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Halls' Dennis Is 8-A Player Of The Year

Region 8-A coaches have chosen Halls High School senior Chris Dennis (6-1, 165) as the region's Player of the Year, on Offense.

Halls players on the all-region first team are Zach Heator (nominated for Player of the Year on Defense), Lorenzo Johnson, and Jeff Lynch, line-backers; Torri Bernard and Kelton Obie, line-men; Josh Daniels, safety; and Tyler Moore, punter.

Halls players honorably mentioned are Josh Cook, defensive tackle; Terry Crihfield, full-back; Lee Hixson, nose-guard; Josh McBroom, line-man; and Clint Throgmorton, guard.

Devils Top Halls Cagers: Revenge

South Fulton's Red Devils, losers to Halls in the first round of the Region 8-A basketball tournament, last season, led Halls last week, boys, 84-73, girls, 49-22.

SF led the boys 20-5 after the last 10 points of the first period, and led 30-13 four minutes into the second.

Six turn-overs and an unsuccessful shot gave Halls a 10-0 run, to 30-23. The Devils led 32-27 at the half.

In the third period, Halls scored only one basket to trail 49-29 at 4:21.

Five straight turn-overs put Halls back in the game with 11 straight, 49-40.

Six points from Ryan Waggoner, around the basket, helped push the Devils to a 61-46 lead at the horn.

In the final period, the Tigers hit 10 of 12 free throws.

In the game, Demarcus Patrick had 16 points for Halls, LaJoel Nance 11, and Robert Richmond, 10.

SF's girls led 11-5 in the first period, 24-9 at the half.

Jennifer Henning was top scorer for Halls, with nine.

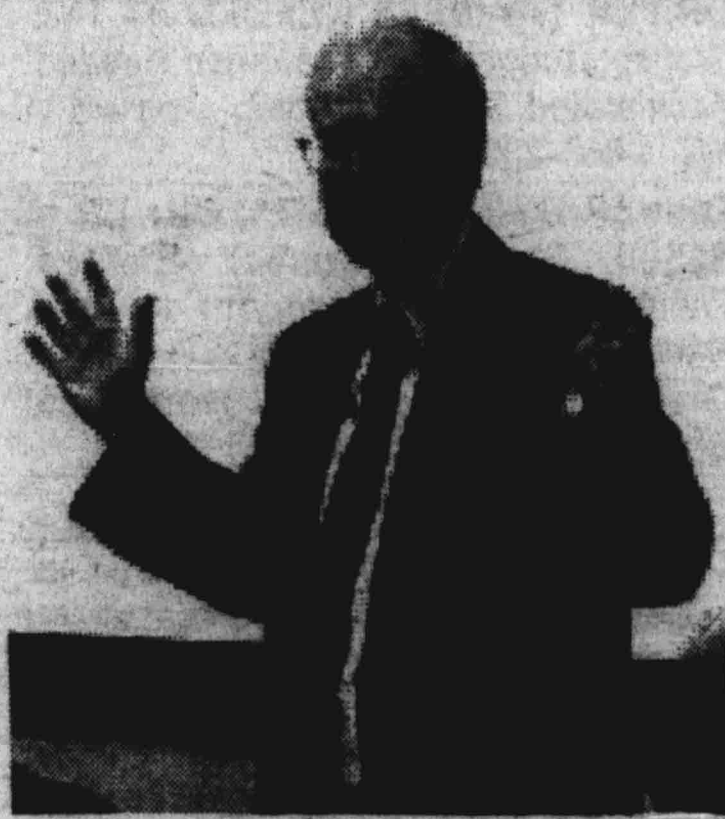
Halls hosted the University School of Jackson Tuesday and plays at Brighton Friday.

Club Donates Christmas Toys



MEMBERS of the Tribal Iron Motorcycle Club held their annual Christmas toy run Nov. 20th to benefit the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad's children's Christmas party.

Speaker



ED BARLOW, president, of Creating the Future, Inc., was the keynote speaker at the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board's annual board meeting Nov. 25th.

He spoke on creating a competitive economic and workforce advantage.

Other representatives attending were U.S. Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, Phillip Pinion, Robert Henningsen, Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Dept. of Labor, and county mayors of Lauderdale, Crockett, Lake and Obion.

Pinned



BRADLEY HARRELL, son of Barry and Nita Harrell, of Halls, and the grandson of Frances Harrell, of Halls, and Don and Betty Ray, of Ripley, will graduate cum laude with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing on December 14th at the Pyramid Arena in Memphis.

Bradley served as the President of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Soci-

ety, served on the school of nursing's pinning committee, and is ranked in the top 20% of his entire graduating class. A former student of Dyersburg State Community College, his involvement included being President of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Instructional Council Student Representative, and Dyersburg State's Tennessee Board of Regents' Student Regent Nominee.

Bradley currently plays with the sanctuary orchestra at Germantown Baptist Church in Germantown, Tennessee, where he is an active member. His future plans include obtaining an advanced nursing degree in nurse anesthesia. He will be working at the Elvis Presley Trauma Center at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

The pinning ceremony, a special recognition for nursing students only, will be held December 12th in the Michael D. Rose Theater at the University of Memphis.

Rescue Squad/WTRB Christmas Telethon

The Lauderdale County Rescue Squad and WTRB radio station will have their annual Christmas Radiothon Sat., Dec. 6th, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rescue Squad members will be in the WTRB parking lot to accept donations of money and toys, and ladies will be inside answering phone pledges.

All proceeds and toys will help those less fortunate in Lauderdale County this holiday season.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The Bank of Ripley will host a holiday reception, honoring retired teachers of Lauderdale County, at 2 p.m., Wed., Dec. 17th, in Carney Hall, in the Bank of Ripley on the square.

All retired teachers are invited to attend.

For further information, call 635-1230, or email www.bankofripley.com.

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Ill., Bryan Koontz, Jr. and Lee Ann Koontz, of Alexandria, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Koontz, of Orlando, Fla., spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, of Lightfoot, Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and Tori Williams, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of

Nesbit, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vaughn, of Bolivar, and Andy Dune, of Olive Branch, Miss., were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue.

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Readers Speak

Editor,

A letter in the Nov. 20th paper indicated that the Town of Halls had refused to provide extra space for the Veteran's Museum. This letter also stated that we have forgotten about the soldiers who have served our country. As an Alderman of Halls, a financial supporter of the Museum, and an Air Force Veteran, please allow me to set the record straight. The Dyersburg Army Air Base (DAAB) Museum Board requested that the Town of Halls allow them to extend the fence around the airport and museum by approximately 250 feet. The airport committee met with a committee from the DAAB to determine what could be done. At this meeting, the two committees came to a mutual agreement to recommend to the board that we dedicate an area of land exclusively to the Museum of approximately 230 ft. x 415 ft. for \$1 a year for 99 years. Currently the Museum has only been dedicated an area about 80 ft. x 40 ft. This represents an increase of almost 3000% in the area dedicated exclusively to the Museum - hardly a refusal to grant any additional space. In addition, we have agreed to recommend to the board that we deed to the Museum whatever land necessary to build their proposed expansion. This land is not "unused," but is probably "under-used" in part, because the Halls Board of Aldermen has chosen not to lease it for reasons related to the Museum. We have repeatedly been offered opportunities to lease this land to a current airbase tenant, but have not done so in hopes that it will be used in the future for another air show. I understand that the Board of Aldermen has not granted exactly what was re-

quested by the DAAB. However, within the time constraints imposed on us by the DAAB, I spoke to as many different citizens as I could. As an alderman, I must represent the varying interests of all of the citizens of Halls. I never promised to be a "yes man" for any one individual or group. I believe that our decision was a reasonable compromise. Even some of the members of the DAAB Board have expressed gratitude and agreement with our decision. Finally, I never served in a war, but I volunteered to serve as soon as I graduated from high school. This was only a few years after the Vietnam War, when recruiting levels were frighteningly low and service members were rarely treated with respect. Nonetheless, I was and am willing to serve and fight if necessary to protect my country from its many enemies. In addition, I have contributed financially to the museum to honor all veterans, as have other members of the Halls Board. I wish that Mr. Young had checked the facts before accusing me of "forgetting" American Veterans. As my daughter wrote in an essay that you published for Veteran's Day - we have the right to complain because of the sacrifice of those who have served our nation as veterans... "however, with these rights comes responsibility."

Dennis Sadler
Town of Halls Alderman
& Air Force Veteran

Editor,

My name is Jerry Goodwin, and I have been the trash pick-up person around the Museum area for about five years. I also worked in several air shows while we still had them. This is an amen response to Mr. Nelson Young's article, as reported in your newspaper. I do not

Murdered Victims To Be Remembered

Governor Phil Bredesen and First Lady Andrea Conte announced that "A Season to Remember," an annual memorial event for homicide victims' families in Davidson County, will become an event open to victims' fami-

work in the Museum because I am not that up to date on all that is there. I have observed the visitors there, and witnessed everything from total joy for relatives they have found in displays in the Museum, but I have also seen tears for those who left this base to return as casualties of war. What do we want - just the area past the "island!" There are concerned people in all the counties surrounding us who are willing to supply the money to make the "island" and the new Navy jet bomber a show place. We realize how valuable the cotton industry is to all of us and how many jobs it provides, but there is plenty room for all of us.

Jerry Goodwin
Halls, TN

lies from across the state on Dec. 9th, at 5:30 p.m.

As part of this year's "Tennessee Season to Remember," families of victims are invited to the State Capitol to hang ornaments on memorial wreaths in honor of their loved ones.

The wreaths will then be displayed in the Capitol throughout the holiday season.

"The loss of a loved one is always a difficult time for a family, and one that often becomes more difficult to endure during the holiday season," said Conte. "A season to Remember" is one helpful way for families, who have lost loved ones, to join together in remembrance. We hope what started as a small memorial event in Nashville years ago will become an event that encourages all Tennesseans to re-

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Obituaries

Dennis H. Cook

Dennis Harold Cook, 47, of Memphis, father of Ashley James, of Henning, died Nov. 29th in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, of injuries received in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Macon and Mullins Station Road in Memphis.

Rites were held Tuesday in Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home in Somerville, with burial in Macon Cemetery.

He was a Cars, Inc., salesman.

Other survivors include sons, Jason and Steven, a daughter, Starr Cook, his mother, Mildred Smith, brothers, James, Larry, and Ralph, and sisters, Pat Lunati and Lisa Roy, all of Memphis; another daughter, Shannon Cook, of Humboldt; and four grandchildren.

Sylvia Diggs

Sylvia Jean Diggs, 66, of Ripley, died November 19th, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m., November 21st at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was retired from the United States Department of Agriculture ASCS office and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James Diggs, one son, Barry Diggs, and two daughters, Karen Beasley and Vonda Emerson, all of Ripley; one brother, Ronnie Howie, of Dyersburg; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

CANCER MEMORIALS

The American Cancer Society "Love Lights A Tree" donations include:

In memory of Louis Kirkpatrick and Anita Kirkpatrick

Mourned Demetra Canania



Demetra Jewel Canania, 92, of Ripley, homemaker, died Friday at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

The widow of Marcella Canania, she leaves one daughter, Rometa Snider, of Nocona, Tex.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Goodman by Jim and Betty Goodman and by his nieces and nephews.

In memory of Bill English by Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin and family.

In memory of Charles Peal and Hunt Morris by Martha Peal.

In memory of Tracie Dupree, Andrew Nelson, Polly Ezekiel and Patsy Rice by Betty and Bobby Dupree.

In memory of Rae A. Jones by Rick Jones and Kimberly Ball.

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In memory of Frances Mills Newman and R. L. "Buddy" Newman by Mary Louise Brown Lewis.

In memory of Mrs. Mary L. Hanson by Caroline Hanson.

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In honor of Jay Chipman by Betty Chipman.

In honor of Carley White Savage and Carolyn White Moore by Norma and Norman Jackson.

In honor of Chris Cook, stationed in Iraq, by Mr. and

GLADYS LEE JAMISON, 89, of Ripley, died Monday at the Regional Medical Center, in Dyersburg.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was a mid-wife and farmer and a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Survivors include eight sons, Charlie Davis, of Henning, Morgan Davis Lee, of Ripley, Walter Davis and AaMir (Percy) Al-Musawwir, of Oakland, Calif., Thomas Davis and Milton Davis, of Milwaukee, Wisc., Joe Rufus Jamison, of Austin, Tex., and Eric Lawless, of Columbus, Ohio; four daughters, Mable Lawrence and Annie Laura Lee, of Ripley, Thelma Fortune, of Henning, and Vanessa Jamison, of Milwaukee; 56 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 48 great-great-grandchildren.

by Hal, Leigh and Clay Kirkpatrick.

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In memory of Billy

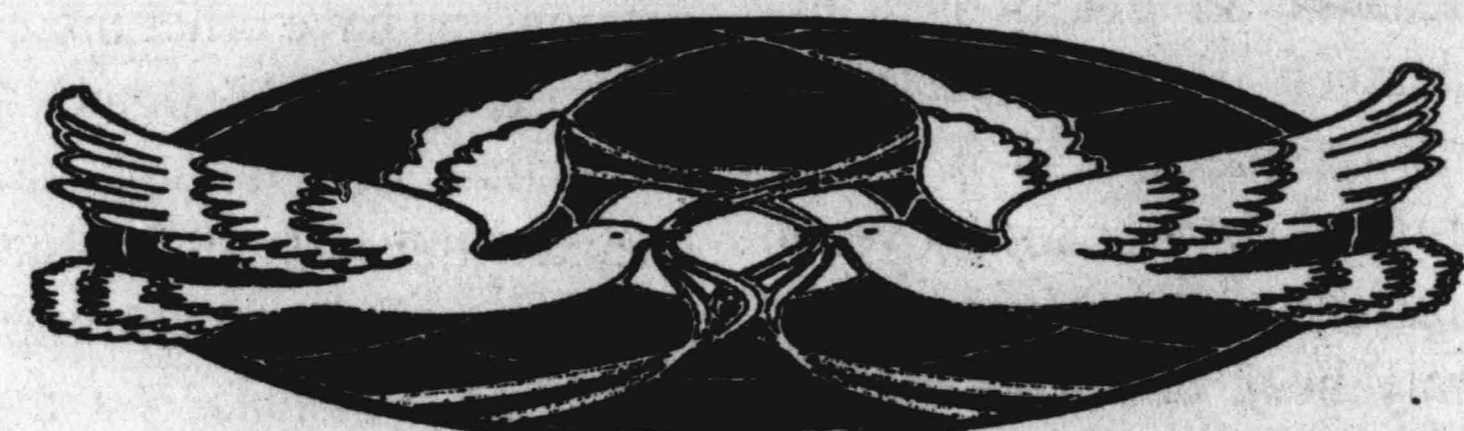
Treated To Lunch



BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-LAUDERDALE celebrated National Health Information and Technology Week, Nov. 2nd through 8th, with a special luncheon. Pictured, from left, are Debbie Demeris, Marilyn Crowder, Anita Cates, Patsy Fisher, Yvonne Jacox and Cheryl Manns, HIM Director.

Mrs. James Goodwin and fice at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. For each

A donation of \$5 can be made to Annie Laura Christmas tree on the court-Jennings in the Register's Of-house lawn will be turned on.



Church Happenings

The Reed Family will hold a gospel music Christmas special at 7 p.m. Dec. 19th at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. A meal will be served at 6 p.m., no charge. The event will feature the Reed Family, Southern Heritage, Witness, the Hayes, the Grills Family, and others. The public is invited.

Mrs. Donna Goforth will present the programs for the Monday night service at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 118 Halliburton St. The first Monday of each month will feature different groups or persons singing and Bible devotions. The second Monday will feature a talent night with regulars, Donna Goforth, Carolyn Mjckiff, and Allan Cates plus others. The third Monday will feature Bro. Cecil Henson and his group. The fourth Monday will feature Cathy and Milton Jackson. The public is invited to attend and participate. Call Donna, 635-3296, for more information.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

Send your church happenings to our office or call, 635-1771, to be included.

Students of the Week Leadership Lauderdale Visits Schools



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, named as Students of the Week, include, from left, Hannah Manning, 2nd grade, daughter of Ritchie and Jean Manning, of Halls, and Hollie Wilson, 4th grade, daughter of Gary and Kim Wilson, of Ripley.



Birthdays

Dec. 4 - Charlene Meyer, Leland Gaines, Nancy Smalley, Steve Dew, Carlee West, Richard Jennings, Brenda Whitson, Clay Maclin, Kim Wilson, Angie Steelman, John Hickman, Nancy Hart, Eric Wright, Misty Johnson, Celeste Henry, Marie Moss, Monica Mueller, Doris Hill, Zeke Thompson, Rachel Ann Buckner, Terri Holley.

Dec. 5 - Owen Thurmond, Randy Paris, Jr., Kenny Pridmore, Kate Ewell, Mario Brooks, Stacy Bing, Hunter Crossley, Taylor Newman.

Dec. 6 - Curtis McLemore, Susie White, Benny Jones, Lisa U. Ennis, Larry White, Sharry Sammons, Melanie Pugh, Kelsey Jordan, Paula Smith, Conor Luck, Margaret Best, Steven Rodenhouser, Jeff Newman, Hayden Steelman, Carol McClain.

Dec. 7 - Nina James, Rose Mary Jones, Jeff Belton, Keith Lenderman, John Hume, Kathryn O'Hern.

Dec. 8 - Rachel Harmon, Beth Escue, Carrie Glover, Brad Simpson, Linda Jennings, Gary

Wayne Steelman, Brenda Hilliard, Donna Pugh, Brandy Brasfield, Ben Ray, Pansy Gibbons, Cory Vaughan.

Dec. 9 - David Williams, Harriet King, Debra Hargett, Chris Nelson, Jeffrey Davis, Carol Broadstreet, Robert Pipkin, Carolyn Deaton, Lori Booker, Rob Burks, Ginger Vaughn, Bret Malone, Zach Kelly, Alice Halfacre, Martha Webb, B. J. Moore, Desi Hassell.

Dec. 10 - Lynn Harmon, Scott Webb, Jane White Henry, Wendy Burks, Jack Henderson, Tiffany Beasley.

Marriages

Nov. 22 - Craig Allan Ray, 23, to Rebecca Roxanne Williams, 19, by Robert D. Mullins.

Nov. 25 - Edward Eugene Ditto, Jr., 27, to Elizabeth Joyce Reagan, 18, by Virgil Presley.

Nov. 29 - William Matthew Henson, 19, to Kimberly Michelle Spencer, 18, by Dan Holland.

THE LEADERSHIP LAUDERDALE CLASS, from the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, held their annual session on Education in Lauderdale County.

The two-part session began Nov. 6th at Halls Junior High School, where the group was greeted by student council members, who gave an overview of the schools activities, information curriculum and special programs. After a tour of the school, the next stop was Halls High School, where Principal Andy Pugh talked to the class and toured them through some of the classes in session. A highlight of the tour was seeing the beautiful tiger painted on the gym floor.

Asst. Principal, Phillis Barlow, met the group at Halls Elementary School where they saw students perform special skits they had written about being drug free. After a tour of the school, HES hosted the group for lunch. Bill Kelly, music teacher, provided piano music.

After lunch, the group traveled to Ripley High School where they were shown around by class member, Joe Bridges, who is in Leadership Lauderdale, and Principal Bobby Baker. In addition to one of the choir classes giving a performance, they saw the new security program in the library, saw a video about the state champion baseball team, and toured many of the science and chemistry classes, as well as the school. The day ended at Ripley Primary School, where Principal Al Jones met the group and gave a tour of the school.

The last half of the education session was a week later, when the group met at Lauderdale Middle School for a continental breakfast in the library. Principal Jack Phillips, curriculum coordinator, Cathy Glover, and Gear-Up director, Stephanie Bolton, spoke about the school's many programs and activities. The Beta Club and Student Council members each gave a presentation. Following a tour of the school, the next stop was the Lauderdale County Optional School, where Principal Jackie Jones explained about the school and how students were placed there. The last stop was at Ripley Elementary School, where they toured the school with Principal Phyllis Elkins and Asst. Principal, Texas Culver.

