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Ft. Pillow Historic Area Set For Possible Closure

Governor Don Sundquist proposed in his State of the State address Monday night the closure of eight state parks including Ft. Pillow Historic Area, and the inn and restaurant at Reelfoot Lake State Park because of budget cuts. Sundquist unveiled an \$18.25 billion state budget, an increase over the \$16.7 billion approved last year, with increases for higher education, TennCare, pay raises for state employees, and expanding prisons. Included in the budget is a 3.75 percent flat income tax to help fund the increase. Sundquist also proposes to cut the sales tax to 3.75 percent.

The income tax, which would add a 3.75 percent tax on each taxpayer's gross income, was defeated in the legislature last year.

Proposed increases in the budget include \$113.5 million for higher education; \$99.6 million for K-12 education; \$131 million to give state employees and teachers a 3 percent pay increase; \$132.1 million for TennCare; \$34.3 million for other health and social improvements; and \$24.8 million for Law enforcement and corrections improvements.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers of Lauderdale County will pay up to \$1,000 cash reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who, on Jan. 19th, damaged 62 tires at Moore's car lot in Halls between 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

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ART COUNCIL PLANS

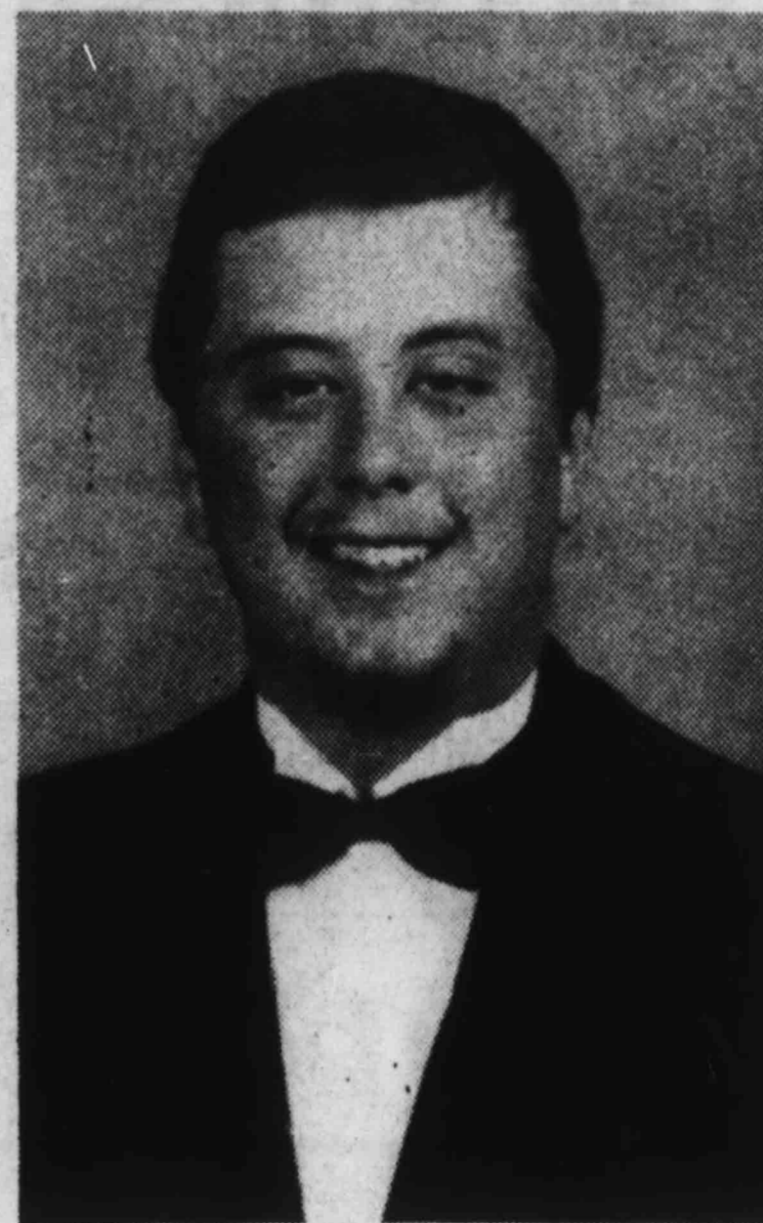
The Lauderdale County Council of Arts made plans for this coming year at their January meeting.

A Fine Arts Gala is being planned for Saturday, Mar. 25th, at Rolling Hills Country Club. The Jackson Seleeby Duo, of Memphis, will provide a variety of show-stopping music from Broadway to Popular. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be obtained from any member.

The Germantown Symphony Orchestra will return to Ripley on Sat., June 3rd, for "Pops in the Park."

The visual arts exhibit, "Consider

4-Wheeler Fatally Injures HHS Sr.



Adrian "Spence" Jackson, 18, a senior in Halls High School, died Sunday on the former air base at Halls of injuries received in a 4-wheeler accident.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Westside Baptist Church in Halls, where he was a member, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery at Frog Jump.

He was a member of the HHS Distributive Education Club.

He leaves his mother, Patricia Drozd, of Dyersburg, and his sister, Kerrie Leigh Swims, and his grandparents, Mary Sue London and Margaret Jackson, all of Halls.

the Tomato 2/000," curated by Dolph and Jessie Smith, will open on Sat., July 9th, at the Bank of Ripley, featuring professional artists

Auction To Help Special Olympics

The West Tennessee Association of Artists will host their First Annual Charity Art Auction on Sat., Feb. 5th, 6:30 p.m., in the Historic Berg & Schafer Building on the square in Ripley.

An auction of over 100 paintings, both original and prints by members of the West Tennessee Association of Artists, will be on display, along with an art exhibit by the special education students of the county.

A gala evening is planned with refreshments, entertainment and door prizes, including four tickets to the Orpheum Theater in Memphis. The price of admission is a voluntary donation to the local chapter of Special Olympics.

throughout the United States.

The Gary Beard Chorale, a twenty-five member ensemble from the Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, will present a Christmas concert on Monday evening, Dec. 18th.

The council continues to seek areas of interest and suggestions from the community at large, helping them to bring a greater awareness of the arts to Lauderdale County. Anyone interested in directing a theatrical production, may contact a member of the Board of Directors. For more information, call 635-0272.

Halls "Fireman"



HALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT has a new fireman. A snowman, dressed as a fireman, was built in

the Halls Mini Park next to the Halls Fire Station.

New Office



THE COUNTY COURT CLERK'S office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse has renovated their offices and now have a new computer system installed to

better serve the citizens. Carolyn McBroom, county clerk, and the staff are enjoying their new space.

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Read All About It

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tax Freedom Day Gets Later - Food Check-Out Day Gets Earlier

Several years ago, somewhere in the 1970s, somebody calculated just how many days it takes us to work to completely pay the taxes we are required to pay each year. When they first began to make that calculation, the date they found was some time in April. They named that day Tax Freedom Day. The words tax and freedom really don't seem to fit together, but that's what they decided to call it.

Since its very beginning Tax Freedom Day has continued to get later and later every year. Last year it was May 11 and this year it may be even later. That's a long time to work to earn enough money to pay our taxes. As Barney Fife would say, "You

know what they say, two things you can always count on is death and taxes."

However, there is another thing you can count on that Barney never said. That is the abundance of affordable food in America. It continues to be more affordable each year, compared to the unaffordability of more taxes.

Just as people calculate Tax Freedom Day, we can now calculate figures for another day that continues to creep backwards instead of forward like Tax Freedom Day.

It is called Food Check-Out Day. That's the day we can celebrate reaching the point in the calendar where all of our food for the year is paid for from our yearly income. The great thing about celebrating this day is the average American only

has to work from January 1 until February 9 to earn enough money to pay for his or her family's entire 2000 food supply.

As I said, the date continues to creep backwards. In 1970, Food Check-Out Day would have been held 11 days later. So, at the rate we are going, in the year 2095, give or take a year, food ought to be free! Right? Don't bet on it.

Due to the efficiency and productivity of America's farmers, we are able to celebrate this day. However, we should not overlook the fact that farmers are currently going through difficult economic times. I hate to bring up bad news during a celebration, but it is important to remember "who brought you to the dance in the first place."

Low commodity prices, shrinking foreign markets, escalating regulatory costs are threatening the very fabric of the family farm. Prices at the supermarket certainly don't reflect the historically low commodity prices farmers are receiving today. The farm-retail price spread is at a record low.

Who knows what the future may hold, but if agriculture doesn't see changes real soon, our day may come to see the date of Food Check-Out Day creep forward instead of backward.

According to the latest

statistics compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Economic Research Service, Tennessee families and individuals spend, on average, 10.9 percent of their disposable income - that portion of income available for spending or saving - to pay for the annual food supply in just 40 days. This speaks well of our nation's increasing standard of living, which would certainly be reduced without the affordable food supply produced by America's farmers.

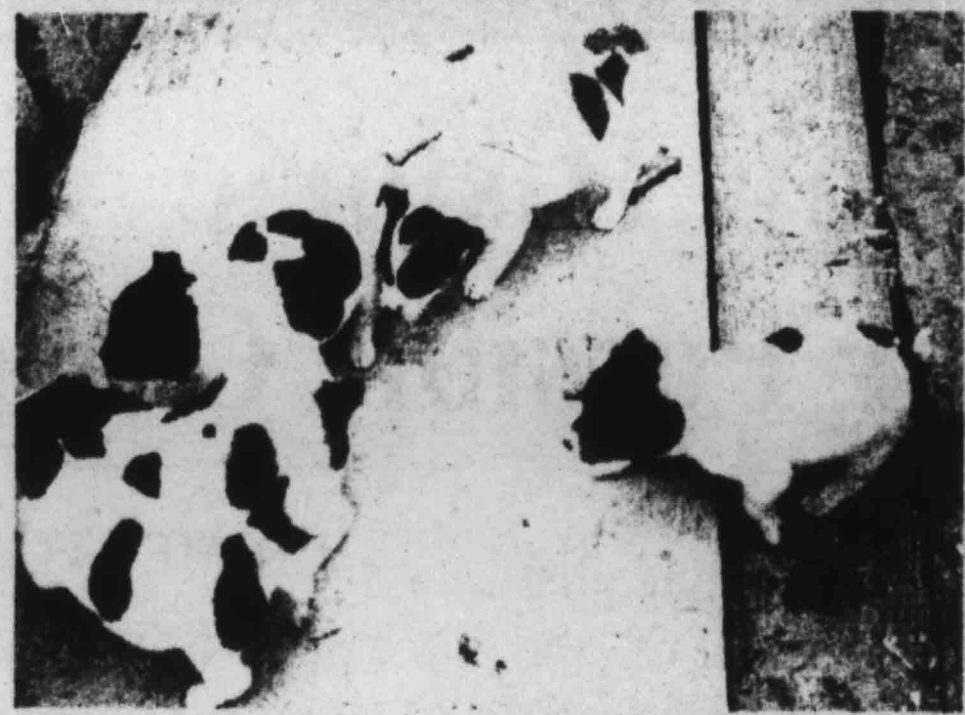
The next time you are

tempted to complain about the price of food in your shopping cart with wobbly wheels, I suggest you separate out your food items from your other things like shampoo, detergent, light bulbs, and the National Inquirer. That way you can see what you really pay for food. You may be surprised.

America's and Tennessee's farmers are the most productive in the world.

Happy Food Check-Out Day and remember to thank a farmer for making it possible.

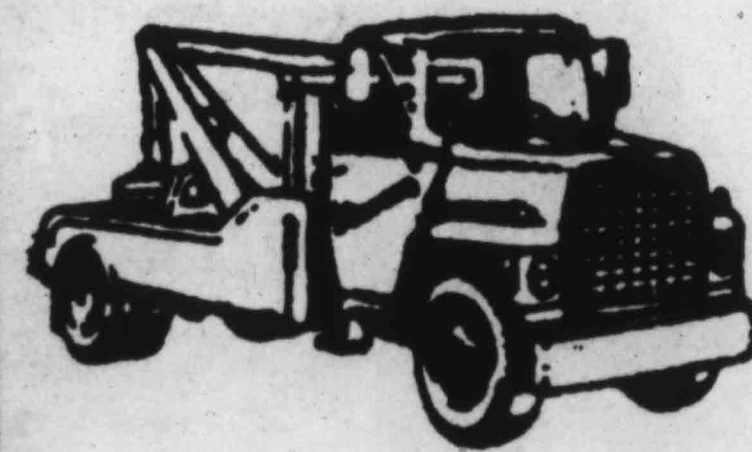
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NOTICE - NEW HOURS

With the implementation of the new computer system, the Lauderdale County Clerk's Office will need to operate with the same hours as the Department of Safety-Motor Vehicle Division in Nashville, so that the system may be updated daily.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but the benefits of these changes will help the citizens of Lauderdale County now and in the future.

