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Speaker



BILL REVELL, center, Mayor of Dyersburg, was introduced by Bobby Vaughn, right, as guest speaker at Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. Mayor Revell spoke about the new I-69 Highway and the ongoing studies to plan the exact route it will take along Hwy. 51 through Tennessee.

Joe Eskridge, left, is the club president.

DEAN'S LIST

Students on the Dean's List at the West Tennessee Business College include, from Ripley, Loretta Driver and Shandeltra Jarrett; and from Halls, Kristy Taylor and Rachel Warren.

CLUB NEWS

Halls Community Club received an oak tree, donated and planted by Ronnie and Charlene Roberts, in memory of Lynn (Bubba) Patton, Jr.. The tree was planted in front of the Center.

Club fees are \$25 annually, \$10 for senior citizens, for anyone interested in joining the club. The membership year runs from Sept. 1st through Aug. 31st of each year. The membership entitles you to reduced rental rates and free admittance to the club's aerobic class, Mondays and Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. Contact Shea Harris at 836-5000 for more information.

NAVY ENLISTMENT

Tristan L. Vaughn, son of Beverly Eison, of Halls, and a 2001 graduate of Halls High School, enlisted in the United States Navy for training as an Aviation Machinist Mate. Some of his duties will include handling and servicing aircraft ashore and aboard ship, and the maintenance and service of aircraft engines.

HHS BASKETBALL

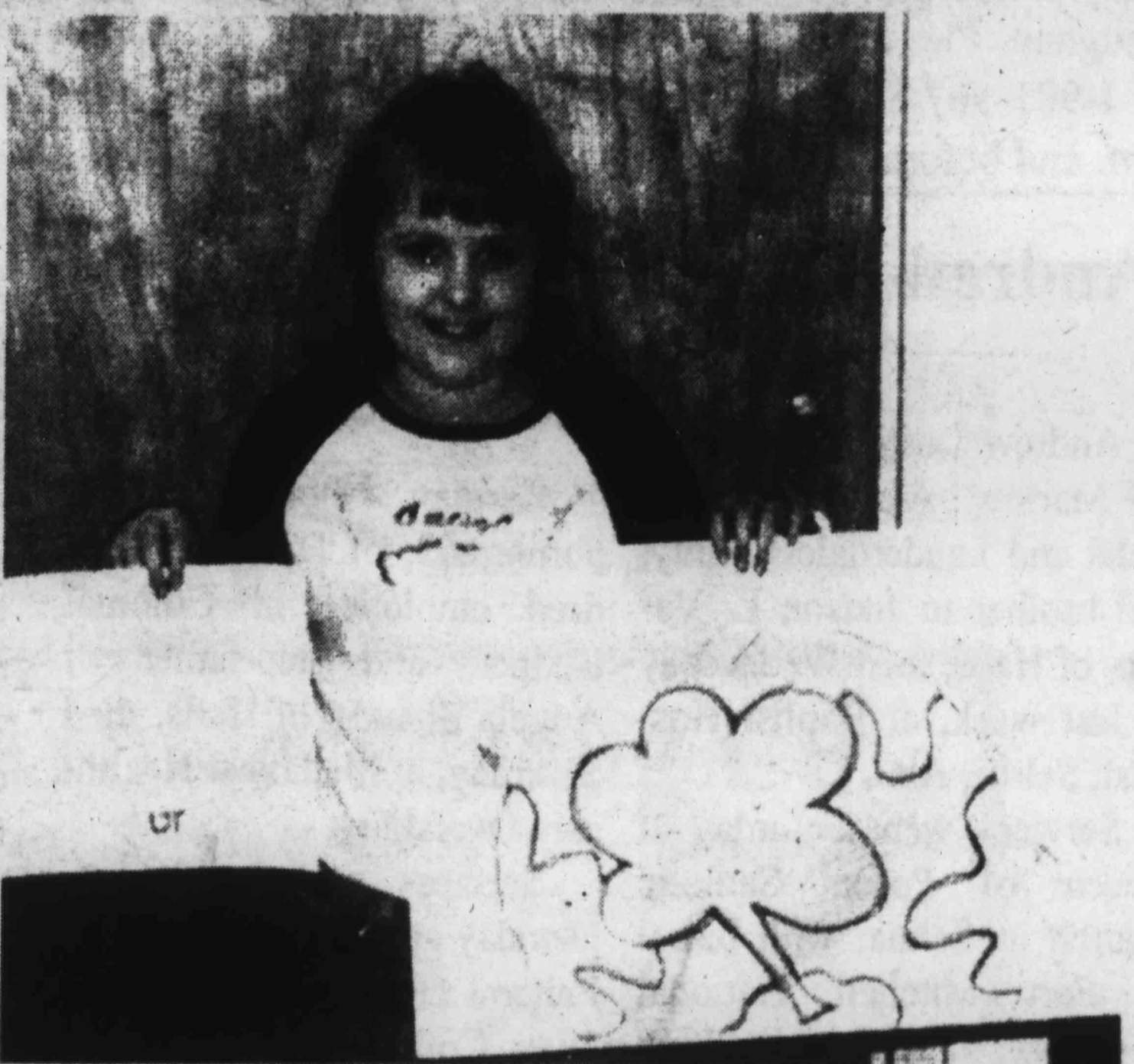
The Halls High School girls basketball team won over Gleason at Dresden Monday night. They will play Thursday and Saturday to determine if they qualify for State competition.

The boys team will play Lake County in Dresden Thursday night.

TREE GIVE AWAY

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District will sponsor an Arbor Day tree give away at 8 a.m., March 2nd, at the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley. Pin Oak and Loblolly Pine will be given away. For more information, call 635-7686, ext.3.

4-H Poster Winners



STUDENTS from Lauderdale County who participated in the 4-H District Poster Contest Feb. 24th at Freed Hardeman University include, in upper photo, from left, Tracie Langley, 5th grader, Brooke Mays, 4th grader, and Jennifer Webb, 4th grader, all of Ripley Elementary School; in middle photo, Kate Harris, a 6th grader at Lauderdale Middle School; and, in lower photo, Sandy Benjamin, a 5th grader at Halls Elementary School.

The top 16 4-H posters in the county were on display at the Bank of Ripley. Ripley Elementary School 4-Her's in the top 16 were Rickey Dennison, Miranda Hopkins, Ashley Rorie, and Natalie Schneider. In the top 16 from Halls Elementary School were Todd Aitken, Charlie Hammond, Cory Heath, Roger Jetton, Kristy Lee, Kellie Reynolds, and Justin Tate.

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Andrew Vaden

Andrew Carlton Vaden, 91, of Marion, Ala., native of Halls and Lauderdale County, and brother to Judson L. Vaden, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week, at Baptist Hospital, Selma, Ala.

Services were Saturday at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Selma, with burial at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery, in Scale, Ala., Kirk Funeral Home in charge.

His parents were John McHenry Vaden and Augusta Mae Vaden, of Halls. He was a 1929 graduate of Halls High School, taught in the Lauderdale County School System, and was principal at Central Elementary School in the late 1930's.

He received a degree at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, served as a captain in WWII, earned a master's degree in Economics and a

Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree, both from the University of Alabama.

He practiced law in Selma, 1950-1955, taught at Marion Military Institute 1955-1975, and practiced law in Marion, Ala., 1975-2000.

In July of 2000, Colonel Vaden received a citation, commemorating his membership in the Alabama State Bar for 50 years.

He was a Life Member of the VFW, member of the Elks Selma Lodge #167, and a member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Selma.

Other survivors include his wife of 56 years, Geraldine Lessard Vaden, of Marion; a daughter, Dr. Mary Frances Vaden, of Wentzville, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Attn: Memorials, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Herman Stoneburner

Herman 'Stoney' Stoneburner, 65, of Dyersburg, retired employee of Colonial Rubber, and step-father of Angela Shands, of Halls, died Saturday, at Methodist Healthcare Dyersburg.

Services were at 3 p.m. Monday at J. W. Curry & Son Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

Other survivors include his wife, Edna Loudene Stoneburner, a son, Herman Dwayne, and daughter, Angela Powers, all of Dyersburg; a step-son, Anthony Bradford, of Indiana; three other step-daughters, Lisa Eison, of Dyersburg, Renee Crews, of Memphis, and Melody Garner, of South Carolina; four brothers, Robert Earl, of Bells, Paul Wayne, of Scott Hills, Thomas, of Ridgely, and Howard,

of Friendship; three sisters, Rose Mae Smyth, of Union City, Frances Marlin, of Parkers Crossroads, and Elizabeth Holland, of Michigan; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Wm. Tucker V

William Tucker V, 46, whose father, "Bill Pete" Tucker, served as Lauderdale County executive, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in his home in Sherman, Tex.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Monday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

He was a member of the Georgetown Baptist Church in Pottsboro, Tex.

He leaves two sons, Clay and Colin, and a daughter, Shelby Lynn Tucker, of Sherman; his mother, Marjorie Newman Tucker, and a sister, Sarah Covington, of Dallas, Tex.; and a brother, Scott Tucker, of Tucson, Ariz.

REVAMPED WEBSITE

The Tennessee court system website has improvements including more information, easier access, and an updated look. Connie Clark, administrative director of the courts, says these changes are to make court-related information and material as accessible as possible.

The website was introduced in 1995 as a tool for the legal community. Features on the website include the 'Fun Stuff' button on the home page, an area for children, the *Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary*, and a 'Press Room', a list of telephone numbers and addresses of interest to the media as well as other information and links. The site also has an adult version of the Guide to Tennessee Courts in English and Spanish; information on the history of capital punishment and the legal process in capital cases;

Milton Woodard's Robber Convicted

A 2-day trial in Circuit Court in Ripley, hearing 13 witnesses and viewing 43 exhibits, closed Friday with a jury verdict finding Anthony Murff guilty of the especially aggravated robbery of Milton Woodard.

Murff, 42, went to Woodard's apartment in Ripley last May to get paid for mowing.

When Woodard opened the door, Murff hit him repeatedly in the head, with a claw hammer, and took cash from his wallet.

Woodard had surgery to install a steel plate in his head. Murff has prior convictions for armed robbery and for ag-

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NUTRITION

Television poses a nutrition problem for our children. According to a study of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, children who ate while watching television ate less nutritious meals than other children. They ate more salty snacks and drank more soft drinks than children who ate without television.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet March 5, 2001, at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

THE TOWN OF HALLS
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

NOTICE

The Town of Halls will accept bids for concreting the floors of three (3) hangars at Arnold Field. For detailed bidding information, call the Town of Halls, 836-9653. Bids will be opened on March 15th at City Hall at 4:30 p.m.

TOWN OF HALLS

Focus On Indian Relics



CIRCUIT JUDGE JOE H. WALKER (center, rear) hosted the Jan. 28th meeting of the Lauderdale County Historical Society in his offices at 105 Lafayette in Ripley, discussing his collection of native Indian artifacts, most of them from this county, and exhibiting examples.

Rising Costs Affect Tennessee Farmers

Tennessee farmers are facing rising costs for fuel and fertilizer this spring, but the prices for their crops will not rise to cover increased costs of production.

The price for a bushel of soybeans is \$4.25-\$4.79. Back in 1997, the price for a bushel was \$7.35. The government's loan-deficiency payment program can help Tennessee farmers receive about \$5.40 a bushel.

A disaster in a production area outside Tennessee or a change in farm policy could bring about a rise in prices for farmers. The world has an abundant supply of grains and oilseeds right now. It all boils down to supply and demand. Prices may be low, but Delton Gerloff, an economist with the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Tennessee' Institute of Agriculture, is optimistic about the future. "Prices tend to move in cycles. Right now we're in the low part of the price range. Prices will eventually rise again," says Gerloff.

Anniversaries

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

March 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle.

March 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Jr.

March 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs.

PLANT CARE

You can avoid insect problems on your plants by providing the right light, temperature, growing media, drainage, and proper watering. Whenever any of these parts of a plant's environment aren't in balance, insects and diseases can attack. If you spot insects, wash the plant by putting it in the shower. This not only removes insects, but also waters and washes off any dust that has accumulated. Common insects include

aphids, scale, mealybugs, slugs, snails, and spider mites. To do a thorough inspection, look on the underside of foliage. Insects don't like direct sunlight, so they hide. Shake the plant to see if any insects fly away. Whitefly and fungus gnat are two to watch for. Use an insecticidal soap to kill insects. The naturally derived fatty acids and pyrethrums used in these soaps are safe for humans and animals but will kill insects.

The most common disease among houseplants is root rot. Plants kept too moist easily

get this disease, which kills the root of the plant. Plants need to dry thoroughly between waterings to prevent root rot and don't let plants sit in water. Foliar diseases are less common. They are recognized by brown, red, or black spots on the foliage. Brown spots indicate a fungal disease, red indicates rust, and black indicates bacterial diseases. If spots appear, avoid getting the foliage wet, and remove damaged leaves. Use chemicals if the spots continue.

MedSouth Users Shifting Doctors

MedSouth clinics in Halls, Ripley, Dyersburg, Dyer, Newbern, and Savannah are shifting patients to new physicians, effective April 1st. MedSouth says Access MedPlus cannot provide sufficient consultations with specialists.

About 3,000 adults are involved. Children, to 18, are not affected, and Dyersburg will continue to offer obstetrical and gynecological service.

Are You Ready For Retirement?

Seventy-one percent of respondents to a nationwide survey conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University say they are either very confident or at least somewhat confident that they will spend their retirement years in financial security. Researchers estimate that up to 60 percent of the population are not financially prepared for retirement. According to the U. S. Department of Commerce, the personal savings rate fell to minus 1.2 percent in 1999, which was the lowest in 59 years. Bankrupt-

cies and credit have skyrocketed over the last few years. People are consuming too much. Eighty-three percent of respondents in the survey said they or someone in the household are covered by a pension plan, have a 401(k) plan through the workplace, or have an Individual Retirement Account.

Dina Wise, University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service Financial Management Specialist, would like to see people saving 10-20 percent of their income. If you are 45 and start putting \$100 a month into an account that averages a 10 percent return, you'll have \$71,880 by age 65; if you start at age 35, your \$100 a month will have grown to \$206,400; and at age 25, \$555,454.

Here are a few tips for being more financially secure: save something every month, become a smarter shopper, pay off your credit card every month, get the most out of your retirement plan, review your investments at least once a year, take full advantage of governmental tax breaks, review your insurance coverage and shop around, prepare or update your will, locate all of your important financial documents, and start teaching your kids about money.

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HHS Band



NINE HALLS HIGH School band members attended the University of Memphis Honor Band Feb. 22nd through 24th. They received the following chair placements: kneeling, from left, Mark Simpson, 3rd chair overall, baritone; Kristen Kennedy, 5th chair overall, clarinet; Heather Newlin, 3rd chair, 2nd band, tuba, and Kristina Deaton, 3rd chair, 2nd band, flute; standing, from left, Alicia Gooch, 3rd chair, 2nd band, percussion; Mary Younger, 1st chair overall, trumpet; Alisha White, 2nd chair, 3rd band, trombone; Clint Herron, 1st chair, 3rd band, french horn; and Kara Steelman, 3rd chair, 2nd band, saxophone. Kristen Kennedy will attend the All-State Honor Band.