At the end of the session, the group met with Superintendent Phillip Jackson for a one-on-one discussion to share what they saw in the schools and ask questions.

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Pharmacists Treated To Lunch

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BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-LAUDERDALE celebrated National Pharmacy Week, Oct. 19th through 25th, with a special luncheon. Pictured, from left, are Paul Betz, administrator/CEO, April Holmes, Kim Young, Cynthia Glenn, pharmacy director, and Janice Mooney.

In conjunction with National Pharmacy Week, Cynthia provided a Lunch'n' Learn for the community in the cafeteria on the topic, "Know Your Medicines/Know Your Pharmacist."



FIRST PLACE WINNERS, middle photo, Abundant Life, from left, Josh Caldwell, kindergarten, Bethany Auxiliary, for drug awareness taught during the last week of October were, in upper photo, Mr. Campbell's class from Halls; in lower photo, Mrs. Stranak's class from Ripley.

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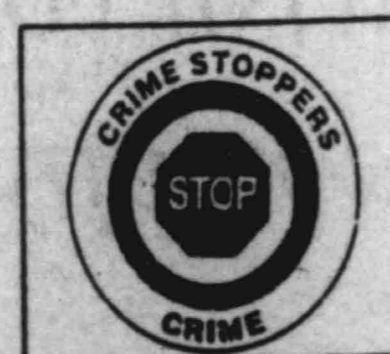
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This year's influenza strain has been spreading quickly through the county, reports Jane Connell, extension agent.

According to Connell, the flu has been reported in 39 states, leading everyone to believe predictions that this could be the most dangerous flu season in recent memory.

As of Nov. 28th, in Colorado alone, 4,000 cases have been confirmed and three children have died from the disease, reports Connell.

Though this year's flu vaccine does not contain the exact flu strain sub-type that is suspected of infecting most people in the United States, the vaccine will provide some protection against the flu, according to experts, despite the difference.

Even when the match is perfect, with the strain that has erupted in a given year,

the vaccine is not 100% effective. Only 70% to 90% of healthy adults under the age of 65 years are protected in an ideal vaccine situation.

Although Oct. and Nov. are the ideal months to get the flu shot, getting it in Dec., or even Jan., can be beneficial, since the season generally runs through Apr. It takes at least two weeks for the vaccine to be effective.

The Lauderdale County Health Dept. is offering the flu shot to people, 65 years or older, and to those with chronic illnesses at any age. Other age groups may contact their medical office that provides them with primary care.

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**Hutcherson Wins
A 12-Yr. Struggle
To Add Land-Fill**

Hutcherson Scrap Co., of Hwy. 210 north of Halls, partially owned by Wiley Hutcherson, obtained a permit in January, 1987, from the county Board of Zoning Appeals (established in 1984) to operate a land-fill on the 322-acre "Love Farm" west of Halls.

Since 1991, Mr. Hutcherson and Western Tennessee Enterprises, Inc., have sought a permit to expand the land-fill to include 184 acres on the farm. In a 12-year legal battle, the permit was denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the County Commission, and the Lauderdale County Chancery Court.

The Court of Appeals, Western Section, sitting in Jackson, ruled unanimously April 29th that the Board of Zoning Appeals exceeded its authority in denying the permit on safety grounds. It reversed the Chancery Court verdict and sent the case back to that court.

After the state Supreme Court declined to review the Court of Appeals decision, Lauderdale County Chancellor Martha B. Brasfield, Tuesday of last week, adopted the Court of Appeals decision and ordered the Board of Zoning Appeals to issue the land-fill permit within 14 days.

The Court of Appeals noted that while the Board of

**3 Cities, Sheriff
Shift 911 Calls**

Gates aldermen voted Monday to join the boards of Halls and Henning, and the Sheriff's Department, in plans not to renew dispatch contracts with the county's 911 board.

Telephone bill charges (about \$238,000 a year) fund emergency calls to 911, whose operators, in the basement of the Justice Center in Ripley, speed-dial calls to the appropriate firemen, ambulance service, etc.

"Non-emergency" calls to 911, for example, reporting a burglary, not requiring instant response, are now handled by the same 911 operators, who dispatch officers to respond. This service is funded by the three cities (Ripley has its own dispatch system) and the sheriff's department, in addition to phone fees.

For the non-emergency service, the county is paying about \$110,000 a year, Halls, \$30,000, Henning, \$10,000 and Gates, \$6,000, a total \$156,000.

Sheriff Louis Craig is concerned that he has no knowledge or control over

Zoning Appeals and Chancery Court found ample safety concerns, including insufficient roads, to deny the permit, the county's Zoning Ordinance required, for a land-fill, only the approval of the Tenn. Dept. of Public Health, which Hutcherson obtained.

The county has modified the Zoning Ordinance to provide new limits for land-fills, too late to defeat Hutcherson.

**Davis Tells 'Elixir
Of Death' On TV**

Gene "Jeff" Davis, Jr., 48, son of Bettie and Gene Franklin Davis, of 957 Dr. Hall Rd., Halls, was fatally injured Sept. 19th in an automobile collision in Tipton County.

A documentary film he researched, *Elixir Of Death*, is being dedicated to him when it is shown at 10 p.m. CST Dec. 11th, on the History Channel, as part of the *History Undercover* series.

In the film, he discusses 107 deaths in 1937 from a toxic form of sulfanilamide, efforts to re-call it, and subsequent legislation.

which officers respond or how well they perform.

The new plan would have 911 operators speed-dial "non-emergency" calls to the sheriff's office, which would then dispatch city and/or county officers as deemed appropriate.

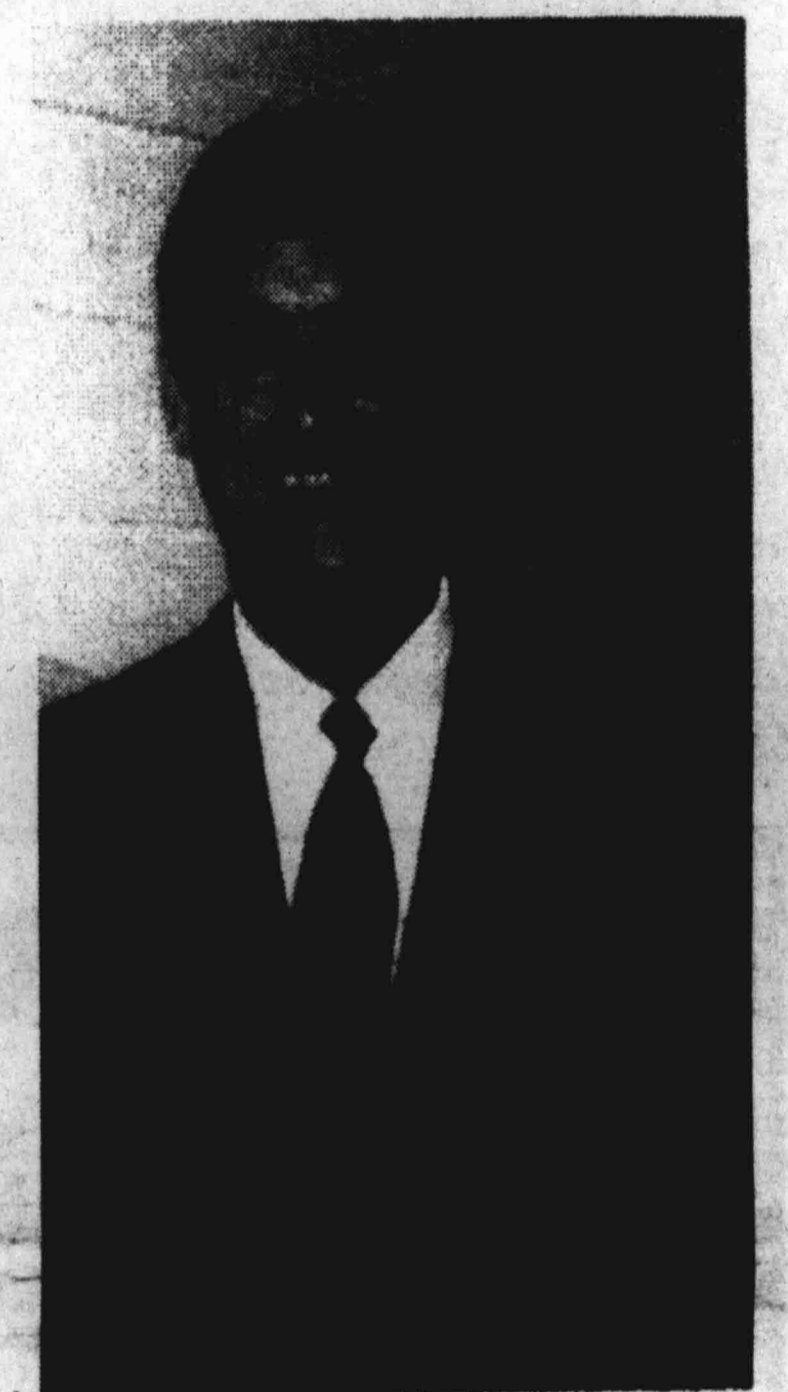
In addition, the sheriff wants 911 to vacate its basement space in the Justice Center, to make room for other needs.

Current contracts do not expire until June 30, 2004, so there may well be some further negotiations.

APPOINTED

Monty McWilliams, of Halls, has been appointed to the Tennessee Pest Control Board by Governor Phil Bredesen.

McWilliams and 65 other



Gene 'Jeff' Davis, Jr.

**USDA Accepting
Applications 2004**

The deadline for applying for first quarter fiscal year 2004 funding for the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program is Dec. 31, 2003.

The program offers land-owners financial and technical assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in planning and applying needed soil and water conservation practices on the land.

For further information concerning the program, or to make an application, contact the Conservation Service office, located at 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley, or call 731-635-7687, ext. 3.

Tennesseans from across the state were appointed to 25 of the state's boards and commissions by Bredesen.

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New Health Bldg. Awaits State OK

Only state approval is needed for construction of a new county Health Department east of New U.S. Hwy. 51, across from the county's Justice Center, on property purchased from Jenny Wren Nunn.

County Mayor Rozelle Criner has obtained state and federal grants which leave, at most, \$429,603, and possibly only \$293,225, from county tax-payers, toward total estimated cost of \$1,135,405.

For construction costs only, four bids opened Nov. 18th found Searcy Construction, of Union City, low, at \$955,440; Chipman Construction, of Ripley, was second low bidder at \$1,013,090.

Land Transfers

Nov. 24 - Robert Carlton Fisher and Amy Sondgeroth Fisher to William Dale Ray, Dist. 2, 3 tracts.

Ozell Trussell to Amy Brooks, Dist. 3, 0.5 acres.

Charles S. Cherry, Sr. to Rita Taylor and Jeremy Taylor, Dist. 8, 0.74 acres.

Nov. 25 - William C. Stanley and Ella Kate Stanley to Tina A. White, Dist. 16, 1.529 acres.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Jake Sutton and Melba Sutton, Dist. 2, lot.

Bart C. Durham III to S. N. Anthony, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Nov. 26 - Federal Na-

tional Mortgage Association to Ola M. Stever, Dist. 3, lot.

Billy Chapman Living Trust to Jennifer Burnett, Dist. 3, 1.40 acres.

Werter L. Drake III to Robert F. Hendrix and Rebecca W. Hendrix, Dist. 1, 85 acres.

Dec. 1 - Barry J. Akins and Rosetta B. Akins to Bonnie Cryderman and Tommy Thomas, Dist. 2, lot.

Jeffery W. Younger to Jerry Mitchell and Mary Mitchell, Dist. 10, 5.00 acres.

Eunice Jenkins and Deborah Smith Jenkins to Diane M. Deal, Dist. 2, 1.365 acres.

Olivia Smith Ammons, Robert Ammons, Jr., Bobby

Commissioners Honored Players



HALLS AND RIPLEY FOOTBALL PLAYERS and coaches were honored by County Mayor Rozelle Criner and commissioners at the regular monthly meeting Monday. Criner commended everyone on their winning attitude and school spirit and expressed the county's good wishes for a bright future.

Other business passed included removal of several trees from the courthouse yard, as recommended by the building and ground committee; and asking the state to rescind a state law which prohibits Tennessee counties from operating blacktop plants, thus enabling counties to operate their own plants to hold costs down.

Ammons, and Wanda Jean Clark to Brenda Brasfield, Dist. 2, lot.

Manson Younger to Brenda Lee Conaster and Early B. Conaster, Jr., 2 lots.

Gary Buckner and Brenda Buckner to Joe Weeks and Helen Weeks, 3 tracts.

Dec. 2- Gree Tree Servicing, LLC to Gregg Delashmit and Donna Delashmit, Dist. 3, 5.86 acres.

William C. Stanley and Ella Kate Stanley to Charles Robert Stanley and Anita Paulette Stanley Scallions, Dist. 16, lot.

Ruth Hedgepeth Chism to

Claude Simmons and Johnny L. Jeffries and Helen Jeffries, Dist. 2, lot.

Dec. 3 - Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Chris D. Casey and Tiffany J. Casey, Dist. 2, 3.420 acres.

Dec. 4 - Matrix Asset Management to Mattie Bradford, lot.

Jack Lucas, Betty Jo Lucas, and Jacqueline Marie Lucas to Michael Lynn Barham, Jr. and Crystal Nicole Barham, Dist. 6, 2-14/15 acres.

Greenpoint Credit Corp. to Homestead 2000 Inc., 1.00 acre.

Derek Durham to Freddie

Dec. 5 - Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Theophilus Glenn Barnett and Jadie Barnett, Dist. 2, lot.

Shelby Jean Pittman Gaines, Linda Joy Wilson, Janet Diane P. Newman, Michael Lynn Pittman, and Richard Lynn Pittman to Larry T. Olds and Mary P. Olds, Dist. 11, 2 tracts.

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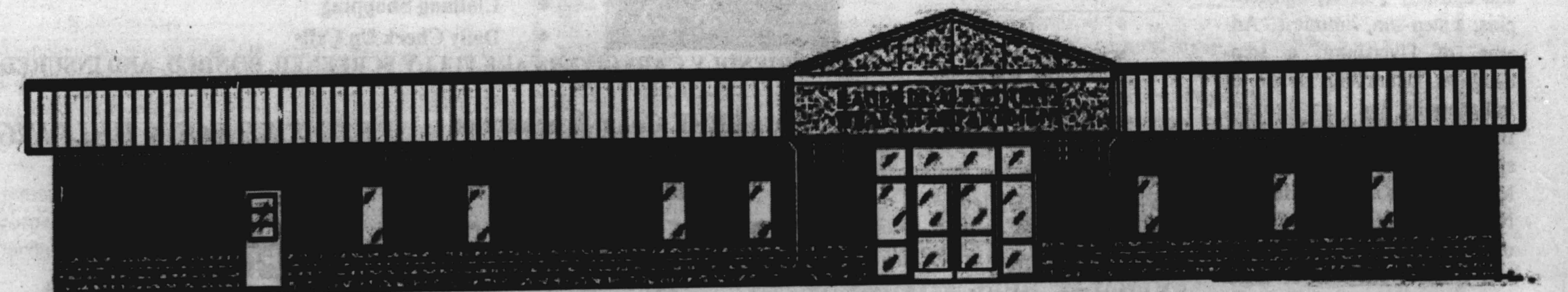
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Obituaries

John Holcomb

John Edward Holcomb, 72, who was born in Lauderdale County, Nov. 1, 1931, son of the late John and Irene Edwards Holcomb, died Monday of last week in Union City Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in White-Ransom Funeral Home in Union City, with burial in Fremont Cemetery in Obion County.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he had retired as a self-employed upholsterer.

He was a Baptist.

He leaves his wife, Maxine Wilson Holcomb, whom he married Dec. 3, 1976; a step-son, Stephen Lester, of Sharon; and step-daughters, Donna Albright, of Obion, Lisa Thompson, of Kenton, and Teresa Garrett, of Chicago, Ill.

Ventrice Adams

Ventrice Toliver Adams, 56, of Covington, mother of Vidal Adams, of Ripley, died Nov. 30th in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Friday in Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Plummer's Grove Cemetery, Mason Funeral Home in charge.

Custodian and cook for First United Methodist Church for 27 years, she had been a cook for Covington High School and had been a child-care provider.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy; another son, Douglas Clay Toliver, of Mason; daughters, Allison and Bonita Toliver, of Covington, and Dorothy Toliver, of Memphis; a step-son, Jimmie L. Adams, of Dyersburg; a step-daughter, Debra Ann Dyson, of Indianapolis, Ind.; one brother, Billy, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and sisters, Warlene Mosley, of Millington, Katie B. Hall, of New Bern, N.C., Hazel Dyson, of Indianapolis, Lula Johnson and Rosie Donelson, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Roxie Johnson, of Detroit, Mich.

Thomas Riley

Thomas Mark Riley, 37, of Halls, construction worker, died December 3rd at Jackson-Madison County Hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident near Frog Jump.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Archer's Chapel Methodist Church, where he was a member, with burial in the church cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his parents, James and Rebecca Archer Riley, three brothers, Perry Riley, Mike Riley and Jeff Riley, and one sister, Darlene Woodruff, all of Halls; another brother, Larry Riley, of Humboldt; and another sister, Diane Carmack, of Gates.

Mr. Throgmorton

William "Glover" Throgmorton, 73, of Halls, died Saturday at Dyersburg Methodist Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Antioch Cemetery, near Halls.

He was a farmer, a retiree from the Maintenance Dept. at Tupperware, and a member of West Dyersburg Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Smith Throgmorton; three sons, Steve and Stan Throgmorton, both of Dyersburg, and Chris Throgmorton, of Unionville; one daughter, Diane Pittard, of Dallas, Tex.; three sisters, Mary Throgmorton and Martha Dugger, both of Ripley, and Frances Harrell, of Halls; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Divorces

David Christopher Bailey vs. Amy Duncan Bailey.
Timothy Wayne Lilly vs. Lisa Michelle Lilly.
Mark Evorette Bernard vs. Josie Denise Bernard.

A. C. Taylor

A. C. Taylor, 68, of Memphis, brother of Eddie Mae Burnett, of 3710 Chicken George Trail, Henning, died Nov. 25th in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Henning, with burial in Taylor's Cemetery, Bells Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Taylor, and brothers, R. J. Hayes and Robert Martin, both of St. Louis, Mo.

John Halliburton

John E. Halliburton, 80, of Fresno, Calif., formerly of Ripley, retiree from the Tennessee Gas and Water Department, died December 2nd.

A private family service was held December 6th, Stephens & Bean Chapel, of Fresno, in charge.

Survivors include one son, Tom; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Galloway

Jessie Lee Galloway, 88, of Halls, widow of Howard Galloway, died Thursday of last week in North Mississippi Medical Center in Iuka.

Rites were Sunday in Elon Baptist Church near Halls, where she was a member, burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Paul, of 4129 Old Brownsville Rd., Ripley, Bill, of Peru, Ind., and James Michael Galloway, of Owosso, Mich.; daughters, Linda Sue Hilliard, of Halls, and Betty Jean Henderson, of Tishomingo, Miss.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jackie L. Jacobs, Jr. would like to thank everyone for all of the love and kindness we received during Jackie's prolonged illness and death. We thank everyone for their calls of concern, visits, cards, food, and beautiful flowers. Thanks to all of you that made contributions to the

American Heart Association and gave church memorials in his name. You have given something that will live on in his honor. Thank you to all of the churches for your prayers and love offerings. A special thank you to the First United Methodist Church in Halls for use of their beautiful sanctuary for the funeral service. To the pastor and their congregation many thanks and love to you for your kindness. We were all extremely blessed for the time that God allowed us to have him. He was truly blessed to have so many friends and family who loved him dearly. This world is a lesser place without such a great man. Please remember us in the days that come and pray for us. Our days are long and difficult. Always know that your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you all for your love and support. With love and many thanks,

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In memory of Roger Ellis Hostetler by James and Emma Jean Maxwell.

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In memory of Donald Hargett by Dwain and Betty Klutts.

In memory of Joy Crihfield and Estelle Elder by Beatrice Fowler.

In memory of Hayes Kent by Shirley Elder.