Beginning the week of February 13, 2000

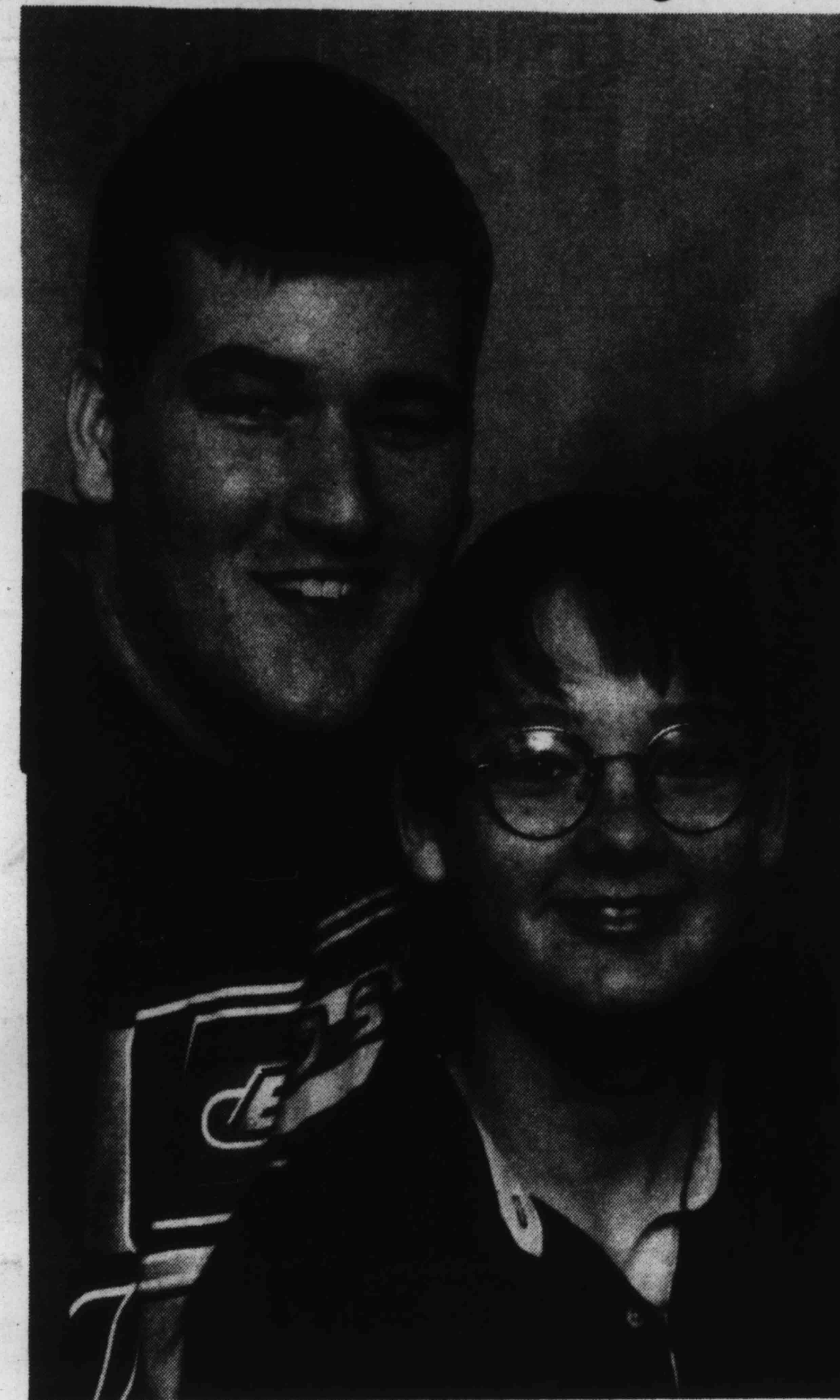
New Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. - Noon

Lauderdale County Clerk
Lauderdale Register
Lauderdale Chancery Court

Lauderdale Assessor of Property
Lauderdale County Executive
Lauderdale Juvenile/Probate Court

2-3-11

March Wedding



VIRGINIA ANN DOSS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Doss, of 417 Jones St., Halls, will marry Michael Allen Dupree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mcgee, of 141 Gum Flat Rd., Halls, at 1 p.m. March 18th in Hebrew 13:8 Christian Tabernacle in Dyersburg, friends and family invited.

A 1999 graduate of Living Heritage Academy Home School, she is the granddaughter of Earlene Mosier, of Halls, Willie Doss, of Puryear, Virginia Ogden, of Gates, and Thomas Heatherly, of Sauk Village, Ill.

A senior at Halls High School, the groom-elect is the grandson of Geneva Pilkington, of Covington, and the late Charlie Pilkington.

The couple will reside in Gates.

Birthdays

Feb. 3 - Susan White, Ivan Criner, Paul Douglas Spoon, Jr., Beau Simpson, James Hemby, Mary Ellen Ractliffe.

Feb. 4 - Jennifer Maclin, Jerry Crichfield, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Lee Cannon, Drew Hearnberger, Billy Ables, Charlotte Bryant, Quenton Reed, Nellie Ward Harrison, Clyde Garrett.

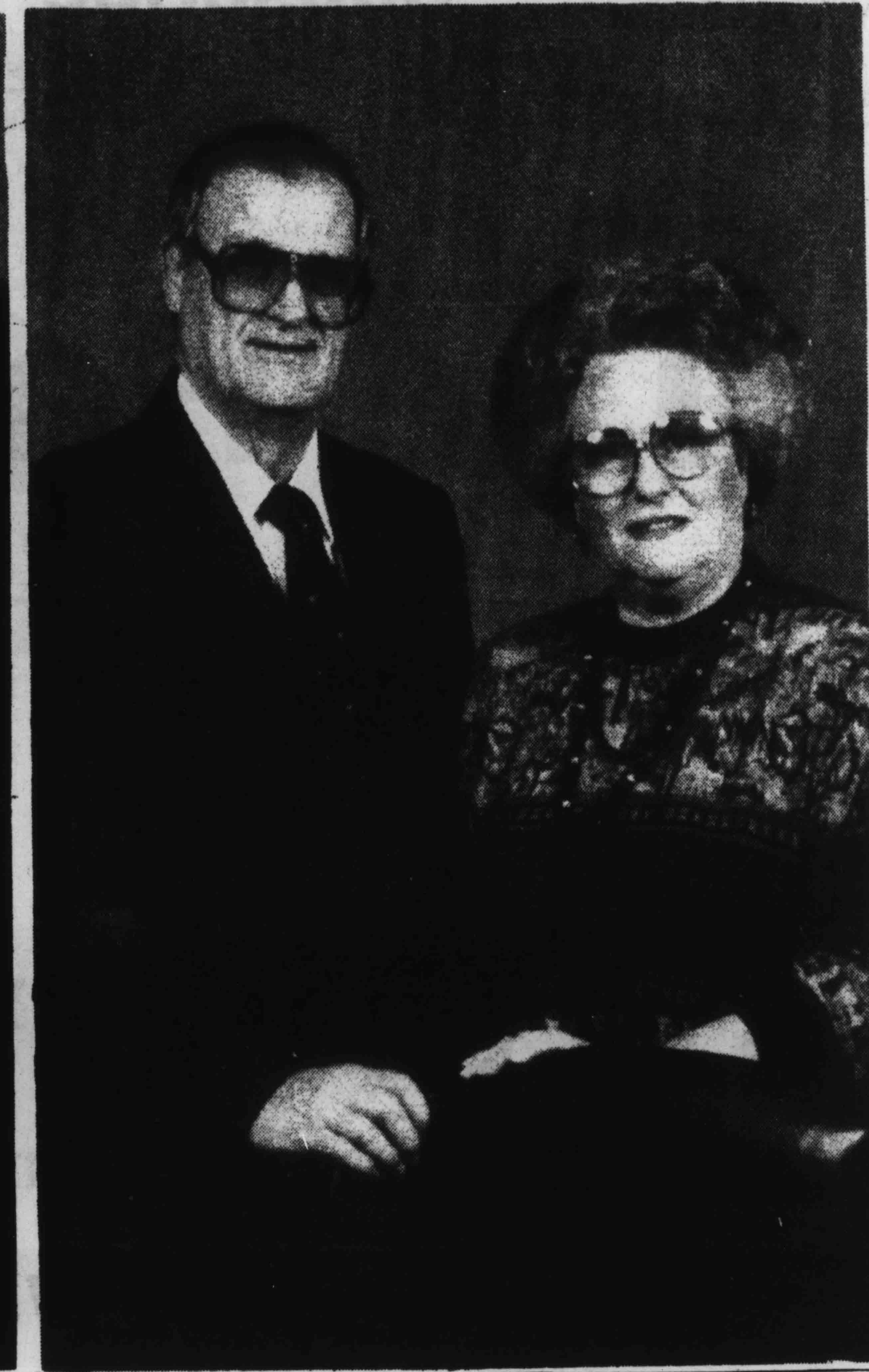
Feb. 5 - Ned Poynter, J. F. (Jay)

Chipman, Marley Sigman, Dabney Maxwell, Prichard Norman, Jean Criner, Alice McCoy, Danny Simpson, Shea Lea Harris, Johnny Williams.

Feb. 6 - Page Box, Jr., Lori DeSpain, Leslie Sigman, Corrine Heron, Rosanderlan Reed, Mary Ann Jarrett, Wesley Baker, S. N. Anthony, IV, Nancy Kiestler, Dorris C. Ungerecht, Dennis McCaslin, Linda McWilliams, Addison Hansford, Hank Thurmond.

Feb. 7 - Kevin Mudd, Pam Fitzhugh, Kelly Kirby, Sandra

Celebrate 50th



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL WILLIAMS, of Dyersburg, will celebrate fifty years of marriage February 6th with a reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Palestine United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, all family and friends invited. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one son, Doug Williams; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Chisholm, Kelly Wade, Cathy Toomes, Kathy Leadingham, Gary Drumwright, Robin Greaves, Ronnie Roberts, Randy Hargett, Oneal Kiestler.

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion.

Feb. 9 - Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Crichfield, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley.

Marriages

Jan. 18 - William Owen Hop-

kins, 32, to Nina Carol Carmack, 30, by David D. Stuart.

Jan. 21 - Randy Oneal Paris, Jr., 22, to Betsy Laura Sylvester, 33, by William Nichols.

Jan. 24 - Johnathan Baines Al-

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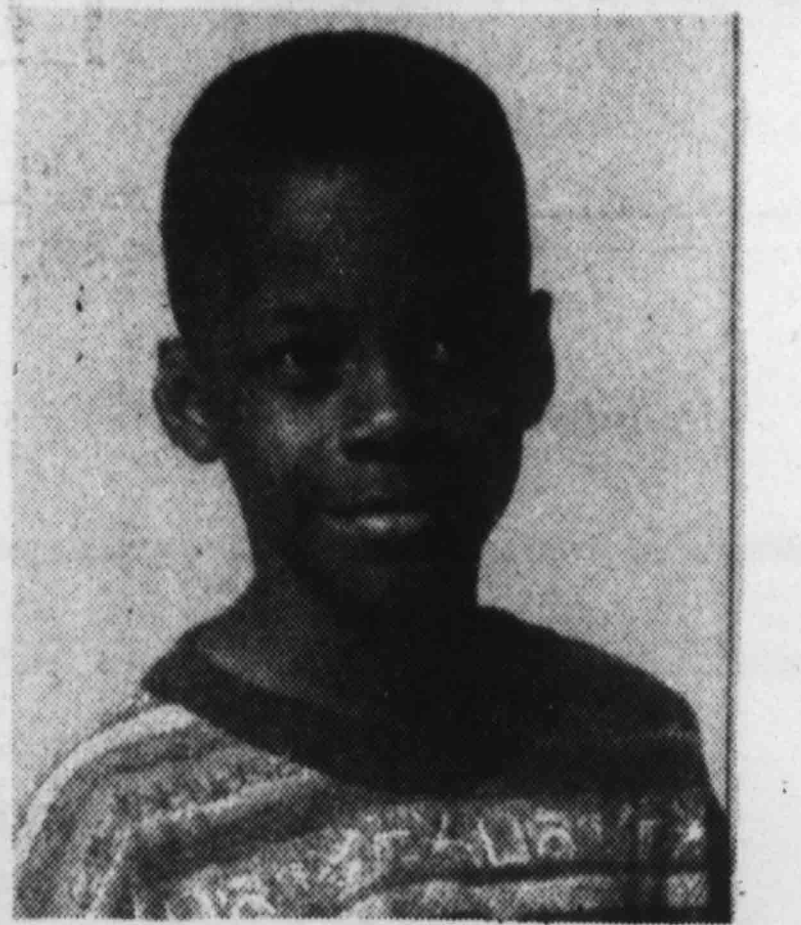
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Honor Roll



SAMUEL HUMPHREY, in upper photo, sixth grade, and Brittany Humphrey, in lower photo, second grade, children of Samuel and Kathy Humphrey, of 36 Baker Street, Gates, and grandchildren of Grace Burks, of Ripley, have made the honor roll at Halls Elementary School for three consecutive weeks.

