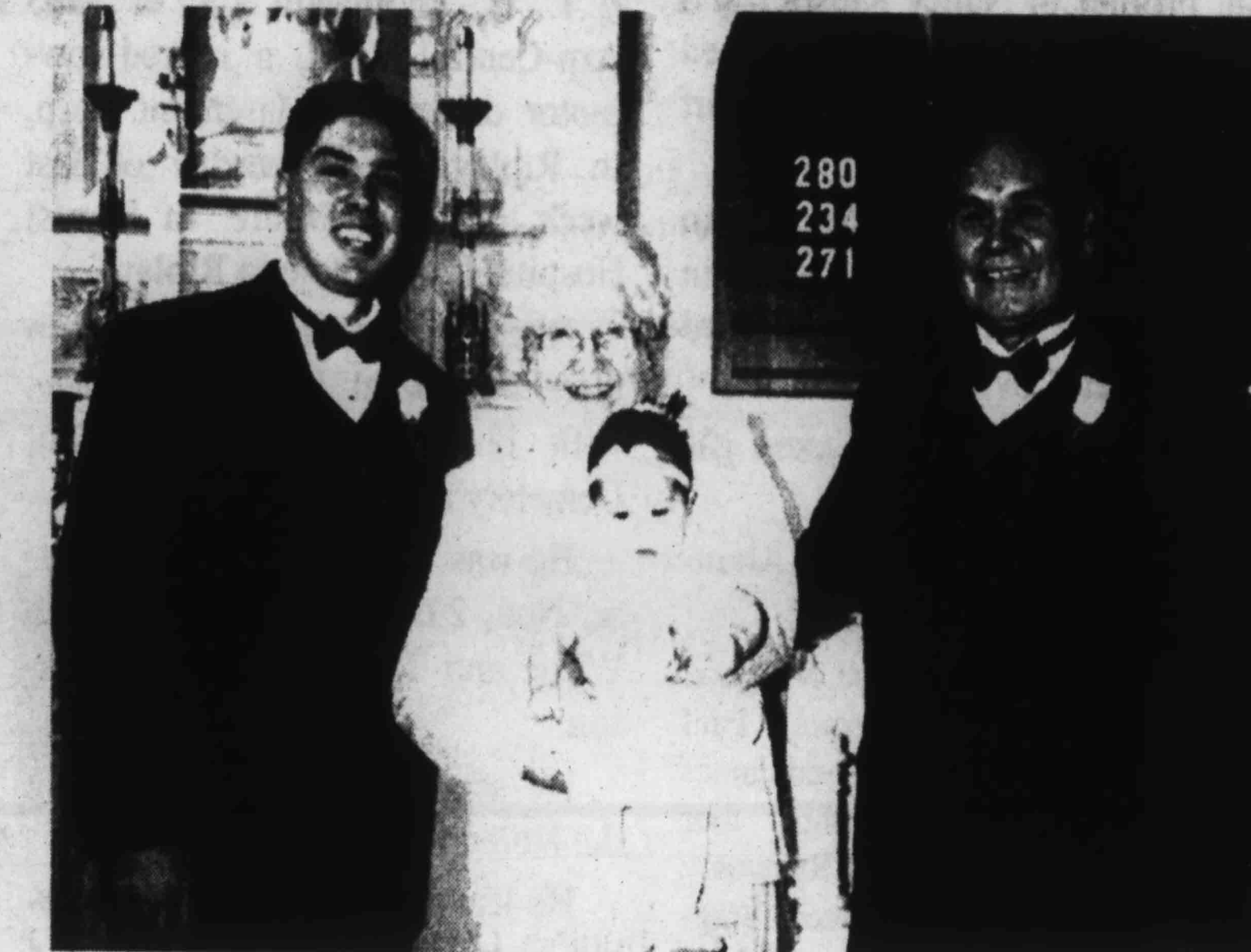
The Tennessee Coin Commission will oversee a statewide contest, open to students, artisans and citizens who are interested in designing a Tennessee quarter.

Gov. Don Sundquist said, "I am excited about the designs that Tennesseans will come up with in representing the Volunteer State. There are many creative and talented people who will make us proud."

In 1999, the U.S. Department of Treasury began issuing quarters representing all 50 states in the order they ratified the constitution or were admitted to the Union. Tennessee will be honored in 2002.

The deadline for entries is June 1, 2000. For further information, call Jennifer Hatten, 615-532-4546, or visit the U.S. Mint's web site at www.usmint.gov.

Four Generations



FOUR GENERATIONS of the Richardson's were pictured at the wedding of Mrs. Cleo Awalt's daughter, Erika Nocile Richardson, and Mrs. Awalt's son, Ronnie Richardson. Keith Richardson, Mrs. Cleo Richardson's were pictured at the wedding of Mrs. Cleo Awalt's grandson, Curtis Richardson, and Telisha Ralsz. Family members include, from left, grandson,

Keith Richardson, Mrs. Cleo Richardson's daughter, Erika Nocile Richardson, and Mrs. Awalt's son, Ronnie Richardson.

Rotary Speaker



PAT HIGDON, Director of AirSho 2000, second from left, spoke at the Ripley Rotary Club March 28th. Pictured with Higdon, is David Snell, left, Rotary president, and Louis Wheatley, right, Rotarian.

Mrs. Higdon, organizer of the AirSho since its inception, announced that the show is August 26th and 27th and the theme is "Year Of The Bomber" and should be even better than before.

For further information on the AirSho or interested in purchasing an ad in the commemorative program, call Pat Higdon, 836-7448.

izational meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18th at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley.

CENSUS CENTERS

Lauderdale County has two Census 2000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers to assist persons who may have questions about completing the census questionnaire, need language assistance or have questions about the census.

The Halls Senior Citizen Center, 605 Airport Street, is open 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 3rd to 7th.

Lauderdale County Headstart, 142 Nelson Street, Ripley, is open 2-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 10th - 14th.

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

—Abigail Adams

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 10th

Chicken Fillet Sandwich
Cheeseburger w/Trimmings
Seasoned Fries
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Fruit Cocktail
Pineapple Chunks
Peanut Butter Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, April 11th

Tacos w/Trimmings
Sliced Ham
Whole Kernel Corn
Combination Salad
Orange Slices
Applesauce
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, April 12th

Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
Barbecue On Bun
Macaroni & Cheese
Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Peach Half
Mixed Fruit Cup
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, April 13th

Fried Chicken
Entrée - School's Choice
Whipped Potatoes
Green Vegetable - School's Choice
Congealed Fruit Salad
Fruit Cup
Rolls
Milk

Friday, April 14th

Foot Long Hot Dog w/Cheese or Chili
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
French Fries
Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
Choice of Fruit
Cookie
Milk

RELAY NOTES

The next Relay for Life organ-

Jim Tom Pruitt

Jim Tom Pruitt, 63, of Covington, brother of Nancy Kiestler and Virginia Griggs, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He had retired as an Exxon gas station attendant.

He was a member of the Abundant Life Church in Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Rose Margaret O'Donnell Pruitt; two sons, Paul Ernest Pruitt, of Covington, and James Michael Pruitt, of Memphis; four daughters, Anna Odom and Rosemary Jacobs, of Covington, Colleen Stanhouse, of Brighton, and Virginia Wasson, of Garden City, Mich.; a brother, Roby, of Florence, S.C.; two other sisters, Brenda Flowers, of Midland, Tex., and Marcella Buckley, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren.

Frank W. Reece

Frank Walker Reece, 80, of 72 Baker, Gates, retired farmer and truck driver, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, in his home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Gates Cemetery.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Curve Baptist Church.

Widower of Nellie Mae Long Reece, he leaves two sons, Larry, of Halls, and Aaron, of Louisiana; four daughters, Dolly Cole, Nancy Rose, and Opal Robertson, of Gates, and Vernice Scott, of Brighton; a sister, Mary Alice Turner, of Alamo; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Leo Burkeen

Leo Burkeen, 73, of Middleton, father of Leo, Jr., of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis, of complications from a stroke.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Shackelford Funeral Home in Bolivar, with burial in Juliet Cemetery near Corinth, Miss.

A retired production worker for Chrysler, he was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Byrd Burkeen; two other sons, Michael and Vernon, of Hot Springs, Ark.; three daughters, Pam Glueck, of Middleton, Regina Lawrence, of Collierville, and Debra Wilson, of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Warren, of Knoxville; 21 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

L. B. Thomason

L. B. Thomason, 68, of 3883 Arp-Central Road, a retired tow-motor driver for Maremont Corp. in Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He was born in Crockett County, Nov. 29, 1931, son of the late Willie and Thelma Smith Thomason.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He leaves his wife, Peggy Sherrod Thomason; six sons, Ricky and Willie, of Ripley, Farlin, James, and Ronnie, of Thackerville, Okla., and Donnie, of Gainesville, Tex.; four daughters, Deborah Bowers, Patsy Land, Sharon Grimes, and Tonic Cannon, all of Ripley; three sisters, Faye Bouthwell and Sherry Harris, of Dallas, Tex., and Jean Holloway, of Houston, Tex.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Ham Stocklin

Ham Stocklin, 62, of San Bernardino, Calif., formerly of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in his home.

Services were set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Temple M.B. Church in San Bernardino, Mark B. Shaw Funeral Home in charge.

A former employee of Criner's Furniture, he had been a crane operator for Keiser Steel for many years.

He leaves his wife, Ruby Stocklin, of San Bernardino; a son, Robert Stocklin, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; three daughters, Gloria Stocklin, of Indiana, Tamara Stocklin, of San Bernardino, and Kim Banks, of San Francisco, Calif.; four brothers, Terry Lynn Stocklin, of Cherry, Robert Pamphlet and Y. Z. Stocklin, Jr., both of Memphis, and Corlis Mackey, of Orlando, Fla.; eight sisters, Mary Smith, Doris Stocklin, and Denise Winbush, all of Ripley, Brendell Reese, of Memphis, Brazell Brown and Robin Stocklin, both of Detroit, Mich., Marva Stocklin, of San Bernardino, Calif., and Maggie Pearl Lewis, of Illinois; and six grandchildren.

Rhea C. Kennedy

Rhea C. Kennedy, 73, of West Lafayette, Ind., formerly of Lauderdale County, died Tuesday of last week at his residence.

Services were Saturday in Lafayette First Southern Baptist Church, with entombment in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in Lafayette.

He was a retired electrician and union representative for Alcoa.

He leaves his wife, Alene Kennedy, of Lafayette; two sons, Randy Kennedy, of Halls, and Ronald Kennedy, of Virginia; four daughters, Elaine Moore, of Gates, and Norma Ward, Rebecca Hutcherson, and Laverne Booker, all of Halls; four step-sons, Harold Skeel, of Florida, Ronald Skeel, of West Lafayette, and Michael and Joseph Skeel, both of Lafayette; a stepdaughter, Denise Alsop, of Lafayette; 20 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Franklin O. Roy

Franklin O. "Butch" Roy, 62, of Memphis, welder and fitter who was the brother of Pauline Glenn, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Friday in Memphis Funeral Home Germantown-Parkway Chapel, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens.

A member of Macon Road Baptist Church, he leaves his wife, Linda J. Roy; two sons, Clifford, of Millington, and Bryan, of Olive Branch, Miss.; three daughters, Rhonda Belton, of Bartlett, Susie Rieben, of Horn Lake, Miss., and Lori Anne Flint, of Washington; a brother, Bryan, of Alton, Mo.; two other sisters, Annette Gray, of Covington, and Betty Bledsore, of Dexter, Mo.; and 15 grandchildren.

Joseph M. Stone

Joseph Miller Stone, 80, retired contractor, died Sunday, of heart failure, in his home at 316 South Jefferson in Ripley.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was born at Ripley, Nov. 29, 1919, son of the late Tom and Josephine Henderson Stone.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was the widower of Lillie Mae Stone.

He leaves a daughter, Delores Norcross, of Cordova; a brother, Fred, of Paris; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Henning Woman's Beating Ends Life

Ruby Fields Thompson, 88, who was found by her housekeeper, Betty Harris, Wednesday morning before last, in her home at 217 Graves, Henning, savagely beaten, died Saturday in Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in St. Paul Cemetery at Durhamville.

A glass in the back door of the home was broken, allowing someone to reach through and operate the door knob.

Sheriff Louis Craig says that all of the home's contents, including valuable crystal and silver, appear to be intact, except possibly a small amount of cash. He says his investigation is making some progress.

Widow of John G. Thompson, "Miss Ruby" was a member of Victory Baptist Church, Henning, and a 50-year member of Chapter 354, Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves a daughter, Donna (Mrs. James E.) Rylee, of Lafayette, La.; three grandsons, including Ed Rylee, of 3493 Durhamville Road, whose wife is Susan Thomas Rylee; and three great-granddaughters, including Elizabeth Rylee, of 3495 Durhamville Road.

Memorial gifts may be addressed to her church at P.O. Box 489, Henning, or to St. Paul Cemetery, c/o W. S. Thomas, 3420 Durhamville Road, Ripley.

Joy Pruitt

Joy Pruitt, 76, Ridgely farmer, father of Larry Pruitt, of Ripley, and Wanda Jones, of Halls, died Sunday, of respiratory arrest, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in New Hope Bible Church of Union City, with burial in New Haven Cemetery, White-Ranson Funeral Home, of Union City, in charge.