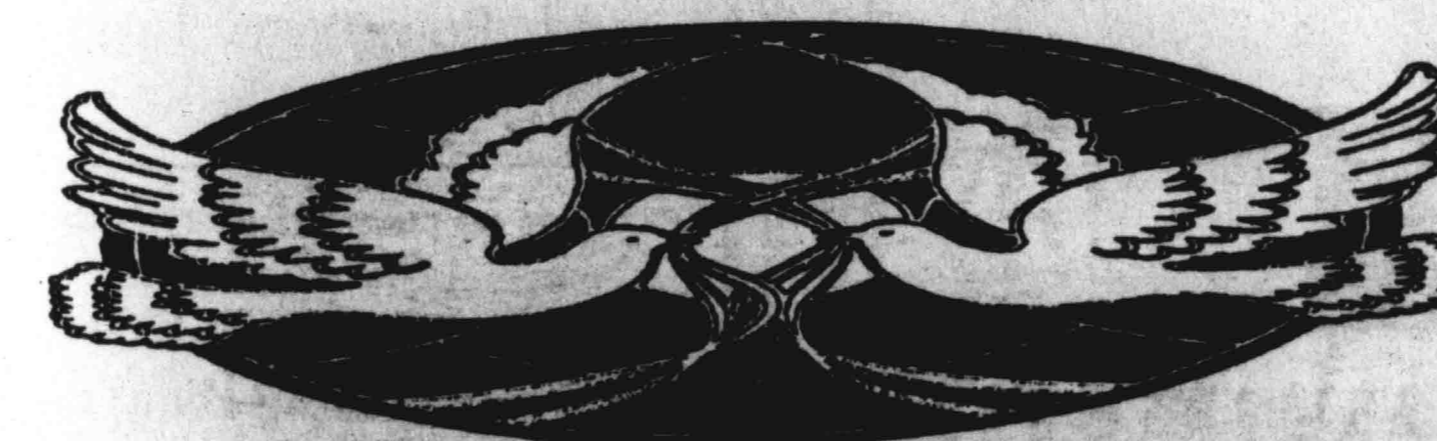
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In memory of William Archie by Annie Laura



Church Happenings

The Reed Family will hold a gospel music Christmas special at 7 p.m. Dec. 19th at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. A meal will be served at 6 p.m., no charge. The event will feature the Reed Family, Southern Heritage, Witness, the Hayes, the Grills Family, and others. The public is invited.

The Sanctuary Choir of the Ripley First United Methodist Church will present the cantata, The Wondrous Story, at 7 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14th. The public is invited.

Praise Temple Church, 157 Washington, Ripley, will hold a three-night prayer revival at 7 p.m. nightly Wed., Dec. 17th through Fri., Dec. 19th. The theme is "PUSH", Pray Until Something Happens. Garie V. Andrews, pastor, invites the public.

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STEVEN SCOTT, right, of My Gospel Music Ministries, in Tupelo Miss., and Janet Spears, third from left, of Presley Heights Tours Limousine and Shuttle Service, in Memphis, visited Lauderdale County Sunday through Tuesday.

Their itinerary included a television interview and taping, with countian, Jane Wiley, left, interpreting in sign language; visiting the Helen R. Tucker Center

nings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. For each donation, a light on the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn will be turned on.

Others pictured are Vanda Shelton, of Halls, and Joe Pursell, Halls Police Chief.

and entertaining clients, meeting Mayors Richard Douglas and Eugene Pugh, and having lunch at Charlene's Colony of Shops in Halls.

Scott recently returned from Washington D. C. and will begin his "Dare to Fly" series of concerts beginning in January. His new TV show, "My Gospel Music," can be seen on Unity Broadcasting Network.

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.
—William Makepeace Thackeray

In Memory

Rufus L. Patton, Jr. "Bubba"

Bubba it has been three long and lonely years since you went home in glory.

It doesn't seem like it has been that long. We still miss you, love you, think of you daily, still cry.

We miss those little arms around us.

Your death has left a gaping hole in our hearts. Producing an emptiness we know will never be filled.

We miss your voice, the sound of your laughter, those funny, endearing things you did.

We were so glad and proud to call you our son. Some people have reached out to help us, others have turned away, unable to bear the pain we carry.

We do not ask them to share it with us, only to listen as we talk and cry. We know you are in Heaven with God, and we will be with you someday.

We know you will never leave our side, as we will never leave yours. Thank you for the wonderful, unique relationship we shared.

We love you. We miss you. We will never forget all the good times we shared.

Love Mom and Dad
Jennifer, John, & Johnny





Queen



CALLIE YOUNG, 10 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young, of Gates, was crowned queen for 0-preschool, during the Halls High School Student Council Miss Merry Christmas pageant Nov. 13th. She was also crowned first maid for 0-12 months old. Callie is the sister of Cruz, 6, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Young, of Gates, and Rosemary Taylor, of Halls.

Let us respect gray hairs, especially our own.
—J.P. Senn

Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey!
—Fitzhugh Millan



THE TOWN OF HALLS held its annual Christmas parade Tuesday of last week. The Mayor's trophy went to Marvin Windows and Doors. Business and Civic category winners were 1st place, Cole's Do-It Center, and 2nd place, Halls Westside Baptist Church. Industry winners were 1st place, Jimmy Dean Foods, and 2nd place Quality Service Heating & Air. Most original entry was 1st place, Friendship Girl Scouts, and 2nd place, Friends of Fort Pillow. Car winners were 1st place, Don and Elaine Fisher, antique, Nelson Young, modified, and Jerry and Carol Ward, classic. Second place car winners were Roy and Patricia McLain, antique, Eddie Corbin, modified, and Dennis and Jan Breeden, classic. First place in horses was Kathy Moore.

HJH Region Winners



TEAM MEMBERS of the Halls Junior High School stock market include Nathan Smith, Nathan Sadler, Dakota Douglas, Charlie Hammond, Carley Cherry, Randi Crockett, Heather Spangler, Heather Hill, Stephanie Condor, Madison Stanley, Maddison Hamlet, and Kristen McCallister. The team placed seventh in the region for the Commercial Appeal Stock Market Game. The team was in competition with 147 school teams through the southeast. The game was part of Project L.E.A.D.'s early morning program at HJH. The students were given a chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in a "real-time" portfolio. The team ended with \$102,373.88 over a ten-week period.

Williams, Randy Newman, Sue Chalk, Mack Curtis.

Dec. 13 - Joel Cummings, Willie Griggs, Bill Williams, Charlotte Ammons, Kaylee Schrotberger, Allison Marie Winn, Carol Anderson, Brett Curtis, G. H. Mills, Anthony Jones, Nita Harrell, Shirley Kelley, David Olds, Darren Dedmon, Preston Terry, James L. Crowder.

Dec. 14 - Billy Lankford, Rick Vowell, Laura Walker, Tyler Wood, Kathy Wiggins, Paula Bales, Robert D. Maxwell.

Dec. 15 - Sarah Hutcherson, F. A. Blakely, Jr., Amanda Ivey, David Langley Cove, Lacy Barnett, Hunter Hyde, Mike Moore, Evans Hartman, Kathi Wilder.

Dec. 16 - Mrs. Ruth Chism, John David Box, Kevin Williams, John Allen Noblin, Zachary McBroom, Randy Burns, Sarah Beth Warren, Sally Jo Turner, Tim Carter, Sam Barry, Bill Hendrix, Martha Crews, Conner Blakely, Virginia Austin.

Anniversaries

Larry Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Mills.
Dec. 17 - The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Alford.

Dec. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McAdams.

Dec. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horne.

Dec. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Barcroft.

Dec. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Myrick.

Dec. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dew, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Summar, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pilant, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Glenn.

Dec. 16 - Mr. and Mrs.

Birthdays

Dec. 11 - Micheal Cooper, Chris Wright, Terry Bentley, Laura Frazier, Vickie Hart, Janice Lee, Sharon Box, Brenda Newman, Matthew Scott Chalk, Joyce Baynes.

Dec. 12 - Jean Tims, B. B. Douglas, Chris Broglin, Erick Baker, Donna Shiree Goforth, Jessica Middleton, Jonathan Hilliard, Kathryn Pitts, Aaliyah

Dees Kills First Deer



JUSTIN DEES, son of Lisa Morgan and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parish, of Halls, killed his first deer Nov. 23rd.

Tillman, Sanford Quick, Shelby Odom, Dennis Drumwright, Jr. last week and broke her shoulder. She had surgery

Concord Locals Monday in the Regional Hospital in Jackson.

By Mrs. Louise Fennel
Mr. Floyd Emerson fell

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Marriages

Dec. 1- Miguel Delon Hubbard, 23, to Tasha Monique Johnson, 28, by Barbara N. Roberts.
Dec. 5 - Devin James

Nevels, 35, to Catherine Renee Smith, 19, by Tom Sanders, Jr.

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—Eleanor Roosevelt

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Warehouse Fire Triggers Evacuation Of Residents

A fire at approximately 6 a.m. Saturday morning destroyed a warehouse at the Crafcro plant in Halls. Officials evacuated about 40 residents, including those living in a nearby senior citizens home, due to the black smoke. Others living within a one-mile radius were told to prepare for evacuation also. Crafcro employees 24, according to records at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce. The plant makes materials used in repair of asphalt road surfaces.

Halls Police Chief Joe Pursell told the *Dyersburg State Gazette*, "I was told the fire started about 6 a.m. when a propane tank on a vehicle inside the warehouse exploded. The warehouse contained oil-based products that produced a massive black cloud."

According to Jim Temple, media-relations manager for Ergon, Crafcro's parent company, the 250-by-80-foot warehouse contained both raw and Crafcro's finished product. He stated an investigation into the cause of the fire would begin as soon as it is possible for investigators to enter the building. Temple also stated the propane truck was near the warehouse, but had been moved and he did not feel it was involved in the cause. Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency and other regulatory officials were notified of the situation after the fire was discovered nearly an hour after the first shift of employees reported to work for the day.

No injuries were reported. Workers were cleaning up debris Monday afternoon and an estimate of the damage was unavailable at presstime.

Holidays Move Dead-Lines Up

With no mail service Dec. 25th, *The Halls Graphic* and *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* will be printed and mailed a day early, Tuesday, to obtain mail delivery in the county on Christmas Eve. Ads and news must be received by noon Monday to assure publication. Offices at 145 E. Jackson in Ripley will be closed from 5 p.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29th. The same schedule will be necessary for the following week, for New Year's Day.

US Treasury Seeks Many Lost Owners

The Unclaimed Property office of the Tennessee Treasury Department is seeking thousands of lost owners, who have forgotten about a savings and checking account, life and casualty insurance proceeds, refunds, utility deposit, stock dividend, credit card over payment, gift certificates, uncashed wage checks or money held elsewhere.

This year, companies from all over the country have reported more than \$35 million belonging to Tennesseans. Last year, the Treasurer returned more than \$42.7 million to people in Tennessee.

There is an ad in this issue of *The Halls Graphic* listing lost owners.

The fastest way to find more information and to claim your account is to go to internet site, www.treasury.state.tn.us/unclaim, select Find Property, select Search for Unclaimed Property, and then search for your name. All names printed in the newspaper are on the web site.

If an account is found with your name, submit proof of ownership to claim it. Print the claim form from the web site and follow all instructions. If you find your name in the newspaper advertisement, and do not have access to the internet, complete the inquiry form in the ad and mail it to the Treasury Department.

There is no need to call, just send in the signed form and proof of ownership. Property is not real estate. (Continued On Page 6.)

Honored With Awards



DONNY NOBLIN, of Halls, who has been in the water treatment profession for over ten years, is the recipient of the James W. "Doc" Murphrey Award and the H. B. Rosson Award for Outstanding Water Treatment Operator. He is a licensed operator in all four disciplines, holding a Grade III water license. He is Superintendent of Water in Halls and maintains three pumping stations, a 1.0 MGD wastewater lagoon, takes care of water quality complaints, and at one time, was responsible for the pre-treatment program. He has been responsible for increasing the reliability and quality of Halls' water.

The Town of Halls Water Treatment Plant is this year's recipient of the J. R. Fleming Award for Outstanding Water Treatment. The 1.5 MGD plant, operated by Donny Noblin and Lamar Stentson, under the supervision of Public Works Director, Alan Cherry, serves 2,175 customers in Halls and portions of Lauderdale, Dyer and Haywood Counties. The plant has had no major violations and earned a 97 on its last sanitary survey. It has undergone a \$1.7 million upgrade, which included a SCADA System. Donny Noblin accepted the award on behalf of the Town of Halls Water Treatment plant.

Haller Lodge #564 Elects '04 Officers

Haller Lodge #564, F. & A. M., in Halls, elected and installed officers for 2004 at its stated meeting Dec. 8th. Those elected included, James E. Ross, worshipful master; Felix M. Cook, senior warden; Terry Bentley, junior warden; Richard H. Spear, treasurer; T. H. "Tommy" Simmons, secretary; Richard Dawson and Sheriff Louis Craig notes our error, last week: the 911 space he wants vacated is not in the basement of the Justice Center (there is no basement), but elsewhere in the building. Jimmy Gray, junior deacons, Gene Burroughs, chaplain; Mike Cunningham, senior steward; Mickey Moore, junior steward; and Garey O. Woodard, tiler.

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Divorces

Crystal Wakefield Lovelady vs. Bradley Lovelady.
James Hiram Bailey vs. Dorothy Helen Wells Bailey.
Jenny Marie James Prater vs. Billy Joe Prater.
Elizabeth Yanders Pillow vs. Claude Pillow, Jr.

FOR SALE - Former home of the late Howard and Florence McBride. 2576 Double Bridges/

Readers Speak

Editor,
Our fifth and sixth grade class is learning about the United States of America in Social Studies. To help us discover what this beautiful country looks like, we would appreciate your readers sending us picture postcards of your state and area. We would also appreciate any other information they would like to share with us.

Thank you for helping us learn about our great nation.

Kylie Richter
c/o Mr. Miller's 5/6 Class
Box 847
Inverness, MT 59530

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.
-Sam Ewing

Man has his will, but woman has her way.
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Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, in front, from left, Elizabeth Burks, Pre-K, daughter of Curry and Kristina Burks, of Ripley; in middle, from left, Caroline Mills, 2nd grade, daughter of Jeff and Amy Mills, of Ripley, and Lauren Martin, 3rd grade, daughter of Rob and Gayle Martin, of Halls; and in rear, from left, Mallory Martin, 6th grade, daughter of Jeff and Lori Martin, John Curry Burks, 4th grade, son of Curry and Kristina Burks, and Peyton English, 5th grade, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John English, all of Ripley.

Readers Speak

Dear Editor,

As co-chairman of the Community Lighting Project, sponsored by the Halls Community Club, I invite your readers to visit Halls to see, not only the participating streets, but also many other beautifully decorated homes as we celebrate this joyous season. Congratulations to Christmas Tree Trail (Carmen Street) and Lantern Lane (Pine Hill Drive) for 100% participation, and to Reindeer Lane (West Tiggrett/Hwy. 88) for at least 90% participation. On these streets, the theme is evident and decorations are located uniformly. Visitors to Halls will also want to see Jingle Bell Lane (College Street), Snowman Lane (Sumrow Street), and Luminary Lane (West Main). All of the pub-

lic areas have been beautifully decorated by City Hall personnel. Angie Terry and I, as co-chairmen, appreciate the trouble and expense that a project like this involves, but the community pride is overwhelming. The last time our town had such a community-wide program was in 1988 when at least 90% of the entire town decorated their yards with luminaries. Next year we invite other streets to join in, and we do hope to see more streets that have 100% involvement. The lights on the above listed streets will be on display from Dec. 15th through Christmas Day.

Pat Higdon
Town of Halls

Dear Editor,

The Bible says of the birth of Jesus Christ, "there was no room for them." (Luke 2:7). It seems to me

Donating To Soldier



STUDENTS in Mrs. Nita Taylor's fourth grade class at Halls Elementary School acted as Santa's elves Thursday of last week. The class made Christmas cards and baked cookies for Cliff Sanders, a member of the 101 Airborne Unit, stationed in Iraq. Sanders, a former student of Mrs. Taylor's, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Sanders, of Halls. His mother, Bonnie, and sister, Amanda, visited the class and spoke about Cliff and his job in Iraq. Refreshments were served.

like this is true also in the day we live in, where most people worship Christmas and not the Christ. All around us we see Christmas trees, Santa Claus, sales, snowmen, strong drink, so many shopping days left, celebrations, commercialism, lights, food, fun, football, family reunions, parties, parades, holly, mistletoe, lay-aways, X-mas, X-haustion, X-penses, X-cesses, and X-changes, -- but where is Christ? It's Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, gifts, getting cards, candy, Christmas bells and Christmas bills, but where is Christ? The wise men asked the question, "where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Mat. 2:2). Wise men still see Him today, for He is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, the Bright and Morning Star, the Fairest of Ten Thousands, and the Saviour of all men. Our heavenly Father offers to all men the free gift of eternal life. (Rom. 6:23 and Eph. 2:8). Jesus is the greatest gift that a person can ever receive. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." (II Cor. 9:15). Christmas time is a time of giving, and many

needs to be received by faith! (Eph. 2:8). Let us all again be reminded that Jesus is no longer a helpless baby, but a mighty Saviour risen from the dead! This Christmas, remember He is not a little baby, He's a mighty Saviour today at God's right hand, offering the gift of eternal life to all who would receive.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..." (John 1:12). This business of giving gifts is all right, provided you have re-

ceived the real gift. The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ. I'm thankful Jesus is no longer in a cradle, or is He hanging on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days and He is the soon coming King of Kings!

Pastor Jerry Hickson
Grace Bible Baptist Church

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Obituaries

Lois Littles

Lois "Kathleen" London Littles, 77, of Halls, treasurer of the Lauderdale County Historical Society, died Dec. 7th in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

A retired teacher in Craigmont High School in Memphis, she was a member of Leawood Baptist Church in Memphis.

Survivors include a companion, Don Poindexter; daughters, Susan Koonce Adams, of Memphis, and Valerie Koonce, of Atlanta, Ga.; brothers, Bobby and Burtis Smith, of Nashville; sisters, Dena London Ammons, of Bartlett, Lucille Crews, of Nashville, and Laura Frances Dom, of Battle Creek, Mich.; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Billie Barbour

Billie Bailey Barbour, 93, formerly of Halls, widow of Joe Medeiros and Douglas Barbour, died Thursday of last week in Bright Glade Convalescent Center in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of Halls' First Christian Church.

She leaves a sister-in-law, Jane Rother, of Memphis.

W. J. Archie

William Jerry Archie, 73, retired teacher and factory worker, died Dec. 5th in his home at 82 West Dry Hill Road, near Ripley.

Rites were Dec. 7th in Macedonia Baptist Church at Edith, of which he was a member, with burial in Edith Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he leaves his wife, Oma; daughters, Judy Dunaway, Mary Olds, and Rhonda Delaney, of Ripley; Gerrie Goodwin, of Halls, and Shelia Guthrie, of Henning; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

John P. Bonner

John Paul Bonner, 86, of Munford, father of Nyanza Bonner, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Methodist Healthcare North in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church at Atoka, where he was a member, with burial there, Jefferson Mortuary, of Millington, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Bell Bonner; others sons, Melvin, of Munford, and Johnny and Paul Ed Bonner, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Elizabeth Bonner and Carrie Goodrich, of Chicago, and Bertha Jean Hightower, of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters, Everlina Robinson, of Memphis, and Climmie Goins, of Chicago; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Henry Johnson

Henry Lee Johnson, 44, a timber cutter for Cole Farms and Timber Co., of Union City, formerly employed by Reelfoot Lumber Co., of Henning, died Dec. 4th in Baptist Hospital in Union City.

Rites were Friday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves his father, Sylvester Johnson, of Mississippi. He is remembered by co-workers at Reelfoot Lumber Co., Cleve Anderson, of Ripley, and Lyn Lake and Ross Bates, of Henning.