Jan. 30, to Richlyn Renee Dawson, 34, by Willard Norvell.

Jan. 27 - Larry Joe Noel, 40, to Norma Larie Noel, 46, by Willard Norvell.

Jan. 28 - Tex Houston, 52, to Betty Louise Dawson, 45, by Rev. James Evans.

Jan. 29 - Gary Dewayne Reynolds, 44, to Alice Faye Lohner, 45, by Willard Norvell.

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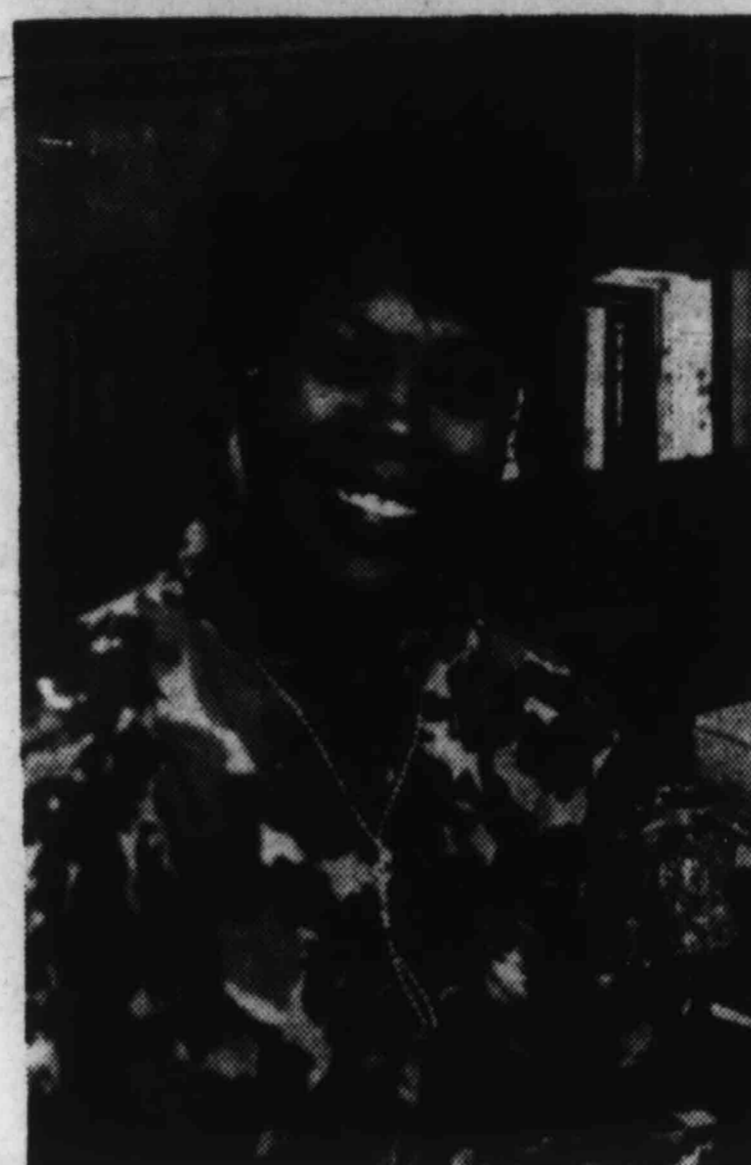
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The credential, which helps to improve childcare by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals who provide care, was first awarded twenty years ago. Forty-six states and the District of Columbia now include CDA in their childcare licensing regulation.

New Officers



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE installed new officers Tuesday of last week at the Robert P. White FOP Lodge #27. Officers include, from left, Scott White, president; Brad Simpson, vice-president; Mary Cubine, secretary; Elsie Jones, treasurer; Andy Gibson, second vice-president; Tommy White, sergeant at arms; George Crabb, chaplain; Larry McCoy, lodge trustee; and Robert P. White, State trustee.

to Billy M. Harmon, Brenda Lynn Harmon, Harmon Enterprises, William M. Harmon, III, and Willie Mae Harmon, Dist. 2, 0.950 acres and 1.000 acres.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 7th

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Hamburger w/Trimminings
- Oven Fries
- Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
- Peach Slices
- Fruit Cocktail
- Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
- Milk

Land Transfers

Jan. 21 - Bettye Kaye Connor and Terry Wayne Connor to Cynthia H. Schuh and Darrell W. Schuh, Dist. 2, lot.

Annie Laura Jennings to Sandra Hardy and Wayne Hardy, Dist. 6, lot.

Jan. 24 - Ruby Patterson to Shelia Kay Bostic and James Paul Patterson, Dist. 6, tract.

Anthony, Lankford, and Poston, LLC, S. N. Anthony, Jr., Randy Lankford, L. W. Poston, Jr. to Donald Wade Burroughs, Dist. 2, 5.363 acres.

Jan. 25 - J. E. Porter and Margaret Eddieroe Porter to Hope L. Mills, Dist. 2, 0.395 acres.

Patsy Blakely to Rena F. Boyd and David M. Kind, Dist. 2, lot.

Jan. 26 - Billie Jo Davis, Mattie Sue Holman, Thomas D. Holman, Linda Thomas to Sarah R. Wood and William L. Wood, Dist. 2, tract.

Jan. 27 - Hilton M. Crowder and Patricia Y. Crowder to James M. Vanness and Ruby A. Vanness, Dist. 2, lot.

Nancy Edwards and Richard Edwards to JFE Properties, Dist. 2, lot.

Gary Helton to Karen Thomen, Dist. 6, tract.
Evelyn Criner and Nolan Criner

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Presenters from the State Department of Education will have a community workshop on college scholarships and financial assistance, available from the State of Tennessee, on Mon., Feb. 14th, 6:00 p.m., at Ripley High School in the cafeteria area.

Mrs. Hazel Thomas, Executive Administrative Assistant, will focus on scholarships that are available in the areas of education.

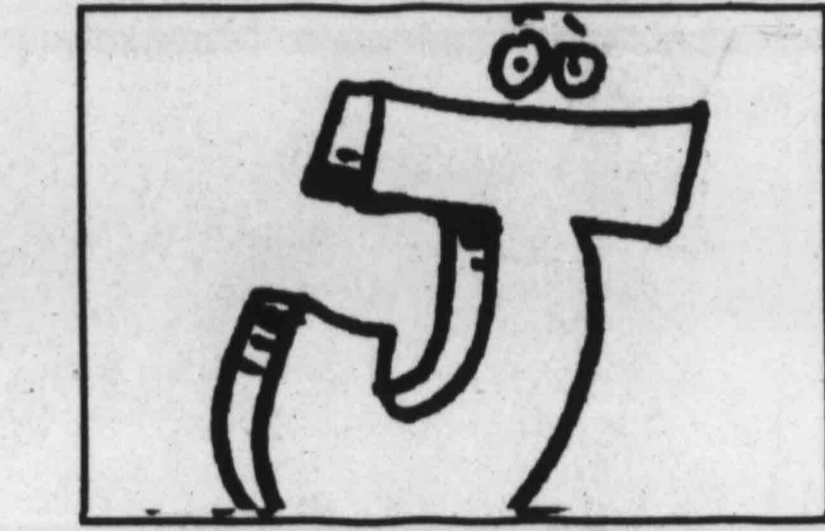
Michael Roberts, Compliance Administrator, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, will present the availability and accessibility of various scholarships in many academic areas.

Morgan Branch, Technical Service Coordinator, will provide technical information on accessing financial assistance.

High school juniors and seniors of Ripley, Halls and surrounding areas, along with their parents, are invited to attend this workshop. Counselors, civic leaders and community supporters are also invited.

High school freshmen and sophomores, needing more information on shaping their future career goals, may find the workshop beneficial.

Tuesday, Feb. 8th	Rolls Milk
Country Fried Steak Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Fried Okra Pineapple Chunks Pear Half Rolls Milk	Friday, Feb. 11th
Wednesday, Feb. 9th	Spaghetti Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Peas Slaw Or Carrot & Celery Cup Choice Fresh Fruit Rolls Milk
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Thursday, Feb. 10th	
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Bible Study, 10 a.m. Wednesday services, 6:30 p.m.
Devotional, grades 6 and under, 7 p.m., Feb. 20th
Grades 7th - 12th devotional, Feb. 21st
Church Outing - "Tigger" Movie & pizza, Feb. 19th
Adult Game Night, Feb. 25th
Sat. Night Live services, Feb. 26th for 5th grade and up

For more information call Trent McManus, 836-1092

4-H Speakers



JAMAL HOLLOWAY, left, ninth grader at Ripley High School, and Beth Sadler, eighth grader at Halls Junior High School, were named winners in the county 4-H Public Speaking Competition held Wednesday of last week at the Extension Office. They will represent Lauderdale County 4-H in the Western District Competition at Freed Hardeman College February 26th.

Tori, of Byhalia, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, visited the Pharis Escues Sunday and attended services at Concord Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams visited Mrs. Mary Gilliland in Baptist Hospital Central in Memphis and the Jewell Bakers in Millington Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompa-

nied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Thursday of last week for a check-up with her doctor. They visited Mrs. Jeff McNeill and baby in Baptist Hospital East.

Anniversaries

Feb. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Hammond.
Feb. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Willard Norvell, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

Feb. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman.

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds.

GOSPEL SINGING

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1239 Dry Hill Road, Halls, will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 5th featuring the Hensons.