He was a Church of Christ member.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Faulkner Pruitt; four other sons, Danny, of Union City, Donald, of Dyersburg, Roy, of Ridgely, and Tommy, of Martin; four other daughters, Earnestine Byrd, Judy Walker, and Shirley Harrison, of Dyersburg, and Frances Wagner, of Memphis; three half-brothers, Bobby, James, and Melborn Smith, of Ridgely; 31 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Bryan Koontz, of Madison, Wis., and Mrs. Jay Pierce, of Chicago, Ill., spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. Mrs. Koontz and Mrs. Pierce hosted a birthday party for Mr. and Mrs. Williams Friday before last. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Koontz, and Mrs. Pierce were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry in Ripley Thursday before last. They celebrated Mrs. Mary Gilliland's birthday Saturday before last week in Covington Care Nursing Home in Covington.

Joni Emerson and Taylor, of Halls, were dinner guests Sunday before last of the Floyd Emersons. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and sons, of Memphis, Mrs. Juanita Stanley and grandchildren, Mrs. Mike Arender, of Forked Deer, and Mrs. David Murray and daughter, Paige, of Dyersburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emerson in the afternoon.

Caleb Jordan, of Memphis, spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson. Their daughter, Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Eli, of Memphis, spent Wednesday night of last week with them, and Mrs. Juanita Stanley, of Forked Deer, visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Binkley, of Red Oak, Tex., spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss. Mrs. Barbara Moore and Barry Binkley, of Texas, visited over the weekend, and Mrs. Marie Furr, of Woodville, visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gilliland, of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry, of Ripley, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Williams Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Danny Simpson and Mrs. Randy Tims attended the Southern Women's Show in the Cook Convention Center in Memphis Sunday.

BULLETPROOF VESTS

Gates Police Department and the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department have purchased bulletproof vests through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000. The program, primarily sponsored by U.S. Rep. John Tanner, provided fifty percent matching grants for the purchase of 87,000 new vests in the Eighth Congressional District last year.

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Federal Judge Rules Against Hutcherson

United States District Judge Bernice B. Donald ruled Tuesday of last week that Lauderdale County had violated neither the procedural or substantive due process rights nor the equal protection rights of Wiley Hutcherson, West-ern Tennessee Enterprises, Inc., and Hutcherson Metals, Inc.

The suit, filed in September of 1996 against Lauderdale County, the County Commission, the Lauderdale County Regional Planning Commission, and several individual officials, claimed that Lauderdale County officials did not rezone property that he wanted for a land-fill due to their conflict of interest within their positions as county commissioners, road commissioners, chairmen of the Lauderdale County Highway Department, and as members of the Regional Planning Commission.

The suit asked for \$5 million in compensatory damages for the loss of income, additional costs and expenses incurred as a result of delay, damage to the business interest, and damage to Hutcherson's business reputation in the community. An additional amount of \$1 million was asked for punitive damages for malicious actions and callous indifference.

A suit filed with the state by Hutcherson was also ruled in the county's favor earlier.

Children In State's Care After Hearing

After a court hearing Monday, the three children of Petra and Wayne Nolen were ordered to remain in the state's custody but will be allowed to live with their parents under supervision.

Lauderdale County Juvenile Court Judge Rachel Anthony's ruling was made because of the unsafe and unsanitary conditions, which were revealed during two days of testimony.

The couple was living in Fulton in February when Dewayne was reported missing. After an exhaustive two day search, he was found with two dogs that kept him warm overnight. He was returned to his family for only a short time before officials took custody of Dewayne. They had already taken custody of his two sisters, Bobbie, 14, and Jolene, 1.

The hearing began March 23rd

and resumed Monday. Defense witnesses testified that the Nolens were loving and concerned parents. They claimed the disheveled home was caused by rescue workers using the home to warm themselves during the search, tracking in mud, drinking coffee which made dirty dishes everywhere, and trying to find clothing for the bloodhounds to find Dewayne's scent.

The state's witnesses testified the house on a scale of one to ten with ten being the worst, was not a ten but it would be close. Judge Anthony said that the mess was unlikely caused by one night and said the evidence presented showed an unsafe environment for the small children with a TV placed in a dangerous position, choking hazards on the floor, and no child safety gates to keep the toddler away from other household dangers.

T. D. Forrester, the Nolen's attorney, said Monday he plans to appeal Anthony's ruling to circuit court.

TRAINING SEMINAR

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Dept. of Tourism will host a training seminar, "May I Help You?" at the Tennessee Technol-

ogy Center, Ripley, on Wednesday, April 19th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bank of Ripley will sponsor the seminar and lunch will be provided.

Remay Winchester, from the Tennessee Dept. of Tourist Development, will conduct the seminar, sharing information and helpful tips on dealing with customers, handling complaints, creating a positive image, learning the power of

your voice, and changing unhappy customers into happy, satisfied customers.

Lisa Hankins, Executive Director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, says, "I am very excited about the program, because everyone deals with the public in some form at one time or another. Information is what we say and communication is how we say it."

The seminar cost is \$10 and reservations are required. All proceeds go to the Lauderdale County Education Foundation. The reservation deadline is Monday, April 17th. For further information or to register, call the chamber at 635-9541.

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MEGAN JORDAN, center, was crowned Miss Halls Saturday night in the Richard Lazure Gym. Jordan, daughter of Jay and Cindy Jordan, is accompanied by her court, from left, Crystal McCaslin, daughter of Ricky and Annette McCaslin, Miss Congeniality; alternate, Amber Sadler, daughter of Bill and Carol Woodley; second maid Natalie Hart, daughter of Bobby and Nancy Hart; and first maid Rachel Roberts, daughter of Ronnie and Charlene Roberts.

Thursday, April 27th should not panic. The school has been chosen for the site of a "realistic" car crash scene, in which local emergency personnel will be used to make the scene look and sound like a real car crash with real victims.

The event will be staged by the Lauderdale County Community Health Council and local and state health and law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Lauderdale County Board of Education.

The Madison County Safety Coalition will provide the actors, actresses, make-up, and outfits to make the event seem real to students, the purpose to demonstrate the harsh reality of what often happens when driving an automobile

HHS To Be Site Of Car "Crash" Scene

Anyone who sees and hears emergency vehicles rushing to Halls High School at 10 a.m.

while under the influence of alcohol. "We lose too many young lives in alcohol related car accidents," said Bobby Webb, School Superintendent. "We hope this demonstration will cause our young people to think seriously about the consequences of drinking and driving."

The public is invited to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley will host an Easter Egg Hunt and Country Store beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15th at the Ripley Park. Cost for the egg hunt is \$1 per child. All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life.

No Foes For Fitzhugh, Norris In Legislature

Last Thursday's dead-line for Aug. 3rd ballots leaves State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, unopposed to represent Lauderdale County and western Haywood County (Dist. 82) in the State House.

Shelby County Commissioner Mark Norris is unopposed for the State Senate from District 32, which stretches across Shelby, Tipton, and Lauderdale Counties.

Norris will succeed Tom Leatherwood, who is leaving his State Senate seat to run for Property Assessor in Shelby County.

Norris narrowly escaped opposition from Joe Culp, of Millington, who filed in Shelby County minutes before the dead-line but didn't know the district included other counties in which he also had to file.

Radio-thon To Benefit Area Special Olympics

WTRB-AM 1570 will hold the annual Area 8 Special Olympics Radio-thon at 6 a.m. till noon Friday. Callers will be able to "adopt" a Special Olympian for \$10 by calling the station at 635-1570. A donation can be made in memory or in honor of someone. Callers can "adopt" as many participants as they wish. There is no obligation, other than the adoption fee.

Funds raised through this event will help finance the games to be held Wed., April 26th at Tiny Knee Stadium. The games depend solely on donations from individuals, businesses, and the industrial community. "Funds are needed to meet the increasing cost of the Special Olympic program," said Anne Paris, Area 8 director.

Over 500 Special Olympians from Lauderdale and the four surrounding counties of Dyer, Crockett, Haywood, and Tipton are expected for this year's event.

This year's games are being dedicated to the memory of the late Louis Jennings, former Ripley Parks and Recreation director. Before his death last summer, Louis

Hee Haw Will Make Friday Performance

The annual Hee Haw Show will be performed one night only beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14th at the Billy Jo Childress Barn. The kick-off fundraiser for Relay for Life was canceled earlier this year because of the renovations of Ripley High School's Little Theater. Producers of the show have promised lots of music and fun. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

Rep. Craig Fitzhugh Gives To Boy Scouts

Rep. Craig Fitzhugh's lucky key unlocked a \$50 donation for Boy Scout Troop No. 63 in the Tennessee Health Care Association's sixth annual Treasure Hunt charity fundraising event.

Troop 63, of Ripley, has 35 registered boys, ranging in age from eleven to eighteen. Ray Webb is their scoutmaster.

Fitzhugh is one of 68 legislators whose efforts made possible a total of \$10,000 in donations to 75 charities throughout the state.

EASTER SERVICE

Halls First United Methodist Church will have a community-wide Easter service at 7 p.m. April 19th. The Rev. Randy Jetton will bring the message, and an offering for the union mission will be taken. The public is invited.

was a long time supporter of Special Olympics and was instrumental in preparing and setting up the field for the games.

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NOTICE - Reward offered for return of female collie-mix dog. Escaped from collar, disappeared from Double Bridges area wk. of March 6th. 901-836-0290, leave message. 13-1pt

Land Transfers

April 3 - Donna Ellis and Dwight Ellis to Dianne McCloud and Larry McCloud, Dist. 16, 20,000 acres.

Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner to Ricky McCaslin, Dist. 12, lot.

April 4 - Garmer Currie, Jr., James R. Currie, LaJoy D. Currie,

Loester D. Currie, Sr., Martin B. Currie, Willia C. Evans, Vernell C. Neely, and Daisy C. Somerville to Carolyn A. Currie and LaJoy D. Currie, Dist. 10, lot.

Joyce Cannon and Tucker Oneal Cannon to Deborah Russell and Stephen Russell, Dist. 11, 1.410 acres.

Sylvia Hicks to Aline T. Smith, Dist. 16, lot.

April 5 - Helen S. Salmon and Ted J. Salmon to James Clark, Dist. 10, 0.162 acres.

April 6 - Henry P. Webb and Patricia Webb to Pine Ridge Driving Range LLC, Dist. 6, lot.

Bill Cobb, Beverly Parker, and Douglas B. Parker to TAR LLC, Dist. 3, 10.250 acres.

Davemor Eugene Caldwell and Peggy Braden Caldwell to Carolyn J. Griggs and Willie R. Griggs, Dist. 2, 4 tracts.

NURSING COURSE

The American Red Cross, Mid-South Chapter, is offering a five-week Certified Nursing Assistant Course, Monday through Friday, April 24th through May 26th. The class fee is \$500.

The course time is 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. daily at the Mid-South Chapter, 1400 Central Ave., Memphis. The deadline to register is Friday, April 22nd. For further information or to register, call 901-726-1690.

GOSPEL SING

The Goodman Family will host a gospel sing at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 15th, in the Rescue Squad Building at Nankipoo.

Featured entertainment will be The Intercessions, The Castles and The Goodman Family.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge, but a good will offering will be taken.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Servants with Roy McNeal, of Memphis, will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 15th at the Halls Community Cen-

ter, 201 N. College Street. A love offering will be taken.

Special guests will be The Songsmen, of Paragould, Ark.

The public is invited. For further information, call 836-0703.

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Halls Pageant Winners



LITTLE MR. AND MISS HALLS Pageant was held March 31st. The winners were, from left, 2nd Page, Shamari Gooch, son of Gina Gooch; 1st Page, Douglas Newman, son of James and Sandra Newman; King, Corey Crihfield, son of Ricky and Phyllis Crihfield; Queen, Ashton Smith, daughter of Stacey Alley; 1st Maid, Madison Hamlet, daughter of David and Zena Hamlet; and 2nd Maid, Hali Conrad, daughter of Clay and Micki Conrad.



LITTLE MISS HALLS Pageant winners were, from left, 1st Maid, Cassie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joey King; Queen, Mildred Everth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones; 2nd Maid, Christina Lopez, daughter of Sandra Lopez; and 3rd Maid, Tina Shands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shands.



JUNIOR MISS HALLS Pageant royalty included, from left, 2nd Maid, Julie Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Pratt; 1st Maid, Nacole Hutcherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Hutcherson, Jr.; Queen, Jessica Matthews, daughter of Mrs. Ann Brown; and 3rd Maid, Jennifer Buntin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buntin.

HHS MEETING

Woodville Locals

Halls High School will host a meeting for parents of students entering the 9th grade this fall at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 17th, in the high school cafeteria.

Information on graduation requirements, block schedule and Gateway test will be discussed.

All parents are encouraged to attend. For further information, call Mary Jo Crihfield, school counselor, at 836-9642.

By Pat Hughes

Mrs. Shelia Summar, wife of Rickie Summar, passed away, of cancer, Monday morning.

Cathy Parish, of Halls, spent Sunday with her cousin, Pat Hughes. Cathy's hand, after surgery, is doing well.

Pat Hughes is doing better, but is still under doctor's treatment.

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Is Drought 2000 A Sure Thing?

The other day as I picked up my morning newspaper out of the roadside ditch full of water from the night's rain, I was shocked to see an unusual headline. There in bold print were the words, "Current drought may last through summer."

Only the night before we had experienced two inches of "drought" and were expecting more. Could we really be in a drought? Was my local newspaper playing an April's Fool joke on their readership?

By many standards of record keeping by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) we are indeed in some form of drought. Some areas have had rain, others have not, but to the people who keep the records, they feel we are still in a drought.