Miriam Green

Miriam Beatrice Green, 93, of Tigrett, mother of Ruth Hooper, of Halls, died Monday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Friendship Baptist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Bellevernon Cemetery, Friendship Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of William Daniel Green. Survivors include sons, Jim, of Memphis, Bill, of Minden, La., and Jerry, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; other daughters, Donna Kay Wright, of Friendship, Mary Lou Newbill, of RoElen, Marjorie Ann Harris, of Hickory Valley, and Barbara Lee Tleton, of Southaven, Miss.; a brother, Charles Allen Everett, of Hickman, Ky.; a sister, Margaret Rhodes, of Union City; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Harbert Barbee

Harbert Barbee, 93, retired from the Elyria, Ohio, Sanitation Department, died Tuesday of last week in Elyria.

Memorial services were Friday in Second Baptist Church in Elyria, where he was a member, with Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He was a Mason.

He leaves sons, Edward, Harvey, and James, of Elyria, Larry and Tom, of Oberlin, Ohio, and Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio; daughters, Gladys Barbee, Bernice Williams, and Mary Horton, of Elyria, and Barbara Harris, of Rockford, Ill.; 30 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

Earney Wiggins

Earney Excell Wiggins, Jr., 53, of Ripley, auto mechanic, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral in Ripley, with burial in Asbury Cemetery.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves his wife, Carol Halprin Wiggins; a son, David, of Philadelphia, Pa.; a daughter, Christina Mitchell, of Austin, Tex.; a stepdaughter, Debbie Halprin, of Memphis; his mother, Laura Wiggins, of Somerville; brothers, Jeff, of Somerville, and Daniel, of Victoria, Miss.; sisters, Helen Martin, of Somerville, and Jean Wrestling, of Chicago, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

RECEIVE DEGREES

Three students from Lauderdale County receiving degrees at Mississippi State University, at the conclusion of the 2003 fall semester, are Farnsworth E. Pugh, of Halls, bachelor of science in agriculture and life sciences, Matthew P. Reviere, of Ripley, bachelor of arts in business and industry, and Jason R. Weir, of Ripley, master of science, in education.

Graduation exercises were Dec. 13th, at 10 a.m., in Humphrey Coliseum.

The commencement speaker was Thad Cochran, senior United States senator, from Mississippi.

Markira Gause

Markira Danielle Gause, infant daughter of Munlie Whitelaw and Bobby Gause, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Tuesday in Currie Funeral Home, in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

Survivors include grandparents, Cinder and O. B. Whitelaw and Frances Brown, of Ripley, and great-grandparents, Ethel Lawrence, of Ripley, Mary and James Shaw, of Henning, and Bubby Brown, of Alamo.

Norene E. Klutts

Norene Ervin Klutts, 89, of Ripley, retired salesperson of the former Berg and Schaffer retail store in Ripley, died Monday at her residence.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

She was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

Widow of Julius "Dude" Klutts, of Ripley, she leaves one sister, Helen Slaughter, of Memphis.

Memorials may be sent to Mary's Chapel or Trinity Cemeteries.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jessie Galloway would like to thank everyone for all the love and kindness shown during her illness and death. We thank everyone for their calls, visits, cards, food, church memorials, prayers and beautiful flowers. A special thank you to Iuka Hospital and Tishomingo Manor in Iuka, Mississippi for the special care given to her during the last few months. Special thanks to the members of Elon Baptist Church for their continued love and support, to Rose Hogue for the beautiful music, to Bro. Robert Prince and Mrs. Judy Burroughs for their words of comfort, and to Halls Funeral Home for their service to our family. Always know that your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. God bless you all.

With Love,

Bill Galloway, son

Paul Galloway, son

Mike Galloway, son

Betty Henderson, daughter

Linda Hilliard, daughter

grandchildren

great-grandchildren

great-great-grandchild

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Christmas Open House Receives Scholarship



MRS. MARY BROWN, center, of Halls, was awarded the Bank of Ripley's fall Tennessee Technology center scholarship by Craig Fitzhugh, left, president. The Bank of Ripley is a Partner in Education. Brian Collins, right, director of the center, along with a group of staff members and the local community advisory board joined in congratulations. Mrs. Brown is a student in Patient Care Technician. She began her school after having been laid off from Crafo Manufacturing. Her husband, Sylvester, is serving active duty at Fort Campbell, Ky. They have two small children, Cameron and Dashun. Brown's instructor is Tina Evans.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS for the old-fashioned Christmas tree at the Veteran's Museum in Halls are being made by children including, in front, from left, Haylie Rose, Hannah Blackwood, Camryn Blackwood, and Leah Beth Jacobs, and in rear, Hayley Blackwood and Taylor Jacobs. The decorations will be on display during the Christmas Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., Dec. 21st at the museum. The cedar tree, reminiscent of rural Christmases in the 30s and 40s, and decorations are expected to be completed by Dec. 17th. Members of Westside Baptist Church, Betty Lovelace, Shannon Blackwood, and Tonya Jacobs, helped the children make some of the decorations.

Land Transfers

Dec. 5 - Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Theophilus Glenn Barnett and Jadie Barnett, Dist. 2, lot.

Shelby Jean Pittman Gaines, Linda Joy Pittman Wilson, Janet Diane P. Newman, Michael Lynn Pittman, and Richard Lynn Pittman to Larry T. Olds and Mary P. Olds, Dist. 11 2 tracts.

Vernon McBride, Sr. and Beulah Kate McBride to Vernon McBride, Jr. and Vernon McBride III, Dist. 13, lot.

Geraldine McBride, James

A. McBride, and Geneva M. Cooper to Vernon McBride, Jr. and Vernon McBride III, Dist. 15, 49.25 acres.

Sherry Gay Morris to Gary Buckner and Brenda Buckner, Dist. 2, lot.

Marie Fleming to Phillip D. Fleming and Shelia S. Fleming, Dist. 6, lot.

Marjorie L. Halliburton to Demetric Bryant, Dist. 2, lot.

Dec. 8 - S. N. Anthony, Jr. to Dee Hughes III, Dist. 2, 1.068 acres.

Louis G. Chalk, Jr. and Kellie Dawn Chalk to Ted Scott and Lora A. Scott, Dist. 6, 0.35 acres.

MRW Enterprises, LLC and MRW, LLC to Trent Somerville, Dist. 2, 6.0 acres.

Robert C. Jones and Cynthia Jones to Donna Burns and James Orr, Dist. 12, lot.

Cecil Mosby to Charlie Halliburton, Dist. 2, lot.

Dec. 10 - Manson Younger and Betty Younger to Tony R. Stoneburner, Dist. 6, lot.

Frances C. Hargett, trustee, Frances C. Hargett Revocable Living Trust, Leon Hargett, and Mary Ellen Hargett Carnell to Gary J. Kunstman and Patricia M. Kunstman, Dist. 14, 1.1471 acres.

Daniel R. Beard and Joy Beard to Emerson L. Riley and

Brenda M. Riley, Dist. 15, 0.77 acres.

Dec. 11 - Derry W. Newman and Brenda K. Newman to Union Planters Bank NA, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Sharon Wiggins to Herbert A. Harding, Dist. 3, 1.16 acres.

Birthdays

Dec. 18 - Ruby Jackson, Peyton Meyer, Amber Bivens, Caleb Wright, Mike Martin, Wayne Kitts, William Kitts, Bertha Northcott, Peyton Fisher, Madelyne Ray, Mattie Ammons, Joy Ward, Dawn Drake, May Stuart, Dylan Sanders, J. R. Bartlett, Debbie Brown.

Dec. 19 - Michael Fullen, Stephen Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, Paula Henderson, Joshua Edwards, Darlene Palmer, Danny E. Cates, Holly Crook, Linda Ward Feltus, Ben Ewell, Justin Northcott, Ashley Brooks, Conner Morgan, Ann Parsons, Shawna Crowder.

Dec. 20 - Jeffery Etheridge, Scotty Rambo, Amanda Britt, Allen Voss, Rebecca Carmack-

Soil Erosion Rates Reduced By 24%

"Erosion rates have been reduced by 24% in the past ten years in Lauderdale County," said district conservationist, Richard Cooke, of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Ripley. "The goal of NRCS is to promote harmony between people and the land."

Wherever people live, in town or in the country, they are dependent on soil, water, air, plants and animals. Natural resources are the source of food, building materials, clothing and recreation.

In addition to helping landowners in planning and applying soil and water conservation practices on the land, NRCS also provides free technical assistance and soil information to local and state governments, schools and community organizations to address the natural resource needs of the community.

For further information concerning assistance, contact the service office, located at 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley, or call 635-7686.

Summer, Blonda Robison, Chandler Roberts.

Dec. 21 - John Gaddy, Tim Hearnberger, Breanna Buckner, Alesia Craig, Erin Hutcherson, Marvin Terry, Hunter Mountjoy, Madison Hamlet, Sue Ward, Shelbie Hurt, Marlon Devon Taylor, Jonathan Hyde, Scott Hartman, Pam Wong.

Dec. 22 - Christy Hamilton, Jerry Smith, Joyce Avery, Kim Summar, Rebecca Chandler, Austin Maxwell, Chrissy Burnham, Jim Drake, Bill Lawrence, George Vaughn, Brandi Ables, Katharine White, Justin McGarity.

Dec. 23 - Alan Douglas, Helen Pollard, Jim Keller, Amanda Taylor, Ian Culver, Angela Ezekiel, Ethel Nash, Charlie Moore, Sarah Bing.

Dec. 24 - J. W. Hilliard, Dana Young, Frankie Adams, Katie Honey, Mike Ferguson, Mark Dillard, II.

Shown Appreciation



NAVY RESERVE UNIT MEMBERS, at Millington Naval Station, upper photo, who painted and planned the movement of the A-7E, Corsair II Navy jet to the museum on the former Dyersburg Army Air Base, in Halls, were given an appreciation plaque for community service by Pat Higdon, museum director, at a Dec. 6th ceremony. They also received an Appreciation Resolution from State Representative Craig Fitzhugh, and the Dec. edition of the magazine, "A Page In Time," which featured the Nov. 2nd transport. Captain William C. Martin accepted the plaque on behalf of the reservists.

Members of Detachment 1, 1171st Transportation Company, of The Tennessee National Guard, lower photo, who handled the plane's transport to Halls, were also presented an appreciation plaque by Ronnie Elder, of Ripley, who represented the museum. They also received a group picture and a copy of the magazine.

Pat Higdon spoke to approximately 200 reservists at the Naval station expressing the museum's appreciation.

Put Giving Blood On "To Do" List

The American Red Cross asks that eligible people make one note in red on their activity list and check it off

at a blood drive during the holiday season.

"Blood donation is on very few to-do lists," said Patricia Callicot, chief executive officer of the Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region. "Family events take

priority, so we invite families to come to a blood drive together and make saving lives a family tradition to celebrate throughout the year."

The Nashville Predators have jointed the education effort of the American Red Cross by posting a link to the community blood drive list on their site, www.nashvillepredators.com.

From there, hockey fans can pick from many blood drives each day to play their part in saving lives.

Blood drives between Dec. 1st and Jan. 31st will have "Give Blood, Play Hockey" t-shirts, and a box to register for Nashville Predator game tickets.

The Red Cross schedules between 15 and 18 blood drives each weekday, and five or more each weekend. The daily goal is 800 pints, and to have a five-day blood supply on shelves, ready to go.

"We are delighted to have the Nashville Predators spreading the word to their fans," said Callicot. "Increasing the number of donors is our game plan."

Last year, 27 million blood transfusions helped 4.5 million patients in the United States (Transfusion Magazine, Aug. 2003 supplement, p 6S).

CANCER MEMORIALS

The American Cancer Society "Love Lights A Tree" donations include:

In memory of John Kennedy, Madeline Kennedy, Vivian K. Mills, Patty Lynn Smith and W. Sanford Mills by Megan M. Moore and Jonathan Mills.

In memory of Joe H. Walker, Jr. and Bill Pete Tucker by Terry and Harriet Mills.

In memory of Paul and Bessie Williams, Mildred Nipp and Jim Cannon by Judy Nipp.

In memory of Woodson Akin Barnes, Robert Clinton Criner, Laura Elizabeth Criner and Ella Bessie Jacobs by Katherine Walpole.

In memory of Jean Odegaard and Edna Lane by Shirley A. Yow.

In memory of Richard Hubbard by Joann, Jeremy and Ricky Hubbard and Stacey Williams.

In memory of Harold Furr by Marie Furr.

In memory of David Kelly by the choirs of Ripley High School.

In memory of Hershel Land, Odell Hathcock and Lawson Elder by Don and Sylvia Smith.

In memory of Roger Hostetler by Ann Marie and Chris Torrence.

In memory of Roger Ellis Hostetler by Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Drumwright.

In memory of Agnes Drumwright Meacham and W. D. "Buddy" Meacham by Burnie and Rose Marie Hostetler.

In memory of Laura Elizabeth Criner, Robert Clinton Criner and Scotty Dunavant by The Rev. and Mrs. Russell Reid.

In memory of Laura Elizabeth Criner, Akin Barnes, Robert Clinton Criner, Dr. Larry Farris, Charles McMahan and

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and publishing the address does not mean the land has been reported, or is subject to the law. The Treasurer will hold the property until the owner or owner's heir establishes entitlement.

There is no deadline for claiming property, and the Tennessee Treasury Dept. does not charge for this service.

Under the Unclaimed Property Act, accounts are generally considered abandoned and reported to the state after five years of inactivity.

Charles Peal by Jean and Ivan Criner.

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In honor of Dorothy Bridges by Steve and Ann Carmack.

In honor of Sandra Holman by Megan M. Moore and Jonathan Mills.

In honor of Ann Walker by Terry and Harriet Mills.

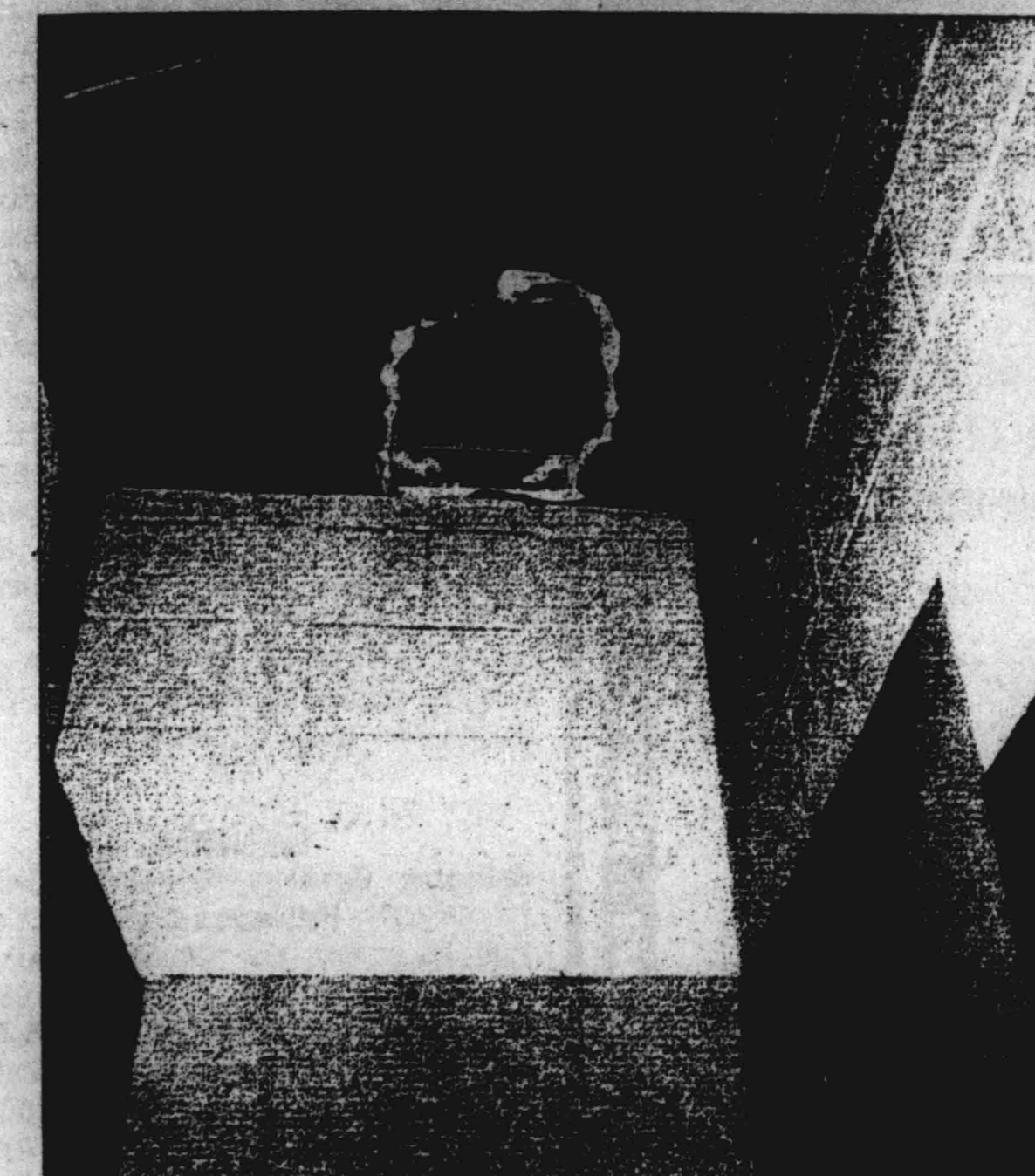
In honor of Sammy Elder and L. B. Hathcock by Don and Sylvia Smith.

In honor of Helen Moore and Gertrude Osburn by Gary and Brenda Osburn.

In honor of Howard Lowry and Beatrice Fowler by Edwinta Lowry.

A donation of \$5 can be made to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. For each donation, a light on the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn will be turned on.

Attic Traps Jail Escape



JONATHAN HARRIS, 36, jailed in the Justice Center in Ripley, used a pen and water to open a hole through the sheet-rock ceiling of a shower stall and hoisted himself into the attic, finding, there, no further place to go.

He was awaiting sentences for convictions in Circuit Court. His escape attempt added a year to the maximum sentences imposed Friday by Judge Joe Walker: five years for theft of a truck, six years for manslaughter of Catherine Covington, 22, and 12 years for attempted second degree murder of his brother, David, 26, atop the Ashport Bluff, a total sentence of 24 years, to be served consecutively.

Anniversaries

Dec. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. David Young, III.

Dec. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris.

Dec. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Major Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. David Snell.

Dec. 21 - Mr. and Mrs.

Chuck Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wheeler.

Dec. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Light, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Patrick.

Dec. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Montell Sandlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Moore.

Dec. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie McBroom, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Oates.

Purchases First Angel



RUBY DIANE VAUGHN, senior at Halls High School, standing, at right, is accepting the first angel from a member of the HHS National Honor Society.

Members have been selling angels for \$3 to benefit St. Jude, and have exceeded their \$450 goal, twice as much as the past two years combined. Their goal is to raise \$1,000 by February 2004.

Anyone wanting to donate and help the National Honor Society reach their goal, should send money to Halls High School, 800 W. Tigrett St., Halls, 38040, c/o National Honor Society.

S.T.O.P. Holiday Fatalities Enforced

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) is launching an aggressive enforcement campaign, "S.T.O.P. Holiday Fatalities - December 2003," to make roads safer for all motorists this holiday season.

The statewide initiative is targeting drunk drivers, speeding motorists and other traffic violators in an effort to reduce crashes and fatalities.

The THP and Commerical Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) officers, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, will conduct sobriety and driver license checkpoints across the state.

Each of the eight THP districts is implementing a localized plan of action that

targets potential problem areas.

The effectiveness of the S.T.O.P. program is enhanced through use of grant funds, which gives the agency the resources to increase its presence on the roads.

Comprised of 23 divisions, the Tennessee Dept. of Safety's general areas of responsibility includes law enforcement, safety education and motorist services, including the issuance of driver licenses and title and registration activities.

The department and its staff of trooper and CVE officers are responsible for safety on more than 15,000 miles of state and federal highways.

Marriages

Dec. 11 - Timothy Bryant Minner, 37, to Angela Carol

Volunteers Help Prevent Abuse

Volunteers from the Exchange Club Tina Turner Family Center's youth advisory board and the board of directors collected alluminum cans from Halls Elementary students Nov. 7th, 14th and 21st.

