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Grand Jury Returns February True Bills

Cornelius D. Hicks, Bryan T. Oldham, Kenyale M. Pirtle, and Troy Lee Springfield were each indicted on one count of aggravated assault, with Springfield also indicted on one count of possession of a weapon by a felon, during the February term of the February Grand Jury.

Other indictments include:
Anthony Brown, assault.

Rickey Joe Benjamin, Jr.,
DUI, DUI per se;

Rickey Joe Benjamin, Sr.,
DUI by allowing; and Prior
DUI.

Michael Clanton, violation
of HMVO.

Antonio Cassion Day, pos-
session of schedule II (cocaine)
with intent to deliver 0.5 grams
or more and simple possession
of schedule VI (marijuana).

Shannon Douglas Dedman,
aggravated assault, felony
evading arrest endangering oth-
ers.

Charles Timothy Goforth,
violation HMVO.

Tammy Johnson, aggra-
vated assault.

Michael Littles, aka Mike
Littles, theft \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Jeffrey William Vaughn,
theft \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Latisha Lee Morgan, ag-
gravated assault.

Michael Rogers, possession
of schedule VI (marijuana) with
intent to deliver greater than 1/2
oz.

Oliver William Schneider,
introduction of contraband into
penal institution.

Rosie Marie Stewart, theft
\$1,000 to \$10,000; theft less
than \$500, four counts; theft
\$500 to \$1,000; and aggravated
burglary.

County Employee Receives Injuries

Curtis Lents, of Henning,
Lauderdale County Highway
Department employee, was in-

MTSU DEAN'S LIST

Students from Lauderdale
County to make the Dean's List
for the fall 2002 semester at
Middle Tennessee State Univer-
sity, at Murfreesboro, include
Twyla King and Candie Layne,
of Halls, Valerie Jones, of Hen-
ning, Melissa Elder, of Ripley,
and Yolanda Flagg, formerly of
Lauderdale Co.

Signing Letter of Intent



AMANDA SANDERS, daughter of Rodney and Bonnie Sand-
ers, of Halls, signed her letter of intent to attend Lambuth Uni-
versity in Jackson to play softball Wednesday of last week at
Halls High School. Lambuth coach, Will Atkinson, witnessed
the signing along with, from left, Amanda Britt, Mary Lee
Bales, Jessica Benjamin, Sarah Callender, Daisy Sanders, her
grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, and in front, Leslie
Hughes, and Teresa Mills, softball coach for Halls High
School. Sanders, catcher for HHS softball team, helped lead
the Halls Tigers to a District Championship, a runner-up finish
in the Region, and an appearance in the Section Finals. She
earned All-District honors as a sophomore and a junior and
was awarded the "Love of the Game" for her hard work and
dedication. She has been a member of the volleyball team
since her freshman year, and served as the football and bas-
ketball mascot as a freshman. She is the first player from HHS
to continue her softball career at a four-year institution. She
has a brother, Cliff.

jured at approximately 1 p.m.
Thursday of last week when tree
limbs, he was picking up on
Edith Nankipoo Rd. with the
county's trackhoe, went through
the cab of the vehicle and
pierced his body. He remained
conscious and was transported
to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale
then transferred to the Regional
Medical Center in Memphis,
where he was listed in critical
condition, but responding to
treatment, at press time.

4-Wheeler Thieves Sought By Sheriff's Department

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department is in-
vestigating several robberies and thefts throughout the
county within the past few weeks involving stolen 4-
wheelers or ATVs.

"With the low economy, factories closing, and increasing
unemployment, we can expect an increase in crime," stated
Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig. "There are several
things to help protect your property, including: take keys out
of vehicles, lawn mowers, ATVs, and other machinery; be
sure doors and windows in homes and businesses are locked
and secure; be sure to lock utility sheds; have a family mem-
ber or friend, check on your home if you are away for a
length of time; write down the serial numbers and descrip-
tion of all outdoor machinery, appliances, including TVs,
VCRs, and guns; keeping jewelry in a lock box or secure
place in the home; and chain and lock bicycles and lawn fur-
niture."

If something is stolen, proper identification, with the se-
rial numbers, can help speed the process of getting the stolen
items returned.

Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for infor-
mation leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons
responsible for thefts from 3162 Central Curve Rd of a 1999
Honda 4x4 450 ES 4-wheeler; 1197 Durhamville Rd., of a 2002
Polaris 500 HO Ducks Unlimited Wetland Camo 4-wheeler; 1851
Arp Central Rd., of a 1995 Honda 4 TRX, 4-wheeler; and 4713
Highway 19 West of 2000 Honda 350 Rancher.

Jeff Hicks has offered an additional \$1,500 for information for
the return of his 2002 Polaris; David Gitchell, an additional \$1,000
for his 1995 Honda; and Rob Reviere, an additional \$1,000 for his
2000 Honda.

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MEMBERS of the Halls High School National Honor Society,
Beth Sadler, Krista Newman, Mary Lee Bales, project chair-
man, Jennifer Broglin, chapter president, LeAnne Harris,
Amanda Britt, Lesley McGarrity, and Sarah Callender, toured
the St. Jude Research Hospital and presented a \$600 check to
Rena Ware, St. Jude public relations representative. The
chapter raised the funds through their annual Angel Tree proj-
ect. Donna Smith and Betty Warren, sponsors, accompanied
the students.

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For further information, including registration forms and test locations, contact a high school guidance counselor, or register online on ACT's web-

RELAY FOR LIFE

The next meeting of the Relay for Life teams is Mon., Feb. 10th, at the Tennessee Technology Center, at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in forming a team is urged to attend this meeting, or contact Keith Kluttz, Paul Avery or Angie Koonce.

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Obituaries

John R. Arnold

John Ralph Arnold, 81, of Ripley, decorator, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Monday in Memphis Funeral Home's Poplar Chapel, with burial in Memorial Park.

He was a Shriner.

Widower of Thelma Arnold, he leaves a daughter, Patricia Dearth, of Munford, and a son, J. R., Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clark

Dezzie Mae Morris Clark, 83, a retired teacher, died Wednesday of last week in her home at 8461 Drury Lane in Memphis.

Rites were held Saturday in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church at Arp, with burial in its cemetery, Forest Hill Funeral Home East, of Memphis, in charge.

She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, United Methodist Women, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves daughters, Carol Austin, of Ripley, Connie Chuzie, of Germantown, and Judith Elaine Clark, of Cordova; brothers, Charles and Rufus Morris, of Ripley, Hilary Morris, of Marietta, Ga., and William D. "Billy Jim" Morris, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters, Martha (Mrs. Charles) Peal and Mary Fountain, of Ripley; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Alfred L. Moody

Alfred L. "Buck" Moody, 75, died Friday in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were Monday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

He leaves his half-brother, James E. "Pete" Bizzle, of 7154 Edith-Nankipoo Road, Ripley, and a half-sister, Mae Helen Jones, of Dyersburg.

James L. Baker

James L. Baker, 51, of Martin, father of Jennifer Terry, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Volunteer Hospital in Martin.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Murphy Funeral Home in Martin, with burial in East Side Cemetery.

He had retired from Good-year Tire and Rubber Co.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Jenkins Baker, a son, Jimmy, of Martin; other daughters, Kathy Thweatt, of Martin, Lillie Alkasti and Lora Tuck, of Sweetwater, and Carol Kelley, of Byhalia, Miss.; a brother, Thomas Baker, of Jackson; and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Jane Isom

Jane Farrow Isom, 69, of Friendship, mother of Michael Isom, of 427 Locust Halls, and sister of Lanny Roberts, of 3360 J. D. Smith Road, Ripley, died Jan. 25th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were held Jan. 27th in Friendship Funeral Home, with burial in Oakview Memorial Park in Alamo.

She was the widow of Buddy Isom. Survivors include another son, Steve, and two daughters, Judy Ange Higdon and Tammy Rice, of Friendship; another brother, Anthony Cooke; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Anne Tichenor

Anne Tichenor, 78, of Memphis, formerly of Ripley, homemaker, died Jan. 29th at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Maplewood Cemetery, in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Tichenor, and four sons, Steve Tichenor, Wayne Tichenor, David Tichenor and Gene Tichenor, all of Memphis; one sister, Katherine Pierson, of Chattanooga; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bragg

Addie Mac Bragg, 83, of Halls, widow of Basil Bragg, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Sunday in Green Hill Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she attended Westside Baptist Church.

She leaves a sister, Helen Gooch, of Halls.

Lela F. Nelson

Lela F. Nelson, 80, of Ripley, housewife, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery.

She leaves four sons, Jerry, of Ripley, Donald and Fred, of Ocala, Fla., and Eugene, of Pensacola, Fla.; a daughter, Linda Marlowe, of Florence, Ala.; a brother, Malcolm Scallions, of Gates; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Lillie Mae Payne

Lillie Mae Payne, 65, of Henning, nurses aide, died Jan. 28th, at Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at noon Saturday at St. Mark Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in Garden of Everlasting Life, in Covington, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Payne, and a son, Anthony Links, both of Henning; one daughter, Debra Bell Etheridge, of Detroit, Mich.; one step-son, Carmon J. Payne, and one step-daughter, Pia P. Payne, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; one brother, Dennis Links, and three sisters, Eunice Griffin, Mary William and Gertrude Wright, all of Detroit; three other sisters, Virgie Griffin, of Ripley, and Lillian William and Cleoxie Jones, both of Memphis; and seven grandchildren.

Divorces

Anthony Lauren Griggs vs. Kelly Nicole Griggs.

Don Hartman

Kenneth Donald Hartman, 78, of Columbus, Miss., formerly of Lauderdale County, died Dec. 25th at Baptist Hospital Columbus.

Services were in the Church of Christ of Columbus, with burial in Gates Cemetery in Gates, Gunter and Peel Funeral Home in charge.

Born Dec. 31, 1924, to the late William and Maye Campbell Hartman, he was a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and served overseas with the U. S. Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. He worked up to the grade of Captain. Retired as Director of Civilian Personnel at Columbus Air Force Base with 36 years of service, he was awarded the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service award, the U.S. Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service award, Air Force Equal Opportunity award, and two times the Air Training Command Director of Personnel of the year. He was a deacon in the Church of Christ in Dayton, Ohio and Columbus, Miss. and was elected to Personalities of the South in 1978-1979.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita; sons, Kenneth D. Hartman, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., and Matthew Hartman, of Columbus; a daughter, Jennifer H. Henson, of Birmingham; a sister, Ouida Hawkins, of Tampa, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

We regret the delay in publication of this obituary, the information was delayed in arrival to our office.

Dennis F. Haynes

Dennis Franklin Haynes, 81, of Brownsville, retired lumberjack, brother of Frances Ballard, of Ripley, died Monday in Haywood Park Community Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zion United Methodist Church, Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran of World War II and Korea, he also leaves sons, Dennis R. Haynes and Roy M. Haynes, of Brownsville; a daughter, Sarah Haynes, of Alamo; a brother W. B. Haynes, of Brownsville; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mickey Utley, Sr.

Mickey Eugene Utley, Sr., 55, of Brownsville, brother of Dickey Utley, of Ripley, died Monday at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

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

A Baptist and Army paratrooper in Vietnam, he leaves his wife, Brenda Harmon Utley, a son, Mickey Utley, Jr., and a daughter, Dixie Garrett, all of Brownsville; two nephews, he reared, Floyd Harmon, Jr., of Brownsville, and Michael Harmon, of Charlottesville, Va.; another brother, Rickey Utley, and a sister, Thelma Utley, both of Memphis; and six grandchildren.

Rhubia R. Noel

Rhubia R. Noel, 80, of Henning, factory employee, died Saturday, of cardio respiratory arrest at Baptist Hospital East, in Memphis.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Canaan Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include her husband, William E. Noel, a son, Johnny Tyus, and a daughter, Demetra Pickett, all of Henning; two other sons, Oscar Gause, of Memphis, and James Whitelaw, of Flemington, Mich.; three other daughters, Alice Williamson and Cherry Denise, both of Ripley, and Shirley Miller, of Memphis; three step-sons, Larry Noel, of Ripley, and William Noel and Ezekial Davis, both of Peoria, Ill.; three step-daughters, Earnestine Conley, of Henning, and Alice F. Lucas and Joyce Jackson, both of Chicago, Ill.; 20 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 16 step-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The obituary of Edna Street, published in last week's issue, incorrectly listed her daughter, Ima, as Ina, her son from Russellville, Ala., not Russellville, Ark., and she has two great-great-grandchildren not four. We regret inaccurate information.

Halls Math Athletes



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, in front, from left, Cassie King, Brent Gain, Nathan Sadler, Britney Moore, Heather Spangler, and Randi Crockett, and, in rear, Chris Hardy, Tyler Rose, J. B. Tharpe, Alex Aitken, Phylcia Richmond, and Shelby Williams, along with math teacher, Susan Campbell, placed 17th in the West Tennessee Math Competition held Saturday at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. The students attending were the top 12 math scores school wide.

D. F. Henning, Jr.

Dillard Franklin Henning, Jr., 57, of Jackson, formerly of Ripley, correction officer, died Jan. 31st at his residence.

Services were at noon Feb. 5th in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, near Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Bells Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran, he was a Baptist and a master mason affiliated with Prince Hall Masons of Illinois.

A graduate of Lauderdale High School and University of Tennessee at Knoxville, he leaves his wife, Geneva; a son, Dillard Franklin Henning, III, of Newport News, Va.; daughters, Pamela Perkins and Geanine Henning, of Milwaukee, Wisc., Delphia Thompson, of Nashville, and Angela Smith, of Tampa, Fla.; his mother, Luevenia Ward Henning; brothers, Thomas Henning, of Nashville, and Samuel Henning, of Dyersburg; a sister, Willa Henning, of Hawaii; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Fred Mynatt

Fred Mynatt, 87, of West Memphis, Ark., died Sunday, at Crittenden Memorial Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Roller-Citizens Funeral Home, with burial in Crittenden Memorial Park.

The widower of Anna Elnora

Celebrates Anniversary Church Happenings



WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH'S pastor, The Rev. Pat Kough, and Mrs. Kough, was presented a plaque in December 2002 for the church's 175 years of active service from the Dyer Baptist Association. Woodville Baptist is the oldest active church in the association and possibly the oldest Baptist church in West Tennessee. The building, located at 2215 Woodville Rd., was constructed in 1827, burned in 1927, and re-built in 1928. The public is invited to services.

IHS HONOR ROLL

Students on the Principal's List at Halls High School, with a grade average between 95 and 100, include seniors, Mary Lee Bales, Lauren Bivens, Amanda Britt, Jennifer Broglin, Sarah Callender, Kristina Climer,

years, she taught the adult Sunday School class for 21 years. She was a former vice-president of United Methodist Women, and a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

The widow of Ben A. Bailey, she leaves two sons, William A. "Bill" Bailey, Sr. and Robert H. Bailey, Sr., both of Brownsville; one daughter, Louise Bailey Downing, of Collierville; three sisters, Elva Mae "Teb" James, Mary Rudd Russell and Martha Rudd, all of Ripley; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Vincent Dewalt, Shelbra Halliburton, Leighann Harris, Danielle McBroom, Leslie McGarity, Kim Neill, Krista Newman, Amanda Sanders, Samantha Smith, Tasia Steel, Amanda Stewart and Alisha White; juniors, Braden Burns, Heather Cowan, Kristina Edwards, Kari Escue, Keven Kesler, Julie Pratt, Beth Sadler and Kevin Ward; sophomores, Amber Camp, Terrence Hill, Niki Lee, Jessica Matthews, Rachel McCaslin, Derrica Simmons and Sara Ellen Wright; and freshmen, Brittany Chipman, Colin Clendenin, Rachel Fitzhugh, Caitlyn Hurt, Christina Lopez, Allorie Smith, Samantha Stiles, Sally Jo Turner, Sarah Beth Warren and Zach Webb.

Students on the Gold List, with a grade average between 90 and 94, include seniors, John Akins, Celia Barnes, Kim Davis, Andrew Dudas, Savannah Ferguson, Anthony Fisher, Kimberly Hammock, Sara Har-

Halls Full Gospel Light-house Church, 104 Fenton St., hold Sunday services at 10 a.m. for Sunday school; 11 a.m. for worship; and 6 p.m. Sunday night. Wednesday night services are held at 7 p.m. with a Bible study and a kids and youth ministry. Ministers are John and Pat Watson. The public is invited.

Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., hold services at 10 a.m. for Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship; 5 p.m. discipleship training; 5:45 p.m. evening worship; 7 p.m. Tuesdays for "Meet Me At The Alter" prayer service; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mission Kids, directed by Cheryl Pilcher. Members will hold a Valentine spaghetti supper at 5:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 15th. Frankie Pilcher, pastor, invites the public.

The Forerunner Baptist Church will present a musical presentation entitled, "Long As I Got King Jesus", written by Shirley Bester, at 5 p.m. Sun., Feb. 9th at Victory Baptist Church, Poplar Grove Rd., off Highway 51 ByPass. The public is invited.

rell, Kristen Kennedy, Robert Myrick, Lakisha Nelson, Lauren Solomon, Jessica Stiles and Keith Young; juniors, Jessica Benjamin, Philip Bishop, Lequinn Brown, Tyler Moore, Ryan Rodgers, Seth Steelman and Jason Washegic; sophomores, Ashley Akins, Brooke Barnes, Kyra Brown, Robin Escue, Elizabeth Goodman, Leigh Hastings, Bailey Hutcherson, Gwinn Kilpatrick, Alycia Moore, Toni Ray and Samantha Wright; and freshmen, Kim Blackwood, Zach Camp, Lisa Cherry, Kellianne Hardee, Jeremy Hudson, Erin Hutcherson, Zach Kelley, Josh McBroom, Steven Shands, Steven Taylor and Katie Throgmorton.

Double Ring Ceremony He's Two



MR. AND MRS. TODD WILLIAM RICH were married at 2 p.m. Dec. 7th at the Tulip Tree Wedding Chapel in Jackson with The Rev. Mack Henry officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride, the former Andrea Leigh Newman, daughter of Wayne and Rita Newman and Jackie and Janice Ward, of Ripley, was given in marriage by her father. She wore an off-the-shoulder gown with a v-shaped, fitted bodice covered in lace, pearls, and rhinestones. The full skirt was embellished with pearls and rhinestones and featured a cathedral train, her single veil was a rhinestone-studded halo. The bride's bouquet was a hand-tied cascade of pink and red miniature roses, tied with gold ribbon.

Serving the bride were Mrs. Emily Griggs, of Covington, matron of honor, and Alyssa Davis, of Ripley, maid of honor. They wore floor-length dresses with a fitted bodice, sash, and color-accented shawls. They carried smaller versions of the bride's bouquet with miniature roses in shades of red and pink each tied with a gold bow.