The next concert will be at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 11th, in the HHS gym. There will be an admission charge and tickets are being sold at discount prices, in advance, by Halls band members.

Birthdays

March 1 - Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn, Brooke Cole, Leon Hargett, Will Glenn, Terry Garrett.

March 2 - Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, Susan Scott, Kay Steelman, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray, Guilford Williams.

March 3 - Kim Young,

Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson, Geraldine Chipman, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson.

March 4 - Bobby Thurmond, Dana Freeman, Delene Johnson, Loretta Hammock, Harley Patterson, Jo Middleton, Linda Graves, Jane Coleman, Rodney Ervin.

March 5 - Jennifer Box Warren, Brandon Garrett, Stan Matras, Noah Moore, Linda Harmon Rizzuto, Jere Escue, Emily Davis, Fred Strantz, Heather Garrett, Thomas Curran, Charles Moore, James Bradley Belton, John Hardy, Jennifer McDearman, Peggy Twetty.

March 6 - Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom, Sherry Seeley Layne, Paul Pilcher, Harvey B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson, Pug Conner, Misty Oswald, Ashley Turner, Al Jennings, Gennie V. Dewalt, Chad Meyer, Danielle McBroom, Charlene Roberts, Gaylon Hardy, Caleb McKee, Danetia Jordan Fincher, Mattie D. Taylor, Nona Pilkington.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Larry Archibald, of Hous-

Reading Program



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH school received 600 books and \$750 in funds through the Reading is Fundamental program for seventh and eighth grade students.

Jamie Reynolds, sight coordinator in charge of the Gear Up Program, organized the RIP program. Students are encouraged to choose nine books during the school year. The school hopes to reinforce reading and the accelerated reading program.

ton, Tex., visited Tommy Simmons Wednesday of last week.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Thursday, March 1st

Roast Pork w/Gravy
Entrée-School's Choice
Whipped Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Congealed Fruit Salad
Orange Slices
Rolls
Milk

Friday, March 2nd
Parent/Teacher Conference
No Classes

Monday, March 5th
Hamburger w/Trimmings
Stuffed Crust Pizza
Potato Wedges
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Peach Cup
Pear Half
Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, March 6th

Chili Pie
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Corn on Cob
Salad Cup w/Dressing
Applesauce
Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Wednesday, March 7th
Menu-School's Choice

Thursday, March 8th

Fried Chicken
Beef Patties w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Pineapple Chunks
Congealed Salad
Rolls
Milk

Marriages

Feb. 14 - Jonathan Bryan Washburn, 29, to Jennifer Hope Springer, 29, by Steve Hardwick.

Feb. 16 - Jeremy Frank Walker, 23, to Melissa Sue Hatley, 21, by William B. Anderson.

Willard D. Wilson, 34, to Vanessa Kaye Brown, 28, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Feb. 17 - Cecil William Edwards, Jr., 27, to Veronica Shundetra Taylor, 19, by Marshall Lake, Sr.

Donald Wayne Sanders, Jr., 33, to Jacqueline Hope Conrad, 20, by Dan Holland.

Feb. 23 - Jackie Lee Johnson, 36, to Tammy Denise Thomas, 29, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Friday, March 9th

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Corn Dog
Crackers
Orange
Ice Cream
Milk

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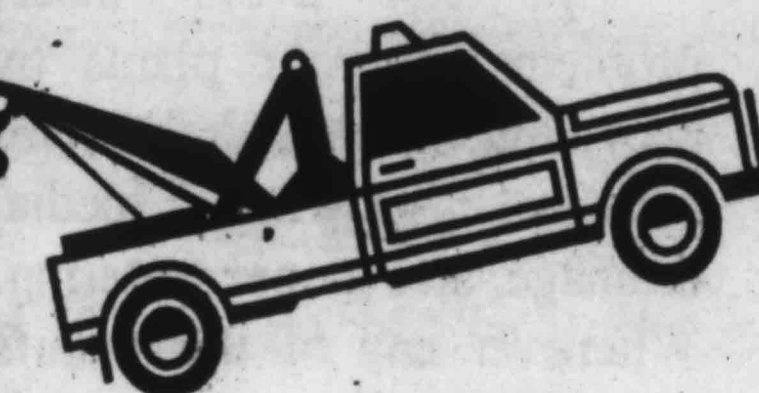
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HHS Tigers Go To State Winner



THE HALLS LADY TIGERS are headed for Murfreesboro to compete in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state tournament. This will be the first trip to the tournament for a girls team from HHS. They received this honor by defeating University School of Jackson 58-44 in substate play Saturday night. Pictured, in front row, from left, are Coach Phil Meeks, manager Stacey Rogers, Jessica Stiles, Laura Frazier, Amber Newman, Leah Heator, Casey Moses, Chevrechia Allen, Latoyia Dixon, Latrece Sangster, and Coach Al Bradford; in back, Wendi McCadney, Marquita Holloway, Dominique Patrick, Sarah Callender, Amanda Britt, Ravin Moses, Leaqui Brown, and Tammy Watts, manager.

The Halls boys' team played University School of

Jackson in Jackson at 7:30 p.m., Monday, for a substate battle. Halls suffered a 77-50 loss to South Fulton, the defending Class A state champs, in the Region 8A tournament Friday night in Dresden.

Highway Patrol To Set Up Checkpoint

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Lauderdale County Friday, March 9th.

ROGERS ENLISTS

Monrell D. Rogers, son of Leslie and Anna Rogers, of Halls, enlisted in the United States Navy for training as a Seaman Apprentice. He will earn college credits through his military training.



GARA STRONG, a teacher at Halls High School, won 1st place and \$100 in the Dyersburg State Essay Contest entitled 'Past in the Present'. Winners were announced Thursday of last week at the book contest.

DSCC Recognizes A Student Officer

Dyersburg State President, Dr. Karen Bowyer, praised Jeff Powers, the Dyersburg Police officer and Dyersburg State student who detained the student who reportedly brought a gun onto campus and made a bomb threat that led to a campus-wide evacua-

DSCC's Wednesday Afternoon Classes Canceled After Threat

Dyersburg State Community College faculty canceled afternoon classes Wednesday of last week, evacuated the campus, and sent students home, several from Lauderdale County, after a bomb threat was allegedly made by a student. Hundreds of students were evacuated, first from the Glover Building, then the entire campus, as officers searched the campus.

According to an article in Dyersburg's *State Gazette*, a professor in the Glover Building activated the college's in-house alarm system around 10 a.m. after a first semester student, identified as John Villegas, 29, of Finley, allegedly placed a box on her desk and asked what she would do if it was a bomb? According to the *State Gazette*, after being told the college would be evacuated, he responded, "You have two seconds."

An off-duty Dyersburg police officer, Jeff Powers, also a DSCC student, detained Villegas for police officers, who responded immediately. Officers closed off traffic within 500 ft. of the school and Villegas' truck after it was found parked near the school. Houses in the vicinity were also evacuated as a precaution.

After officers searched Villegas, they found an empty semi-automatic pistol. The box was actually a box of Girl Scout cookies, which was opened but taped shut. No bomb was found at the school or in the suspect's truck.

Villegas was charged with making a false report of a bomb, carrying a concealed weapon on school property, a felony, and resisting arrest. He appeared in Dyersburg Municipal Court Friday and pleaded not guilty. Dyersburg City Judge Lyman Ingram set bail at \$250,000 and ordered him held until a mental evaluation is performed. He is scheduled to appear again April 3rd, after the mental evaluation is completed.

The campus was opened for evening classes after officers gave the "all clear."

Womanless Royalty



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL hosted a Womanless Beauty Revue sponsored by Project Graduation Feb. 27th in the high school gym. Entertainment was provided by "The Back Hall Girls", Coach Kent Sparks and Coach Chris Hurt. Royalty were, from left, Will Bird, 2nd maid; Chris Stallings, Queen; Justin Baker, 1st maid; Kevin Webb, 3rd maid; and James Stallworth, 4th maid.

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Mary Phillips

Mary Evangeline Phillips, 82, of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Fowlkes, died Friday, at her place of residence.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

She was born July 22, 1918, in Fowlkes, daughter of W. R. Bud Love and Creetie Davis. She was a member of Fowlkes Methodist Church.

She was the widow of the late J. C. Roberts and James Phillips, and leaves two daughters, Patty Pott, of Colon, Mich., and Jane Tucker, of Cumming, Ga.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McWilliams

Melissa M. McWilliams, 82, of 160B Lafayette, Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley, after a heart attack.

Rites were held Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Whitefield Cemetery.

She was born at Halls, Oct. 15, 1918, to the late Bud and

Bertha Hardy Layne. She had retired from employment with Halltex.

She was a member of Halls Assembly of God.

She was the widow of Lewis McWilliams.

She leaves two sons, Terry, of Ripley, and Ronnie, of Houston, Tex.; a daughter, Teresa Simpson, of Ripley; two sisters, Betsy Osborne and Olean Brown, of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grimes

Helen Haislip Grimes, 70, of 2615 Central-Curve Rd., Ripley, died Friday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Whitefield Cemetery.

She was born in this county, April 5, 1930, to Pinkney and Emma Braden Haislip.

She was a member of Halls Assembly of God.

The widow of Wesley Hale Grimes, she leaves a step-daughter, Olivia Jean Farris,



KYLE FITZHUGH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, of Halls, was one year old Wednesday, and will celebrate with a party at his home Sunday afternoon.

of Glendale, Ariz.; two sisters, Linda Tucker, of Ripley, and Catherine Miller, of Henning; and five step-grandchildren.

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Anniversaries

March 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.
March 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster.
March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.
March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. David Ford.

Town of Halls
Effective April 1, 2001, all delinquent 1999 property taxes will be turned over to Chancery Court for collection.

REWARD
For information leading to the location of 20+ pieces of Antique Furniture and a \$20 gold coin ring that has been removed from the home of the late Mrs. Ruby Mai Davis on Dunaway Rd., Route #2, Halls, Tennessee, and the person/persons that have removed the above items. This information is urgently requested by her two daughters, Twilla Ann Davis Byrd and Rachel Davis Vaughan.

Please contact Twilla Ann Davis Byrd at 1-731-967-8828.
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THE HALLS FIRST UNITED a.m., March 18th, with newly installed stained glass windows. Methodists Church will hold Open House from 2-4 p.m., in the sanctuary, featuring Consecration Service at 11



THE HALLS GOLDEN TIGER Band attended a solo ensemble competition at U. T. Martin Friday and Saturday. Approximately 40 students, representing grades 7-12, participated in this event. Students were judged on solo pieces and/or ensembles. Many earned superior rating. The Halls High band will go to Martin Wednesday, March 14th for competition in the Concert Fest; Halls Junior High competes March 15th.

Land Transfers

Feb. 26 - Thomas R. Hargett to Gus L. Hargett and Betty Hargett, Dist. 6, 17,500 acres.
Bank of Ripley to William Jarrett and Rose Jarrett, Dist. 3, lot.

Stella M. Johnson to Stella Irene Spray, Dist. 11, tract.
Feb. 27 - R. H. Kirby, Jr. and Lucille Kirby to James E. Mountjoy and Tammy H. Mountjoy, Dist. 12, lot.

Anthony, Lankford, and Poston, LLC to Luis L. Wong, M.D. and Pamela C. Wong,

Dist. 6, tract.
Anthony, Lankford, and Poston, LLC to Luis L. Wong, M.D. and Pamela C. Wong, Dist. 6, 6 lots.

Bobby G. Darnell Turnage and Nancy M. Turnage to Washington Mutual Finance Group, LLC, Dist. 12, lot.

Randy Lankford, Vicky Lankford, L. W. Poston, Jr., Jacqueline C. Poston, Dennis R. Lee, Lynn Lee, William E. Hendren, and Shellie R. Hendren to Ronald Clowes, Sr. and Ginger P. Clowes, Dist. 2, 1,309 acres.

John B. Anthony and William Maxwell, Jr. to S. Norfleet

Anthony, III, John B. Anthony, A&A Rentals, Dist. 2, lot.

March 1 - John Wilkes Roberts and Norma H. Roberts to Florence M. McBride, Dist. 8, 0.435 acres.

Betty Jean Bizzell to Larry W. McCoy and Alice Smith McCoy, Dist. 2, 47,652 acres.
Hazel T. Van Cleave to Roger A. Meadows and Tina M. Meadows, Dist. 8, 174,640 acres.

Nance's Construction and Contracting, Inc. to Mamie Ward, Dist. 17, lot.

Jerry Heathcott and Nancy H. White to Joseph Ellis and Anita Ellis, Dist. 2, lot.



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Tuesday as they left for girls' basketball players, cheerleaders, and chaperones received a big send-off Murfreesboro, where they will compete in the state championship game Wednesday.



HALLS ELEMENTARY School third grade class, Tyler celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday Monday by taking part in a reading program. In Mrs. Christie McManus' Halls High School students, are shown reading and passing out candy to the students.

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Guest Speaker



DON SMITH, right, Tax Assessor for Lauderdale County, was introduced by Leslie Newman, second from right, as guest speaker at Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. Mr. Smith explained the duties of his office and introduced Larry Ellis, second from left, Regional Appraisal Supervisor. Mr. Ellis supervises work in 10 counties in West Tennessee and monitors re-appraisals every four to six years. Joe Eskridge, left, is the club president.

Winning Classroom



HALLS ELEMENTARY School students in Mrs. Tammy Nelson's class were the top collecting classroom with the most students participating during the *Help Can The Abuse* program. The program will start again this Friday at Halls Elementary, Ripley Elementary, and Ripley Primary. All proceeds go to the Tina Turner Family Center. For more information, call the Center at 635-8782.

Marshall.
Feb. 23 - Mark Wayne Hargett, 41, to Marion Elizabeth Hemby, 33, by Charles Lynnwood Shoemaker.

Feb. 24 - Marlon Antwain Taylor, 22, to Carolyn Jones, 29, by William H. Jarrett.

Brandon Michael Deere, 27, to Brandy Marie Scott, 22, by Lewis C. Screws.

March 1 - William Nicholas Goforth, 20, to Rosemary Mount, 26, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Spoon, 37, by David Alden

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF HALLS

Voter registration forms may be picked up at Halls City Hall during regular business hours. You must be registered to vote by April 1, 2001, to vote in Halls City elections for the election of Mayor and six Aldermen held May 3, 2001. The term of office for the candidates is four years. To register to vote:

You must be a U. S. Citizen • You must be a resident of Tennessee • You must be at least 18 years of age on or before the next election • You must have not been convicted of a felony.

Anyone who registers by mail, must vote in person the first time he or she votes after registration.