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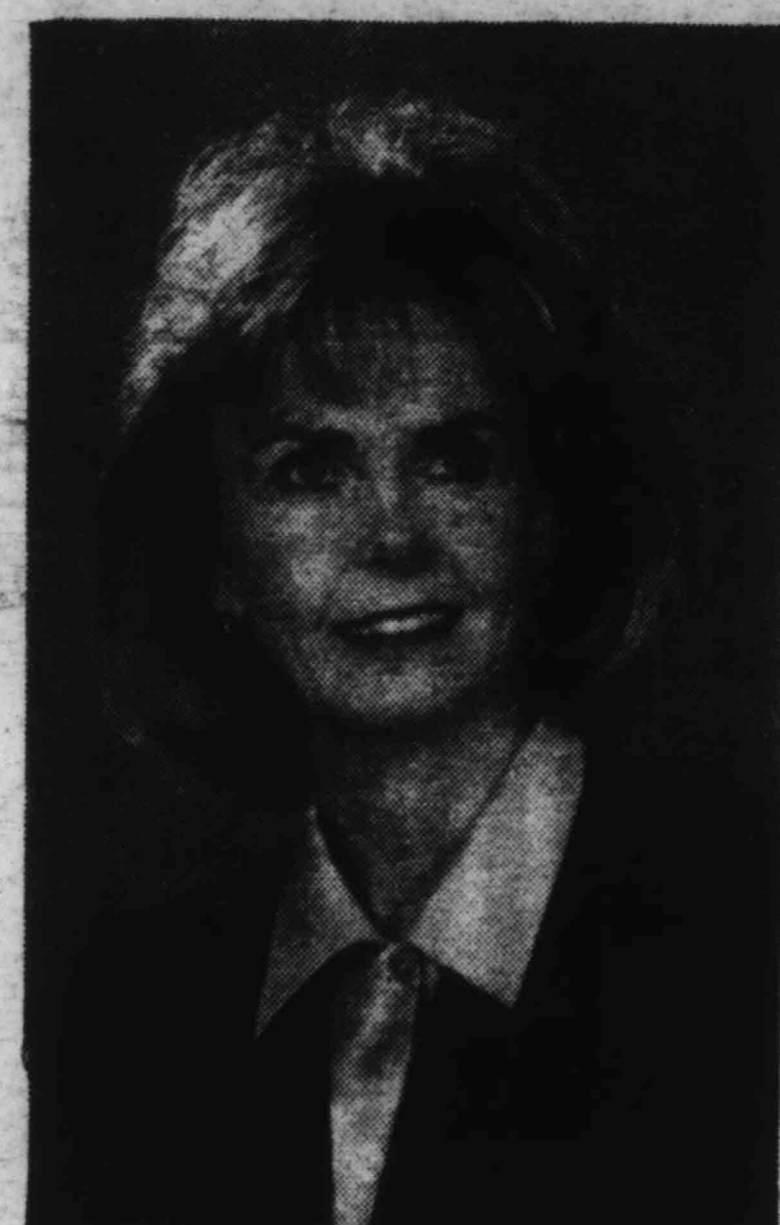
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Selected



MRS. IVAN (JEAN) CRINER has been selected as the director of the newly funded GEAR UP program for Lauderdale County Schools. GEAR UP, or the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness Undergraduate Program, is a consortium between Dyersburg State Community College and Lauderdale County Schools. This will seek to better prepare students for entry into post secondary education and increase interaction between parents, school officials, and community leaders. Other goals of the program include providing access to a greater number of cultural events, emphasizing good character in a variety of roles and settings, increasing access to career information, and providing students with greater access to technology.

Mrs. Criner, a Lauderdale County educator for 25 years and past state semifinalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year, will

ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

The Lauderdale County Board of Education will hold its annual Spelling Bee Tues., Feb. 15th, at Ripley Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

The Primary Spelling Bee, for grades 2 through 3, will include students from Ripley Primary School, Halls Elementary School (grades 2-3), and Ripley Elementary School (grade 3).

The Official Spelling Bee, for grades 4 through 8, will include students from Ripley Elementary School (grades 4-5); Halls Elementary School (grades 4-6), Lauderdale Middle School, and Halls Junior High School.

The winners will represent Lauderdale County at the Mid-South Spelling Bee in Memphis.

work with programs directed at approximately 350 seventh graders at Lauderdale Middle School and Halls Junior High School. The program will begin with these junior high students and will continue to track them until their graduation from high school. Each year, new seventh graders will begin the program.

The project will provide a before and after school enrichment program for the children and extensive consultation and teacher training. It will also include parent, grandparent, and community group involvement to increase the academic, social, and emotional success of each child.

Jury Declares Pair Guilty For Incident

Bob Spivey and Terry Lee Johnson were convicted by a circuit court jury of felony reckless endangerment for shooting into a vehicle, containing a seven year old boy, April 21, 1999. Witnesses testified they saw Spivey and Johnson in Halls at the city park. A dispute arose and they fired pistols at a third person who fled. One of the bullets lodged in the door of the vehicle, containing the boy, which was within a few feet of the shooting incident.

Reckless endangerment is an E felony. Sentencing is set for later, this month.

EARNED HONORS

University of Tennessee at Knoxville students from Lauderdale County who were named on the dean's list include Magna Cum Laude, Erick Baker, Summa Cum Laude, Addison Hansford, Amanda Pugh, and Yves Steinbruegge, and Cum Laude, April Parker.

To be included on the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full time. Part-time, law, and graduate students are not included on the list. A term average of 3.8 to 4.0 is required to be eligible for Summa Cum Laude honors; an average of 3.65 to 3.79 for Magna Cum Laude; and an average of at least 3.5 through 3.64 must be held by Cum Laude students.

Many True Bills In Circuit Court

Casey Wright was indicted in the February session of Lauderdale County Circuit Court for Possession of Contraband in Penal Institution.

Other indictments included, Rhona Renee Anderson, aggravated assault.

Phyllis Robin Sealand, theft, \$500 - \$1,000; filing a false report.

Chris Burnett, aggravated assault; 2 counts reckless endangerment.

Terry W. Crews, possession of schedule II (Cocaine) with intent to deliver 0.5 gms or more; possession of drug paraph.; evading arrest.

Wynta Earnest, 4 counts forgery.

Sarah Jean Edwards, aggravated assault.

Jon L. Fields, felony FTA. Starra Hickey, 3 counts forgery; 2 counts felony FTA.

Cedric Hobb aka Lil Bad Ass aka CED, Delivery Schedule II (Cocaine) less than 0.5 gms; DRL; Prior DRL.

Marlo Jones, aggravated burglary; 2 counts aggravated assault; reckless endangerment.

Raymond K. McKee, burglary. Anthony McKinnis, possession schedule II (Cocaine) with intent to deliver 0.5 gms or more; possession schedule II (Dihydro) with intent to deliver; simple possession schedule VI (marj.).

David Lee Marshall, aggravated assault; theft less than \$500.

Karen Mayberry, worthless check.

Anthony Nixon, possession schedule VI (Marji.) with intent to deliver 1/2 oz. or more; possession drug paraph.

Larry Joe Noel, aggravated assault; felony reckless endangerment.

Ulus Norfolk, felony FTA.

Robin Patterson, aggravated assault; felony evading arrest; 4 counts felony reckless endangerment.

James L. Roberson aka "Blookie" aka James Robinson, attempted second degree murder.

Martress Shaw aka Lil Hawk, felony FTA.

Bob Spivey, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver 0.5 gms or more; simple possession schedule VI (marji.); 2 counts possession drug paraph.; possession schedule VI (marji.) with intent to deliver 1/2 or more.

Raymond C. Thomas, violation

HMVO; DRL: prior DRL; felony FTA.

Steven V. Tucker, 2 counts aggravated burglary; theft \$500 - \$1,000; theft less than \$500.

Kristie N. Ward, 13 counts forgery.

Barry Wilson, burglary of vehicle; theft less than \$500.

Land Purchased By Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Halls has purchased 10 acres of land to rebuild their church, which was destroyed by a tornado early in 1999.

The new church location will be on the east side of Gate 6 Road and Highway 88 West intersection, in Halls. Land site preparation for the new building will begin as soon as notification is received from their architecture firm.

The church has sold a portion of the old church property where the sanctuary was.

TITLE SPEAKER

Dr. Joan Evans Hartman chose the topic "Winning for the Millennium: Practical Ideas for Success" for her presentation February 1st at the National Title 1 Conference in San Antonio, Tex. Dr. Hartman shared some of the ideas that had been successful in working with the students at Halls Elementary School, Lauderdale Middle School, Ripley Elementary School, and Ripley Primary School. In December, Halls Elementary was chosen by the State Department of Education as one of three Distinguished Title 1 Schools in the state.

BEAUTY REVUE

Halls High School will have a Womanless Beauty Revue Thurs., Feb. 17th, 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Project Graduation. Admission is \$3. Refreshments will be available.

The entry form deadline is Wed., Feb. 16th. Forms are available at the school front office.

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Land Transfers

Jan. 28 - Cheryl F. Hopkins and George Hopkins to Harry Hopkins and L. Q. Russell, Dist. 7, lot.

Jan. 31 - Union Planters Bank NA to Amy Summar Mills and Jeffery Leonard Mills, Dist. 2, tract.

Anthony, Lankford, and Poston LLC to Donald Wade Burroughs, Dist. 2, 3.393 acres, 5.002 acres, and 5.002 acres.

Feb. 1 - Charlotte Johnston and James H. Johnston to John Wallace Mathis and Lincoln Wade Mathis, Dist. 6, 23.000 acres.

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Feb. 2 - Dianna L. Jackson and Jimmie J. Jackson to Randy Lankford, Dist. 2, 0.344 acres.

Feb. 3 - Kathryn Y. Cox to Connie Sue Cox and Danny Cox, Dist. 6, lot.

Charlotte Chipman, Charlotte Chipman Flowers, Lummie Flowers to Donald W. Burroughs, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Diane Kirby to William Rose, Dist. 10, 15.470 acres.

Nelson Young and Opal Young to Jason S. Young and Tracy G. Young, Dist. 12, lot.

Anniversaries

Feb. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Greg McBroom.

Feb. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheatley.

Feb. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman "Sonny" Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. James White, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jordan.

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden.

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Billy White, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith.

Feb. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hodge.

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November Wedding



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MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL McALISTER were married January 1st at New Lie Fellowship Church, with only family attending.

Bro. Harold Blackwood officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Billy Scallions, of Ripley. Grandparents are Mary Kissell and the late Emery Kissell, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scallions, of Curve.

She wore a two-piece gown with a shimmering silver sweater top and white satin floor-length skirt. The maid of honor was Teresa Tharpe, of Havelock, N.C.

The groom is the son of Ricky McAlister and the late Robin McAlister, of Memphis. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards, of Ripley, and John McAlister and Peggy McAlister, of Memphis.

Alan Fisher, of Halls, served as best man. The bride has planned a surprise honeymoon in May.

Birthdays

Feb. 10 - Rachel Gibson, Paige Henderson, Noveline Hunter, Logan Rose, Crystal James, Megan Buchignani, Rob Reviere, James C. Newman, Kevin Drumwright, Jason White, Joni Cook, Lindsay Crain, Shirley Brown, Thomas Neil Martin, Jessica Byrd.

Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, No-rene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard.

Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Bethany Stephens, Shannon Williams, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Mark Bryant.

Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks, Amy Mills, Janie Burris, Jerry Don Trosper, Brenda Olds, Bunnie Ful-len, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Homer.

Feb. 14 - Carolyn Bridges, Kamlin Williams, Ericka Allyson Williams, Betty Fowler, Kristen Crihfield, Jennifer Baker, Melissa

MR. AND MRS. JASON JONES are residing at 470 Best St., Ripley after wedding vows November 27th at Curve Church of Christ.

The bride, the former Shawna Carmack, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bret Carmack, of Halls.

She was given away by her father and her son, Chisholm Vaughan. She was attended by her aunt, Dee Wright, of Newnan, Ga., and sister-in-law, Michelle Carmack, of Halls. Mariah Carmack, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Bill Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Prince, of Bradford. He chose his father as best man, and Jason Pounds, of Ripley, served as groomsman.

Ushers were Brandon Carmack, of Halls, the bride's brother, and Jason Ellington, of Ripley.

Kathryn Norman, of Ripley, sang a selection of songs. Tyler Pattat, of Ripley, was in charge of the sound system.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Penny Gaines. Servers were Genia Gibson, of Memphis, Shannon Harrald, of Bartlett, Alexis Gaines, cousin of the bride, of New Hampshire, Susan Smith, of Jackson, and Amanda Sanders, cousin of the bride, of Halls.

Marriages

60, to Linda Joan Russom, 56, by Willard Norvell.

Feb. 1 - G. Jerry Meyers, Jr.,

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue visited Lee Williams and daughter, Tori, in Byhalia, Miss. Saturday. Mrs. Juanita Stanley, of Forked Deere, visited the Pharis Escues Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh at Nankipoo Monday of last week.

Cratie Hand, of Frog Jump, was a dinner guest Thursday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swafford, of Dyersburg, were Friday dinner guests, and Mrs. Mary Jane Rice, of Dyersburg, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beard, of Roellen, visited the J. D. McNeills Sunday afternoon.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Giam-papa, of Jackson, 9 lb. 3 oz. son, John Vassar Giampapa, born 5:14 p.m. Jan. 20th in Jackson Madison County General Hospital. He was 21-1/2 inches long. He has a brother, Matthew, 6, and a sister, Rachel, 3. Grandparents are Mary Miller, of Ripley, the late Vassar Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Giampapa.

Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrison Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Cook.

Feb. 16 - Carlos McLemore, Gail Shelton, Virginia Sapp, Michelle Williams, Lisa Marie Spray, Harold Perry, Jodie Ward, Jeremy Emerson.

Olds, Michael Shane Olds, Monty McWilliams.

Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myma Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet

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Lauderdale County students making the Dean's List from Dyersburg State Community College include Tammy Henson and Patricia Newman, from Gates; Bradley Ray Harrell and Roger A. Meadows, Jr., from Halls; and Cheryl Elizabeth Edwards and Jennifer Lynn Ziemianin, from Henning.