Last year, the eastern United States (which is us) experienced a major dry weather pattern that started in late spring. As the summer progressed, the dry weather pattern continued to leave the area void of rainfall. Moisture accumulation in the form of both rain-fall and snow has remained below normal since last summer.

Spring rains are now quickly replacing depleted moisture and may soon bring soil and crop conditions back to, or above, normal. The question now is how long will the rain last.

On March 13, NOAA forecasted a major drought

for our state this summer. The forecast is largely predicted on the continuing impact of a La Nina in the Pacific Ocean. The impact of La Nina on global climate tends to cause summer temperatures in our area to be higher than normal and precipitation less than normal. Which means they are predicting this summer to be hot and dry, somewhat like last summer. If that happens again, Tennessee's farmers will be faced with major problems. Two years in a row of drought conditions and continued low crop prices could be the final financial blow for many of our state's farmers.

However, one aspect of the NOAA prediction could help all of us breathe just a little easier. The probability of their forecast is somewhat elusive. The real issue facing crop producers is the probability percentage. Meteorologists and weather forecasters indicate that there is about a 15% probability in any given year that adverse weather will push crop yields below national trend lines.

Given the current status of La Nina, the probability of below trend line yields is about double the norm, or 30%.

The flipside of these predictions is that the probability of normal, even above normal yields is in the order of 70%. Moreover, that probability may be growing since the La Nina event has faded in recent weeks. Some experts are saying that the sea surface temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific may return to normal within a month or two. This would suggest relatively normal temperature/moisture conditions.

By the odds still being

two-to-one that there will not be a drought, it is important not to over react. It may be prudent to make some minor adjustments in crop marketing plans if you are a farmer, but don't plan on selling desert property just yet in Tennessee.

When you hear the predictions of rain for July in March, just remember that the last real accurate weather forecast that actually happened was given to Noah. The forecaster who gave him his information is the only one who knows and he hasn't made a forecast in several thousand years.

ART WINNERS

Justin McNeal, a senior at Ripley High School, is the Lauderdale County winner of the 2000 Congressional Art Competition. His pencil drawing, entitled "Tootie," will be judged in the district competition April 28th in Carnegie Library, Jackson.

Recognition was also given to second place winner, Graham Webb, of Ripley High School, for his work entitled "Lazer Tag," and to third place winner, Julie Terry, of Halls High School, for her work, "The Neglected Palace."

Jonathan Woodard, of Halls High School, received Honorable Mention for his work, "Bad Poetry."

"We are very proud of these fine young artists, and they are certainly to be commended for their hard work and dedication," said Congressman John Tanner.

The district winner's artwork will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol, along with the work of winners from all over the United States.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Five Lauderdale County students were awarded scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year at

the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, Director of Admissions.

Students receiving the UTM Scholarship include Cassie Burnham, daughter of Danny and Brenda Burnham, of Ripley; Kristy Craig, daughter of Kenneth and Alice Carroll, of Henning; and James Harper, son of Joe and Melissa Harper, of Ripley. Kristy Craig was also awarded the Harold Conner African-American Scholarship.

Lonnie Sewell II, son of Lonnie and Madonna Sewell, of Halls, received the Dean's Scholarship/Workshop.

Erin Steelman, daughter of Robert and Sandra Steelman, of Halls, received the Cheerleader Training and Scholarship Program Award.

For further information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Bld., UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238.

In-state residents may call 800-829-UTM1, and out-of-state residents should call 901-587-7040.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Dyersburg Christian Center, 591 Davis Drive, Dyersburg, will host Holy Week Convocation services, Tuesday through Friday, April 18th to 21st. The services will begin with 6 p.m. prayer nightly.

The guest evangelist will be The Rev. Pearlie M. Qualls.

For further information, call 901-286-9138.

Marriages

March 4 - Justin Brian Northcott, 20, to Brandi Lynn Young, 18, by Dr. William F. Northcott.

April 1 - James Terry Northcott, 28, to Julie Mashay Henson, 20, by Willard Norvell.

April 6 - Andrew Nolen Whitmore, 28, to Shannon Blythe Alpe, 29, by Willard Norvell.

April 7 - Thomas Lee Martin Stewart, III, 31, to Tabitha Ann Stewart, 27, by Willard Norvell.

Cherry Idea For Children: Cook With Cherries

(NAPS)—A growing number of families are finding a great way to get the warmth of togetherness is to get cooking. Teaching little ones to cook can present big rewards in the form of good eating, time spent together and such educational concepts as math, measurements...and patience.

One dish youngsters love to help make is dessert. Making desserts with cherries helps make them nutritious as well as fun. For example, try this improvement on the ice cream cone.

Dessert To Go

- 1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- 3 cups whipped topping
- 1 (4-serving-size) package any flavor instant pudding (chocolate is good!)
- 1-¼ cups cold milk
- 6 flat-bottom ice cream cones
- Colored sprinkles and/or maraschino cherries, for garnish

1. Put a colander or strainer in a bowl. Pour cherries into the strainer, draining the juice into the bowl. Save the juice to add to orange juice or other drinks; you do not need the juice for this recipe.

2. Put the drained cherries on a cutting board. With a sharp knife, carefully cut each cherry in half. Have an adult show you how to use the knife. Set aside.

3. Prepare pudding according to package directions using



They'll all scream for ice cream cones when they're filled with this easy to make—and even easier to eat—cherry-filled dessert.

1-¼ cups cold milk. Refrigerate pudding 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, put cherry halves in a large mixing bowl. With a rubber spatula, scoop whipped topping into the bowl. Stir gently until cherries are mixed with whipped topping.

5. Fill each cone with ¼ cup pudding. Top each with ¼ cup cherry mixture. Decorate with colored sprinkles or a maraschino cherry. Serve immediately. This dessert is best eaten with a spoon.

For a free "Kids Cook With Cherries" brochure, send a postcard with your name, address and ZIP code to: Cherry Marketing Institute, P.O. Box 30285, Dept. Kids, Lansing, MI 48909-7785.

Horse Judging Team



4-Her's traveling to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Western District 4-H Horse Judging Competition include, in front, from left, Ginna Cherry, of Ripley Elementary School; Sarah Barnes; First Presbyterian Christian School; Jamie Summar and Shannon Savley, Lauderdale Middle School; and, in back, from left, Mindi Newman, coach; Jamal Holloway, Ripley High School; Distinctive Holloway, LMS; Jessica Layne, Halls Elementary School; and Jamie Wilson, Halls High School.

More than 300 4-Her's, parents and coaches were in attendance April 4th at the UTM Ag Pavilion to match skills with other 4-Her's across West Tennessee. The five classes of horses judged were Racking, Western Pleasure, Halter Mares, Hunter Under Saddle and Quarter Horse Geldings. Sr. High members also gave two sets of oral reasons on specified classes.

Participation Awards were given to Distinctive, Shannon, Jamal and Jamie. The Jr. Team consisting of Ginna, Sarah, Jessica and Jamie placed third out of nineteen teams.

For further information about the 4-H horse program, call the Extension Office, 635-9551.

Inducted



BRADLEY R. HARRELL, son of Barry and Nita Harrell, of Halls, was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Dyersburg State Community College March 26th. Phi Theta Kappa requires members to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. A freshman, Harrell is the grandson of Don and Betty Ray, of Ripley, and Frances Harrell, of Halls. He has maintained a GPA of 3.8 and was elected as President of the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter at DSCC. He attended the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention in Chattanooga, March 31st through April 2nd. Harrell will represent the chapter at the International Convention in Orlando, Fla., April 19th - 23rd.

Cain, Loretta Thurmond, Mary Yanders.

April 16 - Ty Spoon, Myles Benjamin, Chad Neal, Cliff Floyd, Kristin Nicole Hinton, Ray Hurt, Sandra Steelman.

April 17 - Michelle Vaughn, Robin Porter, Brandon Vowell, Pat Smith, Rusty Kesler, Brad Williams, Brittany Lane.

April 18 - Jean McDearman, Rickie Kerley, Laura Jennings, La-

Birthdays

April 13 - Kathy Spoon, Jerry Temple, Jr., Deana Gammon, Dennis King, Jean Belton, Jonathan Scearce, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley.

April 14 - Doug Nelson, Kathy Sills, Jan Holder, Jessie Belton, Lila Waninger, Hunter Racliffe, Cyndi McFall, Steve Sanders, Donna Galloway, Brandon Harrison, Kamryn Pennington.

April 15 - Syble Moore, Jerry Summar, Jeremy Maxwell, Chris Pitts, Rebecca Cain, Craig Tucker, Tommy Fisher, Adrian Taylor Terry, Dan Ungerecht, Rebecca

Feria Winners



STUDENTS of Halls High School participated in the Ninth Annual Spanish Feria at Dyersburg State Community College March 30th. The event, sponsored by DSCC, is a competition between high school students in categories of Spanish Conversation, Dictation, Poetry Recitation, Vocabulary, Arts and Crafts, and Food Preparation.

HHS won overall 2nd place in Level II Conversation, competing against teams from Bradford, Brighton, Covington, Dyer County, Dyersburg, Halls, Milan, Obion County, and Peabody high schools.

HHS students participating included, from left, Rachel Wilson, 2nd place winner in Paper Crafts; Lacara Sawyer, 2nd place winner in both Cartas de Identidad (name tags) and Entradas (Food Preparation, main course); Kristina Deaton, 3rd place in Level I Poesia (Dictation); Courtney Thomas, 2nd place in Level I Dictado (poetry); and Katie Cook, 2nd place in Level II Dictado (poetry).

tricia Turner, Brian Bailey, Jo Turner.

April 19 - Jamie Jones, Celeste Kiestler, Hannah Kelly, Houston Haynes, Laura Layne, Martha Land, Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, Jamie Jones, Alex Dunaway, Jane Burnett.

Anniversaries

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

April 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Brent Stanley.

April 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Summar.

April 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Trosper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drumwright.

Fund Raising



MIKE PENA, formerly of Halls, grandson of Dewey and Reba Anwood, of Dry Hill, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pena, of Atoka, has been raising money needed for his trip. He was selected to perform with the Spirit of America National Band, he will represent West Tennessee as they tour Europe. Fund raising has reached the half-way point and Mike thanks everyone for their monetary support and those who have stopped by the car wash, bought candy bars, and yard sale items. There will be a garage sale April 15th in Atoka and a car wash April 22nd in Millington.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dew, of Gates, a 7 lb. 13 oz. daughter, Mackenzie Ann, born at 12:12 p.m. March 17th in Germantown Methodist Hospital. She was 20 1/2 inches long and has two brothers, Cody and Grant. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James White, of Halls, and Janet Dew, of Ripley. Great-grandparents are Olga Dew, of Halls, and Mildred Langley, of Ripley.

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Gene Austin

Gene Austin, 14, of Bolivar, half-brother of Matt Williams, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Fayetteville, Ark., where his father, Eugene Vernon Austin, Jr., resides with his wife, Helen.

Rites were at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Shackelford Funeral Home in Bolivar, where he had been a high school freshman, playing football. Burial was in Melrose Cemetery at Whiteville.

Survivors include his mother, Carolyn, and his step-father, Barry Williams, of Whiteville; other half-brothers, Barry, Jr., Whiteville, and Jimmy Baker, of Jackson; five sisters, Christi Carson, Dani Ade, and Kelly McDonald, of Fayetteville, Miranda Woods, of Whiteville, Summer Ross, of Toone; and grandparents, Lorraine Baker, of Bolivar, and Doris Phillips, of Toone.

Mrs. Daniels

Bernadine C. Daniels, 71, of 223 Kellar, Ripley, the widow of D. W. Daniels, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She was a Baptist.

She leaves three daughters, Debbie (Mrs. Mike) Nolen and Pam (Mrs. Jerry) Wakefield, of Luckett, and Tammy Max, of Drummonds; a brother, Ray Conrad, of 464 Perkins, Ripley; two sisters, Catherine Potter, of Henning, and Mamie (Mrs. Wilbur) Maxwell, of Asbury; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Dewayne Volner

Dewayne Volner, 62, of Dyersburg, brother of Jerry and Jimmy Volner, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of a brain hemorrhage, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Thursday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

He had been a heavy-equipment operator for Water-Save for 35 years.

He was a member of First United Pentecostal Church in Dyersburg.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, a son, Steve, and a daughter, Rosemary Hawatt, of Dyersburg; two other brothers, Vernon, of RoEllen, and Johnny, of Whittier, Calif.; seven sisters, Brenda Ann Hartley, of Dyersburg, Delores Foster, Donna Kay Mallard, and Margaret Dunaway, of RoEllen, Polly Stewart, of Newbern, Fern Tennyson, of Kansas City, Mo., and Gladys Rule, of Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Mary Faye Scott

Mary Faye Scott, 88, mother of Diane Cook, of Gates, died Saturday, of respiratory failure, in Dyer Nursing Home.

She had retired from employment with Morris Mfg. Co.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

Widow of Daymon Scott, she leaves three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Virgel Ellis

Jean Ellis, 74, formerly of Halls, widow of Virgel Ellis, died Wednesday, of pneumonia, in Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 4 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of South Fork Baptist Church, where she was a member.

She leaves a daughter, Barbara Mullins, of Brighton; two sisters, Gertrude Johns Jones, of 329 S. Hazel, Halls, and Nannie B. Johns Burns Etheridge, of 803 Park Meadows Cove, Halls; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

L. H. Watts

L. H. Watts, 74, of Halls, retired construction worker, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

A member of Fowlkes Church of Christ, he leaves a brother, Raymond Watts, of 1728 Double Bridges-Unionville Road, and a nephew, Tony Moore, of 1522 Meeks Rd., who looked after him.