Sec. 7 Be it further enacted, that all rules and regulations that are in force at the various State and county elections shall be enforced and control the elections under this Act. The qualifications for the voters in said Town election shall be as follows: He shall be qualified to vote for State and county officers; he must have resided for six months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the Town or be a bona fide owner of real estate in the corporate limits of the Town.

There will be a representative of the Lauderdale County Election Commission at Halls City Hall on March 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 8-11

Marriages

Feb. 17 - James Austin Spoon, 36, to Maurisha Lynn



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL FFA students participated in the annual West Tennessee FFA Invitational Speaking Clinic, hosted by Murray State University School of Agriculture, Jan. 22nd, at Peabody High School in Trenton. Competitions included Extemporaneous, public speaking, and the FFA Creed.

Students attending from HHS include, in front, from left, Amanda Hunt, Kari Escue, and Rachel Hammond; in rear, Katie Privett, Jacob McNeil, and Clair B. Hammond, advisor.

BEAUTY PAGEANTS

The Halls Band Boosters

will sponsor the following pageants on March 31st: the 'Little Mr. and Miss Halls', ages Kindergarten-9 years old; 'Little Miss Halls', ages 10 years old-6th grade; and 'Jr. Miss Halls', 7th and 8th grade.

Applications will be available March 12th and can be picked up at the Halls Elementary School or Halls Jr. High offices. They must be turned in by March 29th to Angie Wilson at the Elementary School or Dena Davis and Nancy Carson at the Halls High School. Registration fee is \$20 for the younger groups; \$25 for the Jr. Miss Halls.

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Hankins To Replace Retiring Henderson

County Executive Rozelle Criner and Board of Commissioners, at the regular monthly meeting Monday, elected Paul Hankins as the new Building Commissioner for Lauderdale County, effective April 1st. He will replace Sherry Henderson, who resigned due to health reasons. Commissioners applauded her for a job well done during her tenure, which began December 10, 1996.

Although there were several applicants, commissioners nominated Paul Hankins and Denise Kissell. The vote was 20 to 4, with one absent.

Dwight Weaver and Don Patton, 3rd and 9th districts, submitted their resignations to the 911 board, due to business reasons. Ty Brasfield, formerly from the 8th district and now living in the 9th district, was voted in as the 9th district representative. Commissioners approved Norman Hendren for 3rd district, term ending August 2003, and Larry White for 8th district, term ending August 2001.

Other business included approval for Criner to transfer an escrow account from First Tennessee National Association to Chase Manhattan Trust

Presents Check



DENNIS SADLER, right, presented a check for \$1,000 to Eugene Pugh, left, of the Town of Halls, on behalf of "Friends of Crichfield Park". The money was raised to improve the Halls park by selling advertising space at the ball field. Anyone interested in purchasing ad space may contact Mr. Sadler at 836-7431.

safety in schools.

The Sheriff's Dept. was given approval to purchase two new cars.

The subject of rain damage to the roof of the rescue squad building, located at 6501 Curve-Nankipoo Rd., was discussed.

Criner reminded everyone that Ag Week is Mar. 18th through 24th, and Ag Day is Tues., Mar. 20th.

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will be at 11:30 a.m. Thurs., March 15th at the Olympic Steak House. All members are invited.

Halls High's Girls Lose In State Quarter-Finals

Halls High School's girls' basketball team, in the quarter-finals of state competition, lost Wednesday of last week to Celina, 62-49, to close their season 14-18.

Dominique Patrick put up 26 points for Halls, but Celina's 15-0 run before the half was too much to over-come. The game was played at Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro.

Bomb Threat Evacuates Tennessee Electroplating

Employees of Tennessee Electroplating were evacuated around 9:30 a.m. Monday after a disgruntled ex-employee reported he had set a bomb to go off at noon. Ripley Police Department responded to the factory and with the help of the Ripley Fire Department and the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department searched the building for anything suspicious. According to Ripley Police Chief Milford "Pop" Durham, a suspect was arrested and is being held for questioning.

"We appreciated the cooperation TEP, the fire department, and the sheriff's department provided to us. Tennessee Electroplating did everything they could for the safety of their employees. We also appreciate the help provided by the Memphis Police Department. A Memphis officer with a bomb-sniffing dog responded to the scene and after a diligent search no bomb was found," Durham said. No injuries were reported and employees were back at work by 1 p.m. Monday.

Farmers Grant Signed Tuesday

A \$35,000 rural business opportunity grant, announced by U.S. Rep. John Tanner Mar. 8th, was signed at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon.

The grant will help pay for the development of a cottonseed extraction plant in Lauderdale County to benefit small farmers in Lauderdale, Haywood, Tipton, Dyer, Gibson and Crockett counties.



HALLS CITY HALL displayed this sign last week to welcome the Halls Lady Tiger basketball team home after competing in the state competition in Murfreesboro.

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DRIVING COURSE

Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale and the Bank of Ripley will host a 55 Alive Mature Driving Course from 8 until noon, March 20th and 21st, at the Tennessee Technology Center, Hwy 51 N., Ripley. Registration is \$10 and lunch will be provided. The eight-hour classroom course developed by AARP is designed to help drivers 50 years of age or older enhance their driving skills and prevent traffic accidents. Volunteer instructor, Henry Williams, of Bells, has been trained by AARP to conduct the course, which consists of slide presentations and group discussions. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance, which could help in discounts for automobile insurance. If insurance is in joint names, both would need to attend to receive discounts. To enroll, call 635-1230. Class seating is limited.

Kenneth Edens

Kenneth Traver Edens, 96, of Rison, Ark., formerly of

Halls, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Halls Cemetery, Buie Funeral Home, of Rison, in charge, with Halls Funeral Home assisting.

He was a retired farmer and businessman.

A retired Marine, he was a member of American Legion Post 0307 in Ash Grove, Mo.

A 50-year Master Mason, he was a member of Richmond Lodge 94 in Cotton Plant, Ark.

He was the widower of Lillie Ford Edens and Sunshine Aileen Griffin Edens.

He leaves a daughter, Joan Butler, of Rison; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

'Larry' Brady

Lawrence O. "Larry" Brady, 79, father of Judy Brady Henderson, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in the National Healthcare Center in Somerville.

Rites for the former Memphian were at 11 a.m. Friday in Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home, with burial in Somerville City Cemetery.

A B-17 bomber pilot in World War II, he flew 35 missions over Germany and won a Distinguished Flying Cross.

His 22 years in the Air Force included service during the Korean War.

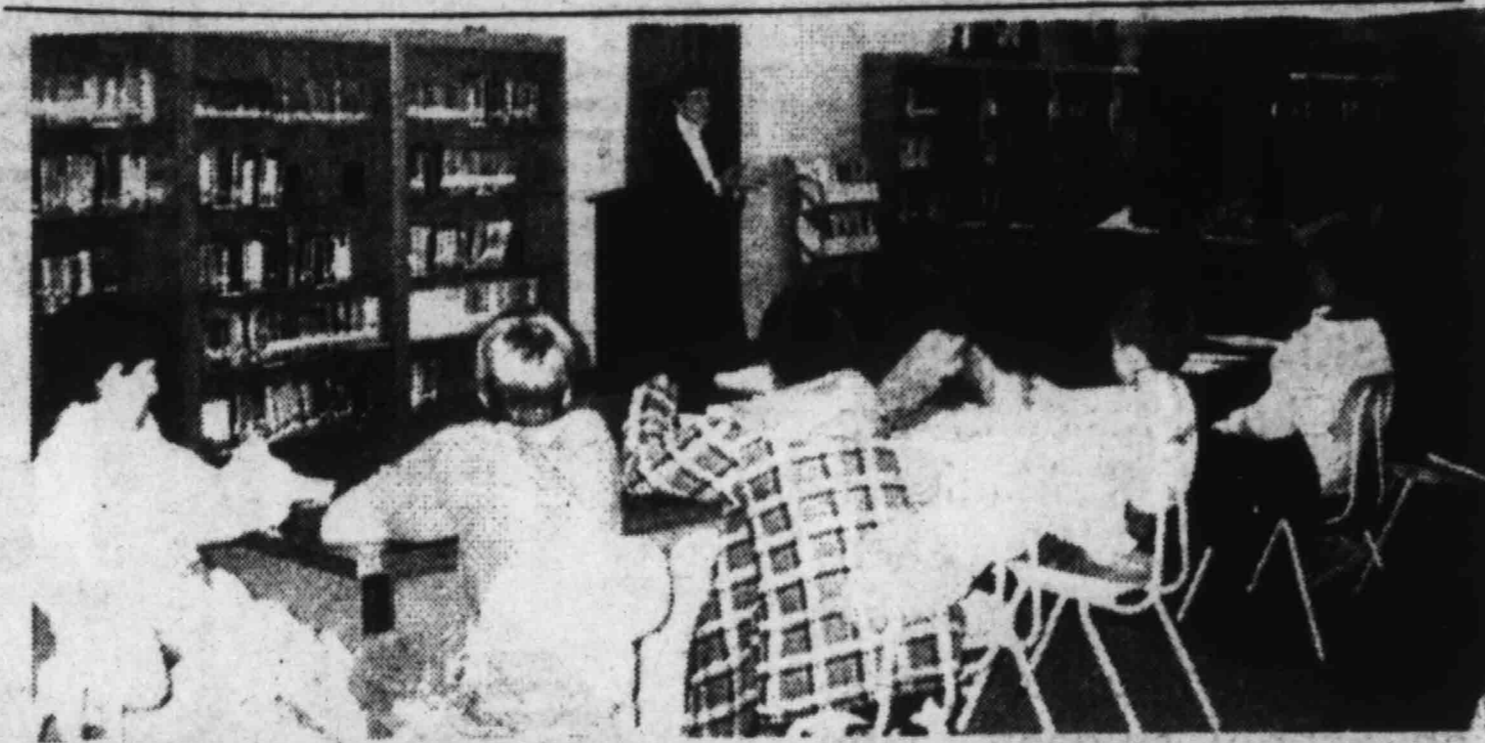
He had served as chief of the state's Motor Vehicle Enforcement agency and as administrator of the Fayette County Planning Commission.

A member of First United Methodist Church in Somerville, he had led in Methodist Youth Fellowship and Boy Scout groups.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Rosser Brady, a son, Jim, of Micanopy, Fla.; and four grandchildren.



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Baseball Team for the 2001 school year include, in front, from left, Braden Burns, Tyler Moore, Joseph Grimison, Blake Brewster, Justin Baker, Justin Roach, Matt Moore, Jason Milan, Scott Johnson, Kyle Blackwood, and Craig Hutcherson; in back, from left, Coach Mike Blackwood, Vance Brewster, Jeremy Goforth, Andrew Dudas, Dustin White, Caleb Steelman, Daniel Hogeland, Zack Heator, Dallas Watson, and Coach Jimmy Clendenin. Not pictured are Cheshier Crieffield, Tyler Lynch, and Coach John Terry.



Ron Bizzle

Ron Bizzle, 47, of Dyersburg, died Sunday, at Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday in the Chapel of J. W. Currie and Sons Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Dyersburg Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Bizzle, of Dyersburg; two sons, Ben Bizzle, of Blytheville, Ark., and Josh Bizzle, of Halls; his parents, Katherine Bizzle, of Dyersburg, and Pete Bizzle, of Ripley; a sister, Vicki Koats, of Newbern; and four grandchildren.

Dr. Joe H. Hunt

Dr. Joe Harold Hunt, 76, Alamo veterinarian and father of Dr. Joe W. Hunt, M.D., of 123 Westwood Circle, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in his home.

Rites were at 10:30 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church in Alamo, with burial in Oakview Memorial Garden, Ronk Funeral Home in charge.

He had served on the Crockett County Board of Health and as a director of the Bank of Alamo.

He had been a fund-raiser for the Boy Scouts of America.

He was the widower of Etta Sappington Hunt.

Survivors include three other sons, Dr. Bennett Hunt, of Alamo, William Hunt, of Memphis, and Mark Hunt, of McKinney, Tex.; a brother, Walter, of Trenton; two sisters, Mary Hunt, of Jackson, and Fanchon Dooley, of Trenton; and five grandchildren.

DR. KATHERINE PUGH, standing, from the State Department of Education, as part of the Gear Up program, spoke to classes at Halls Junior High School in January about the Governor's Study Skill program. Students received tips on how to prepare for exams as well as homework and good study habits.



There are two basic types of home garden: ornamental and vegetable.

HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY
Timothy Fitzhugh
 March 14, 2001



Love,
 Mom & Dad
 & Christopher



JOE ESKRIDGE, right, Halls Rotary Club President, presented two W. R. Manier Jr. Scholarships, \$250 each, Monday during the regular weekly meeting to Halls High School students, Jami Kay Nolen, third from left, and Edward Vance Brewster, Jr., fourth from left. Their parents, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolen and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vance Brewster, Sr., were guests. They will be forwarded to the District Selection Committee for further selection.



McCadney.

March 3 - John Robert Blakley, 26, to Christina Lee Arender, 22, by Richard A. Pentecost, Sr.

March 7 - Marlos Sanfrino Johnson, 23, to Janet Denise Rogers, 23, by Thomas E. Sanders.

THE REV. RICHARD BRAY, center, received a gold badge from Joe Pursell, left, Halls Chief of Police, and Larry White, right, assistant fire chief. The Rev. Bray is Head Chaplain of the Chaplains Division implemented by the departments.

He's One



JUSTIN TANNER MCNEILL, son of Jeff and Leigh Ann McNeill, of Gates, celebrated his first birthday Jan. 25th in his home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill, of Gates, and Mrs. JoAnn Haynes and the late James P. Haynes, of Ripley.

Marriages

March 2 - Monrell Deon Rogers, 22, to Ashley Gail Shackelford, 19, by W. L.



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH School students have started a new Book Club. Approximately 15 students meet twice monthly to discuss books they have read. The school hopes this program will encourage students to read.

When a couple becomes engaged it is traditional for the groom's family to first call on the bride's family.

Divorces

Brian Keith Fiedler vs. Debbie Seabolt Fiedler.

Anderson Tyus vs. Quintella Dyson Tyus.

Sondra Cullum Cline vs. Kenneth Cline.

Lisa McGage McAlister vs. Robert Charles McAlister.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2001-2002

The Lauderdale County Board of Education approved the following school calendar during its regular monthly meeting. Following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be split between two days, Thursday after a regular school day from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday morning from 9 to noon with no classes for students and teachers off Friday afternoon. TCAP Achievement Test is scheduled for April 8-12. Ripley High Graduation is scheduled for May 16, 2002 and Halls High, May 17, 2002.