Money raised from the "Help Can The Abuse" fund raiser will benefit the Center's programs for prevention of child abuse and domestic violence.

Students from Halls High School's nutrition class prepared lunch for the Center's senior Citizen program on Nov. 24th. Lasagna was served with tossed salad, garlic bread and homemade cookies.

Participating in meal preparation and delivery were Rachel McCaslin, Jennifer Buntin, Kala Chessor, Erin Crihfield, Amanda Lane and Brooke Barnes.

Allmon, 29, by Billy P. Brandon.

Clyde Martin Grayum, Jr., 57, to Joyce Ann Grayum, 57, by Janice C. Craig.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Halls City Hall will close December 24th, at 2:00 P.M., and December 25th and 26th for the Christmas holidays.

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FOR SALE - Hall's pecans, crack, shell, buy, & sell. Call Jack Hall, 901-476-9868. 6-8t

FOR SALE - Complete Sega Dreamcast game system with nine games & instruction books, keyboard & mouse, gun, 2-memory cards, and controller, \$150, or best offer. 635-4879, after 5 p.m. 20-tf

FOR SALE - Former home of the late Howard and Florence McBride, 2576 Double Bridges/Unionville Rd., 3-bedroom, 2-bath, oak cabinets, approximately 1.1 acres, \$135,000. 635-0710. 18-tf

FOR SALE - 1986 Ford F150, \$1,500. Call 635-8594, after 6 p.m. 18-tf

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be at 7:00 P.M. Monday, January 5, 2004, with a public hearing at 6:45 P.M., concerning an amendment to the parking violation ordinance.

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Obituaries

Thomas T. Rose

Thomas Taylor Rose, 56, of Dyersburg, step-father of Phillip and Steve Brown, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in his home.

Rites were Friday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Sorrell's Chapel Cemetery.

Retired from Dyersburg Fabrics, he was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; daughters, Christy Wilson, of Drummonds, Mikka King of Yorkville, and Sherry Williams, of Dyersburg; sisters, Geraldine Holder, of Dyersburg, and Mary Jacobs, of Sauk Village, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren.

Dixie Miller

Dixie Louise Miller, 94, of Ripley, retired florist, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were held Saturday in Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

She was a member of Ripley's First Presbyterian Church.

The widow of Charles B. Miller, she leaves three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Floy Sides

Floy Virginia Holcomb Sides, 81, of Kansas City, Kan., died December 16th.

Services were Friday at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kansas City, Charter Funeral Home in charge.

The widow of Travis Sides, she leaves one son, Paul Sides, and one daughter, Sharon Chandler, both of Kansas City; two brothers, Joseph Holcomb and Jerome Holcomb, and two sisters, Sylvia Conrad and Bobbie Currian, all of Ripley; another brother, James Holcomb, of Kansas City, Mo.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harold Tillman Land Transfers

Harold Lawson Tillman, Jr., 54, of 10395 Edith-Nankipoo Road, a carpenter, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Enon Baptist Church, which he attended.

He leaves his wife, Janice Elaine Parish Tillman; a son, Trey, of Memphis; daughters, Mary Fitzhugh, of Halls, and Kelly Moore, of Cordova; his mother, Aline Olds Tillman Smith, a brother, Lowell, and a sister, Kay Nolen, all of Halls; and five grandchildren.

Mary Lou Casey

Mary Lou Evans Casey, 42, of Ripley, bookkeeper and homemaker, died Sunday at her residence.

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

Survivors include her husband, Marlon Ray Casey, two daughters, Brandy Pipkin and Courtney McCallister, and her mother, Imogene Evans, all of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

Lonnie Drake

Lonnie Roy Drake, Jr., 20, of Chicago, Ill., nephew of Frank Currie and Johnnie M. Currie, of Ripley, died December 14th in Chicago.

Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at Universal Community Church, in Chicago, with burial in Burr Oaks Cemetery, in Chicago.

Survivors include his parents, Pastor and Evangelist, Lamar Alexander, U.S. Senator, encourages Tennesseans to be mindful of those who are less fortunate, and to do all that can be done to show support during the holiday season.

"Programs that provide food, clothing and shelter for those who need it the most truly exemplify our state's spirit of volunteerism," said Alexander.

Dec. 15 - E. M. Voss, Jr., Edward R. Voss, and Larry M. Voss to Joel Lee Jordan, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

Wayne Allred and Margie Allred to Andre L. Maclin, 0.20 acres.

Joe C. Norris and Peggy J. Norris to James M. Burbage and Shannon B. Burbage, Dist. 3, lot.

Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner to James Lambert and Rosemary Lambert, Dist. 2, 0.34 acres.

Dec. 16 - Ronald Bridges and Opal Bridges to Kenneth Bridges and Glendene Bridges, Dist. 6, 4 acres.

Mattie Mae Jackson to Willie H. Jackson and Margaret Bradford, Dist. 2, lot.

Dec. 18 - Bessie L. Nelson and Ella Mai Irons to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, 0.76 acres.

Jerome P. Tolene and Susan M. Tolene to Cynthia Lacy, Dist. 12, 1.4348 acres.

ALEXANDER NEWS

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Our military families also need our support, as many are sacrificing the hope of being with family and friends for the holidays, in defending our freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

"As we look forward to a new year, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the United States Senate,"

said Alexander. "It is an honor and a privilege to represent Tennesseans during these serious times for our nation. It has been a priority for me and my staff to be responsible to you. We know who we work for, and we know why we're here - to serve you."

"I wish all Tennesseans and Americans safe and happy holidays. We are truly blessed with the many gifts we share as a free nation," said Alexander.

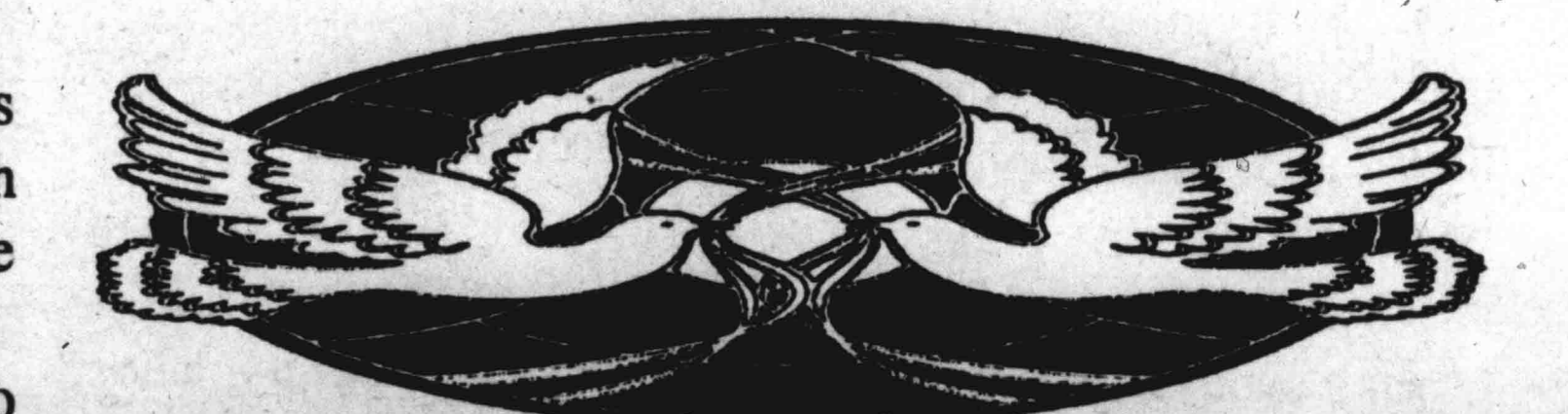
Marriages

Dec. 6 - Quenton Teybouis Bonds, 23, to Stephanie Spivey, 22, by Joe Dowell.

Dec. 12 - Rodney Cortez Crook, 38, to Cathy Dell Taylor, 46, by Thomas Sanders, Jr.

Dec. 14 - Thomas Randy Burns, 43, to Laura Susan Petty, 42, by Trent Bullock.

Dec. 15 - Ricky Earl Tucker, 44, to Autumn Leigh Watts, 31, by John W. Creasy.



Church Happenings

Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., will hold a candlelight service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24th. A come and go communion will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. The public is invited.

New Hope C. M. E. Church will celebrate Kwanzaa at 5:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 26th at the Dowell Complex at the church, sponsored by W. Darrell Murray, M.D. The theme is "The Next" and The Resource Institute. The public is invited.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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The Christmas Tree

A beautifully decorated evergreen tree, with colored lights ablaze, inspires in many warm memories of Christmases long past. The Christmas tree has become one of the most beloved and well-known holiday symbols.

The tradition of a holiday tree has been around since ancient times and has played an important part in winter celebrations for many centuries. Many pagan festivals used trees when honoring their gods and spirits. In Northern Europe, the Vikings considered the evergreen a symbol and reminder that the darkness and cold of winter would end and the green of spring would return. The Druids, of ancient England and France, decorated oak trees with fruit and candles to honor their gods of harvests. At the festival Saturnalia, the Romans decorated trees with trinkets and candles.

There have also been many legends surrounding the lore of the Christmas tree. In one story Saint Boniface, an English monk, came upon a group of pagans, who had gathered around an oak tree, and were preparing to sacrifice a child. To stop the sacrifice and save the child, the Saint flattened the oak tree with one blow of his fist. A small fir sprang up in its place, which Saint Boniface told the pagans was the Tree of Life and represented the life of Christ.

Another legend tells of Martin Luther, the founder of the Protestant religion, walking through the woods late one night. As it was clear, many stars were shining through the branches of the trees, giving the impression of twinkling lights. Luther, inspired by the beauty of the sight, cut down a small evergreen and brought it home.

He recreated the stars by putting candles on the tree's branches.

The use of a Christmas tree indoors appears to have begun in Germany. German Christians would bring trees into their homes to decorate. In some areas, evergreen trees were scarce, so the families would build a Christmas pyramid, simple wooden structures, which they decorated with branches and candles.

The tradition of the Christmas tree eventually spread through out Europe. The English Royalty helped popularize the tree in England by decorating the first Christmas tree at Windsor Castle in 1841. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, decorated the first English Christmas tree with candles, candies, fruits and gingerbread.

When the German immigrants went to America, they also brought along their Christmas trees. In the 1830's, most Americans still considered the Christmas tree an oddity. One of the first public displays of a Christmas tree was set up by German settlers in Pennsylvania. At the time, many still considered the tree to be a symbol of pagans, and it wasn't until the late 1800's that Americans began accepting the Christmas tree.

Early Christmas trees were often decorated with apples, nuts, cookies, colored popcorn and candles. The invention of electricity in the early 20th century and use of electrical Christmas lights helped spread the use of the Christmas tree.

It is now common in most communities through out the United States to feature pub-

lic displays of Christmas trees. Every year, the President of the United States lights the National Christmas tree in Washington, and in New York, skaters spin beneath the lighted tree of Rockefeller Center. Through and adored.

*Merry Christmas And Best Wishes
For Your Holiday Season From
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We will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, and reopen for our regular hours on Saturday, December 27, 2003. We will close at 4:30 p.m. on December 31st, and reopen for our regular hours Friday, January 2, 2004.



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Birthdays

Dec. 25 - Judy Cummings, Sheri Mitchell, Alan Castellaw, Hunter Daum, Jonathan Gaines, Tammy Kiestler, Dorothy Bringle, Barbara Bullington, Jeff Fain, J. A. Dunaway, Bailey Hutcherson, Joe Eskridge, Terry Burns, Jerri Gail Jackson.
Dec. 26 - Judy Groenke, Payton Chandler Kent, Jimmy

(Chico) Hill, Jennifer Reynolds, Stacy Paris, Grant Dew, Joe Lovelace, John Reece, Jr., Dawn Pease Orman, L. Q. Russell, Patricia Jackson, Sharon Reviere Nissan, Jack Glenn, Brad Wiley, Sam Poe.
Dec. 27 - Joan Sigman, Norman Hendren, George Rose, Chuck Porter, David Ream, Marie Swanner, Lillian Howard, Lynn Ward, Blake Smith, Libby Butterworth, Dwight Weaver,

Vicki Gould, Alex Smith, Alan Newlin.
Dec. 28 - David Cook, William Reynolds, Larry Carden, Dustin White, Carolyn Williams, Joe Moss, Theresa Wakefield, Norene Douglas, Travis Lane, Frankie Hutcherson, Martha Crowder, Shan'dera Williams, Johnny McAdams.
Dec. 29 - Patricia Galloway, Greg Mitchell, Maurice Gaines, Missy Raye Miller, Joey Has-

sell, Arthur Bentley, Jennifer Akin, Katelyn Cherry, Amy Roberson, Dave Clark, Jennifer Clark, Kelly Carmack, Damian Dowling, Logan Jones.
Dec. 30 - Beth Bailey, Philip Herron, David Rose, Jr., Rufus Lowrance, Maryann Ennis, Libby McBride, Thelma Hurt, Mary Patterson.
Dec. 31 - Ashton Gaines, Brent Tucker, Ken Sutton, Caitlyn Hurt, Sarah Callender,

Violet Burks, Jamie Holder, Ashley Adkins, Olivia Gaines, Faye Reviere, Charlie Miller, Makayla Holmes.

*Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.
—Anthony J. D'Angelo*



Peace & Joy at Christmastime

Thank you for stopping by this year. We wish you a wonderful holiday, and look forward to serving you again soon.

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Dear Santa,
I would like please a birt bike and a Play station 2. I would like a tmmy Neutron game and a Hulk game.

from Markie Permenter

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie Jeep, a shaker maker and an easybake oven. I've been good.

your friend
KelSey LentS

Dear Santa,
I would like a little Grinch, beanie Babies, a groovy Girl jet ski, groovy Girl hair drier, a groovy Girl tent, and a tea set. I am going to put something special for you on my plate.

From
Maddie Hutcherson

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Bake Oven. A Polly Bike a Shakermake and a pool. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend
Katherine Hodge

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a Shaker maker and a ice maker and also a Barbie and a box to go with it. Oh yeah and some Barbie clothes and some Barbie shoes please. I've been good.

Your friend
Valerie Patrick

Dear Santa,
I would like a bracelet, Bible, doll, baseball, basketball, soccer ball, a snow globe, and a tree house. I believe in you Santa and I will leave you milk and cookies.

from your friend
Grayson Taylor Morris

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me some size 9/8 clothes and some Barbie dolls? I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love
Nikki Midkiff

Dear Santa,
I want a play dirt bike and a 4wheeler. I also want a Play station 1, Wwe Smash down 2 and a baseball and football 2003 and a basketball. believe in you Santa.

Your friend,
Trysten Keith Barlow

Dear Santa,
I know that Santa is real. Can you please bring me some things? I want you to bring a play Station 2 and some games too. An Atv Off Road Fury 2a football 2004, and a baseball 2004.

Your friend,
Jeremy Lents

Dear Santa,
I am your friend. I would like a little Grinch. And a bracelet, a doll with a monitor and a heart boo boo. It cries when it talks and it wets. I want a tree house and

some new clothes and shoes.

See you soon,
Allyson

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is an Easy Bake Oven and an ice cream maker.

Hi! I'm Hannah Pittman

Dear Santa,
I want a pool, an Easy Bake Oven, a Barbie Bike, and a Shakermaker. I will leave you some milk and cookies and a candy cane.

your Friend,
Elizabeth Gunter

Dear Santa,
I want a Polly, a Barbie, a Grinch and a Shakermaker. Because I have been good this year Please Thank you

your friend
Julie Hill

Double Chocolate Fantasy Bars

1/2 cup butter or margarine (not spread), melted
2 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (12-oz.) pkg. (1 1/4 cups) M&M's® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Baking Bits
1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 350° (325° for glass pan).
In a bowl, combine butter and cookie crumbs; press mixture into the bottom of a 9"x13" baking pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over the crumbs. Combine the M&M's® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Baking Bits, coconut and nuts. Sprinkle mixture evenly over condensed milk; press in lightly. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until set. Cool completely before cutting. Store in tightly covered container.
Makes 32 bars.

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Caramel Pretzels & Nuts

A sweet glaze coats these pretzels and peanuts.

16 c. sm. pretzel twists
2 c. roasted peanuts
2 c. brown sugar, packed
1/4 c. light corn syrup
1/4 c. molasses
1 t. salt
1 l. baking soda
1 l. almond extract

high power (100%) 2 minutes or until mixture boils. Stir and microwave 2 minutes longer. Stir in salt, baking soda and almond extract. Pour syrup over pretzel mixture; stir and shake until well coated. Microwave 1 1/2 minutes on high. Stir, shake and microwave 1 1/2 minutes longer. Spread on greased aluminum foil. Cool. Store in an airtight container. Makes about 22 cups.

Christmas Casserole

A Christmas day favorite, make it the day before and just pop it in the oven!

5 1/2-oz. pkg. seasoned croutons
1 lb. bulk sausage, cooked, crumbled and drained
4 eggs
2 c. milk
16-oz. pkg. frozen Italian vegetables, thawed
10 3/4-oz. can of cream of mushroom soup
1 c. cheddar cheese, shredded
1 c. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

Line the bottom of a 13"x9" baking pan with the croutons. Sprinkle cooked sausage over the croutons. Beat eggs and milk until thoroughly mixed and add remaining ingredients, stirring well. Pour egg mixture over the sausage. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Casserole may be prepared ahead and refrigerated before baking. Serves 8.

Peace, Love and Joy

Peace, joy, love and faith... may all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours. Thanks for the pleasure of serving you.

TOWN OF HALLS

Second Birthday



LAUREN ELAINE, left, and Tarrah Danielle Coonts, right, daughters of Joe and Lisa Coonts, of Halls, celebrated their second birthday Dec. 11th with a party at their home. Grandparents are Bobby and Mary Helen Howard, of Ripley, and Argus Coonts, of Missouri.

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The American Cancer Society "Love Lights A Tree" donations include:

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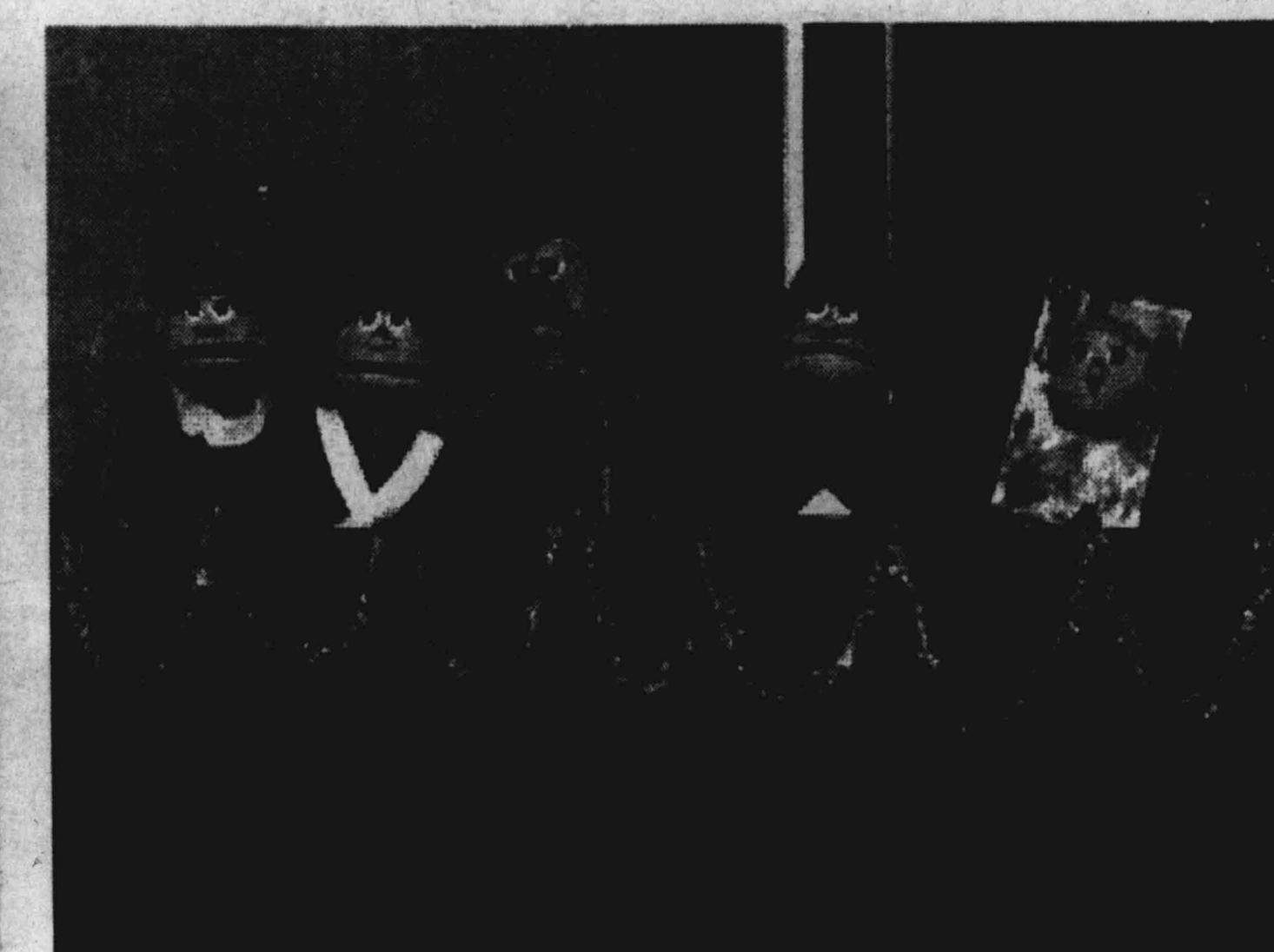
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In memory of Don Langley by Floyd and Diane Akin.