Mrs. J. T. Loyens

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Loyens, 69, born at Halls, daughter of the late Henry and Edna Blankenship Nails, died March 24th in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Jackson.

Rites were at 1 p.m. March 27th in Lawrence-Sorenson Funeral Home in Jackson, with burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

Educated in Oakfield, she had retired from the Quaker Oats Co.

Widow of Johnnie Thomas Loyens, she leaves five children, Larry and Terry, of Jackson, James, of Lexington, Patricia (Mrs. Larry) Kimble, of Lavinia, and Teresa (Mrs. Kenny) Massengill, of Humboldt; two sisters, Evelyn Morris, of Jackson, and Maxine Jarrett, of Oakfield; and six grandchildren.

James S. Blaylock

James Stanley Blaylock, 52, of Memphis, father of J. S., Jr., and Wanda Marie Lendermon, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis, after a heart attack.

Rites for the retired carpenter were at 11 a.m. Friday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Drummonds.

Survivors include two other daughters, Charlotte Brown, of Millington, and Sandra Blaylock, of Memphis; a brother, Albert, of Memphis; four sisters, Jean Montgomery and Shelia Kulawinski, of Munford, Gladys Pepper, of Millington, and Shirley Hull, of Alabama; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Whittimore

Rosie Lee Whittimore, 78, sister of Earline Ross, of Ripley, died April 4th in Humboldt Manor Nursing Home, of heart failure.

Rites were at 3 p.m. April 6th in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery near Maury City.

She had been a sewing machine operator for Kellwood Company.

The widow of Guy Whittimore, she leaves three sons, David and James, of Alamo, and Jimmy, of Jackson; and three daughters, Patricia Hopper, of Alamo, Louise Allen, of Bells, and Thelma Miller, of Crockett Mills.

Mrs. Ballard

Lillie Polk Ballard, 90, widow of Aubrey Ballard, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Ripley Healthcare.

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

A member of Henning Assembly of God, she leaves no close relatives.

Willie Hill Shaw

Willie Hill Shaw, 84, of 200 Green, Henning, a retired farmer, died March 31st, of diabetes, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Thursday of last week in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widow of Maggie Whitelaw Shaw, he leaves a daughter, Lela Eston, of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Anderson and Anphan Nolen, of Elyria, Ohio; two sisters, Leora Brooks and Vallie Pearl Bowman, of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pauline Dicks

Pauline Burr Terry Dicks, 80, of 319 Pine, Halls, died Saturday, of an intestinal obstruction, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in South Fork Baptist Church in Crockett County, where she was a member, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of W. T. Terry and Raymond Dicks, she leaves four sons, Jerry, Jimmy, and Manlyn Terry, of Halls, and Rodger Terry, of Ripley; eight daughters, Edith Hoggeland, Kay Boone, and Mary McAlister, of Halls, Juanita Prater, of Alamo, Norma Jean Hilliard, Ola George, and Vertie McWherter, of Memphis, and Shirley Teter, of Toone, north of Bolivar; 40 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Doris Fletcher

Doris Mashburn Fletcher, 68, of Covington, sister of Roby Mashburn, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Friday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Randolph Cemetery.

Widow of Louis Fletcher, Jr., she was a member of Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, George, of Covington, James, of Macon, and Larry, of Pensacola, Fla.; three daughters, Tammie Buford, of Covington, Brenda Gail Haley, of Brighton, and Waverly Ann Kellett, of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Paulette Davis, of Brighton, and Mary Janet Pugh, of Munford; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Shelia Summar

Mrs. Shelia Summar, 53, a correction officer, of Ripley, died Monday of cancer in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

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

Survivors include her husband, Rick Summar; two sons, Jerry Lynn Vickery, of Ripley, and Trey Vickery, of Burlington; three daughters, Melanie Vickery, Teresa Summar, and Tracy Summar, all of Ripley; her parents, J. B. and Dorothy Koonce, of Ripley; and two grandchildren.

Ollie Rodgers

Mrs. Ollie Mai Duncan Rodgers, 94, a homemaker, of Friendship, died Monday of cardio pulmonary arrest in Methodist Hospital Dyersburg.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

The widow of Charlie Henry Rodgers, she was a member of Palestine Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Charlie "Buddy" Rodgers and Billy "Monk" Rodgers, of Friendship, and Larry Rodgers, Sr., of Millington; four daughters, Hazel Rodgers Jones and Annie Maurine Willis, of Friendship, Ann "Tig" Mueller, of Dyersburg, and Patty Sue Davenport, of Nashville; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

James Louis Reed

James Louis Reed, 78, of Memphis, father of Afi Maule, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of diabetes, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis, it is reported by N. J. Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Memphis, where rites were held Saturday, with burial in New Park Cemetery.

Retired from Inland Steel, he was the widow of Hannah Reed.

Other survivors are reported as another daughter, Lorle Williams, of Champaign, Ill.; a sister, Louise Woodson, of Englewood, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

CARE AND SHARE

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 13926, participated in its yearly project, "Care and Share," in which they shopped and bought needed items for two needy children. The Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society.

DEADLINES SET

The Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency, 301 Lake Drive, Ripley, reminds all producers to certify their fall-seeded crops, such as wheat, by May 15th at the USDA Service Center.

Cotton producers must report their intended acreage for the crop year 2000 by June 1st. There will be an additional \$5 per acre charge if the acreage is not reported. Call 635-7686 to make an appointment.

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HALLS HIGH SCHOOL students, from left, Megan Jordan, Candie Layne, Leighann Harris, Jami Nolen and Kara Steelman attended the Tennessee Association of Student Councils Convention in Memphis, March 30th to April 1st.

The Memphis Central and Whitehaven High Schools hosted the convention, "Building Pyramids of Leadership."

Students heard motivational speakers, visited the Pink Palace Museum, the IMAX Theater and toured the Civil Rights Museum.

The closing was held in the Pyramid, with United States Rep. Harold Ford, Jr. as the keynote speaker.

Candie Layne and Natalie Hart received the All Star and Ambassador Award. Halls High School received the Four Star Council Award.

Advisors accompanying the group were Betty Warren and Mary Jo Cribfield.

visited Mrs. Woodrow Emerson in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Phillip Voss, of Belleville, Ill., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gilliland, of Memphis, visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ronnie Carmack and Mrs. Winston Carmack shopped in Jackson Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Ronnie Carmack and Mrs. Lewis Mills visited Mrs. Opal Emerson in Jackson-Madison County Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Mem-

phis Tuesday of last week for a doctor's checkup. Mrs. McNeill entered Baptist Hospital Collier-ville Tuesday of last week for leg surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack

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

As a storm nears, weather loaches are known to jump out of aquariums.

CORRECTION

Rhea C. Kennedy passed away Thursday, March 30th, not Tuesday, March 28th as was published in last week's issue. We apologize for this error.

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Chamber Banquet



BEAUTON MATTHEWS, center, is honored by The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Thursday of last week as the Chamber Citizen of the Year. Others receiving honors include, from left, Betty Henson, retiring president, who was presented a plaque of appreciation; Jerry Stanley, of Halls, and Don Paris, both recognized as Honorary Members of the Chamber; Delene Craig, Ambassador of the Year Award; Charles Albertson, of A. O. Smith Electrical Products, Large Business of the Year Award; Lisa Hankins, Chamber Executive Director; plus not pictured, Brian Collins, of Tennessee Technology Center, Small Business of the Year Award.

Mrs. Matthews was chosen for her dedication to family, community, and business, her leadership ability, demonstration of excellence in business, profession and/or avocation. She has been a tremendous support to both the chamber and the community. Her involvement over the years in Lauderdale County has been

tremendous and varied. Beaton is the Vice President of Community Development at the Bank of Ripley. She is married to Ollie Matthews and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, a student at Union University in Jackson.

Jerry Stanley, a majority owner in Arnold's Drug Company in Halls, and Don Paris, General Manager at WTRB Radio Station, were recognized for their outstanding contribution and dedication to the community. Both men have served on numerous boards and groups.

Delene Craig was recognized as Ambassador of the Year for her service both to the chamber and the community. Ambassadors serve the community with their involvement in ribbon cuttings and assisting in community events. Delene is an officer at BankTennessee.

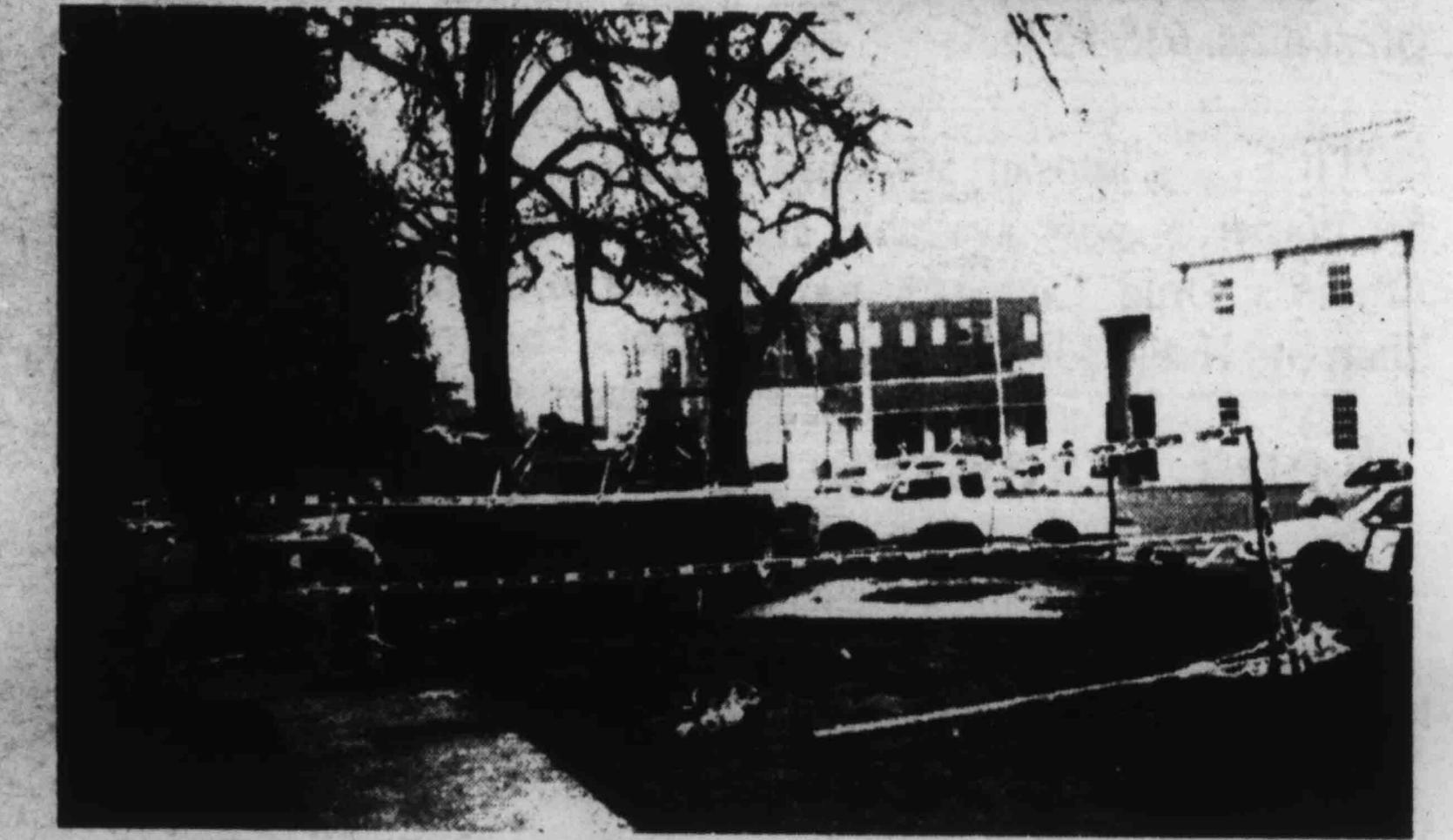
The Large and Small Business of the Year winners were recognized for their service. Both serve the community with fundraising events and the various sports and clubs in Lauderdale County as

well as employ many in the county. Local employers rely on Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley for assistance with job training and development programs. A. O. Smith, formerly Universal and MagneTek, has been a solid company contributing to the economic well-being of the county.

Chamber members were updated on activities for the past year as well as a list of upcoming activities. Charter members, A. O. Smith Electrical Products, S. N. Anthony Insurance, Bank of Ripley, Crain's Pharmacy, Criner's Furniture, The Lauderdale County Enterprise, Mays and Dunavant Pharmacy, Ripley Power and Light, Riley T. Pollard Insurance, Union Planters Bank, and WTRB Radio Station, were also recognized for more than 34 years of membership.

Centerpieces were donated by local business visually describing what their business involves. The winner was given a discount on the membership dues. Komatsu was the winner with a center-

First Copy



COUNTY EXECUTIVE ROZELLE CRINER, right, in upper photo, purchased the first copy of "It Happened Here," written by Liz Craft, left. The book, a factual history of the Lauderdale County Courthouse, includes facts on everyone who has held office since 1836 until the present. Copies can be purchased for

\$43.50 or add \$3.50 for out-of-town postage. All proceeds will be donated to the Courthouse Historic Marker Fund. In lower photo, workers have begun work on the foundation for the base of the marker, which will be dedicated May 15th. For further information or to purchase a book, call Mrs. Craft at 635-1636.