Aug. 6	Inservice
Aug. 7	Inservice
Aug. 8	Registration -Abbrev. Day
Aug. 9	Inservice
Aug. 10-31	Student Days
Sept. 3	Labor Day
Sept. 4 -28	Student Days
Oct. 1-18	Student Days
Oct. 18-19	Parent-Teacher Conference
Oct. 22	Fall Break
Oct. 23-31	Student Days
Nov. 1-20	Student Days
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 26-30	Student Days
Dec. 3-19	Student Days
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break
Jan. 1-2	New Year's
Jan. 3	Inservice
Jan. 4-18	Student Days
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 22-31	Student Days
Feb. 1-15	Student Days
Feb. 18	President's Day
Feb. 19-28	Student Days
Feb. 28-March 1	Parent-Teacher Conference
March 4-28	Student Days
March 29	Good Friday
Apr. 1-12	Student Days
Apr. 15-19	Spring Break
Apr. 22-30	Student Days
May 1-22	Student Days
May 23	Administrative Day
May 24	Abbrev. Day

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Arbor Day Observed



HALLS KINDERGARTEN students received Lobolly Pine trees from the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District to commemorate Arbor Day. Mrs. Norma Booker, right, is pictured with her class receiving trees. Mrs. Phillis Barlow, center, assistant principal, and Lillian Roberts, left, Lauderdale SCD secretary, helped distribute the trees.

Education Foundation will award two scholarships this spring to graduating seniors. The Foundation will give a \$500 scholarship to a senior from Ripley and Halls High Schools and offer grants to teachers once a year.

Any student is eligible for the scholarship with emphasis on students who have been involved in their schools and community. Applications can be picked up at the Ripley and Halls High guidance offices,

or the Chamber of Commerce office. The deadline to apply is March 30th.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lauderdale County Halls High guidance offices,

SUNDAY NIGHT MARCH 18TH CONCERT

Come join us as we worship and praise together through the ministry of
"SOUL PURPOSE"
6:00 p.m. at
First Baptist Church
102 E. Tigrett Street
Halls, Tennessee

Sick and Ailing

Louanne Harris is in room 3351 of Baptist Hospital East, in Memphis.
David Nunn has improved and is now at Trezevant Manor, 177 N. Highland St., Memphis, TN 38111.
Reba Moore is in intensive care at Jackson General Hospital, following a brain stem stroke.

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D.A.R.E. Graduation



HALLS ELEMENTARY School held its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony Friday morning. Essay winners were, from left, Kristin Cribfield, Quila Smith, Bobbi Younger, Alex Aitken, and Rachel Clark. Tommy White, seated, is the D.A.R.E. instructor.

Kristin Cribfield wrote the following essay entitled "My stand on drugs and violence":

To me D.A.R.E. is a very important thing. When I was little and my sister would have D.A.R.E., I would wish to myself that D.A.R.E. Continued on page 8.

Groundbreaking



WILLIAMS CHAPEL BAPTIST Baptist Association, broke Church members in Dyer ground Sunday, March 11th.

Area Candidates Run For Mayor & Aldermen Posts

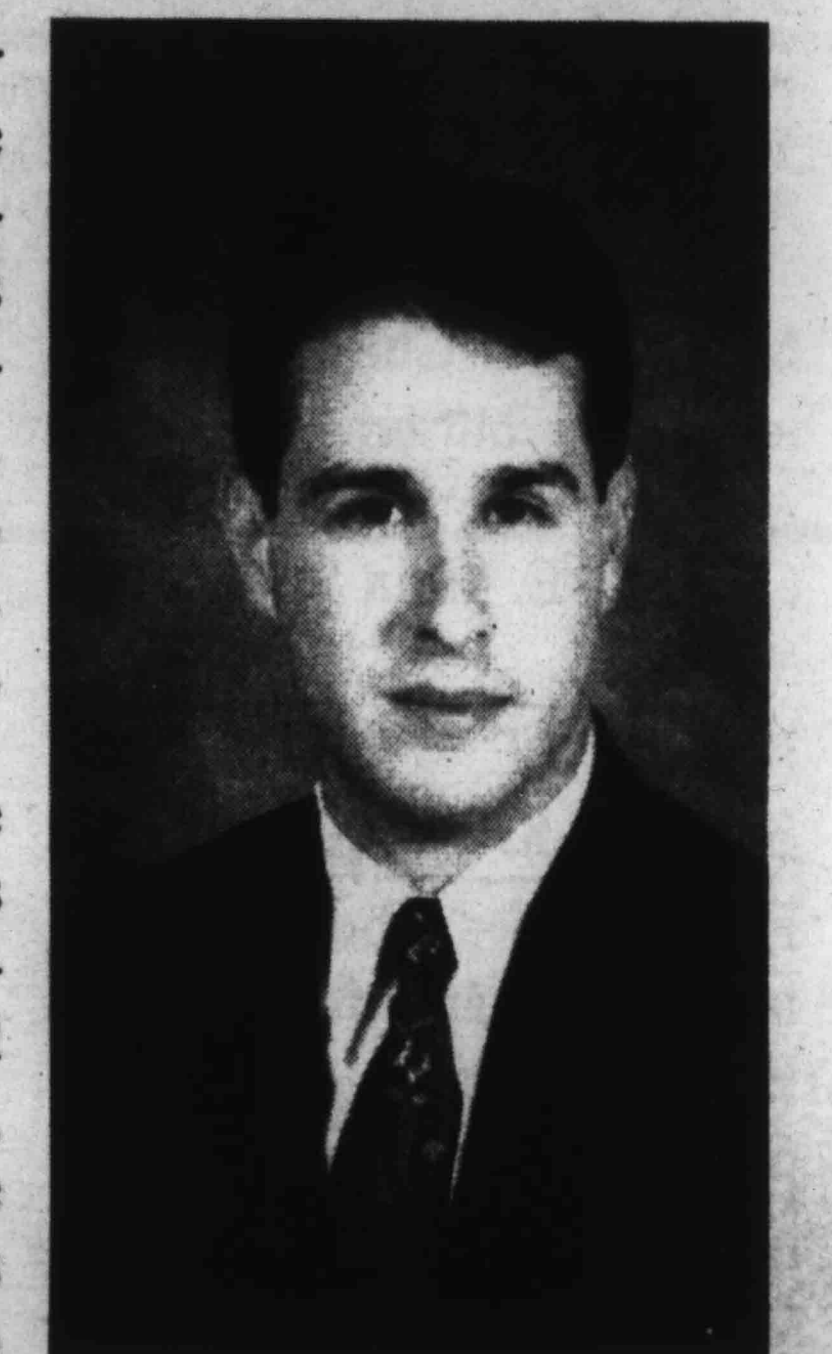
The May 3rd Town of Halls election will see Eugene Pugh running unopposed. Pugh has been mayor of Halls for four years. Nine citizens will run for six aldermen positions. Candidates include, Barry L. Britt, Randall J. Harris, Harry E. Hughes, David Jennings, Leslie Newman, Tom Pipkin, Dennis Sadler, James Tyus, and Stan Young.

Elections to be held June 7th in Henning and Gates will see a mayor and aldermen selected. Mayor Fred Montgomery, who is retiring, after taking office for the first time June 1, 1989, has three candidates eligible to run for his position, including Baris C. Douglas, Mary Ann Jarrett, and Marvin D. Montgomery. Running for six aldermen positions are Chuck Brown, Barry Dewalt, Kathyne Farmer, Robert 'Bob' Fitzpatrick, Billy D. Harber, Kevin L. Henderson, Jerry Holland, Maurice Mosby, Charles B. Norfolk, Eva Smith, Sue L. Toles, and Tyrus 'Spoon' Wright.

Town of Gates election will see Jamie Bing, Scott C. Fitzhugh, John Hammond, and Terry Janda vie for the mayor's job. Four aldermen positions have Brenda Carter, Angie Gitchell, Thomas C. Isaak, Sr., Cindy Marvel, Elvis Sangster, Norman A. Sloan, Margie Critchfield Strain, Milton Waller, and Mike Warren competing.

for a fellowship building. The service took place at the close of the morning worship service. The new addition will be built by T. S. Construction Company, of Ripley, and will be ready in time for homecoming and revival the first week in June. The church is located at 481 Church Road in the Poplar Grove community in Halls. Bro. Jimmy Clay is pastor.

FOP Speaker



D. MICHAEL DUNAVANT, local attorney at law, son of Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Dunavant, will be the keynote speaker at the annual appreciation banquet of the Fraternal Order of Police, Robert P. White Lodge Number 27, at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 29th, at the Ripley High School cafeteria.

Mr. Dunavant, a 1988 graduate of Ripley High School, received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1992, and his law degree from the University of Mississippi in 1995. He practices law in Ripley and serves as the Municipal Judge for the Town of Gates.

Membership dues for the Fraternal Order of Police can be paid at the door or contact Mrs. Elsie Jones at the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, or Jay King at the Ripley Police Department.

COACHES MEETING

Halls Dixie Youth baseball and softball will hold a coaches meeting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 25th, at the Halls High School gym. Anyone interested in coaching summer baseball or softball should attend this meeting.

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School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 26th

- Hamburger w/Trimminings
- Pizza
- Seasoned Fries
- Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
- Orange Slices
- Applesauce
- Double Chocolate Cookie Milk

Tuesday, March 27th

- Tacos w/Trimminings
- Entrée-School's Choice
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Salad Cup W/Dressing
- Pineapple Chunks
- Fruit Cocktail
- Milk

Wednesday, March 28th

- Sliced Roast Pork w/Gravy

- Steak Fingers
- Whipped Potatoes
- Steamed Mixed Vegetables
- Peach Cup
- Pear Half
- Rolls
- Milk

Thursday, March 29th

- Chicken Pattie
- Hot Ham Sandwich
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Beans
- Congeaed Fruit Salad
- Apple Slices
- Rolls
- Milk

Friday, March 30th

- Menu-Students Choice

Marriages

March 9 - Kevin Lee Daniels, 31, to Heather Leann Garrett, 23, by Mark Kirkpatrick.

March 10 - Justin Allen Daniels, 19, to Elizabeth Mae Hutcherson, 19, by Danny Hutcherson.

Mark Shane Kehoe, 29, to LaTonya Ann Taylor, 20, by Carl T. Lewis.

Phillip Clinton Hicks, 21,

Derby Winners



THE CUB SCOUTS, Halls Pack 167, held its yearly Pinewood Derby March 8th. Winners include, from left, 1st place and best show, Andy Gaines; 2nd place, Randy Midkiff; best design, Tommy Issak; and 3rd place, Joseph Newman.

to Christie Gaye Cannon, 26, by Don Medford.

March 12 - Roger Dale Summar, 51, to Dorothy Alice Weiss, 53, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Jonathan Edward Clark, 23, to Stacey Michelle Kirkpatrick, 24, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Divorces

James Alexander Barbee vs. Latasha Shaw Barbee.

Raven Crowder Kirkpatrick vs. Woodrow Wilson Kirkpatrick.

Earline Kyzar Latham vs. Rickey Latham.

Noelia Gonzalez vs. Jesus Gonzalez.

Debra Cartwright Harber vs. Phillip D. Harber.

Chandre Graves Davis vs. David Lee Davis.

Stephen McCaslin vs. Kimberly A. McCaslin.

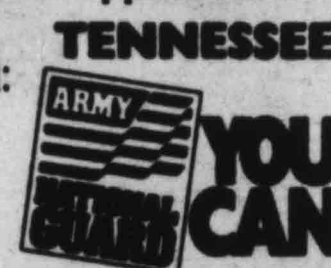
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March Vows



LaKENYA BONDS AND KENNETH DIXON, JR., will exchange vows at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 31st, at New Bethel Baptist Church, 4540 Hwy 371W, in Henning.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Ripley High School and employed at A. O. Smith.

The groom, a 2000 graduate of Halls High School, is employed at Marvin Windows and Doors.

All family and friends are invited, invitations to out-of-town guests only.

The couple will reside in Gates.

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The Halls Lady Tiger's Basketball Team would like to thank everyone for their financial and moral support during their time at the State Championships. We couldn't have done it without you.

Phil Meeks, Coach
Halls Lady Tigers
Adv.

ATTENDS CONCERT

The Halls Golden Tiger Junior and Senior High Bands

attended the Concert Festival at the University of Tennessee at Martin March 14th and 15th. The band members performed before judges and were rated on a scale from one to five, with one being the highest. On the 14th, the band received ratings of two (excellent), three (good), and two (excellent), and received a plaque. On the 15th, they received a three (good), three (good), and two (excellent), and received another plaque.



CAMRYN RHEANNE GRAY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Gray, of Ripley, was born at 10:40 a.m., Feb. 23rd, in Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton in Covington. She weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Billie Jane Gray and Henry Patterson, III, of Ripley, and Debra Waldon, of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chipman and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson, of Ripley.

Miss Halls



JAMI KAY NOLEN, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolen, was crowned Miss Halls Saturday. Her court includes, from left, second maid, Rachel Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond; first maid, Sara Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell; alternate, Sallye Rae Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Hartman; and Miss Congeniality, Natalie Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hart. The pageant was sponsored by the Halls Community Club.

Fashion Show



2001 PROJECT GRADUATION for Halls High School, will sponsor a Spring Prom and Bridal Fashion Show at 7 p.m. March 29th at Halls High School. Tickets are \$3 and will be available at the door. Models, from left, Rachel Hammond, Leah Simpson, and Megan Jordan, are pictured in the latest styles. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2001 Project Graduation. For more information call 836-7882.

Anniversaries

March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis.

Cliff Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dziedzic.

March 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Blakley.

March 25 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Anthony, III.

March 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Burks.

March 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larry Ferguson.

March 28 - Mr. and Mrs.

Obituaries

Mrs. Durham

Lillie Mae Durham, 84, of Covington, mother of Ripley police chief and former sheriff Milford "Pop" Durham, died Tuesday of last week, of pneumonia, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were held Thursday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Munford Cemetery, in Covington.

She had worked for the Hemmer curtain factory.

Widow of Cress "Cheatum" Durham, she was a member of Western Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include two other sons, Larry, of Covington, retired Highway Patrolman, and Marshall, of Manchester, two daughters, June Walton and Pansy Bridges, of Covington; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

L. J. Anderson

L. J. Anderson, 83, a farmer and laborer for the Lauderdale County Highway Department, died Monday of last week, of kidney failure, in Methodist Healthcare Brownsville.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in Walker Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He served in the Pacific in World War II.

He was a member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning.

He was the widower of Florence Anderson.

Survivors include one sister, Flossie Parker, of Dyersburg, and a cousin, Henrietta Singleton, of Brownsville, who cared for him.

Mrs. Terrell

Willie Lee Terrell, 76, of 3186 Alta, Memphis,

mother of The Rev. William Terrell, of 4713 Conner-Whitefield Rd., died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Memphis.

A former Memphis school employee, she was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, John W. Terrell; five other sons, Mack and Melvin, of Memphis, Joseph, of Powder Springs, Ga., Rufus, of Marietta, Ga., and Leon, of Flower Mountain, Tex.; three daughters, Gwendolua Taylor, Jacquelyn Hayes, and Joyce Jackson, of Memphis; six brothers, Roy White and The Rev. Sam White, of Memphis, Charlie White, of Detroit, Mich., and George, James, and Lawrence White, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Leon Paige

Leon Paige, 82, stroke victim, died Sunday in Methodist Healthcare in Brownsville.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church in Halls, where he was a member of the Men's Bible Class. Burial was in Thurmond Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

A farmer, he had been employed by Custom Craft.

