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Art President



TILLY PERRY, left, teacher of watercolor classes at the Art Mall, has been chosen as president of the West Tennessee Artists Association. **Laura Keller**, right, is the association's secretary.

RATE INCREASE

Due to rising operational costs and new facility upgrades, the Mayor of Halls and Board of Alderman voted to adopt new utility rates for their sewer operations, effective July 1st.

This is the first sewer rate increase in five years. City officials say the adjustment is necessary to meet budgetary requirements and to keep the utility financially sound. The current rates do not cover the cost of operations and capital improvement projects needed to remain in compliance with state and federal regulations.

The new wastewater rates will be phased in over a two-year period and total increase for both years is estimated to raise the average sewer bill by only \$2.80. Even with

the increase, Halls sewer rates will be among the lowest in the state, according to a utility rate survey conducted by Allen & Hoshal Architects Engineers.

TELECONFERENCE

A Market Teleconference will be held Friday, May 5th, 7:30 a.m., at the Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Service Office, 217 N. Main Street.

Guest speakers are Dr. Emmit Rawls and Dr. Delton Gerloff, professors of agricultural economics at The University of Tennessee. Discussion will include current and projected beef, swine and dairy price information, and latest grain and cotton stock information and projections for new crop prices.

Speaker



LT. J. T. "PONCHO" CHUMLEY, of the Tipton County Sheriff's Department, will be guest speaker at the annual Fraternal Order of Police Banquet at 6:30 p.m. May 11th at Ripley High School Cafeteria. Membership dues can be paid at the door.

Lt. Chumley will demonstrate the need for stress debriefing in law enforcement for officers involved in critical incidents. A graduate of the F. B. I. National Academy and a Critical Incident Debriefing with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, he has been instrumental in debriefings in West Tennessee and throughout the entire state.

Lauderdale County To Abbreviate School Day

Dr. Bobby Webb has announced that Lauderdale County schools will have a shortened day Monday, May 15th. The buses will run at 11:30 a.m. that day.

Industry Breakfast



MAYOR RICHARD DOUGLAS, second from left, and wife, Norene, welcomed and introduced Ripley industry members as the Lauderdale County Economic Community Development Group hosted the Industry Breakfast Tuesday morning at Rolling Hills Country Club. Halls Mayor Eugene Pugh, standing, wel-

comed the industries from Halls and Lauderdale County Executive Rozelle Criner, left, welcomed and introduced the industries from Gates and Henning.

Several awards were presented to guests and Carolyn Stanley closed the event by singing, "God Bless the USA."

Subdivision Robbed By Landscape Thief

Owners of Foxberry Creek Subdivision, located on Edith Nankipoo Rd, Ripley, discovered Tuesday morning that someone had apparently stolen between 10 to 15 landscaping shrubs and trees Monday night. An earlier attempt had resulted in only one tree being stolen. A \$500 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Anyone with information can contact the Ripley Police Department, 635-1515, Billy Poston, 635-1635, or Randy Lankford, 635-5511.

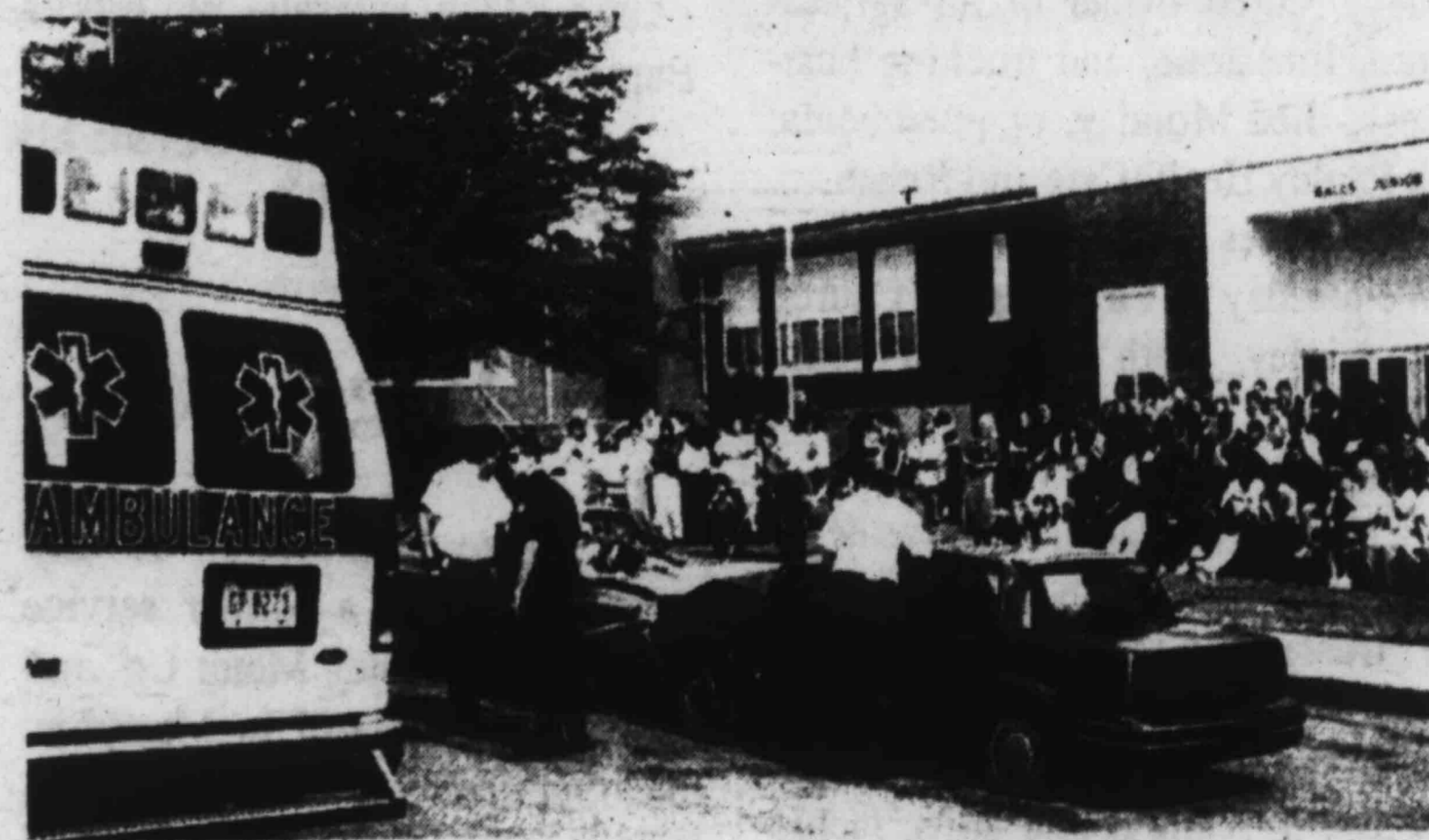
Lauderdale Farmers Plan For Tomorrow

Vernon McBride, III, Chairman, Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, stated that farmers are working to insure that the people of tomorrow will have food to eat.

McBride said, "the world population is expected to reach 7.9 billion by the year 2020 and this will require that American agriculture will need to step up to the plate to provide even more food and fiber. Each farmer today is the picture of efficiency, producing enough food to feed 129 people every day."

McBride also noted that farmers are working just as hard to protect the natural resources for tomorrow, and planning to pass their land on to their children.

Mock Crash Results



STUDENTS of Halls High School witnessed the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol Thursday morning of last week during a mock automobile accident. The purpose of the program, funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation,

was to make eleventh and twelfth grade students aware of the consequences of drinking and driving as their prom and graduation celebrations near. Police cars, ambulances, and fire trucks were on hand to make the "crash" seem realistic.

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Kenneth Stuart's Widow Mourned

Marjorie Faye Stuart, 76, who resided in Ripley while her husband, the late Kenneth Stuart, was the popular minister of its First United Methodist Church, died April 20th, of heart failure, in her home in Dallas, Tex.

Rites were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday of last week in the church, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Stanley, of Hernando, Miss.; three daughters, Dinah Graham, of Dallas, Dixie Wilson, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Mary Lou Lake, of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Vivian Irvin, of Russellville, Ky.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Harvey N. Webb

Harvey Neal Webb, 81, of Ripley, retired owner of an agriculture, limestone, and trucking business, died Monday, of pneumonia, in Ripley HealthCare and Rehab.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Edith Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a deacon and trustee of First Baptist Church in Ripley, and a trustee at Macedonia Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Peggy Webb, of Ripley; four sons, Jackie Webb, Bobby Webb, and Keith Webb, all of Ripley, and Kyle Webb, of Memphis; a daughter, Debbie McCoy, of Germantown; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Currin Was Retired Teacher

Arnell Mabins Currin, 93, of Milwaukee, Wisc., retired teacher in Lauderdale County, died Friday, of heart failure, in St. Michael's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Love Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She had been a Sunday School teacher and Missionary Society president in Mount Zion Church and in Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee.

Widow of Willie Mabins, she leaves a son, Willie, Jr., and a sister, Willie B. Dupree, of Halls; a daughter, Roxie Brown, of Milwaukee; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

David M. Hunt

David Moore Hunt, 62, of Memphis, brother of Louis Hunt, of Ripley, and of Joyce Newman, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, in Methodist Hospital.

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

He was an electrical inspector for Memphis and Shelby County.

An Army veteran, he was a Baptist and a Mason.

Mr. Hunt's survivors include his widow, Jeanette Gilliland Hunt.

V. Hugo Akin

V. Hugo Akin, 90, of 143 Church, Ripley, a former service manager for Ripley Motor Co. and later for Lewis Ford in Memphis, died Saturday, of lung failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, with entombment in its mausoleum.

A member of Ripley's First Uni-

ted Methodist Church, he had been a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis.

He had been a Boy Scout leader.

Widower of Kathleen-Akin, he leaves a son, Lynwood, of Memphis; a daughter, Barbara Walker, and a sister, Katherine Barnes Walpole, of Ripley; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Lucy B. Tyus

Lucy B. Tyus, 89, of St. Louis Mo., formerly of Dyersburg, widow of The Rev. George Tyus, died April 23rd, of heart failure, in St. Louis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Dyersburg, with burial in Dyersburg Memorial Park, Thomas-Bledsoe Funeral Home of Ripley in charge.

A homemaker, she was born December 20, 1910 in Flippin to John Louis and Belle Norvell Nelson.

Survivors include two sons, George Tyus III, of Joliet, Ill., and James Tyus, of St. Louis, Mo.; a step-son, The Rev. Theodore Tyus, of East Prairie, Mo.; a sister, Corine Bibb, of Centralia, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

TRAINING PLANNED

Jane Connell, Extension Agent, has announced that the second Financial Management Counselor Training will be Wednesday, May 24th, 8 a.m. till 12 noon, at the Tennessee Technology Center, 127 Industrial Drive, Ripley.

The program is geared to assist loan officers, personnel directors with industries and business, as well as ministers and other interested persons who assist families challenged with money problems.

Individuals assisting Mrs. Jane Connell with the four-hour session include Misty Eddleman and Melinda Jones, Consumer Credit Counseling Services; Dr. Wayne Moore, Assistant Professor, Family Economist, UT Knoxville; and Beth Bell, Extension Agent, Dyer County.

There is no charge for the session, but pre-registration is required by Tuesday, May 9th. Call 635-9551 to register.

Chamber Sponsors Leadership Classes

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce announced that the Ripley Rotary Club will be a co-sponsor of the Lauderdale Youth Leadership program this year. The Rotary donated \$2,000 to help pay for the expenses of the program.

Participation is Youth Leadership is open to any student who is currently in their sophomore year

in Halls or Ripley High School. The program consists of a reception with parents of the students, an overnight leadership/team building retreat, and a week long program focusing on agriculture, education, finance, industry, economic development, leadership, government and law enforcement, and health-care and community service.

Applications will be available from the guidance office at each school or at the chamber office. For more information on the program, call Lisa Hankins, Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, 635-9541.

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June Nuptials Slated



RUBY ANN JACKSON, daughter of Patsy Jackson Goodman, of Ripley, and the late Marshall Kirksey, will marry James "Scott" Dyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dyson, of Gates, at 6 p.m. Sat., June 10th in Concord United Methodist Church at Gates, with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ruby Wicker, of Dyersburg, and the late Ed Wicker and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walton Kirksey, of Mississippi.

She is employed as a deputy for the Lauderdale County Election Commission.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Scallions, of Gates, and Lucille Dyson, of Ripley, and the late B. F. Dyson.

He is self-employed with S & D Trucking. The couple will reside in Gates.

Birthdays

Paul Jordan, Susan Simpson, Leslie Voss, Emily Terry Taylor, Logan Reynolds, Walter Hunt.

May 8 - Parker Fullen, Nancy Etheridge, David Meeks, Jordan

May 4 - Harley Patterson, Grant Caldwell, Tina Shands, Marshall Jennings, Paul Reynolds, James Pipkin, Jean Burns, Curt Rhoads, Tommy Chipman, Lita McBroom.

May 5 - Aaron Dannelley, Steve Vandergriff, Kelli Haislip, Mary Porter, Kathy Ballard, Tyler Newman, Joni Emerson, Rachel Roberts, Virgie Tarpley, Brandi Young Northcott, Josh Sills, Odessa Gay.

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

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

Student of the Month



JUSTIN MEEKS, right, son of David and Alice Meeks, of Halls, a senior at Halls High School, was chosen Student of the Month at the Ripley Exchange Club meeting April 20th.

Justin, rated sixth in his class, is Halls High School FFA President; a state winner in FFA for Oil Crop Production; National Honor Society Treasurer; SCOPE delegate; and golf team captain.

College plans include attending Mississippi State and majoring in Agronomy.

Pictured with Justin is Julie Pillow, left, Ripley Exchange Club, congratulating and presenting him with his certificate and \$25.

Crihfield, Kevin Jones, Robbie Summar.

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

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

Historical Marker Dedication Slated

The Lauderdale County Courthouse Historic Marker will be dedicated at 10 a.m. May 15th on the lawn. The public is invited.

Copies of the history of the courthouse, "It Happened Here," are still available and can be purchased by calling Liz Craft at 635-1636. All proceeds from the book go to the Historic Marker Fund. The book includes everyone who has held office in the courthouse since Lauderdale County was formed plus county court minutes.

Marriages

April 25 - Louis Tyrone Robinson, 34, to Regina Fatigora Patton, 44, by Raymond Williams.

April 28 - George Michael Rambo, 43, to Amanda Carol Carver, 30, by Herman L. Reviere.

Bryon Anthony Bridges, 28, to Penny Lee Climer, 33, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Anniversaries

May 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith.

May 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spoon.

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

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

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.

NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Newcomers Club will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 5th at Komatsu. All newcomers and members are invited to attend.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Sam Mitchell, of Calvary, Canada, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, of Halls, visited Tommy Simmons Friday and Saturday of last week.

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First Flight



MICHAEL CLIMER, left, and Leah Simpson, center, American History students of Halls High School, took their first airplane flight April 28th, compliments of Delbert Newman, right, pilot and assistant airport manager at Arnold Field in Halls.

The rides were given to American History students with a perfect attendance record in the fourth nine weeks period. Other perfect attendance students were Will Bird, Will Morris, and Tracey Tucker.

Rolls
Milk

Friday, May 12th
Foot Long Hot Dog
Seasoned Fries
Baked Beans
Choice Of Fresh Fruit
Ice Cream Bar
Milk

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Marc Burns, of Mill Creek Rd., Halls, an 8 lb. 7 oz. daughter, Brianna Claire, at 6:45 a.m. March 31st in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital. She was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hilliard, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Burns, of Trimble. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Jessie Galloway, of Halls.

Divorces

Joyce Clark Dunavant vs. Charles Wayne Dunavant.
Denita Gooch Cohill vs. Patrick Cohill.
Vivian Martin Lovett vs. Terry Wayne Lovett.
Loretta June Conley Ables vs. Paul David Ables.

Land Transfers

April 20 - Molly Henson to Dove L. Bennett, Dist. 2, lot.
April 24 - Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Patricia M. Mires, Dist. 6, lot.
Flossie Mai Holcomb to Donna H. Gilliam and Rocky L. Gilliam, Dist. 6, 47,000 acres.
April 25 - Dwight Shoemake, Sr. and Janet Shoemake to Franklin

Ambassador



JULIE TERRY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Terry, Sr., a sophomore at Halls High School, has been selected to represent HHS as the Hoby Ambassador to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar in Dixon.

The leadership seminar is designed for sophomores to enhance their leadership skills who, in turn, will bring that information back to their respective schools.

Clark and Kate Clark, Dist. 6, 2.725 acres.

Dwight Shoemake, Sr. and Janet Shoemake to Franklin Clark and Kate Clark, Dist. 6, 13,000 acres.

April 26 - Charlie Brown to Joan Brown, Dist. 16, 5,000 acres.

Dwight Shoemake, Sr. and Janet Shoemake to Brandy Clark and William Clark, Dist. 6, 2,000 acres.

April 27 - Jane Meacham Smith and Raymond L. Smith to Clay Conrad and Mickie Conrad, 8.667 acres.

Charles T. Dyer, Trustee and Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Sec. of Housing and Urban Development, Dist. 2, 1,230 acres.

Carolyn J. Griggs and Willie R. Griggs to John B. Anthony and William A. Maxwell, Dist. 2, 0.865 acres.

FPCS HONOR ROLL

Students named to the All A Honor Roll at First Prebyterian Christian School for the fifth six-weeks include, first grade, Chase Bowers, 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, Holly Crook, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs; Hayley Jankovsky, Chris-

Five Generations



FIVE GENERATIONS gathered at the home of Letha Nelson Easter Sunday. Family members include, seated center, Maggie Crowder, right, her daughter, Alice Daniels, and left, granddaughter, Regina Ford; in rear, from left, Regina's children and grandchildren, Johnnie Ford and son, Justin, David Ford and son, Hayden, and Allison Turnbow and daughter, Kelsey.

topher Morris, Samantha Roach and Stephanie White; fourth grade, Hannah Day; fifth grade, Kelley Crook, Caitlyn Harrison and Catelyn Meadows; and sixth grade, Alyssa Davis, Adam Queen and Sally Jo Turner.

Students listed on the A and B Honor Roll include, first grade, Krista Henerson; second grade, Connor Luck and Nicholas Smith; third grade, Austin Hardin, Karly Hines, Nathan Maness, Kyle Paris and John Shelton; fourth grade, Erika White and Nell White; fifth grade, Austin Allen, Sarah Hargett and April Nicholas; and sixth grade, Amber Smith.

Students with Perfect Attendance include, pre-kindergarten, Alison Griggs and Hannah Langley; kindergarten, Ashley Buckner, Carly Harrison, Aaron Patter-

son, Luke Stanley, Hunter Talley, Brandon Williams and Michele Wilson; first grade, Chase Bowers, Cameron Griggs and Caleb Langley; second grade, Lauren Halliburton, Conor Luck, Aaron Morris, Nicholas Smith, Suzanna Stanley and Brittany Tillman; third grade, Holly Arwood, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs, Christopher Morris, Kyle Paris and Samantha Roach; fourth grade, Caleb Phillips; fifth grade, Austin Allen, Kelley Crook and Catelyn Meadows; and sixth grade, Alyssa Davis, Anna Spray and Sally Jo Turner.



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Double Chocolate Cookie Milk

Tuesday, May 9th

Chicken Nuggets
Chili Pie
Corn On Cob
Celery & Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Chunks
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, May 10th

Roast Beef w/Gravy
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Peach Slices
Fruit Cup
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, May 11th

Fried Chicken
Entrée - School's Choice
Whipped Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Congealed Salad
Fruit - School's Choice

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Fabulous Fridays VETERANS' MUSEUM

HALLS JUNIOR HIGH students participated in Fabulous Friday by visiting The Veterans' Museum in Halls April 28th. In upper photo, from left, Will Bird, Michael Climer, Will Morris, Leah Simpson, and Tracey Tucker, of Halls High School, helped to guide the group through the museum. Phillip Bishop, Justin Mitchell, and Michael East, in lower photo, from left, HJH students, joined others for an informational session, about the former B-17 base.

Halls Community Center. Hosting the event will be the group "The Servants," featuring Roy McNeal. Guest groups include the Pathway Quartet, of Dyersburg, and the Watchman Quartet, of Jackson. Although there will be no admission charge, a love offering will be taken. The public is invited. For more information call 836-0703.

GOSPEL SINGING

A gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13th at the

GRADUATE

Melissa Joy Tolene, of Halls, will graduate May 13th from Murray State University, with a bachelor of science degree. Ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. at the Regional Special Events Center.

Halls Senior Center 7th Annual Fair Day

Halls Senior Citizens Center, 605 Airport Street, will have their 7th Annual Old Fashion and Health Fair Day Wednesday, May 24th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in celebration of National Older American's Month.

The fair will include craft demonstrations, health and information booths, country store with home-made goodies, yard sale and hot dog wagon.

Anyone wishing to set up a booth or donate yard sale items may call Wendi Henry, 836-5444. There is no charge for booths.

Halls Senior Citizens Center, under The Delta Area Agency on Aging, is a multi-purpose center serving the population of sixty years and over on a daily basis. In addition to transportation and hot meals, free periodic health checks, entertainment and a senior companion program are provided. For further information on services, call 836-5444.

USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency will distribute USDA commodities between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 17th at Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St.; Rice Park, Watkins Street; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and Palmer-Turner Community Center, 655 Church St., Henning.

All eligible clients must bring proof of income to the site. Commodities will be given on a first come, first served basis and you must have someone to carry the bag to your car.

Teachers Honored



TEACHERS of Lauderdale County schools were honored when Craig Fitzhugh, President of the Bank of Ripley, left, presented a check in their honor to Lisa Hankins, right, Executive Director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce.

County To Earmark One Million Dollars

County Executive Rozelle Criner and Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing and approving one million dollars, payable in seven years with a variable interest rate, to improve the quality of roads in Lauderdale County. Approved roads will receive an application of hot mix asphalt and be widened to twenty feet, with busiest roads receiving top priority.

Reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals were Roy Lee Bonds and Willis Wheeler, terms expiring 2004 and 2005, consecutively.

Paul Meadows announced the total balance of Lauderdale County funds, quarter ending March 31st, are \$18,622,793.22.

A mutual aid agreement on fire protection with Dyer County for northern Lauderdale County was passed unanimously.

Letters of commitment for renovation and update of the Lauderdale County Water System in the Central Community will be signed May 9th.

Everyone was urged to attend the Lauderdale County Courthouse Historic Marker dedication service at 10 a.m. Monday, May 15th.

Dedication Service Slated For Marker

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Land Transfers

April 28 - Carla Shoemaker and Chris Shoemaker to Joseph Darrell Smith, Dist. 6, 0.510 acres.

Billy G. Chapman to Shelly K. Woodard, Dist. 3, 2.300 acres.

May 1 - Billy G. Chapman to Linda J. Morris, Dist. 3, 5.120 acres.

David Rogers and Kathy Rogers to Danny Hardister, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

Carl Dotson and Wanda Dotson to Earl Vickery, Jr., Dist. 2, 2 lots.

John A. Craig and Tracy R. Craig to Clifford Craig, Dist. 3, lot.

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Clifford Craig to Frank Currie, Dist. 3, lot.

Frankie Charline Harrison and Charline Harrison McMahan to Connie Leweck and Donald J. Leweck, Dist. 2, 0.301 acres.

Jo Ann Ray and Jo Ann Stewart to Billy Dale Webb, Jr., Dist. 6, lot.

May 2 - Danny Williams and Darlene Williams to Ripley Food & Fuel, Inc., Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

May 3 - Andrew Dwight Ellis to Dwight Ellis and Heath Ellis, Dist. 16, 1,000 acres.