MAUNDY SERVICE

Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., approximately four miles north of Halls, will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 20th to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Tenebrae, a service of the extinguishing of the light. Through the program of scripture and music, the participants will have the opportunity to experience the last hours of Jesus' death.

For more information call The Rev. Fran Vickers at 836-0400. The public is invited to attend.

piece made entirely of parts.

Other retiring board members, Garland Johns, Bill Dickens, and Shirley Spiller, were given plaques of appreciation.

William D. "Bubba" Klutts was presented a Distinguished Board of Director award for his service above and beyond the call of duty.

2000 - 2001 President-elect Regina Fleming was introduced.

PLACES THIRD

Three Halls High School students, Angie Bernard, Amber Bivens and Amber Jackson, were among the nineteen students who participated in the Dyersburg State Community College's Upward Bound Program. On April 4th they attended the annual TASP (Tennessee Association of Special Programs) Upward Bound Scholars' Bowl Competition at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee.

In a field of ten teams from other Tennessee universities, the 2000 DSCC Upward Bound team placed third in the competition. Questions asked were in the areas of literature, history, mathematics, science and current events.

DSCC team members brought home individual recognition trophies and a special third place plaque, which will be displayed at Dyersburg State.

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Land Transfers

April 7 - Ibrahim Naber to Mike Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

Marjorie Cribfield to Patsy Cribfield, Dist. 14, 0.500 acres.

Angela Rhodes and Mickey Rhodes to Betty Hargett and Gus L. Hargett, Sr., Dist. 2, 0.250 acres.

Judy A. Mills and Roger L. Mills to Evelyn Vaden, Dist. 3, 2 tracts.

April 10 - James E. Clark to

Helen S. Salmon and Ted J. Salmon, Dist. 10, 0.427 acres.

April 11 - Betty Younger and Manson Younger to Carolyn A. Seaton and James H. Seaton, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Robert John Holcomb, Annie Laura Jennings, Betty Younger, and Manson Younger to Carolyn A. Seaton and James H. Seaton, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Billy F. Brewer and Wanda Brewer to Conrado Malone, Dist. 17, lot.

Grace Caldwell and Joseph Neal Caldwell to Joe B. O'Steen, Dist. 11, 1.260 acres.

April 12 - Lauren Shoaf to Charles L. Morris, Melinda K. Morris, Arthur W. Wonsler, and Carolyn J. Wonsler, Dist. 4, 28.160 acres.

Dawn Hemby and Rodney Lynn Hemby to Kenneth Choat, Dist. 10, 1.079 acres.

Cynthia H. Schuh and Darrell Wayne Schuh to Ronny J. Young, Dist. 2, 0.367 acres.

April 13 - Martha F. McCoy to

Veronica Fields, Dist. 2, 0.360 acres.

Eugene White to Curve Antioch Cemetery Association, Dist. 7, 2.000 acres.

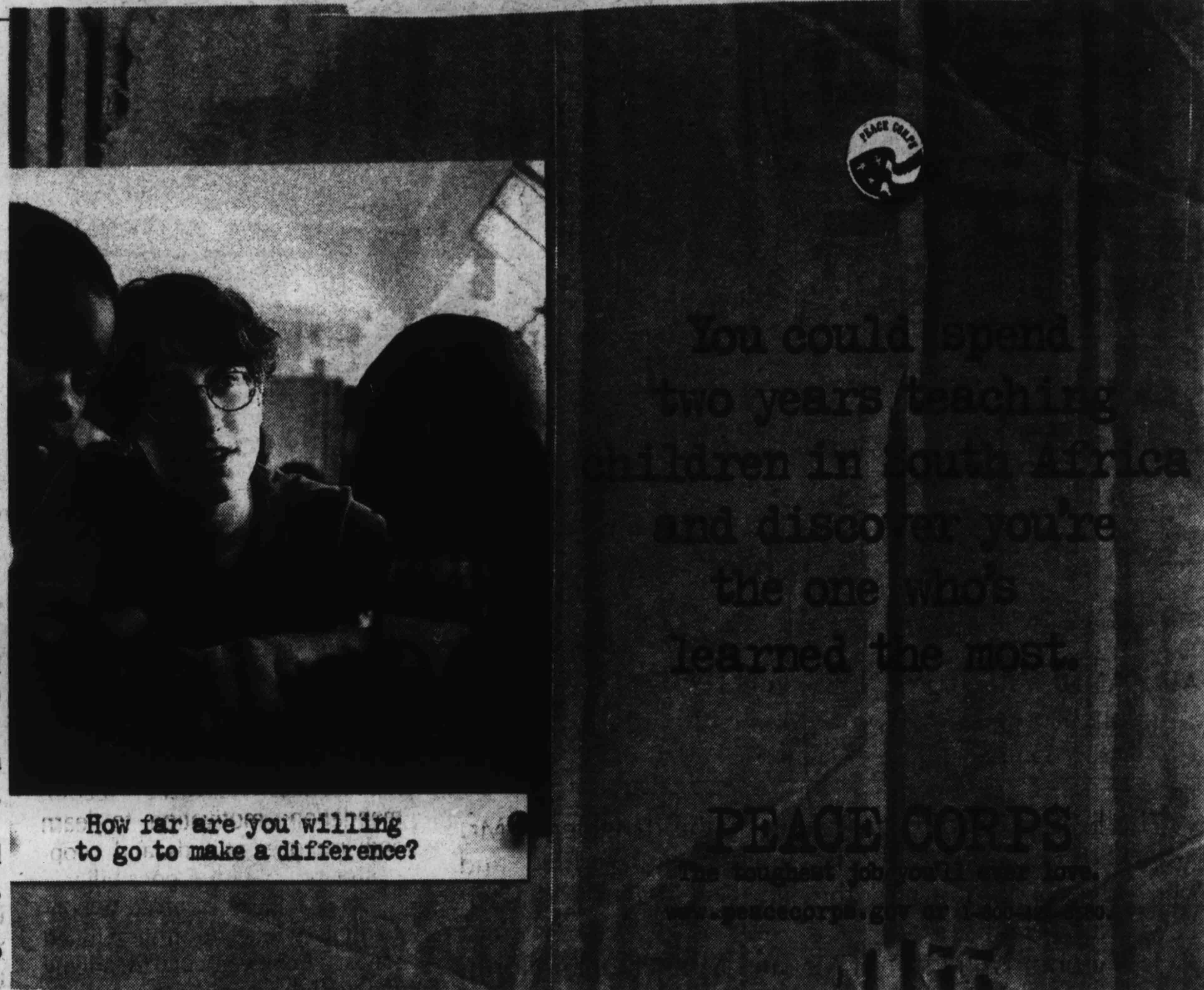
Vickie Jim to Betty Marrs, Dist. 3, 0.120 acres.

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scientist, Dr. Hugh Savoy. Richard Buntin, OCA, Extension Agent, recommends soil-testing your production fields so you can determine what nutrients are needed. Soil-test information sheets and boxes are available at the Extension Office.

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Candlelight Vows



MR. AND MRS. JUSTIN B. NORTHCOTT exchanged candlelight vows at 7 p.m. March 4th in First Baptist Church in Halls, with Dr. William F. Northcott officiating.

The bride, Brandi Lynn Young, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Young, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Young and the late Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Lewis, all of Halls.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Northcott, of Gates. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Northcott, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Adkins, of Gates.

The bride is employed by Security Bank in Dyersburg. The groom is employed by Hill Farms in Gates.

After a short stay in Nashville, the couple is making their new home in Gates.

Marriages

March 18 - James Earl O'Bryan, 44, to Tammy Lynn Burns, 34, by Travis Tatum.

March 31 - Eric John Groenke, 32, to Stephanie Jones Bolton, 26, by Abe F. Silliman, Jr.

April 1 - Bradley Kirk Lovelady, 25, to Crystal Gail Wakefield, 19, by Billy R. Morris, Sr.

April 8 - Jason Tyrone Pitts, 24, to Kenyatta Abril Beard, 20, by Glenn S. Strickland.

April 10 - Tyronne Lamont Wesley, 24, to Tarshia Michelle Whitlow, 26, by James Sullen.

April 14 - Earnest Lee Smith,

Awards Presented



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, from seventh and eighth grade, were presented United States National Mathematics awards. They are 1st row, from left, Rachel McCaslin, Jessica Bentley, Brooke Barnes, Brooke Hogue, Heather Escue and Eric Spangler; 2nd row, from left, Ben Hutcherson, Seth Steelman, Joey Gillon and Robin Escue; 3rd row, from left, Derrica Simmons, David Kevin Kesler and Sara Wright; 4th row, from left, Tina Barnett, Kevin Ward, Ashley Adkins, Jessica Mathews, Beth Sadler, Blake Brewster, Braden Burns and Corey Wright; and 5th row, from left, Jason Washegesic and Mark Langley.

Awards were based on academics; dependability; citizenship; leadership; mathematics skills and aptitude; enthusiasm; mathematics teacher's recommendation; motivation to learn and improve; attitude and cooperative spirit; and responsibility.

Each student received a congratulatory letter from the United States Achievement Academy and will be eligible for college scholarship grants. They will be recognized in the Official USAA Yearbook.

The students have Mrs. Dana Incrocci as their math teacher.

Christina Lynette McCorkle, 25, by Joe Swafford.

John Michael McKenzie, 18, to Nicole Dee Johnson, 18, by Herman Reviere.

Jr., 30, to Angela Williams, 23, by Willard Norvell.
Tyrell Dashaun Epps, 21, to

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Molly Escue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meadows, of Oakfield, and a 1996 graduate of Halls High School, participated in the 219th American Chemical Society National Meeting held in San Francisco, March 26th-31st.

Escue, one of ten students, along with five faculty members from Union University, Jackson, attending the conference, co-presented a paper titled "The Chloroplatinic Acid Catalyzed Hydroxylation of Alpha-Olefins." She plans on pursuing a career in industrial chemistry.

Union University was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Award, given to 28 chapters out of more than 900 chapters nation wide.

ley, Bill Caldwell, Paige Murray, Keith Jackson, Jean Ward.

April 22 - Catherine Carpenter, Diane Whitlow.

April 23 - Christie Woodard, Carmon Durham, Brantley English, Carolyn Mitchell, Autum Hutchison, Jimmy Hutcherson, Danny Belton, Natalie Hart, Madison Mountjoy.

April 24 - Robert Drumwright, April Parker, Stephanie Bonds, Craig Buckner, Patricia Murray, Jodie Edwards, Emily Paige King, William R. Whitson.

April 25 - Lex Sanders, Barbara Jennings, Becky Hilliard, Beth Deaton, Brenda Newman, Margie Halliburton.

April 26 - Mary Meadows, Emily Elkins, Alfred Brassfield, Emily Jennings, Susan Pipkin, Billie Belton, Lewis Vaden, Debbie Voss, David Booker.

Anniversaries

April 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins,

April 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams.

April 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.

April 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt.

April 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Searce.

Birthdays

April 20 - Beverly Hutcherson, Derry Newman, Don White, June Sapp, Sarah Brassfield, Sparkle Pitts, Donna Burns, Rev. Randy Jetton, B. J. Graham.

April 21 - Shannon Ray Walker, Paul Meadows, Lee Smal-

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Cultural Art Winners



CULTURAL ART WINNERS in the annual Cultural Art competition April 17th in Carney Hall of the Bank of Ripley include, in upper photo, seated, from left, Jewel Johnston, Handcrafted Toys; Clara Silliman, Fiber Art; Ann Dunavant, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and Embroidery; and Verna Thompson, Photography; and standing, from left, Eloise Paige, standing in for Mae Dunaway, Fine Art Painting; Julia Alley, Other Hand Stitchery (smocking); Carolyn Simpson, Bead Work; and Dorothy Holcomb, Other Quilted Items and Miscellaneous. Mrs. Alley is holding the winning Holiday entry of Ann Walker, and Mrs. Simpson is holding the winning Hand Quilted Quilt of Doris Dormayer. In front of Mrs. Dunavant is the winning Ceramic and Pottery entry of Joyce Wakefield.

Katherine Garner and Carol Walker, members of the Art Council, served as judges. Winners in all divisions, except Miscellaneous, will enter District competition July 31st.

Other participants in the competition were Inez Hanson, Polly Dziedic, Janet Kirby, Fannie Williams, Kathryn Anthony, Becky Williams and Harriet King. Extension Agent, Janie Connell, and FCE County Council Executive Officers, Carolyn Simpson, Betty Chipman, Eloise Paige and Janet Kirby, coordinated the event. The Do-Sew

Club coordinated the potluck meal.

Steve Sanders, in lower photo, with the Ripley Police Department, interacted with FCE members, cautioning them about scams and fraud schemes presently operating in the county, and how not to become a victim of a scheme.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Dawn Griffith spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley Roberson, and helped her father celebrate his 82nd birthday. Dawn visited relatives and friends while she was here.

Louise Thurmond moved to Canterbury Place last week to stay for about a month while her sister, Mrs. Maurine Wilcox, of Rockford, Ill., visits her children in Arizona. Miss Thurmond will return home to Halls when her sister returns. The Rev. Randy Jetton, of Halls, visited her in Canterbury Place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paige visited their daughter, Mrs. Harold Clement, and Mr. Clement in Alamo Saturday night.

Virginia Austin visited friends at Canterbury Place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Vaden visited friends in Canterbury Place Sunday afternoon.