In memory of Leland Jennings by Jennings Realty

Puppet Ministry



WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PUPPET MINISTRY, of Halls, performed for the students of Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, during chapel. Kim Wilson, a first grade teacher at CCA, is part of the puppet team.

Nellie Wakefield by Delene Spray.

In memory of Burnell Savage and Irene Savage by Pat Savage.

In memory of Robert Clinton Criner, Laura Elizabeth Criner and Woodson Akin Barnes by Rozelle and Peggy Criner.

In memory of Roger Hostetler by Don and Jean Meacham.

In memory of Frank Fisher, Frank A. Fisher, Anthony and Roberta Fisher, Roy and Billie Carrington, Norma Pement, Katharine P. Treanor, Dr. Daniel F. Fisher, Sr., Alan and LaRue Fisher, Dr. Herbert and Helen Anthony, Dr. Robert Anthony, Dr. Charles and Virginia Long, Eugene R. Anthony, Ches Hamby Sr., Pat Parker, Sr., A. Patton and Vernon McBride, Sr. by Robert, Emily and Amy Fisher.

In memory of Jesse Frank Caldwell, Howell G. Caldwell, Jr., Jack Harrell, Irene Harrell, Demetria Brooks, Carmack Brooks, Garry Sellers, Landon Thomas, Flora Ray, John Halliburton, Odis R. Scoggins, Lucy Hopper and Earl Brazier by John and Sarah Harrell.

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In memory of Thomas Morrow and Charles Morrow by Clara Morrow.

In memory of J. C. Wakefield, Billie Mae Shoaf Wakefield, Billie Jean Sanford, Cliff Wakefield and

Newborn



ABBEY MARIE LOVELADY, daughter of Krissy Bowers, of Halls, and Brad Lovelady, of Ripley, was born at 10:15 a.m. Nov. 21st in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. She has an older sister, Breaquelyn Lovelady, of Dyersburg. Abbey is the granddaughter of Linda Lovelady and the late Roy Lovelady, of Ripley, and Charlie and Marla Bowers, and Eugene and Barbara Coffey, of Halls, and the great-granddaughter of Marie Tippis, of Ripley, Virginia and the late Parker Bowers and James and Wava Dean Moore, of Halls, Helen and the late George Mescher, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and Harold and Pat Moore, of Dyersburg.

Don and Jean Meacham. In honor of Howell G. Caldwell, Sr. by John and Sarah Harrell.

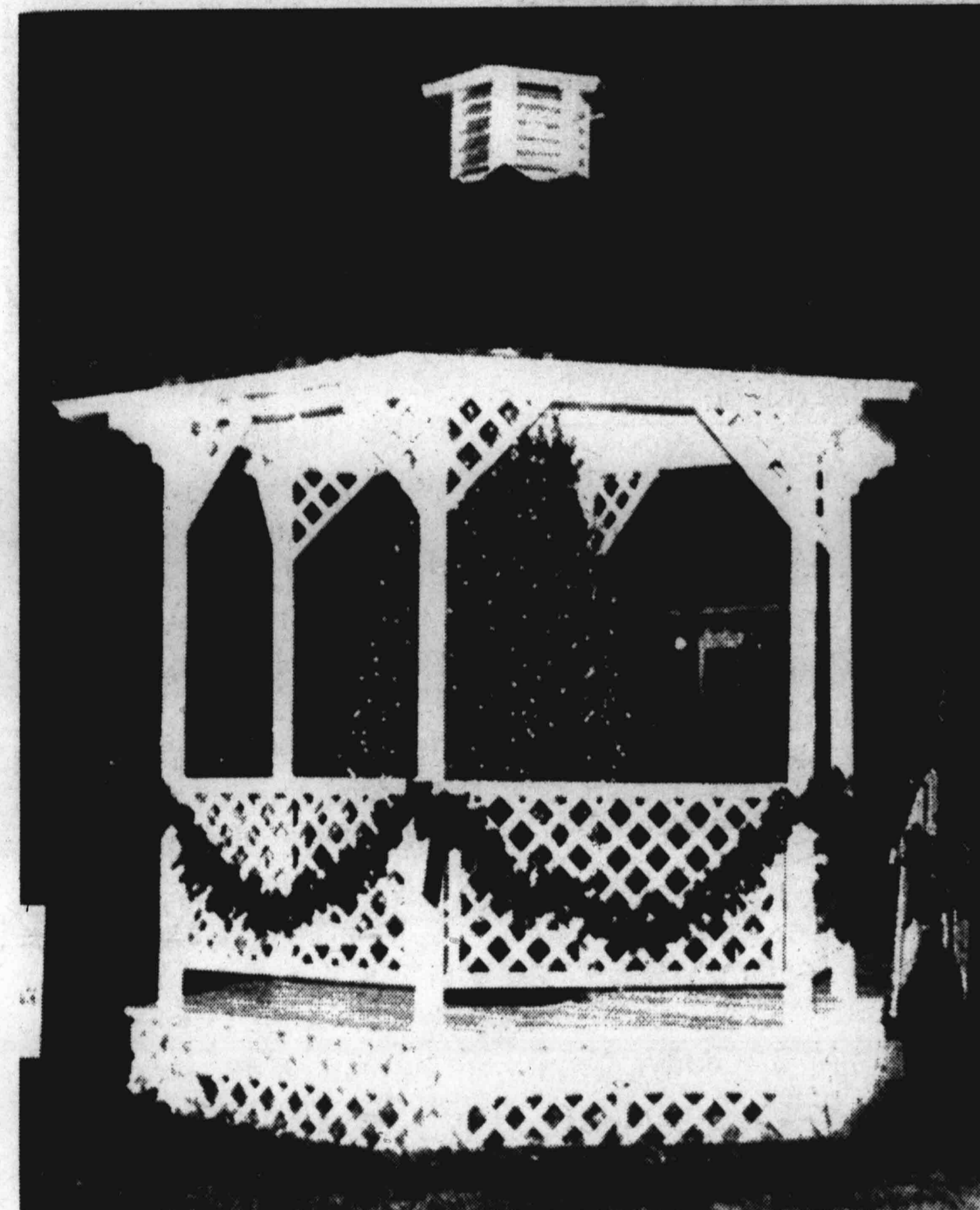
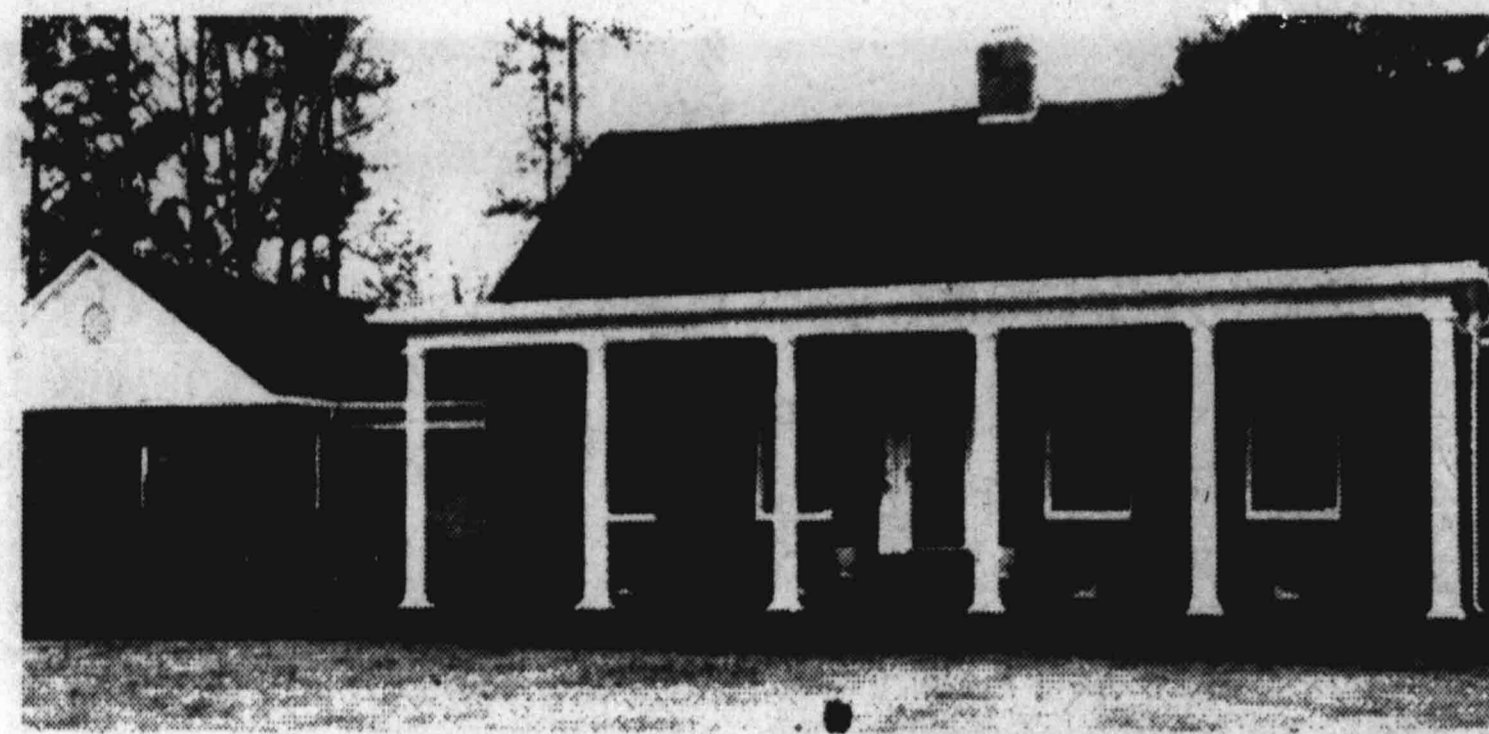
A donation of \$5 can be made to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. For each donation, a light on the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn will be turned on.

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In honor of Joe Bridges, Bobby Baker, Bumbardy Driver and Shawn Kimble by