Holly Newman, daughter of Ray and Lori Newman, served as flower girl, wearing an A-line dress with a ribbon tied around the bodice, and lace gloves, and carried a basket of white rose petals.

The groom is the son of Billy and Sherry Fisher, of

Friendship, and Bill and Sandy Rich, of Genoa, Ill.

Attending the groom were Eric Tomlinson, of Alamo, and Jeff Johnson, of Gadsden. Chandler Griggs, son of Richard and Emily Griggs, was ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length bone-colored, short sleeve, dress with an empire waist. The mother of the groom wore a floor-length two piece, burgundy button down dress.

The bride's cake was three-tiered and decorated with ivy, gold bells, and holly, featuring columns and a fountain. The groom's cake was chocolate and decorated



CHASE A. CROOK, son of Skipper Crook and April Permenter, of Halls, celebrated his second birthday Feb. 2nd with a "Bob the Builder" party. Guests were served cake and ice cream, cheese dip, fruit, and pizza. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crook and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Permenter, of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Marlys Hargett, of Ripley, and James and Betty Smith, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Heathcott and Mrs. Patricia Permenter, of Dyersburg. His great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Grover Smith, of Halls.

Anniversaries

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

Feb. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Myracle.

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

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

Feb. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Douglas.

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

with a Pittsburgh Steelers theme.

Serving during the reception were Mrs. Tara Hawkins, of Evansville, Ill., and Nicole Hubbard, of Friendship. Michelle Hargett kept the register.

After a honeymoon trip to Gatlinburg, the couple is residing in Ripley.

Marriages

Jan. 16 - Donnie Ray Diggs, Jr., 22, to Sonya Kay Crafton, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Jan. 21 - Ronald Dalmon Blakely, 47, to Ginger Lavon Goodman, 42, by Jimmy W. Carroll.

Jan. 25 - James Micalh Miller, 25, to Barbara Gayle Walker, 29, by David K. Elkins.

Jan. 27 - Charles Anthony Pratt, 28, to Katherine Sue Reed, 29, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Jan. 31 - Landress Lalondo King, 34, to Sandra Elaine Paris, 46, by Willie L. McCadney.

Kenneth Wayne Tucker, 22, to Amaris Lane McGee, 17, by Thomas E. Sanders.

David Sanford Owen, III, 20, to Sharon Ann Bates, 25, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Birthdays

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

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

Toomes, Kathy Leadingham, Gary Drumwright, Linda Barham, Robin Greaves, Ronnie Roberts, Randy Hargett, Oneal Kiestler, Melanie Moore, Dawn Chalk, Blake McAdams.

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Emily Fisher, Bro. Gene Sanders.

Feb. 9 - Michael Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Carihfield, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Kevin Connell, Stacey Gaines, James White, Emily Katherine Fisher.

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

Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, Norene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard, Lyndsay Erin Dotson, Louise Land, Dan Coughlan, Olivia Woodall, Nickie Langley.

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

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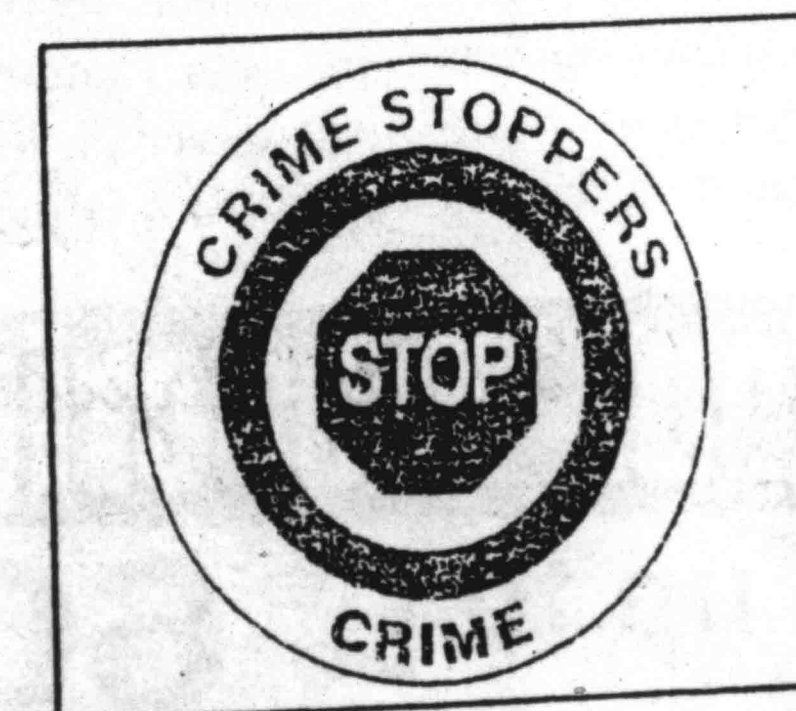
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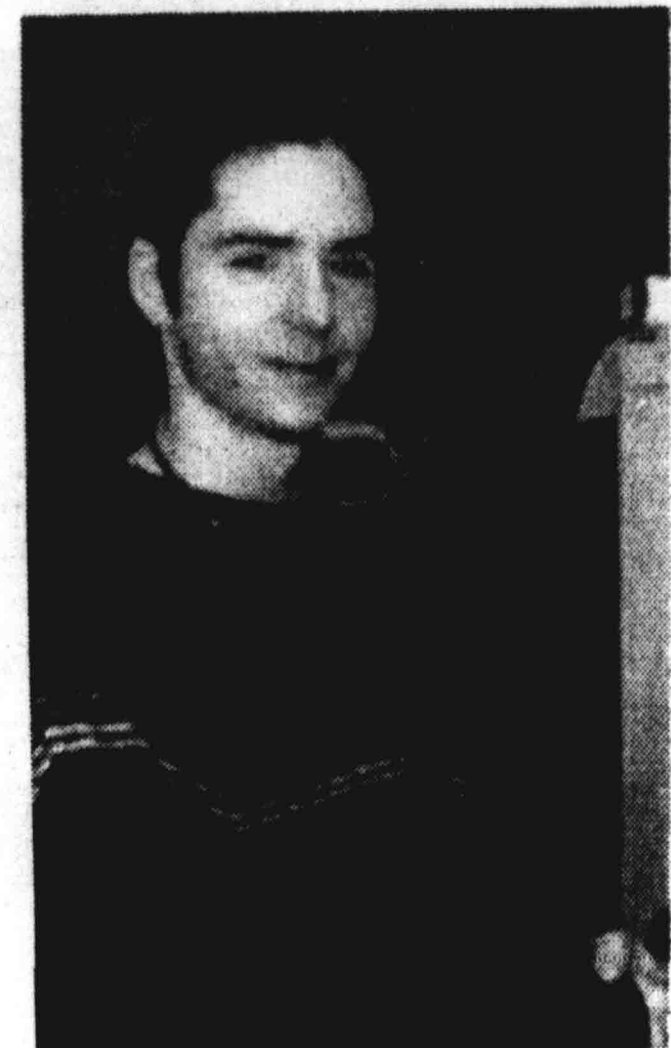
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Halls Artist



JASON CHAMBERS, Halls High School art student of Steve Warren, son of Melody Chambers, won a Gold Key award at the Mid-South Scholastic Art Competition in Memphis. His work will be displayed through Feb. 14th at the Brooks Museum of Art in Memphis, where it will be entered in the national competition.

Land Transfers

Jan. 24 - Mack Moore, Jr. and Annie Lucille Moore to Jennifer Lynn Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Brenda J. Hall, lot.

Jan. 27 - Bennie Ray Barcroft, Sr. and Shirley Elaine Barcroft to Melvin Nichols, Dist. 2, 0.324 acres.

Melvin Nichols to Bennie Ray Barcroft, Sr. and Shirley Elaine Barcroft, Dist. 2, 0.996 acres.

Jan. 28 - Fred Rushing and Jewel Rushing to Tina Rushing, Dist. 2, 15.32 acres.

Ernestine C. Henderson, Joe A. Conley, III, Catherine C. Spicer, and Carrie Odell Conley to Edward E. Conley, Dist. 10, 1.01 acres.

Jan. 29 - Joseph Eskridge, John Eskridge, and Charles Eskridge to Bobby A. Jacobs, Dist. 12, 0.333 acres.

William E. Hendren, trustee, Eugene Robeson Family Trust, and Anne Robeson to First Citizens National Bank, Dist. 2, lot.

Jan. 30 - Jerome Williams and Sons, Inc. and Jerome Williams and Sons, Inc. to Peter M. DeGroff, Dist. 3, 2.53 acres.

Mike S. West to Ronnie White and Susan White, Dist. 2, lot.

Others Face Utility Pain

In our Jan. 23rd issue, we compared Ripley Power & Light proposals for water and sewer service (\$14 and \$22.35, for the residential use of 5,500 gallons, total \$32.58, to \$14.95 and \$17.95 in Dyersburg, total \$32.78.

Up-date: Dyersburg, losing 40% of its waste-water usage with the closing of Dyersburg Fabrics, needs a 37% increase in utility fees.

To avoid default on its bonds, it is increasing fees 27%, May 1st, raising residential water rates \$7.80 a month, for 5,000 gallons.

Bill Wiggins, Dyer Fabrics president, says new sewer rates could bring his cost up 4.5¢ a yard, significant in a highly competitive market.

The Northwest Dyersburg Utility District, serving about 1,560 customers, is raising its basic rate, for 2,000 gallons, from \$9.65 to \$12.95.

For garbage removal, Barker Brothers, of Troy, plans a 3% increase in Dyer County, to \$11.85 (containers provided).

And Down The Road:

The Tenn. Valley Authority, which supplies our area electricity, plans, Oct. 1st, to cut firm charges to industrial customers 2% and to raise wholesale rates to other commercial and residential customers by 8.1%.

Classic Feud Continues

Kentucky's Hatfields and McCoys are still feuding,

from their graves, The Associated Press reports.

In a small cemetery in eastern Kentucky, described as "mountain land, steep as a mule's face," in which no one has been buried in 114 years, lie the remains of six McCoys, including three who were tied to pawpaw trees and executed by the Hatfields in 1882.

Hatfields have barred McCoys from visiting the site.

Circuit Judge Charles E. Lowe, Jr., has restored visiting privileges, pending his final ruling on the case.

Hatfield attorneys say the case is really about McCoys wanting to profit from drawing tourists to the site.

Catfish Died Of 'Shine'

Two brothers in Aiken County, S.C., dumped a bad batch of illegally brewed corn liquor ("moon-shine") into a pond, killing 200 catfish (who died smiling?)

The state charge: Not making 'shine, just not taking the bad 'shine to the nearest waste-water plant.

HUNTERS FINED

James M. Elmore, 44, and James A. Elmore, 21, of Halls, were found guilty in Crockett County General Sessions Court of hunting from a motor vehicle and each fined \$50 and costs.

LIVESTOCK MEETING

The Lauderdale County Cattle Association will meet Tues., Feb. 11th at the Fraternal Order of Police building in Ripley. Call Larry McCoy, 635-3823, or the Lauderdale County Extension office, 635-9551, if you plan to attend.

Club Attends Meeting



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Close Up Club, including Nikki Lee, Derrica Simmons, Sarah Wright, Jennifer Broglin, and Kevin Ward, attended the January Halls Community Club meeting at the community center. Close-up sponsor, Pat Higdon, encourages students to learn about the community as well as city government. The next community club meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 6th.

Discusses State Of The Union Address

U.S. Rep. John Tanner agrees with some of the issues in the President's Annual State of the Union address, but not everything.

"More than 123,000 Tennesseans were out of work last year, and the economy is struggling in Tennessee and the United States," Tanner said. "We need to address this economic slowdown sooner, rather than later. To stimulate the U.S. economy, we need a plan to truly help the economy grow, while restoring long-term fiscal discipline. The President's plan is not immediately stimulative, and would add more than \$700 billion to the federal debt over the next ten years."

Tanner agreed with the President that senior citizens should have access to an affordable prescription drug benefit

TRAINING SESSIONS

Two pesticide handlers' training sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Fri., Feb. 7th, at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley.

Call Jerry Parker, extension agent, 635-9551, for further information.

plan, but stressed that it must be made available as part of Medicare instead of through private insurance plans as the President proposed in the past.

He also echoed the President's call for even stronger homeland security measures, and adding that the support of the international intelligence community is vital to the United States in the ongoing war on terrorism and should not be jeopardized.

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional district and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee.

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Wins First Place



CHELSEI HILL, of Halls Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hill, was first place winner in HELP CAN THE ABUSE program, sponsored by the Tina Turner Family Center.

Other individual winners were second place, Mandy McClellan, HES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McClellan, and third place, Shelby Simpson, Ripley Primary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Simpson.

HES collected the most cans in Lauderdale County, and Jessica Baker's second graders at RPS collected the most cans, with the most students participating in a classroom.

Pictured with Chelsi is her teacher, Phyllis Barlow. HELP CAN THE ABUSE will be held again in April.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley, Mon., Feb. 24th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To be eligible to donate, a

USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by DHS and USDA, will distribute USDA commodities between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wed., Feb. 19th at the Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St., Rice Park, Watkins St., Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St., and Palmer-Turner Community Center, 655 Church St., Henning.

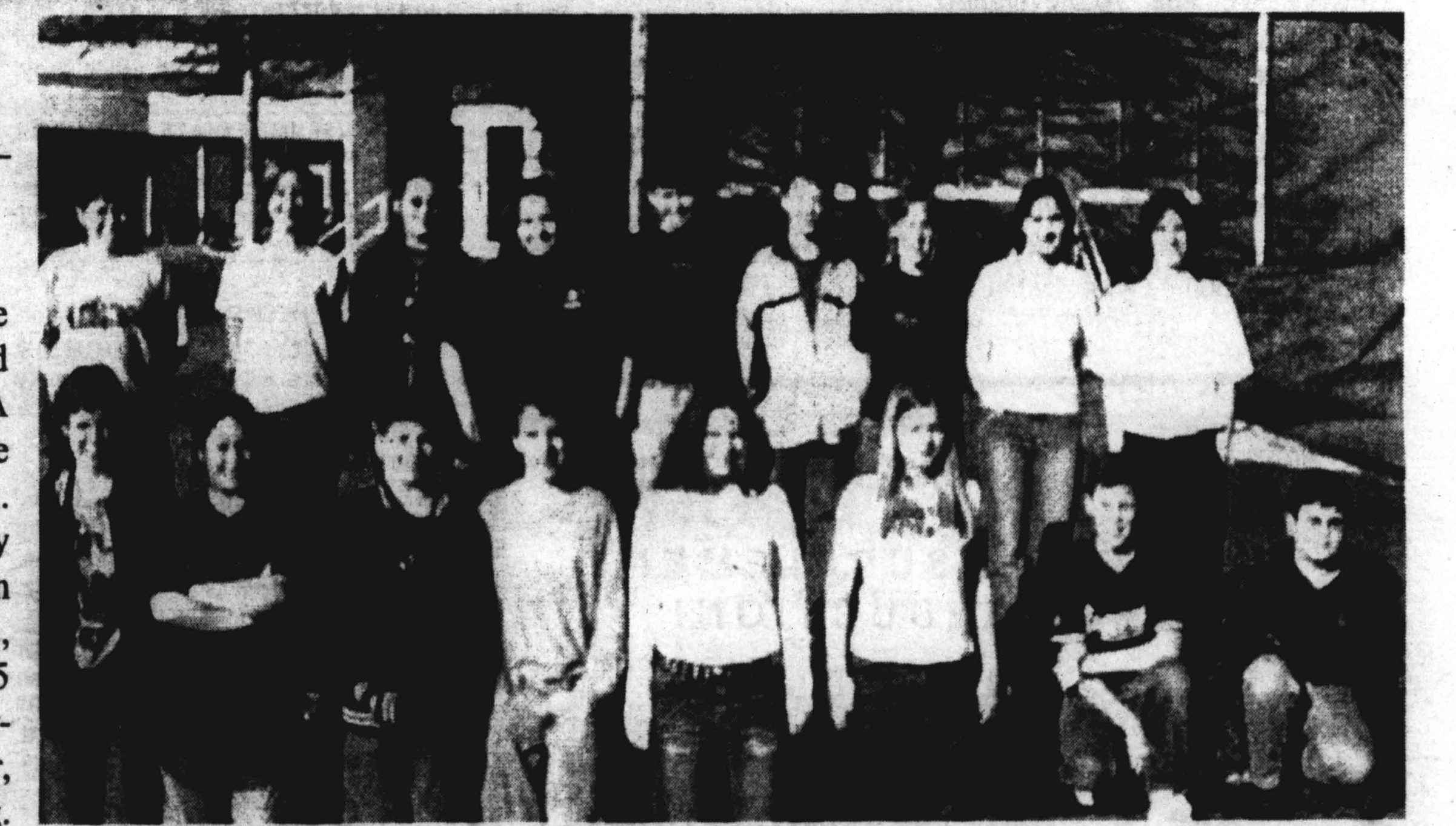
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volunteer blood donor must feel well that day, be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs., not have donated whole blood in the past 56 days, and have not received a notification from Red Cross Blood Services requesting that you not give.

Ripley Nat'l Guard Members Alerted

Approximately 170 members of the 268th MP Company of the Tennessee Army National Guard were placed on alert Feb. 3rd. At press time, members of the Ripley and Dyersburg unit were not activated. The guard reported for duty in November of 2001, after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. They were stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky. for "refresher training". The United States is on orange alert, the second highest security stage. Some of the members served in Desert Storm from Nov. 19, 1990 until May 30, 1991.

Halls Jr. High Duke Scholars



Halls' Center To Sponsor Pageant

The Halls Community Center will sponsor the Miss Halls pageant at 7 p.m. March 1st at the Halls Junior High School. The contest is open to freshmen through senior students in Halls High School.

HALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL students, named to the Talent Identification Program, include, in front, from left, Haley Burks, Dakota Reaves, Aaron Dannelley, Nathan Sadler, Bobbie Walker, Randi Crockett, Cody Dew, and Tyler Fitzhugh, and in rear, Chris Hardy, Dorothy White, Mikayla Thrash, Emily Perry, Aaron Nelson, Jeremy Fitzhugh, Heather Spangler, Britney Bane, and Christi Meeks, plus, not pictured, Dakota Douglas. The students have qualified to take the ACT test with the high school juniors and seniors.

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The original deadline for applications was Fri., Feb. 14th.

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CANCER SPEAKER

The Dyer County Cancer Support Group will present the program, "Eating Well to Stay Well," by Vicki Crenshaw, RN, at 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 17th, at the Cumberland Presbyterian

Church, located on the corner of Parr Ave. and Hwy. 51 By-Pass in Dyersburg.