He leaves three brothers, James and W. C. Paige, of Halls, and Lewis Paige, of Ripley; and three sisters, Helen Hale and Virginia Walpole, of Halls, and Shirley Bullington, of St. Angelo, Tex.

Gary Copeland

Gary Allen Copeland, 30, of Caruthersville, Mo., brother of Terry W. Copeland, Jr., of Henning, died Sunday, of liver disease, in Atlanta, Ga.

He was a roofer.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Maple Cemetery, H. S. Smith Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his grandparents, Kenneth and Louise Lee, of Caruthersville; his parents, Terry W. Copeland, of Caruthersville, and Wanda Wheeler, of

Memphis; and a sister, Christine Lee Jackson, of Blytheville, Ark.

Geralene Herren

Geralene Jane Pegg Washington Herren, 74, of Paragould, Ark., sister of Betty Kirkpatrick, Jean Parham, Lola Sweat, and Larry Pegg, all of Ripley, died March 11th at St. Bernards Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro.

Born Nov. 23, 1926 in Paragould to the late Richard Lloyd "Slim" and Elva Jane Wise Pegg, she retired from Rector Sports Wear after several years of service.

Services were March 13th in Heath Colonial Chapel with burial in Greene County Memorial Gardens in Arkansas.

A member of Seventh and Mueller Church of Christ, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William "Junior" Washington; a son, Billy Wayne Washington; and two brothers, Billy and Harold Pegg, of Ripley.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell Herron, and a step-son, Dennis Herren, both of Paragould; two step-daughters, Beverly McMillon, of Paragould, and Janet Coy, of Jonesboro, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kissell

Pearley Jean Kissell, 63, of Ripley, housewife, died Monday, of heart failure, at her residence.

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

She leaves her husband, Bobby David Kissell; a son, Vincent Kissell, of Ripley; three daughters, Cinda Tillman and Denise Newman, both of Ripley, and Brenda Ewing, of Memphis; two brothers, Bobby Haislip, of Ripley, and George Haislip, of Dowajic, Mich.; three sisters, Mary Kissell and Shirley Jackson, both of Ripley, and Reba Myatt, of Memphis; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Poiner

Bessie Drew Poiner, 86, of Martin, mother of Darrell Poiner, of Henning, died Monday, of pneumonia, in Methodist Healthcare Volunteer Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Murphy Funeral Home, with burial in Gardner Cemetery.

She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church, Newbern.

She was the widow of James Franklin Poiner. Survivors include five daughters, Glenda Tatum, Linda Bugg, Patricia Baker, and Peggy Sue Morris, of Martin, and Carol Nuckles, of Kennett, Mo.; two sisters, Maxine Flowers, of Mason Hall, and Jewell Bay, of Benton, Ark.; 22 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Morine Taylor

Morine Taylor, 81, of 526 Myers, Halls, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Matthew Zion Baptist Church, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Gates, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves four sons, James and Willie S. Taylor, of Halls, and Brian Taylor, of Ripley, and Ralph of Chicago, Ill.; five daughters, Betty Gardner and Mary Halliburton, of Halls, Clarrice Hart, of Dyersburg, Bobby Palmer, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Arline Evans, of Chicago, Ill.; a step-daughter, Annie D. Pitts, of Halls, two brothers, Otis and Wendell Bonds, of St. Louis, Mo.; 29 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

James H. Dyson

James Herman Dyson, 62, of Gates, Illinois Central Railroad laborer, died March 9th in Baptist Hos-

pital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 4 p.m. Saturday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at Three Points, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery. Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He was a member of Antioch Curve Baptist Church.

He leaves three sons, Jimmy and Tony, of Lafayette, Ind., and Gregory, of Decatur, Ill.; a daughter, Melody Dyson, of Lafayette; four brothers, Charlie, of 177 Highland, Ripley, Will, of Rutherford, George, of Decatur, and John, of Long Beach, Calif.; four sisters, Linda Heggie and Mary Thurmond, of Ripley, Anna Thompson, of Gates, and Perlie Cunningham, of Decatur; and six grandchildren.

Thomas Bentley

Thomas Achilles Bentley, 81, of Ripley, retired truck driver, died Sunday, of heart failure, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He was a WWII Army veteran and a member of Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Ripley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Bentley.

Survivors include a son, Bill Bentley, of Georgia; a sister, Mae Dunaway, of Ripley; and two grandchildren.

Anthony Johnson

Anthony Jerell Johnson, 22, of Nashville, formerly of Ripley, machine operator with Werthan Packing Co., died in an auto accident Friday.

Services were at noon Tuesday at Roger Heights Baptist Church, in Nashville, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery there, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his mother and father, Taveta

Hayes Johnson and George Johnson, Sr., a brother, George Johnson Jr., a sister, Shameka Johnson, and his grandmother, Cloda Mae Lee, all of Nashville.

Mrs. Littles

Linda Jane Littles, 45, of 8251 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., died Saturday, of a heart attack, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Asbury Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 28, 1955, in Oak Park, Ill.

She leaves her husband, Billy Wayne Littles, a son, Johnny Samuel Littles, three daughters, Lisa, Dana Marie, and Pamela Littles, and her mother, Frances Hertog Maxwell, of Ripley; two brothers, Alvin Dupree, Jr., of Ripley, and Allen Wayne Dupree, of Halls; a step-brother, Robbie Hertog, of Ripley; a step-sister, Angie Warps, of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

John Williams

John Wesley Williams, 85, of Ripley, bus driver and farmer, died Sunday, of heart failure, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ripley, where he was an usher, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves three sons, Major Williams, Lloyd Williams and Bobby Williams, all of Ripley; six daughters, Jackie Jones, of Ripley, Annette Thompson, of Memphis, Juliet Mason and Frankie Rolston, both of Nashville, Jessie Webster, of Carbondale, Ill., and Joyce Wright, of Omaha, Neb.; a brother, Robert Williams, of Memphis; a sister, Opral Brack, of Brownsville; 20 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Homer Moore

Homer Moore, 97, brother of Aileen Tucker, of Halls, died Thursday of last week, of lung failure, in Kirby Pines Manor in Memphis.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Forest Hill Funeral Home Midtown, with burial in its cemetery.

A retired superintendent for Gould National Battery, he was the widower of Effie Mae Moore.

Survivors include five sons, Homer, Jr., Bobby, and William, of Southaven, Miss., Howard, of Memphis, and Roger, of Atoka; a daughter, Gale Ramey, of Bartlett; another sister, Louise Palmer, of Jacksonville, Fla.; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

First of all, I want to thank all my loyal friends and readers for all their many acts of kindness. All of this I forgot to mention in my card of thanks at the time of the death of my husband, Jim. Thanks to Subway for the beautiful meat tray and all the trimmings and a special thanks to my son, Kevin Newman, and family, of Covington. Kevin spent many nights with me until I could be alone. He also saw to it that I had food, financial help, and everything else needed until I could do those things for myself. You are a special son, Kevin, and I am truly blessed. Jim would have been so proud of you just as I am. Thank you Kevin for so much love. I've asked the Enterprise to print this in my column because Kevin won't listen when I try to tell him all these things. Debra, Victor, and Amanda, I thank you all too. I want to thank my special son-in-law, Keith Gay, and sons, Jimmy and Dillan, of Ripley, for making my birthday, which was St. Patrick's Day, so special, and a special thanks to Susan, my dear

friend, for the birthday cake with the singing candles. Thank you Dillan for spending the night with me, and Susan, thank you so very much for the beautiful glass top kitchen cook range. It was such a special gift because it was bought for Susan by her father, who recently passed away. I just thank God for my wonderful family and for the strength He's given me or I couldn't have made it, for God was, and still is, right by my side. Everyone just try to remember to think with your heart, twice as much as you do with your head, and you'll be blessed, this I promise. A belated thank you to the Enterprise for the nice Christmas gift. If I have forgotten to thank anyone who has been so special to me, forgive me. You all know who you are, and many thanks are way overdue. Thanks to my brother, Rickie Summar, for checking on me everyday, to Cathy Parrish, for the trips to Memphis for me to see so many doctors, and to Tresa and Tracie Summar for their weekly visits. God bless all of you who helped in any way.

Wayne Gay, of Whitefield, is doing much better after a heart attack. Adrien Newman is doing much better after heart problems. Louise, his wife, is recovering after her illness. I know their children and grandchildren are watching over them.

James E. Summar, father of Pat Hughes, has been very ill with heart problems and is still having tests.

Jimmy Gay, grandson of Pat Hughes, is ill with strep throat. Mrs. Hughes welcomes her two new grandchildren to the family, twins, Jennifer and James, who are attending Halls High School, and her new daughter-in-law to be, Susan.

Victor Newman, grandson of Pat Hughes, has won eight trophies boxing.

Kim Edgell, niece of Mrs. Pat Hughes, has had gall bladder surgery. Mrs. Hughes is recovering from an illness.

Call 635-3544 if you have Woodville or Curve news.



HALLS STUDENTS participated in the Region II Destination Imagination tournament March 10th. Teams of students from Kindergarten through high school from all over West Tennessee solved problems. Finalists are, in upper photo, from Halls Elementary School, Mystery Loves Company, Candace Stenson, Krista Hardy, Allison Smith, Kelsey Layne, Katye Cherry, Katrina Yarbrough, and Brenna Deaton, coached by Beth James, not pictured; in middle photo, Anonymously Yours, Joey and Josh Hixson, Maddison Stanley, Natalie Grantland, Ashton Smith, and Kelli Reynolds, coached by Melissa Robeson and Angie Wilson, not pictured; and in lower photo, IncreDible TechEffects, Megan Robison, Kim Blackwood, Bree Burns, Zach Camp, Zak Kelley, Zach Webb, and Stephen Taylor, coached by Tammy O'Brien and Annetta Camp, not pictured. These finalists will go to Nashville to compete in the State Finals April 21st. The finalists from the state competition will move on to the Global Finals at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Fundraiser



WILLIAM CRAWFORD and Andy Johnston, of Ripley, and Kyle Terry, of Halls, were among those from the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity from the University of Tennessee at Martin to participate in a wheelbarrow push to raise money for St. Jude. The Ripley Rotary Club hosted lunch for the group March 14th as they passed through Ripley on their way to St. Jude in Memphis. The Club also gave a donation to the group, whom they have hosted for the past ten years. The fraternity had raised \$36,000 when they came through Ripley.

Pictured with the group are, from left, Rotarians Billie Morris, Roy Thompson, Keith Klutz, Mark Walker, and Dwight Weaver.



MRS. PAT HIGDON, director of the Veteran's Museum in Halls, spoke to the Lauderdale County Historical Society March 18th. She talked about the many challenges and rewards that are connected with starting and running a museum. This was of particular interest to the members of the Society be-



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL'S National Honor Society held its annual banquet March 13th at the Grecian Steak House in Dyersburg. The club presented a check for \$475 to the Dream Factory. They also inducted new members and elected new officials. New members include Mary Lee Bales, Lauren Bivens, Amanda Britt, Jennifer Broglin, Sarah Calender, Crystal Delock, Rachel Hammond, Leighann Harris, Lesley McGarrity, and Krista Newman. New officers include, from left, Richard Dawson, reporter; Allyson Jennings, treasurer; Kristina Deaton, president; Lauren Bray, vice-president; and Sara Herder, secretary. Others attending the banquet included Andy Pugh, principal, and Mrs. Betty Warren and Mrs. Donna Smith, advisors.

cause of their involvement in the formation of the new Lauderdale County Museum. The county museum, which will be in a portion of the Chamber of Commerce offices in the Sugar Hill Mansion, is in its beginning stages. Mrs. Higdon also led the Society members on a tour of the museum.

Guest Speaker



PHIL MEEKS, right, Halls High School girls basketball coach, was guest speaker at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. Coach Meeks spoke about the team and their efforts that earned them



CLOSEUP STUDENTS from Halls High School attended the University of Memphis High School Scholars seminar. The students, Lauren Bray, left, Bryan Jetton, center, and Alicia Gooch, right, are pictured with Daniel Unowsky, second from left, and Margaret Cafrey, second from right, University of Memphis lecturers. The lectures were informative additions to the high school curriculum on World War II. Pat Higdon, sponsor, accompanied the students to Memphis.

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HJH HONOR ROLL

Halls Junior High School students on the honor roll for the 4th six-weeks include, All A's, Jessica Matthews, Joey Gillon, Jessica Bentley, Brooke Barnes, Jennifer Buntin, Brook Hogue, Zak Kelley,

Sarah Beth Warren, Caitlyn Hurt, Allorie Smith, and Zach Webb; All A's and B's, Mildred Evereth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Tina Shands, Samantha Stiles, Marty Wright, Stephen Taylor, Chaseton Dudas, Josh McBroom, Katie Throgmorton, Eric Edwards, Emily Chambers, Shelly Green, Bailey Hutcherson, Nacole Hutcherson, Alex Perry, Eric Spangler, Samantha Wright, Sara Wright, Ashley Adkins, Nicki Lee, Derrica Simmons, Erin Shands, Elizabeth Goodman, Rachel McCaslin, Heather Escue, and Gwinn Kilpatrick.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pilcher, Jr., of Ripley, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, a 6 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Bethany Faith, at 2:01 p.m., March 15th, at Baptist Hospital East in Memphis. She was twenty inches long. She has five

brothers, Titus, 5, Josiah, 8, Gabriel, 9, Jordan, 12, and Micah, 14, and two sisters, Candace, 2, and Hannah, 4. Grandparents are Harold Pilcher, of Ripley, Mrs. Peggy Pilcher, of Halls, and Fay Jackson, of Coming, Ark. Great-grandparent is Waurine Jordan, of Dyersburg.