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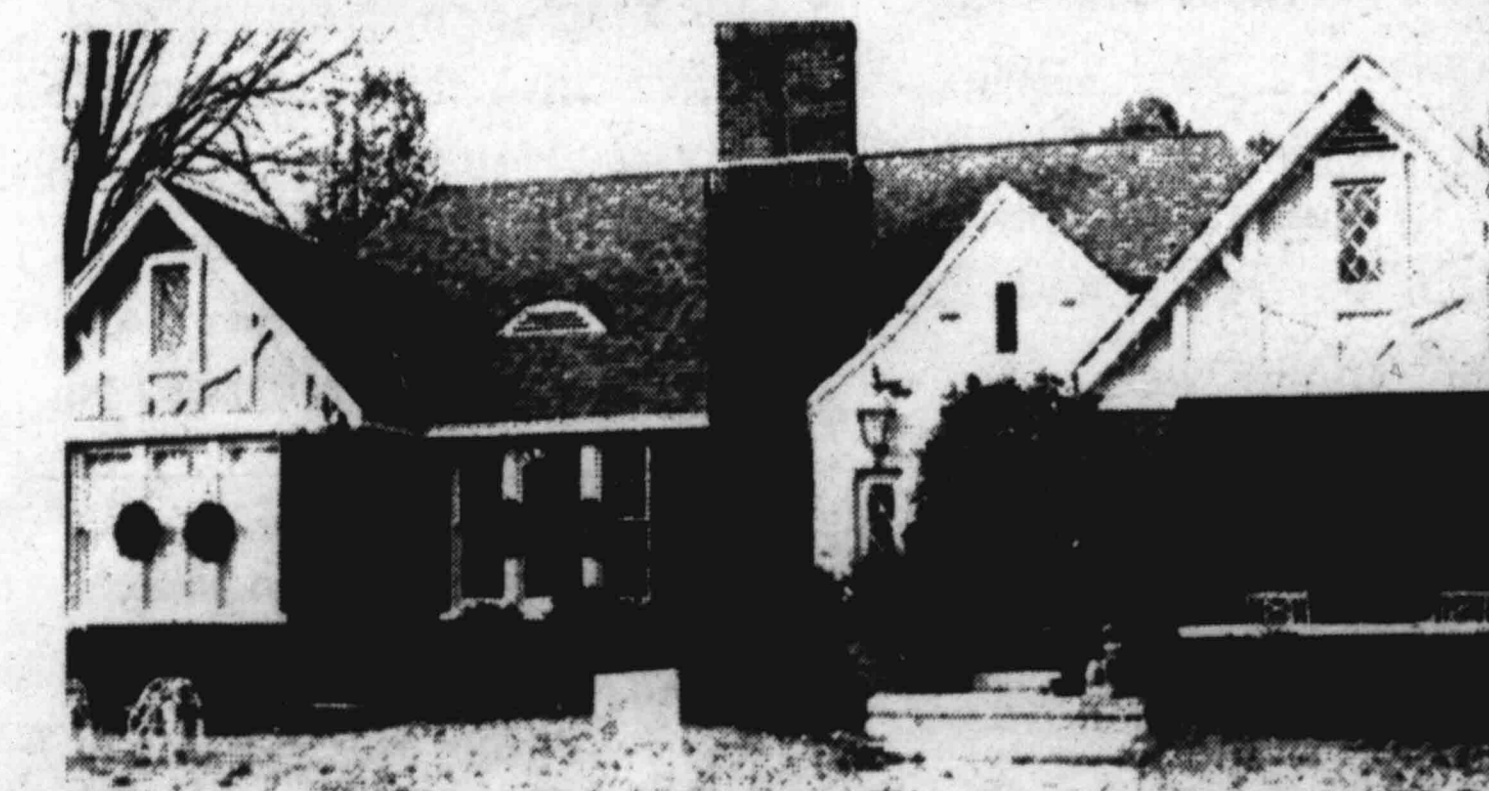
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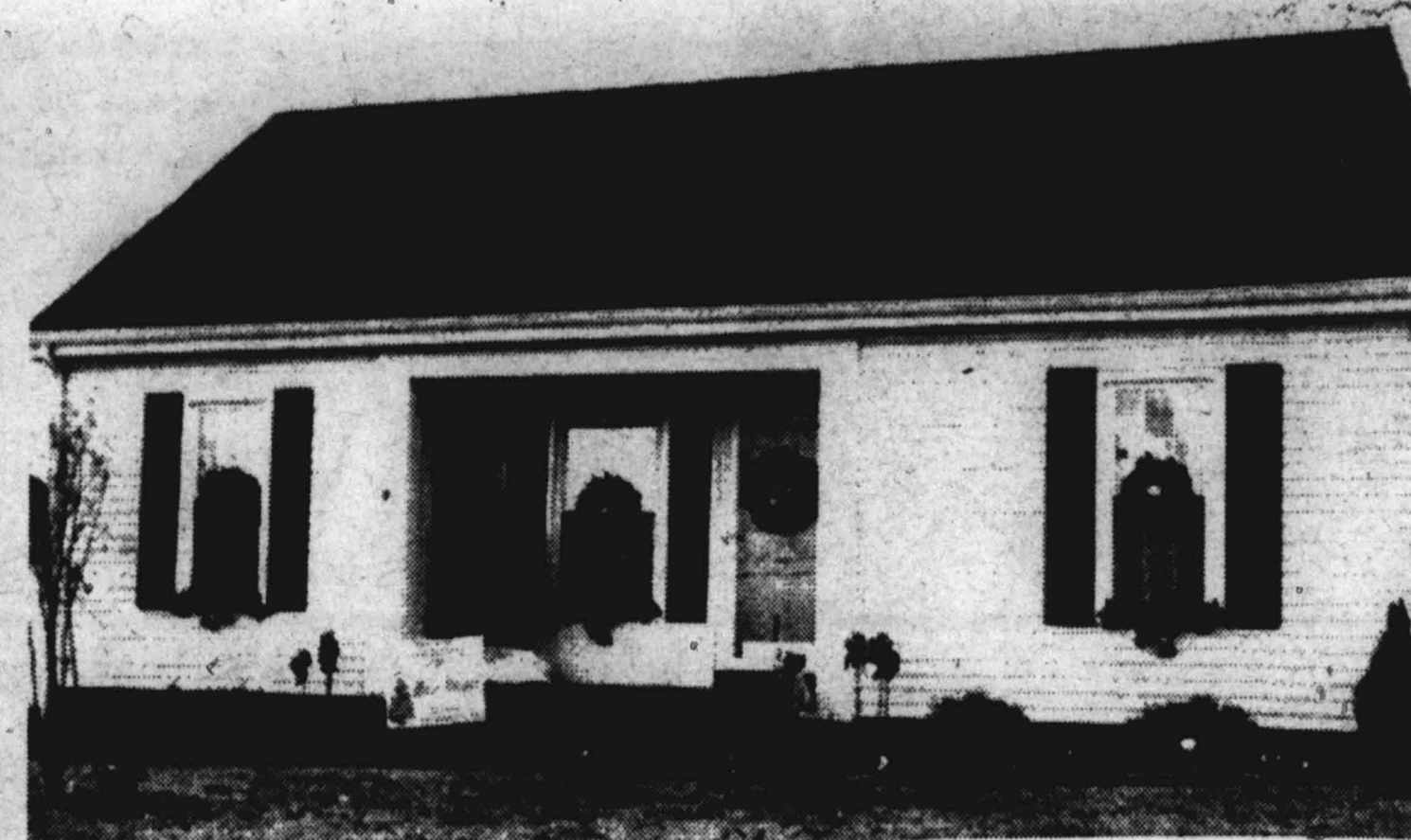
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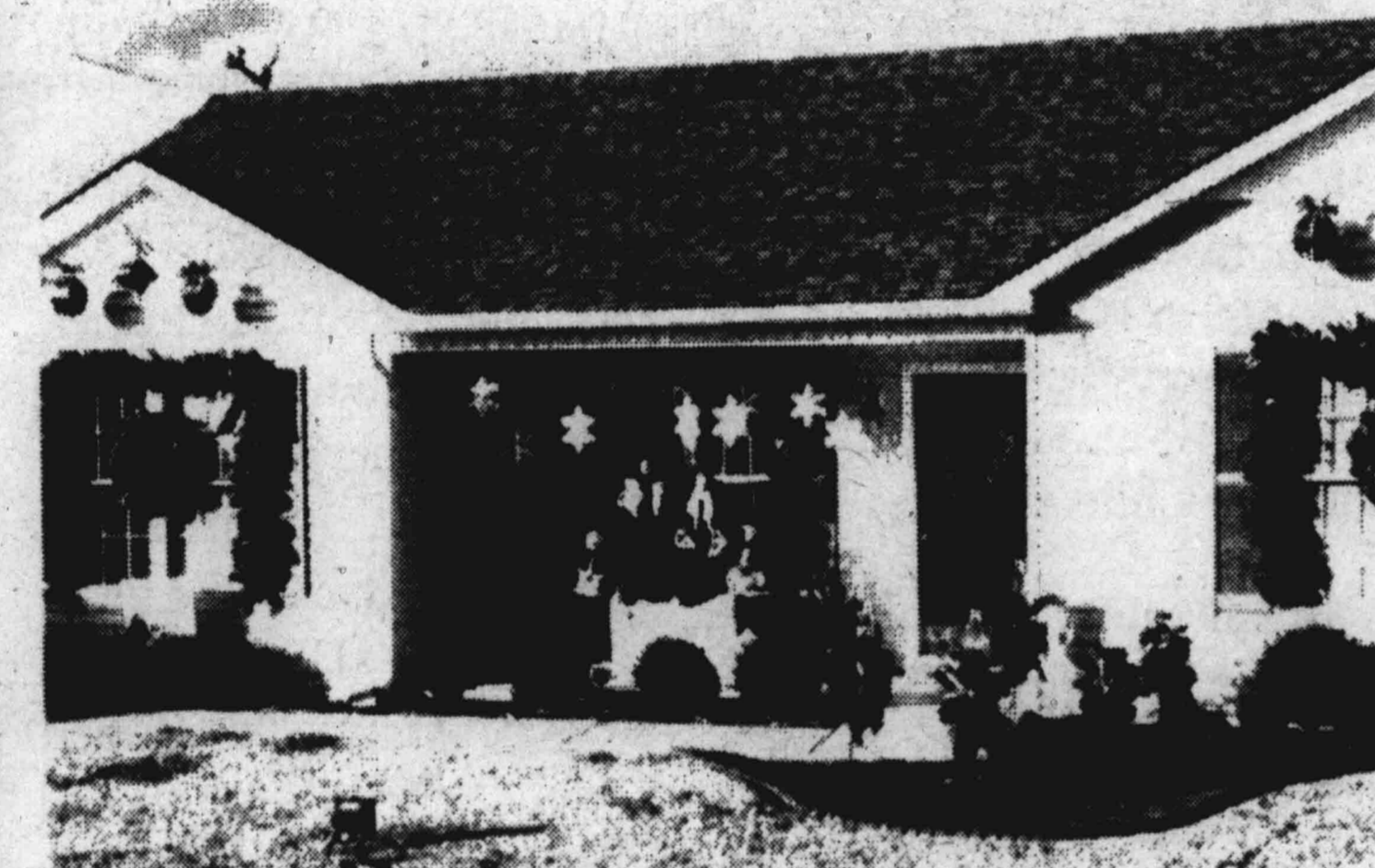
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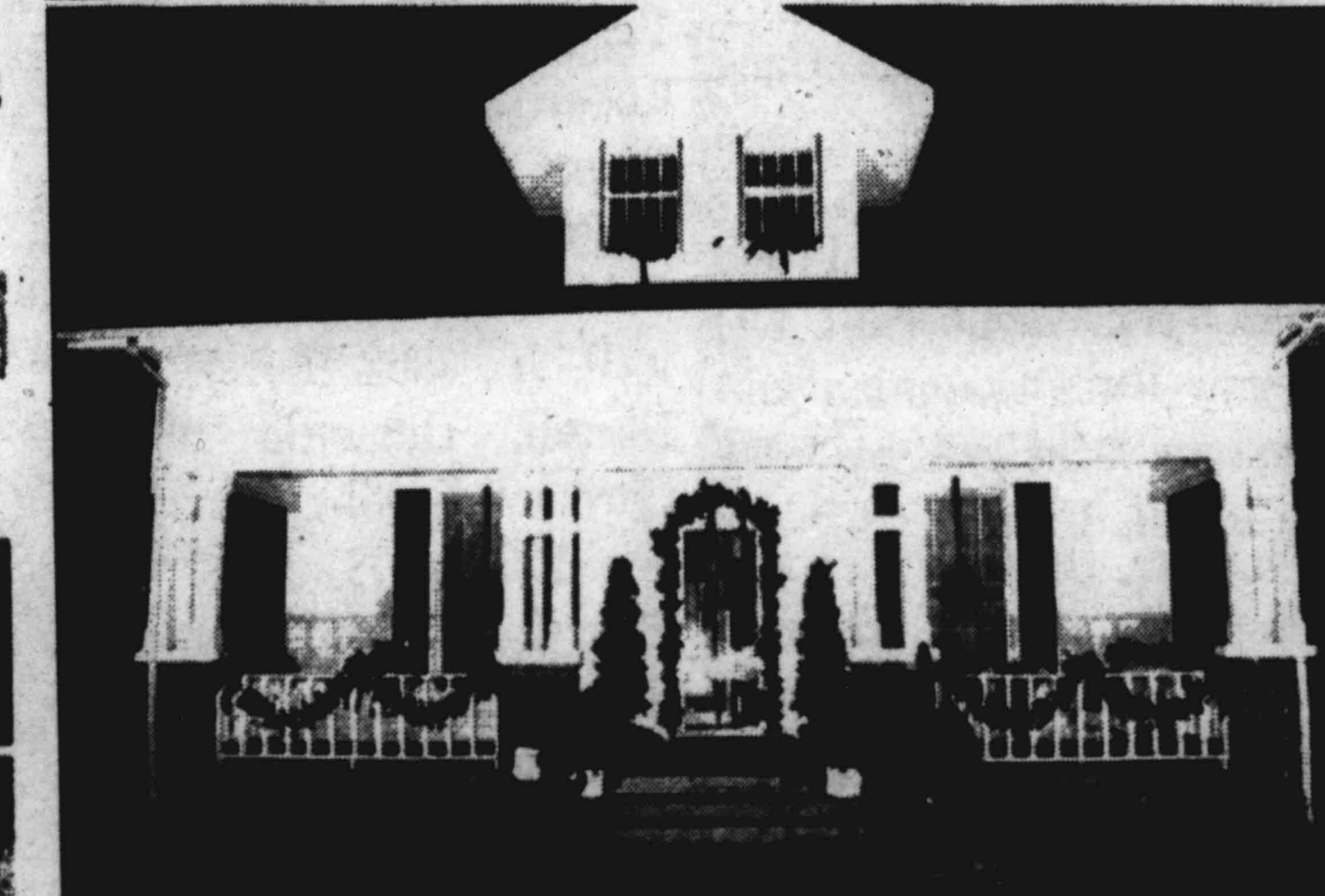
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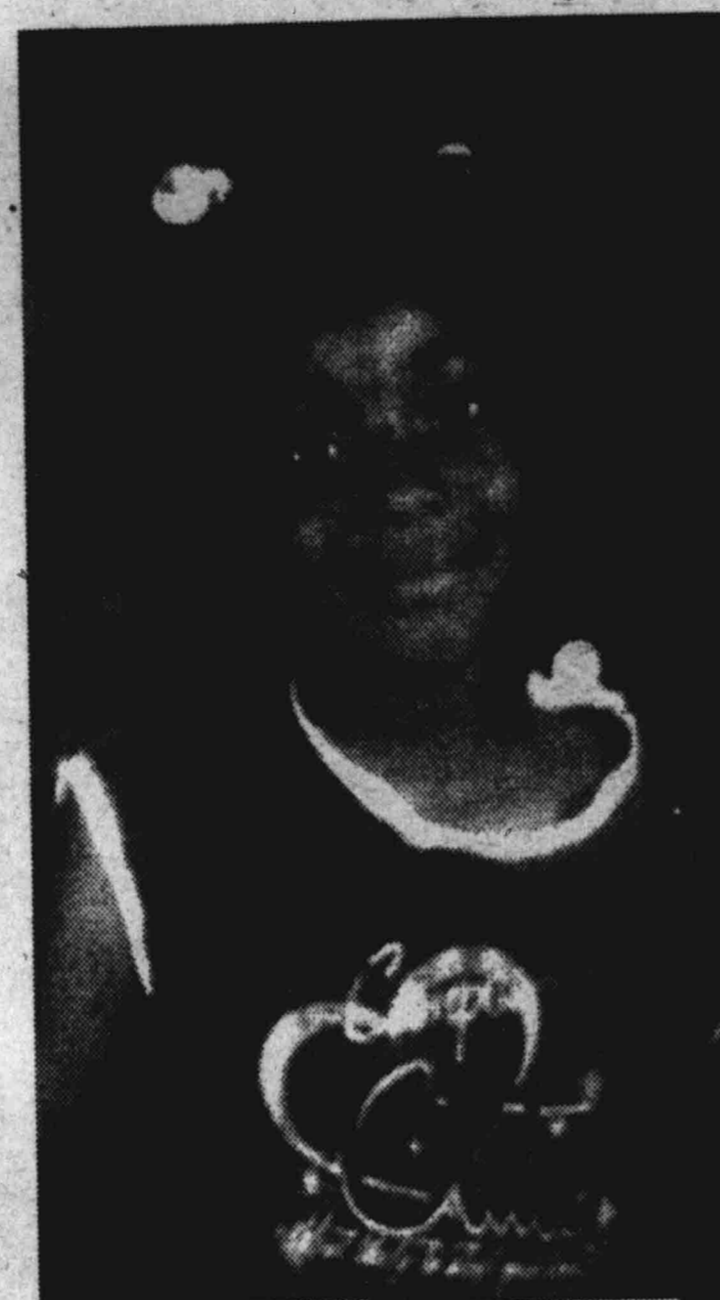


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She's Eight



JAKIYA BROWN, daughter of Catessa Moses and Jeffry Brown, of Halls, celebrated her eight birthday Dec. 22nd with a "Kim Possible" party for family and friends. She is the granddaughter of Veda Moses and Jewell Brown, of Halls, and Anita and Sandy Smith, of Ripley, and the great-granddaughter of Francis and Freddie Hill, of Halls.

Anniversaries

Dec. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil Cannon.

Dec. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Parsons.

Dec. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrauld.

Dec. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell.

Dec. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Troutt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Land, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oates, Mr. and Mrs. William (Shayne) McKee, III.

Dec. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Deno Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Poynter.

Dec. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.

Halls Cagers Drop Finals Of Tourney

Halls High School's basketball teams lost Friday to Humboldt, in the finals of the Crockett County Christmas Invitational in Alamo -- boys, 68-55; girls, 56-36.

Quincy Smith's 16 points for the Rams were backed by 14 (including a 3-pointer) from Joe Shivers.

Halls girls trailed only 16-15 in the first period, and only 14-13 in the fourth, but the second and third periods doomed them, 12-3 and 14-5. Jennifer Henning led Halls

with 15, Shacretia Foster, with 10, and Shan McCadney, with 7; each posted a 3-pointer.

Also scoring for Halls were Kyra Brown, 2, and Whitney Claybrooks, 2.

Nothing is interesting if you're not interested.
—Helen MacInness

Divorces

Tiffiny Renee Fitzhugh Doop vs. William Berl Doop III.

Zebulon Caine Brown vs. Jessica Roland Brown.

Miriam Dawson Inlow vs. Micheal Jeffrey Inlow.

Johnathon Pounders vs. Shelly Marie Pounders.

Walter Everette Silveira vs. Brenda Francine Dowlearn Silveira.

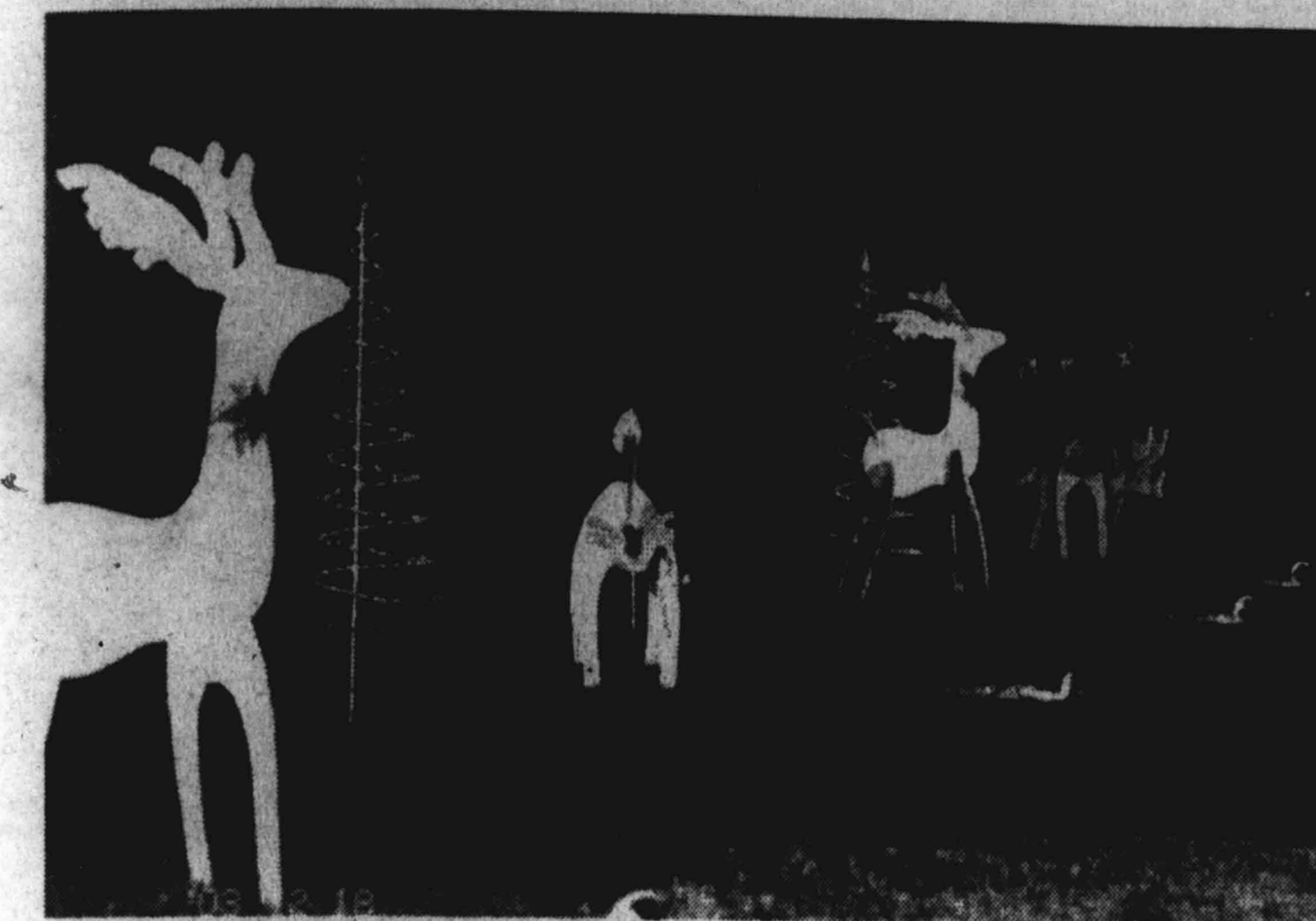
Tanya Pearlille Schwartz vs. Roman Maximilian Schwartz.

Virginia Idell Goforth Gatlin vs. James Lynn Gatlin.

Crystal Marie Whitehead James vs. John Richard James.

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Flu xxx

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nessee, 1,861 cases were reported, including 538 last week. Before the Christmas break, several Lauderdale County Schools were reporting higher numbers than usual, out due to illness.

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week 375,000 doses of the injectable flu vaccine which can be taken by healthy people between the ages of 5 and 49, is not in short sup-

ply and is available through private providers. A number of precautions can be taken to help keep people safe during the flu season besides getting the shot including washing your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner; avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; avoid close contact with people who are sick if eating utensils or drinking glasses.

The department of health also offers these recommendations for people who are sick, (1) Don't wait too long to contact your physician if you're experiencing flu-like symptoms, particularly if you're elderly or have a chronic disease. Anti-viral medications can lessen the severity of the flu if taken within the first 24-48 hours. (2) If you're sick, don't go out. Don't go to work when you are ill and don't send sick children to school. (3) Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue every time you cough or sneeze and throw the used tissue away. Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing. (4) If you're ill, drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration and get lots of rest.

Decisions about where to distribute the vaccine and who will get it will be released in January, based on the situation and demand at the time. Vaccines are given to high-risk patients, including people over age 65; children, ages 6 to 23 months; children and adults with chronic medical conditions; and pregnant women in their second and third trimesters. FluMist, a nasal spray vaccine which can be taken by healthy people between the ages of 5 and 49, is not in short sup-

Do You Have The Flu?

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Fever	Rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102° F in infants and small children	Usually 102° F, but can go up to 104° F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache		Rare
Muscle Aches	Mild	Usual, and often severe
Tiredness and Weakness	Mild	Often extreme and can last two or more weeks
Extreme Exhaustion		Never
Runny Nose	Often	Sometimes
Sneezing	Often	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Often	Sometimes
Cough	Mild Hacking Cough	Usual, and can become severe

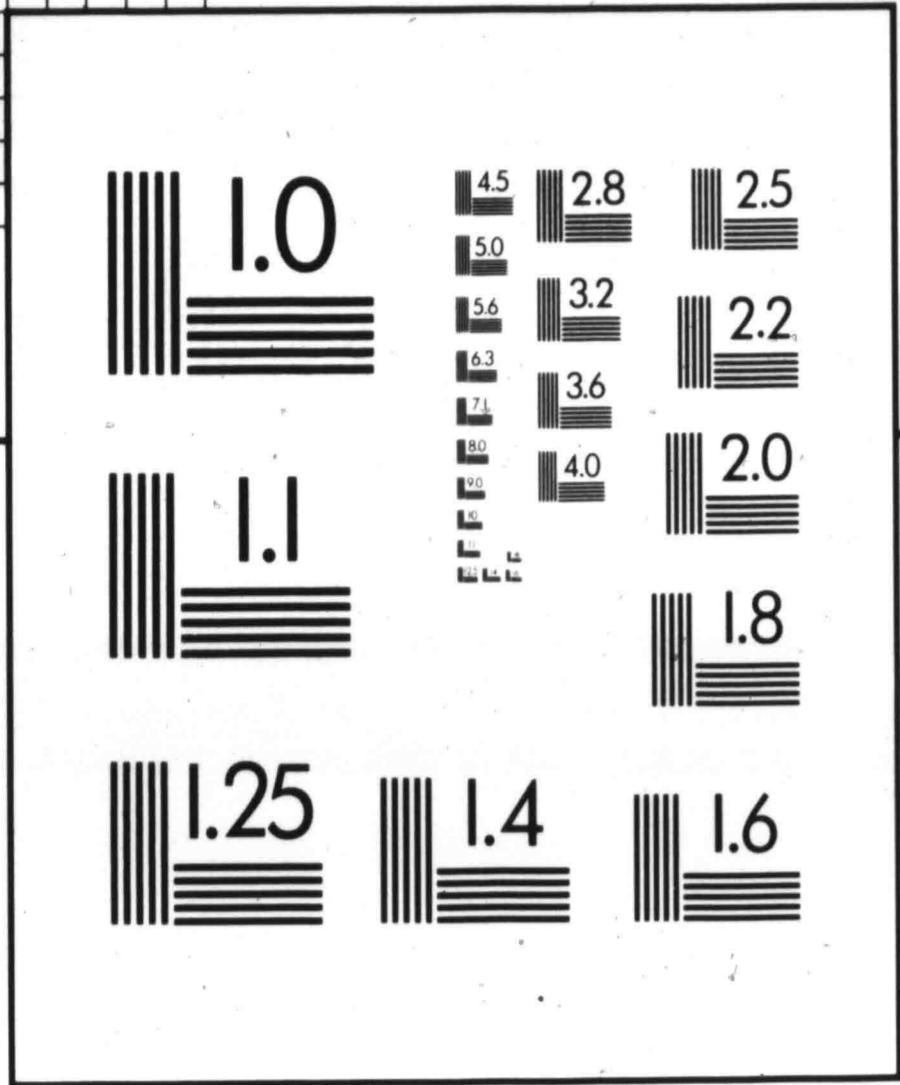
If a man can't forge his own will, whose will can he forge?
—W.S. Gilbert



During this special time, we'd like to offer you our sincere best wishes for a holiday that's blessed with the gifts of peace, love and joy, and we thank you for all you've given us this year.