All newly diagnosed cancer patients and their families, as well as those who are presently taking treatments and those already past treatments, are invited to come and learn helpful

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Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglass, Marriisa Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Cook, W. D. Drake, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell.

Feb. 16 - Carlos McLemore, Gail Shelton, Virginia Sapp, Michelle Williams, Lisa Marie Spray, Harold Perry, Jodie Ward, Jeremy Emerson, Brett Ammons, Pam Carmack, Blake Alford, Zanni Gooch, Tracy Willis, Rita Murley McClellan.

Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Duddy, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Crihfield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia Turner, Hailey Holcomb.

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Barry Wakefield, Austin Crutchfield, Marilyn Garrett, Elaine Barcroft, T. J. Green, Judy Crook, Rose Heath, Tyler Wiggins, Sandra Jackson, Phillip Michael Cook, Teresa Tyler, Wayne Mitchell, Angela LeMar, Chase Holcomb, Dylan Roberts.

Feb. 19 - Tammy Connell, Wayne Barnard, Ray Anderson, Carol Keen, Kevin Kesler, Randy Jones, Linda Bernard, Noah Fletcher Standford, Scott Dunavant, Holly Crews, David Burnham.

QUIT-SMOKING CLASS

Healthy Hearts is conducting a new smoking cessation class, Fresh Start, scheduled for Feb. 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th, in the

Gary Beard Chorale To Perform



THE GARY BEARD CHORALE will present "Give My Regards!", a Broadway and more concert, at 7 p.m. Fri., Feb. 21st at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. The Lauderdale County Council of Arts will sponsor the concert with a grant through the Tennessee Arts Commission. The 24 member ensemble, selected from the nationally acclaimed Lindenwood Christian Church Chancel Choir, of Memphis, have presented concerts in Carnegie Hall and St. Charles Cathedral in Vienna. For more information, call 635-9541 or 635-0272. The public is invited, no admission charge.

USDA CLOSING DATES

Producers seeking Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage of eligible crops are encouraged to stop by the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Dr., in Ripley, before the deadline to identify applicable crops, and to file an application.

Application closing dates include (Feb. 15th, Grazed) alfalfa, alfalfa mix, fescue-tall, orchard grass, mixed forage and oats; (Feb. 15th, Mechanically Harvested) fescue-tall, mixed forage, orchard grass and oats; (Feb. 28th) beets-fresh, broccoli, collards, corn-sweet, popcorn, potatoes-fresh and sweet, tomatoes-cherry, fresh, plastic, drip irrigation, and tomatoes; (Mar. 15th) sorghum-sweet and

Wiley T. Daniels Bldg., 112 Monroe St., beginning at 6 p.m.

The classes are for those who want to quit smoking, but need others with similar concerns and fears for support.

For further information, or to enroll, call 635-4996.

Anniversaries

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

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith.

Feb. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horvath.

Feb. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Craig, Mr. and Mrs. David Mills.

Feb. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.

Marriages

Feb. 3 - Joseph Paul Terry, 28, to Ashley Cole Emerson, 22, by Noah Gene Spain.

Willie Franklin Bonds, Jr., 23, to Michelle Lee White, 22, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Feb. 7 - Cecil Clayton Haymond, 47, to Charlotte Diane Green, 45, by Thomas E. Sanders.

True silence is the rest of the mind; it is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment.

-William Penn

aquaculture (including ornamental fish), Christmas tree crops, ginseng and ornamental nursery and turfgrass sod.
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There are no late-file provisions for submitting an application for coverage after the closing date.

In addition to submitting an application for coverage, producers must pay applicable service fees, and provide a certification of prior crop year's production for the crop, by the application closing date for the applicable crop.

NAP provides financial assistance for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters.

Eligible crops are those for which the catastrophic level of Federal crop insurance is not available; and include those produced for food, livestock feed, fiber, mushrooms, floriculture, honey, maple sap,

Obituaries

Sadie Edwards

Sadie B. Edwards, 45, of Dyersburg, mother of Marshall Edwards, of Henning, died Feb. 2nd in Methodist Le-Bonheur Hospital in Jackson.

Rites were Friday in the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Dyersburg, Cosmopolitan Funeral Services, of Dyersburg, in charge.

Survivors include other sons, Mario, Michael, and Wayne, her mother, Helen Strayhorn, and brothers, James, L.B., R.L., and Timothy Strayhorn, of Dyersburg; and sisters, Helen Moses and Mary Ruth McLin, of Dyersburg, Barbara Ann Strayhorn and Rita Ann Harper, of Decatur, Ill., and Ethel Perdue, of Huber Heights, Ohio.

Scott Justice

Scott Justice, 66, of Ripley, maintenance employee, died February 5th, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery, near Ripley.

He was an Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Eva Justice; two sons, Ronnie Sadler, of Drakesboro, Ky., and Randall Sadler, of Carlisle, Ind.; two sisters, Nellie Price and Vida Justice, both of Pikeville, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

James Hardville

James Hardville, 80, of Maury City, father of Lloyd Hardville, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Humboldt. He was a farmer.

Rites and burial were Saturday at Buck's Chapel, Hudson Funeral Home in charge.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; other sons, Calvin and Larry, of Alamo, and James, of Jackson; daughters, Teresa Hardville, of Dyersburg, Joyce Dupree, of Humboldt, Embely Hardville, of Atlanta, Ga., Althea and Merceda Hardville, of Detroit, Mich., and Shirley Miller, of Racine, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Freeman Bartz Raymond Wilson

Freeman Bartz, 72, of Cordova, formerly of Ripley, died February 8th at his home.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hope Lutheran Church, in Alpena, Mich., Bannan Funeral Home, of Alpena, in charge.

He was born December 15, 1930, to Emil and Senda Krist Bartz in Hubbard Lake, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, graduated from Michigan Tech in 1961 with a degree in electrical engineering, and worked for Universal Electric Company from 1961 to 1983 in Owosso, Mich., and Ripley, serving in many positions, including sales, manufacturing and executive management.

From 1983 to 1997, he served as executive vice-president in manufacturing and risk management for Baldor Electric in Fort Smith, Ark. and Danbury, Conn.

He was president of the Chamber of Commerce in Ripley, and chairman of the administrative board and a Sunday School teacher at Ripley First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Bartz, of Memphis; one son, Michael Bartz, of Cordova; two daughters, Amber Weaver, of Collierville, and Darcy Kuebler, of Chesapeake, Va.; two brothers, Arnold Bartz, of Grandville, Ohio, and Gilbert Bartz, of Auburn, Mich.; two sisters, Edna Siegert, of Hubbard Lake, Mich., and Lillian Mondeau, of Linwood, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Freeman

Edward Freeman, 55, of Brownsville, brother of Bill Freeman and Pat Prescott, of Ripley, and half-brother of Patrick Freeman, of Ripley, died Friday in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were held Monday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

He was a mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Jackson Freeman, of Whiteville; a daughter, Angela Mae Freeman, of Stanton; a half-brother, David Freeman, of Muscatine, Iowa; and four grandchildren.

Raymond F. Wilson, 83, of Collierville, died Monday at his home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in its cemetery.

A WWII U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Normandy D-Day invasion, Liberation of Paris, Battle in Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. Formerly employed by Black & White Store in Ripley, he was a certified public accountant.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Reviere Wilson, sister of Bob and Herman Reviere, of Ripley; two sons, Richard F. Wilson, of Collierville, and Dr. Ray E. Wilson, of Cordova; a daughter, Ginny Wilson Drews, of Huron; two brothers, Dr. Roy E. Wilson, of Springfield, Mo., and James E. Wilson, of Montgomery, Ala.; and seven grandchildren.

FINANCIAL AID

The priority deadline for fall 2003 Financial Aid and Scholarship applications to Dyersburg State Community College is Wed., Mar. 1st. Applications received after Mar. 1st will be considered, as funds become available.

Potential Financial Aid students must be accepted for admission as a regular degree-seeking student at Dyersburg State.

Applications for Federal, State and institutional financial aid can be obtained from a high school guidance counselor, or from the Financial Aid office at

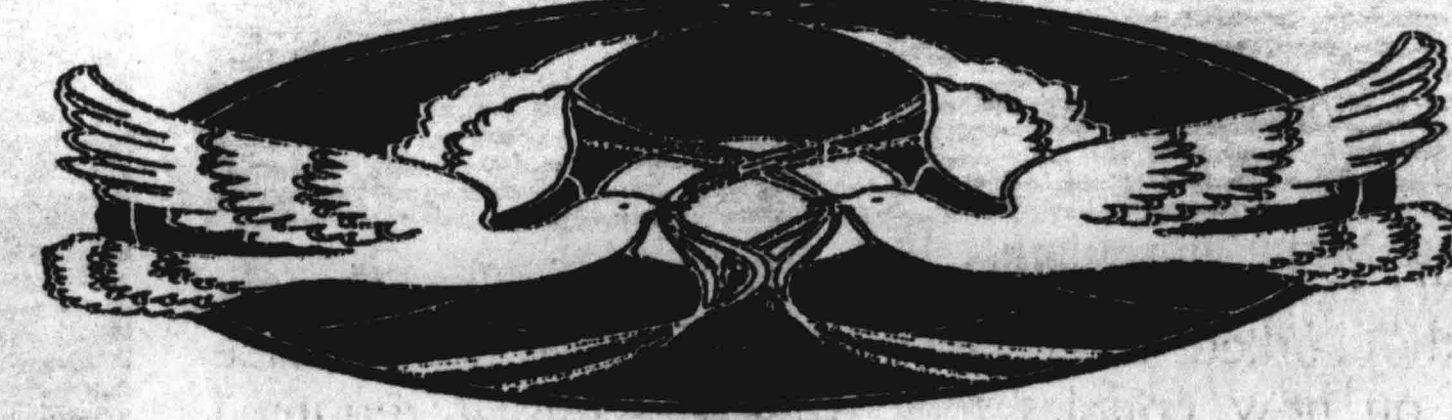
DSCC. They should be mailed, delivered or completed electronically, by Feb. 15th for top priority.

The application may also be printed from Dyersburg State web site www.dsc.edu, or Federal web site www.fafsa.edu.

Students should request a pin in advance at www.pin.ed.gov, to eliminate problems with the signature requirement.

The process is free and students should beware of marketers, web sites, seminars etc. requesting money.

For further information, call Sandra Rockett, Financial Aid Director, 731-286-3235.



Church Happenings

Halls Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, 104 Fenton St., hold Sunday services at 10 a.m. for Sunday school; 11 a.m. for worship; and 6 p.m. Sunday night. Wednesday night services are held at 7 p.m. with a Bible study and a kids and youth ministry. Ministers are John and Pat Watson. The public is invited.

Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., hold services at 10 a.m. for Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship; 5 p.m. discipleship training; 5:45 p.m. evening worship; 7 p.m. Tuesdays for "Meet Me At The Altar" prayer service; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mission Kids, directed by Cheryl Pilcher. Members will hold a Valentine spaghetti supper at 5:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 15th. Frankie Pilcher, pastor, invites the public.

The Forerunner Baptist Church, 138 Eastland St., Ripley, hold Sunday School services at 9 a.m. and worship services at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning; Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday nights; and "A Time of Prayer" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights. The Rev. Thomas Bester, pastor, invites the public.

St. Mark M. B. Church members will celebrate the installation services of their pastor, The Rev. Booker Joe Nance, Jr., at 2 p.m. Sun., Feb. 23rd. The Rev. Lenwood Reed, of New First Baptist Church, Maury City, will deliver the message. The public is invited.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake Ave., will show the film, Believer's Heaven, at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 15th. The film was photographed on five continents and filmed mainly in the Holy Land and the Isle of Patmos. 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.

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

Featured In Magazine



ELLEN AND LARRY BARFIELD were featured in the February issue of the Forked Deer Electric Cooperative's Tennessee Magazine on how couples met. The following is reprinted from "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" article with its editor's permission.

Ellen Barfield, of Ripley, admits the story of how she and her husband, Larry, met is a real conversation stopper.

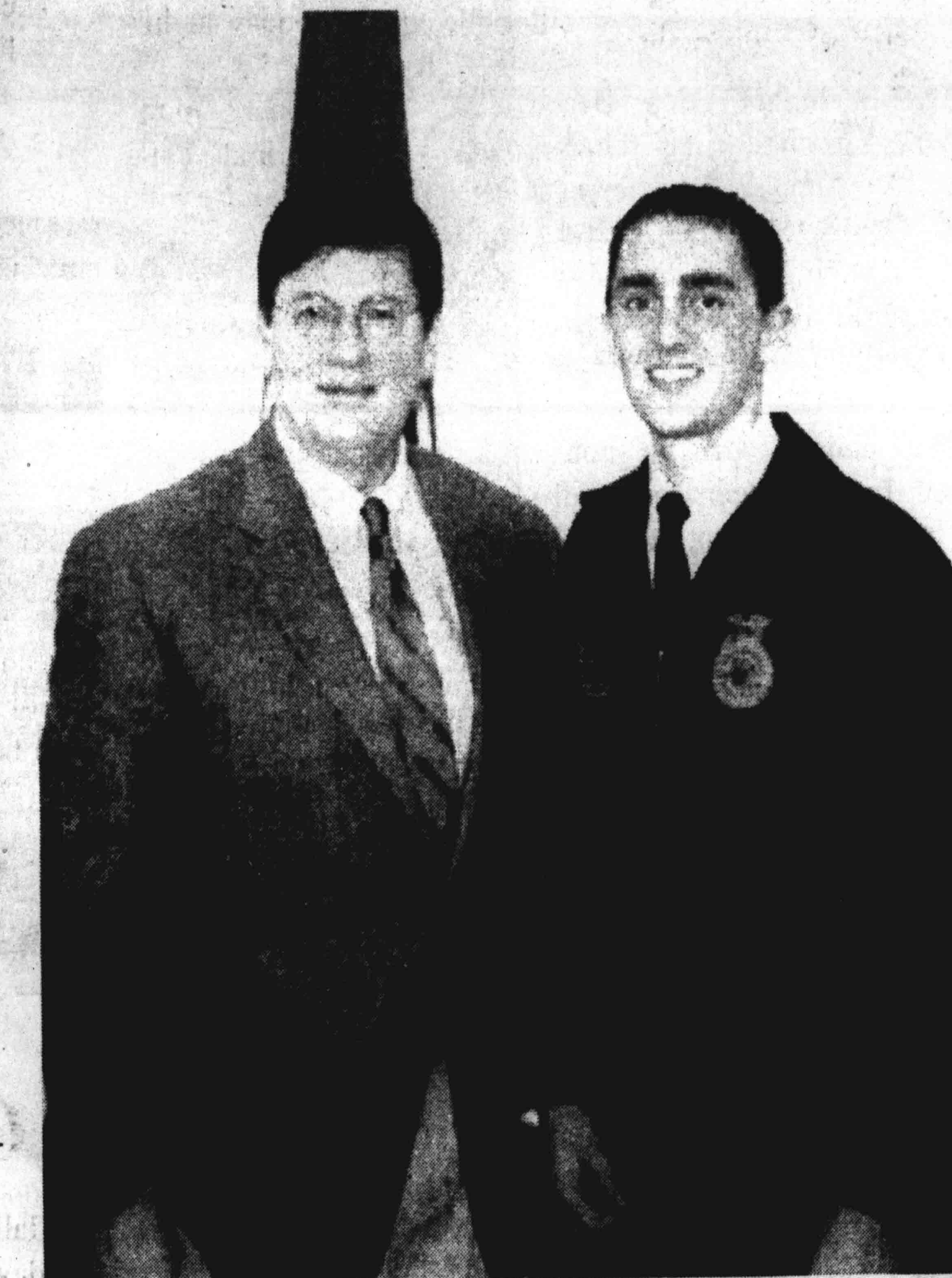
"When we are asked that question, most people do not know exactly how to react to our answer - with sympathy or smiles," the Forked Deer Electric Cooperative member says.

You see, the Barfields met at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Springfield at her grandmother's funeral. It was June 1966, and Ellen was home from Western Kentucky University for the summer. Larry was the undertaker at the funeral home.

"Larry put his arm around me and said, 'Honey, there are a lot of things worse than death.' And I've reminded him of that fact many times since!" Ellen says.

The two had been briefly introduced prior to their first real meeting, but it wasn't until her grandmother's funeral that they spoke beyond a "Hello". Their first date came later that month when they attended a Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting together, and by July they were serious about each other. She received her engagement ring in October, and they were married three days shy of a year after their first date. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in 2002.

Visits Rep. Fitzhugh



WILL BIRD, right, Tennessee State FFA president, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bird, of Halls, visited Rep. Craig Fitzhugh in his Nashville office, while attending a Youth Citizenship and Government Seminar Feb. 4th-6th.

The seminar provided opportunities for activities, presentations and meetings with key individuals in Tennessee's Executive and Legislative Branches of Government.

"The seminar gave us great insight into our state's governing and law-making system," said Will.

He served as a page for the Tennessee House of Representatives Feb. 5th.

teaches that human life begins at conception. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "BEFORE I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and BEFORE thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee..." Isaiah 49:1 says, "...The LORD hath called me FROM THE WOMB; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name." John the Baptist leaped for joy in the womb before he was born. And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, (Luke 1:41).

Readers Speak

A little over 30 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to allow the killing of unborn babies in America. Since 1973, abortion has destroyed over 42 million children! One out of every three babies is destroyed - more than 4,300 a day! Every 20 seconds, another precious child is killed! Life is the most sacred thing we have from God, and when a nation kills defenseless little children, the judgment of God will surely come. God says in (Exodus 20:13), "Thou shalt not kill." The fact is, at least 97% of all abortions are for personal convenience, or to hide an immoral lifestyle. Some will argue, "I can do what I want with my body," but it is a scientific fact that in pregnancy, there are TWO BODIES! Mother and baby are SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS FROM CONCEPTION! The Supreme Court chose to ignore the clear scientific evidence that HUMAN BEINGS BEGIN AT CONCEPTION. The court ruled - "the fetus, at most, represents only the POTENTIALITY of life." You can't rationally destroy babies, but you can "abort" FETUSES and EMBRYOS! The Bible CLEARLY

1st Citizens Bank Report Earnings

First Citizens Bancshares, Inc. reported record earnings for the year ending Dec. 31, 2002. Earnings per share of \$2.14 compared to \$1.56 per share for the year ending Dec. 31, 2001. For the year, the company's profits totaled \$7,832 thousand, up 36% from net income of \$5,761 thousand reported in 2001. The improvement in earnings was driven by growth in net interest income (the difference in what the company earned on loans and investments and what is paid for deposits and other funds), increased income from the mortgage loan division and added earnings from the acquisition of Munford Union Bank in June of 2002.

Assets of Bancshares grew from \$538 million at year-end 2001 to \$694 million at December 31, 2002. In June 2002, the company purchased Munford Union Bank; a state chartered bank with six locations in Tipton and Shelby counties. Bancshares now serves its customer base from 17 locations throughout West Tennessee.