Jo's Kids Perform



JO'S KIDS performed "Good Kings Come In Small Packages," April 1st, at the Halls Community Center. They are, in front, from left, Caleb Wright, Cody Dew, Molly Peeler, Heather Hill, Heather Olds and Madison Hamlet; and, in back, from left, Sarah Hargett, Anna Spray, Sally Jo Turner, April Nichols and Caitlyn Harrison.

On April 13th, the group performed for the Prime Timers at Calvary Hill Baptist Church.



SHELLY KIMBLE, employee of the Lauderdale County Bank in Halls, stands beside a display of "Little Red Schoolhouses", which honor a current or former teacher for National Teachers Day, May 9th. Each schoolhouse costs \$1 and may be purchased at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds will benefit the Lauderdale County Education Foundation and will stay in the county.

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 24th

- Hamburger w/Trimming
- Choice of Pizza
- Curly Fries
- Lettuce & Tomato Cup
- Mixed Fruit Cup
- Pear Half
- Peanut Butter Cookie
- Milk

Tuesday, April 25th

- Soft Shell Tacos w/Trimming
- Chicken Salad On Croissant Rolls
- Corn On Cob
- Mixed Green Salad w/Dressing
- Peach Slices
- Applesauce
- Milk

Wednesday, April 26th

- Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
- Ham & Cheese On Hoagie Bun
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Steamed Mixed Vegetables
- Orange Slices
- Pineapple Chunks
- Rolls
- Milk

Thursday, April 27th

Tina M. Mabins

Tina Marie Mabins, 43, nurse's aid, of Dallas Tex., daughter of Willie E. Mabins, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Charlton Hospital in Dallas of heart failure.

Services were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Thomas/Bledsoe Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Love Cemetery in Halls.

Survivors include her mother, Louise Jones, of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Alisha Pratt, of Garland, Tex.; three half-brothers, Keith Mabins, of Halls, and Niem Abdul Salakm and Stanley Battle, of Columbus, Ohio.

- Fried Chicken
- Entrée - School's Choice
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Congeaed Fruit Salad
- Fruit Cocktail
- Rolls
- Milk

Friday, April 28th

- Foot Long Hot Dog w/Chili or Cheese
- Seasoned Fries
- Baked Beans
- Choice of Fresh Fruit
- Cookie
- Milk

Fresh Strawberry Pie

- Crust: 15-oz. refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Filling: 2 cups fresh, very ripe strawberries, mashed
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups whole ripe strawberries
- Reddi-wip real whipped cream

Freeze sugar cookie dough until very firm but not frozen, approximately 2 hours. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F. Slice dough thin, and cover bottom and 1 inch up sides of a 10-inch springform pan. Bake 12-15 minutes, until brown. Cool and place on serving plate.

In a heavy pan, mix sugar and cornstarch; add mashed strawberries and cook slowly for about 10 minutes, until thick. Cool slightly and add whole berries. Pour into cookie crust. Chill. Decorate with Reddi-wip real whipped cream when ready to serve. Serves 6.

2000 Tomato Royalty



MISS LAUDERDALE COUNTY was chosen Friday night during the 2000 Tomato Festival Pageants held April 14th-15th at Ripley Elementary School. The pageants were sponsored jointly by the Helen Tucker Adult Developmental Center and the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce. Jami Kay Nolen, second from left, was crowned this year's Miss Lauderdale County. She will represent the county in next year's Strawberry Festival in Humboldt. All winners will be part of the Tomato Festival Activities on July 6th-8th. Her court included, from left, Miss Congeniality, Katie Cook, daughter of Felix and Joni Cook; Queen Jami; 2nd Maid, Kendra Anne Parham, daughter of Kenny and Cindy Parham; and 1st Maid, Kristin Scallions, daughter of Michael and Linda Scallions.



LITTLE MR. AND MISS LAUDERDALE COUNTY PAGEANT was held Saturday at noon. The royalty selected included, from left, Princess, Elizabeth (Libby) McBride, daughter of Cathy and Vernon McBride III; Prince, Orlando VanHoose, son of Tammy and Daniel VanHoose; King, Hunter Mills, son of G. H. and Debbie Mills; Queen, Hayley Stewart, daughter of Vanessa Beasley and Chris Stewart; Maid, Laura Leigh Marbray, daughter of Peggy Marbray and Mason Marbray; and Page, Blane Vaughn, son of Bryan and Melinda Vaughn.



LAUDERDALE COUNTY JR. KING AND QUEEN PAGEANT held at 2 p.m. Saturday named as winners, from left, Maid, Natalie Schneider, daughter of Angie Smith and Billy Schneider; King, Andrew Howard, son of Kenny and JoEllen Howard; Queen, Katie Curtis, daughter of Doug and Christi Curtis; and Princess, Emily Shands, daughter of Richard and Paula Shands.

Curve-Woodville FCE Met At Curve Baptist

The Curve-Woodville FCE Club met April 11th in the activities building of Curve Baptist Church. Eleven members were present.

Louise Land gave a devotional,

HHS Holds Project Graduation Meeting

Halls Project Graduation will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Halls High School. All parents and students are invited to attend this meeting.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Luncheon guests of Pauline Kissell Friday before last were Gerta Hardy and Margaret, of Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palmer Hardy, of Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burroughs, of Halls, Lucille Burroughs, of Double Bridges, and Carlos Hardy, of Three Points. The Danny Langleys, of Unionville, spent Saturday night before last and Dale Jones, of Chisholm Lake Road, spent Sunday night before last with Mrs. Kissell.

Ann Kitchens and Edna Hardy were in Memphis Thursday to see their doctors for check-ups. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy were in Dyersburg Friday before last and had lunch at the Flippin Café. Mallory and Katy Hardy spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy. Chad Allen Hardy killed a 10 pound turkey while hunting with his father, Joe David Hardy, week before last.

Clifton Smith, of Memphis, Mrs. Ronnie Sutton, of Covington, Mrs. Wilbur Jones, of Brighton, and Junior Smith, of Jackson, visited J. D. Smith week before last. The family will have a potluck birthday dinner for J. D. May 7th at his home. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Melanie Wilson, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill entered Baptist Hospital Collierville in Memphis Tuesday of last week for leg surgery. Mr. McNeill stayed with her. Her son, Jeff McNeill, visited her Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and Mike McNeill visited Tuesday and Thursday of last week. Mrs. McNeill returned home Saturday, but requires bed rest for two weeks.

Mrs. Mabel Voss broke her hip Tuesday of last week. She is in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson.

"Turning Dreams Into Reality." A program was presented by Dean Davis on choosing the right type of detergent for laundering clothes.

After a business session, the meeting adjourned to a potluck lunch.



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H. L. Haynes Was Mayor Of Alamo

Harvey Lusk Haynes, 80, of Alamo, Ripley native and grandfather of Cindy (Mrs. Jay) Jordan, of 7768 Fkd. Deer Rd., Gates, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Wednesday of last week in First Baptist Church in Alamo, where he had been a deacon. Burial was in Oak View Memorial Park, Ronk Funeral Home in charge.

He was the son of the late Wade and Ella Eudora Haynes, of Ripley.

He served in the Army in Hawaii and Okinawa during World War II.

He served as Alamo's city recorder and as its mayor.

Manager of the Crockett County Public Utility District from 1956 until his retirement in 1985, he had since headed its Board of Commissioners.

A Mason, he was a past president of the Alamo Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Maurine Summerlin Haynes; a son, Wade, of Jackson; and a daughter, Charlotte (Mrs. Lloyd) Weaver, of Alamo.

Henry Earl Taylor

John Henry Earl Taylor, 83, of 217 S. Hazel, Halls, retired farmer, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He was born at Bonicord, May 17, 1916, son of the late Dovie and Mattie Taylor.

He was a member of the Halls Church of Christ.

Widower of Frances Taylor, he leaves a daughter, Rosemary Taylor, of Halls; a sister, Betty Elizabeth West, of Dallas, Tex.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. J. A. Scott

Alice Scott, 63, of McKenzie, mother of Deborah Erhart, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital in McKenzie.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in the cemetery of Union Academy Baptist Church, where she was a member, Brummitt Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, J.A. Scott; two sons, Allan and Roger, of McKenzie; another daughter, Carolyn Linville, of Newbern; a brother, Robert Lawrence, of Peoria, Ill.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Larence Turner

Larence Turner, 93, of 1000 Holly St., Hickman, Ky., born at Ripley, Jan. 15, 1907, son of the late John and Ida Turner, died March 31st in Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Ky.

Rites were April 7th in Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Hickman, where he was a member, with burial in Hickman City Cemetery.

He had retired from employment with the Army Corps of Engineers.

He leaves his wife, Georgia; two sons, Larence, Jr., and Sidney, of Hickman; four daughters, Diane and Shirley Turner, of Hickman, Bea Turner, of Madisonville, Ky., and Frances Turner, of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Allen, of Kokomo, Ind., and Wyatt, of Metropolis, Ill.; a sister, Clara Turner, of Hickman; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond Watts

Raymond Watts, 85, of 1728 Double Bridges-Unionville Road, retired farmer and security guard at Tupperware in Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of diabetes, in Oakwood Manor in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery near Ripley.

He was born at Dyersburg, Jan. 20, 1915, son of the late Walter P. and Lela McFarlane Watts.

A member of Halls Church of Christ, he leaves his wife, Ethel King Watts; two daughters, Mollie Kelly, of Halls, and Barbara Rea, of Eads; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Lucille Hawkins

Lucille Hawkins, 87, formerly of 113 Shannon, Halls, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Primacy Healthcare in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls First Baptist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Friendship, Feb. 19, 1913, daughter of the late Robert J. Perry and Hattie Goforth Perry.

She had retired as manager of Perry's 5&10 Store on East Main.

She had been a volunteer worker for Meals on Wheels.

She leaves her husband, Sewell Hawkins; a brother, Milton Perry, of Friendship; two sisters, Lorene Hughes, of Memphis, and Bertha Lee Carter, of Trinity, Ala.; and a niece who looked after her, Perrilyn Adams, of Memphis.

Tula Richardson

Tula M. Richardson, of Lytle, Tex., formerly of Lauderdale County, grandmother of Sandra Carter and Lori Simpson, both of Ripley, died April 11th in San Antonio, Tex.

Services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Hurley Funeral Home in Devine, Tex., with burial in Lytle Cemetery in Lytle.

The widow of the late Austin P. Richardson, she was a housewife.

She leaves two sons, Donald Richardson, of San Antonio, Tex., and Jimmie Richardson, of Mathis, Tex.; three daughters, Doris Sorrell, of Natalia, Tex., and Betty JoAnn Walker and Beverly Krause, both of Lytle; 26 other grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren, including Russell Jackson, Melanie Carter, and Chelsea Richardson, all of Ripley.

Robert Campbell

Robert Gene Campbell, 59, of 825 E. Main Ext. Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Monday in Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ at Gates, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Marilyn; two sons, Marvin, of Atlanta, Ga., and Michael, of Fort Pierce, Fla.; three daughters, Carolyn Campbell and Alice Parks, of Fort Pierce, and Cassie DeJesus, of Indiana; his mother, Alice Peoples Campbell, of Halls; four sisters, Anna Faye Rogers and Laverne Harris, of Halls, Louise Boyd, of 166 Chickasaw, Ripley, and Polly Ann Campbell, of Nashville; a brother, The Rev. David Campbell; and eight grandchildren.

Herman Hughey

Herman Winford Hughey, 74, of Covington, father of Ricky Hughey, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Friday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a retired pipe-fitter for the Naval Air Station in Millington.

He was a member of Hyde Park Methodist Church in Covington.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl; two other sons, Glenn, of Covington, and Dennis, of Atoka; two daughters,

Aron Neal Erwin

Aron Neal Erwin, 68, of 1958 Cook Rd., Halls, retired from employment with the Town of Halls, died Saturday, of cancer, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

He was born at Halls, Feb. 2, 1932, son of the late Mardis and Ina Sanders Erwin.

A Mason, he was a member of Elon Baptist Church near Halls.

He leaves his wife, Betty Bobo Erwin; a daughter, Ginger Dozier, of Newbern; a brother, Thomas Gale Erwin, of Halls; six sisters, Nancy Hix, of Halls, Irma Olds, of Ripley, Mildred Childress and Rachel Hong, of Troy, and Geneva Lovelace and Peggy Gillilwater, of South Fulton; and two grandchildren.

Bruce C. Fleming

Bruce Currie Fleming, 61, of Covington, father of Keith Fleming, of Ripley, died Monday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Midway Assembly of God, where he was a member, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

He was a production worker for the ITW Paslode Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Fleming; another son, Kevin, of Hendersonville; three daughters, Mary Beth Kinsey, of Covington, and Tammy Fleming and Teresa Rausch, of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; his mother, Amy Fleming, of Covington; four brothers, Danny, Paul, and Thomas Fleming, of Covington, and James Fleming, of Atoka; three sisters, Monette Whitson, of Covington, Carol Barron, of Osceola, Ark., and Martha Hulse, of Kennett, Mo.; and 11 grandchildren.

Eyvonnie Perry and Jan Loines, and a brother, Verble, of Covington; a sister, Margrett Morang, of West Mineral, Kansas; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Divorces

Katherine Lou Crowder Rodriguez vs. Martin Rodriguez.

Angela Denise Cannon Bluew vs. Jamie Lynn Bluew.

Richard Lynn Holcomb vs. Anita Renee Cooper Holcomb.

Thomas McWilliams

Thomas J. McWilliams, of West Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Ripley, son of Bettie Lee McWilliams, of Ripley, died February 18th in Somerset Nursing Home in West Sacramento after a long illness.