Edmund C. Herder and Sandra S. Herder to Francisco Campos, Dist. 12, lot.

May 4 - Kimberly Paige Neal to Amanda C. Carver and Amanda C. Rambo, Dist. 6, lot.

TELECONFERENCE

The Marketing Club Network Teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, 7:30 a.m., at the Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Service Office, 217 N. Main Street, Ripley.

Scheduled speakers include Jim Echols, Hohenberg Brothers, of Memphis, on cotton; Terry Roggensack, Hightower Report, of Chicago, on grains; and Larry

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Acker, 3F Forecasts, of Polo, Ill., on the weather.

Mr. Acker was one of a few who accurately predicted the 1999 drought in Tennessee.

For further information, call the local extension office, 635-9551.

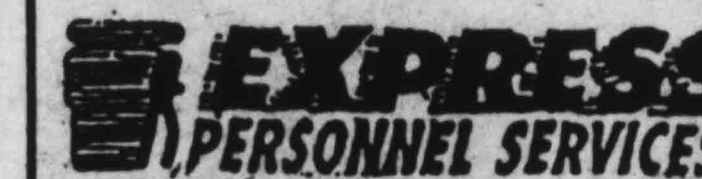
POPS IN THE PARK

"Pops in the Park," sponsored by the Lauderdale County Council of Arts, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3rd at the Ripley City Park. Featured will be the Germantown Symphony. The public is invited to bring their entire family and set up a picnic site, for which prizes will be awarded to the most original setting, most original menu, and most original picnic basket. There will be no admission fee. For more information call 901-635-9541.

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Johnnie Cole

Johnnie Marion Cole, 75, of Alamo, widow of Ivory Cole, Sr., food service director in Crockett County, died Sunday in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Alamo First Baptist Church, with burial in St. John #1 Cemetery in Jackson, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She helped with a senior citizen meal program.

Survivors include a son, Ivory Lee Cole, of Alamo; three daughters, Marilyn Cole and Ramona Kay Key, both of Alamo, and Melba Donnette, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Earl Thomas Klyce, of Alamo; three sisters, Freddie Tipton, of Ridgely, Louise Walker, of Ohio, and Mable Brown, of California; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Lorell Kirby

Lorell Blanch Kirby, 94, of Friendship, widow of Ray Kirby, died Tuesday in Alamo Nursing Home.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in South Fork Cemetery near Chestnut Bluff.

She was born in Halls March 25, 1906 to W. E. Espey and Della F. Vaughn Espey. She was a housewife.

A member of South Fork Baptist Church, she leaves a sister, Augusta Hawkins, of Friendship.

D.A.R.E. Graduation



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL sixth grade D.A.R.E. graduate essay winners, from left, include Shan McCadney, Camille Craig, Jenny Meacham, Katie Throgmorton and Zach Kelly. Tommy White, right, class instructor, is an officer for the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department.

White stated that all D.A.R.E.

students graduated. Poster winners include Sarah Warren, 1st place; Josh Daniels, 2nd place; and Jonathan Taylor, 3rd place.

The graduation ceremony was Thursday of last week in the school cafeteria with Katie Throgmorton serving as Mistress of Ceremonies for the tenth year graduation.

Halls Young Authors



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL celebrated Young Author's Day with the theme of "The World of Math." First place winners included, from left, Cristin Goforth, Logan Campbell, Briana Patrick, Randi Crockett, Jennifer Cox, Sarah Warren, and Caitlyn Hurt; plus not pictured, Rebecca Morris.

graders with a promising future. Team members include, in front, from left, Sarah Beth Warren, Megan Robison, Zach Webb, and Zachary Camp; in rear, from left, Caitlyn Hurt, Allorie Smith, Eric Edwards, Robert Harris, Stephen Taylor, Chaseton Dudas, and Josh Daniels. In lower photo, other members include, in front, from left, Cheshier Cihfield, Angie Green, Erin Cihfield, and Seth Steelman; in rear, from left, Kevin Ward, Jessica Matthews, Elizabeth Goodman, and Beth Sadler.

FITNESS FUN FEST

The Halls Senior Citizens Cen-

National Title 1 Award



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

received a National Title 1 Award May 2nd in Indianapolis. In upper photo, from left, Carol M. Santa, president, International reading Association, George Irby, president, National Association of State Title 1 Directors, Martha Wiley, regional consultant/ Title 1, State of Tennessee, and Judith Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education, U.S. Dept. of Ed., presented Kay Hansford, fourth from left, and Theresa Gooch, second from right, Title 1 teachers at Halls Elementary School, with the Title 1 flag.

In lower photo, Halls educators, from left, Pat Webb, Jo-Ann Jones, Theresa Gooch, Joan Hartman, supervisor of the Title 1 program, Elizabeth Noblin, Kay Hansford, and Phillis Barlow, also attended the meeting.

ter, 605 Airport Street, will have their third Annual Fitness FunFest Thursday, May 11th, starting at 10 a.m.

Seniors are invited to a day of exercise, games and activities in recognition of seniors that participate in the "Get Fit Stay Fit" exercise program. Lunch will be served by MIFA at 12 noon.

The event is sponsored by Senior Services, The Delta Area Agency on Aging and The Assisi Foundation.

For further information, call Wendi Henry, 836-5444.

SINGING FESTIVITIES

Pastor Glenn Strickland, of Saint Luke Baptist Church, Gates, invites the public to a singing celebration May 19-21.

The Georgia Avenue Male Chorus and The Mount Orange Male Chorus will perform at 7 p.m., Friday, May 19th.

Entertainment for Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., includes The Silver Eagle Band featuring the Austin Family from First Baptist Church, Halls, and The Lincoln Heights Male Chorus, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pastor Timothy Piphus and Lincoln Heights Male Chorus, Cincinnati, Ohio, will perform Sunday morning, May 21st, at 11 a.m.

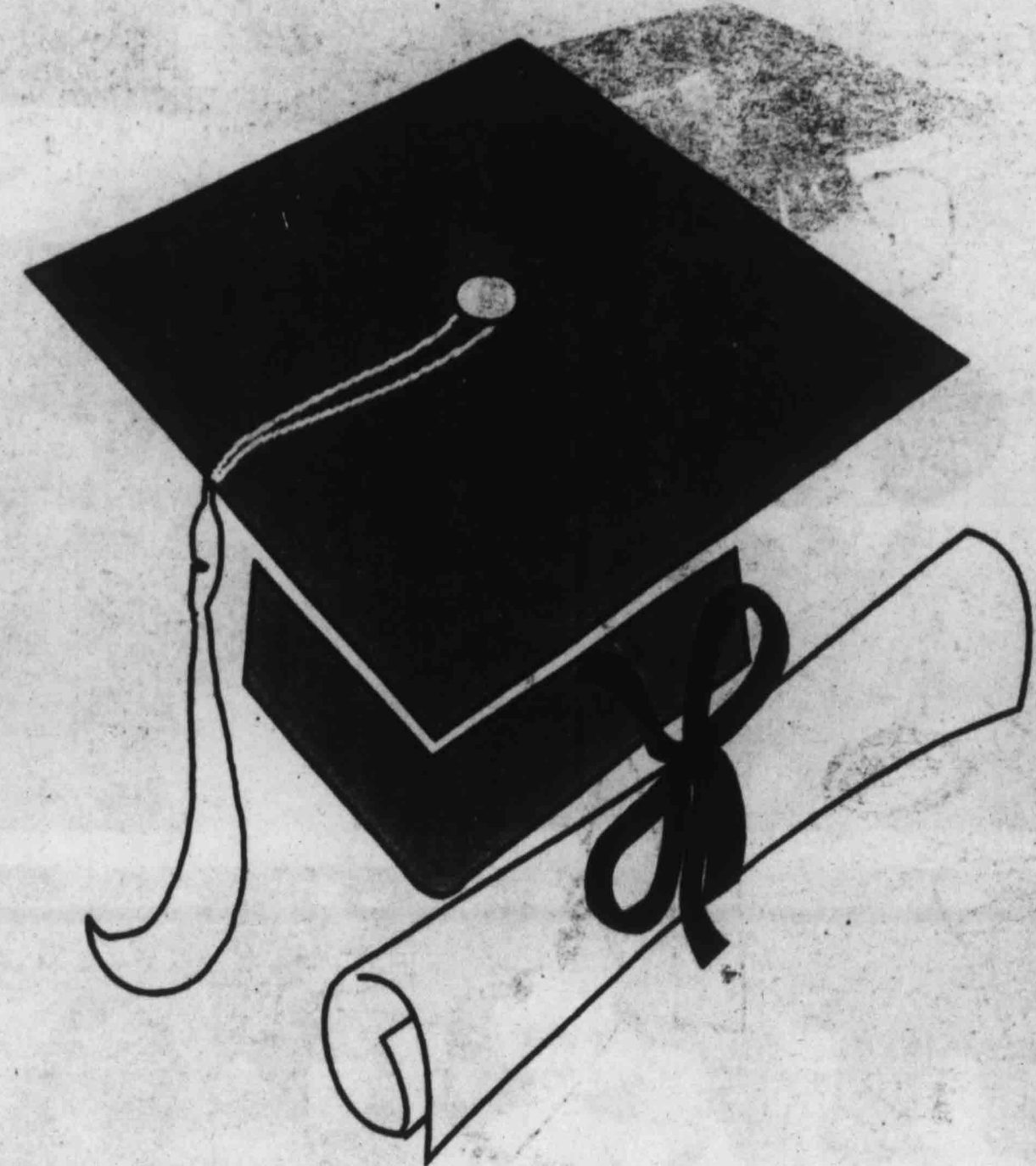
Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts, of Halls, were Sunday supper guests of the Danny Simpsons.

Mrs. Ronnie Carmack visited her mother, Mrs. Lewis Mills, in Ripley several days last week.

Mrs. Pharis Escue, Mrs. Juanita Stanley, and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited Brent Stanley in Baptist Hospital Central in Memphis Tuesday of last week.



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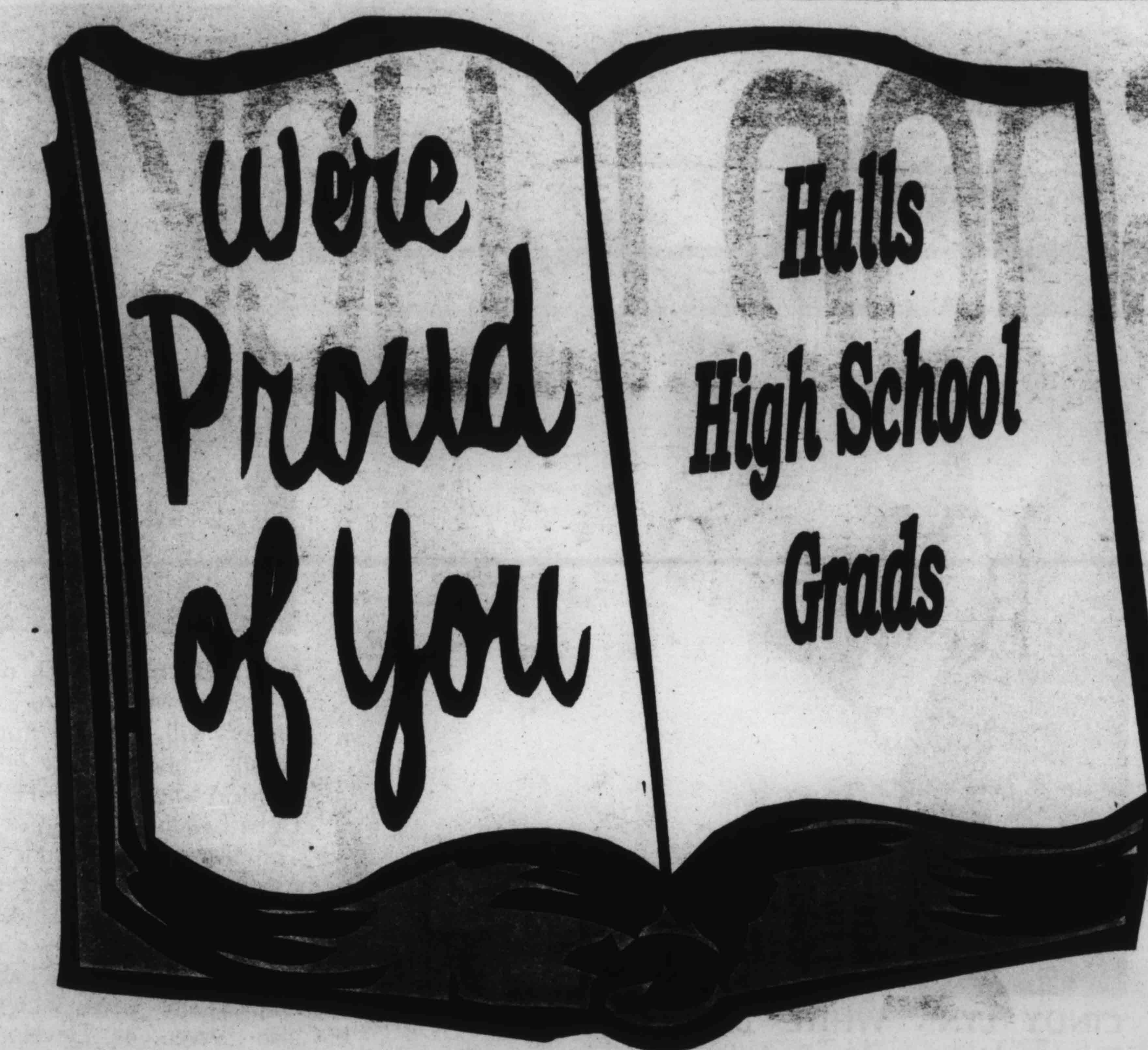
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June Wedding Slated



KRISTEN BETH MOORE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Moore, of Gates, will marry John Brown Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett, of Halls, and John L. Beasley, of Munford, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24th at the Eagle Lodge on Chisholm Lake in Ripley, friends and family invited.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carolyn Moore and the late William H. Moore, of Gates, Frank A. Eaton, Jr., of Florida, and the late Mrs. Florence Eaton, of Halls.

A graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect attends the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is majoring in agricultural business. She is employed by Hurt Seed Company, Inc. in Halls.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis Brown, of Ripley, Mrs. Monnie Puckett, of Halls, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Vollie T. Beasley.

He is a graduate of Halls High School and a 1996 graduate of Dyersburg State Community College. A registered nurse, he is employed by both Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale and Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

Nuptials Nearing



CINDY LYNN WHITE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne White, of Scotts Hill, will marry Timothy Bryan Buffaloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winford Buffaloe, of Halls, at 3 p.m. June 3rd in Scotts Hill Baptist Church, with all friends and family invited.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roy White, of Scotts Hill, Mrs. Clarence Pope, of Bath Springs, and the late Clarence Pope.

The bride-elect attends Union University in Jackson, from which she plans to graduate in December with a degree in finance and accounting.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Frewl Buffaloe and the late Mrs. Buffaloe, of Gates, and of Mrs. Grover Smith and the late Grover Smith, of Halls.

After attending Union University, he is the youth and children's minister of Westside Baptist Church in Halls.

After the ceremony, the couple will reside in Halls.

Graduate



MARY HELEN BEARD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Beard, of Ripley, will graduate from Vanderbilt School of Law Fri., May 12th. A member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Curriculum Committee of the Vanderbilt Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, Women Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association, and The Labor and Employment Law Society, she also served as Developmental Editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment Law and Practice. Miss Beard worked as a summer associate for the Tennessee Board of Regents and for Attorney Bart Durham, a native of Ripley. She plans to join the law firm of Weintraub, Stock, Bennett and Grisham, P. C., in Memphis, in September.

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Gates Vows Slated



GLADYS DOROTHEA NANCE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Booker J. Nance, of Gates, will marry Christopher Bates Pickens, of Henning, at 4 p.m. June 3rd at Nelson Chapel Baptist Church in Henning, friends and family invited to attend.

She is the granddaughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Nance and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Lucas.

A 1981 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect graduated in 1992 from West Tennessee Business College in Jackson, where she earned a degree in professional cosmetology. She owns and operates G-Style Beauty Salon and is employed by Invision Co. in Halls.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Mrs. Geraldine Bates and the late Robert Bates, Sr., of Henning, Bates, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Rush, of Philadelphia, Miss., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Sim Friend. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Heather Harden and the late Chester Harden, of Henning.

A 1991 graduate of Ripley High School, he is employed by Invision Co. in Halls.

of Sullivan, Mo., visited Tommy Simmons, Wymon Moore, and other friends Friday of last week.

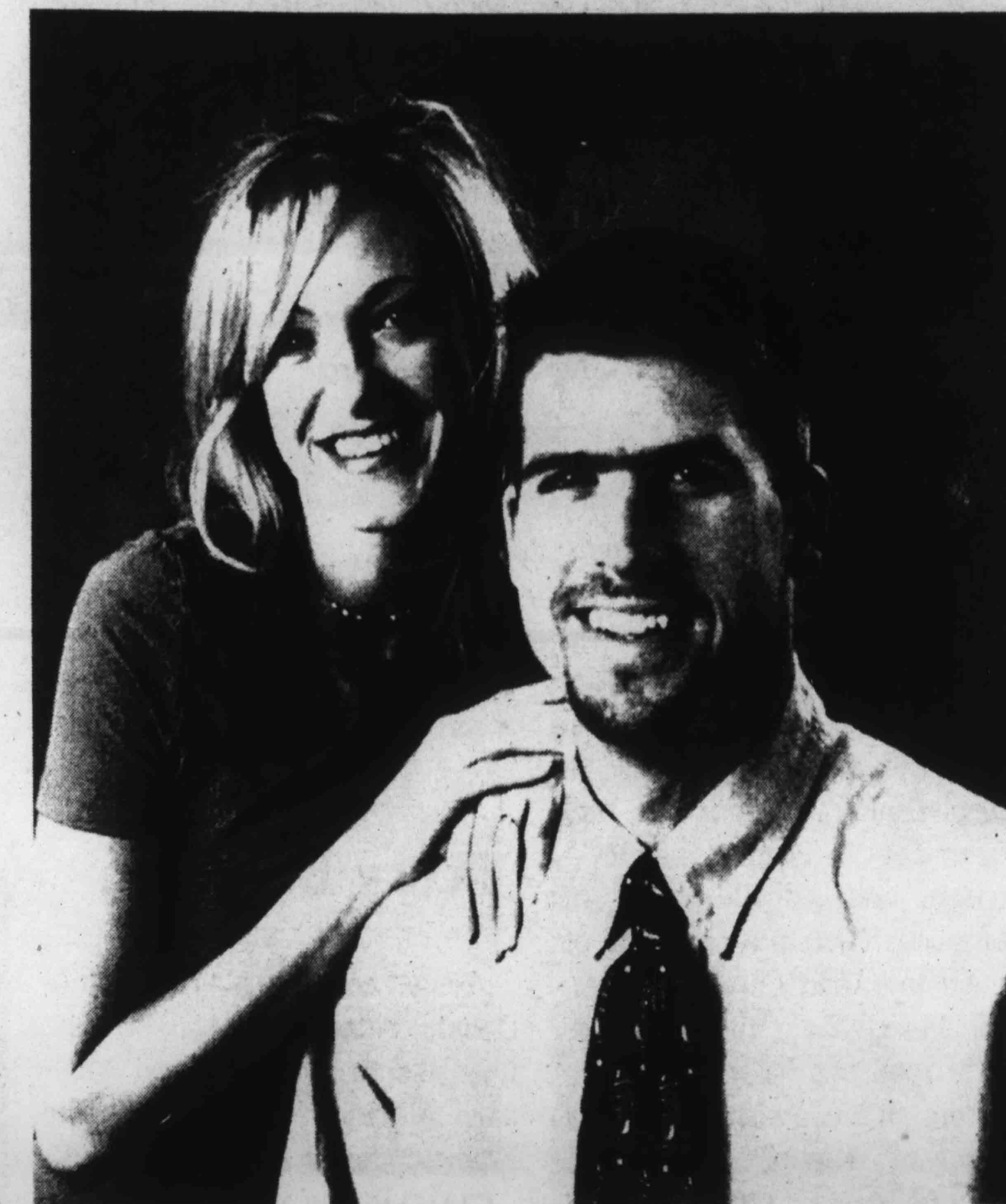
Marriages

April 28 - Jimmy Don Moore, Jr., 31, to Chastity Nicole Moore, 29, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.
April 29 - LeShawn Lamont Young, 20, to Felecia Ann Tyus, 18, by Jerry Montgomery.
May 3 - Charles Robert Harper, Sr., 53, to Norma Jean Burton, 44, by Willard Norvell.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blackwell,

Nuptials Nearing



GINGER LEE McGEE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McGee, Jr., of Lexington, will marry Stephen Lyle Carmack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall S. Carmack, of Halls, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20th at Premier Place in Jackson.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McGee and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart, all of Lexington.

A 1991 graduate of Lexington High School, the bride-elect graduated from Jackson State Community College with an associate degree in applied science. She is employed as an emergency room radiology technician by Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Mrs. Sidney Carmack, of Ripley, and the late Mr. Carmack, and of Eugene Meeks, of Halls, and the late Mrs. Laverne Meeks.

A 1988 graduate of Halls State Community College, earning an associate degree in applied science from each school. He was a member of the Phi Theda

Birthdays

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

May 12 - Shannon Griggs, Billie B. Kitts, Gordon Rice Taylor, Steve Martin, Susan Tolene, Ann Colvin, Beverly Wakefield, Matt McWherter, Kayla Morris, Linda Williams, A. J. Buchignani, Shannon Vowell.

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

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom Gamer, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Castella, Kathryn Cepparulo, Tracy Kee Childress.

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb, Billy Hunter, Marshall Hendren, Wade Hendren.

May 16 - Tabitha Ford, Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vicki Heath, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Sissy Steelman, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton, Arula Rutherford.

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

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After a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Jackson.

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Mrs. Hunter, 81, Was Welcomer

Sarah Frances Smith Hunter, 81, of 1911 Eastland, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in her home.

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

Born at Brownsville, June 13, 1918, she was the daughter of the late John David Smith and the late Mosie Ella Taylor Smith.

A retired book-keeper for Sun Oil, she met many Lauderdale Countians as a Welcome Wagon agent and a Mary Kay consultant.

Widow of Buford Hunter, she leaves a daughter, Dianne Lane, of Ripley; a brother, William Smith, of Tyronza, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Geneva Reed

Rites for Geneva Reed, 81, widow of Wilson Reed, were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Elam Missionary Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in Mercer Cemetery in Haywood County, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She died April 29th, of heart failure, in Dawson's Nursing Home in Chicago, Ill.

She leaves no close relatives.

Mrs. Hutcherson

Inez Webb Hutcherson, 85, widow of Vitalias Hutcherson, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in her home at 812 Arp-Central Road.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Thursday in Grace Baptist Church at Central, where she was a member, with burial there, Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was born Dec. 3, 1914, at Ripley, daughter of the late Jeff and Katie Walsh Webb.