UMPIRE TRAINING

Ripley Parks and Recreation will offer a workshop on umpire training for softball and baseball officials Sun., Mar. 2nd, at 2 p.m., in the Ripley City Hall courtroom upstairs.

Mike Kimmons will discuss the mechanics of umpiring and the importance of professionalism. Handouts and situations will be discussed, along with a brief informative video.

The meeting is required for anyone officiating on City of Ripley facilities for summer league or adult league. Coaches and league officials are invited also.

Ripley Park enforces the Zero Tolerance Rule for unsportsmanlike conduct for players, coaches and spectators.

Umpires must control game situations, and the workshop is offered, free of charge, to ensure having a safe season.

For further information, call Seal Elder, 635-4645, or email Mike Kimmons at kimmonsm@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us.

PASTOR JERRY HICKSON
Grace Bible Baptist Church

Divorces

Paula Ann Holman Shands vs. Richard Andrew Shands.

Charlotte Diane Roach Green vs. Vernon Keith Green.

Charles Alford Vanness vs. Carmen Milagros Diaz Vanness.

James D. Howell vs. Marie White Howell.

Summer Aerospace Workshop U of M Beekeeping Short Course Memphis

The University of Memphis is accepting applications for its summer Aerospace Workshop, scheduled for June 6th through 26th.

The workshop, open to K-12 teachers and administrators in public and private schools, develops an understanding of aerospace concepts and skills, explores the role of aerospace technology in Tenn., and provides teachers with resources for classroom instruction and information about aerospace careers.

Participants pay the University's \$18 activity fee. Teachers receive full in-state tuition, funded by a grant from the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation, plus a stipend. They earn three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit, and four hours of flight instruction at a local airport.

Participants will take field trips to aviation sites and facilities, as well as attend daily classes at the University.

"We hope that teachers will incorporate some of the information into their classes the next year," said Dr. Joseph F. Crabtree, professor of instruction and curriculum leadership, and director of the program since its inception 40 years ago.

Interested educators are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Teachers will be notified by April 1st if they have been selected for the workshop.

For further information, or an application, call Dr. Crabtree, 901-678-3435.

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced the publication of its Fall 2002 Dean's List.

Highest Honors students, maintaining a 3.8 through 4.0 grade point average, include Elizabeth D. Webb, of Halls; Jason B. Spencer, of Henning; and Bethany J. Carmack, Jonathan W. Mills, Paul J. Simon and James I. Sorrell, of Ripley.

Students receiving High Honors, maintaining a 3.5 through 3.79 grade point aver-

The Memphis Area Beekeepers Association has scheduled its Annual Beekeeping Short Course Sat., Feb. 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the UT Agricultural Extension Center, 5565 Shelby Oaks Dr., in Memphis.

The course will be conducted by volunteers of local and state beekeeping associations, who have had several years of experience, and will cover beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of beekeeping.

Hive management, equipment, disease control, honey harvesting and packaging will be studied.

New beekeepers attending their first course will receive educational materials, hands-on instruction, lunch, first year's dues to the local association, and a chance to win new hive equipment.

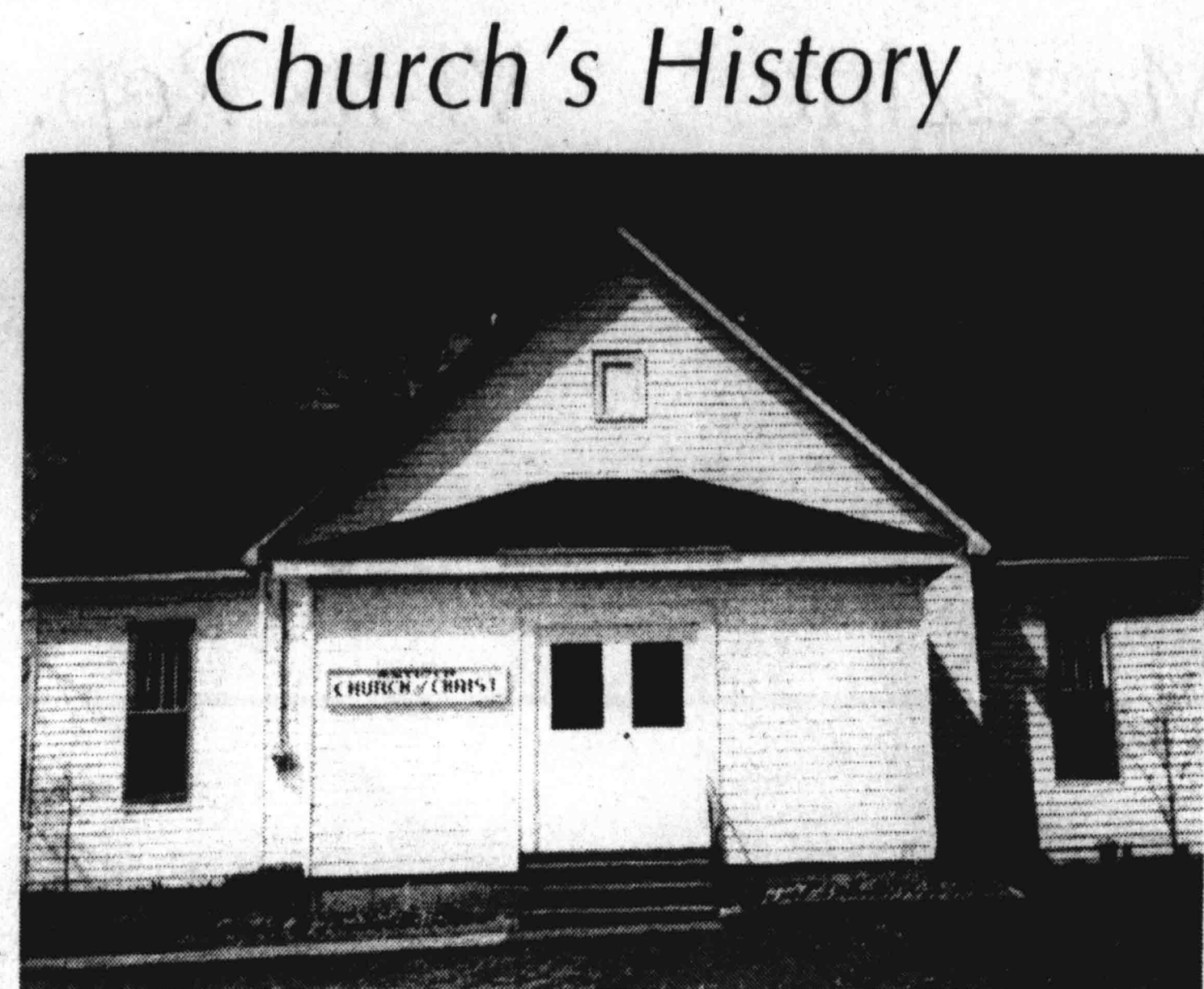
The course fee is \$10, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seating is limited to the first 50 registrants signed in by 9 a.m.

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided, with drawings held at the end of the course. Winners must be present.

For further information, call 901-294-3560.

Honors students, maintaining a 3.2 through 3.49 grade point average, include Lisa M. Owens, of Henning; and Chrissy R. Burnham, Kimberly L. Drumwright, Cassie R. Burnham, Kevin D. Gardner, James M. Harper, Robert Lee, Sarah D. Thompson, Steven E. Tucker and Jimmy A. Wieber, of Ripley.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Life the life you have imagined.
—Henry David Thoreau



ANTIOCH CHURCH OF CHRIST continues to hold worship services each Sunday in the same building, constructed on land purchased in 1909 from Mrs. Myra Parr. Members began meeting in the Rutherford School House on Choctaw Road in North Lauderdale County and in 1894 bought one acre of ground from Mrs. Parr. They met in an old log home on the property until construction was completed on the one-room building. Two Sunday school rooms were added in 1948.

Trauma Centers Bill Announced

U.S. Senator Bill Frist has introduced legislation, authorizing the "Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act," which provides federal grants to states, to improve and expand statewide trauma care systems.

"Statistics show trauma centers can save lives and improve a patient's chance of recovery from a serious injury. With only one-half of the states having a statewide trauma care system, we must begin filling the gaps in health care and provide a real commitment to improving access to emergency care."

Nearly one out of every four Americans sustains an injury requiring medical attention, and among Americans younger than age 44, trauma is the leading killer.

In 1995, injuries were responsible for 148,000 deaths, 2.6 million hospitalizations and over 36 million emergency room visits. The direct and indirect cost of injury is estimated to be about \$260 billion a year, and the death rate from unintentional injury is more than 50% higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

Frist is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Senate's only physician.

SOYBEAN SURVEY

Soybean producers are urged to fill out a survey coming in the mail, designed by University of Tennessee researchers, to help evaluate the feasibility of locating a soybean crush/biodiesel facility in Tennessee.

"We have already determined that such a facility would be economically feasible under the Energy Bill, as it was proposed in U.S. Congress last year," said Dr. Burton English, UT agricultural economic researcher. "But we need more information on soybean producer's attitudes about biodiesel markets, and forming a cooperative to crush soybeans and produce biodiesel from soybean oil."

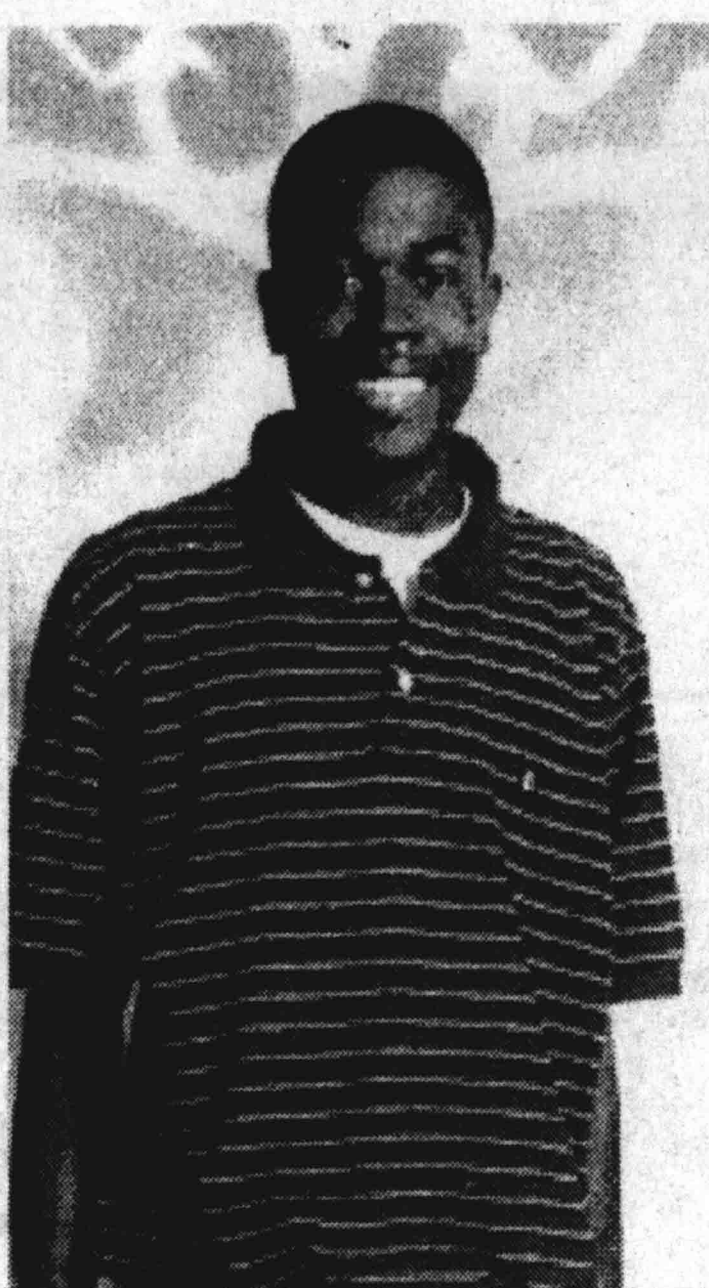
To protect the identity of those who are surveyed, only summaries of responses from the survey will be reported. Producers, who complete the survey, can request a copy of the study summary at the end of the questionnaire.

Soybean producers are urged to respond and return the survey as soon as possible.

For further information, call Dr. Burton English, 865-974-3716, or Dr. Kim Jensen, 865-974-7481.

Books must follow sciences, and not sciences books.
—Francis Bacon

Graduate



STEPHEN W. REED, son of Stephanie J. Reed, of Ripley, and Marcus W. Reed, of Dallas, Tex., received his diploma Fri., Jan. 31st from Gateway Christian School in ceremonies held at Leewood Baptist Church in Memphis. He plans to attend ITT Technology School in Nashville in the spring.

Stephen is the grandson of Katie Sue and Joseph Wilson, of Ripley, and Queen Reed and the late Clarence Reed, Sr., of Halls. He is a member of the Holly Grove Baptist Church.

Great Backyard Bird Count Held

Fort Pillow State Historic Park will host a guided bird hike at 8 a.m. Sat., Feb. 15th in conjunction with the Great Backyard Bird Count. The hike is free and open to the public. Interested individuals should meet at the park museum with bird books and/or binoculars, if possible. A slide show presentation on birds will be held at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the park office at 738-5581.

The bird count is an annual event to track the numbers and types of birds found in backyards across America. Weekend counts taken from home, if unable to attend Fort Pillow's event, can be submitted online at www.birdsource.org. Instructions on how to identify birds, directions for attracting birds to feeders, and a list of birds that may be seen in America can be found on the site.

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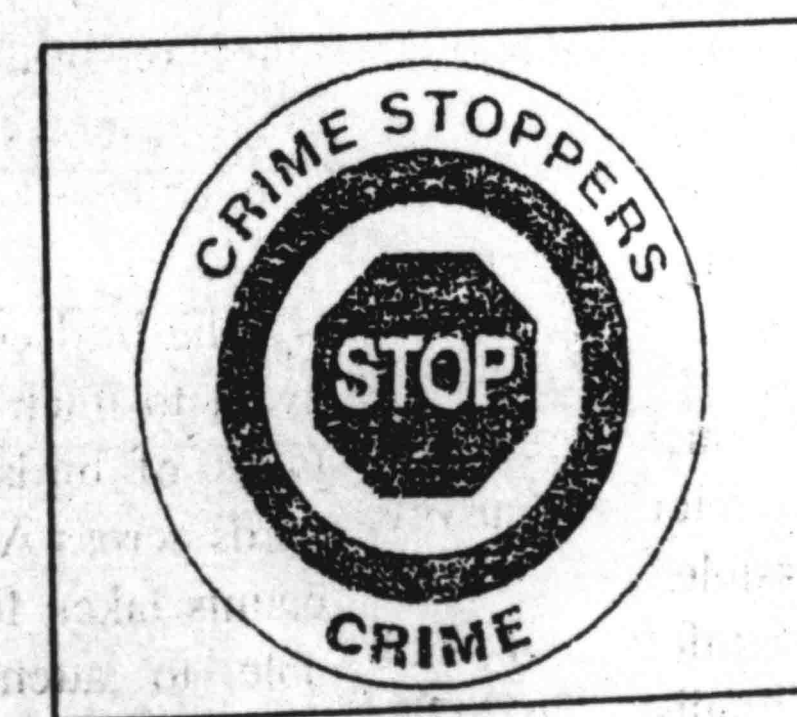
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First Annual Lawn And Garden Show

The Dyer County Master Gardener's Association is sponsoring its first annual Lawn and Garden Show Sat. and Sun., Feb. 22nd and 23rd, in the Commercial Exhibits Bldg., at the Dyer County Fairgrounds, in Dyersburg.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., and from noon to 5 p.m. Sun.

The show will include speakers with programs relevant to gardening, a flower show with local florists competing, display gardens, exhibits for everyone's horticultural and landscaping needs, and a tea room for dining.

The tickets are \$3 for ages 12 and older.

For further information, call William Taylor, 731-286-7821 or email wotaylor7@msn.com.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Tennessee Arts Commission has grant funds available for eligible organizations in the areas of Special Opportunities, Touring Arts Program and Technical Assistance.

Special Opportunities provides funds for unexpected, but important, arts activities throughout the Commission's fiscal year. No grant may exceed \$500, but must be matched with an equal amount for income/expenditure from the applicant.

The Touring Arts Program brings professional Tennessee performers to communities across the state, by providing financial assistance to qualified Tennessee presenters/sponsors. Grants will be for a maximum of \$2,500, and presenters must be located in counties within Tennessee's Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

The Technical Assistance Program provides funds for intensive work needed to strengthen the applicant arts organization, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, with no matching funds.

Non-profit organizations must be legally chartered in Tennessee and must meet specific requirements.

For further information on

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Tori, of Memphis, were Saturday dinner guests of the Pharis Escues.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack visited Mrs. Flossie Holcomb at Walnut Grove Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mrs. Floyd Emerson were in Memphis Tuesday of last week for Mrs. McNeill to have a checkup with her doctor. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beard, of Rollen, visited the J. D. McNeills Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited the Roger Emersons in Alamo Sunday afternoon.

The Gerald Fitzhughs, of Nankipoo, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Thursday afternoon of last week. The Wesley Climbers, of Halls, visited them Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Williams visited Mrs. Mary Gilliland in Covington Care Sunday afternoon.

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For further information, call Mr. Melton at 1-888-639-6921, or P.I.E. International Headquarters, 1-888-PIE-USA-1

The Special Opportunities and Technical Assistance grants, call Flint Clouse, dir. of arts programs, for the Tennessee Arts Commission, 615-741-2093, or email flint.clouse@state.tn.us.

For information on the Touring Arts Program, call Bian Odom, dir. of performing arts, 615-532-9801, or email bian.odom@state.tn.us.

Additional information and application forms are available for all grant programs on the Commission's web site, www.arts.state.tn.us.

Land Transfers

Jan. 31 - Manson Younger to Chad Henderson and Lori Beth Henderson, Dist. 6, 5.00 acres.

First Citizens National Bank to Samuel N. Laxton and Mary S. Laxton, Dist. 3, lot.

Jerry Buckner, Charles S. Cherry, Sr., and Thomas A. Davis to Lindsey Stover and Phyllis Stover, Dist. 3, lot.

Charles E. Long, Jr. and Virginia Ballinger to Elam Baptist Church Board of Trustees, Dist. 1, 0.503 acres.

James Diggs and Sylvia Diggs to Jimmy Nation, Dist. 3, 0.507 acres.

Feb. 3 - Billy G. Chapman, trustee, and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Randy Ryan Chapman, Sr., Kathleen Chapman, Randy Ryan Chapman, Jr., and William Tyler Chapman, Dist. 3, 47.810 acres.