Ripley students include Autumn Denise Brown, Kevin Michael Byrd, Jana Michelle Campbell, Bethany Jill Carmack, Kathy Cox, Deborah Demeris, April Diane Dowell, Kimberly Dawn Jones, Danny Keith Langley, Amy Susan McCoy, Elizabeth Deann Tims, Laura Leigh Vaughan and Samantha Murley Wood.

A student must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester to be included on the Dean's List.

DSCC HONOR ROLL

Lauderdale County Students making the Dyersburg State Community College Honor Roll include James Adam Akin, from Gates; and Natalie Rhea Dean and Lee Ann Harrison, from Halls. Ripley students include Kelly Crowder Carmack, Marchigiani Zennetta Comeaux, Jennifer Ann Goforth, Kristen Mitchell, Dawn Louise Platzke, Michele M. Sheetz, Brandi Smith and Holly Elaine Sweat.

A student must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level

courses during the semester and earn a grade point average between 3.0-3.49 during the semester to be included on the Honor Roll.

FREE PROGRAM

The program, "Facing Up And Coping With Stress and Depres-

sion," sponsored by the Lauderdale County Extension Service, is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 17th, 6:30 p.m., at the Tennessee Technology Center, in Ripley.

Featured speakers are Mike Campbell, Director of Health and Wellness Unit, Methodist LeBonheur Hospital, and Debbie Littles, R.N., an experienced counselor and speaker with Baptist Memorial Hospital.

This program is open to all in-


terested persons and is geared to the entire family. In-depth information on coping with stress and depression will be given - how to help yourself and help others - and who is out there to help you.

Call 635-9551 for more information, or to pre-register.

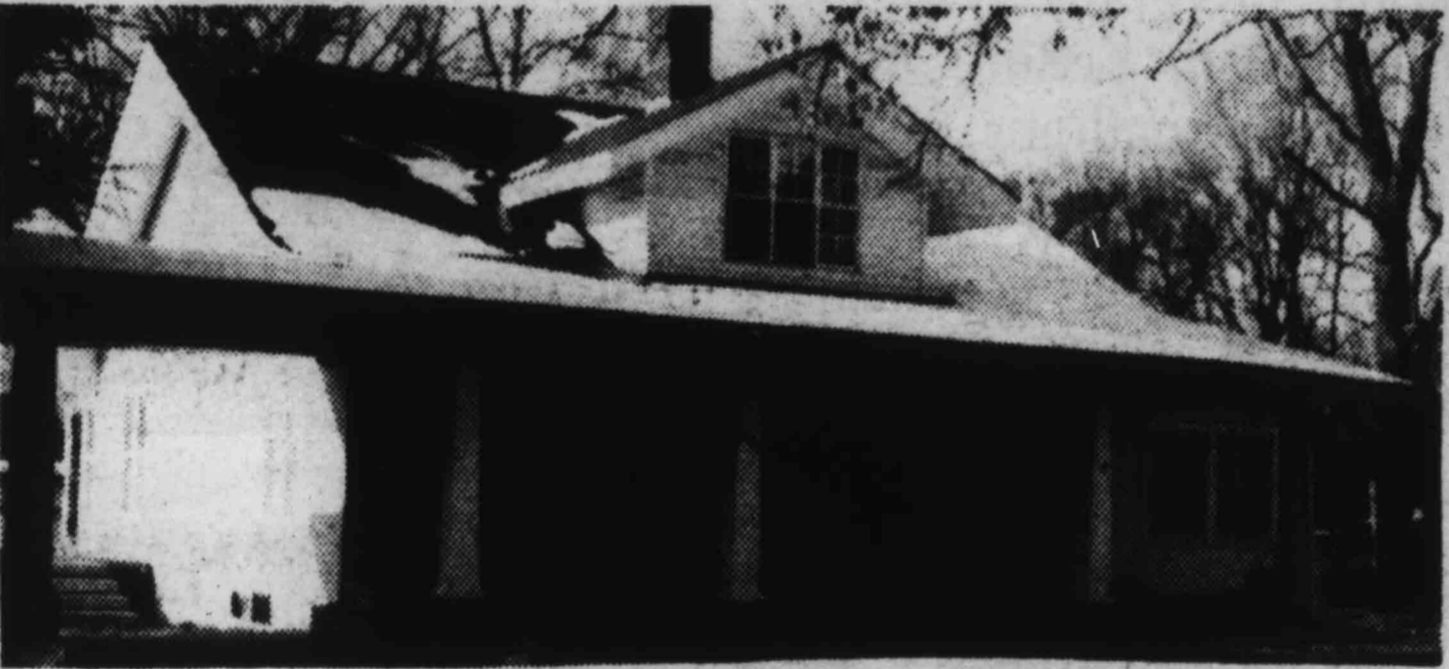
Here are some of the abbreviations commonly used in prescriptions

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b.i.d.	twice a day	q.o.d.	every other day
t.i.d.	three times a day	e	with
q.h.	every hour	s	without
q.d.	every day	p.r.n.	as required
ut. dict.	use as directed	U or u	unit
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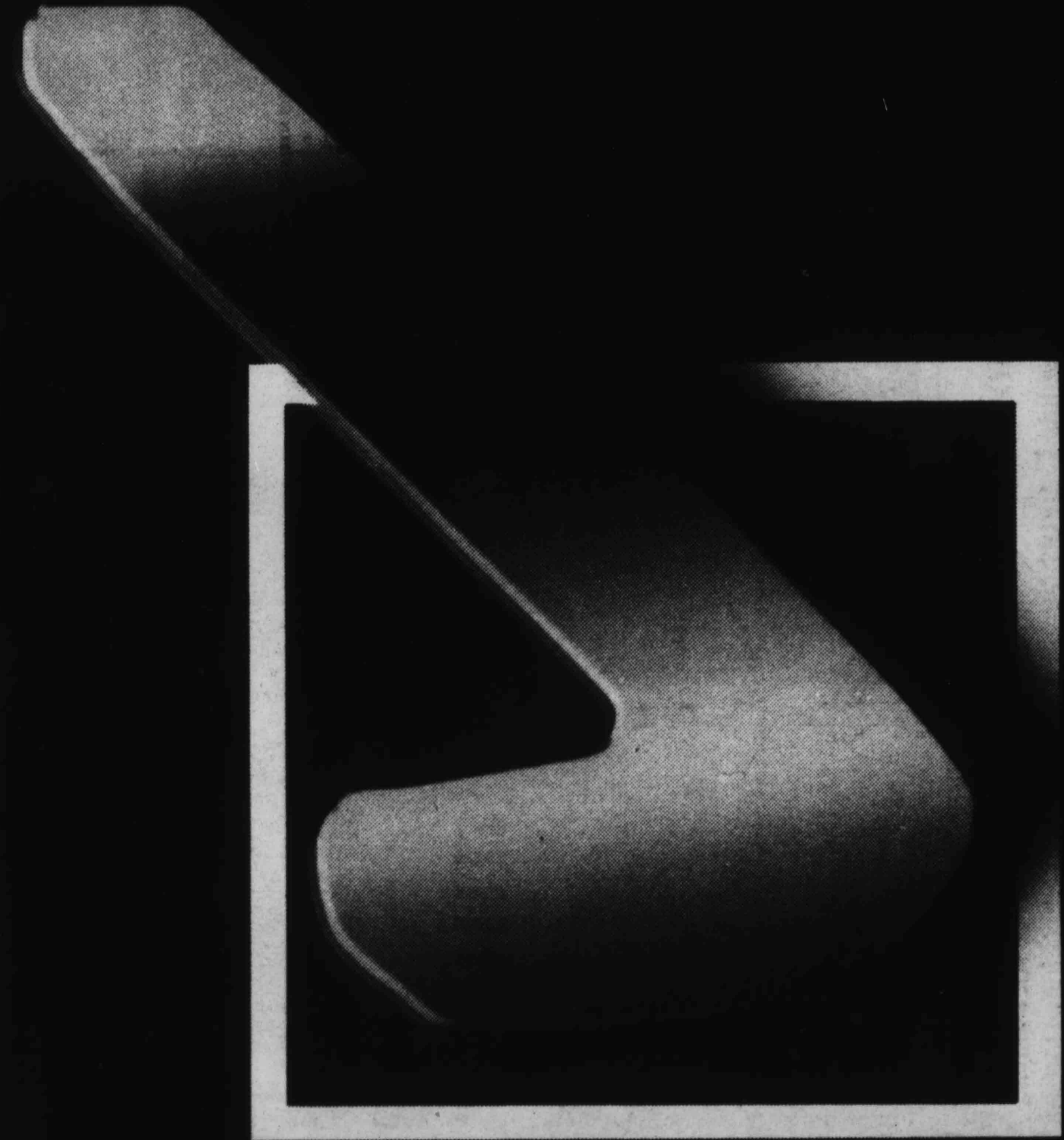
First Presbyterian Christian School, preparing for its sixth year of existence, is hosting an Open House, accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. The event is scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd at 7 p.m.

FPCS is an inter-denominational school which seeks to approach education from a Christian perspective. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information please contact the school at 901-285-3727.

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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict For Dowdy

Bryan Herman Dowdy, of 1132 Hwy. 179, Covington, was found guilty in five counts Tuesday of last week after a jury of eight women and four men deliberated for four-hours. Dowdy was arrested after the May 8, 1999 accident that claimed the life of Lindsey Brooke Holcomb, 12, daughter of Willard and Edie Wilson, of Ripley, and Billy Holcomb, of Henning, and injured other occupants in the 1996 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Lindsey's aunt, Wanda Epps.

The two county chase began in Covington when officers tried to stop Dowdy for speeding through Covington. After he crossed the county line, officers radioed Lauderdale County officers for assistance. After four Henning officers and three cars of sheriff deputies responded, they pursued him from Hwy. 51, onto Cooper Creek Rd., then to Cherry, and back east on Hwy. 87, before he struck the car driven by Epps.

Dowdy's blood alcohol level registered 0.18%. Dowdy testified and admitted drinking over three beers and fleeing from the officers in Tipton and Lauderdale Counties.

The jury returned guilty verdicts for vehicular homicide in the death of Lindsey Holcomb, vehicular assault of Wanda Epps, vehicular assault of Paul Webb, a passenger in Epps' car, evading arrest, and driving under the influence.

Sentencing was set for Feb. 21st.

Dr. Robert T. Drake

Dr. Robert Thomas Drake, 77, Pharmacist, died January 17th, after a prolonged illness, in Larkwood Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado.

He was born in Henning on January 10, 1923 to Walter B. and Susan Turner Drake. After he graduated from Ripley High School, he obtained his degree in pharmacy from University of Tennessee at Memphis.

He leaves his wife, Lillian Suits Drake, of Grand Junction, and a sister, Frances Drake Drury, of Santa Monica, Calif.

Charlie Jones

Miss Charlie Jones, 99, retired teacher of the Lauderdale County School System, of Chicago, Ill., died Sunday, of pneumonia, in a Chicago hospital.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago, Warner B. Jones and Sons Funeral Home in charge.

Born as the last of 15 children to the late Bucy and Ruth Finch, of Henning, she taught mostly at the Palmer Turner Elementary School.

She leaves a nephew, J. T. Jones, of Ripley, and a niece, Ruth Finch, of Henning.

Mrs. Roy Bell

Emma Dee Yochum Bell, 70, of Lafayette, La., former Riparian, died Jan. 30th in Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday of last week in the Ripley Church of Christ, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

A merchant, she was a member of the Lafayette Church of Christ. She leaves her husband, Roy Bell; four sons, Brian and Larry, of Lafayette, Roy, Jr., of LaPlace, La., and Charles, of Sterling, Ill.; three daughters, Peggy Bell and Wynona Wirth, of Sterling, and Linda Mangham, of Ardmore, Okla.; two brothers, Cled Yochum, of Sun City, Ariz., and George Yochum, of Somoanuk, Ill.; and several grandchildren.

Tony A. Colvett

Tony Aubrey Colvett, 47, of Somerville, brother of James Colvett, of Halls, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Hospital of Fayette in Somerville.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Oakview Memorial Gardens in Alamo, Peables Fayette County Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include two other brothers, Dennis, of Moscow, and Jerry, of

Baby Shower



MARY (MRS. JEFF) FITZHUGH was given a baby shower Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Moore in Gates.