She leaves a son, B. V. Hutcherson, Jr., of 712 Arp-Central Road; two daughters, Anita Chrestman and Dianne Ferguson, of Ripley; a brother, Parnell Webb, of 7278 Edith-Nankipoo Road; three sisters, Lady Durham, Ona Voss, and Sue Wilson, of Ripley; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pearson

Lillie M. Pearson, 78, widow of Robert Pearson, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Morning Star Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves 10 sons, Robert, Jr., Larry, Lamonte, Thomas, Willie, and A. C. Pearson, of Ripley; Joseph, of 334 Nance, Gates, James, of Hempstead, N.Y.; Ricky, of Miami, Fla.; and Vincent, of San Antonio, Tex.; 10 daughters, Earnestine Pearson, Dorothy Toomes, Mary Shaw, and Marie Barlow, of Ripley; Quanita Palmer, of McKenzie, Cora V. Pearson, Annie T. Harrison, and Jeanelle Phorr, of Hempstead, Theresa A. Pearson, of San Antonio, and Carolyn Brown, of El Paso, Tex.; two brothers, Lewis Crook and Thomas Maclin, of Alton, Ill.; two sisters, Frances Currin, of Ripley, and Jessie Crook, of Alton; 120 grandchildren; 90 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Ruby Nell Neal

Ruby Nell Neal, 69, homemaker, of Mabank, Tex., formerly of Ripley, died April 27th, of lung cancer, in the home of her daughter in Payne Springs, Tex.

Services were at 10 a.m. May 1st in the Church of Nazarene, with burial in Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Athens, Tex.

She was born September 29, 1930 to the late Walter Lee Medford and the late Susie Genevieve Long Medford.

Survivors include five sons, Robert Lee, David, and Walter Howard Stutts, all of Texas, and Harold and Danny Stutts, both of New Jersey; five daughters, Debra Kirby, of Memphis, Betty Norris, Ruby Jewell Fulton, and Barbara Sloan, all of Texas, and Donna Stutts, of New Jersey; five brothers, Don and Charlie Medford, both of Ripley, Paul Medford, of Brighton, Gene Medford, of Memphis, and Bill Medford, of Oklahoma; five sisters, Evelyn Goforth, Minnie Lane, and Ann Ozment, all of Ripley, Dorothy Prater, of Mason, and Faye Smith, of Kemp, Tex.; 32 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Holloway

Sadie Imogene Holloway, 93, widow of Charles B. Holloway, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Garner's Ripley Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of the Curve Baptist Church.

She leaves three sons, Clyde, of 1675 Asbury-Glimp Road, Ripley, Bill, of Covington, and Bob, of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Effie Garrett, of 301 Huntington, Gates, and Frances Spear, of 10705 Hwy. 51 north of Halls; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Terry Lee Adams

Terry Lee Adams, 44, brother of Donnie Adams, of 3210 Garrett Road, south of Gates, died Monday, of cancer, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He had been employed by Tupperware in Halls.

He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church at 197 Drake in Ripley, and of the Saddle Club.

Survivors include his parents, Aaron and Pazetta Adams, of Bruceville, and five other brothers, Billy, Earl, and Holic, of Bruceville, Ricky, of Bonicord, and Gene, of McKenzie.

Mrs. Barker

Every Mae Franklin Barker, 65, of Memphis, the mother of Iryin Franklin, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, at home.

Rites were at noon Wednesday in Bible Days Revival Church, where she was a member, with burial in New Park Memorial Gardens, Harrison's Funeral Home Orange Mound Chapel in charge.

Survivors include another son, Robert Franklin, of Houston, Tex.; four daughters, Clara Howell and Nola Gaddy, of Memphis, Annie Franklin, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Barbara Barker, of San Diego, Calif.; her mother, Annie Mae Henderson Franklin, and a brother, Roosevelt Franklin, of Memphis; four sisters, Geraldine Ferguson, Katherine Calicut, and Vella Maxwell, of Moscow; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Layne

Anna Pearl Layne, 60, of Big Sandy, formerly of Halls, died Sunday, of cardio-pulmonary arrest, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She had been a factory worker.

She leaves her husband, Wiley D. Layne; three sons, Robert, Ronald, and Thomas, of Halls; a daughter, Beverly Hilliard, and a brother, Robert M. Gaba, of Big Sandy; two sisters, Evelyn Alley, of Halls, and Louise Everett, of North Lake, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

The manager of a team is like a stagecoach. He can't move unless he has the horses.

ART COMPETITION

In conjunction with the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival 2000, the West Tennessee Association of Artists is sponsoring an art competition, open to artists of all ages, professional or amateur, to submit original artwork. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Artwork must be current and ready for hanging, and may include oils, acrylics, watercolor, pen, pencil pastels, mixed media and stained glass.

Entry fee is three dollars per entry with a limit of three items submitted. Entries must be hand-delivered to the Art Mall, 121 N. Main Street, Ripley, no later than Wednesday, July 5th.

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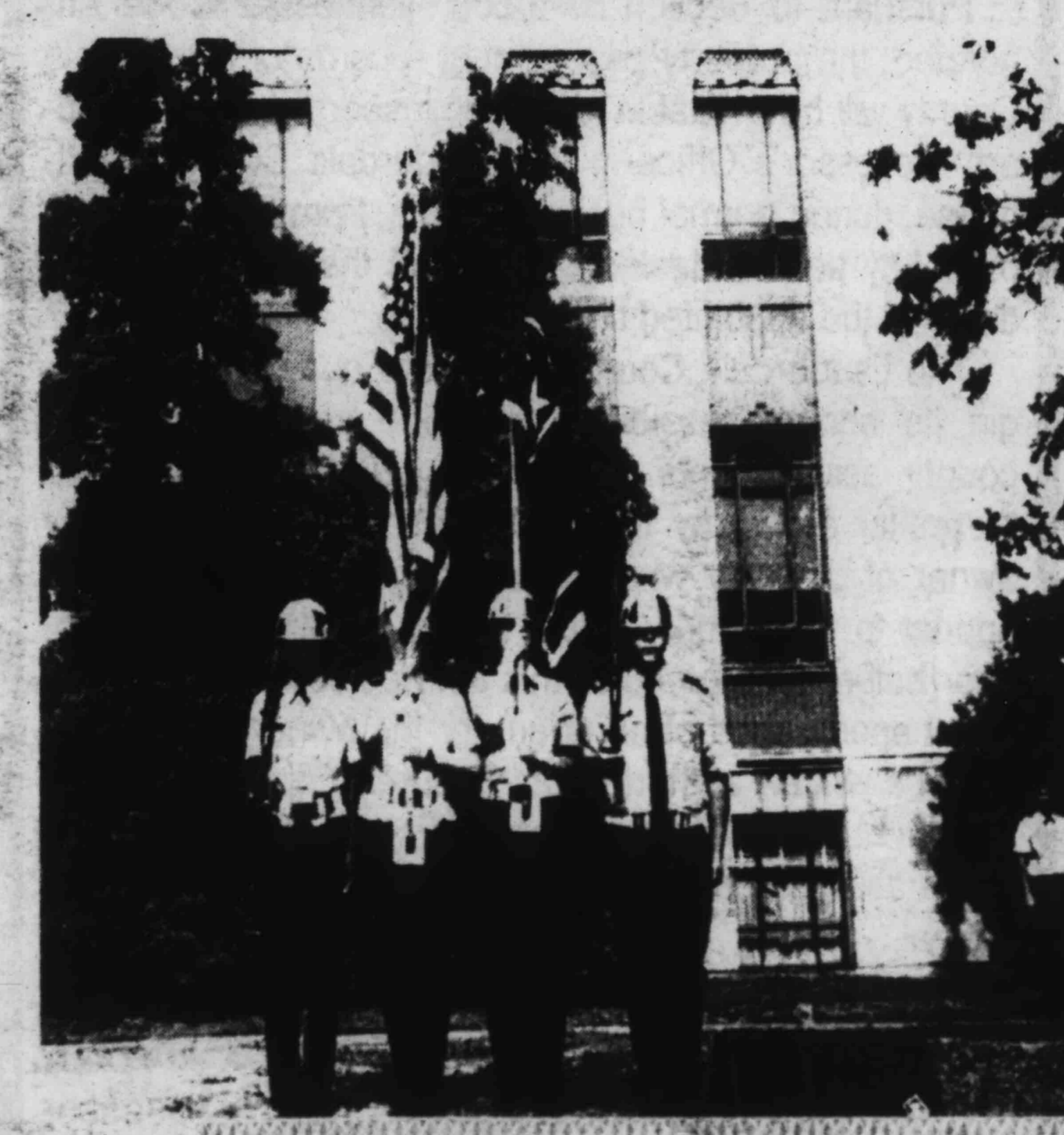
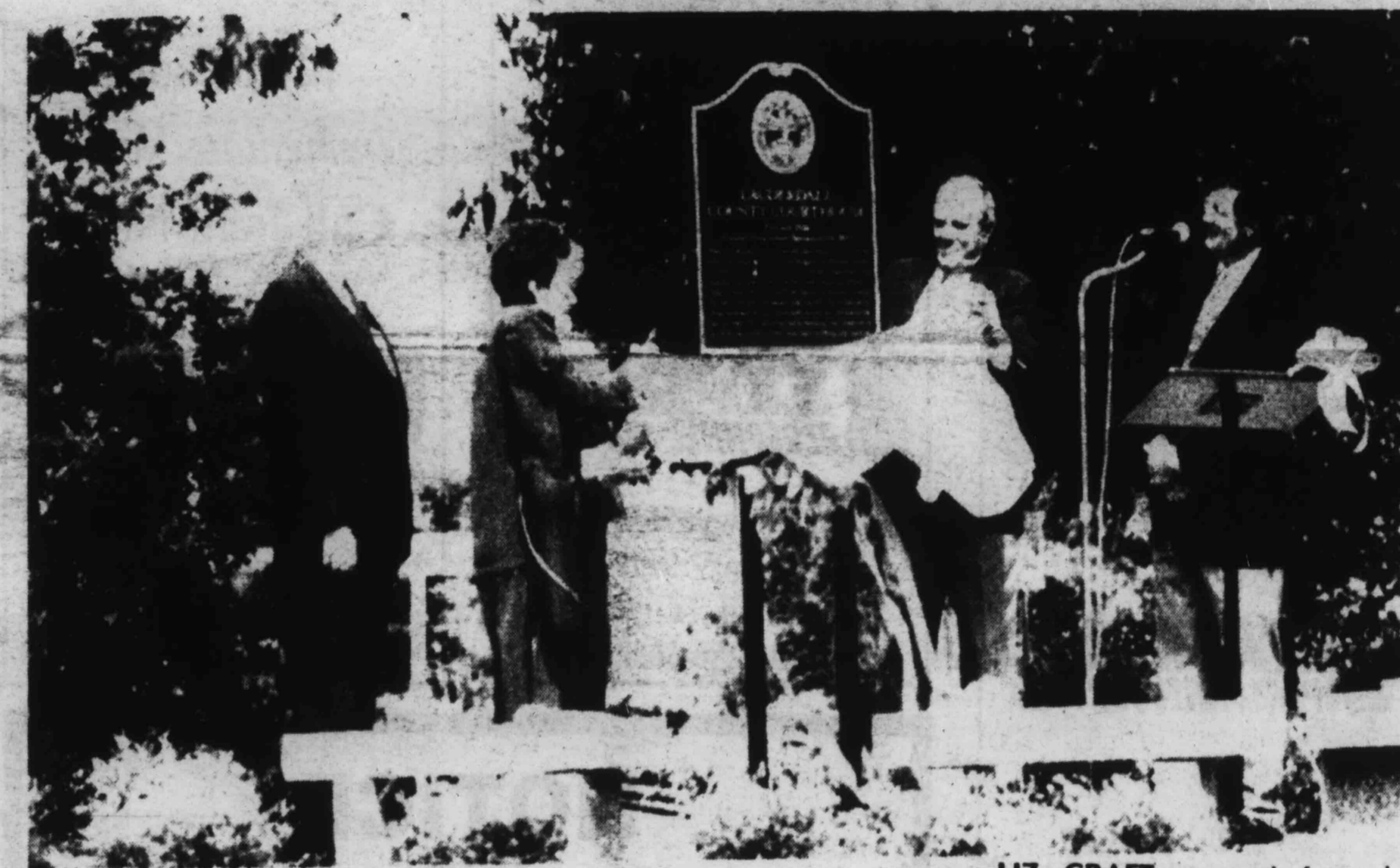
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Historical Marker Dedicated



LIZ CRAFT, second from left, helped to unveil the historical marker Monday for the courthouse lawn. The marker signifies that the Lauderdale County Courthouse has been placed on the Register of Historic Places. The courthouse, built in 1936, is featured in Mrs. Craft's book, "It Happened Here." The book covers the happenings in Lauderdale County government since the county was organized. Pictured with Mrs. Craft, from left, County Executive Rozelle Criner, Mayor Richard Douglas, and State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh. In lower photo, the Ripley High School Junior ROTC Tiger Battalion presented the colors as the many guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Color Guard members include, from left, Cpl. Jacqueline Rice, First Lt. Haley Gibson, Capt. Brandi Moore, Second Lt. James Todd, and First Sgt. Wendy Williams.

Accident Claims Amanda Taylor

Amanda Gail Taylor, 21, of Campground Road, Route One, Troy, sister of Jennifer Garrett, of Henning, was fatally crushed by the 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving when it left State Hwy. 22 near Denson Road, about 1:15 a.m. Sunday.



Hwy. Patrolman Carl Jones believes she left the road, east-bound, over-corrected to regain it, and was ejected from the car and crushed under it as it struck a road sign.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in White & Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, with burial in Terrace Hill Cemetery in Troy.

Born in Obion County, Nov. 4, 1978, she was the daughter of Johnny Taylor, of South Fulton, and of Glenda Marie Weatherly Wilmath, of Troy.

A 1996 graduate of Obion County Central High School, she was attending the Tennessee Technology Center in Newbern.

Survivors include a son, Kaimin Gage Taylor, and her step-father, James Wayne Wilmath, of Troy; her step-mother, Mary Taylor, of South Fulton; a brother, Clint Taylor, of Nashville; another sister, Stephanie Flowers, of Troy; a step-brother, Robert House, of Lafayette, La.; a step-sister, Jennifer Zickelfoose, of South Fulton; and her grandparents, Geneva Taylor, of South Fulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Rabon J. Weatherly, of Troy.

Festival Committee Plans Next Meeting

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Tomato Festival Committee will hold its next meeting at 4:30 p.m. June 6th at the chamber office. The festival is scheduled to be held July 6th - 8th at the Ripley City Park. Volunteers are needed to help in several different areas. Lisa Hankins, chamber director, welcomes anyone who is interested in helping with the festival this year.

Board Eyes School Busses Run By Commercial Firm

The county Board of Education, meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in Ripley Elementary School, will consider a proposal from a transportation firm to take over, as a private business, operation of county school busses.

\$1.56 Million Granted To County For Water

Lauderdale County has received \$1.56 million loan/grant to help expand a water treatment plant, which will provide a safe, dependable drinking water supply for 3,600 residents according to an announcement last week by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. The investment, made by the United States Department of Agriculture, is a portion of the \$45 million effort to further boost economy of the Mississippi Delta region, by providing clean drinking water and safer wastewater disposal.

Historical Society To Set Monthly Meeting

The Lauderdale County Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. May 21st at the Family Life Center of Ripley's First Baptist Church for a "Show and Tell" program. Guests are asked to bring any item or items of antique or historical importance for discussion. A private showing of the Tennessee State Museum exhibit at the Bank of Ripley will be part of the program, provided by Beauton Matthews.

Applications Sought For Adult Program

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the fourth annual Adult Leadership program.

Leadership Lauderdale is a program that offers participants the opportunity to better understand Lauderdale County and the many challenges it faces. The program begins July 27th with a reception and program overview and runs through December 5th with a graduation dinner and ceremony.

Tuition for the program is \$250 and includes program costs, meals, lodging, and refreshments for all sessions. Applications will be accepted through the end of May and may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact 635-9541.

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Land Transfers

May 5 - David M. King and Kristie King to Evelyn Andrews and Garie V. Andrews, Dist. 2, lot.

Pauline Rivens to Eugene Pugh and Mary Helen Pugh, Dist. 12, 2 lots.

James Escue, Jr., Richard Escue, William Escue, James R. Wade, and Yvonne Escue Wade to Betty J. Klutts, Felicia R. Klutts, William Dwain Klutts, Jr., and William Dwain Klutts, Sr., Dist. 2, 6 lots.

May 8 - Judith K. Domm to Joe Eskridge and John Eskridge, Dist. 12, lot.

Marion Davis and Russell L. Davis to James E. Daniels, Jr., Dist.

7, 17,140 acres. Mary Martha Dyer and Neil A. Dyer to Pamela D. Patrick and Rodney L. Patrick, Dist. 12, lot. Carmen LaQuinta Brown to Aniko V. G. Campbell, Dist. 2, lots.

Charles T. Hammond, Jr., Hammond/Pound, Inc., and A. Miller Pounds, III to Jimmy Sanders Incorporated and Jimmy Sanders Incorporated, Dist. 12, 1,620 acres.

Michael Roy Sanders to Jeff Buckner and Missy Buckner, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

Gary Goad to Robert F. Goad, Dist. 2, lot.

May 9 - Betty Barbee and David Perkins to Latosha Y. Yancy, Dist. 2, 0.500 acres.

Donna Buckner, Jerry Buckner, Carolyn Griggs, and Willie Griggs to Donna L. Hartsfield and Gregory A. Hartsfield, Dist. 2, 6,474 acres.

May 10 - Charles T. Hammond, Jr., Claire Hammond, A. Miller Pounds, III, and Marilyn Pounds to Jimmy Sanders, Inc. and Jimmy Sanders, Inc., Dist. 12, 2,000 acres.

May 11 - Connie Everett and Phillip W. Everett to Christopher R. McCaslin and Stephanie A. McCaslin, Dist. 2, 2,000 acres.

Shirley J. Bester and Thomas H. Bester to Christopher S. Stenson, Dist. 17, 0,331 acres.

Joe H. Barnes, Jr. and Rita H. Barnes to James W. Barnes and Tabitha C. Barnes, Dist. 7, 1,336 acres.

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The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 1, 2000 and on dates thereafter as set by the board until July 13, 2000. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization should appear before said board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appeal your assessment to the County Board of Equalization may result in the assessment becoming final without further right to appeal.

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Woman of the Year



JANICE CRAIG, left, was awarded the Woman of the Year by Sheriff Louis Craig, right, her brother. She is a native of Lauderdale County and graduated from Ripley High School as Valedictorian. Janice attended Lambuth University in Jackson and received a bachelor's degree in education. She taught in Holly Springs, Miss. and in Lauderdale County. She returned to school and earned her juris doctorate degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. She served as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul R. Summers, Judge of the Court of Appeals.

After her father's illness, Janice returned to Ripley to become an associate in the law firm of Caldwell and Fitzhugh. She remained until elected General Sessions Judge in 1998.

Her family has served the public, beginning with her great-great-grandfather serving as a magistrate in Maury County, in the 1850's. Her grandfather served as sheriff in the 1920's and 1930's and later held a position in the county court until his death. Janice had one uncle serve as town marshal, another uncle, a police officer, and a cousin as a US Marshal, appointed by Senator Estes Kefauver.

Janice's father was the first General Sessions Judge of Lauderdale County and her brother currently serves as sheriff.

She is a member of the Ripley First United Methodist Church, works with the Relay for Life, and is regent of the Fort Prudhomme Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.

Lord Byron

Officer of the Year



TED SUTTON, left, was chosen Officer of the Year by the Ripley Exchange Club. He was presented with a plaque by Richard Ammons, left, president of the Exchange Club, along with a Tennessee Vols football, autographed by Peyton Manning.

He graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in 1991 and was appointed Sheriff of Lauderdale County in 1992. He served as Sheriff until 1994, when he was hired as the warrant deputy until 1998. Since then, he has been Chief Deputy under Sheriff Louis Craig, and has worked on numerous projects throughout the county over the past 40 years.

Born in this county in 1935 to Robert "Rab" and Eunice Sutton, he graduated from Ripley High School in 1953. He coached area youth baseball teams for 28 years. He is a member of Ripley Church of Christ. He has two children, Brenda and Ken.

Man of the Year



JOE BRIDGES, right, was presented the Man of the Year Award Thursday of last week at the annual Fraternal Order of Police Banquet. Ken Sutton, left,

introduced Bridges and told of his many accomplishments. He is the athletic director at Ripley High School and involved in many areas of the school sports as coach and fan.

Martha Leggett

Martha Jane Ashcraft Leggett, 63, of Memphis, formerly of Halls, wife of Hollis Leggett, died Tuesday, of heart failure, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

A retired postal employee at the main office in Memphis, she was a member of Halls First Baptist Church.

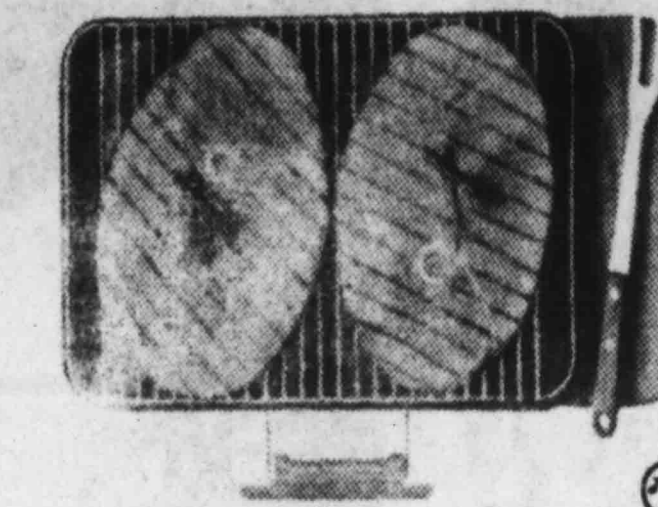
Survivors include three sons, Auby Gene Leggett, of Maury City, Michael Leggett, of Memphis, and Randle Thomas, of Nashville; a daughter, Janice Delph, of Friendship; a brother, Robert Perry Ashcraft, of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Addie Chiarizzio, of Nashville; 17 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Cook's Marinated Ham Steaks

2 Cook's Bone-in-Ham Steaks (approx. 1 lb. each)
Fresh rosemary sprigs to garnish

Marinade:

2 tsp light soy sauce
1 Tbsp sherry vinegar
2 Tbsp peanut oil



1 Tbsp honey
1 Tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
6 whole cloves
1 (1-inch) piece cinnamon stick
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 (8 oz.) cooking apple, peeled, and grated

1. Place Cook's Ham Steaks in a shallow dish. To prepare marinade, in a medium-size bowl, combine all marinade ingredients until well blended.

2. Pour marinade over Ham Steaks in dish, turning to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

3. Preheat grill. Grill Ham Steaks 3 to 5 minutes, turning once and brushing with extra marinade. Garnish with rosemary sprigs. Makes 6 servings.

Facts & Fallacies About Pillow Care

By Dr. Jodi Mindell (NAPS)—There are a number of myths about pillow care that are dispelled in a new booklet filled with useful information and practical tips on personal sleep hygiene and how to maintain a healthy sleep environment.

TO DREAM, PERCHANCE TO SLEEP is now easier thanks to a newly created booklet.

The booklet titled, *How to Know, When to Throw Your Pillow Away & Other Tips to Ensure Sweet Dreams* addresses these and many other myths and truths about proper pillow care. Two examples are:

Myth: Pillow cases alone protect pillows.

Truth: A pillowcase cannot do the job alone. Nearly two-thirds of Americans do not wash their pillows and about half keep them too long.

Myth: Comfortable pillows are always in good condition.

Truth: Pillow problems such as microscopic dust mites are not always easily recognized. It's important to inspect your pillows four times a year.

HJHS Honor Breakfast



DR. PAM SIRMANS, Principal of Halls Junior High School, conducted the school's honor breakfast program Tuesday in the cafeteria. Ninety-six students were honored for their achievements and service to the school.