A professional truck driver for over 45 years, he leaves his wife, Camille McWilliams; two sons, Bryan McWilliams, of Indiana, and Kevin McWilliams, of Texas; a daughter, DeDe Filga, of California; two step-sons, Robert and Larry Lara, both of California; two sisters; three brothers; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Eugene Robeson

Thomas Eugene Robeson, 85, of 326 Cleveland, Ripley, a retired farmer, died Monday, of cancer, at home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

He was a Baptist. He and his wife, Anne, had been active in the Chisholm Lake Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Billie Anne (Mrs. J. C.) Hendren, Ripley alderman, of 328 Cleveland, and Norene Douglas, wife of Ripley Mayor Richard Douglas, of 106 April Cove; a brother, Ray Robeson, of 160 Chickasaw, Ripley; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Herbert Mitchell

Herbert Lee Mitchell, 54, of 967 Faxon, Memphis, brother of Johnny Moore, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

N. Ford & Sons Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

He was the widower of Patricia Mitchell. Survivors include three sons, Eric, of Memphis, and Herbert, Jr., and Micah, of Detroit, Mich.; two daughters, Angelia Mitchell, of Eorse, Mich., and Tanisha Spears, of Detroit; his mother, Hennie Mitchell, of Memphis; two other brothers, Curtis, of Detroit, and Willie, of Chicago, Ill.; four sisters, Thelma Jones, Tracy York, and Velma Townsend, of Memphis, and Diana Christian, of Chicago; and 16 grandchildren.

Members Honored



JOHNNIE MATTHEWS, second from left, with 29 years of service, and Joyce Biggs, second from right, and Dot Pattat, second from right, both with 27 years of service, received certificates April 13th in recognition of having twenty-five years or more of service with the Lauderdale County school cafeterias. Phillip White, right, of the Tennessee School Board Association, presented the certificates. Pictured with the long-time employees is Dr. Bobby Webb, left, Lauderdale County School Superintendent.

EARTH WEEK

Governor Don Sundquist has signed a proclamation designating April 16th - 22nd as Earth Week 2000 in Tennessee. To celebrate this event and the significance of conservation on private lands, a district supervisor from each of the 95 conservation districts in Tennessee will approve a complete conservation plan during Earth Week 2000.

Vernon McBride III, district supervisor from Lauderdale County, has approved and signed a complete conservation plan, outlining the decision to care for the land, the conservation practices to be used, and when they will be applied.

Harris Armour, president of the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts, says, "We are focusing on our privately-owned land because we believe it is being taken for granted. While conservation of our public lands are important, our working land, the privately-owned land, produces much of our food and fiber, provides habitat for our fish and wildlife, filters our water and helps purify our air."

James Ford, State Conservationist, says, "The loss of prime ag-

ricultural land, the health of our watersheds and the future of private forest lands are critical issues facing Tennessee and this Nation." The most recent National Resources Inventory revealed that Tennessee is losing 330 acres of agricultural land each day to development.

For further information, call the Lauderdale Soil Conservation Dis-

trict/Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 635-7686.

Births

To Jay and Rose Heath, of 2345 Old Brownville Rd., Ripley, a 7 lb., 15 oz. daughter, McKenzie Layne Heath, April 9th in Metho-

dist Hospital North in Memphis. Grandparents are Jeff and Barbara

Heath, of Bartlett, and Cleo (Mrs. Frank) Robles, of 1998 Woodville Road. Great-grandparents are Joe

and Geraldine Heath, of Memphis, Pete and Helen Yoder, of West Liberty, Ohio, and Mrs. G. C. Castoneda, of Houston, Tex.

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BABY PICTURES

The Relay For Life Team of First United Methodist Church is seeking pictures of "Dr. Webb" babies. Their theme is "Let's Deliver A Cure" in honor of Dr. C. R. Webb.

Baby pictures, plus present day pictures are needed and should have the name of the baby, year born and return address written on the back. All photos will be returned to the owner unharmed.

For further information, call Phillip Jackson, 635-2941, or Annie Laura Jennings, 635-9741 or 635-2171.

FISH SUPPER

Sat., April 29th
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Matching funds project to benefit Curve Community Center up to \$2,500 by Modern Woodmen of America Camp 15103.

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SCOPE Participants

LEAH SIMPSON, center, Halls High School, and Isaac Sorrell, left, Ripley High School, participated March 17th in SCOPE, Student Congress on Policies in Education. Dr. Bobby Webb, right, Director of Schools, accompanied the students to Tennessee State University in Nashville.

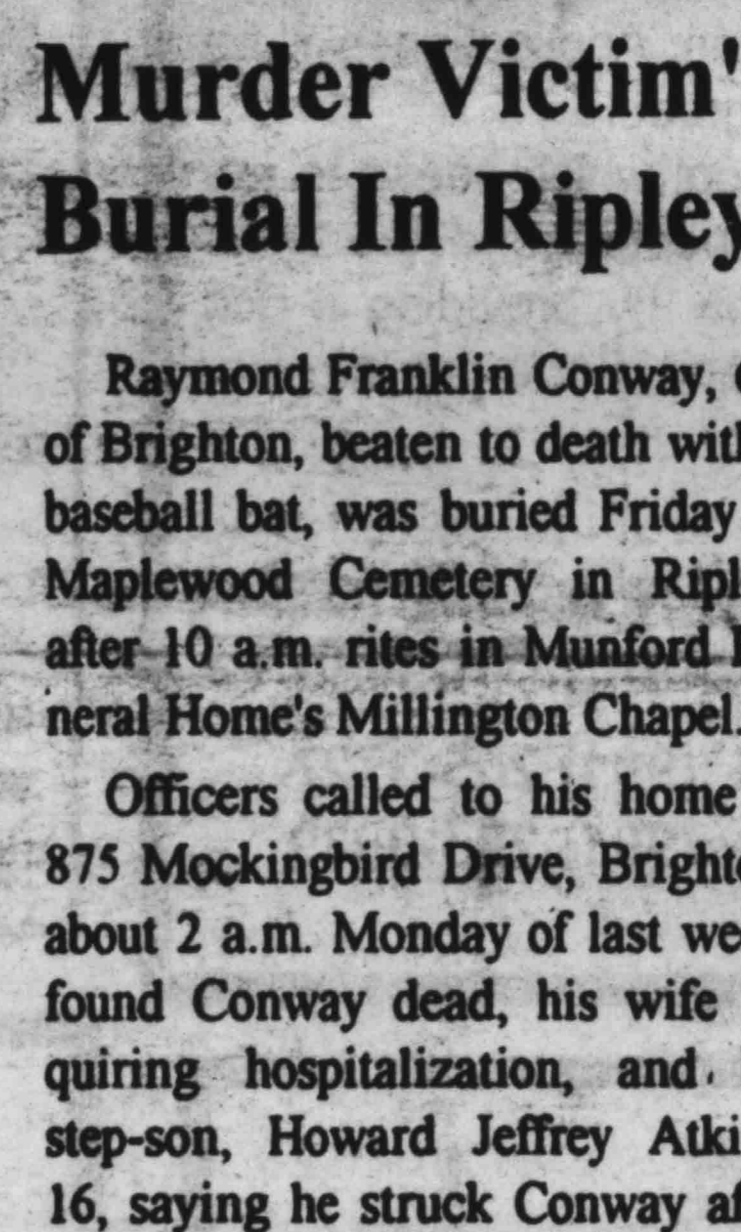
BOLL WEEVILS

In August, the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will be administering boll weevil eradication to every acre of cotton grown in Lauderdale County.

Boyd Barker, program administrator, Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture, asks that homeowners and gardeners not plant cotton of any kind around their yards or gardens, since these plants can and will harbor weevils and impede the success of eradication efforts.

Because of penalties associated with the eradication program, cotton acreage pre-certification with the Farm Service Agency must be completed by June 1st.

Final certification will be July 15th. Monetary penalties will occur if either deadline is missed. For further information, call Jerry Parker, 635-9551.



Murder Victim's Burial In Ripley

Raymond Franklin Conway, 64, of Brighton, beaten to death with a baseball bat, was buried Friday in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, after 10 a.m. rites in Munford Funeral Home's Millington Chapel.

Officers called to his home at 875 Mockingbird Drive, Brighton, about 2 a.m. Monday of last week, found Conway dead, his wife requiring hospitalization, and his step-son, Howard Jeffrey Atkins, 16, saying he struck Conway after Conway mis-treated his mother.

Atkins has been charged with first degree murder.

Conway was born at Ripley, Feb. 11, 1936, son of the late Olie and Ruby Lee Rice Conway.

He owned Conway Heating & Air Conditioning Company.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Millington.

He leaves two sons, John Edward Conway, of Millington, and Raymond "Butch" Conway, Jr., of Bartlett; two daughters, Tina Marie Conway, of Memphis, and Deborah Ervin, of Cuero, Tex.; his step-father, Bill Rice, of Bartlett; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Larry Anderson Held For Henning Murder

Sheriff's officers Wednesday of last week arrested Larry Anderson, 36, of Henning, for alleged first degree murder of Mrs. Rubye Fields Thompson, 88, in her home at 217 Graves in Henning.

Mrs. Thompson was found March 22nd, severely beaten. She died April 1st in Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Anderson is also charged with especially aggravated burglary and theft of items valued under \$500.

He was jailed in Ripley, under \$350,000 bond. His arraignment is scheduled for Thursday.

Crime Stoppers had offered a \$5,000 reward in the case, but it played no part in the arrest.



Champion Breakfast

ANNETTE MAXWELL, right, executive director for The Exchange Club/Tina Turner Family Center, displays the red tomato wood cutouts, the center is selling for \$15. Families and businesses are encouraged to purchase one for their yard to display the month of July for the Tomato Festival July 6th - 8th. Call 635-8782 to order a tomato that can be personalized with a family or business name. Pictured with Annette are, from left, Don Prescott, who cut out the tomatoes, Bonita Fullen, Tina Turner Family Center board member, and Sonny Vaughn, who donated the stakes for the signs.



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

coach Annetta Camp, pictured left, with student Beth Sadler, right, honored HJHS athletes at their athletic breakfast for champions Tuesday of last week.

Over eighty students, in seventh and eighth grade, received certificates and were recognized in boys and girls basketball and tennis, girls volleyball, football and cheerleading.

Coaches present were Jennifer Duke, Paul Climer, Robert Layne, Rita Barnes, Annetta Camp and Winston Jarrett.

Dr. Pam Sirmans, HJHS Principal, conducted the program.

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Land Transfers

April 14 - Thomas Davis to Debra A. Buckner and Mark A. Buckner, Dist. 7, 24.000 acres.

Clairissa Pittman and Thomas L. Pittman to Beverly S. Green, Dist. 12, lot.

Kathleen Chapman and Randy Chapman to Darrell Chapman and Sharon Chapman, Dist. 3, 19.370 acres.

April 17 - Dwight Shoemaker, Sr. and Janet Shoemaker to Roxanne Gaines and William Gaines, Dist. 6, 5.439 acres.

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to Emmitt J. Jones and

Marlo L. Jones, Dist. 2, 1.000 acres.

Garland Lee Hargett and Valerie Hargett to Brenda Hansbrough and Tommy Hansbrough, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

Carlos H. Hardy and Linda L. Hardy to David A. Davidson and Juanita F. Davidson, Dist. 10, 1.000 acres.

April 18 - J. E. Porter and Margaret E. Porter to Andrea L. Chaisson, Lawrence E. Chaisson, Tracy L. Douglas, and William Dan Douglas, Jr., Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Audrey Joan Crabb and George E. Crabb to Dale Clark, Audrey Joan Crabb, and George E. Crabb, Dist. 7, lot.

April 19 - Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Sec. of Housing and Urban Development, Dist. 2, 0.323 acres.

RETIRED TEACHERS

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m. May 2nd at Ripley Elementary School. All retired teachers are invited to attend.

Growing The Future

The First Presbyterian Christian School of Dyersburg is hosting an Open House at 7 p.m. May 2nd. Applications will be accepted for grades Pre-K through 12th grade.

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NOTICE

The Town of Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen regular meeting will be held in the City Hall at 7 p.m. Mon., May 1st.

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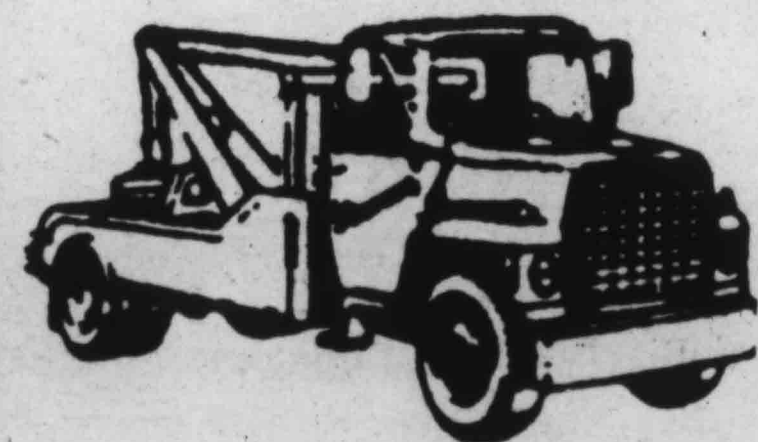
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Wedding Vows Planned



DONNA RENEE HICKSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hickson, of Halls, will marry Gaven Edward Ward, son of Mrs. Wanda Vanhooser, of Newbern, and the late Edward Dale Ward, at 2 p.m. May 27th in Springhill Baptist Church in Dyersburg, all family and friends invited, with invitations sent to out-of-town guests.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hickson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil, all of Malden, Mo.