*Christmas...
A Time
For Giving*

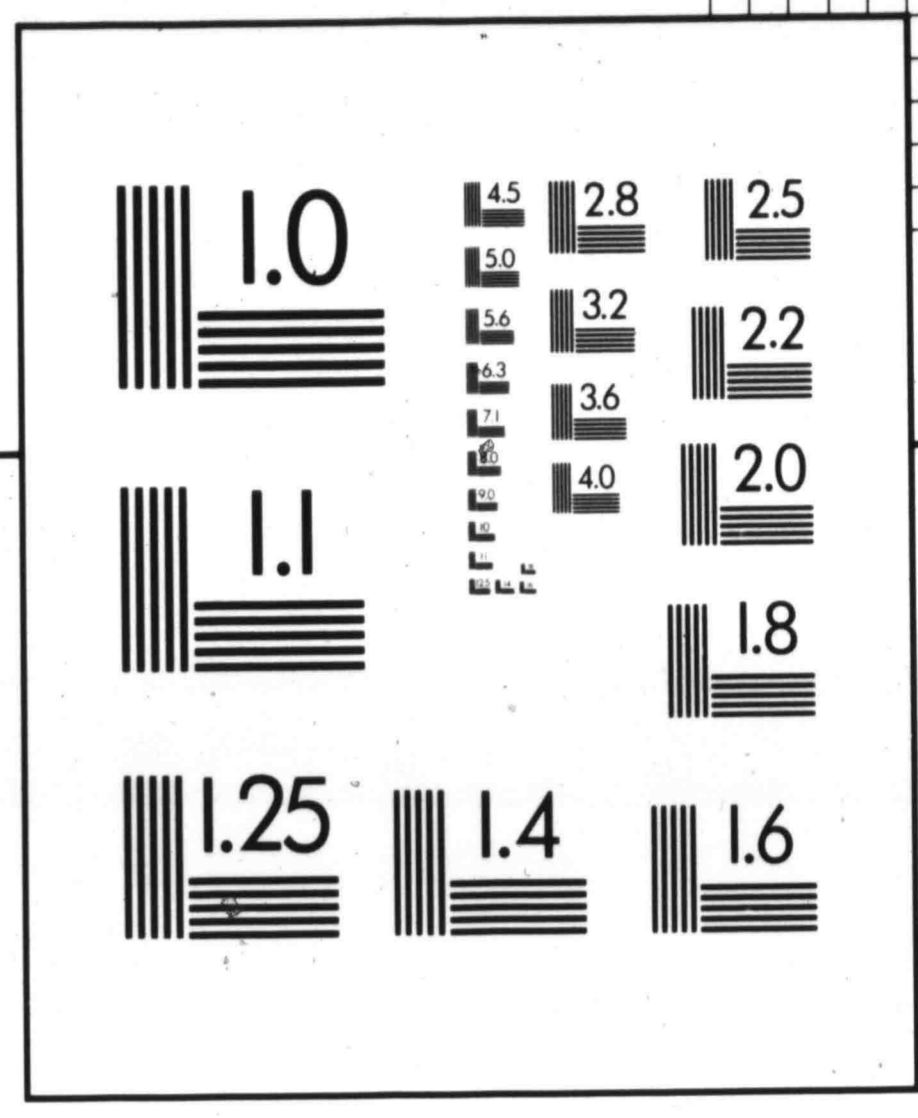
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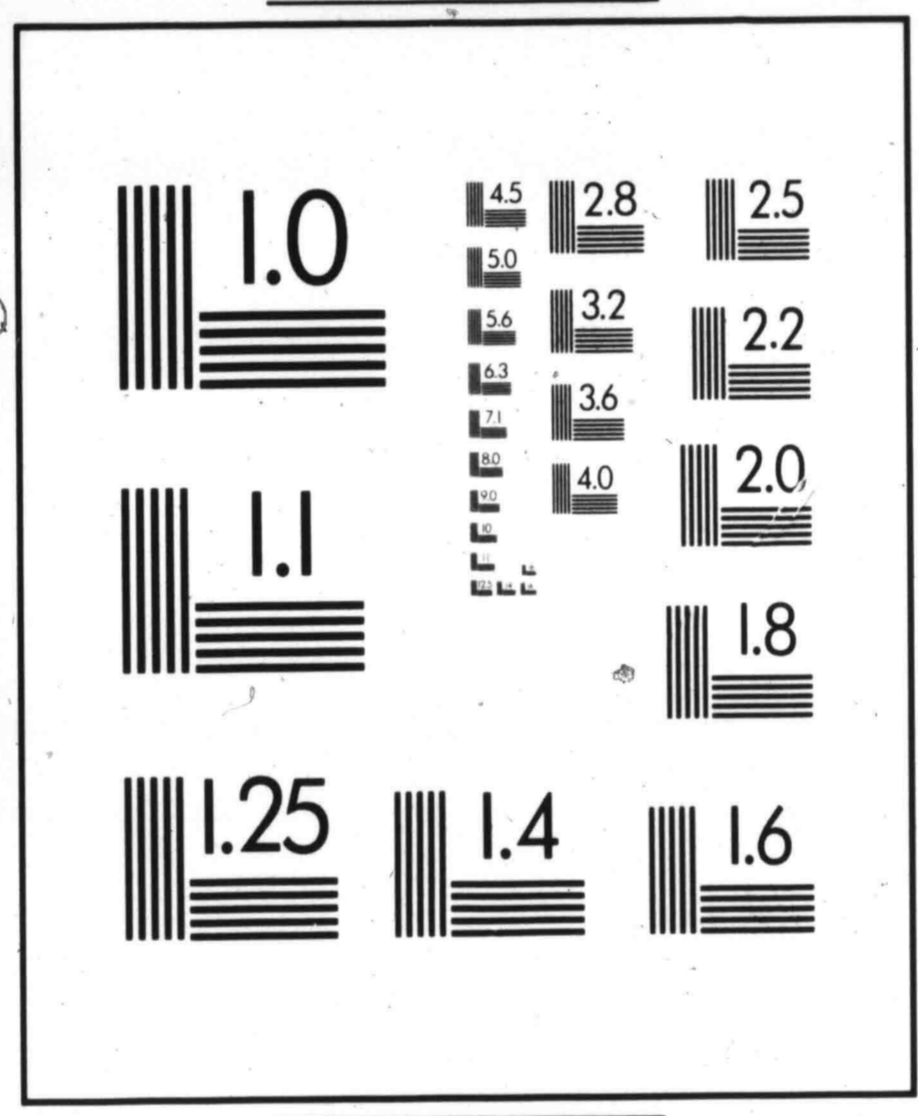
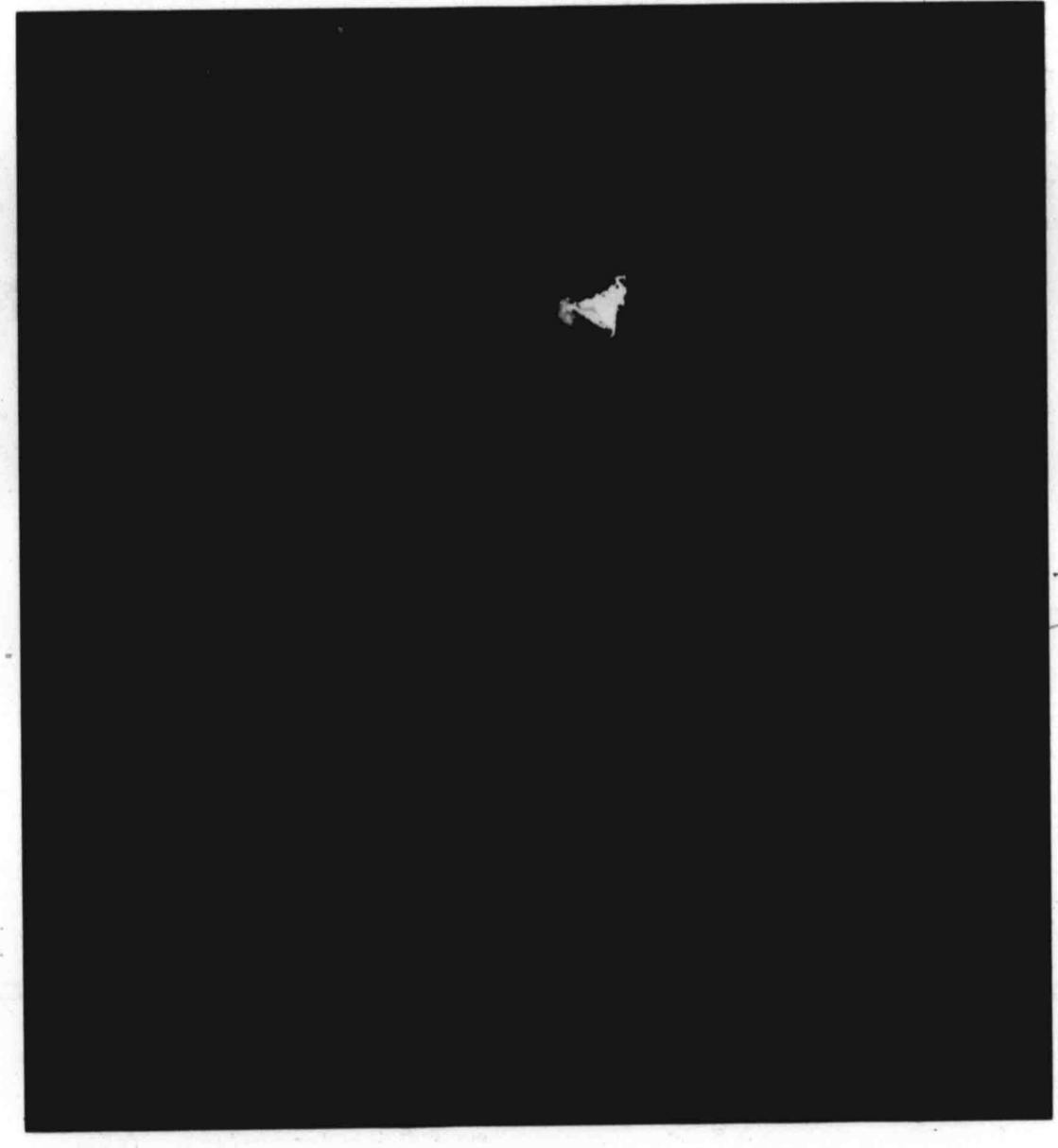
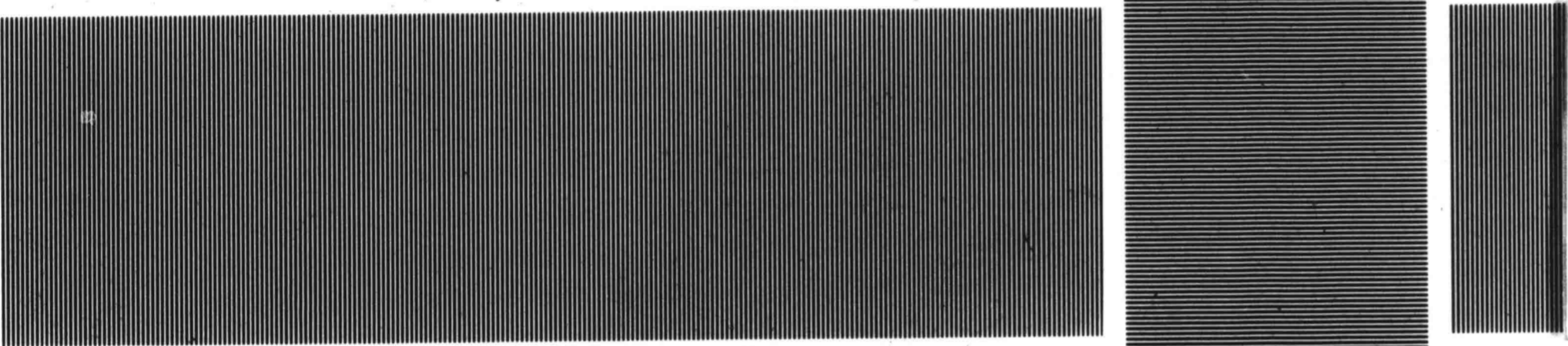
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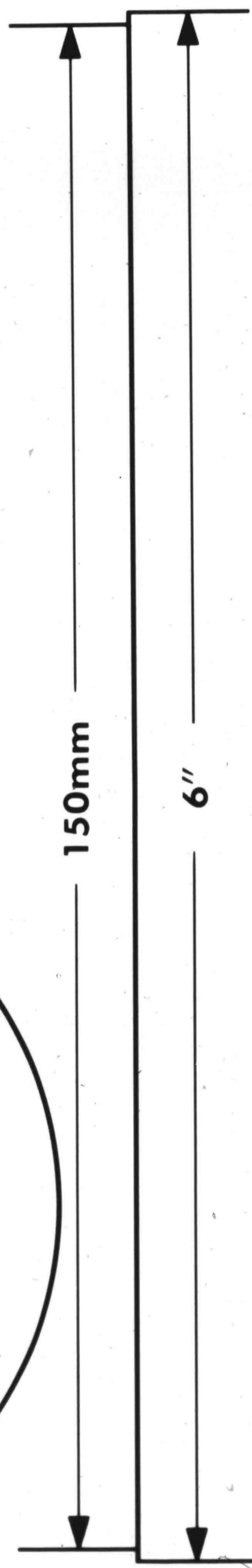
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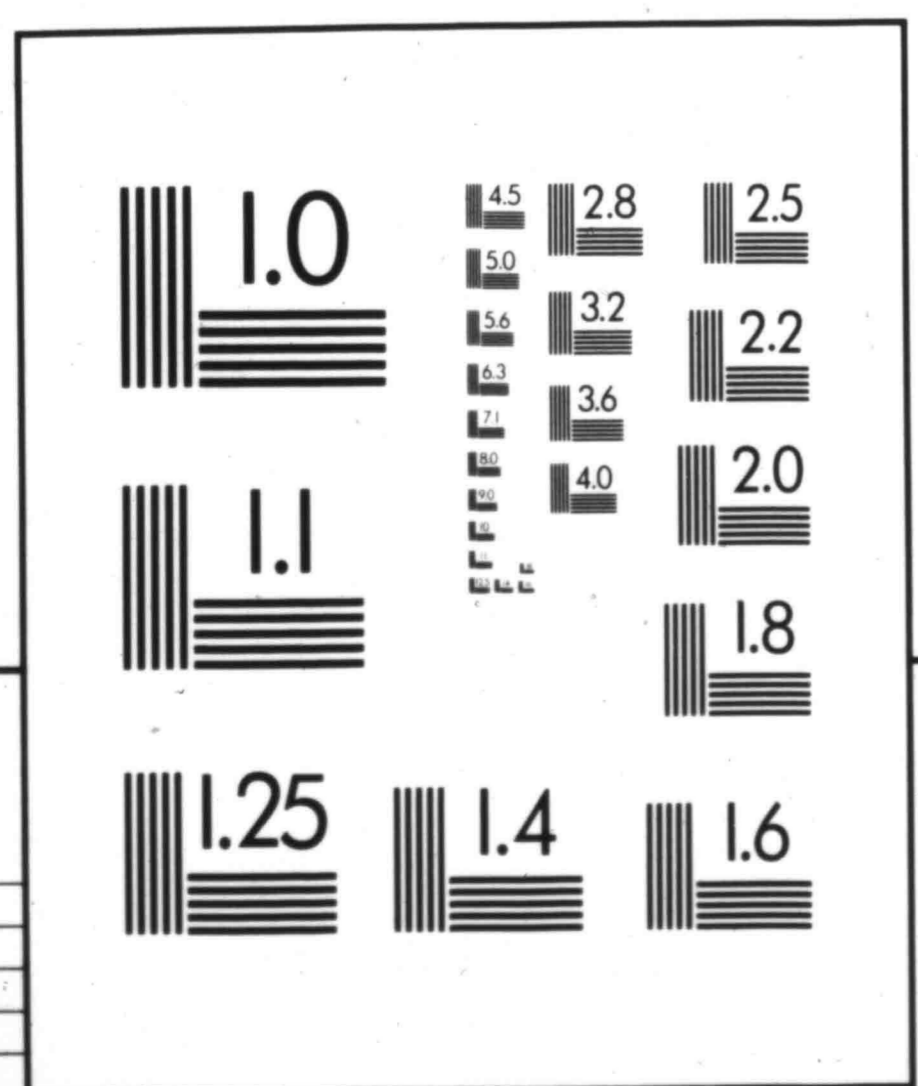
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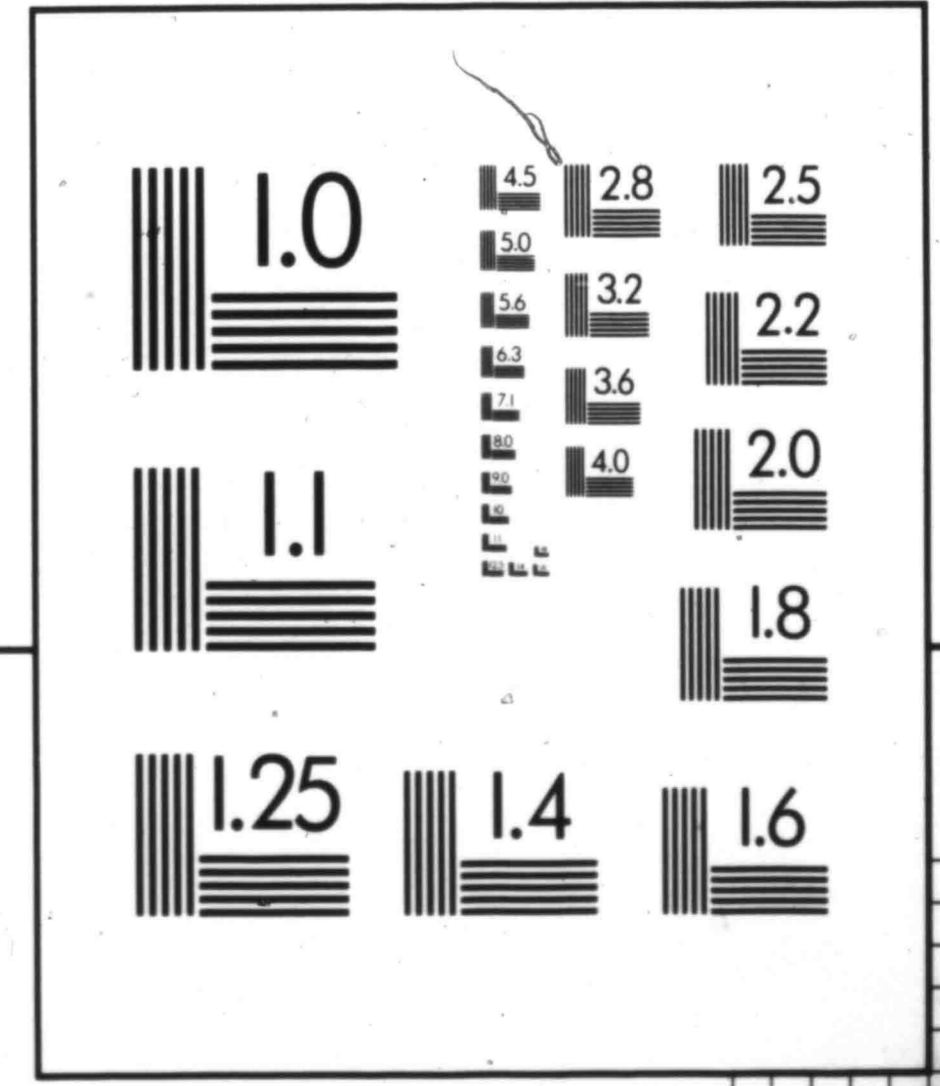
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