Halls High School
Class of 2000

YETH AMMONS, BRIAN BENSON, ANGIE BERNARD, AMBER DIVENS, NATALJA BOSTIC, AIMY BURNS, PATRICK BURSE, JOHN CARROLL, DEREK CLAYBROOK, KATIE COOK, JJ COX, VIRGINIA DOSS-DUPREE, CLEVE CROOK

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ANDY PUGH PRINCIPAL

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ACHEL ROBERTS, ROBERT RODGERS, CHRIS ROGERS, AMBER SAUBER, LACARA SAWYER, SECARY SAWYER, KRISTIN SCALLIONS, SKYLER SMITH, ERIN STEELMAN, ANDRAVUS STENSON, LEE STILES

YLE TERRY, COLLINS VOSS, CANDICE WARD, KENDELL WARD, RICKEY TERRY, RYAN WARD, DEANNA WASHINGTON, SHAWNA WHITE, ASHLEY WRIGHT

MARK KING, JAMES LANGLEY, RANDY LOVELACE, PAMELA MARTIN, MARY ELLEN MATHIS

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Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes visited Mrs. Hughes' brother, Ronnie Summar, and Mrs. Summar at Forked Deer Saturday before last. Mrs. Summar has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes visited their daughter, Mrs. Tammy Gay, and family Sunday afternoon before last.

Weekend before last guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Summar were Mrs. Summar's children.

Cathy Parish, of Halls, visited Pat Hughes Monday afternoon be-

fore last. Rob Hertog visited his aunt, Mrs. Hughes, Saturday. Mrs. Hughes is recovering from an illness.

Mother's Day luncheon guests of Mrs. Odessa Gay were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adron Newman, of Forked Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lavelle, of Covington, Donna and Jason Gay, of Cordova, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Gay, all of Ripley.

Kevin Newman, of Covington, son of Mrs. James Hughes, enjoyed a vacation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gay and sons, Jimmy and Dillon, had dinner in Dyersburg Mother's Day. Mr.

and Mrs. James Hughes visited them earlier that day.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsobrook

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and daughter, Liz Kampeter, and Gary Boston, all of Springfield, Ill., visited Tommy Simmons Friday afternoon.

Divorces

Deborah Fincher Lee vs. Mi-

chael Allen Lee.

Bill Yarbrough vs. Mary Jo Mount Yarbrough.

Shelia Jean Taylor Calvario vs. Andres Mangana Calvario.

Donna Michelle Tidwell Prats vs. Robert Royal Prats.

Kimmeke Floyd Toomes vs. Timmy Lee Toomes.

Mary Elaine Carmack Edwards vs. Steven Lee Edwards.

Homecoming Set For Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will hold its homecoming service

beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., May 21st. Worship services will begin at 11 a.m. and luncheon served at noon. Guest speaker will be Dr. Bill Northcott, of Franklin, formerly of Arp. Dr. Northcott attended Walnut Grove Baptist Church when he was growing up. He is the leader of the church staff leadership group of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and married to Sandra Kirby Northcott. The couple have a daughter, Beth, and a grandson, Dylan. A graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary, Dr. Northcott is the former pastor of Covington First Baptist Church. Pastor Jim Yates invites the public. There will be no evening services.

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Charles Runions

Charles Lionel Lynnwood Runions, 34, of Ridgely, father of Chasity Lynn Runions, Nancy Alicia Runions, and Tiffany Runions, of Halls, died Monday, in his home, of complications from an infection.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Mooring Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in New Haven Cemetery, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Penny, a son, James Tyler Runions, and another daughter, Autumn Renee Runions, of Dyersburg; and his parents, Charles and Nancy Runions, a brother, Christopher Devon Runions, a sister, Melissa Jane Thurmond, and his grandfather, W. A. Runions, all of Ridgely.

Leondra Young

Leondra Leshaye Young, 2-month-old daughter of Stephanie Yancy and Lingcoya Young, of Ripley, died Monday of last week, of birth complications, in Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were at noon Saturday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in the Young Cemetery at Gates.

Survivors include her sister, Wandary Young; her grandparents, Mary Webster, of Ripley, Sarah Archie, of Jackson, and David Brown, of Mason; and her great-grandparents, Frances Ruffin, of Ripley, Luella Scott, of 173 Old Ross Road, Ripley; and Jesse Brown, of Mason.

Nurses Honored



Presents Play



STUDENTS of Halls Elementary School, under the direction of Mrs. Patti Butner, teacher, presented a five-act play Thursday of last week in her classroom. Relatives and friends of the students viewed the play, "Walk Like An Egyptian."

NURSES at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center were honored by the facility with a luncheon Thursday, May 11th. Pictured are, in front, from left, Sheryl Hoppgood, RN, Connie Tripett, LPN, Melissa Olds, LPN, Valerie Miller, RN, Stephanie Etheridge, LPN, and Michelle Fain, RN; and in rear, from left, Emily Morgan, LPN, Gayle Seratt, LPN, Judy Brownlee, LPN, Bernice Smith, LPN, Bill Garrett, RN, Jo Nimmo, LPN, Kathy Billings, LPN, Terri Pruitt, RN, Edna Moore, LPN, and Mary King, LPN. Not pictured are Juanita Guess, RN, Bernice Patrick, RN, Theresa Isaak, LPN, Sam Hogan, LPN, Lucille Permenter, LPN, Janet Klutts, LPN, Pam DuPriest, LPN, Amy Muek, LPN, Donna Pruitt, LPN, Tamara Wright, LPN, Sandy Hubble, RN, Rosie Ramey, RN, Rose Overall, LPN, Glenda Webb, LPN, and Nicki Miller, LPN.

sister of The Rev. Gene Spain, of Ripley, died Monday of last week at Covington Manor Nursing Home.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Fairview Cemetery in Newbern, Johnson Funeral Home of Newbern in charge.

The widow of Raymond Rice, she was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Billy Rice, of Martin; another daughter, Nan Rice, of Newbern; another brother, Austin Lee Spain, of Gary, Ind.; two sisters, Alice Grinstead, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mary Evelyn Pilgrim, of Chicago, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



The shekel was the basic unit of weight in the ancient Near East. It was about four-tenths of an ounce.



TANYA SANFORD'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS at Halls Elementary School are pictured with their class patchwork quilt. Each student designed and made a block for the quilt.

Nuptials Nearing



ELIZABETH FAY CARMACK, daughter of Jonny and Linda Carmack, of 2117 Bald Knob Rd., Ripley, will marry Severo E. Sanchez, son of Rutilo Sanchez and Lorenza Escalona, of Mexico, at 7 p.m. May 26th in Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, family and friends invited.

She is the granddaughter of Virginia Louise Latham, of Ripley, the late Ed Latham, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Carmack.

A 1996 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect is employed by ITW Paslode in Covington.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Willevaldo Sanchez and Ciria Castaneda and of Benjamin Escalona and Matilde Leon, all of Mexico.

He is employed by Tennessee Electroplating in Ripley.

After the ceremony, the couple will reside at 4769 Conner-Whitefield Rd., Ripley.

Anniversaries

May 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks.

May 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Malone.

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

May 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson.

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

Birthdays

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

May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Me-

50th Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. THEE WILLIAM NEWMAN, of Curve, were married May 31, 1950 in Corinth, Miss.

She is the former Carolyn Ruffin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruffin, of Curve. She is retired from the school food service.

Mr. Newman, retired school maintenance supervisor, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newman, of Curve.

The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in their honor from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, May 28th in the fellowship hall of Curve Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited, no gifts, please.

gan Crain, Rosalinda Dionicio, Sylvia King, Tyler James Talbot, Megan Crain, Stewart Cepparulo, Collins Voss.

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

May 21 - Bill Jones, Danie Martin, Steven McKinnie, Shelia

May 23 - Steve Griggs, Jim Alford, Matt Harper.

May 24 - Eric Ellis, Robert Cody Tutor.

Marriages

May 4 - Robert Dewey Wilson, 40, to Syrena Jan Parson, 39, by Evelyn Lanham.

May 12 - Donte Julian Cruse, 34, to Cassandra Fay Finch, 31, by Willard Norvell.

Kenneth Harry Sprague, 21, to Kristy Gail Goodman, 21, by Willard Norvell.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

Dyersburg State Community College will hold registration for the summer semester at the Tipton County Center in Covington from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 23rd and at the campus in Dyersburg from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 24th. A complete list of offered classes is available on the Dyersburg State web site: www.dscc.cc.tn.us. For more information, call the Office of Admissions and Records at 901-286-3330.

Crowder, Helen Gean, Cyndi Jones, Hayden Watts, Robert Belton, Stan Young, Curtis Barcroft.

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

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Center Re-opens Program



BRIAN COLLINS, Tennessee Technology Center Director, right, signed papers Monday to re-open the Industrial Electronics Program. The class, which was placed on in-active status in the fall of 1998, is being restructured to meet the needs of local employers.

Collins stated, "The program will focus on the essential skills necessary for an individual to succeed in the field of Industrial Electronics." Students can further expand their training into maintenance machining and maintenance welding at the schools in Covington and Newbern.

Rick Tackett, left, an experienced maintenance practitioner, has been hired to teach the class. Tackett has worked as an adjunct faculty member at the center since August 1996.

Aspiring maintenance technicians should possess a sound

background in mathematics and an ability to read at a tenth grade level or beyond. They will be trained for "real life scenarios." Working with Ladder Logic, Binary Numbers, and being required to read and understand engineering manuals, the applicant must possess the core skills attributed to college bound individuals.

Collins noted graduates of the Ripley program may be eligible for as much as 28 hours of college credit at selected Tennessee Board of Regents Community Colleges. For further information, call the school at 635-3368 or come by the center at 127 Industrial Drive.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMah-an, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Signs With Dyersburg State



AMBER SADLER, seated center, signed with Dyersburg State Community College Wednesday of last week to play softball. She is the daughter of, seated from left, Bill and Carol Woodley, of Halls. A senior at Halls High School, Amber was joined by, in rear, from left, Halls High Principal, Andy Pugh; HHS softball coach, Teresa Mills; and Dyersburg State coach, Randy Hulme.

Howard, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davis, of Dyersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks, of Halls, and Mrs. Patsy Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burks were Sunday supper guests of their mother, Mrs. Willie Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson.

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, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beard, of Roellen, were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The St. Mark Baptist Church Women's Ministry will meet at 4 p.m. Sat., May 20th. The meeting will focus on drug and other substance abuse. Bro. Jerry Russell, of Morning Star Baptist Church, will coordinate the meeting. The public is invited.