Guests enjoyed refreshments served by the hostesses (from left, back), Sharon (Mrs. William) Belton, of Halls; Sheila (Mrs. Chuck) Moore, and Phyllis (Mrs. David) Smith, both of Gates; and Merry (Mrs. Roy) Carter, of Dyersburg.

FPSC HONOR ROLL

Students making the honor roll at First Presbyterian Christian School in Dyersburg include on the A Honor Roll: first grade, Kody Breedlove, Peyton English, Cameron Griggs, Caleb Langley, and Emily Queen; second grade, Jacob Clark, Lauren Halliburton, Mallory Martin, Aaron Morris, Suzanna Stanley and Brittany Tillman; third grade, Holly Arwood, Devin Blankenship, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs, Austin Hardin, Hayley Jankovsky and Samantha Roach; fifth grade, Austin Allen, Kelley Crook, Catelyn Meadows, and Catelyn Harrison; sixth grade, Adam Queen, Amber Smith, and Sally Jo Turner.

Students making the A and B honor roll include first grade, Chase Bowers, and Krista Henderson; second grade, Conor Holly Cook, Katy Hines, Nathan Maness, Christopher Morris, John Shelton and Stephanie White; fourth grade, Hannah Day, Caleb Phillips, Erika White and Nell White; fifth grade, Sarah Hargett and April Nichols; sixth grade, Alyssa Davis; eighth grade, Amanda Clark; eleventh grade, Laura Craig.

Students making perfect attendance include pre-kindergarten, Alison Griggs, Hannah Langley and Timothy Newman; kindergarten, Carly Harrison, Blake Long, Luke Stanley, Brandon Williams, Hollie Wilson and Michele Wilson; first grade, Chase Bowers, Cameron Griggs, Krista Henderson and Caleb Langley; second grade, Mallory Martin and Nic Smith; third grade, Holly Arwood, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs, Katy Hines, Kyle Paris, Samantha Roach and John Shelton; fourth grade, Hannah Day; fifth grade, Austin Allen, Kelley Crook, Caitlyn Harrison and Michael Jenkins; sixth grade, Alyssa Davis and Anna Spray; seventh grade, Kayla Cheslor, Heather Day, Walker Ferrell and Kristen Sweat; ninth grade, Chris Reaves; tenth grade, Kyle Chessor.

PREVIEW DAY

Lambuth University is pleased to announce Preview Day on Mon., Feb. 21st, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This day is planned for the President's Day holiday, when many schools are not in session, to allow students to visit Lambuth without missing their school classes.

High school seniors, juniors and their families are invited to tour the Lambuth campus, sit in on a class, and meet some of the Lambuth students. Students will also have an opportunity to interact with the staff and faculty members while parents take part in a financial aid workshop.

Scholarship priority consideration is granted to students who visit campus. Contact the Office of Admissions, 901-425-3223, or 1-800-LAMBUTH to register.

She's Seven



AIR BASE MEETING

KRISTA HARDY celebrated her 7th birthday with a pizza party in her home Sat., Jan. 15th. Guests included Taylor Jacobs, Lauren Jones, Emilee Wright, Brenna Deaton, Rachel Mowbray, Katie Farley, Emily Hartman, Brock Smith, Chris Hardy, Tommy Wright, Shelby Hilliard, Ashley Heflin, and Hunter Harrison.

Krista is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hardy, of Halls. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Moore, of Halls; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackwood, of Ripley; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hardy, of Halls.

TELECONFERENCE

The Lauderdale County Extension Office, 217 N. Main St., Ripley, will host a Marketing Club Network Teleconference at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 15th, which will focus on agricultural policy.

The teleconference, which will be sponsored by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service and Agrimark, will feature a specialist from the Food Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri. FAPRI researchers and analyzes different policy scenarios and the effect on the agricultural economy. Much of their work is done at the request of Congress and policy changes that make it into law have usually been analyzed by FAPRI.

Library To Set Up Public Computers

The Lauderdale County Library will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the installation of four new public access computers received through the Gates Library Initiative, part of the Gates Learning Foundation endowed by Bill and Melinda Gates.

All four of the computers will be on the Internet. Users under the age of 18 must have a Parental Internet Permission form signed by the parents or legal guardians before they can use the Internet. All users will have to sign an Internet Policy Agreement. Children under the age of 12 must have a parent or legal guardian on site during their Internet session.

An open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to introduce community members to the library's new computers. A trainer from the Gates Center will talk about the computers and software that is being installed. Library staff members will be available to answer questions about the library's computer services and policies. For more information contact the library at 635-1872.

than Fri., Mar. 31st, payable to the American Cancer Society. Mail check, along with name of team and coach, to A. O. Smith, P. O. Box 569, Ripley, TN 38063, Attn. Michelle Haislip.

For more information, call Michelle, 901-635-2421, ext. 1328 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or 901-635-0137, after 4:30 p.m.

Curve-Woodville FCE Has Monthly Meeting

The Curve Woodville FCE Club met Tues., Feb. 1st, in the Curve Country Fried Steak Building.

Eleven members answered roll call by telling, "What We Would Like To Will To Another Eventuality."

Dean Davis, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and the treasurer's report was given. Jean Bolding led the devotional on inspiring young people and also shared the importance of a good attitude in every aspect of life.

Future plans were made for a workshop and community missions.

Everyone shared a potluck lunch after the meeting.

PROGRAM DEADLINES

The Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency, 301 Lake Drive, has issued deadlines for sign up appointments for various programs. The deadline to sign up for both the Conservation Reserve Program and the Extended Livestock Assistance Program is February 11th. Farmers should ensure that their planned cropland acreage is certified for soybeans 1997, 1998, and 1999 by February 18th for the Oilseed Production Flexibility Program. For more information contact the office at 635-7686.

Softball Game To Aid Relay For Life

A. O. Smith Corporation is sponsoring a fund-raising Men's and Women's Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament on Sat., Apr. 15th, at Ripley City Park, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Campaign.

Rules are - 1 and 1 count for each batter; 10-run rule after 5 innings; 20-run rule after 3 innings; 5 home run limit, then singles; and double elimination bracket. Each team must supply their own 47 core balls (men, 12 inch, and women, 11 inch).

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Hutchersons Held As Co-Murderers

The county grand jury last week held Albert L. Hutcherson III, 24, and David Lee Hutcherson, 25, of Ripley, for Circuit Court trial on charges of attempted robbery and first degree murder.

James Latham, of Ripley, was convicted in October of second degree murder in beating James B. "Jabbo" Webster, 84 and five feet, five inches tall, unconscious, with Webster's cane, late at night, Aug. 16, 1998. Webster died 19 days after the attack.

Judge Joseph H. Walker, Jr., sentenced Latham, 17 at the time of the murder, to 20 years without parole.

Prosecutors say the Hutchersons (of different families) went with Latham to Webster's home at Curve, as accomplices in the incident.

Conviction could bring a sentence of life in prison.

Judge Walker set bond for each defendant at \$25,000.

Albert Hutcherson has previous convictions for trespass, drug possession, theft, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Seven days after Webster's death, he pleaded guilty to a stun-

gun robbery of a Tipton County convenience store, for which he was arrested on Sept. 28, 1997.

Sentenced to five years, with a 30% hope of parole, he was in the Tipton County Jail for nearly six months before Judge Walker granted him five years probation, the first few months especially strict.

Whatever the outcome of new charges, the state is asking revocation of Albert's probation.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Reed Family, of Ripley, will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 19th at the Halls Community Center. The Elite, of Nesbit, Miss., will be the featured group. The public is invited. No admission will be charged.



MELISSA HURT, center, a senior at Halls High School, and Elizabeth Fitzhugh, right, a senior at Ripley High School, were presented with Good Citizenship Awards by the Fort Prudhomme chapter of the NSDAR during a meeting February 2nd in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Ripley.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Janice Koonce Craig, left, who welcomed the girls and their mothers. Nine members and four guests were present.

Inez Douglas, Chaplain, gave the Invocation, reading an inspirational piece, entitled "Out. of

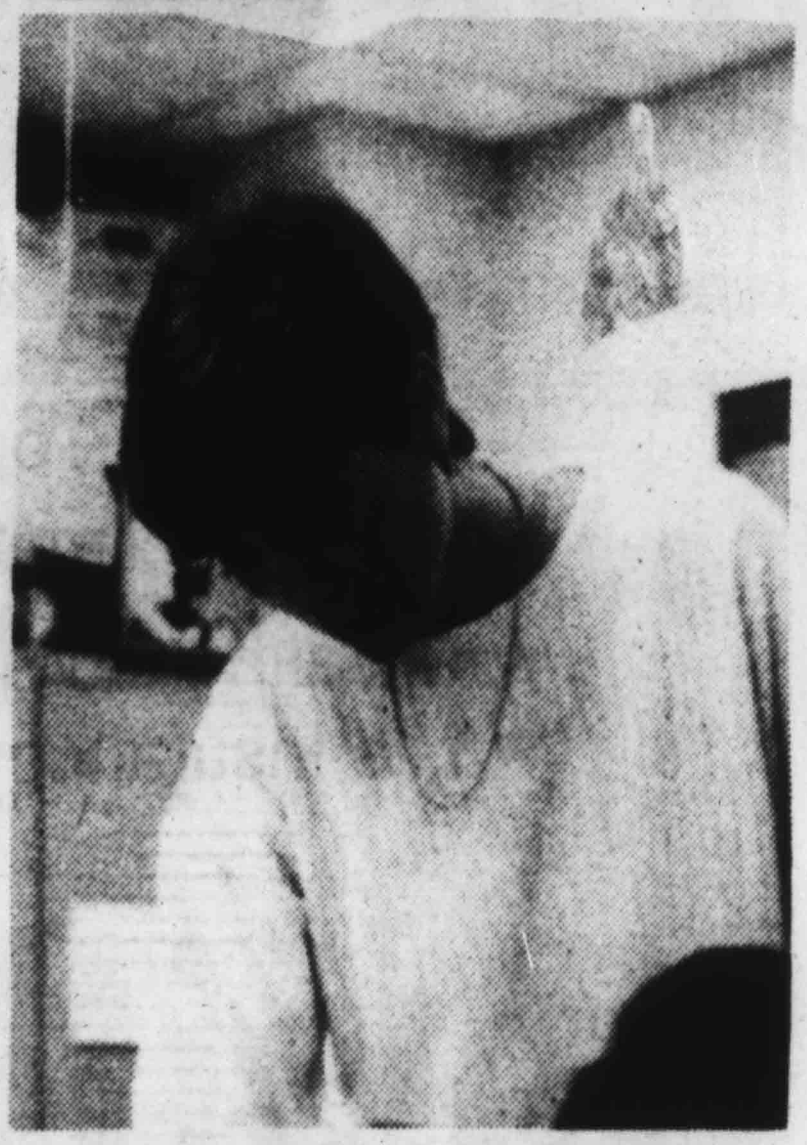
Dr. Bobby Webb Reports Progress

When Lauderdale County Schools were selected two years ago as one of nine Tennessee school systems to participate in a test of the Bridges Learning Program, experts told local school officials to wait three years before seeing significant gains in student performance. However, after two years in the program, Superintendent Bobby Webb says teachers and students are already seeing major improvements in academic performance, classroom behavior, and student attitudes.

Dr. Webb reported that Bridges students have higher TCAP test scores than they did in previous years. He stated, "The improvement in the standardized test scores has been extremely important to me and to the school board, because it shows that we're helping these students to overcome obstacles they may have to learning."

Teachers reported that students are better able to concentrate, pay attention, and learn after returning to the classroom from the lab. They say that students are more focused and some who have been disruptive are no longer disruptive. Improvements in reading and especially handwriting have been noticed.

Teachers



LAUDERDALE COUNTY teachers nominated for the State Teacher of the Year Award include in upper photo, Kathi Wilder, Ripley Elementary School; in middle photo, Susan Farris, Ripley High School; and in lower photo, Kathy Dye, Halls Elementary School. Superintendent Dr. Bobby Webb advised that this is certainly an honor to be selected by a group of one's peers. "It takes a great deal of energy to truly inspire students in today's world and to instill in them a sense of pride that will serve them well in the years to come. A teacher makes a great impact in the life of a child and I appreciate these fine teachers touching these lives in such a positive manner."

the Mouth of Babes", followed by prayer. The Pledge to the Flag and the American's Creed were recited, led by Janice. Liz Craft gave the National Defense Report and a Constitution Minute on Robert Morris, of Pennsylvania, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

After a business session, Betty Warren, Good Citizen Chairperson, introduced Melissa and Elizabeth and presented them with the awards. Melissa read her essay on what it means to be a good citizen of this country.