Billy G. Chapman, trustee, and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Kim Bratschi, Bradley Allen Younger, Christopher Joe Younger, and Brian Dylan Bratschi, Dist. 3, 47.810 acres.

Frederick S. Clark and Landa J. Clark to Pete Maragos and Amelia Maragos, Dist. 6, 0.503 acres.

Annie Laura Jennings to Mike Douglas, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Feb. 4 - Chuck Zarecor

Farms, LLC and Zarecor Chuck Farms, LLC to Robert C. Steelman, Sr., Patricia T. Steelman, Robert C. Steelman, Jr., Sandra P. Steelman, Morgan T. Steelman, and Beverly D. Steelman, Dist. 5, 425.483 acres.

13.939 acres. Manson Younger to Donna M. Jackson and Danny L. Jackson, Dist., 6, lot.

Feb. 5 - Dennis Latham and Beth Latham to Marcia D. Williamson, lot.

Feb. 6 - Stephen Edward Embry and Nancy Embry Vanderwal to Samuel Dwight Weaver and Sherron S. Weaver, Dist. 3, 173.19 acres.

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Awards Presented



REGENT LIZ CRAFT, right, presented the Fort Prudhomme Good Citizen Award to seniors, Lauren Bivens, of Halls High School, center, and Carrie Jones, left, of Ripley High School, during their monthly meeting Tuesday of last week at the Ripley First United Methodist Church fellowship room. The meeting was called to order by Regent Craft. Inez Douglas presented the invocation and Jean Spence presented the Flag report.

Ambassadors Meet



Classmates Remembered



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL senior classmates, who remained friends throughout high school and in later years, include, in front, from left, Lucretia Jordan and Jane Hargett, who married Roy Patton; and in rear, Mildred Warren, who married David R. Nunn, Kathleen Goff, who married David Nunn Hall, and Marjorie Griffin. The photo was provided by Kathleen Hall. She sent another picture of the entire class of 1935, which due to the poor quality, we were unable to reproduce.

AMBASSADORS, of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, met Feb. 13th, to establish guidelines and plans for 2003, and elect a chairman.

Judy Groenke, second from right, in rear, was elected chairman, and Elizabeth Mosely, right, in rear, as secretary. Joann Crain, left, in rear, is head of benevolence.

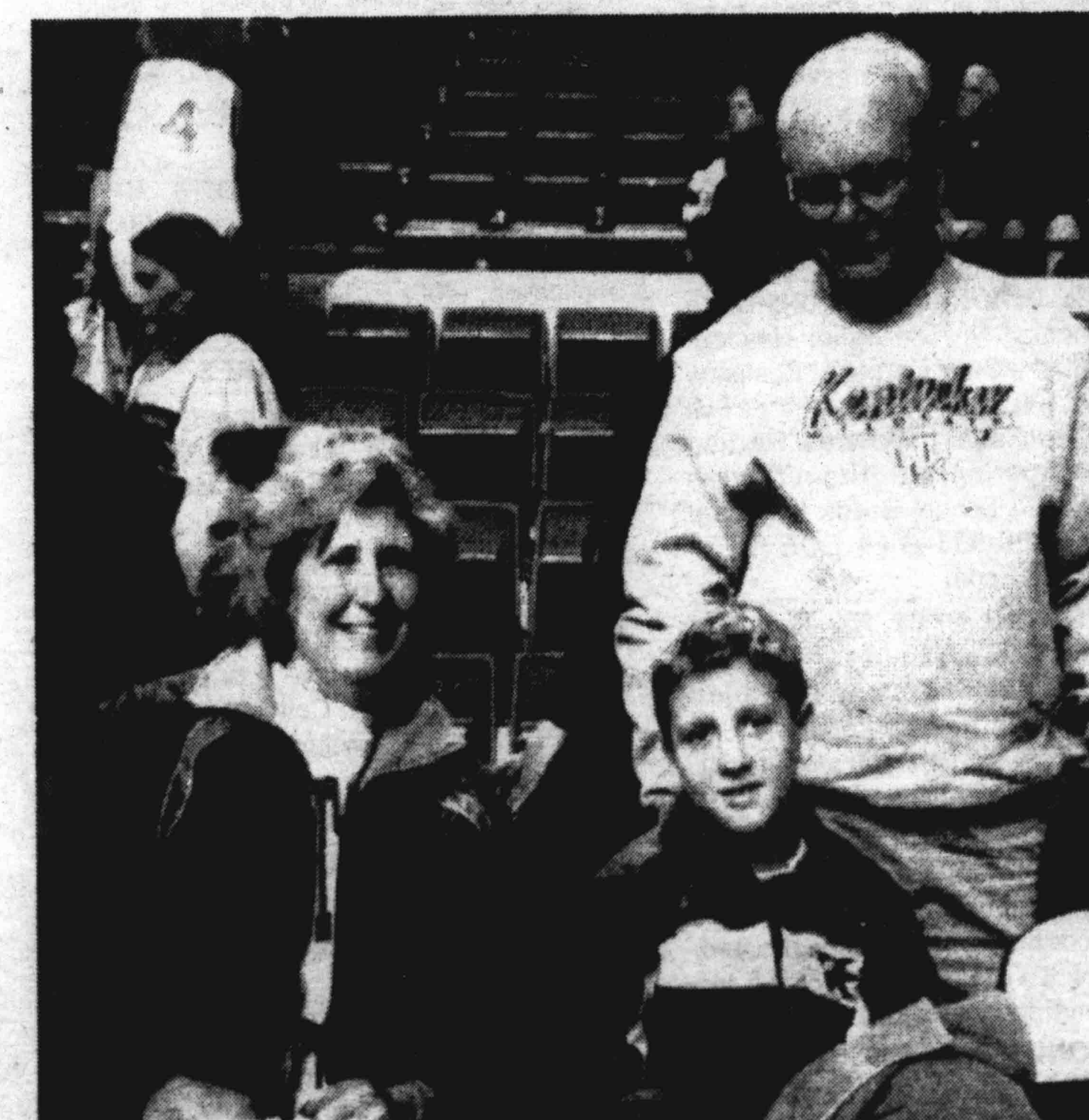
Others attending the meeting include, from left, in front, Marty Murphy, Earl West, Carolyn Ammons and Glarles Thomas, and in rear, from left, Verna Thompson, Roy Thompson and Pat Higdon.

Ambassador duties include promoting and assisting with chamber activities, such as the chamber banquet, beauty pageants and tomato festival; recruiting new chamber members; attending ribbon cuttings, open houses, grand openings and community events; and assisting the chamber director, as needed.

Memorial Group To Hold Meeting

The Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association will hold its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 20th for a Dutch-treat dinner at Lepanto Steakhouse, the former Plaza Restaurant, on Highway 51 Bypass in Dyersburg.

Attends UK Game



JAY AND JOYCE DUNAWAY, of Halls, attended the University of Kentucky game at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., Jan. 18th. Their grandson, Andrew White, 8, seated, right, son of Dr. and Mrs. Greg White, of Lexington, was the ball boy for the game against Notre Dame.

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Birth

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19" long, and has two brothers, Brandon, 17, and Christopher, 12, and one sister, Nicole, 16. Grandparents are Helen Harrell, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, of Tiptonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jones, of Dyersburg.



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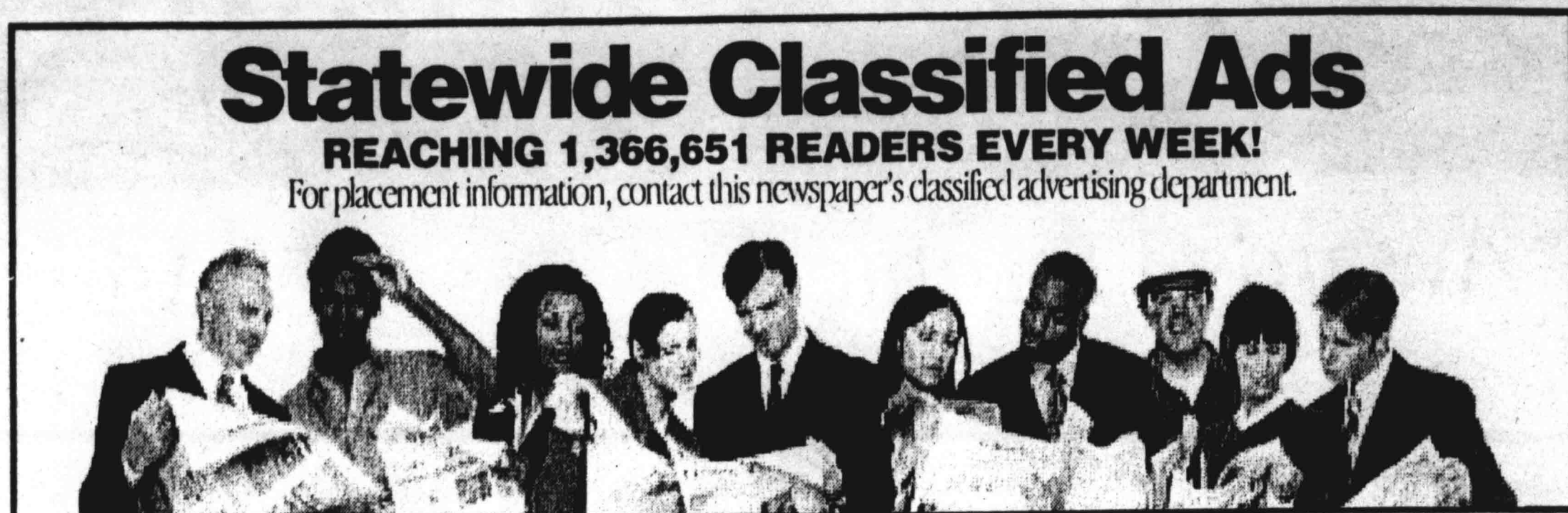
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Obituaries

Kenneth Bobb

Kenneth Ray Bobb, 65, of Millington, father of Kimberly Johnson, of Ripley, died Saturday in Millington Healthcare Center.

Rites were held Monday in the cemetery of the West Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Millington, where he was a member, Munford Funeral Home Millington Chapel in charge.

He had retired from the Navy in the rank of commander.

Survivors include his wife, Carole Hanley Bobb; four sons, David, of Memphis, and Greg, Jeffrey, and Mark, of California; his mother, Edna Bobb, and his sister, Carolyn Carpenter, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Tracie Sides

Tracie Lynn Sides, 7, was buried last Friday in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Family Funeral Care Stage Rd. Chapel, of Memphis, in charge.

She died Tuesday of last week in the home of her parents, Curtis and Stephanie Sides, in Boaz, Ala.

Survivors include brothers, Bryan Sides, of Boaz, and Joseph Jeanes, of Cordova, and grandparents, Charles and Sandra Jackson, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Mary Lou Sides, of Harrisburg, Ark.

Ruth Alice Cook

Ruth Alice Cook, 80, of Ripley, homemaker, died Monday, at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Gamer Funeral Home Chapel, 305 Lake Drive, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Ripley First Assembly of God Church.

The widow of Paul Cook, she leaves two sons, James Pace, of Oak Harbor, Wash., and Clarence McGraw, of Mill Springs, N.C.; four brothers, Jessie Foy, Fred Foy, Harold Foy and Earl Foy, and one sister, Gladys Jones, all of Mill Springs; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

H. L. Vinson

Harvey Lee Vinson, 75, of Florence, Ala., was buried Wednesday of last week in Canaan Cemetery, near Henning, after 1 p.m. rites in Shackelford Funeral Home in Savannah.

Retired from the Alabama Highway Department, he died Monday of last week in Coffee Hospital in Florence, Ala.

Survivors include a son, Aaron, of Savannah; daughters, Debbie Foster, of Savannah, and Betty Tutor, of Farmington, Mo.; brothers, Robert, of Florence, and Johnny, of Petersville, Ala.; sisters, Maggie Ticer and Vergie Brewer, of Florence; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary Kirkess

Mary L. Kirkess, 82, of Ripley, widow of E. W. Kirkess, died Saturday in Haywood Park Community Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

She was a Cumberland Presbyterian.

She leaves two daughters, Ardith Nelson and Dorothy Maness, of Ripley; four grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Shirley Houser

Shirley Ann Kitts Houser, 61, of Wadesboro, N.C., homemaker, sister of Wayne Kitts, of Gates, died February 1st, in Carolinas Medical Center.

Services were at 2 p.m. February 5th in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, where she was a member, with burial in the church cemetery, Leavitt Funeral Home, of Wadesboro, in charge.

She was born March 3, 1941, in Grainger County, to Ulys S. and Hazel Whitt Kitts.

Other survivors include her husband, Paul Houser, a son, Paul Houser II, and a daughter, Mary Beth Allen, all of Waynesboro; another daughter, Angie Houser, of Charlotte, N.C.; three other brothers, Michael Kitts, of Powell, William Kitts, of Knoxville, and Joe Kitts, of Arnold, Md.; three sisters, Helen DeVault, of Knoxville, Lillian Edwards, of Rogersville, and Mary Stout, of Strawberry Plains; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. J. L. Erwin

Mary Frances Erwin, 70, of Halls, widow of James Lindberg Erwin, died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Sunday in West-side Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had retired as a supervisor for Halltex in Halls.

She leaves daughters, Brenda Patton and Diane McCaslin, of Halls; sisters, Charlene Abernathy and Linnie Gilliland, of Halls, Callie Leggett, of Ripley, and Betty Erwin, of Newbern; a brother, Thomas Bobo, of Shannon, Miss.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Earl Stokley

Earl Stokley, 90, of Gates, a farmer and construction worker, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Antioch-Curve Baptist Church, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves a son, Bernard Foster, of Ripley; sisters, Mary Marshall, of Alamo, and Renner Harrel, of Warrensville Heights, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

A. K. Warren

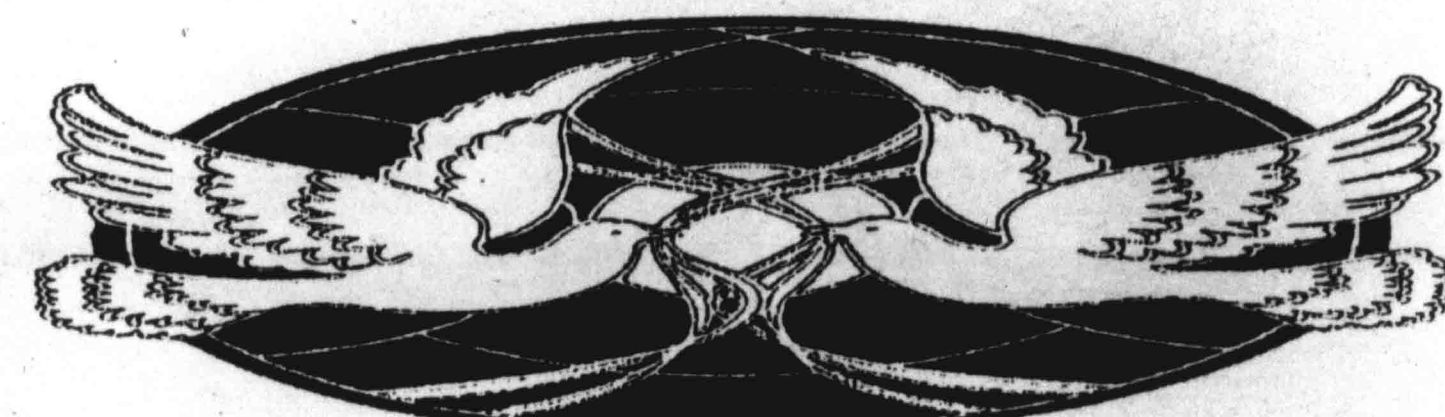
Albert Keith Warren, 39, of Kankakee, Ill., father of Andrew Warren, of Ripley, died Feb. 8th, in his home.

Rites were Saturday in the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church at Braden, with burial in Greater Fredonia Cemetery at Stanton, Mason Funeral Home in charge.

Formerly employed by Mason Car Wash, he was a truck driver for Builders Trucking Co.

He was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in St. Anne, Ill.

Survivors include another son, Kadarius, of Peoria, Ill.; his mother, Frances P. Yarbrough Jackson, of Kankakee; his father, George Warren, Jr., of Memphis; brothers, Larry, of Mason, Sylvester, of Memphis, and Ronald Lee Jackson, of Kankakee; and two sisters, DeWaine Williamson, of Memphis, and Tijuana Warren, of Kankakee.



Church Happenings

Open Door Baptist Church, in the Edith Community, will hold a gospel singings at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 22nd featuring T. N. T. and the Reed Family. For information, call 635-4967 or 635-4039. The public is invited.

The Sensational Heavenly Voices, of Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 23rd at the Northcrest Community Center, Hwy. 51 N, with guest groups The Redeemers and the Devine Singers, all of Ripley; Victoryaires, of Brownsville; New Deliverance, of Blytheville, Ark.; The Jones Bros., of Hayti, Mo.; the Sunset Travelers, of Dyersburg; and many other gospel groups. The public is invited.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury-Glimp Rd., will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Sun., Feb. 23rd and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., Feb. 24th through March 2nd with The Rev. Mark Fisher delivering the message. Call 635-4440 for more information. The public is invited.

St. Mark M. B. Church members will celebrate the installation services of their pastor, The Rev. Booker Joe Nance, Jr., at 2 p.m. Sun., Feb. 23rd. The Rev. Lenwood Reed, of New First Baptist Church, Maury City, will deliver the message. The public is invited.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake Ave., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., March 1st featuring the Calvary Echo's, Bill Baker, and Witness. Hollis Adams, pastor, invites the public.

Gerome Scott

Gerome "Roman" Scott, 62, of Memphis, son of Isaac Scott, of 2204 Hwy. 19 east of Ripley, and the brother of Jerry, Dorothy, Laverne, and Teresa Scott, of Ripley, died Saturday in Methodist Healthcare South in Memphis.

Edwards & Sons Funeral Home has charge of rites.

Retired after 28 years with Memphis Light, Gas, and Water, he was a deacon and choir president of Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Scott; three sons, Danny, James, and Jerome Scott, Jr., and six daughters, Katrina Scott, Carsera Walker, Connie Hunter, Jennifer Newsom, Quincte Green, and Selane Frazier, of Memphis; other brothers, Archie, of Omaha, Neb., and Bobby, of Chicago, Ill.; other sisters, Helen Singleton, of Brownsville, and Helen Echols, of Chicago; 25 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Dean's List at The University of Memphis for the fall 2002 semester include Rebecca M. Burks, Lindsey W. Deaton and Stephen M. Schoepke, of Halls; Tina M. Hartsfield, of Henning; and Attilla E. Compton, Jonathan D. Mooney, April L. Morris, Graeme M. Parsons and David B. Robeson, of Ripley. Students on the Dean's List must meet one of three requirements for a semester, which include completion of six to eight graded hours with a semester grade point average of 4.00; completion of nine to 11 graded hours, with a minimum GPA of 3.66; or completion of 12 or more graded hours, with a semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

I have never known any
distress that an hour's
reading did not relieve.
—Montesquieu

Evangelist



HAROLD S. LEAKE, right, and his wife, Brenda, will be in revival at Grace Bible Baptist Church, located in Halls on Highway 51, beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., Feb. 23rd and continuing through Feb. 28th with services at 6 p.m. Sunday night and 7 p.m. nightly.