ELECTION NOTICE: TOWN OF HALLS ANNEXATION REFERENDUM THURSDAY MAY 3, 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF HALLS, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A REFERENDUM TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF HALLS, TENNESSEE ON THURSDAY MAY 3, 2001 AS DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION # 01-04

Resolution

Town of Halls, Tennessee

No. 01-04

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM OF ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF HALLS, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, As provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 6-51-104 and 6-51-105 the Town of Halls was petitioned by interested persons to extend the Halls corporate limits by the annexation of territory on Tigrett Street adjoining to its existing boundaries,

WHEREAS, the Town of Halls recognizes that the proposed territory to be annexed is currently vacant from structures,

WHEREAS, the Town of Halls has the capabilities to effectively provide Town services including police protection, fire protection, water and sewer service, planning service and all other services currently available to residents within the Town of Halls when development warrants such services,

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Halls, Tennessee:

SECTION 1: That the Town of Halls has proposed to annex the following territory, said property adjoining the present corporate boundaries of the Town of Halls, said property being owned by Warren Nunn:

Beginning at a point, said point being the northwest corner Parcel 8 as depicted on Lauderdale County Tax Map number 35, as updated November 1987, thence in a easterly direction along the northern boundary of Parcel 8, Lauderdale Tax Map 35 to a point, said point being the northeast corner of Parcel 8, Lauderdale Tax Map 35, thence in a southerly along the eastern boundary of Parcel 8, Lauderdale Tax Map 35, to a point, said point also lying on the current corporate limits, thence, in a westerly direction along the current corporate limits to a point, said point also lying on the western boundary of Parcel 8, Lauderdale Tax Map 35, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundary of Parcel 8, Lauderdale Tax Map 35 to the point of beginning

SECTION 2: The Town Recorder of Halls is hereby directed to have copies of this Resolution posted in three (3) public places in the Town of Halls and in three (3) public places in the above described territory, and to have this Resolution published in the Halls Graphic Thursday, the 22 day of March, 2001. All copies of this Resolution shall be posted on or before the date of publication in said newspapers. The Town Recorder shall file with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Halls and with the Lauderdale County Election Commission a certificate showing the dates of which such posting and publication took place.

SECTION 3: The County Election Commission of Lauderdale County is hereby requested to hold an election in said territory proposed for annexation at least thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days after the foregoing date of newspaper publication.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Eugene Pugh
Mayor Eugene Pugh

Vonda Shelton
Town Recorder Vonda Shelton

March 5, 2001
Date

All qualified voters, as defined by Tennessee Law, who reside in the territory proposed for annexation shall be eligible to vote in this referendum.

The Lauderdale County Election Commission Office is located in the County Court House basement in Ripley, Tennessee. The election commission office does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If there are questions about needed accommodation in the voting process, call 635-2881. Voters with impaired hearing can call the Tennessee Relay Service at 1-800-848-0299 or TDD users can call 1-800-848-0298.

For more information concerning election or registration, please contact the Lauderdale County Election Commission Office at 635-2881.

PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA HALLS, TENNESSEE FEBRUARY 2001

PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA



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would just kind of go away. I thought it would be like drugs are wrong and if you take drugs, you'll get in a whole lot of trouble. After some time, I realized that D.A.R.E. is not just that. It teaches stuff like how to handle different situations and what to say when asked different questions. On the first day of D.A.R.E., I was flipping through my workbook and I remember thinking "this stuff will never happen to me." Well maybe it will or maybe it will not, but I know what I will say because I have seen what happens to people when they let drugs rule their life, how it makes your family so unhappy to see you that way and that you're doing that kind of stuff. It tears your family apart. I would never ever dream of doing that to my family. Even if you quit doing what you are, your life will never be the same or feel the same. I am very thankful for the D.A.R.E. program because I know it has changed many lives and helped many people say no to drugs. If you decide to say no to drugs, some people might make you feel weird, but in the long run, many people will respect you for your decisions and look up to you and then you will come out on top. You would never think the letters D.A.R.E. would ever mean so much if you have never had D.A.R.E. in your whole life, but it means so much. Drug Abuse Resistance Education is what D.A.R.E. means but not only that but to always believe in your dreams and to never give up.

The next essay is called "My Stand" by Quila Smith. D.A.R.E. is something that teaches you how and why you should say no to drugs. It also shows you what doing drugs and drinking alcohol can do to you. I know what it's like to be asked to take drugs. It's a lot of pressure on a kid. In my neighborhood, you see so many people drinking and smoking that it sometimes makes you not want to come outside. D.A.R.E. is a good thing to remember when it comes down to going to my neighborhood. So remember, the little things

count. Saying no to drugs is not easy, it's hard because your peers sometimes want you to try it and if you don't, they threaten not to be your friends anymore. Well, newsflash, that's not a real friend. A real friend would like you for who you are and not for who they want you to be. So make a stand and pledge to be drug free. Not all drugs are bad, it depends on how you use them. Drug abuse is when you take too much of something the wrong way. My stand is on why you shouldn't take drugs or drink alcohol. So think about the consequences of what it is you're doing. If your doing something because of low self-esteem, then do something to build your confidence in yourself. That's my D.A.R.E. stand, now what about yours?

Bobbi Younger wrote the following essay:

My feelings on D.A.R.E. are like no other. To me, D.A.R.E. isn't something that just comes and goes, it is something we will keep with us forever. I think the D.A.R.E. program has affected all of our lives. The D.A.R.E. program has affected me by teaching me not to be afraid to say no. Some kids don't get taught about drugs and the affect that they have on your life. That's why so many kids my age do drugs. It's sad to hear what happens to those kids. Some of the kids go to jail while others live on the street, cold and lonely. In D.A.R.E., not only did we learn about drugs and gangs, we also learned about violence, which can be caused by drugs. Those in gangs are really losers. They might think they are cool but they are really not. Drugs, to me, make people act and look stupid. Alcohol can do the same thing. If you ask me, alcohol should be illegal just like drugs. That way, my dad might still be alive. You see, he was killed by a drunk driver. Mr. Tommy has taught me things about drugs and gangs I never would of thought of. I think the things I learned in D.A.R.E. will stay with me forever. With all the fun activities we did, it should!

Mr. Tommy has really af-

ected my life and I hope he can affect other people's life like he has mine. So don't just think D.A.R.E. is something to get you out of class like I did at first. It's something that helps you stay away from drugs. Like Mr. Tommy said, drugs affect you whole future. That's my stand on D.A.R.E.

Alex Aitken wrote the following essay entitled "My Stand Against Drugs":

The way I feel about D.A.R.E. is a very nice feeling. D.A.R.E. has helped me a lot in many ways. One way is I know a lot more about the real world. Like what drugs would do to you if you tried them. For an example, if you do alcohol, you will have hangovers, shorter life, and cancer. Alcohol is also America's number one killer too. I also learned that people with low self-esteem usually do or start drugs. So I am going to try my best not to make fun of anybody or in other words, put anybody down. The third reason why I like D.A.R.E. is because you know what is coming ahead in life. D.A.R.E. lets anybody who listens have a chance to keep going on a straight path toward their dreams and goals. I am glad that D.A.R.E. taught me different ways to say no and that your body language can affect the way you say no in a good way or harm your "say no" statement. Which ever one it is, I hope you choose the right one.

The last essay by Rachel Clark is entitled "Taking a stand against drugs".

I have learned many things in D.A.R.E. this year that will help me in the future to stay drug-free. I now know how to stay away from something that could predict my health and future. I feel that the D.A.R.E. program is a very important thing. I think it could be a life-saving program. I have learned how to say "No" and how to stay away from gangs that could change my entire life. I learned how to solve a disagreement that could lead to violence. I also learned how to say no to the media. The media is out there to get you and your attention, so stay away. I think it is important to stay

drug-free because I want to live a long and pleasant life. If you want to reach your goals in life, then stay away from drugs and violence. My future is very important to me. Life is not so easy. There are bad things in this

world, but not doing drugs can help you a lot. So when someone offers you drugs, just say "No!" Just think "If you want to live and have a good life, DON'T DO DRUGS!"

WANTED

To get in contact with heirs of the late Mrs. T. B. Ferguson about gravesites purchased from her daughters in Halls Cemetery. Unsure of exact location.

Call 1-731-836-9103

22-21

20+ PIECES OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE FOUND.

Location of 20+ pieces of antique furniture was revealed in a hearing in Probate Court in Ripley, Tn. on March 12, 2001. The 20+ pieces of antique furniture was bought by her son, Connon Ezell Davis, he did have her Power of Attorney and is also the Executor of her will. Connon Ezell Davis, the son of Ruby Mai Davis, purchased the antique furniture for the sum of \$1,000 dollars shortly before her death June 4, 2000. The location of the gold coin ring was not revealed at the court hearing.

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Completes Training



THE FARM SERVICE Agency Lender status under the awarded certificates to the Guaranteed Farm Lending Bank of Ripley and Gates Programs of the Farm Service Agency. Greg Mathenia, right, in upper photo, FSA representative, presented Diane Hamilton, left, with a

Clocks Spurt Hour Sunday

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 1st. Move clocks ahead one hour.

certificate signifying the Bank of Ripley as a member of the certified lender program. John Dodds, left, in lower photo, FSA representative, presented Bobby Vaughn, right, with a certificate signifying Gates Banking and Trust Company as a member of the certified lender program. This program was started in 1993 to simplify the agency's existing farm loan program by reducing the amount of paperwork needed to apply. Participating commercial lenders make the loans to farmers, and the government guarantees them in case of loss.

"At present, the Bank of Ripley has approximately \$3,700,000 in guaranteed loans outstanding in the area, which has greatly helped the overall farm economy," said FSA Loan Manager, John Dodds. "Gates Banking and Trust Company has approximately \$3,000,000 guaranteed loans outstanding in the area," said Dodd.

County Census Shines In Area

Census figures for 2000 put Lauderdale County well ahead in growth of all neighbor counties except Tipton.

Tipton's spill-over from Shelby boosted it to 51,271, a 36% increase from its 37,568 in 1990.

Lauderdale County registered 27,101, a 15.3% jump from 1990's 23,491.

Crockett County registered 14,532, up 8.6% from 1990.

Dyer County logged 37,279, up 6.97% from 1990.

Haywood County counted 19,797, up 1.8% from 1990.

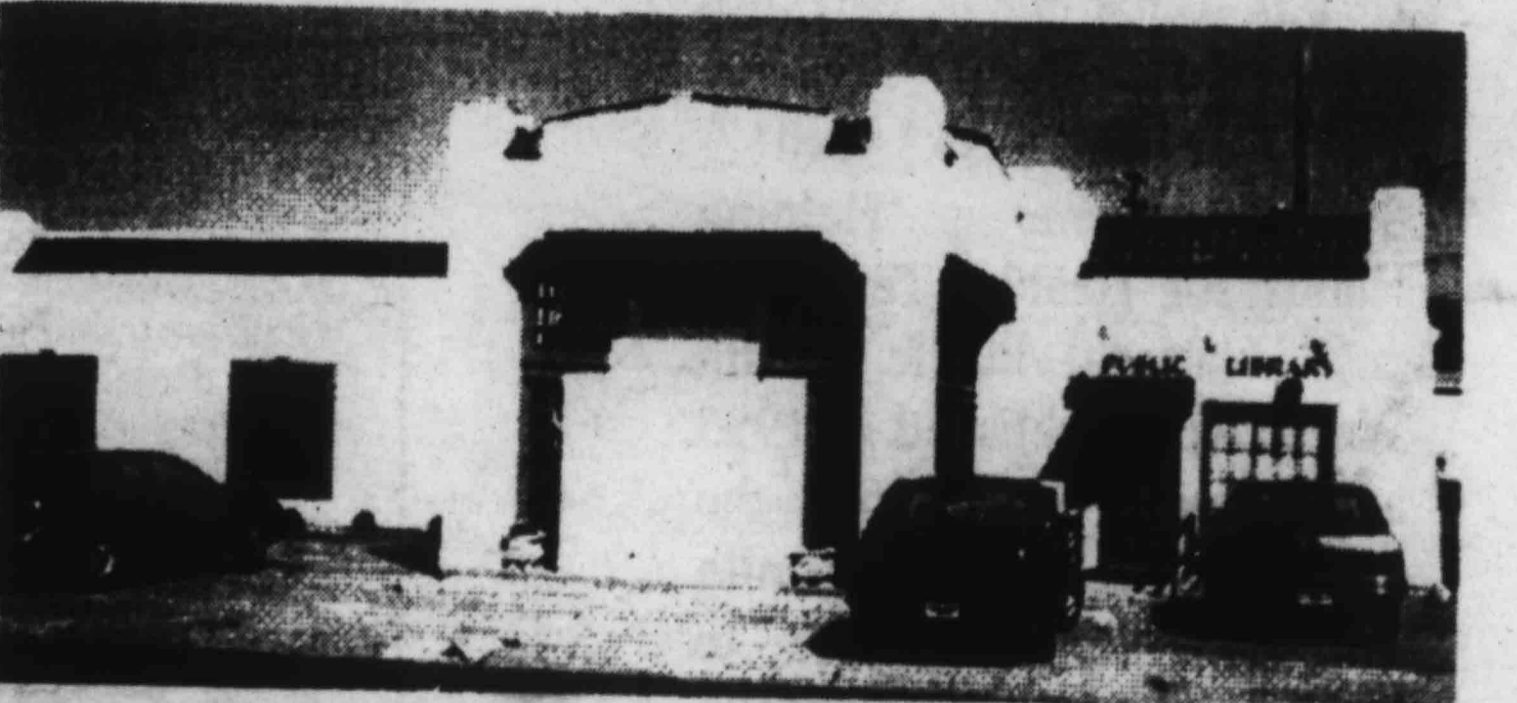
Census figures for cities: Gates, 901, Halls, 2,311, Henning, 970, Ripley, 7,844.

"These figures didn't just happen," says County Executive Rozelle Criner. "They took hard work by our county and city governments, support from our industries, and efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and other industrial development agencies."

REWARD OFFERED

Crime Stoppers of Lauderdale County will pay up to \$1,000 cash reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole some black and white cattle from Gum Flat Road on March 21st between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. To earn this reward, call 635-4411 for a secret code number. You need not give your name, talk to police, or appear in court. Your identity will remain unknown.

New Library



HALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY, located in the old Sinclair Service Station at 110 North Church Street in Halls, has added new additions such as a reference room, more space for videos, books on tape, best sellers, and computers for public use. Hours are 12-5, Monday through Saturday.

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FREE VACCINATIONS

During Public Health Week, many local health departments will host free immunization clinics as part of a national effort to increase the number of children younger than age two who receive vaccinations against preventable diseases. Children need 80 percent of their vaccinations in the first two years of life to protect them against disease, disability, and even death. Vaccinations are at an all-time high and diseases are at an all-time low nationwide. In Tennessee 87.7 percent of children are immunized by their second birthday. For more information on immunizations, contact your local health department.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

The Lauderdale County Health Department will observe this year's National Public Health Week April 2-8th. The theme is 'Helping Hands for Healthy Tennesseans'. National Public Health Week was established in 1995 as a way of recognizing the contributions of public health and prevention services to America's well being. "After all, a clean bill of health is one of life's most precious gifts, public health helps make that a reality," said Billie Kissell, Health Educator at the

Lauderdale County Health Department.

The Lauderdale County Health Department will host the following events during health week: free immunizations, visits from the police dept., fire dept., and ambulance dept., face painting, and door prizes and give-a-ways.

Bank Shareholders Obtain Stock Split

Cumberland Bancorp, Inc., holding company of Bank-Tennessee, announced Thursday of last week that its board of directors approved a two for one stock split of the common voting shares. The stock split

will be affected in the form of a stock dividend, with the new shares distributed April 22nd to shareholders of record at the close of business March 22nd.

After the split, the company will have almost 14,000,000 common shares outstanding.