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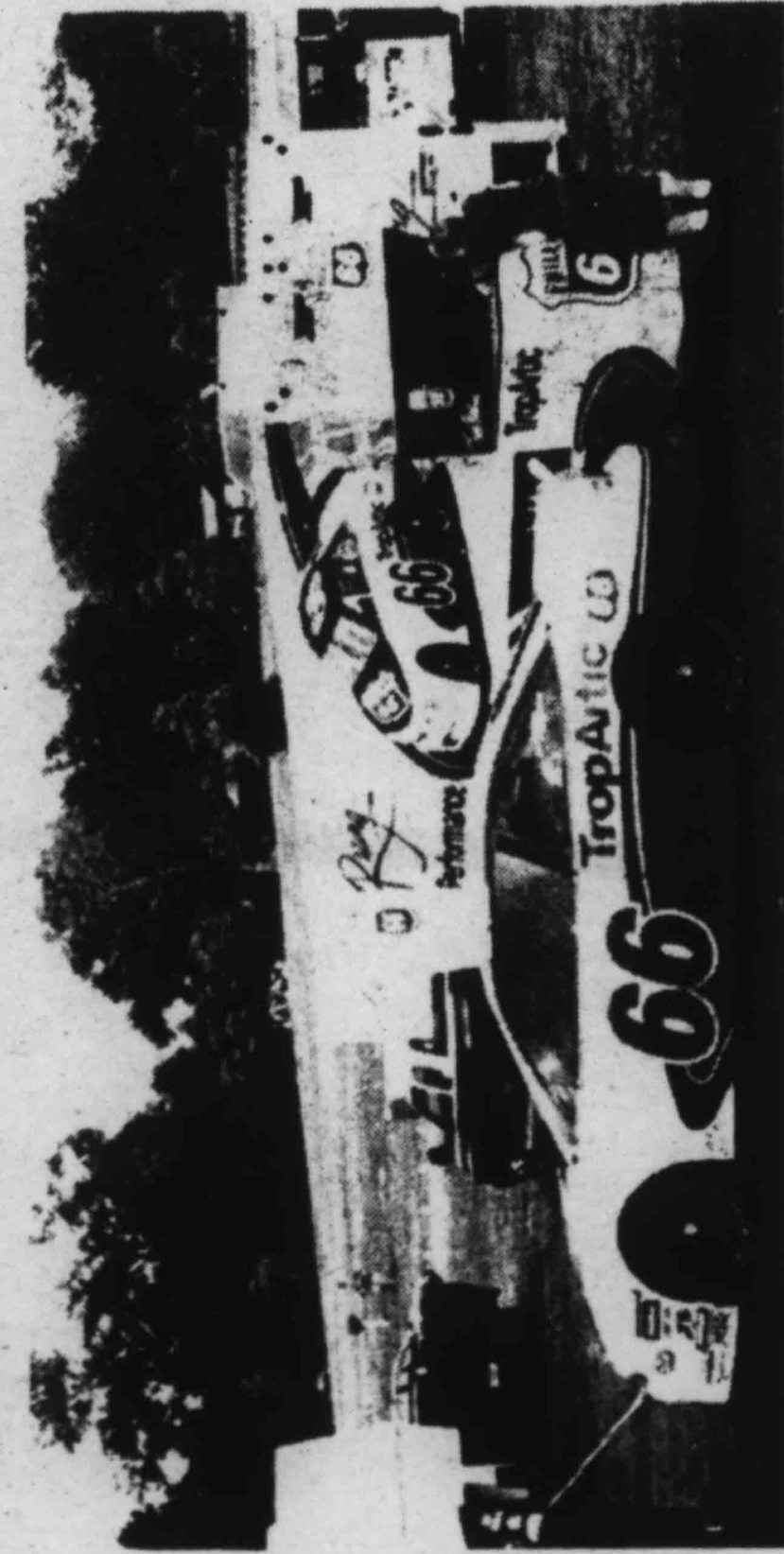
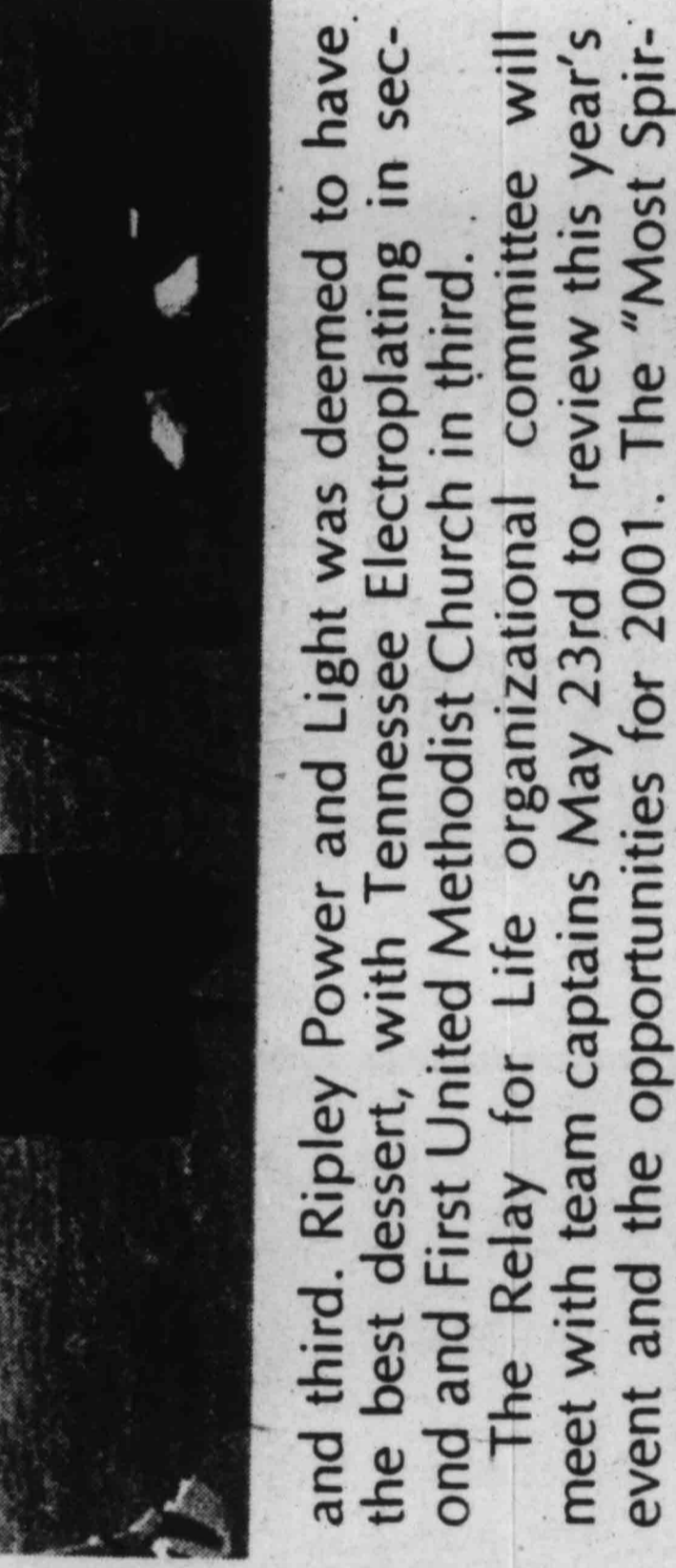
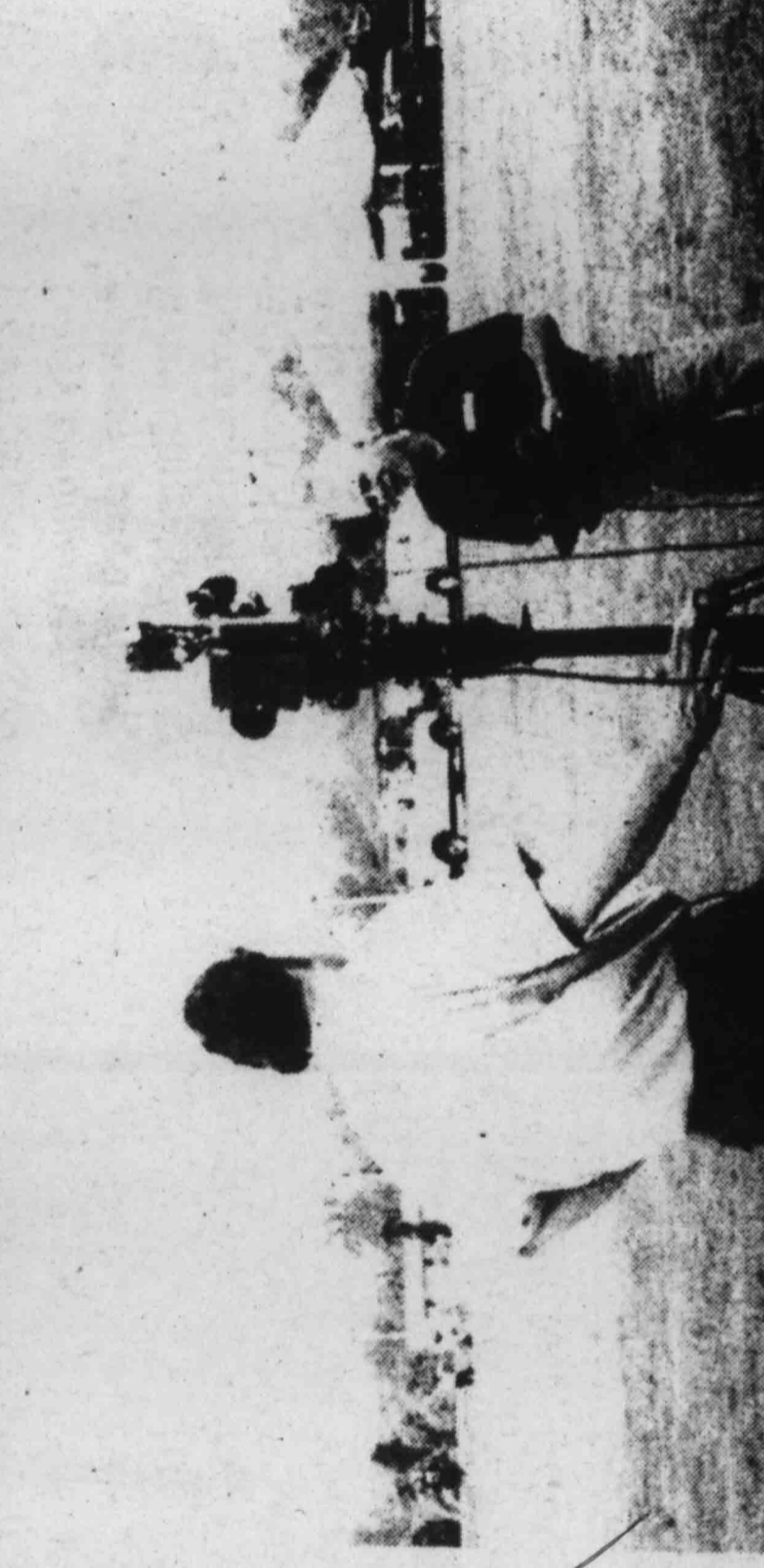
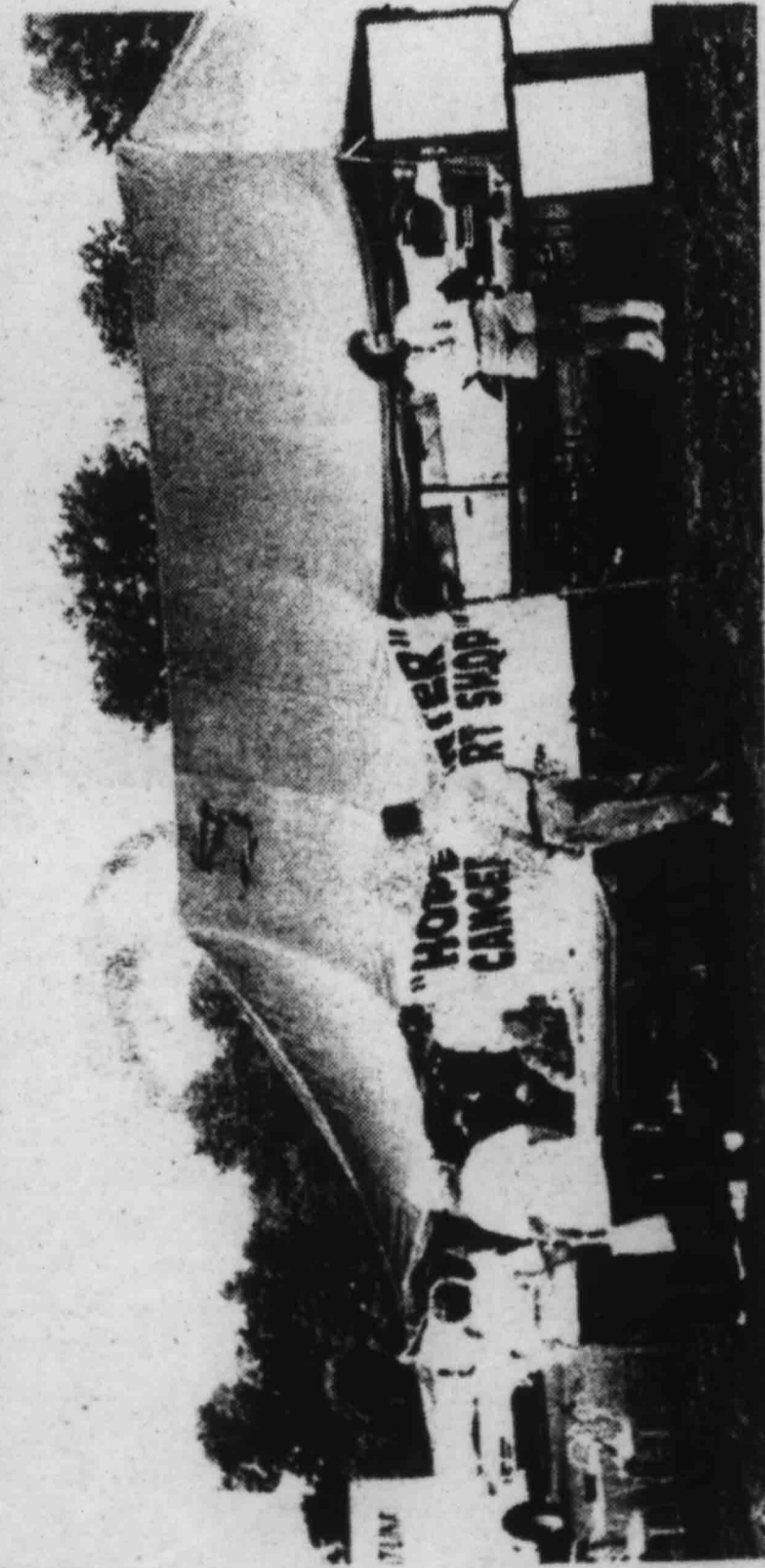
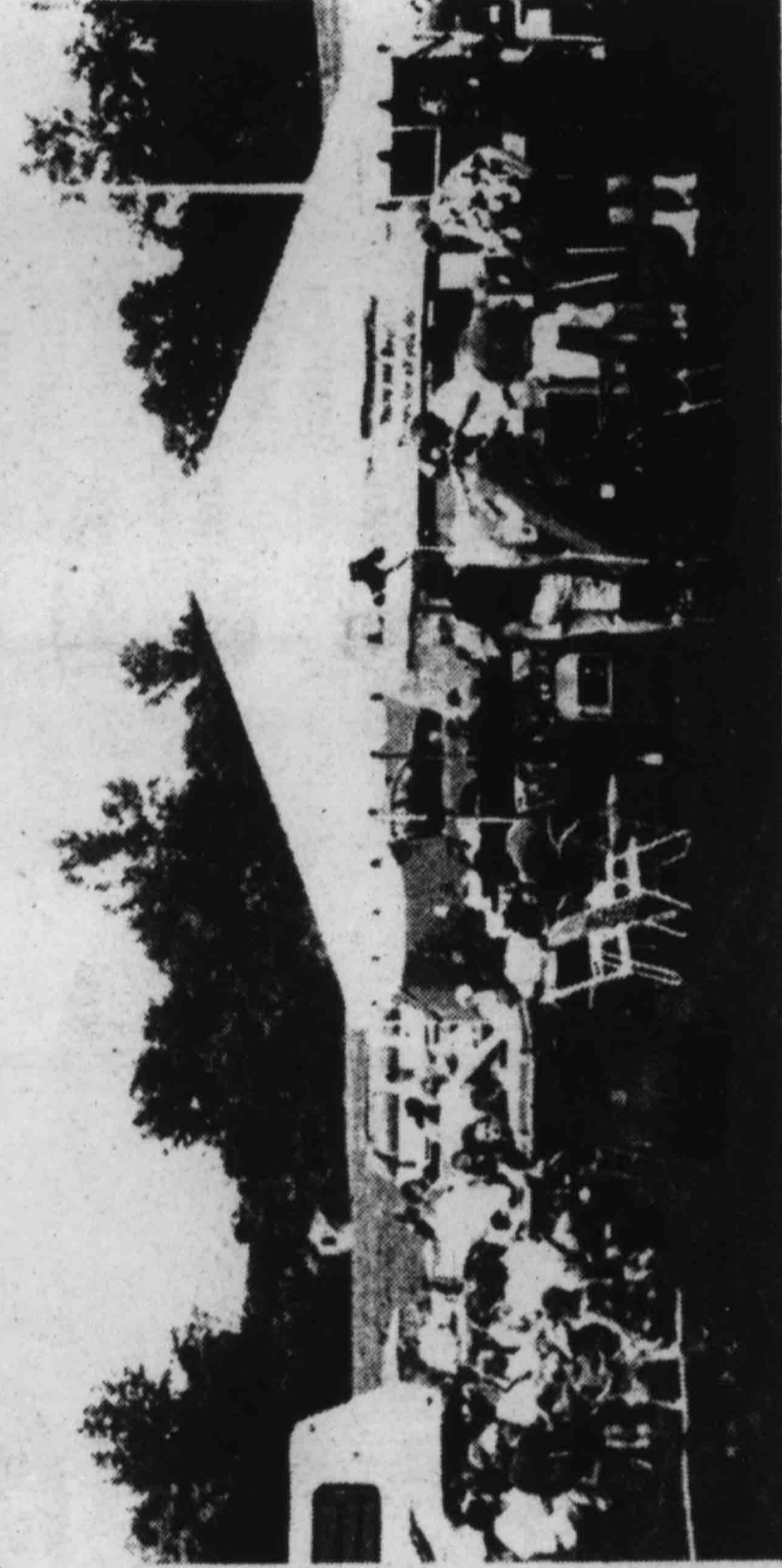
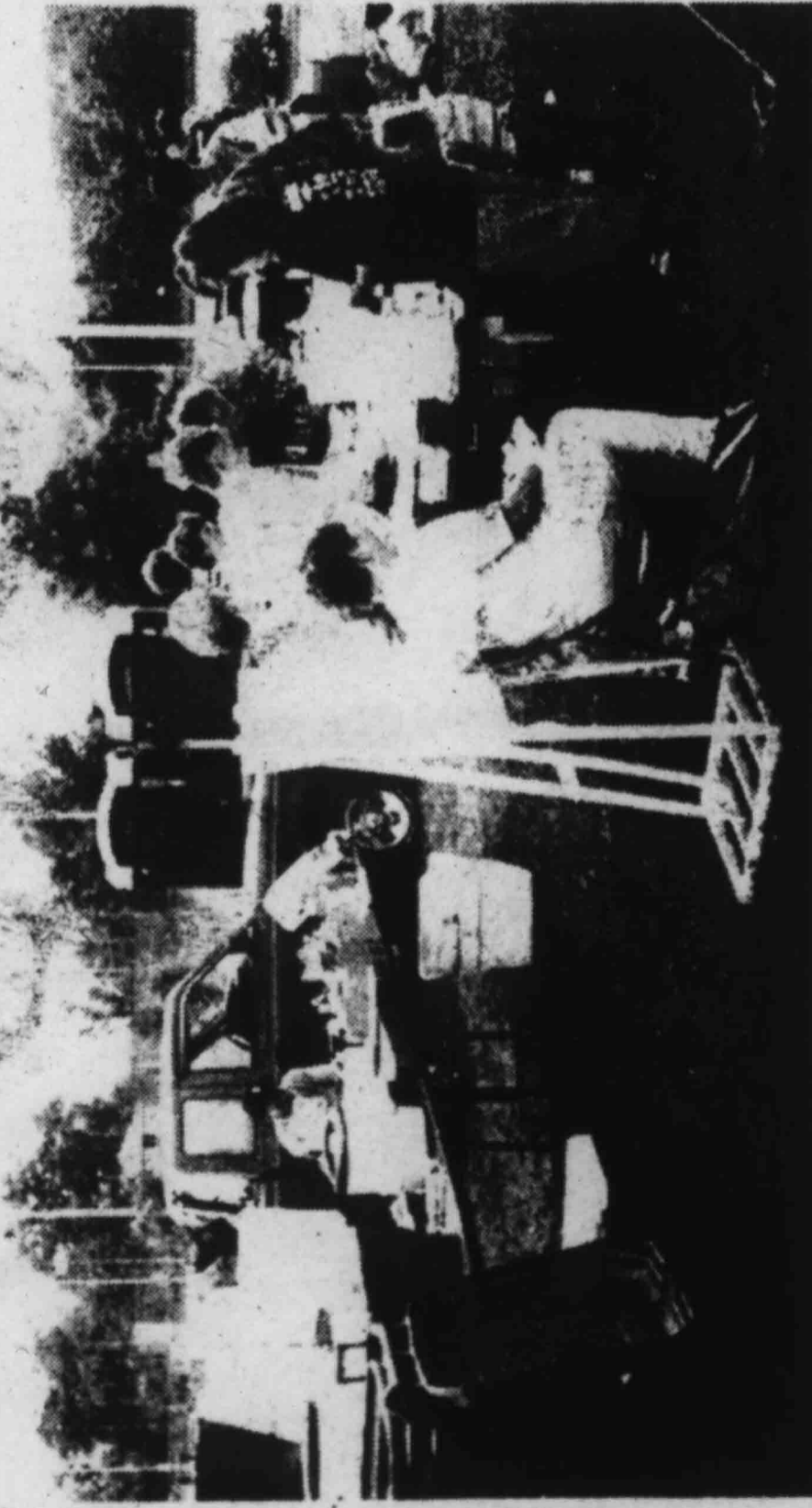
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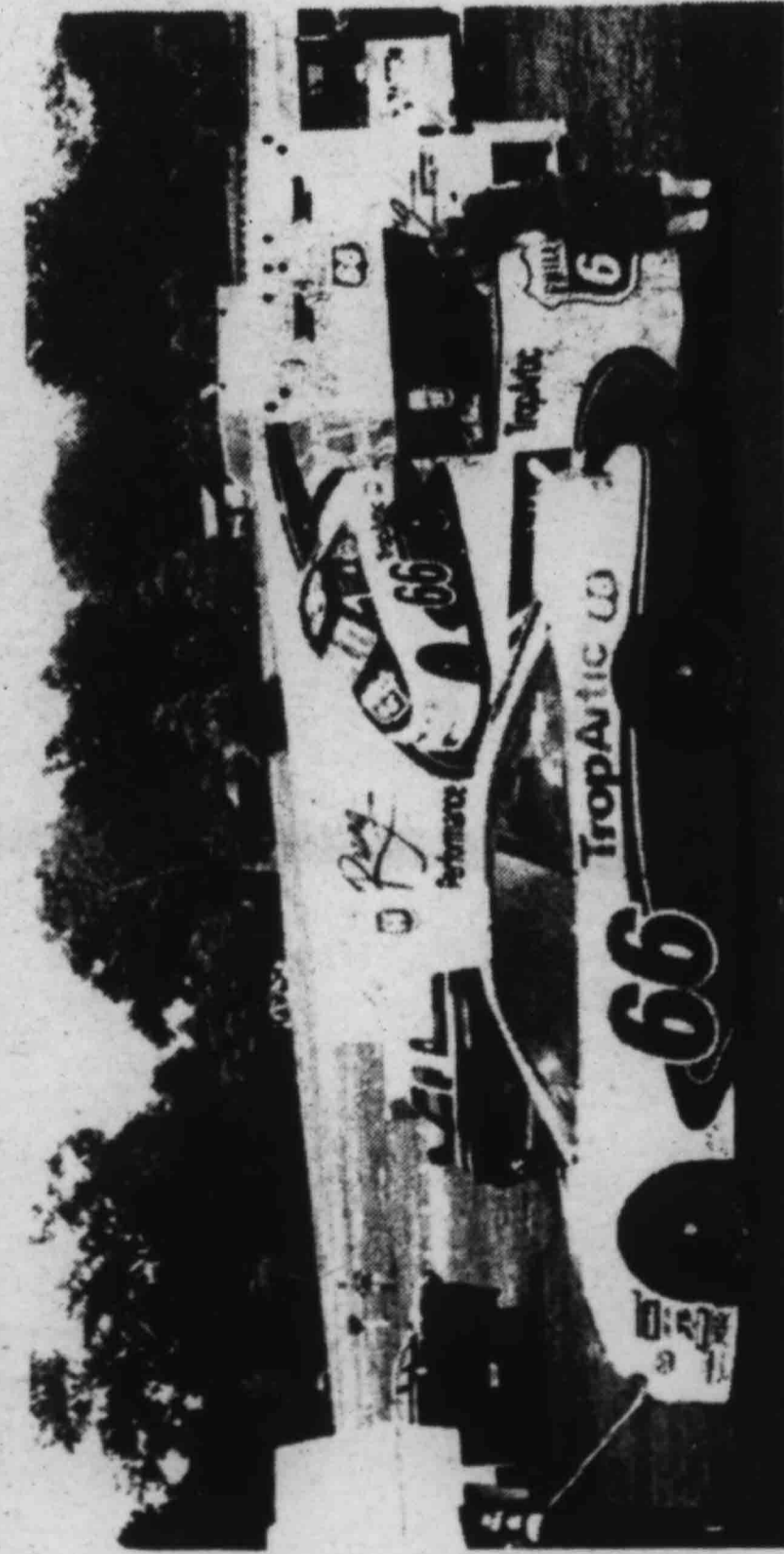
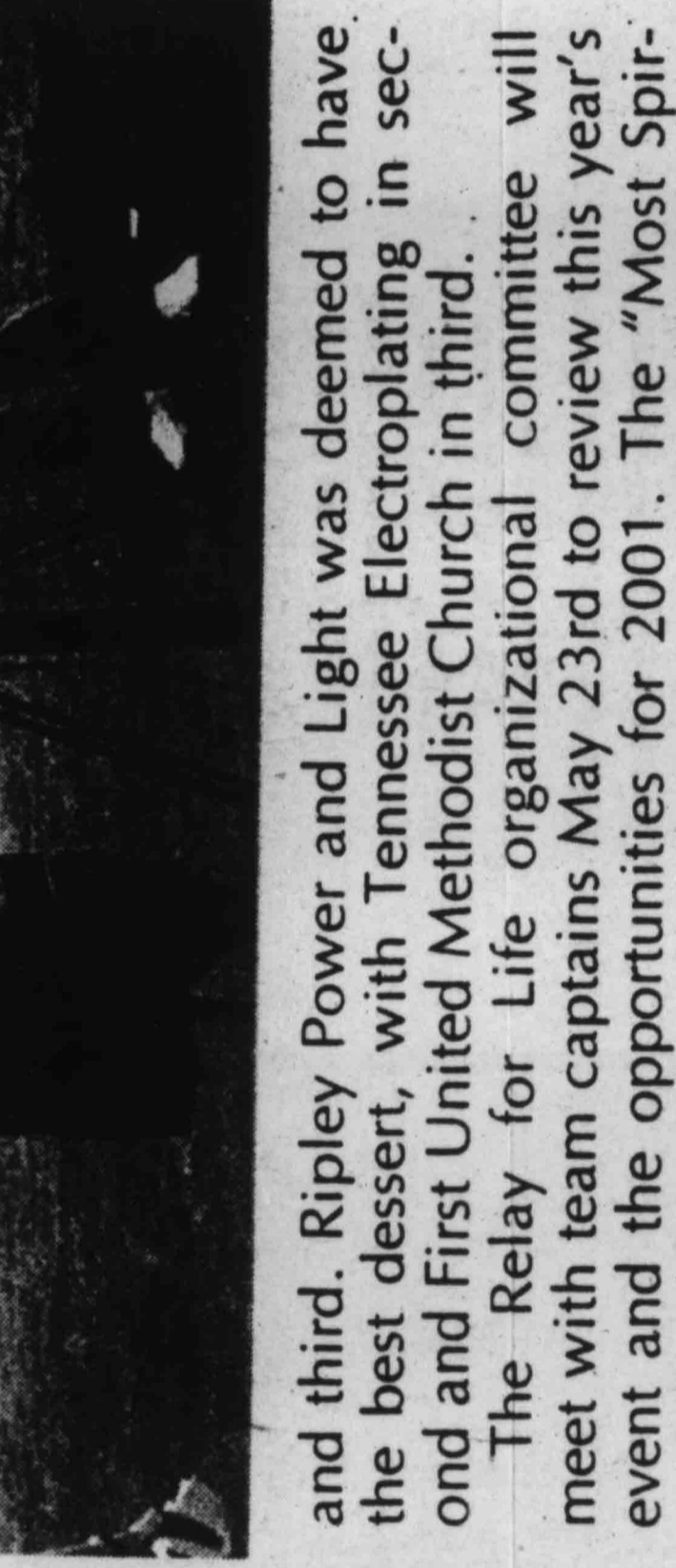
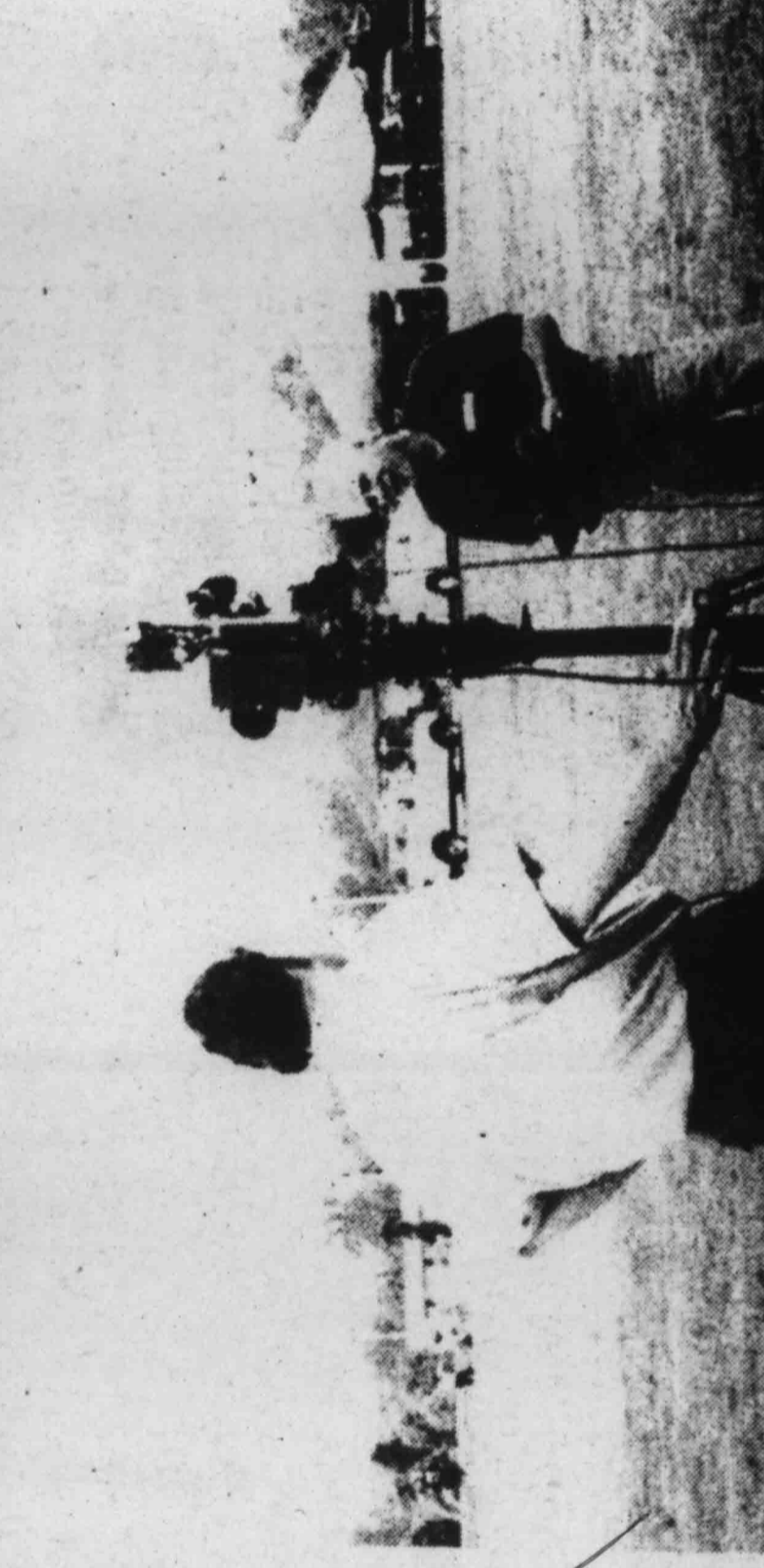
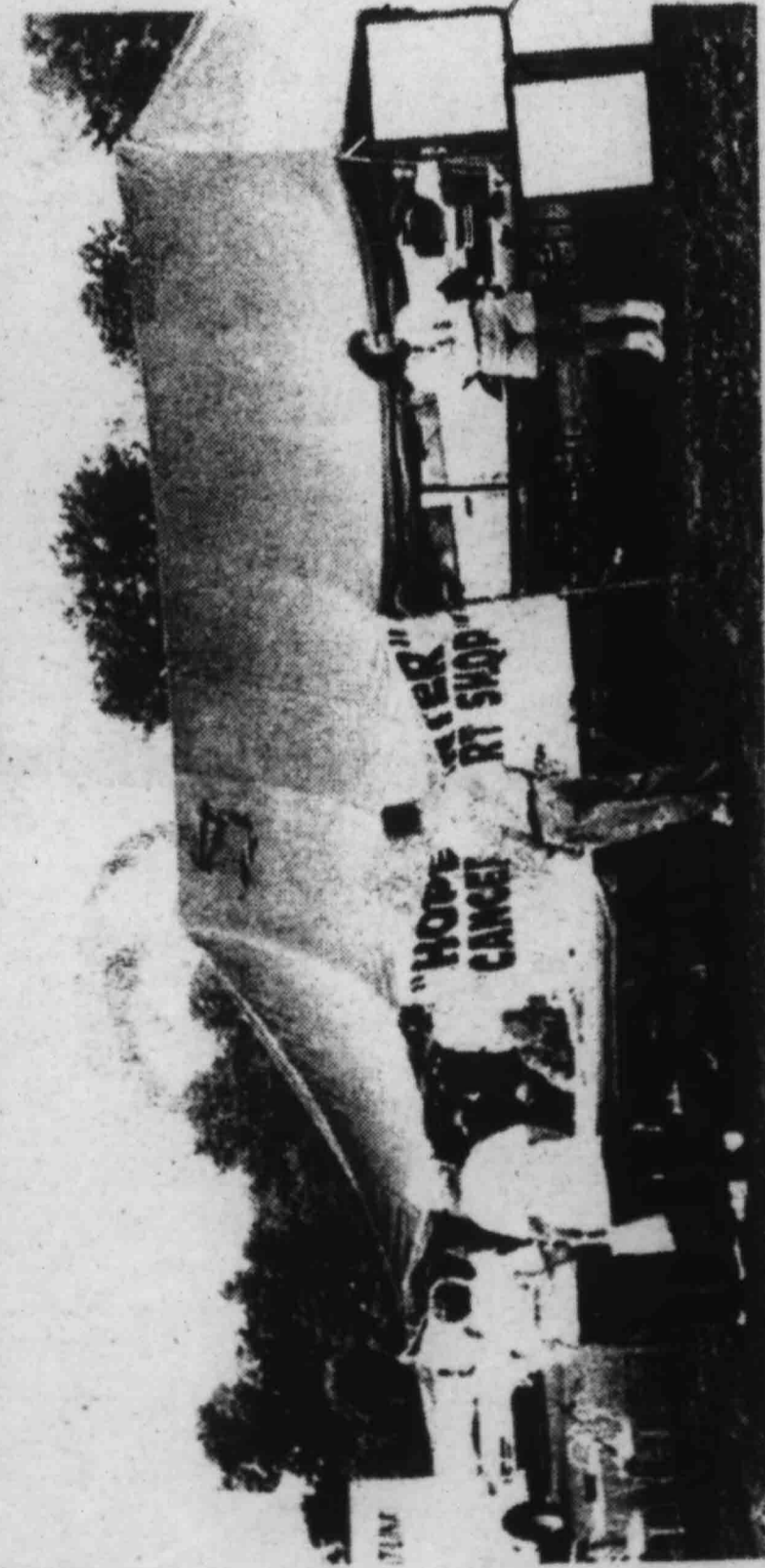
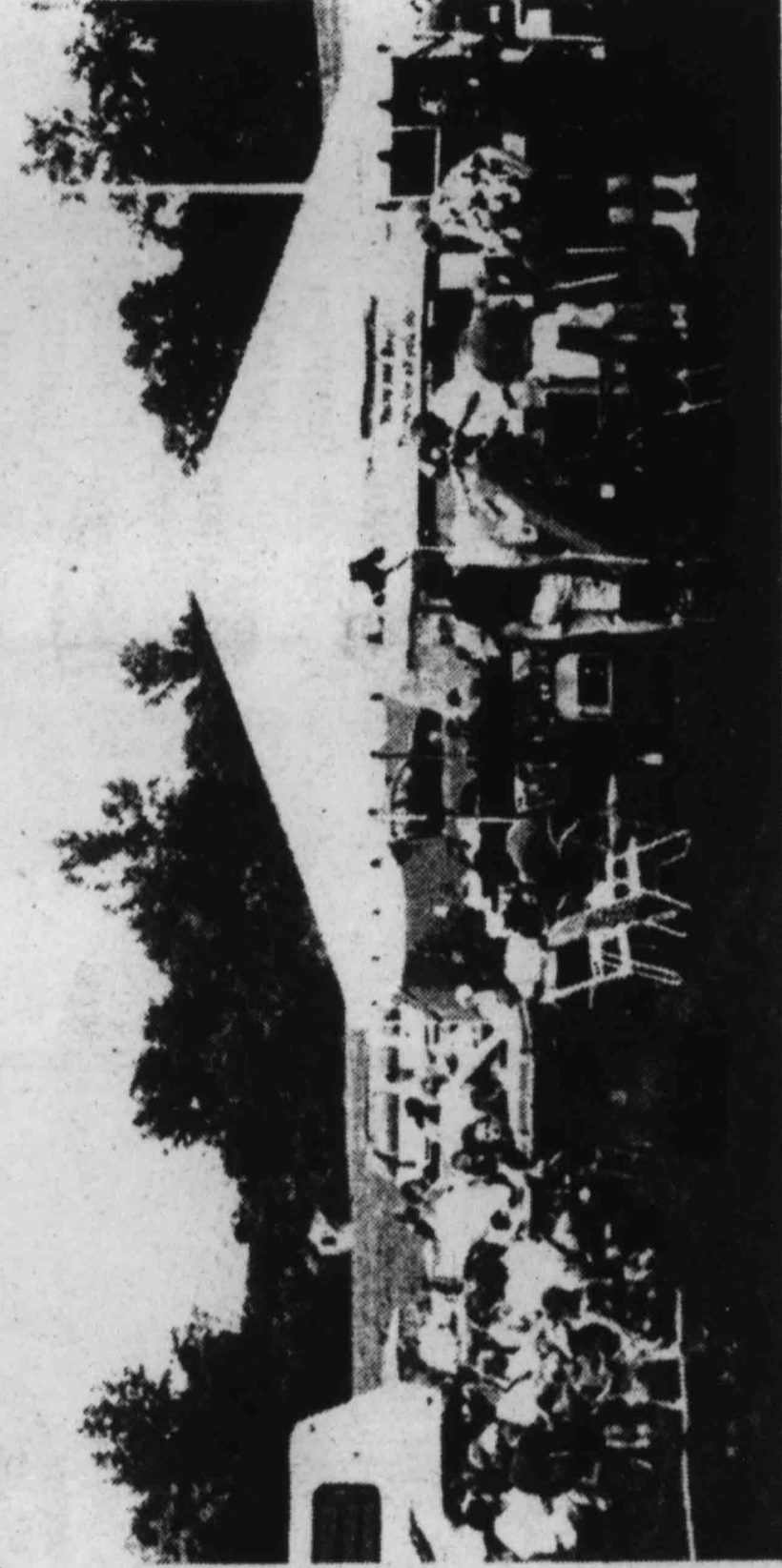
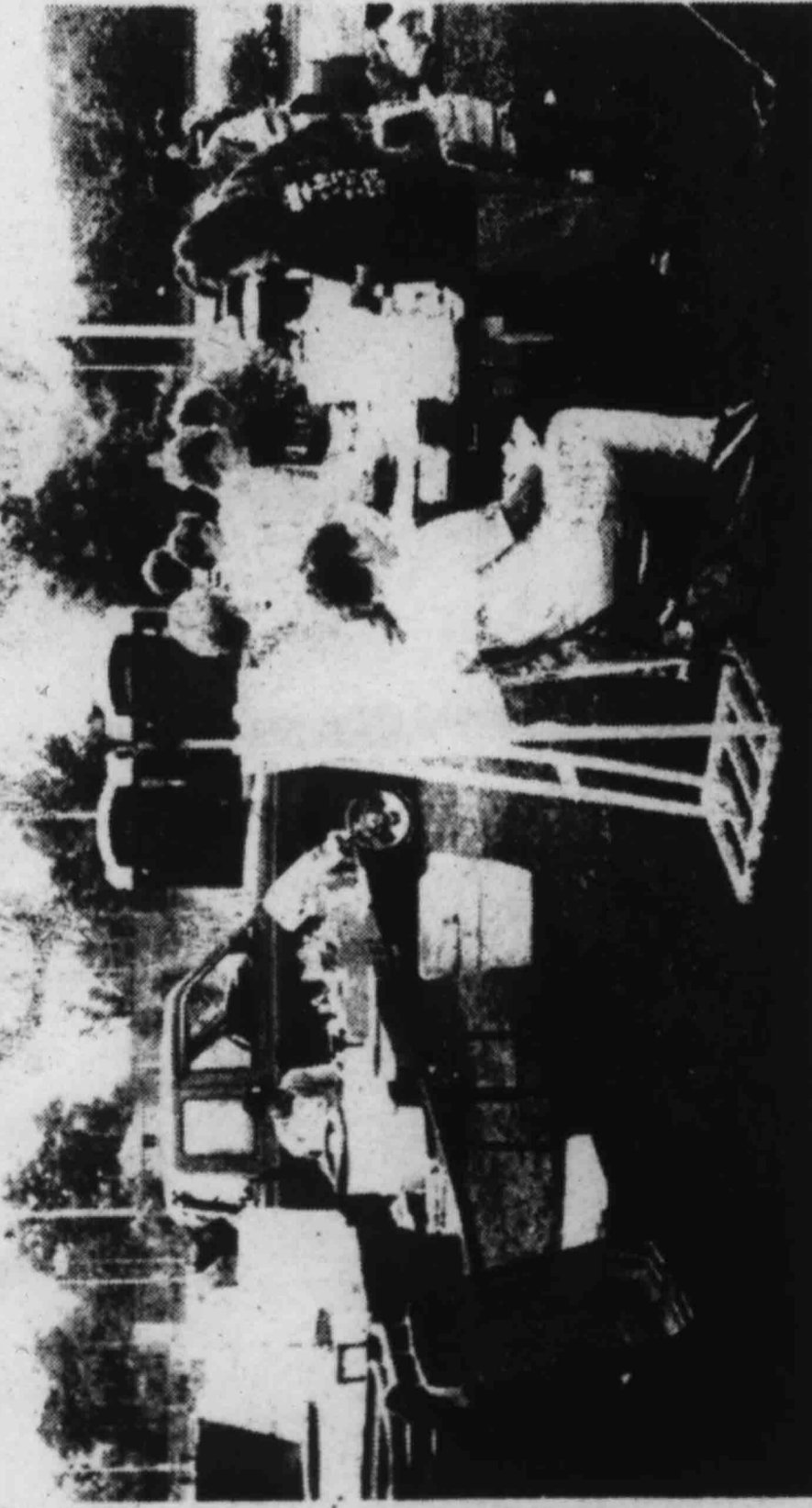


THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY benefited greatly from Lauderdale County's Relay For Life, held Friday, May 12th in the Ripley City Park. Industry, organizations, schools, and churches joined efforts this year, raising a total amount of \$205,081.33 for the fight against cancer. The County's Relay was the first site event in the State of Tennessee to raise over \$200,000.

The teams were challenged to raise \$200,000 by Van Thompson, freshman at Ripley High School, who has just completed his last treatment for leukemia and is in remission.

A highlight of the night was the live weather and sports updates given by Dave Brown and Jarvis Greer, of Memphis' Channel 5 News. Local entertainment was showcased on the main stage, and games were available for children, who were also able to experience a stock race car simulator, and ride in a horse and buggy and miniature fire truck.

Relay teams were judged in several categories. Kوماتsu, Tennessee Electroplating, and SR of Tennessee raised the most money by an industry, in that order. Ripley First United Methodist Church raised the most money by a non-industry, followed by the Hee-Haw event and Ripley Primary School. The Best T-Shirt award went to Halls Elementary School, and Tennessee Electroplating won the flag competition. First Methodist Church won again for having the best campsite, with SR of Tennessee coming in second, Tennessee Electroplating in third, and Halls Elementary and A.O. Smith earning honorable mentions. A tie was decided on between the Calvary Hill Baptist Church and Best Wade Petroleum for having the best meat, while Ripley Power and Light and Tennessee Electroplating came in second



Drowning Of Girl, 7, Charged As Murder

Dallas Rae-Taylor Reinhardt Brooks, 7, great-great-granddaughter of Flossie (Mrs. Willis) Brooks, of 1568 Old Brownsville Road, Ripley, in the Mary's Chapel community, was drowned Sunday before last in Arkabutla Lake, near Hernando, Mississippi.

Authorities report that after she and her brother, Garrett Brooks, 4, fell or jumped from a ski boat, their step-father, Kenneth Peoples, 25, of Southaven, Miss., rescued Garrett while Troy Lee Carlisle, 27, of Southaven, swam to the girl.

Carlisle is alleged to have taken the girl's life preserver from her, promising to return to her.

From about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, as many as 20 boats and 350 volunteers searched for the girl's body, found Tuesday afternoon.

When joining Peoples on the boat, Carlisle was free on \$25,000 bond for arrest in August for possession of a controlled substance and sale of cocaine.

Rites for Dallas were at 5:30 p.m. Thursday of last week in Memorial Gardens Southaven, Twin Oaks Funeral Home in charge.

A second-grader in Greenbrook Elementary School in Southaven, she attended the Goodman Oaks Church of Christ Thursday School.

Survivors include her parents, Ray Brooks and Mrs. Kenneth Peoples, both of Southaven, a step-sister, Ashley Peoples, of Gulfport, Miss.; her grandparents, Darla and Chuck Reinhardt and Ray and Betty Brooks, all of Southaven, and Richard Peebles and Shirley Foster, of Piquette, Miss., and other great-grandparents, Rhea Pike, of Texas, and Hazel Palmer, of California.



DSCC HONORS

Dyersburg State Community College has released the names of its students who made the Dean's List and Honor Roll for this past semester. Students must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses and earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester to earn Dean's List Honors. Honor Roll students must also complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49 during the semester.

Lauderdale County students who were listed on the Dean's List include Tammy Henson and Dottie Ann Hurt, both of Gates; Natalie Nathan Brooks, Lee Ann Harrison, Nathaniel Brooks Martin, Roger A. Meadows, Jr., and Randi Nicole Ward, all of Halls; Brian Keith Boothe, Cheryl Elizabeth Edwards, and Jennifer Lynn Ziermianin, all of Henning; and Terry Lynn Beard, Autumn Denise Brown, Kevin Michael Byrd, Jana Michelle Campbell, Kelly Crowder Carmack, April Diane Dowell, Betty Ann Jackson, Kimberly D. Moeller, and Michele M. Sheetz, all of Ripley.

Local Honor Roll students were James Adam Akin, Victoria Claybrooks, Tequilla DeWanna Nance, all of Gates; Marcus Alley, Joni Michelle Emerson, Bradley Ray Harrell, and Andrea Beth Laws, all of Halls; Sarah Copeland, of Henning; and Bethany Jill Carmack, Marchigiana Zennetta Comeaux, Dennis Wayne Drumwright, Jr., Jonathan Wayne Glenn, Catherine Deaton Jones, Jennifer Marie Latham, April Leanne Morris, Brian Patton Parsons, Dawn Louise Platzke, Janessa Lynn Rose, and Jewell Stone, all of Ripley.

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and third. Ripley Power and Light was deemed to have the best dessert, with Tennessee Electroplating in second and First United Methodist Church in third.

The Relay for Life organizational committee will meet with team captains May 23rd to review this year's event and the opportunities for 2001. The "Most Spirited Award" will be announced during the meeting.

The Steering Committee for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life thanks the citizens of Lauderdale County for the tremendous amount of support given to the fight against cancer.

4-H Winners



aluminum cans, and plastics, and arranging them on a fourteen inch round cardboard to resemble a large pizza. The purpose of the contest was to raise environmental awareness of the many recyclable items that can be found in the home.

The winners were, in upper photo, from left, Steven Crowder, 2nd runner up, of Mrs. Newman's 4th Grade Club at Ripley Elementary School; Courtney Leach, overall winner, of Mrs. Elkin's 4th Grade Club at RES; and Miranda Hopkins, 1st runner up, of Mrs. Adam's 4th Grade Club at RES.

Awards were given to the two most active Jr. 4-Hers in the county, according to a point system. Members of the 4-H Club earn points by giving demonstrations, pledges, leading songs, participating in contests, and by wearing 4-leaf clover green on the day of the meetings. In middle photo, this year's high point winner was Kate Harris, of Mrs. Hendren's 5th grade class at RES, and the second high scorer was Mikayla Thrash, in lower photo, of Mrs. Taylor's 4th grade class at Halls Elementary School. They each received a free scholarship to attend 4-H Camp at the Buford Ellington 4-H Training Center in Milan.



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LAUDERDALE COUNTY 4-HERS participated in the "Recycled Pizza" contest by gathering recyclable materials, such as buttons,



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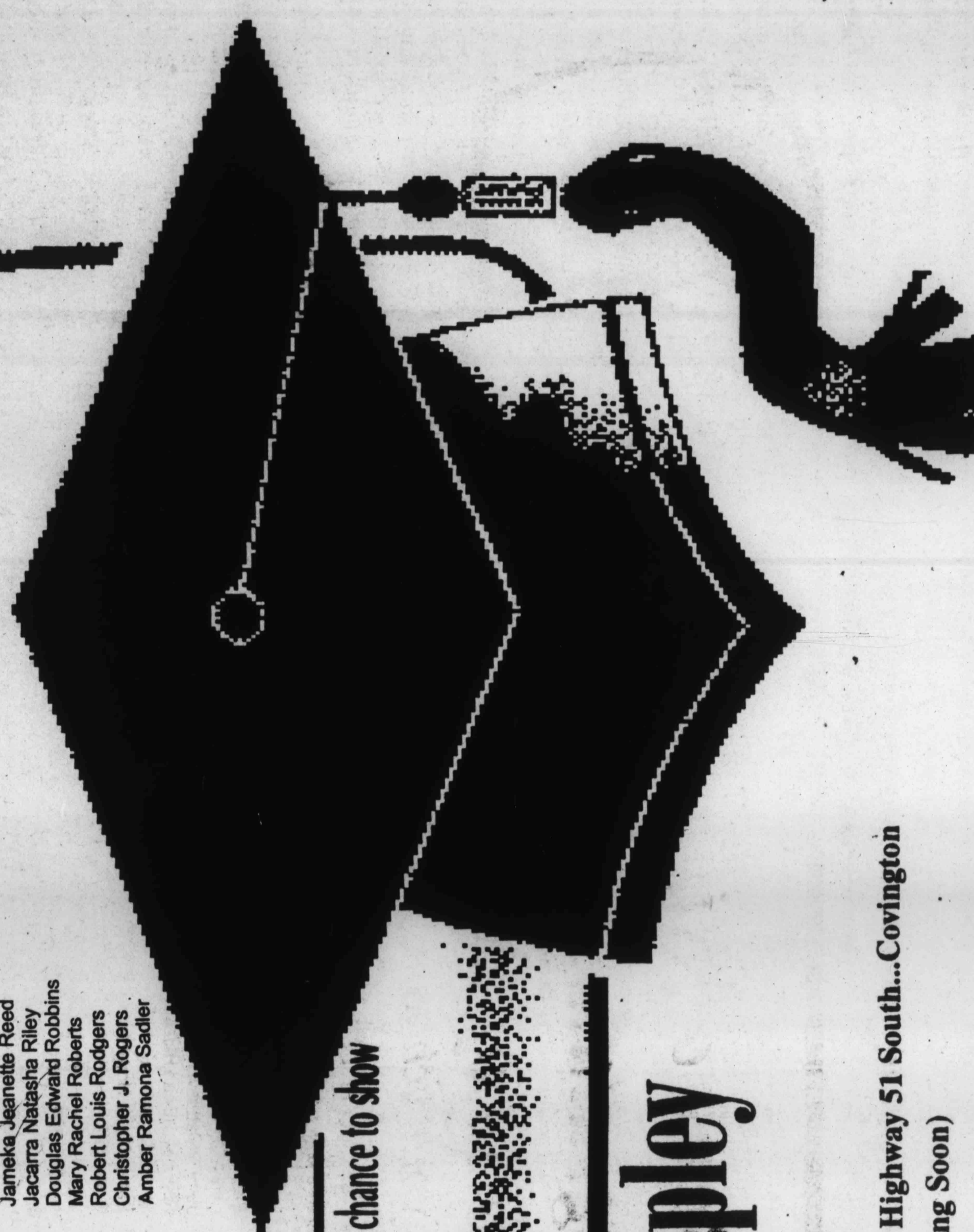
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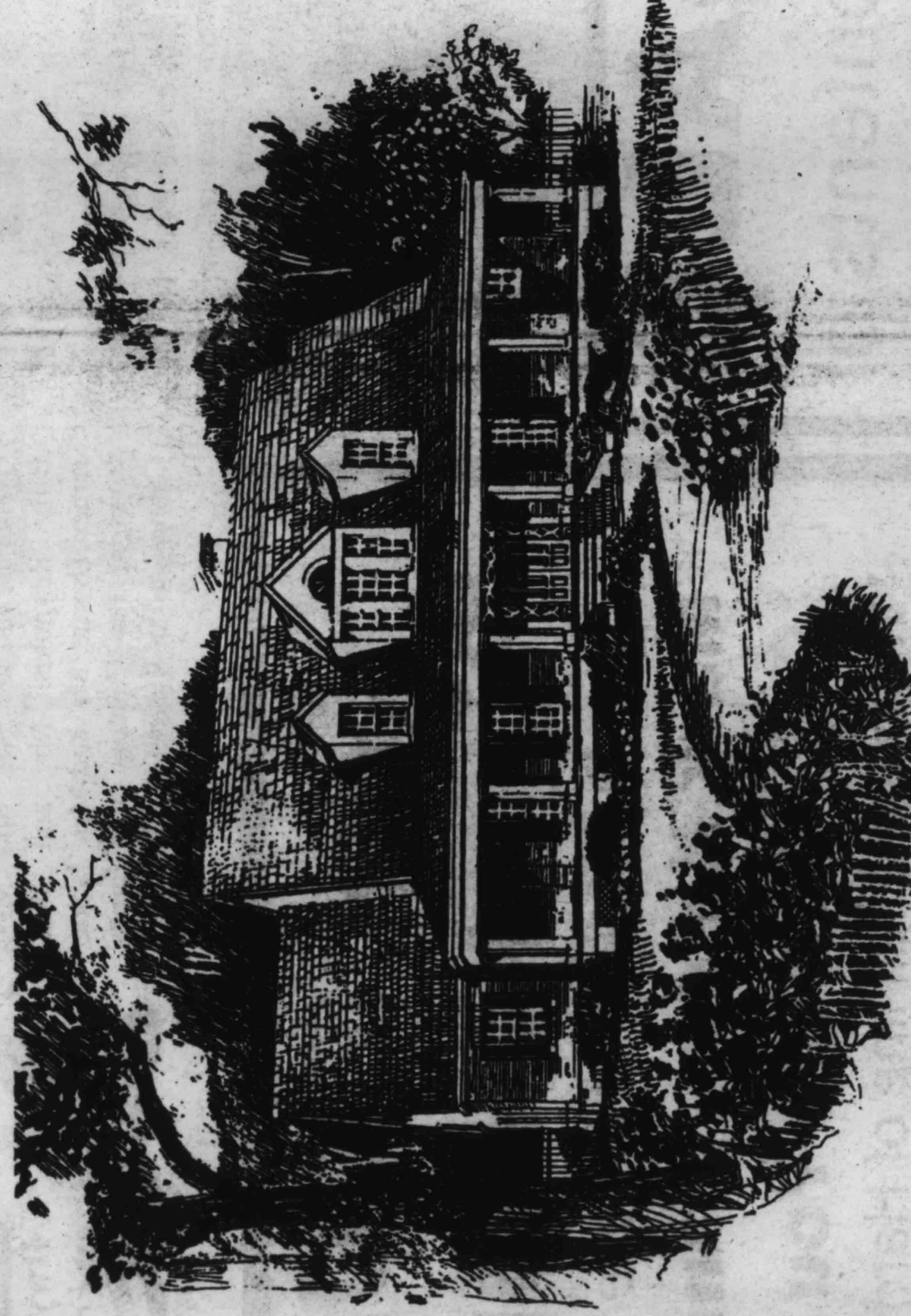
Ripley Police Department responded to an alert from the tellers at Union Planters Bank Peach Patch Branch Friday around 1 p.m. after three women, later identified as LaTonya L. Jones, Tina Rachelle Waddles, and Michelle Renee Thomas, all of Shelby County, attempted to cash stolen checks, which were reported stolen May 1st to Arlington Police.

Tellers at the bank were suspicious when one of the women came in the bank to cash a check and refused to give a thumbprint identification. When the three left, they attempted to cash the checks at the main branch on the square. According to officers, one woman was attempting to cash a check, while the other was standing off to the side waiting to see if their scam worked.

Jones and Waddles were arrested according to Police Chief Milford "Pop" Durham and both were charged with two counts each of passing forged documents and attempting to pass forged documents and one count of possessing counterfeit identification. Thomas was charged with two counts of passing forged documents and attempting to pass forged documents. Thomas was to receive a third of the money for driving the get-away car.

Officers have recovered \$4,600 from the impounded car. Charges are pending in other counties against the three.

Christmas Idea House



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Michelle Haislip is the new Branch Office Administrator and is available to provide the personal service Edward Jones is known for. Judy and Michelle invite the public to visit their office on the square or give them a call at 635-8682.

Martin Grants Awarded Five

The University of Tennessee in Martin reports freshman scholarships this fall for--

Ryan Jones, son of Howard and Audrey Jones, of Hwy. 51 South, Ripley, considering pre-law.

Angela Laws, of 211 Daniel Meeks Road, Halls, daughter of Teresa and William Laws III, probably to major in business.

Shelby Manning, daughter of Kenny and Sharlene Manning, of Manning Rd., Halls, pre-medicine.

Persempathy Nettles, daughter of Jacklyn Taylor, of Spivey St., Ripley, and Vassar Richmond, of Memphis, interested in nursing or education.

Harvey Taylor III, of 503 Graves, Henning, probably to major in computer science.