The next meeting will be for a tree planting at the Halls Library at 3:30 p.m. March 14th.

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BASKETBALL CAMP

The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp is now evaluating applications for their camps. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply, but attendance is by invitation only. Af-

ter the camp, basketball scholarships may be available for the most advanced players. For more information call 704-372-8610.

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The Halls Senior Center is accepting bids on a 5 ton heating and cooling system installed on the roof, replacing ducts from system to vents and removing old system presently there.
Bidders may come to the center to look the job over. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. February 28th at the Town of Halls office.
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Dental Poster Winners



DR. CHERYL REESE, left, and **Patti Heinmeyer**, right, of the Lauderdale County Health Department in Ripley, judged Dental Health Week posters at Halls Elementary School and spoke to the third grade classes Friday morning. Those receiving prizes for their entries included, from left, Heather Hill, third place; Shye Isom, first place; and Carley Cherry, 2nd place.

CARD OF THANKS

There are not enough words or thanks to all of you. I would like to personally thank each and every young person who has touched my life in the last couple of week, unfortunately I don't even know all of your names. I want to thank every young person who came to the hospital Saturday night, people I didn't even speak to, but I saw you there. I want to thank everyone who came to Spence's grandmother's house and shared their memories of Spence with me. Thanks to all who sent flowers, angels, cards, brought food, decorated Spence's truck, and just shared their time with me. I want to thank everyone who came to visitation and hugged me and talked to me. Also, thank you all for the mementos you all gave Spence to take with him on his journey to Heaven. I'm sure he is there now reading all the notes and looking at all the pictures you all gave him and remembering all the good times you all had. Thank you all for coming to the service and sharing more hugs and more mementos. Thank you all who have visited the airbase and taken special things out there for Spence. Also, thank you for the visits to the cemetery and the Tennessee flag put out there. Thank you for all the special things you are all doing at school; the special page in the Yearbook and the school newspaper and all the other things you have done that I don't even know about. You all have no idea how much this has all meant to me and how much comfort it has brought to me. You are all very special young adults and Spence was a very lucky guy to have friends like you. Thank you all for being Spence's friend!
Spence's Mom

TRAINING COMPLETED

Marine Corps Pvt. **Quinton A. Shaw**, son of Daniel L. Beard, of 2023 Five Mile Lane, Gates, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Shaw, a 1998 graduate of Haywood High School, spent twelve weeks in the training program, which included a physical conditioning program and instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and assorted weapons training.

Adv.P.

COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by the Department of Human Services and USDA, will distribute USDA commodities from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 23rd.

Commodities will be distributed at the Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St., Rice Park, Watkins St., Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport Street, and Palmer-Turner Community Center, 655 Church St., Henning.

Proof of income must be brought to the site to receive com-

modities, which will be given on a "first come, first serve" basis. Clients must bring someone to carry the bag to their vehicle.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-203 notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:45 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2000 in City Hall. The hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed rezoning from R-2 to R-3 of a corridor of property along both sides of Church Street north of Tiggrett Street.

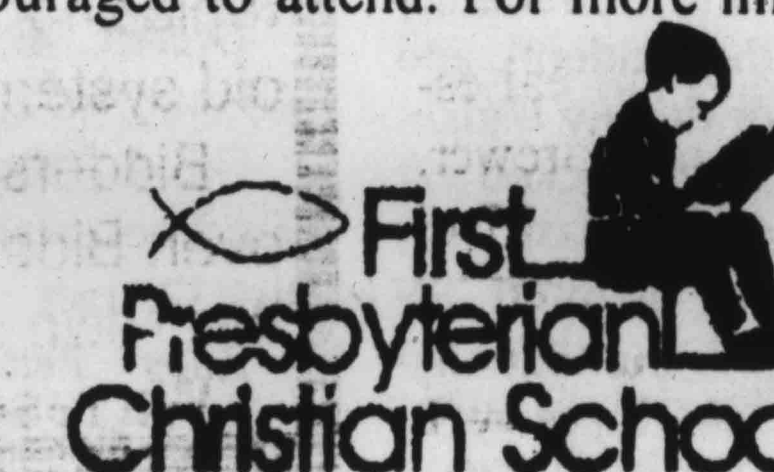
A full copy of the amending documents may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

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Mississippi River Is Near A Record Low

Drought has shrunk the Mississippi River close to an all-time low on the river gauges.

The record at Memphis is minus 10.7 feet, during the 1988 drought. Berland Boyd, of the Corps of Engineers, estimated last week that the river could drop to a record low of minus 11.1 by this coming Sunday.

Monday, the Memphis gauge stood at minus 8.4, and Tuesday, the Weather Service reported the river rising, without a challenge to the records.

Even at a record low, erosion would permit the river to move more water at Memphis than in August, 1936, when a record-low flow of 78,000 cubic feet per second was set.

Attended Conference



THE DECA CLUB of Halls High School traveled to UT Martin February 7th for the Region IV Conference. Attending the conference included, from left, in front, Angela Laws, Rachel Roberts, Brooke Newsome, Amber Jackson; in rear, Josh Stevens, Robert Rodgers, Jacob Newman, and Leanne Emmons. They will represent Halls High School in the next phase of competition to be held in Nashville March 8-11.

Strong for sharing a special place in her heart with Spence and for keeping him in her class enough years he finally realized she "liked" him. Special thanks to "Miss" Emmons for treating Spence as though he was the greatest of students, even though we all know he was not the best 'academic' student. Special thanks to Ms. Marie, Ms. Helen, and Ms. Carson for all the many phone calls made for and about Spence. Some good, some not. Thanks to all the other teachers that touched Spence's life and made impressions that I don't even know about, I do know there are others. Thank you all for the flowers, cards, gifts, visits, prayers, hugs, and words of comfort you all bestowed on me during this time. Knowing Spence was so well liked by you all is a great comfort to me.

Thanks again,
Pat Drozd,
Spence's mom

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and faculty at Halls High School. Special thanks to Principal Pugh for the wonderful job he did at Spence's services on such short notice. Special thanks to Coach Taylor and Mr. Joe for spending the extra time with Spence these last couple years, when he needed male attention so much. Special thanks to Gara

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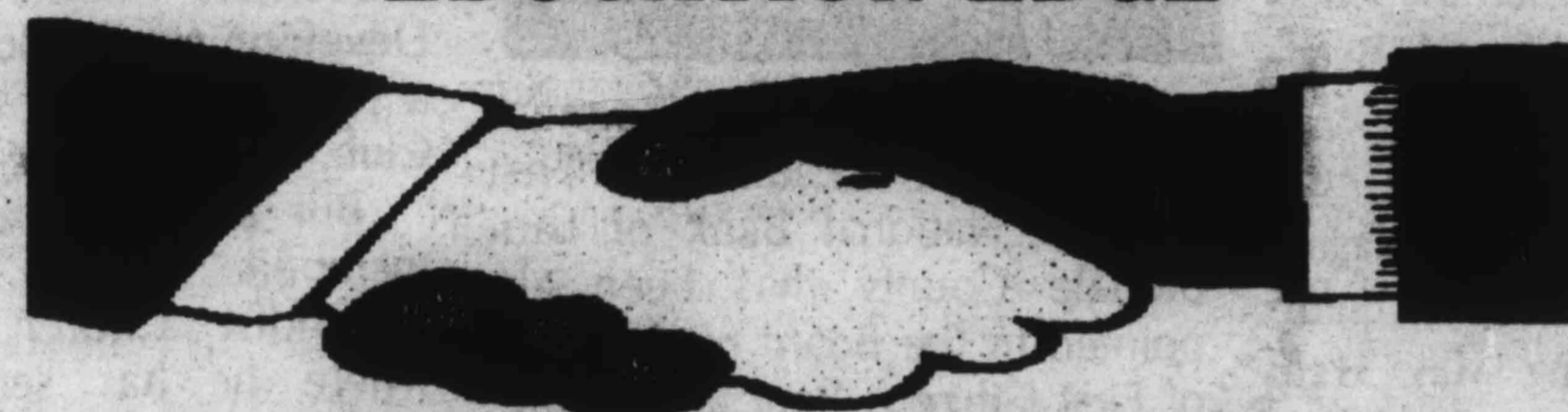
Donations received for the Lauderdale County Courthouse Historical Marker were in memory of Lawson Elder by Ronnie, Seal, Jennifer, Melissa, Todd, and Julia; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde, Jr. by George T. and Gladys Hyde Whiteley; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blankenship and T. Roland Blakemore by Joyce Blankenship Blakemore; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henderson and Guy Tucker Henderson by Martha

Henderson Roper; in memory of Wayne Andrews, J. B. Bell, and William Guy Lewis by Louise H. Lewis and Nancy J. Leggett; in memory of Butler and Florence Lyell and Bertha Smith by Marvin and Nell Lyell; in memory of Mrs. Ada Dailey Green, John William Dailey, and The Dailey Store (founded in 1914-sold 1984) by James T. Dailey, Dr. Robert E. Dailey, and Mary Lee Dailey Kingery; in memory of Myrtle Taylor Dailey and John William Dailey by James T. Dailey, Dr.

Robert E. Dailey, and Mary Lee Dailey Kingery; in memory of Marvin "Pete" Shepherd by Ruth Shepherd; and a donation was received by John Ed and Connie Craig.

Memorials, honorariums, or donations can be sent to Liz Craft, 5254 Conner Whitefield Road, Ripley, Tn. 38063. Help in finding the previous owners of businesses around the square are being sought. Many owners have already been contacted and all names will be printed in the History Book.

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A big "Thank You" to all who participated in making Lauderdale County's 2nd Annual Job Shadowing Day a big success! We couldn't have done it without your participation!

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U. S. SENATOR BILL FRIST, center, met with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Hutcherson, of Halls, during Frist's "Tennessee Tuesday" constituent breakfast, held each Tuesday the Senate is in session. Wiley and his wife, Frances, met with Frist while in Washington to discuss the Recycling Equity Act.

Boy, 4, Found, Then Taken From Mother

The Dept. of Human Services has taken Dewayne Johnson, 4, and his siblings, 14 and 1, from his partially disabled mother, Petra (Mrs. Wayne) Nolan, after Dewayne spent Wednesday night of last week beneath a Mississippi River embankment near his home, setting off a massive search.

The home is about 400 yards from the river, near the Hwy. 87 terminus west of Henning.

Dewayne wasn't found by a Memphis Police helicopter with heat sensors, about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

He didn't answer shouts from rescue searchers who came near.

Spotted by a helicopter next morning, he said he had been kept warm through the night by his dog, Rosie, and a neighbor's dog, Smokie. He had no physical harm.

But his home, where his mother is seven months pregnant, was found filthy, with roaches in the refrigerator and dog feces in the house; a shotgun in the kitchen; a pond six feet from the back door.

DHS says it has no record of any previous interest in the family.

Reception To Honor Late Board Member

A Lauderdale School Board member for many years, the late Richard Lazure, will be honored at a reception beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 24th at the Halls High School Gymnasium will be dedicated and renamed for him. The dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday.



FRANK JAMES MORGAN, JR., of 520 Isaac Hayes, Dyersburg, traveling north on Highway 51 in a burgundy 1992 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, apparently lost control of his vehicle around 11 a.m. Monday and crossed the median striking a southbound 18-wheeler driven by Jimmy D. Walker, of

2021 Sharon Drive, Nesbit, Miss.,
He was pronounced dead at the scene. The 18-wheeler pushed the automobile 40 to 45 feet before coming to a stop in front of the Dixie Trucker's Home.
At press time no charges had

been filed, according to Tennessee Highway Trooper Marvin Norfolk.
Services for "Pepper" Morgan, 21, a student at Dyersburg State Community College, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark Baptist Church, with burial in Bluff Cemetery near Ripley,

Thompson's Mortuary in charge. Survivors include a son, Zachary Isaiah Morgan; his father, Frank James Morgan, Sr., of Dyersburg; a sister, Estalitta Morgan, and his grandmother, Juanita Driver, both of Ripley; and grandfather, Jim Morgan, of Henning.