Cumberland, the largest bank holding company headquartered in Davidson County, is a multi-holding company whose subsidiaries operate 35 retail offices in fifteen counties in Tennessee and Kentucky. BankTennessee, Bank of Dyer, Cumberland Bank, The Community Bank, and Bank of Mason, owned by Cumberland Bancorp, are all FDIC insured.

ART COMPETITION

Congressman John Tanner announced that the county exhibition for the 2001 Congressional Art Competition will be on display the week of April 2nd through April 6th. Lauderdale County students' artwork will be displayed at the Bank of Ripley, 134 Jefferson

Street. County winners will be selected by April 6th, and will compete May 11th in the district judging at the Carnegie Library in Jackson. The artwork of the district winner will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol with winners from all over the country.

Divorces

Robert Camper vs. Susie Campbell Camper.
Mary Ella Pride Norfolk vs. Jerry Wayne Norfolk.
Rhonda Howington Rick-

man vs. Jeffrey Lynn Rickman.

Dorothy Capers Shaw vs. Jimmie Raye Shaw.

Karen Willis Kirkpatrick vs. Louis Harold Kirkpatrick, Jr.

CORRECTION

Mrs. Linda Jane Littles' obituary should have listed her son as, John Samuel Littles, not as Johnny as was printed in last week's issue. We apologize for inaccurate information.

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Guest Speaker



PAUL AVERY, second from left, was the guest speaker at Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. He was introduced by Jerry Stanley, left. Mr. Avery spoke about the importance of participation in the 6th annual Relay for Life scheduled May 11th. Mr. Avery then introduced Ramona McCage, second from right, project manager in West Tennessee of the American Cancer Society of Jackson. Mrs. McCage showed a video on cancer research.

Joe Eskridge, right, is club president.

Henderson, Dist. 6, 1,000 acres.

Louis L. Craig and Marilyn B. Craig to David H. Herring, Dist. 2, 0.437 acres.

Evelyn Spray to Mary Evelyn Pennington, Dist. 2, lot.

Walter Wayne Bullock and Tyrone Bullock to Oscar W. Jefferies, Dist. 2, lot.

Johnny Gibson and Vicky Harper Gibson to Dennona J. Pittman and Bryan K. Pittman, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

March 23 - Roger Yancey to David L. Jones and Linda D. Jones, Dist. 2, 2,000 acres.

John D. Bailey and Sandra M. Bailey to R. B. Bailey and E. Maie Bailey, Dist. 6, 0.361 acres.

Land Transfers

March 19 - Earnest Morgan and Lydia C. Morgan to Morgan Joint Revocable Trust, Dist. 10, 5 parcels.

Union Planters Bank, NA to Christopher L. Cartwright and Lisa Cartwright, Dist. 6, 0.500 acres.

March 20 - James T. Dunavant and Beverly Dunavant to Paul A. Embrey, Sr., Dist. 2, 0.881 acres.

Barry Connell and Tammy Connell to Jimmy Carroll, Jr., Connie Carroll, and Jimmy Carroll, Sr., Dist. 2, 17,638 acres.

Bank of Ripley to Kenneth L. Parham and Cynthia H. Parham, Dist. 2, lot.

March 21 - Ronald F. Fisher and Pamela M. Fisher to Charles A. Eskridge and Barbara A. Eskridge, Dist. 12, 2 lots.

March 22 - Annie Pauline Henderson to Barbara Ann Clement and Kenneth Ray

Inductee



QUINCY BARLOW, of Covington, was inducted into the 69th Southeastern Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Hall of Fame March 17th in Robinsonville, Miss. Barlow was sponsored by Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Ripley. Mrs. Marine Bowers is president.

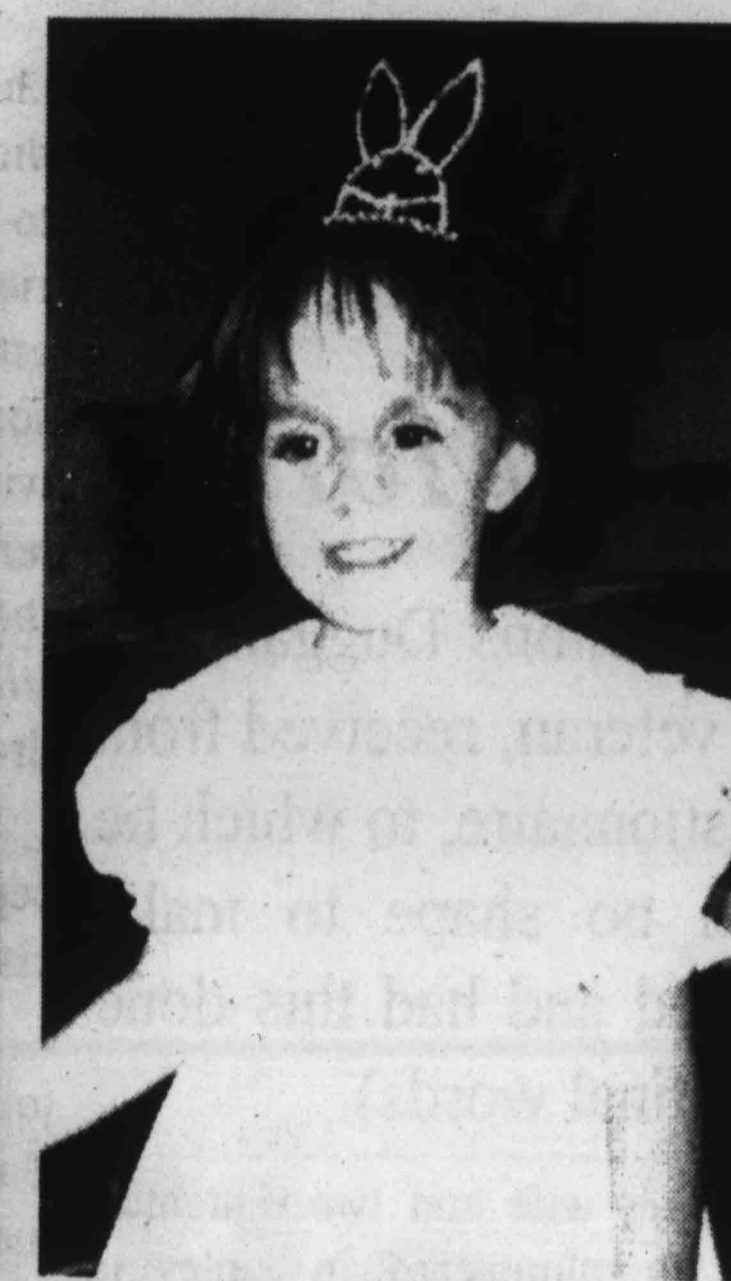
The Rev. Barlow is pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Brownsville. He is involved in the community where he serves as second vice-moderator in the Hickory Grove District Association.

His career as manager and licensed funeral director began in 1978 with Barlow's Funeral Home in Covington. In 1985, Barlow was elected President of the Bluff City Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. He served as Regional Vice-President, Tennessee State Funeral Directors and Morticians Association from 1988 to 1998.

He has earned the Tennessee State Funeral Directors' Man of the Year award, Businessman of the Year, and the NAACP Man of the Year. Barlow, a pastor, county commissioner, and funeral director, is the Director of Transportation for Delta Human Resource Agency.

He and his wife, Shelia, have two children, Brittany, 14, and Quinten, 20.

mar, Amy Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom, Charles Cutlip, T. L. Michael, Fay Taylor, Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swims,



CAITLIN B. MITCHELL, 3, daughter of Kristen Mitchell, of Ripley, won the title of Queen in the Easter Beauty Pageant in Brownsville March 24th. She was presented a bunny tiara and trophy. Caitlin also won Most Beautiful, Best Dressed, Prettiest Eyes, and Prettiest Smile.

Grandparents are Merri Beth Pike, of Nashville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Jr., of Woodstown, N.J. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Elizabeth Bubier, of Salem, N.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Sr., of Ripley.

Corey Cribfield, Beth Wright.

March 31 - Kay Freeman, Clint McKinnie, Bill Roberson, Cary Porter, Caleb Currie,

Hannah Smith, Chris Tucker, Amber Sadler, Noel Sherrod.

April 1 - Carl Hoggard, Doug Ward, Gladys Crain, Jeannie Vickery, Vance Brewster, Emilee Anne Hartman, Alisa Parish, Christopher Hardy, Teresa M. Ward, Jeff Weaver, Robin Hughes, Jim Clark, Betty T. Henson, Mary Beth Caldwell.

April 2 - Haley Turnbow, Madeline "Mott" Vaden, Stephen Belton, Shelley Jones, Justin Garrett, Diane Land, Ricky Cribfield, Leon Jackson, Dianne Ungerecht, Matthew Casey Walker, Timmy Green.

April 3 - Megan McBroom, Jodie Holder, Renee Nelson, James Berkley.

April 4 - Grant Caldwell, Kara Steelman, Caleb Steelman, Shane Harris, Melanie Keen Marvel, Vanessa Williams, Heather Fitzhugh, Austin Reynolds, Lexie McMahan, Channing Kidd, Jody Sorrell.



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Civil War Vet, Of Halls, Wrote Of Davy Crockett, Jeff Davis, Much More

On May 8, 1922, William Simmons Duggan, 86, of Rt. 2, Halls, as a Civil War veteran, received from state authorities a 46-item questionnaire, to which he replied at length, though "in no shape to make history...I have layed on my bed and had this done by telling them what to ..." (his final words).

Born Oct. 15, 1835, at Barboro, in Edgewood County, N.C., about 60 miles east of Raleigh, he was the son of James Borus Duggan, a tailor and Master Mason, who was born at Halifax, in Halifax County, the next county north of Edgewood. [No mention of mother.]

His father moved in March, 1836, to Gibson County, Tenn., where he married Mary Alsbrook, also of Scotch-Irish descent, the daughter of Micajah and Cloe Alsbrook.

Crony Of Davy Crockett?

"I know but little of my great-grandparents. ... My great-grandfather was named Cary Alsbrook. I have seen him two or three times. He was a crony of old Davy Crockett."

His parents occupied a log house, two rooms on the ground floor and two rooms upstairs.

"Have seen and heard James K. Polk speak but was too young to remember what he said.

"I have seen them all, from Polk to Zachery Taylor, and heard them speak, but I was too young and went with my father to hear them, since that time ... I have not seen any of the others ... except Jeff Davis. I heard him make short speech at Atlanta, Ga., before the Murfreesboro battle in Middle Tennessee."

Schooling, Clod-Hopping

Duggan attended four 5-month school sessions ("they paid the teacher so much a scholar, about \$1 or \$1.50 for five months.")

He had started his fifth 5-month session before his family moved "to the country ... and I had to take the farm, so I clod-hopped until the Civil War came up."

He then owned 100 acres, "worth \$500"; two horses worth \$250; hogs worth \$250; and cattle worth \$200.

He left his father to take care of

"Have borne by my wife the children: our first two daughters died young; have three sons lived to be grown; only one died unmarried; Thomas Duggan, our youngest, was 22 years old. Have four sons living, one daughter living with husband; two living daughters-in-law; one has married again, the other married but parted one (illegible). I have 46 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"All living Lauderdale Co. except one living in Memphis, Francis Hinton.

"I have been born again. I joined the Methodist Church, been Baptised unto Christ. Was official member but severed my relation with the church because of taking the Lord's supper unworthy; God told me to come out from them be ye (illegible)."

Other Vets Remembered

Asked for a roster of his Civil War company, he responded:

"I have tried to find roster but failed, yet I will give what I can:

"Capt. C. H. Conner, of Ripley, T. Bun Carson, J. M. Young, Wm. Boydston, Wm. Carreagan, of Ripley, J. P. West, J. A. J. Byrns, Tom Byrns, Tom Ruffin, Dick Golden, Wm. Rush, Ben Cowes?, John Williams, Joseph Hinds, Henry Jetter, John More, Seth More, Wm. More, J. M. Langley, Frank Langley, Tom Inman?, Ike Parker, James Soward?, Mose Faulkner, Jake House, Robt. Sutton, John Crihfield, John Forbess, Henry Pillow, Steve Pillow, James Browning, Wm. Hunter, John Dunaway, Rorark? Bradford, S. Dalsobr...? [Alsbrook?], ...ts, Cuin Haines, Perry Brown, John Balinger, De Humble, John Humble, John Henry, Ben Lacca, Steve Steel, John Henderson, John Carson, John Mitchell, Leonard Dunavant, John Dunavant, Coleman Hafford, George Childress, Henry C. Duggan, Fletcher Duggan, Clay Dunavant, Moses Pitts, Wm. Pitts, Ewin Hinton, William Lusk, Thomas Lusk, Terrel St. John, Jas. Fletcher Duggan, Henry Clay Duggan, William Simmons Duggan, De Humble, John Humble, Wm. Soward, John K. Quinn, Roark Bradford, S. D. Alsbrook, John Crihfield, Clay Dunavant, John Dunavant, John Coffey, Leonard Dunavant, John Forbess, Jo. Hinds, Steve Bibb, Wm. More, Tom Norman,

"At Pulaski, Giles County, I was captured before I crossed Tenn. River and carried to Fort Donelson. "When I left Fort Donelson, [no explanation how], I did not know what or how soon I would be shot going off horse-back.

I made it all right after I crossed the Tenn. River, when I got to Chestnut Bluff on the Forked Deer River, was told that I would run up ... after I made to home. "I took up my plow and went to work. I first took my family in few days went to wood lake. Enjoyed plowing and planting but I was conscripted but evaded that all right.

"I engaged in farming and have followed it ever since till I have grown too old for the business.

Too Deaf For Magistrate

"They wanted me as magistrate, but I was too hard of hearing, could not catch the evidence, so I refused to serve...

"I have taken care of my family: my father, my grandmother, till they died; have taken care of Joseph Hinton, my cousin; cared for A. F. Crihfield wife's brother, he died.

Other Names Suggested

"Here are few names to look at:

Coleman Hafford, Robt. Sutton, John Mitchell, Tip Mitchell, Sam Dunaway, John Dunaway, Edwin Hinton, Wm. Lusk, Jim Langley, Frank Langley, Dr. Hunter, Wm. Hunter, Dr. Ben Lackey, Dr. Steel, John Henry, Tom Henderson, Jim Lard, Wm. Pillow, Steve Pillow, Jim Browning, John Lard, Cuin Haines. All these were with me in the Army."