Festival Committee Plans Next Meeting

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Tomato Festival Committee will hold its next meeting at 4:30 p.m. June 6th at the chamber office. The festival is scheduled to be held July 6th - 8th at the Ripley City Park. Volunteers are needed to help in several different areas. Lisa Hankins, chamber director, welcomes anyone who is interested in helping with the festival this year.

Team Effort Results In Relay 2000 Figure

Relay for Life Chairman, Paul Avery, praised the team effort throughout Lauderdale County and credited the many teams with raising a record amount again. "Opportunities to improve the 2001 Relay are underway and hopefully new teams will be formed to make the event even larger," Avery said.

The totals as of May 18th include Baptist Memorial Hospital, \$4,326.51; Allen Stone, \$1,717.32; American Greetings, \$10,000; A. O. Smith, \$21,600; Bank of Ripley, \$5,483.86; Big Kahuna's, \$1,032; Bank of Tennessee, \$1,325.25; Calvary Hill Baptist, \$1,246; Bubba's Friends, \$1,140; First Citizens, \$634.50; First United Methodist, \$10,227.38; Headquarters Hair & Nail, \$3,500.65; Hee Haw, \$9,729.48; Holly Grove Baptist, \$2,900.37; Hope Cancer Support, \$1,214; Hutcherson Scrap, \$1,000; Komatsu, \$32,909.25; Lauderdale County Bank, \$1,000; Marvin Windows, \$18,657.32; MedSouth, \$1,952; Ripley Power & Light, \$825; Ripley Primary, \$7,103.90; Ripley High ROTC, \$289.21; S.R. Tennessee, \$23,889.62; Tennessee Electroplating, \$23,913.61; Tennessee Technology School, \$2,356.01; Vanity Fair, \$9,240.95; Best-Wade, \$499.50; Ripley Fire Fighters, \$248; Ripley Williams Tractor, \$1,000; West Tennessee Cancer, \$1,000; Union Planters, \$1,000; Goody Store, \$740; Luminaries, \$1,341.14; and Mary's Chapel Baptist, \$381.94; bringing the total raised to \$206,583.54.

Corporate sponsors include West Tennessee Cancer Center, Headquarters Hair and Nail Salon, Hutcherson Metals, Inc., MedSouth Healthcare, P. C. Lauderdale County Bank, Bank of Tennessee, Union Planters Bank, Bank of Ripley, Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale, American Greetings Corp., Marvin Windows of Tennessee, Inc., S.R. of Tennessee, A. O. Smith Electrical Products Co., Komatsu, Vanity Fair, and Tennessee Electroplating.

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when the Forked Deer Library Puppet Show will be showcased. All children young and old are invited to attend and get to know the library with fun-filled events. For more information call 836-5302.



SHELBY GILMER OLDS, wife of Robert Olds, of Johnson City, and daughter-in-law of Jerry and Jane Ann Olds, of Halls, received a doctor of medicine degree May 6th from East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City.

A 1992 graduate of Perry County High School, she was valedictorian of her class. Shelby graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1996, where she was a University Scholar, with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry.

As one of the Rural Primary Care Track students, she was honored Thursday, May 4th, with a community graduation and reception by the ETSU Hawkins County Curriculum Committee in Rogersville. Due to her participation in the program, Mrs. Olds was named a Kellogg Scholar. Shelby and fellow graduates took the Hippocratic Oath and were pronounced MD's Friday, May 5th, during the college's Honors Convocation at the VA Memorial Theater on the Mountain Home Veterans Campus. During the ceremony, the students were presented with hoods by Dr. Thomas Kwasigroch and Dr. Thomas Roy. She was individually honored as one of the top three graduates in her class, and also as one of the top 54 female students. A reception followed in the historic Clock Tower Museum.

Commencement exercises for a total of 883 graduates were held Saturday, May 6th in ETSU's domed football stadium, known as Memorial Center. They were presented with diplomas by Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr., President of ETSU. Attending the ceremonies were Shelby's husband, Robert, her father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Olds, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gilmer, of Lobelville, and her brother, Scott Gilmer, of Nashville.

Dr. Olds will begin a residency June 1st in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Johnson City Medical Center, where she will work jointly with physicians from the hospital and from the VA Hospital.

SUMMER READING

The Halls Public Library's Summer Reading Program will begin June 7th, the first Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and will be held during these times each Wednesday. During this first session, Mrs. Martha Haynes will entertain the audience with her storytelling. The Rev. J. B. Haynes will be featured June 14th with his magic show. Another storyteller, Mrs. Jennifer Jordan, will spin her tale June 21st, and reading certificates will be given out June 28th.

She's 102



ANNA BEATRICE HALL celebrated her 102nd birthday May 13th at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A party, hosted by the ladies of Hurricane Hill United Methodist Church, was held for her at the center for her family and residents. Emily King accompanied the group on the piano as they sang hymns and Ann Tate gave a devotional on Mothers. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Hall is the mother of Mrs. Evelyn Vaden, of Ripley, Mrs. Bobbie Kee, of Dyersburg, and Mrs. Joann Nelson, of Lady Lake, Fla.

LMS Band Awards



SPECIAL GUESTS

New Bethel Church, 4540 Hwy. 371 West, Henning, will have two special guest speakers Sunday, May 28th. Quentin V. Dixon, minister, will speak at the 11 a.m. service, and the 2 p.m. speaker will be his wife, missionary Chanesi A. Dixon, both of Jacksonville, N.C. They are the son and daughter-in-law of the Rev. Larry L. Dixon and missionary Annie Dixon. The public is invited.

BAND STUDENTS from Lauderdale Middle School were awarded plaques for their accomplishments during their spring concert May 11th. Students receiving awards include, in upper photo, sixth grade, B. J. Butler, Best Brass; Max Hutcherson, Best Brass; Charlie Ciscell, Best Woodwind; Ginny Hankins, Best Woodwind; Josh Nolen, Best Percussion; Jason Fitzhugh, Best Percussion; and Tabitha Weaver, Most Improved LMS Band Member.

In lower photo, seventh and eighth grade members include, Jonathan Mitchell, Best Brass; Kaylyn Charles, Best Brass; Sara Plicher, Best Woodwind; Robert Mitchell, Best Woodwind; Emily Langley, Best Percussion; Joel Cummings, Best Percussion; Janna Crook, Best Percussion; Roy Crowder, Best Brass; A. J. Rorie,

Youth Fishing Tournery To Be Held At Reelfoot

In celebration of National Fishing Week, June 3rd-11th, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge has announced details for its 10th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo, which will be held at the maintenance shop ponds near Walnut Log, one mile off of Highway 157. The event will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 10th, and last until noon, when hundreds of door prizes, donated by local sponsors, will be given away. Kids 12 years and younger are invited, and only live bait will be allowed.

The staff at Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge hopes that millions of children will be introduced to the sport of fishing during Fishing Week. They look forward to seeing families participate in this event. For further information, contact Christine at 1-901-538-2481.

WELCOME 72ND ANNUAL FFA STATE CONVENTION MAY 7 - 10



HALLS FUTURE FARMERS of America held its annual banquet May 4th, with 22 members receiving their greenhand degrees, and 20 members receiving their chapter degree. In addition to other awards given, scholarships were given to seniors. The reigning FFA officers announced the 2000-2001 officers.

They are Will Bird, president; Leanne Harris, 1st vice president; Justin Baker, 2nd vice president; Will Wright, secretary; Heather Hickman, corresponding secretary; Steven Belton, treasurer; Shelly Alston, reporter; Wade Privett, sentinel; Ashley Hutcherson, historian; and Mark Dew, student advisor.

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SHIRA PARISH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Parish, of Gates, sophomore at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga, was among the honored for students having at least a 3.0 GPA at a special convocation and luncheon.

A pre-med/English major, she is the student government senator for the Health Careers Club and a member of the Honors Program. Spelman College, a historical black women's institution founded in 1881, is part of the Atlanta University Center.

HOLY LAND TRIP

The Rev. Roy Harkness, Pastor of Eastland Baptist Church, Ripley, will be hosting his sixth annual trip to the Holy Land, scheduled for February 2001.

The trip will consist of ten days in Israel, plus a trip to Jordan. For further information, call 635-0905 or 635-4157.

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1 teaspoon Cumin, ground
1 teaspoon Paprika
1 teaspoon Black pepper
2 large cloves Garlic, smashed
¼ cup Olive oil, extra virgin
8 Mushrooms, whole button
2 medium Onions, quartered
1 each Green, red and yellow peppers, cut into 1 inch squares

Combine herbs and spices with the olive oil to form a paste. Rub the paste on the lamb cubes. Thread the ingredients on the skewers, alternating the lamb and bacon with the onions and peppers, starting and ending with a mushroom. Grill directly over medium-hot heat for 6-8 minutes, or until the meat reaches 130-135°F for medium-rare to medium. Set aside for a few minutes before serving. Serves 4.



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Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Jerald Daws, of Germantown, and Jim Soly, of Bartlett, visited Tommy Simmons Wednesday of last week. Van Doyle Sanders and Wesley Baker, both of Casa Grande, Ariz., visited Saturday.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dicus, of Union City, a 6 lb. 4 oz. son, Robert Eric Dicus, at 5:49 p.m. May 10th in Methodist Healthcare Volunteer Hospital in Martin. Grandparents are Rose Spray, of Halls, Gene Dicus, of Finley, and Robert and June Boling, of Paragould, Ark.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Braden, of Arp, a 7 lb. 10 oz. daughter, Leigh Ann Braden, born at 8:15 a.m. Mother's Day, May

14th, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Nineteen inches long, she has a sister, Chrystal, 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dunger, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Braden, of Ripley. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Alice Carter, of Memphis.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, of Ripley, a 5 lb. 12 oz. daughter, Savannah Elizabeth Reynolds, born at 3:49 a.m. May 18th at Methodist Hospital in Dyersburg. She was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Jackson, Pat Cannon, and James Cannon, all of Ripley.

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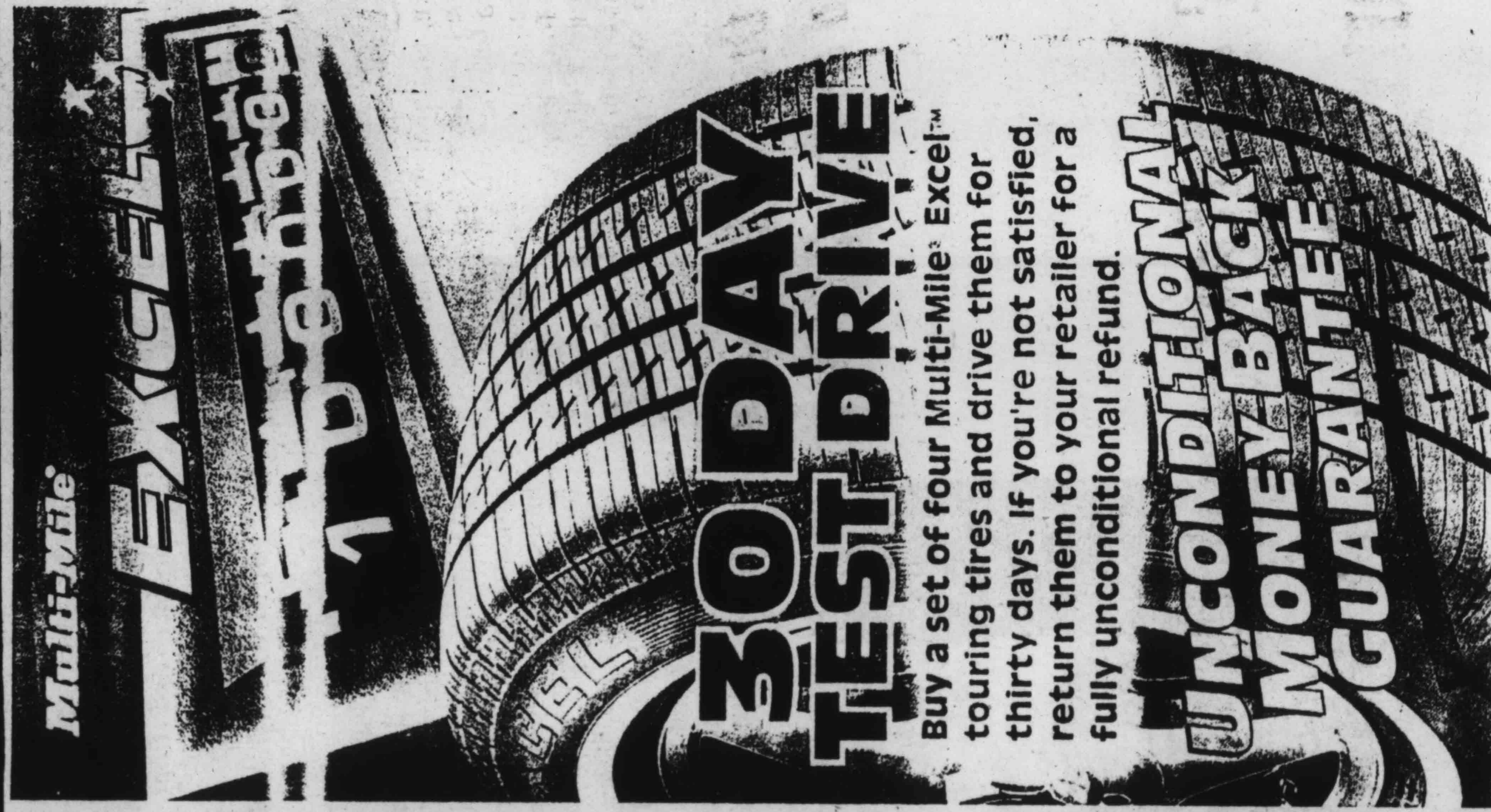
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Ruby Jackson - Scott Dyson
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray
Cindy White - Tim Buffaloe
Kristen Moore - John Beasley



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MARY PIPKIN MYERS
Ripley Elementary School

Mary teaches fourth grade math, science and social studies and has taught in Lauderdale County for the past seven years. She was an Honors Graduate from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), National Education Association (NEA), chairperson for the Mini-Math program and Mathematics Standards committee. She is married and tutors children at the YMCA in Jackson.



KATHY DYE
Halls Elementary School

Kathy received her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Freed-Hardeman University. She has taught third grade for the last five years. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA) and the National Education Association (NEA). She was awarded a Tennessee Technology Literacy Grant in 1999, and serves on the school's technology committee, SACS committee, Math book adoption and advisory board for Partnership Lauderdale. She is married and has three children.



CINDY HILTON
Lauderdale Middle School

Cindy received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She has taught sixth grade English for the past five years. She is a member of the Peaceable Schools Team, a 21st Century Classroom teacher, a 1998 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, and also Yearbook Advisor for Lauderdale Middle School. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), West Tennessee Education Association (WTEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).



KATHI WILDER
Ripley Elementary School

Kathi earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She currently teaches fifth grade Social Studies, English and Spelling. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), National Education Association (NEA), National Mapping committee, International Festival committee and Award's Day chairperson. She is an active member of the First Methodist Church and mother of two sons.



TONYA JACOBS
Halls Elementary School

Tonya graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), and the National Education Association (NEA). She has taught at Halls Elementary School for the past eight years where she is a member of the school Curriculum Mapping committee, Technology and SACS committees. She is a mentor for new teachers and currently teaches sixth grade language arts. She is married with two children.



CYNTHIA ANDERSON
Lauderdale Middle School

Cynthia received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She has spent the last thirteen years teaching in Lauderdale County. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), National Education Association (NEA), American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, and the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators. She established the LMS Track Program for Girls and developed the LMS Accelerated Reader Store. She is a member of the Ripley Church of Christ. She is married with three children.



SUSAN FARRIS
Ripley High School

Susan teaches Biology, Physical Science, Ecology, and Biology for Technology. She received a Master's degree from Memphis State University and has taught in Lauderdale County nine years. She is a member of Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA), National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT), Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), National Education Association (NEA), and the Kappa Delta Pi Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators. She is co-chair of the Science department, coordinator of Channel 3 Weathernet and a 21st Century Classroom teacher. She is married and has one child.

JENNIFER LYNN VAUGHN
Halls Junior High School

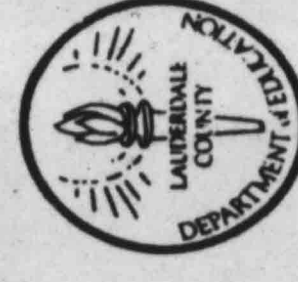
Jennifer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lambuth College. In addition to being a teacher, she is also a librarian. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), National Education Association (NEA), and the National Council of Teachers of English. She is the building coordinator for the Accelerated Reader Program and in 1998, she was recognized in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She is a member of the Gates United Methodist Church and works with the Gates Public Library as an advisor and volunteer.



TERESA WHITE
Ripley Primary School

Teresa graduated cum laude from Lambuth College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She has taught first grade for the past fourteen years. She is a member of the Lauderdale County Education Association (LCEA), Curriculum Mapping committee, Technology committee, SACS team, and grade chairperson. She is married and has two children. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ripley.

We salute these teachers on their outstanding achievement and their commitment and dedication to our children.



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Halls High School Class of 2000

Who's Who



Mr. and Mrs. HHS
Melissa Hurt and Ryan Ward



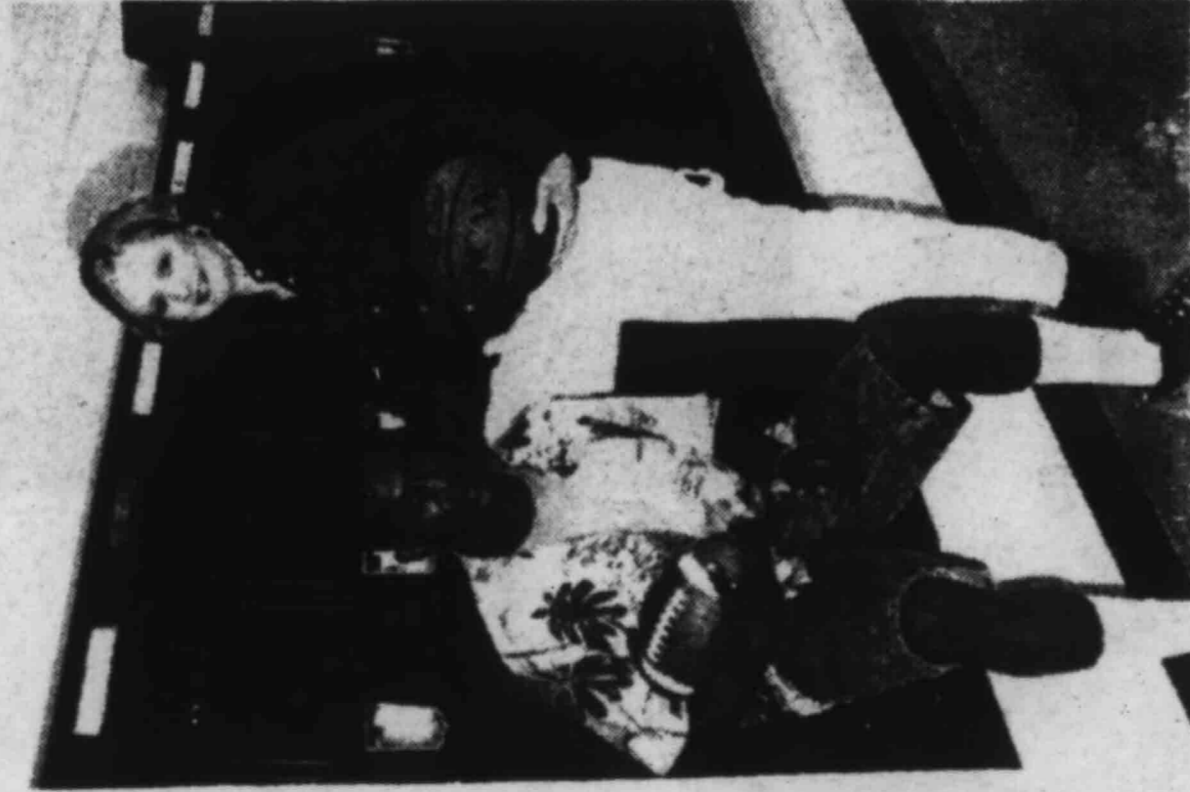
Most Likely to Succeed
Katie Cook and Van Phiphus



Most Dependable
Cleve Crook and Brooke Newsome



Most Unique Personality
Lee Ann Stiles and Josh Stevens



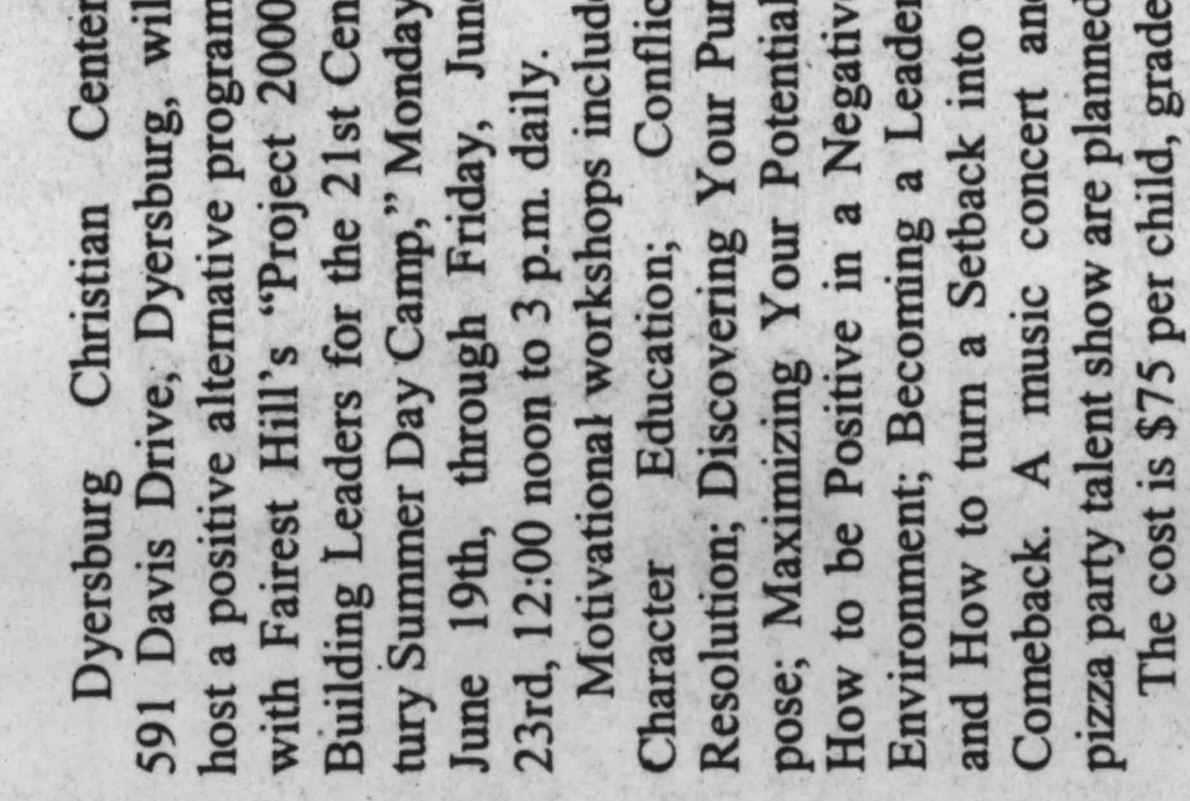
Most Athletic
Secary Sawyer and Crystal McCaslin



Most School Spirited
Justin Meeks and Amber Sadler



Friendliest
Ryan Ward and Melissa Hurt



Most Talented
Angie Bernard and Jacob Newman



Derek Claybrooks
83.43

Class of 2000 Halls High Honor Students



John Allen Noblin - Valedictorian
99.66



Katie Cook - Salutatorian
98.66



Allison Fisher
96.69



Brooke Newsome
95.56



Amber Sauber
94.58



Ricky Terry
96.45



Melissa Hurt
94.90



Amber Sadler
94.08



Crystal McCaslin - Historian
97.94



Kyle Terry
94.66



Van Phiphus
93.50



Leslie Kennedy
96.71

Land Transfers

May 12 - Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Al Ewen Jones, Dist. 2, 0.244 acres.