Leake, internationally known evangelist from South Carolina, has preached for more than 53 years. Serving as pastor of a growing Baptist Church in North Carolina for ten years, his success was marked with extension ministries of a home for underprivileged and orphaned children, a rescue mission, a satellite church, and camp meetings. For the last 37 years, he has preached more than 1,150 revivals in hundreds of churches in 40 states coast to coast, as well as in foreign mission fields.

Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public.

IDENTITY THEFT

U.S. Rep. John Tanner, and other members of the Blue Dog Coalition, have introduced bill HR 858 to toughen penalties on identity thieves.

Many identity thieves steal credit cards, or apply for credit cards in their victim's names, accumulate high unpaid balances, or open bank accounts in other people's names and write bad checks.

The legislation creates a separate crime of aggravated identity theft, setting tough penalties for anyone who uses another person's identity with intent to commit federal offenses, such as immigration violations,

false citizenship crimes and acts of international or domestic terrorism.

"Through this bill, we hope to make it clear that identity theft is a serious crime," Tanner said. "It can be costly and damaging to the victims and their families, but also poses a threat to our nation's security."

The best way for consumers to protect themselves from identity theft is to share their credit card or personal information, only when dealing with companies they know and trust. Credit card records should be checked regularly, and any inaccurate information reported.

Further information on identity theft prevention can be found on Congressman Tanner's

College To Host Annual Festival

Dyersburg State Community College will host its annual book festival beginning Feb. 27th through March 1st. The festival is dedicated to the memory of Associate Professor David Kelly, who taught at the college for over 30 years. He was the brother of Bill Kelly, of Gates.

Linda Weeks, of the Curve Community, co-author *The Road to Eden's Ridge*, will be the keynote speaker at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 27th at the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center.

Many nationally recognized authors will participate in the festival along with the DSCC Jazz Choir and Theater students.

A schedule of events is available on the school's website, www.dsc.edu. For more information, contact the college at 731-286-3200.

TANNER TRIES AGAIN

U.S. Rep. John Tanner is co-sponsoring the Sales Tax Equity Act of 2003, which would let Tennesseans deduct sales tax payments when filing federal tax returns.

"Our state depends on revenue from a sales tax instead of an income tax, and Tennesseans are being treated unfairly because of that," Tanner said. "This legislation would even the playing field and allow Tennesseans to deduct their tax payments when filing federal tax returns."

Tanner co-sponsored similar legislation in the 107th Congress.

He is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District.

web site, www.house.gov/tanner.

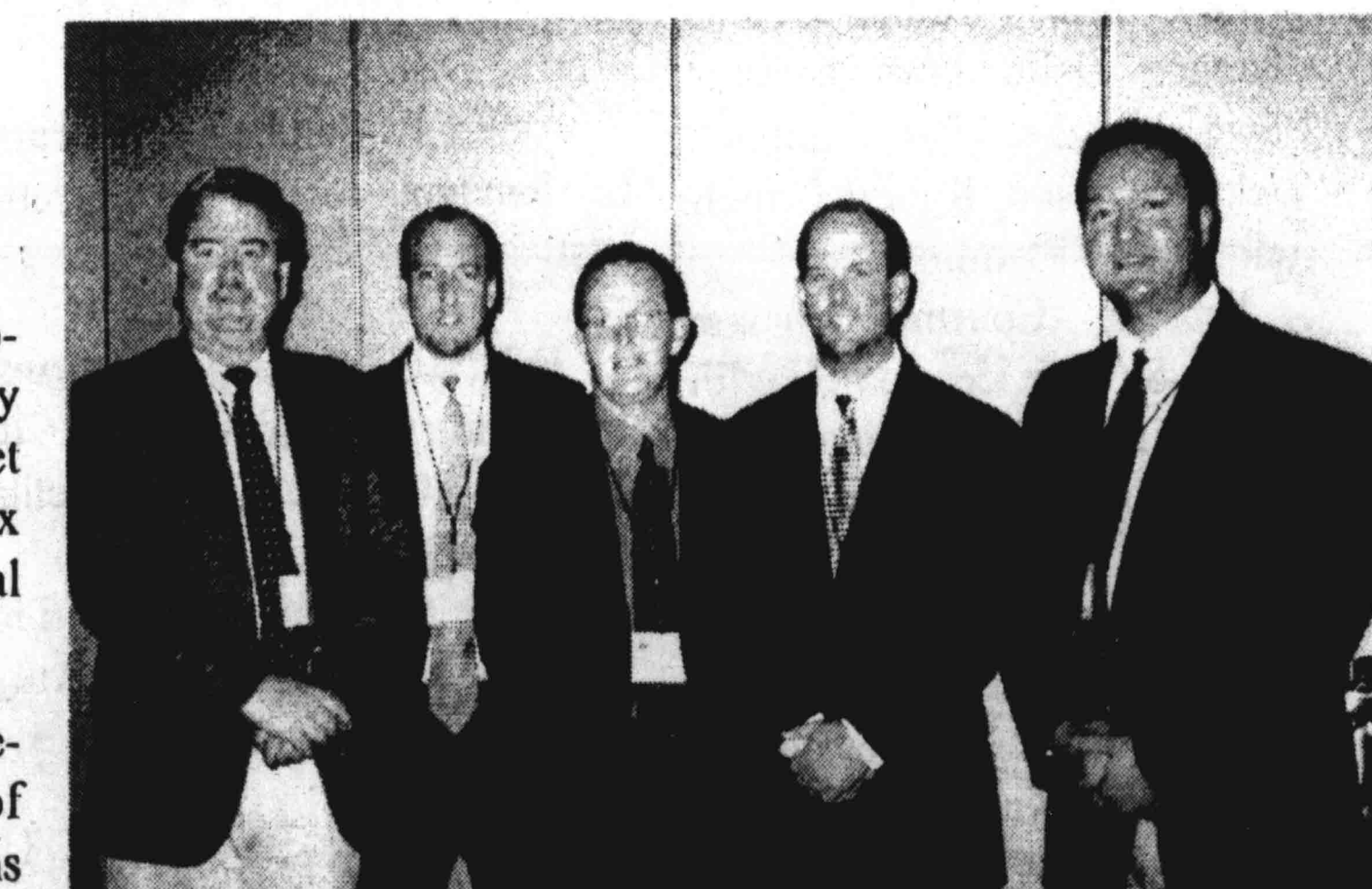
Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee. He is a co-founder of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of 34 moderate-to-conservative Democrats.

Students Shadow At Bank



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL students, Cheshier Crihfield, Kim Davis, and Dominique Patrick, plus, not pictured, Samantha Neal, participated in Job Shadowing at Bank of Ripley Tuesday of last week. They were the shadows of Debra Danley, Richard Braden, and Katherine Meadows, plus, not pictured, Cindy Smith. The event gave the students insight into the 'real world of work'. They were lunch guests for the Ripley Rotary Club meeting.

Receives Award



JOHN B. THOMPSON, center, and Brian Kelley, right, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department officers, were recognized Feb. 13th in South Carolina for the 'Case of the Year' for the Western District of Tennessee United States Courts, covering seven states. Pictured with them are US Attorneys, Thomas A. Colthurst, left, and Stuart Canale, second from left, both of Memphis, and James A. Taylor, second from right, DEA Task Force officer with the Memphis Police Department.

Michael Todd, of Miami Vice, was the emcee for the ceremony. Each officer recognized was presented a certificate.

The case, Operation Methfest 2001, targeted a network of methamphetamine "cooks". Through aggressive enforcement, Officers Taylor, Thompson, and Kelley, turned a developing methamphetamine 'hot spot' into a success story, by developing cases that put most of the active 'cooks' in Lauderdale County out of business. Thirty defendants were charged, in which almost all have been resolved, by pleading guilty and serving sentences. Lauderdale County had as many cases as Memphis did, with Memphis having 30 times the population.

CANCER SUPPORT

The Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 27th at Ripley First United

Methodist Church. Billie Kissell, of the Lauderdale County Health Department, will present the program. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

HONOR ROLL

The University of Mississippi has announced the publication of its fall 2002 Chancellor's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll.

Christopher Tucker Herndon, of 225 Lackey Lane, Ripley, has been added to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, and Jessica Brooke Lummus, of 3490 Unionville Rd., Halls, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Fulltime students must have a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0 for listing on the Chancellor's Honor Roll, and a 3.5 to 3.74 GPA to be listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Birthdays

Feb. 20 - Roger Charest, Hannah Moore, Linda Daum, Betty Klutts, Carolyn Polk, Jack Baynes, Hannah Moore, Don Smith.

Feb. 21 - Celina Colvin, Clarence Delk, Lee Jennings, Dawn Platzke, Pat Carmack, Vicky Emerson, Robert Crutchfield, Brady Fleming.

Feb. 22 - Courtney Johnson, Louise Savage, Jessica Broglin, Janice Terrell Kee, Vence Carmack, Jimmy Meeks, Irene Chipman, Jacob Brazier, Laura Mueller, Christina Blakley.

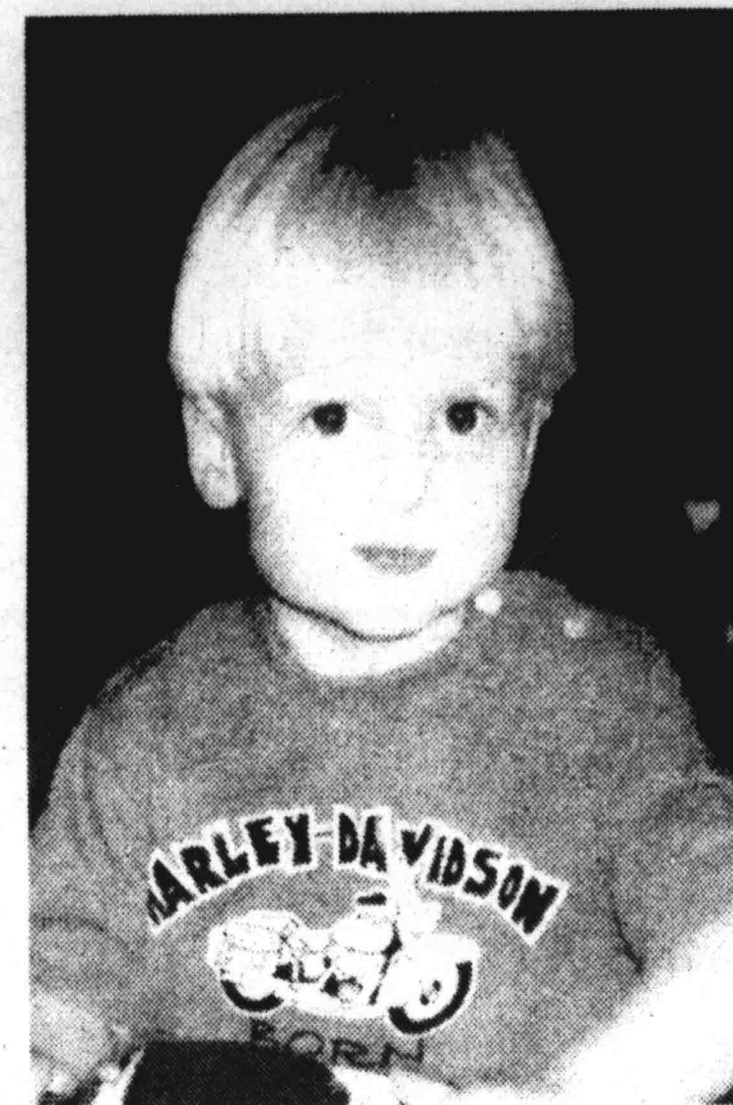
Feb. 23 - Darla Best, Carolyn Bradford, Michelle Haislip, Diane Akin, Katherine Weaver, Joe B. Arwood, Austin Monroe Ward, Donna Lynn Hawks, J. W. Warren, Jr., Jason Raines, Jason Searce, Timmy Bryant, Butch Latham, Brenda Kiestler, Luke Elder, Brian Latham, Bill Miller.

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren, Sandra Carter, Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Diane Clarke, Sarah Cherry, Doyle Moss, Paul Galloway, Eddie Evans, Anna Read Kennedy.

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Ruben Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren.

He's Two



NOAH BAILEY, son of Brian and Laura Bailey, of Halls, celebrated his second birthday Feb. 16th with family and friends with a Bob the Builder party. He is the grandson of Kenny and Linda Burdette, of Covington, and Danny and Judy Bailey, of Halls.

Land Transfers

Feb. 7 - Calvin L. Elder to Henry T. Morris and Wanda C. Morris, Dist. 5, 110 acres.

Albert L. Sanders and Erma L. Sanders to Greg Garrett, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 10 - Nance's Construction and Contracting, Inc. to Richard Gaynor and Aretha Gaynor, Dist. 17, lot.

Billie Anthony Carrington to Robert Carlton Fisher and Amy S. Fisher, Dist. 1, 242.71 acres.

Feb. 11 - Dwight Ellis to John C. Hoggard, Dist. 6, lot.

Jimmy H. Koonce, Peggy K. Jackson, and Timothy W. Koonce to Inez K. Glenn, Dist. 2, 2.1351 acres.

Cindy Ward to Rodney Ward and Teresa Ward, Dist. 16, 0.66 acres.

First Citizens National Bank to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 2, 1.284 acres.

Feb. 13 - Timothy W. Belton and Linda F. Belton to Raymond E. Belton, Jr. and Sybil K. Belton, Dist. 12, lot.

Lloyd Cates, Ezra Cates, Darrel Cates, Earlene Cates, Shirley Mustion, Allen Cates, Rickey Cates, Glenda Eaton, Enita Cates, and Michael Cates to Danny T. Cates, Jr. and Anna Cates, Dist. 16, 1-1/8 acres.

DSCC EVENTS

Dyersburg State Community College, Tipton County Center, in Covington, will conduct their annual LEAP/Saturday Scholars Programs for academically and creatively talented students in grades 2-6, on Saturdays, beginning Feb. 22nd, and on Mar. 1st, 8th and 15th, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Classes include New Age Rocketry, Techno Builders I & II, Sign Language, Science Wizard I & II, Art Attack, Discovering French and Microsoft Kids.

Students must be recommended by a teacher, counselor or principal.

Applications are located at the DSCC Tipton County Center, and all schools in Tipton and Lauderdale County. The deadline for enrollment is Feb. 21st. The total cost, including supplies, is \$85.

For further information, contact the Div. of Continuing Education, 901-475-3100, ext. 265.

DSCC professor of English and dean of arts and sciences, Dr. Larry D. Griffin, will present his paper, "The Evolution, Revolution, and Effect of Boccaccio," at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association at Trevecca Nazarene University, in Nashville, on Feb. 21st.

Dr. Griffin has published more than 60 non-fiction articles, three dozen short stories, and 250 poems in regional, national and international journals and little magazines.

The West Tennessee Certified Public Accountant Chapter met with Dyersburg State president, Dr. Karen Bowyer, and DSCC vice president for institutional advancement, Dr. Buck Tarpley, to present a check for partial payment on a scholarship pledge of \$15,000.

The chapter has pledged to endow a scholarship for a DSCC student majoring in business, with preference being given to students majoring in accounting.

For further information about DSCC scholarships, call to Danny T. Cates, Jr. and Amy Cates, Dist. 16, 1-1/8 acres. 286-3235.

AT NATO MEETINGS

U.S. Rep. John Tanner, vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the civilian arm of NATO, attended meetings at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, Sat., Feb. 15th.

"At this critical time in Trans-Atlantic relations, consultation and understanding with our allies is a high priority," Tanner said. "Dialogues such as these are vital as we continue our search for international consensus."

Tanner plans to attend meetings with the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, a private meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, and the Parliamentary Assembly's annual meeting with the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development.

The U.S. delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly will then travel to Turkey for meetings with the Turkish government, visit a NATO air base in southern Turkey, and return to England to visit the Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall.

Tanner will return to the U.S. when the House of Representatives reconvenes Feb. 25th.

The only way you can truly control how you're seen is by being honest all the time.

—Tom Hanks

Gratitude is a useless word. You will find it in a dictionary but not in life.

—La Rochefoucauld

Marriages

Feb. 13 - Michael Thomas Merchant, 37, to Stacy Michelle Elliott, 31, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Feb. 14 - Richard Louis Halpain, 35, to Belinda Ann Gerth, 29, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

David Ike Perkins, 40, to Annette Sanders, 48, by Raymond D. Barnes, Sr.

Ronnie Paul Davis, 47, to Pamela Faye Elliott, 44, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Stephen Mathew Hook, 40, to Cheryl Ann White, 45, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Anniversaries

Feb. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Whittemore.

Feb. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Todd White.

Feb. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Climer.

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

Feb. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Tutor, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Rivera, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Everett.

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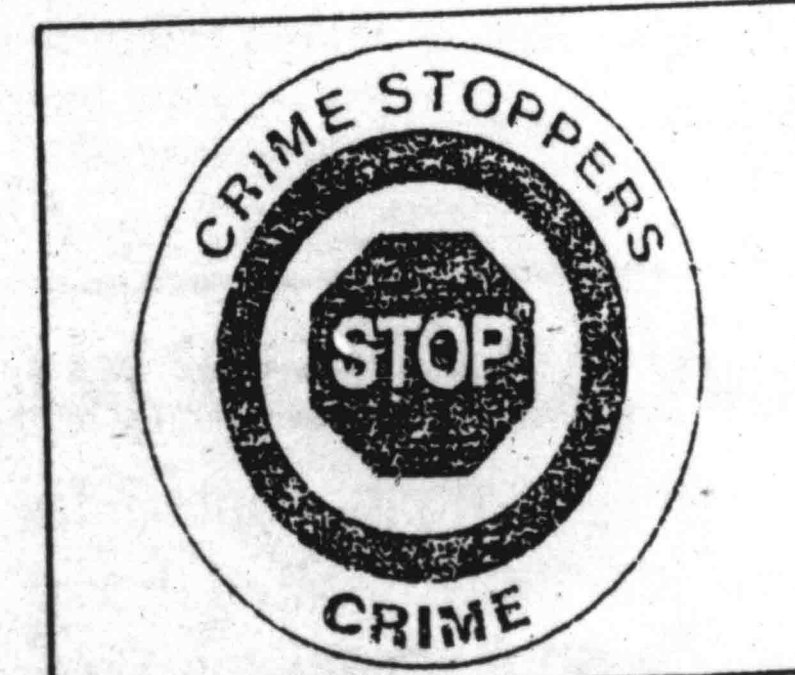
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Please Don't Compare Me To A Rat

As a mere child, which seems like a long time ago, I was always told to clean my plate and eat all my vegetables so that I could grow up to be big and strong. In the fifth grade, I weighed in at 60 pounds soaking wet while holding a very wet wash cloth. The greatest thing to me at that time was to someday be big and strong. However, the only thing that really seemed to happen was for me to end up being primarily big. I guess I took the advice of cleaning my plate too seriously. It could have been the donuts and other items like that, but since McDonalds wasn't around back then, I don't have anyone to blame but myself.