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John W. Newman

John William Newman, of Alamo, son of the late James Monroe and Alice May Newman, of Halls, died Feb. 8th of cancer at his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Feb. 10th in Ronk Funeral Home, with

burial in Oakview Memorial Cemetery in Alamo.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Frances Newman; two sons, John Allen, of Gadsden, and Alvin Monroe, of Alamo; a daughter, Rhonda Parker, of Alamo; three brothers, Thomas Calvin Newman, of Tusculmbia, Ala., Aubrey Glenn Newman, of Barrington, Ill., and James Fredrick Newman, of St. Charles, Ill.; and two sisters, Ivie May Vaughan, of Athens, and Alice Margarine Sparks, of Independence, Mo.

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Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hutcherson, of Halls, a 9 lb 3 oz son, Steven Alexander, born at 7:21 a.m. February 17th in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis. He was 19 1/2 inches long. Steven has a sister, Madison Katherine. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Hutcherson, Lucky Humphrey, and Ann Humphrey, all of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Jean Hartsfield, of Ripley, Mrs. Maurine Willis, of Bruceville. Mrs. Ollie Mae Rodgers, of Alamo, is Steven Alexander's great-grandmother.

Mrs. R. P. Dailey

Mrs. Minnie Opal Dailey, 86, of Gates, widow of Ronnie Phil Dailey, died Saturday, of heart failure, at home.

Services were at 3 p.m. Monday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Ripley.

She leaves a son, Ronnie Ray Dailey, of 1614 Dr. Parks Road, Gates; four daughters, Brenda Ables, of Gates, Linda Sanders, of Ripley, Shirley Bonner, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Barbara Bradley, of Hemet, Calif.; two sisters, Pebble Haynes, of Crossville, and Ramona Cotton, of Oxford, Miss.; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Geneva Young

Mrs. Geneva Johnson Young, 42, of 3771 Chicken George Trail, Ripley, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Central in Memphis.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Truth and Faith Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

A laborer for Tennessee Electroplating, she was a member of Truth and Faith Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, Robert Young and her mother, Marie Sims Johnson, both of Ripley; a son, Gerald Graves, of Henning; a daughter, Christina Rogers, of Ripley; two brothers, Melvin Johnson, of Ripley, and Roy Lee Johnson, of Henning; four sisters, Linda Johnson, Jeanette Johnson, and Joyce Ann Johnson, all of Ripley, and Nancy Johnson, of Gates, and a grandchild.

She's Eight



LAURA ASHLEY MUELLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Mueller, of Ripley, celebrated her birthday Tuesday. Grandpar-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. Verble Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cravens, all of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Oneal White, Sr., of Halls.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 28th

Chicken Fillet Sandwich
Hamburger w/Trimings
Curly Fries
Combination Lettuce Salad
Applesauce
Pineapple Chunks
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 29th

Sliced Ham

Nachos w/Cheese
Corn On Cob
Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
Peach Slices
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, March 1st

Menu - School's Choice

Thursday, March 2nd

Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
Deli Sandwich
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Cooked Apples or Fresh Apple
Congealed Fruit Salad

Rolls
Milk

Friday, March 3rd

Vegetable Beef Soup
Hot Dog
Crackers
Orange Slices
Chocolate Brownie
Milk

Anniversaries

Feb. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Scheiblein, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patterson.

Feb. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Tutor.

Feb. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones.

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Homer.

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Weekend Ski Trip



THE YOUTH GROUP from Halls First United Methodist Church left Fri., Feb. 11th for a ski trip to Paoli Peaks in French Lick, Ind. The youth group, visitors, and parents returned Sun., Feb. 13th.

Pictured on the slopes are, from left, Ben Woodley, Sara Beth Warren, Anna Spence, Amber Sadler, Megan Jordan, Leah Simpson, Holly Burrus, David Beard, and Will Bird; in rear, from left, Sally Warren, Dallas Watson, Guy Spence, Robert Marbury, Clayton Warren, Wade Privett, Bryan Jetton, Justin Baker, and Will Jacques; plus not pictured, April and Roger Jetton.

Parents accompanying the group were The Rev. and Mrs. Randy Jetton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Will Spence, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodley.

Election To Be Held For FSA Committee

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in the Local Administrative Area 3 to elect a committee member to serve a three-year term for the County Committee for the Farm Service Agency. Each of the four nominees for the position resides in the Halls area. Ballots must be postmarked by March 6th or returned to the office by that date to be counted as an eligible vote. The nominees include Leslie Crook, A. C. Carter, Jr., Jeffrey Brewer, and Morgan Steelman.

Leslie Crook, of 367 Mitchell Lane, farms 2400 acres of cotton,

700 acres of corn, 550 acres of wheat, and 850 acres of soybeans as Crook Planting Company. He and his wife of 13 years, Judy, have four children. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Halls and is Secretary/Treasurer of Halls Gin Company.

A.C. (Anderson) Carter, Jr., of 327 Beech Bluff Cemetery Rd., farms 1200 acres of cotton, 150 acres of wheat, and 400 acres of soybeans in Lauderdale and Haywood counties. He also raises hogs, cattle, and horses. He and his wife of 59 years, Edna, have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is a member of Gates Baptist Church.

Jeffrey Lynn Brewer, of 1970 Doctor Hall Rd., farms 700 acres of cotton, soybeans, and corn. He and his wife of 10 years, Kelly Joe, have two sons. He is a member of Westside Baptist Church in Halls.

Morgan T. Steelman, of 1299 Steelman Rd., farms as R & M Farms, a partnership he formed with his brother 20 years ago. They farm 2600 acres of cotton, soybeans, and corn. They also raise hogs and cattle. He and his wife of 20 years, Beverly, have two children. They are members of Halls First Baptist Church. He is presently the Lauderdale County Committee Chairperson.

Birthdays

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren,

Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Sarah Cherry, Doyle Moss, Paul Gallo-way.

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Rubin Jones, Ricky Rose.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Bobby Cain, Cindy Haynes, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Daniel Pruitt, Danny Pruitt, Bryan Bomar, Will McCul-lough.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Sallye Rae Hartman, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Melissa Hurt.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore.

March 1 - Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn.

Land Transfers

Feb. 11 - Lester W. Poston, III and Sherry P. Poston to Christy Land and Greg Land, Dist. 2, lot.

Mamie Glynn Maxwell to James Milo Vanness, Jr. and Tammy J. Vanness, Dist. 15, 18.822 acres.

Celina Craig Colvin and William Lynn Colvin to Jack M. Scoggins, Jr., Dist. 2, 0.990 acres.

Jack Miller Scoggins, Jr. to Celina C. Colvin and William Lynn Colvin, Dist. 2, 3 lots.

David Gene Leggett and Eva

Leggett to David Gene Leggett, Jr., Dist. 2, 1.000 acres.

Feb. 15 - Janice W. Slaughter, Lawrence Ray Whitley, and Pat Whitley to Susan Ammons and Walter P. Ammons, Dist. 2, 1.520 acres.

Bennie Ray Barcroft, Sr. and Elaine Barcroft to Glenda Davis and Leonard Davis, Dist. 2, 2.077 acres.

Marie W. Henry and Robert Henry, Sr. to Joseph Williams and Nancy Williams, Dist. 4, tract.

Feb. 16 - United Companies Lending Corporation to Tonya McCord, Dist. 12, tract.

Judy Criner and Roger D. Criner to Angeline F. Cothran and William W. Cothran, Dist. 6, 87.740 acres.

Martha K. Shands to Sylvia Ann Chisholm, Peggy Sue Lawson, John Wesley Shands, Jr., and Kathy Elaine Vaughn, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

Feb. 17 - Lewis Terry Thompson to Clarkie B. Layne, Dist. 7, lot.

Brigitte Goodwin and James P. Goodwin, Jr. to James P. Goodwin, III, Dist. 7, 8.301 acres.

Randy Lankford and Vicky Lankford to Myra D. Barbee, Dist. 2, lot.

Master Casual Wear Corp. to Allied Properties, LP, Dist. 2, 8.050 acres.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Addie Allmon and Mrs. Ruth Allmon, of Central, visited Mrs. J. D. McNeill Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were dinner guests of the Wesley Climbers in Halls Tuesday of week before last.

A womanless beauty revue was held at Halls High School Thursday night of last week for the senior Project Graduation 2000.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Baker, of Memphis, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Friday of last week. Mrs. Virginia Conrad, of Jackson, spent Saturday night and Sunday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Divorces

Paule Robinson Bruce vs. Robert Christopher Bruce.

Gerry Lynn Sherrod vs. Michelle Cryer Sherrod.

Kimberly Krueckelberg Buckner vs. Jack Kelly Buckner.

Vance Grady Reed vs. Mittie Grandberry Reed.

Donna Carol Seaton vs. Randy Scott Seaton.

Roxanne Haley Kyles vs. Will Earl Kyles, Jr.

Jean Conrad Yancey vs. Roger Oneal Yancey.



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Spelling Bee Winners



ERIN ALLIE SHANDS, fourth from left, upper photo, Halls Jr. grade 8, LMS, son of Mr. & Mrs. High 7th grader, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Shands, was first place winner of the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee, Feb. 15th, at Ripley Elementary School.

Other winners in upper photo, from left, include Melvin Ernest Garrison, second place, grade 8, LMS, son of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Garrison; Corey Joshua Smith, third place, grade 7, LMS, son of Wendell Smith and Ramona Smith; Jamelle Patrick, fourth place, grade 6, HES, son of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Patrick; Dustin Curran, fifth place, grade 6, HES, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Curran; Skye Hickey, sixth place, grade 5, RES, daughter of Garrett Wayne Hickey and Siarra Hickey; Jennifer Leigh Buntin, seventh place, grade 7, HJHS, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Buntin; and Shelby Williams, eighth place, grade 4, RES, daughter of Danielle Kissel.

Winning first place in the Primary Bee was Robert "Craig" Davis, lower photo, left, grade 3, HES, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Davis.



Grand-Champion



KATE WEAVER, left, 11, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, Jr., and great-grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, Sr., all of Ripley, was honored by the West Tennessee Hunter-Jumper Association. Kate was named Grand Champion for 1999 in four divisions at the Association's yearly banquet. She is the daughter of Jock and Barbara Jo Weaver, of Hickory Valley. Phoebe Sheets, right, is Kate's trainer.



DON RAY, School Board member from District Seven, is featured this week as the Lauderdale County Board of Education continues to recognize its board members.

Born and raised in Lauderdale County and a graduate of Halls High School, Mr. Ray is a strong advocate of the public school system.

"We are very fortunate to have the school system that we have here in our county, providing the educational needs of our children and preparing them for the future. Our children are our most valuable resource and they deserve the best that we can give them - they are our future," stated Mr. Ray.

Don and his wife Betty have a 2,000 acre family operation in the Edith Community, growing soybeans, corn and wheat. They have two children, Nita Harrell and Allen Ray, both graduates of Halls High School, and four grandchildren.

Don is a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church and serves as a deacon and Sunday School Director.



The name Ohio comes from the Iroquois word for beautiful, Ohio.

THANK YOU

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department would like to THANK everyone who was involved in the search and rescue of four year old Dwayne Cole Johnson, who disappeared on February 16, 2000.

Special thanks to the following: Civil Defense, several area Dog Teams, the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad along with other neighboring Rescue Squads, County Volunteer Firemen, Fort Pillow State Park Rangers, Wild Life and Forestry, Aircrafts, Four-Wheelers, Trackers from Ripley Police Department and other trackers, everyone who brought food, the stores that stayed open all night, all the telephone calls offering service, concern and encouragement, and for all who participated in the search with horses and on foot.

We proved to be a strong County by pulling together as a team in a crisis situation. Overwhelming response from people everywhere brought a small boy, his dog, Rose, and his neighbor's dog, Smokey, back to safety.

As Sheriff of Lauderdale County and as a Department, we would again like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated. God bless each of you.

Louis Craig
Lauderdale County Sheriff

Beauty Revue



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL held a womanless beauty revue Feb. 17th, with all proceeds benefiting Project Graduation.

Royalty chosen, left to right, include John Allen Noblin, Third Maid; Eric Nixon, Second Maid; Jacob Newman, Queen; and Kevin Webb, First Maid.



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