Oliver William Schneider, III to Chris Rhodes, Dist. 2, lot.

Billie Ann Hendren and J. C. Hendren to Oscar Jefferies, Dist. 2,

lot.
May 15 - Magda Baumeltova and Jason White to Rodney K. Fitzpatrick and Tammy J. Fitzpatrick, Dist. 2, 2.160 acres.

May 16 - Johnny McConnell and Virginia E. McConnell to Alan Dupree, Sr. and Bridgette Dupree, Dist. 12, 1,250 acres.

Mildred Smith, Gladys Vaden,

and Carolyn Smith Wesson to Aimee R. Mooney and Christopher T. Mooney, Dist. 7, 4,250 acres.

Joseph Taylor and Teolicious A. Taylor to Lazell Beard and Leuvenner Beard, Dist. 2, lot.

May 17 - Billy G. Chapman to Diane Chumley and William F. Chumley, Dist. 3, 2,330 acres.

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Top Ten Students



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Top Ten Freshmen students, in upper photo, in front, from left, are Leighann Harris, Alisha White, Krista Newman, Rachel Hammond and Rhonda Limon. In rear, from left, are Crystal Delock, Leslie McGarrity, Amanda Britt, Sarah Callendar and Savannah Ferguson.

Top Ten Sophomore students, in middle photo, in front, from left, are Julie Pickard, Allyson Jennings, Sara Cates, Tyler Lane and Sarah Herder. In rear, from left, are Lauren Bray, Kristina Deaton, Holly Young, Rachel Wilson and Elizabeth Webb.

Top Ten Junior Students, in lower photo, in front, from left, are Natalie Hart, Deanna Coonits, Leah Simpson, Jami Nolen and Kim Shands. In rear, from left, Rachel Dennis, Denise McAlister, Kara Steelman, Megan Jordan and Mary Younger.

Inc. to Shirley Ludwig, Dist. 2, lot. Alan Dupree, Bridgett Dupree, and Bridgette Dupree to Shane A. McCaslin, Dist. 12, lot.
May 18 - Mary Alsobrook to Frances Leanne Emmons and Jerry L. Emmons, Dist. 12, lot.



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SUMMER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL

- 2 sessions per day 7:00 am - 10:30 am 10:30 am - 2:00 pm
- Each course runs 19 days with 1/2 credit per session earned if satisfactory grades are made.
- A student may take two different courses by attending both sessions each day.
- The cost of the summer program is \$125.00 per session for students previously enrolled in Lauderdale County schools and \$175.00 for out-of-county students.
- Registration is June 5. Students should be present at 7:00 am and prepared to attend the session for which they are registered. All fees must be paid at the time of registration.
- Student dismissed from the summer program will not receive a refund.

BRIDGES TO ALGEBRA I

- 2 week session for students not quite ready for Algebra I but have basic computation skills.
- This session is limited to Incoming ninth graders.
- Student selection will be made by the middle school staff with follow up and instruction being made by the high school staff.
- Instruction will consist of remediation of pre-algebra skills.
- There is no charge for this session.
- This session will be held at Ripley High School and will be June 5-16, 2000.

GATEWAY TO SCIENCE

- 2 week session for students who have an interest in science.
- All sessions will deal with basic laboratory measuring and processing skills which are needed for high school science.
- This session is limited to Incoming ninth graders.
- Students interested must sign up on the designated day with the high school instructor(s).
- Field trip(s) will be involved in this session.
- This session is hands-on, laboratory based where students will be actively involved in the learning.
- There is no charge for this session although students may have to provide some materials for laboratory use.
- This session will be held at Ripley High School and will be June 19-30, 2000.

GATEWAY TO ENGLISH

- 2 week session for students who have interest in reading and writing.
- All sessions will deal with enhancement of comprehension and writing skills which are needed for high school English.
- This session is limited to Incoming ninth graders.
- Students interested must sign up on the designated day with the high school instructor(s).
- Project(s) will be involved in this session.
- Students will be actively involved in reading, interpreting, writing and using creativity in further developing their skills in language arts.
- There is no charge for this session although students may have to provide some materials.
- This session will be held at Halls High School and will be July 3-14, 2000.

Bernell Bowie, 69, Halls Businessman

Virgil "Bernell" Bowie, 69, of 13121 Edith-Nankipoo Road, who owned Bowie's Restaurant and Bowie's TV, Radio, and Appliances in Halls, died Friday, of lung cancer, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

A past president of the Jaycees, Tennessee National Guard.

He leaves his wife, Nina Catherine Cates Bowie; three daughters, Sherril Hancock, of the Lightfoot-Luckett community, Katherine Wiggins, of Friendship, and Darlene Kasch, of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, James Bowie, of 780 Needmore Rd., Halls; a sister, Bernice Davis, of Oxford, Miss.; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Walding A. Moore

Walding Augusta Moore, 75, of Covington, retired prison guard at Fort Pillow, died Thursday of last week, of a blood clot in his lungs, in Veterans Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

Widower of Lorene Moore, he leaves three sons, Mickey Wayne Moore, of 1343 Cedar Grove Road, Ripley, and Terry and Patrick Darren Moore, of Covington; two daughters, Vickie Adams, of Henning, and Shirley Thompson, of Covington; a brother, Burnice, of Lumberton, N.C.; 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Lois Tucker

Mary Lois Tucker, 69, retired assistant manager of Forted Deer Electric Co-Operative, based in Halls, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

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

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Halls.

She leaves her mother, Mary Aline Tucker, and a sister, Jessie Tucker Vaden, both of Halls.

Mrs. Longmire

Velma Ludie Longmire, 95, of Ripley, mother of Rachel Longmire, of Ripley, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Shelton-Hunt Funeral Home in Humboldt, with burial in Auntie Church Cemetery.

She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Humboldt.

She was the widow of John Thomas Longmire.

Survivors include one son, Grady Longmire, of Jackson; a step-son, John Longmire, of Kilgore, Tex.; a step-daughter, Aline Wilkins, of Humboldt; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Charles E. Ditto

Charles Edward "Hawkeye" Ditto, 48, of Newbern, son of Joy B. Ditto, and brother of Kathy Alicia Davis, of Ripley, and of Charles Yvonne Cruz, of Halls, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery near Ripley.

Employed by Murray Security, he attended Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his companion, Melissa Young, two sons, Jimmy, of Union City, and Adam, of Romeoville, Ill.; a daughter, Veronica Ditto, of Union City; two step-sons, Ricky Lynn Craven and William Frank Craven, and two step-daughters, Kathy Lee Craven and Mary Katherine Craven, of Newbern; a brother, Jeffrey Wayne Ditto, of Dyersburg; and three other sisters, Brenda Sue Ditto, of Trenton, Elizabeth Joy Lavelle, of Dyersburg, and Mary Frances Humphreys, of Mount Pleasant, Miss.

He's Eight



MARK RYAN PATTERSON, 8, son of Mark and Sandra Patterson, of Halls, celebrated his May 1st birthday April 29th with a cocktail and sleeper with family and friends. Entertainment included a pinata, movies, and video games, while refreshments were candy, chips, dip, soft drinks, and birthday cup cakes.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson, of Ripley, and Luise Jones, of Gates, and the late Jerry S. Jones, of Gates. In addition to family, guests included Bradley Cain, Dustin Belmont, Jeremy Walton, Jessica Milam, Trevor Belton, Charlie Walton, and special guest, Mark Ryan's new baby brother, Tanner Christian Patterson, all of Halls.

Stephen Dearth

Stephen Dearth, 42, of Herndon, Miss., brother of David Dearth, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital DeSoto in Southaven, Miss.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Pate Funeral Home, with burial in Bethesda Cemetery.

He was a customer service representative for Graybar Electric Co.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthie; his parents, the Charles Dearth, of Munford; three sisters, Kim Brewer, of Drummonds, Cynthia Teague, of Memphis, and Anita Cook, of Villa Rica, Ga.; and his grandparents, Geneva Dearth, of Brownsville, Tex., and Ralph Arnold, of Memphis.

George D. Adams

George D. Adams, 72, a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, died May 11th in his home in Kansas City, Kan.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Monday of last week in Porter Funeral Home, with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

A graduate of Maury City High School, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He navigated and owned service stations before retiring in 1986, from 10 years of security service with the Missouri Lottery.

A member of Stony Point Christian Church, he was past master of his Masonic Lodge and active in the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughter.

He leaves his wife, Lillian; two sons; three daughters; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Holcomb

Mrs. Elizabeth Elaine Holcomb, 62, of Rockwood, sister of Janelle Ellis and Peggy Arwood, both of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week at Roane Medical Center in Harriman.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Evans Mortuary, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

An arpacker with Alba Health in Rockwood, she was a Baptist.

She leaves a son, Ted Holcomb, of Knoxville; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Johnson, of Rockwood; and a brother, Frank Jackson, of Trinity, Ala.; and uncles and an aunt in Ripley.

Thakirah Barbee

Thakirah Q. Barbee, infant daughter of Cynthia Barbee and Tony Shaw, both of Gates, died Sunday in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Brownsville, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary of Ripley in charge.

Other survivors include a sister, Marquita Barbee, of Gates; her grandparents, Mary Shaw and Helen Spivey, both of Gates, Larry Barbee, of Covington, and Tony Shaw, Sr., of Decatur, Ill.; and a great-grandmother, Janie Lucas, of Gates.

Samuel R. Beard, Ginner, Merchant

Samuel Richard Beard, 90, retired cotton ginner and merchant, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Obion.

A member of Ripley Church of Christ, he was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

He leaves four sons, Daniel, of 131 Tucker, Ripley, Benjamin, of Clinton, Thomas, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., and Samuel D. Beard, of Wellsville, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. L. W. Warf

Estelle Warf, 76, sister of J. C. Staggs, of Ripley, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare of Jackson.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Poplar Corner Baptist Church in Brownsville.

She was the widow of Leland Washington Warf.

Survivors include a son, Leland, Jr., of Brownsville; two daughters, Shirley Diane Warf, of Brownsville, and Linda Estelle Cunningham, of Monroe, N.C.; another brother, Neal Staggs, and three sisters, Jane Hungerford, Mammie Smith, and Ruby Stephens, of Brownsville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Roscoe Wilson

Roscoe Wilson, 81, of Eupora, Miss., father of Stanley E. Wilson, of Ripley, died Saturday, of a stroke, in Baptist Hospital Tipiton in Covington.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Helen Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

A retired shipping clerk for Armour Packing Co. in Memphis, he was a Mason.

Survivors include three other sons, Darrell L. Wilson, of Covington, William R. Wilson, of Hernando, Miss., and Gary D. Wilcox, of Byhalia, Miss.; four daughters, Patricia A. Smith and Charlotte Cavellio, both of Memphis, Sandra K. Taylor, of Horn Lake, Miss., and Pauline Rines, of Herndon, Miss.; a brother, Emmett Wilson, of Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters, Florence Peck, of Munford, and Louise Grabbs, of Manila, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Parnell

Ivy Parnell, 90, of Hayti, Mo., mother of Ulis Mosier, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Pemiscott Hospital in Hayti.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Sornell's Chapel Cemetery.

Formerly of Dyersburg, she was the widow of Henry Parnell.

She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Survivors include another son, Lawrence, of Dyersburg; two daughters, Florence Staggs, of Hayti, and Shirley Baker, of Dyersburg; a brother, Ben Cayton, of Portersville, Mo.; 31 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Fred R. Churchill

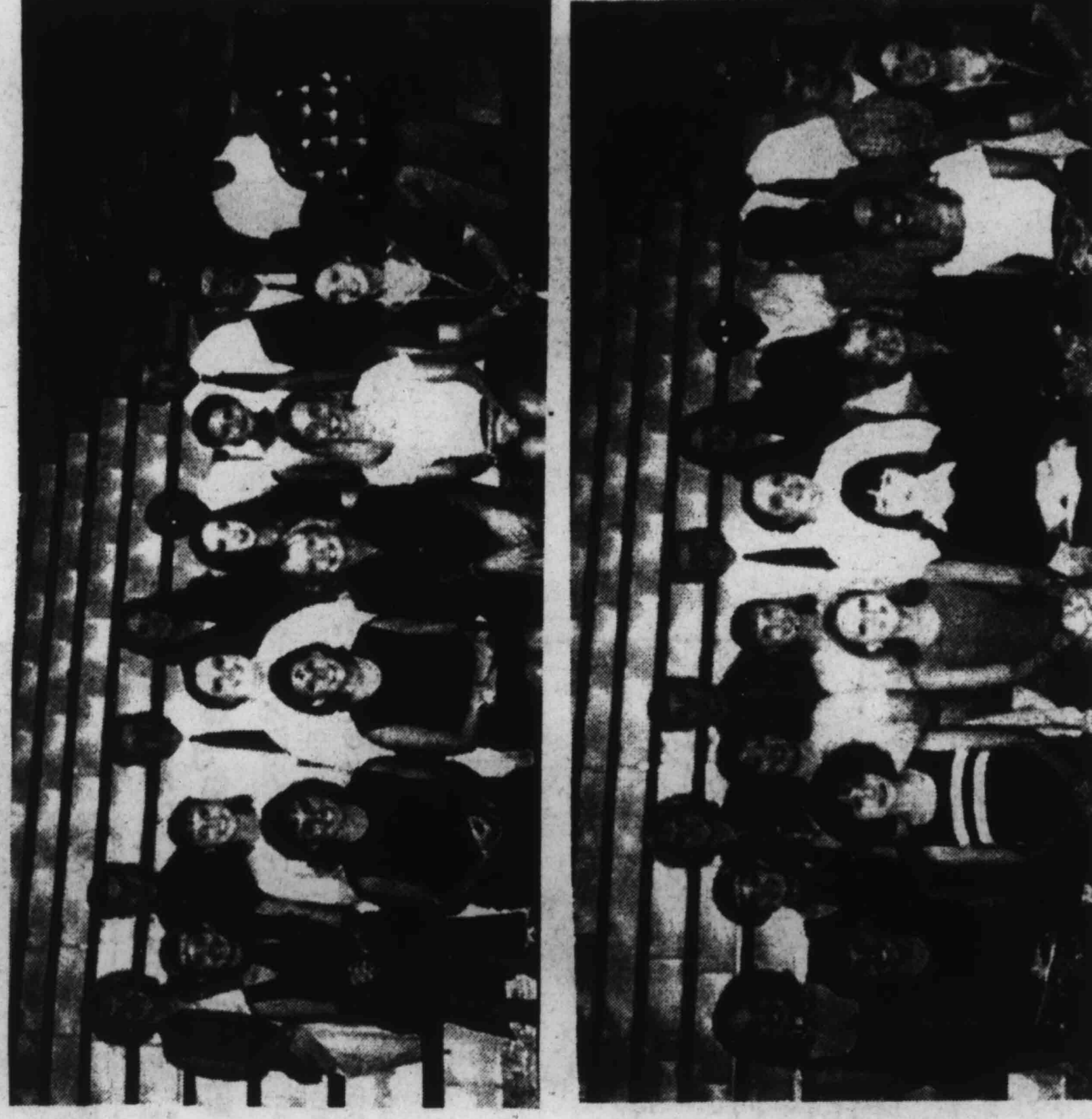
Fred R. Churchill, 64, of New Albany, Miss., brother of L. R. Churchill, of 1604 Williams Switch Road, south of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital of Union County, Miss.

Rites for the former owner of Fred's Shoe Store were at 11 a.m. Friday at United Funeral Service, with burial in Glenfield Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Rogers Churchill; a son, Freddy, and a daughter, Dee Anne Churchill, of New Albany; and a sister, Hazel Tidwell, of Oxford, Miss.

In some parts of the U.S. it was once believed that bringing splinters from a tree struck by lightning into a house would drive out fleas.

Halls High Honors Day



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL senior students honored during the Awards and Scholarship Day Wednesday of last week include, in upper photo, students receiving awards, in front, from left, Amber Sadler, Rachel Roberts, Crystal McCaslin, Brooke Newsome, and Amber Sauber; in middle row, from left, Allison Fisher, Leslie Kennedy, Amber Bivens, Shawna White, Pam Martin, Cleve Crook, and Skyler Smith; and in rear, from left, Melissa Hurt, Justin Meeks, John Allen Noblin, Katie Cook, Van Piphus, Kyle Terry, John Carroll, and Ricky Terry.

Students receiving a President's Award of Educational Excellence for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher, four years of upper level math or science, and ranking in the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading on the ACT, SAT, and TCAP include Katie Cook, Allison Fisher, Melissa Hurt, Leslie Kennedy, John Allen Noblin, Justin Meeks, Amber Sadler, and Amber Sauber.

Students receiving an Honor Diploma include Katie Cook, Allison Fisher, Melissa Hurt, Amber Jackson, Leslie Kennedy, Crystal McCaslin, Justin Meeks, Brooke Newsome, John Allen Noblin, Van Piphus, Doug Robbins, Amber Sadler, Amber Sauber, Audrey Smith, Erin Steelman, and Kyle Terry.

In lower photo, students receiving scholarships include, in front, from left, Amber Sadler, Kristin Scallions, Lisa Norman, Angela Laws, Crystal McCaslin, Brooke Newsome, and Amber Sauber; in middle, from left, Erin Steelman, Allison Fisher, Audrey Smith, Leslie Kennedy, Amber Bivens, Angie Bernard, Lakenia Halliburton, and Robert Rodgers; and in rear, from left, Melissa Hurt, Justin Meeks, John Allen Noblin, Katie Cook, Van Piphus, Kyle Terry, Kristin Vaughn.

Sick and Ailing

Mrs. Raymond (Marge) Allison broke her ankle in her home Saturday.

Divorces

Donald Wayne Clark vs. Belinda Potter Clark.

FAMILY REUNION

The Forsythe/Young family reunion is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th, 1-4 p.m., in the Crockett Mills Community Center.

All descendants, family and friends are invited to come and enjoy the fun and good food. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

For further information, call Kathy, 901-656-2587.



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SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Disciples For Christ Church, 184 S. Washington Street, Ripley, will host a Saturday Night Live with Jesus service at 7 p.m., May 27th.

Bro. Ray Pullen will provide the special music, and Bro. Danny Hutcherson will give the message. The public is invited.

Gene Stanley Dies; Directed 'Kitchen'

Lesley Eugene Stanley, 90, former operator of The Grill on Main Street and of Stanley's Kitchen, a restaurant at 250 South Washington in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in the Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark.

Services were at 1 p.m. Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery near Ripley.

Born August 26, 1909 in Curve to Cecil and Carrie Barbour Stanley, he was a member of Ripley First Baptist Church and a Mason.

He was the widower of Marie Stanley and Eunice Stanley.

He leaves a son, Roy, of Fayetteville; a daughter, Rita Rozon, of Bensenville, Ill.; two step-sons, Mike Patterson, of Ripley, and Joe Patterson, of Collierville; and two brothers, Paul Stanley and Carlton "Bug" Stanley, both of Halls; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

CANCER SUPPORT

The HOPE Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25th at Ripley First United Methodist Church. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Carbonated soda water was developed in 1833 and was originally made into flavored soda by the addition of syrups.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ann Layne would like to thank The Rev. Bray, all of our friends, and Noel, of Halls Funeral Home, for your kind expression of sympathy. It has indeed been a comfort to know that Ann was so well loved and appreciated. Thank you, Rev. Bray, for your kind words of comfort. A special thanks to all of our many friends for the lovely flowers, food, and support. Your thoughtfulness has been most touching and sustaining.

Sincerely,
Wiley Layne and family,
Robert, Thomas, Beverly,
& Ronnie
Adv.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lucille Booker would like to express our thanks and appreciation. The many flowers, plants, cards and keepsakes were beautiful and a nice sentiment. Thanks to each of you who brought food. Your visits and phone calls were much appreciated. Also, thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

The Family of Lucille Booker
Adv.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the kindness extended during my illness and recovery. Thanks to the people of the local churches, for the cards, phone calls, visits, and other well wishers during this time.

God bless each one,
BUDDY MOORE

Courtyard Vows Nearing



MELIA DAWN GILLIAM, daughter of Donna and Steve Jones, of Jackson, and Myrell Gilliam, of Wichita, Kan., will marry Tony Lynn Kirby, son of Barbara and Eugene Coffey, of Halls, and Archie and Yvonne Kirby, of Henning, at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 10th at the courtyard gazebo on the campus of Bethel College in McKenzie, family and friends invited.

She is the granddaughter of Ruby and D. L. Wallace, Nell Gilliam, and the late Leon Gilliam, all of Lexington, and the late Janie Smith, of Jackson, and the great-

GRILLING

A Great Steak Lies In The Palm Of Your Hand

(NAPS)—The secret to grilling a great steak, say master barbecuers, may lie in the palm of your hand.



According to Les Burden, master barbecuer at Barbecues Galore, you can poke the meat and judge its

degree of doneness by comparing it to the feel of a particular place on your palm:

- The pad of the base of the thumb is equivalent to a rare steak.
- The middle of the palm is equivalent to a medium steak.
- The base below the little finger is equivalent for well-done. If still in doubt cut the steak with a knife to visually check doneness.

Technique:
 • Cook the steak quickly to sear in maximum juices.
 • The more meat is handled the more juices and flavor are lost.
 • Don't use a fork. Use tongs to turn a steak.

- Do not turn more than once; cook one side at a time.
- Thicker cuts may need to be seared and then finished to desired degree of doneness using indirect heat.

• Trial and error helps judge the timing for your perfect steak.
 For additional barbecue tips, visit Les Burden online at www.bbqgalore.com. Barbecues Galore is the nation's largest specialty barbecue retail chain.

What The State Of The Economy Means For You

Inflation, Interest Rates And Employment



(NAPS)—Whether you're looking to make money in the stock market, making a career move or just trying to make ends meet, the more you know about today's economy the better off you'll be.

A good starting point is to develop an understanding of three basic economic factors: inflation, interest rates and employment. These terms are mentioned frequently in newspapers and on television and radio, but what do they really mean and how do they affect you?

Inflation

When there is too much money in circulation, and not enough goods and services to spend it on, demand can increase, prices may rise and the result is inflation.

If the inflation rate is high, you may find that your income cannot keep up with price increases, noted Mark Mallin, Chief Financial Officer, Diversified Investment Advisors, a national investment advisory firm. Those hardest hit by inflation usually are retirees and others who live on a fixed income.

Lower inflation is better for the economy because when more products are purchased, companies will produce and sell more. As a result, their profits may rise, stock prices may climb and they may look to hire more employees.

However, if inflation goes too low deflation may occur—consumers might delay purchasing items in hopes that the prices will fall even more. This can reduce demand for goods and services, resulting in a situation similar to high inflation.

Interest Rates

When the rate of inflation rises, interest rates are directly affected. Investors demand higher interest rates for their savings or investments, so that the value of money invested will at least keep pace with costs.

Want to create a strong financial foundation? Invest in stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

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Employment
 Low unemployment means that more people are working; thus, they generally have more money to spend, which stimulates the economy. However, low unemployment can hurt the economy because when companies have trouble finding qualified workers, salaries may need to be raised, which could lead companies to achieve lower profits and increase their prices to compensate.

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