Each and everyday it seems we are bombarded by the media on what foods we should and should not eat. We spend a lot of time discussing fat grams and calories as well as nutrient values of the foods we consume in our daily diets. All of our concerns are important, and maybe if I had spent more time on fat grams, I would be able to buy smaller belts these days. Just as we were told in school, we are what we eat.

The subject that bothers me the most, that appears in the media, is all the hype over carcinogens and other chemicals in what foods we consume. When they compare me to a rat or mouse, I seem to lose interest in the article

or news report. There seems to be too much concern over dead rats who are overfed certain foods and chemicals.

Back in 1958, when the United States Congress passed legislation to keep carcinogens out of our food supply, it was assumed that carcinogens were rarely found in foods and were put there by humans, either purposefully, through food additives, or inadvertently in the form of pesticide residues.

People then began promoting natural foods and testing large amounts of food items on rats. The rats developed cancer from the foods, but primarily because of the amounts that they were fed. In the intervening years, it has become clear that naturally occurring chemicals, chemicals that are plentiful in the food supply, but not put there by man, can cause cancer in rodents when fed in high doses over a lifetime. These feedings in many cases were 10,000 times higher than human intake of synthetic pesticides or additives that had been designated as rodent carcinogens.

Many of the foods we eat daily contain rodent carcinogens naturally. For example, one rodent carcinogen is furfural. Furfural is found in many of the breads we eat and when fed to rats in large amounts it can cause cancer. However, when you take into account the difference in body weight between a human and a rat, based on the carcinogenicity data available from the laboratory, a person would have to eat 82,600 slices of bread per day for years to equal the

amount of furfural that increased the risk of cancer in rats.

It is impossible to remove from our food supply every known trace of every natural chemical that tests positive in high-dose rat tests. There are those who want "zero exposure" from carcinogens, which most of us understand would be totally out of the question.

However, there are things we may do to help with the problems of misunderstandings concerning what we eat. We should demand that our government's regulatory efforts to reduce cancer risk be based on sound science, not on emotion that causes panic in consumers and financial ruin for producers.

We should also dismiss the "carcinogen of the week" scare that is media-hyped. Rather we should study our lessons and recognize the fact that high doses of chemicals or food items are used in many of these tests.

Above all, do what our teachers and mothers have

Assistance Needed For Food Program

The Tennessee Dept. of Human Services will administer Tennessee's federally funded Summer Food Service Program for summer 2003.

Each year, state Human Services officials contract with local sponsors to serve the same quality meals to children that they receive during the school year through the National School Lunch Program.

Available sponsorship includes public and private non-profit school food authorities; state, county or municipal governments; public or private non-profit colleges and universities participating in the National Youth Sports Program; residential public or private non-profit summer camps; and non-profit organizations.

To serve more children, additional sponsors and sites are needed. Sponsors must agree to serve meals to all children in attendance, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Children who participate in the program must be 18 years of age or younger. Persons over 18 years of age, who are mentally or physically disabled, and who participate in a public or private non-profit school program designed especially for them, are also eligible to participate.

Last year, 44 sponsors operated over 1,100 sites at locations, such as parks, recreation centers, schools, churches, playgrounds, residential camps

told us for years. Work on our dietary patterns, eat more fruits and vegetables along with the rest of the other food groups, and don't panic over a dead rat who ate too many twinkies.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Feunel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her parents, the Pharis Escues. Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, Brenda, of Lightfoot, were dinner guests Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson were Friday dinner guests of the Barry Jordans in Memphis. Mrs. Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. B. McNeill to Memphis Tuesday of last week for a check-up with her doctor.

Jimmy Louis Smith had a stroke Friday before last and entered Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Jackson. He returned home Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were dinner guests Tuesday of last week of the Al Gilliards in Dyersburg.

and public housing complexes.

Agencies were reimbursed \$5.3 million for serving one or more meals to 39,000 children a day. Although over 3.2 million meals were served, the program reached only 9% of the children eligible for assistance under Tennessee's School Lunch Program.

For further information on sponsoring SFSP, contact David Farmer, or Doug Hutchison, preferably before Mar. 31st, at TN Dept. of Human Services, Adult and Family Programs, Citizens Plaza Bldg., 14th Floor, 400 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37248-9500, or call 615-313-4749.

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Ripley's Guard On Active Duty

For the second time in 15 months, approximately 170 members of Ripley's National Guard unit, the 268th Military Police Co., have been called to active duty.

They left the Armory, on New U.S. 51 South, at 10 a.m. Wednesday and circled the Courthouse Square before heading east, on Hwy. 19, to Ft. Campbell, Ky.

They went to Fort Knox, Ky., in November, 2001, after the N.Y. tower bombing.

The unit served in Desert Storm in 1990-1991.

Some members may be returning to Iraq.

Lazure Scholarship Applicants Sought

The University of Memphis is accepting applications for the Lazure Achievement Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduate of Ripley or Halls High School.

The award was established by Deborah Talbot, a 1972 University of Memphis graduate, to honor her father, the late Richard G. Lazure, of Halls, and to support deserving students from Lauderdale County.

Applicants must have at least a B average and be active in their school and community.

Students may apply for the scholarship during their senior year of high school. Applications, available from high school guidance counselors, must be received at the University's Scholarship Office by April 1st.

For more information, contact Becky McCoy, U of M Scholarship/stewardship coordinator, at 901-678-4438.

Meeting Set For Crime Stoppers

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Crime Stoppers of Lauderdale County is invited to a meeting at 10 a.m. March 4th in the old courtroom at the Ripley Police Department.

Countians Part Of Book Fest Program

Linda Weeks, of Curve, writer and professor of English, will be the keynote speaker for Dyersburg State Community College Book Fest 2003 Feb. 27th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Student Center Theater.

The program will also feature the DSCC Jazz Choir, directed by Sharon Morris, of Ripley, and theater students, and DSCC students from Lauderdale County, Shelly Alston, Kimberly Britthouer, Natalie Hart and Darren Dedmon, and Ripley High School student, Ben Wilder.

The program, "Triumph of the Spirit," focuses on the novel, *The Road to Eden's Ridge*, written by Weeks and Myra McLarey. Students will read scenes from the novel, and choir members will sing music selections included in the story.

The public is invited to attend the free program, and to stay afterwards for moon pies and Dr. Pepper and meet the performers.

Annual World Day Of Prayer

People around the world will observe the Annual World Day of Prayer Fri., Mar. 7th.

The day, originating in 1919, as a day of prayer for home and foreign missions, expanded worldwide in 1927 when it was observed in foreign lands.

The United States government has officially recognized the first Friday in March as World Day of Prayer.

Since 1992, Angeline Yarbro, of Tiptonville, has organized a region-wide observance, where people of all faiths set aside an hour to pray for their families, communities and the world.

An area closing service will be held for all denominations at 7 p.m., Mar. 7th, in the Tiptonville First United Methodist Church, featuring special music and several ministers leading in prayer. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact Mrs. Yarbro, 731-253-6858, if your church or group will set aside a specific hour of prayer, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., Mar. 7th. All participating churches and groups will be included in a list, to be published, or announced over the radio.

Bank Of Ripley To Offer Scholarship

The Bank of Ripley will offer a scholarship, beginning with the spring semester, to the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley for residents of Lauderdale County who have earned a high school or GED diploma and are enrolled in a full-time course of study in any program that the center offers. Applications are available at any bank location and at the TTC-Ripley. For more information call 635-1230 or 635-3368. Deadline to apply is March 15th.

Promoted Assisted



TERRI PRUITT, of Halls, was promoted to Director of Nursing Services Jan. 20th, by Nellie Wilson, administrator, of Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Pruitt graduated from Baylor University School of Nursing in 1974, with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She received a master of science degree in nursing in 1985 from Oral Roberts University, with a clinical focus on family nursing and a role specialty in nursing education.

Mrs. Pruitt began her career in 1989 as a staff development coordinator, and in 1990, became assistant director of nursing, moving into the role of resident care coordinator in 1996.

ADK Sorority Holds Meeting

The Pi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority met Feb. 10th at Ripley Elementary School in the board room with 14 members and a guest. Mrs. Denise Smith, of Northwest Safeline, was the guest speaker. She spoke on the many services the agency provides, free of charge, to victims of abuse in the area. She stated the Northwest Safeline would not be in existence without the support of the community.



CURTIS LENTS, Lauderdale County Highway Department employee who was severely injured in a Trackhoe accident Jan. 30th, was dismissed from the hospital last week. A benefit gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. March 8th at Archer's Chapel Methodist Church, in the Frog Jump Community, featuring the Finchers, Followers of Faith, Watchmen, and others. Proceeds will help cover medical and living expenses while Curtis recovers. The public is invited.

New Foster Parent Training Planned

Training, to become a foster parent, is planned for 6 p.m. March 13th and 11 a.m. March 15th at the Youth Villages office, 1365 Flowering Dogwood Lane, Dyersburg. Foster parents receive free training, ongoing support, and tax-free annual reimbursement. For more information, call Lisa Parker, 731-287-9355, ext. 7918.

RECEIVE DEGREES

Addison Hansford, of 2249 Viar Rd., Halls, and Whitney Wofford, of 42 Hargett Dr., Ripley, each received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville 2002 fall semester.

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F.O.P. Annual Banquet Slated

The Fraternal Order of Police, Robert P. White Lodge #27 will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. April 10th at Ripley High School.

To become an associate member of the lodge, send \$25 with your name and address to P. O. Box 30, Ripley, TN 38063.

Associate members, board members and active members of the lodge were able to help many civic and charitable organizations, provide for the needy of the community, and give baskets to needy families at Christmas.

Associate members will receive a member card and a decal for the automobile. Only associate members can rent the lodge for \$75.

Call Elsie Jones, 635-1311, for more information.

FORESTRY MEETING

The Lauderdale County Forestry Association will hold a supper meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tues., March 11th at Bozo's Restaurant, Hwy. 51, Ripley. The program will be given by

Ed Harsson, of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, who will discuss wildlife habitat development in forestlands. To join the forestry association, yearly dues of \$10 are payable at the meeting. Call 635-4799, by March 7th if you plan to attend.



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AARON 'RHEAY' LYNCH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynch, of Halls, will marry Shanon Shian Crowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowder, of Ripley, at 4 p.m. March 22nd in Fellowship Baptist Church in Ripley, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Hollis and Pat Adams, Terry and Julia Reynolds, and the late Curtis Lynch, all of Friendship.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, she was a member of the Spanish Club, a cheerleader for two years, and a member of the basketball and softball teams. She is attending the Tennessee Technology Center for practical nursing.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Dorothy Midkiff, the late Robert Midkiff, and the late Brodis and Dovie Crowder, all of Ripley.

A 2002 graduate of Ripley High School, he was a member of DECA.

He is employed as a floor covering specialist by his father.

The couple will reside in Friendship.



ALLY CHERRY, daughter of Alan and Jackie Cherry, of Halls, celebrated her fifth birthday Fri., Feb. 14th at Merry Makers in Dyersburg. Approximately 35 friends and family members were served pizza, ice cream, and 'Dora the Explorer' birthday cake.



LAUREN GAIL SOLOMAN, daughter of Theresa Crawford, of Covington, and Tim and Misty Frazier, of Ripley, will marry James Iven Neal, son of John and Debra Neal, of Ripley, at 4:30 p.m. March 15th at Durhamville Baptist Church, with a reception to follow at First Indian Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joyce Bell, of Ripley, and the great-granddaughter of the late Ronnie Robinson.

She plans to graduate from Halls High School in May 2003.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Thomas and Pamela Neal and Bill Archer and the late Nell Archer, all of Ripley.

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Anniversaries

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

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

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

March 3 - Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle.

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

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Floyd Emerson and Pam Kirby attended a basketball game in Louisville, Ky. Wednesday night of last week. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson visited in the Emerson home Sunday night.

Mrs. Eileen Byrd, of Memphis, visited her father, Winston Carmack, Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Jimmy Howard, of Memphis, visited Mr. Carmack Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Heath in Alamo Sunday afternoon.

Marriages

Feb. 14 - Elvis Junior Williams, 35, to Vickie Rochelle Taylor, 26, by Larry Dixon.

John Frederick Wert, 51, to Deborah Ann Elmore, 34, by Guy Merryman.

Billy Wayne Crowder, 19, to Crystal Rene Cerny, 18, by William R. Elder.

Timothy Crayton Rose, 42, to Paula Holman Shands, 38, by Randy Jet ton.

Rolando Arellanes, 22, to Jennifer Lynn Walls, 26, by Larry Keltner.

Feb. 18 - Courtney Sherrell Pickens, 22, to Regina Renee Toomes, 26, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Feb. 21 - William Allen Fritz, 20, to Brandi Nicole Williamson, 18, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Obituaries

Mrs. Morris

Emma Louise Morris, 77, widow of Melvin Paul Morris, died Wednesday of last week in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were held Friday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial at Lightfoot.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Paul, Jr., of Osceola, Ark.; three daughters, Brenda Walls, Lola Burch, and Pamela Levels, of Ripley; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Samuel Rouse

Samuel Dean Rouse, 5-month old grandson of Hugo L. and Ruth Whitten, of Cordova, formerly of Halls, died Saturday at his home.

Services were 2 p.m. Monday at Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel.

Other survivors include his parents, Charles L. "Bubba" and Meagan Rouse, of Olive Branch, Miss.; and other grandparents, Charles Larry Rouse and Mary Ann Rouse, of White Hall, Ark., and Ron and Barbara Harrison, of Hot Springs, Ark.



The United States produces more energy from various sources than does any other country.

Rev. P. Qualls

The Rev. Pearlie M. Qualls, 52, of Dyersburg, pastor and founder of Dyersburg Christian Center, died Saturday at Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Services were held at noon Wednesday at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Dyersburg, H. H. Hudson Funeral Home in charge.

She traveled throughout the country teaching and preaching, including Lauderdale County.

She leaves a daughter, Rainya Gaines, and her father, Jerome Qualls, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; two brothers, Jerry E. Qualls, of Las Vegas, Nev., and William O. Qualls, of Milwaukee; and a grandson.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mary Frances Erwin would like to express our thanks for everyone who called, came by to visit, sent food, or flowers during the loss of our precious mother. We would like to thank Bro. Greg Jordan and Bro. Danny Cates for the sweet message and comforting words, Judy Burroughs and Stan Anderson for the up-lifting eulogy given in honor of our mother. We would also like to give a special thanks to Lori Morris, Brenda Barnes, Paula Phillips, and Billy Brewer for the beautiful music. It was such a sweet service that we know our mother was smiling down from heaven. Please remember to keep our family in your prayers.

- Diane & Dennis McCaslin
Brenda & Jimmy Patton
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Kayla Brogdon
Lauren Rogers

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Child Screening Test For Children

Developmental screening, offered by Tennessee Infant Parent Services (TIPS), is available at the Lauderdale County Health Dept. every third Tues. of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TIPS is a free program funded by the Tennessee Dept. of Education.

If a child is not doing the same kinds of things other babies his age are doing, he may have developmental delays.

Possible signs include being born prematurely, not reacting to sounds, having a vision problem, not babbling at six months of age, or not sitting alone at eight months.

Most three-month olds should respond to noises, hold heads still while sitting with support, smile, coo, chuckle, laugh and squeal, look at their own hands and follow objects with their eyes.

Six-month olds should turn their head toward sound, sit with help, feed self finger food and babble and repeat sounds.

Nine-month olds should sit alone, say mama and dada, wave bye-bye, play with two objects at the same time and roll over without help.

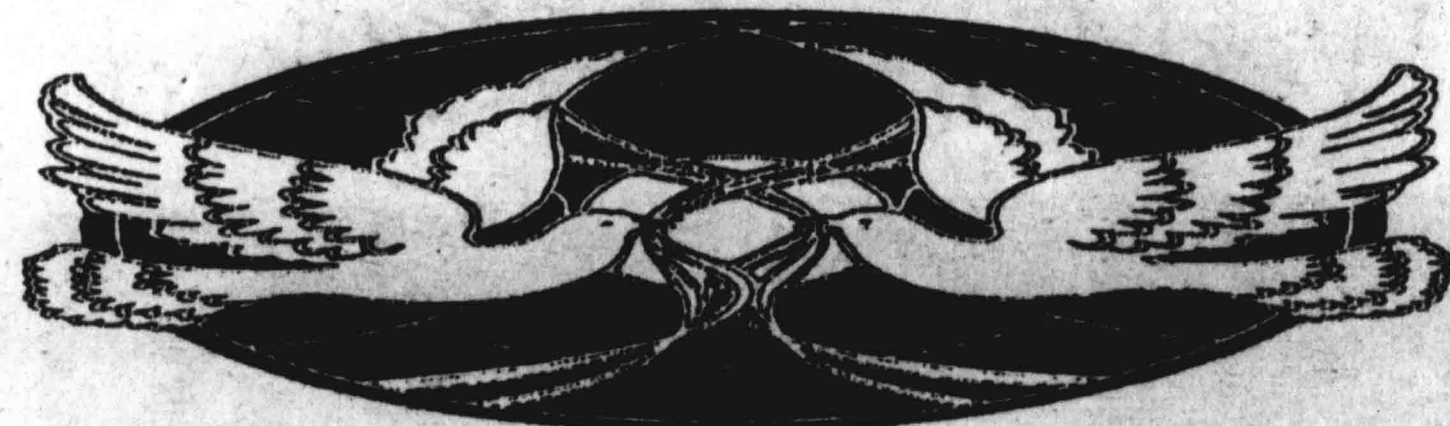
Twelve-month olds should hold a cup, respond to their name, crawl and pull to stand, play a game, such as pat-a-cake and repeat two or three words.

Most eighteen-month olds should walk alone, pick up things with thumb and pointer finger, take off shoes and socks and ask for simple things, such as cookies.

Most two-year olds should walk, run, jump and throw a ball, combine two words to make a sentence, feed themselves with some spilling, follow simple instructions and know some body parts.