Survivors (In '22) Noted

Asked for any surviving Civil War veterans he knew, he noted:

- John Byrns Ripley R3D
- J. M. Langley Curve Rt. 4
- Frank Langley Curve Rt. 4
- John Dunavant Halls Rt. 2
- Clay Dunavant . . . Osceola, Ark.
- Joseph Wright Halls Rt. 2
- Henry Crihfield Edith Rt. 4
- Wm. Duggan Halls Rt. 2
- James Bale(s?)? Curve Rt. 4
- Robert Alsbrook Halls
- J. M. Cox Halls Rt. 1
- Wesley Sawyer Halls Rt. 1
- Charles Love Halls Rt. 1
- Marvin? Browning .. Halls Rt. 2
- Tom Ferguson Halls Rt. 2
- Wm. Ball Halls Rt. 2
- Andrew Hughes Halls Rt. 2
- Jessee Hughes Halls Rt. 2
- Jack Hutcherson Halls Rt. 2
- B. Hutcherson Halls Rt. 2

COYOTE PROBLEM

Coyotes are in every Tennessee county. Craig Harper, wildlife specialist with the Agricultural Extension Service at the University of Tennessee, says this is not a big problem. In the summer, coyotes' diet consists of fruits, vegetation, and insects. In the fall and winter, meat appears in their diet. The coyotes feed on rodents and small animals.

Tennessee law permits shooting coyotes, but the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency prohibits shooting from a roadway. If livestock producers want to trap the animals, Harper recommends leg-hold traps and snares.

Many people think coyotes are hunting for deer, quail, or turkeys. They may occasionally kill a fawn, but they are helpful to ground-nesting birds like quail and turkeys by preying on nest predators such as raccoons and possums. Studies have shown that few quail nests are disturbed by coyotes. It's mostly the black rat snake, raccoons, and opossums that raid the nests. Coyotes may help to increase nest success.

Mishaps are like knives, that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle. —James Russell Lowell

"Thought would have it type written but failed to get one, had to use pencil, am nervous, can't write to do no good.

"I know it is badly fixed up but can't remedy the matter now, as it is time it was back to you."

"Would to God I was able to be up and able to work, but my days will soon be ended on earth...I may be dead by the time you get this."

[Note: Quotations in this article are the best we can make of the manuscript, corrected only for the most obvious errors. —Ed.]

TENNCARE CHANGES

Anyone who has TennCare should talk to their primary care doctors about the health plan their doctors will participate in after June 30, 2001. The 'Change Period' will be during the month of April,

when TennCare members can change managed care organizations if they want or need to do so. "No current enrollee will be without coverage, but we want them to know which MCO's their physicians plan to work with and help that communication happen as much as we can," said Mark Reynolds, TennCare Director.

TennCare will be mailing ballots to members in early April, along with a newsletter explaining the choices that are available in each grand division. TennCare is also mailing to its primary care physicians and specialists copies of posters they may display in waiting rooms and offices explaining which MCO's the physician has contracted with.

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J. C. Staggs

Joel Conrad Staggs, 68, father of David C. Staggs, of Halls, and Phillip Thompson, of Ripley, and brother of Neal Staggs, of 100 Leggett Rd., Ripley, died Friday in Methodist Healthcare Central in Memphis, after a stroke.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Vernon Cemetery near Cloverport.

He was a member of the Brownsville Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Mae Arrans Staggs; three other sons, Sammy Staggs, of Stanton, Charles J. Thompson, of Cadiz, Ky., and William Thompson, of Spokane, Wash.; three sisters, Mary Jane Hundford, Mammie Smith, and Ruby Stephens, of Brownsville; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bernice Escue

Bernice Escue, 86, of Covington, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

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

He was born December 15, 1914, in Gates, to Robert Samuel Escue and Pearl Leggett.

He was a retired teamster and trucker for Strickland Transportation, and a member of the Methodist Church.

He was a funeral director and embalmer for Garner Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Jean Escue; a daughter, Sandra Jackson, of Olive Branch, Miss.; two brothers, Buford Escue and Pharis Escue, both of Gates; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Otis Coleman

Otis Ranicy Coleman, 51, of 513 Fenton Street, Halls,

laborer, died Saturday before last, of lung cancer, at his home.

Services were at noon Saturday at Trinity Methodist Church in Gates, with burial in the church cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves two sons, Otis Kenneth Coleman and Billy Daniel Coleman, both of Union City; a daughter, Tina Davis, of Union City; his mother, Maggie Coleman, of Galloway, and his father, Odell Coleman, of Chicago, Ill.; four brothers, Jerry Coleman, Charles Coleman, Dwight Coleman and Joe Tucker, all of Galloway; four sisters, Jackie Luckett, of Lakeland, Gwendolyn Bonds, of Memphis, Shadel Coleman and Lisa Coleman, both of Chicago; and eleven grandchildren.

Mrs. Pitts

Kathryn Pitts, 65, of Gates, homemaker, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Vancilla 'Cookie' Pitts, of Gates; two brothers, Eternal Pitts, of Gates, and Thomas J. Pitts, of Alamo; a sister, Ida Mae McCadney, of Gates; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Willie Nash

Willie Eugene Nash, 54, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Halls, laborer, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, at his residence.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Matthew Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves a daughter, Lar-

tenna Montgomery, of Memphis; three brothers, Marshall Nash, of Memphis, Louis Nash, of Blytheville, Ark., and Paul Nash, of St. Louis; two sisters, Diana Haskin, of Blytheville, and Dolores Donald, of Saginaw, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Reece

Daisy Bell Reece, 91, of Halls, the widow of Claud Reece, died Wednesday of last week, of heart-lung failure, in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, where she had been a member of the Women's Missionary Society, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Alfred Reece, and a daughter, Martha Gilliland, of Halls, six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

TEEN LIFT TOUR

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of the Dyersburg Alumnae Chapter is planning a Teen Lift Tour June 11th-15th for students in the 8th through 12th grades, who are self-disciplined and have a desire for higher learning. The students will visit Lane College in Jackson, State and Fisk in Nashville, and six schools in Greensboro, Durham, Winston Salem, and Raleigh, N. C. The tour will conclude with a Heritage tour in Chattanooga. The fee is \$300 per student, which will cover travel and sleep. Extra money will be needed for food and souvenirs. A non-refundable fee of \$50 is due with the application by April 15th. For more information, call Ethel Hayes, Frances Jacox, Debra Sims, or Earla Dennie. Chaperones will be provided by the sorority.

Work Begun On Highway Survey

I-69 Highway's route has not been picked around major cities, according to state highway officials, but \$18.4 million in survey, design, and environmental study work has begun.

Markers and flags have been placed around Lauderdale County on roads and in yards, for officials to gather data.

According to Dyersburg Mayor Bill Revell, who has worked closely with state and federal agencies to bring I-69 to Dyersburg, two engineering firms, HNTB Corp., of Kansas City, and Wilbur Smith Engineering, of Columbia, S.C., are studying the route the highway will take.

In October, the state received \$18.4 million for environmental work, preliminary survey, and design, beginning in Dyersburg and moving south to Millington.

The road must go through Memphis, Houston, Shreveport, La., and Evansville, Ind. according to Federal Law. The route through Tennessee has been 90% identified, but the exact route through or around Dyersburg has not been set.

The 1,430-mile, Canada-to-Mexico interstate, will follow the western edge of Tennessee and carries a \$7.2 billion price tag. It is expected to cover roughly 135 miles in the state.

Tanner Says Budget Should Come First

U.S. Rep. John Tanner said in a press release Mar. 8th, he wants a budget first that makes room for a tax cut and debt payoff, and that the House is putting "the cart before the horse."

He voted against both the Republican and Democratic leadership's tax proposals, saying the process must be responsible and credible to succeed.

"A good deal of interest

has been focused on this bill, but it is important to remember that this is the first step in a process that won't be completed until late summer. I agree with many of the proposals put forth by President Bush, and I look forward to working with him to meet the challenges our nation faces," said Tanner.

"However, without a budget first, we are jeopardizing our ability to continue retiring the national debt, protect Social Security and Medicare, establish a Medicare prescription drug benefit, enact the largest tax cut possible, fund the President's education initiatives, and take care of the challenges our military faces. Even the Senate, according to Sen. Trent Lott, agrees with our approach and won't consider a tax package until hearings have been held and a budget approved."

"Even the government office responsible for making budget estimates has admitted that there is a 90% chance these projections will be wrong. That alone should make us proceed in a fiscally conservative manner. In fact, in Tennessee, most folks believe you should not spend more than you make. They also believe you should pay your debts. The only way those two principles will mean anything is by doing a budget first."

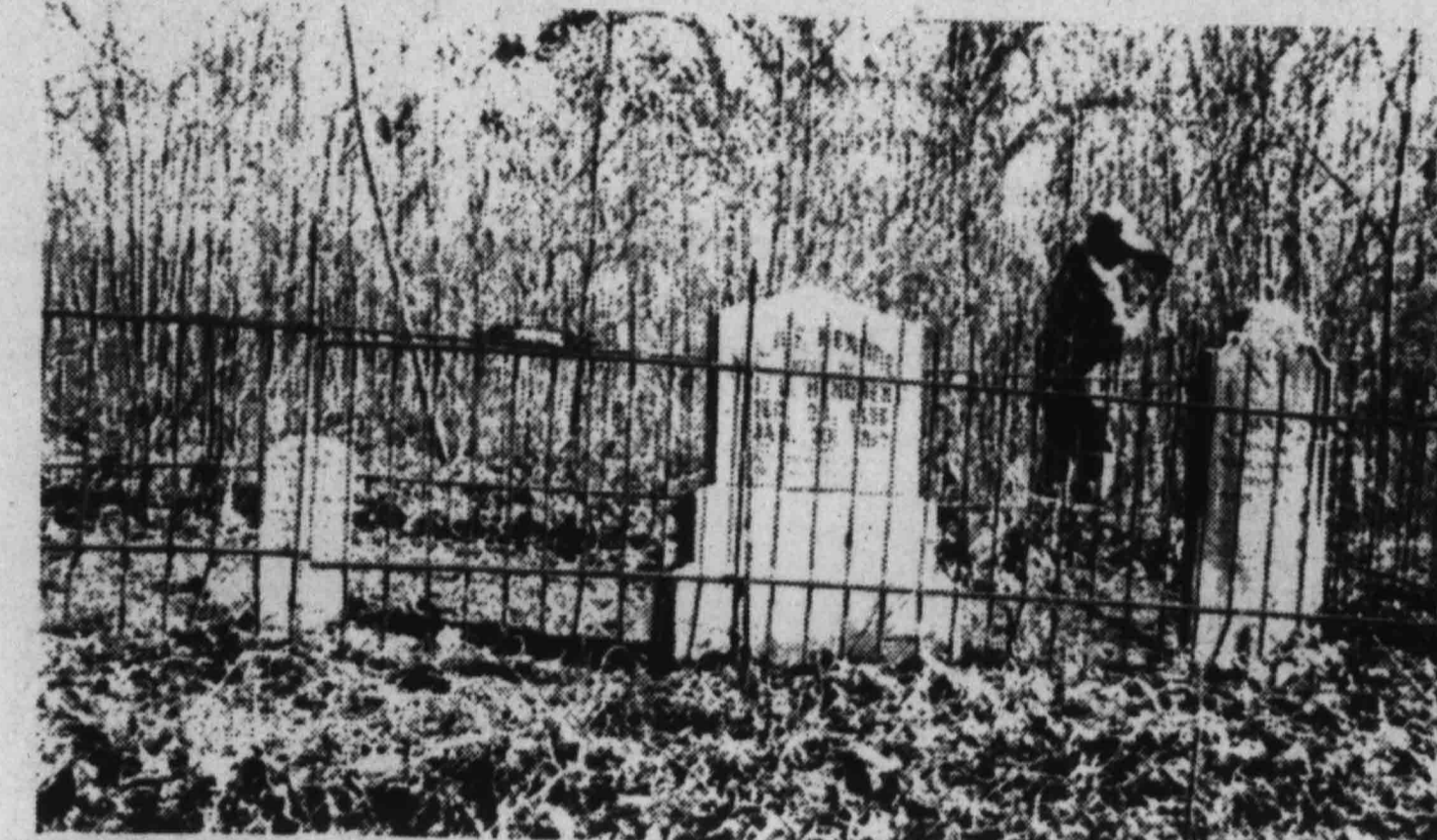
"The House shows poor business judgement considering taxes or spending before we pass a budget that shows us where the money is coming from, what it is being used to pay for, and what happens if things don't go like we think they will."

Tanner is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.



The Colonial army was ordered to fortify Bunker Hill in 1775, but instead fortified nearby Breed's Hill, where the Battle of Bunker Hill was actually fought.

Mapping Cemetery



CROSSROADS CEMETERY, overgrown and seemingly forgotten, has seen a major change. A group of concerned citizens from Curve, led by Keith Coffman, of Memphis, started cleaning the cemetery. In upper photo, weeds and underbrush had almost taken some of the oldest headstones. In lower photo, the headstones are visible after weeds are cut and carried away. Mr. Coffman, who has relatives buried there, is trying to map the cemetery and would like anyone with information concerning relatives or location of graves to contact him at 901-682-5811.

She's One



CALLIE BELTON, daughter of Wayne and Mary Jane Belton, of Halls, celebrated her 1st birthday March 17th in her home with Winnie the Pooh and 30 family and friends.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Reece Belton, of Halls, and Harlen Fennell and the late Bertha Jean Fennell, of Ripley. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Belton, of Halls.

A defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus. This mucus leads to chronic and life-threatening lung infections and impairs digestion. Currently, there is no cure. Anyone interested in walking

Walk Held For Cystic Fibrosis

A "Great Strides" walk for cystic fibrosis will be Saturday, May 5th, at Memphis Botanic Garden, located in Audobon Park on Cherry Road, between Southern Avenue and Park Avenue. Sign in time is 8:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse after the walk.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting about 30,000 children and adults in the U.S.

Receives Certificates



THE AARP 55ALIVE Safe Driving Class received their certificates after completing 8 hours of enhanced driving techniques. Receiving certificates were, from left, in front, Shirley Kelley, Sue England, Melba Watkins, Dot Woodard, and Frances Fitzhugh; in second row, Kelly Stanley, BMH-L sponsor, Clyde Lightfoot, Bertha Morris, Elizabeth Mosely, Helen Moore, Lois Gamble, Edna Meadows, and Mary Simpson; in third row, Beaton Matthews, Bank of Ripley sponsor, Elizabeth Lightfoot, John Kelley, Carolyn Ammons, Joyce Blakemore, Henry Williams, instructor, Jim Fitzhugh, and James Newman.

Classes were held at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. Sponsors were Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale and the Bank of Ripley. Another class is scheduled for this fall. For more information, call 635-1230.

Classes can call Diann McBride at 635-0710 or Patricia Box at 635-1425. For more information, call the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (901) 818-9090.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Jerald Daws, of Germantown, visited Tommy Simmons Wednesday of last week.

Tours Museum



GERT BRANDENBURGER, center, of Karlsruhe, Germany, and Ronnie Roberts, left, were led on a tour of the Veterans' Museum by Harold Beasley, right, a docent for the museum and member of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association.

Anniversaries

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

March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts.

March 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nunn.

April 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lawson.

April 2 - Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

April 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burlison, Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Vaughn.

April 4 - Mr. and Mrs. John James, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childress.

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