A graduate of Midwest Christian Academy, the bride-elect is employed by First Tennessee Bank as a loan specialist.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Joe Ward of Smithville, Okla., Nella West, of Anton, Tex., Kenneth Toon, of Watson, Okla., and Pauline Griffin, of Smithville.

A graduate of Smithville High School, he is employed by Marvin Windows and Doors as a fork lift driver.

The couple will reside in Halls.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, of Ripley, a 6 lb. 11 oz. son, Sean Neil, April 13th in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis. Grandparents are Fred and Phyllis Jellison, of Henning, and Gene Cox and Dagmar Cox, both of Ripley. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Jean Sneed, of Henning.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Campbell, of Ripley, a 6 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Destiny Makalim Brooke Campbell, Feb. 17th at Centennial

Medical Hospital in Nashville. She was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brico, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Willis, of Mississippi, Verna Moore, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schutt, of Nashville.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hurt, of Gates, an 8 lb. 4 oz. son, Logan Taylor, April 10th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis. Grandparents are Cherry Hurt and Susan Long, of Halls, and David Dearth and John Hurt, both of Ripley. Great-grandparents are Bar-

May Nuptials Nearing



LORI MICHELLE HEATHCOTT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heathcott, of Ripley, will marry Michael Leggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Leggett, of Curve, at 5 p.m. May 20th at Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Ripley, with a reception following in the Family Life Center, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Bessie McCoy, of Ripley, and the late Tom McCoy, and of Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Heathcott, of Gates.

A 1990 graduate of Ripley High School, the bride-elect is employed by Med-South Healthcare in Ripley.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bobo, of Halls, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leggett, Sr., of Ripley.

A 1991 graduate of Halls High School, the groom-elect is self-employed.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

Bailey Sanders



CLIFTON "BAILEY" SANDERS, 6 lb. 2 oz. son of Cliff and Amy Sanders, of Edith, was born at 10:25 p.m. February 23rd at Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Nineteen inches long, he is the grandson of Rodney and Bonnie Sanders, of Edith, and Dawn and Randy Manzer of Dalton, Pa. Great-grandparents are Thomas and Dessie Hammock, of Halls, Daisy Sanders, of Edith, Lois Sicher, of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. David Sicher and Mr. and Mrs. Don Manzer, all of Pennsylvania, and great-grandmother is Rosie Henson, of Edith.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27th, at the First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Tommy Dunavant, of Mays-Dunavant Pharmacy, will be the guest speaker.

All cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and friends are invited.

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Just Where Did Hanky-Panky Come From Anyway

In this world of off-the-wall news coverage and politically correct terminology, speech that once was understood in a simple form is becoming no more. The ability to speak in simple "country" English is almost a lost art.

The other day as I walked passed a group of ladies in the local super-duper Wally World, I overheard them discussing someone being involved in some type of "hanky-panky" business. I had not heard that term used in years and it really caught my attention. That was a term my parents and grandparents used during my early childhood so "little ears" would not understand what they really were talking about.

I still don't really know what the term means. However, it is in the dictionary and it defines it as a questionable or underhanded activity. But, what has hankies and pankies got to do with it?

A hanky is a fancy handkerchief that a lady carries in her pocketbook. That part I understand, but what is a panky. I first thought it was the little finger next to the ring finger, but that's a pinky. Maybe a panky comes from the word prank which is a mischievous act. If that was so would it not be hanky-pranky instead of panky?

Oh well, maybe my ears are still too little to understand, but there where other "country" words those ladies

used that I did understand. They used the word, if I may use it without offending, naked. The thing that caught my attention was they pronounced it "neck-id" and seem to stretch the word in a long symbol.

Where I grew up if you used the word naked it meant someone didn't have their clothes on. However, if you used the word "neck-id" it meant they didn't have clothes on and was up to something. You know, like streaking across the college campus in the 70's or something like that if you know what I mean.

It's amazing how just changing a symbol or the way you pronounce a word can completely cause a totally different meaning to a simple conversation.

After hearing that word mentioned by the ladies in the gossip circle at Wally World, I did understand to move on. I may be somewhat dumb, but not totally stupid.

Which brings me to another form of country communication. Have you ever noticed how we will say something, but not really say something. Let me explain.

Those of us from the country have developed an entire journal of saying someone is stupid, but not come right out and say someone is stupid. We were using politically correct methods of speaking before it became the in thing to do.

Here are a few of the phrases we use to say someone is stupid, but not really say they are stupid.

- 1. The butter has slipped off his or her biscuit.
- 2. As smart as bait.
- 3. A few fries short of a

happy meal.

4. He ain't the sharpest tool in the toolshed.

5. Porch light is on, but nobodies home.

6. Doesn't have all his dogs on one leash.

7. Couldn't pour water out of a boot with instructions on the heel. (I know a few of you are thinking here about the "real" country version of this phrase).

8. The wheels spinning, but the squirrel's dead.

9. He's like Paul Revere's ride, a little light in the belfry.

And number 10 is

He's got a full six-pack, but lacks the plastic things to hold them together.

I must admit these do sound better than just coming out and saying someone is plain stupid.

Birthdays

April 27 - Ruth Steelman, Mark Reynolds, Montell Sandlin, Emmie Henderson, Zach Heath, Diana Deadmon, Mark L. Reynolds, Dawn Steelman, Meagan Rose Kimbrell.

April 28 - Lauryn Emilee Caldwell, George Grugett, Emily Anthony, Kevin Hoggard, William Belton, Jim Jarrett.

April 29 - Julie Wright, Matthew Taylor, Betty Chipman.

April 30 - Patricia Box, Lori Berkley, Lauren Shelby Douglas, Becca Carmack, Josh Puckett, Justin Middleton, Mary Fitzhugh, Mike Barham, Bill Burnett, Elizabeth Jane West.

May 1 - Sonny Vaughn, Willie Stowers, Mark Ryan Patterson, Marybeth Caldwell, Steven A. Koonce, Dr. Roy E. Crowder, Jr., Frank Sanders, Roger Pease, John Terry, Moneka Temple.

May 2 - Sarah Beth Craig, Billie Jane Gray, Amy Vaden, Auzie Harrell, Joanne Scott, Shira Parish.

May 3 - Max Hutcherson, Bill West, Charlie Cherry, Louise Best, Barbara Anderson, Stacy Warren, Chris Burrough, Garret Steelman



BILL FRIST

U.S. Senator Tennessee

Expanding Access for the Uninsured

Despite the fact that we are enjoying strong economic times, the nation's uninsured population has grown to 44 million over the past decade. In Tennessee alone nearly 400,000 people are uninsured. But what brought us to such a staggering problem?

With the majority of the uninsured -- 32 of the 44 million -- earning an annual income of under \$50,000, the rising cost of health insurance is the single most important reason for not purchasing health care coverage. Many Americans simply cannot afford to buy health insurance. Now that we have a better assessment of the problem, we must work together to find a commonsense solution to stop the growing number of uninsured Americans in this country.

Earlier this month, I joined a bipartisan group of Congressional members to declare our commitment to working toward responsible reforms that address the various needs of the uninsured. In the coming weeks, I'm hopeful that we'll be able to offer our solution and begin filling the coverage gaps that exist in our current system.

Our proposal offers a comprehensive approach to address the various needs of the uninsured. Using a multi-faceted approach, it looks at innovative ways to improve access and provide greater ability to purchase coverage. Most importantly, the bill would include a \$1000 tax credit for individuals and a \$2000 tax credit for families to purchase private health insurance, targeted to the lower income population. Hard working Americans who cannot afford to buy coverage on their own would be offered federal dollars up front to purchase health insurance. For example, a part-time worker who is not offered employer-sponsored health insurance will be offered a \$1000 to purchase health care coverage. Additionally, a single mother with two children earning less than \$50,000 a year would receive a \$2000 dollar credit to purchase health insurance.

It's important that we also seek ways to improve enrollment in existing federal programs. In Tennessee alone there are approximately 15,000 adults and children who are currently eligible for Medicaid but are not yet enrolled in the program. We must find innovative solutions to boost enrollment in these programs which provide vital health care services to low-income adults and children.

As chairman of the Senate Public Health Subcommittee, I will continue working to support community-based health centers, which have played a life-saving role in serving our most vulnerable populations who cannot afford to pay for their health care. Of Tennessee's 17 federally-funded community health centers, nearly half of the patients they serve are at or below the poverty level. Additionally, I'm concerned with the fact that nearly one-third of all counties in Tennessee lack an adequate number of health care providers to treat the populations in their communities. In 1998, my "Health Professions" bill was signed into law, giving rural communities access to greater numbers of medical professionals. It's our hope to continue these efforts and increase access to health care services and providers for the medically underserved.

Our nation is blessed with the best quality of health care in the world. Our failure has been ensuring that more Americans have access to health care. But we're on our way to a solution.

I'm very pleased by the progress we have made so far. Recognizing the significance of the issue, I will continue to work closely with my colleagues in the Senate and House to develop a bill that addresses the needs of the uninsured in Tennessee and across the country.

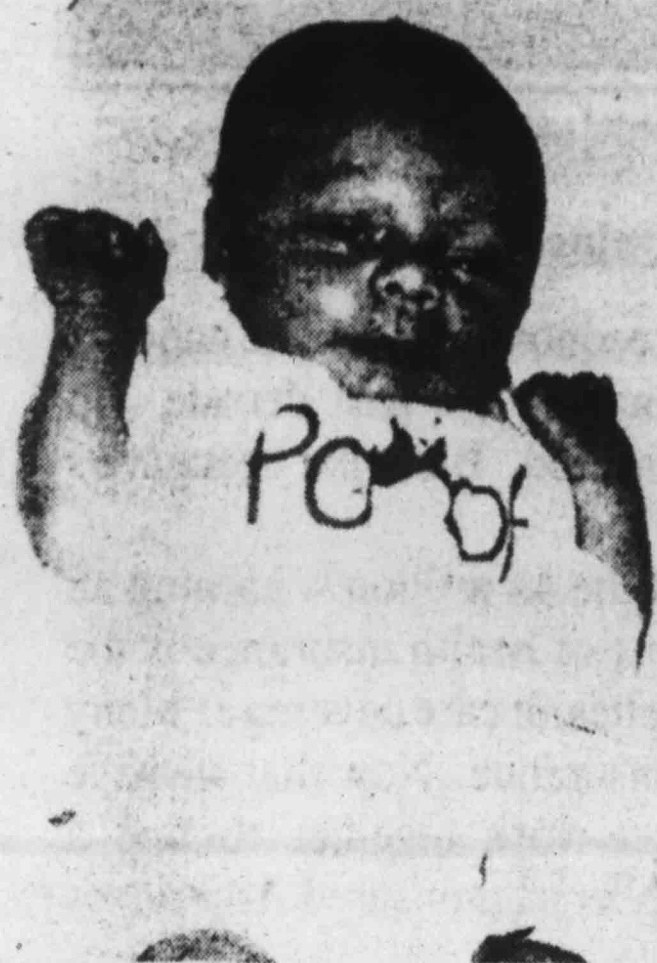


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It's A Boy



JONATHAN ROBERT DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Davis, of Halls, was born April 5th at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and has a half-sister, Heather Nicole Davis, 9. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy King, of Tiptonville. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Frankie Davis, of Halls.

Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Rickie Summar is recovering at home from hip replacement surgery. He is having difficulty recovering from the death of his wife, Shelia. (Rick, you are in our prayers.) Ronnie Summar, of Forked Deer, visits every day. Pat Hughes, his sister, visits frequently.

Holly and Jason Gay, of Cordova, spent Sunday with Mrs. Odessa Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hughes, of Central, and James Hughes visited Eugene and James' mother, Mrs. Gracie McCloud, in Ripley Healthcare and Rehab Center Saturday.

The Keith Gays spent Sunday night in Nashville. Mrs. Gay had an early Monday morning appointment with her doctor.

Lynn and Cathy Vickery, and Melanie Vickery and finance, all of Ripley, visited Rickie Summar Sunday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Parish and grandson, Justin, spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Parish's mother, Mrs. Mai Byrum Watts, in Louisiana.

Pat Hughes had a treatment at the West Clinic on Mt. Moriah Rd. in Memphis Tuesday of last week.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Frances Harrell, of Gates, visited Mrs. J. D. McNeill Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Joe and Jacob, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McNeill and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. McNeill.

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

Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue. Mrs. Barry Jordan and children, of Memphis, and Mrs. Juanita Stanley, of Forked Deer, visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Simpson and daughter, Leah, were Sunday dinner guests of the Charles Simpsons near Ripley.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hartman and granddaughters, Madlyn and Gilly, of Columbus, Miss., spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan and sons, of Memphis, were Sunday dinner guests of the Floyd

Emersons. Mrs. Jack Johnson, of Waverly, Mrs. Juanita Stanley, of Forked Deer, Mrs. Judy Olds, of Gates, and Jimmy Emerson visited Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

The families of Raymond and L. H. Watts would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, cards, calls, food, visits, and especially your prayers during the loss of our loved ones. A special thank you to David Watts for the funeral service held for L. H. and to Bro. Robert R. Taylor for the funeral service he had for Raymond. A special thanks to Halls Funeral Home for their help and kindness and our many family, friends, and neighbors for all their help and concern. God bless you.

Mrs. Ethel Watts
And families of
Raymond and L. H. Watts

Adv.P.

FALL SEEDED CROPS

The Lauderdale County Farm Agency reminds all producers that fall-seeded crops, such as wheat, be certified by May 15th, at the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive.

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