For free services to help decide if your child needs assistance, call TIPS, 901-678-3501.

Newfoundland and Labrador are on "Newfoundland time," which is one-half hour ahead of Atlantic time in eastern Canada and 1 1/2 hours ahead of Eastern time.



Church Happenings

Ripley Church of God will hold revival services at 7 p.m. March 2nd through 6th with Bishop Will Boyd, Sr., pastor of Faith Deliverance Church, as guest speaker. For more information call Tracy Henson, 635-4484. The public is invited.

The Sisters of Faith and Hope Society No. 1 will sponsor a health fair at 10 a.m. Sat., March 1st at the St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning. Lifeblood will be on hand to accept blood donations. Various vendors will be on hand to promote a healthy physical and emotional life. The public is invited.

Archer's Chapel Methodist Church, in the Frog Jump Community, will hold a gospel singing for Curtis Lents, Lauderdale County Highway Department employee injured in a Trackhoe accident Jan. 30th, at 7 p.m. Sat., March 8th featuring the Finchers, Followers of Faith, Watchmen, and others. Proceeds will help cover medical and living expenses. The public is invited.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake Ave., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., March 1st featuring the Calvary Echo's, Bill Baker, and Witness. Hollis Adams, pastor, invites the public.

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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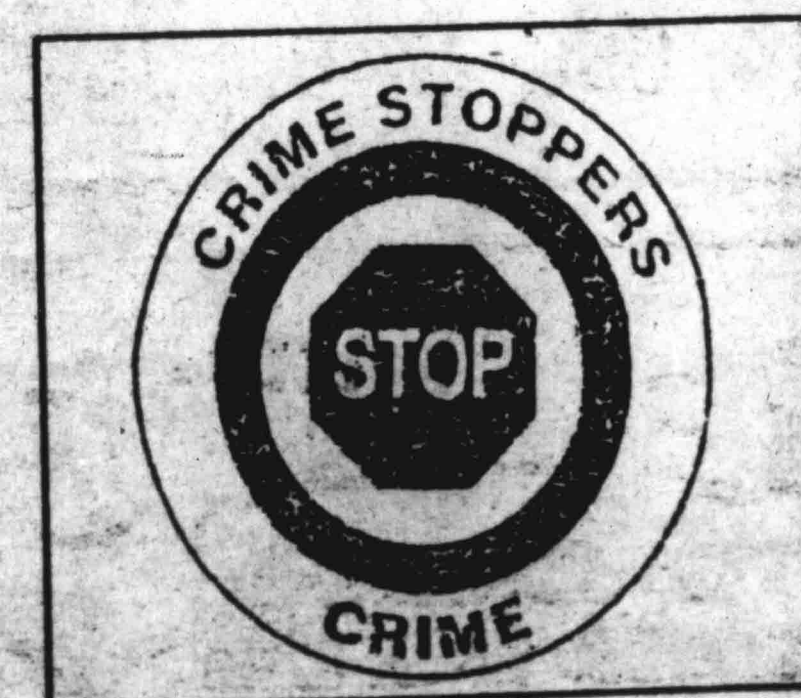
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MADISON HAMLET, daughter of David and Zina Hamlet, second from left, was crowned Queen during the Miss Lauderdale County Jr. Miss Pageant. Her court included, from left, first maid, Devin Blankenship, daughter of Alfred and Debbie Blankenship; second maid, Kristen McCallister, daughter of Keith and Nancy McCallister; and third maid, Sammi Jo Lewis, daughter of Alan and Pam Lewis.



BRYSON MICHAELS, son of Ricky and Diana Michaels, left, and Kynlee Reynolds, daughter of Mark and Jamie Reynolds, second from left, were crowned King and Queen during the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County Pageant. Their court includes, from left, princess, Julia Kent, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Kent; prince, James Ryan Hilliard, son of Ryan and Belinda Hilliard; maid, Kateline Blakely, daughter of Alison Blakely and John Blakely; and page, Addison Carmack, son of Demetra Carmack.



GRANT CRIFIELD, son of Greg and Kristy Crifield, third from left, and Chesney Bizzell, daughter of Ray and Kristen Bizzell, fourth from left, were crowned King and Queen at the Little Mr. and Miss-Tomato Babes Pageant. Their court included, from left, prince, Braxton Harrison, son of Marsha Crawley and Jimmy Harrison; princess, Brooke Daniels, daughter of Kevin and Heather Daniels; maid, Rachel Jackson, daughter of Rusty and Betty Jackson; and page, Cayden Voss Michaels, son of Ricky and Diana Michaels.

Boxing Club Competes



MEMBERS of the Ripley/Lauderdale Boxing Club competed Feb. 21st and 22nd in the 65th annual Chattanooga Golden Gloves competition. Justin Ford, in front, boxed in the 8 and 9 year old, 70 pound weight class. He out boxed his opponent, Tyler Howard, of the Clear Creek Baptist Boxing Club, of Crossville, for a win. Joseph Bishop, second from right, boxed in the 14 and 15 year old, 100 pound weight class. He won over Randall Wineroth, of the Johnson City Boxing Club. Zack Flatt, second from left, boxed in the 14 and 15 year old, 139 weight class. He won over Jamie White of the West Side Boxing Club, of Chattanooga.

Justin injured his arm Saturday in the first round of a rematch against Howard. Alonzo Green, not pictured, won by a walk, when his opponent, Greg McWirther, did not show to box.

Coaches, Clay Conrad, left, and Jeff Bishop, right, are pictured with them.

Lookout Valley Baptist Church in Chattanooga arranged hotel accommodations for the boxers and their coaches Friday night. Saturday, the ladies of the church hosted a brunch for the group. The church provided admission to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga for the group before returning home.

The club will compete March 7th and 8th in the Covington Kids Gloves and April 4th and 5th in the West Tennessee Golden Gloves. The public is invited to attend the matches.

Bridal Shower



RHEAY LYNCH, center, bride-elect of Shanon Crowder, was honored with a bridal shower at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lightfoot United Methodist church, given by her bridesmaids, from left, Jessica Lynch, Amanda Adkerson, Savannah Crowder, and Monica Crowder. Guests were served cake, punch, mints, and nuts.

Enlisting Smallpox Volunteers Online

The Tennessee Dept. of Health is using the internet to sign up volunteers willing to work in a smallpox vaccination clinic, if the nation is threatened with a smallpox outbreak.

"Thousands of volunteers will be required to help staff vaccination clinics. Each of the 117 clinics statewide will operate for two shifts per day, with over 100 people needed for each shift, a total requirement of more than 25,000 staff and volunteers," said Dr. Kenneth Robinson, Commissioner of Health. "Many more volunteers need to be recruited and trained now, so that our state will be fully prepared."

All volunteers will receive orientation and training for their assigned task.

Volunteers needed for each clinic include physicians, nurses, clerical/secretarial, data entry/medical records personnel, pharmacists/pharmacy technicians, individuals for traffic and crowd control and parking, translators (multiple languages), EMT skills, information technology, clinical professionals and/or students willing to be trained to assist with immunizations (must be 18 years of age), and general volunteers to assist with directing patients, registration, filling out forms and answering phones etc.

All volunteers can specify the county they want to work in, and the shift they want to work. Visit website www.state.tn.us/health, and click on "volunteer online."

RETIRED TEACHERS

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers will hold its regular meeting at 2 p.m. Wed., March 5th at the Ripley Elementary School with Mike Barker, president of the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association, as guest speaker.

The December meeting was hosted by the Bank of Ripley with a musical program by David Stewart, David Kees, of the Ripley First Baptist Church, gave the devotion.

Land Transfers

Feb. 14 - Maurice Gaines, Tom Greaves, Steve Cherry to Keith Webb and Robin Webb, Dist. 2, 42.5 acres.

Randy Lankford and Charles S. Cherry, Sr. to Cheryl Canada, Dist. 3, 1.137 acres.

Dan Russell Houston to LLS, Inc., Dist. 6, 20.732 acres.

Calvin L. Elder to Maurice Gaines and Memory Gaines, Dist. 2, 35.752 acres.

John William Franklin Davis and Ruby K. Davis to Pete Maragos and Amelia Maragos, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 18 - Kathy Shelton to Daniel Hale, Jr. and Vickie Hale, Dist. 2, lot.

Jerry B. Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes to Bridgett Tims and Brenda Prescott, Dist. 17, lot.

Feb. 19 - Richard Deaton and Carolyn W. Deaton to Josh Bizzle, Dist. 16, 0.34 acres.

Feb. 20 - BankTennessee to Timothy R. Carter and Rosemary Carter, Dist. 2, lot.

Truman J. Hodge and Mary L. Hodge to Truman J. Hodge, Jr., Dist. 15, 0.86 acres.

Mrs. Dale Collins Hosts Variety Club

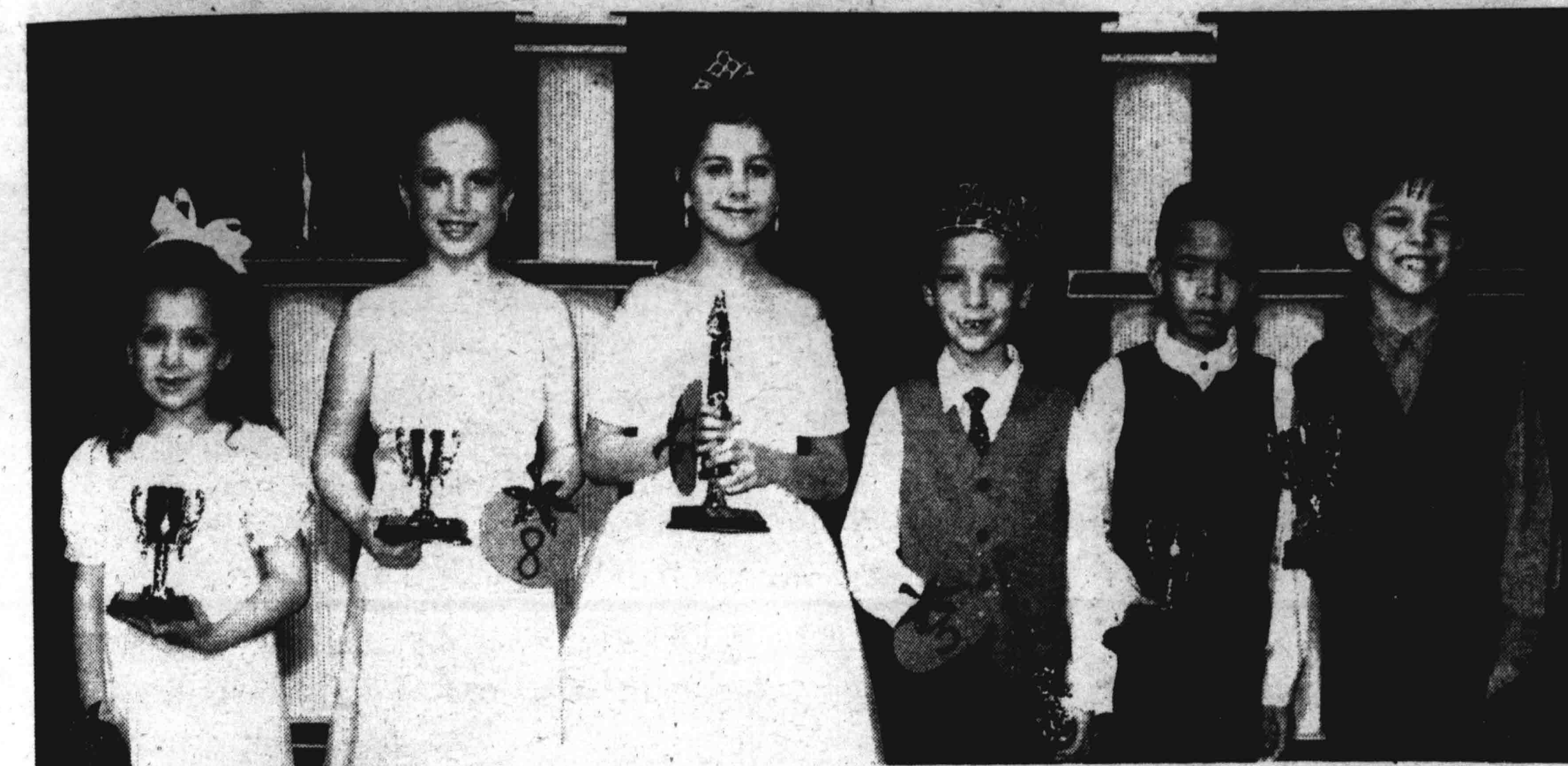
The FCE Variety Club met Feb. 19th in the home of Mrs. Dale Collins, hostess for the day.

Ten members answered roll call with a "yes" or "no," as to whether they had a phone number of a poison center posted on or near their phone. Only three or four answered "yes."

Mrs. Emily King presented a program on Poison Prevention. She emphasized the importance of education and information regarding poisons, the mixing of household cleaners, and the necessity of keeping poisonous materials out of the reach of children, in order to prevent a poisoning.

The president, Mrs. Amelia Escue, reported good representation of the club at the FCE banquet.

After a brief business session, the meeting adjourned with the club blessing, and members enjoying a potluck meal and conversation.



JUSTIN HUGHES, son of Heath and Cora Hughes, fourth from left, and Lauren Paige Walker, daughter of Stephanie Walker and Tommy Walker, third from left, were crowned King and Queen at the Lauderdale County Jr. King and Queen Pageant. Their court included, from left, princess, Emilee Adkerson, daughter of Kelli Adkerson and John Adkerson; maid, Rachel Best, daughter of Jerry and Darla Best; page, Orlando Williams, son of Daniel and Tammy VanHoose; and prince, Ethan Wilson, son of Willard and Vanessa Wilson.



RACHEL HAMMOND, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond and Judy Hammond, center, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County, during the annual Tomato Festival pageants. Her court included, from left, first maid, Brittany Schneider, daughter of Angie Smith and Billy Schneider; second maid, Crystal Autry, daughter of Gene Autry and Glenda Autry; third maid, Jennifer Buntin, daughter of Richard and Jayme Ann Buntin; and Miss Congeniality, Rachel Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman.



BROOK BARNES, daughter of Joe and Rita Barnes, second from left, was crowned Queen during the Miss Lauderdale County Teen Pageant. Her court included, from left, third maid, Robin Greaves, daughter of Tom and Cindy Greaves; first maid, Melissa Bailey, daughter of Richard and Kay Bailey; and second maid, Ginny Hankins, daughter of Paul and Lisa Hankins.

Birthdays

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Daniel Pruitt, Danny Pruitt, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glen, Shirley Garton.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Lockschmidt.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore.

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

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

March 3 - Kim Young, Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson, Taylor Rai, Geraldine Chipman, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson.

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

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

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

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

If This Is Reality- Give Me Make Believe

Why is it that everyone wants reality all of the sudden? Is not life real enough without having to go and look for it? I don't know about you, but I have had about all I can take of realism and am now on a crusade to locate things that are not so real. Let me explain.

It seems that every time I turn on the television there is a new reality primetime TV program. We now have people doing things for fame and fortune that only a few years ago they would have been committed to a place that requires you to wear a very strange coat just for thinking of some of the crazy stunts they do today. They eat bugs for money, jump from buildings, and take risks that really just goes beyond the imagination. We all sit glued to our sets to watch society misfits spend weeks in the wild with other misfits just to see who can survive. I don't think real survivors take film crews with them in the first place.

Now, for the last several weeks we have spent hours of primetime TV learning about Michael Jackson's nose. Who cares? If reality is seeing a grown man (at least I think he is grown) sitting in his "Magic Tree" writing music, please give me make believe.

On top of all of this, we have seen our American citizens go into a panic mode because media reports

instructed everyone to stock up on duct tape and plastic sheeting. The reason was given that we need to protect ourselves from terrorist attacks. Later, our Homeland Security advisors stopped the panic by saying it was just a suggestion and to have supplies on hand just in case.

Too late! People were already covering their houses like giant bubbles and duct tape was fetching prime prices over the internet. I heard of one gentleman buying cases of duct tape, rolls of plastic and cases of beanie-weenies for the attack. If he tapes himself in a room for three days and eats nothing but beanie-weenies, he's got more problems than what the terrorist can ever think of.

If you are looking for reality, why not follow a Tennessee farmer around the next few weeks. Since snow and rain have been continuous lately, their lives have become much more interesting than anything you will see on the survivor shows on TV. As they feed their livestock they are facing mud that would rival the ooze you would see on the Amazon River less the alligators. They are even seeing their hay storage decrease at rapid rates to the point that many will be facing survivor problems that even the TV producers could not think up.

I see survivors everyday and they are not on TV, but they face real life reality. They are teachers who teach our children and place hope in our next generation. They are parents who work numerous jobs just to see that their families are well taken care of. They are nurses and doctors that spend long hours taking care of us when we have waited too long to go and seek their medical help.

They are preachers and church leaders who spend nights worrying and praying on our behalf when we have messed up or encounter too much reality. They are law enforcement officials who we get upset with when they are just doing their job, but risk their lives along with our fire fighters, to protect us all.

They are our service men and women who are now putting themselves in harm's way so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have and to make the world better for everyone. They are real survivors!

Too much reality? I think so. We have enough everyday of the real thing without making more to consume.

I wish we could all return to the days of Mayberry, but that's what true reality is all about. We can't do it. We just have to make do with what we have and be REAL survivors.

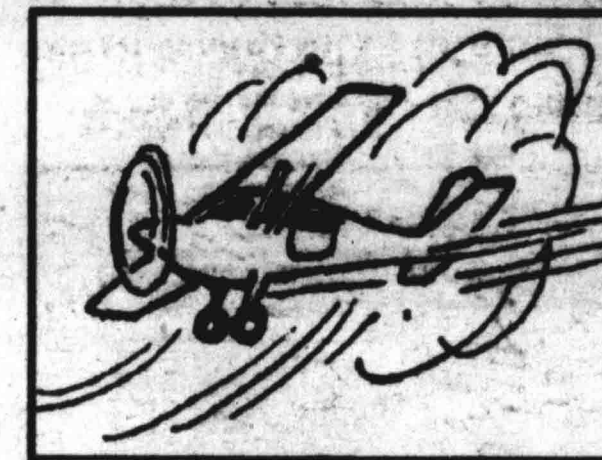
NORRIS APPOINTED

State Senator Mark Norris, who serves the 32nd legislative district, consisting of Lauderdale, Dyer, Tipton and Shelby Counties, was appointed by Lt. Governor, John Wilder, to the Council of State Governments' Agriculture and Rural Policy Task Force.

He attended the national summit meeting convened by the task force in Dallas, Tex., where he explored economic opportunities for rural West Tennessee.

He is actively pursuing location of an alternative fuels facility in West Tennessee.

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